



## NEWSBRIEFS

### High-volume seizures

More than a ton of marijuana was removed from a tractor-trailer rig on Aug. 18 at the Alamogordo checkpoint on U.S. 54 by U.S. Customs and Border Protection Border Patrol Agents. The driver, a U.S. citizen from Tennessee, 44-year-old Walter Gene Bruce, was arrested after secondary inspection in which a canine alerted to the trailer. A total of 2,226 pounds of marijuana was removed from 21 boxes in the trailer, valued at about \$1.7 million. Earlier in the week, agents found \$6.8 million in cocaine being transported through N.M. traffic checkpoints in two separate seizures.

### Assistants named

The Socorro ISD Board of Trustees named five new assistant principals during the Aug. 16 meeting. Derrick Brown was named to Montwood High School; Barbara Brewer to Socorro High School; Pat Bonilla to Paso Del Norte School; and Kathleen Newman and Alicia Acosta will take assistant posts at Bill Sybert School.

### Volunteers wanted

Volunteers and nominations for open positions on the Clint Independent School District Site Based Committee are now being taken for the 2005-2006 school year. One representative from the Clint attendance zone is needed for each category required including individuals who are parents of enrolled students, persons who reside in the community, and business men and women who have interest in the Clint school district. If you would be willing to serve, or you would like to nominate someone, please contact Laura Cade, Community Relations Coordinator, or Sandy Burr, Executive Assistant to the Superintendent, at 926-4001.

### In other news

■ Cadets from the National Junior Reserve Officer Training Corp (NJROTC) at Canutillo High School will hold their annual Root Beer Float Fundraiser from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., Saturday, Aug. 27, at the Big 8 Food Store in Anthony to benefit the Muscular Dystrophy Association (MDA). "The fundraiser is a community service project that CHS cadets participate in annually," said Charles Young, CHS Military Science instructor. "The ROTC program at CHS has been participating in this community service fund-raising project for seven years," he added. MDA is a voluntary health agency — a dedicated partnership between scientists and concerned citizens aimed at conquering neuromuscular diseases that affect more than a million Americans.

■ The Horizon City Kiwanis Club is

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*A small boy is a pain in the neck when he's around and a pain in the heart when he's not.*

— Quips & Quotes

## Desert Wind rolls out the 'red carpet' for returning principal

By Carlos A. Briano  
Special to the Courier

EAST EL PASO COUNTY — Desert Wind Elementary Principal David Solis knew something was up when he drove up to his parking spot on that particular Monday morning. Perhaps it was the long "red carpet" leading to his vehicle. Perhaps it was the crowd of students holding balloon bouquets. Or maybe it was the fact his wife and parents were waiting for him at the school.

But whatever it was that tipped him off, Solis knew exactly why he was receiving such a special welcome. Solis was returning to work on Aug. 15 after an extended medical leave due to quadruple bypass surgery. And the campus of Desert Wind wanted to make sure Solis knew he had been missed.

"Mr. Solis is an awesome leader," says fourth grade bilingual teacher Maria Cedillos. "We were desperate to have him back. We want to make sure he knows we're very glad that he's back."

Upon exiting his ve-

hicle, Solis received hugs from his wife and school office staff. He was "crowned" with a special hat that read "Commander Solis," presented with a medal of honor and escorted to the school gym. There the entire student body,

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— Photo courtesy Socorro ISD

**FLOWERS FROM A PRETTY GIRL — A Desert Wind student gives Principal David Solis a bunch of "welcome back" flowers.**

## The 'Smartest Card' opens doors for everyone

By Jack Galindo  
Special to the Courier

EL PASO COUNTY — What is the smartest card in your wallet? It's a library card! The El Paso Public Library is joining libraries across the nation in observing September as National Library Card Sign-up Month.

A time when we remind parents and students that the most important school supply of all is available only at your library along with many new features.

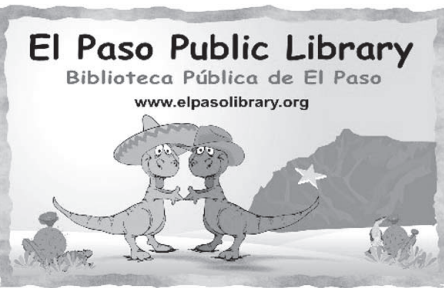
Studies show that children who use libraries perform better in school — and in life. Libraries contain all the information and resources necessary to complete even the most difficult homework assignments.

Besides being a good place to spend time after school studying or just hanging out with friends, libraries also teach responsibility, as the library card is often the very first card of privilege many of us carry.

Libraries have been called the people's uni-

versity. Thousands of El Pasoans use libraries for independent study or for more traditional education such as English as a Second Language (ESL) classes, GED preparation, and citizenship classes. Libraries are less intimidating than more formal institutions of learning and thus attract people of all ages and all social and cultural backgrounds. No other institution offers communities so many different free activities, resources and opportunities as does the public library.

A library card is easy to get. Visit any El Paso Public Library facility and bring a picture I.D. and proof of current residence. Most cards are granted within the hour. A parent or guardian must accompany children younger than 14. El Paso Public Library cards are free to all residents of the state of Texas, Doña Ana County, New Mexico, and Ciudad Juarez, Mexico. The cards are good for two years and may be renewed after that for another two years. For more information visit [www.elpasolibrary.org](http://www.elpasolibrary.org) or call your nearest branch library.



**ONE SMART CARD — This card opens the door to both knowledge and fun.**

## El Paso County hits bottom of list Doctors to probe drop in Texas' vaccination rates

By Brent Annear  
Special to the Courier

The nation's largest state medical association has pledged to investigate the cause of the decline in vaccination rates for Texas toddlers.

"Texas children are getting severely ill and dying from diseases that could have been prevented had the child been immunized," said Texas Medical Association President Robert T. Gunby Jr., MD. "And what's even more tragic is that Texas' vaccination numbers are running counter to the national trend."

While national vaccination rates for children age three and under are increasing, Texas' rates dropped from 78.1 percent in 2003 to 75.4 percent in 2004. Texas now ranks 48th out of 51 states and the District of Columbia, ahead of only Oklahoma (74.8 percent) and Nevada (71.3 percent). Out of 20 counties surveyed nationwide, Texas' counties ranked at the absolute bottom of the list: No. 20 (El Paso), No. 19 (Dallas), and No. 18 (Bexar), according to the 2004 National Immunization Study, recently released by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Houston ranked sixth out of seven cities nationwide included in the study.

"Texas physicians are leading the charge to increase efforts to protect children from these deadly, preventable diseases," said Dr. Gunby. TMA will investigate the possible causes of this serious challenge to the public health, including:

- The impact of the state's new "conscientious objector" law, which gives parents the option of not vaccinating their children.
- The impact of the reductions in the number of children covered by the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP).
- The impact of periodic vaccine shortages.
- Lack of coordination among public health departments, private physicians, schools, and daycare centers.

As part of its *Be Wise — Immunize* program, TMA also is distributing urgent, English and Spanish-language public service announcements (PSAs) to radio stations in the Houston, Dallas, San Antonio, and El Paso areas. The PSAs remind parents of the importance of immunization.

Austin pediatrician Kimberly Avila Edwards, MD, featured in the PSAs, states, "It's not that parents don't care, it's just that they don't realize that their children are exposed to deadly diseases every day. We want to remind parents that immunizations are safe and effective."

TMA's *Be Wise — Immunize* program is providing physicians with practical tools they can use in their offices daily to increase childhood immunizations. TMA is encouraging all Texas pediatricians, family practitioners, and other physicians who see school-age children to participate in local vaccine clinics and offer extended hours to give more children the chance to be immunized.





One perspective  
By Francis Shrum

Spasmodic  
behavior

Sometimes you can laugh about it later.

Sometimes not.

Most of us have experienced it, with varying degrees of severity, from simple discomfort to shriek-evoking intensity.

I'm talking about a muscle spasm.

I've seen grown men who could stoically endure the most grim of physical punishment collapse and cry like a baby when one of these most unpleasant of events takes hold. I don't think there exists a human being who can experience a severe muscle spasm without at least the tiniest of whimpers.

The dictionary defines spasm as an abnormal, involuntary muscle contraction characterized by suddenness and violence. That pretty well says it all. Thankfully, these painful episodes are not normal — we couldn't survive long if they were. Involuntary? You bet. Who would do something like that on purpose? Sudden and violent? Well, they have to be pretty stealthy or else we would find some means of escape from the violence.

I remember the first time my middle daughter had a muscle spasm — in her toe, no less. She came to me with a startled expression on her face, describing how her toe had contorted into a most unusual configuration. She was more awed than pained by the experience because she never realized her toe was so versatile.

Which is another feature of a muscle spasm — you watch some part of you engage in a spastic performance not unlike a break-dance and there's not a thing you can do about it.

The best thing you can do is try to prevent it.

There's about a gazillion causes for

muscle spasms, as many and as complicated as the human body itself. We're made up of so many wonderful little parts and connections that make us work so well that when something malfunctions, well, you never know what the result will be.

Just as mysteriously as they appear, spasms will disappear, and you hope it is for good. Probably it's not.

When I was in high school track and field I used to get what we called cramps, which is basically the same thing. Leg muscles and feet were all subject to painful episodes of knotting, especially if we didn't stretch and loosen ourselves sufficiently before hitting the track.

Failure to drink enough water can cause them. Sometimes our bodies lack some nutrient like potassium which can contribute to spasms, or they can be brought on by some cataclysmic event like getting pregnant.

Or maybe we just made our body do something it isn't accustomed to doing anymore and it bites back.

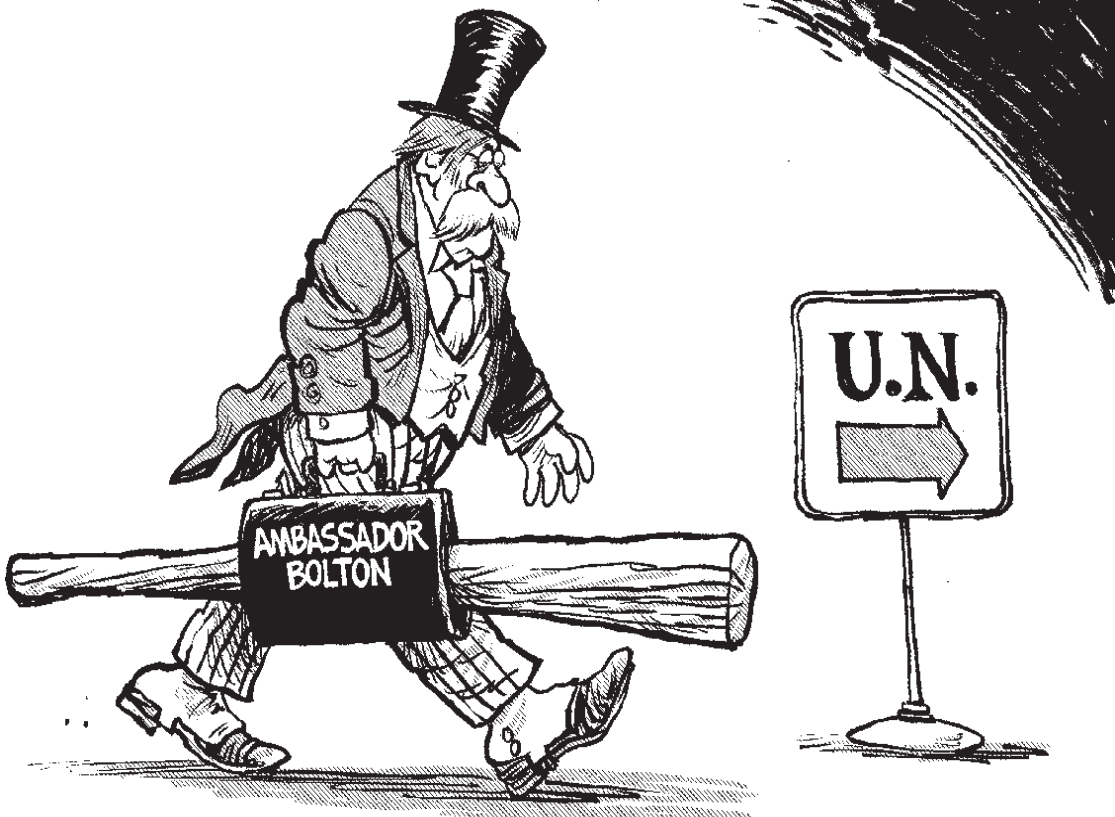
Recently, I had several muscle spasms in my upper left chest and back that were severe enough to take my breath away and paralyze all movement. Even the slightest motion would set it off again, gripping my left lung in a vicious fist. I thought I was having a heart attack.

I'm not a prime specimen when it comes to risk-factors for heart attack but I've heard enough horror stories about how women nowadays are increasingly subject to cardiac arrest — you know, modern-day stress and all — that I figured we probably better check it out.

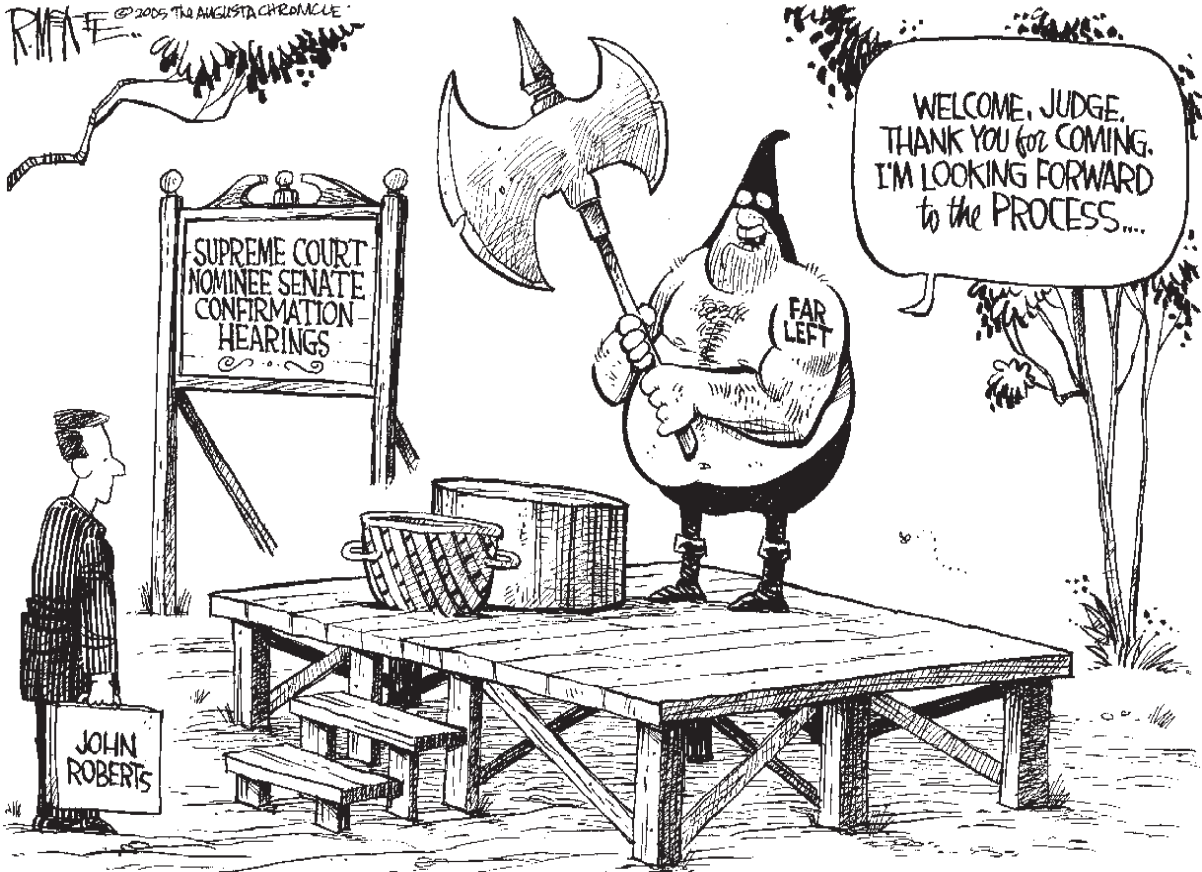
A quick medical once-over elimi-

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Reyes Reports By U.S. Rep. Silvestre Reyes



Border issues call for  
binational solutions

A decade ago, many of El Paso's hopes for a healthier and more prosperous future seemed obscured by smog that, like many communities in America, sometimes hung over both El Paso and Ciudad Juárez. According to the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), El Paso's skies did not comply with air quality standards for carbon monoxide, ozone, and larger particulate matter. Some El Pasoans had concerns about whether poor air quality was affecting our health, and the air quality problem may have negatively affected our economy as businesses decided whether to locate or expand in our community.

However, during the past several years we have seen a dramatic improvement in El Paso's air quality. Much of the reduction in pollution has occurred because of technological improvements and stricter regulations that have lead to tougher automobile emissions rules and cleaner-

burning gasoline. El Paso industry has made great strides in being more environmentally friendly.

Recent improvements made to Juárez brick kilns, financed in part with American funds, have also helped bring down carbon monoxide, ozone, and particulate matter pollution in El Paso and have helped our community move towards attainment of all federal air quality standards. Similarly, efforts to pave roads and improve emissions at power plants in Juarez have also contributed to improved air quality in El Paso.

In El Paso-Juárez, we know that the traditional approaches to protecting the environment do not always apply. Just as we talk about living in a binational community, we must realize we also inhabit a binational environment. El Pasoans and Juarenses draw upon common sources of water and breathe the same air. For this reason, we cannot simply rely on regulation to ensure a clean environ-

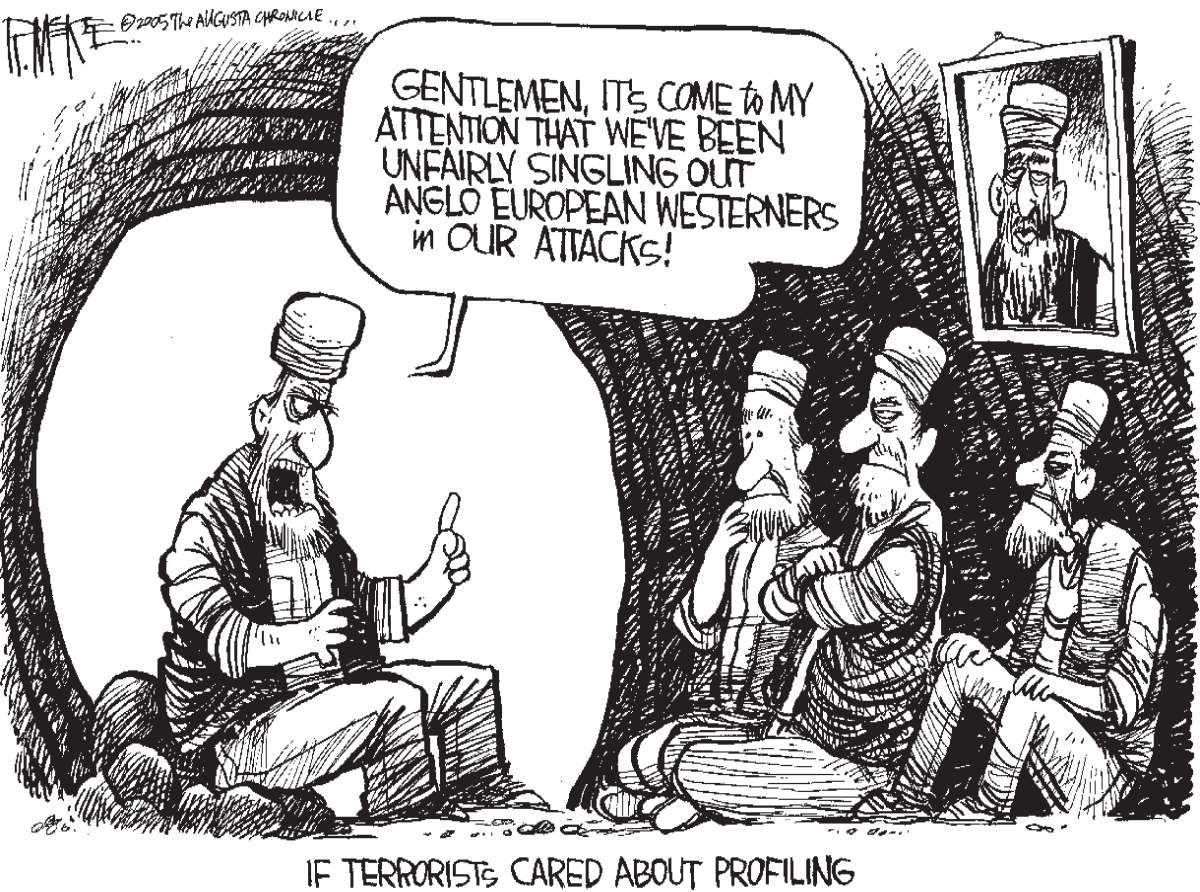
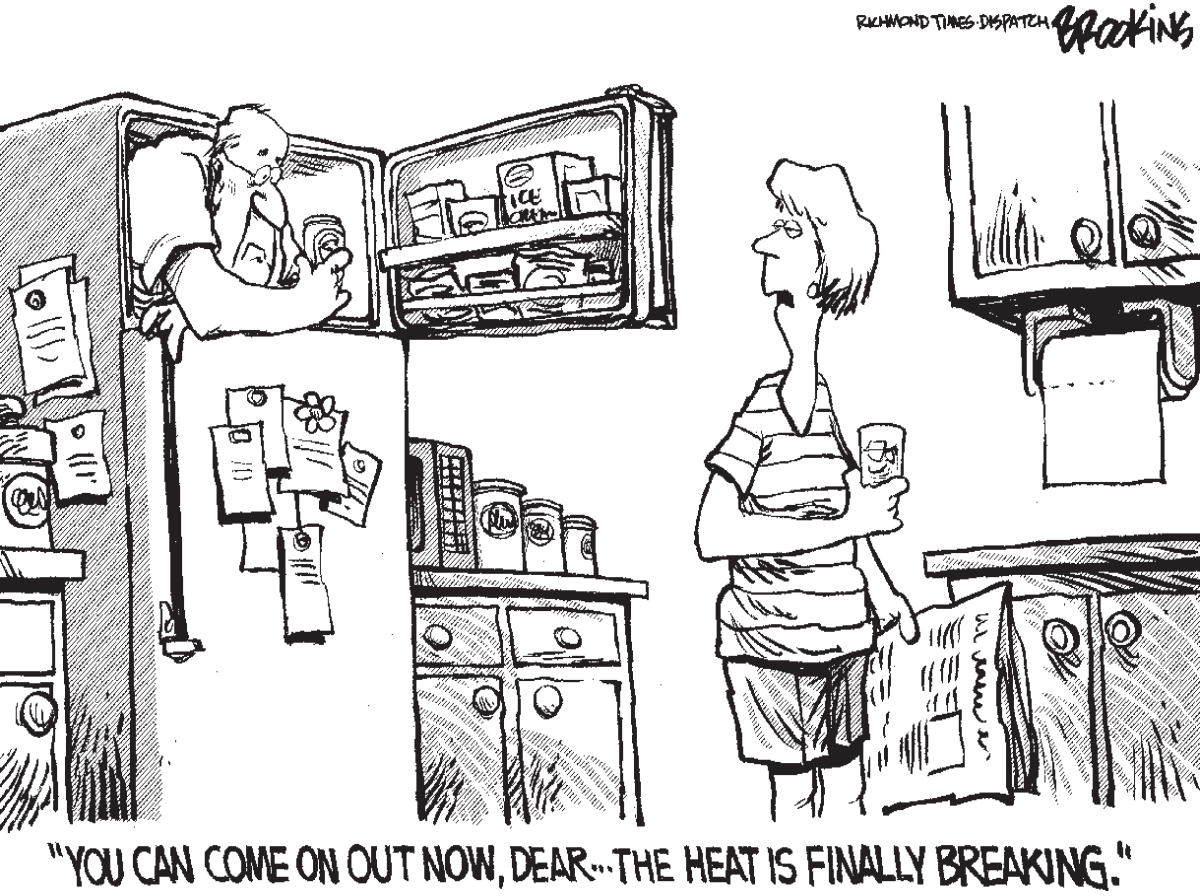
ment. A binational problem requires a binational solution.

Since coming to Congress more than eight years ago, I have seen the effectiveness of and worked to support federal programs that help border communities like El Paso address their unique binational circumstances. Organizations like the North American Development Bank (NADBank) and Border Environment Cooperation Commission (BECC) and programs like the Border Environment Infrastructure Fund (BEIF) have the capacity to help the cities on both sides of the border create healthier, more productive communities.

In my work on border-related issues, spanning 26 and a half years in the Border Patrol and eight years as representing a border district in Congress, I know that many border issues are interrelated. As trade between the U.S. and Mexico has expanded, the lines at

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Eye on D.C. By U.S. Rep. Henry Bonilla

# Back to school

This month, while families across the country prepare their children for the start of another school year, Congress continues to work with President Bush and ensure that no child is left behind in our country's educational system.

Congress has made tremendous progress in improving education in America. We've approved measures to strengthen special education, help states and schools recruit highly-qualified teachers, and help states and communities meet the President's call for high standards and accountability in our schools.

While significant progress has been made to strengthen America's schools, more work remains. I will continue my work to increase access to higher education for low and middle income students, expand school choice, improve vocational and technical education, and complete action on measures to strengthen special education and support school teachers.

Since President Bush began his service, funding for the Department of Education has more than doubled. But it is far too common when discussing education to concentrate on the inputs rather than the outcomes. We cannot measure the effectiveness of our children's knowledge and learning merely on the amount of money we spend. We need to measure it by their performance and by reaching every students' potential.

To succeed in school and life, every student needs a basic set of skills. They need to listen attentively, speak persuasively, read with understanding and write with command. In order to accomplish this goal, our nation must focus on accountability.

With the support of Congress, President Bush's No Child Left Behind program will help provide every child in America with access to the quality education they need, provide parents with the results they expect and hard working taxpayers with the accountability they deserve.

Perhaps the most important aspect of this legislation is that we're giving the power of discretion to the schools. This gives the schools the ability to make local decisions on how to spend federal funding. They can choose to spend more on development or they can make reducing class size a priority. Schools will make the decisions, not bureaucrats.

In the spirit of the season, of a new school year and of new beginnings, I'm proud that our education initiatives are beginning the process of removing Washington from the education equation. Local control of education will provide our students with the best education possible. Class dismissed.



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## Spasm

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nated the possibility that I was having a heart attack, thankfully, but that left me examining my activities in the recent past to see what I might have done to bring this on.

Yard work? Can't quit that. Wrestling with another so-called adult during combat using my grandson's Buzz Lightyear and Zurg toys? I'd hate to stop that, too.

Worse yet, it might be the mildly

overly-enthusiastic way I enjoy music. Shortly after my big scare, I was driving the kids to school, bopping along with a lively Shania Twain who was insisting that things had to go up from here.

But my movement to the rhythm was causing a now-familiar tightening sensation in my chest.

"Ow," I said, "Dancing around like that makes my chest hurt again."

The teenager riding alongside in the front seat looked at me out of the corner of her eye, and, not unsympathetically, said, "Well, don't hurt yourself, Mom. That's probably what brought it on in the first place."

## Reyes

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our ports of entry have lengthened. The emissions from the bridge traffic have proved one of the largest and most persistent sources of our air pollution. I have worked to find solutions to border congestion with programs like

FAST (a program that creates dedicated bridge lanes for commercial traffic) and by pushing for more staffing on the bridges, both of which reduce traffic and the resulting pollution.

Through all of these efforts, we have helped improve our region's air quality. We need to continue to build on these successes, because clearer El Paso skies mean a healthier and more prosperous future for El Pasoans.

### NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING Village of Vinton, Texas Texas Community Development Program Projects

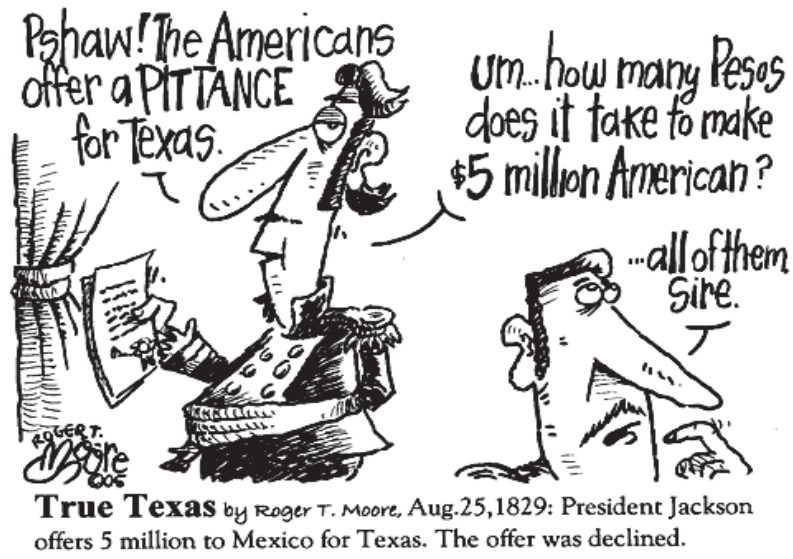
The Village of Vinton, Texas, will hold a public hearing to close out the Office of Rural Community Affairs Contract # 723849, also known as the "Kiely Road Water Project", funded by the Community Development Block Grant program.

Date: Tuesday, August 30, 2005  
Time: 6: 00 P.M.  
Location: Vinton Village Hall  
436 E. Vinton Rd.  
Vinton, TX 79821

The purpose of this hearing is to allow citizens an opportunity to discuss the activities completed under this contract and the Performance Statement of the TCDP Contract. The Village of Vinton encourages its residents to make their views known at this public hearing. Citizens unable to attend this meeting may submit their views to the City Secretary at the Vinton Village Hall. Persons with disabilities who wish to attend this meeting should contact the Vinton Village Hall to arrange for assistance, (915) 886-5104.

*El público en general está invitado a asistir a una audiencia sobre el programa de Desarrollo de la Comunidad del Estado de Texas. La presentación y las discusiones sobre este programa se haran en español para aquellas personas que asi lo deseen.*

Juvencia Rios-Ontiveros, Mayor  
Village of Vinton, Texas  
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## Clyde Ray, builder and woodworker, dies

HORIZON CITY — Clyde M. Ray, 73, a longtime resident of Horizon City, died unexpectedly on Monday, Aug. 15, 2005. He was 73. Memorial services were held on Friday, Aug. 19.

Ray was born on Jan. 1, 1932 in Burt County, Nebraska, to Clara and Nemon Ray. He served his country as a U.S. Marine during the Korean Conflict and was a lifetime member of VFW Post 10354 and American Legion Post 598 in Horizon City.

Known for his enjoyment and prowess in woodworking, Ray spent 49 years in construction, both in Nebraska where he lived until 1979 and in El Paso County. He retired earlier this year from CF Jordan Construction Company.

Outgoing, with a keen sense of humor, Ray served on various church boards and committees and was a Scout Master for Boy Scouts.

He is survived by his beloved

wife, Shirley Ray of Horizon City; his son Michael Ray and wife Julie of Thornton, Colorado; daughter Kathleen Manship and husband Michael of El Paso; and daughter Lori Ray Phillips and husband Robert of El Paso.

An avid fan of the Dallas Cowboys and Nebraska Cornhuskers, Ray was proud and supportive of the sports activities of his grandchildren, Kelly, Marti and Stacy Manship and Jacob and Joseph Ray, and he drove grandson Trevor Phillips to Little League football practice with the Eastside Cowboys almost daily.

He is also survived by his sister, Betty Ellend, and brothers Edward and Robert Ray, all of Nebraska; and a host of nieces and nephews. He is preceded in death by his parents.

Memorial contributions may be sent to Habitat for Humanity or the El Paso Humane Society.



## Rural-focused non-profit opens \$10,000 annual grant competition

By Jill McFarren  
Special to the Courier

AUSTIN — The Texas Rural Communities, Inc. (TRC), has announced the availability of it’s annual \$10,000 Texas Rural Best Award. The grant is designed to recognize and reward rural Texans who find innovative ways to address difficult local issues.

Texas Rural Communities, Inc., a nonprofit organization, serves rural Texas communities, individuals and groups, and supports organizations through rural economic development, educational loan and grant programs. The organization has given away \$40,000 over the past four years to resourceful small town Texans.

“We’ve recognized ground-breaking Texans for four years through our Texas Rural Best program,” explained Sandra Tenorio, TRC’s Executive Director. “Rural Texans have a well-earned reputation of working

hard to find innovative solutions to local needs. Our mission is to recognize, reward and learn from those innovations.”

Rural Texans who live in an area that is not within the outer boundary of any city having a population of 100,000 or more and have a project that has demonstrated success and achieved outcomes for at least one year are encouraged to apply for the no-strings attached grant. Applications for the prize must be postmarked no later than Oct. 14, 2005.

In 2002, Teach For America, located in the Rio Grande Valley, was awarded the grant for building a movement to eliminate educational inequality by calling upon future leaders to commit two years to teaching in low-income urban and rural communities.

The 2003 award went to the El Paso Collaborative for Community and Economic Development, which, in partnership with the National Endowment for Financial Education,

developed innovative and culturally sensitive financial literacy manuals to educate colonia residents about budgeting, saving and borrowing money.

LOCK.NET, a library outreach program located in Lockhart, in Caldwell County, received the grant in 2004. The program provides one-on-one computer and printer training and internet connectivity in two disadvantaged neighborhoods in the community free of charge.

Texas Rural Best Award application procedures may be downloaded from the website at: [www.texasrural.org](http://www.texasrural.org) or contact TRC at 512-219-0468 or toll free 800-787-2589. TRC is a non-profit organization created in 1934 to resettle the family farmer after the depression. The organization continues to serve farmers and ranchers by offering loans in conjunction with the Farm Service Agency. TRC also finances small business loans and student and parent loans for rural college students.

### Public Notice City of Socorro

#### Balance Budget Recap for FYE 09/30/2006

Revenues \$8,302,966

##### General Fund

|                            |           |
|----------------------------|-----------|
| Administration             | 1,481,511 |
| Public Works               | 795,526   |
| Police                     | 1,347,599 |
| Court                      | 389,803   |
| Planning and Zoning        | 277,254   |
| Health                     | 310,102   |
| Rio Vista Community Center | 63,678    |
| Human Resources            | 85,424    |

Sub-total General Fund \$ 4,750,897

##### Debt Service Fund

|              |         |
|--------------|---------|
| Debt Service | 494,250 |
| Interest     | 400     |

Sub-total Debt Service \$ 494,650

##### Other Funds

|                   |           |
|-------------------|-----------|
| Grants            | 1,731,419 |
| Hotel Tax-Tourism | 25,000    |
| Interest Earned   | 3,000     |
| Parks-Reserve     | 140,000   |
| Court-Reserve     | 33,000    |
| Police-Reserve    | 8,000     |

Sub-total Other Funds \$ 1,932,419

##### Allocations

|                       |         |
|-----------------------|---------|
| Court, Planning,      |         |
| Museum - 2001 Series  | 200,000 |
| Streets - 2004 Series | 925,000 |

Sub-total Allocations \$ 1,125,000

Total Expenses \$ 8,302,966

Expenses Over Revenues \$ -0-

A complete copy of the proposed City of Socorro, Texas FY 2005-2006 Budget is available for inspection at Socorro City Administration Building, 124 S. Horizon Blvd., Socorro, Texas 79927.

Mark Threadgill  
City Clerk

WTCC: 08/25/05

### Homestead Municipal Utility District Notice of Public Hearing on Tax Rate

The Homestead Municipal Utility District will hold a public hearing on a proposed tax rate for the tax year 2005 on September 1, 2005 at 3668 Desert Meadows Dr., El Paso, Texas 79938 at 6:00 pm. Your individual taxes may increase or decrease, depending on the change in the taxable value of your property in relation to the change in taxable value of all other property and the tax rate that is adopted.

FOR the proposal: Lorenzo Barrios, Vicroria Avila, Delia Garcia, Maria Alicia Garcia, Manuel Rojo

AGAINST the proposal: NONE

PRESENT and not voting: NONE

ABSENT: NONE

The following table compares taxes on an average residence homestead in this taxing unit last year to taxes proposed on the average residence homestead this year.

|   | Last Year  | This Year    |
|---|------------|--------------|
| Total tax rate (per \$100 value)  | \$0.420285 | \$0.415386   |
|   | Adopted    | Proposed     |
| Difference in rates per \$100 of value                                    |            | (\$0.004899) |
| Percentage increase / decrease in rates (+/-)                             |            | -1.17%       |
| Average appraised value   | \$ 40,420  | \$ 42,338    |
| General exemptions available  | 0          | 0            |
| (excluding senior citizen's or disabled persons exemptions)               |            |              |
| Average taxable value   | \$ 40,420  | \$ 42,338    |
| Tax on average residence homestead  | \$ 169.88  | \$ 175.87    |
| Annual increase / decrease in taxes if proposed tax rate is adopted (+/-) |            | + \$5.99     |
| and percentage of increase (+/-)  |            | + 3.52%      |

#### NOTICE OF TAXPAYERS' RIGHT TO ROLLBACK ELECTION

If taxes on the average residence homestead increase by more than eight percent, the qualified voters of the district by petition may require that an election be held to determine whether to reduce the operation and maintenance tax rate to the rollback tax rate under Section 49.236(d), Water Code.



# Rojas first-graders write letters to cool off the community

EAST EL PASO COUNTY — “My grandma’s house has an air conditioner, but it doesn’t work. It gets very sweaty.”

Jose Gutierrez, a first grader at Robert R. Rojas Elementary, understands why some people who can’t afford air conditioning desperately need at least a fan. That is why he, and over 70 other first grade students at Rojas, combined a writing project with community service.

“Around here a lot of people don’t have air conditioners or fans,” says first grade teacher Edwina Ginithan. “So the children wrote letters in their own handwriting and we sent them out. This was a good way to involve the children and make them see that they can make a difference in the community.”

Meanwhile, the three District Man-

agers of Dollar General were trying to figure out a way to help the community in the wake of the recent heat exhaustion crisis.

“We didn’t know how to help,” says District Manager Joe Nieto. “Then the letters from the kids fell on our laps. So we decided to work with them. We thought this would be good for the kids as well.”

According to District Manager Robert Nieto, the store managers who received the actual letters were quite touched and happy to receive the handwritten requests. He says the employees then purchased and donated 45 fans for the school. District Manager Manny Salazar says it was easy to answer the children’s call.

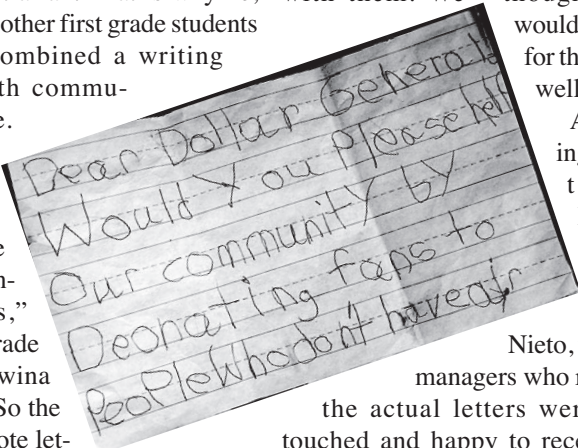
“I live in the Lower Valley so I was

familiar with Rojas Elementary,” he says. “I’m glad this will stay in the community.”

When the three Dollar General District Managers delivered the fans to the schools on Aug. 8, the children “oohed and aahhed” as every dolly unloaded. “The children were elated,” says first grade teacher Margarita Rico. “They could not believe they had made a difference. They were so wiggly when the fans arrived.”

Rojas Principal Joyce Zarowski says the school counselor is working with the community to identify the families that are most in need. She will be contacting them and have the fans delivered this week. “Dollar General works very closely with us,” she says. “We really appreciate all of their support. They are part of our community, helping us do what is best for everyone.”

But perhaps first grader Samantha Mendez appreciates the donation the most. “I have a friend who doesn’t have a fan,” she says. “She’s going to have air now.”



— Photo courtesy Socorro ISD

**A COOL GIFT — Dollar General District Manager Robert Nieto delivers fans to Rojas Elementary. Over 70 first graders wrote letters asking for the donation of fans.**

## Haciendas Del Norte Water Improvement District Notice of Public Hearing on Tax Rate

The Haciendas Del Norte Water Improvement District will hold a public hearing on a proposed tax rate for the tax year 2005 on September 1, 2005 at 13931 Sagebrush Circle, El Paso, Texas 79938 at 6:30 pm. Your individual taxes may increase or decrease, depending on the change in the taxable value of your property in relation to the change in taxable value of all other property and the tax rate that is adopted.

|                         |   |  |
|-------------------------|---|--|
| FOR the proposal:       | Frank Wood, Jim Funk, Robert Lucero, Daniel Diaz, Joseph McCandless |  |
| AGAINST the proposal:   | NONE  |  |
| PRESENT and not voting: | NONE  |  |
| ABSENT:                 | NONE  |  |

The following table compares taxes on an average residence homestead in this taxing unit last year to taxes proposed on the average residence homestead this year.

|   | Last Year  | This Year    |
|---|------------|--------------|
| Total tax rate (per \$100 value)  | \$0.389998 | \$0.373053   |
|   | Adopted    | Proposed     |
| Difference in rates per \$100 of value  |            | (\$0.016945) |
| Percentage increase / decrease in rates (+/-)   |            | -4.345%      |
| Average appraised value   | \$ 127,331 | \$ 134,185   |
| General exemptions available<br>(excluding senior citizen's or disabled persons exemptions) | 0          | 0            |
| Average taxable value   | \$ 127,331 | \$ 134,185   |
| Tax on average residence homestead  | \$ 496.59  | \$ 500.58    |
| Annual increase / decrease in taxes if proposed tax rate is adopted (+/-)                   |            | + \$3.99     |
| and percentage of increase (+/-)  |            | 0.80%        |

### NOTICE OF TAXPAYERS’ RIGHT TO ROLLBACK ELECTION

If taxes on the average residence homestead increase by more than eight percent, the qualified voters of the district by petition may require that an election be held to determine whether to reduce the operation and maintenance tax rate to the rollback tax rate under Section 49.236(d), Water Code.

## Notice of Public Hearing to Discuss Tornillo Independent School District’s State Financial Accountability Rating

Tornillo ISD will hold a public hearing at 6:00 P.M., Wednesday, August 31, 2005, in the Board Meeting Room (Red Brick Building), at 19200 Cobb Ave., Tornillo, Texas 79853.

The purpose of this hearing is to discuss Tornillo ISD’s rating on the state’s financial accountability system.

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## City of Socorro PUBLIC NOTICE

A PUBLIC HEARING will be held at 6:30 p.m. during a Regular City Council Meeting on Thursday, September 1, 2005 at City Hall, 860 Rio Vista Rd., Socorro, Texas. The purpose of the public hearing is to allow any interested person to appear and testify at the hearing regarding the following:

- 1) An ordinance adopting a budget for the Fiscal Year commencing October 1, 2005 and ending on September 30, 2006 for the City of Socorro, Texas.
- 2) An ordinance authorizing the Assessment and Collection of Property Taxes within the City of Socorro ,Texas; and further, authorizing the City of El Paso Tax Office to perform the actual assessment and collection of said property taxes on behalf of the City of Socorro, Texas for the Fiscal Year of October 1, 2005 to September 30, 2006.

The complete text of these proposed Ordinances and a summary of the proposed budget are available on the City of Socorro Web Site: WWW.SOCORROTEXAS.ORG

Those unable to attend the public hearing may submit their views to the City of Socorro. Accommodations for handicapped persons will be available; handicapped persons in need of special assistance for attending the hearings are encouraged to contact the City Clerk (915) 858-2915, forty-eight (48) hours prior to this meeting. Copies of ordinances and a complete copy of the proposed budget are available for review upon request at the City Administration Building, 124 S. Horizon Blvd., Socorro, Texas 79927.

Mark Threadgill  
City Clerk



# Canutillo Community Scholars demonstrate leadership in action

By Kim Guzman  
Special to the Courier

UPPER VALLEY — Canutillo Independent School District’s Community Scholars Ruben Salinas, Carmen Hernandez, and Priscilla Moreno have developed and enhanced their leadership skills this summer through the Community Scholars Internship Program.

Community Scholars is a non-profit organization that offers paid leadership development internships to area high school students. The organization’s mission is to ensure that the citizens of the Paso Del Norte region have access to information — fairly obtained and presented — and a well-stocked pool of potential leaders, who put community interests ahead of special interests.

About 32 students from high schools citywide participated in the summer-long program. This is the fourth year Canutillo ISD has supported high school students to participate in the program and it is the eighth year the program has received funding from several other school districts and private donors.

Ruben Salinas, a former graduate

of CHS, worked as a supervisor in the program this summer and has been involved with Community Scholars the last four years. “This year, my group looked into the possibility of consolidating the city and county of El Paso into one government. The purpose of the research is to promote efficiency in both governments, while at the same time providing tax payers with tax relief and better services,” said Salinas.

The students concluded that the consolidation of the county and the city is not likely to happen in the near future, but they made several recommendations, including retaining the mayor and county judge in office to help make the transition in the event that the consolidation becomes a reality. “I definitely believe that the program has helped develop my leadership skills. Through this organization, I’ve been able to meet with elected officials, community leaders, and activists. I never thought that I’d be meeting with Mayor John Cook one day, and interviewing Judge Dolores Briones the next. That’s the beauty of the program. It doesn’t just tell us to be leaders, it pushes each and every individual involved to reach that goal,” noted Salinas.

Ruben will return to UT-Austin this fall to continue his studies in finance and business administration.

Carmen Hernandez is in her second year with Community Scholars. “This year my group studied Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC). We analyzed the changes it will bring to El Paso and how the city as well as individual entities, are preparing for the influx of soldiers and their families. This program has not only helped me to develop and expand my writing skills, it has also enhanced my interviewing skills. Having to step up and take on a task that none of the other members of my group wanted also helps to develop leadership skills,” said Hernandez. Carmen hopes to further enhance her leadership skills by leading the CHS band as drum major this fall.

Priscilla Moreno’s role with Community Scholars was to research and analyze information for public benefit. “The topic assigned to my group was workforce development. Our goal was to find out if El Paso is economically ready for the three industries; military and defense, biomedical, and manufacturing that were chosen by REDCO as target industries that the El Paso, Juarez, and Las



— Photo courtesy Canutillo ISD

**OF REGIONAL INTEREST — Canutillo ISD’s Community Scholars are shown in photo, from left: Ruben Salinas, Carmen Hernandez, and Priscilla Moreno.**

Cruces region should focus on. This program has definitely helped form my leadership skills. I feel that my abilities in public speaking and critical thinking have greatly improved. I have learned how to conduct myself in formal interviews and prepare

an analytical document for publication,” noted Moreno. Priscilla will be researching universities, attending community college (courses for dual credit), and preparing for the advanced placement exams for calculus, English, and physics this fall.

## Public Notification of Nondiscrimination in Career and Technology Education Programs for Clint Independent School District

Clint ISD offers Career and Technology Education programs in Career Orientation, Agricultural Science and Technology Education, Business Education, Family and Consumer Sciences Education, Health Science Technology Education, Technology Education, and Trade and Industrial Education, including selected approved innovative courses. Admission to these programs is based on interest and aptitude, age appropriateness, and class space available.

It is the policy of Clint ISD not to discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, handicap or age in its vocational programs, services or activities as required by Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended; Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972; and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended.

Clint ISD will take steps to ensure that lack of English language skills will not be a barrier to admission and participation in vocational programs.

For information about your rights or grievance procedures, contact the district’s Title IX Coordinator James Kelch at 14521 Horizon Boulevard, El Paso, Texas, 79928, 915-926-4061 and/or Section 504 Coordinator Michelle Casillas at 14521 Horizon Boulevard, El Paso, Texas, 79928, 915-926-4061.

### Notificación Pública de Prácticas No-Descriminatorias en Programas de Educación en Carreras y Tecnología del Distrito Escolar de Clint

*El distrito independiente de Clint ofrece programas vocacionales en la orientación de ocupaciones, tecnología en ciencia de la agricultura, negocio y la comercialización, ciencias del consumidor y familia, ciencias de la salud, educación de tecnología, y tecnología industrial, incluyendo algunas clases inovativas. La admisión a estos programas se basa en interés y aptitud, conveniencia de la edad, y el cupo de la clase disponible.*

*Es norma del distrito independiente de Clint no discriminar por motivos de raza, color, origen nacional, sexo o impedimento, en sus programas, servicios o actividades vocacionales, tal como lo requieren el Título VI de la Ley de Deprechos Civiles de 1964, según enmienda; el Título IX de las Emmiendas en la Educación, de 1972, y la Sección 504 de la Ley de Rehabilitación de 1973, según enmienda.*

*El distrito independiente de Clint tomará las medidas necesarias para asegurar que la falta de habilidad en el uso de la lengua inglés no sea un obstáculo para la admisión y participación en los programas vocacionales.*

*Para información sobre sus derechos o procedimientos para quejas, comuníquese con el Coordinador del Título IX, James Kelch, en 14521 Horizon Boulevard, El Paso, Texas, 79928, 915-926-4061 y/o el Coordinador de la Sección 504, Michelle Casillas en 14521 Horizon Boulevard, El Paso, Texas, 79928, 915-926-4061.*

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## Clint Independent School District Public Notification of Nondiscrimination

It is the policy of Clint ISD not to discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, handicap or age in its employment practices as required by Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended; Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972; and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended.

For information about your rights or grievance procedures, contact the district’s Title IX Coordinator James Kelch at 14521 Horizon Boulevard, El Paso, Texas, 79928, 915-926-4000 and/or Section 504 Coordinator Michelle Casillas at 14521 Horizon Boulevard, El Paso, Texas, 79928, 915-926-4000.

### Notificación Pública de Prácticas No-Descriminatorias

*Es norma del distrito independiente de Clint no discriminar por motivos de raza, color, origen nacional, sexo o impedimento, en sus prácticas de empleo tal como lo requieren el Título VI de la Ley de Deprechos Civiles de 1964, según enmienda; el Título IX de las Emmiendas en la Educación, de 1972, y la Sección 504 de la Ley de Rehabilitación de 1973, según enmienda.*

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inviting the public to hear a guest speaker from Adult Protective Services on Sept. 3, at 8 a.m. The group meets at the Oz Glaze Senior Center in Horizon City.

■ The Second Annual Fall Festival and Car Show will be held Friday, Sept. 9, 6-11 p.m. at El Dorado High School. Food, games, crafts and entertainment will be offered. Interested vendors may contact Rod Portillo, Tanya Gallegos or Brandon Rios at 937-3200 for booth rentals.

■ The Small Business Association (SBA) of El Paso is offering assistance to secure funding to start or expand a business during a free seminar on Wednesday, Aug. 31, 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. at the Memorial Park Branch Library, 3200 Copper. Call 633-7001 to reserve a seat or to get more information. The SBA of El Paso works with the National Community Reinvestment Coalition (NCRC) to stimulate economic development and job creation in rural and inner-city areas by providing loans and technical assistance to small businesses.

■ Americas High School announces the first play of its theater season with the comedy *Arsenic and Old Lace*, onstage from Sept. 8-10 at 12101 Pellicano. For ticket prices and times, e-mail Tom Haase at thaase@sisd.net or call 937-3075.

■ Navy Airman Apprentice Marcos A. Grijalva, son of Sylvia and Pilar Grijalva of San Elizario, recently completed U.S. Navy basic training at Recruit Training Command, Great Lakes, Ill. During the eight-week program, Grijalva completed a variety of training which included classroom study and practical instruction on naval customs, first aid, firefighting, water safety and survival, and shipboard and aircraft safety. Grijalva is a 2005 graduate of San Elizario High School of San Elizario, Texas.

■ You don't have to be rich to have a financial plan. Financial planning can help you meet your life goals-whether it's buying a home or a car, saving for your child's education or planning for your retirement. Use *What You Should Know About Financial Planning* from the Securities and Exchange Commission and the Certified Financial Planner Board of Standards to learn the benefits of having a plan, what you can do on your own and when you need help from a financial advisor. For a free copy, send name and address to the Federal Citizen Information Center, Dept. 581M, Pueblo, CO 81009 or call toll-free 1-888-878-3256 and ask for Item 581M. Log on at <http://www.pueblo.gsa.gov> to place an order online or to read or print out this and hundreds of other FCIC publications for free.



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AISD ladies win essay competition

EL PASO COUNTY — The El Paso County Historical Society honored the winners of the Frank W. Gorman Historical Essay Contest on Aug. 14. Seventh and 8th grade students from throughout the County competed. Judging was based on historical value, authenticity of fact and presentation. The first three places were won by Anthony ISD students. Shown from left are Briana Garcia, honorable mention, for her essay addressing the importance of the Butterfield Overland Stage Route to West Texans in the mid-1800s. Jackie Ortiz, second place, won \$150 for the story of her great grandfather's immigration from India to establish the Singh Farm. Cynthia Garces, who won first place, was awarded \$250, recording her grandmother's and great-grandmother's recollections of life in El Paso and Juarez in the 1930's. John Carrillo, AISD Technology Director, said this is the first time AISD students have participated in the competition.

Town of Horizon City  
Notice of Public Hearing  
on Tax Increase

Last year, the Town of Horizon City's property tax rate was \$0.287500/100. That rate raised \$770,513, a portion of which was used to fund operations such as:

Police protection, street maintenance, wages, salaries, public health services, Planning & Zoning, building codes and enforcement.

This year, the Town of Horizon City is proposing a property tax rate of \$0.310000. That rate would raise \$975,473, which is \$204,960 more than taxes imposed last year.

There will be two public hearings to consider that increase. The first public hearing will be held on **Friday, September 2, 2005, 6:30 p.m.** at 14999 Darrington Road, Horizon City, Texas 79928. The second public hearing will be held on **Friday, September 9, 2005, 6:30 p.m.** at 14999 Darrington Road, Horizon City, Texas 79928.

You have a right to attend the hearings and make comments. You are encouraged to attend and make comments if you wish.

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Clint Independent School District  
SPECIAL EDUCATION SERVICES

Clint Independent School District provides the following educational program/services to identified disabled children who reside within the district beginning on the third birthday through age twenty-one.

- 1) Instructional Program: including Early Childhood (beginning on the third birthday through age five), Resource (grades K-12) and Self-Contained (grades K-12)
- 2) Diagnostic Services
- 3) Transportation Services
- 4) Speech Therapy
- 5) Counseling Services
- 6) Adaptive Equipment Services
- 7) Physical Therapy
- 8) Occupational Therapy
- 9) School Health Services
- 10) Homebound Services

Services are provided to identified auditorial and visually impaired children who reside within the district from birth through age twenty-one and to private/home school students who qualify for special education services, .

In compliance with the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974 and Public Law 105-17, parents and adult students have the right to inspect educational records. District policies FL and FL-E provide for record access, confidentiality, and complaint procedures.

If you would like more information or know of a disabled child who is not receiving educational services, please contact the Special Education Director at 125 Brown Street, Clint, Texas 79836, or call (915) 851-8383.

SERVICIOS DE  
EDUCACION ESPECIAL

*El distrito escolar de Clint provee los siguientes programas/ servicios educacionales a niños que son identificados como desabilitados que viven dentro del distrito comenzando con el tercer cumpleaños hasta los 21 años.*

- 1) programa de instrucción: infancia temprana (comenzando con el tercer cumpleaños hasta la edad de cinco años), cuarto de recurso (K-12), y clases contenidas (K-12)*
- 2) servicios diagnósticos*
- 3) servicios de transportación*
- 4) terepia de habla*
- 5) servicios de consejo*
- 6) servicios de equipaje adaptivo*
- 7) terapia fisica*
- 8) terapia ocupacional*
- 9) servicios de salud escolar*
- 10) servicios de clases en el hogar*

*Se provee servicios a niños identificados como desabilitados audible y visualmente que viven dentro del distrito desde nacimiento hasta la edad de 21 años y para estudiantes en clases privadas/en el hogar que califican para servicios de educación especial.*

*Conforme al Acto de Derechos y Confidencia Educacionales de Familia de 1974 y Ley Publica 105-17, padres y alumnos adultos tienen el derechos de ver los archivos educativos. Polizas FL y FL-E explican los derechos, la confidencialidad, y el proceso para quejarse.*

*Si usted desea mas información o sabe de un niño/niña desabilitado que vive en el distrito escolar de Clint que no esta recibiendo servicios educacionales, favor de comunicarse con la Directora de Educación Especial en la direccion 125 Brown Street, Clint, Texas 7938, o al numero (915) 851-8383.*

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# Ludwig named as Canutillo ISD interim curriculum director

**By Kim Guzman**  
*Special to the Courier*

UPPER VALLEY — Canutillo Independent School District Superintendent Charles Hart announced recently the appointment of Vicky Ludwig as the interim Director of Curriculum and Instruction for the District. Ludwig has been the Science Lead Teacher for the past three years and brings a total of 26 years of teaching experience to the job. She taught at both Canutillo Elementary and Jose Damian Elementary in the CISD for a total of 22 years.

“With the District changes this year, we are poised and ready to take our students to the next level of academic success,” stated Ludwig.

The new interim C&I director received her Bachelor of Science Degree in Education from UNM-Albuquerque in December 1971, and her master’s degree in Educational Administration from New Mexico State University in 2003.



Vicky Ludwig

The C&I department encompasses several programs including Advanced Academics/Gifted & Talented, Curriculum Alignment, Career Education & Technology, Counseling Services, Textbooks and Testing, Compensatory Education & Home Instruction, The Eagle’s Nest Daycare, Staff Development through Titles II & V, and the Full Option Science System (FOSS).

## Principal

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faculty and staff awaited with a special presentation. Among those present were Socorro ISD Board of Trustees Vice-President Charlie Garcia, Secretary John Page and Trustee Brenda Castañeda.

“I’m full of joy, full of health and we’re back together as a family one more time,” Solis says. “I guess it’s true that after the storm comes the calm. My family and I went through a storm in June. I almost wasn’t here today. But after that storm, I am here receiving all the welcomes, all the smiles and all the hugs.”

Some of the special activities included kindergarten students singing their own rendition of *Amigo* while Special Ed students pantomimed to

*You are my Sunshine*. Third graders sang *Ain’t No Mountain High Enough*, fifth grade students read a poem called *Super Solis* and teacher Nancy McGoldrick sang *Hero*. Many students also read letters of respect and admiration to Solis.

“When I heard you got sick, that broke my heart,” read third grader Evelyn Azalea Lopez. “When I heard you were coming back, my heart got put back together.”

But Solis was quick to divert the accolades to the children of Desert Wind. “I don’t know if there’s any mountain high enough. But if there is, we’ll cross it together,” he says. “And they may say that I’m the sunshine of their lives, but they are the sunshine of my life. And I don’t know that I’m anybody’s hero or superman, but they are my heroes. And they give me the super strength to be here everyday ‘*echándole ganas*.’”

## Anthony Independent School District 2005-2006 Meal Policy

The Anthony Independent School District serves breakfast and lunch every school day. All children in the District will receive a reimbursable meal at no charge through the academic year of 2005-2006. All children will receive a free breakfast and a free lunch regardless of income. In the operation of the child feeding program no child will be discriminated against because of race, color, religion, sex, handicap, age or national origin. For information about your rights or grievance procedures, contact Mr. Vernon Butler, Superintendent, and/or, the Director of School Support, Ann Geyer, at 610 Sixth Street, Anthony Texas 79821, or call (915) 886-6500.

## El Distrito Escolar Independiente de Anthony Regla de Alimentos Año 2005-2006

*El Distrito Escolar Independiente de Anthony ofrece desayuno y comida todos los días escolares. A todos los estudiantes del distrito se les servirán alimentos a ningún costo durante el año académico de 2005-2006. Todo estudiante recibirá almuerzo y comida gratis no tomando en cuenta ingresos. En el funcionamiento del programa de alimentación ningún niño ó estudiante será discriminando contra su raza, color, religión, sexo, incapacidad, edad ó origen nacional. Para más información de sus derechos y procedimiento de agravios, puede ponerse en contacto con el Sr. Vernon Butler, Superintendente, ó, el Director de su Escuelas, Ann Geyer, a 610 Sixth Street, Anthony Texas 79821, ó llame al (915) 886-6500.*

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## Anthony Independent School District Public Notification of Nondiscrimination in Career and Technology Programs

- 1) The Anthony Independent School District offers career and technology education programs in:
- Business Professions;
  - Human Service Professions including culinary arts and cosmetology;
  - Commercial Arts Professions
  - Health Professions;
  - Industrial Professions including air conditioning and refrigeration, electronics, plumbing and metal trades;
  - Computer Professions including MOUS certification, the Macromedia Suite, introduction to microcomputer technician, and web design internship; and
  - Automotive Professions including diesel mechanics and automotive technology.

Admission to these programs is based on appropriate age, grade, aptitude and ability.

- 2) It is the policy of Anthony Independent School District not to discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex or handicap in its vocational programs, services, or activities as required by Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended; Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended.
- 3) It is the policy of Anthony Independent School District not to discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, handicap or age in its employment practices as required by title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended; Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, the Age Discrimination Act of 1975, as amended; and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended.
- 4) Anthony Independent School District will take steps to assure that lack of English language skills will not be a barrier to admission and participation in all career and technology programs.
- 5) For information about your rights or grievance procedures, contact Mr. Vernon Butler, Superintendent, and/or, the Director of School Support, Ann Geyer, at 610 Sixth Street, Anthony Texas 79821, or call (915) 886-6500.

## Notificacion Publica de no Discriminar en los Programas de Carrera y Tecnologia

- 1) El Distrito Escolar Independiente de Anthony ofrece programas de carrera y tecnología:
- Profesiones en negocios;
  - Profesiones en servicios humanos incluyendo artes culinarias and cosmetolgia;
  - Profesiones en arte comercial;
  - Profesiones en la salud;
  - Profesiones industriales incluyendo aire acondicionado y refrigeración, electrónica, plomeria y oficio en el metal;
  - Profesiones en computación como certificación en MOUS, Macromedia Suite, introducción a tecnico en microcomputación, y diseño interino a la red intermetica; y
  - Profesiones automotrices incluyendo mecánica diesel y tecnología automotriz.

Para admisión a éstos programas se basa en edad apropiada, grado, aptitud y habilidad.

- 2) Es norma del Distrito Escolar Independiente de Anthony no discriminar por motivos de raza, color, origen nacional, sexo, ó impedimento, en sus programas, servicios, ó actividades vocacionales, tal como lo requieren el Título VI del Acta de Derechos Civiles de 1964, según enmienda; Título IX de las Enmiendas Educativas de 1972, y la Sección 504 de la Acta de Rehabilitación de 1973, según enmienda.
- 3) Es norma del Distrito Escolar Independiente de Anthony no discriminar por motivos raza, color, origen nacional, sexo, impedimento ó edad en sus procedimientos de empleo, tal como requieren el Título VI del Acta de Derechos Civiles de 1964, según enmienda; Título IX de las Enmiendas Educativas de 1972, la Ley de Discriminación por Edad de 1975, según enmienda; y la Sección 504 de la Acta de Rehabilitación de 1973, según enmienda.
- 4) El Distrito Escolar Independiente de Anthony tomará las medidas necesarias para asegurar que la falta de habilidad en el uso de la lengua inglés no sea obstáculo para la admisión y participación en todos los programas carrera y tecnología.
- 5) Para más información sobre sus derechos ó procedimientos para quejas, comuniquese con el Sr. Vernon Butler, Superintendente, ó-+ el Director de su Escuelas, Ann Geyer, a 610 Sixth Street, Anthony Texas 79821, ó llame al (915) 886-6500.

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# Water: Researchers seek ways to make the most of a limited resource

By Linda Anderson  
Special to the Courier

EL PASO COUNTY — Mild winters, low humidity, lots of room, cultural diversity, higher education opportunities and a lively economy — El Paso has a lot to offer.

But one thing it doesn’t have is a lot of water.

Enter Texas Agricultural Experiment Station researchers, who study ways to make the most of the area’s limited water supply.

El Paso sprawls at the base of the Franklin Mountains in the farthest point of West Texas. The terrain is mostly desert except for the Rio Grande, which meanders along the southern edge of the city, marking the Texas-Mexico border.

The river also marks the most valuable source of agricultural water in the area, said Dr. Zhuping Sheng, Experiment Station hydrogeologist in El Paso.

Sheng and his research assistant, geologist Joshua Villalobos, are involved in ongoing research to determine more efficient ways of utilizing water from the Rio Grande for agriculture, while protecting residents’ water needs and the environment. Researchers from New Mexico State University in Las Cruces are also participating in the study.

“It’s a delicate balance between irrigation needs, municipal needs and

environmental needs,” Sheng said.

The land in the Rio Grande valley near El Paso is the richest farmland in the area, Villalobos explained. And to help keep it that way, beginning more than 100 years ago a series of canals was built to help deliver the water to the fields.

One of the oldest of these canals — the Franklin Canal — was constructed in the late 19th century, he said.

Currently the El Paso County Improvement District No. 1 operates and maintains about 350 miles of canals and laterals to divert water from the river for agricultural applications and municipal and industrial uses, Sheng said.

Most of the canals and the irrigation ditches that feed from them are basically ditches dug in the natural soils of the area, which means some of the water is lost through seepage, Villalobos said.

Several months ago, the El Paso



— Photo by Linda Anderson

**SEEPAGE BARRIER — Geologist Joshua Villalobos with Texas Agricultural Experiment Station in El Paso checks the rubber lining on a section of the Franklin Canal near El Paso. The lining was installed to study how it affects rates of water loss in the canal through seepage.**

County Water Improvement District No. 1 put down about 800 feet of thin rubber lining on a portion of the Franklin Canal to determine its effectiveness in canal lining, Sheng said.

In fact, research by Sheng and Dr. Phillip King from the department of

civil engineering at NMSU has shown that 10 percent to 30 percent of the water delivered by the system of canals is lost through seepage.

Sheng and Villalobos are studying how lining certain areas of the canals might impact the interaction between ground water and surface water.

“We want to know how it will affect the soil moisture content,” Villalobos said, “since much of the water is absorbed in the soil.”

The different soil types in the canals affect seepage rates, Villalobos said. In some areas the clay soil forms a natural barrier and keeps seepage rates lower.

“Other areas with sandy bottoms lose water easily,” he said.

Using data collected from tests and measurements of the Franklin and other canals and laterals, the researchers have made some preliminary findings. They believe that lining 10 miles of canals could potentially save enough water for 1,000 acres of crops or 8,000 homes.

They also found that lining canals is expensive; therefore determining where water loss is greatest and lining those areas would be the most cost-effective.

Preliminary results will soon be published by Texas Water Resources Institute and New Mexico Water Resources Research Institute.

Even so, said Sheng, the research will be continued to confirm the potential water savings by canal lining.

Additional monitoring will be implemented to assure the performance of canal lining and high delivery efficiency, he added.

## Anthony Independent School District Public Notice Of Non-Discrimination

It is the policy of the Anthony Independent School District to prohibit discrimination on the basis of race, color, national origin, gender or any person who has a disability in the admission or access to programs, delivery of services or employment.

The Anthony Independent School District is fully committed to meeting its responsibilities as specified by Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended; Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972; prohibiting sex discrimination, Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended; the Age Discrimination Act of 1975, as amended; and the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA).

Inquiries concerning your rights may be referred to Mr. Vernon Butler, Superintendent, and/or, the Director of School Support, Ann Geyer, at 610 Sixth Street, Anthony Texas 79821, or call (915) 886-6500.

### Notificacion Publica

*Es la norma de conducta del Distrito escolar de Anthony prohibir la discriminación en base de raza, color, origen nacional, sexo ó deshabilidad en la admisión ó el acceso a programas, entrega de servicios ó empleo.*

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Anthony Independent School District provides the following educational programs/services to identified children with disabilities who reside within the district beginning on the third birthday through age twenty-one.

Instructional Program: including Early Childhood (beginning on the third birthday through age five), Resource (grades K-12) and Self-Contained (grades K-12); 2) Diagnostic Services; 3) Transportation Services; 4) Speech Therapy; 5) Counseling Services; 6) Adaptive Equipment Services; 7) Physical Therapy; 8) Occupational Therapy; and 9) School Health Services.

Services are provided to identified auditory and visually impaired children who reside within the district from birth through age twenty-one.

In compliance with the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974 and Public Law 105-17, parents and adult students have the right to inspect educational records. District policies FL and FL-E provide for record access, confidentiality, and complaint procedures.

If you would like more information or know of a child with disabilities who is not receiving educational services, please contact: Rick McCarty, 610 Sixth Street, Anthony, Texas 79821, (915) 886-6571.

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*Programa de Instrucción: infancia temprana (comenzando con el tercer cumpleaños hasta la edad de cinco años), cuarto de recurso (K-12), y clases contenidas (K-12); 2) servicios diagnósticos; 3) servicios de transportación; 4) terapia del habla; 5) servicios de consejo; 6) servicios de equipaje adaptivo; 7) terapia fisica; 8) terapia ocupacional; y 9) servicios de salud escolar.*

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# Players, coaches and armchair quarterbacks ready to rumble

By Steve Escajeda  
*Special to the Courier*

Doesn't look like much has changed outside. The August rains are here in the evenings and the sun is still bearing down on us at about 90-95 degrees during the day.

The professional baseball races are heating up and El Paso's leaders are still decades away from sitting down and seriously talking about an arena for this city of 700,000.

In other words, nothing has changed — ah, but something *has* changed.

Can't you feel it? It's in the air all around you.

It smells like it, feels like it and tastes like it. It's football season!

High school, college and those wacky pro football players have donned the shoulder pads and helmets and are getting ready for the fast-approaching season.

The time of cheerleaders, fight songs, mascots, referees, scoreboards, tailgating, marching bands, instant replay, angry coaches and John Madden going "boom" is upon us and aren't we all as happy as can be.

Believe it or not, the high schoolers get going this Thursday with Franklin hosting Las

Cruces High at Coronado Stadium.

Then on Friday we have a whole slate of games including Alamogordo at Bel Air, Hanks at Address, Plainview at Montwood and Riverside at Austin.

And how about those Montwood Rams? They lose their great running back Edward Britton, but they gain a monstrous schedule.

First they open with perennial power Plainview, then they only take on the Mighty Mojo themselves, the Odessa Permian Panthers. After that, they open district play with Eastwood, Americas and Bel Air, all considered to be much-improved teams.

We'll keep our eyes on the usual suspects. Franklin, Montwood, Bel Air in District 1-5A. Address, Chapin and Irvin in 1-4A. And Riverside, Parkland and Del Valle in 2-4A.

But that doesn't mean we can't have any surprises.

In 1-5A, watch out for Americas and Hanks, they could sneak into that third and final play-off spot. In 1-4A, the Burges Mustangs and Canutillo Eagles could make things very interesting.

In District 2-4A, Fabens could put up a fight, but the question here is not whether some team can sneak into the top three. It's whether Riverside's reign as league champion in over-

Del Valle is hoping to make it very interesting this year.

In the college ranks, all the local talk is surrounding the Miners' inaugural season in Conference USA.

The Miners, who were predicted as the favorites to win league's West division by the coaches, are looking to improve on last season's remarkable 8-4 record.

UTEP should be awesome on offense with Jordan Palmer at quarterback, the trio of Tyler Ebell, Marcus Thomas and Matt Austin at running back.

The most talented players for the Miners are probably Palmer's targets.

Jason Boyd, Johnnie Lee Higgins, Chris Francies, Aaron Givens, Chris Marrow, Joe West and tight end Jake Sears make the Miners one of the most explosive pass offenses in the nation.

The defense, which should fly to the football, is spearheaded by linebacker Thomas Howard and lineman Chris Mineo.

With the Miners joining a new league, that means new opponents. Some of the new faces El Pasoans will have the pleasure of seeing in the Sun Bowl this season are the Houston Cougars, the Thundering Herd of Marshall and the Alabama-Birmingham Blazers.

An old face is making a return appearance to the Sun Bowl. The New Mexico Lobos will be in town on Sept. 24. Won't that be exciting?

The NFL has already started the exhibition schedule with the regular season beginning on Sept. 8 as the defending champion New England Patriots take on the Oakland Raiders.

Other interesting matchups in the league's first weekend are Indianapolis Colts at the Baltimore Ravens, the Tennessee Titans at the Pittsburgh Steelers, the Philadelphia Eagles at the Atlanta Falcons and, of course, the Dallas Cowboys at the San Diego Chargers.

And in this part of the country, if you're talking the NFL, you're talking the Dallas Cowboys.

And this season, the first thing that comes up concerning the Cowboys is their new quarterback.

Veteran Drew Bledsoe will take over for the 'Boys this season. It's been years since the Cowboys had a quarterback who could throw the football, at least one under 40 years of age.

Anyway, it's finally here! Football!

Sorry, ladies, the guys in your lives will now have plans for Monday night, Thursday night, Friday night, Saturdays and Sundays for the next five months.

Hey, don't complain. You girls have soap operas and *Oprah* all year long.

## I was there... *Lazcano blazed back in the ring with first round knock-out*

EL PASO COUNTY — I was there... at the "Juan at the Don" comeback event. It was a quick, exciting re-boot, a kick start for Juan "Ernie" Lazcano Friday night, Aug. 19 at the Don Haskins Center. Lazcano proved he is aggressively pursuing his elusive dream of being the first Light Weight Champion from El Paso.

It was quick, it was fast — only 53 seconds into the first round he had his career back with a knock-out. His victory was celebrated with his long time trainer Freddie Roach and Golden Boy Productions — having mended his disagreements with Oscar De La Hoya.

The sparse crowd at the Don Haskins Center got to see their hometown guy get his "groove" back, as well as several other entertaining fights.

Antonio Escalante, formerly from El Paso, had almost as quick a fight as Lazcano. Three times in the first round he knocked his opponent, Terrence Ray from Covington, Tennessee, to the mat,



— Photo by Betti Flores

**HOW SWEET IT IS —** Juan Lazcano hardly even worked up a sweat before knocking out his opponent in the first round. He shares the experience with fan Jan Engels.

finally finishing the fight in the second round with a TKO.

Another great fight was the Soto versus Torres card. Both fighters were evenly matched and the fans loved it. Orlando Soto finally outmaneuvered his opponent, Saul Torres, and won the fight by a decision.

Although the crowd was scant and the cards were over almost before they started in several fights, seasoned boxing fans were also cheering the other behind-the-scenes team.

Lester Bedford, the boxing pro-

moter from San Antonio, always puts together great cards as well as provides dependable referees. Rocky Burke of Albuquerque and Wilfredo Esperon from San Antonio also contributed. The ring announcer, Lupe Contreras, who does all the Telefutura and HBO Latino fights, is a plus. The judges, Levi Martinez from Las Cruces, and Raul Valencia and Mark Ortega from El Paso, are to be commended. Without these dedicated men there could be no fight for the fans to enjoy. This fan would say a delightful evening was had by all!



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**STILL IN POSSESSION —** Antonio Escalante, center, successfully defended his title with a speedy TKO. He is joined by Jan Engels and fellow boxer Jo Jo Galarza, right.

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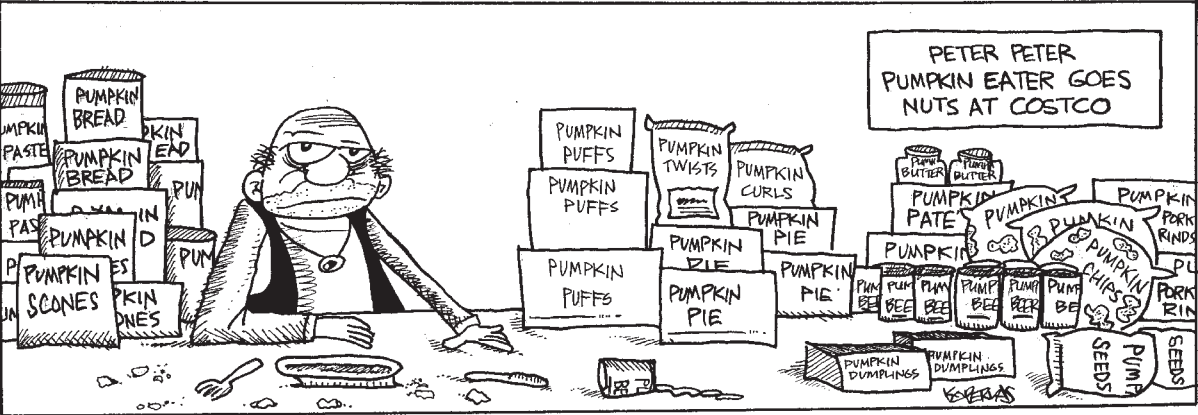
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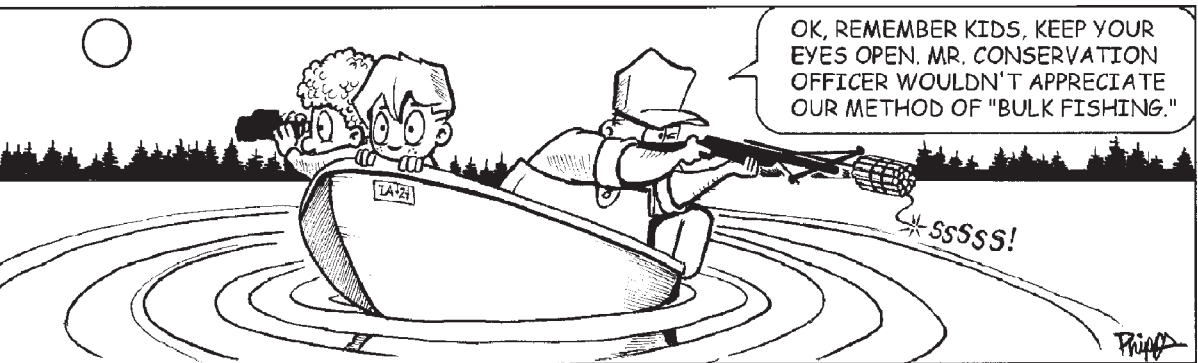
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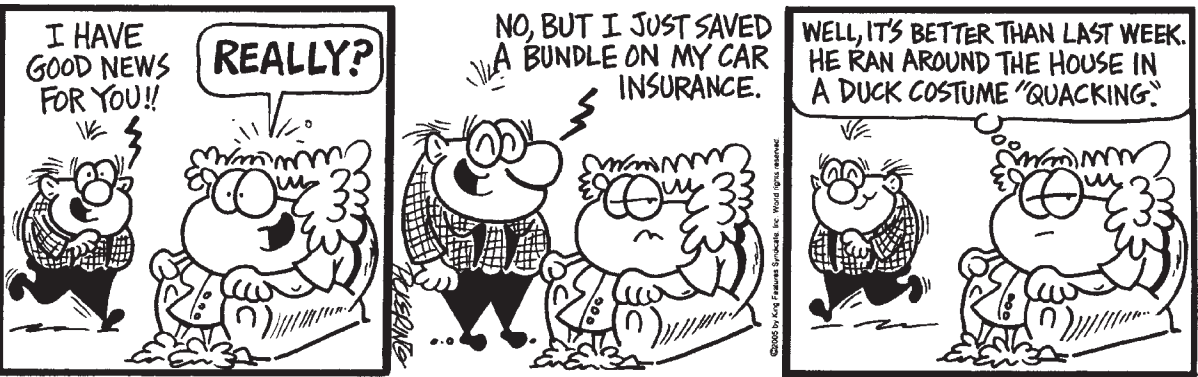
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Exciting new shows on the way

By Don Flood

Sure, it's hot and yucky and the tube is filled with reruns, but — take heart! — great new shows are coming our way.

Here are the pre-season critics' picks.

“Dancing With the Serial Killers” — “Killers” offers Death Row inmates a chance to show off their dancing skills before it's too late. Viewers vote each week for their favorite dancers, with the losers getting a big on-air sendoff from “Mr. Sparky.” Reason to keep watching: “Mr. Sparky,” of course.

“CSI: Cold Butt, N.D.” — The crack Cold Butt CSI team swings into action after a mysterious sociopath, apparently bent on revenge, begins draping the front yards of city officials with toilet paper. Suzanne Sommers stars as the no-nonsense investigator whose clothes are too revealing for her age. Reason to keep watching: Guest appearances by The Thighmaster.

“The World of What's His Name: Britney Spears' First Husband” — An exciting new reality show, “What's His Name” follows the fascinating, real-life adventures of Britney's first husband.

The pilot starts off strong, showing the First Husband eating Froot Loops and wondering where he left his comb. Later, he visits the Department of Motor Vehicles, whose employees are so thunderstruck by his celebrity they pretend not to recognize him! Reason to keep watching: Late-night harassment calls to Britney's house.

“Pimp My Walker” — Based on the popular “Pimp My Ride,” “Walker” takes the walking aids from the elderly and then “pimps” them up, adding speakers, TV screens, hydraulics, etc. Reason to keep watching: Seeing old people fall over when they realize their

awesome new walkers are being returned to them by the guy who played Greg on “The Brady Bunch.”

“Beer Factor” — What will people do for money if they get liquored up enough? This fun-filled show promises to find the answer. Reason to keep watching: The same reason you watch a train wreck.

“Wind Tunnel!” — Professional news and weather reporters compete to see who can give the most gripping live weather report while standing in a high-speed wind tunnel. Reason to keep watching: Geraldo shows again and again why he's the best ever.

“Missing White Girls” — A prime-time news magazine, “Missing” will keep tabs on the whereabouts of attractive white girls. Reason to keep watching: The show doesn't wait for the girls to be reported missing. The cameras stalk them around town just in case, so that viewers are guaranteed the latest news before it even happens.

“Extremely Desperate Working Mothers” — A foursome of sexy moms find love — sort of — at the office. Hijinks ensue. Reason to keep watching: The naughty water-cooler banter is sure to provide grist for the next day's naughty water-cooler banter.

“American Ventriloquist” — “AV,” as it's already known, will hold auditions in every town of more than 147 people in search of the best American ventriloquists, who will then compete in what is billed as the World's Largest Ventriloquist Competition. Reason to keep watching: When good dummies go bad after losing.

So if you don't have TiVo now, get it!

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WELL-ROUNDED ACROSS

1 Existed

4 Obscure

9 Apply lightly

12 Fashionably nostalgic

17 Choir member

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34 NATO member

37 Churchill's successor

38 Jason Biggs film

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47 Grab all the goodies

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81 Tracking tool

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90 Time and again

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96 Machu Picchu native

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101 Football's Van Brocklin

102 Like kids at Christmas

103 Drescher of "The Nanny"

104 Hollywood award

108 Banister

109 Cheeseboard choice

110 Jet of yore

114 Fury

115 Encounter

116 " \_ Lama Ding Dong" ('61 tune)

119 Dropped the ball

121 "Blue Velvet" singer

123 Merv Griffin creation

128 Salad veggie

129 " \_ Man" ('67 hit)

130 Senator Hatch

131 Mix

132 Cafe vessel

133 Craggy hill

134 Peter of Herman's Hermits

135 Lady lobster

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1 Float on the breeze

2 Jones of "Show Boat"

3 Type

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5 Monty's milieu

6 What the shoe does

7 \_ Rios, Jamaica

8 Ancient tongue

9 Couple

10 Past

11 Tiny tree

12 Indian export

13 Archaic ending

14 Gary Lewis & the Playboys hit

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16 Phantom instrument

18 Skip

21 Beaver's dad

23 "I could \_ horse!"

24 Biblical book

29 "Mockingbird" singer

32 Attempt to equal

33 Oscar \_ Renta

35 Tennyson's Arden

36 Green org.

37 Wades through a crowd

39 Julia of "Havana"

40 Babe in the woods

41 Theater sign

42 Arthur of "Maude"

43 Griffon greeting

44 Minnie Driver film

45 Successor

49 Bizarre

52 Rosemary or basil

54 Hunk of gunk

56 Hook's henchman

58 Transport

60 Plot

62 Bridge support

64 Bikini part

66 Whirlpool

68 Like mountain air

69 With 117 Down, Italian statesman

70 Exec's deg.

71 Actor Lincoln

73 Shorten a sail

74 Hgt.

75 '59 Ritchie Valens hit

78 Starry

82 Pearce piece

84 Remnant

85 Carve a canyon

86 Implement

88 Member of the mil.

89 Joke

91 Tons of time

93 Hard on the eyes

95 Author Hubbard

98 Brute

100 Pied-a- \_

103 Breakfast food

105 Get the better of

106 Kevin of "SNL"

107 Part of EMT

108 Shipbuilding need

109 Passed-on item

111 Fleming and Linkletter

112 Consequences alternative

113 Skater Sonja

115 Budge

117 See 69 Down

118 Fluffy coif

120 Bruce of "Coming Home"

122 "Whether \_ nobler in the mind ..."

124 Medical grp.

125 Corn portion

126 Perch part

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Social Security Q&A

By Ray Vigil

*Q: I am a 71-year-old retiree and I will be moving from Massachusetts to Wyoming later this year to live with my daughter and her family. How can I find the nearest office in my new community?*

A: Social Security has more than 1,300 offices nationwideTop of Form. If you want information and directions to the Social Security office that serves your new address, you can visit Social Security online at [www.socialsecurity.gov](http://www.socialsecurity.gov) and select "What You Can Do Online." Then

click on the Field Office Locator.

*Q: I have multiple sclerosis. I applied for Social Security disability benefits about three years ago and my claim was denied because I was still able to work. My condition has deteriorated. Can I reapply for disability benefits?*

A: Yes, you may reapply for benefits. If a person's medical condition changes, the change may mean the person would now qualify for benefits. You can ap-

ply online at [www.socialsecurity.gov/disability/](http://www.socialsecurity.gov/disability/). Or you can make an appointment to reapply at your local Social Security office by calling 1-800-772-1213 (TTY 1-800-325-0778).

*Q: I'm 67 years old and I have no other income but my monthly Supplemental Security Income (SSI) payments. My sister passed away and left me a little money in her bank account. Will this extra money affect my SSI benefits? Will my SSI payments stop?*

A: The money inherited from your

sister is considered income in the month you received it and could make you ineligible for benefits for that month, depending on the amount. If you still have the money in the next month, it then becomes a part of your resources, or the things that you own. You cannot have more than \$2,000 in resources and still continue to receive SSI. If the things you own are worth less than \$2,000 then your benefits will continue. Also, you should remember that there are some resources we don't count, such as a car, the home you live in and funds set aside for burial expenses. You should call Social Security at 1-

800-772-1213 (TTY 1-800-325-0778), or visit your local Social Security office, to report the inheritance. A Social Security representative can give you more information and will let you know what effect, if any, the inheritance will have on your benefits.

For more information visit your local Security office, see [www.ssa.gov](http://www.ssa.gov) or call us at 1-800-772-1213. If you have any questions that you would like to have answered, please mail them to the Social Security Office, 1111 Gateway West, Attn: Ray Vigil, El Paso, Texas 79935.

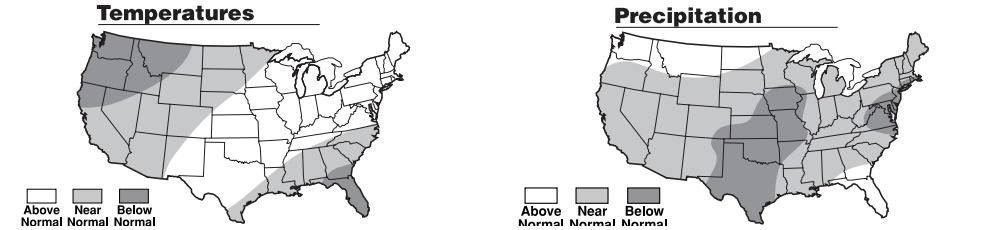
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| Memphis, TN     | 92       | 75 | t  | 93     | 76 | t  | 93       | 75 | t  | 93     | 74 | t  |
| Midland, TX     | 98       | 72 | s  | 96     | 74 | s  | 95       | 72 | s  | 97     | 72 | s  |
| Pueblo, CO      | 94       | 56 | s  | 93     | 56 | s  | 93       | 56 | s  | 92     | 55 | s  |
| Roswell, NM     | 98       | 66 | s  | 95     | 66 | pc | 95       | 66 | pc | 96     | 65 | s  |
| St. Louis, MO   | 85       | 71 | t  | 90     | 72 | t  | 92       | 69 | t  | 89     | 68 | pc |
| San Antonio, TX | 100      | 77 | s  | 98     | 78 | s  | 99       | 77 | s  | 98     | 76 | s  |
| Texarkana, AR   | 98       | 75 | pc | 96     | 74 | pc | 97       | 73 | pc | 98     | 74 | pc |
| Waco, TX        | 100      | 77 | s  | 101    | 75 | s  | 101      | 76 | s  | 98     | 75 | s  |
| Wichita, KS     | 95       | 73 | t  | 94     | 72 | t  | 94       | 69 | t  | 94     | 70 | pc |

Weather (W): s-sunny, pc-partly cloudy, c-cloudy, sh-showers, t-thunderstorms, r-rain, sf-snow flurries, sn-snow, i-ice.

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| Atlanta       | 86       | 69 | t  | 88     | 69 | pc | 86       | 70 | pc | 88     | 70 | pc |
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| Detroit       | 82       | 62 | s  | 84     | 64 | pc | 84       | 62 | t  | 82     | 62 | sh |
| Houston       | 98       | 77 | pc | 98     | 77 | pc | 96       | 75 | s  | 96     | 75 | pc |
| Indianapolis  | 83       | 67 | s  | 87     | 68 | pc | 84       | 65 | t  | 84     | 63 | sh |
| Kansas City   | 86       | 69 | t  | 90     | 69 | t  | 90       | 67 | t  | 90     | 66 | pc |
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| Miami         | 92       | 78 | r  | 89     | 78 | r  | 90       | 78 | t  | 90     | 79 | t  |
| Minneapolis   | 78       | 62 | t  | 80     | 60 | pc | 82       | 66 | s  | 84     | 63 | pc |
| New Orleans   | 94       | 78 | t  | 93     | 78 | t  | 93       | 78 | t  | 93     | 78 | t  |
| New York City | 80       | 66 | s  | 84     | 68 | s  | 84       | 70 | pc | 81     | 70 | pc |
| Omaha         | 84       | 68 | t  | 86     | 63 | s  | 88       | 66 | t  | 87     | 65 | pc |
| Phoenix       | 107      | 85 | t  | 105    | 84 | t  | 107      | 83 | s  | 102    | 84 | s  |
| San Francisco | 73       | 58 | pc | 74     | 57 | pc | 74       | 57 | pc | 74     | 57 | pc |
| Seattle       | 82       | 58 | s  | 79     | 58 | pc | 72       | 56 | sh | 68     | 54 | sh |
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