

NEWSBRIEFS

Health Literacy Night

Canutillo Middle School's Coordinated School Health Committee will sponsor "Health Literacy Night", an event to promote health literacy among students, parents and community members. Health Literacy Night will be held during the CMS Parent/Teacher conference, from 3 p.m. to 7 p.m., Tuesday, March 11, at CMS, (7311 Bosque Road). Organizers are also holding a blood drive during the event as part of promoting community health. The theme of the event is "A Healthier Child Makes a Better Learner". Sponsors hope the event will increase awareness about various health topics including mental and emotional health, consumer and personal health, community and social health, nutrition and substance abuse. CMS teachers also will provide presentations on health topics such as over-the-counter and prescription drug abuse, suicide, bullying, gang prevention, fitness and nutrition. "Health Literacy is an important part of a student's total education. The first goal of the Coordinated School Health Committee is to promote holistic health literacy of all CMS stakeholders," said Sharon Norris, CMS teacher and Coordinated School Health Committee chairperson.

Hispanic art

Clint Independent School Districts Annual "Hispanics in Arts" will be held March 12, 2008 from 6-8 pm at Horizon High School (14651 Horizon Blvd.) The event will feature award winning authors Denise Chavez and Jorge Arzueta. Both will read from their books. Local artist and muralist, Maria Almedia Natividad, will also be featured and will be signing her prints. The community is invited to attend.

Surratt grant

Surratt Elementary Library has been awarded a \$5,000 grant from the Price's "Give'em Five" program. Librarian, Alice Juarez, submitted the grant with a plan to use the funds to implement a program titled PRICES (Promoting Reading Individually Conquering Odds Especially at Surratt). The program will promote and enhance reading at Surratt by providing bilingual books and books with CD kits for students and teachers to check-out. The PRICES program will target bilingual students in Pre-Kindergarten through second grade. "After doing a needs assessment, we learned we had limited materials for reading and listening which targeted these grade levels," says Juarez. The books with CD's will help the lower grades in learning to read and to gain language fluency. The books will assist our bilingual students to gain reading fluency in both English and Spanish. Surratt Parent Teacher Organization (PTO) participates in the Price's "Give'em Five" program which made Surratt Elementary Library eligible for the grant. Every year Surratt students collect Price's milk caps. The Surratt PTO collects those caps and rewards the class who collects the most with an ice cream party.

A grandmother is a baby sitter who watches the kids instead of the television.

— Quips & Quotes

Chief says Clint is a safe place

By Don Woodyard
Courier Staff Writer

CLINT— There is a new look to law enforcement in the town of Clint.

For little over a year, work has been under way to improve conditions in the town's police headquarters.

The most notable improvement is the addition of a four-foot by four-foot steel mesh holding cell in a corner of the patrol room. The cell, which holds two people, was built by welder Cosme Santillian who donated his time, Police Chief Alejandro Sanchez. Total cost of building the cell was \$100.

"It is occupied from time to time," Sanchez says with a smile.

He points out that the larger patrol room was formerly the police chief's office. To provide controlled public access, a lobby area was carved out of the patrol room. What was the smaller patrol room is now the chief's office.

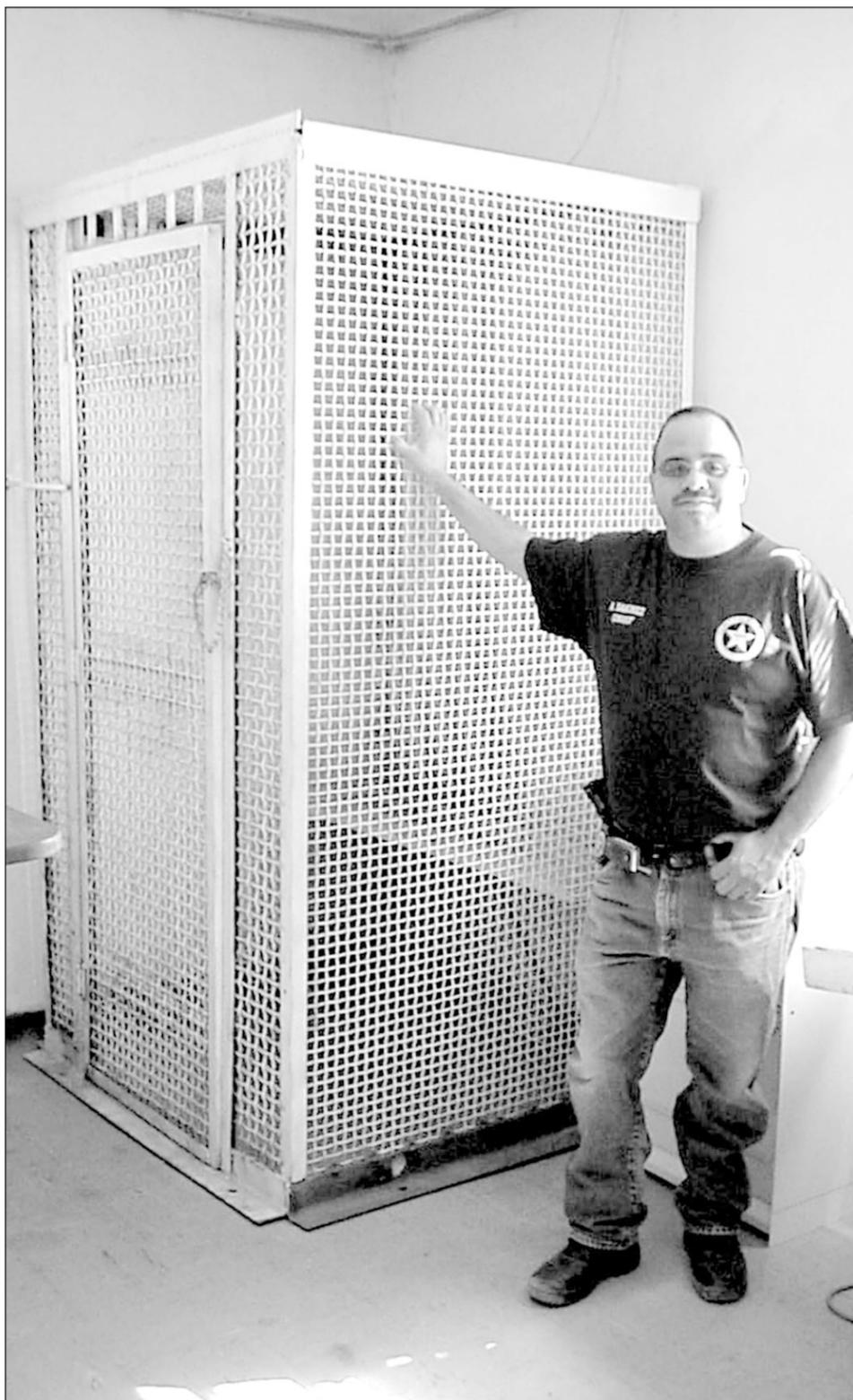
Sanchez is the only full-time law enforcement officer on the Clint Police force. He supervises the work of four Reserve volunteers who are certified and trained peace officers with full arrest powers. The department has two marked units and one unmarked vehicle. His long-term goal is to have one full-time officer on duty at any given time.

Law enforcement protection is provided by the El Paso County Sheriff's Department when Clint Police are not on duty.

Sanchez, who is from San Elizario, started with the department in August of 2005 as a Reserve officer. He worked his way up from sergeant to lieutenant. He was named interim chief of police in March of 2006 replacing Ricardo Wiest. The qualifying term of "interim" was removed six months ago when he was named the regular, full-time department head.

Sanchez entered law enforcement in 1994 as a reserve officer in the constable's office. He subsequently served in the Socorro Police

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— Staff photo

VACANCY — Clint Police Chief Alejandro Sanchez leans up against the small holding cell inside his station. While it is empty in the photo, the cell has been occupied.

Canutillo HS Health Occupations Students of America advance to state

By Kim Guzman
Special to the Courier

Thirteen Canutillo High School Health Occupations Students of America (HOSA) participants advanced to state competition after placing among the top finishers in area contests during the annual Area IV HOSA leadership conference held in San Angelo recently.

First place winners from CHS include: Adam Cooper, sophomore, in First Aid/Rescue Breathing; Miriam Garcia, senior, in Prepared Speaking. Second place qualifiers are Alan Lara, sophomore, in Medical Math; and Dolores Hidalgo, sophomore, in Prepared Speaking. Third place qualifiers are Ivette Gonzalez, sophomore, in Home Health Aide; Sammy Barraza, junior, in Medical Assisting Clinical.

Team qualifiers include Eric Flores, senior, and Selma Holguin, senior, third place for Forensic Medicine; and the team of Alfonso Frias,

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— Photo courtesy Clint ISD

Canutillo High School's Health Occupations Students of America state qualifiers and their advisors are (seated in front row from left) Eric Flores, Ivette Gonzalez, and Dolores Hidalgo. Standing, from left, are Julie Vinikoff, CHS teacher and HOSA advisor; Alfonso Frias, Selma Holguin, Patrick Cereceres, Miguel Sotelo, Sammy Barraza, and Robyn Weiss, CHS teacher and HOSA advisor.



One perspective

By Francis Shrum

It is enough

How do you know when enough is enough?

If you eat enough you feel full. If you keep on eating, you get sick at your stomach.

A glass of wine makes your meal pleasant and the company more companionable. Too many glasses turns the whole social event into a disaster in which you are the obnoxious star.

I've heard it said that house guests are like fish — after several days they start to smell.

It's the same way with wordy columnists. At a certain point, enough is enough.

There's a modern term Americans use to describe the condition when you've been doing something for a long time that has been fun and fulfilling, but has also been strenuous, demanding, challenging — the way all good things in life should be, an activity you hope has somehow been a benefit to others as well as to yourself.

There comes a time when all really great life activities stop accomplishing what they once did — when a wordy columnist begins to realize that he or she has pretty much said everything they have to say at the

moment and there is a need for a little down time, some time to collect and rejuvenate, and maybe feel and see some new things, collect new ideas, even think new thoughts.

Americans call it burn-out. It's how you feel when it has been enough.

Writing is one of those things I love, always have, always will. Writing an opinion column for years now has been a fulfilling, even joyous, experience. After all, as one person said to me, "I wish I had a soap box every week to air my views about things!"

It is a rare and wonderful privilege to write and to have what you wrote published. It has not been a privilege that I have ever taken lightly.

Writing down my personal perspectives has been one of the most fun activities I've ever had but the time has come to "prioritize my hobbies," as I heard one retired person say recently.

It's not that I'm retiring, of course — I am, sadly, quite a number of years from that exalted condition. But the time has come to prioritize the things I "also do." Writing this column is one of them.

Fortunately, burn-out doesn't allow for the cessation of the real priorities in life. There are some things to which burn-out does not apply. God. Family.

Employment. These are continuous and vital. When "other activities" began to erode a person's ability to maintain those essentials, the time has come to step back and re-evaluate the use of time and resources.

I began writing this column by default — when a really qualified person decided he had done it enough, and someone else had to fill the space. That someone was me. I have been honored to be published by King Features Syndicate for several years now with publication in some small community newspapers across the country.

My greatest reward has been the letters written when something I said struck a chord in someone else. Those

letters have been heartening, funny, encouraging, but mostly they have been humbling.

What they have shown me is how little I really do know, how unqualified any of us truly are to put ourselves out there as some kind of expert. When real life is involved, what does an opinion matter?

I recently wrote about the supergerms we are creating by the improper use of antibiotics and I decried the lack of quarantine and attention to hygiene and cleanliness in our health care facilities.

A few weeks later I received a beautiful card from a woman in New Jersey. She said in 1957 there was a

nursery in a Texas hospital in which the staff had become lax in washing their hands. A staph germ spread pneumonia in the nursery and most of the children died.

One of them was her two-year-old daughter.

I sat and held the card in my hand, tears on my face.

Humbling, humbling.

So as we all get on with real life, I'm going to just shut up and listen, absorb the joys and sorrows of this human experience, and let someone else write words of opinion. Right now, I don't have many opinions, just many thoughts and a great deal of gratitude.

And that is enough.



Por la Gente By State Rep. Chente Quintanilla

Volunteer fire departments

Hola, mi gente. Most of you who keep abreast of current events are

informed more about city and county government actions. State agencies generally do not receive as much press but they do impact our lives tremendously.

One of my priorities as your state representative has been to provide a conduit to those agencies for the constituents in District 75. As the elected state official, I get the ear of the agency directors who in turn help me assist you.

During the last legislative session, the 80th which convened from Jan. of 2007 for 140 days, I had the pleasure of meeting with James B. Hull, the current Director for the Texas Forest Service. I met with him because I needed information about grant monies from his agency that were distributed to volunteer fire departments in Texas. I had a big concern that El Paso County was not getting its fair share.

During the meeting he assured me that the volunteer fire depart-

ments of Horizon City, Montana Vista, Socorro, Fabens, Clint and San Elizario were applying and receiving good amounts. That was good news.

Later in the year, I had the pleasure of meeting with the volunteer fire departments in my district. During the period of meetings, we agreed that a meeting with the Director of the Forest Service would be beneficial for our volunteer firemen. So at my invitation, Director Hull visited us on Jan. 30.

El Paso county is unlike many of the other counties that have volunteer fire departments. The amount of growth far and away exceeds the normal rural county. That was our main goal in meeting with the director: to educate him on our needs. According to Director Hull and to Ron Larson, administrator of the Horizon City Volunteer Fire Department, the meeting was very productive.

I feel the most important fact that the director went away with was how much El Paso County is growing. He recognized the need for enhancing our emergency services

districts and committed to a higher level of assistance to the "wonderful people of District 75" as his letter to me stated. Our first responders have the ear of the agency should any needs arise. I believe that there are grants to be submitted later this year for more valuable hardware.

I came away from the meeting with a new respect for the volunteer fire departments. We are privileged in El Paso County to have volunteer fire departments that, according to director Hull, are "models of what volunteer excellence can and should be". Although we have areas that need improvement, I am confident that we have the expertise to meet the future challenges. Congratulations to the volunteer fire departments of El Paso County.

This visit probably did more for the state of Texas than us, but that is okay. When grant requests are made by our guys, the bureaucrats in Austin will now know that the grant money will be well spent.

Gracias, mi gente, and I remain your friend and public servant, Chente for la gente.



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HEADQUARTERS — The Clint Police Department is housed in this vintage building just off of FM 1110 and Alameda Ave.

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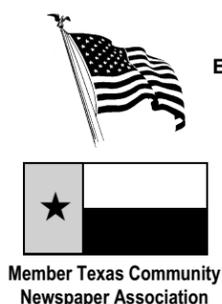
Department. From 2002-05 he worked for the Transportation Security Administration as an airport screener.

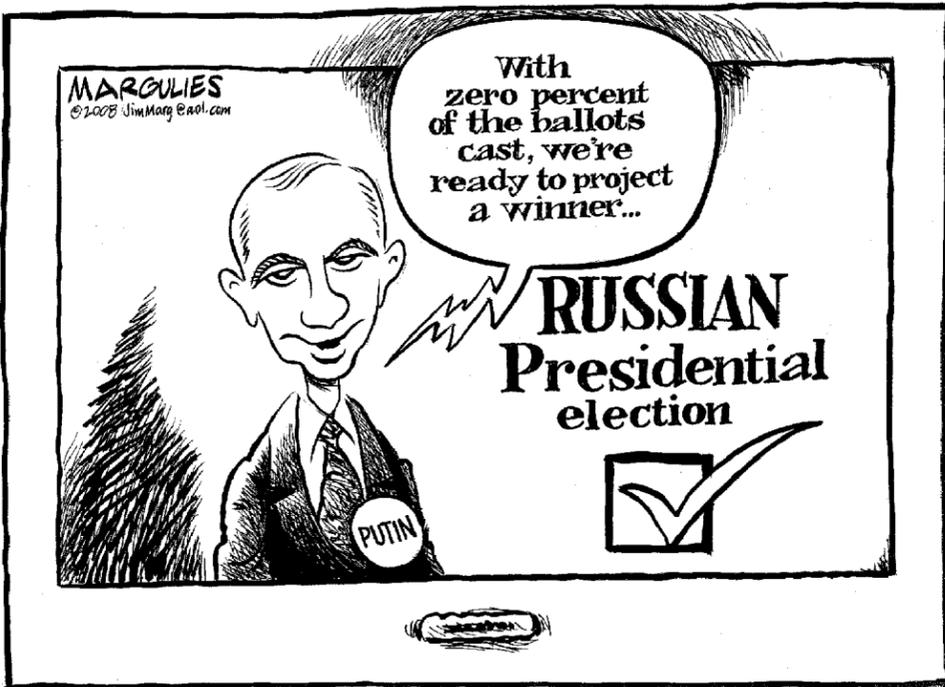
He emphasizes the importance of effective communication with the public. He achieves this in part with his own Clint Police website. "I want to communicate to the public just who we are," he notes. He adds that he has an open door policy for community members "whenever they want to talk with me."

Sanchez praises Mayor Dale Reinhardt and the Town Council for their help.

"I've gotten a lot of support from the town. The changes could not have been made without council's help."

From his perspective, Sanchez says the town of Clint is "pretty safe."





Reyes Reports By U.S. Rep. Silvestre Reyes

Digital television

Coupons available to help buy converter boxes

As many of you may know, by Feb. 17, 2009, television stations will start broadcasting in an exclusively digital format. Currently, many major stations transmit signals in both digital and analog, and those signals are picked up by either an analog or digital television. Most of us have analog TV sets, and many of us continue to watch TV in an analog format, or through an antenna. For many El Pasoans who own an analog television, this change will require obtaining a digital-to-analog converter box.

This transition actually has very practical origins. In 1996, Congress recognized the need to take action when it became apparent that increasing demand outpaced the finite supply of spectrum, the frequencies through which all wireless communications and data flow. If spectrum is taken up solely by private companies, there may not be enough to ensure that our public safety services, like firemen, police and rescue units in a natural disaster, can communicate effectively among themselves and to the community. To fix this, we decided to free up spectrum taken up by analog transmissions, and then use that to supply these emergency responders with adequate communications capabilities. As an added benefit, the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) will auction off spectrum to companies that will enhance wireless networks in an increasingly wireless age.

Better yet, El Pasoans will get better sound and picture quality with digital television than with analog. Although the technology will not necessarily improve every aspect of the picture, it will in most cases eliminate that "fuzzy" or "snowy" effect. Also, as television stations

go digital they can broadcast more channels. If television stations were still using analog technology, then they could only broadcast one channel, which would take up their entire spectrum. One station broadcasting several digital channels is called multi-casting. For El Pasoans, it means the ability to access more channels without cable or satellite (Note: If you do have cable or satellite, you should contact your service provider to find out what needs to be done).

The National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA) is offering up to two \$40 coupons to every U.S. household to purchase digital-to-analog converter boxes. The boxes themselves are projected to cost \$39.99-\$70. These coupons will be available from Jan. 1, 2008 until Mar. 31, 2009. For more information on this, please visit www.dtv2009.gov.

We still need to be aware of what we are buying. Analog television sets without a built-in digital converter must have a digital-to-analog converter box. Congress decreed that analog televisions or television devices (VCRs, DVD players, etc.) will no longer be imported into the United States or shipped in interstate commerce after Mar. 1, 2009. Some stores, however, will still have to sell surplus analog TV sets. Look for the "consumer alert" label on all television sets sold after that date to make sure you are buying a television that will work.

I am confident that this much-needed transition will occur smoothly. We will be better prepared to respond to emergencies, our wireless technologies will improve, and above all, El Pasoans will have access to more, better quality channels.

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City of Socorro approves purchase of land for park

OUTSTANDING IN HIS FIELD — Socorro Mayor Trini Lopez has long wanted to get land for a new park in the City of Socorro. On Feb. 21 the city council of Socorro approved the purchase of this six-acre parcel located on Bufford Road just west of Rio Vista Rd. "I personally believe that it is a great accomplishment for the benefit of our citizens and the youth population," said Lopez. "Socorro is in a great need of

parcs and recreation facilities. This is the first time in Socorro history that council approved purchasing property for such a purpose." Lopez envisions a complete facility including tennis courts, basketball courts, walking paths, exercise stations and softball fields. He said a park designer will most likely be retained and wants the plan to include plenty of trees for shade.

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senior; Karla Lara, senior; and Miguel Sotelo, junior, for second place in Biomedical Debate.

"Patrick Cereceres, junior, is the HOSA President for Local Area 4 and will be seeking the state officer candidacy at the upcoming conference in Austin," said Julie Vinikoff, CHS health science teacher and HOSA advisor.

The Area IV HOSA conference included students from high schools and health occupations magnet schools throughout West Texas including El Paso, Amarillo, Lubbock, Midland, Odessa, Abilene and San Angelo. More than 500 students competed in the local area contest to qualify for state competition. There are a total of seven different areas across the state of Texas.

The April 10-12 state level competition will be held in Austin, where qualifiers will go on to the national conference in Dallas in June.

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DIGGIN' IT — From left are Fred Perez and Jose Salas, ARTchitecture; Jim Suerken, SMS Architects; Robert Lara and Fred Martinez, Board members; Ricardo Estrada, CISD Superintendent; Esmail Panahi, BANES General Contractors; C.T. Welch Intermediate students Ezequiel Santiago, Valeria Olivo, and Eduardo Lopez; Sandra Odenborg, Director of Facilities; Alfredo Solis, Asst. Superintendent for Support Services.

Clint ISD breaks ground on 13th campus

By **Laura Cade**
Special to the Courier

Clint Independent School District (CISD) held a groundbreaking ceremony on Feb. 22, 2008 to mark the beginning of construction of a new middle school in Horizon City. This much anticipated event for CISD was made even more special as students, parents, community members, contractors, architects, district staff, and board members came out to show their support for CISD and join in on the celebration.

The school, located off of

Darrington and LTV Road will be CISD's 13th campus. Once completed for the 2009-2010 school year, the school will offer students all the instructional facilities needed for them to excel such as science labs, fine arts and athletic facilities.

The ceremony also marked the beginning of Phase 1 Projects of the 2006 bond election in which voters approved \$90 million in projects for CISD. Phase I projects will total \$34,250,000 and include the new middle school and instructional additions to existing campuses. The remaining amount from the \$90 million bond will be ex-

tended over the next few years through Phases II and III. A new elementary school in Horizon City and a new Clint High School south of I-10 are included in Phases II and III of the 2006 Bond projects as well as renovations and remodeling of existing campuses.

CISD currently has 10,400 students. 5,200 of those students attend schools in the Horizon area. Based on growth trends and additional subdivisions being planned, CISD is expected to reach 20,000 students over the next five years. The majority of student growth in CISD is occurring in the Horizon City area.



— Photo courtesy San Elizario ISD

CHAMPS — Coach Grace Tapia, center, with her perfect 11 and 0 Lady Eagles basketball team.

Garcia-Enriquez 8th grade girls top basketball team in district

By **Cynthia P. Marentes**
Special to the Courier

The Garcia-Enriquez Middle School (GEMS) 8th grade girls' basketball team completed a perfect, undefeated season earning both the district and conference tournament championships. The team's last game on Feb. 16 against Canutillo's Alderete Middle School capped a flawless record of 11-0.

The GEMS Lady Eagles were guided by Grace Tapia who happily assumed the responsibilities of coaching the team in November, just right before the season started. Being brand new to coaching, Tapia was not intimidated by the short amount of time she had left to prepare knowing that she was inheriting a group of capable athletes who had also performed well as 7th graders.

Tapia currently works in the GEMS cafeteria as a Food Service Worker and Back-up Cashier. While, Tapia had played basketball in high school and had been involved with other organized sports for years, she had no other experience coaching. Nonetheless, when GEMS Assistant Principal George Saenz approached her about taking over the 8th grade girls basketball team, Tapia jumped at the chance and excitedly responded, "Yes I'll do it! Coaching has always been a dream for me."

Tapia quickly got to work with her basketball players practicing every day after-school and even on Saturdays at times when her weekly practice was interrupted by other events on campus. It didn't take Tapia long to recognize the talent and skill displayed by the girls on the court.

"They are just awesome. I knew they were going to be a good team

because they were awesome last year too. They are like a family. The girls are all very respectful and they seem to get along with anybody. They are all friends and hang out together," Tapia said.

The GEMS Lady Eagles 8th grade basketball team consists of eight players: Lizette Magurequi, Jackie Cano, Ruby Vargas, Amanda Gurrola, Pam Hernandez, Josie Flores, Leslie Caballero, and Denise Heredia. The team forms part of the El Paso County Athletic Association which includes: Tornillo, Fabens, Anthony, two middle schools from Canutillo, and three middle schools from Clint.

When asked if she would continue coaching basketball, Tapia responded, "I want to do it again. I don't know if they'll ask me but it will be my privilege. The team did awesome throughout this season. They played hard and tough, they never gave up."

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Clemens and Bonds could wind up playing for the same team

By Steve Escajeda
Special to the Courier

It's been a long an unforgiving off-season for Major League Baseball. All the talk about the league has centered around steroids and human growth hormone instead of pitching, catching and hitting.

Well, players have reported for spring training and exhibition games are being played.

Any other year, fans and media members would be talking about who the young studs are, which veterans are going to be leading their teams and which managers are going to have the magic touch.

And don't forget all the yapping between the Yankees and Red Sox.

But instead of pickoffs, double steals and sacrifice flies, all the talk continues to be about illegal drug enhancement.

And two names have clearly come to the forefront — Roger Clemens and Barry Bonds.

Everybody and their grandma knows about Roger Clemens and his visit in front of a congressional committee for a little question and answer session. Clemens gave his side of the story and his former trainer Brian McNamee gave his side.

When it was all said and done, it appears that Clemens did very little to sway committee members.

Now it appears that "The Rocket" is going to be indicted on perjury charges. Clemens said he never took steroids and McNamee handed over syringes he said he poked Clemens' backside with.

Clemens said he'd never been to a party at Jose Canseco's house where McNamee alleged a conversion took place between Canseco and Clemens about steroids. Then a photo showed up of Clemens posing with an 11-year-old boy at the party.

When teammate Andy Pettitte said Clemens spoke to him about using steroids, Clemens said it was simply as case of Pettitte misremembering.

Gee, I wonder why nobody believed him.

But Clemens is not the only guy about to have the weight of the whole world upon him. The focus is about to return to our old pal Barry Bonds.

Bonds has always asserted that he only failed one drug test and that was because he thought he was having flaxseed oil rubbed on him.

Now there appears to be evidence that Bonds failed more than one drug test.

Oops! Let me guess, this time it was petro-

leum jelly.

I don't know what Barry is going to blame this on, but I'm sure it will be a doozy.

All this has got me thinking. After the inevitable perjury trials, I wonder who'll get the top bunk... Clemens or Bonds?

Time Warner tumbles

All successful sports teams know that it's very important to start a game strong and finish strong.

That is exactly what Time Warner Cable did not do when they attempted to televise the UTEP men's basketball game against SMU last Saturday night.

After spending the week bragging that they were finally going to broadcast a UTEP road conference game, Time Warner channel 24 slipped, stumbled and ultimately fell short of its goal of pleasing El Paso sports fans.

First of all, people tuning in to watch the game were greeted with a message all to familiar to local UTEP sports fans — "Due to technical difficulties the UTEP basketball game will not be televised."

Not "please stand by" or "we're working on the problem" or "stay tuned". The message said "will not be televised".

So most El Paso fans left the game and

watched something else, as did I.

Then what happened? Time Warner eventually gets the game on the screen. Gee, too late guys — everybody is watching ESPN or "Seinfeld" reruns.

So I was lucky enough to check back in and catch the rest of the UTEP game — well, not exactly the rest.

The Miners battled SMU to a tie in an exciting game. Then the Miners and SMU finished the first overtime tied as well. Then, just as the announcer said the Miners and Mustangs were about to tip it up for the second overtime — the screen went to color bars and a high-pitched squeal.

Nothing. The game was off the air. The game was off the air for good.

The UTEP fans who were fortunate enough to know the game was being televised after all, were not able to watch the second overtime. What happened?

My guess is that Time Warner rented the satellite feed for a certain amount of time, never considering the chance that the game could go beyond the allotted time. It did, and they were unable, or unwilling, to do anything about it.

So who lost last Saturday? The Miners lost, oh, and even worse — the UTEP fans lost out as well. Thanks Time Warner.

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Texas Boll Weevil Eradication Foundation

Texas Boll Weevil Eradication Foundation, Inc. is soliciting bids for the manual application of pink bollworm pheromone ropes. Ropes will be tied to cotton plants at an approximate rate of 200 ropes per acre at certain stages of growth. A minimum of 10-15 people over a two to four-week period will be needed for this activity. Applications of ropes in the El Paso and Trans Pecos areas will begin in late May or

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1) Ordinance No. 0163 — 2nd reading — Amendment No. 007 — Amending the Budget Ordinance to transfer \$15,450.00 as follows:

From : Budget Item #400605, Miscellaneous Review

To: Budget Item # 508707, Maintenance—Parks

Explanation: For use in procuring, delivery and placement of compost and soil-compost mix on city parks

Those who are unable to attend may submit their views in writing to the City Clerk of Horizon City. Accommodations for handicapped persons will be available and individuals in need of special assistance for attending the hearing are encouraged to contact the City Clerk at 915-852-1046, forty-eight (48) hours prior to this meeting. Ordinances are available for viewing or copying upon request from the City Clerk at the above address or call 915-852-1046, Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

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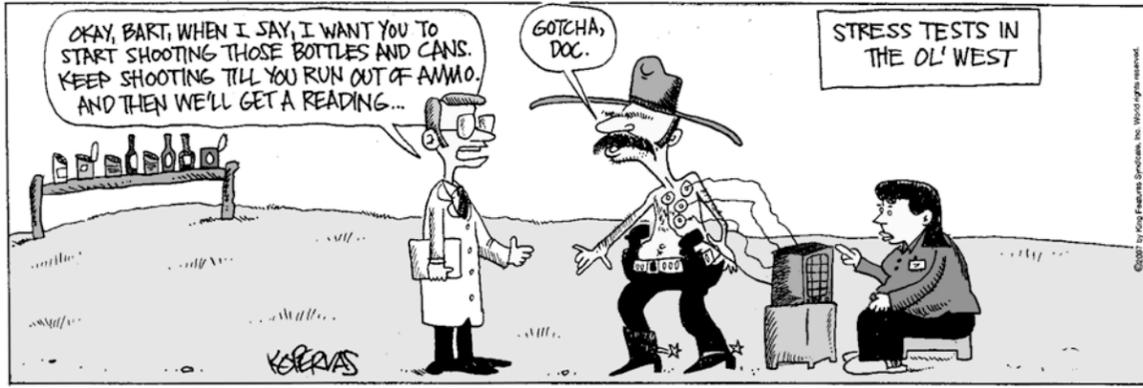
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What are Wii going to do?

By Don Flood

The headline took an almost threatening tone: "What are you willing to do to be happy?"

It was almost as if, if you weren't willing to rob a bank while wearing a chicken suit, for example, then maybe you didn't deserve to be happy.

And since the story came from Oprah.com it couldn't be ignored, any more than you could ignore Moses if he appeared in your living room with an 11th commandment (such as "Thou shalt not place false talk-show hosts before Oprah").

The article mentioned a young woman, a successful Wall Street bank executive, who took a 90 percent pay cut to pursue her dream of becoming a trapeze artist.

She's now deliriously happy, or at least she's under the delusion that she is, which is just as good.

That's great, you say. Where can I sign up to be a trapeze artist so that I can be happy too?

Here's the rub. Trapeze artist, oddly enough, is not a fast-growing career field. (But you young folks should check with your guidance counselor.)

You may also be in my situation, where the dream of a satisfying career in the flying trapeze industry passed me by sometime during the Ford administration.

In fact, my best hope for a flying trapeze career depends on Nintendo coming up with a version for its Wii game system, though I suspect my performance wouldn't draw big crowds:

"And now, that daring middle-aged man on the flying trapeze — yes, the one in spandex, Don the Magnificent — will pretend he is doing something dangerous."

Which, sadly, brings up an important issue. We as a nation (not that I'm including you, of course) are out of shape.

According to a recent article — absolutely true — people are starting to complain about injuries received while playing with the Wii game system. Among the hazardous games are virtual reality bowling and golf.

I'm sorry, people, but let's face it. It's bad enough injuring yourself bowling or playing golf, but to hurt yourself pretending to play these games?

Pretty soon we'll be restricted to virtual tai chi, unless that also become too risky, at which point we'll be left to play virtual couch potato.

Part of the problem — also absolutely true — may be diet soda, which a recent study has linked to weight gain.

This is a truly stunning development that could attack two of the pillars of our modern economy: diet sodas and weight-loss plans.

Up to now, apparently, they have enjoyed a perfect symbiotic relationship: People drink diet soda to lose weight, they steadily gain weight; they then pay to join diet plans, which don't work, so they drink more diet soda. This is why we have the world's strongest economy.

This is also disturbing since I depend on a carbonated diet beverage to get me through the afternoon doldrums, which usually hits me around 9:30 a.m.

I'll also have to consider ways to keep the weight off — otherwise I won't look good in my spandex flying trapeze suit.

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 - 83 " _ -di-dah"
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 - 87 Suitable
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 - 91 Put the metal to the metal
 - 92 Rita of "The King and I"
 - 93 Vigor
 - 94 Playground game
 - 95 Morocco's capital
 - 96 Boxer Griffith
 - 97 George of "Just Shoot Me"
 - 98 Loony Lee
 - 101 Flutist Herbie
 - 102 Nobelist Andric
 - 103 Journalist Jacob
 - 104 "Armageddon" author
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Social Security Q&A By Ray Vigil

Eight for 2008: Interesting facts about Social Security

Here are eight interesting facts about Social Security for 2008.

1. In 2008, about 50 million Americans will receive Social Security benefits — that's roughly TWICE the number of people who live in the cities of New York, Los Angeles, Chicago, Houston, Philadelphia, Phoenix,

San Antonio, San Diego and Dallas combined.

2. The nation's first baby-boomer begins collecting Social Security retirement benefits in February 2008 and over the next 20 years another 78 million baby boomers will be eligible to apply for benefits, too. That's

an average of more than 10,000 people applying for benefits every day!

3. About 70 percent of private sector workers have no long-term disability insurance — but nearly all workers and their families have Social Security protection in the event of a long-term disability.

4. The average monthly Social Security survivors insurance benefit for a widow or widower with two dependent children is about \$2,243 per month — which for most workers is more than the value of their private life insurance.

5. More than 3 million children under age 18 get Social Security benefits — as survivors of deceased workers, or as the children of people receiving retirement or disability benefits.

6. Approximately 442 million Social Security numbers have been issued since 1936 — but there are approximately 1 billion possible Social Security number combinations with the nine-digit number, so there are plenty more to go around.

7. Social Security offices are VERY busy. Nearly 42 million people visit a Social Security office

each year. Another 60 million call our nationwide toll-free telephone service each year at 1-800-772-1213 (TTY 1-800-325-0778). In addition, about 48 million people visit our Internet website at www.socialsecurity.gov.

8. By 2032, there will be almost twice as many older Americans as today — growing from 38 million today to 72 million.

If you find these facts interesting and would like to know more about any aspect of the Social Security programs, you can visit our website at www.socialsecurity.gov.

Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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WELCOME HOME — Among the crowd greeting the troops were SISD Assistant Superintendent for Support Services Pat O'Neill, SISD Superintendent of Schools Dr. Sylvia P. Atkinson, SISD Board President Charles E. Garcia and 14 Montwood High School Special Education students who had spent the past few days preparing to greet members of the 4th Brigade, First Cavalry Division (4-1 Cav.) and the 3rd Battalion, 43rd Air Defense Artillery (3-43 ADA) of the 11th Air Defense Artillery Brigade.

Montwood students help welcome back soldiers

By Irma Flores
Special to the Courier

With US flags and welcome home banners in hand, El Pasoans of all ages lined up along Downtown streets to greet more than 4000 soldiers back to the Sun City. Among the crowd was a group of 14 Montwood High School Special Education students who had spent the past few days preparing to greet members of the 4th Brigade, First Cavalry Division (4-1 Cav.) and the 3rd Battalion, 43rd Air Defense Artillery (3-43 ADA) of the 11th Air Defense Artillery Brigade. The group joined the hundreds of residents on Mills Street in Downtown El Paso to offer their support and welcome back the troops. The "Welcome Home Heroes Parade" was led by Mayor John Cook and sponsored by the City of El Paso.

With dignitaries and Generals sitting in the grandstand and Boy Scout troops passing out US flags, the Montwood students held up their signs and saluted 150 wounded soldiers who passed them.

"We are here to support our troops and create community involvement," said Rosie Yanez

who teaches the self-contained unit at Montwood. "It's very important to have our students establish themselves in our community. Our students are very excited to be here. They wanted to be a part of this event and show their support of our soldiers and show some of that Montwood pride."

"It's an incredible experience for our students to be able to participate and cheer for our troops. They are sharing a special moment with our soldiers, their families and the entire community," said SISD Superintendent Dr. Sylvia P. Atkinson.

"These students are showing us what true pride is. They were among the first out here and they are the loudest cheering section," said SISD Board President Charles E. Garcia who greeted the students.

A crowd of 5,000 was expected to be part of the parade which featured Fort Bliss soldiers who have returned from a 15-month deployment from Iraq and the Middle East. According to Mayor Cook the parade has become a true community event with tremendous participation from military and community organizations. He also thanked everyone for their dedication to honoring these tremendous men and women.



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