



NEWSBRIEFS

Colonias resources

The Colonias Prevention Resource Center in Socorro is the only regional information center for all of Region 10, a clearinghouse of substance abuse materials and related topics. Available are coloring books for children in grades K to 4th; tips for teens on avoiding alcohol, tobacco and other drugs; and drug abuse pamphlets for adults and research materials for substance abuse and prevention professionals that want to enhance their knowledge in the field. All printed materials are free of charge, and an updated selection of videos are available on a loan basis. The center is located at 10400 Socorro Rd. and is open 8 a.m. - 5 p.m., Monday to Friday. Phone number is 860-9528 or 1-888-772-8399 toll free.

Alderman needed

The Town of Horizon City will be accepting resumes to fill Place Three on the City Council until Friday, Dec. 31, 2004. Applications must be presented at City Hall at 14999 Darrington Road, Horizon City. Applicants must adhere to qualifications prescribed by the laws of Texas and also be a qualified voter, reside within the city limits, and not hold any other office or employment under the city government. A City Council Committee will review resumes, and will make recommendations to the full Council. The appointee will complete the term that expires in May of 2005. The position was left vacant after the recent loss of Alderman Art Borst, longtime resident and civic activist.

In other news

■ The names of about 300 residents from the combined communities of Fabens, Tornillo, Ft. Hancock and San Elizario adorn the annual Giving Tree and its surroundings at Ryan Supply, Inc. in Fabens, an open opportunity for giving to individuals in need, ranging in age from infant to elderly and from all backgrounds. A fictitious name and bit of background are included on each tag, along with a gift suggestion for every budget. Givers may pick up a tag any time through Dec. 15, purchase and wrap a gift, and return it to the store by that date. Organizer Kit Ryan said gifts already purchased and wrapped are available for donors short of time but who wish to participate. For further information call 764-2239 or stop by 117 N. Fabens St.

■ Officers of the federal Immigration and Naturalization Service will face off against the El Paso Police Department in a charity basketball game at O'Shea Keleher Elementary School on Dec. 10 to raise funds for a partially paralyzed police officer. The first game is scheduled for 9 a.m., and the second at 1 p.m., both in the school

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Mother Nature gets the blame for a lot of things you can't explain any other way without implicating yourself.

— Quips & Quotes

Tornillo Wellness Center opens its doors to the public

By Rudy Barreda
Special to the Courier

TORNILLO — Thanks to a joint partnership between Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center Department of Pediatrics and Tornillo Independent School District, the residents of Tornillo will have access to a new pediatric clinic, the Tornillo Wellness Center.

The purpose of the Tornillo Wellness Center is to improve the health and quality of life within the community, focusing on the physical, mental, educational and social needs of its children. The Center integrates the educational and health care systems in order to provide care to the parents and community of Tornillo. Services will be provided for any well or

sick newborn, child, or teenager needing medical attention.

Services offered at the Wellness Center include care for chronic illnesses, health education, lab testing, minor procedures, physical exams, nutritional education, psychological and social services and counseling.

The Tornillo Wellness Center is located at

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IMPROVING COMMUNITY HEALTH — Shown from left are Carlos Robles, Patient Service Specialist; Dr. Rebecca Di Mundo, Wellness Center Director; Paul Vranish, TISD Superintendent; and Lori Sanchez, Certified Medical Assistant

Stunts and special effects science revealed to Canutillo Elementary students

By Alfredo Vasquez
Special to the Courier

CANUTILLO — How are stunt people set on fire without burning up? How do actors breathe in rooms full of smoke? How are movie explosions set off without hurting anyone?

Canutillo Elementary School students got a firsthand look recently at how the science they are learning in the classroom is used to create movie and television stunts and special effects.

During a vivid one-hour glimpse into movie magic, Stunt and Special Effects Coordinator Steve Wolf showed students how the spectacular feats seen in movies are based on simple

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UP, UP AND AWAY — Stuntman Steve Wolf explains why a Canutillo Elementary School First Grader can lift Teacher Argelia Flores using rope and pulleys during the presentation.

Dr. Donna Smith leaves Clint ISD after 'time of excellence'

By Laura Cade
Special to the Courier

EAST EL PASO COUNTY — On Monday, Dec. 6, 2004, Clint ISD Superintendent Dr. Donna Smith, announced to the District Leadership Team and to Central Administration employees



Donna Smith

that she will be relocating to San Antonio, Texas to accompany her husband, Dr. Reverend Eric Smith, who has accepted a position as the Vice President of Pastoral Services for the Methodist Healthcare System in San Antonio.

The appointment by Bishop Joel Martinez of the Southwest Texas Conference will place him in one of the highest chaplaincy positions in the country.

Dr. Donna Smith, who joined Clint ISD in September of 2002, had set a five year goal of improving the financial integrity of the district through realignment and restructuring. Through her leadership and guidance, the primary objectives of this goal have already been realized.

"Dr. Smith, in less than two years, has performed a financial miracle for Clint ISD," said Clint ISD Board President Jim Pendell. "Her financial acumen has produced one of the greatest financial turnarounds in Texas school history.

"Dr. Smith's time in Clint ISD will always be remembered as a time of excellence. The citizens of the district should be grateful for the fantastic job that our Superintendent has done. Her dedication to Clint ISD along with her passion for educational excellence will be her legacy and will always be remembered," he said.

Dr. Smith recently represented the children of Clint ISD and of other property poor school districts in the state of Texas in the fight for equal funding during the lawsuit against the state of Texas. She has established

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Socorro council names new city manager

By Arleen Beard
Special to the Courier

SOCORRO — Lillian Ruiz, a former assistant to State Rep. Norma Chavez, has been named to the position of Socorro City Manager, replacing former Interim City Manager Reyes Fierro.

During the Nov. 18 Socorro City Council meeting, council decided to remove Fierro from the Interim City Manager position and placed back in his previous position as Director of Planning and Zoning.

It is apparent the new manager reported for duty on Nov. 29 without a contract, because

one of the agenda items listed on the agenda for the Dec. 2 meeting was to authorize the mayor, Human Resources director and city attorney to negotiate one with her.

The item was taken out of the regular agenda, however, and placed into executive session at the request of City Rep. Mary E. Perez with the approval of City Council.

After executive session, Council named Ruiz to the position and announced they will be going into negotiations regarding a contract. When asked about her experience for this position, Ruiz stated she has over 10 years experience of working in state government with State Rep. Norma Chavez. She also stated she has a Bachelor's Degree from the University

of Texas at Austin in Kinesiology.

Lorenza Fraire, concerned citizen, asked if Ruiz had submitted an application or resume prior to being named to her new position. Fraire also asked if anyone else was given the opportunity to apply for the position. From Council responses, was unclear as to what was done, but Mayor Willie Gandara Jr. informed Fraire that this was an appointment made by City Council.

In other business, Socorro City Council approved an event permit and waived the fee for the Socorro Fire Department Toy Drive at Fiesta Mercado Shopping Center to take place on Dec. 11-12, 2004. Council also approved the appointment of Roberto Chavira, Jr. to the Board of Planning and Zoning.



One perspective

By Francis Shrum

Talk to me

It talks to you.

That's the reason the violin, more fondly known as the fiddle, is my friend's favorite musical instrument. The subject came up in a general discussion about music.

There is a constant improvement in the quality of sound and selection in the music served up for our pleasure, as close as the nearest music or department store.

I love as many kinds of music as I do food. I was raised on beans and cornbread and country music — they'll always be my first love. But I also love Italian food and not long ago I got started listening to some Italian opera on a CD called *Opera Made Easy* by Pavorotti. The sometimes haunting, sometimes buoyant music led me to another Italian leg-

end, Andrea Bocelli. And like so many other things, everything old is new again. Now comes the amazing young voice of Josh Groban, an all-American boy, whose meteoric rise to fame began with — what else? — Italian opera.

A quick tour through the family CD collection includes many of my favorites: maybe a little heavy on the Irish/Celtic albums both traditional and new-age, from the Chieftains to U2, Leo Sayer, Gordon Lightfoot, Peter, Paul and Mary, John Denver, Yanni, Enya, the Nitty-Gritty Dirt Band, Three Dog Night, Allison Krauss, Lynyrd Skynyrd, and right on down to the 50 Greatest Hits of George Strait — not to mention Seals and Crofts, Elton John, Johnny Cash, Lionel Richie, and Cat Stevens.

The fiddle, by whatever name,

plays a major role in almost all varieties — it remains the primary and most loved character in my world of music. The diversity with which it sings, cries, soothes and communicates is seemingly as endless as it is delightful.

It can set you on the edge of your seat in suspense, irresistibly move your feet to dance to a traditional tune, or lull you to sleep with the sweet and calming strains of a lullaby.

It has been used to great effect in the motion-picture industry from its inception, hence the growing numbers of soundtracks finding their way into my collection. The incredible music that underscored *The Last of the Mohicans* was almost as mesmerizing as the script played out by Madeleine Stowe and Daniel Day Lewis. Some of my kids moan and

roll their eyes when I hit the play switch unleashing the rolling drums and haunting violins of the Royal Scottish National Orchestra.

A more recent addition is the soundtrack from the extraordinary movie *Master and Commander*, an inspiring tale of the exploits of Captain "Lucky" Jack Aubrey, an English sea captain, as he pursues an elusive French warship across two oceans. He also plays the violin, lovingly spreading a coverlet over the chin rest before drawing bow over string.

Some people simply don't like the violin, likening its notes to chickens scratching, cats yowling and witches screaming, a sentiment humorously illustrated by the sarcastic comments of Lucky Jack's cantankerous cook, made under his breath as the Captain begins to play.

While it has never been questioned that compositions like Mozart's Violin Concertos would be well preserved in the enclaves of classical music, it is heartening to find that the equally classic folk tunes of traditional fiddle music have not faded into the mists of our national musical history, despite their chameleon-like ability to evolve and absorb the individuality of the musician and area of the country in which they are played.

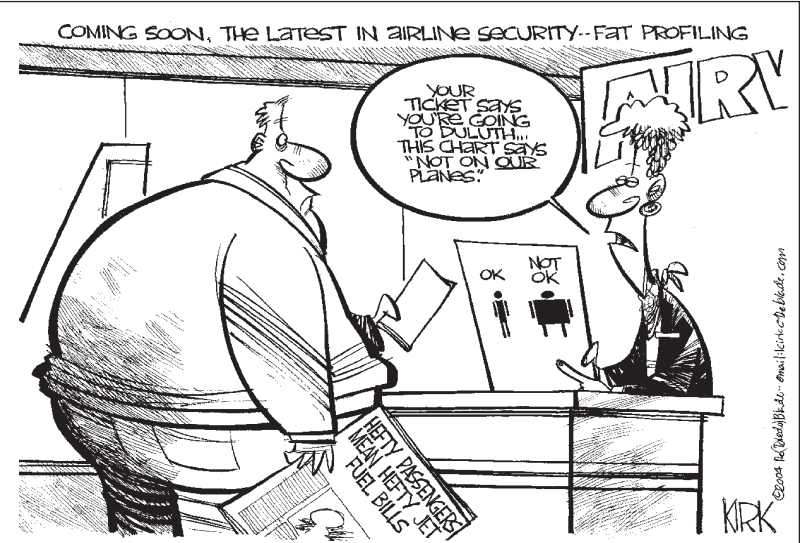
Browsing the shelves of Barnes and Noble's music section recently, I ran across a wonderful collection of 33 fiddle tunes listed as "Southern Appalachian" but many of which I heard played around the supper table growing up in Southern New Mexico, including "The 28th of January," "Bonaparte's Retreat," "Fisher's Hornpipe" and "Shortening Bread."

The album was recorded by the Fuzzy Mountain String Band, an informal group dubbed "young fogies." More recent recordings include those of classical violin and cello greats Joshua Bell, Edgar Meyer and even Yo Yo Ma in albums of traditional string music like *Short Trip Home* and *Appalachian Waltz*.

So, everytime I hear the fiddle talking, I expect a really good conversation.



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Access to federal contracts crucial to economic health

Here in El Paso and across the country, a strong small business sector is the most important component of a growing economy. Unfortunately, small businesses are facing challenging times. Small business owners operate on tight budgets, and today's tough international competition as well as skyrocketing healthcare, energy and operating costs are causing small businesses to struggle just to survive.

One of the best ways for a small business to grow is to have the federal government as a customer, which buys everything from food to computer software to construction services. The federal marketplace, which set a new purchasing record of \$285 billion in 2003, is the largest buyer in the world.

The federal marketplace's growth should have created significant opportunity for small business. However, while many large corporation

have reaped the benefits from this expansion, entrepreneurs are severely limited from accessing this market. The federal government now contracts more than 77 percent of its work with just three percent of businesses.

One of the primary reasons small businesses cannot access the federal marketplace is the creation of mega-contracts. Contracts that could be performed by small firms are combined into giant contracts that are too large for small businesses to execute. In fact, from 1991-2000, the number of small business contract opportunities declined by 56 percent in large part due to contract bundling.

I have long worked with our local chambers of commerce and the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) to improve small business' access to federal contracts. For example, through meetings both in Washington, DC and in El Paso with SBA Administrator Hector Barreto, who has also appeared on my weekly television show Congress on the Bor-

der, I have ensured that officials at the federal level are aware of the negative impact contract bundling has on small businesses — and the economy as a whole — in the border region.

In fact, when I was working to secure the land needed for El Paso's State Veterans Nursing Home in the 2003 defense spending bill in Congress, I made it clear that small businesses had to have the opportunity to compete for the resulting contracts. I am happy to say that a local El Paso business — Urban Associates — won the contract and is now building our nursing home.

Full and fair small business participation in government contracting is critical. Small firms provide exceptional quality and reasonable prices and the absence of small companies in the federal marketplace will cause prices to rise and quality to fall. To improve the economic health of our local businesses and our economy as a whole, small businesses must have the opportunity to compete for government contracts.

When it comes to making friends, these kids are experts

By Phillip Cortez
Special to the Courier

SAN ELIZARIO — Children go to school and encounter other children who are both different and alike. Making friends can be a tough thing for some of them no matter what background a child is from, where they live, or who they are. Child experts certainly have their theories on assimilation patterns, why some children gravitate to one another, why some children as opposed to other children. Perhaps the people who can best describe how children make friends with other children are the real experts: the children, themselves.

How to Have a Good Friendship is a book written by four third graders, Diana Bravo, Haley Castillo, Deidrah Carrillo and Arlene Soliz, students at Sambrano Elementary School in the San Elizario Independent School District.

According to Soliz, all four of the girls are best friends now, but weren't at the start of the project.

"First we fought a lot," she said. "Now with this project, we get along real good."

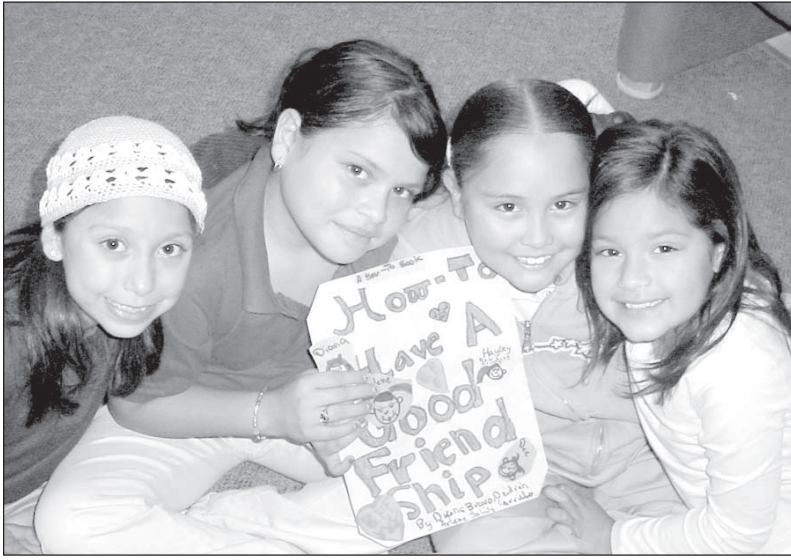
Just how they became friends is a little confusing.

"I knew Arlene's mom," said Diana Bravo, who said she found a familiarity with Soliz right away. "Me and Arlene tried to be friends with Deidrah but she ignored us at first."

"That's because I didn't know them," Carrillo said.

"Haley first became Arlene's friend, remember?" asks Bravo.

None of the girls seems to remember, in fact, they are just as confused on the subject as any listener to this conversation. And as they continue debating about who met whom first, whose mother met which girl, the four girls are quite clear when it



THE FRIENDSHIP GIRLS — Shown from left are Arlene, Haley, Deidrah and Diana.

comes to the roles they play in their book project. Deidrah and Arlene handle illustration duties while Diana and Haley take on the writing responsibilities.

The fact that these young students are very young was never a factor in their decision to take on such an ambitious project. In fact, while researching, the girls came across other students throughout the U.S. who have accomplished the goal of publishing their own book. *One Day in the Life of Bubble Gum* and *The True People Eating Machine* are stories written by children, according to the girls. One book, *How a Book is Made* by Alikei, gave the girls all the information they needed to begin their project.

How to Have a Good Friendship begins with the girls introducing themselves to the reader the way someone in real life would approach a person — only this time it's in color pencil and crayon. In real life, the girls are practicing the message they are giving to other kids, too.

"If we see a kid who is alone, we'll go talk to them," said Castillo.

Tornillo

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19190 Cobb Avenue, next door to the Tornillo ISD Central Office. The building, which is owned by the District, was renovated at the District's expense to accommodate the needs of the Center. All services provided by the Wellness Center are conducted under the auspices of Texas Tech.

Pediatrician Rebecca Di Mundo, M.D., will serve as the Wellness Center's Director. She will provide pediatric medical services, along with the assistance of a certified medical assistant, a nursing assistant and a front-desk clerk.

Office hours are Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. The Center will accept CHIP, Medicaid, and most commercial insurance. Appointments and insurance verification can be made by calling 764-6194. The Center is expected to begin serving patients on Dec. 13, 2004.

Just a letter from home

As our nation fights the War on Terrorism, we place our lives and liberties in the hands of the brave men and women fighting on the front lines. These individuals risk their lives every day to preserve our freedom and safety. While we attend holiday parties and decorate our trees, our

have made delivering large amounts of mail to our troops unsafe. The Department of Defense was forced to announce that both of these highly successful campaigns would be indefinitely suspended. In the midst of a new kind of war, we must find new means of supporting our ser-



By U.S. Rep. Henry Bonilla

Eye on D.C.

vicemen and women. In light of these events, the Navy created a web-based alternative to traditional letter-writing campaigns. The new "Any Servicemember" web site, provides a simple system to send e-mail greetings to our troops. Anyone wishing a reply to their message, need only to include a return e-mail address. This simple process allows those sending the message to chose any branch of the military to send their greetings. While our troops will miss the brightly-colored envelopes and picturesque cards, they are excited about the convenience of e-mail.

When I think of our troops away from home over the holiday season, I am reminded of a story I heard many years ago. During the Vietnam War, Sgt. Billy Thompson sent a simple holiday request to news columnist Abigail Van Buren. He suggested that "just a letter from home" would make a wonderful Christmas present. This resulted in the letter writing campaign called "Operation Dear Abby."

For 17 years, American citizens sent letters and cards to servicemen deployed away from home. These cards served to boost morale and spread holiday cheer to thousands of military personnel.

Many years later, during Operation Desert Storm, a new letter-writing campaign was born. Rather than focus only on the holiday season, "Any Servicemember" aimed to promote troops morale year round. During operations in Bosnia, the campaign continued to grow and brought joy to many members of armed services.

Unfortunately, recent threats of Anthrax and biological warfare,

have made delivering large amounts of mail to our troops unsafe. The Department of Defense was forced to announce that both of these highly successful campaigns would be indefinitely suspended. In the midst of a new kind of war, we must find new means of supporting our ser-

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As our troops face new challenges, we must demonstrate the true conviction for our armed services. Each person must do their part to help boost the morale of those who will not be home for the holidays. I urge each of you to participate in this thoughtful and patriotic campaign. It will take only a few minutes, but think of the joy it will bring to these very special and admirable men and women.

For more information about the Navy's "Any Servicemember" campaign visit <http://anyservicemember.navy.mil/>

New Upper Valley library open for partial use

EL PASO COUNTY — Officials at the El Paso Public Library announced that the Dorris Van Doren Regional Library (DVD), located at 551 Redd Rd., opened to the public on Tuesday, Dec. 7.

Some services may not be available immediately but customers can still get a glimpse of the new facility and browse a brand new selection of books and resources available. They will also be able to borrow items from the collection immediately if they have El Paso Public Library card.

The library is open Tuesday through Saturday though the hours of operation vary.

Library officials plan a grand opening celebration in the near future once the library is fully equipped and functional. In the meantime, patrons are encouraged to checkout what's new at the Dorris Van Doren Regional Library. For more information call 875-0700 or visit www.elpasolibrary.org.

Meanwhile, the Main Library in downtown El Paso resumed service to the public Monday after being closed part of Saturday and Sunday as a result of a water main break near the intersection of Santa Fe and Missouri streets.

Water from the break funneled toward the Main Library where it en-

tered the lower sub-basement. That section of the Library is not a public service area but serves as a work area for library employees including the Library's Acquisitions Department which purchases and processes most of the library resources loaned to the public. It also houses the Library's Government Documents and Information Technology (Computer) Departments.

The water reached a depth of approximately two inches in some parts of the lower sub damaging several boxes of books and materials.

Because the Library's computer servers are located in the lower sub basement, all computer systems were shut down on Saturday and Sunday to prevent damage. This move prompted library officials to also close the Richard Burges branch on Sunday. No major damage to the computer systems was reported, however. The El Paso Fire Department was able to pump much of the water out of the lower sub before major damage could occur.

The Main Library as well as the El Paso Community College Northwest Campus Library, which was unaffected by the flood, were open as scheduled Monday. All Library services were online as of 8:00 AM Monday morning.

— Contributed by Jack Galindo



Por la Gente By State Rep. Chente Quintanilla

Texas to get tough on traffic violators

Hola, mi gente — this is your public servant with a very important message

as we enter into the month-long festivities that includes celebrating Christmas and the New Year. With all the efforts made for us to enjoy these two holidays, we still must deal with reality that too many of our people — both young and old — are placing their lives on the line when they drink and party too much, especially, when they drive while intoxicated.

While the State of Texas is not trying to deny anyone having a good time, it is getting tough on those scofflaws who flaunt their bad driving habits. The reality is that not only will too much partying damage your liver and other vital organs in your body, but now if you decide that you want to drink and drive, the penalties you will incur should be enough to make you sober. The State of Texas, in order to protect its citizens, has developed what it calls The Texas Traffic Law Fine Point System.

In efforts to curtail drunk driving, Texas law now imposes surcharges on your driver's license for moving violations, Driving While Intoxicated

(DWI), driving without insurance or valid license. These surcharges are imposed annually for three years, and are added to any other fines or fees.

Under the new system, the financial penalties have increased as follows: If you drive without valid license or insurance, you will be charged \$250. If you are caught driving with a false or expired license (invalid), you must pay \$100.

It gets tougher. For example, the new measure is based on a points system. If you incur a moving violation in Texas or in another state, you accumulate two points; for a moving violation that resulted in a crash in Texas or another state, you will incur three points. If you incur a total of six points during a three-year period, it will cost you a \$100 surcharge for the first six points, and \$25 per point for each additional point.

For a first-time DWI conviction, you will be assessed a \$1,000 penalty. For a second DWI conviction, you will pay \$1,500 in addition to the first DWI conviction. These surcharges apply for three years and are in addition to any other required fees. These surcharges accumulate and will be assessed each time you are convicted of one of the offenses already mentioned.

For instance, if you are convicted of DWI and have no insurance, you will be required to pay surcharges totaling \$1,250 each year for the next three years. If you are convicted again for no insurance, that's an additional \$250 per year — a second DWI will add \$1,500 a year to the total penalty.

The Department of Public Safety will notify the offending driver of the surcharge assessment by first class mail and the driver will have 30 days to pay the surcharge. If the surcharge is not paid within 30 days, the offender's driver's license will be revoked until the surcharge and additional fees are paid. But, there is a bit of good news. These surcharges will be used to fund trauma centers and highway projects in Texas.

Confused? Well, you shouldn't be. The bottom line is that if you are convicted of any traffic violations, the penalty fees have risen substantially. The best bet is to protect yourself and your loved ones by practicing sound driving habits.

Don't just think of it as saving money, think of it as saving lives. Don't drink and drive.

Wishing you the best of the coming holidays, your friend and public servant, Chente for la gente

NOTICE TO PUBLIC OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT ON THE ENVIRONMENT AND NOTICE OF INTENT TO REQUEST RELEASE OF FUNDS

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TO: All Interested Agencies, Groups, and Individuals

Seventeen (17) days after this publication, the Town of Clint intends to request that the Office of Rural Community Affairs (ORCA) of the State of Texas release federal funds under Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974 (PL 93-383), for TCDP FY 2004 Project No. 724171.

Texas Community Development Program Contract #724171 Sewer System Improvements Project

Installation of approximately 2,890 linear feet of 8" and 6" water line; two fire hydrants, appurtenances, and related street repairs.

Installation of approximately 2,578 linear feet of 12" water line. and 110 linear feet of 24" steel pipe and casing, along FM 110.

(See project map.)

Location: Town of Clint, Texas

Construction Cost: \$199,695

Finding of No Significant Impact

It has been determined that such a request for release of funds will not constitute an action significantly affecting the quality of the human environment and, accordingly, the town has decided not to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (PL 91-190). The reason for the decision not to prepare such a statement is based upon the fact that all environmental concerns could either be minimized or mitigated.

The town has made an Environmental Review Record for the proposed project, which documents the environmental review of the project and more fully sets forth the reasons why such a statement is not required. The Environmental Review Record is on file in the municipal offices and is available for public examination and copying, upon request, between the hours of 9:00 A.M. and 4:30 P.M., Monday through Friday.

Public Comments on Findings

All interested agencies, groups, and individuals disagreeing with this decision are invited to submit written comments for consideration by the town at the address set forth above. Such written comments must be received at the address specified within sixteen (16) days after this publication. All such comments so received will be considered and the town will not request the release of funds or take administrative action on the project prior to the date specified in the preceding sentence.

Release of Funds

The Town of Clint will undertake the activities described above with funds from Texas Community Development Program Grant No. 724171 issued from Community Development Block Grants Funds under Title I from the 2004 Program Year, under the provisions of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974. The Town of Clint is certifying to the ORCA that the Honorable Dale Reinhardt, in his official capacity as Mayor of the Town of Clint, consents to accept the jurisdiction of the federal courts if an action is brought to enforce responsibilities in relation to environmental review, decision-making, and action; and that these responsibilities have been satisfied. The legal effect of the certification is that, upon its approval, the town may use the Block Grant funds and it will have satisfied its responsibilities under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969. The Office of Rural Community Affairs will accept an objection to its approval only on one or more of the bases and the procedures described in 24 CFR Part 58.75. Objections are to be addressed to the Office of Rural Community Affairs, P. O. Box 12877, Austin TX 78711.

Objections to the release of funds on bases other than those stated above will not be considered by the Office of Rural Community Affairs. No objections received later than thirty-three (33) days after this publication will be considered by the Office of Rural Community Affairs.

Dale Reinhardt
Mayor, Town of Clint

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Early

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born in 1956 and whose full retirement age would be 66 years and 4 months.

The online tables are even more useful because they also show reductions in spousal retirement benefits that would be in effect at ages between 62 and the full retirement age.

These are helpful reference tables for folks who are beginning to plan for their retirement years. These

tables can help you find your full retirement age and evaluate the financial pros and cons for you and your family of retiring early or waiting until you reach full retirement age. Just go to www.socialsecurity.gov/retire2/retirechart.htm.

For more information visit your local social security office, visit our website www.socialsecurity.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, 11111 Gateway West, Attn: Ray Vigil, El Paso, Texas 79935.

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Public Hearing Clint Independent School District

2005 — 2006 School Year Calendar

The Clint Independent School District intends to apply for a waiver of the prohibition concerning the date of the first day of instruction for students for the 2005 — 2006 school year. The Clint Independent School District intends to begin instruction for students for the 2005 — 2006 school year on August 15, 2005.

A public hearing to discuss the first day of instruction for students for the 2005 — 2006 school year will be held as follows:

Date: January 12, 2005

Time: 5:30 p.m.

**Site: Clint Independent School District
Central Administration Building
14521 Horizon Blvd.
El Paso, Texas 79928**

For further information, please call Mr. Ricardo Estrada, Deputy Superintendent at 926-4011.

Junta Publica Distrito Escolar Independiente de Clint

Calendario Escolar de 2005 — 2006

El distrito de Clint está propocionando de aplicar para un permiso del estado para poder cambiar la fecha del comienzo del año escolar de 2005 — 2006. El distrito tiene intención de comenzar el primer día de instruction el 15 de agosto 2005.

Una junta para la comunidad para discutir este propósito para el año escolar de 2005 — 2006 se llevará a cabo el 12 de enero 2005 a las 5:30 p.m. en las oficinas administrativas del distrito escolar de Clint en 14521 Horizon Blvd.

Para mas información pueden llamar al Señor Ricardo Estrada, Deputy Superintendent al numero 926-4011.

WTCC: 12-09-04

County office donates gift money to Child Crisis Center

EL PASO COUNTY — Staff members of the County's Domestic Relations Office are playing Santa Clause this year to the children at El Paso's Child Crisis Center.

Terry Pasqualone, Domestic Re-

lations director, credited his staff for the decision to donate the money they would have spent on gifts for each other to the Crisis Center. His office works closely with the center, which provides an emergency home to infants and children in a time of crisis in their families. The Child Crisis Center, a non-profit organization, serves children whose parents are facing an emergency, chronic health problems, substance abuse or incarceration.

"Every year, we have exchanged gifts for Christmas of no more than \$15," Pasqualone said. "This year, we thought the practice was silly. There's not much we can buy for \$15 that would be really appreciated. So, we thought why not pool

our money and donate it to the Crisis Center, which is in a constant struggle for funds to administer the program."

Not surprisingly, the idea took hold and is expanding, Pasqualone said, explaining that a pledge sheet was circulated in the office and is now being taken to the community for sponsorships. Money, toys and clothing are accepted, with money always in short supply to feed and provide a home for the many children in need.

"This is why the Child Crisis Center exists," Pasqualone said. "They take care of children who have been in the courts, who have been abused or are victims of domestic violence. They give these children a home, love and

attention until they can be reintegrated with their families. These children need our help, particularly at this time."

Donations can be made directly to the Child Crisis Center, with a mark indicating that they are part of the Domestic Relations Office campaign. Checks also can be made payable to the Child Crisis Center and sent to the Domestic Relations Office, El Paso County Courthouse, 500 E. San Antonio, Suite LL-108, El Paso, TX 79901. For more information, call Charlotte Ruiz, at the County's Domestic Relations Office, 834-8200, ext. 4036.

— Contributed by Guadalupe Silva

Smith

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Clint ISD's reputation as the employer of choice by redefining employee standards and providing a competitive salary and benefits package, district spokesman said. Under her guidance, the district has achieved acceptable performance levels by both state and national standards through academic rigor and creating an instructional services department.

"Dr. Smith's departure on Dec. 17, 2004, comes as sad news for Clint ISD which has prospered and seen many accomplishments during her tenure," according to a district statement. "She will be missed."

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gymnasium. Admission is \$1 per person, with the proceeds being divided between Officer Joseph Michael Sanchez' medical fund and another fund to purchase items for needy O'Shea families. Sanchez was on an emergency call earlier this year when a car accident resulted in paralyzing injuries. Sanchez had been a strong supporter of the annual basketball games. For more information, call Jessi Hall at the campus, 937-7200.

■ Canutillo High School's Horticulture program invites the public to its holiday plant sale in their greenhouse at 7311 Bosque Road, in Canutillo. The greenhouse will be open from 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. or until sold out, on Saturday, Dec. 11. Poinsettias and herb pots will be sold at prices ranging from \$3 to \$8. Individuals can pick out their own plants, though pre-booking is strongly advised. Keeley Muncrief, Horticulture instructor at CHS, advises interested individuals to pre-order or obtain more information by calling (915) 877-7545 or email at kmuncrief@chs.canutilloisd.org.

■ On Saturday, Dec. 11, Mountain View High School students from the Lobo Student Council, the National Honor Society, the Lobo Stutters and the Expedition Club will distribute blankets, canned goods, clothing and new toys and gifts to the needy of the Montana Vista Colonias. About 34 senior citizens and 50 families are scheduled to benefit.

■ Chamizal National Memorial is accepting applications from regional artists and fine arts organizations to show their work, according to Isabel Montes, Superintendent of Chamizal National Memorial, 800 South San Marcial. "Artists are selected from a continuously open process," Montes said. "While we do plan exhibitions in advance, the rotation is continuous and we are excited about the prospect of adding different artists to the roster," she added. Artists should submit a slide portfolio and vitae, and indicate how their work dovetails with the mission of the Memorial. A search has also begun for poster artists for both the Chamizal Festival and for the Siglo de Oro Drama Festival for 2008 and 2009. Artists chosen should expect to also produce up to 30 new works for exhibition in the main gallery, and should have the work used to illustrate the festival ready for reproduction in May prior to the festival. For further information, call 532-7273.



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TOWN OF CLINT NOTICE OF REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS FOR MANAGEMENT SERVICES

TEXAS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
PROGRAM GRANT #724171

The Town of Clint, Texas, is soliciting proposals from individuals or firms qualified to provide management services required by the locality for the implementation of a water system improvements project to be carried out with grant assistance from the Texas Community Development Program, under TCDP/CD #724171.

The project is to be financed with federal funds from grants administered by the Office of Rural Community Affairs (ORCA) under its Texas Community Development. In order to be considered, proposals must be submitted prior to 4:30 P.M. on the 20th day of December 2004.

A complete Request for Proposals (RFP) has been prepared for this purpose; the RFP outlines the services required by the locality, submission requirements, and evaluation criteria. Interested parties may obtain copies of this RFP by contacting the Town of Clint by telephone at (915) 851-3146, or by mail at the following address.

Office of the Mayor
Town of Clint
200 N. San Elizario Road
Clint, TX 79836

The locality reserves the right to negotiate with any and all individuals or firms submitting proposals, in accordance with the Texas Professional Services Procurement Act and the Uniform Grant and Contract Management Standards Act. The locality also reserves the right to reject any or all proposals.

The Town of Clint is an Affirmative Action and Equal Opportunity Employer.

Dale Reinhart
Mayor

Date Published
December 9, 2004

TOWN OF CLINT NOTICE OF REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS FOR ENGINEERING SERVICES AND MANAGEMENT SERVICES

2005 TEXAS COMMUNITY
DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM PROJECTS

The Town of Clint, Texas, is seeking to contract with:

(1) Registered firms or individuals who are qualified to provide engineering services required by the locality for the procurement of grant funding from the Texas Community Development Program and for the implementation of a project or projects anticipated to be carried out with the grant assistance procured.

(2) Firms or individuals qualified to provide management services required by the locality for the procurement of grant funding from the Texas Community Development Program and for the implementation of a project or projects anticipated to be carried out with the grant assistance procured.

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Steroids deflate public image of pumped up athletes

By Steve Escajeda
Special to the Courier

Gee, was anybody shocked, dismayed or surprised at Jason Giambi's revelation about steroid use in professional baseball last week? What came as a shock to me was the admission itself. After lying months ago and saying that he had gained his muscle mass by working hard

in the weight room, it was finally disclosed that Giambi had testified to a grand jury that he had, indeed, knowingly taken performance-enhancing drugs.

Now, to be honest, this hurts to write this because I am a huge Jason Giambi fan and I always thought he was one of the game's good guys. But it turns out that he was just another dishonest, greedy athlete who thought cheating was all right for him.

And that's the bottom line, isn't it? Like

Sammy Sosa corking his bat, like Gaylord Perry using Vaseline while on the mound, it's all cheating. It's a blatant disregard for what's right and what's honorable.

Others who are about to be implicated in this BALCO scandal must be shaking in their boots.

One person who appears to be calm and collected is slugger Barry Bonds.

It appears that Bonds told the grand jury he took a substance but didn't know it was steroids.

Now, let me get this straight. Bonds says he took a chemical of some kind, didn't know what it was, and used it on his body — and he expects us to buy that.

Tell me something I can believe, Barry.

Tell me Big Foot was in your living room yesterday, tell me Santa Claus made you coffee this morning, tell me the Easter Bunny lives in your backyard — but for goodness sake, don't tell me you didn't know you were taking something that made you stronger than you really were.

There will be many other names added to the list of steroids abusers in the coming months and the biggest question is what to do with these athletes.

Do we fine them, suspend them without pay, ban them from their sport or just insert a little asterisk next to their statistical achievements?

I've got the feeling that whatever they decide, it won't be enough. Not just because there's too much money involved, but because we've reached a win-at-all-costs mentality in this country.

I mean really, how can we expect athletes to abide by the rules when coaches

and administrations at nearly every college in the nation fail to abide by them.

And at the pro level, there is so much money to be made — and lost — that a player feels the need to do whatever it takes to stay on top. And players today are obviously not taking into consideration their bodies, teammates or teams, when they make their decisions.

All they consider is the final dollar amount on the contract.

Professional and collegiate sports have got to take some hard action now... the next steroids epidemic is just around the corner. Oh, and by the way, isn't there always a local high school just around the corner?

Bring on Colorado

Could you believe it? Some guys in the media were telling me that they hoped UTEP would meet Iowa State in the EVI.net Houston Bowl. They said the Miners would have a better chance to beat them.

I immediately said I wished they would play Colorado. The Buffaloes are a tougher opponent with a bigger national football reputation.

I guess sometimes wished do come true. Of course, we want the Miners to play a tougher opponent in their bowl game. Heck, I wish we were playing Notre Dame or Ohio State.

Think of all the prestige a matchup with Colorado will bring to UTEP. People all over the country will watch curiously to see what this UTEP team has to offer. They'll think they must be good if they were picked to play Colorado.

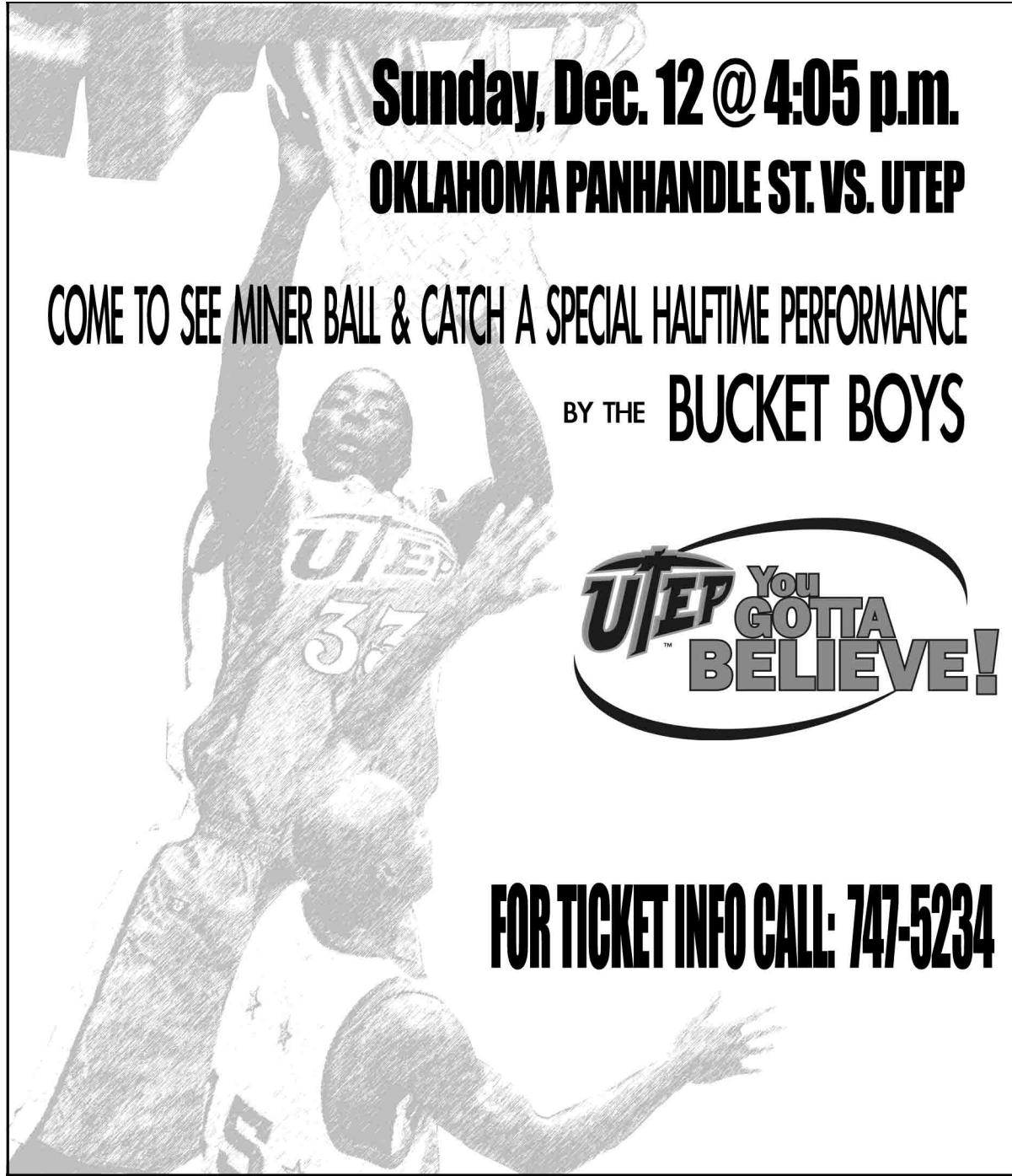
Think about the recruiting tool this will be when all those high school athletes watch the Miners on ESPN. The Houston Bowl will be the only game on TV at the time and will have a captive football audience.

And who cares if the Miners lose? They're supposed to. But just think what would happen if the Miners win. You can almost picture them ranked 25th in the nation in next year's pre-season rankings.

Finally some respect for UTEP, finally some recognition.

As they saying goes: If you can't run with the big dogs, stay on the porch.

Colorado is definitely a big dog, and the Miners have been thrown a bone. They will officially leave the porch on Dec. 29 at 2:30 p.m.



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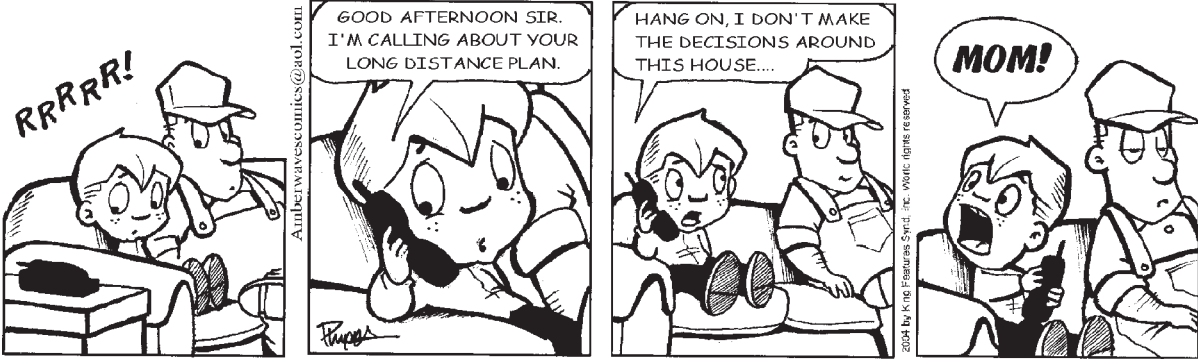
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News anchor reports naked truth

By Don Flood

Do you think maybe TV news stations are getting just a tad desperate?

The following is an actual promo (in italics) from Channel 19 Action News in Cleveland:

"What do you get when you combine a beautiful Sunday morning, a Downtown Cleveland venue, a world-famous photographer and over a thousand Clevelanders ... completely naked?"

A whole lot more than you want to see?

"How about art?"

Yeah, art — that would be my story.

"It all happened recently, and 19 Action News anchor Sharon Reed was there."

Gee, I wonder if this is sweeps week?

"But Sharon didn't just report the story, she became part of it — posing nude with more than a thousand others for a groundbreaking and controversial photo that all of Cleveland will be talking about."

Yes, it is sweeps week!

"Our cameras were rolling as the unbelievable scene took place. So, YOU be the judge. Is it art? Or is it something else?"

You mean like the cheapest ratings stunt of all time? Naaahh, it's art.

"Watch "Body of Art" ... Tonight on 19 Action News at 11."

Wow, this Sharon Reed might give a whole new meaning to Action News.

And where does Reed go from here — besides a larger market TV job?

(I saw a promo the other night for a Serious Investigative News Report about the dangers of tanning beds. I almost got the impression that the main reason for this report was to repeatedly show a

young woman in a bikini. No, couldn't be.)

Now this is all no big deal, you might say. Nobody goes to Cleveland anyway, so the only people affected by this spectacle are Clevelanders themselves.

(Cleveland's City Council, in fact, has conducted its meetings in the nude for 13 years, making it one of the longest-running nude governing bodies in the nation.)

But if Reed's stunt gooses the ratings — and it will — other newscasters won't be far behind. I think everyone knows where this is heading: Dan Rather.

Rather's news show, as you may know, has been lagging in the ratings. A recent Nielsen rating determined that 127 people nationwide were watching Dan Rather, with 41 of them watching only because they were hoping for Walter Cronkite.

(We won't go into detail about advertisements during the network news shows, but you know the one with Wild Thing, where the horns come subtly out of the guy's head? Ads for these products appear to be funding the entire network news budget.)

Rather, who wants to end his career on a high note, might just be desperate enough to display his own Body of Art.

The FCC must act now. Fortunately, the Patriot Act allows the arrest of anyone on charges of Suspicion of Planning to Appear Nude on a Network News Show.

Rather would surely fit this category, so the government should have no problem locking him up indefinitely.

It would be a great service to the entire United States — and for the clothed people of Cleveland, too.

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2:30 P.M.

CAREER KITS CSP NO. 199-1215-0560 ACCEPTED UNTIL 3:00 P.M.

Proposals will be received at Business Services Dept., 12300 Eastlake Drive, El Paso, Texas 79928 until the specified times. Detailed specifications are available from the above office between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. Mondays through Fridays. WTCC-12/09/04

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Science

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science principles. When students learn that the same science they are learning in school is used to create movies, their enthusiasm for science is heightened, asserted Wolf.

"Kids often don't remember their science lessons in school, but can recite every line from their favorite movies," Wolf said. "When I show kids the secrets of how movie stunts are done, learning science becomes as fun and memorable as any action movie."

With every stunt Wolf emphasized safety including gun safety, seat belts, smoking and fire safety. He also showed students that violence in the movies is really just science in a different form — an explosion is nothing more than the interplay of circuits, pressure and force. The presentation taught all of the physical science tested in the new TAKS test, according to Wolf.

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Social Security Q&A By Ray Vigil

You should know the full financial consequence of early retirement

EL PASO COUNTY — Do you know what your “full retirement” age is for Social Security? And do you know what retiring earlier than your full retirement age might mean in actual dollars and cents?

Unfortunately, findings from the 2004 Retirement Confidence Survey show that most people do not know that the age for receiving full ben-

efits is gradually rising from 65 to 67. This also means most folks do not know how that change could affect their retirement planning. So here is some truly vital information that all Americans should be aware of — whether they are one year or 20 years away from retirement.

In 1983, Congress made changes designed to strengthen the long-term

financial health of the Social Security system. One of those changes was to gradually increase the full retirement age, beginning in 2003. At that time, the full retirement age for workers born in 1938 became 65 years and two months. The age for receiving full Social Security retirement benefits will continue to rise until, in 2027, when it reaches 67 for those born in 1960 or later. Workers can still retire as early as age 62 and collect a reduced benefit.

If you were born in 1940 and are planning to retire in 2005, your full retirement age will be 65 years and six months. But what does the change

actually mean in terms of benefit payments? There is a formula that you could use to figure out the difference between retiring at age 64, or age 65, or age 65 and six months — but it can be time-consuming and require several computations.

Luckily, Social Security has a convenient chart that you can use to get the same information at a quick glance. For example, if you were born in 1940, the full retirement age is 65 years and 6 months and the reductions for retiring any earlier are:

At 62 years — 77.5%; 62 years and 6 months — 80%; 63 years — 83.3%; 63 years and 6 months —

86.7%; 64 years and 6 months — 93.3%; 65 years and 1 months — 97.2%; ; 65 years and 2 months — 97.8%; 65 years and 3 months — 98.3%; 65 years and 4 months — 98.9%; 65 years and 5 months — 99.4% and full benefits at age 65 years and 6 months.

What if you are younger and were born in the mid-to-late 1940s, or the 1950s? Social Security also has convenient, easy-to-use tables for people who reach full retirement age in succeeding years. For example, there is a separate table for workers who were

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SEVEN-DAY FORECAST FOR EL PASO

THURSDAY	THUR. NIGHT	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY
Pleasant with a good deal of sun.	Clear to partly cloudy.	Mostly sunny and nice.	Mostly sunny.	Partly sunny.	Times of clouds and sun.	Mostly sunny.	A good deal of sunshine.
▲ 62°	▼ 36°	▲ 64° ▼ 34°	▲ 64° ▼ 34°	▲ 66° ▼ 36°	▲ 60° ▼ 34°	▲ 62° ▼ 34°	▲ 60° ▼ 32°

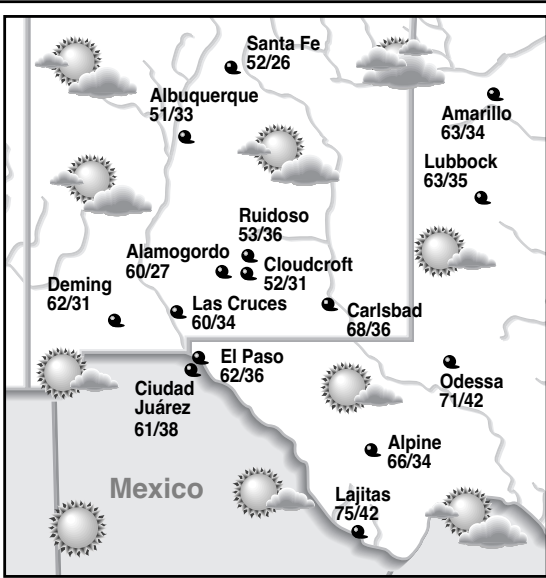
UV INDEX Statistics for noon.

The higher the UV Index, the greater the need for eye and skin protection.

Thursday	4	Low
Friday	4	Low
Saturday	4	Low
Sunday	4	Low
Monday	3	Low
Tuesday	4	Low
Wednesday	4	Low

TEXAS WEATHER

Anthony	62	36
Canutillo	63	36
Clint	63	38
E. Montana	62	36
Fabens	62	38
Horizon	62	38
San Elizario	61	35
Socorro	61	35
Tornillo	62	38
Vinton	62	36



Shown is Thursday's weather. Temperatures are Thursday's highs and Thursday night's lows.

REAL FEEL TEMP®

The exclusive AccuWeather composite index of effective temperature based on eight weather factors.

Thursday	62°
Friday	54°
Saturday	53°
Sunday	53°
Monday	45°
Tuesday	59°
Wednesday	54°

AGRICULTURE

Thursday will be a nice day with sunshine and patchy clouds. Winds will be out of the northwest at 5-10 mph. High pressure over the Rockies will keep the region rain-free through the upcoming weekend. Temperatures will be a few degrees above average with some sunshine each day.

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TRAVELERS CITIES

City	Thur. Hi/Lo/W	Fri. Hi/Lo/W	Sat. Hi/Lo/W	Sun. Hi/Lo/W	Mon. Hi/Lo/W
Albuquerque	51/33/pc	55/32/s	56/32/s	58/33/pc	51/29/c
Atlanta	66/52/r	60/42/pc	54/40/pc	54/38/pc	56/31/pc
Atlantic City	52/40/r	53/38/r	49/31/c	48/26/c	45/22/pc
Austin/San Antonio	75/43/pc	69/44/s	70/43/s	69/42/pc	64/35/pc
Baltimore	54/40/r	52/40/r	50/32/c	50/32/sh	45/22/pc
Boston	48/36/pc	44/40/r	48/32/sh	44/28/c	39/23/sh
Chicago	48/36/pc	42/30/sn	40/26/pc	38/26/sf	36/22/pc
Dallas/Ft. Worth	68/42/pc	62/38/s	64/44/s	69/44/pc	56/35/s
Denver	57/30/pc	56/32/s	58/32/s	55/23/s	43/23/c
Flagstaff	50/25/s	51/27/s	55/27/s	56/26/c	52/25/pc
Houston	70/49/t	66/43/s	64/46/s	70/45/pc	64/39/pc
Kansas City	58/33/s	48/26/pc	49/34/s	49/29/pc	44/26/s
Las Vegas	60/42/s	66/44/s	66/44/s	64/44/pc	66/46/s
Miami	82/72/s	82/68/pc	80/62/t	77/60/s	75/58/s
Minneapolis	40/25/sn	32/23/sf	38/24/pc	34/23/c	34/21/pc
New Orleans	76/57/r	70/47/s	64/49/s	66/52/s	64/42/s
New York City	50/44/pc	50/40/r	45/34/sh	44/32/c	42/27/sh
Philadelphia	54/42/r	52/42/r	49/34/c	46/32/sh	45/25/pc
Portland	52/48/r	54/46/r	50/38/r	50/38/sh	49/39/sh
San Francisco	60/50/pc	60/50/s	60/49/pc	61/50/c	59/52/s
Seattle	50/44/r	52/42/r	48/38/c	48/38/pc	47/38/r
Tucson	63/43/s	70/45/s	73/47/s	75/47/s	75/45/s
Washington, DC	56/40/r	54/42/r	54/40/c	50/33/r	50/27/pc

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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