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Trans-Expedite opens Del Rio office, warehouse

Trans-Expedite Inc., an El Paso shipping and logistics company, has expanded again by opening an office and warehouse in Del Rio, Texas, the company recently announced.

This is the company's sixth office. Last year, it opened three new office and warehouse locations in Texas and the Midwest. It also recently moved to a larger warehouse in Dallas.

Trans-Expedite also reported that it recently became only the second company in the United States to get International Organization for Standardization, or ISO, certification for its supply chain security management system.

Trans-Expedite had sales of \$28 million last year, it reported.

Information: trans-expedite.com

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Business group wants to keep

By Aileen B. Flores
EL PASO TIMES

SOCORRO — A small group of businessmen is working to keep Lower Valley students in school.

Roberto Montenegro, 50, recently moved to Socorro and established Abuelitos City Group, an organization that motivates students to finish high school and teaches them business skills.

"Our main goal is to help kids stay in school," he said.

Montenegro said he dropped out of Jefferson High School when he was in the 10th grade.

Even though he became a successful businessman, he lost many opportunities because he did not finish high school, he said.

Montenegro said he was lucky to meet people who guided him and taught him the complexities of busi-

Meetings

► **Abuelitos City Group** meets from 9 to 11 a.m. every Wednesday at Mi Cabana Restaurant, 657 Horizon, and from 8 to 10 a.m. Thursdays and Fridays at 896 Horizon.

► **Information:** 999-7914.

Montenegro said the idea of Abuelitos City Group was similar program offered in high-school graduates.

"Here, I see a big need for a program," he said.

In Socorro, 48 percent of students who graduate high school, according to the 2009 American Community Survey. The rate is even higher for students such as Fabens, San Elizario and Tornillo, where about 58 percent of students are dropouts.

Montenegro said he wants to recruit more business leaders to join the group.

Montenegro said he is meeting with school officials in San Elizario to help students in that area.

The program will benefit students and lower the dropout rate at schools, he said.

Montenegro said the goal is to

Shoppers come out in Feb., thanks to tax cuts

By Martin Crutsinger
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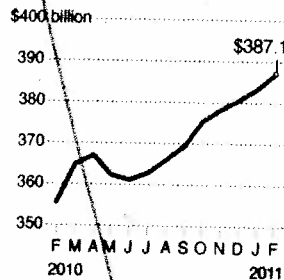
WASHINGTON — Americans are using extra money from their tax cuts to buy new cars, clothing, sporting goods and electronics.

The reduction in Social Security taxes helped lift retail sales for the eighth straight month in February and by the largest amount since the fall. Still, higher oil prices threaten to chip away at consumers' disposable income over the next few months.

"Consumers are back, but whether they will stay is the question," said a retail analyst.

Retail sales

The estimated monthly sales for retail and food services.



Note: All figures seasonally adjusted.
SOURCE: Department of Commerce.

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Comparing gas prices

AAA Texas has released the price of gas in cities throughout the state.

Area	Current 03/10/11	1 week ago 03/03/11	Difference	Year ago 03/11/10	Difference
National	\$3.53	\$3.43	+0.10	\$2.77	+0.76
State	\$3.42	\$3.30	+0.12	\$2.64	+0.78
Austin-San Marcos	\$3.40	\$3.28	+0.12	\$2.63	+0.77
Dallas	\$3.44	\$3.33	+0.11	\$2.64	+0.80
El Paso	\$3.45	\$3.36	+0.09	\$2.72	+0.73
Ft. Worth	\$3.43	\$3.32	+0.11	\$2.64	+0.79
Houston	\$3.40	\$3.28	+0.12	\$2.59	+0.81
San Antonio	\$3.40	\$3.28	+0.12	\$2.60	+0.80

Source: AAA Texas.

El Paso Times

El Paso's gas prices up 8 cents over week

Qua blow

By Christoph and Pau
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The earthquake that struck Japan forced multinational companies to close offices and move operations to avoid damage on the economy.

Assessing the impact was in hours after the flight was stopped, flights were delayed and phone service was disrupted or cut off.

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