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Menus

School menus for Tuesday in the area school districts and the David Carrasco Job Corps Center. All meals include milk.

► **Anthony** — Breakfast: potato and cheese burrito, fruit juice. Lunch: pig in a blanket, cookie, green salad, pinto beans, fresh fruit.

► **Canutillo** — Breakfast: fruit, hot cereal, waffles with syrup. Lunch: spaghetti with meat sauce, Caesar salad with dressing, garlic bread, fruit.

► **Cathedral** — Breakfast: breakfast choices. Lunch: corn dog, mustard, baby carrots, dressing, pasta salad, fruit.

► **Clint** — Breakfast: breakfast choices or breakfast in the classroom. Lunch: pizza or chef's salad or nutty jelly sandwich, macaroni with marinara sauce, cucumber sticks, fresh fruit choices.

► **El Paso** — Breakfast: pancakes, turkey sausage. Lunch: baked chicken nuggets, turkey ham sandwich on wheat or peanut butter and jelly sandwich, yogurt, steamed rice, broccoli with cheese sauce, fresh fruit, chilled peaches, whole wheat bread roll, chef's salad.

► **Fabens** — Breakfast: hot sandwich, hotche, fruit or juice. Lunch: spaghetti with meat, mixed vegetables, roll, fruit cup.

► **Gadsden** — Breakfast: biscuit with breakfast chicken, fruit juice, dinosaur crackers. Lunch: baked chicken, hot roll, oven fries, ketchup, carrots and peas, bear hug crackers, grapes.

► **San Elizario** — Breakfast: peanut butter and jelly sandwich, choice of juice or fruit. Lunch: baked chicken, glazed carrots, fresh fruit, wheat roll.
► **Socorro** — Breakfast: cinnamon roll with icing. Lunch: red cheese enchilada, lettuce and tomato salad, fideo, sliced peaches.

► **Ysleta** — Breakfast: Spanish omelet. Lunch: chicken patty or a burrito, tomato, fruit.
► **Job Corps** — Breakfast: assorted juices, hot or cold cereal.

[Carolina Recreation Center]

Muralists decorate skate park

'Seascape' aims to deter taggers at popular site

By Darren Meritz

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EL PASO — Urban muralists are doing the final touches at the Carolina Skate Park in the Lower Valley designed to deter taggers from leaving bad marks at the city park.

Muralists known for their work as urban artists received money from the El Paso Skatepark Association to paint a "seascape" mural inside one of the main bowls at the skate park, said Paul Zimmerman, a skateboarder and president of the association.

Zimmerman said the mural project came along after he went to the park with his son, only to find what he described as offensive graffiti and foul language spray-painted inside the concrete bowls.

Today, one of the main bowls is painted a sea blue with images of fish and other animal life from the sea. "You should've seen what it looked like before," Zimmerman said.

"We came here and the graffiti was just really, really bad."

Zimmerman said he wanted to make sure the skate park — the only one of its kind built and operated by the city of El Paso — remained a place where young people could engage in a positive activity such as skateboarding while still enjoying the renegade, individualistic spirit of the sport.

Joe Rodriguez, recreation services manager for the city's Parks and Recreation



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Westsider Jimmy Medina, 23, skated at the Carolina Skate Park, which was recently painted to discourage tagging.

Skate association fundraiser

- **What:** El Paso Skatepark Association fundraiser.
- **When:** 5 to 9 p.m. May 6.
- **Where:** Marco Polo Dive Bar, 2708 N. Mesa.
- **Cost:** Organizers request a \$5 donation to support the organization's programs.
- **Information:** elpasoskatepark.org.

Department, said the park was built to serve the many young people who skateboard recreationally.

Rodriguez said the skate park is among the most popular attractions at the Carolina Recreation Center and

the El Paso Skatepark Association donated the paint and materials and local muralists donated their talent.

come to and then they find out about the other services we have."

Last month, the Carolina Skate Park drew about 80 competitors and 400 spectators for a skate competition regarded as one of the city's most competitive.

Following several fundraisers by the El Paso Skate park Association, Zimmerman said the organization had a few thousand dollars in cash reserves that they spent on paint and equipment.

He added he was able to rely on volunteer services from several urban muralists in El Paso, including Mike Yrroballi.

"All the skaters that skate there, they're seeing us (paint it), and it kind of makes them take pride in it," Yrroballi said.

"It'll kind of cut down on the tagging, I guess."

The 23,000-square-foot skate park was built by the city of El Paso in 2003 at a cost of about \$625,000.

The park includes three main skate areas and a street course, and is the site of many of the city's most popular skateboard competitions.

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