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### **NEWSBRIEFS**

### **Clint ISD fire**

A Clint ISD portable building located at the district's Special Education Offices (125 Brown Street, Clint, Texas) was destroyed by a fire on Jan. 17, 2008. The fire began sometime between 4:30 and 4:45 p.m. Preliminary investigations indicate the fire may possibly have been caused by an electrical problem. The district is currently waiting for reports from the fire marshal and Clint Police Department. There were no employees in the portable building and no injuries to employees were reported. The portable building housed the offices of Special Education Support as well as a training room. These employees will be provided temporary offices at the district's other facilities and campuses. The building is a total loss as well as the contents of the building. The district is currently working with staff to compile an estimate of the damages.

### **Spanish driving class**

The El Paso Police Department will hold its third Spanish-language "Reglas del Transito" traffic safety class from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. this Saturday, Jan. 26, 2008, at the Clardy Fox Library, 5515 Robert Alva. This class is aimed at helping new Spanish-speaking residents of Texas understand the current traffic laws, and to assist them in passing the written portion of the state driver's license test. The class, which is being offered by the Police Department's Safe Communities unit, covers the most current items tested by the Texas Department of Public Safety. The Police Department plans to offer this class once a month. Persons wishing to attend can contact Margaret Petrozza-Meraz at the Safe Communities unit, 564-7352.

### Demo meet

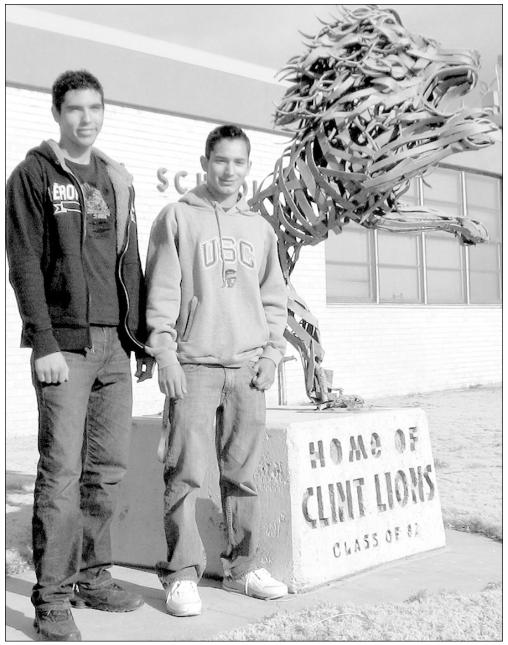
The first Upper Valley Democratic Candidates Primary Rally will take place on Saturday, Feb. 2, 2008. It will be held at La Embajada Banquet Hall, 141 Vinton Rd., Vinton, TX from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. All Democratic candidates are welcome to participate and should call 886-6109 or 886-5270 before hand for information. The event is free to the public from all the surrounding communities. There will be free food, music and a cash bar.

### Americas Cup 2008

The 9th Annual Americas Cup 2008 (Cheer and Dance Competition), sponsored by the National Cheer Association (NCA) and the National Dance Alliance (NDA), will be on Saturday, Feb. 16, 2008 at Americas High School Blazer Gym on 12101 Pellicano. This event is open to all elementary, middle, high school, as well studio and recreation dance and cheer teams. Registration Deadline is on Wednesday, Feb. 6. Cost is \$30 per team per event. Information, contact Americas

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Aconference is a meeting to decide when and where the next meeting will be held. - Quips & Quotes



- Photo courtesy Clint ISD

ALL-STATE SELECTIONS — Eddie Soto, left, and Victor Villalobos received All-State nods.

### Clint players named Academic All-State

By Laura Cade Special to the Courier

The Texas High School Coaches Association and State Farm Insurance named two Clint High School Senior Football players to the 2007-2008 Academic All-State Football Team: Eddie Soto was selected 2nd Team Academic All-State and Victor Villalobos was selected Honorable Mention Academic All-State.

Soto, who hopes to pursue a degree in Civil participates in Baseball and Track.

is also a member of the Baseball Team. nomination; 3) Be of good moral character.

Villalobos plans to major in Biology once he

This All-State Academic program is one of just a few that honors those special individuals who have succeeded in the classroom. "As coaches it always makes us proud to know that theyfre not just taking care of business out in the football field but in the classroom as well. Hopefully this sets an example for the younger athletes coming up," says Rosvel Martinez, Clint High School Head Football Coach.

The Texas High School Coaches Associa-Engineering, is a member of the National tion selects the Academic All-State Football Honor Society, One Act Play, and the Texas team for 2005-2006 based on a point system Association of Future Educators. He volunteers that awards points for GPA, class rank and SAT as a Peer Tutor and at the Go Center. Soto also and ACT score. Student athletes are required to meet certain criteria to be nominated: 1) Villalobos is a member of the National Honor overall GPA of 92 or above; 2) Be a member Society and Destination Imagination Team. He of the team in good standing at the time of

### Canutillo ISD recognizes school board members

By Kim Guzman Special to the Courier

Governor Rick Perry has proclaimed January as School Board Recognition Month, and Canutillo Independent School District (CISD) is joining other districts across the state to thank these community volunteers for their commitment and contributions to our public schools.

"School board members serve countless hours working to make public education the best it can be for every child," said Dr. Pam Padilla, Canutillo ISD Superintendent.

In a climate of change and challenge, they develop policies and make tough decisions on complex educational and social issues that affect the entire community and the lives of individual students. This year, Board members bear the responsibility and oversight in Canutillo ISD for an annual budget of \$45 million; approximately 5600 students, in grades pre-kinder through twelfth;

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Julian Hernandez

### Montwood's Hernandez selected All-State Band

**By Irma Flores** Special to the Courier

For eight years, Montwood High School senior Julian Hernandez has practiced every day. His dedication to music and his consistency to honing his talent have earned him a seat with the All-State Band for the third straight year. After auditioning with 44 area clarinetists in Midland, Texas, Hernandez was selected to be part of the All-State Band which will perform at the Texas Music Educators Association conference in February.

"Julian's dedication and passion for music has helped him to earn recognition among the best musicians in the state," said SISD Superintendent Dr. Sylvia P. Atkinson. "We know he will continue to make us proud."

At the conference in February, Hernandez will audition one more time to determine his ranking. Last year, he marked a personal best being ranked 6th in the state. Depending on his ranking this year, Hernandez may choose to perform with the All-State Band or Orchestra.

"It's really rewarding and a great experience to play with musicians throughout the state," says Hernandez who started playing clarinet in the 5th grade.

Hernandez, who also plays soprano saxophone and cello, has been a member of the Montwood Band and Orchestra for all four years. Outside of school he performs with the El Paso Youth Symphony and the All Region Honor Band and Orchestra where he made first chair. He plans on heading to Baylor University to study music education. Hernandez was also first chair for the Southwest Honor Band that is coordinated through New Mexico State University and includes students from West Texas through Nevada.

"It takes not just talent, but also discipline to make it to the state level," said SISD Board President Charles E. Garcia. "Our students are always encouraged to have high expectations. Julian Hernandez has not only set his goals high, but he has achieved them." "He has very good academic skills, tremendous musical talent and leadership qualities," said Montwood Band Director Ron Pingor. "He is the student I got into teaching for. He's been a strong student and very helpful to all his fellow students. He helps whenever and everywhere he can."



### One perspective **By Francis Shrum**

## Wrong lesson

A cursory men have used on one another structive. We're a brutal lot.

Back in the 1600s when the nations surrounding Poland took turns beatdrafted without recourse to follow their masters onto the battle field.

Without benefit of horse and sword they created their own weapons and were quite ingenious about it. They inserted metal spikes into the fork of an ash sapling and left it as the tree grew to maturity. When called to war, they harvested their war clubs — the iron-like wood of the ash tree had firmly encased the spike so firmly it could not be dislodged no matter how mighty a force was exerted against it.

gressed," we've come up with an impressive array of weapons including submachine guns, armored fighting vehicles, nuclear bombs and missiles, biological weapons, even super-weapons that utilize electronics and lasers.

Still, of all these weapons, the most review of the various weapons that destructive is the one that each of us was born with, fully functional and through the centuries is pretty in- ready to use at will once we reach the age at which we can talk.

It's our tongue.

It must be complimented, of ing up on her, the peasants were course, by another necessary component to fulfill its most destructive potential — the human ear.

> The use of the human tongue to its most devastating effect has been perfected in the arena of political competition. The recent South Carolina pre-presidential election contest was no exception. In fact, South Carolina has a reputation of being in the fore-front when it comes to running smear campaigns. The use of electronic media has only enhanced the efficiency.

This year's offering included cir-Since then, as civilization has "pro-culation of leaflets claiming that Sen. John McCain had betrayed his fellow prisoners during the harrowing years when he was in a POW camp in Vietnam.

> Fake Christmas cards extolling the benefits of polygamy were mailed out in the name of Mitt Romney, a

> > SUPERMARKETS

Mormon.

An e-mail slandered Sen. Barack Obama as a radical Muslim — and it was so widely circulated that he was actually asked to respond to it during a debate.

Each time such information is heard by a willing recipient it gets carried and disseminated — "did you hear about ...?" It works like germ warfare. Those infected will infect others.

achieved such success in the field of biological gossip that they became legendary. Prominent among those is Lee Atwater, otherwise known as the "happy hitman," the Republican strategist whose slanderous "bareknuckle and back room" tactics won him acclaim during the 1980s by exploiting sensitive and damaging information about his candidate's opponents — whether it was true or not.

South Carolina political operative Rod Shealy Sr. was a protégé of Atwater, and he says that all contemporary political consultants have taught by this "master."

As so often happens, though, the destroyer became the destroyed when Atwater was diagnosed with a brain tumor — and as is also common, he experienced a dramatic change of heart on his death bed.

He found religion and issued a seto people he had attacked during his

"... my illness has taught me some-There have been those who thing about the nature of humanity, love, brotherhood and relationships that I never understood, and probably never would have. So, from that standpoint, there is some truth and good in everything." Atwater wrote this to Tom Turnipseed, a candidate for Congress he had successfully sabotaged by exploiting the fact that Turnipseed had suffered depression as a teenager. Atwater had told reporters that Turnipseed "got hooked up to jumper cables," referring to electroconvulsive therapy.

As poignant in his repentance as he was subversive in his political taclearned — and practiced — tactics tics, Atwater wrote an amazing pas-

sage published in Life Magazine in February of 1991:

"My illness helped me to see that what was missing in society is what was missing in me: a little heart, a lot of brotherhood. The 80s were about acquiring — acquiring wealth, power, prestige. I know. I acquired ries of public and written apologies more wealth, power and prestige than most. But you can acquire all you want and still feel empty. It took a deadly illness to put me eye to eye with that truth, but it is a truth that the country, caught up in its ruthless ambitions and moral decay, can learn on my dime. I don't know who will lead us through the 90s, but they must be made to speak to this spiritual vacuum at the heart of American society, this tumor of the soul."

> Powerful words from an influential teacher. Unfortunately, they could not erase the lessons already taught, the destructive words spoken, the damage done.

The lid to Pandora's box has long ago been flung wide, and the lesson the eager pupils want to learn is the



### Reyes Reports By U.S. Rep. Silvestre Reyes

### Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

Luther King, Jr. articulated a dream on the steps of

the Lincoln Memorial in the tumultuous summer of 1963 in which he envisioned a country divided not by and social abuses of this country laid bare for all to see, that dream ignited a flame that inspired an entire generation of Americans to fight for peace, justice, and equality under the law. This dream continues to inspire us today.

For many in El Paso and across the country, Monday, Jan. 21, Martin Luther King, Jr. Day was a day of action. In 1994, Congress designated Martin Luther King, Jr. Day as a national day of volunteer service, instead of simply a day off school or work. In the spirit of this legislation, reation Department began its comand indeed the ideals of Dr. King, millions of Americans contributed to the efforts of the King Day of Service by participating in projects such as tutoring children, painting schools, and building homes. Additionally, in recognition of the 40th anniversary of the assassination of Dr. King, the Corporation for National and Com-

Dr. Martin munity Service began "40 Days of and one adult are recognized for their Nonviolence: Building the Beloved Community," an initiative that calls for various organizations to participate in projects and educational activities that promote Dr. King's goals of nonviolence and social justice.

El Paso is a city that prides itself race or religion. With the injustice on ethnic and cultural diversity and has a long history of promoting the ideals of Dr. King. In years past, many local community service organizations, students, and other individuals have celebrated the meaning of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day by making an extra effort to serve in the community. This year was no different. Over the long weekend, hundreds of members of the community volunteered to support various organizations and events that promote the goals of Dr. King.

The El Paso City Parks and Recmemoration of the holiday with the annual Mayor's Youth Art Showcase and Martin Luther King, Jr. Humanitarian Awards on Sunday, Jan. 13. Since 2001, the Humanitarian Awards have aimed to honor those in the community who perform extraordinary acts of kindness or heroism for others. Each year two youths

contributions to the El Paso community. The art showcase that accompanies the awards ceremony features works by young and professional artists in the community that depicts the legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King. The art will be showcased this year until Jan. 31, on the first floor of City

In a similar fashion, the McCall Neighborhood Center sponsored the Annual Gospel Music Tribute to Martin Luther King, Jr. on Jan. 19 at the Chamizal National Memorial. The concert was held in honor of Dr. King's birthday and aims to promote cohesiveness and cooperation in the El Paso Community.

The Seventh Annual Martin Luther King Food Drive began its efforts to collect food for local food banks on Jan. 5, and continued through Monday, Jan. 21. Individuals who participated made donations at several dropoff locations throughout the city. The food was distributed on Monday to several local beneficiaries.

By participating in these and other local community events, and actively working for civil justice, El Pasoans can continue to promote the ideals and goals of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.



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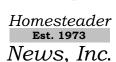
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From D.C. By U.S. Rep. Ciro Rodriguez

### 2007 agriculture census

Calling all the agricultural industry in America. farmers and across the 23rd District

of Texas: lend us a hand! Your response by Feb. 4 to the 2007 Census of Agriculture from the National Agricultural Statistics Service is crucial to the future of farming and ranching in your community and across the United States. Critical information is collected through the Census of Agriculture every 5 years and every participating farmer and rancher has the ments, agribusinesses, trade associachance to make his or her mark on tions and many others.

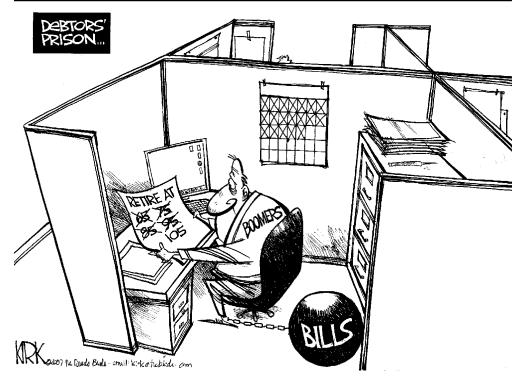
r a n c h e r s Agriculture provides the only source

Did you know that the Census of of uniform, comprehensive agricultural data for every county in the nation? Through the Census, producers can show the nation the value and importance of agriculture and they can help influence decisions that will shape the future of American agriculture for years to come. Census of Agriculture data is used by all those who serve farmers and rural communities - federal, state and local govern-

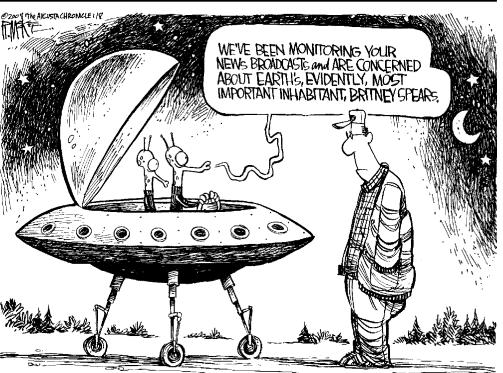
It is critical that the information collected is accurate so officials can serve their communities with programs tailored to the region's specific needs. The answers to the Census questions provide Congress with the tools they need to determine whether the effective agricultural programs to offer their constituents. Legislators and local authorities often rely on past census data to target important services to rural areas, and the USDA uses the information to prioritize staffing at local service centers. Many

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### **Boards**

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more than 870 employees; and eight cam-

The men and women serving as trustees for the Canutillo Independent School District are: Margarito Arellano, Sergio Coronado, Carl Frietze, Shonda Jordan, Frank Lerma, Armando Rodriguez, and Yvonne Sanchez.

"Preparing today's students to be productive citizens and the leaders of tomorrow is a tremendous task. As elected officials, school board members are the voice of their communities, serving first and foremost in the best interest of our schoolchildren," said Padilla.

"We proudly join educators and community members in saluting these education advocates as they provide vision and leadership for student achievement, academic programs, district funding, and school facilities. Their service ensures that decisions about local public schools are made by those most familiar with the needs of our community's children and families," said Padilla. These dedicated individuals deserve recognition and thanks for their unfailing commitment to the continuing success of our students now and in the future," she said.

### **Census**

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farmers and ranchers also use the data to make informed decisions about the future of their own businesses. Filling out this questionnaire puts every American farmer on the map for agricultural data and agricultural assistance programs, and ensures that they are accurately represented when decisions are being made regarding agriculture resources and policies.

Complete your 2007 Census of Agriculture today. This year, for the first time, you can even complete the survey online at www.agcensus.nass.usda.gov. I encourage everyone who received the 2007 Census of Agriculture to complete it accurately and reply by Feb. 4, 2008. A response is mandatory from every farmer or rancher who produces or sells \$1,000 of agricultural products, regardless of size of type of operation.

As always, my office is available to assist farmers and constituents across the 23rd District of Texas with any questions about the 2007 Census of Agriculture as well as assistance we can provide with Social Security, Veterans benefits, or any other matter regarding a Federal agency. Call us toll-free on the constituent services hotline at 1-866-915-3493 or find out more about what my office can do for you online at http://rodriguez.house.gov.



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for more info 747.6065



**Moore Texas** by Roger T. Moore Jan.24,1845:The Texas Senate ratifies a peace treaty( brokered by Sam Houston) with 11 Indian tribes.

### More syringes recalled

A North Carolina company earlier today issued a nationwide recall of heparin and saline pre-filled syringes.

The company had announced a recall of certain heparin syringes on Dec. 20. Today's announcement is an expansion of that recall, which was issued because of possible contamination with Serratia marcescens, a bacterium.

The recalled syringes are labeled "Heparin Lock Flush Solution USP" or "Saline Lock Flush Solution USP" and contain one of the following NDC numbers on the barrel: 64054-1003-02, 64054-1003-01, 64054-3005-02, 64054-3003-02, 64054-0910-2, 64054-0905-2 or 64054-0903-2. NDC stands for National Drug Code.

Some of the recalled syringes have the company name "Sierra Pre-Filled." Others, manufactured by Sierra, have the company name "B. Braun."

People who have used the recalled syringes should contact their physicians for guidance.

Data

Those who have unused syringes should not use them and should contact their physicians, pharmacies or other suppliers for instructions about what to do with them.

Physicians and others who have prescribed the recalled products are urged to contact their patients.

The recalled syringes typically are used in hospitals, clinics and by outpatients to keep catheters open. Heparin is an anticoagulant. The saline solution is used to clean the catheters.

AM2PAT Inc., doing business as Sierra Pre-Filled Inc., is voluntarily recalling the products in cooperation with the U.S. Food and Drug Administration.

Serratia marcescens is commonly found in soil and water and usually does not harm healthy humans but can cause illness in people with weakened immune systems or underlying health problems.

The company's recall notice is available at: www.fda.gov/ medwatch/safety/2008/ heparin\_recall.htm.

### School board notes By Don Woodyard

EL PASO COUNTY—In traditional recognition of their service to youth, school districts throughout El Paso and the rest of Texas recognized January meetings with tokens of appreciation.

meetings in Anthony, Canutillo and San Elizario.

### January 15 Anthony ISD

Anthony Mayor Art Franco proposed a lease agreement with AISD for use of school district for special community events and concerts. He mentioned use of the high school auditorium.

"We miss a lot of things," Franco said in his presentation to the board. "We have need for such a facility, and you (AISD) have such a facility.

"This would be a big plus for the lines to an AISD location. community."

He assured board members that the events he is suggesting would be cultural and educational, not violent, in board.

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nature. He also assured them that the town has necessary insurance for the events.

Through the administration, the and honored their board members at board agreed to work with Franco on developing these types of events.

Trustees voted to keep the official This month, we look at board school colors as Columbia blue and white with red trim. Board action came despite a presentation by a group of students at the December meeting in which they requested the addition of navy/royal blue as an official school color.

> Following discussion with Franco, the board agreed with the mayor's request to let students out early at 2 p.m. on Friday, Feb. 29 to attend the Leap Year Parade. The Anthony Chamber of Commerce and the town will be hosting the Leap Year Festival Feb. 28-March 2.

The board also approved an easement with El Paso Electric for power

In other action:

Christine Singh was selected to fill the vacant position on the school

Total

Recognized three campus teachers of the quarter. They are Susan Price, elementary school; David Price, middle school; and Maria Ramirez, high school.

Irma Acuna was recognized as direct support person of the month.

### **January 16** Canutillo ISD

(Information for this segment comes from Board Notes which is compiled by Alfredo Vasquez, public information officer for CISD.)

Board member Armando Rodriguez who is chairman of the Finance and Audit Committee, reported that his group had discussed and recommended for approval the administration's proposed budget reductions in the operating fund for the current school year. Previously the County Courier has reported that the school administration was looking for areas in which to cut back on operating expenses in light of voters defeating the bond issue.

Similarly, trustee Mago Arellano, chairman of the Personnel Committee, reported that his committee had discussed recommended budget reductions in personnel.

In closed session, the board discussed possible acquisition of land adjacent to the main administrative building.

A robotics team from Canutillo High School gave a demonstration of a robot it had designed and built for a recent competition. Pat Araujo, Career and Technology Education coordinator, asked the board to approve the high school's request to apply to the Texas Education Agency for implementation of a Robotics I

The board approved implementation of the Robotics 1 course in its consent agenda.

### **January 16** San Elizario ISD

Recognitions for trustees from the individual campuses included special district coloring books, calendars and customized tee-shirts.

In regards to the three construction projects in the district, George Luevano, support services director reported:

- 1. The new 26-classroom addition at Garcia-Enriquez Middle School is in use. Transfer of equipment and materials was accomplished over the Christmas holidays. "The classrooms are beautiful," one administrator said.
- 2. The new library at GEMS is 92 percent complete and will be ready by the end of February. It was pointed out that the district has an "exemplary" book-to-student ratio.
- 3. Also nearing completion is the new kitchen at Alarcon Elementary with nearly \$400,000 in new equipment which is being installed.

Luevano also said that work on the new Alexandra Flores Park behind Loya Primary should be finished in three to four weeks.

Also, he noted that petitions and resolutions opposing the proposed pipeline has been forwarded to the office of U.S. Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison for distribution to appropriate federal agencies.

Since no person has filed for the vacant school board post, the board voted to extend the filing period for another 30 days. "We encourage people to come forward," said board president Ramon Holguin.

### Canutillo Independent School District

### Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balance Governmental Funds For the Year Ended August 31, 2007

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Contro		General Fund	Debt Service Fund	Capital Projects Fund	Other Funds	Governmental Funds
	REVENUES:					
5700 5800 5900	Total Local and Intermediate Sources State Program Revenues Federal Program Revenues	\$13,621,553 25,609,225 3,575,874	\$ 2,829,760 2,023,281 —	\$ 820,384 — —	\$ 52,249 836,433 5,733,082	\$ 17,323,946 28,468,939 9,308,956
5020	Total Revenues	42,806,652	4,853,041	820,384	6,621,764	55,101,841
	EXPENDITURES:					
	Current:					
0011 0012 0013 0021 0023 0031 0032 0033 0034 0035 0036 0041 0051 0052 0053	Instruction Instructional Resources and Media Services Curriculum and Instructional Staff Development Instructional Leadership School Leadership Guidance, Counseling and Evaluation Services Social Work Services Health Services Student (Pupil) Transportation Food Services Cocurricular/Extracurricular Activities General Administration Plant Maintenance and Operations Security and Monitoring Services Data Processing Services	23,158,010 590,924 403,552 1,015,583 2,235,447 933,972 118,816 372,926 1,543,530 3,563,917 903,695 2,186,318 4,621,234 152,284 924,796	- - - - - - - - - -	2,930 — — — — — — — — — — — 116,211	3,414,351 413,216 1,305,039 302,624 14,041 126,467 — 7,909 — 340,563 104,293 — 24,158 7,350 62,988	26,572,361 1,004,140 1,708,591 1,318,207 2,252,418 1,060,439 118,816 380,835 1,543,530 3,904,480 1,007,988 2,186,318 4,761,603 159,634 987,784
0061	Community Services  Debt Service:	229,872	_	_	498,765	728,637
0071 0072 0073	Debt Service - Principal on long-term debt Debt Service - Interest on long-term debt Debt Service -Bond Issuance Cost and Fees	65,000 1,248 —	2,385,000 3,042,245 3,464	<u> </u>	_ _ _	2,450,000 3,043,493 465,126
	Capital Outlay:					
0081	Facilities Acquisition and Construction	115,379	_	9,927,792	_	10,043,17
6030	Total Expenditures	43,136,503	5,430,709	10,508,595	6,621,764	65,697,57°
1100	Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES):	(329,851)	(577,668)	(9,688,211)	_	(10,595,730
7911 7912 7916	Capital-related Debt Issued (Regular Bonds) Sale of Real and Personal Property Premium or Discount Issuance of Bonds	_ _ _	_ _ _	27,584,996 360,000 676,940	_ _ _	27,584,996 360,000 676,940
7080	Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	_	_	28,621,936		28,621,936
1200	Net Change in Fund Balances	(329,851)	(577,668)	18,933,725	_	18,026,206
0100	Fund Balance — September 1 (Beginning)	5,874,259	1,217,440	5,933,052	_	13,024,75
3000	Fund Balance — August 31 (Ending)	\$ 5,544,408	\$ 639,772	\$24,866,777	\$ —	\$ 31,050,957

### **Briefs**

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High School Student Activities Office at 937-2832 or email mcolli@sisd.net

#### **Antibiotics**

With the arrival of cold and flu season, you're probably getting your medicine cabinet ready. But before you stock it with antibiotics, take a second to read Antibiotic Resistance, a fact sheet from the U.S. Food and Drug Administration's (FDA) Office of Women's Health. It features useful information on how antibiotics work, when you should take them, and common mistakes patients make when taking them. For your free copy, send your name and address to the Federal Citizen Information Center, Dept. 534R, Pueblo, CO 81009. Or call toll-free 1-888-878-3256, and ask for Item 534R. And visit www.pueblo.gsa.gov to read or print this and hundreds of other FCIC publications for free.

### **Crime Stoppers**

Crime Stoppers of El Paso is assisting investigators from the E.P.I.S.D. Police Department in locating two offenders who committed a very damaging burglary at Carlos Cordova Middle School, making this the "Crime of the Week." On Monday, January 7th, about 10:30 P.M., Police Dispatch received a citizen's call about hearing the sound of breaking glass at Carlos Cordova Middle School, 2231 Arizona St. A school district police unit was sent to the scene and discovered that the school had been broken into and there was a great deal of damage and graffiti inside. The officer also observed two suspects fleeing from a fire that had been set on the school's football field. The suspects escaped over a rock wall and disappeared, despite a search by responding City Police units. The two suspects are described as Hispanic males, approximately 14 to 16 years of age, with slim builds and short hair. Suspect #1 was said to be about 5-foot 5-inches tall; and suspect #2 is a little shorter, about 5-foot 3-inches tall. It is possible that the suspects are students at the school. If you have any information about this case, even if you don't think it's important, please call Crime Stoppers at 566-TIPS (566-8477) or on-line www.crimestoppersofelpaso.org. You can remain anonymous and, if your tip leads to an arrest, you



can qualify for a cash reward.

"I was walking past the washers and dryers and one of my socks disappeared."

### San Elizario residents keep in tune with technology

By Cynthia P. Marentes Special to the Courier

Entering the world of technology can be a little intimidating to most students especially if they have never touched a computer. For adults, the learning process can be even more challenging since most have been out of the school environment for several years. The San Elizario Independent School District, however, has been steadily assisting the community in bridging this technology divide through its Adult Basic Education (ABE) Program classes. Offering computer literacy courses throughout the year, San Elizario ISD is helping individuals access equipment and acquire the skills they need to become confident and proficient in working with technology. The computer classes are offered at the Borrego Elementary campus and taught by Ileana Prieto. Three levels of instruction are provided concurrently for beginning, intermediate, and advanced students on topics such as Microsoft Office applications and the internet. The computer literacy course is comprehensive and can be demanding covering 30 weeks of curriculum which concludes with the requirement that all students present a final project.

On Jan. 14, several ABE students completing the computer literacy course delivered PowerPoint presentations and created table displays and invitations focusing on famous music artists. Students paired up into groups and researched some of their favorite artists such as Ray Charles, The Beatles, and Bob Dylan. Bringing together the technology skills they had learned in the classroom, the stu-

also had to demonstrate how to use their new talents by speaking in front of others. Students who of age. The goal of the program is to provide opcompleted the computer literacy course included Jose Avelar, Marisa D. Gonzalez, Rebeca Soto, Juanita G. Gamez, Aida A. Gallegos, and Angie

In addition to the computer classes, the ABE Program also offers literacy, General Education Development (GED), English as a Second Lan-

dents not only showcased their final project but guage (ESL), and citizenship classes at no cost to residents of San Elizario who are at least 18 years portunities for individuals, especially educationally disadvantaged adults to secure important skills and enable them to become lifelong learners. Classes are offered regularly and conveniently in the evenings as well for anyone interested in attending. For registration or more information, you can contact Bertha Lozoya at (915) 872-3939 ext. 3646.



- Photo courtesy San Elizario ISD

OLD SCHOOL TO NEW SCHOOL — Computer Literacy students Marisa D. Gonzalez and Jose Avelar field questions on their project table display about Ray Charles.

### Socorro Independent School District

Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balance Governmental Funds

For the Year Ended August 31, 2007

Data Contro Codes		General Fund	Debt Service Fund	Capital Projects 2006 Bond	Capital Projects 2005 Bond	Other Funds	Total Governmenta Funds
	REVENUES:						
5700	Total Local and Intermediate Sources	\$ 65,339,120	\$13,285,844	\$ 3,727,782	\$ 3,475,990	\$ 4,217,211	\$ 90,045,947
5800	State Program Revenues	192,381,944	21,965,105	_	_	7,357,996	221,705,045
5900	Federal Program Revenues	1,102,210				35,725,429	36,827,639
5020	Total Revenues	258,823,274	35,250,949	3,727,782	3,475,990	47,300,636	348,578,631
	EXPENDITURES:						
	Current:						
0011	Instruction	155,987,696	_	13,511	36,567	22,176,542	178,214,316
0012	Instructional Resources and Media Services	4,134,819	_	_	688	299,087	4,434,594
0013	Curriculum and Instructional Staff Development	3,197,217	_	_	_	4,768,994	7,966,211
0021	Instructional Leadership	4,597,858		_	_	399,810	4,997,668
0023	School Leadership	14,590,032	_	7,639	43,191	80,638	14,721,500
0031	Guidance, Counseling and Evaluation Services		_	_	_	1,595,151	9,921,746
0032	Social Work Services	998,807	_	_	_	176,863	1,175,670
0033	Health Services	2,653,083	_	1,600	_	482,114	3,136,797
0034	Student (Pupil) Transportation	7,556,987	_	_	_	_	7,556,987
0035	Food Services		_	_	_	15,944,734	15,944,734
0036	Cocurricular/Extracurricular Activities	7,234,099	_	_	_	22,519	7,256,618
0041	General Administration	7,217,908	_	_	_	35,924	7,253,832
0051	Plant Maintenance and Operations	29,815,947	_	_	_	292,558	30,108,505
0052	Security and Monitoring Services	5,254,692	_	_	_	23,867	5,278,559
0053	Data Processing Services	3,347,297	_	_	_		3,347,297
0061	Community Services	903,581	_	_	_	690,166	1,593,747
	Debt Service:						
0071	Debt Service - Principal on long-term debt	874,250	12,441,803	_	_	_	13,316,053
0072	Debt Service - Interest on long-term debt	53,557	21,418,786	_	_	_	21,472,343
0073	Debt Service - Bond Issuance Cost and Fees	_	27,133	_	_	_	27,133
	Capital Outlay:						
0081	Facilities Acquisition and Construction	1,081,669	_	2,160,999	17,510,682	3,997,684	24,751,034
6030	Total Expenditures	257,826,094	33,887,722	2,183,749	17,591,128	50,986,651	362,475,344
1200	Net Change in Fund Balances	997,180	1,363,227	1,544,033	(14,115,138)	(3,686,015)	(13,896,713)
0100	Fund Balance — September 1 (Beginning)	49,639,329	9,651,534	73,672,077	64,981,971	16,872,234	214,817,145
3000	Fund Balance — August 31 (Ending)	\$ 50,636,509	\$11,014,761	\$75,216,110	\$50,866,833	\$13,186,219	\$200,920,432

### Women's basketball at UTEP gains national attention

By Steve Escajeda Special to the Courier

I know they don't get much of the publicity around the city, but people are beginning to take notice of the UTEP Miners women's basketball team.

While the men win a game, then lose a game, then win two and then lose two, the women have remained consistent. They've been so consistent that they won their last 10 games.

The Miners, led by coach Keitha Adams, are now 14-2 and lead Conference USA with a 5-0 record. But while it's taken the fans of El Paso a while to take notice, other basketball entities around the country are coming around

For the first time in the program's history, the Miners have received votes in both the Associated Press and the ESPN/USA Today polls.

At their game against Alabama-Birmingham last Friday night, 1,453 fans filtered into the Don Haskins Center to witness UTEP's comefrom-behind 67-64 victory.

Now while 1,453 people may not sound like

fans the women usually get at one of their games.

Sunday against Memphis, the women drew 1,014 fans.

It no doubt has taken time for the city to realize what they have in a women's basketball team. But better late than never I always say.

I certainly hope the people of El Paso will start to come out and support these players. They deserve it. They are the best team in the conference and are on the way to accomplishing things that no other UTEP women's team has even come close to.

C'mon El Paso, do you have a clue how much the tickets are to a women's game? Ready for this, it cost \$5.50 for an adult and just \$2.50 for a child up to the age of 12.

Is that a bargain or what? Try spending that little at the movie theater.

The Miners have one of the most exciting point guards in the nation in Jareica Hughes. They have a force in the middle in 6-5 center Izbela Piekarska. They have an all-around electrifying basketball player in Montwood High graduate Natasha Lacy.

Throw in Kasia Krezel and Timika Williams

ginning to raise eyebrows across the nation.

And it just makes sense that if the rest of the country and the pollsters are beginning to take notice, then the fans of El Paso should also begin to take notice.

It's going to take the UTEP men some time a little time to cool off. Think again. to develop into a contender. The UTEP women are on the brink of a league title right now.

Jump on the band wagon my fellow El Pasoans. Better late than never.

### Trigger happy

What the heck happened this week with the girlfriend of Pittsburgh Steelers wide receiver Cedrick Wilson?

It was reported on Monday that he and his girlfriend, Lindsay Paulat, got into some kind of an argument at Wilson's home last Saturday morning.

Having enough of the argument, Wilson left the house at about noon. But it took a little longer for Paulat to cool down.

Soon after Wilson left his home, Paulat's mother arrived on the scene, presumably to console her daughter.

But in an unusual turn of events, after her

a lot. Consider that it is double the number of and the Miners have a foundation that is be-mom had been there a bit, Paulat, for some still unknown reason, fired two shots from her boyfriend's handgun into the wall.

> In a very smart move, mom left the house at about 1 p.m.

So you would think that Paulat would have

Police arrived at the scene and a standoff ensued. How long did it take for Paulat to cool down and come to her senses? It took her about 12 hours.

Police had to evacuate about 70 neighbors from their home as they surrounded the house. Paulat finally gave in to police when she tossed the gun from the front door.

Paulat was arrested and charged with aggravated assault and reckless endangering another

Boy, and I bet Wilson thought the New England Patriots were tough to deal with.

I don't know what possessed Paulat to grab a firearm and shoot it while her mom was with her in the house, but I've got some advice for the Steelers' wide receiver.

Be afraid... be very afraid — or like the agitated ghost said in the movie Poltergeist,

### Weekly **SUDOKU**

### by Linda Thistle

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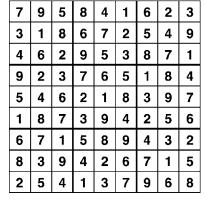
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### **DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK:** ★★

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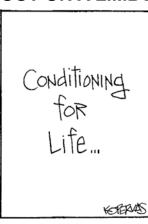
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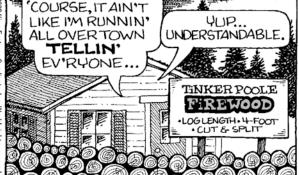






R.F.D. By Mike Marland





### We better sleep on this one

#### By Don Flood

sort of like crack cocaine.

Scientists are experimenting with a chemical called orexin A, which, according to Wired magazine's Web site, "reversed the effects of sleep deprivation in monkeys" — with no side effects.

(I don't want to know how they kept those poor monkeys awake, but I will note, a la Dave Barry, that Sleep Deprived Monkeys is end of two of our chief excuses for pretty good name for a rock band.)

The idea, of course, is that orexin A, which is snorted via nasal spray, will work for people.

According to the National Sleep Foundation — and that's a real organization — 70 percent of Americans don't get enough sleep. (The other 30 percent were too jittery from "coffee nerves" to answer the survey coherently.)

You know, I can't help thinking that a job at the National Sleep Foundation office would be pretty good deal: "Oh look, it's time for blah blah blah." my afternoon nap."

the National Sleep Foundation.

They're probably the only office with an answering machine that says, "I'm sorry, but we can't answer the phone now because we're asleep." Besides, the boss is probably zonked out himself.

But I digress, probably beof coffee.

As one of the scientists noted, "We have to realize that we are alare already self-medicating with caffeine."

right now, and I'm still not sure coffee before it's too late. I've got the right dosage.

You know those big contain- (c) 2008 King Features Synd., Inc. ers from the coffee shops that are

designed to serve an entire of-It sounds like a good idea at first fice? I find that a couple of them keep me self-medicated through mid-morning.

> But while doing away with sleep might sound like a dream come true, there could be serious consequences to moving away from our coffee/caffeine-based economy. Such as, what would we do with all those Starbucks?

> Also, orexin A could spell the getting out of things we don't want to do: time and tiredness.

> Sample Excuse I: "Oh, I've got to go do some stuff around the

> No, you don't. With orexin A, you've got all night.

> Sample Excuse II: "I can't go out. I need to get some sleep."

> Not any more. One snort and you're good to go.

> Now some people will say, "Oh, this is so wonderful. We'll able to able accomplish so much more and

(I hate to resort to using "blah What could they say? They're blah blah" but that second box of coffee hasn't kicked in yet.)

> These people are delusional and likely suffering from a caffeine deficiency.

If you look at how Americans spend their leisure time — and you're way better off if you don't you'll find people spend countcause I'm still on my first bucket less hours watching TV, playing video games, shopping and scratching themselves.

We don't need more time for any ready living in a society where we of those activities, except perhaps for the last one.

In short, orexin A is a bad idea. No kidding. I'm self-medicating It's time to wake up and smell the

dflood287@comcast.net

### **King Super Crossword**

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### School Boards Make a Difference

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