



NEWSBRIEFS

Fundraiser

The Kiwanis clubs of El Paso and Horizon City are sponsoring the Annual Skip Rock Championship and Family Fun Picnic on Sunday, Sept. 5, from 1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. at Ascarate Lake. The event will be judged by members of the Diablos Organization. Children's Miracle Network and Candlelighters will also be on hand with child-related activities. All funds raised will go towards scholarship programs and other Kiwanis sponsored student programs such as Terrific Kids, B.U.G. (Bring Up Grades), Read Around the World, K.E.Y. (Kiwanis Educating Youth) clubs, Special Olympics, and furnishing dictionaries, school supplies, shoes and clothing to needy children at the beginning of the school year. Kiwanis is a group of volunteers dedicated to helping one child and one community at a time. If you would like to help sponsor this event, please contact Michele Nevins at 549-4606.

— Ann M. Miller

Adult education

The Clint Independent School District is offering free Adult Education Classes for English GED, Citizenship and English as a Second Language. Registration will occur from the East Montana Area will be on: Monday, Sept. 7, 2010 at East Montana Middle School, 3490 Ascension Road, from 5:00 - 8:00 p.m., at the Parent Center, Rm. 114. Classes will be held at East Montana Middle School Mondays and Wednesdays beginning Sept. 27. Registration for the Horizon City and Clint Area will be on Sept. 8, at Desert Hills Elementary, 300 N. Kenazo Dr. (ABE Portable on the right hand side of the school), from 5:00 - 8:00 p.m. Classes will be held at Horizon High School on Tuesdays and Thursdays beginning September 28, 2010. The schedule for classes in both areas will be: ESL Classes: 6:00 - 7:30 p.m.; English GED: 6:00-8:00 p.m.; Citizenship Classes: 7:30 - 9:30 p.m.; Saturday - English GED 8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. For more information, call the Adult Basic Education Program at 926-3253.

— Laura Cade

Volunteers sought

The Canutillo Independent School District is seeking individuals who are parents of enrolled students, persons who reside in the community, and business people who have an interest in the Canutillo school district to volunteer to serve on the District and Campuses Site-Based Management Committees. Volunteers and nominations for open positions are now being taken for the 2010 - 2011 school year. If you would be willing to serve, or you would like to nominate someone, please contact

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The secret of economy is to live as cheaply the day after payday as you did the day before.

— Quips & Quotes

Maldonado Maze honors American soldiers



— Photo by Alfredo Vasquez

PICK YOUR OWN — From left, Enrique Maldonado and sisters Evangelina Maldonado-Sainz and Carmen Maldonado-Guzman stand in the pumpkin patch that will be accessible to visitors for picking their own pumpkins at the Maldonado Farm. The Maldonado Maze in the Upper Valley is open to visitors, September 4 through November 7. To get to the maze, take Interstate-10 to the Vinton/Westway (Exit 2). Turn west onto Vinton Road, cross Doniphan Drive, go over the Rio Grande until you get to a three-way stop sign. Turn left at the sign and continue to Highway 28. Turn left on Highway 28, and travel for about a mile to the Maldonado Maze on the right-hand side.

Students, faculty ready to walk for Alzheimer's Association

By Julie Najera
Special to the Courier

SOCORRO — Students and faculty at H.D. Hilley Elementary celebrated the kick-off of their participation in the 2010 Alzheimer's Association Memory Walk with a presentation by association member Lucy Murillo, who spoke to the students about what Alzheimer's is, its warning signs, and what they could do if someone they know is affected by Alzheimer's. This is the first year the school's students and staff will raise money for the cause through their Pennies for Your Thoughts campaign.

"It was amazing to see how many kids were asking questions," said Pennies for your Thoughts organizer and school Instructional Technologist Edna Salas. "They even stayed after school to learn more about the disease and how they can help." Salas spurred the school's participation and support for the cause for its educational and personal value. "Working to support the Alzheimer's Association is a great community service project for our students," Salas said. "It's also close to my heart." In August 2009, Salas' father Miguel "Mike" Olivas wandered from his central El Paso home and was found dead in Socorro eleven days later. He was diagnosed with Alzheimer's in 2005, but showed warning signs as early as 2000. Driven by her personal experiences, Salas wants to help

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— Photo courtesy Socorro ISD

READY TO WALK — Edna Salas will be joined by dozens of her colleagues and the third-through-fifth grade classes of H.D. Hilley Elementary School as she raises money and awareness for the Alzheimer's Association in the 2010 Memory Walk. Tee shirts made for the occasion say "Don't Olivas alone," a reminder of the care Alzheimer's patients need.

By Alfredo Vasquez
Special to the Courier

UPPER VALLEY — It's harvest season once again for area farmers, and the owners of an Upper Valley farm, located near La Union, New Mexico, want to share the fall experience with city dwellers, and at the same time, pay tribute to the American soldier.

Sisters Carmen Maldonado-Guzman and Evangelina Maldonado-Sainz along with brother Enrique Maldonado, owners of the Maldonado Farm on Highway 28, said that they will open their 73-acre farmland to the public for a variety of daily activities, beginning Saturday, September 4 and continuing through Sunday, November 7.

Among the outdoor offerings are trekking through four different crop mazes, picking your own vegetables, going on a hayride, petting different farm animals, and enjoying freshly-prepared food items including roasted corn, hot dogs, gorditas, churros, and funnel cakes. Also, there will be a beer garden.

This is the second year that the Maldonado's have offered El Paso area residents an outdoor experience that is healthy and educational. They had about 10,000 visitors last year.

As part of the farm experience, the Maldonados provide an educational component to children's groups, such as school field trips, to talk about the history of some of the crops grown in this region.

"Children tend to have the misconception that their food originates from the grocery store," commented Maldonado-Sainz.

The Maldonado's said that their mazes' theme this year is, "A Tribute to the American Soldier". "We want to honor our soldiers stationed at Fort Bliss and all of our local area residents who have served in the armed forces," said Maldonado-Guzman.

The main maze, which encompasses 19 acres, is a design of a soldier surrounded by jets. Another maze may be enjoyed with pedal carts (miniature John Deere pedal tractors). A smaller maze, which is made of bales of straw, is geared for younger children. Also, individuals will be able to walk through the pumpkin patch and pick their own pumpkins.

The Maldonado Maze is an example of the increasing interest across the country in what's being referred to as agri-tourism or agrotainment.

"In the small farming communities, there's not much money being made anymore," said Maldonado-Guzman. High fuel prices, fertilizer, labor, and competition from big business and from other countries have adversely affected the average American farmer," Maldonado-Guzman said. "There is, however, an economic niche to be filled with crop mazes and their accompanying activities. They give a public that has increasingly become removed from agriculture, a glimpse into farm life and the opportunity to breathe fresh air."

Hours of operation will be 9 a.m. to 1:45 p.m., Monday - Friday, also 5 to 10 p.m., Fridays, 11 a.m. to 10 p.m., Saturdays, and 11:30 a.m. to 6 p.m., Sundays. Cost for the farm attractions are \$9 for adults, \$7 for ages 4 to 12, and children under 3 years are free. A \$2 discount will be available for military personnel. Ample parking will be available.

For more information visit the website, Maizequest.com or Cornmaze.com, or call 915-203-0515.

Mayor likes direction Village of Vinton is going

By Don Woodyard
Special to the Courier

VINTON – The mayor of the Village of Vinton is excited.

“I am happy with the way things are going,” says Madeliene Praino. “Things are finally moving forward. I am happy with what we have achieved.”

Her excitement is generated by a number of projects, some near at hand and others on the horizon to benefit the residents of the Upper Valley community.

El Paso County Northwest Annex

Mayor Praino is high in her praise of County Commissioner Dan Haggerty with whom she has been working “for a long time” to bring various county services together in a new structure which will be located across the road from Vinton’s administrative offices where Justice of the Peace Bruce King is now located.

“He has been very helpful and accommodating,” she says. “We have a good working relationship.”

Haggerty says they have “most of

it together.” The only issue is water for the building. He sees no obstacles to construction of the 10,000-15,000 square foot structure for which \$4 million has been set aside for construction by Commissioners Court. “Everybody is on board. We

are wrapping up loose ends.”

Haggerty expects construction to start in early 2011 and will take about six months to complete. It will bring various county services and agencies into one building to serve the Upper Valley. Those will include

the JP, constable and the sheriff’s substation which presently shares a building with the Village of Vinton.

\$22 million in sewer projects

They mayor says Vinton has been

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Veterans Post By Freddy Groves

Children of Agent Orange

Are you a Vietnam veteran? Do you have children? By this time they’re adults. Were they born healthy?

It’s believed that the Agent Orange sprayed all over Vietnam did enough damage that it got passed along to the children of service personnel in the form of physical or developmental disabilities. And that makes sense: It’s known that Agent Orange causes changes at the cellular level in the human body. Add damaged DNA to the creation of a new life, and you have the potential for things to go very wrong.

The Department of Veterans Affairs has limited compensation for disabled children of a parent exposed to Agent Orange in Vietnam. The thing is, that parent has to be the mother (serving from 1961 to 1975) to get benefits for more than a dozen different serious disabilities in the children. These include cardiovascular defects, cleft lips and malformation of the urinary tract, among others. The VA assumes, however, that if it was the father who served (from

1962 to 1975), it should pay benefits only for spina bifida.

It sounds like the VA is trying to cut the number of potential claims. Of the nearly 3 million who served, only a small percentage were women, generally serving in medical roles. Do the math: It greatly reduces the number of claims by putting a dozen of the serious disabilities as women-only.

For more information from parents dealing with affected children, go to www.agentorangequilttears.com. Scroll way down and click on Agent Orange & Birth Defects.

If you want to file a claim, you’ll need VA Form 21-0304.

Want to hear something scary? There’s talk that the damage from Agent Orange goes a step further – to our grandchildren.

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TAKE IT TO THE BANK – TWC Commissioner Ronald Congleton visited the Advanced Technology Center on the EPCC Valle Verde Campus to make the energy technology training grant presentation. From left are Dr. Richard Rhodes, EPCC President; Commissioner Ronald G. Congleton, TWC; Mr. Javier Casas, Int’l Brotherhood of Electrical Workers Local Union 583; Ms. Patricia Villalobos, Chairman Upper Rio Grande Workforce Solutions; Mr. Mike Waldo, El Paso Electrician’s JATC; and Ms. Yolanda Ahner, EPCC Vice President of Workforce/Economic Development & Continuing Education.

Texas Workforce Commission offers small businesses training opportunities

By Alfredo Vasquez
Special to the Courier

El Paso County – Texas Workforce Commission (TWC) announced recently the introduction of two educational programs that are designed to help small businesses develop more skilled jobs. The two programs are supported by the state’s Skills Development Fund and are in conjunction with the Governor’s Small Business Forums (GSBF) initiative.

TWC officials presented El Paso Community College with a \$343,928 grant to train workers in solar energy technology installation. The training program will be offered in partnership with nine local construction companies.

The grant will enable EPCC’s Workforce/Economic Development Department and partner, the El Paso Joint Apprenticeship Training

Committee, to train 65 contractor employees in renewable energy and energy efficiency through the college’s Construction Energy Technology Training program.

The construction companies that are partnering with the community college are Avila Plumbing, Coefficient Systems Testing Inc., Dawco Builders LLC, El Paso J.A.G. Inc., EM Commercial and Industrial Electrical Services Inc., Oscar Lara Electrical LLC, Longoria Electrical Inc., Solar Smart Living LLC, and Sun City Electric Inc.

In another program, TWC officials said that they have about \$2 million dollars in state funds to pay for college-based job training for employees of small businesses in Texas. The program will pay for tuition and fees for employees who take courses at public community or technical colleges. This offering is designed for businesses with fewer than 100 employees.

Small businesses could receive up to \$1,450 for each newly hired, fulltime employee and up to \$725 for each incumbent employee, according to TWC officials. Special focus will be on training for occupations within GSBF’s six targeted industry clusters including aerospace and defense, advanced technologies and manufacturing, biotechnology and life science, energy, petroleum refining and chemical production, and information and computer technology.

Small business owners, interested in applying for the college incentive program, should contact the Texas Workforce Commission. If an application is approved, the state agency will provide the college money for an employee’s training.

For more information regarding these programs, visit the website, www.twc.state.tx.us/svcs/funds/ssb, or call 877-463-1777.

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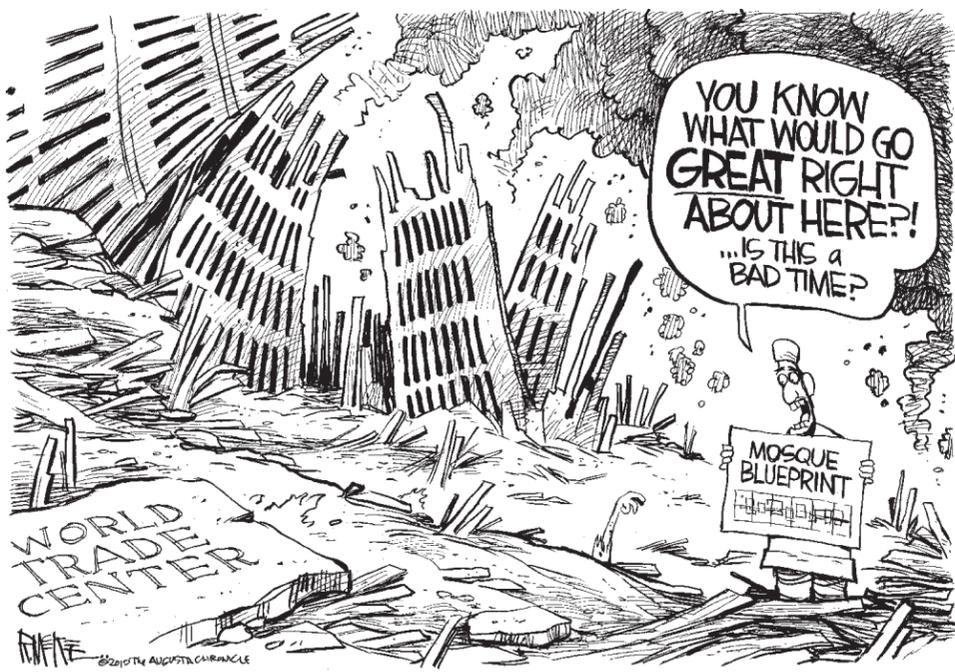
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PUBLIC NOTICE TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS AND PARTIES:

The *West Texas County Courier* will publish two editions early. The September 23 and September 30, 2010 issues will go to press on Thursday, September 16, 2010.

All material for these publications must be submitted to the *West Texas County Courier* no later than Monday, September 13, 2010.

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NEWS ITEM: ABOUT 25% OF OIL SPILL REMAINS. WHAT HAPPENED TO THE REST?

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Por la Gente By State Rep. Chente Quintanilla

Each person must be counted

Hola mi gente. As you are well aware, I have been very vocal about a potentially bad outcome to the census count that was done earlier this year. Because of my public stance on the subject, there have been many comments both on airwaves and on print media as to my motives.

The most prevalent comment postulates that I am afraid of losing my seat to redistricting. Nothing could be further from the truth. I will always be comfortable with the decision that voters make even if it means being out of office. I have diligently made it the mission of my office to be available to the public for assistance. I gauge my success by the fact that the voters have re-elected me to office. If my office closes its doors to the people, then I will be booted and rightfully so.

That brings me to the point of this article. I did not mean to heap any praise on myself; only to share my understanding of how important it is to respond to constituents.

Since the 1990 census and subsequent redistricting, our county has had representation from elected officials who are seated as far away as 600 miles (San Antonio). The opportunity for El Pasoans in the east part of the county to talk face-to-face with a congressman were very limited. The incumbent readily visited El Paso to attend fundraisers but spent very little time rubbing elbows with farmers or colonia residents. At one point our state senator from the San Antonio area had staff and office here but today many in the county have no access to that office.

This scenario is the reason for my concern about the census.

The fact that we have state and federal representation from so far away is difficult. However, one office holder has shown his dedication to making his office available to the public. Congressman **Ciro Rodriguez** has visited El Paso more times in just two years than his predecessor had in over ten years of office. If **Ciro** isn't visiting the constituents then his staff has made the trips here.

Initially, **Cesar Blanco** was here for quite a long time mainly because he is a native. Now that **Cesar** is the main staffer in Washington, **Jaime Solis** makes very frequent visits with or without the congressman.

Congressman **Rodriguez** visited El Paso County during the flooding that took place in 2006. He walked through the devastation that was reaped upon the **Ramirez Pecan Orchard** and offered support to the owners.

Since then he has been here many times. Just this past week, **Ciro** was at Ft. Bliss along with Congressman **Reyes** to welcome President **Obama**. The three visited with the soldiers who recently returned from Iraq. After that event, **Ciro** and his staff immediately drove to the **Montana Vista** area to meet with constituents.

If every elected official representing small parts of El Paso County had as much respect for the residents in east El Paso as Congressman **Ciro Rodriguez**, then I would not be so concerned. But the fact of the matter is that it is easy for those who live hundreds of miles away to forget our part of the state; that is until election time.

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

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WHEA PARDNER!

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Moore Texas by **ROGER MOORE** March 26, 1855: A rousing play about the Texas' stand at the Alamo does not go well in Charleston South Carolina... it only lasts 2 performances.

Dang! I'd rather be attacked by the Mexican Army!

BRAPP! BOO!

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There is a Texas law STILL on the books that mandates no one carry pliers that COULD cut a fence.

1924: Charles Lindbergh starts pilot training at Brooks Field in San Antonio.

1687: La Salle travels in Texas instead of finding the mouth of the Mississippi.

1908: Movie actress **Jean Crawford** is born in San Antonio.

1868: **Prize** **Chickadee**, famous talkative, dies of food poisoning in Oklahoma.

1878: State's first all-black college opens (Alta Vista).

1955: Football player **Earl Campbell** is born in Tyler.

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Walk

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educate others about the disease so that they can recognize warning signs early and seek help for their loved ones. "This is not just about my dad," Salas added. "This is about teaching our students to be active participants in their community, and educating their families with hopes of helping them protect their loved ones and preventing another tragedy such as my family's from

happening in our area again. Alzheimer's disease is not an old person's disease. An estimated 5.3 million Americans of all ages have Alzheimer's disease." Adding to the students' interest, the campus has created a competition to encourage participation. The class that raises the most money for the walk will be rewarded with Texas-sized donuts, donated by campus partner Blue Seal Bakery in South El Paso. The Alzheimer's Association will also create special identification badges that will be worn at the Walk for the winning class.

Employees from Loma Verde Elementary have also organized a team to participate in the walk. Together, some 60 members of the faculties of H.D. Hilley and Loma Verde elementary schools have signed up to join H.D. Hilley's third-through-fifth-graders in the campaign. Both schools are in the Socorro Independent School District. The local 2010 Alzheimer's Association Memory Walk will take place on Sunday,

September 26 at La Viña Winery in La Union, New Mexico. The Memory Walk is the nation's largest event to raise awareness and funds for Alzheimer's care, support and research. Since 1989, the Memory Walk has raised more than \$300 million for the cause. For more information on the El Paso area Walk and how to get involved, call or e-mail the event organizers at 544-1799 or susie.gorman@alz.org.

El Paso County Tornillo Water Improvement District Notice of Public Hearing on Tax Rate

The El Paso County Tornillo Water Improvement District will hold a public hearing on a proposed tax rate for the tax year 2010 on Wednesday, September 15, 2010, at 6:00 p.m., at Tornillo ISD JR High Cafeteria, 430 Oil Mill St., Tornillo, TX 79853. Your individual taxes may increase or decrease, depending on the change in taxable value of your property in relation to the change in the taxable value of all other property and the tax rate that is adopted.

- FOR** the proposal: **Jose Luis Soria, Emma Muñoz, Clemente Escallante and Eliberto Nuñez**
- AGAINST** the proposal: **NONE**
- PRESENT** and not voting: **NONE**
- ABSENT:** **Norma Morales, Luis Vega and Mike Gomez**

The following table compares taxes on an average residence homestead in this taxing unit last year to taxes proposed on the average residence homestead this year.

	Last Year	This Year
	Adopted	Proposed
Total tax rate (per \$100 value)	0.074645/\$100	0.078157/\$100
Difference in rates per \$100 of value	+ \$ 0.003512/\$100	
Percentage increase / decrease in rates (+/-)	+ 4.70%	
Average appraised value	\$ 42,817	\$ 44,167
General exemptions available (excluding senior citizen's or disabled person's exemptions)	\$ 0	\$ 0
Average taxable value	\$ 42,817	\$ 44,167
Tax on average residence homestead	\$ 31.96	\$ 34.52
Annual increase / decrease in taxes if proposed tax rate is adopted (+/-) and percentage of increase (+/-)	+ \$ 2.56 + 8.00%	

NOTICE OF TAXPAYERS' RIGHT TO ROLLBACK ELECTION

If taxes on the average residence homestead increase by more than eight percent, the qualified voters of the district by petition may require that an election be held to determine whether to reduce the operation and maintenance tax rate to the rollback tax rate under Section 49.236(d), Water Code.

Briefs

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the CISD public information office at 877-7481.

— Kim Guzman

Mammograms

Instead of driving into the city limits for their annual mammogram, local residents can take advantage of the mobile screening unit that will be available during the annual San Elizario ISD health fair on September 18. Desert Imaging will have its Digital Mammography Coach stationed at San Elizario High School during the district's yearly health and wellness event. Screenings take approximately 10 minutes and will be offered that Saturday from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. by appointment. Anyone interested in the mobile mammogram screening must be at least 40 years of age and must contact Desert Imaging to schedule an appointment. Most insurance plans will be accepted. The cost of the screening for non-insured individuals is \$129. Please call 577-0100 to schedule an appointment.

— Cynthia P. Marentes

Canutillo Ex

Canutillo, TX (October 31, 2010) — Canutillo High School is seeking nominations for the school's Outstanding Ex, who will be honored at the homecoming activities being held during the week of October 4-8. Nominations by or for the outstanding Ex candidates should be sent in care of the CISD Public Information Office at P.O. Box 100, Canutillo, Texas 79835, or by email at ptidwell@canutilloisd.org. Deadline for nominations is September 20, 2010.

— Kim Guzman

Clint ISD pay

The Clint ISD Board of Trustees has approved an increase in pay for all employees. The salary structure for the 2010 - 2011 school year reflects a 1% pay increase plus a step for all employees that is an average 2.15% increase for teachers. With a base salary of \$44,803 for teachers, the new salary schedule will cost the District an estimated \$1.4 million. A new teacher hired for the 2010 - 2011 school year could earn up to \$50,803 the first year. The District has provided all employees with significant pay and stipend increases for many years. This increase and salary structure sustains the District's commitment to maintaining competitive salary schedules and retaining high quality personnel while continuing to be a financially sound District.

— Laura Cade

Crime Stoppers

Crime Stoppers of El Paso is assisting the El Paso Police Department in locating the person responsible for a fatal hit and run collision on the far east side, making this the "Crime of the Week." On Sunday, August 15, 2010, a few minutes after 10:00 p.m., the Special Traffic Investigation unit was called to assist officers in the Pebble Hills region reference a hit and run collision involving a pedestrian in the 3200 block of Zaragoza at Rich Beem. The investigation revealed that 26-year-old Angel Hernandez was attempting to

cross Zaragoza from west to east when he was struck in the north bound lanes of Zaragoza, possibly by two vehicles. Hernandez was in or near the crosswalk when he was struck. He was transported to University Medical Center where he died as a result of his injuries. Evidence at the scene and witness statements have led investigators to believe that the victim may have been struck by two vehicles, first by a white truck which would show substantial front end damage and then by a dark colored SUV. Both vehicles fled the scene of the collision, which is a poorly lit area. If you have any information at all about the identity of the persons responsible for this crime, or the location of the vehicles involved, 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.

— James Klaes

Wanted

The hunt is on for Vincent Alexander Escobar, 17, of Fabens. He also goes by Vincent Medina and a nickname — Tripps. He is wanted for Assault (family violence). Escobar is 5'7" tall and weighs 145 pounds. He has black hair and brown eyes. He has 3410 tattooed on the front of his neck, Perla and Escobar on his back. He is affiliated with the Barrio Fabens Gang. Escobar violently assaulted his ex-girlfriend twice in August by punching her in the face and arms with closed fists. He also grabbed and picked her up by the throat. Escobar was arrested for the first assault but bonded out. He eluded authorities after the second assault and charges have been filed. If anyone has seen or has any information about Escobar they can contact the Sheriff's Office at 546-2280 or Crime Stoppers of El Paso at 566-TIPS (8477). Callers will remain anonymous and may be eligible for a reward if the information provided leads to the apprehension of the individuals featured.

— Deputy Jesse Tovar

Explosive situation

On Friday, Aug. 27 at approximately 7:15 p.m., Sheriff's Deputies were called to a residence in the 400 block of Uxmal in San Elizario in reference to an explosive device — a grenade. Deputies arrived and met with the homeowner who told authorities that while working on a construction site inside the city limits, he found a grenade buried in the dirt. Not knowing what to do, he placed the grenade in the bed of his pickup truck, drove to his home in San Elizario and called 911. For precautionary reasons the surrounding neighbors were evacuated temporarily and the street was blocked off. San Elizario Fire Department responded and the Fort Bliss Bomb Detonator Squad was called. At about 9:30 p.m. the Ft. Bliss Bomb Squad arrived on scene and took custody of the grenade. The neighborhood was then deemed safe and people were allowed to return to their homes.

— Deputy Jesse Tovar



Vincent Escobar

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Amerena brings experience to San Eli volleyball program

By Cynthia P. Marentes
Special to the Courier

New to San Elizario, volleyball head coach Holly Amerena is facing a challenging first year of coaching at the high school level reassembling a team with only one returning varsity player.

"I want to start building the program back up into something positive for the girls and the

community. Hopefully we can bring back a district title and gain respect from the volleyball community in El Paso County," Amerena said.

Amerena who is beginning her third year of teaching was previously the volleyball coach at Howell Middle School in Victoria, TX. Although she graduated from college just a few years ago in 2008, Amerena has a long history with the sport of volleyball. She began playing at the age of 11 and was

just 17 years old when she started coaching competitive leagues during the summers. Amerena also played collegiate volleyball first at Navarro College and then at Hardin-Simmons University where she earned her bachelor's degree majoring in sports, fitness, and leisure studies. A native of Brownsville, Amerena is also IMPACT certified by the USA Volleyball organization.

Amerena was hired in July but could not begin practices until August. The varsity team mostly consists of young talent that has responded to their new coach enthusiastically.

"The girls are really getting excited about the possibility of being winners and bringing their best out," Amerena added.

The San Eli varsity team roster consists of three sophomores, four juniors, and two seniors. Amerena expects to work closely with this young team during her first year as a high school volleyball coach emphasizing other qualities as they develop their athletic skills and gain experience on the court.

"I will also try to emphasize good character, hard work, and just an overall good work ethic so they can become strong people which means stronger volleyball players," Amerena concluded.



Holly Amerena

So far, the Lady Eagles preseason has been challenging – competing against three 5A teams in two different tournaments. They traveled to Plainview to compete in another tournament from Aug. 27-28 where they played against teams from all over the state. The Lady Eagles' tough tournament schedule will allow Amerena to prepare the team as much as possible before district volleyball competition begins September 10.

Vinton

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pre-approved for sewer projects totaling approximately \$22 million. She says they are in the first or "essential phase" of the operation in which plans are made for providing sewer facilities for the entire village. It includes the overall design by engineers and environmental studies. The village is working out plans with such entities as the El Paso County and the Texas Department of Transportation.

Negotiations are under way with financial institutions to line up funding for the project. Without going into specifics, she says that, while much of the funding will come from outside sources, residents of Vinton will have to shoulder some of the financial burden.

Praino expects completion of the first phase around the end of 2011. Construction would begin in the 2012-2013 time frame.

"We have been waiting for this for many years," she says. "I feel very proud of this."

Budget hearings

The mayor says meetings are finishing up on the village budget. She had no numbers to share other than to say they are trimming the budget to the essentials – "very trim, no fat."

"We will take care of the necessities, the on-going projects," she assured. She likely expressed the fervent hope of all mayors and city councils. "I hope revenues will increase."

Housing grants

The housing picture looks bright in Vinton.

Praino says there are \$330,000 in housing grants for general repair and rehabilitation of area homes. It is federal money which is being administered through the state.

Vinton has also attracted a developer who will be building 170 affordable, energy-efficient homes. Praino says the village has a person who will help families in guiding families through the process of applying for one of the new two- or three-bedroom homes.

"The developer is working on the final plan."

Healthcare

In partnership with the City of El Paso Health Department, Vinton will be providing a variety of quarterly health screenings at the West Valley Fire Department on Vinton Road. The screenings will include tobacco awareness and dental care for children and adults. There will also be testing for HIV and syphilis.

Through La Ventamilla de la Salud and sponsored by the Mexican Consulate, there will be health care available for those who are in the United States illegally, the mayor

STRANGE BUT TRUE

By Samantha Weaver

- It was author, journalist and political consultant Vic Gold who made the following sage observation: "The squeaking wheel doesn't always get the grease. Sometimes it gets replaced."

- The record for the longest space flight in history is held by Russian cosmonaut Valeri Polyakov. In 1995 he completed a 438-day stay aboard the Mir space station.

- It's commonly believed that Eskimos have 50 or more words for different types of snow but no word for just plain snow. In point of fact, that statement is misleading, as the Eskimo language is composed largely of roots and suffixes that can be combined in virtually unlimited ways.

- A traditional groom in Norway wears short pants, knee socks, and a silk shirt along with a vest and topcoat.

- Everyone knows that China is the most populous country on Earth today, with nearly 20 percent of the world's population. But you might not realize that there are now more people living in China than lived on the entire planet 150 years ago.

- A recent item in this column stated that Henry Heimlich believed peanut butter to be the food upon which people most commonly choke. As it turns out, that quotation did not come from Dr. Heimlich. Don't be mistaken, though – according to the American Academy of Pediatrics, peanut butter is a high-risk food.

- The IRS reportedly spends \$2.45 for every \$100 in taxes it collects.

Thought for the Day: "I believe in evidence. I believe in observation, measurement, and reasoning, confirmed by independent observers. I'll believe anything, no matter how wild and ridiculous, if there is evidence for it. The wilder and more ridiculous something is, however, the firmer and more solid the evidence will have to be."

– Isaac Asimov

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CryptoQuip Answer

If only a few workers remained at the cemetery, I'd call that a skelton crew.

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Miners open football season this Saturday night

By Steve Escajeda
Special to the Courier

The UTEP Miners open the 2010 football season this Saturday night against less-than-mighty Arkansas-Pine Bluff.

And although Pine Bluff (5-5 in 2009 out of the Southwestern Athletic Conference) should not pose much of a threat to the Miners in the season opener, it will be a chance for UTEP to get off on the right foot.

This game should be a nice tune up for the Miners' Conference USA opener the following week at Houston.

But the biggest goal for the Miners and coach Mike Price is to get back to a bowl game, even with a mediocre 7-5 record.

For the most part, El Paso fans and national college football prognosticators believe Price is on the hot seat this year. Anything less than a winning record could mean a coaching change at UTEP.

When you look at the Miners' offense, there is no reason to think the team can't score over 30 points a game. The big question is whether the defense can hold anyone under 40.

The 2010 Miners are led by a couple of NFL prospects; quarterback Trevor Vittatoe and tailback Donald Buckram.

Vittatoe threw for over 3,300 yards and 17 touchdowns last season while Buckram was among the country's leaders in 2009 with 1,594 yards rushing and 18 touchdowns.

Both have been looking good in practice and are expected to close their careers at UTEP with big seasons.

UTEP's biggest offensive questions

are at wide receiver where they will be inexperienced.

The offensive line held its own against C-USA foes and they hope their experience will continue to give Buckram some running lanes and keep Vittatoe from running for his life.

Any one remotely close to the UTEP football program knows about the team's ineptness on the defensive side.

The Miners have not only been bad on defense, they consistently rank among the very worst in the nation. The pass defense has been especially bad – and coincidentally, it happens to play in a pass-happy league.

Fan interest has been down in El Paso due to the Miners recent misfortune.

After Price's first two seasons here, both bowl game season, UTEP has struggled through four straight losing seasons going 18-30 in the process.

Before everyone starts to run Price out of town, don't forget that during Gary Nord's last three seasons here, he was 6-30.

Through the 1970s, 80s and 90s, the Miners were good for two wins or less every season. UTEP had the most miserable football program in the country.

In Price's six years at UTEP, his teams have won 8, 8, 5, 4, 5 and 4 games. Of course every program wants to go 10-2 and win a bowl game, but Price, if anything else, has removed UTEP from any talk about being the worst in the nation.

Price has brought El Pasoans opponents like Texas, Kansas, Texas Tech and Buffalo on a regular basis.

Four of UTEP's first six games will be

played in the Sun Bowl against Pine Bluff, New Mexico State, Memphis and Rice – all clearly winnable games.

If the Miners can sweep those home games the local interest will grow and maybe the momentum can lead the team to seven or eight wins – but it's imperative they get off to a quick start.

Another thing in UTEP's favor is the fact that the nation's eyes will be on Buckram and how he fares this season.

The senior tailback is on all the "watch" lists of the best running backs in the country after what he accomplished last year.

If Buckram can pick up over 150 yards and a couple touchdowns in the opener – the highlights will make ESPN over the weekend

and give the Miners some much needed positive exposure.

But if UTEP struggles to knock off, or even does the unthinkable and loses to the Golden Lions in the home opener, then I'm not sure Price will last through the end of the year.

The key to the season is the defense. I'm not talking about a defense that holds its opponents to under 10 points a game.

I'm talking about a defense that can simply make a tackle in the open field. I'm talking about a defense that put some pressure on a quarterback. I'm talking about a defense that can come up with the occasional turnover.

If the Miners can do some of that – Mike Price won't have to worry about a thing for a few more seasons.



A sporting view By Mark Vasto

What's in a name?

Even though it's where champions are crowned, where athletes duel and sometimes achieve greatness, the arenas and stadia of the world are surprisingly lacking when it comes to their names.

That's an exaggeration, sure. "Curly" Lambeau invented the forward pass and won six championships... that would seem to meet stadium name requirements. Also, there are many stadiums erected in the name of the fallen,

such as Soldier Field. And there are dozens of college stadiums and high-school fields named after locally great individuals across the country and the world.

But when you think of many stadiums and fields, they're either named after the team that plays there, the guy that paid for the place or the area in which it resides. But when a player first walks onto the field at Wrigley, is he really thinking about the

chewing-gum magnate? Are they thinking about flowers at the Rose Bowl? If they walk into a park named after a bank, are they thinking about all of the money they're making?

OK, that was a bad example, but I think you get the point.

The U.S. Open, however, has always had the distinction of having great names for their venues. For years, the stadium court was named after Louis Armstrong, who – aside from being the most famous jazz musician to ever play and an avid pot smoker – was a resident of Queens, N.Y. For a sport whose most famous court is simply named "Centre Court," this was certainly a

very creative name.

But then, tennis got serious. Now the national center for the United States Tennis Association bears the name of Billie Jean King. In a sport that was one of the first to break the color barrier and carve out a role for females with Althea Gibson, for Billie Jean, who fought for gender equality, the honor has been a fitting tribute. There is little doubt that the women players who make it to the Open reflect, if even for a moment, about her legacy.

And in its center is a stadium carrying the moniker of a man named Arthur Ashe. It is unlikely, unless today's players also are part historians, they understand

the greatness of the man the stadium is named for. It's been my experience that players often know little about the greats of their game – I once heard an Orioles player ask Frank Robinson if he ever played ball.

But if a tennis player, tennis fan or citizen of the world is not aware of Ashe's greatness, how it transcends the three grand-slam victories he had in his career, they really ought to. The man is the subject of next week's column.

Mark Vasto is a veteran sportswriter and publisher of *The Kansas City Luminary*. (c) 2010 King Features Synd., Inc.

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LEGALS

City of Socorro

Notice of Public Hearing

The City of Socorro will be holding a PUBLIC HEARING at 6:00 p.m. at a Special Council Meeting on September 7, 2010 at City Hall, 860 N. Rio Vista, Socorro, Texas. The purpose of the public hearing is to allow any interested person to appear and testify at the hearing regarding the following:

PUBLIC HEARING ON AN ORDINANCE

REPEALING ORDINANCE 170, AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING TRUCK ROUTES WITHIN MUNICIPAL LIMITS OF THE CITY OF SOCORRO, TEXAS.

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2915, forty-eight (48) hours prior to this meeting. Copies of the ordinance are available for review at 124 S. Horizon Blvd., Socorro, Texas 79927 upon request or can be viewed on our website at www.socorrotexas.org

Gina Rodriguez
City Clerk

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Town of Horizon City

PUBLIC NOTICE

During the Regular Council Meeting on Tuesday, August

24, 2010 the Town Of Horizon City approved the following ordinance(s):

1) Ordinance No. 0105 – An Ordinance regulating School Zones within the Town limits of the City, Texas and repealing and replacing Ordinance No. 0105, passed on November 25, 2008.

2) Ordinance No. 0176 – Budget Ordinance for The Town of Horizon City, Amendment No. 002.

3) Ordinance

No. 0182 – An ordinance of the City Council of the Town of Horizon City, Texas, calling an election for the submission of Charter Amendments and a referendum on the designated use of Sales Tax to be held within the City, on November 2, 2010; making provisions for the conduct of the election and other provisions incident and related to the purpose of this ordinance.

Ordinances are always available for viewing or copying upon request from the City Clerk at Town Hall, 14999

Darrington Road, Horizon City, Texas, Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. or call 915-852-1046.

Karen Ellefson
City Clerk
Town of Horizon City

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Social Security Q&A By Ray Vigil

Q: My neighbor, who is retired, told me that the income he receives from his part-time job at the local nursery gives him an increase in his Social Security benefits. If I go back

A: If you return to work after you start receiving benefits, you may be able to receive a higher benefit based

on those earnings. This is because Social Security automatically recomputes the benefit after crediting the additional earnings to the individual's earnings record. If those earnings are higher than one of the years of earnings we used to compute your current benefit, your benefit may be increased. Learn more about how we figure your retirement benefit by reading the publication *Your Retirement Benefit: How It Is Figured*, available at www.socialsecurity.gov/pubs/10070.html. If you are not already receiving benefits, you also may want to test out how changes in wages and retirement ages will affect your future benefit by using the Retirement Estimator at www.socialsecurity.gov/estimator.

Q: How often will my case be reviewed to determine whether I'm still disabled for Social Security purposes?

A: How often we review your

medical condition depends on how severe it is and what the likelihood is that it will improve. Your award notice tells you when you can expect your first review. It will either say "Medical improvement expected" (first review in six to 18 months); "Improvement possible" (first review in about three years); or "Improvement not expected" (first review in five to seven years). For more information, read the publication *What You Need To Know: Reviewing Your Disability*, available at www.socialsecurity.gov/pubs/10068.html.

Q: Will my eligibility for the Extra Help with Medicare prescription drug plan costs be reviewed and, if so, how often?

A: If you get the Extra Help, Social Security may contact you to review your status. This review will determine whether you remain eligible for Extra Help and whether you are receiving all the benefits you deserve. We do reviews annually, usually at the end of August. We will send you a form to complete: "Social Security Administration Review of Your Eligibility for Extra Help." You will have 30 days to complete and return this form. Any necessary adjustments to the Extra Help will be effective in January of the following year. For example, if we send you a review form in August 2010 and you return the review form within 30 days, any necessary adjustment to your Extra Help will be effective in January 2011. To learn more about Extra Help with your Medicare prescription drug plan costs, visit www.socialsecurity.gov/prescriptionhelp.

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 that you would like to have answered, please mail them to the Social Security Office, 1111 Gateway West, Attn: Ray Vigil, El Paso, Texas 79935.

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: **U** equals **H**

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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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Place a number in the empty boxes in such a way that each row across, each column down and each small 9-box square contains all of the numbers from one to nine.

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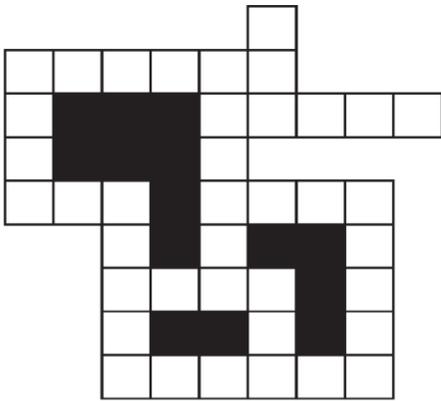
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By: rj johnson

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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.

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