

NEWSBRIEFS

San Eli Lions wanted

Lions will be talking to San Elizario community members October 27, 28, and 29, 2009 in order to form a Lions club in San Eli area. Lions clubs support the humanitarian needs of the community, provide for the blind and visually impaired. Lions are also dedicated to the youth through a variety of programs. Men, women and families are encouraged to consider having the world's largest service organization in your community. If you are a volunteer looking for new experiences and personal fulfillment you are encouraged to contact Lion Ray Sanchez for more information at 915-858-1514. Lion Ray Sanchez of the Socorro Lions Club will ensure you are contacted by the organization Lions members.

— Frank Ramirez

Parade openings

The annual Horizon City Christmas Parade will be held on Saturday, Dec. 5 at 10 a.m. Would your organization or group be interested in joining the bands, classic cars, horses, fire engines and others in the parade? If so, call (915) 217-9179 or pick up a parade packet at Flowers & Fiestas, 14032 Horizon Blvd. in Horizon City. This year's parade will be dedicated to the memory of Lion Morgan Knapp.

— Lou Smasal

New court hours

In order to save energy cost, effective November 2, 2009, the Office of Judge Ruben Lujan will be open from Monday through Thursday from 7:45 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and closed on Fridays. Any and all citations due on Friday will be due on Monday.

Crime Stoppers

A robbery victim died from his injuries. Now Crime Stoppers and the El Paso Police Department are asking for help from the public in locating the suspects involved, making this the "Crime of the Week." On Monday, June 9, 2008, approximately 8:30 p.m., officers from the Mission Valley Regional Command Center responded to 7100 Stiles on an aggravated robbery. Three victims were assaulted after refusing demands for money. At the time, 43-year-old Javier Vallejo suffered head injuries but refused medical treatment. Tragically, he died from his injuries three days later. The suspect who brandished a handgun is described as a Hispanic male with a medium build, wearing a ski mask, who spoke English and Spanish. His accomplice was a Hispanic male, medium build, with very short hair. They were last seen fleeing the scene in a dark-colored, full-sized SUV, possibly a Ford Expedition, with tinted windows and a beige or tan colored stripe across the middle. The SUV was driven by a third, unknown suspect. If you have any information at all about this

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Will our brains start shrinking now that machines do our thinking?

— Quips & Quotes



— Photo courtesy Clint ISD

GETTING A JUMP START — Dr. Gabaldon, Clint ISD Superintendent, visits with Kindergarten students at Surratt Elementary. The purpose of the Prekindergarten Early Start Grant program is to prepare students to enter kindergarten on or above grade level. The program just received over \$500,000 in funding.

Clint ISD Pre-K program receives \$500,000

By Laura Cade
Special to the Courier

The Clint Independent School District (ISD) has been awarded over \$500,000 for the

Prekindergarten Early Start Grant Program to enhance and expand the District's program. Clint ISD is one of only two Districts in the county to receive the grant from the Texas Education Agency. The purpose of this grant is to prepare students to enter kindergarten on or

above grade level. The goal of the grant program is to provide high-quality services supported by community partnerships and local resources to help children reach their full potential.

Clint ISD has offered the community a universal prekindergarten program since 2004. This means, any four year old living in the District can attend pre-kindergarten at no charge. The District chose to implement a universal prekindergarten based on research which shows that students who grow up in poverty have a limited vocabulary as compared to their middle class peers and therefore enter kindergarten at a disadvantage. 85% of the District's 11,500 students are economically disadvantaged. The District currently serves 670 students in prekindergarten at five campuses.

"Our mission is to make sure all of our students reach their full potential and are prepared to enter college after graduation. This preparation should begin in the earliest stages of childhood," says Dr. Edward Gabaldon, Superintendent.

Clint ISD collaborated with Education Service Center for Region 19 Head Start teachers, as well as with District pre-kindergarten and kindergarten



— Photo courtesy Tornillo ISD

Future leaders

Andrew Garcia and Kinsleigh Vranish are the 2009 El Paso Junior Leadership Class VII representatives for Tornillo High School (THS). They will participate in leadership activities once a month for the remainder of the school year. Andrew, a junior, is the son of Hugo and Imelda Garcia of Tornillo. He is a member of the Tornillo HS tennis team and participates in a variety of community service projects with his uncle, DJ Mike of Power 102.FM. Andrew plans to become a pharmacist. Kinsleigh, also a junior, is a member of the THS volleyball team and participates in basketball, and softball, as well. She is the daughter of Paul and Marla Vranish of Horizon City. Kinsleigh's post-secondary plans include studying for a degree in forensic science. Norma Palacios, the THS Community in Schools (CIS) Program Director facilitates the application process and is the Junior Leadership liaison at the high school campus. Junior Leadership Class VII is comprised of students from various high schools in the El Paso area, and is a part of the Greater El Paso Chamber of Commerce. The purpose of the program is to expose students to leadership roles within the El Paso area, and to build leadership skills in these students who are representative of our leaders of tomorrow. From left in the photo are Andrew Garcia, Kinsleigh Vranish and Norma Palacios.

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Veterans Post By Freddy Groves

Ways to help veterans

If you're in a veterans service organization or are someone who wants to help veterans, this is a good time to start planning your efforts for this winter and next year.

Stand Downs (www.va.gov and put Stand Down in the search box), the Moving Wall (www.themovingwall.org) and donating to groups that let veterans go on adventures free of cost are all good places to direct your energies.

Contact the volunteer group at the closest Department of Veterans Affairs medical center, and block out one day a month to go and assist. Get its annual calendar and sign up to help at some of the bigger events, such as root beer float parties, barbecues and field trips.

Host a Christmas party for a whole unit at the closest VA medical center, complete with presents (maybe a big television for the day room) and pizza (with staff permission) and drinks. Call the volunteer department in advance to see what is needed.

If you're near a shelter where a large number of homeless veterans

are helped, think about serving daily meals, handing out clothing and pulling shifts at the facility.

Sign up to drive veterans to distant medical centers for their care. This door-to-door chauffeuring (and then back home again) can be invaluable to veterans who are unable to drive.

If you're an attorney who does pro bono work to help veterans with their claims, commit to helping an additional veteran each month.

If you're in college, see about tutoring a veteran who's just now going back to school.

If you want to make a cash donation to an organization, be sure to check www.charitywatch.org to verify that your dollars will go to veterans, not to a money machine that spends most of the donations on itself and "admin" costs.

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Por la Gente By State Rep. Chente Quintanilla

TABC there to help

Hola, mi gente. Most of you who are reading this column

have consumed some sort of alcoholic beverage. Some prefer beer while others prefer wine or liquor. All of these beverages are regulated by the Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission (TABC).

Before an establishment can sell or serve any type of alcoholic beverage, it must submit an application for a license to sell, distribute or serve it. The agency completely vets any applicant to make sure that no criminals are allowed to be involved in the sale of alcohol. The process can be tedious at times but in the long run the best applicants eventually receive the license.

Since I am a member of the Licensing and Administrative Procedures Committee, many El Pasoans seek information or assistance from my office concerning their applications with TABC. The first thing that we inform them is that we have no authority over the agency but that the staffers at TABC are more than willing to discuss with us any issues regarding pending or existing licenses.

In most cases, we are able to inform the applicants why their licenses are not issued. After that problem is resolved, many of the locations receive their licenses shortly thereafter.

The issuance of licenses is just part of their job. TABC is also responsible for the public well being and safety. By this I mean the agency must make sure that licensees are all abiding by current liquor statutes. The most obvious statute is the sale of alcohol to minors. There have been news reports about businesses being penalized or even shut down because of the sale to minors. No one wants to see people lose their livelihoods but that is preferable to having minors gain unlawful access to alcohol.

Perhaps the most important responsibility that TABC has is to make sure that license owners operate in the public interest. By that I mean being a good community business that does not adversely affect the neighborhood. Rowdy bars or bars that have been proven to be a drug haven eventually are closed.

In a recent meeting with the chief of enforcement at TABC, I became aware that the agency is striving to assist businesses to be good law abiding neighbors. Previously, it was ap-

parent that the enforcement officers were more intent on playing gotcha than assisting clubs, restaurant bars or liquor stores in good business practices.

My office has worked both sides of that equation. We have helped neighbors close down a bar that completely disregarded the residents rights to peace. The process to close the bar was somewhat slow but eventually justice was done. During the last legislative session, I filed a bill that could have helped resolve conflicts between residents and poorly managed bars much more quickly (our senate sponsor failed to follow through).

TABC will continue to enforce the laws but will now have a new focus on helping liquor license owners be in compliance. Through this, the state will generate more tax revenues; and at the same time residents can feel confident that liquor businesses that are bad neighbors will be held accountable.

We worked with the city of El Paso on some issues during the last session; I anticipate a meeting very soon between the city, TABC and my office.

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

Briefs

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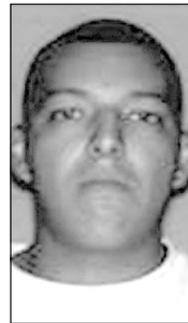
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— James Klaes

Wanted

The hunt is on for Christian Avalos. This week's individual sought for his involvement in a stabbing that took place at a house party in San Elizario, TX earlier this month. Avalos, 18, is 5'9" tall with a medium build. He has black hair and brown eyes. On October 4, 2009 at about 1:30 a.m., Sheriff's Deputies were dispatched to a residence in the area of Gaucho Rd. in San Elizario, TX in reference to a stab-

bing. Deputies arrived and found a 25 year old male victim who told officers he had been stabbed multiple times while attending a party at a residence on Gaucho Rd. The victim, who will not be identified, survived the attack. Through the course of the investigation, Crimes Against Persons Detectives learned that there were four suspects — all from San Elizario — involved in the stabbing. Last Tuesday, October 13, 2009, CID Detectives arrested two of the men



Christian Avalos

Assault Deadly Weapon. Two days later on Thursday, October 15, 2009, a third

— Jesus Soria (21) and Alberto Soria (32). Both men were charged with Engaging in Organized Criminal Activity/Aggravated Assault Deadly Weapon.

suspect identified as Moises Soria (23) turned himself in to authorities. He was also charged and booked with Engaging in Organized Criminal Activity/Aggravated Assault Deadly Weapon. One suspect remains at large, he is identified as 18 year-old Avalos of San Elizario. Avalos knows he is wanted and is believed to remain in the area hiding from Law Enforcement. Avalos is also known to work in construction.

— Deputy Jesse Tovar

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Write stuff

Dear Editor:

The "Cash for Clunkers" program for new cars may have ended, but the IRS wants to remind taxpayers that many people might overlook another special break available. If you buy a new vehicle this year, there's a special federal tax deduction available that can help you save money, in some cases hundreds of dollars. This tax break will allow people who buy a new vehicle in 2009 to deduct the sales and excise taxes they pay when

they file their tax return next year. The tax deduction is available on the 2009 federal tax return even for those who claim the standard deduction.

The deduction is part of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 and applies to taxes paid on up to \$49,500 of the purchase price for qualified new cars, light trucks, motorcycles or motor homes. Generally, vehicles weighing 8,500 pounds or less qualify. This means that most new cars and many new

trucks will qualify. New motor homes qualify regardless of weight.

Buyers are entitled to a partial deduction if they earn between \$125,000 and \$135,000 (\$250,000 and \$260,000 for joint filers). The deduction is eliminated for those who earn over these amounts.

To qualify the vehicle must be new and purchased in 2009 after Feb. 16 and no later than Dec. 31. There is still time left but the clock is ticking.

More information is available at www.irs.gov/recovery.

Terry L. Lemons
Director of Communications
Internal Revenue Service

EL PASO METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION

The El Paso MPO has scheduled Early Public Involvement meetings throughout the region to review its primary documents:

- The current TransBorder 2035 Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) with a draft updated project list.
- The current TransBorder 2008-2013 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)
- The current Transportation Conformity Report

Early public involvement began on October 18, 2009. The early public involvement period will provide the public opportunities to review and provide comments on the documents listed above. Meetings have been scheduled from 5:30pm to 7:30pm as follows:

- 10/27/09 — Northeast Central Reg. Command Ctr., 9600 Dyer St., El Paso, TX 79924
- 11/03/09 — Oz Glaze Senior Ctr., 13969 Veny Webb St., Horizon City, TX 79928
- 11/10/09 — Sunland Park Council Chambers, 1000 McNutt Rd., Ste. A, Sunland Park, NM 88063
- 11/17/09 — Town of Clint City Hall, 200 N. San Elizario Rd., Clint, TX 79836
- 12/01/09 — Esperanza Acosta Moreno Branch Library, 12480 Pebble Hills, El Paso, TX 79938
- 12/08/09 — Westside Reg. Command Ctr., 4801 Osborne Dr., El Paso, TX 79922
- 12/15/09 — Ascarate Elementary School, 7090 Alameda Ave., El Paso, TX 79915

Documents can be reviewed on the MPO website www.elpasompo.org. To request a copy, please call 915-591-9735 ext. 10 (copies are to be picked up at 10767 Gateway Blvd. West, Suite 605, El Paso, TX 79935).



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View from here By Robert Romano

Into the abyss

With gold topping a whopping \$1049 an ounce this week, and the Independent reporting that the Saudi Arabia, Abu Dhabi, Kuwait, Qatar, Japan, France, Brazil, Russia, and China may all planning to stop trading oil in dollars, some are wondering what has changed to bring King Dollar to its knees.

The answer is unsettling: nothing. Nothing has changed — particularly in the nation's monetary expansion, which has more than doubled from a year ago. Nothing has changed, either, on the fiscal side of the equation, with the national debt expected pile on another \$14.025 trillion between 2010-2019, practically 100 percent of the Gross Domestic Product.

What's worse is that the nation appears poised to shut itself down economically — with a ludicrous, ruinous tax on energy, oil, gasoline, natural gas, and coal. And to spend itself into the grave — with "health care for all" and an expansive entitlement regime extended far beyond the nation's means to sustain itself.

Throw on bad debt, waves of foreclosures, and ever increasing unemployment (U-6 came in at 17 percent for September), and one starts to get the picture. The dollar is only as good as the economy, the nation's ability to produce, and importantly, our collective ability to pay back our debts.

Only problem is: it now appears that it will never happen. The national debt has grown every single year since 1958. And it will equal the entire GDP some time in 2010. Call it a tipping point. Call it decline. Call it whatever

one wants. But it is a crisis of epic proportions. Unfortunately, the nation's leaders are either oblivious or in which case they are fools. They are powerless — and cannot even save their own land. Or they do not care — in which case they are not "leaders" at all. Instead, they are charlatans, pretending to embody the national interest but only driving the nation into The Abyss.

Neither party has produced a plan to deal with this emergency, although the warning signs have been abundant for over a decade. And without a demonstrable will to boldly act, nations overseas will continue to make their own plans.

The dollar is involved with transactions the world over. And when the Fed, Treasury, and Congress inflate the currency and expand our debt obligations the way they are, foreign nations know eventually it means their dollar holdings will be that much less valuable. Combined, this includes trillions of dollars of reserves, treasuries, corporate bonds, and securities. So they want to dump them.

Who could blame them? We make bad decisions. And then, in essence, ask foreign powers (who are often hostile) to pay for them.

So, what do we do? Do we steer the ship of state out of turbulent waters? No, we have continued to steer it toward the deep beyond.

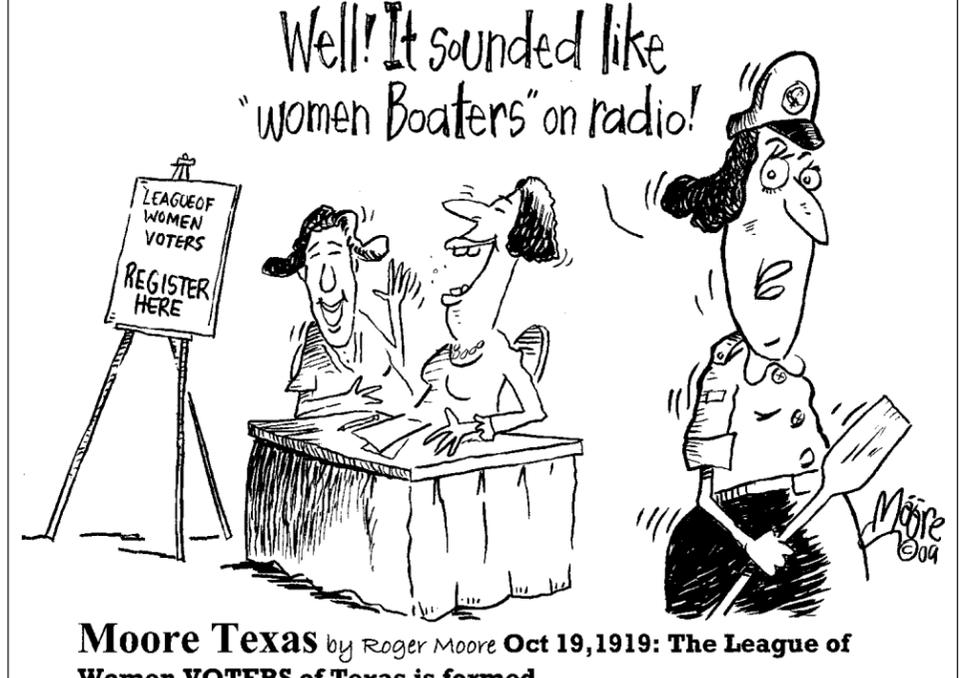
Which means the run on the dollar is close at hand. Perhaps even inevitable. Fear in our ability to pay back our debts will encourage that run — the capability and willingness by the nation's leaders could prevent it.

But since nothing has yet changed, the best Americans can do is stock up on gold and, perhaps, canned goods. And hold on tight.

Robert Romano is the ALG Senior News Editor (getliberty.org).



The definition of insanity is... *doing the same thing over and over...* ...and expecting a different result.



Moore Texas by Roger Moore Oct 19, 1919: The League of Women VOTERS of Texas is formed.

Hernandez named Canutillo High School Outstanding-Ex

By Kim Guzman
Special to the Courier

CANUTILLO — Canutillo High School (CHS) is proud to announce its selection of Elias Hernandez as the 2009 CHS Outstanding-Ex. Mr. Hernandez will be the honored guest during homecoming activities, being held October 26-30. Homecoming activities include the hometown parade, bonfire, pep assembly, football game, and dance.

"I feel great being selected as outstanding-ex for Canutillo High School and I consider it a great honor. I feel very lucky to know I have friends that think I and my accomplishments merit such an honor and I thank them for their nomination. I also thank the Selection Committee for selecting me. I gladly accept this honor and do it in the name of the

Graduating Class of 1968, especially the UNTOUCHABLES," said Hernandez.

Elias graduated from CHS in 1968, one of only 53 graduates. After serving in the military with the U.S. Navy in Vietnam, he returned home to earn his Bachelor of Science (BS) degree in Biology and Chemistry from the University of Texas at El Paso in 1974. Then in 1975, he returned to UTEP and earned his BS in Medical Technology.

Despite his humble beginnings in Canutillo and being one of 14 siblings, Elias led an extraordinary career in law enforcement retiring as a Special Agent with the FBI after 20 years. Today he continues to work as a background investigator for the



Elias Hernandez

Department of Homeland Security.

Hernandez and his wife of 38 years, Maria Elena Lopez, have four grown children, Elias Jr., Omar, Saul, and Rebecca. As a role model, Elias, through example, inspired his children to continue their educations through hard work and dedication. As a proud and encouraging parent, he has witnessed his children embark on successful careers of their own.

Over the years, Hernandez has continued to be involved in the community and is a staunch supporter of both academics and athletics. During the 1970s, Elias served as a board member with the CISD Board of Trustees and still attends many dis-

trict events and programs.

"The one thing I would like to impress upon everyone is how much Canutillo ISD has progressed since I graduated. Back then there was only one campus which consisted of only three schools, Lone Star Elementary, Canutillo Jr. High and Canutillo High School and the High School had only eight classrooms of which one was for Agricultural Studies and one for Home Economics. I feel very proud of our progress and especially proud of our new high school," stated Hernandez.

"Canutillo High School's Homecoming Committee is extremely proud to have such an excellent role model for the 2009 Outstanding-Ex," said Jim Fry, CHS Principal. "Mr. Hernandez's accomplishments and successes are directly attributed to his education, fine character, and work ethic," he added.

National program recognizes Mountain View High seniors

By Laura Cade
Special to the Courier

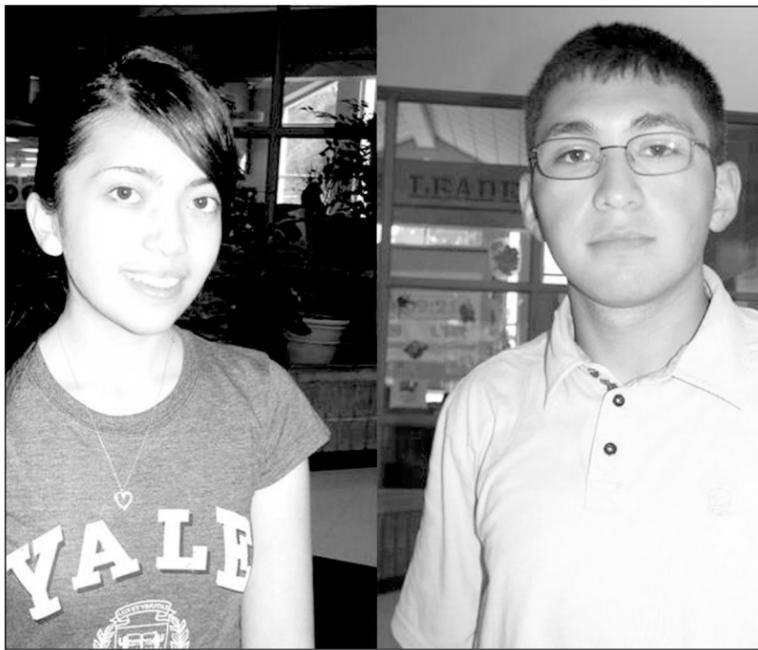
Mark Eby and Griselda Higareda, both seniors at Mountain View High School, have been named to the National Hispanic Recognition Program (NHRP) by the College Board. Eby and Higareda qualified for this important academic recognition based on his critical reading, mathematics, and writing scores on the PSAT/NMSQT. Both also must have maintained a minimum grade point average of 3.0 to be considered for this honor.

Griselda Higareda hopes to attend the University of California at

Berkley once she graduates in May 2010. Griselda is a member of the Business Professionals of America and also competes in University Interscholastic League spelling, computer applications and headline writing.

Mark Eby is planning to attend the Massachusetts Institute of Technology next fall to study computer science. He also plays trumpet for the Mountain View Marching Lobos.

The NHRP identifies nearly 5,000 outstanding Hispanic/Latino students from across the country each year. The program sends a list of all recognized students to select colleges and universities that are particularly interested in academically outstanding seniors of Hispanic/Latino Origin.



— Photo courtesy Clint ISD

WISE GUYS — Seniors Griselda Higareda, left, and Mark Eby have been named to the National Hispanic Recognition Program.

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Pre-K

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teachers to develop program activities that will prepare students to enter kindergarten on or above grade level. The grant funds, totaling \$585,000, will be utilized by the District to focus on college readiness in early childhood programs through language development and technol-

ogy integration. Technology and age appropriate software in math, science and reading acquired will help enrich their language. Each pre-kindergarten classroom will be equipped with a technology center which will include desktop computers for the students.

"Providing our prekindergarten students with a jumpstart in oral language development and academics skills is critical to their success from this point on," says James Littlejohn, Assistant Superintendent for Instruction.

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CryptoQuip Answer

If somebody really likes fountain drinks but is just plain mean, then he's a soda jerk!

STRANGE BUT TRUE

By Samantha Weaver

- It was Romantic poet Samuel Taylor Coleridge who made the following sage observation: "The man's desire is for the woman, but the woman's desire is rarely other than for the desire of the man."
- The lens of your eye will continue to grow throughout your lifetime.
- You might be surprised to learn that famed British author Aldous Huxley, best-known for his dystopian novel "Brave New World," was a consultant on Disney's 1951 animated film version of "Alice in Wonderland."

• Andrew Johnson, the 17th president of the United States, didn't learn to read until he was 17 years old.

• For reasons that are unclear in the present day, lawmakers in North Carolina once saw fit to forbid racing a rabbit down a public street.

• In 1850, the northern portion of the state of California declared itself to be an independent country to be known as the Great Republic of Rough and Ready.

• Before he became a famous actor and director in his own right, Clint Eastwood was fired from bit parts in several films.

• Everyone knows that ballerinas endure rigorous training that can wreak havoc on their feet, but you may not have known that their shoes endure their own hardships. It's not uncommon for dancers to break in their toe shoes by crushing them in doors, steaming them over a kettle, slamming them against a concrete floor or beating them with a hammer.

• Those who study such things claim that eventually the oceans will dry up — in about a billion years or so.

• During the Middle Ages, French toast was a delicacy enjoyed only by the very wealthy.

Thought for the Day: "There's no secret about success. Did you ever know a successful man who didn't tell you about it?" — Kin Hubbard

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Town of Horizon City

PUBLIC NOTICE

A PUBLIC HEARING will be held at **6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, October 23, 2009 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) 2nd Reading of Ordinance No. 0177 — Rezoning from an R-2, Single-Family Dwelling use, to a C-1, Light Commercial use, of two undeveloped lots described as a Tract of parcel of land east of Antwerp Drive, on Horizon Boulevard.

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
Town of Horizon City

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Town of Horizon City

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October 30, 2009
At 12:00 p.m.

The Town of Horizon City will receive sealed bids for a Grading Improvements Project at Golden Eagle Park. Detail specifications and proposal packets are available from the main office of the Town of Horizon City, located at 14999 Darrington Road, Horizon City, TX, 79928, between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. Monday through Friday or by calling Administration office (915) 852-1046. A payment of \$50.00 in cash or check payable to the Town of Horizon

City will be required for each set of Contract Documents. This payment represents reproduction costs and is non-refundable. Bids will be accepted until 12:00 p.m., local time, on October 30, 2009. The bids will be publicly opened and read aloud at 2:00 p.m. on October 30, 2009, at the main office of the Town Of Horizon City.

Karen Ellefson
Town Clerk
Town of Horizon City

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TOWN OF CLINT

PUBLIC NOTICE

Fair Housing, It's the Law

To promote fair housing practices, the Town of Clint encourages potential homeowners and renters to be aware of their rights under the National Fair Housing Law.

Title VIII of the Civil Rights Act of 1968, as amended, prohibits discrimination against any person on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, handicap, familial status or national origin in the sale or rental of units in the housing market.

For more information on fair housing or to report possible fair housing discrimination, call the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development's toll-free hotline at 1-800-669-9777.

Equal Employment Opportunity Statement

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TOWN OF ANTHONY

PUBLIC NOTICE

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PUBLIC NOTICE

El Paso Collaborative for Community and Economic Development

Invitation to Bid

The El Paso Collaborative for Community & Economic Development is accepting bids for the construction of 3 homes one in Canutillo, one in Socorro and in Horizon and bids for 2 homes that need

rehabilitation for a total of 5 projects. Bids packets will be ready on Thursday October 22, 2009 and will be due on Thursday November 5, 2009 4:00 p.m. Bid packets may be picked up at El Paso Collaborative 1359 Lomaland, Suite 538, El Paso, Texas 79935 M-F from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Packets include home designs, a site plan and specifications. The 3 new homes must be Star Energy and need to meet visitability guidelines. A Pre-Bid Conference is scheduled on Thursday October 29, 2009 at 2:00 p.m. at 1359 Lomaland Dr. Suite 538. For further information, contact Heather M. Lopez at the Collaborative (915) 590-1217.



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BARGAINS

5th Annual Garage Sale Canutillo Heights Estates Neighborhood Group Over 20 Families! Saturday,

October 24, 7 am - 2 pm (Los Mochis, btwn S. Desert & Doniphan, Canutillo - 110 & Transmountain exit) Variety of items for sale. Coffee, Menudo, Gorditas & other food for purchase.

Horizon City Townhouse for sale. 15000 Ashford St., #21. 3BR, 2BTH, Great room, Handicap access w/ 2 Car Garage. Golfcourse view. 852-9125.

12748 Quijano, \$87,600 reduced to \$84,000. Carlos

Aguilar, (915) 269-1251. Broker.

SELF-HELP

Persons who have a problem with alcohol are offered a free source of help locally. Alcoholics Anonymous - call 562-4081 for information.

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TEXAS AUTO BURGLARY AND THEFT PREVENTION AUTHORITY

Limbaugh turns into sports lightning rod... again

By Steve Escajeda
Special to the Courier

There's an old saying that warns people to be careful what they ask for — because they just might get it.

And I'm afraid that though the National Football League apparently got what it wanted last week, it may be sorry in the long run.

The St. Louis Rams' organization is up for grabs and there is a real possibility that the team could be bought by some group and moved out of the city.

But some potential buyers stepped forward to make a bid for the team and keep it in St. Louis.

There's also another saying about things sometimes being too good to be true.

That group of potential buyers had just one thing wrong with it — it included controversial talk show host Rush Limbaugh.

The uproar was predictable.

Many NFL players, the NFL players' union and many of the usual political suspects rushed for any microphone they could find to voice their displeasure.

It was as if Adolph Hitler, Osama bin Laden and Fidel Castro were looking to buy a house on Main Street, USA.

And why was everybody so upset? It all went back to the dumb comments Limbaugh said about Donovan McNabb six years ago.

You remember, Rush said the NFL gave McNabb a pass because it wanted so much for a black quarterback to be successful in the league. Though there was a time in the league that black quarterbacks could not be found, it was dumb to say in this day and age.

The fury over the comment forced Limbaugh to resign his post as ESPN Monday Night Football commentator.

Now I've listened to Limbaugh's program many times through the years and I have to be honest — I've never heard him make a single racist comment, not one.

I've heard him go after democrats, and liberals in general, with the ferocity of a starving pit bull — but I've never heard him make any downright racist statements.

Of course there are some in the media who accuse anyone who disagrees with them as a racist or a sexist.

Because Rush isn't afraid to say what he

thinks about liberal democrats (whether they are white, black, brown, yellow, purple or burnt orange), he is being striped of the one right that liberals seem to champion the most — his freedom of speech.

It's funny sometimes how groups of people feel everyone should have the right to free speech — until it differs with what they believe.

Limbaugh has been accused of saying some rather nasty things about other races of people lately. But whenever anyone tries to find a record of the statements — they are nowhere to be found.

Don't tell me that there are some nasty people out there making this stuff up just because they don't agree with Limbaugh's ideology.

So what does this mean for the NFL? Nothing. What would it have meant for the NFL if Limbaugh were allowed to be part-owner of the Rams? Nothing.

Like always, there would have been the proclamations that the sky was falling and that the integrity of the game had been tarnished forever.

Then in a couple weeks everyone would be focused on the games and the Limbaugh thing would be forgotten.

But we'll never be able to prove that theory because Rush was dropped from the group of buyers because he turned out to be bad for business.

I have to admit that I went to the internet that morning to make sure I hadn't awakened in Nazi Germany — because there was a time in America where its citizens were allowed to question the actions of others without retribution.

And that's all Limbaugh does.

He questions the actions of groups like ACORN, and politicians like Rob Blagojevich and Charles Rangel and Nancy Pelosi and Jesse Jackson and Harry Reid and Howard Dean and Barney Frank and Dianne Feinstein and John Murtha and Maxine Waters and Al Sharpton and Marion Barry and William Jefferson and John Edwards, etc.

Now I ask you — does that make Rush a racist, or a voracious conservative?

What Limbaugh haters don't realize is that some day it's going to be someone they care about who is going to be turned down for his or her beliefs.

Of course once they're turned down — the cries of racism will be heard.

A sporting view By Mark Vasto

Jets hope to fly wings of Sanchez

It's the early '70s and The Beatles have just broken up. Paul McCartney forms a band named Wings and soon hits the top of the charts with a song called "Jet." Jet had a catchy tune, but absolutely nobody understood the lyrics (with the possible exception of Denny Laine).

During that time, somewhere in New York, the Jets had a quarterback named Namath, who entered the words "long bomb" into the everyday lexicon of the National

Football League. He amazed everyone, and once even modeled in panty hose like a modern-day Mrs. Vanderbilt.

It's 2009, and it's another day for the New York Jets. People still don't understand the words to McCartney's "Jet," and a lot of people cannot believe the performance of the New York Jets and their latest amazing quarterback, Mark Sanchez.

Drafted after his junior year at USC, Sanchez — dubbed "the San-

chize" by New York media — was labeled not ready for primetime by USC and former Jets head coach Pete Carroll. Before he had even thrown a pass in the NFL, Sanchez raised eyebrows when he posed in a Jersey Shore photo-shoot with several bikini-clad women (not that there's anything wrong with that). Did this guy think he was already such a hot shot? Or, as many predicted, would he be a flash in the pan?

Early indications are that he is the real deal. Though his statistics through the first few weeks of the system are good and not fantastic, anyone who has watched this Jets offense under his command knows

that there is a certain swagger, a certain sense of daring and timing that only truly good quarterbacks possess.

The halls of NFL lore are littered with stories of draft busts — particularly at the position of quarterback. For every Tom Brady, there is a Ryan Leaf. For every Joe Montana, there's a Joey Harrington. (And really, there is no place in the NFL for guys named "Joey." Can you imagine a "Mean Joey Greene?")

Sanchez gets most of the glory for this band's resurgence — but when you look at this revitalized Jets team, it is impossible to ignore the contributions of their defense and new head coach Rex Ryan.

As one would expect with someone of Buddy Ryan descent, Ryan has brought back the 3-4 and has made the pass rush a hallmark of his defense. Not only that, he's benched players for Twittering on the Internet. In this day and age, you just have to respect a move like that.

But champions aren't crowned in October, and a career isn't made in three or four decent games. Either way, Sanchez and Ryan hope Jet fans will always love them.

Mark Vasto is a veteran sports-writer and publisher of *The Kansas City Luminary*. (c) 2009 King Features Synd., Inc.

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Saturday, October 31
1:00 p.m.



HAPPY HALLOWEEN! SPECIAL PROMOTIONS!

Spend the afternoon trick-or-treating with the Miners! Trick or Treating in the Fun Zone, plus a costume contest for all ages in the Fun Zone!

"TAKE A KID TO THE GAME" DAY

Get a FREE youth ticket with the purchase of an adult ticket!

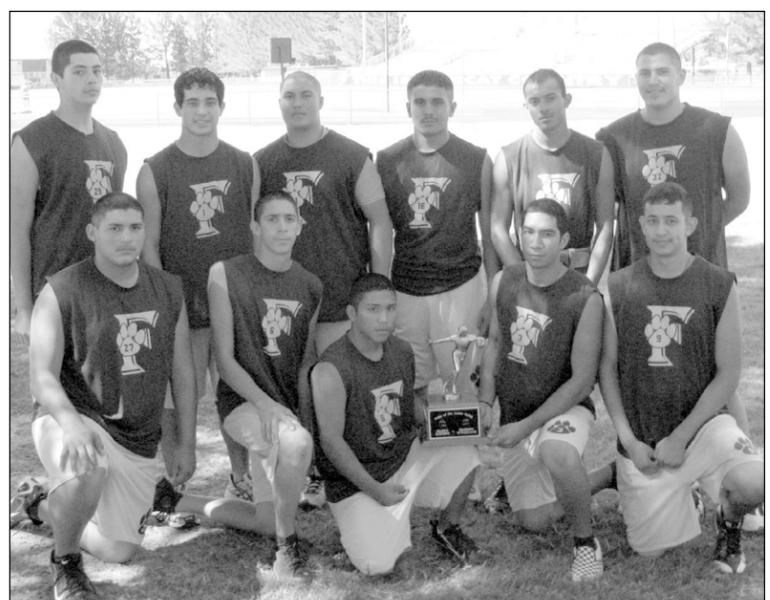
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Bring in a canned food item to benefit the West Texas Food Bank, Sponsored by the UTEP Student Athletes.

UTEP Basketball Season Tickets on Sale!

Family Packs - 2 adult, and 2 youth tickets, only \$440. That's just over \$6/game!

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BRAGGIN' RIGHTS — The Fabens Wildcats will hold on to the "Pride of the Lower Valley" trophy until it goes up for grabs next season.

Trophy changes hands

By Christine Gleason
Special to the Courier

FABENS — Friday Night Football wasn't just about winning or losing on October 9. It was about settling a long time rivalry and winning a trophy that represents the Pride of the Lower Valley. In a victory against Clint High School, the Fabens High School Wildcats upset the Lions 26-20 taking back the "Pride of the Lower Valley" trophy Clint has held for the last four years.

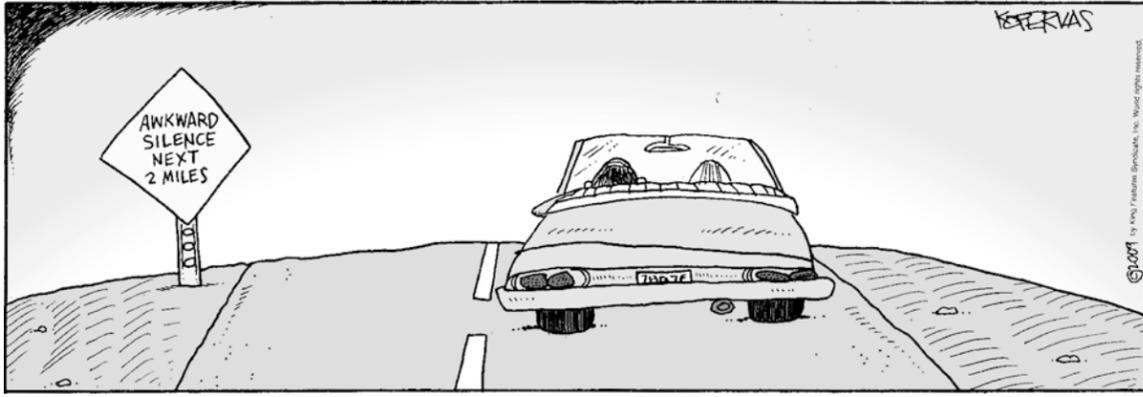
The Wildcats had been struggling to overcome a 0-5 record. Head Coach Jose Martinez said "this win is awesome for more than one reason. It is our first district win, our guys are pumped and everything came together. Congratulations to the guys, and we plan to keep the ball rolling."

Outside linebacker Angel Ornelas and Fabens High School Senior said "before we played other teams, but our team just didn't click. Now, with

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Comix

OUT ON A LIMB By Gary Kopervas



AMBER WAVES By Dave T. Phipps



THE SPATS By Jeff Pickering



R.F.D. By Mike Marland



Your good health By Paul G. Donohue, M.D.

DEAR DR. DONOHUE: About three years ago, I had a procedure to reduce the size of my prostate. It was Greenlight PVP laser procedure. My doctor did it on an outpatient basis. Since then, I have a normal flow for someone who is 79 years old. I sleep through the night without having to get up to go to the bathroom. Perhaps you could comment on this treatment. — L.M.

fers is a reduction of bleeding. The green-light laser seals blood vessels in the process. I am sure many men readers will appreciate your bringing up the topic.

The booklet on the prostate gland, both enlargement and cancer of, summarizes treatments for these conditions. Readers can order a copy by writing: Dr. Donohue — No. 1001W, Box 536475, Orlando, FL 32853-6475. Enclose a check or money order (no cash) for \$4.75 U.S./\$6 Canada with the recipient's printed name and address. Please allow four weeks for delivery.

Prostate gland enlargement — benign (noncancerous) prostate hyperplasia or hypertrophy — is something that happens to just about all men. Fifty percent of men between the ages of 51 and 60 have some gland enlargement, and by age 80, more than 80 percent have it. Not all these men have to deal with its exasperating consequences — frequent urination, nighttime urination, difficulty starting the stream — but enough do that it is a quite common problem.

DEAR DR. DONOHUE: My 3-year-old granddaughter wakes up within a few hours of going to bed. She screams, and nothing consoles her. It's like watching "The Exorcist." I understand this is called night terror. Any suggestions? — C.S.

Sometimes medicines can relax the chokehold that the big prostate has on the urethra, the tube draining the bladder, and there also are medicines that shrink the gland.

Many children suffer from night terrors. They usually occur in the first hours of sleep. The child suddenly screams, is wide-eyed, has a fast heartbeat, might be sweating, could thrash about or get up and walk zombielike. The child has no recollection of this the next day. The episodes are terrifying to on-lookers. Speak to the child soothingly until he or she goes back to sleep. Night terrors peak between ages 5 and 7, and then tend to disappear. The child's doctor should be informed of these so an exam to rule out any serious condition can be done.

When medicines strike out, a large number of invasive procedures are readily available. The standard operation, TURP — transurethral resection of the prostate — is done with a scope and instrument passed into the urethra and advanced upward to the gland. The doctor shaves away portions of the gland. TUNA — transurethral needle ablation; TUMT — transurethral microwave therapy; and TUIP — transurethral incision of the prostate are procedures done very much like a TURP, but they employ different techniques for reducing the gland's size. Some are done in the doctor's office.

Dr. Donohue regrets that he is unable to answer individual letters, but he will incorporate them in his column whenever possible. Readers may write him or request an order form of available health newsletters at P.O. Box 536475, Orlando, FL 32853-6475. (c) 2009 North America Synd., Inc. All Rights Reserved

Greenlight Laser Photovaporization is a technique in which the prostate gland is downsized by vaporizing the excess with a laser that emits a green light. One big advantage this of-

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Social Security Q&A By Ray Vigil

Apply now to retire in early 2010

If you're planning on retiring sometime early in the new year, now is the time to apply for retirement benefits. The most convenient way to apply for Social Security benefits is online — from the comfort of your home or office. Just go to www.socialsecurity.gov/applyonline.

Our website will walk you through the online retirement application process. We will tell you what information you will need to answer the questions on the application. Further, we will describe the documents you may need to present once you have submitted your application.

Before you start your application, we recommend you get an estimate of your retirement benefit. This too, you can do on the Social Security website at www.socialsecurity.gov/estimator. The Retirement Estimator uses your personal employment history to estimate your retirement benefit. It also will help you to answer some of the questions on the retirement application.

You can use the online application to apply for Social Security retirement or spouses benefits if you:

- Are at least 61 years and 9 months old;
- Want to start your benefits in the next four months; and
- Live in the United States.

You will want to be fully informed of your options and their consequences before applying. The website will tell you everything you need to know about the Social Security "basics" so you'll be ready to re-

tire when you apply online.

Before filing online for retirement, we suggest you have the following information on hand:

- Your date and place of birth and Social Security number;
- Your bank or financial institution's routing transit number and the account number, for direct deposit of your benefits;
- The amount of money earned last

year and this year. If you are filing for benefits in the months of September through December, you also will need to estimate next year's earnings;

- The name and address of your employer(s) for this year and last year;

- The beginning and ending dates of any active U.S. military service you had before 1968;

- The name, Social Security number and date of birth or age of your current spouse and any former spouse. You also should know the dates and places of marriage and dates of divorce or death (if appropriate); and

- A copy of your Social Security Statement.

Even if you don't have all the information we need, you should go ahead and apply. We will contact you later if we need additional documentation.

Applying online means there is no need for you to go to a Social Security office or wait for a scheduled

appointment with a Social Security representative. Besides, retiring online is so easy. You can apply in as little as 15 minutes.

So if you want to start the new year off as a retiree, or plan to start collecting benefits early in the new year, now's the time to take action. Don't delay; apply online today at www.socialsecurity.gov/applyonline.

Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ★★

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 Answer Page 4 ★★★ HOO BOY!
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CryptoQuip

This is a simple substitution cipher in which each letter used stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Solution is accomplished by trial and error.

Clue: E equals K

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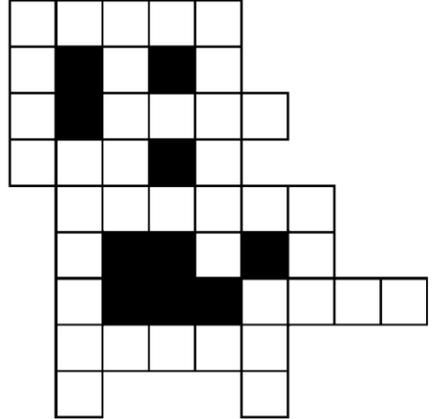
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FEAR KNOT

By: rj johnson
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- ♥YAWR



Answer Page 4

Unscramble these twelve letter strings to form each into an ordinary word (ex. HAGNEC becomes CHANGE). Prepare to use only ONE word from any marked (♥) letter string as each unscrambles into more than one word (ex. ♥RATHE becomes HATER or EARTH or HEART). Fit each string's word either across or down to knot all twelve strings together.

Trophy

From Page 6

this win, we are back on track."

Defensive Coordinator Stacy Nunez said "the inside linebackers, Jorge [Morales] and Ben [Loya] were making plays outside of where they normally are. They were everywhere. Nick [Ramirez] was hitting the running backs hard and Ismael [Nunez] even hit one guy so hard the ball popped out." Nunez also credits the victory to the amazing offensive line that, among other things, drove the ball from about the 20 yard line to score a touchdown.

After the game, Wildcat fans rushed on to the field to show their support. "This win is great for everyone" Martinez said.

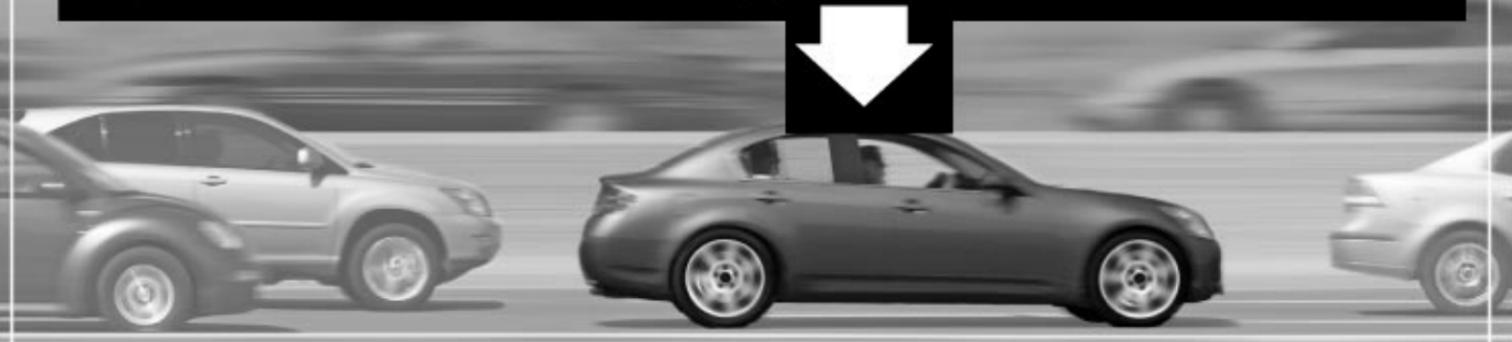
The exchanging of the trophy and season long bragging rights started several years ago when Fabens High School Principal Robert Sepulveda and then Clint High School Principal Morris Aldridge sat down to discuss ways to pep up Friday night football games between their schools.

"It makes our season to beat Clint" Sepulveda said.



"You have to admire their honesty."

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