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**THOUSANDS OF STUDENTS WILL LEARN HOW TO  
DISPOSE OF HI-TECH TRASH**

High-tech trash, including old computers, televisions and cellular phones, might be causing environmental problems in El Paso. According to the EPA, circuit boards and batteries contain toxic materials such as mercury and hexavalent chromium. Despite that, there are very few federal and state regulations regarding the disposal of household electronic equipment, and because of that, much of it is improperly dumped in municipal landfills, creating a danger of contaminating the soil and the water underneath the site.

With the purpose of teaching students from elementary to high school about the dangers of hi-tech trash and how to protect the environment in general, El Paso County Attorney's Office is helping Keep El Paso Beautiful to organize the Border City Recycles Day on November 15, 2006 at Tobin Park Recreation Center, 8831 Railroad Drive. This year the recycling theme is "E-Waste".

This daylong event is sort of a fair with over 25 environmental educational booths, recycled materials fashion show contests for middle and high school students, recycled materials toy contests for elementary students, and a recycling relay game contest for a class prize. County Attorney José R. Rodríguez will give the opening remarks and explain the rules of the game.

More than 2,000 students are expected to participate, along with several agencies and organizations, among them the City Environmental Services, the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, the El Paso Water Utilities, Fort Bliss Department of

Environment, and the Environmental Prosecutor for the El Paso County Attorney's Office.

**WHO:** County Attorney's Environmental Unit

**WHAT:** Border City Recycles Day "E-Waste"

**WHEN:** Wednesday November 15, 2006 from 9 AM to 2 PM

**WHERE:** Nations Tobin Park Recreation Center

8831 Railroad Drive

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