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35th SISD campus

As the 37,000 students of Socorro ISD returned to school following the holiday break, about 500 students were transferring to the district's newly completed John Drugan School, the district's 35th campus. The Drugan students have been housed in portable buildings on the campus of Sierra Vista Elementary School since the beginning of school. Principal Susan Cook said the teachers and students were eager to begin school in their own buildings and "make it our home." Open house for parents was held on Wednesday.

In other news

■ Seasonal farm worker families are offered the High School Equivalency Program (HEP) at UTEP, which provides free GED classes and testing and English and Spanish. For more information call Hector J. Acosta at 747-7654 or 5567. The session runs Jan. 23-March 31.

■ Connections, a division of Community Solutions of El Paso, is a non profit organization which provides specialized mentoring for children of parents who are in prison. Free training is being offered for volunteers from the East El Paso County area. The training will be on Saturday, Jan. 14 in Horizon City from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. For further information and location, call Carolyn at 861-7733.

■ Socorro ISD Community Learning Center is hosting "Introduction to Microsoft PowerPoint" classes at 313 S. Rio Vista beginning Jan. 12 from 1 to 2:45 p.m. Monday through Thursday each day. This class will cover the basics of PowerPoint and is open to all levels of computer literacy. The schedule will follow the SISD District calendar. For more information call 937-1704 or 937-1700.

■ The Northeast Teen Network and the

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The mind stretched by a new idea never returns to its original dimensions.

— Quips & Quotes

Proposed rezoning results in controversy in Socorro

By Arleen Beard
 Special to the Courier

SOCORRO — There was a large turnout at the regularly scheduled Socorro City Council meeting on Jan. 5 due to a proposed rezoning request.

The parcel of land in question, at 11700 Coker Road, is owned by Guillermo Gandara, father of Socorro Mayor Willie Gandara, Jr. and City Representative Gary Gandara.

The request was to rezone from single family to general commercial use. The majority of the people voicing concern were opposed to the rezoning. It was stated by some community members who addressed City Council on this issue that they were opposed due to what they said was "the motive of the rezoning."

They said Guillermo Gandara has plans to build a hall for events and parties and they said that people who reside in or near the area are concerned for the safety of their children. They feel the hall would bring traffic that the street could not support. The citizens said they were also concerned about having people leave the parties and drive their vehicles after a night of consuming alcoholic beverages. This, they said, would endanger their neighborhood.

Another concern regarding this parcel of land was that it was alleged that Guillermo Gandara had been issued citations for not having the needed building permits and also for violating zoning codes, which was confirmed by Reyes Fierro, Director of Public Works for Socorro.

Guillermo Gandara then addressed Council and criticized the land around the property, stating it was a dump. He presented Council with



Guillermo Gandara

pictures to support his criticism. He also alleged his neighbors have been having rodeos in the area around him that brings traffic and alcohol and also alleged that other property owners are operating commercial businesses without the proper rezoning. After considerable discussion and input from community members, Council elected to table the agenda item to investigate the allegations being made by both sides of the issue.

Following the vote, Council took a short recess during which most of the community members exited the building including Guillermo Gandara. There was a verbal argument between both sides of the issue outside the building. Two television stations had representatives in attendance at the meeting to cover this issue and Gandara was allowed the opportunity to defend his reasoning for the proposed rezoning in front of the cameras of the two television stations. During his interview it was evident he was disturbed by the opposition he was receiving, but a few minutes into the interview, Gandara said he was withdrawing his application for the rezoning and stated he would no longer pursue the request.

One community member, Amanda Williams, was also afforded the opportunity by the TV stations to voice her concerns. She stated her opposition was due to the safety of the children and concerns about the traffic and alcohol the proposed facility would bring. She did admit that there were rodeos taking place in the surrounding area, but said they would only happen once about three months.

In other news, Council approved a resolution imposing a six month moratorium on approval of any permits for, and/or rezoning changes to allow the establishment of new or relocating junk yards, recycling centers, scrap yards, demolition yards, and other businesses involved with the dismantling, wrecking, storage and/or sale of recyclable products. City Representative Trini Lopez said he hopes to eliminate any future businesses locating in Socorro.

PSB to dedicate new Upper Valley Water Treatment Plant

UPPER VALLEY — The new Upper Valley Water Treatment Plant, 9070 N. Vinton Road, will be dedicated by El Paso Water Utilities (EPWU) and the Public Service Board at 10 a.m. on Jan. 18. The plant is a component of facilities built to comply with the new regulation for arsenic in drinking water.

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) limit for arsenic in public water supplies is 50 parts per billion, explained Hector Gonzalez, Strategic Business Manager for the EPWU. He said an example of one part per billion would be one packet of artificial sweetener sprinkled into an Olympic-size swimming pool full of water.

The EPA revised the regulation in 2001, and the new limit is 10 parts per billion, with public water systems mandated to comply by Jan. 23, 2006. El Paso Water Utilities will have the necessary facilities on line to comply with the deadline, Gonzalez said.

The concentration in El Paso's 152 wells averages 12 parts per billion, and

46 of 152 wells require treatment to comply with the new regulation. The process used to treat Rio Grande water removes arsenic, so El Paso's river water will not require additional treatment.

The 30-million-gallon-per-day Upper Valley Plant will treat wells in the Mesilla Bolson. The water will be delivered to the Upper Valley, the West Side, and areas beyond the city limits such as Canutillo, Vinton and Westway.

In 2004, 11 wells located in the Lower Valley were equipped with individual reverse osmosis units that remove arsenic and inorganic salts from water, Gonzalez said. Three additional facilities built in Northeast and East El Paso use granular iron-based media to treat wells in the Hueco Bolson.

El Paso Water Utilities' arsenic treatment program is the largest in the United States, Gonzalez said, adding that the total construction cost for the city's arsenic removal facilities is \$75 million.



Desmond "Corky" Corcoran

Horizon City says goodbye to first mayor, Desmond 'Corky' Corcoran

Desmond Patrick Corcoran, also known as "Corky," was a vigorous and influential member of the El Paso County community for more than half a century. He died on Sunday, Jan. 8, 2006 at the age of 84.

Corcoran was born March 9, 1921 in Milford, Nebraska to Irish immigrants Bridget and Michael Corcoran. An accomplished violinist, he attended the University of Nebraska to study music but World War II intervened. He joined the Merchant Marines as the sole radio operator on merchant ships that sailed the North Atlantic and Pacific.

He married Norma DeTone on May 17, 1946, and he owned a radio and appliance repair shop in Omaha, Nebraska until the Philco Corporation brought the Corcorans to El Paso in 1951.

A member of Holy Spirit Catholic Church in Horizon City, Corcoran was a founder and the first president of the El Paso Private Pilots Association, a member of the Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association, founded the El Paso School of Electronics in 1961, was awarded a U.S. Patent for his electronic inventions. He also served 40 years with the Service Corp of Retired Executives (SCORE).

In 1998, Corcoran was elected the first mayor of the newly incorporated Horizon City and served three consecutive terms. He authored an enlightening and humorous account of his years as Horizon City's mayor in his book, *The Mayor and His Council*.

He remained actively involved in his church, community and city service until illness halted his activities in late summer. Even confined to his home, however, he continued to receive visitors and enjoy friends and relatives.

He is survived by his beloved wife of 59 years, Norma; his daughter, Maureen Corcoran of Coppell, TX and son, Steven Corcoran; granddaughter, Kristin McCoslin of Lewisville, TX; grandson, Christopher McCoslin of Charleston, SC; and two great-grandchildren.

Visitation with the Corcoran family will be Friday evening, Jan. 13, 6-9 p.m. at the chapel of the Martin Funeral Home East, 1460 George Dieter, with recitation of the rosary at 7 p.m.

Memorial Mass will be held on Saturday, Jan. 14, 2006 at 12:30 p.m. at Holy Spirit Catholic Church in Horizon City.



One perspective

By Francis Shrum

Just today

You hear about those few precious hours, days, or weeks shared with someone they loved who was dying.

I wonder why those last few are so much more important compared to the hundreds we had before.

There's something in human nature that makes us careless with the things we feel we have the most of, be it money, food, friends, possessions, and especially time.

The last few bites of a candy bar taste the best. Even if we miss the middle of the movie, we make sure we're in our seats for the end.

We get much more frugal as our paycheck dribbles out though we were living pretty high on the scale a

few weeks earlier. We're a lot less likely to toss a pair of jeans on the floor or leave our jacket on the bus if it's the only one we own.

Time is the rarest and most precious commodity of all, but when we have the most of it, we value it least.

There's an appropriate "wasting" of time by children at play. We may look at them and think how nice it would be if the only thing we had to worry about was whether we could make one block stay balanced on top of another, or how much mud we could pack into a plastic tub, but to these little tykes this is deadly serious stuff. This moment, this activity, is all that exists in their universe.

Talk about value.

But then we get older. And complicated.

We become wise in our own conceits, poking our noses into other people's affairs instead of minding our own, watching trash TV and entertainment, obsessing over what we want and don't have, commiserating and gossiping with people as miserable as we are.

In short, wasting time.

The heart-wrenching news stories this week about the miners who died in the depths of a West Virginia coal mine was made all the more sad by the obvious fact that they were so very loved by their families, their communities. It makes us heart-sick that apparently if they had not become disoriented and gone the wrong way in the clouded tunnel, they could have cleared the poisonous air to live another day.

Still, I was impressed that at the end of their lives it was apparent that they hadn't wasted much of it. The final words scrawled by one miner were not ones of self-pity but were rather to encourage and comfort his family.

Maybe living close to death on a regular basis does that for you. One of the men was said to have written messages of faith in the dust on the coal cars on his way into the mine each morning.

It seems odd that people who feel they have expectations beyond this physical life are the ones most likely to value it more.

There was a time when Americans understood that the wise use of time and resources was something kids had to be taught at home. We used to tell them the early bird gets the worm. We said early to bed, early to rise, makes a man healthy, wealthy and wise. We used to say things like a penny saved is a penny earned — and waste not, want not.

Then things got easier for American parents and we forgot what we were supposed to be doing with our own time. Though these principals were still true, they required we practice some self-discipline and since self-discipline wasn't necessary to survive, we quit.

Now the schools must have special programs just to tell our kids that unless they put out the daily effort to pass their classes they won't be able to go to college or get a job. Duh!

We're a long way from a time when boys actually aspired to earn a good wage for the sole purpose of providing for a family, or when girls wanted to acquire the skills and attitudes necessary to produce and nurture intelligent and healthy offspring.

Instead, we've allowed our young people to believe that the only thing that matters on a daily basis is what makes them look good, feel good and fulfills their personal desires. They have missed the underlying lesson that what they do with today is who they are — and who they will become.

Maybe we should live today as if it's the last one we have, not necessarily in how much we get done but in what it is we're doing — and how we do it.

If we're still breathing we have one more chance.

Just today.



Por la Gente By State Rep. Chente Quintanilla

Happy New Year, Feliz Año

Hola, mi gente — I want to wish each and every one of you a fantastic new year. May the angels of our better nature continue to bless our trek on the road to success and happiness. I look forward to 2006 with much confidence, ready to tackle the tough issues that your Legislature must confront in the coming year.

We look forward to working in a bi-partisan manner to bring closure to the public education finance issue. It is an issue that we must resolve in a fair and bi-partisan manner.

As the new year is now upon us, we must continue to work hard to

make our community the most vibrant, the most progressive, and the district with the most educated people in El Paso County. By working together, by sticking close to our agenda, we will accomplish much.

As your State Representative for the past four years, it has been a pleasure serving you and representing you in Austin. As we approach a new election year, I ask you to consider my record in voting me in for the next two years. I have always delivered my best to serve the needs and interests of my diverse district. I have introduced legislation to that effect, and I believe I have been successful in carrying out my duties in a respectful, strong, intelligent, and above-board manner.

Once again, mi gente — I hope that all of you had a very wonderful Christmas, surrounded by those you love and by those who love you. I hope that the holiday spirit brought each of you what you most desired. I also hope that it brings us a new attitude in Austin. We must work together — Democrats and Republicans — to accomplish our goals. Yes, we can be partisan to a certain extent, but there are times when being bi-partisan is the best way to go, and that's when we must work together to ensure our fellow Texans that we harbor only the best thoughts and best wishes in the coming year.

Feliz Año — Happy New Year from your friend and public servant, Chente for la gente



Reyes Reports By U.S. Rep. Silvestre Reyes

Providing for veterans in El Paso

Building the necessary infrastructure and capacity to serve the veterans in our region is essential to providing adequate care. The West Texas/Southern New Mexico area boasts about 85,000 veterans and this number continues to grow. As our veteran population increases, so does the demand for critical infrastructure, such as health care facilities, to serve our veterans' needs.

For example, the personnel at El Paso's Veterans Healthcare Center have worked diligently to care for those who have served our country, but have been doing so in increasingly cramped and outdated facilities. However, this past December, I was honored to participate in the groundbreaking ceremony at El Paso's Veterans Healthcare Center for a \$4 million, three-floor expansion, which will enable the center to augment the existing capabilities by providing increased services in areas such as behavioral health and physical therapy. I am proud that the \$4

million in federal funding was included in the fiscal year 2004 budget for the Veterans Administration that Congress approved, and look forward to the Healthcare Center's completion in 2007.

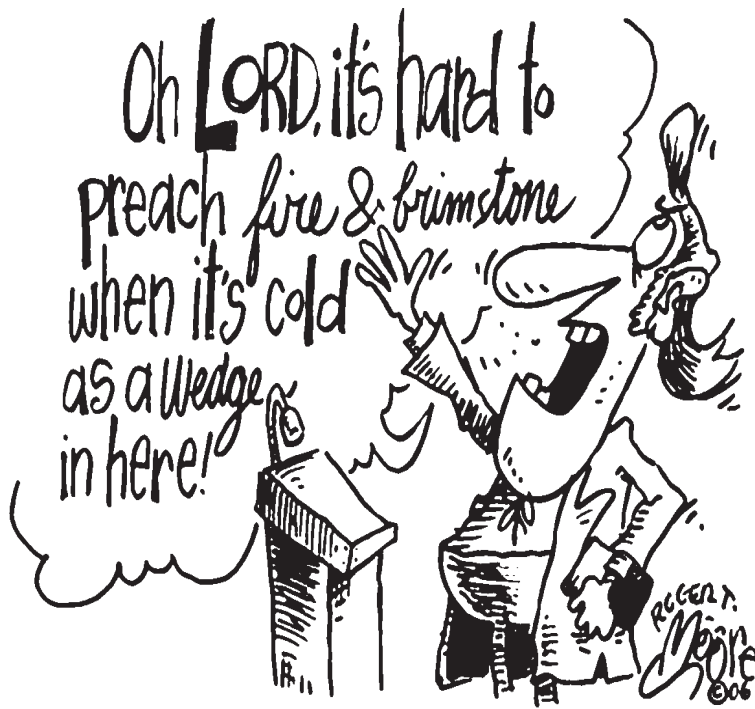
Also, in November 2002, I laid the groundwork for the establishment of a State Veterans Nursing Home when Congress authorized the 44 acres of land at Fort Bliss to the County of El Paso. Our hard work paid off on July 19, 2005 when the Ambrosio Guillen State Veterans Nursing Home opened its doors as the first veterans nursing home to be located in a major Texas metropolitan area.

As a founding member and co-chair of the Congressional USO Caucus and a member of the House Veterans' Affairs Committee, I was also happy to participate in the recent dedication of the USO's "Wounded Warrior Room" at William Beaumont Army Medical Center. This room will be for wounded soldiers from Operation Iraqi Freedom and Operation Enduring Freedom to use while they are being treated at William Beaumont Army Medical Center. As more and more soldiers defending our na-

tion around the globe come back with injuries, there is a growing need for this facility.

While the addition of these three facilities is a step in the right direction, we must ensure that the proper funding is available for all VA programs, specifically healthcare. Earlier in 2005, I was disappointed by the inadequate budget proposal for the Department of Veterans Affairs. As a member of both the House Armed Services Committee and the Veterans Affairs Committee, I consistently urged my colleagues to provide the necessary funding to meet the needs of our veterans and Congress ultimately authorized an additional \$1.5 billion for healthcare after the Department of Veterans Affairs Secretary R. James Nicholson acknowledged the need for nearly \$1 billion in additional VA healthcare funding for fiscal year 2005. I hope that next year Congress does the right thing, also.

I will continue to work to ensure funding for veterans healthcare is available so that, as a nation, we will maintain our commitment to care for those who have honorably served our country.



Moore Texas by Roger T. Moore 1912: the First Presbyterian Church of Orange is the worlds' 1st public air-conditioned building.



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Write stuff

Dear Editor:

At some point during our childhoods, someone asked us, "What do you want to be when you grow up?" Once presented with what seemed like a formidable question, we did not hesitate to rattle off a list of dreams — a firefighter, a doctor, a veterinarian, an astronaut, a baseball player, the president of the USA. There was nothing to hold us back. Every activity was an exploration of the world. Even if it scared us, we still gave it a try. Girls throughout El Paso are currently dreaming of their future and you can help make their dreams come true by purchasing a box of Girl Scout cookies.

Since 1912, Girl Scouts of the USA has dedicated itself to helping girls navigate the sometimes rocky, often funny, and at times bewildering world of growing up. With family support and under the supervision of dedicated volunteers and staff, through a variety of carefully-designed activities, the Girl Scout organization cultivates courage, confi-

dence, and character in girls while teaching them critical life skills they will need to succeed as adults.

One of the most respected and well known Girl Scout activities is the annual Girl Scout Cookie Program. Through this activity, girls learn the importance of personal responsibility, the value of goal-setting, the spirit of teamwork and the thrill of accomplishment. As they take orders for America's favorite tasty treats, girls ages 6-17 learn about business ethics, customer service, marketing, advertising and money management. Additionally, they build confidence by developing public speaking and interpersonal communication skills. When delivery time rolls around, they learn the importance of fulfilling commitments. The Girl Scout Cookie Program is indeed the nation's premier financial literacy and entrepreneurship program.

In addition to developing and strengthening skills, the cookie program revenue helps Girl Scouts of the Rio Grande supply essential services

to troops, groups and individual girls such as providing program resources and communication support, training adult volunteers and conducting special events. For more information on our annual Girl Scout Cookie Program, which runs Jan. 14 - April 16, 2006 or other ways you can help girls navigate the mystifying path to adulthood, contact Girl Scouts of the Rio Grande at 566-9433.

Sandy Tyler, CEO
Girl Scouts of the Rio Grande

Dear Editor:

Thanks to the following people for putting a smile on a child this past Christmas 2005. We were able to help 322 children with donated toys.

Many thanks to Socorro ISD, Susan Kelch and Special Ed. staff, SHS Dance Team, SHS Choir, Coach De Anda at SHS and her basketball girls, Police/Security Departments, Joe Rodriguez, and Elfida Chavez staff.

Gina Rodriguez
East El Paso County

Olague files as candidate for State Rep. in District 75

EAST EL PASO COUNTY — Anibal Olague formally filed his candidacy on Jan. 2, 2006 to run for State Representative in District 75. Olague and his wife, Isabel, are residents of the City of Socorro and have a 9-year old son. He has been involved in the El Paso community for many years working for the Texas House of Representatives in 1995 and as Border Field Officer of the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs during 1998-2004.

In 2004, he accepted his position as Executive Director of the Border Fair Housing & Economic Justice, a civil rights organization with a service area in the four border states of California, Arizona, New Mexico, and Texas, to further fair housing, equal access to credit, and government accountability.

Olague's platform is focused on

improving and promoting the East County community. He said he wants to improve District 75's quality of life by expanding opportunities for education, jobs, healthcare, and housing.

"Unfortunately, the lack of representation and access to resources is affecting our culture and our family values," Olague said. "The El Paso legislative delegation needs a strong representative that will be a team member, who will be part of one strong voice advocating for equality and economic justice."

Olague said he has created and implemented several community coalitions that continue to improve the quality of life of many Texas residents, and he plans to further his goals for the improvement of the Mission Valley.

"Our people and our culture have

many things to offer just like we have many needs. It's important for folks in Austin to recognize that district 75 is part of Texas and we should be there with a strong voice securing the much needed resources that as Texans, our community is entitled to," Olague said.

He is active in several community initiatives, serving as Treasurer of the Mexican American Democrats, member of the Tejano Democrats, Founder of El Paso Saves Initiative, Chair of El Paso County Colonia Predatory Lending Prevention Task Force, Co-Chair of the Southwest Border Development Coalition, member of Fannie Mae's El Paso Advisory Committee, and member of the Esperanza Project.

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Martinez files candidacy for judge, Justice of the Peace Pct. 6-B

EAST EL PASO COUNTY — Lifelong resident of El Paso County and resident of the Fabens community, Marco A. Martinez has announced his candidacy for Justice of the Peace, Precinct 6-B in the Democratic Primary election of March 7, 2006. Precinct 6-B covers Socorro, San Elizario, Clint, Fabens, Tornillo, Horizon, Sparks and Montana Vista.

"Our vision is to empower the people of our judicial district with knowledge — knowledge of what we can do together and what we can become. El Paso has so much poten-

tial that is untapped. The power to make a difference lies within us. It is also our vision to work closely with the El Paso agencies to bring more services to the area served by Pct. 6. It is our time, it is our community and together 'we can make a difference.'"

Martinez is currently a disability advocate for Texas Rio Grande Legal Aid. He said he has been advocating against injustices for the last seven years and he has been in the legal field for 13 years. He is also part of the Mental Health Mental Retar-

dation team at TRLA providing advocacy for disabled individuals.

He is married to lifelong Fabens resident, Roxana Martinez Ugarte, and they have two children, Aaron and Briana.

"I ask for your support and your vote. Together, we can make a difference... si se puede!" he said.

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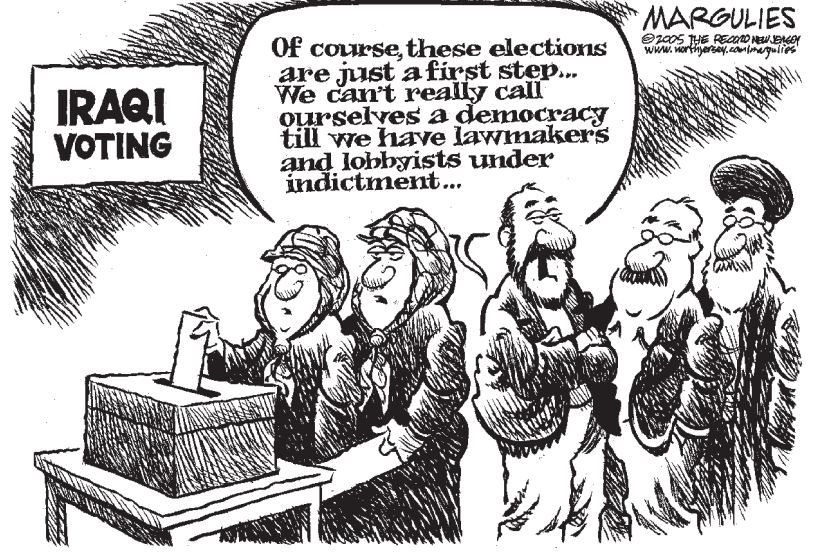
Briefs

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El Paso Public Library are sponsoring the fifth annual Adult/Youth Olympics in conjunction with the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. canned food drive, according to spokesman Jack Galindo. The

competition pits teams made up of one adult and one child against other teams in three tests of mind and body — basketball free throw, football toss and trivia contest. The events will take place at the Skyline Optimist Club, 5050 Yvette on Satur-

day, Jan. 14 at 1 p.m. Entry fee is \$5 plus five canned goods. All participants will receive an MLK Food Drive t-shirt. Trophies will be awarded in all three events for first, second and third places as well as for an overall champion. All proceeds go to the MLK Food Drive. For more information call 274-3336.



NOTICE TO PUBLIC OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT ON THE ENVIRONMENT AND NOTICE OF INTENT TO REQUEST RELEASE OF FUNDS

Town of Clint
200 N. San Elizario Road
PO Box 350
Clint, Texas 79836
(915) 851-3146

West Texas County Courier
January 12, 2006

TO: All Interested Agencies, Groups and Persons:

Seventeen (17) days after this publication, the Town of Clint intends to request that the Office of Rural Community Affairs (ORCA) of the State of Texas release federal funds under Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974 (PL 93-383), for TCDP FY 2005 Project No. 725189.

TEXAS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM CONTRACT #725189 WATER SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT

EXEMPT ACTIVITIES: General administration Engineering services

ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT ACTIVITIES: Replacement of undersized, substandard water line through the installation of 3,865 l.f. of 8" water line, 2,190 l.f. of 6" water line, 19 eight-inch and six-inch gate valves, 10 tire hydrants, 43 water reconnections, related appurtenances, and street repairs. (See project location map.)

LOCATION: Town of Clint, El Paso County, Texas

CONSTRUCTION COST: \$218,762

Finding of No Significant Impact

It has been determined that such a request for release of funds will not constitute an action significantly affecting the quality of the human environment and, accordingly, the town has decided not to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (PL 91-190). The reason for the decision not to prepare such a statement is based upon the fact that all environmental concerns could either be minimized or mitigated.

The town has made an Environmental Review Record for the proposed project, which documents the environmental review of the project and more fully sets forth the reasons why such a statement is not required. The Environmental Review Record is on file in the municipal offices and is available for public examination and copying, upon request, between the hours of 9:00 A.M. and 4:30 P.M., Monday through Friday.

Public Comments on Findings

All interested agencies, groups, and individuals disagreeing with this decision are invited to submit written comments for consideration by the town, at the address set forth above. Such written comments must be received at the address specified within sixteen (16) days after this publication. All such comments so received will be considered and the town will not request the release of funds or take administrative action on the project prior to the date specified in the preceding sentence.

Release of Funds

The Town of Clint will undertake the activities described above with funds from Texas Community Development Program Grant No. 724171 issued from Community Development Block Grants Funds under Title I from the 2005 Program Year, under the provisions of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974. The Town of Clint is certifying to the ORCA that the Honorable Dale T. Reinhardt, in his official capacity as Mayor of the Town of Clint, consents to accept the jurisdiction of the federal courts if an action is brought to enforce responsibilities in relation to environmental review, decision-making, and action; and that these responsibilities have been satisfied. The legal effect of the certification is that, upon its approval, the town may use the Block Grant funds and it will have satisfied its responsibilities under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969. The Office of Rural Community Affairs will accept an objection to its approval only on one or more of the bases and the procedures described in 24 CFR Part 58.75. Objections are to be addressed to the Office of Rural Community Affairs, P. O. Box 12877, Austin, TX 78711.

Objections to the release of funds on bases other than those stated above will not be considered by the Office of Rural Community Affairs. No objections received later than thirty-three (33) days after this publication will be considered by the Office of Rural Community Affairs.

Dale T. Reinhardt, Mayor

Young's NFL career looks promising, Clarett's may be over before it begins

By Steve Escajeda
Special to the Courier

USC's Reggie Bush probably earned his Heisman Trophy this season for his performances late in the year on national TV, but I don't think anyone will dispute who the most valuable player in the country is after last Wednesday night.

Vince Young almost single-handedly led the Texas Longhorns to a thrilling 41-38 national championship victory over Southern Cal and Reggie Bush and Matt Leinart.

Now, I don't know about you but Young's performance kind of reminded me of my days as a kid playing football on the playground and there was always that one kid who could score almost at will.

The kid was bigger, faster and stronger than all the other kids and could only be stopped by his mom calling him home to supper.

Young was unbelievable. I've never seen a guy take the game over like that, especially against a two-time defending national championship team riding a 34-game winning streak.

I've never seen it and I can guarantee you USC had never seen it.

And I'll tell you what, everyone saw the best players in the country in this title game and I'll bet many have changed their mind on whom the best player is.

Now that the Longhorns are the national champs, the only question left was whether Young would return to school or forego his senior season to play in the NFL.

There's a saying about striking while the iron is hot. I don't know what Young has left to prove. Evidently, neither does he.

Young announced over the weekend that he is leaving college to turn pro and make gazillions of dollars in the NFL.

I agree with his decision. After all, isn't that why you go to college — to make more money in your adult life?

Make no mistake, Reggie Bush is a fantastic athlete who will probably supply us with tons of NFL highlights. But for one night — when they shared the big stage — it wasn't even close.

The Longhorns and Vince Young are clearly the best that college football has to offer.

One more thing. Thank you so much, USC and Texas, for living up to the months of mega-hype that preceded this game. How often does that ever happen?

Running amuck

It's a tragic story we unfortunately

see way too often but here we go again.

Remember Maurice Clarett? He's the former Ohio State running back who had a sensational freshman season leading the Buckeyes to the national title in 2002.

The guy was on top of the world. But, to put it mildly, things have taken a bit of a nose dive for him since that championship game.

Weird things started happening to Clarett soon after his break-out season, things that made you question both his motives and his brain-cell count.

First, there was that incident in 2003 when Clarett reported to police that a car he had borrowed from a local dealership was broken into by someone who stole over \$10,000 worth of his clothing, CD's, stereo equipment and cash.

In a wild turn of events, it was determined by police that Clarett lied about the theft and he was charged with a misdemeanor.

Then there was the incident when Clarett admitted to receiving special benefits worth thousands of dollars from a "family friend."

After these two acts of outright stupidity, Ohio State suspended the running back.

Instead of waiting things out and maybe returning to the school a year later, Clarett made yet another ridiculous move and decided to challenge the NFL's requirement of waiting three years to enter the league after graduating high school.

Clarett took his case all the way to the Supreme Court where — guess what — he lost again.

In a final attempt to get back at the school, Clarett declared that it was arranged he received passing grades, cars and thousands of dollars from coaches and boosters during his stay there. The allegations, though obviously true, were never proven.

Clarett tried out but was cut by the Denver Broncos last year.

So just when it seemed Clarett couldn't possibly do anything to make his reputation worse, he did. Clarett was arrested last week for robbing two people with a gun in a downtown alley.

Clarett, 22, adding to his status as a top-flight space cadet, took only a cell phone for his troubles.

He posted a \$50,000 bond on charges of aggravated robbery.

Maurice Clarett, another example of a player who thought he didn't have to follow the rules.

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San Elizario springs into spring with cheerful events

By Phillip Cortez
Special to the Courier

The spring semester is here, and there's a lot to cheer for in San

Elizario. While high school pep rallies such as San Elizario High School's Neon Night, held Jan. 9 help determine which is the loudest and most spirited class on campus, it also helps to support the numerous ath-

letic and academic teams that are getting ready for competition.

There's also excitement throughout the district, as the high school looks forward to officially opening up its brand new library soon.

A pep rally wasn't necessarily needed to garner the participation and enthusiasm of San Elizario students during the holidays, as roughly 200 students participated in a pair of popular camps open to students from all over the city.

Cheerleaders in the district held their own at the Wells Fargo Sun Bowl Cheer Camp, presented by Price's Creameries. During the camp, the San Elizario cheerleaders were able to learn the fundamentals of cheerleading from coaches throughout the area, including cheerleaders from the two Sun Bowl teams, Northwestern and UCLA. One of the highlights for the girls was participating in the Fan Fiesta's Battle of the Bands competition between the two Sun Bowl bands.

While cheerleaders were honing their skills at camp, students with a fondness for basketball were busy on the hardwood a few days earlier during the Price's Give 'Em Five Basketball Skills Camp, which coincided with the State Farm Sun Bowl Association Basketball Tournament. Camp participants got to learn from the best, as coaches from Mississippi Valley State, Georgetown, Colgate, and UTEP helped youngsters develop their basketball skills by learning the fundamentals of the game. Students also received a basketball, a squeeze bottle and a t-shirt for participating in this free event.

Of all the bands in the region, the San Elizario High School pep band was selected to participate in major college basketball action during the State Farm Sun Bowl Basketball Tournament. According to SEISD Athletic Director Bernie Del Hierro, the high school pep band was named the official band for Georgetown University during its game against Colgate.

Thanks to a Hoyas victory, San Elizario's group were invited back the next night to participate in the championship game, where Georgetown defeated host UTEP by 10 points.

While many students look forward to taking part in extracurricular activities this spring, staff and community members have an opportunity to participate in wellness activities throughout the district. On Jan. 24, parents can take part in country western dancing, a wellness activity that will be held at Sambrano Elementary School. Meanwhile, staff can take part in Friday recreational activities at Garcia-Enriquez Middle School beginning this Friday, Jan. 13 at 4:30 p.m., where a team from Alarcon Elementary will take on the middle school "Gems" in a friendly volleyball match. Every other week, basketball and volleyball will be played. Schools looking to form their own team are encouraged to do so in the spirit of wellness.



— Photo courtesy San Elizario ISD

CHEERFUL MOMENT — SEHS Freshman sponsor Jeffrey Seay leads his students in cheer during the school's Neon Night Pep Rally, Monday, Jan. 9, 2006.

TJHS receives EPCC President's Choice Award in K-12 Art Exhibit

By Rudy Barreda
Special to the Courier

TORNILLO — Tornillo Junior High School recently received a President's Choice Award from the El Paso Community College's K-12 Art Exhibit. The award was given in recognition of a poster board mural created by 7th grade students from TJHS.

The poster board mural, which measures 132 by 56 inches, depicts school life at Tornillo Junior High.

In order to create the mural, all 7th grade students in TJHS art teacher Sergio Morales' classes were asked for input. Students drew sketches of what they thought should be represented in the mural. From these sketches, many were chosen to be incorporated into

the illustration. Several of Morales' 7th grade students worked enthusiastically to finish the project. The final illustration was on display at the EPCC K-12 Art Exhibit from Nov. 17 to Dec. 6, 2005.

Students who participated in the elaboration of this mural received a diploma of recognition as well as a print by artist Amado Peña. The President's Choice trophy is

now on display at the TJHS administrative office.

Students who completed the final mural were: Cynthia Bojorquez, Jessica Elias, Marianne Fortaleza, Annel Escalante, Carolina Gonzalez, Lilian Guerra, Santa Molina, Wendy Montañez, Navid Muñoz, Priscilla Orozco, Karen Quezada, Anthony Sanchez, Justin Trevizo, Carolina Vasquez, and Kinsleigh Vranish.



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A COMPLETE PICTURE — These are some of the 7th grade art students who completed the final poster board mural recognized by El Paso Community College.

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AEIS Report

Anthony Independent School District will hold a public hearing to discuss the District's 2005 Academic Excellence Indicator System (AEIS) report as part of the regular monthly School Board meeting, which is scheduled for 6:30 p.m., Tuesday, January 17, at the Anthony High School Auditorium, 825 Wildcat Drive, Anthony, TX.

The public is invited to attend. The AEIS report will also be available for review after the hearing at all Anthony ISD campuses, central office, and the district website.

For more information, call 886-6500.

Junta Publica Distrito Escolar Independiente de Anthony

El reporte "Sistema de Índices de Excelencia Académica"

El Distrito Escolar Independiente de Anthony tendrá una Reunión Pública para informar del reporte "Sistema de Índices de Excelencia Académica" (AEIS) del año escolar 2005. El reporte será parte de la reunión mensual de la Mesa Directiva del distrito programada para el Martes 17 de enero a las 6:30 p.m. en el auditorio de la escuela preparatoria en la calle Wildcat Drive #825, Anthony, TX.

Todos los individuos interesados están invitados a asistir. El reporte AEIS estará disponible después de la reunión en todas las escuelas del distrito, en el edificio de las oficinas administrativas, e internet del distrito.

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EQUIPMENT REPLACEMENT

Separate and sealed bids for the ANTHONY WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT IMPROVEMENTS—EQUIPMENT REPLACE-MENT project in Anthony, Texas, will be received by the Town of Anthony at the Town Hall, located in at 401 Wildcat Drive in Anthony, Texas, or by mail addressed to the Town Hall, P.O. Box 1269, Anthony, TX 79821, until 11:00 A.M., local time, January 23, 2006, and, at that time and place, will be publicly opened and read aloud. The project is being funded by the Office of Rural Community Affairs (ORCA), Contract No. 724-029.

The successful bidder, who will carry out the work under this contract, is to furnish and install

all labor, tools, materials, transportation and any services necessary for the complete construction of the following work (as well as any equipment removal, hauling, and disposal, as required).

The project base bid requirements include: removal and replacement of one (1) lift station number 1 submersible sewage pump; removal and replacement of one (1) lift station number 2 submersible sewage pump; removal and disposal of existing grinder and installation of pre-purchased grinder; removal and replacement of the existing transient voltage surge suppressor; removal of the existing and installation of the pre-purchased electric generator; ancillary generator replacement work to include controls system modifications, construction of concrete pad and 2-walled CMU screen, installation of associated electric wire, conduit, and pre-purchased automatic transfer switch, as well as pertinent pavement and fencing repair and site grading; and removal of existing and installation of pre-purchased oxidation ditch rotor blades on the two (2) existing 25, oxidation ditch rotors. As additive alternates, one (1) additional lift station number 1 submersible sewage pump is to be

removed and replaced, one (1) additional lift station number 2 submersible sewage pump is to be removed and replaced, and a portion of the plant perimeter fencing is to be removed and relocated to install existing relocated fencing and new fencing) — around a larger perimeter of the existing plant site.

The total project includes: installation of (and disposal of, as necessary and specified by plant staff) rotor blades, pumps, electric equipment, concrete pad and CMU walls, and fencing; excavation work and backfilling (adhering to OSHA requirements on confined space entry); and the installation or construction of any other appurtenances or incidentals necessary for a complete and operable project as intended by the project specifications.

Contract documents may be examined/obtained at the offices of PARKHILL, SMITH & COOPER, INC. (ENGINEER), at 810 East Yandell, El Paso TX 79902. Those offices may be reached by telephone at (915) 533-6811. A non-refundable payment of \$25.00 in cash or check payable to Parkhill, Smith & Cooper, Inc., will be required for each set of Contract Documents. There is an additional non-refundable mailing fee of \$25.00 for each set requested to be sent by mail.

A non-mandatory pre-bid meeting will be held on January 13, 2006, at 2:00 P.M. at the Town Hall in the Town of Anthony, Texas. A site tour will be held after the pre-bid meeting, to allow bidders to familiarize themselves with on-site conditions.

Each bid must be submitted in accordance with the Instructions to Bidders and must be accompanied by a Bid Bond, by an acceptable bid surety, in an amount equal to five percent (5%) of the amount of the bid. A certified check or bank draft payable to the Town of Anthony, or negotiable U.S. Government Bonds (as par value), in an amount equal to five percent (5%) of the amount of the bid, may be submitted in lieu of the Bid Bond.

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must furnish a 100-percent Performance Bond and a 100-percent Payment Bond, in accordance with the Instructions to Bidders and the General Conditions.

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Attention is called to the fact that the contractor on this project must comply with the provisions of the Labor Standards contained in the specifications and must pay not less than the federally determined prevailing (Davis-Bacon) wage rates, as issued by the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs. The successful bidder must ensure that employees and applicants for employment are not discriminated against because of their race, color, religion, sex or national origin.

The Town of Anthony, Texas, reserves the right to reject any or all bids or to waive any informality in the bidding.

All contractors/sub-contractors who are debarred, suspended or otherwise excluded from or ineligible for participation on federal assistance programs may not undertake any activity in part or in full under this project.

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The proposed subdivision encompasses 10.887 acres of land and has a legal description of being a portion of Lots 3 and 4, Block 2, Horizon Hills Subdivision, El Paso County, Texas.

The El Paso County commissioners' Court will consider the request for these variances on Monday, January 23, 2006, at 10 a.m. at the County Courthouse, 500 E. San Antonio Street, Room 303, El Paso, Texas 79901.

Anyone interested in providing comment on the proposed variances, either in support or opposition, may do so during the public comment period of the Commissioners' Court meeting or by providing written comment to the attention of Subdivision Coordinator, El Paso Road & Bridge Department, 500 E. San Antonio Street, El Paso, TX 79901. In order to be considered by Commissioners' Court, the County must receive any written comments at least seven (7) calendar days prior to the Commissioners' Court meeting.

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Notice is hereby given that Roberto R. Olivas and Mary Lou Olivas dba Motor and Electric Supply has become organized as Motor and Electric Supply Company, LLC, effective Jan. 1, 2006. The Limited Liability Company shall assume all the obligations and liabilities of the sole proprietorship. WTCC-1/12, 1/19, 1/26/06

PUBLIC NOTICE

As per Article V, Sec. 5.05(a), all owners and lienholders have ten (10) days from this date to reclaim their vehicles at South West Wrecker, 1401 Darrington Rd., 855-1900, 851-2091-fax, or it will be sold at public auction for charges: VIN JM2UF312G0580706, 1986 Mazda pickup, blue, 826-XRT WTCC-01/20/05

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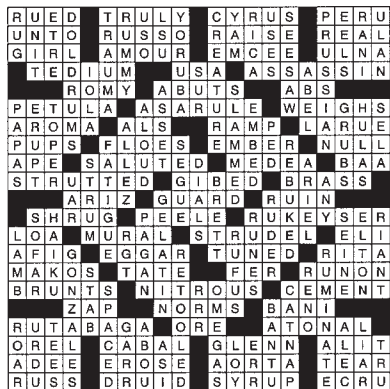
DESMOND PATRICK CORCORAN

Desmond Patrick Corcoran has taken the ultimate journey — he went to be with his Father on January 8, 2006. Desmond ("Corky") Corcoran was born March 9, 1921 in Milford, Nebraska and was raised by his parents, Bridget and Michael Corcoran (Irish immigrants) in Lincoln, Nebraska. Mr. Corcoran attended schools in Lincoln. An accomplished violinist, he attended the University of Nebraska to study music. However, World War II changed his career path. He headed to Los Angeles in 1941, enlisting with both the Air Force and the Merchant Marines. The latter armed service needed his expertise sooner, so he joined the Merchant Marines as the sole radio operator on merchant ships that sailed the North Atlantic and Pacific during the war. Prior to his honorable discharge in 1946, he married the love of his life, Norma DeTone on May 17, 1946. They have been married a wonderful 59 years. After the war, Mr. Corcoran and his bride moved to Omaha, Nebraska where he bought a radio and appliance repair shop, thus beginning a lifetime of entrepreneurship. The Philco Corporation brought the Corcorans to El Paso, in 1951, where they planted their roots, and Mr. Corcoran began a lifetime of love for his family and service to his community. Mr. Corcoran was a member of Holy Spirit Catholic Church in Horizon City, was a founder and the first president of the El Paso Private Pilots Association, a member of the Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association (where he was recognized for his outstanding service), founded the El Paso School of Electronics in 1961 (and was awarded a U.S. Patent for his electronic inventions), and actively served 40 years with the Service Corp of Retired Executives (SCORE). In 1998, Mr. Corcoran was elected the first mayor of the newly incorporated Horizon City and served three consecutive terms. As a result of his leadership and vision, Horizon City is the growing town it is today. He remained actively involved in church, community and city service until his illness halted his activities in late summer. Even while confined to his home, Mr. Corcoran enjoyed being with people and sharing stories that made us all smile and laugh. He cared for others while other cared for him. The family wishes to thank the many friends who visited Mr. Corcoran, the angels of La Mariposa Hospice (Andy, Jaime, Betty and Blanca) and Emily Washburn, his guardian angel and caregiver. Mr.

Corcoran will begin a new journey while others celebrate his life with beautiful memories. He made a difference and touched the lives of his beloved wife Norma, his daughter, Maureen Corcoran of Coppell, TX and son, Steven Corcoran. He was revered storyteller for his granddaughter, Kristin McCoslin of Lewisville, TX and his grandson, Christopher McCoslin of Charleston, SC. His two great-grandchildren, Tiara Blueitt and Jalen Blueitt also had their lives touched by this kind man who made wooden toys that we will pass down from one generation to the next. He also leaves his cousin and best friend, Ed McGovern and his wife Pat of Lincoln. We are thanking God for giving us such a wonderful man! Visitation with the Corcoran Family will be held on Friday evening, January 13th, 2006 from 6:00 to 9:00 PM at the Chapel of the Martin Funeral Home East, 1460 George Dieter with recitation of the rosary to begin at 7:00 PM. Memorial Mass for Mr. Corcoran will be held on Saturday, January 14th, 2006 at 12:30 PM at Holy Spirit Catholic Church in Horizon City, 14132 McMahon Ave (915-852-3582) with Reverend Ralph Solis, Jr. officiating. Husband, father, grandfather, great-grandfather and friend: You are out of our sight but still in our hearts and minds. We are who we are because of you. And now, after building a family on love and providing years of work and service for others, God will let you rest with Him. "Well done, my good and faithful servant. Come share your master's joy. (Matthew 25:21)



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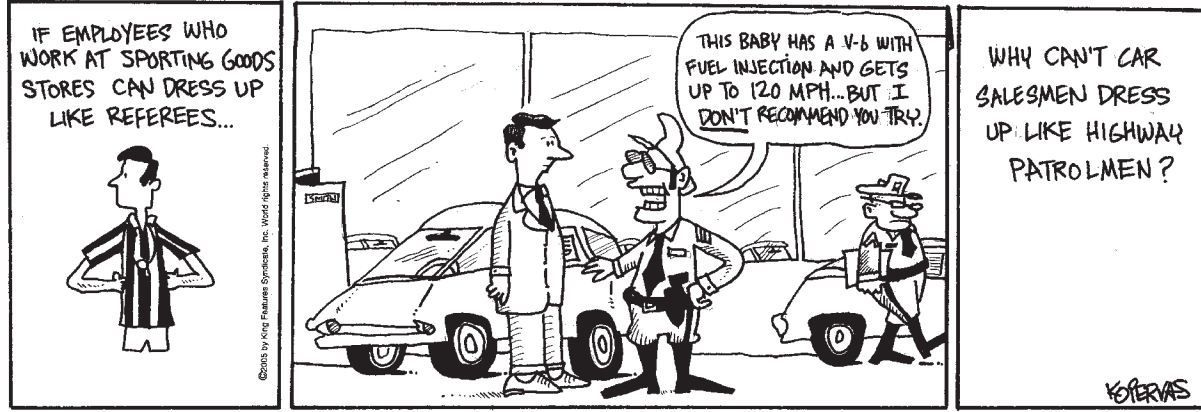
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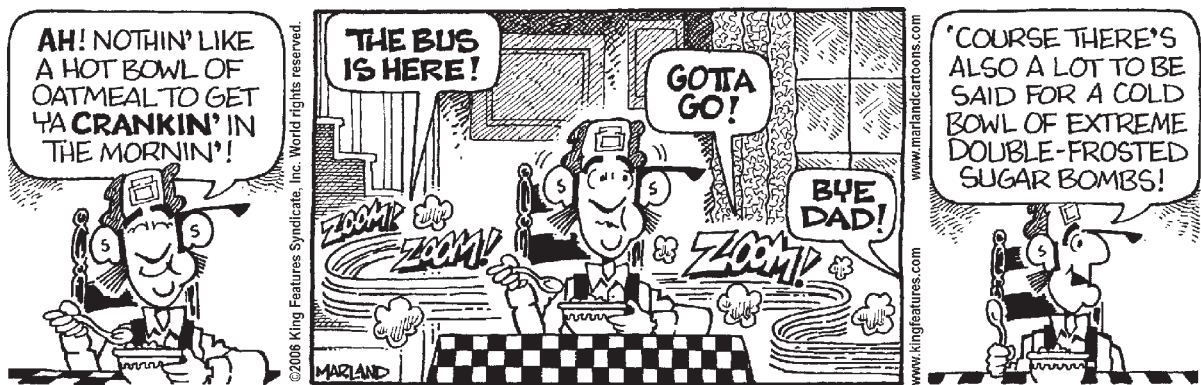
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Rappers work for respect

By Don Flood

Pity the poor rapper. Building street cred isn't what it used to be. Back in the good ol' days, your manager could garner favorable publicity by announcing that you had dealt drugs, shot an innocent bystander, or, at the least, pushed your wheelchair-bound grandma down the stairs. But the bar seems to be getting higher.

Recently, the Human Rights Watch issued a report charging that the U.S. operated a secret prison where it forced detainees to listen to songs by rapper Eminem. Not that being forced to listen to Eminem wouldn't be torture. It's just that it all seems a little convenient.

Eminem comes out with a new recording: suddenly the U.S. is charged with using Eminem's music as an instrument of torture.

You can't buy that kind of publicity. And let's face, if the CIA wanted to torture people, there's a lot of music to choose from — my personal favorite being "Roundabout" by Yes.

They wouldn't even have to play the song. They could just give the prisoners a translation and ask them to explain it:

"In and around the lake
"Mountains come out of the sky
"And they Stand There."

Well of course they stand there! What else would mountains do once they came out of the sky! I mean, if you were a mountain, isn't that what you would do? Well?

(Editor's note: We apologize for this interruption, but we have asked the writer to lie down and take a rest.)

No, I am not taking a rest, not until I warn people about these re-

ally weird lyrics: "Your silhouette will charge the view of distance atmosphere, "Call it morning driving thru the sound and even in the valley ..."

I ask you, what possible sense does that make? And then, you guessed it, it goes back to: "In and around the lake ..."

(Editor's note: For his own good, we have put the writer in "time out.")

OK, thanks, I needed that. Another interesting case involves rapper Cameron Giles. His career was moving along nicely, but unfortunately for him, he hadn't been shot, which was especially distressing since he was working on a new album, "Killa Season." (Which, sadly, didn't come out in time for Christmas.)

A rapper who hasn't been shot is a little like a movie star who hasn't been to rehab or a country star who hasn't been divorced from his cousin a few times and thrown in the slammer to dry out.

You can't take an artist like that seriously.

But Fortune was getting ready to smile upon Giles.

During a bungled carjacking, a gunman shot Giles once in each arm. Finally, the break he needed!

But the police aren't so sure. They even have a theory that Giles staged the attack to improve his street cred.

Imagine the embarrassment — a rapper forced to arrange his own carjacking because no one wants to shoot him!

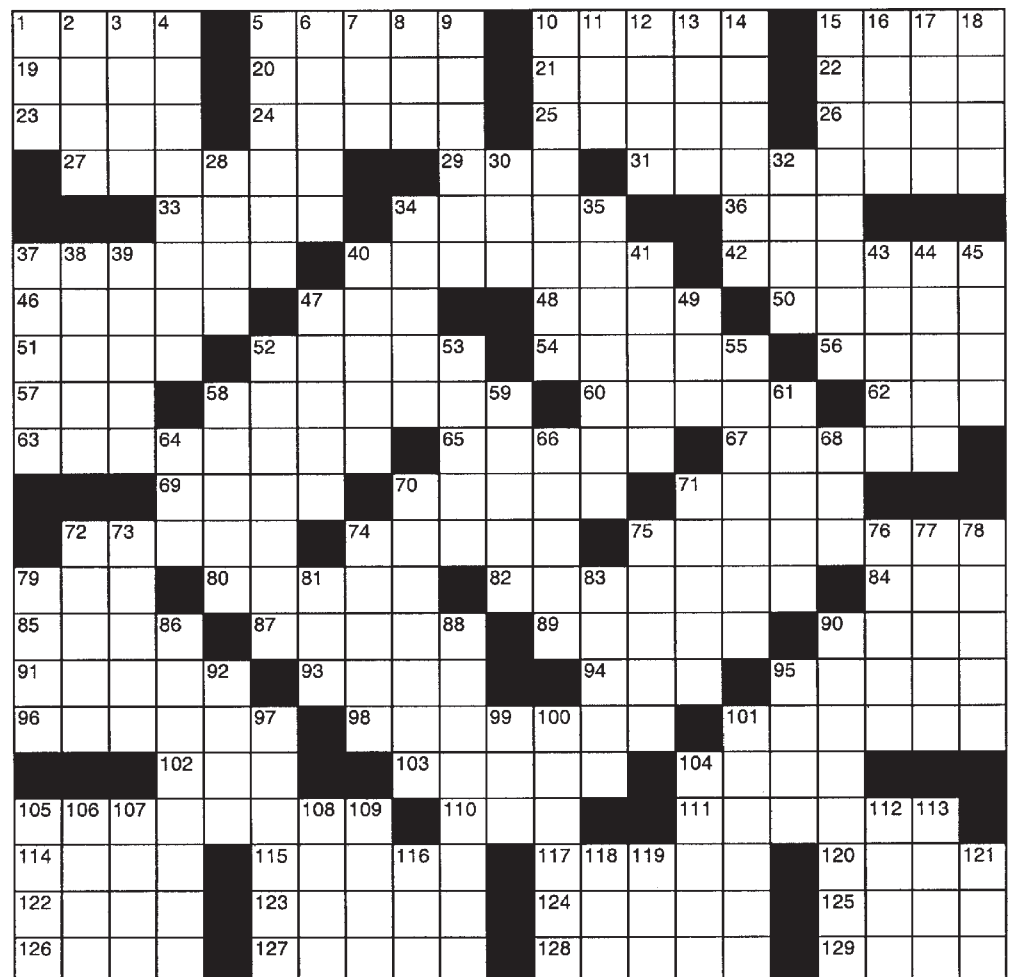
If I were his publicist, I'd announce that the U.N. has declared his latest recording to be a Weapon of Mass Destruction.

But now, I think, I'm going to take a rest.

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- R U READY? ACROSS**
- 1 Wished undone
 - 5 In fact
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 - 19 Proverb
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 - 20 Rene of "Big Trouble"
 - 21 Annual award?
 - 22 Authentic
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 - 24 Romance
 - 25 Host a roast
 - 26 Forearm bone
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 - 31 Hit man
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 - 40 Usually
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 - 46 Bouquet
 - 47 Green and Gore
 - 48 Interstate exit
 - 50 Cowboy star Lash
 - 51 Young boxers
 - 52 Navigation hazards
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 - 57 Zoo attraction
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 - 62 Ram's remark
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 - 65 Scoffed at
 - 67 Orchestra section
 - 69 Neighbor of Nev.
 - 70 Keep an eye on
 - 71 Destroy
 - 72 Show indifference
 - 74 Model Beverly
 - 75 "Wall Street Week" host
 - 79 Mauna ...
 - 80 Michelangelo work
 - 82 Potsdam pastry
 - 84 Lilly of pharmaceuticals
 - 85 Not give ... (be indifferent)
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 - 90 "Educating ..." ('83 film)
 - 91 Certain sharks
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 - 115 Plot
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 - 123 Uneven
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 - 125 Eye drop?
 - 126 Tamblin or Westover
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 - 129 Stocking shade
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 - 14 It has its ups and downs
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 - 32 Explorer Tasman
 - 34 Desirable quality
 - 35 Shut forcefully
 - 37 Irene of "Zorba the Greek"
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 - 49 Word form for "foot"
 - 52 Exhaustion
 - 53 Smooth transition
 - 55 Told off
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 - 61 Sharon of Israel
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 - 66 "The Sun Also Rises" heroine
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 - 105 Serengeti sound
 - 106 Pakistani language
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 - 108 Teri of "Tootsie"
 - 109 Hunt's ... Ben Adhem"
 - 112 Composer Wilder
 - 113 Inventive sort?
 - 116 "A Fool Such ..." ('59 hit)
 - 118 Powell co-star
 - 119 Muff
 - 121 Capote, on stage



Answer Page 6

Social Security Q&A By Ray Vigil

Q: My brother lives with me and gets Supplemental Security Income (SSI) payments because of a disability. I am getting married soon and my husband will be moving into this house. While my brother has been paying half of all household expenses, I have told him that he is now only responsible for a third. Does he also need to tell Social Security about this new arrangement?

Sometimes changes in living arrangements can raise or lower the amount of SSI payments. However, since your brother will still be paying the pro rata share of the rent and household expenses, there may not be any change in the amount of SSI he receives.

Q: How do I know if I qualify for extra help with Medicare prescription drug costs?

A: You may get a letter from Medicare saying that you automatically

qualify for extra help. If you don't automatically qualify, Social Security is sending people with limited income and limited resources an Application for Help with Medicare Prescription Drug Plan Costs. You may qualify if your income is less than \$14,355 for an individual or \$19,245 for a married couple living together, and your resources are less than \$11,500 for an individual or \$23,000 if you are married and living with your spouse. If you didn't get — or did not complete — an application but think you may qualify, call 1-800-772-1213 or visit www.socialsecurity.gov on the

web. After you complete the application, Social Security will mail you a letter telling you if you qualify for extra help

Q: I am receiving Supplemental Security Income (SSI) benefits and I have direct deposit. I originally arranged for direct deposit several years ago, and recently I have been thinking of changing banks. Can I switch direct deposit of my SSI check to another bank?

A: Yes, you can use direct deposit at any federally insured bank, savings and loan or credit union. If you move your account, call Social

Security's toll-free number, 1-800-772-1213 (TTY 1-800-325-0778), and a Social Security representative will change your direct deposit information. Open the new account and make sure your deposits are going to the new bank, savings and loan or credit union before you close the old account..

For more information visit your local Security office, see 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.

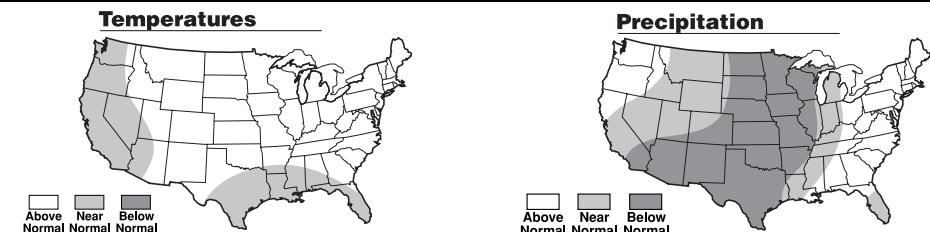
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Thursday	Thu. night	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
Mostly sunny	Mainly clear	Sunny	High clouds	Showers	Sunny	Sunny	Brilliant sunshine
66°	38°	63° / 34°	66° / 37°	66° / 37°	60° / 33°	62° / 35°	62° / 34°
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WEATHER TRENDS THIS WEEK



IN THE SKY

Sun	Rise	Set	Moon	Rise	Set	Full	Last
Thu.	7:06 a.m.	5:22 p.m.	Thu.	3:47 p.m.	6:01 a.m.		
Fri.	7:06 a.m.	5:22 p.m.	Fri.	4:45 p.m.	6:52 a.m.	1/14	1/22
Sat.	7:06 a.m.	5:23 p.m.	Sat.	5:44 p.m.	7:36 a.m.	New	First
Sun.	7:06 a.m.	5:24 p.m.	Sun.	6:42 p.m.	8:14 a.m.		
Mon.	7:06 a.m.	5:25 p.m.	Mon.	7:40 p.m.	8:46 a.m.	1/29	2/4
Tues.	7:06 a.m.	5:26 p.m.	Tues.	8:35 p.m.	9:15 a.m.		
Wed.	7:05 a.m.	5:27 p.m.	Wed.	9:29 p.m.	9:41 a.m.		

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REGIONAL CITIES

City	Thursday			Friday			Saturday			Sunday		
	HI	LO	W	HI	LO	W	HI	LO	W	HI	LO	W
Abilene, TX	70	41	pc	59	34	s	63	38	s	75	37	s
Albuquerque, NM	53	27	pc	53	25	s	59	30	pc	56	28	sh
Amarillo, TX	62	27	pc	50	25	s	62	30	s	65	28	pc
Austin, TX	77	51	pc	67	35	s	67	36	s	74	44	s
Brownsville, TX	80	60	s	74	49	pc	74	53	s	81	58	s
Dodge City, KS	51	25	sh	47	22	s	59	28	s	54	23	pc
Jackson, MS	74	49	s	64	28	t	59	36	s	61	41	s
Laredo, TX	80	56	pc	74	50	s	71	48	s	80	51	s
Little Rock, AR	63	45	sh	54	31	r	58	30	s	53	36	pc
Lubbock, TX	70	26	pc	56	28	s	66	32	s	68	30	s
Memphis, TN	66	48	s	52	30	t	51	33	s	51	37	s
Midland, TX	75	34	pc	55	33	s	65	35	s	74	34	pc
Pueblo, CO	54	13	sh	46	10	s	61	18	s	58	14	pc
Roswell, NM	72	27	s	57	25	s	65	28	pc	74	29	pc
St. Louis, MO	60	36	pc	39	27	sn	42	25	s	49	28	c
San Antonio, TX	76	50	s	68	36	s	67	41	s	75	46	s
Texarkana, AR	70	49	r	52	34	sh	58	37	s	63	39	s
Waco, TX	73	45	s	55	35	pc	64	39	s	74	43	s
Wichita, KS	56	30	c	49	22	pc	51	29	s	48	27	pc

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

U.S. CITIES

City	Thursday			Friday			Saturday			Sunday		
	HI	LO	W	HI	LO	W	HI	LO	W	HI	LO	W
Atlanta	67	48	s	63	35	t	54	34	pc	58	37	s
Boston	56	38	pc	56	40	pc	52	41	r	42	29	pc
Chicago	48	34	pc	38	22	sn	32	16	pc	34	20	pc
Denver	47	16	r	49	20	s	55	25	s	53	21	pc
Detroit	48	34	pc	44	28	r	32	24	sn	39	26	c
Houston	74	56	r	68	40	pc	68	44	s	72	48	s
Indianapolis	53	40	pc	46	29	r	36	21	sn	45	27	c
Kansas City	54	31	pc	42	22	sf	48	28	s	48	27	pc
Los Angeles	68	50	s	72	50	s	66	50	r	66	46	pc
Miami	79	69	sh	80	69	sh	78	52	t	72	58	s
Minneapolis	34	20	c	28	16	sn	28	16	pc	33	18	sn
New Orleans	75	54	pc	68	39	t	60	43	s	64	50	s
New York City	58	44	pc	62	44	pc	52	38	r	45	34	pc
Omaha	44	24	r	36	18	sn	42	24	s	43	20	c
Phoenix	75	42	s	76	45	s	74	48	s	71	46	pc
San Francisco	59	47	pc	60	49	pc	58	44	r	57	46	pc
Seattle	46	42	r	50	42	r	46	38	sh	48	40	r
Washington	62	46	pc	66	44	pc	52	34	r	46	28	pc

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