

NEWSBRIEFS

Crime Stoppers

Crime Stoppers of El Paso is assisting the El Paso Police Department in locating the person or persons responsible for the murder of a man on the eastside, making this the "Crime of the Week." On Monday night, May 26, family members of Frederick Tarango, who lived at 9353 Viscount in the High Ridge Apartments, asked apartment management to check on Tarango because they had not heard from him in several days. Upon entering the apartment, they found Tarango dead. Officers from the Crimes Against Persons unit and the Criminalistics unit immediately began an investigation of the scene and found signs that suggested the death was suspicious. An autopsy later revealed that Tarango had injuries which indicate he was the victim of murder. Investigators believe the murder took place some time between the evening of Tuesday, May 20th, and Wednesday morning, May 21st. It is the city's third homicide of the year, compared with five at this time last year. If you have any information at all about this crime, even if you don't think it's important, please call Crime Stoppers of El Paso at 566-TIPS (8477) or submit your tip online at www.crimestoppersofelpaso.org. You will remain anonymous and, if your tip leads to an arrest, you may earn a cash reward up to \$1,000.

SENTRI

U.S. Customs and Border Protection announced it will issue new cards for current Secure Electronic Network for Travelers Rapid Inspection members starting today and members should be receiving them within the next week. The new cards will have enhanced security features and will allow U.S. citizen cardholders to comply with the documentary requirements of the Western Hemisphere Travel Initiative. CBP will issue new SENTRI members the enhanced cards in July. All members must activate their cards within 30 days by going to <https://goes-app.cbp.dhs.gov/>. Additionally, current SENTRI members are requested to verify and update their contact information on-line at <https://goes-app.cbp.dhs.gov/>. SENTRI is a land-border crossing program that provides expedited CBP processing for pre-approved, low-risk travelers along the U.S./Mexico border. The SENTRI program was first implemented at Otay Mesa, Calif. in 1995, and has grown to include 16 lanes at the nine largest ports of entry along the U.S.-Mexico border including San Ysidro, Calif.; Calexico, Calif.; Nogales, Ariz.; two crossings in El Paso, Texas; and the Texas ports of Laredo, Hidalgo and Brownsville. More than 165,000 travelers from both sides of the border are currently registered in the SENTRI program.

Golf consists of a lot of walking — broken up by disappointments and bad arithmetic.

— Quips & Quotes

Beating the high price of gas



— Photo by Rick Shrum

SADDLE UP — Four horse power, great milage, can carry up to eight passengers with light luggage and comes with independent security system. These horses and their watchdog (next to the second horse from the left) were spotted at a Fabens gas station shortly after gas topped \$3.60 a gallon for regular. It may seem an unusual, but with gas prices going up every day, the hitching post may no longer be a part of the past but a fixture of the future. Maneuverability in freeway traffic may be questionable, but we all need to slow down a little. The riders were clearly stopping off here for a little refreshment — wonder what they brought back for the horses?

Mountain View HS tennis champs



— Photo courtesy Clint ISD

TEXAS SIZED TROPHIES — The Mountain View High School boys and girls tennis teams had a stellar season. Both squads earned the District Championship this year qualifying them for Regional competition. This is the fifth year in a row the boy's team has won the District Championship and the first year for the girl's team. The team also placed first in the Ysleta Invitational, second in the Austin Invitational and Third in the Burges Invitational. Roberto Avila and Marcos Alvarez are the District Boys Doubles Champions

for the second year in a row. Gabriela Flores and Lizeth Maciel are the District Girls Champions. "They are an unbelievable group of kids with the motivation, and work ethic to ensure success," says Coach Jesus Garcia. Team members, above from left, are Felipe Valle, Amanda Munoz, Victor Garcia, Nereida De Avila — Captain, Gabriela Flores, Lizette Maciel, Hannah Robertson; back row- Oscar Martinez, David Bustamante, Marco Alvarez, Robert Avila — Captain.

— Contributed by Laura Cade

Montes headed for Notre Dame

Jaime Montes, Canutillo High School senior, has been awarded a scholarship to attend the University of Notre Dame in the fall. He will begin his college career this summer as a participant in the university's Balfour-Hesburgh Scholars Program (BHSP), at South Bend, Indiana.

BHSP is an academic enrichment experience designed to help incoming first-year students make a successful transition from high school to college. The highlight of the program is a rigorous, four-week summer curriculum that introduces incoming freshmen to the challenges of university life.

Montes received over \$45,000 in scholarship and grants, which are renewable each year, from the University of Notre Dame. "I'm really excited about attending Norte Dame. It is ranked among the top colleges in the country; it will be a good school to continue my studies in history and to pursue a degree in law," Montes said.

Montes has attended Canutillo ISD schools since kindergarten at

Bill Childress Elementary School. "I really had some good teachers throughout my school years," Montes said, "and I remember that it was in third grade when I was placed in the GT (Gifted and Talented) program that I decided I wanted to do well in school."

At Canutillo High School, Montes earned a 98.4 grade point average and was ranked third in his class going into his final semester of high school. This school year, he was a platoon commander in the NJROTC program, a mentor in the Big Brothers Big Sisters program, and vice president of the CHS National Honor Society. Montes also competed in the Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) Business Law event where he won first in the regional contest and fifth in the state finals.

Montes will be among the approximately 325 seniors who will participate in the CHS commencement exercise scheduled for 8 p.m., Friday, June 6, at Julius and Irene Lowenberg Eagles Stadium (6675 South Desert Boulevard).



Jamie Montes



Por la Gente By State Rep. Chente Quintanilla

Rural districts do well

Hola, mi gente. In my last article, I touched on the fact that summer vacation is about to start. Teachers and students alike are probably very happy to reach the end of another school year.

There is one additional point that I would proudly like to put forth. The teachers and students in the school districts within District 75 did very well on the end of year TAKS exams.

Because I am a longtime resident of Tornillo, I am particularly proud to acknowledge the Tornillo Independent School District for once again performing well. Those of you who are familiar with that community know that it is anything but property wealthy. The good test results are a testament to the efforts of the school board, administration and especially the parents, students and teachers at the classroom level.

I am also compelled to point out

that our current funding method of sharing the property wealth between rich communities and poor communities makes it possible for a school district like Tornillo to excel. Well educated students from this small town are now capable of going on to higher education and eventually contributing to the prosperity of Texas.

Tornillo was not the only rural district that did very well. The Clint, San Elizario and Fabens districts also boasted good test results. Our rural schools make the most from the limited resources that are available to them. One advantage that these districts have over the big boys is that classrooms tend to have a better teacher to student ratios.

Speaking of the big boys, the Ysleta and Socorro ISDs both boasted of significant improvements. The teachers and students in the YISD showed improvements in all areas. Those in the Socorro ISD actually set a new standard for performance over previous years. I am very

impressed and proud of the achievements in those two districts.

In looking at the scores statewide, I found that test scores throughout the state were very good as well. Many school districts showed dramatic improvements; some of which had been mired in mediocrity. Congratulations to all of those teachers and students as well.

As good as the news is, I have to say that we must now move the performance bar higher. What were in the past lofty goals have become normal. Our students and teachers showed that they were up to meeting those goals and I believe that they will do the same if the bar is raised.

Our public schools are doing a great job. Those who criticize the public school system either refuse to accept that fact or are intentionally misinformed by others.

To all of the teachers and students: *Congratulations!* Gracias, mi gente, and I remain your friend and public servant, Chente por la gente.



Reyes Reports By U.S. Rep. Silvestre Reyes

First-hand look at Iraq

I recently led a congressional delegation of Members of Congress from the House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence to the Middle East to assess military, intelligence, and security issues in the region. I was joined by my colleagues, Ranking Member Rep. Peter Hoekstra (R-MI) and Congressman Dutch Ruppersberger (D-MD). During the trip, we met with top security and intelligence officials in Jordan before traveling to Iraq, where we had discussions with combat commanders and intelligence officials and also had the opportunity to meet with soldiers serving in Iraq during the Memorial Day weekend.

While in Iraq, I met with a great group of Texas soldiers. I always look forward to talking face-to-face with the men and women carrying out daily missions in Iraq. I appreciated their candid thoughts and I admire their professionalism in the face of difficult work and a challenging environment. These troops and their families have sacrificed a great deal over the past five years, and they continue to serve our country with a steadfast commitment to achieving their mission.

During our visit to Iraq, we met with several security officials in the International Zone (formally known as the "Green Zone"). I met with General Lloyd Austin, Commander of the Multi-National Corps in Iraq, to discuss coalition efforts in the region. General Austin briefed us on President Maliki's campaign to quell the violence in Basra and Sadr City. Now that President Maliki and Iraqi Security Forces have shown they can take on the insurgents, we must accelerate our efforts to turn over control to the Iraqis. This progress, however, could still be undermined by outside influences from Iran. Intelligence professionals in the region believe that Iran continues to play an active role in Iraq, providing assistance to Shiite militants and meddling in the Iraqi government's efforts at reconciliation.

While in Iraq, a sandstorm

grounded our helicopter travel, requiring our delegation to move in a heavily armored ground convoy. Visiting delegations generally do not travel in this manner, since the security situation on the ground is still dangerous. In fact, an improvised explosive device (IED) had been discovered in the vicinity of our route only hours before we traveled through that particular section of Baghdad.

As a co-equal branch of our federal government, it is important that elected officials in Congress take a first-hand look at the situation on the ground in Iraq and Afghanistan. This visit marks my 8th trip to Iraq since our troops first arrived in March of 2003. I have also traveled to Afghanistan numerous times since operations began there in October 2001. As a young soldier serving in Vietnam, I never saw one elected official take the time to meet with troops on the ground. While Members of Congress have significant differences regarding the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan, it is important that our troops know that we fully support them.

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Don't get burned when you grill

By Lt. Mario E. Hernandez
Special to the Courier

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Charcoal Grills

United States Fire Administration's National Fire Data Center estimates that yearly outside cooking grills cause more than 6,000 fires, over 5 fatalities, more than 170 injuries, and \$35 million in property loss. Gas grills alone cause over 2,700 fires, 80 injuries, and \$11 million dollars damage. Most of the gas grill fires and explosions were caused by gas leaks, blocked tubes, and overfilled propane tanks.

Charcoal grills come into prominent use in the spring and summer. Extreme caution should be taken when cooking on charcoal grills to prevent painful burn injuries and inhalation of smoke and gases.

- Gasoline should never be used in place of charcoal lighter fluid.

- Never reapply charcoal lighter fluid after the fire has started. The flames can ignite the vapors, and travel up to the can causing an explosion.

El Paso Fire Department Officials would like all residents to have a safe summer cookouts and offers these "Cookout Safety Tips" and laws regarding apartment complexes.

Charcoal or Propane grills should never be used in confined spaces, such as homes, campers or tents, or any other area not properly ventilated.

Propane Grills

Laws for apartments

- Before using a grill, check the connection between the propane tank and the fuel line. Make sure the venturi tubes — where the air and gas mix — are not blocked.

El Paso Fire Officials would like to remind the residents living in apartment complexes and apartment managers about laws regulating the use of *all* grills, whether charcoal or gas, under a covered combustible walkway, combustible decks or covered combustible balconies.

- Do not overfill the propane tank.
- Do not wear loose clothing while cooking at a barbecue.

Under the International Fire Code: Chapter 3 General Precautions Against Fire:

- Be careful when using lighter fluid. Do not add fluid to an already lit fire because the flame can flashback up into the container and explode.

- Section 305 — Ignitions Sources, Subsections 305.4 — Deliberate or negligent burning: It shall be unlawful to deliberately or through negligence set fire to or cause the burning of combustible material in such a manner as to endanger the safety of persons or property.

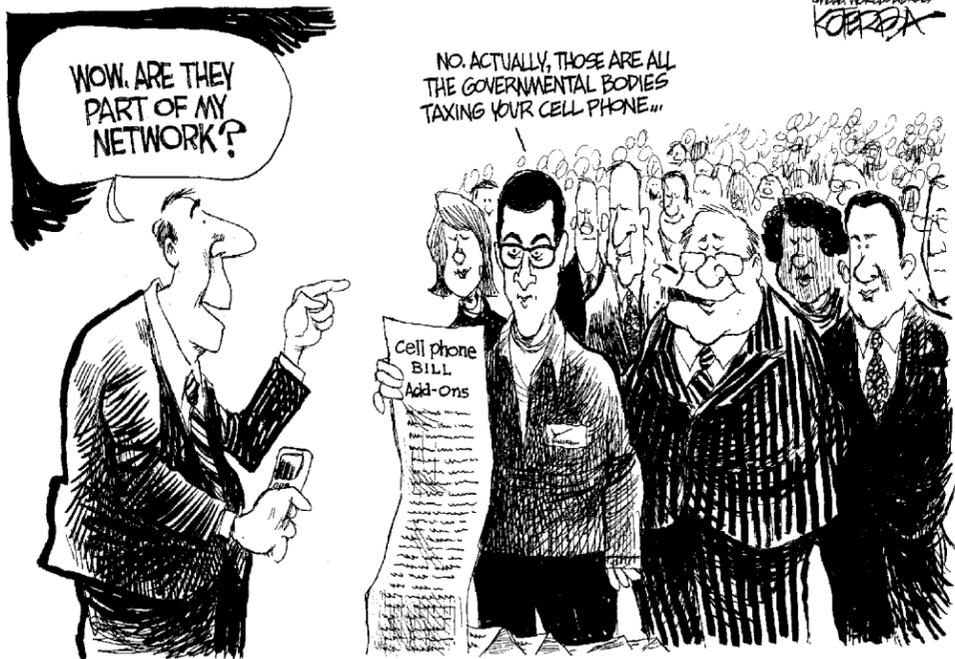
- Keep all matches and lighters away from children. Teach your children to report any loose matches or lighters to an adult immediately. Supervise children around outdoor grills.

- Section 308 — Open Flames, Subsections 308.3.1 — Open-flame cooking devices: Charcoal burners and other open-flame cooking devices shall not be operated on combustible balconies or within 10 feet (3048 mm) of

- Dispose of hot coals properly to avoid any brush fires — douse them with plenty of water, and stir them to ensure that the fire is out. Never place them in plastic, paper or wooden containers.

- Never grill/barbecue under a patio or porch, or in enclosed areas — carbon monoxide could

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Child safety seat tips



Start Out Right: The best way to get children in the habit of using safety restraints is to learn from their parent's example. The driver, all adult passengers and all infants and children should be safely secured before starting the engine.

seats should be secured on the back seat of the vehicle, facing the rear.

Infants up to 20 pounds: Infants from birth to 1-year old and under 20 pounds in weight should be secured in an infant car safety seat on the back seat of the vehicle, facing the rear. This avoids injury from an inflated airbag and will be less of a distraction for the driver. If your vehicle does not have a back seat, deactivate the airbag for that trip, but be sure to reactivate it when an adult is the passenger.

Children 20- to 40-pounds: Children older than 1-year who weigh 20 to 40 pounds should be secured in a child safety seat on the back seat of the vehicle, facing forward.

Infants 20-plus pounds: Infants from birth to 1-year and more than 20 pounds should be either secured in a convertible safety seat or in an infant seat approved for their weight. The

Children 40-plus pounds: Children who have outgrown their child safety seat, but are still too small (less than 4'9") to use the standard adult safety belt in the car, should use a booster seat. The lap belt should sit across the hips and the shoulder belt should not cross the neck or face.

Be sure to read the manufacturer's instructions on proper installation or check with your local police or fire department, who are often certified to inspect car seats. When buying a car seat, look for the DOT (Department of Transportation) tag. Do not use a car seat that is broken or missing parts.



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Canutillo ISD will require every student to register for 2008-09 school year

By **Alfredo Vasquez**
Special to the Courier

Canutillo Independent School District officials are asking parents of all returning students at its eight school campuses to help them update important emergency contact information and health records for every student in the district this summer.



Pam Padilla

emergency contact information, as

well as current health information for each student. Our ability to best serve the needs of our students and to com-

municate effectively with parents requires that we have up-to-date information. Therefore, all students will be required to register for the 2008-09 school year," stated Dr. Pam Padilla, CISD superintendent.

CISD sent home a registration packet this week (June 2) with every student in grades 1 through 12. Pre-K and kindergarten students were registered in April and May. CISD's current enrollment is 5,615 students. The packet contains four different forms including student enrollment,

emergency contact information, PEIMS (Public Education Information Management System) Data Family Survey, and student health history.

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Parents are being asked to complete the registration packet for each child and return it to the school where their child will be enrolled for the coming school year. Designated registration dates for elementary, middle, high school, and Northwest Early College High School students have been scheduled.

If parents did receive the registration information or need more information, call the school that your child will attend or 877-7482.

Maybe It Wasn't That Heavy Shopping Bag.

Weakness On One Side May Mean A Stroke.

Recognizing the signs of stroke and acting fast may make a difference between life and death. Call 9-1-1 immediately if you experience one or more of these signs: sudden weakness especially on one side of the body; trouble speaking or understanding; dizziness, loss of balance; trouble seeing in one or both eyes; and severe headache with no known cause. New treatments can help reduce damage to the brain

but only in the first few hours after symptoms begin. Every minute counts.

To learn more about stroke, call the American Heart Association at 1-800-AHA-USA1 or visit us online at www.americanheart.org/tx



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Horizon students connect with troops in Iraq



— Photo courtesy Clint ISD

The Horizon Middle School Mother-Daughter program and sixth grade students understand the everyday sacrifices U.S. soldiers make for us. To say thanks and show their appreciation, the students spent part of the school year gathering items to support the efforts of U.S. soldiers in Iraq. The items were placed in care packages and letters were written for the soldiers. Students also collected toys to send to the troops for Iraqi children. A special connection was made with a group of soldiers through Dave Snook. Snook is the Assistant Principal for Horizon Middle School. Snook's brother is a helicopter pilot on his third tour in Iraq. Shown above are Snook (middle, in black HMS tee) and his fellow soldiers from B Troop, 1-6 Cavalry.

— Contributed by Laura Cade

Amended Public Notice
Canutillo ISD Announces Summer Meal Program

Canutillo Independent School District announces the sponsorship of the summer food service program. Meals will be provided at all campuses/locations as listed below. **No meals will be served on Fridays because all CISD facilities will be closed Fridays from June 13 through August 1.**

Meals will be provided as follows: Breakfast from 7:00 a.m. to 8:30 a.m., Morning Snack from 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. Lunch from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. and Afternoon Snack from 1:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. Meals are free to all children ages one to eighteen years of age. Handicapped may be twenty-one. Adults may purchase meals ala carte.

CAMPUS	ADDRESS/PHONE	DATES
• Canutillo High School	6675 South Dessert / 877-7822	June 9- Aug. 14, 2008
• Canutillo Middle School	7311 Bosque Road / 877-7922	June 9-July 3, 2008
• Alderete Middle School	801 Talbot Road / 877-6622	June 9-July 3, 2008
• Canutillo ES	651 Canutillo Avenue / 877-7622	June 9-July 3, 2008
• Deanna Davenport ES	8401 Remington Road / 886-6422	June 9-July 3, 2008
• Gonzalo & Sofia Garcia ES	6550 Westside Road / 877-1222	June 9-July 3, 2008
• CISD Test Kitchen	7965 Artcraft Road / 877-7443	June 9-Aug. 14, 2008

Canutillo Independent School District Food Service Meal Programs do not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, age or disability. Anyone who believes that they have been discriminated against should write immediately to: USDA, Director, Office of Civil Rights, 1400 Independence Avenue S.W., Washington, D.C. 20250-9410; or call (800) 795-3272 or (202) 720-6382 (TTY) USDA is an equal opportunity provider and employer.

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BBQ

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combustible construction.

- Subsection 308.3.1.1 — Liquefied-petroleum-gas-gas-fueled cook-

ing devices: LP-gas burners having an LP-gas container with a capacity greater than 2.5 pounds [nominal 1 pound (0.454 kg) LP-gas capacity] shall not be located on combustible balconies or within 10 feet (3080 mm) of combustible construction.

Please take the necessary precautions to avoid any fires at your facility and avoid any possible citations or fines. Citations will be issued to the person, owning or operating the grill being used at the time within the prohibited area. The E.P.F.D. will allow storage of the grills on the balconies, decks, or walkways without the propane tank or other fuel. The Fire Department units will report any unauthorized usage to the Fire Prevention Division for investigation. All reports will be investigated and the necessary actions to correct the violation will be enforced.

It is the responsibility of apartment managers to report any unauthorized usage of a grill within prohibited areas.

Please take appropriate precautions when grilling and have a safe summer.

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School board notes By Don Woodyard

EL PASO COUNTY — Although the academic year is winding down in districts throughout El Paso County, the work of their school boards continues.

Boards throughout our area learned of preliminary TAKS scores

We begin our monthly review of key actions by six boards of trustees in Tornillo. We will then stop to see what trustees are doing in Fabens, San Elizario, Clint, Canutillo and finally in Anthony. Information, unless otherwise indicated, comes from official district records of the board meetings which often can be found on their individual websites.

Tornillo ISD May 20

Results of TAKS tests and drug testing highlighted its meeting.

Superintendent Paul Vranish bragged on the district's academic accomplishments in recent TAKS testing.

"Tornillo Elementary did great. It continues to be the top-rated elementary school in the El Paso area. "It has a great teaching staff. They are a special group of people," he is quick to say.

The intermediate school, he adds, didn't miss Exemplary status by much.

Examples: Third-grade reading scores from 2007 to 2008 went from 93 to 98. Fourth-grade math scores rose nine points to 89. Math scores in the 11th grade went from 73 to 84.

Not all scores were improvements. Fifth-grade math scores dropped two points to 91. Ninth-grade reading scores dipped three points to 76.

The board approved a local policy that allows for drug testing among student athletes. Parents of children who are not athletes can opt into the program, Vranish pointed out in a telephone interview.

"We have to take a public stand," he said.

He said the purpose of the program is not to catch drug users, but rather for it to act as a deterrent to keep students from using drugs in the first place.

"I'm not interested in catching kids with drugs. "(In fact) I'd be happy not to catch anybody," he added.

Fabens ISD May 21

Superintendent Pancho Garcia shared with board members preliminary TAKS scores for the exit-level students. Language Arts, 87; Math, 94; Social Studies, 95; and Science, 90.

The Fabens High School varsity softball team, with a 25-7 record, was recognized for its achievements in winning the district championship.

The results of the recent school bond election were canvassed and made official. It showed the bond was approved by voters by a 104-61 vote.

The ribbon-cutting ceremony for the new multi-purpose athletic facility is scheduled at 6 p.m., Wednesday, June 11.

Clint ISD May 21

In closed session, the board considered four sites for the location of the proposed new high school. Located in various parts of the district, they range in size from 40.3 acres to 64.8 acres. No action was taken by the board in closed session on the purchase of any of the locations.

However, later in open session, the board authorized the superintendent Ricardo Estrada "to enter into an earnest money contract and an option agreement as discussed in closed session," according to the official district report. No details were given on location.

On the recommendation of the superintendent, the board approved Garrett Ritchey as assistant principal of Clint High School.

Board president James Pendell, school principals and administration officials recognized 530 students who excelled academically or athletically. They received 900

certificates for their achievements.

San Elizario ISD May 14

The San Elizario board of trustees will be nominated for the 2008 Outstanding Board of the Year award which is sponsored by the Texas Association of School Administrators.

"The board," according to district school board minutes, "will be recognized for all its achievements during the 2007-08 school year."

Dr. Mike Quatrini, district superintendent, said the board has been "very consistent in their membership throughout the years." The minutes point out that there has been much progress in obtaining state funding for improvements and new buildings.

The district was represented in a meeting in which it repeated its opposition to a presidential permit for the proposed 28-mile pipeline. The meeting was sponsored by the U.S. State Department and held May 7 at the Lower Valley Water District offices. Other school districts as well as elected officials also voiced opposition to the pipeline running through the Lower Valley and across the border into Mexico.

The State Department said it would reach a decision by July 2008.

Support services director George Luevano said that the new middle school library would be transformed into a learning resource center. All books and furniture would be moved from the old library into the new one. The old library would be used as a conference center.

Sylvia Hopp, assistant superintendent, provided a report on the math TAKS scores for students in grades five and eight. Details on specific scores are unavailable.

According to the official minutes, "this was part of the Student Success Initiative whereby fifth- and eighth-grade students must pass the reading and math portions of the TAKS test in order to be promoted to the next grade level."

Canutillo ISD May 13

An update was given on student recruitment efforts for the Northwest Early College High School by Superintendent Dr. Pam Padilla and Peggy Gustafson. Gustafson, principal of the high school, said 101 students have been selected. Fifty-three are from Alderette Middle, and 46 are from Canutillo Middle School. Two students are from out of district.

Gustafson said the students would participate in the summer bridge program in June to help them with the transition. She added that parent meetings would be held.

The board approved the conceptual design for the Northwest Early College High School master plan.

Anthony ISD May 20

The Anthony ISD board meeting was covered in last week's issue of the County Courier. However additional information is now available regarding the preliminary TAKS test scores. The information comes from Ron Haugen, AISD superintendent.

A sampling of test scores is given. The scores compare increases or declines in the percentage of passing grades between testing in 2007 and 2008.

Third-grade test scores in reading were up seven points to 92 percent in 2008.

Sixth-grade reading test scores dropped from 91 percent to 85 percent.

Math scores in the ninth grade jumped 17 points to 56 percent in 2008.

Science scores for 10th-grade students increased 30 points to 64 percent in 2008.

Writing scores for seventh-grade students dropped 10 points to 85 percent.

Math scores for 10th-grade students declined seven points to 44 percent in 2008.



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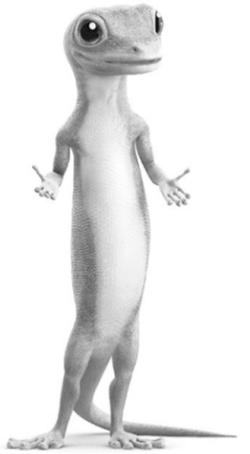
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Town of Anthony PUBLIC NOTICE

A PUBLIC HEARING will be held at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, April 8, 2008 during the Regular Town Council Meeting at Anthony Town Hall, 401 Wildcat Dr., Anthony, Texas. Purpose of the public hearing is to allow any interested person to appear and testify at the hearing regarding the following proposed ordinance(s), second reading:

- 1) Ordinance No. 450, Amendment 2. An ordinance adopting the HOTEL OCCUPANCY TAX in the Town of Anthony, Texas.

Ordinances are too extensive to print. Ordinances are always available for viewing or copying upon request from the Town Clerk at the above address. Those that are unable to attend may submit their written comments to the Town of Anthony, P.O. Box 1269, Anthony, Texas 79821. Persons in need of assistance to attend are encouraged to contact the Town Clerk at 886-3944.

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Town Clerk

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Celtics vs. Lakers should make great series, memories

By Steve Escajeda
Special to the Courier

When I was a kid, about eight or nine years old, I remember watching a basketball game on TV.

I was too young to realize it at the time but as it turns out it wasn't just a basketball game. It was an NBA playoff game.

And there was one big bad giant bruising player on the purple team who was dominating all the smaller players on that poor green team.

It's funny how we choose our favorite teams in life. For me, that giant was Wilt Chamberlain and his Los Angeles Lakers were abusing Bill Russell and the Boston Celtics.

Naturally I did the "David and Goliath" thing and rooted for the green guys to win and the nasty purple guys to lose. What else could I do?

Well, my initial feelings stuck. I love the Celtics and I hate the Lakers.

Over the years I've cheered Bill Russell and Bob Cousy and Sam Jones and John Havlichek and Dave Cowens and Jo Jo White and Kevin McHale and Larry Bird.

And I've spent a lifetime booing Wilt Chamberlain and Jerry West and Elgin Baylor and Gail Goodrich and James Worthy and Kareem Abdul-Jabbar and Magic Johnson and Shaquille O'Neal.

But I must admit that I've loved every single time the Celtics and Lakers get together to decide the NBA championship. And though it's been a while, they're back for one more go-round.

I figure you can guess which team I'm pulling for, but regardless of how the finals turn out — everyone wins.

We all win because what two teams would you rather see on the game's biggest stage?

The Lakers and Celtics are by far (especially since Michael Jordan re-

tired) the most successful NBA franchises in league history.

In fact, the league has had 61 champions and 30 have been either the Celtics (16) or the Lakers (14). After a couple weeks, it'll be 31 times out of 62.

Now the main figures for the Celtics are Kevin Garnett, Paul Pierce and Ray Allen. The Lakers notables are Kobe Bryant, Pau Gasol and Lamar Odom.

Both teams are very similar, the Celtics went out and got Garnett and Allen to compliment Pierce, while the Lakers went out and got Gasol and Odom to compliment Bryant.

It seems to me that both team's big three will do what they have to. The big question is which team's bench will outperform the other?

The two teams met twice in the regular season and Boston won both, but that was so long ago. The Lakers are playing the best basketball of the playoffs and the Celtics seem to always have their backs against the wall, but escape at the last minute.

Who would have thought we'd have this kind of excitement in the NBA finals?

Boston was one of the worst teams in the league a year ago and the Lakers were a .500 team at best, but key moves have brought the teams back to where they belong — at the top of the league.

This is Apple vs. Microsoft, this is Coke vs. Pepsi, this is Donald Trump vs. Rosie O'Donnell.

The best-of-seven series starts this Thursday, and though it's not a David vs. Goliath matchup — I'll be going green.

Big man in China

Did you guys hear about Tony Barbee taking two of his players with him to China for three games against the best Chinese players in

the country as a part of a C-USA goodwill visit?

Most of the players were made up of the national runner-up Memphis

Tigers and the team was coached by John Calipari. But a few former Calipari assistants were allowed to tag along.

Though the team from the USA lost all three games, the big surprise

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LEGALS

Town of Horizon City

PUBLIC NOTICE

A PUBLIC HEARING will be held at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, June 10, 2008 during the Regular Council Meeting at City Hall, 14999 Darrington Road, Horizon City, Texas. Purpose of the public hearing is to allow any interested persons to appear and testify regarding the following proposed ordinance(s)/ amendment(s):

1) Ordinance No. 0168 — 2nd reading — An Ordinance adopting a Zoning change within the Municipal limits of the Town Of Horizon City, Texas.

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.

Karen Ellefson
City Clerk
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PUBLIC NOTICE

CLINT INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

NOTICE OF INTENT

The Clint Independent School District hereby gives notice of its intent to enter into a contract for the purchase of real property. The major provisions of the contract are set forth below:

Property: Northwest 65 acres out of Tracts 7-A, 7-C and

6 all in Block 19, San Elizario Grant, El Paso, Texas, the northwest corner of which shall be the corner of Alameda Avenue and Camino de la Rosa and the eastern boundary of which shall be a line that is perpendicular to and begins at Alameda Avenue and extends to the southeastern boundary of said Tracts 7-A and 7-C.

Owner: Ray M. Larkin, as Trustee of the Davidson Family Trust

Purchase Price: Twenty Eight Thousand Two Hundred Thirty Dollars and 00 / 100 s (\$28,230.00) per acre.

Questions regarding this notice of intent or the proposed contract should be directed to the Superintendent of Schools, Clint ISD Administration Building, 14521 Horizon Blvd., El Paso, Texas 79928.

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SOCORRO INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

Invitation to Bid/Respond:

Sealed bids/proposals/CSP to furnish the District with the following products and/or services will be accepted at the following times:

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MEXICAN FOOD PRODUCTS CSP NO. 199-0611-8076 ACCEPTED UNTIL 3:00 P.M.

BEVERAGE AND SNACK PRODUCTS CSP NO. 199-0611-8078 ACCEPTED UNTIL 3:30 P.M.

FULL LINE FOOD SERVICE CSP NO. 199-0611-8080 ACCEPTED UNTIL 4:00 P.M.

Proposals will be received at Business Services Dept., 12440 Rojas Drive, El Paso, Texas 79928 until the specified times. Detailed specifications are available from the above office between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. Mondays through Fridays.

Proposals are also available at the District's website: www.sisd.net WTCC-06/05/08

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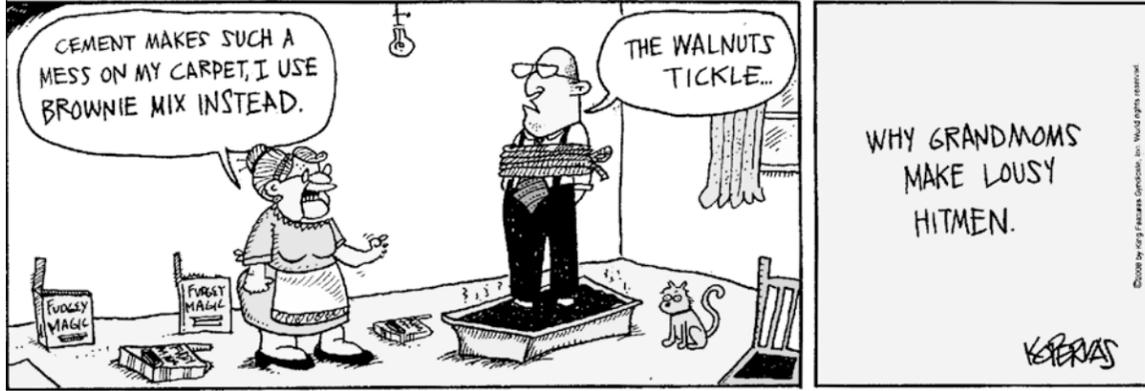
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Stress ain't what it used to be

By Don Flood

Everybody knows life keeps getting harder, but how much harder?

Thanks to psychiatrist Richard Rahe of Salem, Ore., co-creator of the Life Changes Stress Test, we now have an exact figure. Life, Rahe said, gets about 1.5 percent more difficult each year.

Wow, that's even worse than I thought. Off the top of my head, I probably would have said no more than 1.2 percent, maybe 1.3.

Rahe cites various reasons, among them the stress of modern transportation. "If you look at travel today and compare it to the stress of traveling 30 years ago, can't you see it's increased?" he asked in USA Today.

This is an excellent point, and the situation becomes even clearer when you look back more than 100 years. Readers may find this hard to believe, but in the 1800s, when many Americans began heading West, they didn't have to be concerned about bad airline food; airport delays were unheard of, and nobody had to pass through security checkpoints.

During these blissful, carefree days, travelers didn't even have to worry about remembering if they had left a 1-inch penknife in their pocket.

In fact, many people carried rifles, the better to fend off Indian attacks.

Which, in turn, helped keep the kids occupied. Back then, parents didn't feel the need to make sure each child had his own separate video screen to watch — True fact: Many covered wagons weren't equipped with even one video screen — because the threat of Indian attacks helped pass the time.

("Now, children, if you look to your left you'll see some Indians setting there waiting to ambush us." "Yes, Mom, I already saw 'em.

When are we going to get there?")

And while it's true that 19th-century pioneers on the early Interstate Highway System didn't have as many restaurants to choose from, they nevertheless enjoyed more interesting fare than today's bored and frustrated fast-food customers. (For more information on the settlers' menu choices, Google the key words "Donner party" and "today's special.")

Yup, travel in those days was stress-free, which got me to thinking about Excedrin, the great American stress reliever.

The company used to have a slogan that went, "Life got tougher, Excedrin got stronger." In light of the recent statistics, I wondered if Excedrin officials are making it 1.5 percent stronger each year.

If not, we're facing a pain-reliever deficit of enormous proportions. Excedrin's TV ads used to show a man with a little hammer pounding away inside his head. At the time, Excedrin was still strong enough to make the hammer go away.

That may no longer be true. An article in the New England Journal of Medicine recently reported that X-rays are showing an alarming and growing number of patients with hammers inside their head, ranging in size from a Q-tip to a full-sized carpenter's tool.

The article was written by TV's Dr. Gregory House, who, in a challenge to the medical establishment, prescribes Vicodin, and not Excedrin, as the best way to treat "interior cranial hammer disease."

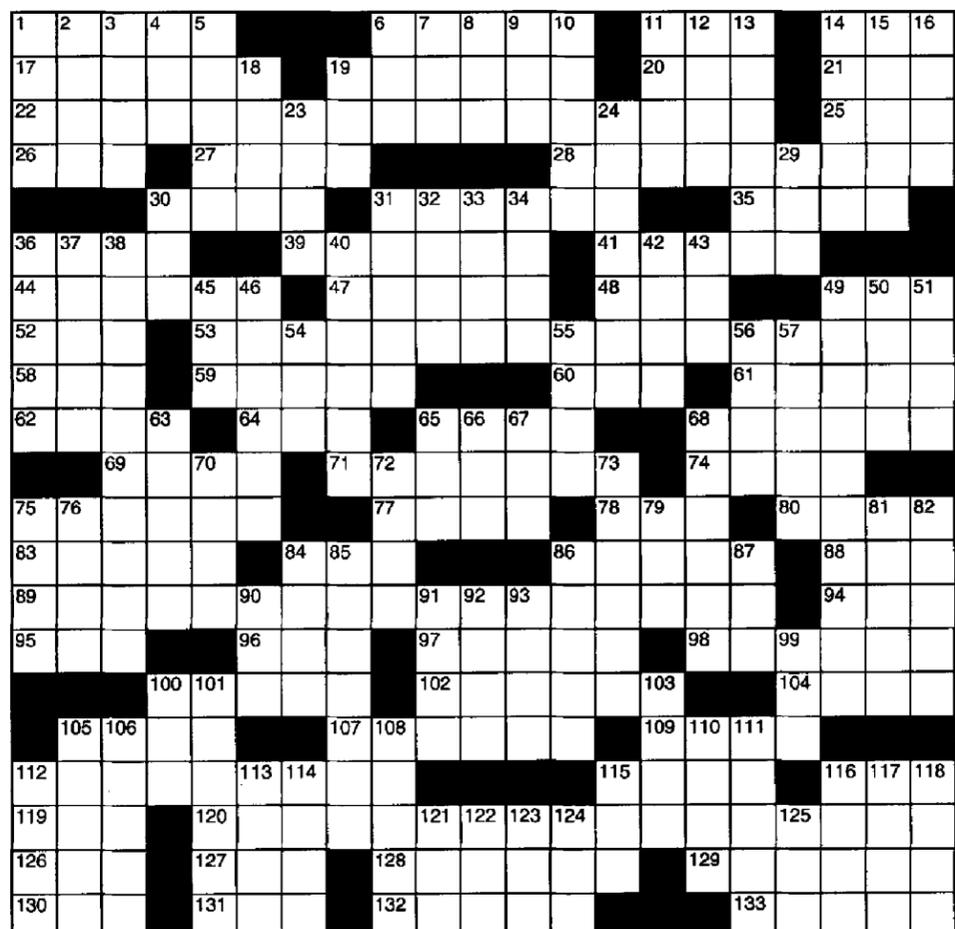
House, who pops Vicodin like candy, may be right, especially if the makers of Excedrin aren't increasing the dosage each year.

I'm getting a headache just thinking about it.

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Social Security Q&A By Ray Vigil

Q: I need proof of my Social Security income. Can I get verification online?

A: Some people who get Social Se-

curity or Supplemental Security Income (SSI) Benefits need to get a statement of their benefit amount or other information to show proof of their income or benefits. Social Se-

curity can provide the information you need in a "proof of income letter." When you request a proof of income letter, it will be mailed to your address in our records. You can request one online by visiting <https://secure.ssa.gov/apps6z/BEVE/main.html>. Or call us at 1-800-772-1213 (TTY 1-800-325-0778).

Q: Is it true that if you have limited income you can get help paying for prescription drugs? And that you can get help paying Medicare premiums?

A: Yes. If you have limited income and resources, you may be able to get help paying for prescription drugs under Medicare Part D. Call Social Security at 1-800-772-1213 (TTY 1-800-325-0778) or visit our website at www.socialsecurity.gov. Also, if your income and resources are limited, your state may be able to help with your Medicare Part B premium, deductibles and coinsurance amounts. State rules vary on the income and resources that apply. Contact your state or local medical assistance, social services or welfare office, or call the Medicare hotline, 1-800-MEDICARE (1-800-633-4227) and ask about the Medicare Savings Programs.

Q: How does Social Security decide if I am disabled?

A: If you are an adult, essentially you must be unable to work for a year or more because of a medical condition or combination of impairments. The evaluation process considers any current work activity you are doing, and

your medical condition and how it affects your ability to work. To be considered disabled:

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- Your disability must last, or be expected to last, for at least one year or to result in death.

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For more information on any of the questions listed above, visit our website at www.socialsecurity.gov or call us at 1-800-772-1213. If you have any questions, please mail them to the Social Security Office, 11111 Gateway West, Attn: Ray Vigil, El Paso, Texas 79935.

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Sports

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was the play of UTEP center Claude Britten.

Britten made his presence known by scoring 10 points and grabbing a team-high nine rebounds in the opening game.

Beginners' luck, right? Britten came out and scored 17 points and

pulled down eight rebounds in the second game.

Though no stats were available for the third game, there's little doubt which players improved his stock the most during the trip.

The emergence of Britten bodes well for coach Barbee, Stefon Jackson and the rest of the Miners for next season.

And if Britten has improved this much this quickly, imagine what he'll be a couple years from now.

Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ★

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