



NEWSBRIEFS

Young girl missing

The El Paso County Sheriff's Office Criminal Investigation Division/CID is seeking public assistance in locating a missing teen identified as Denise Garcia, 15, of Horizon City. She is described as five feet tall, 115 pounds, with brown hair with brown eyes. She was last seen approximately three weeks ago by family members. Anyone that



Denise Garcia

may have seen Denise Garcia or has information on her whereabouts is asked to call the El Paso County Sheriff's Office dispatch at (915) 546-2280 or CID Detective Jim Reuter at (915) 546-8142.

Clint ISD construction

Construction projects in the 9,400-student Clint school district which were financed by the \$67 million bond issue are nearing completion according to Supt. Ricardo Estrada. He said Phase I and II projects, which included the new central administration office in Horizon, campus roof improvements, music rooms, gyms, a library, new science labs and a field house, are complete. Under Phase III, the projects already completed are a number of classrooms, athletic facilities, another library, and a cafeteria/dining area at Horizon High School. Also completed are the new centrally located transportation facility, the improvements to the parking lot at Clint High School and the Mountain View High School auxiliary gym. The new Horizon Middle School on North Kenazo is scheduled to be complete in March of 2006 and the 300 wing at Surratt Elementary will receive a new roof. The Horizon Middle School on McMahon will receive repairs to the ponding area. Estrada addressed the construction projects in the November issue of the *Clint Communicator*.

In other news

- Del Sol Diabetes Treatment Center will present a Lecture on Pre-Diabetes and Diabetes. Persons who have high cholesterol, high blood pressure, family history of diabetes, and are overweight primarily in the abdomen may be at high risk, according to spokesperson Marina Lee. Lectures will be presented by Peggy Garcia, RN, CDE and Christine Gallardo, RN, CDE. Del Sol Medical Center is the city's only hospital system with a recognized Diabetes Center of Excellence.
- Spanish lecture: Tuesday, Nov. 29, at the Clardy Fox Library, 5515 Robert Alva Avenue from 6-7:45 p.m.
- English lecture: Wednesday, Nov. 30, at the Westside Regional Command Center,

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Don't argue at the dinner table. The one who is not hungry always wins the argument.

— Quips & Quotes



— Photo courtesy San Elizario ISD

Planting the anti-drug seed

SAN ELIZARIO — A promise is a promise, and with Alarcon Elementary students taking the drug free pledge and promising to remain drug-free, it seemed fitting to evoke another promise — the promise of spring — by planting tulips along the front walkway of the campus. Hopefully, this spring, visitors strolling up the front walkway will have a chance to see what time, care, and patience can create.

Canutillo ISD on cutting edge of dual language education

By Alfredo Vasquez
Special to the Courier

CANUTILLO — "Canutillo Independent School District is at the cutting edge of bilingual education. Very few school districts in the nation are offering high quality bilingual schooling to the extent that Canutillo ISD is," said Dr. Virginia Collier, professor from George Mason University and a nationally recognized language development expert. She made these comments during a recent workshop for Canutillo middle and high school teachers.

Dr. Collier and research colleague Dr. Wayne Thomas, also a George Mason University professor, are in El Paso working with several area school districts and with the UTEP.

"Dr. Thomas and I have been conducting large federally funded national research studies on English learners for the past 20 years. In our longitudinal research, we follow large groups of English learners across all the years of their schooling in the U.S., to examine what makes a difference in their long-term achieve-

ment," Dr. Collier explained.

"Having analyzed over two million student records in 26 school districts and 15 states, we have reported to the federal government and state policy makers that only high quality bilingual schooling for at least six years can allow for students to reach high levels of English achievement, catching up to grade level and fully closing the achievement gap," Dr. Collier said.

Collier and Thomas said that they have been following the progress that Canutillo ISD has made for the past ten years. "This school district should be commended for the strides that it has made with its bilingual education initiatives," Dr. Collier stated.

In Canutillo ISD, where children enter bilingual education programs speaking Spanish or another language, students begin learning English immediately. They continue to receive instruction in English over a period of years, until they master the language — but they're also able to learn important subject matter in their native language to ensure they don't fall behind.

"From the moment children are born, the



— Photo courtesy Canutillo ISD

VOICE OF EXPERIENCE — Dr. Virginia Collier shares information on bilingual education research studies with Canutillo middle and high school teachers.

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Horizon considers using new dual status to fill out officers' ranks

By Arleen Beard
Special to the Courier

HORIZON CITY — During the regularly scheduled Horizon City Council meeting on Nov. 8, Police Chief Antonio Aguilar requested authorization to hire police officers under the Dual Commission Status.



Antonio Aguilar

The Dual Commission Status allows would allow law enforcement officers working for other entities to work for Horizon

City as a non-paid officer and have a dual commission.

The officer's initial commission would be from his primary employer and he would receive his second commission from Horizon City. Chief Aguilar informed council that this is something new that the Texas Attorney General has approved for the State of Texas. Currently there are only a few entities using this Dual Commission Status, he said.

At this time, the Horizon City Police Department is short some officers, and Chief Aguilar said this new status is an appealing avenue to fill his vacancies. One officer who is currently employed by the Socorro Independent School District has expressed an interest in working for HCPD under this program. Chief Aguilar said Joe Alvarez was formerly a police officer for Horizon City and was a productive officer. He said he would welcome him back.

Some questions were raised regarding liability issues should the non paid officer encounter an incident during off duty hours that would require him to take action as a peace officer. City Councilman Luis Najera expressed his concern on exposing the City of Horizon to any possible liability issues. Concerns were also addressed by Councilman Walter Miller regarding the Workman's Compensation issue if a non paid officer should be hurt while working for the HCPD.

After considerable discussion, it was recommended the item be tabled to allow for further research. The item was tabled for 30 days.

Discussion was also heard on developing an ordinance to decrease light output at night after 10 p.m. Councilman Blaylock introduced this agenda item and explained that this ordinance was strictly targeting businesses who leave their bright signs on all night long. City Council will consider this issue with some investigation.



One perspective

By Francis Shrum

Oh, so real

"They said it was safe," the man told the *USA Today*

savvy businessman. He owns and operates an ink and toner cartridge business in Miami, Florida. He had "firewall" and anti-virus software on his computer. Still, investigators found a piece of so-called Trojan software — a tiny thread of vicious computer gobbledy-gook — had managed to slip through. It allowed someone, somewhere, to obtain the man's user name and password — the keys to his kingdom. He said when he found out he thought he was going to throw up.

This information was published recently courtesy of *USA Today*, the result of a four-month interviewing blitz of banking and internet-security executives, analysts, regulators, con-

sultants and researchers.

The results are pretty spooky: According to a two-year-old FTC consumer survey, 10 million Americans were victims of identity theft in 2003. Consumers lost \$5 billion to these thefts and businesses a whopping \$48 billion. And this doesn't include figures from the past two years during which banks, credit-card companies and credit agencies have aggressively sought to entice customers into conducting all kinds of business over the internet, from changing their address to transferring large sums of money.

Apparently everybody in the banking/credit business knows they are skating on thin ice — they've shaved procedures down to where the customer needs only a name and password to conduct business. Simplicity is the hook they use to get customers to use online services — it's also the Achilles' heel that makes it real easy for the crook to key in, as well.

Not wanting to scare off new and potential online users, the big boys in the financial industry are balking at adding more layers of authentication, which would make transactions more burdensome.

With the words of the bank sales reps still echoing in his ears — "it's safe, it's safe" — the man who watched \$90,000 in hard-earned cash disappear told his bank to put their money where their mouth had been and make it right.

Not so, said they. You're a business customer, not a consumer, therefore you're not protected under the federal laws that limit most consumer fraud losses to \$50. All our internal protocols and security measures were in place, the bank reps said, so it's your problem — thanks to a little-known piece of obscurity we banks helped write into the Uniform Commercial Code in Florida which limits our liability in cases like this.

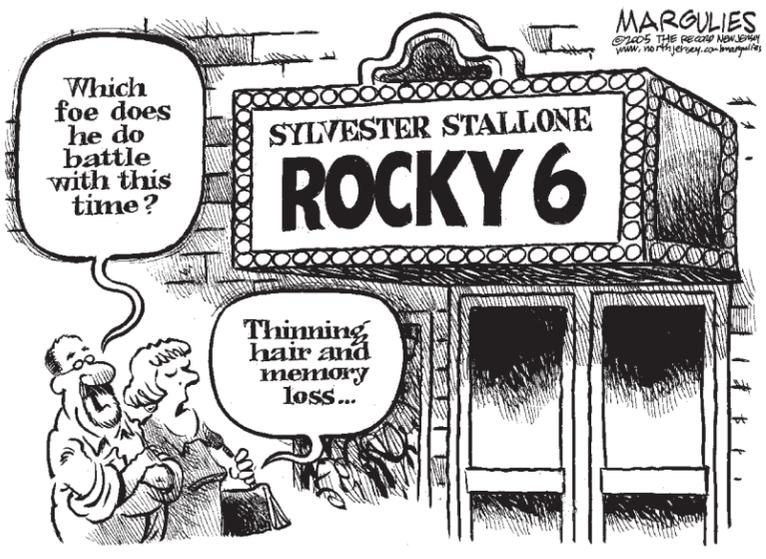
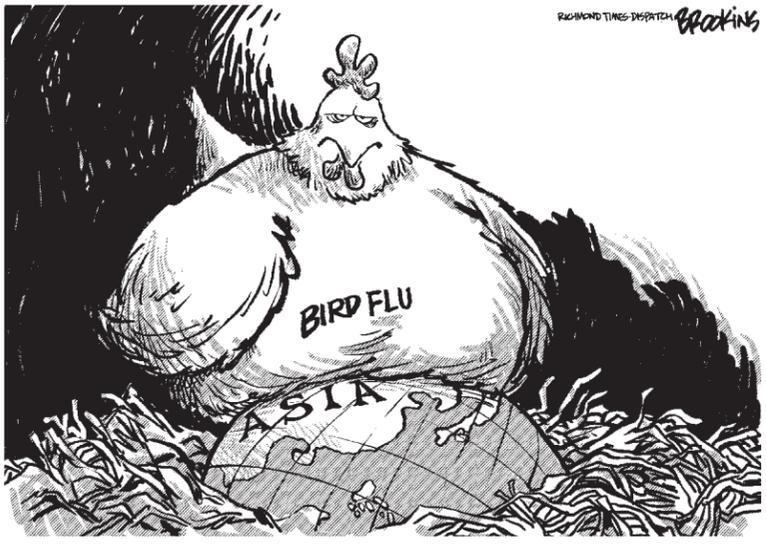
He sued. The case is still pending. It seems that no matter how sophisticated the electronic security devices and programs are, there is a nasty little computer-savvy thief out there just one step ahead. Unrestrained by morality or conscience, customer loyalty or law, these filthy little parasites appear and disappear on the waves of nothingness called the internet. Like the insidious forces of terrorism, they are affecting the way we live, how we buy and sell, how we obtain education and information, and conduct business.

No one is exempt. If you ever subscribed to a magazine, rented an apartment, got married, divorced or arrested, bought a car, joined an association, got a driver's license or even signed up for a frequent-customer savings card at your local grocery store, your name, address and probably your phone number are on the internet, like it or not. If you post other, more vital personal or financial information onto the web, your liability increases.

"In short," the *USA Today* article says, "if your personal information resides in any database anywhere, it can become a target, even if you prefer to write checks and patronize bricks-and-mortar banks and stores."

The internet, like every tool, is not evil of itself, but it is one of undeniable power. It's the use people make of it that determines whether that force will be productive or destructive.

Maybe it's as intangible as the wind, but like the deadly force of recent storms we've witnessed, it's affects can be oh, so real.



Q. Which deadly condition is carried by chickens?



...AND SO BEGINS THE LATEST 'TRIAL OF THE CENTURY'...

Canutillo Elementary School's Project Harmony enters sixth year

By Kim Guzman
Special to the Courier

UPPER VALLEY — Canutillo Elementary School's Project Harmony is hoping to provide Thanksgiving meals to approximately 600 of the less fortunate students and their immediate families in the District, during its sixth annual food basket drive.

Through the tremendous support of businesses, parent volunteers, students, community members, teachers, and staff of the Canutillo Independent School District, Project Harmony has been able to provide Thanksgiv-

ing food baskets for needy families in the community for the past five years.

"Project Harmony truly shows the spirit of Thanksgiving by helping make sure every family has a Thanksgiving dinner. With the continuing support of everyone, this project has been a success in creating many memorable holiday dinners to the families in our District," said Kenneth Cooper, CES coach and Project Harmony coordinator.

For more information please contact Cooper, Ana Magallanes, or Martin Carrillo, Project Harmony coordinators, at CES 877-2836 or 877-7600.



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Enthusiastic parade for veterans at Frank Macias

HORIZON — U.S. military veterans and their families from the community participated in a Veterans Day Parade on Nov. 11 at Frank Macias Elementary to honor those who have served to protect our country. The pre-Kindergarten through 3rd grade classes worked hard to prepare elaborate floats, costumes and banners for the veterans. The Horizon High School JROTC Color Guard, JROTC drill team, Drum Corp and Flag Honor guard started off the parade and performed their skills for the audience of veterans during the celebration. During the parade students and staff marched, yelled chants and sang songs to a crowd of veterans, students and staff from C.T. Welch Intermediate, parents and community members. Following the parade, veterans and their families were invited into the library for a reception in their honor.

Children help children with donation to Crisis Center

HORIZON — Carroll T. Welch Intermediate Community Capers, a community service club, collected canned food and money in October to donate to the Child Crisis Center of El Paso. The donations were presented to Al Velarde, Executive Director of the Child Crisis Center, during Career Day. Velarde, along with reps from over 30 other agencies, spoke to the 4th and 5th grade students about what is needed to prepare for education, law enforcement, business, health, and community service careers. The students presented Velarde with a check and a room full of canned goods to take back to the Child Crisis Center. Velarde thanked the students during a Red Ribbon assembly. He said the purpose of the Child Crisis Center is to prevent child abuse and neglect and to help children who are at risk of being abused. On average, there are 15-20 children housed at the center from the ages of 0 to 12 years old, according to Velarde. To donate or for



— Photo courtesy Clint ISD

more information contact the 562-7955. Child Crisis Center of El Paso at

— Contributed by Laura Cade

Reyes Reports By U.S. Rep. Silvestre Reyes

Fight diabetes with healthy lifestyles and education



Currently, 20.8 million Americans — seven percent of the population — have diabetes, a 14 percent increase from 2003. Based on those numbers, more than 80,000 El Pasoans suffer from this disease, which is the fifth leading cause of death in the United States.

Even more astonishing is the fact that over 40 percent of those living with this incurable disease are unaware they have it. Alarmingly, the number of Americans living with diabetes is expected to double by the year 2050.

November is National Diabetes

Month, and as the statistics above illustrate, diabetes is one of our nation's most prevalent, deadly and costly diseases. All of us are affected by diabetes, either firsthand or by knowing someone who suffers from the disease. It has been estimated that in 2002 the total annual economic cost of diabetes was \$132 billion, and one out of every 10 health care dollars is spent on diabetes and its complications.

The El Paso Diabetes Association estimates that minorities are two times more likely to develop diabetes. Knowing that Hispanics are at greater risk for developing diabetes, the El Paso community needs to fo-

cus on safeguarding themselves and their families against the disease. Also, Type 2 diabetes, commonly associated with older age, obesity and low physical activity, is becoming more and more prevalent in children. Knowing of the increased number of Type 2 diabetes cases in children, I have vowed to help educate children about eating right and staying healthy.

Though there is no known cure for diabetes, people do have the power to control how it affects their lives. It is proven that we can prevent serious complications associated with the disease and live a healthy, productive life through proper management and

Protect your children from online predators

What do your children look at online? Who does your child interact with in chat rooms? Who is emailing your children? Can you answer these questions? You should be able to.

Until now, the Internet has gone largely unregulated. This has left the door open for child predators to develop their strategy for luring children into compromising online relationships.

The Internet is a great thing. It has become a remarkable engine for the free flow of ideas. But predators have learned how to manipulate parts of it, like chat rooms, to lure unsuspecting people into dangerous situations.

The law enforcement community and the corporate world have begun to slowly adapt to this new challenge; but parental awareness of this danger lags far behind.

Parents should take a fresh look

at what their children are exposed to online. They can install fresh filters and clear memory caches. Most important, they can talk with their kids about certain dangers of the

Internet.

Now is a good time to get a grasp on what it means to let your kids surf the net. Allowing children online is just like dropping them off at school or a friend's house.

We need to pre-

pare them for what might happen. At school we may have to teach them how to say no to strangers on the playground. When they are at a friend's house we may need to remind them how to say no respectfully and call home if they feel uncomfortable.

In both cases, parents have a responsibility to make sure their children are in a safe environment. Failure to take that precaution on the Internet is a grave mistake.



Eye on D.C.

By U.S. Rep. Henry Bonilla

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treatment. Those at risk for developing diabetes can and must take critical steps and possibly make lifestyle changes to delay or prevent its onset.

As a member of the Congressional Diabetes Caucus, I am a cosponsor of several bills to help prevent, treat and find a cure for this serious disease. One of these bills is the Diabetes Self Management Training Act of 2005, which would improve access for diabetes self-management training. Properly educating diabetics is the first step in ensuring proper care.

This past Monday, Nov. 14 was World Diabetes Day and I took the

opportunity to visit Mesita Elementary School and encourage Mesita students to fight diabetes by eating right and exercising. With the help of UTEP football players, I wanted to excite children about being active and educate them not only about the benefits of a healthy lifestyle, but the fun and enjoyment such a lifestyle affords.

This month, we should all make an effort to educate ourselves about diabetes and improving our health. Together, we can work towards reducing the incidence of diabetes among El Pasoans, and make our community a healthier place.

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4801 Osborne Drive from 6-7:45 p.m.

Blood glucose meters will be given away free of charge to persons who attend the lecture, while supplies last. Cost is \$10 per person for the lecture and reservations are required. Call 595-1645 to register and for more information.

■ The Lincoln Youth Art Gallery, 4001 Durazno Ave. in El Paso will open the Jane A. Hambric School student art exhibit on Wednesday, Dec. 7 with a reception from 5-7 p.m. Hambric students from third grade through the eighth grade will feature their various artistic works through Dec. 30. "The kids

just do a fabulous job and it's good they get to exhibit their work to the community," says art teacher Joan Jameson. The Lincoln Youth Art Gallery is a part of the City of El Paso Parks & Recreation Department. Admission is free and gallery hours are from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. For more information call 533-3311.

■ Mexico will elect a new president in 2006. UTEP and the Mexican Consulate in El Paso are sponsoring a series of presentations on that nation's emerging political, economic and social trends that impact the future of the U.S.-Mexico border region. Representatives from both sides of the border will share their unique perspectives on education, the environment, health, economy, arts and culture. The first in this series is *Mexico: Economy and Politics Toward the Next Presidential Elec-*

tion, with special guest Hon. Jesús Silva-Herzon, former Mexican Ambassador to the U.S. on Tuesday, Nov. 22 at 4 p.m. at the Undergraduate Learning Center, Room 126.

■ Robert R. Rojas Elementary, 500 Bauman Rd., will host their first Winter Festival on Friday, Dec. 2 from 5-8 p.m. The school is seeking vendors for this event. The booths are available for \$20. Call Mary Ann Paez at 937-8500 for more information.

■ The Scorpions at Horizon High School will bring books to life for elementary students the Second Annual "Read Across Clint" Program, according to Angelina Donohoe, HHS librarian. The program began in November and will continue through May 2006. Two Horizon High School classes headed by Linda Ramos and Jason

Blair will collaborate with the librarians at Frank Macias and Desert Hills Elementary schools for the reading program. This reading experience will help both High School and Elementary School students build a love for reading and a bond of friendship, Donohoe said. Special thanks to principals Holly Fields, Pam Howard, and Mark Ayala for supporting this reading connection.

■ The Socorro ISD Athletics Dept. recently recognized selections for the Fall 2006 Academic All-District Honors. A total of 113 student athletes were recognized for carrying grade point averages (GPA) from 87.6 to 105.5. Each of the high schools in the Socorro District had one or more students who fit the criteria, with El Dorado High posting 15 student athletes with GPAs greater than 100.

■ ACT, a non-profit organization serving the educational community, is seeking four teachers from middle and junior high schools or high schools with experience in teaching minority students to participate in a six-week summer program to develop and evaluate the ACT's testing materials and classroom support materials. For details visit the ACT website at www.act.org/path/secondary/visit.html, e-mail at visiting.teachers@act.org or call (319) 337-1645.

■ Lip-synching a hit song isn't a scandal at Americas High School, it's a fund-raiser. On Wednesday, Nov. 30, the campus will host just such a concert in the AHS Theater, 12101 Pellicano, at 6:30 p.m. to raise funds to purchase shoes and socks for students in need in the area. Tickets are \$2.

Preparing for Possible High Gas Bills

Wholesale natural gas prices have been unusually high this spring and summer. Texas Gas Service is concerned that winter heating bills could be higher than last winter season. We want to talk honestly with you about gas prices to help you understand what's happening and to be prepared:

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■ Navy Seaman Recruit Eric Enriquez, son of Micaela Burciaga and Marco A. Enriquez recently completed U.S. Navy basic training at Recruit Training Command, Great Lakes, Ill. During the eight-week program, Enriquez completed a variety of training in naval customs, first aid, firefighting, water safety, and shipboard and aircraft safety with an emphasis on physical fitness. Enriquez is a 2005 graduate of Americas High School.

■ H.D. Hiley Elementary will host their annual Fall Carnival on Friday, Nov. 18, 4-7 p.m. at N. 693 Rio Vista Rd. The event will feature food concessions, a cake walk, music and live performances. Tickets are 25 cents at the gate. Call Loretta Ortiz, 937-8400 for more information.

■ The musical *Into the Woods* will be performed Nov. 18 through 22 at the Montwood High School Theater by the Emerald Players, based on the Stephan Sondheim classical. Multiple performances will be presented on some days — call Jaime Barba at 937-2464 or Beth Leffler at 937-2463 for times and ticket prices. Additionally, Americas High School's theater group will present *Wizard of Oz* on Nov. 17-20. Some days will feature multiple performances. Call Mario Maldonado at 937-3077 or e-mail mmald05@sisd.net for more information.

■ The Socorro High School Cheer and Yell Team, under the direction of Lori A. Springer-Salazar, have been invited to perform at the Pacific Life Holiday Bowl Half-time Show in San Diego, California on Dec. 29. They were among about 20 such accomplished teams selected from across the country to perform in the 2,000 cast-member half-time extravaganza. They will also participate in the nationally televised Pacific Life Holiday Bowl Parade.

Texas Association honors SISD administrators

By Carlos A. Briano
Special to the Courier

EAST EL PASO COUNTY — The Texas Association of Secondary Schools has honored four Socorro Independent School District employees as Region 19 Administrators of the Year.

Oscar Troncoso, principal at Socorro High School, was named Principal of the Year. Miguel Serrano, assistant principal at Socorro High School, was named High School Assistant Principal of the Year. Ellen Brewer was named Intermediate Assistant Principal of the Year. Brewer was assistant principal at Slider Middle School and is now assistant principal at Socorro High School.



Oscar Troncoso



Miguel Serrano

Troncoso says the award is a privilege, especially in light of the fact that there are so many principals out there who are just as deserving. But he is also quick to point to those around him.

"I have great assistant principals, dedicated teachers and staff members, supportive education center personnel, and excellent mentors — especially Mr. Antonio Baca," he says. "It also means that I have a very supportive wife, children and parents. Without all these factors in place, this recognition could never even be remotely possible."

Serrano echoes Troncoso's sentiments.

"This is not my award," he says. "This is a campus award. I wasn't looking for this award, but getting it motivates me even more to keep trying to do my best at Socorro High School."

Brewer adds that although she is very honored by the award, she feels the notoriety should go to the teachers, staff, parents and students she



Ellen Brewer

worked with.

"The people at Slider work so hard and dedicate their lives to children and the community and very rarely get any credit for their service," she says. "Many, many people have been helping me evolve as an administrator in the time that I've been an assistant principal."

Dr. Armando Aguirre, recently

hired as the principal for SISD's Early College High School, was named Middle School Principal of the Year. He is also a Finalist for Texas Principal of the Year.

In addition, Dr. Priscilla Terrazas, assistant principal at Montwood High School, was honored for representing Region 19 as a TASSP Board Member and for

strengthening the local chapter as the chairperson.

"We are very fortunate to have such a high level of leadership at our district," says Superintendent Dr. Robert J. Durón, who was present at the ceremonies. "We have all seen the billboard that reads, 'It's an El Paso Thing.' Leadership is a Socorro ISD Thing!"

Fellowship of Christian Youth making a difference in Fabens

By Adilene Rodriguez
Special to the Courier

EAST EL PASO COUNTY — The Fellowship of Christian Youth has been re-established at Fabens High School after a two year absence, and is 35 members strong and meets on a weekly basis. One of the functions of the club is to study scripture from the Bible and every student is given the opportunity to contribute his or her thoughts on readings.

Religious leaders and pastors from area churches and other guest speakers attend the meetings and share their expertise on different topics with the students.

Some of the projects that the group has been involved in include collecting money for the hurricane Katrina victims and contributing funds to a security officer's family whose wife and infant child died recently. Members of the club run a concession stand during home

volleyball games to raise funds for the club's projects. The group plans to participate in religious retreats and field trips but their main objective is to help others in need by providing food and clothing to the needy of the area including people from neighboring Mexico.

"The response has been tremendous," group sponsor Julio Montes said. It is good to see these young people who are willing to sacrifice their time to help others." Co-sponsor Ben Murillo said that this group of youngsters has "truly been blessed and I'm very impressed with the way that the group functions."

Dr. Olivia Jimenez makes a positive spiritual contribution to the club and said she is pleased with the group's progress. The main projects upcoming for the group are to provide aid to an orphanage in Mexico, as well as provide Thanksgiving meals for the needy and Christmas gifts to the less fortunate in the Fabens area.



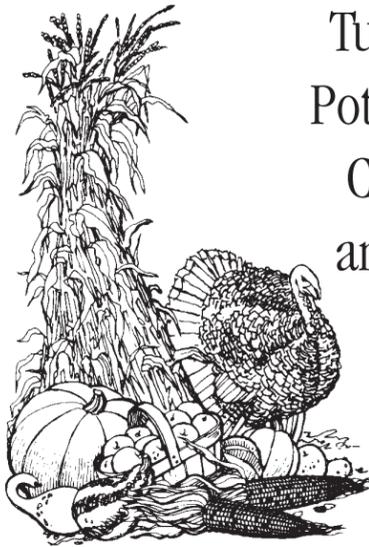
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HELPING OTHERS — These members of the Fellowship of Christian Youth in Fabens is helping provide for the less fortunate in all seasons.



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NBA needs to improve in the PR department — personal responsibility

By Steve Escajeda
Special to the Courier

This week marks an anniversary of one of the ugliest moments in sports history.

A year ago this week the Indiana Pacers and the Detroit Pistons took their on-court differences up into the stands and began that now infamous "basketbrawl" incident.

On that day, the names of Ron Artest, Ben Wallace, Jermaine O'Neal and Stephen Jackson were forever linked in the annals of inappropriate professional sports behavior.

I'm not sure what irritates me more, the actions of the idiots on and off the court that night in Detroit, or the pundits that try to rationalize the whole thing.

First of all, there is absolutely no excuse for what happened. Grown men with working brains and mature demeanors would have handled the infamous flying cup much differently.

If a cup is thrown from some moron in the crowd, simply call the authorities over and have the bum escorted from the arena and ban him from the arena for life. How difficult is that?

Because of that night a year ago, the NBA has been trying different things to change its

hip-hop, don't-you-dare-dis-me, bad-boy-rapper image.

The NBA went as far as to institute a "let's all dress like grown-ups" policy.

It's a start. I think most people have to dress appropriately when they go to work or are a part of a work-related function. The embarrass-

ing thing is having to tell these "supposed" adults how to dress.

I think the biggest problem I have is with the predictable unveiling of the race card. Some sports analysts say the dress code is geared directly at African Americans. And that the NBA was severe in the way they handled the brawl specifically because the NBA is predominately African American.

Could somebody please give me just a little break?

This issue is not a race issue, it's a social issue. Good and bad behavior has nothing to do with a person's race — it has to do with a person's behavior.

When the respective sports organizations deal harshly with Pete Rose, or John Rucker, or Woody Hayes, or Mark McGwire, or Tonya Harding, or John McEnroe, or Rafael Palmeiro, or even Shoeless Joe Jackson, the thought that "they're being singled out because they're white" never came up.

And that's a good thing because it wasn't about their race, it was about their negative actions, personal responsibility, and the consequences they had to face.

The horrible actions of that night in Detroit will not soon be forgotten — as long as we're mature enough to deal with problems and not make excuses for them. And that's a good thing.

The sooner we learn that we're all one race — the human race — the sooner we can deal responsibly with the actions of individual people, not as representatives for an entire group!

college football schedule and anything can still happen — but it appears as though we are headed toward a USC-Texas battle for the national championship.

The two teams have been at the top of the polls all season and the matchup in the Rose Bowl is one we're all waiting for.

There's only one problem. If both the Trojans and the Longhorns win out, the pitiful few who believe the BCS is the best thing since the Heisman Trophy will all be gloating, "I told you so."

I don't know about you but I would love to see Penn State, Miami, Notre Dame, Texas, USC, LSU, Alabama and Virginia Tech in an eight-team playoff.

The BCS guys would like to say that their system takes you right to the championship game and bypasses all that playoff stuff.

I've got a question. Why do Americans love the NCAA college basketball playoffs, or the march to the Super Bowl, or the World Series? We love the playoffs. How many times have the best teams not made it to the championship games?

If there were no playoffs we would not have Jim Valvano running all over the court after his N.C. State team upset Houston in the championship game, because the Wolfpack would never have been picked to play in the title game.

Would Texas and USC emerge from a playoff anyway? Probably, but wouldn't you like to see it?

The saddest thing of all is, we'll never find out whether the Trojans and Longhorns would have made it through a playoff.



Language

From Page 1

familiar sounds and structures of language become the tools for a lifetime of learning. During the first years of schooling, these tools support children's ability to learn and understand the subjects they are taught, from math to science to history and art. Throughout their lives, language is what allows people to understand the world around them and communicate with one another," stated Pauline Dow, CISD

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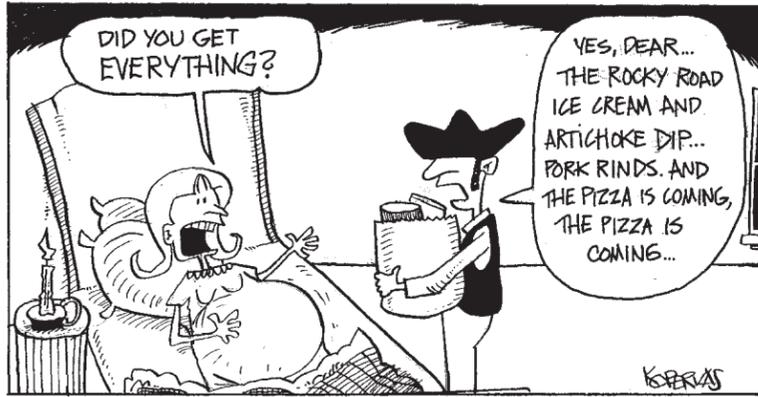
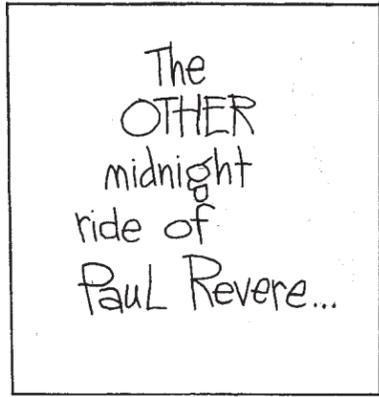
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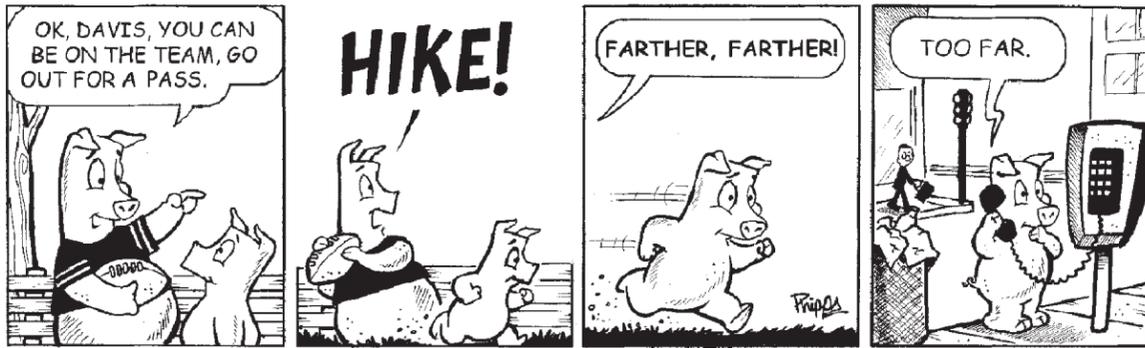


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AMBER WAVES By Dave T. Phipps



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Material Girl offers us guidance

By Don Flood

This week we begin with a quiz, which occurred to me after reading the following actual sentence from The Washington Post:

"American University trustees have agreed to offer ousted president Benjamin Ladner a choice: Accept a departure package of between \$3 million and \$4 million by the beginning of next week, or be fired 'for cause' and risk losing some or all of it, sources said."

Man, do these guys know how to play hardball or what.

Think about it. Imagine if you were confronted with such an agonizing choice: Should I accept the money they're trying to shove down my throat or should I wait to be fired?

Oh sure, you're thinking, "Idiot! I'd take the \$4 million and run."

Before you answer, perhaps you should seek the guidance of someone wiser than yourself.

Like many people, when I seek spiritual truth, I turn first to Madonna.

That's why I was interested to see the former Material Girl's take on the modern world.

Modern life, she said, is "our undoing."

Madonna believes "the beast is the modern world that we live in! The material world. The physical world. The world of illusion, that we think is real."

Quite a mouthful, but she was just warming up, as she goes on to warn us we're all going to the Hot Place if we don't repent.

In her latest movie, a documentary called "I'm Going to Tell You a Secret," Madonna says that people "are going to go to hell, if they don't turn from their wicked behavior."

Which would presumably include not attending movies starring Madonna, which are ranked among the most notable turkeys of all time.

(To be fair, her last movie, "Sweet Away," played to houses packed with empty seats, many of which stayed until being forced to leave because of "babysitting issues.")

Unfortunately, not everybody is as lucky as Madonna, who has gained her insights about the evils of the material world while residing at her huge 18th-century estate in the English countryside, where she feeds chickens and rides horses and occasionally falls off of them — the horses I mean, not the chickens, which don't take well to saddles.

And if you don't take Madonna's word that modern life is our undoing, here's further proof.

CNN.com reports that Chris Claypool is among those suffering from what is already being called BlackBerry Thumb.

Constant use of the handheld wireless device has resulted in thumbs so sore that —

WARNING: The following graphic description of a medical condition may be too intense for some, especially male readers, to bear —

"he can't even press the buttons on his TV remote control."

See what the new technology is doing to us? Soon we'll lose the ability to hunt for TV shows the way our forefathers taught us.

So, like Madonna, I have no intention of getting wrapped up in this modern, material world.

And if someone offered me \$4 million to walk away, I'd say, "No way."

I'm holding out for \$5 million.

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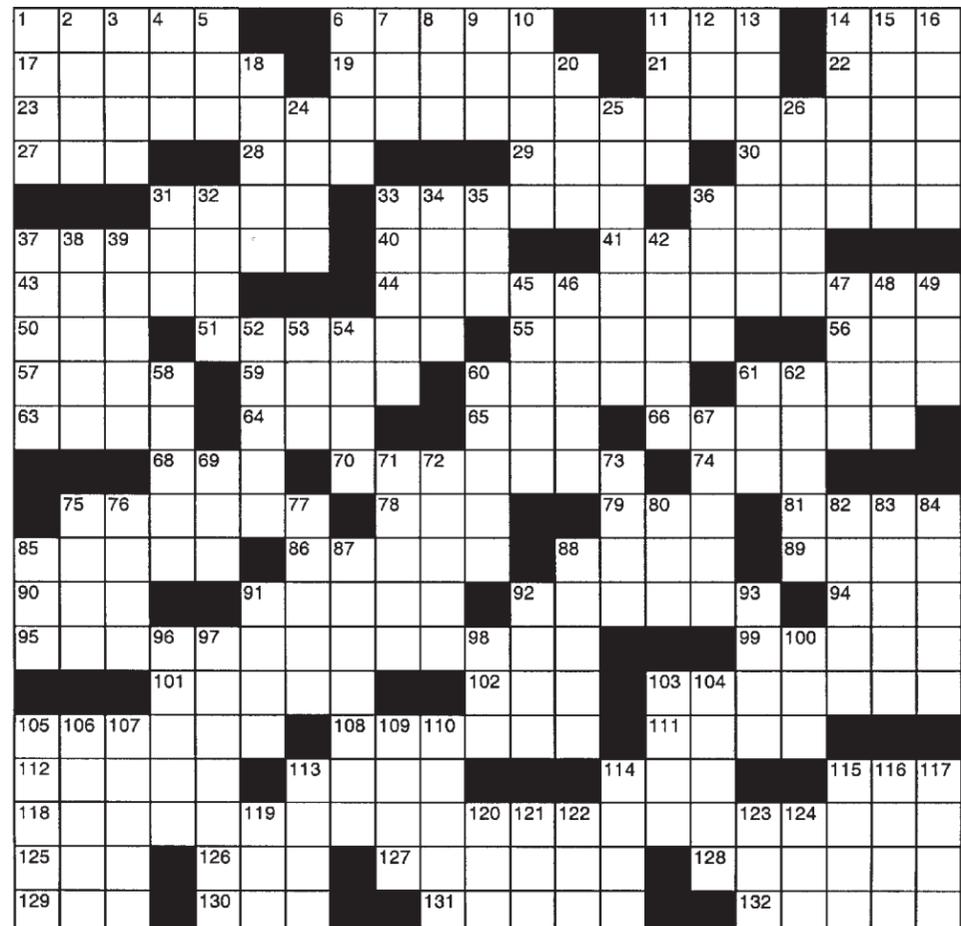
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- 28 _ Canals
- 29 "Heavens to Betsy!"
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- 44 Part 2 of remark
- 50 Rock band's stint
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- 98 Itch
- 100 Big bang letters
- 103 _ League
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- 105 Java joints
- 106 Verdi's _ Miller"
- 107 Ford's predecessor
- 109 " _ Off to Larry" ('61 tune)
- 110 Skirt shape
- 113 Cipher
- 114 Funnyman Foxx
- 115 Perry's victory site
- 116 Neighbor of Mass.
- 117 Had bills
- 119 Droop
- 120 Cambodia's Lon _
- 121 La-la lead-in
- 122 Coop critter
- 123 Middling mark
- 124 Alphabet sequence



Answer Page 6

Lady Coyotes howl all the way to Bi-District Championship

By Rudy Barreda
Special to the Courier

TORNILLO — The Tornillo Lady Coyotes finished an outstanding volleyball season on Nov. 5 with their final game in Artesia, N.M. They finished third in the district, with an overall record of 22-19. This allowed them a spot in the Bi-district playoffs, in which they defeated Junction High School at Ft. Stockton, capturing the Bi-District

Championship.

They advanced to Area games in Artesia, where they were defeated by Denver City High School.

Head Coach Eddie Reyes and Asst. Coach Raquel Rivera had words of high praise for their team, citing impressive stats for each player.

“The Lady Coyotes are all excited about coming back next year and trying to advance once more to the playoffs and to put Tornillo on the map one more time,” Reyes said. “Way to go, ladies, and congratulations.”

TAKING A BITE OUT OF BI-DISTRICT — Tornillo’s Lady Coyotes closed out their season as Bi-District Volleyball Champs. Shown seated bottom row are Brenda Peña and Lucero Alvidrez. Second row is Denise Reyes, Pamela Navarrete, Lucero Calzada and Vianney Olivias. Third row is Coach Reyes, Crystal Trejo, Edith Reyes, Priscilla Padilla, Susana Estrada and Coach Rivera. Top row is Ruby Rios, Jissel Reyes, Stephanie Zavala, Marina Soto and Bianca Zaragoza.



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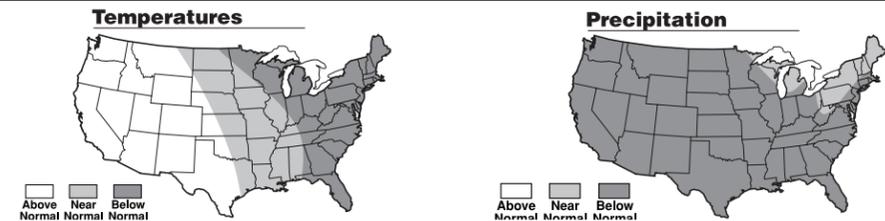
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