



NEWSBRIEFS

Camp for sale

The Girl Scouts of the Rio Grande Council has announced a decision to sell the long-time retreat of Camp Tall Pines in the Mayhill New Mexico area, a site that holds many memories for former Girl Scouts of all ages from this region. Janet Aguilar, board chair, said the "sorrowful" decision was reached because of low resident enrollment and lack of water at the site since the well went dry. Funds from the sale will be used to modernize Camp Pioneer in the Upper Valley of El Paso County, which will serve this region and provide a revenue stream for the Council. Aguilar said surveys have shown that, nationwide, there is low demand for wilderness camps such as Tall Pines, which has latrines, gravity-fed showers and three-sided dorms. Aguilar said Camp Tall Pines, which closed two years ago, "remains frozen in time as it was in 1956." She added that "girls and leaders want what they call 'modern conveniences' at their camps." The "more economical" trend in scouting now is to seek properties that can be rented by councils for camps instead of being owned — she said recent outdoor events for the Rio Grande Council have included camping on the beach in San Diego, white water rafting on the Rio Grande, and horse back riding in the Gila National Forest.

Big visit

Texas Railroad Commissioner, Michael Williams, the honorary chair for the state of Texas Big Brothers Big Sisters (BBBS) program and local superintendents and administrators will attend a special luncheon to celebrate the "BIGS" who have made a difference for children in the Canutillo Independent School District at 11 a.m., Thursday, Dec. 1, at its administrative facility, 7965 Artcraft, according to spokesman Kim Guzman. The luncheon is to showcase the BBBS program and Canutillo High School's mentoring program. The hope is to encourage other school districts to get involved with BBBS, according to Rosario Olivera, CISD coordinator for BBBS. "Canutillo ISD is a pioneer in the high school based mentoring initiative in the El Paso area," said Rebecca Reynolds, BBBS representative. "Having BBBS in the school district was a huge success last year for the teachers, students, and administration who were involved. This year has shown continued success and involvement in the very beneficial mentoring relationships between high school kids and elementary kids." Canutillo ISD and BBBS of El Paso will celebrate the partnership they formed a year ago. Through the partnership, CISD was able to attain almost 100 mentoring matches that provided social and emotional support for the most at-risk children.

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There's one thing for which you should be abundantly thankful — only you and God have all the facts about yourself.

— Quips & Quotes



— Photo by Paul Dion

UNVEILING — One year ago the historic Socorro Mission was surrounded by scaffolding and orange barrels — as shown above. Dramatic improvements have taken place during the painstaking restoration process and on Dec. 7, the community is invited to come view the results.

Ceremony to mark successful completion of Socorro Mission preservation project

By James Hare
Special to the Courier

MISSION VALLEY — A special mass and community celebration in Socorro on Dec. 7 will acknowledge the long-term efforts by preservation partners to prevent the collapse of one of the most significant historic buildings in Texas.

Ceremonies at the mission of Nuestra Señora de la Limpia Concepción to mark completion of the extensive Socorro Mission Preservation Project will take place at the mission, 328 S.

Nevarez Road, in Socorro, on Dec. 7.

The Most Reverend Armando X. Ochoa, D.D., the Bishop of El Paso, will officiate at the special mass, to which the public is cordially invited. A community potluck co-hosted by the project's principal local partners — the Catholic Diocese of El Paso, Historic Missions Restoration, Inc., the La Purísima Restoration Committee, and Cornerstones Community Partnerships of Santa Fe, New Mexico — will immediately follow the

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Canutillo ISD appoints Padilla as interim superintendent

By Kim Guzman
Special to the Courier

UPPER VALLEY — Dr. Pam Padilla was named interim superintendent for the Canutillo Independent School District by the Board of Trustees during a special board meeting held recently. Dr. Padilla will take over the leadership of the district following the retirement of Charles Hart, which will be effective Jan. 1, 2006.

"CISD is fortunate to have had Mr. Hart as superintendent for all these years," said Dr. Padilla. "He is leaving the district in a financially stable position, with a high performing staff and progressive and effective educational programs in place."

Dr. Padilla has been the Assistant Superintendent for Student Performance for nearly four years after serving as Director of Special Programs when she first came to Canutillo ISD in September of 2001. She brings 26 years of educational experience to the top job including previous superintendent experience.

She served as a senior field service agent and coordinator of field services in the Region 20

Education Service Center in San Antonio, Texas for nearly a year before coming to the Canutillo district. She provided mentoring and technical assistance to superintendents of public school districts and charter school directors in all areas of school operations.

Dr. Padilla also served as Superintendent for Anthony ISD from 1997-2000. Prior to her service for Anthony ISD, she served three years as Director of Curriculum and Instruction and Deputy Director for the Region 19 Education Service Center, where she assisted with the implementation of the Professional Development and Appraisal System (PDAS) at the state and regional levels.

"Dr. Padilla has been an asset for the District as the Assistant Superintendent for Student Performance. It is the intention of the Board of Trustees to maintain a focused leadership in the District that will continue to provide for the success of every student who attends our schools. We have the utmost confidence in Dr. Padilla," said Sergio Coronado, Board President for CISD.

Canutillo ISD currently serves about 5,200 students in four elementary schools, one middle school, and one high school; and employs 825 regular staff members.



Pam Padilla



Charles Hart

Gov. Perry addresses first Texas Tax Reform Commission meeting

By Kathy Walt
Special to the Courier

AUSTIN — Gov. Rick Perry today told members of the Texas Tax Reform Commission that their ultimate recommendations on reforming the state tax structure should focus on the goals of lowering property taxes,



CUT 'EM — Rick Perry wants lower property taxes for Texas homeowners.

ensuring greater tax fairness, and providing a long-term, reliable source of funding for public schools.

"The way in which Texas chooses to construct a new tax system will have a tremendous impact on every aspect of our future, from our ability to attract jobs and economic growth, to the prosperity of our families, to the quality of education our children receive in tomorrow's public school classrooms," Perry said at the commission's inaugural meeting.

Perry appointed 24 individuals to serve on the commission. The panel will hold public hearings around the state to gather input before making legislative recommendations to reform the Texas tax structure.

"As the leaders of Texas' diverse and thriving private sector, from various industries and different regions of the state, you bring to this debate a fresh perspective and a wide range of expertise that will be essential to crafting a bipartisan plan that both chambers of the legislature can support," he added. "And just as importantly, your service on this Commission provides Texas taxpayers an opportunity to let their voices be heard so that they might have a greater say over their taxpaying destiny."

Perry also stressed the need to permanently lower property taxes. "The fact is, every year countless Texans are denied the opportunity to fully participate in the American dream simply because they can't afford the tax bill associated with owning their own home," Perry said. "And if property taxes are not permanently reduced, we will soon reach a day when the tax burden will force thousands of families to choose between foreclosure or selling the dream home they worked a lifetime to achieve."

In delivering his charge to the Commission, the governor outlined five key principles to guide deliberations on business tax reforms. Perry said the new business tax system must be fair, broad-based, modern, understandable to taxpayers and competitive with other states "so that Texas can continue to attract jobs by maintaining our reputation for having the best business climate in America."

Perry announced in September that he was creating the advisory commission and named Democrat and former comptroller John Sharp to chair the Commission.



One perspective

By Francis Shrum

A touch of refinement

So here I am, see, sitting in this tea room.

The afternoon sun is filtering through the excruciatingly beautiful autumn foliage into these huge, embarrassingly clean windows and bouncing off pristine cream and white walls. I've got my elbows on the starched white table cloth before I remember and quickly put my hands in my lap.

I'll behave with refinement if it's the last thing I do.

Oddly enough, I'm doing this voluntarily. I can't be classified as anything other than a red-neck. Taking nourishment to me is serving up plenty of food, good and hot, and eating it before it gets cold. If somebody's manners are lacking a little, look somewhere else. You can talk after you're full.

Clearly, this isn't the way everybody does it. There are actually places in the world, I learned, like the Ritz in New York City, where folks will go on a long waiting list just to pay in excess of \$100 a seat to be served an English tea.

There are any number of rituals associated with the way our European counterparts take their tea. They clearly differ from the way we Americans eat — in a hurry — and they enjoy loitering over their snacks, I mean, their food. They serve up little cucumber sandwiches and scones — which are tiny little old dried up biscuits — and they consume it all at a painfully slow pace. If they use milk, they put it in the cup before pouring the tea which seemed a little on the weak side to me.

I drink tea regularly, too, a big old mug of hot, black variety ev-

ery morning except Saturdays, with a dollop of honey that would embarrass anybody not given to excess of one kind or another. My cup is one of those over-sized, insulated metal camping cups with my nickname, Frank, engraved on the side. I've had it for years, a gift on some long ago birthday or other. Nobody uses it but me. So I have my traditions, too.

Still, it can't hurt to learn a new thing every now and again. So while at a recent gathering of my crowd in Tulsa, Oklahoma, I was offered an opportunity to go with a bunch of ladies to a tea room, of all things.

Now, the group of ladies I was hanging with are a ready-kind of folks. You know, people who have been there, done that, lived over it, and still have a sense of humor and a readiness to learn. I don't know how many of them already had formal experience in tea-taking but since there were several of us getting on up there in years, I figure at least some did.

We were directed to a designated table to buy tickets for this event.

"I hear you have refinement for sale here," I said to the lady at the ticket table. "I want to buy some." She gave me a sideways kind of look, took my money, and gave me a lovely ticket, suitable for future use as a bookmark. We car-pooled, eight of us in my transportation, and headed out into the Oklahoma countryside. Thankfully, with my poor sense of direction, one of my companions had been out in this area before, so she rode shotgun. She directed me to turn thither and hence, while relating the rituals of

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Por la Gente By State Rep. Chente Quintanilla

Thanksgiving is a time to reflect

As you good people sit back and reflect on yet another

Thanksgiving, I'm aware that there is much for which we need to be thankful. We live in the greatest nation on this earth and we are thankful that we are Americans. We are fortunate that we have the ability, the intelligence, and the power to do what's right, to do what's good for our country.

We must remember that we are engaged in a dreadful conflict in Iraq. We must realize that some of our finest young men and women are placing their lives on the line every single day, as they fight to protect our democratic principles. Sure, there are disagreements regarding the war. Some people think that we shouldn't be there because our young people are dying. Others believe that we have every right to topple a murderous regime, such as the one that was being perpetrated by Saddam Hussein.

We must support our troops, because they are the ones putting their lives on the line. They wish they could be home for the holidays, but that's not possible. They are our fighting men and women. They understand their duty, they understand

that they must abide by the rules and regulations of the military machine under which they are operating. So, for their sakes, let's wish for a speedy end to this war. Let's wish for a speedy return to their families, to their loved ones, who miss them and yearn for their presence.

I'm also thankful for the support that my constituents have given me. You, the people who voted for me, and stood behind me during some very difficult times this past legislative session. I know it wasn't easy for you to see the battles that we waged to protect our democratic principles against those who would create their own rules, their own agendas.

I'm thankful for my wonderful and beautiful family. My wife, Gracie, has stood by me through thick and thin, through good times and bad times, and through all the elements which made us into a family. My daughters, delightful grandchildren, sons-in-law, sisters and brothers and extended family. I love them all and thank them for always lending their support to me. Although both my parents have passed on, I thank my father for having being the pillar in our family that gave strength and my mother the glue to hold together. I once again thank my parents, for rais-

ing their children and grandchildren to always love their family. I am very blessed to receive the unconditional love my brothers and sisters bestow upon my family and me.

I dearly appreciate my staff, they have made it possible for me to concentrate on the task at hand, being a State Representative, yet knowing that the hard work is actually going on behind the scenes. While I'm at the front lines, battling it out so that I can work to get the best that I can for my constituents, my staff which has made it easier for me to get my work done. I can't be everywhere, but with the fine staff that I have, I don't have to be everywhere. They are behind me, and they are the wheels that make this wagon go.

Now, if we could only bring peace to the warring nations in the Middle East, we'd be that much further along the road to peace and progress. But, we're getting there, slowly but surely. As you reflect on what we have to be thankful for this year, just remember that we are blessed that we live in this country, we are blessed to have our families and we are blessed to be alive to be able and convey our blessings on Thanksgiving Day. As always, I remain your friend and public servant, Chente for la gente.



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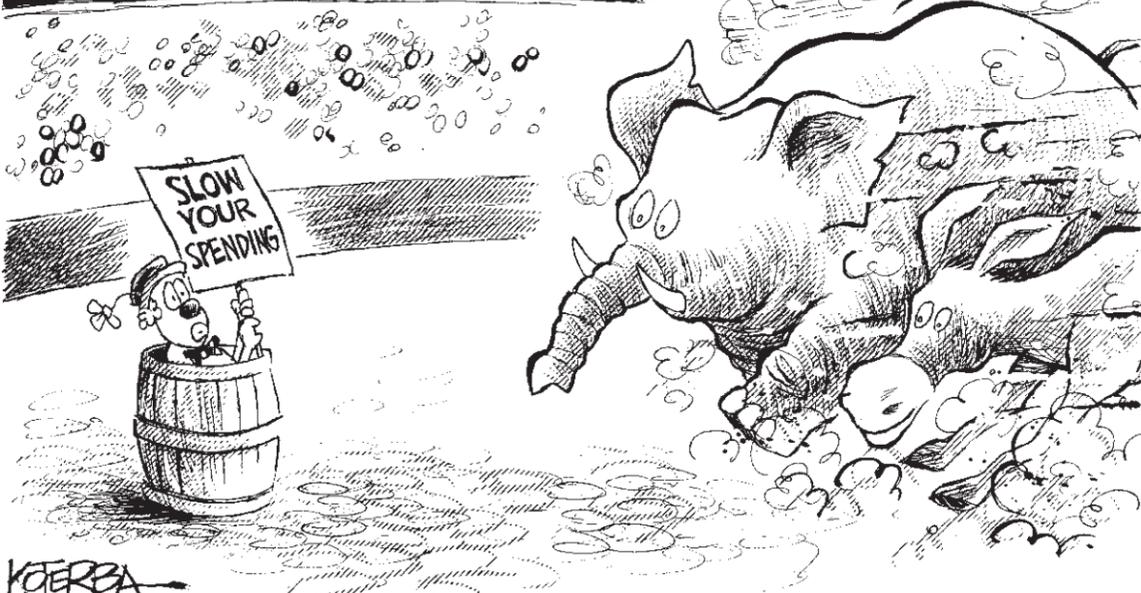
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...Happy Thanksgiving

Please give thanks this holiday for the men and women that serve our country and protect this nation.

Pray that our fellow Texans and all the other fine men and women of this great nation giving service will come home safely.

— Chente Quintanilla
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Reyes Reports By U.S. Rep. Silvestre Reyes

Budget bill falls short of spirit of Thanksgiving

Just as Thanksgiving was approaching, the House of Representatives passed a misguided budget cut package that certainly does not fit in with this season of empathy and sharing.

In an effort to reduce the national deficit, this bill cuts programs that assist hard-working families gain self-sufficiency and improve their quality of life. While there is no question that our troubling deficit is a serious problem that requires long-term, bipartisan fiscal solutions, this bill, which cuts vital services such as Medicaid, food stamps, and student loans couldn't be further from the sound solution we need.

Moreover, when coupled with the \$50-\$70 billion tax cut the majority party wants to pass next month, our deficit will actually increase by about \$20 billion, rendering these cuts for low- and middle-class families virtually ineffective.

I did not vote for this bill, which includes:

- \$14.3 billion in cuts for student loan programs. Many students rely on federal student loans, such as Stafford and Perkins loans, to pay increasing tuition costs. Cuts to stu-

dents would cause short-term and long-term problems — they would prevent deserving students from attending college, and would also hinder America from remaining strong in an increasingly competitive global economy.

- \$11.4 billion in Medicaid cuts. Medicaid is a federal-state partnership that provides health care for our poorest families. This bill will weaken Medicaid by letting states impose premiums and increase cost-sharing for many beneficiaries and services. States could also, for the first time, allow providers to turn away patients who are seeking care but cannot afford the co-payment.

- \$4.9 billion in cuts to child support enforcement. Through child support, single parents — overwhelmingly mothers — can make ends meet and become self-sufficient. Child support enforcement requires non-custodial parents to provide financial and medical support for their children, improves the child's quality of life and even promotes children's achievement in school.

- \$796 million in cuts to food stamps and school lunch programs. The U.S. Department of Agriculture recently reported that the number of

“food insecure” people — those who lack the resources to meet their food needs — is growing in America. Many of those families have been able to make it through the toughest times by enrolling in food stamps programs. This bill would deny about 235,000 individuals access to the program, and would also require about 70,000 legal immigrants to wait seven years to become eligible for food stamps, rather than the current five years.

This week marks Thanksgiving — the holiday of sharing and giving, of concern for neighbors and loved ones. As we move forward, the House and Senate must work together to reconcile our budget bills in the spirit of this holiday. Instead of cuts to low- and middle-income Americans and tax breaks for the wealthy, instead of an unfair, misguided and ineffective bill, everyone must take part in improving our nation's troubling deficit. It is high time we had a candid, bipartisan discussion about the needs of our nation and its current fiscal troubles, rather than one-sided approaches that unnecessarily place burdens on those who are already working so hard to make ends meet.



Moore Texas by Roger T. Moore: Nov. 20, 1866: One of the world's first ice factories opened in San Antonio. Ice was a costly luxury.

Counting blessings this Thanksgiving

Each year on the fourth Thursday of November, families and friends across America gather together to celebrate Thanksgiving. This holiday gives us the chance to reflect on the many blessings we possess as citizens of this strong and wealthy nation.

As we celebrate Thanksgiving 2004, and face our new challenges in America, it's important to give thanks for the many blessings we share as Americans.

We should give thanks for living in a free country ruled by the people. It's easy to forget how fortunate we are to be a democracy. But the recent War on Terrorism has brought us new reason to reflect. The people of Afghanistan did not have the opportunity to elect their leaders. The Taliban leadership took over the government of Afghanistan and rules by nothing short of a dictatorship. Let us be thankful we live in a democracy where we enjoy the freedoms of religion, speech, the press and the right to assemble.

Another simple blessing that is often overlooked is America's free, prosperous economy. Unlike any other nation, America's spirit of individualism and independence has

produced the world's top economy. From the very first families who struggled to farm this country's rich soil to today's high-tech entrepreneurs, the pioneer spirit has propelled our nation to the forefront of discovery and exploration.

Finally, we should give thanks for the thousands of men and women who protect us on a daily basis. The firefighters who protect our homes and places of business; the police officers who look over our family and friends; and of course, the men and women of the armed services, who dutifully watch over our nation. Each of these groups does their part to keep our nation safe from harm's way. We would not be the nation of the free, if we were not also the home of the brave.

As our nation faces the War on Terrorism, now more than ever, we are thankful for the blessings our nation has provided each of us. I hope that on this Thanksgiving day, as family and friends gather around the table, each of you will say a special thanks to the amazing blessings our nation.

God bless each of you and may God continue to bless America. Happy Thanksgiving to you and yours.



By U.S. Rep. Henry Bonilla

Eye on D.C.

Socorro HS Naval ROTC completes intensive annual military inspection

By Carlos A. Briano
Special to the Courier

EAST EL PASO COUNTY — Each year every Naval ROTC unit in the nation has to complete a military inspection. About 600 units nationwide prepare for months, making sure everything is as perfect as can be. And on Nov. 10, it was Socorro High School's turn.

This year Lieutenant Commander Gerald G. Mangrum, Senior Naval Science Instructor for Socorro High School, asked Commander Rick Moncada to be the inspecting officer. Moncada works at Fort Bliss' CONUS Replacement Center processing anywhere from one to 70 naval personnel per week in preparation for deployment to Southwest Asia. Moncada says the annual inspection is a very detailed process.

"I go through all their records and paperwork," he says. "I inspect their spaces, their personnel and observe all their drills, pretty much everything. They won't announce all the winners until the end of the summer. So you can imagine how involved the process is."

All the data collected from all the units is submitted for competition. The paperwork is compared, the units are ranked and area winners are chosen. In addition, a national champion is announced. In 1995, Socorro High School won the national competition.

"That year Socorro High School was the best unit in the whole country," Moncada says. "And today they look pretty good."

Mangrum adds that cadets also received academic merits and the en-



— Photo courtesy Socorro ISD

JOB WELL DONE — On Nov. 10, the Socorro High School Naval ROTC received their annual military inspection conducted by Commander Rick Moncada.

listed cadets were militarily promoted one rank.

"We want to continue to stress the importance of academics here at Socorro," he says.

Many dignitaries were present at the morning inspection and ceremony, including Principal Oscar Troncoso, SISD Superintendent Dr. Robert J. Durón and State Representative Inocente "Chente" Quintanilla.

"It's always a pleasure to come out here and see the beautiful things these young men and young women are accomplishing," Quintanilla says. "Commander Woodward started a great tradition at Socorro and I know it continues to be a great tradition."

Although enlisted cadets do not receive an extra incentive for participa-

tion in Naval ROTC, Moncada says it does give enlistees an extra edge.

"The students already know how to put on a uniform, what it takes to be sharp, the chain of command, how to stand at attention for hours," he says. "They are pushing themselves harder by being in this type of program."

Socorro High School senior Rogelio Salaó, who is the cadet commander, agrees with Moncada but believes Naval ROTC helps everyone, regardless of whether they enlist in a military unit after high school or not.

"There are 155 cadets in our battalion," he says. "And this program is helping all of us to become better citizens and better followers and leaders in our society, as well as here at Socorro High School."

BELIEVE

Men's Basketball

12/3 vs. Texas Southern - 7:05 PM
 12/11 vs. Louisiana Lafayette - 2:05 PM
 12/17 vs. New Mexico State - 7:05 PM
 12/20 vs. Pacific - 7:05 PM

Women's Basketball

11/25 vs. Tulane - 6:05 PM
 12/4 vs. UT Arlington - 2:05 PM
 12/18 vs. Illinois State - 2:05 PM
 12/21 vs. UT Permian Basin - 7:05 PM



— Photo courtesy Socorro ISD

Soup's on!

EAST MONTANA — The Department of Family and Consumer Science at Mountain View High School hosted a soup line for staff on Nov. 10 to raise money for students to participate in FCCLA (Family Career and Community Leaders of America) competition in February. The students in the Food and Nutrition class prepared Yaini which is a Russian soup with beef and apricots, pumpernickel bread, Kentucky pound cake and a choice of hot Russian tea, coffee or iced tea. Coordinating tablecloths and napkins were set and the soup was served by FCCLA students who wore special student designed FCCLA ties which are worn on meeting dates and for other special events. The soup line will continue through February to help 23 of the 46 FCCLA members compete in Odessa. For more information, contact Nita Thompson or Jaclyn Taylor, Family and Consumer Science Instructors at Mountain View High School.

Mission

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7 p.m. mass.

The Socorro Mission, the full name of which is Nuestra Señora de la Limpia Concepción de los Píros de Socorro del Sur, is also affectionately known as La Purísima (the Most Pure). The variety of names used for the mission by the 313-year-old parish reflects a fascinating history. Piro Indian and Spanish refugees from New Mexico who fled the Pueblo Revolt of 1680 established Socorro. By 1691, they had constructed the first mission at Socorro on a site about a mile from the present building. Devastating floods swept the first church away in 1740 and also destroyed its successor, which had been erected closer to the site of the current mission, in 1829.

The present building was rededicated in 1843, when Fray Andrés de Jesus Comacho constructed the nave, which is the main part of the interior of the church. The nave used interior roof supports of decorated corbels and vigas that archaeological evidence suggests were salvaged from the late-17th and early-18th century mission buildings. Other physical additions and alterations over the intervening 162 years have resulted in the distinctive edifice that remains at the heart of the Socorro community today.

Pat Taylor, program manager for Cornerstones' projects in southern New Mexico, emphasizes the importance of the Socorro Mission Preservation Project both for Cornerstones and the Southwest noting that, "This amazing structure is a testament to the original builders. It is one of the most important structures historically and culturally along this part of the Camino Real." The mission is listed in the National Register of Historic Places of 1972 and is a Texas Historic Landmark since 1963.

Over time, however, certain alterations — in particular applications beginning in the 1920s of hard cement-based products to the interior and exterior walls of the building — initiated moisture entrapment and differential movement in the walls that eventually threatened the nationally significant landmark with collapse. Inadequate window and door lintels, drainage problems, the removal of interior structural and architectural braces, deteriorated mortar joints, and lack of adequate routine maintenance also contributed to the building's precarious condition prior to the start of the preservation project.

In 1998, Cornerstones Community Partnerships was invited by La Purísima Restoration Committee in Socorro to conduct a preliminary conditions assessment at the massive adobe building. The walls of the mission are five-feet thick at the base, the main nave measures 22 by 100 feet, and the ceiling in the nave is 26 feet high. The efforts of Cornerstones and the Socorro community have eliminated roof leaks, replaced the concrete "collar" at the base of the church walls with adobe, repaired deteriorated portions of the walls and roof parapet, stabilized the bell tower and facade, and re-plastered the interior using yeso, or gypsum. The exterior interior walls have been covered with permeable mud and lime plasters.

Field staff and volunteers made approximately 20,000 new adobe bricks for use during the preservation effort.

Invaluable new experience in dealing with the structural challenges posed by the ancient mission has also been added to the time-tested expertise of Cornerstones' preservation project coordinators and the knowledge base of the local community.

A significant outcome of the project has been the amount of new archaeological, historical and architectural research conducted in collaboration with the Sociology Anthropology Department of the UTEP and the El Paso Archaeological Society (EPAS). Support from the International Council on Monuments and Sites (ICOMOS) also enabled Jacobo Herdoiza, an Ecuadorian architect and ICOMOS intern, to prepare a series of unprecedented architectural drawings based on research originally conducted by Jesuit archivist Ernest J. Burrus. Herdoiza's drawings have been included in an informative brochure authored by Cornerstones' Jean Fulton, Socorro Mission Preservation Project assistant coordinator. In addition to Ecuador, the project has hosted ICOMOS interns from South Africa, Ghana, Mexico, and Australia. The North American Community Service (NACS) project has also supplied interns from Canada, Mexico, and the United States.

From start to finish, the Socorro Mission Preservation Project crew has successfully trained and supervised workers from diverse groups including 'welfare-to-work' adult trainees, clients with the felony and juvenile court systems and students from the nearby K.E.Y.S. Academy. Contributors to the successful volunteer program include: the Upper Rio Grande/Texas Workforce Commission; Pct. 6 Judge Ruben Lujan's Juvenile Court System in Clint; West Texas Community Supervision and Corrections Department; Texas Department of Family and Protective Services; Lee and Beulah Moore Children's Home; Schaeffer Halfway House; the Center for Civic Engagement at UTEP; the Southwest Key program; and electricians from the El Paso Community College Advanced Technical Center.

Collaboration among many additional organizations — Native American, Hispanic, and Mexican — is credited with the success of this major preservation initiative. Generous individual, private, corporate, and public benefactors donated the necessary funding and in-kind services. The Houston Endowment provided core support. State Sen. Eliot Shapleigh, U.S. Congressman Sylvestre Reyes, and U.S. Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison were instrumental in helping to secure a Save America's Treasures appropriation which is the federal "bricks and mortar" preservation program administered by the National Park Service of the U.S. Department of the Interior.

For information phone on this project, call 858-4655.

Since 1986, Cornerstones Community Partnerships has worked to preserve historic architecture at more than 300 locations in New Mexico and the Southwest. Cornerstones has built an international reputation for the creative use of historic preservation as a tool for community revitalization, and as a method for engaging both youths and adults in the conservation of traditional building skills and cultural traditions. It is a non-profit organization located at 227 Otero St., Santa Fe, New Mexico, 87501. For more information or to make a tax-deductible donation, visit the Cornerstones web site at www.cstones.org

Briefs

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In other news

■ About 63 percent of Texans are overweight and more than half don't get enough exercise. This dilemma is one reason for the Greater El Paso YMCA's 29th Annual Turkey Trot, an attempt to help area residents balance holiday eating with a little healthy exercise. Texas Health Services Commissioner Dr. Eduardo Sanchez and his family will be in El Paso to participate in the event, a 5K competitive event on Thanksgiving Day, Nov. 24, beginning at 7:30 a.m. at the Central YMCA, 701 Montana. For more information call 533-3941.

■ The City of Socorro and Fiesta Mercado Shopping Center will host their Third Annual Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony on Nov. 25, inviting to this event all of Socorro and the entire Mission Valley. This annual event will be attended by community dignitaries and Santa Claus will give children candy bags and toys. Carolers from multiple area schools will provide live entertainment with holiday songs. Call Margie Perez 859-6424 for more information.

■ All former students and staff of Clint Junior High School are invited to assist the 7th grade GT class in collecting memories of this historic campus which formed the heart of the Clint School District's beginnings. Alumni of this campus who would like their responses recorded as part of this project are

invited to visit the website at www.clintweb.net or call 926-8100. Prompt responses are requested as the project is on deadline.

■ Escontrias Early Childhood Center, 10400 Alameda Ave., will host their fifth annual Winter Carnival on Friday, Dec. 9 from 3:15-6 p.m. There will be food, games and entertainment by students, a cake walk, duck pond, basketball, darts, loteria and much more. "Our winter carnival is going to be a blast," says organizer Melissa Vega. "We've had much success in the past and expect this year to be better. We invite the entire community to celebrate this event with us. It promises to be a great source of entertainment for everyone." Call Melissa Vega at 937-4200 for more information.

■ The Socorro High School Teatristas are hosting a Christmas Fair on Dec. 3, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at St. Timothy Lutheran Church, 11050 Montwood Drive. The Fair will raise funds for their trip to Edinburgh, Ireland in August as one of 15 high school theatre groups from the U.S. invited to perform at the Fringe Festival, a month-long event which is the largest international performing arts festival in the world. The community is invited to join the SHS group for food, entertainment and face painting for the children. Vendor tables are still available — call Blanca Romero for more information at 859-2865 or Troy Herbort, 937-2244.

■ Navy Seaman Recruit Andres Rubioperez, son of Maria L. Rubioperez and Andres Rubio of El Paso County, recently com-

pleted U.S. Navy basic training at Recruit Training Command, Great Lakes, Ill. His training included both classroom study and practical instruction on numerous levels including firefighting, survival, shipboard and aircraft safety and medical care. An emphasis was also placed on physical fitness. The capstone event of boot camp is "Battle Stations" — an exercise designed to instill skills and confidence in the recruit. Rubioperez is a 2005 graduate of Socorro High School.

■ Salvador H. Sanchez, 321 N. Rio Vista Rd., is trying to raise money so students will be able to travel to Europe for cultural, historical and literary learning. Their first fund-raising event will be a garage sale on Saturday Dec. 10 from 8 a.m.-1 p.m. "We think this trip will be a wonderful educational experience for our students," says teacher Sarah Carrasco. "We hope the community will help us with this and other fundraising endeavors."

■ El Paso County will receive \$357,084 from the U.S. Department of Justice's (DOJ) State Criminal Alien Assistance Program (SCAAP) for fiscal year 2005. The federal government created SCAAP in 1997 to assist states and localities in defraying the costs associated with the incarceration of criminal undocumented immigrants. El Paso has received over \$4 million in SCAAP funds since the program's inception, which is a valuable asset to the El Paso community and other border communities, though annual appropriations for SCAAP have decreased.

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El Paso high schools are showing up in elite football games

By Steve Escajeda
Special to the Courier

Can you hear it? Well, the truth is, I can't hear it, either. What neither of us can hear are the sarcastic cries from the rest of Texas that El Paso isn't a player in the state high school football playoffs, and never will be.

The Riverside Rangers started things three years ago by advancing to the third round of the state playoffs two seasons in a row.

But the Rangers have been waiting for the rest of the city to follow their lead — and now it finally has.

Though the Rangers took it on the chin over the weekend, being drubbed 52-0 in their area-round playoff game, two other teams picked up the slack for the city of El Paso with impressive victories.

The Franklin Cougars did what the majority of El Paso playoff representatives have done over the years and fell behind Mansfield Summit 28-0 in the first quarter.

But what the Cougars didn't do at that point

was call it a day. Franklin charged back to get within two touchdowns at halftime — 31-17 — and carried that momentum to the second half where the Cougars closed the deal on a brilliant 41-38 win.

Having the game of his life for Franklin was quarterback Alex Torres, who rushed for 198 yards and passed for another 209. Torres also threw a touchdown pass and rushed for two more.

The second local school to advance to the third round were the Chapin Huskies, who raced out to a 21-0 lead en route to a basketball-like 62-43 win over Big Spring.

The big man of the ball game for Chapin was the same guy it's been all year, quarterback Marco Chavez.

Chavez, who threw for 260 yards and rushed for 91 more, tossed a whopping six touchdown passes and ran for another.

With the victories, both Franklin and Chapin are 11-1 on the season.

Franklin now meets powerful Euless Trinity at Texas Stadium on Saturday at 3:30 p.m. local time and Chapin will take on Aledo High

in Midland on Saturday at 2:30 p.m. After going decades without any El Paso teams beating those out-of-town bullies, the locals are now making a habit of sending at least one team fairly deep into the state playoffs.

And the reasons for the long disparity aren't hard to define. El Paso has a ton of high schools and the talent around the city is spread out and watered down.

Other Texas cities have so many more students to choose from and that leans the talent scale in their favor.

El Paso lacks in sheer numbers but makes up for it with heart and a rugged confidence.

Will Franklin and Chapin go much further in the playoffs? The odds are not in their favor. But I'll tell you one thing.

I won't bet against them.

Trojans overrated

A lot has been made of the USC Trojans this season — too much, if you ask me.

USC has been ranked #1 for as long as I can remember and have won 33 games in a row. All that is true and all that is very impressive.

But now many media types are calling them one of the greatest teams in college football history.

Well, to tell you the truth, I don't even think they are the best team this year. In fact, I think they rank third behind Texas and LSU.

A true superpower rolls over its opponents. USC has escaped with its life so many times they often look extremely mortal.

Last week was no different as the Trojans had to rally to get by Fresno State 50-42. At many times in the game, Fresno looked like the better team but dumb mistakes deep in USC territory cost them the game.

What USC has is an incredible offense with some incredible players, including college's most incredible player, Reggie Bush.

But the Trojans' defense couldn't stop Franklin or Chapin.

Texas is the most complete college team in the country and LSU is probably playing the best football of anyone right now.

Though the Trojans have always done what they had to do to win, teams that are considered the best in history don't get themselves in those situations to begin with.



Refinement

From Page 2

a wedding in Africa she attended one time.

We arrived at this lovely establishment nestled off by itself in the autumn landscape and were ushered into a series of spacious rooms. We were given a few pep talks on tea, its history and traditions in the lives of our English

brotherhood, and were served up a series of tiny veggie sandwiches, biscuits that were not called biscuits, flavored bits of bread and some little cream-filled pastry balls. It was all very tasty and was consumed post haste, leaving us waiting hopefully for what seemed like forever before they brought the next round. It was clearly going to take more than one tea room excursion to get us to slow down on our rate of consumption.

One of my companions — "my

date," I called her — kept admonishing me to sit up straight and behave. She did pretty well herself — I was surprised since her husband is always telling me that "you can take the girl out of the barrio but you can't take the barrio out of the girl."

I was pretty proud of us as we concluded our education in refinement and began to filter out to our cars, until one lady whispered to me that she was glad to get out of there. "I've been as nice as I can for as long as I

can," she said. We all started laughing uproariously, which was probably a breach of protocol.

As we drove off, I was wondering how soon we could have supper.

It's a good thing to do something a little different every now and again, but my tea room experience made me painfully aware of one thing.

If I had actually been able to purchase refinement, I was probably going to get home with little more than just a touch of it.

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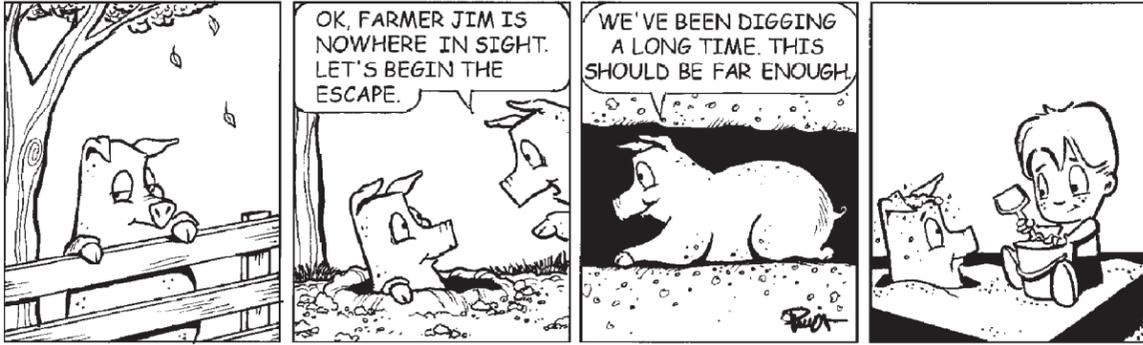


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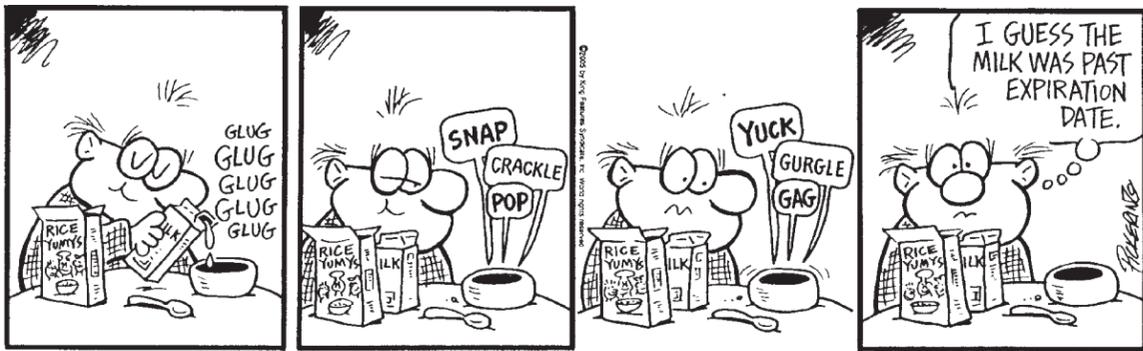
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Bond situation not very punny

By Don Flood

Recently, a replacement for a high-ranking official was announced that could have far-reaching ramifications.

I'm speaking, of course, about the introduction of the new James Bond — actor Daniel Craig, who I'm afraid made a hash of things at his first press conference.

Right away he declared he didn't like guns and then started babbling about preferring his martinis straight up.

"There, there, old boy," I wanted to say. "No need to spill too much information the first time out."

Fortunately, he shut up before announcing he had no interest in either gadgets or Bond girls.

From a mere actor, his pronouncements would have been tolerable. But he is now James Bond, preserver of both Western Civilization and the fantasies of middle-aged white men.

But the big news for many was that he is a blond, setting up the hysterically funny pun of "My name is Blond, James Blond."

This is almost as funny — but only almost — as telling the waitress you're ordering fish "just for the halibut." (Go ahead, you can use that joke instead of leaving a tip like most people do. She'll love it!)

Language alert: While I used the word waitress there because it seemed to fit, I have just this minute been informed by the Language Police that waitresses no longer exist. Nowadays everybody's a server.

Some even finesse the identification altogether, saying, "I'll be taking care of you this evening."

Which to me sounds like they're promising a little more than they're ready to deliver. I'm

tempted to pull off my sock and say, "Well, thanks, I could use a foot rub."

But back to puns, which I was discussing before I was so rudely interrupted by myself.

Or more to the point, the lack of puns in situations where people are clearly under the delusion they are delivering puns.

I'm talking about the use of the phrase "no pun intended," when, in fact, no pun was made in the first place.

People will say something like, "Wow, if it keeps raining, we'll have to build an ark — no pun intended."

And I'm like, Wait just a minute here! That's not a pun. That's not even sort of a pun.

In fact, it's barely a joke, and what you have just committed is Felony Humor in the First Degree!

But is there a Humor Policeman around when you need one?

Noooooooo! They're all sitting around telling the latest knock-knock jokes.

So it's up to us, my fellow citizens, to enforce the Laws of Humor and to see that offenders are caught and punished.

Normally a kind and patient man, I find that nothing answers like a good horsewhipping.

"What you have just told" — *Crack!* — "was simply a bad joke." *Crack! Crack!* "NOT A PUN!" *Crack! Crack! Crack!*

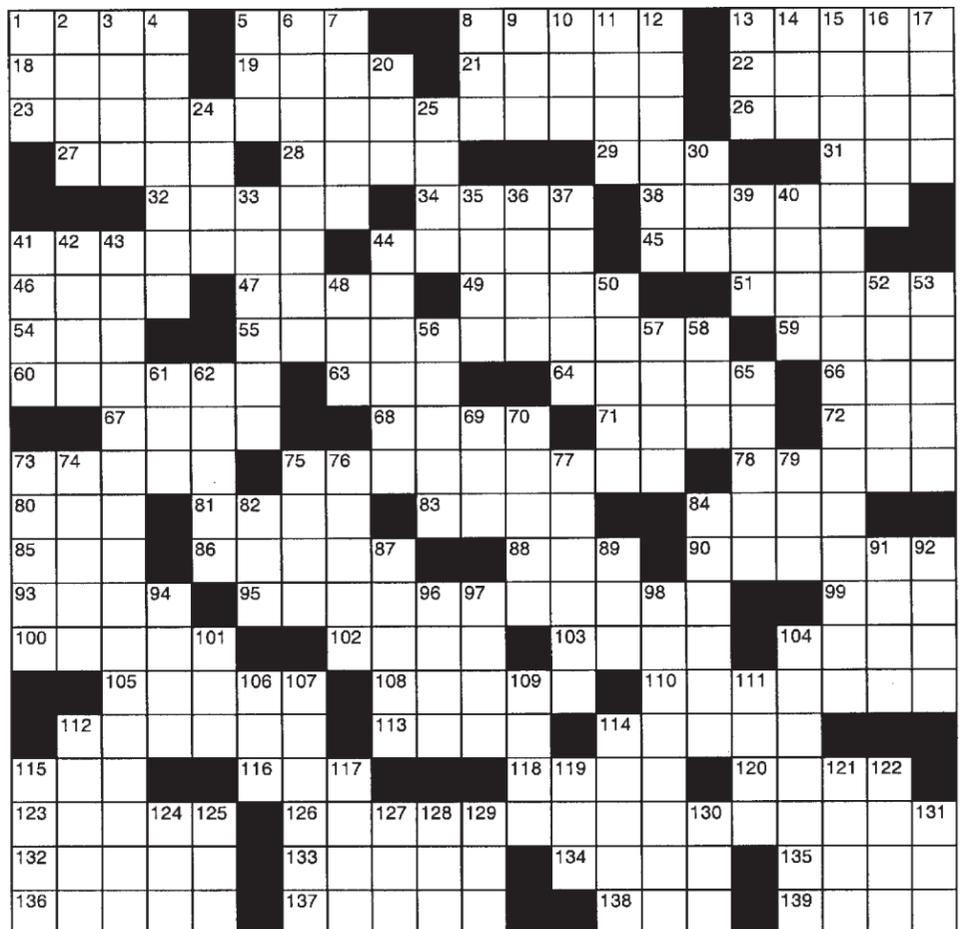
Oh sure, it seems a bit harsh the first time you do it, but studies testify to its effectiveness in treating humor disorders of this nature.

And if we're lucky, in the next installment we'll watch James Bond rid the world of the evil Dr. Non-Pun — no pun intended.

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Electricians can avoid state test if requirements met by Dec. 31

TEXAS — Time is becoming an issue for qualified electricians who want obtain a state electrical license without passing the state electrical exam during the state's second electrical licensing grandfathering period.

Senate Bill 1317, which was passed by the 79th Texas Legislature, re-opened the grandfathering period, but also set a deadline of Dec. 31, 2005. Applicants who have not completed all requirements for licensure by then will be ineligible to take advantage of the grandfathering period provisions.

The law allows two routes to a state license without a test. First, any electrician who can show that they hold or

have held a municipal or regional electrical license and can meet experience requirements may use that license as the basis for a state license. Second, electricians who live and work in areas of the state where no electrical licensing existed prior to the creation of the state license may qualify for a license without testing if they can demonstrate that they meet specific experience or education requirements.

"Consumers have a right to know that any licensed electrician that they retain has the knowledge and experience to properly perform his job," said William Kuntz, TDLR's executive director. "But an electrician that

has already proven that he is qualified shouldn't be required to prove it again to get a state license."

After the grandfathering period ends on Dec. 31, applicants for most license types will be required to pass a test demonstrating they have a working knowledge of the electrical code. Only applicants for apprentice and business licenses will not be required to pass a test.

For information about electrician licensing, applicants may contact TDLR's Customer Service Division at (800) 803-9202 or (512) 463-6599 or by email to customer.service@license.state.tx.us.

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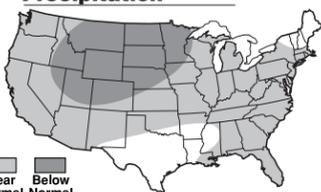
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Moon

	Rise	Set
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Thu.	none	1:12 p.m.
Fri.	12:52 a.m.	1:37 p.m.
Sat.	1:48 a.m.	2:02 p.m.
Sun.	2:44 a.m.	2:29 p.m.
Mon.	3:43 a.m.	2:57 p.m.
Tues.	4:45 a.m.	3:31 p.m.

Last	New
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Amarillo, TX	70	35	s	67	39	s	68	37	s	61	34	s
Austin, TX	81	49	s	80	44	s	74	48	s	72	53	sh
Brownsville, TX	87	59	s	82	60	pc	83	63	sh	81	63	pc
Dodge City, KS	71	39	s	65	34	s	64	34	s	62	31	pc
Jackson, MS	65	48	s	71	43	pc	62	39	s	60	47	s
Laredo, TX	84	58	s	84	59	pc	79	60	pc	75	58	pc
Little Rock, AR	70	47	s	65	36	s	60	33	s	60	44	s
Lubbock, TX	72	38	s	68	35	s	70	37	s	63	38	s
Memphis, TN	65	46	s	60	41	s	55	37	s	54	42	s
Midland, TX	77	41	s	72	44	s	69	41	s	66	42	s
Pueblo, CO	67	23	s	63	21	s	63	22	s	57	19	s
Roswell, NM	76	32	s	66	35	s	68	33	s	66	34	s
St. Louis, MO	63	36	pc	48	27	pc	40	28	pc	48	36	pc
San Antonio, TX	80	52	s	81	51	s	76	52	s	70	55	sh
Texarkana, AR	77	49	s	70	43	s	63	44	s	64	48	s
Waco, TX	78	50	s	76	47	s	71	48	s	69	51	sh
Wichita, KS	70	39	pc	60	33	s	56	34	s	60	37	pc

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