



NEWSBRIEFS

SHS principal on board

Socorro High School Principal Oscar Troncoso has been appointed to a second term on the National Assessment Governing Board. Named this month by the U.S. Secretary of Education Margaret Spellings to fulfill a four-year term, Troncoso is the only high school principal on the 22-member board that also includes Florida Gov. Jeb Bush and Iowa Gov. Thomas J. Vilsack. This is Troncoso's second term after serving an unexpired term of a former member who had retired in 2004. As the only high school principal on the board, Troncoso also brings the border perspective to federal officials and school representatives from across the nation.



Oscar Troncoso

Upper Valley aid

The Border Fair Housing and Economic Justice Center, in conjunction with the Paso del Norte Health Foundation and the West Texas Food Bank, will begin distribution of 50,000 pounds of foodstuffs to 14 colonias in El Paso's Upper Valley who were adversely affected by the recent flooding. This undertaking will be accomplished via "food basket distributions" of 10,000 pounds per month for five months, which is part of BFHC's Colonia Recovery Initiative (CRI). CRI will also assist in the distribution of educational materials from community-based health promoters regarding flood-related ailments such as respiratory illnesses caused by mold and the mosquito-vectored West Nile infection. Since distribution of so much food presents a logistical challenge, BFHC is looking for volunteers to assist in the food distribution effort. Interested individuals should contact BFHC at 915-351-2770.

In other news

■ Drop-out rates are a concern not only to students but to entire communities. The YWCA El Paso Del Norte Region wants to support communities across El Paso by disseminating funds to programs/projects that are youth driven and which address the serious issue of drop out rates through a grant awarded by the United Way of El Paso County. Grants of up to \$500 will be awarded to projects that are youth driven, meaning that 75 percent of the work must be conducted and implemented by youth ages 10-18. The program or project must also serve the following zip codes: 79907, 79927, 79928, 79849, and 79836. All interested parties are invited to apply. Grant applications are available at the YWCA Lower Valley Branch located at 115 Davis or by calling (915) 859-0276 ext. 226 or via e-mail v.lozano@ywcaelpaso.org. The

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Samples among several young people in Canutillo who 'give back'

By Don Woodyard
Courier Staff Writer

EL PASO COUNTY — Linda Samples is a third member of an unofficial "Youth Service Corps" coming out of the Canutillo ISD.

She is the third Canutillo High School graduate in recent years to start giving back to the community at an early age by serving on the district's board of trustees.



Linda Samples

A recent *Courier* article highlighted the service of the other two, Frank Lerma and Armando Rodriguez. Both in their 20s, they have followed in her footsteps and currently serve as CISD trustees. Samples graduated from CHS in 1997 and, at 21, was elected to and served on the CISD board of trustees from 2000-02 while attending UT El Paso. She graduated cum laude in 2002 with a bachelor's degree in psychology. She went on to the University of Michigan Law School and graduated in May of 2005 with her juris doctorate degree.

Attorney Samples reconnected with her edu-

cational roots as she went to work for the El Paso law firm of Baskind & Hosford in August of last year where her special area of interest is school law. The firm, headed by Larry Baskind and Peter Hosford, represents and advises the Canutillo ISD, and other area school districts, in legal matters.

Baskind, who has specialized in school law for more than 30 years, had learned of Samples intention to attend law school when she was serving as trustee. As the district's counsel, Baskind attends the trustees' meetings. He invited her to consider working for his firm after graduation. The two kept in touch during her three years in law school.

Although focusing on school law, Samples is getting "a little bit of everything," in terms of experience in other areas of the law. Recently she served as lead counsel in a case in which she represented a homebuilder against claimed damages to one of his houses from a water leak.

"The other guy dug his own hole; he should have kept his mouth shut," Samples said with a smile. Baskind said it was an attempt at a double recovery for damages. She won the case for her client.

Baskind proudly points out she is now 1-0 in the courtroom.

"This has been a positive experience for me," says Samples looking back on her first year as an associate with the law firm. "A wide range

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Renters and homeowners with flood damage encouraged to submit FEMA applications ASAP

EL PASO COUNTY — The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) joins the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) in urging El Paso County residents who have applied for disaster aid to complete and return their loan applications promptly.

FEMA determines if the applicant should be referred to the SBA for a low interest disaster loan at the time the homeowner or renter registers with FEMA. SBA is the federal government's primary source of money for the long-term repair and rebuilding of disaster-damaged private property.

FEMA's temporary housing assistance and grants for public transportation expenses, medical and dental expenses, and funeral and burial expenses do not require individuals to apply for an SBA loan. However, applicants who receive SBA loan applications must submit them to SBA to be eligible for assistance that covers real estate, personal property, and vehicle repair or replacement.

Remember, whether you qualify for a loan or not, if you received an SBA loan application, you must complete it in order to be considered for a loan or a grant to repair or replace real or personal property.

Once FEMA refers the applicant, SBA will mail an application to the individual. Applications are also available at Disaster Recovery Centers (DRC). Disaster loans of up to \$200,000 are available to homeowners to repair or replace damaged or destroyed real estate. Homeowners and renters are eligible for up to \$40,000 to repair or replace damaged or destroyed personal property. SBA can also lend additional funds to help with the cost of making improvements that protect, prevent or mini-

mize the same type of disaster damage from occurring in the future.

If the SBA cannot qualify an individual for a disaster loan, it will usually refer the individual back to FEMA for possible grant assistance. Once a loan application is received from SBA, it must be completed and submitted by Oct. 16, 2006. SBA has Customer Service Representatives on hand at DRCs to answer questions about SBA's disaster loan program, explain the application process and help each individual complete their application.

There is a DRC at 7500 Viscount Blvd, Suite 292, El Paso, TX (open 9:00 am to 6:00 p.m.) seven days a week. There is also a mobile DRC that will be in Vinton through Sept. 9, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. at the Fire Hall (one block from City Hall), 510 E. Vinton.

If an individual is unable to visit SBA at a DRC, they may mail the completed application packet to the SBA at 14925 Kingsport Highway, Fort Worth, TX 76155.

It is not necessary to have a contractor's estimate nor knowledge of the full amount of an insurance settlement before applying to SBA. The sooner application is made, the quicker SBA can help with recovery.

For further information, visit the SBA website at www.sba.gov/disaster or call SBA's Customer Service Center at 800-659-2955.

Meanwhile, FEMA has terminated the "incident period" in El Paso County for storm damage as of midnight on Aug. 25, meaning any damage that happened after that date is not eligible for relief under the disaster declaration.

"Any damage resulting from storms after

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Young San Eli sophomore woman makes most of NHI Young Leaders Conferences

By Phillip Cortez
Special to the Courier

SAN ELIZARIO — Amanda Labrado is a very confident and outgoing 15-year-old, according to Irene Rodriguez, San Elizario High School counselor. So much so, that Labrado was the very first person Rodriguez thought of when looking for worthy students to attend the National Hispanic Institute's Young Leaders Conference in Colorado last summer.

Her performance there was good enough to guarantee her a repeat performance in Austin this fall.

"She's just a very confident young woman who's really focused on her studies," Rodriguez said.

Ranked number one in her class, Labrado came away from her trip to Colorado with even more confidence, having been grouped with girls she barely knew and asked to compete with many other groups during the Adjudication competition.

"We had to really work a team," Labrado said. "One of us would come up with an opening, two needed to come up with supporting arguments, and one came up with a closing."

Out of all the teams competing in Adjudication, Labrado and her fellow teammates finished second, which guaranteed her a spot at the National Young Leaders Conference to be held in Austin this October.

But aside from taking part in the competitive aspect to the conference, Labrado said she learned a lot about what it takes to become a success, whether it is as a student or taking part in school activities, such as tennis and student council.

Having had a part in the Young Leaders Conference will also play an important factor once colleges and universities start courting Labrado into attending their institutions, Rodriguez said.

"I told her that this experience will help her reach her college goals," Rodriguez said. "It also helps her in networking with other students."

More importantly, Labrado learned to identify and learn from other successful Latinos.

"I learned that Latinos can really make a difference," she said. "We're the biggest minority but only a few of us fulfill our potential. And when we do, we make a big difference."

One person who has made a difference for Labrado so far is Robert Arellano, who taught her science in both 7th and 8th grades. Thanks to him, Labrado is looking to focus on science in college. And if she gets her way, she'll be attending Harvard, according to Rodriguez.



YOUNG LEADER — San Elizario High School sophomore Amanda Labrado will again participate in the National Hispanic Institute's Young Leaders National Conference, in October.

Conscience is the voice that tells you not to do something after you've done it.

— Quips & Quotes



One perspective

By Francis Shrum

Honest first impressions

Honesty is always the best policy, right?

Well, maybe not. There's a saying that you only have one chance to make a first impression and maybe being totally honest isn't the best way to make it.

Especially in a job interview.

Now, there are folks who make it their job to teach other people how to get a job and they make a nice living at it. But some of the tales they tell are pretty eye-opening, most of them involving job applicants that are, well, honest. Too honest.

OfficeTeam, one of those big companies making money off of teaching people to get jobs, recently surveyed a bunch of human resource specialists. And they got an ear-full.

Write stuff

Dear Editor:

I am asking for assistance for the Town of Clint and myself in building a park for the children of Clint. Clint does not have a park or playground for the youngest members of the community and I feel that they need a place of their own. The park is to be named Puddle Duck Park and is small in area, but large enough to accommodate our little ones. We have secured the land, it is being irrigated on a regular basis and we had the trees cut back and topped to provide shade and for safety.

This is where we are in the development. The next item that needs to be addressed is fencing. The park is next to a ditch and a road, therefore, it must be fenced. We also want to lock it at night so that individuals cannot destroy the playground equipment. Finally, we need play-

ground equipment for our children which, once purchased, will have to be mounted in the ground for safety.

As a retired science teacher, mother and grandmother, I am very concerned about our children. They need to be outdoors; hopefully they will develop a love of our great outdoors. I am concerned about the obesity that I read about and I feel that the love of exercising should be developed at an early age. These are but some of the reasons I am so excited about this project.

I am hopeful that the community will see the need for this park and any contributions will be greatly appreciated. These may be sent to the P.O. Box 458, Clint, Texas 79836 in the name of the Town of Clint with the notation "Puddle Duck Park."

Sandra M. Reinhardt
Clint, Texas

particular — seem to believe that dressing in whatever way they feel comfortable is okay. Torn clothing, worn out blue jeans, flip flops, even see-through clothing, have been reported by prospective employers.

Some applicants, on the other hand, want to get hired real bad. So bad that, even after being turned down for the job, one fellow showed up for work anyway. One lady told the interviewer she wanted the job so badly she would pay him to give it to her.

People who interview other people for jobs all the time must waver between total discouragement and fits of laughter, like those surveyed by Accountemps, another big staffing company.


Days that would be discouraging would be those when applicants cursed, argued that the requirements for getting hired were wrong, said they would have preferred a job offer from a competitor, or just wanted the job because it allowed for "a lot of time off."

Days that would be a little more humorous would be when the applicant actually fell asleep, or invited the interviewer out for a drink afterward, or the fellow who was applying for a customer service job but said he didn't like dealing with people.

Now, it's the truth that you can't always tell what a person is really like from just one conversation. There are some no-no's in job interviewing that can be overlooked. Shy people, once they become comfortable, can reveal a really hardworking, pleasant person. A person who doesn't sell himself well may be revealing a truly refreshing and all-too-rare personality trait — humility. A person who has all kinds of ideas he wants to sell you on may be a little annoying — but one boss I had told me he would rather have to chastise an employee for overstepping their bounds than to find they never did anything because they were afraid to make a move.

Still, I don't think the folks mentioned by these prospective employers fell into the gray areas. There are times when being absolutely honest when making a first impression is absolutely the wrong thing to do.





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Por la Gente

By State Rep. Chente Quintanilla

More are aware of arroyo problem after recent flooding

Hola, mi gente. If you have been impacted in some way by our August floods, please contact FEMA and apply for assistance. The number is 800-621-3362. The deadline for applying is Oct. 16. If you have not applied by then, you lose your only chance to receive Federal assistance. Talk to your friends and encourage any of them who were impacted as well to apply.

Speaking of the storms, I bet not a single person in El Paso is unaware of the word "arroyo." It is a very nice sounding Spanish word. The English dictionary defines arroyo "as a steep-sided dry gulch in a desert area that is wet only after heavy rain" or "a small stream of running water." Those definitions really don't do much to convey to the reader anything about southwest arroyos.

I looked in a Spanish Thesaurus to find a similar word to replace arroyo. The one word that immediately caught my eye was "torrente." This word is defined as "a violent or tumultuous flow," in our case, of water. Now that is what our arroyos become during our monsoon season.

The life of an arroyo is brief. Most people only pay attention to the part that is in their neighborhood. In reality, though, the arroyo begins far away and travels over a variety of land. A heavy rain may fall on empty desert land which belongs to the state. A small stream of runoff from that rain may trickle over county land joining with other runoff, increasing the amount of runoff. That water may join with runoff from city streets resulting in an even bigger runoff. The trickle becomes a river which joins another mass of runoff. The great mass of water then begins its trek downhill gaining greater and greater velocity. At the end of its trip, the runoff totally envelopes the arroyo with a massive and dangerous torrent of water. The destructive power is unimaginable until it happens to you.

It is impossible to control or limit mother nature. The monsoon season comes and so do the thunderstorms which saturate our arroyos with millions of gallons of rainwater. This year, the flash floods have caused damage in the El Paso area besides Socorro, Clint and Tornillo. Today people are aware of the need to do something to control the arroyos.

This past week, I had the privilege to meet with some good folks from the Clint area to discuss the problem. They are determined to do something more than sit on their duff or wait for politicians to act. I committed to them that my office would be available as a resource for them to resolve the annual arroyo wash out in their community. If and when we arrive at the solution, I will let you know.

Gracias, mi gente, and I remain your friend and public servant, Chente por la gente.

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

Sinusaurus

Osseous caverns and canyons rumble to the oncoming onslaught of entities of proportions unimaginable to any but those afflicted by their resounding romp. Pterodactyls on high, Ichthyosaurs in fluid media, and Brontosaurus, Triceratops, Tyrannosaurus rex, and Velociraptors on the ground, once mighty, now extinct, never inflicted carnage on a scale

comparable to the 37 million annual victims of their successor — the Sinusaurus.

A cold or allergy attack that fails to fossilize heralds its march on the horizon into maxillary cavities, and best defense lies in the grunts, admonitions, moldy concoctions, and surgical “clubs” of a Neanderthal descendant, your doctor.

Acute bacterial sinusitis is bacterial in nature and sometimes mastodon in its ramifications. A cold,

allergy, or environmental pollutant may inflame the sinuses and prevent their drainage of accumulated mucus into the nasal passages, leading to congestion and infection by bacterial symbionts. When attacks of sinusitis wreak annoyance, if not havoc, occur frequently, or last three months or longer, the species has most likely evolved into its chronic form. Chronic sinusitis, while docile on the symptomatic front, is likely to pounce like a saber-toothed tiger, causing damage to sinuses and cheekbones and sometimes requiring surgery to repair.

A camouflaged predator, at home

in hostile surroundings, sinusitis provides false assurances by laying low or by mimicking minor annoyances like the common cold or allergies. When the time is right, nasal congestion, facial pain or pressure, and headache make their appearance. Thick, purulent or discolored nasal discharge, along with other nonspecific symptoms including cough, sneezing, and fever, bring up the rear. Add to the mix tooth pain and halitosis and *Homo sapiens* reverts to caveman behavioral patterns, especially when bending over or lying supine increases discomfort.

While most cases of acute sinusitis present after or in conjunction with a viral upper respiratory infection caused by rhinovirus, parainfluenza virus, or influenza virus, bacterial sinusitis complicates only 0.2 to 2 percent of these viral infections. That is little consolation, however, as a riot in Jurassic Park can loose the Sinusaurus on fertile neurologic terrain, and result in pain and inflammation of the eye orbits, thrombosis of cerebral veins, meningitis, and cerebral abscess. What should have amounted to a campaign of no more than four weeks then degenerates into a fight for survival, pitting bipeds against the forces for extinction.

Clinical history and/or setting, not the high technology of computed tomography (CT) or sinus radiography, suffices for the diagnosis of acute sinusitis. Facial or tooth pain in combination with purulent nasal discharge and persisting for more than

7 days, like the crashing of jungle trees, makes tracking the beast elementary. Chronic sinusitis, on the other hand, is a wilier creature, given to periods of stalking of greater than 12 weeks, more damaging yet less alarming to its prey, and very difficult to corner and cure. Antibiotic resistance and surgical complications form inherent parts of its defense mechanism when CT, endoscopic examination, and biopsied tissue samples for histologic examination and culture have individuated its habitat.

Oral and topical decongestants, nasal saline rinses, and intranasal steroids are brought to bear on the behemoth for 7 days. When they are found to bounce off its scales, oral amoxicillin administered in a dose of 875 mg twice a day for 10 days usually finishes the job. Not so for its chronic cousin. Surgery becomes the only recourse available when those weapons fail, providing a significant, albeit short-term, breather.

Enormous beings of thick flesh and blood ruled majestically long before the appearance of man, machine, and the Sinusaurus. When they, too, are long gone, perhaps the streptococcus and its infinitely smaller brethren will direct day to day business from thrones invisible to all but the eyes of God.

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

Constituent services, working for you

As a member of the House of Representatives, I vote on your behalf on a variety of national issues that affect my constituents on a day-to-day basis. While these issues are important, my office also enables me to assist your family by providing valuable constituents services as well. My constituents are my top priority and I strive to be as accessible as possible. I have several offices in my district staffed with professionals trained to assist you with a variety of issues.

The term casework refers to the assistance that members of Congress are able to provide to constituents. Each year, I receive a wide range of inquiries, from requests for a tour of the Capitol, to more complex requests for assistance navigating federal services. My staff and I are often able to act as facilitators, or advocates, on your behalf. While I cannot promise a speedy resolution or favorable outcome, my staff and I are committed to helping the constituents of the 23rd Congressional District with federal issues.

Constituent services provided involving a federal agency include:

Social Security and Medicare issues; benefits and services for our veterans; services for our active duty military members and their families; immigration and passport issues; and Internal Revenue Service issues.

My staff and I act as liaisons between federal agencies to help ensure that your concerns are processed in an efficient and timely manner. We often aid constituents with disability and retirement reimbursement claims as well as obtaining survivor benefits. Assistance can be provided to determine the status of a claim with the Social Security Administration or the Department of Veterans Affairs. We assist members of our Armed Services to obtain service awards or replacement of lost medals.

Another exciting aspect of my job is helping prospective students of all ages by providing information on financial aid. I also provide opportunities to gain valuable hands-on work experience through congressional internships in my offices. Additionally, each year I have the distinct honor of nominating outstanding,

patriotic high school students from the 23rd District for admission to the

U.S. Naval Academy (Annapolis, MD), the U.S. Military Academy (West Point, NY), the U.S. Air Force Academy (Colorado Springs, CO), the U.S. Coast Guard Academy (New London, CT), and the U.S. Merchant Marine Academy (Kings Point, NY).

Please know that by law federal agencies require constituents requesting help from a congressional office to provide a Privacy Release form before they will discuss your situation. For your convenience, this form available on my website at <http://bonilla.house.gov>. You may also contact my office to have a form mailed to you. Once you have completed the form, please mail or fax the form to my office.

My main office is located in San Antonio: 11120 Wurzbach, Suite 300, San Antonio, TX 78230, phone (210) 697-9055 and fax (210) 697-9185.



Reyes Reports By U.S. Rep. Silvestre Reyes

War includes missed opportunities

The World Trade Center in New York City. The Pentagon in Arlington, Virginia. A rural field outside of Shanksville, Pennsylvania. This coming Monday marks the five-year anniversary of the tragic attacks of September 11, 2001 that forever seared these locations together in our memory.

Over the past five years, those of us here in El Paso and people across the country have worked hard to move forward from that fateful day — to safeguard ourselves and our families from terrorism, and to honor and memorialize those we lost.

We have made important strides, yet have also suffered what can best be described as unnecessary setbacks. Congress and the President quickly worked to enact a military campaign in Afghanistan to destroy the architects of September 11 — al Qaeda and those who harbored them. However, these efforts lost manpower and funding once we undertook military operations in Iraq. While we ostensibly invaded Iraq — a war resolution I opposed — due to an apparent connection between Saddam Hussein and September 11,

the Administration has now verified those connections to be dubious at best, and our presence in Iraq has helped fuel fundamentalism and anti-American sentiments abroad.

Congress took an important step in creating the National Commission on Terrorist Attacks Upon the United States, also known as the 9/11 Commission, in 2002. This independent, bipartisan commission prepared a full and complete account of the circumstances surrounding the September 11 attacks, and after almost two years of careful study and close scrutiny of the events, the Commission released its public report in July 2004. The Commission included in this report recommendations to Congress designed to guard against future attacks.

These recommendations, which encompassed homeland security and emergency response efforts, intelligence reform, and foreign policy initiatives, mirrored aspects of intelligence reform legislation introduced by my Democratic colleagues and me on the House Intelligence Committee, and served as part of the blueprint for the Democratic substitute bill I introduced when the House considered Chairman James Sensenbrenner's (R-WI) so-called 'Border Security bill.'

While certain aspects of the 9/11

Commission recommendations — such as the creation of a Director of National Intelligence — have become law, missed opportunities abound and many more significant steps must be taken. The 9/11 Commissioners — who now operate as the 9/11 Public Discourse Project — voiced this best when they gave failing grades to Congress when measuring homeland security efforts in December 2005.

People across the country will tell stories of where they were on September 11 for the rest of their lives, and I personally can still recall my feelings of that day when I share mine. We lost far too many lives in the Twin Towers, in the Pentagon and in that field in Pennsylvania. Likewise, too many people have been lost or have suffered life-altering injuries in the War on Terror and the War in Iraq, both of which continue to this day. Despite these losses and the best efforts of many of my colleagues and me, Congress has missed opportunities and suffered unnecessary setbacks over the past five years. We need thoughtful, bipartisan intelligence and homeland security reforms if we are to move forward. And move forward we must, because no one wants more stories to tell.

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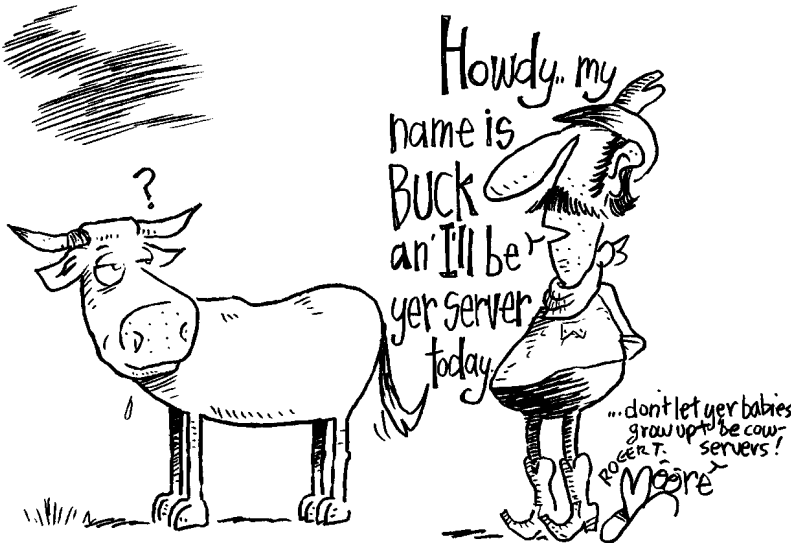
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Moore Texas by Roger T. Moore The pompous British owners of Texas' Rocking Chair Ranche called their cowboys "Cow Servants".

FEMA

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the closing date will not be covered by the disaster declaration,” said Kenneth Clark, FEMA federal coordinating officer. “(However) those who suffered losses resulting from storms within the incident period can still register with FEMA and we encourage them to do so as soon as possible.”

Those wishing to register for assistance can go online at www.FEMA.gov or call 1-800-621-

FEMA (3362).

“We are awaiting notification of our request to revise the start of the disaster declaration from July 31 to July 27,” Frank Cantu, state coordinating officer for the Governor’s Division of Emergency Management, said. “Those who need to register for assistance have 60 days from the declaration date to file for assistance. However, they should register immediately if they had damage from the storms.”

To date, 3,180 individuals have registered for FEMA assistance. As of Sept. 1, 2006, about 2,648 inspections were issued with 2,531 inspections completed.

Notice of Public Meeting To Discuss Fabens Independent School District’s State Financial Accountability Rating

The Fabens Independent School District will hold a public hearing at 6:30 p.m., Wednesday, September 20, 2006 in the boardroom of the Fabens ISD Administration Building, 821 NE “G” Avenue, Fabens, Texas.

The purpose of this hearing is to discuss Fabens Independent School District’s rating on the state’s financial accountability system.

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Notice of Public Hearing Town of Clint, Texas

Texas Community Development Program Completion and Closeout Project #724171

The Town of Clint will conduct a public hearing to solicit the input and participation of its residents in its Texas Community Development Program (TCDP) project. Residents are encouraged to attend this meeting and voice opinions concerning the completion of a water system improvements project that has been carried out under TCDP/CD Contract No. 724171. Topics to be discussed will include the completed activities of the project, and the town’s implementation of the project, including location, general cost, and project benefits.

DATE OF THE HEARING: Mon., September 29, 2006
HEARING LOCATION: Clint Community Center
TIME OF HEARING: 6:00 p.m.

The Town of Clint has a Citizen Participation Plan that provides for and encourages citizen participation at all stages of the Community Development Program; copies are available by request. Persons unable to attend this public hearing may submit their views regarding completion of the project at the Town Hall in Clint, Texas.

Accommodations for handicapped persons will be available; handicapped persons in need of special assistance for attending the hearing are encouraged to contact the Town Clerk at (915) 851-3146.

El publico en general está invitado a asistir a esta audiencia. La presentación y discusión del Programa de Desarrollo de la Comunidad del Estado de Texas se haran en español para aquellas personas que así lo deseen.

Dale Reinhardt, Mayor
Town of Clint, Texas

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Briefs

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YWCA will begin accepting applications from Sept. 1 through Sept. 29.

■ The El Paso Country Fair will feature old-fashioned family fun on Sept. 16, 10:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. at Memorial Park in El Paso. Sponsored by Community Solutions of El Paso, the fair will feature a variety of game booths, family fun competition, craft demonstrations, a marketplace and numerous prizes. Live entertainment by dancers, clowns and a talent show will round out the day. Admission is free. Proceeds to benefit programs for at-risk children, youth and their families. Call 861-7733 for more information.

■ El Dorado High School is hosting its first annual cheer camp on Saturday, Sept. 9. Registration

is 7:30-9 a.m. Camp is all day from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and is open to participants ages 4 to 14 years old. The cost is \$30 and includes a T-Shirt. Concession stand will be available for lunch. Parents are welcome to watch the final presentation. Contact Coach Claudia Ornelas at 937-3200 or e-mail cornel01@sisd.net.

■ Detectives from the El Paso Police Department’s Mission Valley Regional Command Center are currently asking for the public’s assistance in finding a missing 56-year-old woman. On Aug. 27, Roberta Chapin Riggs was last seen at home by family. Riggs, who suffers from a mental disease, left her home without notifying her family and has not been seen or heard from since. She is described as a white female,



Roberta Riggs

5’6” tall, 135 lbs., medium build, light complexion. She was last seen wearing grey sweatpants and a black raincoat. Anyone with any information on this case is asked to call Police Communications at 832-4400.

■ Montwood High School is hosting Emerald Days of Summer 2nd Annual Car Show and Carnival. The festival will be held at the school campus at 12000 Montwood on Saturday, Sept. 9, from 9 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. There will be live music and entertainment, arts and crafts booths and food booths from various vendors. All proceeds will go to benefit the Emerald Dance group. For more information on the Car Show, Carnival or Sponsorships, call 433-9408.

■ Josefa L. Sambrano Elementary School, located at 200 Herring Road in San Elizario, is hosting a Scholastic Book Fair the week of Oct. 2-6. The hours are 7:30 a.m. until 3:30 p.m. on Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday. The fair will remain open until 6 p.m. on Wednesday, and will close at 2 p.m. on Friday. The public is invited to come and browse the wide selection of books for children and adults.

■ El Paso County Sheriff’s Office Criminal Investigation Division (CID) are investigating a “shots fired” incident which occurred on Sunday, Sept. 3 at approximately 10:36 p.m. in the 14000 block of Stacy Ann in Far East El Paso County. Neighbors reported hearing shots fired and when Sheriff’s Deputies arrived on scene they found Ernesto Ruben Lopez, 34, with a wound — possible gunshot — to the foot. The injured party was transported to a local hospital by family members and later released. As a result of the CID investigation, Guillermo Moreno, 24, was arrested and charged with aggravated assault with a deadly weapon and deadly conduct/discharge firearm. He was booked on a \$6,000 bond.

■ In keeping with technology, Crime Stoppers of El Paso, Inc. has kept up with the times. You now have two options when giving a tip to the program. Not only can you use our local 566-TIPS (8477) number or the toll free 1-877-566-TIPS (8477) but you can go to www.crimestoppersofelpaso.org and click on the “anonymous tips” hyperlink. You will be taken to a secure site where you simply fill in the appropriate fields to help stop crime in El Paso county. For those with more tech-savvy, a photo can be submitted with the tip to assist investigators. Those utilizing this service will remain completely anonymous even with use of a personal computer or any available computer at a public libraries. Once submitted, a unique ID number will be used to track tips, add information to that tip, and if eligible, to receive a cash reward.

NOTICE OF VOTE ON TAX RATE

The Town of Horizon City conducted the first public hearing on a proposal to increase the total tax revenues of the

Town of Horizon City

from properties on the tax roll in the preceding year by 34.39 percent on Friday, September 1, 2006 The second public hearing will be conducted on Friday, September 8, 2006 at 6:30 p.m., 14999 Darrington Road, Horizon City, Texas.

The Town of Horizon City is scheduled to vote on the tax rate that will result in that tax increase at a public meeting to be held on Wednesday, September 20, 2006 at 6:30 p.m., 14999 Darrington Road, Horizon City, Texas 79928.

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Socorro ISD rolls out mobile labs

By Irma Flores
Special to the Courier

EAST EL PASO COUNTY — Equipped with laptops and satellite capability, SOCRATES and the Dream Machine are the latest tools offered by the Socorro Independent School District to help both children and their parents excel in the classroom and in life. Housed in two RVs,

SOCRATES (Socorro Offering Children Relevant and Technology Experiences in Science) and the Dream Machine provide supplemental TAKS training for students during the day and various educational programs for parents in the evening.

The mobile labs spend one week at time various campuses throughout the Socorro district providing additional support for students at different grade levels. For that week,

SOCRATES and Dream Machine provide one-on-one teaching sessions with students who may need additional support in reading or math. The lessons offered are determined by each school such as one may want to focus on reading while another will ask for vocabulary building sessions. For the next school year, the two mobile units will visit schools throughout the district, and will be permanent additions to assist teachers.

After school, the program offers computer lessons, beginning and advanced math sessions and English or Spanish classes for parents of Socorro ISD students. The mobile labs are available for adults who want to expand their language skills, or learn more about computers.

Eva Maldonado, a volunteer at the Sparks Community Center, takes advantage of the program every time it rolls in. So far the program has been at Sparks twice and Mrs. Maldonado has been there every day.

“Every time it’s here, so are we. It’s good that the district offers this program to adults. We have to take advantage of this because it is brought right to us,” she says as she logs onto the computer. “Before this I never used a computer, but now I

can turn it on, log onto the internet and start my course.”

Another Sparks resident who follows the mobile lab is Dioselina Ramirez who hopes to pursue a GED. She is taking advantage of the mobile lab’s program for English and basic Math so she can be a step ahead when she starts her classes.

“For the small amount of time I’ve been coming, I’ve learned a lot,” she says. “I’m telling my neighbors about this and to come with me.”

Another avid follower is Juan Enrique who stopped by on Aug. 30 during the stop at the Sparks Community Center. He started two weeks

ago when SOCRATES was stationed at Horizon Heights. He along with his wife and a co-worker have been a part of the evening classes since. Enrique wants to improve his English and learn how to navigate the internet.

“Wherever it goes, I follow,” he says. “I want to learn more so I can be able to communicate better at works with customers.”

Parents are welcomed to attend the 90 minute session which starts at 5 p.m. The class is limited to 10, but a second session may be scheduled due to demand. For more information or to register, call 937-1600.



— Photo courtesy Socorro ISD

FOR THE WISDOM OF SOCRATES — Students at Socorro Middle line up for their session at the SOCRATES mobile lab.

Samples

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of cases have helped me grow as a lawyer.”

Baskind says she has seen a lot more of life in her service as a school board member where she has received “real world experience.” He sees a school board as a business, a microcosm, that deals with real world problems and issues in which she and

other board members have had to make “major and significant decisions.”

One of those major and significant decisions of which she was a part was the selection of the site for the new high school.

“She was a very dedicated board member who did her homework,” recalls Dr. Pam Padilla, superintendent of CISD. “She paid attention to detail and was always prepared.”

Board members are also high in their praise of her.

“She did an excellent job, an awesome job representing our constituents,” says Carl Frieze. “She was highly motivated and very enthusiastic. I wish her the best.”

Adds Yvonne Sanchez. “I am very proud of her. What a bright woman. What honor she has brought to our community.

Samples says volunteerism is still important to her and she serves as a role model for others through the pen pals program of the El Paso Women’s Bar Association.

Town of Horizon City PUBLIC NOTICE

A PUBLIC HEARING will be held at **6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, September 12, 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:

- 1) Ordinance No. 0154 — Adopting a budget for the Fiscal Year commencing October 1, 2006 and ending September 30, 2007 for the Town of Horizon City, Texas.

Those unable to attend the public hearing may submit their views to the Town of Horizon City. Accommodations for handicapped person will be available; handicapped persons in need of special assistance for attending the hearing are encouraged to contact the City Clerk 915-852-1046, forty-eight (48) hours prior to the meeting. Copies of ordinances and a complete copy of the proposed budget are available for review upon request at Town Hall, 14999 Darrington Road, Horizon City, Texas 79928.

Sandra Sierra
City Clerk

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Home Opener

Texas Tech vs UTEP

Saturday, September 9th

7pm at the Sun Bowl Stadium

Ticket info 747-5234

Public Notice Town of Horizon City Texas Community Development Block Grant Program

The Town of Horizon City will hold a public hearing at **6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, September 13, 2006, at the Frank Macias Elementary School Cafeteria located at 14400 Golden Eagle Drive** regarding the proposed submission of an application to the Office of Rural Community Affairs for a Texas Community Development Block Grant Program (TxCDBG) grant.

The purpose of this meeting is to allow citizens an opportunity to discuss the citizen participation plan, the development of local housing and community development needs, the amount of TxCDBG funding available, all eligible TxCDBG activities, and the use of past TxCDBG funds. The Town of Horizon City encourages citizens to attend this public hearing and to make their views known.

Persons with disabilities who wish to attend this meeting should contact the Town of Horizon City at 852-1046 to arrange for assistance. Individuals who require auxiliary aids or services for this meeting should contact the Town of Horizon City at least two days before the meeting so that appropriate arrangements can be made. Citizens unable to attend this meeting may submit their views and proposals to Sandra Sierra, Town Clerk, at the Horizon City Town Hall located at 14999 Darrington Road.

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Andre ‘Image is Everything’ Agassi leaves lasting impression

By Steve Escajeda
Special to the Courier

I have to admit when I first saw him I thought this guy wouldn’t last very long in the limelight. I thought that once you got through all the hype, there wasn’t a whole lot of substance under that “pretty boy” exterior. When you saw him play all you really noticed was the long hair and the little blue jeans shorts. In fact, when he played there were probably more girls watching him than guys. But deep within his rebel image and his patented “Image is Everything” motto, was the heart and soul of a warrior with a whole lot more substance than most. Andre Agassi played his last professional tennis match over the weekend when he was defeated in the third round of the U.S. Open and he played with the customary courage he has displayed throughout his career. Agassi, who had been battling back problems all week, played four grueling sets though he could barely get around the court. But then he has never been one to shy away from a challenge or an on-court fight.

If you had told me back in the late 80s that Agassi would end up regarded as one of the best tennis players in history, I would have sent you to a doctor to get checked out. Boy, was I wrong. Agassi not only won all four Grand Slam singles titles, he is the only person in tennis history to win all four Grand Slam singles titles on four different surfaces. Agassi is also the only player in the open era to have won every Grand Slam singles championship, the Masters, the Davis Cup, and an Olympic gold medal. I was especially shocked when he won Wimbledon in 1992. Everyone knows Wimbledon champions have thunderous serves. But Agassi, who has a serve I could return, was somehow able to turn the myth on its head. Agassi won eight Grand Slam singles titles putting him up there with names like Rod Laver, Roy Emerson, Jimmy Connors, John McEnroe, Pete Sampras, Ivan Lendl and Bjorn Borg. Andre Agassi is one of the few athletes of our time who initially made a name for himself by taking full advantage of the rock-and-roll media hype machine that creates images

way too large to live up to. Agassi, however, not only lived up to it, he emerged from the media-driven façade to reveal his true nature — honest, hard-working, considerate, gentle, respectable, and a winner. The real Agassi is much grander than any Madison Avenue publicist could ever dream up. **Too close for comfort** The UTEP Miners traveled to San Diego State last weekend hoping to get out with a season-opening victory. Mission accomplished. Most of the experts around the country figured this would be a tough matchup and were mixed on whom they thought would win. And that’s exactly how the game went down — but it shouldn’t have. After racing out to a 27-3 third-quarter lead, the game was essentially over. The only problem was the Miners began to play like it was. Coach Mike Price has been preaching to his team all month that he wants to finish strong. After losing two straight at the end of the 2004 season, and three straight to close out 2005, he knew a change in philosophy had to

be made. But UTEP, which played a great game up until the middle of the third period, did it again — they finished poorly and it almost cost them their 34-27 victory. There were two reasons the Miners let the Aztecs back into the game — poor throwing and poor tackling. Jordan Palmer threw three touchdowns in the game. That was the good news. The bad news is that he went back to his old ways of trying to force the ball to his covered receivers and it cost him four interceptions. At the same time, the defense called it a night with a quarter-and-a-half to go. After holding San Diego State to just three points for most of the game, the Miner defense suddenly lost the ability to tackle and the Aztecs found the end zone over and over. In the end, the Miners were able to hold on but just barely. This weekend the Top-25 ranked Texas Tech Red Raiders come to the Sun Bowl. If the Miners are going to have a chance to win this one they’d better learn how to throw the ball to their own guys and tackle the other guys. The Raiders won’t be as charitable as the Aztecs.

BRAD KINS RICHMOND TIMES DISPATCH



UTEP to enforce new tailgating rules

By Laura Cruz
Special to the Courier

Fire up your grills and make sure you have all the necessary condiments — it’s tailgating season. Miner fans eager to start the festivities can get all the tailgating information they need online at www.tailgating.utep.edu. “I invite all our fans and visitors to share this Web site,” UTEP Police Chief Cliff Walsh said. “It provides useful tips and information concerning parking, tailgating and stadium policies to help guide fans’ event planning and ensure a safe, enjoyable and entertaining experience.” UTEP’s home opener, against

Texas Tech, is Saturday, Sept. 9. In addition to providing basic game-day information, the site gives fans updates on the new tailgating and RV-parking policies implemented this season. Some of the new policies to keep in mind: • Tailgaters must shut down their activities and enter the Sun Bowl by the end of the first quarter. One person will be allowed to stay at each tailgating site if there is a large setup. • Tailgaters can return and celebrate for one hour after the game. Parking for RVs, campers and trailers is allowed only in Lot A-13, off Schuster Avenue. • Parking passes for Lot A-13 are \$40 (individual game) or \$210 (sea-

son pass) at the University Ticket Center, located at Mesa Street and Glory Road. Passes are also available by calling 915/747-5234. • RV passes can be picked up at the University Ticket Center during regular business hours or at Lot A-13 beginning at 6 p.m. the Friday before the game. • Lot A-13 will open at 6 p.m. the day before each game and close at 10 a.m. the following Sunday. RVs will be allowed to stay overnight but must close down all tailgating activities one hour after the game has ended. University Ticket Center hours are 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Monday through Friday and 10 a.m.-2 p.m. on non-game-day Saturdays. The Ticket Center will be open until 9 p.m. on Sept. 8 to sell RV passes. Game-day hours are as follows: University Ticket Center, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.; Sun Bowl north and south box offices, noon through halftime; Sun Bowl east side, 5 p.m. through halftime; and Sun Bowl west side, 5:30 p.m. until halftime.

Sure to be a tailgater favorite is the Web site’s weekly tailgating photo gallery. Miner fans are invited to submit photos of their tailgating fun after each home game, and the best images will be displayed online until the next home game.

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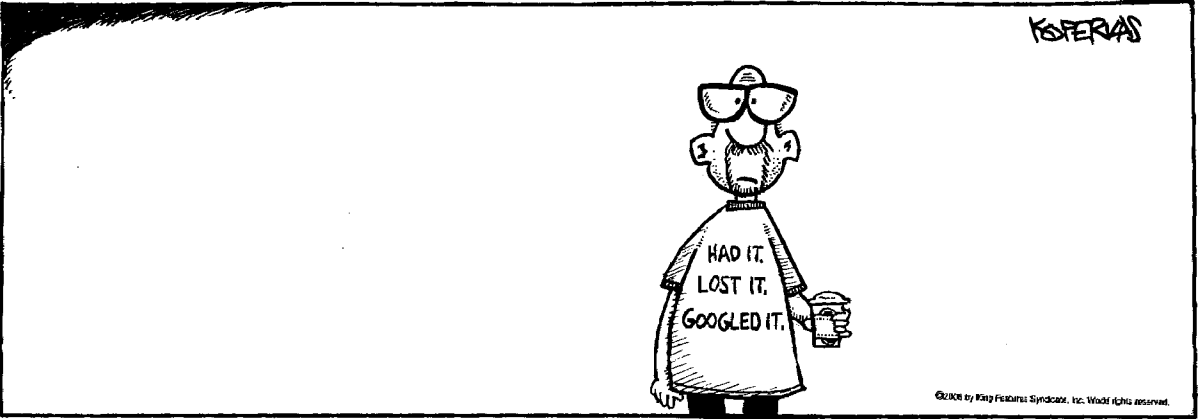
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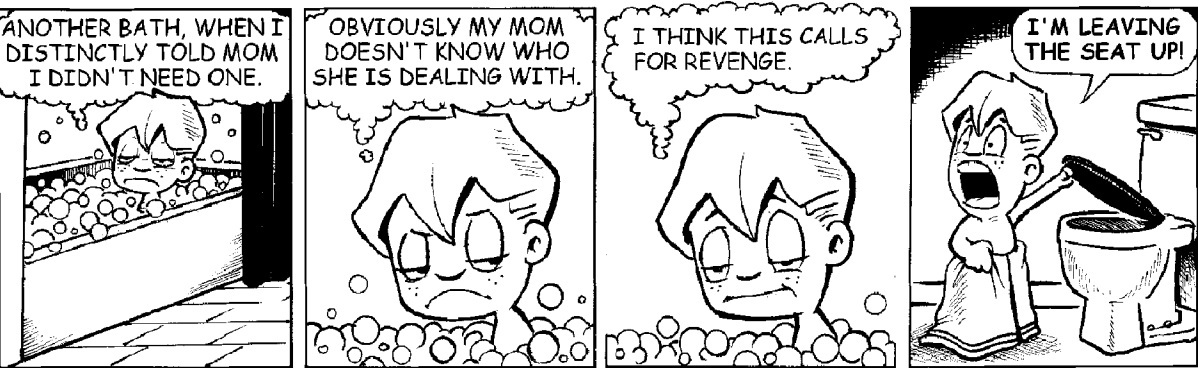
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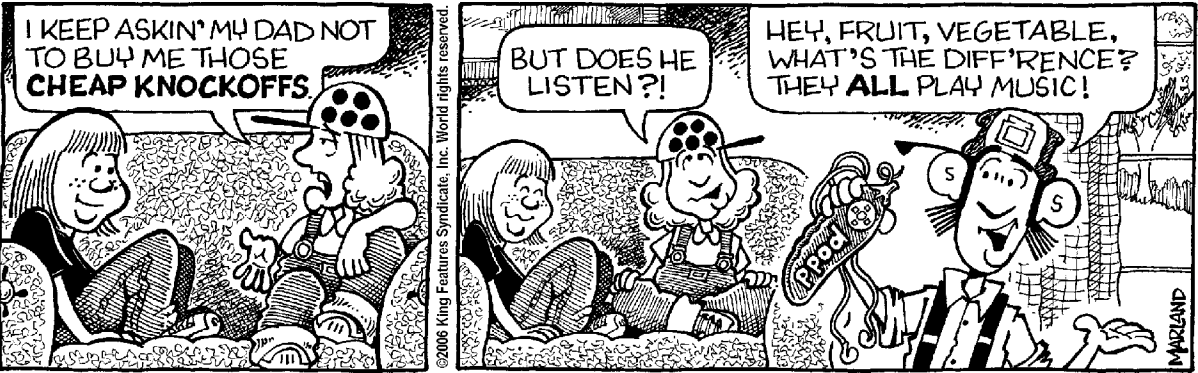
THE SPATS

By Jeff Pickering



R.F.D.

By Mike Marland



Poll proves it: We're dumb

By Don Flood

This just in: Mounting evidence proves Americans are stupid. Not just a few of us, as previously hoped, but most of us.

First example: the Ford Motor Co.'s reaction after the news that for the first time it had fallen behind Toyota in total sales.

In a written statement to ABC News, Ford announced: "We will not be distracted by a sales race when we have more important matters at hand."

Presumably Ford wants to remain focused on its core business, which is recalling defective vehicles.

Did anybody with an IQ north of a rutabaga read that release before it went out?

My guess: Toyota wrote it for them.

TOYOTA PR: Hey, tough break about falling behind us in sales. We'd be glad to write you a press release if that would help.

FORD PR: Gosh, that would be great. Thanks!

The second example came from a Reuters news story: "Snow White's dwarfs more famous than U.S. judges: poll."

This story was based on an old trick. Poll Americans to see how well they know pop culture as opposed to facts they "should" know — in other words, that boring stuff we were supposed to learn in school.

In this case, however, I must come to my country's defense.

Poll result No. 1: 60 percent were able to identify Bart as Homer's son on "The Simpsons," but only 20.5 percent could name Greek poet Homer's epic poems, "The Illiad" and "The Odyssey."

This one is totally Homer's fault. He could have signed a network deal when he first wrote the poems some 2,700 years ago, but no, Mr.

Traveling Epic Poet was too good for what he called the "boob tube."

He never blogged either, though judging by how his poems run on and on forever, he would have been a natural.

Poll result No. 2: 60 percent were able to name what Reuters called the "fictional planet Krypton, while only 37 percent knew that Mercury is the planet closest to the sun."

My first beef is with the "fictional" label.

If Krypton is fictional, then where, exactly, does kryptonite come from? Are we supposed to believe that Superman was just acting when he appeared to be harmed by the presence of kryptonite? That hardly squares with Superman's well-known commitment to truth.

And as far as people being more aware of Krypton than Mercury, well, of course — nobody famous ever came from Mercury. Not even a D-lister!

Poll result No. 3: 74 percent were able to identify the Three Stooges — Larry, Curly and Moe — while only 42 percent could name the three branches of the U.S. government, which are, of course, the vice presidential branch, the lobbying branch and Fox News.

(Older folks may recall learning about the judicial and legislative branches, but they have since been dismissed. Only the executive branch remains the same, except that the roles of president and vice-president have been switched.)

Here again we have good reason. The Three Stooges are true American icons, long since immortalized on Mount Rushmore.

It's not like we learned nothing in school.

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POLITICAL CORRECTIONS ACROSS

1 _ pole

6 Miss Marple

10 Canine tooth

16 "Nowhere _" ('66 hit)

19 Luncheonette lure

20 Bard's river

21 May or Stritch

22 Clark's

"Mogambo" co-star

23 She's not a bleached blond, she's...

26 Tear

27 Walk confidently

28 Composer Albeniz

29 Stevenson

scoundrel

30 Singer Sumac

31 Fill to the gills

34 Rapier

37 _ Locka, FL

40 Eastern dye

42 Raven maven?

45 _ terrier

48 She's not old, she's...

54 Conductor's concern

55 " _ Nidre"

56 Right-fielder Tony

57 Discontinue

58 "Strange Interlude" playwright

60 Quaker colonist

62 Baby bites

64 Hazard

65 Keats' " _ a Nightingale"

66 Scuba site

68 Tach meas.

69 Actress Ruby

70 He doesn't have detention, he's...

75 Ring figure

78 Brit. lexicon

79 Puente or Jackson

80 Cognizant

84 Actor Novello

86 Rushed

88 Poet Teasdale

90 Paint over

92 Sacks

94 Urania's sister

96 Seer's gift

98 Undo an error

99 He's not ignorant, he's...

103 Approaches

104 Superlative suffix

105 It's up in the air

106 '60s campus org.

107 Printer's measure

109 Entangle

110 "A Yank in the _" ('41 film)

113 _ pro quo

116 Beethoven

dedicatee

120 Sahara vision

123 Decorative vase

124 He doesn't snore, he's...

130 FBI employee

131 Asian peninsula

132 Give off

133 Bar food?

134 Metro or Prizm

135 Lowdown hound

136 Trick

137 Serengeti springer

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1 Eavesdrop electronically

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3 Legal wrong

4 Atlanta campus

5 Adage

6 Shade of green

7 Broad st.

8 Start to snooze

9 Vane letters

10 Chubby Checker has three

11 Forearm bone

12 Actress Thompson

13 Segment

14 Lodging

15 PD abbr.

16 Designer Quant

17 Gung-ho

18 Spine start

24 Spud state

25 Quiche, e.g.

29 Young bovine

31 Pry

32 Some fishermen

33 Skater Babilonia

35 Sty guy

36 Hockey's Lindros

37 Word form for "eight"

38 Chemical prefix

39 Ready for a fight

41 Lodge brother

42 Comrade

43 Ken or Lena

44 " _ Madigan" ('67 film)

46 Demure

47 "Siddhartha" author

49 Mayberry moppet

50 Nick of "Cape Fear"

51 NYC power co.

52 Like some dogs

53 Astronaut Slayton

59 Trademark designs

61 Tree house?

63 Lipstick mishap

67 Chalky cheese

71 Drive off

72 Swimmer

Gertrude

73 Actor Lamas

74 Nerd

75 Jazz phrase

76 French spa

77 Compel

81 Unit of area

82 Savanna sounds

83 Facilitated

85 Impede

87 TV's "Happy _"

89 Racy neckwear?

91 Turner and Koppel

93 Certain

95 Boy king

97 Play on words

100 Quiet _ mouse

101 Myriads of moons

102 Worth

108 Southwestern sights

109 Essential

111 Crop up

112 " _ Attraction" ('87 film)

113 Bog, for short

114 Press

115 "So _ You" ('77 song)

117 Research sites

118 First name in tennis

119 Blind part

120 Dole (out)

121 Arizona river

122 Writer Hunter

124 Collar a crook

125 Coach Parseghian

126 Word with carpet or cabbage

127 Aussie walker

128 "Great Expectations" character

129 Byrnes or Roush

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Social Security Q&A

By Ray Vigil

Q: How much can a divorced spouse receive in Social Security retirement benefits?

A: A man or woman who is divorced after at least 10 years of marriage keeps certain benefit rights on their former spouse's Social Security record. In order for him or her to get benefits, a divorced husband or wife must be at least age 62 and the former spouse must be eligible for benefits, but not necessarily receiving them. The maximum benefit is 50 percent of the benefit the worker would receive at full retirement age. However, benefits paid prior to full retirement age of the spouse are reduced based upon the age of the spouse at the time benefits are received.

Q: Recently I have been getting some of my neighbors' mail, and vice versa. I worry that if my Social Security check accidentally goes to a neighbor it might be thrown away. How would I go about getting a replacement Social Security check?

A: First and most importantly, you should know that you can ease any worries about lost or stolen checks by arranging for direct deposit of your monthly Social Security benefit payments. Direct deposit is the safest, quickest and most convenient way to receive your benefits. But if the check you receive each month in the mail doesn't arrive as scheduled, you should wait three days after the date you normally receive your check. At that time, if you have still not received your check in the mail, contact Social Security at 1-800-772-1213 (TTY 1-800-325-0778) or visit your local Social Security office.

Q: My sister has just been diagnosed with pancreatic cancer and her prognosis is not good. She will need to quit work immediately and begin treatment. Does Social Security have any special procedures to process disability claims for a person with a terminal illness?

A: Yes. While the requirements for receiving disability benefits are the same for everyone, Social Security makes every effort to identify a case involving a person with a potentially terminal illness as early in the claims process as possible. The agency then follows special procedures to process the claim as quickly as possible. If your sister hasn't already done so, she should contact her local Social Security office as soon as possible to apply for benefits. Or she can begin the disability application process by going online at www.socialsecurity.gov.

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

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RealFeel 84° 65°

Sunday

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RealFeel 87° 64°

Monday

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RealFeel 92° 67°

Tuesday

Sunshine

90° 69°

RealFeel 97° 69°

Wednesday

Sunny

92° 68°

RealFeel 98° 68°

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WEATHER TRENDS THIS WEEK

Temperatures

Precipitation

IN THE SKY

Sun

	Rise	Set
Thu.	6:45 a.m.	7:22 p.m.
Fri.	6:45 a.m.	7:21 p.m.
Sat.	6:46 a.m.	7:20 p.m.
Sun.	6:46 a.m.	7:18 p.m.
Mon.	6:47 a.m.	7:17 p.m.
Tues.	6:48 a.m.	7:16 p.m.
Wed.	6:48 a.m.	7:14 p.m.

Moon

	Rise	Set
Thu.	7:31 p.m.	6:28 a.m.
Fri.	8:03 p.m.	7:40 a.m.
Sat.	8:36 p.m.	8:51 a.m.
Sun.	9:11 p.m.	10:02 a.m.
Mon.	9:49 p.m.	11:13 a.m.
Tues.	10:33 p.m.	12:24 p.m.
Wed.	11:23 p.m.	1:32 p.m.

Full

9/7

New

9/22

Last

9/14

First

9/30

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REGIONAL CITIES													U.S. CITIES																		
Thursday				Friday				Saturday				Sunday				Thursday				Friday				Saturday				Sunday			
City	HI	LO	W	HI	LO	W	HI	LO	W	HI	LO	W	City	HI	LO	W	HI	LO	W	HI	LO	W	HI	LO	W	HI	LO	W	HI	LO	W
Abilene, TX	82	63	pc	86	66	pc	87	67	pc	86	67	pc	Atlanta	81	65	pc	85	66	pc	85	66	pc	85	65	s	85	66	pc	85	66	pc
Albuquerque, NM	75	58	pc	81	60	pc	80	59	pc	81	60	pc	Boston	78	62	pc	80	65	s	80	61	s	80	61	s	77	55	pc	77	55	pc
Amarillo, TX	77	57	pc	82	59	pc	81	59	t	81	59	t	Chicago	80	62	pc	82	58	pc	78	54	t	74	54	pc	74	54	pc	74	54	pc
Austin, TX	90	63	s	93	68	s	91	69	pc	92	71	t	Denver	82	51	t	82	50	pc	80	51	t	83	52	pc	83	52	pc	83	52	pc
Brownsville, TX	92	75	pc	94	77	pc	95	77	t	93	77	pc	Detroit	80	60	pc	80	60	pc	78	56	t	71	53	s	71	53	s	71	53	s
Dodge City, KS	81	59	t	84	59	pc	82	59	pc	84	60	s	Houston	90	68	s	90	72	pc	92	74	t	90	72	t	90	72	t	90	72	t
Jackson, MS	87	61	s	88	64	pc	87	66	s	89	66	pc	Indianapolis	80	61	pc	81	62	pc	82	57	t	73	57	c	73	57	c	73	57	c
Laredo, TX	95	75	pc	100	78	pc	98	78	t	99	77	pc	Kansas City	82	61	pc	82	62	pc	78	57	pc	79	60	c	79	60	c	79	60	c
Little Rock, AR	85	65	s	86	64	pc	83	65	pc	86	64	pc	Los Angeles	83	66	pc	80	64	pc	80	62	pc	78	62	pc	78	62	pc	78	62	pc
Lubbock, TX	78	62	pc	84	63	t	84	62	pc	84	62	pc	Miami	91	79	pc	91	79	pc	89	79	t	89	78	t	89	78	t	89	78	t
Memphis, TN	86	65	s	86	67	pc	82	68	s	85	66	c	Minneapolis	82	60	pc	74	55	pc	70	52	pc	72	55	pc	72	55	pc	72	55	pc
Midland, TX	82	63	pc	86	66	pc	86	65	pc	86	65	pc	New Orleans	88	71	pc	88	72	pc	87	74	t	88	73	pc	88	73	pc	88	73	pc
Pueblo, CO	82	50	t	85	49	t	85	50	t	86	51	pc	New York City	80	66	pc	82	66	s	82	66	s	75	62	pc	75	62	pc	75	62	pc
Roswell, NM	81	60	pc	84	62	pc	87	62	pc	85	61	pc	Omaha	82	60	pc	81	60	pc	77	58	pc	78	56	s	78	56	s	78	56	s
St. Louis, MO	84	64	pc	83	64	pc	76	61	pc	77	61	c	Phoenix	98	80	t	98	78	t	100	76	s	102	78	s	102	78	s	102	78	s
San Antonio, TX	92	68	pc	92	73	pc	94	72	pc	92	73	t	San Francisco	72	54	pc	70	56	pc	70	56	pc	72	56	pc	72	56	pc	72	56	pc
Texarkana, AR	87	65	s	89	65	pc	89	68	pc	88	67	t	Seattle	74	54	pc	70	54	pc	70	52	c	73	52	s	73	52	s	73	52	s
Waco, TX	87	65	s	92	69	s	92	70	pc	90	71	pc	Washington	82	64	pc	84	66	pc	86	65	s	83	62	pc	83	62	pc	83	62	pc
Wichita, KS	83	61	pc	83	62	pc	82	61	pc	81	63	c																			

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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