



## NEWSBRIEFS

### Tower aid

San Lorenzo Catholic Church will be holding a bake sale and car wash to raise money to rebuild the church's bell tower. The tower, built in 1914, collapsed on May 23, 2006. The historic church is located at 611 Avenida de San Lorenzo in Clint. Two of many fund raising efforts will be:

- A bake sale — cakes, pies and breads — Saturday, June 18 at the church from 5:30 p.m. to 7 p.m.; and
- A car wash — Saturday, June 24 in front of the church from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. The group is asking for donations of \$5 for cars and \$7 for trucks.

Additional donations are being accepted by mail at: San Lorenzo Catholic Church, P.O. Box 215, Clint, TX 79836. Checks should be made payable to San Lorenzo Catholic Church and include instructions to apply the funds to the bell tower. Interested parties can e-mail sanlorenzo1914@sbcglobal.net with questions or other offers of help.

### Fireworks caution

What would the 4th of July be without fireworks? A little less busy in hospital emergency rooms. Each year nearly 10,000 fireworks-related injuries are seen in the nation's emergency rooms, with nearly half of the injured being children. The American College of Emergency Physicians (ACEP) is urging everyone to be extremely careful with fireworks this 4th of July — there is no such thing as completely "safe" fireworks. "I think the safest and best way to enjoy the 4th is to watch a professional display," said Dr. Rick Blum, president of ACEP. The Consumer Product Safety Commission reported eight people died and 9,600 were injured in 2004, most between June 19 and July 19. Injuries involved burns, especially to hands and eyes. If fireworks are legal in your community, ACEP strongly suggests you do not use fireworks at your home. If you do use fireworks, however, these do's and don'ts will help make it a safer experience.

- Buy fireworks from reputable dealers;
- Read warning labels and follow all instructions;
- Keep a bucket of water or fire extinguisher on hand;
- Light fireworks one at a time; and
- Dispose of all fireworks properly.
- Do not give any fireworks, including sparklers, to small children; older children should be supervised by an adult;
- Do not light fireworks indoors or near other objects;
- Do not wear loose clothing while using any fireworks;
- Do not set off fireworks in glass or metal containers — the fragments can cause severe injury;
- Do not try to re-light or handle malfunctioning fireworks.

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## Need for heat precautions rises with temperature

By Emily Palmer  
*Special to the Courier*

Calendars mean little in terms of Texas heat. Intensely hot temperatures are just as likely in spring and fall as they are in summer. But whatever the time of year, extreme heat can create serious health problems, according to the Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS).

The elderly, the very young, people with chronic diseases and those without access to air conditioning are those most likely to suffer in extremely hot weather.

Preliminary figures for 2005 show 59 heat-related deaths in Texas, up from the 44 heat-related deaths marked in 2004 and in 2003. Typically, the most deaths are recorded in July, followed by August, then June.

Staying in an air-conditioned area, either at home or in a public place such as a mall, library or recreation center, is the most effective way to combat heat. If air conditioning is not

available, open the windows, pull the shades down to keep out the sun and use cross-ventilation and fans to cool rooms.

Symptoms of heat illness include heavy sweating, muscle cramps, weakness, dizziness, nausea, weak but rapid pulse and headaches. People with these symptoms should find shade, drink water slowly and make sure there is good ventilation.

If fluids are not replaced soon enough, heat stroke can follow causing extremely high body temperature, red and dry skin, rapid pulse, confusion, brain damage, loss of consciousness and death.

To help a person showing severe symptoms, get the victim into shade, call for emergency medical services and start cooling the person immediately with cool water or by fanning.

Children especially can quickly become dehydrated. They need to drink fluids frequently, especially water, and wear light-colored,

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## Nine Canutillo High School grads receive \$1,000 CAFE scholarships

By Kim Guzman  
*Special to the Courier*

UPPER VALLEY — Nine college-bound Canutillo High School graduates received a \$1,000 scholarship each from the Canutillo Alumni Foundation for Education (CAFE) organization. The scholarships were announced by Sergio Coronado, school board president and CAFE vice president, during the commencement ceremonies held recently at the CHS Stadium.

CAFE is a non-profit foundation initiated in 2003 by CHS alumni to establish the scholarship fund, promote the history of Canutillo ISD, provide mentors to students of CISD, unite the communities in CISD, and to recognize current CISD students and CHS alumni and

friends. The organization's purpose is to encourage and assist CHS students to pursue a post-secondary education that will help them to become productive citizens of their community and country.

Recipients were chosen based on their academic achievement, involvement in the community, need for financial assistance, and on a personal interview with CAFE members.

The major funding for CAFE scholarships is raised through an annual golf tournament, which was held this past year at Painted Dunes Golf Course. The foundation also raised funds through a drawing held during the third week of November for two tickets and airfare to the Dallas Cowboys football game, played on Thanksgiving Day.

For more information about CAFE or to help with the 2006-2007 fundraisers, call 877-7482.



— Photo courtesy Canutillo ISD

**BOOST FOR THE FUTURE** — CAFE scholarship recipients shown from left are Andres Cuevas, Roman Estrada, Guillermo Velasco, Josiah Molinar, Maria Hernandez, Jazmin Duran, Velia Herren, Nydia Esparza, and Veronica Maldonado.

## Joint legislation introduced to overturn immigration loophole

By Brittany Eck  
*Special to the Courier*

WASHINGTON, DC — Congressman Henry Bonilla has introduced the Fairness in Immigration Litigation Act of 2006 to close a loophole that allows thousands of illegal aliens to remain in our country every week.

The Orantes injunction mandates that the U.S. Government afford all Salvadoran immigrants the benefit of full deportation proceedings and undermines the authority of the

Department of Homeland Security (DHS) to apply expedited removal procedures. The court order was issued

in 1988 when El Salvador was in the midst of a bloody civil war and was designed to protect those seeking refuge in the U.S. However, on January 16, 1992, a peace accord was signed ending 11 years of civil war and implementing strict human rights restrictions.

However, gangs such as Mara Salvatrucha, otherwise known as MS-13, and members of drug cartels are now exploiting this loophole in our legal system to thwart our immigration laws and obtain release into our communities. This legislation would remove obstacles that prevent our government from effectively enforcing the immigration laws that Congress intended.

Texas Rep. Lamar Smith said he shares Bonilla's apprehension over the threat created by this loophole. Recently Rep. Smith, former chairman and current member of the House Judiciary Subcommittee on Immigration, Border Security and Claims, signed on to the bill as an original co-sponsor.

"The Expedited Removal Program was first created in 1996 immigration bill, the 'Illegal Immigration Reform and Immigrant Responsibility Act.' Over the last 10 years, the program has been a useful tool in removing illegal immigrants from the U.S. But all programs need a little tweaking over time. This bill closes a loophole created by the federal courts in the deportation process. The U.S. government expanded the number of people subject to expedited removal in recent years, and this bill will continue that expansion," said Rep. Smith.

The Fairness in Immigration Litigation Reform Act, which has broad support from the Department of Homeland Security and the Bush Administration, would:

- Establish standards for courts to apply when issuing injunctions that impact the enforcement and administration of immigration laws;
- Set deadlines for expiration of injunctions;
- For our expedited removal program, eliminate the jurisdiction of the district courts to issue injunctions; and
- For permanent injunctions already in place, allow the government to file a motion

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*A dime is dollar with all the various taxes deducted.*

— Quips & Quotes



## One perspective

By Francis Shrum

# Your next adventure

This lady was giving a motivational speech. She was very successful, poised, self-confident and outgoing. I was paying attention.

She said when she was very young she got married. She and her husband had little income, though he worked hard, for long hours. She said she soon lost hope of improving their small apartment and she became increasingly desperate, feeling helpless to better their lives, hopeless and useless.

Her marriage wasn't happy either since she was spending what little time they had together crying at him in her misery.

Finally, in complete frustration, her young husband shouted at her that he didn't know how to help her — that

he was doing the best he could.

"Just *do* something for yourself!" he said. "Even if it's the wrong thing, just *do* something!"

She said his words were like a bucket of ice water being dumped over her, waking her up from a stupor of self-pity. So she did something. It wasn't always the right thing, she said. It wasn't always the same thing. Sometimes she got herself over-committed, sometimes she made people angry, sometimes she didn't keep her house clean, sometimes she fell flat on her face, but she was *doing* something.

In short, she began experiencing that wonderful adventure that is life. It's not always easy. In fact, it's downright hard and uncomfortable,

even, occasionally, bitterly painful.

My youngest recently told me that it seems to her that Americans have taken all the risk and discomfort — hence, the excitement — out of living. She said we have insurance for everything, so we don't suffer loss. Our homes and transportation are insulated from the environment so we don't get too cold or too hot. We are given a free education so that even the least motivated can get a job of some kind and if we choose not to work, then the government will give us enough to stay alive and a place to live.

What she says is true. Americans don't like to be uncomfortable and will go to almost any length to keep from getting that way. But I hope I can help her see that just because we aren't struggling to survive on a daily basis that life has to be without adventure. A couch-potato, unmotivated, helpless mindset is of our own making. It's an individual choice to look at life that way, not a reality.

I'm not an advocate of leaping before you look. The cost of new endeavors should be considered. But I wonder how many times we manage to talk ourselves out of something

before we even take the first step. Maybe the step we take isn't the best of all possible choices but if we wait until all things are assured, including success, we'll still be sitting there on the couch 10 years from now, wondering why life hasn't improved for us.

And the older we get, the harder it is to get moving. It's a habit best established in youth.

There is a young mother I know who has three very young children and is anticipating at least one more. She loves her kids, is a very good mother, and has her plate overflowing with children adventures. But sometimes she mentions that she wishes she had taken advantage of some educational opportunities she had before she started having kids.

I gave her a bookmark that says, "It's never too late to be all you might have been."

We all second guess our past choices. The old saying about hindsight being 20/20 is absolutely the truth. Making decisions through the glare, distractions and uncertainty of the present has always been a challenge.

The greatest danger involved in the present is, however, if we fail to make a decision at all because we are afraid it will be the wrong one. We can always find someone or something to blame for the failures in our lives, pointing to them as the reason we haven't changed, grown up or improved. Maybe our obstacles to a better future are real and valid. But an equally valid truth is that we are the only ones who can overcome those obstacles — they will never go away on their own.

The motivational speaker I mentioned said she and her family went through many difficult times, but as a result of the change in her mindset they were still together — she and her husband had recently celebrated their 50th anniversary. She said that if she had not begun taking personal responsibility for her own happiness she would not have remained married.

No matter where we are, what our circumstance is, or what the weather is like outside, there is no excuse for not *doing* something.

The only obstacle standing between us and our next adventure is ourselves.

## Canutillo ISD announces top teachers

By Alfredo Vasquez  
Special to the Courier

CANUTILLO — Debbie Owens Corona, Canutillo Middle School language arts teacher, and Irma Reza, Canutillo Elementary School kindergarten teacher, will represent Canutillo ISD in the Region 19 Teacher of the Year awards program, following their selection as top Teachers of the Year for the district.

Corona has taught for nine years and has been with CISD for four years. She is currently teaching seventh grade English language arts.

Reza has been a teacher for 12 years and has been with CISD for three years. She is currently teaching in the two-way dual language program.



Debbie Owens Corona



Irma Reza

A District selection committee named Corona as CISD's Secondary Teacher of the Year and Reza as the Elementary Teacher of the Year for

2007. Their respective campus faculty members nominated the two teachers.

Corona and Reza will now compete with teachers from surrounding school districts for regional honors as part of the Texas Teacher of the Year Program. The winners,

which will be announced in late August, will advance to the State Teacher of the Year program.

The Texas Teacher of the Year annual event is the highest honor that the state can bestow upon a teacher. The Texas Education Agency rewards and recognizes excellence in the teaching profession through the Texas Teacher of the Year Program.

## Write stuff

Dear Editor:

As July 4, 2006, Independence Day, approaches, do you remember the travesty perpetrated on the U.S. by the United Nations? Shockingly, Washington's home, Monticello, and Independence Hall in Philadelphia — a symbol of our national independence — have become UNESCO World Heritage sites as a token of globalist interdependence under the United Nations.

In addition, UNESCO's World Heritage Convention and its similar Man and the Biosphere Program are centerpieces of the UN's anti-human "Wilding" effort. Over 40 Biosphere Reserves and 20 World Heritage Sites have been declared in the U.S., covering more than 50 million acres. They include some of America's most famous historical treasures and natural wonders. In addition to Yellowstone National Park,

we're supposed to consider ourselves honored to have other national parks, such as the Everglades, the Grand Canyon, and Yosemite all registered as World Heritage Sites.

As we light our firecrackers, barbecue meat and corn cobs outdoors, drink beer in the hot summer sun, and enjoy fireworks later in the evening to celebrate what our Founders gave us, we still don't realize what a sucker play the Globalist Elitists have perpetrated on us on Independence Day.

The only solution I can think of on Independence Day is to get the United States out of the United Nations by visiting [http://www.getusout.org/artman/publish/article\\_58.shtml](http://www.getusout.org/artman/publish/article_58.shtml) and asking Congress to co-sponsor HR 1146, the American Sovereignty Restoration Act.

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Las Vegas, NV



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## New Socorro councilman opens lines of communication

If you read the last issue of the Courier, you already know about the new City Council now in session for the City of Socorro. Let me introduce myself and thank you the voters for electing me. I am Sergio Cox, and I am Socorro's City Councilman at Large. Important issues have already come up and have been talked about and have been cussed and discussed.

The issue of pavement and sidewalks for the underdeveloped areas of Socorro are sure to be in the center of things to come. Financing for some of these endeavors is going to have to be found one way or another.

I am currently trying to find a way to get either a grant department or persons that are knowledgeable in the area to educate me and guide me in the right direction for this topic. If anyone out there in reader-land has knowledge on grants, please feel free to contact me. That is, if you are will-

ing to part with some of that knowledge.

One of my goals is to make the City of Socorro stand out, make it nice to travel through, make it presentable to the visitor whoever that may be. It is not going to be easy, but I will give it my best effort. By virtue of this article, I am looking to open lines of communications with the reading public and open a forum whereby the public can gain awareness of any and all pressing issues.

There are going to be issues that neither I nor other council members are going to be able to talk about right away, but the public will be informed as soon as possible, since this is the public's right. I am hoping to set a precedence where not only I but other council members can and will keep the constituents informed and in the know.

Bear in mind that we will not always have an answer to a question,



Sergio Cox

but that we will always get the answer and get back to you. One also has to know that sometimes the answers may not be what you want to hear but none the less you will get an answer. Please, just let me say to the general public that I am approachable should you need to contact me.

I can be reached at the Socorro Administration Building, 124 S. Horizon Blvd., 858-2915 or 588-0904. My position is that of representative at large and I represent all of Socorro, not just a certain area. Know that this current city council has, in my opinion, the City of Socorro's best interest at heart.

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

## Immigration reform: Where we are



Over the past year, there has been renewed debate in Washington and across America about how best to fix our nation's broken border security and immigration policies. We are now at a critical juncture in this debate, so it is a good time to assess where we are, and also to take a look at where we may be headed in the coming months.

families in the United States to earn legalization in addition to strong enforcement measures. Also last month, President Bush addressed the nation to share his proposals for immigration reform, and announced that he would be ordering thousands of National Guard troops to the Southwest border to support the U.S. Border Patrol.

Meanwhile, immigrant rights groups are organizing a series of events to highlight the contributions of immigrants to our country, including a National Day of Citizenship on July 1, where eligible legal permanent residents are expected to apply for U.S. citizenship.

As the only member of Congress with a background in border control, I have worked to educate my colleagues that our existing policies and the House-passed bill not only do little to honor our legacy as a nation of immigrants, but also, and perhaps more importantly, threaten our nation's security.

Instead, we need a comprehensive immigration reform plan, like the Senate-passed bill, with three main components: strengthened border security; tough, strictly enforced sanctions against employers who hire undocumented immigrants; and a guestworker program that offers a

path to earned legalization for those who are willing to work hard, pay taxes, and participate as full, productive members of our society.

As a nation built by immigrants, we should welcome this next generation of immigrants who are seeking the American Dream. At the same time, by bringing the vast majority of the undocumented out of the shadows, law enforcement will be better able to identify the small handful of immigrants who are not here for legitimate reasons, but may instead pose a threat to our security.

Looking forward, the prospects for border security and immigration reform legislation remain uncertain. Since the House and the Senate bills vary greatly, representatives from both chambers of Congress must reconcile the differences and a compromise measure would have to be passed by both chambers before final legislation could be signed into law by the President. Given the divisive nature of the issue and the political climate of this election year, it is not clear when or even if Congress will pass a final immigration reform and border security bill this year.

However, one thing is for certain — the status quo is not good for immigrants, for border security, or for America.

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SOMEWHERE in FLORIDA...



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

## Protecting the property rights



The issue of property rights is a confusing one, but one that is important to all Americans, especially when the loss of these rights becomes a frightening possibility.

The term "eminent domain" describes the sovereign authority of the government to seize the private property of citizens for its own use. If your house is in the path of a new freeway, you might have to move, and as Americans we have accepted traditional uses of power such as this, even protecting it in the U.S. Constitution. The Fifth Amendment to the Constitution was designed to protect private property owners by requiring that just compensation, or fair market value, be paid when the power of eminent domain is utilized and that seized properties can only be taken for "public use."

Unfortunately, the definition of eminent

domain changed in June of last year when the Supreme Court ruled it could be used for much, much more. Governments can now take a person's home or business, bulldoze the land and give it to the highest bidder. The buyer can then build new homes, a strip-mall, hotel, tanning salon, sports stadium, or any other business that generates money. The new business may create greater tax revenue for the local government, but at the expense of the original property owner.

Concern over the new ruling has brought people together from across the nation. The change in eminent domain will affect people from big cities, small towns, rural communities and everywhere between. No property is immune. People can no longer trust that their home or business is safe from the government's financial interests.

Owning your own home or business is part of the American Dream, which I understand intimately. When my grandparents moved from Mexico to the U.S., they did so with the hope of creating a new life. My father worked two jobs so he could afford to buy a house for my family. If this interpretation had existed when I was a child, our home may have been taken away and turned into a used car lot or movie theater.

While we are fortunate that Texas has taken actions to prevent this abuse, that was not the case this time last year. Last July, I authored and introduced the Strengthening the Ownership of Private Property (STOPP) Act, which would have prevented governments from taking property from one private party and

giving it to another private party. My bill would also have denied federal dollars to any local or state government that abuses the power of eminent domain. It also mandated that state and local governments provide moving expenses for citizens forced to relocate.

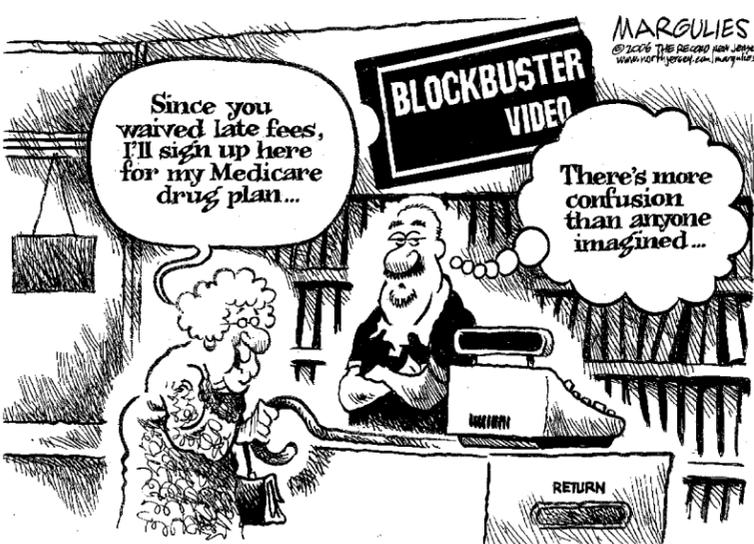
This bill received bipartisan support in the House of Representatives. More than 100 of my colleagues signed on to co-sponsor the legislation. In October, I co-authored further legislation that included the provisions of STOPP Act. This legislation, called the Private Property Rights Protection Act of 2005, passed the House of Representatives with 376 votes. The Private Property Rights Protection Act cannot overturn the Supreme Court's flawed decision, but it will protect people from the decision's terrible implications. Our legislation goes straight to the money which hits abusive local governments where it hurts.

This week in Washington, I was awarded with the 2006 "Protector of Property Rights Award" from the Property Rights Alliance (PRA) in recognition of my efforts toward protecting the rights of property owners. The PRA is an advocacy organization dedicated to the protection of physical and intellectual property rights. I am especially honored to receive this award. No government should be allowed to bulldoze a person's home or business to benefit other individuals. We must remain vigilant in our efforts to protect private property.



— Photo by Brittany Eck

**Congressman Henry Bonilla receives 2006 "Protector of Property Rights Award" from Property Rights Alliance Executive Director, Scott LaGanga.**



**Moore Texas** by Roger T. Moore Tascosa 1879: Temple Houston, Sam's youngest son, bested Billy th' Kid in a shootin' match arranged by Bat Masterson. Billy soon headed back to New Mexico.

# Clint ISD students do well in contests with their artistic talent

By Laura Cade  
Special to the Courier

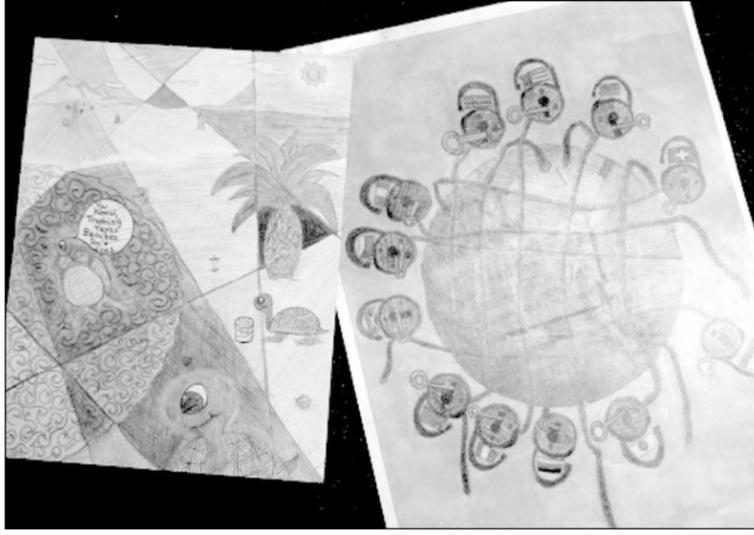
HORIZON — Daisy Gonzalez, a student at Horizon Middle School has been selected as one of 46 winners of the "Treasures of the Texas Coast" 2006 Children's Art contest. Daisy's art work which focuses on the theme "Trashing Texas Beaches Isn't Cool" was selected among more than 6,700 entries.

Her artwork will be featured in a calendar that will be distributed throughout the state in December 2006. Daisy received a congratulatory letter, a certificate of appreciation, prizes from Keep El Paso Beautiful, a ticket to the Texas State Aquarium in Corpus Christi, and two tickets to a Schlitterbahn Waterpark. The art contest is sponsored by the Texas General Land Office to encourage young artists to learn about natu-

ral resources along the Texas Coast.

Marcos Chavez, also a student at Horizon Middle School, won the Horizon City Lions Club Peace Poster contest. His poster was among 350,000 entries submitted worldwide in the annual Lions International Peace Poster Contest. Lions Club International sponsors the program to emphasize the importance of world peace to young people everywhere. His artwork depicts his interpretation of the theme *Peace without Borders* showing a world wrapped in chains where children carrying flags from different countries are opening the locks and the borders.

Josue Ornelas, a Clint High School student, won second place in the El Paso Water Utilities poster contest. His poster titled *Got Water?* depicts how water can beat the heat and dehydration. Josue also received the award for the Center for Career and Technology Education's Most Im-



— Photo courtesy Clint ISD

**A FINE TOUCH** — From left is Daisy Gonzalez's winning art, Marcos Chavez's winning art

proved Student in Advertising Design this year.

Three other Clint High School students placed at this year's El Paso Stu-

dent Art Awards. Perla Garcia and Maren Hoffmeister received first place awards for their artwork and Eduardo Espinoza received a second place.

# East County teachers learn at UTEP history institute

By Phillip Cortez  
and Kathryn B. Tovo  
Special to the Courier

EL PASO COUNTY — It could have been just another one of the many pieces of junk mail making its way to Irma Rodriguez's classroom computer but it wasn't. It wasn't even a friend sending a funny joke to break the monotony of the workday. Instead, it was a message from Garcia-Enriquez Middle School Principal Linda Rodriguez in San Elizario ISD letting teachers know about an opportunity to attend a summer institute on the UTEP campus entitled *Southwest Vistas: The Border in American History*.

Born in Camargo, Chihuahua,

Garcia-Enriquez Middle School teacher Irma Rodriguez was raised in El Paso, loves history, teaches World History, but she asked herself a simple question:

"How much do I really know about this place?"

So Irma decided to give it a shot; she sent her application packet to Austin and commenced with her plans to teach summer school. It wasn't until last week that she found out she would be one of only 40 teachers throughout the state of Texas to be selected to attend the institute, which ran Sunday, June 11 through June 14.

"I didn't think I was going to make it," Rodriguez said. "When I got the call I was shocked."

A similar scenario played out in another East El Paso County school

district, Tornillo ISD, as Luis A. Esparza, Lydia Munoz, and Karlin Russell were also selected to join 37 the other outstanding teachers from across Texas to explore the history and culture of the U.S.-Mexico border. An educator for four years, Esparza currently teaches U.S. and World History at Tornillo High School. Munoz, who has been teaching for three years, currently teaches 5th grade at Tornillo Intermediate School, and Russell, a teacher for 18 years, teaches social studies at Tornillo High School.

Of the 40 teachers who were accepted to the institute, 18 are from the El Paso area.

The summer institute was sponsored by Humanities Texas and UTEP, and allows teachers to attend

lectures and participate in workshops that examine U.S. history and Texas history through the broader perspective of the Western hemisphere.

"As border issues receive attention in the public dialogue, it's essential that teachers and students understand the rich history and culture in the region," said Michael Gillette, Executive Director for Humanities Texas.

"Participants will return to the classroom with fresh ideas and strategies for teaching Texas, U.S. and World History," added Michael Topp, Executive Director for Humanities Texas.

Although most activities were limited to participating teachers, two lectures were offered free to the public.

Southwest Vistas was made possible by a grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities.

# Home-based child care a growing self-employment option

By Linda Anderson  
Special to the Courier

WEST TEXAS — If you've ever fantasized about being self-employed and working from home, an expert from Texas Cooperative Extension offered this suggestion: Consider becoming a home-based child care provider.

The child care industry is very important to the state, said Dr. Pam Brown, Extension consumer sciences and entrepreneurship specialist.

She cited statistics from the Texas Workforce Commission that show in 2003, this industry directly generated

109,000 jobs, \$1.4 billion in wages and \$938 million in economic output.

The job of a child care provider is vital for more reasons than economic ones, Brown said.

"They make it possible for parents to hold jobs," she said. "Without (a child care provider), they could not do that."

Many of these child care providers work out of their own homes, she said.

"Three types of day care facilities are recognized by the Texas Department of Family and Protective Services: registered, licensed and listed facilities," Brown said. "These three

types vary according to the age and number of children being cared for."

Home-based child care providers need to set up their businesses as one of these types, she said.

"Whether you're keeping one or two or three or however many children in your home, if you're not licensed by the Texas Department of Family and Protective Services, you need to be," Brown said. "They offer protection for yourself and for the children you keep, and for the families who entrust their children to you."

Non-regulated and unofficial child care providers are more likely to face difficulties enforcing their business

guidelines.

"Relatives or close friends are more likely to take advantage of our kindness and not pay as regularly or take advantage of your own time," Brown said. "Without that regulation, you don't have anywhere to turn for help in collecting fees — or from being taken advantage of."

These under-the-table child care providers could also face a more serious difficulty.

"If anyone collects more than \$400 in a month for child care providing, they are accountable to the IRS (Internal Revenue Service) and have to re-

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## Heat

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loose-fitting clothes. Avoid drinks that are heavily sweetened or contain caffeine. Check on children often, especially if they are playing outside in high temperatures.

Other precautions from DSHS:

- Never leave anyone in a closed, parked vehicle in hot weather, even for a short time.

- Drink plenty of fluids, but avoid drinks with alcohol, caffeine or a lot

of sugar. Don't wait until you are thirsty. Start drinking fluids at least 30 minutes before going out.

- Plan strenuous outdoor activity for early morning or evening when the temperature is lower.

- Take frequent breaks when working outside.

- Wear sunscreen SPF 15 or higher, wide-brimmed hats and light-colored, loose-fitting clothes.

- Eat more frequently, but be sure meals are well balanced, cool and light.

- Dress infants and children in cool, loose clothing. Shade their heads and faces with hats or an umbrella.

- Check frequently on the elderly, the ill and others who may need help.

- Adjust to the environment. A sudden change in temperature — an early heat wave or travel to a hotter climate — will be stressful to the body. Limit physical activity until you become accustomed to the heat.

- Check with a doctor about the effects of sun and heat when taking prescription drugs, especially diuretics or antihistamines.

The body normally cools down by sweating. But under some conditions, sweating is not enough. The body's temperature may rise rapidly to dan-

gerous levels, leading to the possibility of heat illness or death.

A combination of high temperatures and high humidity especially can cause this natural cooling system to work overtime. When humidity is high, sweat may not evaporate efficiently, preventing the body from releasing heat quickly. The stress of hard physical activity, fatigue, dehydration, heart disease, obesity, poor circulation, sunburn and prescription drug and alcohol use also contribute to heat-related health problems.

Prevention is the best defense against heat-related illness.

## Briefs

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### In other news

■ The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) has awarded two federal Capital Fund grants totaling \$9.9 million to the El Paso community for fiscal year 2006, according to Congressman Silvestre Reyes. Capital Fund grants are given on an annual basis for modernization, development, financing and management improvements. HUD has awarded \$9,760,196 to the Housing Authority of the City of El Paso; \$139,052 to the El Paso County Housing Authority. Reyes also said the U.S. Department of the Interior has awarded the Peregrine Fund a \$268,571 Private Stewardship Grant for their Northern Aplomado Falcon Restoration project. This grant will fund a project in El Paso and across the Southwestern U.S. and Northern Mexico to re-establish a viable population of the Northern Aplomado Falcon, which is the only falcon species remaining on the Endangered Species List. "This grant gives the El Paso community a unique opportunity to assist in removing this species from the Endangered Species list and benefit wildlife conservation," said Reyes. The grant is administered through the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service at the Department of the Interior.

■ The new edition of the free summer Consumer Information Catalog is now available. These titles are included to make summer a little more enjoyable:

- "U.S. Government Auto Auctions" (Item 577N, free). Use this helpful publication to see what kind of deals are available from Uncle Sam's auto auction program.

- "Cooking for Groups: A Volunteer's Guide to Food Safety" (Item 615N, free). Learn how to cook and serve food safely from snacks to a summer cookout.

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*Life should be like a bowl of cherries...*

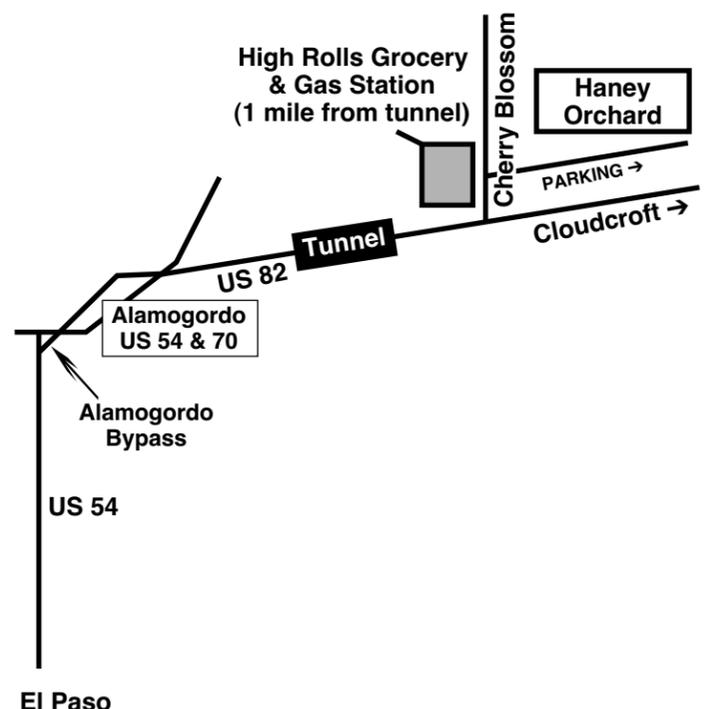


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# Jason Grimsley makes self-serving pitch to feds and baseball

By Steve Escajeda  
Special to the Courier

Who do you think are some of the most nervous people in the world today?

Do you think it's the people who are about to get audited by the IRS? Do you think it's the people that are in this country illegally? Do you think it's every member of the Republican Party?

I'll tell you who I think the most nervous people in the world are. I think they are any professional baseball players who ever played with, talked to, or hung out with former Arizona Diamondback's pitcher Jason Grimsley.

Of course, Grimsley is the guy who was recently caught, and subsequently admitted to taking steroids, human growth hormones and amphetamines.

And in the great tradition of former Sen. Joseph McCarthy, Grimsley didn't stop there — he named names.

Grimsley, who failed a drug test in 2003, had his home raided by federal agents after he had been caught receiving a shipment of human growth hormones at his home in April.

The 38-year-old Grimsley wasted no time. He asked for his release — with pay, of course

— from the team. He said he didn't want to be a distraction.

WHAT?! It's a little late to decide not to be a distraction to the team, don't you think?

Turns out Grimsley, feeling the pressure by the feds, gave away names of players he knew or thought were using steroids like he was giving away candy.

Energy-fortified candy, of course.

The big mystery, naturally, is which names are on Grimsley's list. It could be a big list — the guy played for Philadelphia, Cleveland, California, the Yankees, Kansas City, Baltimore and Arizona.

Grimsley also said if you wanted amphetamines, the Latin players were the guys to talk to because it was so easy to get it from their countries.

So it looks like the hammer is about to come down on a number of ballplayers soon. Good! Hopefully, this will teach the youngsters in America that when you are fortunate enough to be good at anything that pays you millions of dollars you must respect it and follow the rules.

If you do that, you'll have nothing to be nervous about.

## Big loss

While watching Major League Baseball

games on TV through the years, you not only get a feel for certain players and coaches, you also form opinions on certain umpires.

My favorite umpire has always been the flamboyant, and late, Ron Luciano who made his name by being one-third comedian, one-third mime and one-third umpire.

He's the only ump I could never get mad at. He seemed like too nice of a guy. It was like your favorite uncle was out there working the game.

Another umpire I really enjoyed was larger than life — literally.

Eric Gregg made a name for himself as an umpire by having a wide strike zone and a large appetite for life. Unfortunately, he also had a large appetite for everything else.

Gregg stood out from all the other umpires because of his weight. Always hovering around 350 pounds, Gregg's imposing presence was tempered only by his wide smile and surprising agility.

He was respected by players and coaches who really cared for him as a professional and a person. How do I know this? Because it was largely reported throughout the 1990s that many around baseball were concerned about his weight and his health.

Most people could care less if someone

gets fat.

It got so bad that Gregg took time off his umpiring duties to concentrate on losing his weight so that he could do his job for many years to come.

He died last week at the age of 55 after suffering a massive stroke.

The news of Gregg's death really saddened me. He seemed like one of life's good guys.

He knew he was dangerously overweight and talked about it openly when he was still umpiring. He just had a very difficult time keeping it off.

Gregg was one of 22 umpires who lost their jobs in 1999 after walking off the job during contract negotiations. Unfortunately, he never got to umpire at the major league level again.

His death should remind us all to take our bodies a little more seriously than we do. It can obviously all end without a moment's notice.

I don't know how long it will be until another umpire comes along who reminds us he is more than just a ball-and-strike-calling robot.

You know, an umpire that seems more like a favorite uncle.



## Option

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port that income," Brown said. "If they don't, they run the risk of being found out and having to pay back taxes."

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DADS	FAO	TOE	MAR
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ERATO	TAMMY	FETABAKKER	
SATIRE	LEA	SOLO	EIRE
LOTT	ETAS	FEZ	PIA
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EDGE	CHARLES	SLIMBURGER	
LIES	SETTER	OLEO	SOME
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Licensed and regulated home-based child care facilities, however, enjoy many advantages, Brown said. Each of these businesses:

- Contributes to the economy as a local business;
- Contributes to the provider's family income in a legitimate way;
- Contributes to the neighborhood by following local regulations and clear business practices;
- Can become a member of the local Chamber of Commerce;
- Can bring a tax deduction if the provider uses his or her home as a place of business;
- Can purchase inexpensive insurance to protect both the provider and the children; and
- Can tap into training opportunities to help providers improve their

work. Regulated home-based day care providers are also listed by ZIP code on the family and protective service's Web site at [http://www.dfps.state.tx.us/Child\\_Care/Search\\_Texas\\_Child\\_Care/](http://www.dfps.state.tx.us/Child_Care/Search_Texas_Child_Care/), Brown said. Parents who need to locate child care providers can search the Web site for local businesses.

More information about providing home-based child care — including developing a business plan and conforming with legal requirements — can be found in Brown's booklet, "Home Child Care Business Success" (B-6106). To order the booklet, visit the TCE Bookstore online at <http://tcebookstore.org/> and click on the link to "Business" and then "Home-based Business."

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It is anticipated that

the effect of the change in rates will be to increase the revenues of the Company within the El Paso Service Area by approximately \$825,952 or 0.59 percent. The proposed change does not constitute a "major" change as that term is defined by Section 104.101 of the Texas Utilities Code.

The proposed tariffs include increases in gas sales and transportation rates for all residential, commercial, industrial, public authority, and municipal water pumping customers in the incorporated areas of the El Paso Service Area. The effect of the change in rates, when allowed, will be to increase the revenues of the Company by approximately 0.59 percent. Based on the proposed rate design, the average monthly residential bill of 45 Ccf will increase by approxi-

mately \$0.27, or 0.6 percent, the average monthly commercial bill of 279 Ccf will increase approximately \$0.96, or 0.4 percent, the average monthly public authority bill of 975 Ccf will increase approximately \$2.99 or 0.4 percent, the average monthly industrial bill of 2,926 Ccf will increase approximately \$8.87, or 0.4 percent, the average monthly municipal water pumping bill of 11,698 Ccf will increase approximately \$16.11 or 0.2 percent, and the average standard transportation bill of 31,397 Ccf will increase approximately \$52.87 or 2.2 percent.

A complete copy of the Statement of Intent is available for inspection in the municipalities' offices and in the Company's business office located at 4600 Pollard St., El Paso, Texas 79930.

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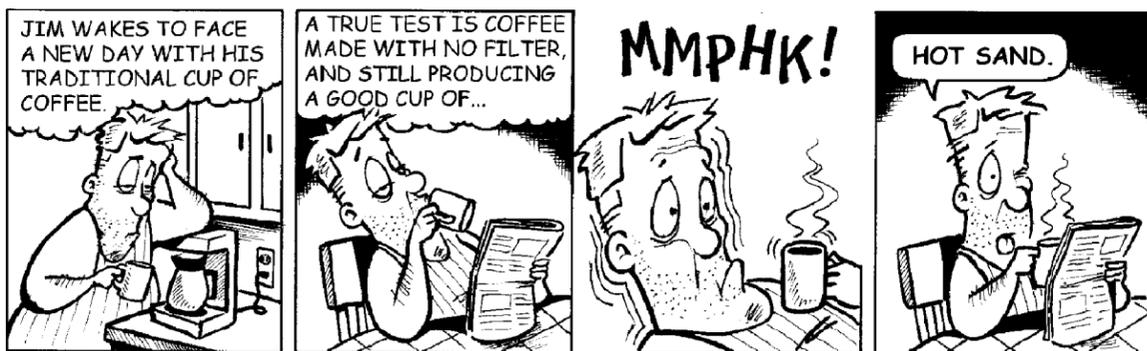
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# Comix

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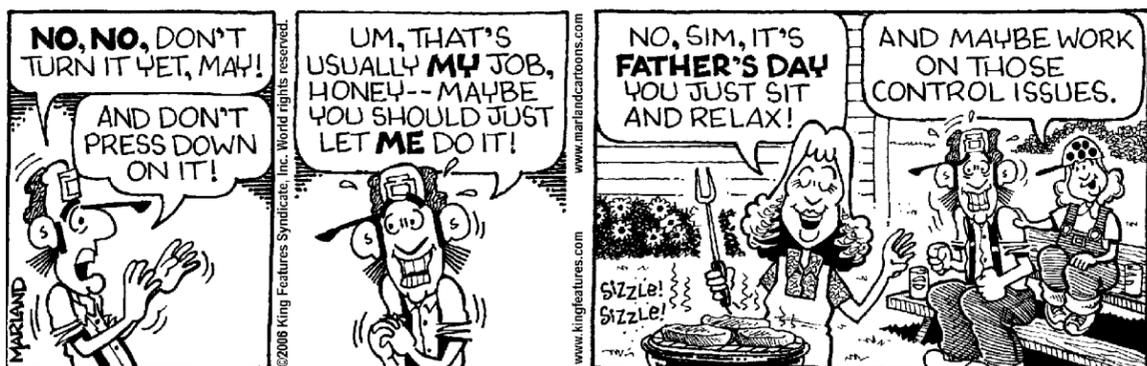
## AMBER WAVES By Dave T. Phipps



## THE SPATS By Jeff Pickering



## R.F.D. By Mike Marland



## Confused about 'Da Vinci Code' - read on

By Don Flood

With controversy and confusion swirling around "The Da Vinci Code," I thought that, as a public service, I would go see the movie so I might clarify and explain its many mysteries.

Unfortunately, I then went to the movie and realized I didn't understand it either. However, I will provide a brief overview.

Scene 1: An old guy is running around the Louvre Museum at night, apparently past visiting hours. Not surprisingly, he is murdered.

Robert Langdon, a famous symbologist (whatever that is), is called to the murder scene. Unlike most people who are going through the process of being murdered, this old guy used his final moments to construct an elaborate puzzle.

He took off his clothes and extended his arms and legs as in the famous drawing by Leonardo, who also happens to be the artist who designed the book cover.

The "clues," written in his own blood, consist of anagrams, with the first line being the digits of something called the Fibonacci sequence out of order. (Wow!)

Bonus Law Enforcement Tip: While writing a message in your own blood is a nice touch, police officials strongly — I mean, *strongly* — recommend against using anagrams, with or without the Fibonacci sequence, in providing clues to help find your murderer. Something like, "The butler did it," or "Watch out for that albino dude," is really a lot more helpful.

DETECTIVE: What do you make of this?

But Tom Hanks character (Robert Langdon) makes no reply, his mind clearly racing with questions: Is this movie the bomb critics say it is? What about my new hairdo? And, if we needed a little nudity, shouldn't we have used a young live babe rather than an old dead guy?

LANGDON (finally): I'm sorry,

but I have to take a secret message from Sophie (the female lead), go to the bathroom and then make you think I escaped the building.

DETECTIVE: Very well.

Scene 2: One of most controversial scenes involves Opus Dei, a religious group whose members are said to subject themselves to excruciating pain and mortification. We see one monk all alone, naked, as he — *Warning: Because of the graphic nature of the following, sensitive readers are advised to avert their eyes* — turns on the TV and watches "The Maury Povich Show."

Scene 17: After solving some extremely difficult Sudoku puzzles, and traveling who knows where, Langdon and Sophie wind up at the grassy knoll in Dallas, where Langdon searches madly for another clue. Sophie, however, realizes Langdon's has latched on to the wrong conspiracy theory and begins showing her irritation.

SOPHIE: What's up with that hair of yours?

Scene 24: Langdon and Sophie arrive at a huge estate, where Sir Leigh Teabing, the Good Guy Who Turns Out to be the Villain, lives.

TEABING: As you can see, the painting of The Last Supper clearly shows Mary Magdalene working on a Sudoku puzzle.

SOPHIE: But I thought Sudokus were a modern Japanese invention.

TEABING: That's what the Church wants you to believe.

Scene 3,458: LANGDON: This is it, the final puzzle.

(He opens the box and reads the message: Enter your cell phone number.)

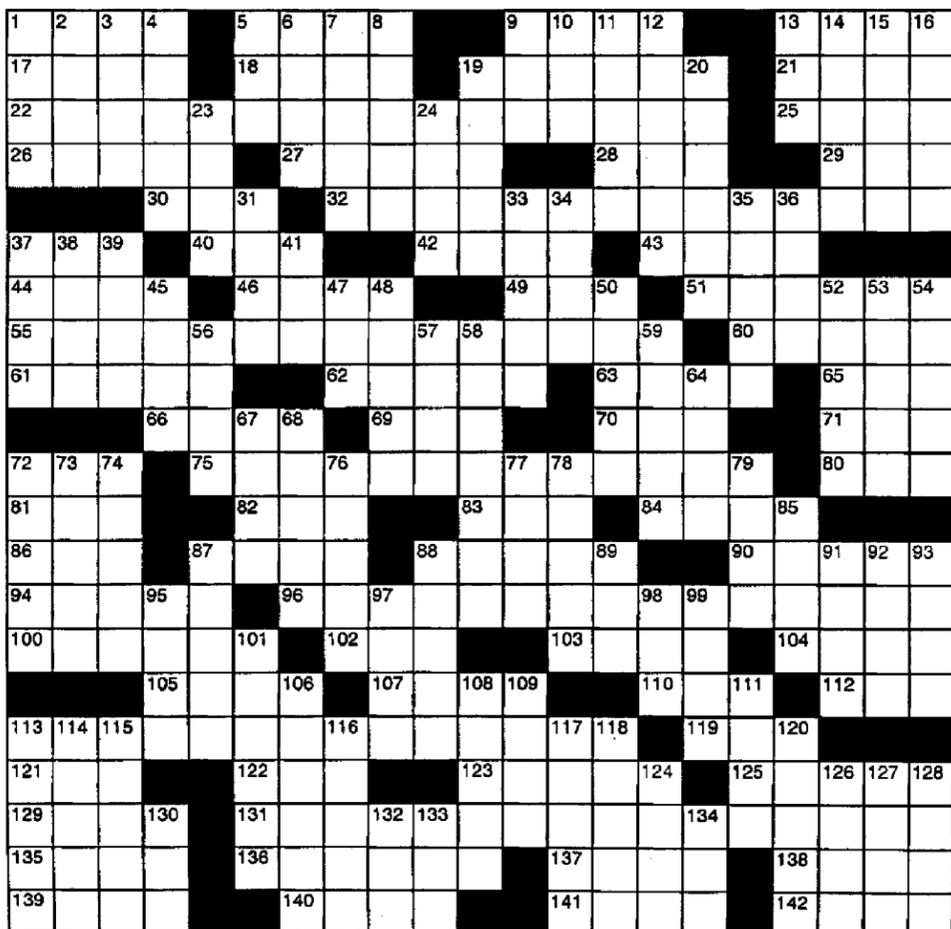
My cell phone number? I never call my own cell phone number! There's no way I can solve this puzzle!

SOPHIE: Why don't you check

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## King Super Crossword

- BIG CHEESES**
- ACROSS**
- 1 Scrabble piece
- 5 Colt color
- 9 Chore
- 13 Marine leader?
- 17 "Tosca" tune
- 18 Woody's boy
- 19 Synagogue singer
- 21 Columbo or Tamblyn
- 22 Cheesy football player?
- 25 Decree
- 26 Incorporate, as territory
- 27 Madame Tussaud
- 28 English trio?
- 29 Self-esteem
- 30 Scientific site
- 32 Cheesy TV character?
- 37 \_-de-sac
- 40 Throng
- 42 Robotic rock group
- 43 Bit of hardware
- 44 Perched on
- 46 Beppu brew
- 49 Miscalculate
- 51 Award
- 55 Cheesy late-night host?
- 60 Binge
- 61 Gossamer
- 62 They just want to have fun
- 63 Close as can be
- 65 "\_ Believe" ('66 hit)
- 66 TV's "My Two \_"
- 69 Toyshop initials
- 70 Stocking stuffer?
- 71 Deface
- 72 Old Testament book
- 75 Cheesy clarinetist?
- 80 Sheridan or Sothern
- 81 Copy
- 82 Singer Tex
- 83 Tallahassee sch.
- 84 Baal or Elvis
- 86 Actress Tilly
- 87 Find fault
- 88 George Hamilton's ex
- 90 Chula \_, CA
- 94 A Muse
- 96 Cheesy televangelist?
- 100 Swift stuff
- 102 Where flocks frolic
- 103 Go it alone
- 104 Green land
- 105 Mississippi senator
- 107 Hellenic letters
- 110 Red cap
- 112 Actress Zadora
- 113 Cheesy basketball player?
- 119 Massage
- 121 Tempest \_ teapot
- 122 Mineral suffix
- 123 Thrown down the gauntlet
- 125 Soprano Tetrizzini
- 129 Brink
- 131 Cheesy aviator?
- 135 Is inexact
- 136 Sporting dog
- 137 Toast topper
- 138 "\_ Came Running" ('58 film)
- 139 Pub missile
- 140 Director Nicolas
- 141 Request
- 142 Baseball's Speaker
- DOWN**
- 1 Reid of "Just Visiting"
- 2 Nutritional need
- 3 Pride papa
- 4 Blackboard support
- 5 \_4 (Toyota model)
- 6 38 Down city
- 7 Islamic deity
- 8 \_ Dame
- 9 Kind of cross
- 10 "\_ Day Now" ('62 hit)
- 11 Word with bath or shovel
- 12 Agile Olga
- 13 Pound sound
- 14 Peace's partner
- 15 Custom
- 16 Mary of "The Maltese Falcon"
- 19 \_ de menthe
- 20 Just out
- 23 Final
- 24 Encircle
- 31 Comice kin
- 33 Maintains
- 34 Comic Crosby
- 35 \_ shark
- 36 Defeat by a knockout
- 37 No gentlemen
- 38 A Four Corners state
- 39 A many-splendored thing
- 41 "Pshaw!"
- 45 The \_ Piper
- 47 Beer barrel
- 48 Uplift
- 50 Jamaican cultist
- 52 \_ ballerina
- 53 Macho type
- 54 Long for
- 56 Olive \_
- 57 Lug
- 58 With detachment
- 59 Campbell or Judd
- 64 Knight's quaff
- 67 \_ vu
- 68 Stallion sound
- 72 Maestro Levine
- 73 Wagner work
- 74 Biblical repetition
- 76 Katmandu's country
- 77 Lofty initials?
- 78 Sahara sights
- 79 \_ Scotia
- 85 Relish
- 87 French painter
- 88 Cremona craftsman
- 89 From \_ Z
- 91 Omit
- 92 Hatcher of "Lois & Clark"
- 93 Geometry calculation
- 95 Joust
- 97 Encounter
- 98 Landon or Kjellin
- 99 Johannesburg resident
- 101 Standards
- 106 Restrict Rover
- 108 Furniture wood
- 109 Railroad depts.
- 111 '64 Michael Caine film
- 113 Brandish
- 114 Where to eat
- 115 Light beer
- 116 Cold-war assn.
- 117 Certain deck
- 118 Sam of "Jurassic Park"
- 120 Pop
- 124 Hook's right hand?
- 126 Oistrakh or Stravinsky
- 127 Word form for "somewhat"
- 128 Pugnacious Olympian
- 130 Cornerstone abbr.
- 132 AAA offering
- 133 Poultry serving
- 134 Stole



Answer Page 6

# Loophole

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to terminate the injunction if that order interferes with the government's implementation of the expedited removal program.

Co-chair of the Congressional Border Caucus and Vice-Chair of the U.S./Mexico Caucus, Bonilla has been a leader for several years promoting stronger security along the Texas/Mexico border. Bonilla regularly tours the more than 700 miles of Texas/Mexico border in his district and meets with those who

are working to protect it.

"The threat of terrorism is real. Each day our border communities witness the violence and fear created by the ruthless members of drug cartels. We must not allow terrorists and criminals from around the world to abuse loopholes in our legal system, turning our southwest border into a revolving door," said Bonilla. "The efforts of our law enforcement officials to catch, detain, and deport those who enter illegally must not be obstructed by those looking to abuse the system. Congress must overturn the outdated and obsolete Orantes injunction and protect the integrity of our legal immigration process."

# Flood

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your cell phone?

LANGDON: Oh yeah

And so the movie's final mystery is solved, the stunning, mind-blowing, history-changing revelation that Sophie — whose true ancestry has always been kept hidden from her — is actually related to Maury Povich.

I might have a few details confused, but that's what I got out of it.

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## WEATHER TRENDS THIS WEEK

## IN THE SKY

### Temperatures

### Precipitation



Above Normal  
Near Normal  
Below Normal

Above Normal  
Near Normal  
Below Normal

Sun	Rise	Set	Moon	Rise	Set	Last	New
Thu.	6:00 a.m.	8:13 p.m.	Thu.	none	9:57 a.m.		
Fri.	6:00 a.m.	8:13 p.m.	Fri.	12:00 a.m.	11:06 a.m.	6/18	6/25
Sat.	6:00 a.m.	8:13 p.m.	Sat.	12:34 a.m.	12:13 p.m.	First	Full
Sun.	6:00 a.m.	8:13 p.m.	Sun.	1:05 a.m.	1:19 p.m.		
Mon.	6:00 a.m.	8:14 p.m.	Mon.	1:34 a.m.	2:24 p.m.	7/3	7/10
Tues.	6:00 a.m.	8:14 p.m.	Tues.	2:04 a.m.	3:30 p.m.		
Wed.	6:00 a.m.	8:14 p.m.	Wed.	2:37 a.m.	4:36 p.m.		

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## U.S. CITIES

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Abilene, TX	97	74	s	97	72	s	94	73	s	93	71	s	Atlanta	90	67	s	90	67	pc	92	70	pc	89	69	pc
Albuquerque, NM	90	64	s	92	63	s	90	64	s	90	66	s	Boston	73	58	pc	78	60	pc	82	62	s	83	64	pc
Amarillo, TX	90	66	s	98	64	t	94	64	s	91	63	s	Chicago	80	62	pc	86	67	pc	88	66	pc	86	64	t
Austin, TX	94	70	s	97	70	s	96	73	s	94	70	pc	Denver	85	57	s	86	57	s	86	55	s	85	54	pc
Brownsville, TX	94	76	s	94	76	s	94	77	s	92	76	s	Detroit	80	56	s	84	62	pc	86	68	pc	87	67	pc
Dodge City, KS	98	68	s	97	64	s	96	66	t	92	62	s	Houston	94	74	s	94	75	s	90	74	pc	90	74	t
Jackson, MS	96	70	s	97	70	s	97	73	s	92	69	pc	Indianapolis	82	61	s	85	67	pc	87	69	pc	90	70	c
Laredo, TX	98	77	s	101	76	s	100	76	s	99	76	s	Kansas City	90	72	pc	93	73	pc	90	69	pc	89	69	pc
Little Rock, AR	94	70	s	94	73	s	90	72	s	91	72	t	Los Angeles	79	62	s	82	62	s	84	62	s	86	64	s
Lubbock, TX	99	68	s	97	66	s	95	66	s	95	66	s	Miami	90	77	t	89	77	pc	88	78	pc	89	78	t
Memphis, TN	92	72	s	94	74	s	94	76	s	93	75	pc	Minneapolis	84	66	pc	84	65	pc	88	64	pc	87	61	pc
Midland, TX	96	69	s	100	71	s	95	71	s	94	69	s	New Orleans	95	76	s	94	75	s	94	76	s	93	78	pc
Pueblo, CO	92	56	s	94	55	s	96	54	s	93	57	s	New York City	77	62	pc	78	62	pc	82	64	s	80	70	pc
Roswell, NM	97	65	s	95	66	s	96	64	s	96	64	s	Omaha	92	70	pc	94	70	pc	92	68	pc	90	65	pc
St. Louis, MO	86	69	s	91	74	pc	92	73	pc	94	71	pc	Phoenix	107	81	s	105	79	s	107	80	s	107	81	s
San Antonio, TX	95	72	s	95	74	s	93	74	s	93	72	s	San Francisco	70	55	pc	70	54	s	72	53	s	73	55	s
Texarkana, AR	92	71	s	94	72	s	94	73	s	93	71	t	Seattle	67	52	c	69	52	pc	69	50	pc	69	50	pc
Waco, TX	95	73	s	99	74	s	95	75	s	92	72	pc	Washington	82	63	pc	84	64	s	86	69	s	88	72	pc
Wichita, KS	95	69	pc	96	70	pc	93	70	pc	92	68	pc													

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