



## NEWSBRIEFS

### UTEP hacked

Officials UTEP are warning people that a small group of students gained unauthorized access to unprotected, archived computer data files containing the names and Social Security numbers of 4,467 current and former students who voted in a Student Government Association (SGA) election in 2002 and 252 current and former UTEP employees who voted in the 2002 Staff Council election. No other files were accessed. When university officials learned of this access, they immediately shut down the system containing the archived files and began the process of identifying and notifying the students and staff members whose information was included in them. UTEP officials urge all individuals who are notified to be especially vigilant when reviewing their bank statements, credit card statements and any other documents related to recent financial transactions, and to report any unusual or suspicious activity to the financial institution and contact the Federal Trade Commission at <http://www.consumer.gov/idtheft/> or 877-438-4338 for further guidance. They should also register for the no-charge, 90-day, renewable fraud alert services offered by the three national credit bureaus. For more information visit [www.utep.edu/securityalert](http://www.utep.edu/securityalert).

— Contributed by Kimberly Miller

### A little high strung

Fans of rock and roll will get their fill when musical group *The High Strung* performs one show only in El Paso as part of their national library tour on Tuesday, June 27 at 5:30 p.m. at the new Main Library auditorium. The Detroit area modern rock quartet, whose music has been compared to that of the Beatles and the Ramones, and perform original hard-driving backbeat rock and roll. Their first album released in 2003 was one of the top 10 rock albums of the year according to National Public Radio's Ken Tucker. The *Washington Post* called the title track "runner up song of the year." The group will perform a full set of their tracks and compose an original song with help from the audience. They will also talk about what it's like to make an MTV video and tour the country. Opening for *The High Strung* will be local group *Elysium*. The program is free to the public. For more information visit [www.elpasolibrary.org](http://www.elpasolibrary.org).

— Contributed by Jack Galindo

### In other news

■ Rolando Perez, a 6th grade student at Clint Junior High School, has a plan for his future. Rolando wants to be an architect when he grows up and already has a plan on how to get there according to his essay titled *Being an Architect and My Plan to Get There*. His essay was chosen

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*Self-control is giving up smoking cigarettes; extreme self-control is not telling anybody about it.*

— Quips & Quotes

## Three Socorro High students accepted into Early Medical School Program

By Carlos A. Briano  
Special to the Courier

EAST EL PASO COUNTY — Thousands of college graduates throughout the country are nervously awaiting acceptance letters from their medical school of choice. But three Socorro High School graduates aren't sweating it — they are already in.

Socorro High seniors La Quanta Stewart, Jeannette Mendez and Ana Serna have been accepted into UTEP's Early Medical School Acceptance Program. The three 2006 graduates will attend UTEP for four years and then enter the UT-Medical Branch at Galveston.

"This is a significant step toward achieving their goal of attending medical school and becoming a physician," says Dr. Donna E. Ekal, the UTEP Medical Professions Institute Program Coordinator.

The three seniors were three of the five students in all of El Paso to be accepted into the program.

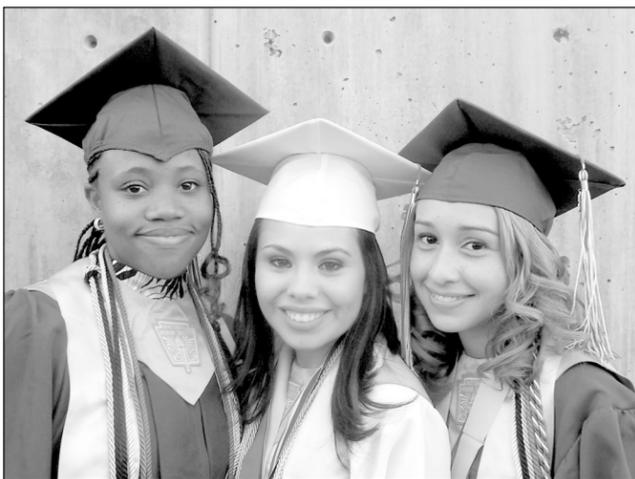
"I was very happy that I was accepted into the pro-

gram," Stewart says. "I want to become a doctor because I want to help people."

Serna says being accepted into the program has fulfilled a life-long dream.

"I have wanted to be a doctor since I was a little girl," she says. "My sincere desire to help people motivates me to pursue a career as a doctor. I want to be an anesthesiologist because

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— Photo courtesy Socorro ISD

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## Loop 375 opens to lessen traffic jam-ups for East County

EAST EL PASO COUNTY — Beginning Wednesday, June 7, the traffic congestion caused by East El Paso County drivers trying to reach El Paso destinations, particularly the Downtown area, will be a little less intense with the opening of a stretch of Loop 375 that offers drivers a non-stop pass from Montana Ave. to Pellicano.

According to El Paso area statistics, more than 30,000 people have moved into new developments along Loop 375 over the past six

years. The construction of the 8-mile stretch to open up has taken the last two years to complete, at a cost of about \$63 million.

Future construction includes connecting Loop 375 with I-10 near the Rojas exit. For the time being, drivers must still exit Loop 375 at Rojas to enter I-10. Eventually, there will also be an overpass at the Montwood-Zaragoza intersection — probably the busiest intersection in East El Paso — though no dates have been set for that construction.

## Students and volunteers give up summer fun to learn leadership

By Don Woodyard  
Courier Staff Writer

HORIZON CITY — Normally weekends are time when a person gets a little rest and relaxation from a hard week's work.



— File photo

Pat Randleel

The three-day event drew 53 outstanding sophomores from the El Paso area as well as from

Not so for Pat Randleel — far from it.

It was just the opposite for the former mayor of Horizon City who worked long hours this past weekend as director of the Far West Texas Leadership Seminar of the Hugh O'Brian Youth (HOBY) Youth Foundation. The

high schools in Kermit, Presidio, McCamey and Alpine.

The theme of the seminar was "America's Incentive System." The El Paso conference, one of five in Texas this spring, began in 1991. Headquartered in Los Angeles, the HOBY program was launched by TV actor Hugh O'Brian in 1958 who wanted youth "to seek out and recognize and develop leadership skills and better understand the democratic process."

In his letter to the participants, who are called ambassadors, O'Brian says "the purpose of this seminar is to teach you how to think, not what to think."

Eight students from Upper Valley and Lower Valley high schools took part in the event which was held in the El Paso Community College administration building on Viscount. They are Ruby Cazares, Abigail Duran and Karen

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## Perry authorizes National Guard troops on border

AUSTIN — Gov. Rick Perry has signed the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) authorizing the deployment of National Guard Troops to the U.S.-Mexico border as part of Operation Jump Start, under which



Rick Perry

the troops will support federal border security officers. The Governors of Arizona, California and New Mexico have also signed the MOU.

"The National Guard is already a part of Texas' border security strategy, Operation Rio Grande, which brings together federal, state

and local law enforcement and the National Guard to conduct joint operations to better protect Texans from border-related crime and violence," Perry said. In February, Perry launched Operation Rio Grande, a comprehensive border security strategy that gives the state a leading role in coordinating intelligence and law enforcement assets within an 80,000 square mile region.

National Guard troops operating in Texas as part of Operation Jump Start will remain under Perry's command, although the federal government will cover the cost of the mission. Troop activities may include detection and monitoring, engineering, transportation, logistics, vehicle dismantling, analysis, road building and language support. The temporary deployment is expected to be phased out as new Border Patrol agents are hired.

Operation Jump Start planners immediately will be dispatched to the border to lay the groundwork for the full deployment of guard troops. About 2,300 Texas guardsmen and airmen are expected to be involved, although troop levels and deployment details are still being finalized.

"The Texas-Mexico border is becoming an increasingly dangerous and violent place for peace officers and the citizens they protect. We are pleased that we will soon have more resources and personnel to address the border threat," Perry said. "However, we will continue to urge Congress to meet its long term responsibility, and provide the manpower and resources to secure our border."

The Department of Homeland Security announced this week that it has cut homeland security funding for Texas — the state with the longest international border — by 31 percent from last year. Perry said this funding disparity, combined with continued federal inaction "jeopardizes our security and reinforces my belief that Texas must never wait for Washington to act."

Last week Perry announced Texas will soon provide additional funding for local law enforcement along the border, seek a long-term financial commitment from the Texas Legislature to support ongoing border security operations, and create a virtual border watch program.

A copy of the MOU is available at [www.governor.state.tx.us](http://www.governor.state.tx.us).



## One perspective

By Francis Shrum

### Get used to it

No man is an island. E v e n R o b i n s o n Crusoe had

Friday. In our attempt to fit our lives around our various human needs and those of others, there is an inevitable result. Somebody ends up getting used. Now, in every relationship there is no way to avoid inequality. A 50-50 relationship in which each person always carries exactly half the burden is a myth — and a destructive one at that. We're just not made that way. As we go through life there are going to be times when one or the other person in a situation must shoulder the lion's share. When we're babies, we blatantly use our parents for everything. We have to. But eventually we're supposed to grow out of that, and some people actually do.

It's a simple fact of nature that the woman is going to suffer the pain and agony of childbirth. A man simply can't. But there are things he can do to help her and if he's worth his salt, he will.

Too bad our society has become so tasteless. There are also other relationships in which things are not necessarily equal. Bosses are in charge. Like I said, Robinson Crusoe had his Friday, who, according to the story, was willing enough to carry his burdens. Sometimes, though, using other people becomes a habit — even a way of life.

In the workplace, we've devised a term for using each other and made it a respectable — even a desirable — practice. They call it networking. They've started teaching it in school, too, even in the early grades, just to get those kids who are going to have to do all the work prepared for their

future. In school they give it a different name, though. They call it teamwork.

The way it works is like this: The teacher — or later the boss — will either select a group of individuals, or allow a group to choose one another, and assign them a project. They have a specified amount of time to get this done, and specified results the teacher or boss expects. Then the boss goes back to his office and shuts the door.

There are always basically three kinds of people in a group dynamic like this. First, there are those who are hell-bent on getting the job done, on time and done right. They are usually selected as the group leader either by acclamation or by force. Second, there are those who are willing to help but aren't going to lose any sleep over it. And finally there are the free-loaders who don't intend to put out any effort and don't really care how the project turns out. However, they will whine, blame and make excuses if and when the other two don't manage to produce the desired result and are right up front in taking the credit if they do.

So the group leader makes assign-

ments to cover various components of the project and the clock starts ticking. At various points in the duration of this project, they meet and discuss their progress. By the first meeting the group leader has long ago completed his part, and is getting a little apprehensive. The less motivated one has started on one of his assignments but hasn't gotten very far. The lazy one hasn't even begun, in fact, he forgot they even had a project, let alone what his part was — but he has a good excuse.

By the time the job is done, the group leader has pulled out most of his hair and bitten off all his fingernails, done all the lazy one's part, evaluated the less-motivated one's efforts and re-done at least half of it, and has thoroughly alienated everybody in his desire to make the grade. The less motivated one is offended by the group leader's attitude so he has quit. And the lazy one is either whining or patting himself on the back — depending on the quality of the project — while "evaluating" in less than complimentary terms the efforts put forth by his teammates.

There's a song lyric that says "I gotta get away from here, gotta get

away from all these users and losers — all my best of friends."

And so it is. In the course of this life, we will be able to count on one hand those we find we can trust to stand shoulder-to-shoulder in adversity, evaluate life by the same standards we do, carry the burden when we are weak, and be humble enough to accept our help when they need it. When you find such as these, value them as the priceless treasure they are.

The challenge is, of course, to develop the largess of heart to forgive those by whom we are destined to be used — they are a reality of our non-island status.

I read recently about a woman in Germany who didn't have enough cash to pay for her gas — or petrol, as they call it over there — so she left her friend at the station as a "deposit" until she came back with the money.

Unfortunately, she didn't.

After two hours of waiting and being interrogated by police, the friend left behind was finally released.

The driver is being investigated on suspicion of attempting to defraud the gas station. There is no question she already defrauded her friend.

## View from here By Byron Schlomach, Ph.D.

### Whose bottom line is it anyway?

#### Wading into Texas, biennial budget

More than thirty years ago a U.S. senator asked how much the president knew and when he knew it. The senator knew there was a bottom-line answer, whether he got it or not. It was, after all, a simple question. Ask a similarly simple question about the budget of Texas (or that of just about any government for that matter) and you are no more likely to get a simple, bottom-line answer than did that senator.

With relative ease and simplicity any taxpayer should be able to find the answers to some pretty basic questions regarding what government is doing with his or her money.

How much money has been, or will be, spent? What has or will it be spent on? Who is spending it? What is it accomplishing?

The current Texas state budget runs almost 900 pages and just a quarter inch shy of two inches thick. It documents the almost \$140 billion appropriated for fiscal years 2006 and 2007, of state, federal and some local (from school districts) funds.

Much of the volume of the state budget is made up of "riders," special, detailed instructions the legislature gives to the 188 separate agencies, including universities, to which

these funds are distributed.

Additionally, the budget contains lists of "outcomes" and "efficiencies" measures supposedly there to answer at least a couple of the questions mentioned above. Whether accidentally or on purpose, though, these measures do not really tell us very much.

For example, under the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, there is an "outcome/impact" measure for the "Percent of Identified Noncompliant Sites and Facilities for Which Appropriate Action Is Taken." This measure, a goal really, is set at 85 percent. Why is it not 100 percent? Or how about the "Percent of Inspected or Investigated Air Sites in Compliance," with a goal of 98 percent. While it is an admirable goal to have all air sites in compliance, could not this measure create a perverse incentive to inspect and investigate sites in compliance and ignore violators?

In the budget, no history or context is given to any of the outcome and efficiency measures. Central missions and goals go unstated. Ultimate results seem, well, ultimately unimportant. This is true for all state agencies. It is only with rare exception that one can trace any specific program's expenditures back even five years (though never in the budget and only with a great deal of sleuthing), much less gauge its successes or failures.

There is more information available in agencies, Legislative Appropriations Requests, but few of these are available online. What's more, the history these documents do give leaves a gap in every agency's actual spending history because of the way these standardized documents are arranged.

Studying the state's budget and trying to get answers to basic questions is a little like a physicist studying the

big bang. One answer seems only to lead to a half dozen more questions.

But the Texas state budget is not the cosmos.

Currently, individual programs are almost impossible to identify in the state budget. That must be changed, making it more accessible and useful. Additionally, generally accessible documents clearly detailing the strategic plans for each program should be produced, including sound measures for defining success at the end of each year and over the course of the program.

Taxpayers need to know what is really being accomplished with their money. If such answers cannot be had, then that taxpayers, money should stay with the taxpayers.

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## What's up, doc? By Albert M. Balesh, M.D.

### Ornery coronary

Whether you ride it or it rides you, that ornery, cantankerous coronary makes for bumpy going. It can turn an ordinary day into the likes of the O.K. Corral, with its sudden compromise of blood flow to the heart, commonly known as acute coronary syndrome (ACS).

A chameleon by day, it takes many forms, none of them pleasant, ranging from unstable angina and myocardial infarction to sudden cardiac death and acute onset heart failure or pulmonary edema. Lungs fill with fluid, causing shortness of breath and a drowning sensation, and a pain in the chest becomes so intense and unbearable that even Wyatt Earp would whimper. All this because of a small thrombus of blood clotting cells called platelets, with a pinch of fibrin, coming to rest on a stump or plaque of atherosclerosis in a coronary artery.

Being fast at the draw means very little when the gunslinger is elderly, diabetic, afflicted with poor circulation, or subject to bouts of high nitrogen and cardiac enzymes in the blood, or wobbly and unstable elec-

trocardiographic signs. A good saloon and a dancehall girl are no match for a stacked cardiac deck, and a posse of health professionals must intervene early and aggressively, if a tombstone over a lonely prairie plot is to be avoided.

Diagnosis of acute coronary syndrome in its various disguises is actually quite simple and straightforward, regardless of whether bandannas have been pulled high to mask symptomatology and impending cardiac holdup. Chest pain, electrocardiographic findings, two or more episodes of angina within the preceding 24 hours, and elevated serum, cardiac biomarkers and enzymes specifically point to its likelihood, like smoke signals billowing from a high mountain pass, *Kemosabe*.

When acute coronary syndrome is suggested, patient care should not be left to chance or a roll of the dice or tumbleweed. An antithrombotic and anti-ischemic regimen should be instituted immediately in order to tame the raging thrombosis, reduce the constriction of coronary arteries, and

help cardiac muscle make more efficient use of the limited oxygen supply available. Aspirin and heparin therapy should be initiated to prevent clotting, and nitroglycerin and beta-blockers to increase blood flow and reduce ischemic episodes.

With a new sheriff in town, law, order, and risk factor management can be maintained, and the shadier elements of the underlying atherosclerosis held in check by judicious use of weight management protocols, diet, statin drugs, smoking cessation advice and counseling, and increased physical activity, not to mention blood pressure control and diabetes management, when necessary.

And if six-guns start blazing and the cavalry is called for, diagnostic coronary angiography and angiographically directed revascularization can lead the charge, to the sound of a bugle call, within 48 hours of symptom onset.

The day is done, our hero rides slowly off into the sunset of a human cardiovascular system, and, while he didn't get the girl, he made sure as hell that the girl (or boy) would live to see another dawn, or perhaps many more.

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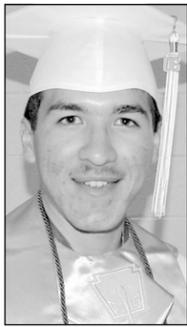
# Over 5,000 attend ceremony in new Canutillo stadium

By Alfredo Vasquez  
Special to the Courier

UPPER VALLEY — Canutillo ISD commencement ceremony was held on Friday, May 26, 2006 at the new Canutillo High School Stadium with an audience of over 5,000.

Two hundred and thirty students received their high school diplomas — an additional 18 students received a certificate of completion (not a high school diploma), which requires them to attend academic tutoring this summer and to retake the TAKS test in July 2006. All 248 students completed all coursework required and participated in the commencement ceremonies.

Nearly \$1.5 million in scholarship and grant monies were awarded to



Stephen White

community college, or technical school for the 2006-07 school year.

Leading the first graduating class to receive their diplomas in a ceremony at the new high school stadium were Stephen White, valedictorian, and Maria Del Carmen Hernandez, salutatorian. Rounding out the top ten seniors in ranking or-

der are: Velia Herren, Priscilla Moreno, Kathleen Norris, Nydia Esparza, Jazmine Duran, Miguel Arroyo, Denise Rojas, and Gabriel Infante.



Maria Hernandez

White said that he plans to attend Rice University in Houston in the fall and major in engineering. He said that he has been awarded the Rice tuition grant and expects to earn a merit scholarship after the first semester.

Hernandez will attend St. Mary's University in San Antonio. She has received about \$40,000 in scholarships.

## Adult GED/English classes offered in SISD

EAST EL PASO COUNTY — Evening adult GED and English classes are being offered in the Socorro ISD. The following are locations and times for registration:

- Community Learning Center at 313 S. Rio Vista Rd.

Registration is Monday, July 10, 5-7:30 p.m.

• El Dorado High, 12401 Edgemere Blvd. Registration is Wednesday, July 12, 5-7:30 p.m.

• Hambric School, 3535 Nolan Richardson. Registration is Monday, July 17, 5-7:30 p.m.

• Sierra Vista School, 1501 Bob Hope Dr. Registration is Wednesday, July 19, 5-7:30 p.m.

Classes are free and on a first-come basis. Call 937-1700 for further information.

## New Socorro council takes reins of city in first meeting

By Arleen Beard  
Special to the Courier

SOCORRO — May's city election in the City of Socorro resulted in the election of a new mayor and four new city representatives. Former City Representative Trini Lopez returned to council as Socorro's new mayor. The other sole returning City Representative is Mary Perez. The other city representatives are new to their posts. They include: Sergio Cox, representative at large; Josie Trillo, District 1; Victor Perez, District 2; and Al Gutierrez, District 4.

City Council held their first official regular meeting on June 1. There were over 30 agenda items conducted at the meeting, which made for a long evening.

One item considered was the election of the Mayor Pro-Tem. Mary Perez was elected to the post and expressed

her commitment to do what is best for her constituents.

City Council also appointed Ernest Gomez as new Municipal Court Judge.

One item of controversy being considered was the second reading of an ordinance to eliminate high density residential development. This issue was introduced by the previous administration. The rationale explained by the previous council was to alleviate the traffic in the rapidly growing city.

A public hearing was held regarding the amendment. Several community members voiced their opinions on this issue and most of them would like for council to hold off on deleting the "R-3" designation until more research has been conducted and a thorough study of the city's master plan has been completed.

After considerable discussion between council and members of the audience, council voted to table the item.

## Reyes Reports By U.S. Rep. Silvestre Reyes

### Consolidate student loans



For the many El Pasoans who have federal student loan

debt, an important deadline is fast approaching. I urge students and parents to consider whether they should consolidate their federal college loans before July 1 of this year, when interest rates on outstanding loans are expected to rise to their highest rate in six years. Consolidation allows students and parents to combine their separate loans into one and lock in a low fixed interest rate — which could save borrowers thousands of dollars over the life of their loans. Federal loans include money provided through the Federal Family Education Loan (FFEL) and Direct Loan programs.

Each year on July 1, the U.S. Department of Education adjusts the interest rates on outstanding college loans. This year, interest rates on student loans are expected to rise to just over seven percent and interest rates on parent loans are expected to rise to 7.8 percent. Student borrowers who consolidate their outstanding

loans before July 1 will be eligible to lock in an interest rate as low as 4.75 percent, which would save an average of nearly \$3,500 over the life of the loan. Parent borrowers who consolidate before July 1 will be eligible to lock in a rate as low as 6.1 percent over the life of their loan.

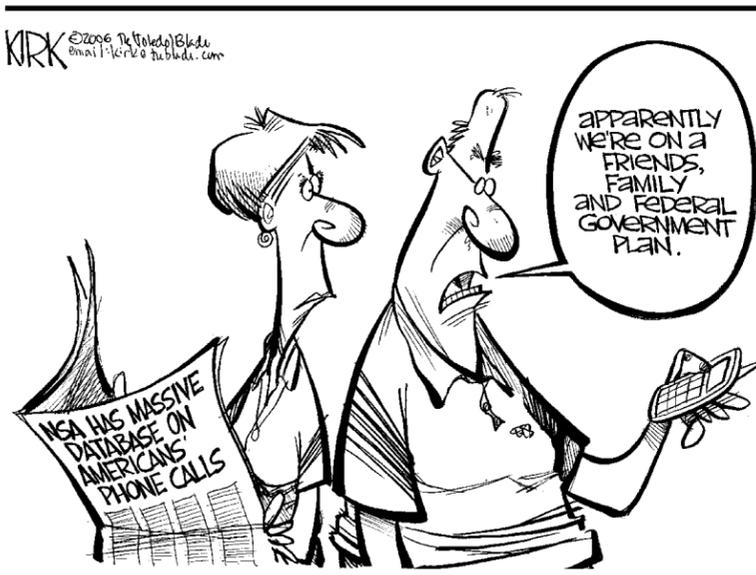
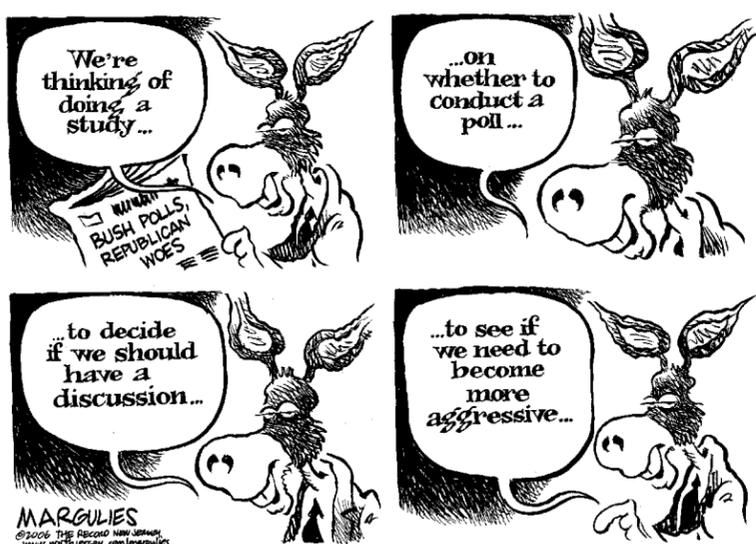
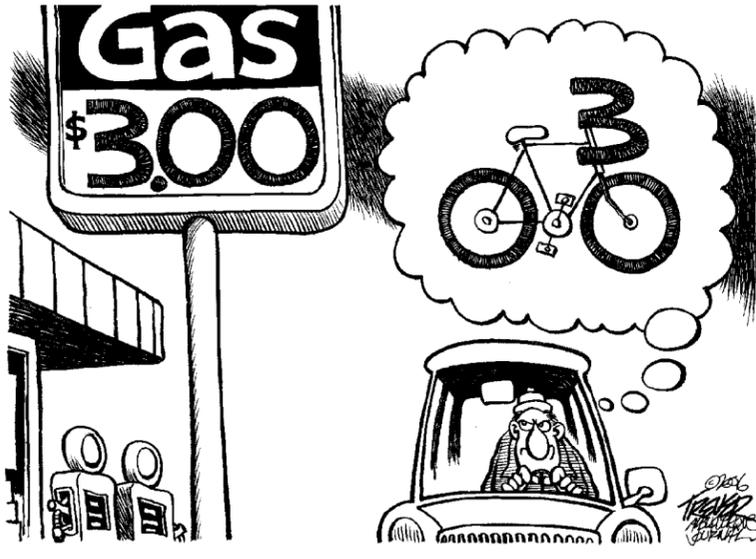
If you have a Direct Loan through the Department of Education, you can call 1-800-557-7392 or apply online at <http://www.loanconsolidation.ed.gov>. If you have a loan through the FFEL program (a bank-based loan), you can contact one of the companies that own or service your student or parent loan(s). If you have loans with more than one lender you can choose to consolidate through the Department of Education or with any lender that provides federal consolidation loans.

At a time when the cost of college is going through the roof and middle class Americans are seeing their budgets squeezed on a variety of fronts, from the gas pump to the prescription counter, it is important that hardworking families take opportunities like this to avoid additional, unnecessary debt.

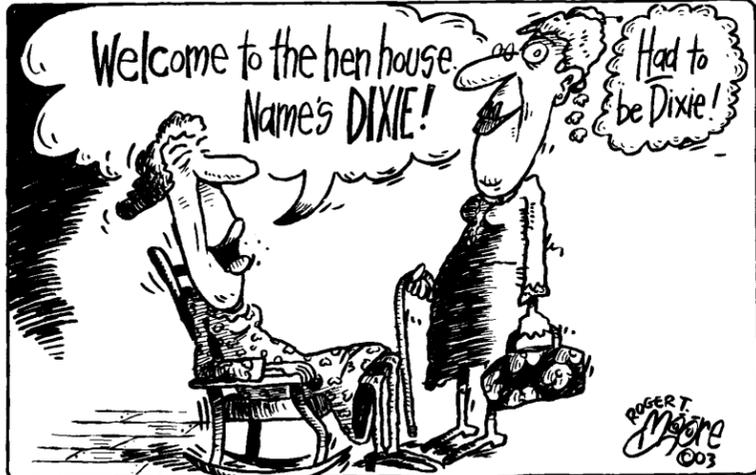
In the meantime, I will continue working with my Democratic colleagues to oppose policies advocated by the Administration and Republicans in Congress that increase the cost of higher education, and instead support efforts to make college more affordable for students and parents. For example, I will continue to oppose terribly misguided initiatives like the Republicans' \$12 billion cut to federal student aid programs, which is now being used to help finance tax breaks for the wealthiest Americans.

I will also urge my colleagues to pass H.R. 5150, the Reverse the Raid on Student Aid Act, of which I am a cosponsor. The bill would cut interest rates in half from 6.8 percent to 3.4 percent for students with subsidized loans — those with the most financial need — and from 8.5 percent to 4.25 percent for parent borrowers, starting in July 2006. Sadly, it is unlikely that the Republican leadership in the House would bring this bill to the floor.

For timely and more detailed information on this subject and many others, please visit my new blog at [www.reyesblog.com](http://www.reyesblog.com).



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**Town of Horizon City PUBLIC HEARING**

A PUBLIC HEARING will be held at **6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, June 13, 2006** during the **Regular City Council Meeting** at City Hall, 14999 Darrington Road, Horizon City, Texas. Purpose of the public hearing is to allow any interested persons to appear and testify regarding the following proposed ordinance(s):

1) Repeal and Replace Ordinance No. 0131 — Powers and Duties authorizing the Code Enforcement Officer to issue written citations setting out the alleged violation to the owner of the premises or the person in control of the premises.

Those who are unable to attend may submit their views in writing to the City Clerk of Horizon City. Ordinances are available for viewing or copying upon request from the City Clerk at the above address or call 915-852-1046, Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

*Sandra Sierra*  
 City Clerk

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**Canutillo Middle Schooler is national finalist in anti-violence contest**

By Kim Guzman  
 Special to the Courier

UPPER VALLEY — Vanessa Fernandez, an eighth grade student at Canutillo Middle School, was one of two El Paso County winners of the Do the Write Thing Texas Challenge contest. One boy and one girl were selected from almost 1500 students who entered essays, poems, plays or songs about how violence has affected their lives. Fernandez was honored during a banquet recently along with other area finalists.

The Texas Do the Write Thing Challenge is an anti-violence initiative of the National Campaign to Stop Violence, a coalition of prominent organizations and leaders who sponsor this program focus on reducing youth violence. The local coalition is

chaired by Judge Patricia Macias and Dr. James Vasquez of Region XIX. The district coordinator is Helen Rojas and the Region XIX coordinator is Nance Love.

The program gives middle school students an opportunity to examine the impact of violence on their lives and what they think should be done to change things, with an emphasis on personal responsibility.

Patricia Gallardo, CMS teacher, assigned the essay contest as a class project for her English class.

Shane Anslinger, eighth grade student in Gallardo's class, also placed among the top area finishers in the contest.

"The students wrote powerful essays and poetry about domestic

abuse, gang-related incidents, alcohol and drug induced violence, bullying and predators," Gallardo said.

Fernandez chose to write an essay about the death of a friend due to a series of tragic events involving domestic violence, gangs, and drugs. She commented, "I'm happy — I really didn't expect to win, but I'm happy I did."

Fernandez, Gallardo, and Mario Fernandez, Vanessa's father, will travel to Austin in June for an all-expense-paid trip

where she will read her essay and tour the state capitol. Then in July, the group will travel to Washington D.C. where Vanessa will be honored along with the other national finalists with several days of activities and events.



V. Fernandez

**Hurshel Antwine School dedication pays tribute to family**

By Carlos A. Briano  
 Special to the Courier

EAST EL PASO COUNTY — Hurshel Antwine School officially dedicated the building in honor of its namesake with song, dance and ribbon cutting on May 24. Part of the program included a slideshow salute to Hurshel Antwine, the man.

Antwine was a longtime Marketing Education Co-op instructor and DECA sponsor at Socorro High School. The majority of his life was dedicated to education. He died in 1990 at the age of 67, just three months after retiring from SISD. That slideshow brought tears to the Antwine family present.

"My family was so impressed with the welcoming we received by the school," says Antwine daughter Yvonne Walker, who is also Principal at Lujan-Chavez Elementary. "My father's two brothers, my two cousins, and my sister and brother, now know why Socorro ISD is so important and special to me and was to my father as well. The school's dedication will remain in my memory as one of the most significant events in my life."

The school administration, faculty, students and parents welcomed Superintendent Dr. Robert J. Durón, SISD Board Secretary Craig Patton, SISD Cabinet members, feeder pattern principals, and the Hurshel Antwine family members for the ribbon cutting ceremony and program.

"The dedication was wonderful," says Hurshel Antwine Principal Janet Levine. "As a principal I was so proud of all our accomplishments. Seeing our littlest



— Photo courtesy Socorro ISD

**IN A FATHER'S HONOR — Hurshel Antwine's daughter Yvonne Walker and Socorro ISD Superintendent Dr. Robert J. Durón cut the ribbon formally dedicating Hurshel Antwine School on May 24.**

pre-kindergartners and our eighth graders perform meant so much to me. We are finally a team working towards the same goal Mr. Antwine had — student success."

Students of all ages performed for the hundreds of people present. And at the conclusion, another slideshow depicting the first year of the school was shown.

"The dedication was a celebration of Mr. Antwine and the successful school year we have had," says school tech pilot Erica Armijo. "Even though we are a new campus, we have a great team that works hard to better our students and the community. Hurshel Antwine School will always be known for its hard work and dedication to the future of our students."

**Board of Trustees approve two SISD Assistant Principals**

By Carlos A. Briano  
 Special to the Courier

EAST EL PASO COUNTY — On May 16, the Socorro ISD Board of Trustees approved two new assistant principals. Amy M. Serafini was named assistant principal at Sgt. Roberto Ituarte Elementary, Socorro ISD's newest school scheduled to open July 2006. Teresa Navarro was named assistant principal at Col. John O. Ensor Middle.

Serafini was the Assistant Principal and Site Coordinator at 21st Cen-



Amy M. Serafini

tury Learning Center of the Keystone Central School District in Lock Haven, Pa. She graduated from Lock Haven University with a B.S. in Elementary Education and earned her Master's of Science in Elementary Education degree from Bucknell University. She is pursuing her doctorate of education degree at



Teresa Navarro

UTEP. Navarro was the Assistant Principal at San Elizario Middle. She previously worked for Socorro ISD as a Title I Coordinator and Curriculum Coach. She graduated from UTEP in 1998 with a B.S. in Bilingual Education. She received her Master's of Education degree in 2000, also from UTEP.

**Med school**

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I wish to be part of life saving procedures in the operating room. I look forward to interacting with patients and providing comfort to those in

difficult situations."

Mendez adds that the Health Professions Academy at Socorro High School also gave her an advantage, allowing her to experience health care in a "hands on" approach.

"Being a member at the Health Professions Academy at Socorro High School has prepared me with

rigorous academic courses with a focus on the medical field," she says. "It has been the academy that has guided me towards my career. I believe that the quality of the education we receive as students in the Socorro District is truly the best kind possible to prepare young minds for their future."

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Morales, Anthony High; Yessenia Sanchez, Fabens High; Carlos Prieto, San Elizario High; Marisa Godoy, Clint High; Jacob McKernan and Alyssa Olivas, Mountain View High. Olivas was also honored as an alternate delegate to the HOBY World Leadership Congress which will be held in July in Washington.

Randleel, who is supervisor-financial forecasting for El Paso Electric, has been with the program since 1997. She became involved with HOBY because she saw it as a "very positive" program for youth.

She adds, "I like the program because of the way it allows kids to recognize themselves and their own potential." She feels this is very important because the world they are entering is so competitive that it is better for them to recognize and identify this leadership potential as soon as possible.



— Photo courtesy HOBY

**ON THE HOTSEAT — Hector Montenegro, Superintendent of Ysleta ISD, gives these Hugh O'Brian 2006 Far West Texas Leadership students a lesson in how to conduct a school board meeting. From left are Caitlyn Guard of Coronado, Christopher Salazar from Greenwood, Constance Shing of Coronado, Cynthia Rodriguez of Riverside, Fatemeh Khosravani and Adeline Fox of Alpine High, Yessenia Sanchez of Fabens and Beatriz Lozano of Faith Christian.**

The leadership theme is carried out through a series of panel presentations by community leaders. Topics included education, with Dr. Pam Padilla, superintendent of the Canutillo ISD as one of the members. Other presentations focused on me-

dia, whose topic was *What the Public Wants to Know*. Other panels covered entrepreneurship and volunteerism.

Sums up Randleel: "This (seminar) really shows there is a future for our country."

## Briefs

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as the Most Outstanding in a contest sponsored by the UTEP Mother-Daughter/Father-Son Program. Rolando was recognized at the program's annual Leadership Conference held at the UTEP Magoffin Auditorium. Paola Rivera, an 8th grade student at Horizon Middle School was selected as the first runner-up to the National Finalist of the Do the Write Thing essay contest. Her essay on *How Violence Has Affected Me and Possible Solutions* was chosen from among 1500 entries submitted from eight school districts. Paola along with Gilbert Rivera, Heather Delgado and Adolfo Murillo from Clint Junior High were among the 29 area finalists who were honored at a celebration by program Chair Judge Patricia Macias and Co-Chair Dr. James Vasquez.

— Contributed by Laura Cade

■ The Ysleta Mission Festival at Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Church will be held Friday, July 7 through Sunday, July 9, with arts and crafts, prizes, and live entertainment, as well as other forms of entertainment and food served up. The Church is located at 131 S. Zaragosa. Admission is free with the exception of a special performance by Michael Salgado on July 7 at 10 p.m., which has a charge of \$12. For more information contact Monica Tellez at 859-6754 or 630-8507.

■ With all greyhound races suspended since mid-December, the Juarez Racetrack manager in Mexico recently released 126 greyhounds that were racing at the track to Greyhound Pets of America (GPA) and its El Paso Lone Star Greyhounds (LSG) chapter. Organizers need emergency, temporary foster homes in the El Paso area for 24 of these American dogs until arrangements are finalized to relocate them to GPA chapters and other greyhound rescue groups nationwide. To date, 102 of the dogs will

transfer to parts of Texas, New Mexico, Colorado, Oregon, Arizona, California, Utah and Canada beginning this week. Local, temporary foster homes are needed for the other 24 in the interim. LSG will furnish all food and medical care to El Paso fosters, who do not need a large yard, for a few days to potentially several months, according to authorities. Donations are also being accepted to help offset the \$21,000 in food, veterinary care and transportation costs for the orphaned canines. To make a donation or to foster, call (915) 593-7006 or log on to [www.greyhoundpets.org](http://www.greyhoundpets.org).

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■ The federal excise tax on long-distance telephone service was first established in 1898 at the start of the Spanish American War when the American government was having trouble paying for this military action. A Washington bureaucrat devised the long-distance phone tax as a new revenue stream to finance the war effort, establishing the one-cent levy on long-distance phone calls that rang up charges of more than 15 cents. The tax was designed to target the wealthy — those who could afford telephone service. But the federal government failed to keep up with advances in telecommunications. Multiple lawsuits were filed. Last month, after five appellate courts ruled against the government, the U.S. Treasury announced it would terminate the tax on July 31, 2006. It also ordered the IRS to provide refunds, including interest, for excise taxes paid since March 2003. Texans may ask for a refund of these taxes on their 2006 federal income tax returns, having been assured the refund process will be simple and actual receipts for taxes paid won't be required for a refund. Taxpayers will be reimbursed an estimated \$13 billion. Ironically, some say this obsolete Spanish-American war excise tax is being put to rest at a time when America is struggling once again to finance the war on terrorism. Meanwhile, a \$2 telephone tax created to provide rural and low-income Texans with affordable phone service is

also being called obsolete by critics who want the Texas legislature to abolish it. However, some say that some rural customers would pay as much as \$400 a month for phone service. The Texas Public Utility Commission say a report on the issue should be released early next year.

■ Buying a house usually requires a 20 percent down payment, but *How to Buy a Home With a Low Down Payment*, a publication from the Mortgage Insurance Companies of America and the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Cooperative Extension Service can show you how to purchase a home with a three to five percent down payment using mortgage insurance. Learn how to qualify for mortgage insurance, find the right home loan and calculate how much mortgage you can afford. For a free copy, send name and address to the Federal Citizen Information Center, Dept. 597N, Pueblo, CO 81009, or call toll-free 1-888-878-3256, and ask for Item 597N or visit <http://www.pueblo.gsa.gov> to order online, read or print out this and hundreds of other government publications for free.

■ Eight out of 10 Americans suffer from back pain at some point in their lives. *Handout on Health: Back Pain*, a publication from the National Institute of Arthritis and Musculoskeletal and Skin Diseases may be able to help, discussing risk factors, preventing back pain, types of pain, and treatment options. For a free copy, send name and address to the Federal Citizen Information Center, Dept. 597N, Pueblo, CO 81009, or call toll-free 1-888-878-3256, and ask for Item 597N or visit <http://www.pueblo.gsa.gov> to order online, read or print out this and hundreds of other government publications for free.

■ The Clint Baptist Church will host Vacation Bible School June 19-23, 9:30 a.m. to noon, at 200 Main Street, for children ages Pre-K through 6th grade. Call 592-9081 or 851-1599 for details.

## Outstanding performance by Clint grad earns new opportunities

By Laura Cade  
Special to the Courier

CLINT — An outstanding performance in the USA Junior Nationals all-state high school basketball competition in Norman, Oklahoma has put Robert Paul Sosa in the national spotlight.

Sosa, the son of Araceli Guardado, is a 2006 graduate of Clint High School. Based on his performance he has been invited to participate in the prestigious USA Junior Nationals "National Sports Festival" in Columbus, Ohio from July 24-30.

Because of his exceptional talent in basketball, football and track, Sosa was selected the 2-4A Male Athlete of the Year by the El Paso Athletic Hall of Fame in May. His selection was also based on his academics, school life and community service.

His many accomplishments include City of El Paso Basketball 4A Player of the Year and District 2-4A Most Valuable Player for

Basketball, El Paso's Best of the Best Defensive Back, District 2-4A Football Defensive Most Valuable Player, All-State Academic in Football and Basketball, and Regional qualifier in Track and Field.



Robert Paul Sosa

During High School, Sosa also volunteered at San Lorenzo Catholic Church in Clint and at various youth camps, and he participated in band, One-Act Play, and the Science Fair. A member of the National Honor Society, Paul graduated with a 96.42 GPA and plans to attend Texas A&M University

at Corpus Christi in the fall. Based in Columbus, Ohio the USA Junior Nationals provides one of the top amateur competitions in the nations and offers its program to athletes who have a high talent and level in basketball and want to develop their skills and techniques through the statewide, national and international competition.

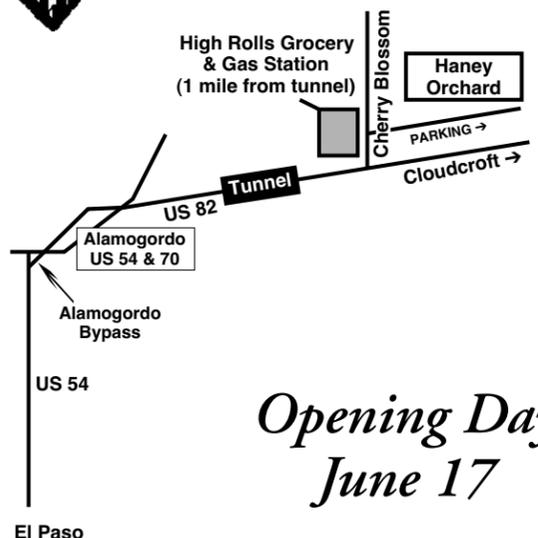
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# Lakers get to watch Shaq, Heat in NBA finals

By Steve Escajeda  
Special to the Courier

Watching the Miami Heat reach the NBA finals by dismantling the Detroit Pistons the other night I couldn't help but wonder what Jerry Buss, Kobe Bryant, Phil Jackson, Jack Nicholson and the rest of the Los Angeles Lakers fans were thinking?

Here they all were watching the guy they decided to get rid of, Shaquille O'Neal, leading the Heat all the way to the championship round. Meanwhile the guy they decided to keep, Kobe Bryant, is sitting at home and dealing with being called selfish by Charles Barkley after his disappearing act in the Lakers' game 7 loss to Phoenix in the first round of the playoffs.

Since the Bryant-Shaq breakup three years ago, the once proud Lakers have recorded a losing record (79-85) with Kobe at the helm the last two years, while Shaq took a Miami team that was just 42-40 the year before he arrived, and led them to a combined 111-53 regular-season record and their first appearance in the NBA finals ever.

Oh, and by the way, that mediocre 42-40 record was with Dwayne Wade and Lamar Odom on the team. What a difference a

"Diesel" makes.

The people at the top of the Lakers food chain have got some things to think about. Kobe has done nothing but tarnish his image since winning his power struggle with Shaq and coach Phil Jackson.

Though the Lakers did show a little improvement this season, they are years from being what they used to be, and there doesn't seem to be any relief in sight.

Meanwhile, the man that was the undisputed leader of the Lakers is showing, once again, how important he is to a team — any team.

Shaq is still the most dominant player in the NBA. Put him on any team and that instantly makes them a title contender.

As for Kobe, he should take a long hard look at LeBron James and Dwayne Wade, and study how they do a little bit of everything for their teams. Any great player can take 35 shots a game.

But putting your ego aside for the betterment of the team is another matter.

## It's good to be the king

Remember the movie comedy *History of the World Part 1*? I can almost picture Mel

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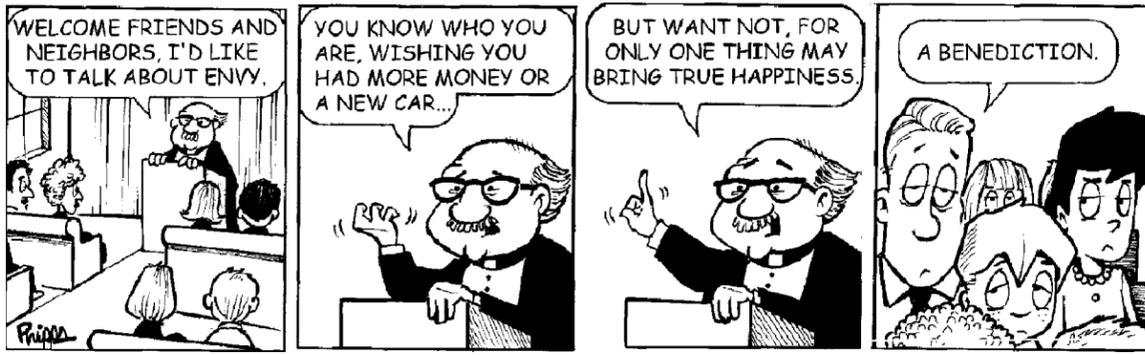
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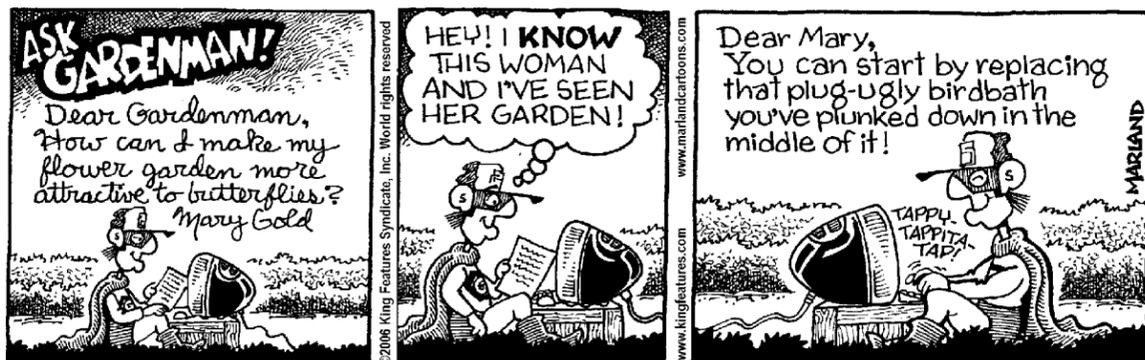
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# When supermodels attack

By Don Flood

We interrupt the regularly scheduled column for the following Special News Bulletin: Supermodels are on the attack!

First, we need to look calmly and dispassionately at the following true facts.

In January, supermodel Beverly Peele was arrested for identity theft.

In March, Sports Illustrated swimsuit supermodel Naomi Campbell was charged with hitting her housekeeper with a cell phone, an attack that required a visit to the hospital and four stitches.

In April, Victoria's Secret supermodel May Andersen went berserk on an overseas flight and assaulted a flight attendant.

In short, we are in the midst of the greatest Supermodel Crime Wave in History!

If you doubt that, here's an amazing fact: 71 percent of all assaults in the country are committed by supermodels.

(Note: I said an amazing fact, not necessarily a true fact. But still...)

Campbell is something of a serial phone thrower. In 2003, she was sued by a former assistant for throwing a phone at her. In 1998, she pleaded guilty to beating an assistant.

In the latest incident, she whacked her housekeeper because a pair of jeans was missing.

Accordingly, police have issued a warning: If Naomi Campbell confronts you about missing jeans, do not resist. Giver her whatever you're wearing and run, especially if she's armed with a cell phone or lipstick case.

Almost as ferocious is Andersen, who looked more like a Super Scary Supermodel in her hung-over-looking mug shot. (Think Nick Nolte mug shot with better teeth.)

According to unconfirmed reports, Andersen was disruptive the

entire flight and finally "ripped off the arms and legs of the flight attendant and devoured them whole in front of the other passengers," many of whom were so traumatized they refused to leave the plane until they were compensated with frequent flier miles.

But the question is, how can I protect my family from supermodels?

For those who have not yet received their handy Supermodel Security Alert brochure in the mail, here's a rundown of the threat levels using the actual Avon lipstick colors adopted by Homeland Security:

*Silky Peach* — The lowest threat level. People can leave their homes without helmets and body armor with a "relatively high degree of safety," with the exception of Naomi Campbell assistants, who should, as always, remain in their Bradley Assault Vehicles.

*Pink Fantasie* — Supermodels with cell phones have been spotted in your area. Exercise extreme caution.

*Cherry Jubilee* — Supermodels are running amok, destroying everything in their path. Citizens should stay inside their homes, except for National Guardsmen, who are called upon to "run for the hills."

President Bush, seeking a middle ground between those who say we should just surrender to the supermodels and those who are too busy drooling over Victoria's Secret catalogs to have an opinion, issued a call for the National Guard "to do something."

In other words, we're on our own.

However, security experts with experience in dealing with supermodels say supermodels share a common fear: food.

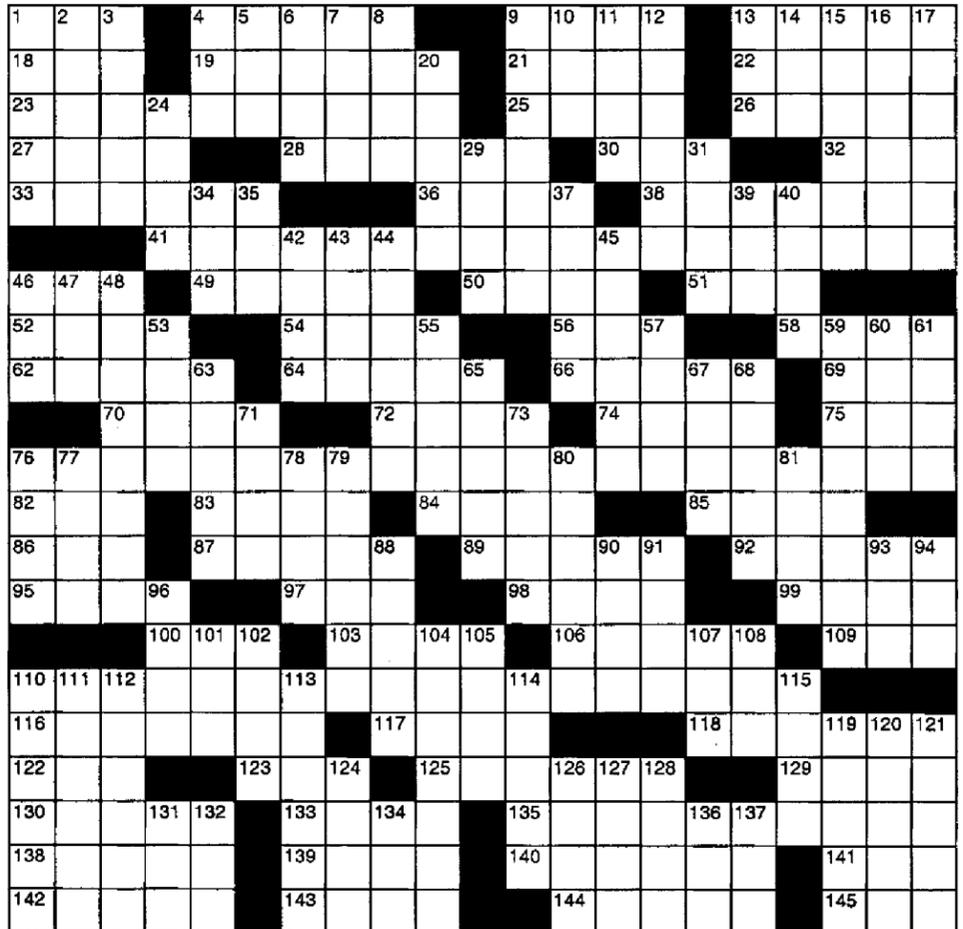
If a supermodel comes at you with a cell phone, fend her off with a ham sandwich.

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# Sports

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Brooks looking right into the camera, all decked out in his royal garb and saying, "It's good to be the king."

Well, evidently it's good to be a talented world-class athlete, too.

Mel Brooks, playing the infamous King Louis XVI, flaunts his deviant behavior knowing he can do just about whatever he wants and no one can do anything about it.

That must be exactly what Sean Taylor is feeling like today after he escaped jail time last week by mak-

ing a deal with prosecutors.

See Taylor, 23, had his three felony aggravated assault charges reduced to misdemeanor counts of simple battery and simple assault.

Seems that last June, Taylor got into a bit of an argument with a group of people in a dispute over the all-terrain vehicles that Taylor owns. I guess it was one of those "hit first and ask questions later" kind of disputes.

For his part in the fracas, Taylor was looking at a maximum of 46 years in prison if convicted. After the settlement, Taylor was placed on 18 months probation, he must talk to students at 10 Miami-Dade County

schools about staying in school and he must make contributions of \$1,000 for scholarships to each of those schools.

What a great guy. What a role model to talk to the kids about following the rules.

Naturally, the settlement will also allow Taylor to play in the NFL and make his millions.

In a two-way tie for the "Thank you Captain Obvious" remarks of the day, Taylor's attorney, Richard Sharpstein was quoted as saying, "It's a great outcome for Sean."

Not to be outdone Taylor added, "I believe it's in my best interest to accept this plea."

Taylor, who signed a seven-year, \$18 million contract with the Redskins after he was drafted in 2004, is no stranger to controversy.

This great guy, who will soon be talking to young kids about good behavior, has been fined seven times during his professional career for late hits and other infractions, including a \$17,000 penalty for spitting in the face of Tampa Bay running back Michael Pittman during a January playoff game. He was also fined \$25,000 for skipping a mandatory rookie symposium.

It's only fitting that the kids should learn from the best.

When you consider that Taylor

makes a king's salary, Mel Brooks was right, it is good to be the king.



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## 7-DAY FORECAST FOR EL PASO, TX

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Plenty of sunshine	Partly cloudy	Plenty of sunshine	Mostly sunny and warm	Partly sunny	Very warm with sunshine	Sunny and very warm	Sunny and very warm
94°	69°	98° / 67°	98° / 69°	98° / 69°	97° / 71°	99° / 72°	99° / 70°
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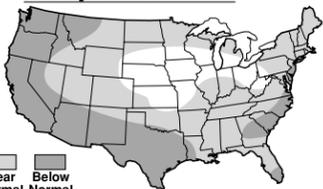
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## WEATHER TRENDS THIS WEEK

## IN THE SKY

### Temperatures

### Precipitation



### Sun

	Rise	Set
Thu.	6:00 a.m.	8:10 p.m.
Fri.	6:00 a.m.	8:10 p.m.
Sat.	6:00 a.m.	8:11 p.m.
Sun.	5:59 a.m.	8:11 p.m.
Mon.	5:59 a.m.	8:11 p.m.
Tues.	5:59 a.m.	8:12 p.m.
Wed.	6:00 a.m.	8:12 p.m.

### Moon

	Rise	Set
Thu.	5:30 p.m.	3:30 a.m.
Fri.	6:34 p.m.	4:03 a.m.
Sat.	7:40 p.m.	4:44 a.m.
Sun.	8:44 p.m.	5:32 a.m.
Mon.	9:44 p.m.	6:30 a.m.
Tues.	10:37 p.m.	7:36 a.m.
Wed.	11:22 p.m.	8:46 a.m.



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## REGIONAL CITIES

## U.S. CITIES

CITY	Thursday			Friday			Saturday			Sunday		
	HI	LO	W	HI	LO	W	HI	LO	W	HI	LO	W
Abilene, TX	103	72	s	100	72	s	101	70	s	101	70	s
Albuquerque, NM	94	64	s	94	63	s	94	63	pc	89	64	s
Amarillo, TX	98	65	s	98	64	s	100	64	s	98	61	pc
Austin, TX	101	69	s	98	70	s	96	71	pc	100	71	pc
Brownsville, TX	93	72	s	96	75	s	95	74	pc	93	77	pc
Dodge City, KS	93	63	s	93	62	s	94	63	s	89	61	pc
Jackson, MS	92	67	pc	92	70	pc	92	72	pc	92	71	pc
Laredo, TX	104	76	pc	104	77	s	102	74	pc	103	76	pc
Little Rock, AR	90	66	s	85	69	s	90	71	s	90	71	pc
Lubbock, TX	102	68	s	102	68	s	102	70	s	102	64	s
Memphis, TN	91	67	pc	90	73	s	90	74	s	91	72	pc
Midland, TX	105	69	s	101	70	s	104	70	s	102	69	s
Pueblo, CO	96	56	t	96	56	t	94	54	s	88	54	s
Roswell, NM	104	64	s	100	64	s	99	64	s	102	63	s
St. Louis, MO	86	64	pc	83	69	s	87	70	s	89	67	c
San Antonio, TX	99	71	s	98	73	s	100	72	pc	100	72	pc
Texarkana, AR	92	68	s	92	70	s	91	73	s	94	72	pc
Waco, TX	101	69	s	98	72	s	100	73	s	100	73	pc
Wichita, KS	90	65	s	90	68	s	91	67	s	91	66	s

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

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