



NEWSBRIEFS

Montwood melee

As a result of a protest over block scheduled by students at the Montwood High School on Jan. 29, nine Montwood High School students have been issued three-day suspensions. Two students were relocated to the KEYS Academy, Socorro ISD's alternative school, as a result of their behavior during those events. A six-member "fact-finding" committee appointed by the Socorro school board has been meeting for over a week to interview students, faculty, parents and law enforcement before issuing a report and making recommendations. During a meeting with about 50 students and parents on Feb. 14, complaints were made that the El Paso Police "overreacted" to what they called "a peaceful walkout." Students testifying before the committee said no one was misbehaving and that they were treated roughly and unfairly by law enforcement. Their stories differ dramatically from those of school administrators and police officers. The Socorro ISD school board was expected to discuss the controversial block scheduling issue, which would result in somewhat longer class periods, on Tuesday night this week. The principal complaint by students and parents is that they were not included in the decision to implement the new scheduling. The Socorro school board is divided on the issue as well.

Officer arrested

An officer with the Anthony Police Department was arrested earlier this month as the result of a domestic dispute. Martin Balderama and Ana Christina Balderama Chacon were detained at their residence. Balderama had been previously dismissed from duty as an El Paso Sheriff's Deputy but no information was available as to the cause of his dismissal.

In other news

■ Socorro ISD is applying for more than \$800,000 in state money to start learning centers in five Mission Valley schools. The Texas Education Agency is administering the federal education funds made available under the 21st Century Community Learning Center grants. Jo Ann Houchin, the District's grant writer, says the proposed centers will provide students and their families with literacy and educational development after regular school hours. The proposed sites are Socorro High School, Ernesto Serna School, Campestre, Robert Rojas and Escontrias elementary schools. Approval of the grants is expected during the first week of May. "We are working with the El Paso Child Center as a community partner for these grants," says Houchin. "We could start the program as soon as the beginning of Socorro's first

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Reputation is a large bubble which bursts when you try to blow it up yourself.

— Quips & Quotes



HEAVY ART — Guest artist Helen Dorion, a metals art professor with the UTEP teaches students how to design and create art from metal.

Canutillo High art students introduced to metalsmithing

By Alfredo Vasquez
Special to the Courier

CANUTILLO — Metalsmithing has Canutillo High School art students re-shaping the world around them.

In an effort to expose art students to other forms of expression besides painting and drawing offered by traditional high school art programs, Canutillo High School art teacher Gary Mark introduced metalsmithing this semester to his Art III students with the help of a grant awarded by the Society of North American Goldsmiths (SNAG).

"The grant is designed to incorporate metals art into the high school curriculum and bring

a visiting artist into the classroom. The focus of this grant is to expose students to the art of body sculpture or jewelry making," stated Mark, who was instrumental in applying for the grant.

Canutillo High School is one of only four schools in the country to receive a \$750 SNAG Minority Outreach grant for the 2002-2003 school year. "Half of the grant monies will be used to pay for tools and materials and the other half will be used to pay the visiting artist," stated Mark.

Guest artist Helen Dorion, a metals art professor with the UTEP, started team teaching with Mark in January. She works with

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Mother/Daughter Program at EMMS has full and productive fall season

EAST MONTANA — The East Montana Middle School Mother/Daughter Program has had a full slate of fall activities including serving a dinner to the senior citizens at the Montana Vista Community Center, which has done in conjunction with Mountain View High School. Above, the turkey dinner was served to 44 senior citizens by the mothers and daughters. A canned food drive for the Community Center and a district-wide field trip were also conducted, allowing the members to learn about the Sheriff's Dept, Community College and attend a ballet performance. Sandra S. Manriquez is the EMMS Mother/Daughter sponsor.

Horizon Council passes ordinance to regulate home and commercial security systems

By Arleen Beard
Special to the Courier

HORIZON CITY — A few months ago, Police Chief Antonio Aguilar approached the Horizon City Council regarding the possibility of creating an ordinance for home security false alarms. His justification for the ordinance was that answering false alarms over-extended Horizon police officers.

According to Chief Aguilar, there is an average of 60 false alarm calls per month. He attributes the false alarms to factors that include movements of domestic animals in the house, weather such as thunder or wind, and faulty alarm systems.

In an effort to relieve some of the burden of the unnecessary expense, City Council agreed with Chief Aguilar and last week pursued the passing of an ordinance. City attorney Robert Duran researched other cities having a false alarm ordinance and designed an ordinance to fit Horizon City.

Some specifications of the ordinance include a requirement that a resident must have a permit — for a fee of \$30 every three years — to install a residential security system. A commercial permit will cost \$60 for a period of three years.

Any resident whose security alarm has five false alarms will be fined \$50 after the fifth false alarm. Subsequently, after the fifth false alarm, any additional false alarm will also cost \$50. If a permit holder has no false alarms for the three-year period of the permit, the permit holder will not be required to pay the renewal amount for the permit for the succeeding three year period.

The second reading of Ordinance No. 0103 for security alarm systems and false alarms was approved unanimously at the regularly scheduled meeting held on Feb. 11. For more details on the ordinance residents are asked to contact Horizon City Town Hall.

In other business, Ed Long of Huitt/Zollars presented a report regarding Municipal Separate Storm Sewer (MS4) Storm Water Permits. This regulation requires that a Storm Water Management Program (SWMP) be developed and implemented.

The program must address each of the following six minimum control measures: public education and outreach; public participation and involvement; illicit discharge detection and elimination; construction site runoff control; post construction runoff control; pollution prevention; and good house-keeping. Long informed City Council that Horizon City may be eligible for a waiver since it services less than 10,000 residents. He has approached the Texas Department of Transportation for some assistance since they are familiar with the MS4 issue and they have agreed to assist Horizon City on the waiver application process.

Long said he will be attending seminars

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One perspective

One of the lucky ones

By Francis Shrum

There's a full moon shining over El Paso County this Sunday night. Although it is February the night outside is warm and mild. A little wind ruffles the table cloth I just hung on the line. It won't rain tonight.

The moon is gazing through a haze of clouds and dust, casting a golden aura across the desert, the rooftops, and the scarred earth where new rooftops will soon crowd over where desert used to be.

The Most Valuable Dog in the World raises her head and watches what I'm doing. She's not worried about the weather either.

I'll be going out of town tomorrow, driving over to Carlsbad. There's going to be a funeral for a man I've known all my life. I didn't know him really well, but I love a lot of the same people he did, a lot of the same people who loved him.

His passing is like another ring in the trunk of my tree, the loss of another one of the fine, hard-working people who I count as knowing among the greatest blessings of my life. People who loved their own, held a steady job, raised their kids, stayed married and faithful — who were and still are the bedrock of a nation.

As I wander back into the house, there's still the smell of spaghetti sauce and Italian bread lingering in the air from supper. Everybody is busy about their various jobs, getting ready for tomorrow, finishing up chores from today.

My house is too small, too busy. People are always bumping into one another. There's too much stuff in this house and I keep promising myself I'm going to get rid of it all one of

these days. Only problem is that we either use everything in here or are somehow otherwise personally attached to it.

I've threatened my family that I intend to put everything out into the backyard until the entire house is completely empty. Then I'm going to bring back in, piece by piece, only those things that we really want or need.

Unfortunately, it would probably all come back in.

So it stays.

Another part of my threat is that I'm going to put my other family members all out there, too, and bring them in only when I need them — which is a big fat joke and I always get booed and hissed when I say this.

And so we also stay.

That is the part that counts.

People — a species to which I must admit belonging — are messy and troublesome and entirely unmanageable. They get in the way, create problems they expect others to solve, have high expectations of others they don't meet themselves, are unpredictable and illogical, and are generally a lot more trouble than they are worth.

Or are they?

Finding my way back to my cluttered desk tonight, past the ever-busy washer and dryer, the cat's litter box and the pantry door that never quite closes, I sit down and try to write a perspective that someone, somewhere may find worth reading.

During my efforts here I am interrupted by a daughter seeking help with a government course, another

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Reyes Reports

By U.S. Rep. Silvestre Reyes



Agencies asked to curb spending but White House increases its cap

The Bush White House wants federal government to cap spending increases in 2004 at 4.1 percent. But it wants to boost its own budget by 9.3 percent due to what the White House calls "hidden security costs," according to one report.

It wants \$341.2 million for fiscal 2004 — up from \$312.2 million this year.

The new request scratches out \$16.8 million for the White House Office of Homeland Security that was transferred to the Department of Homeland Security, netting only a 3.8 percent hike for 2004, say White House budget managers.

President Bush wants to hold discretionary spending to \$782.2 billion, a 4.1 percent increase. That doesn't include Social Security and Medicare.

He said the 4.1 percent increase intended for federal-agency spending paralleled what he believed the average family's income was expected to grow.

Critics argue that the White House is urging cuts while trying to line its own pockets.

Features of the proposal:

- Only the White House Office of Policy Development will see a cut in funding.
- Administration salaries and expenses for top aides would not exceed 3.7 percent.
- The increase for the presidential residence would be held to a 2.5 percent increase; the vice presidential residence would not exceed a 1.4 percent hike.
- But funding for repair/renovation of the White House would more than triple in a 4.2 percent outlay.

Thirty-five Senate Democrats say that federal employ-

ees won't get fair treatment if the Bush administration goes through with moving hundreds of thousands of government jobs to the private sector. Democratic dissidents say the administration's outsourcing plan would favor contractors and limit federal workers' chances to compete for jobs — and they don't see any real savings.

Questions aren't being answered about accountability, reliability, cost determination, quality and scope, critics argue.

Spokespersons for the Office of Management and Budget say the new effort is designed to increase government efficiency through private-sector competitiveness. President Bush wants agencies to compete with private firms for up to 850,000 government jobs categorized as commercial and range from janitorial services to computer network design.

President Bush's proposed a "faith-based initiative" makes even his usual allies uncomfortable. The Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) is being drawn into White House plans, which hold up HUD as the prime example of discrimination against providers of religious services.

Under the new proposal, a religious organization would be allowed to apply for funds for a homeless shelter, for example. If an additional facility is built and used as a shelter for only 30 percent of the time, 30 percent of the cost would be picked up by the government. But who's going to tally the hours of use with all of the tight federal restrictions that apply to federal funds?

Some are urging the Bush administration to use a voucher system where, say, a homeless person could get a voucher at a government shelter and use it at a shelter run by a religious organization.



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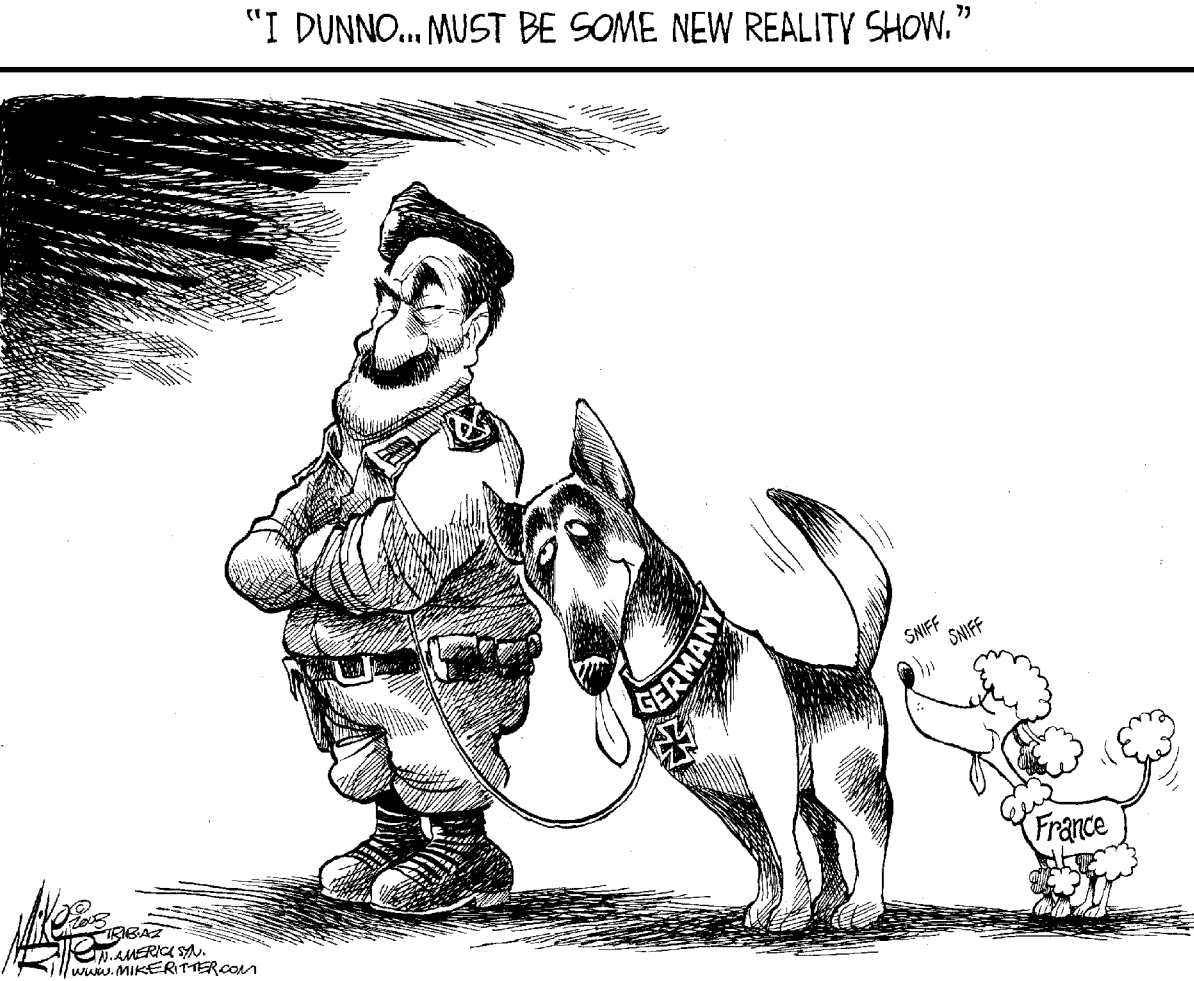
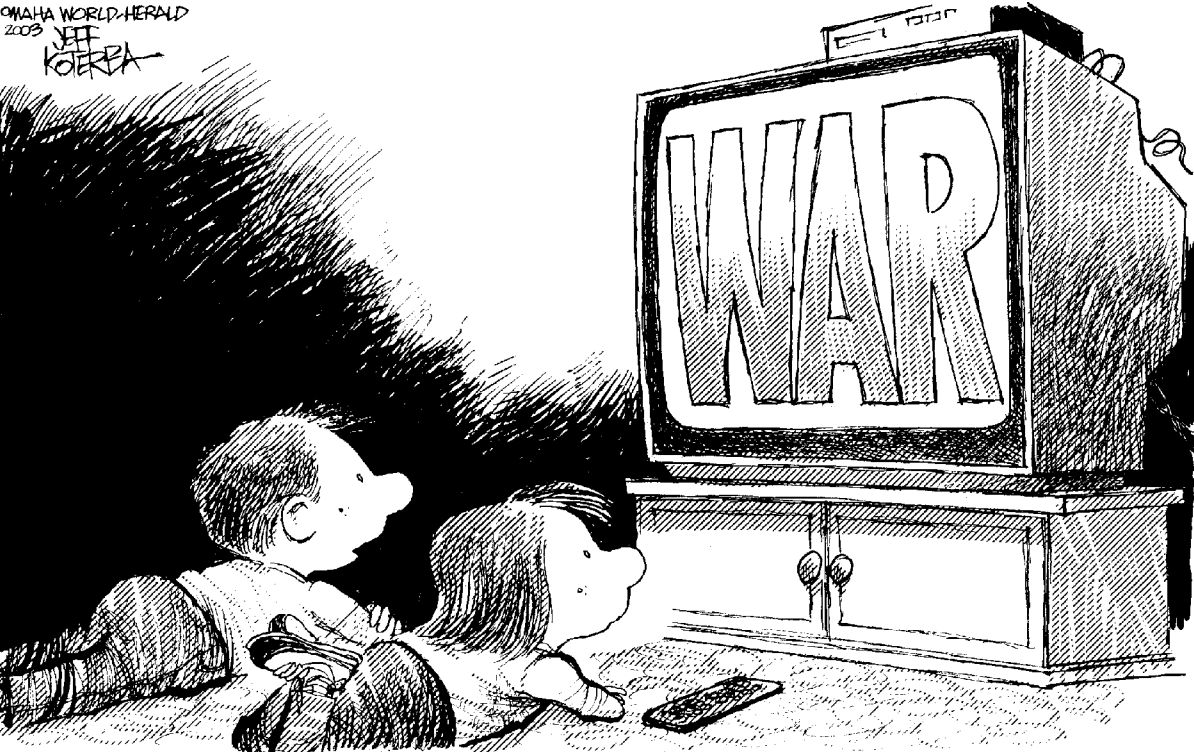
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Por la Gente

By State Rep. Chente Quintanilla

The Pledge of Allegiance

Hola, mi gente — once again, this is your State Representative sending regards from your State Capital in Austin. I am happy to report that I have hit the ground running. I have co-authored a bill which I believe will please many of my constituents, because it addresses an area with which I am very concerned. Currently, there are no guidelines for public school districts establishing a procedure for reciting the pledge of Allegiance. Some public schools conduct the Pledge at the beginning of the week — most of them, not all. House Bill 640 would require every school day to begin with the Pledge of Allegiance although students who do not wish to participate may be excused by a note from a parent.

Therefore, I have become a co-author of House Bill 640 — a bill that should fulfill certain requirements at the beginning of each school day in the great State of Texas. Authored by Dwayne Bohac — a Republican from Houston, who represents District 138 — the bill would also create a moment of silence preceding the recitation of the Pledge that will allow public school students an “absolute right to individually, voluntarily, and silently meditate in school in a manner that does not disrupt the instructional or other activities of the school.”

I feel very strongly about this because a minute of silence helps students meditate on whatever priorities they have in their daily life or daily routines. This is not exclusively to be interpreted as prayer, or religious affiliation. It’s a moment of silence to begin the students’ day in a peaceful manner.

House Bill 640 goes on to state that: “The board of

trustees of each school district shall provide for the observance of one minute of silence at the beginning of each school day at each school in the district. During that one-minute period, each student may, as the student chooses, reflect, pray, meditate, or engage in any other silent activity that is not likely to interfere with or distract another student. Each teacher or other school employee in charge of students during that period shall ensure that each of those students remains seated and silent and does not act in a manner that is likely to interfere with or distract another student.”

In Section 2 of HB 640, the issue of the recitation of our Pledge of Allegiance, is also covered. Our bill states that: “A school district shall require students to recite the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States flag, following the observation of one minute of silence. However, on written request from a student’s parent or guardian, a school district shall excuse the student from reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.”

The Pledge of Allegiance also became a topic of controversy when an American citizen complained that he didn’t agree that the words “Under God” should belong on our Pledge. This man did not want his daughter to become indoctrinated or forced to accept a religious reference in the Pledge simply because our Founding Fathers never meant for the Pledge to become religious dogma. So, there you have it. As a freshman representative, I feel that I am being accorded extraordinary respect due to my years as an educator. I will continue to do a great job for all my constituents in District 75. Gracias, and, until next time, I remain, *Chente for la gente*.

Bonilla announces more than \$9 million in funding for El Paso

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Congressman Henry Bonilla has announced that the city of El Paso will receive more than \$9 million in project funding. Today’s funding announcement is a result of Bonilla’s senior position on the Appropriations Committee.

“I never truly understood the power of the House Appropriations Committee until I began my service in Congress and was granted a seat. You simply cannot underestimate the opportunities this position affords me and my constituents. It gives me the ability to oversee billions of dollars in funding and allows me the opportunity to shepherd and secure funding for my home-district in Texas,” said Bonilla.

Bonilla successfully secured \$7 million for the El Paso desalination and water supply project. The project will begin construction on a facility that will provide 27.5 million gallons of product water each day. The construction of one facility will reduce current environmental, disposal, operations and maintenance problems. This funding is part of the United States / Mexico border program.



Henry Bonilla

“Water is not a luxury, it is an essential part of life. This grant will do more than maintain the water supply, it will provide the residents of El Paso with the clean, properly treated water that they deserve,” said Bonilla.

Bonilla was also able to secure \$1 million for the continuation of work on the “Central El Paso” feature of the El Paso Water Reclamation and Reuse Project. This project reclaims water from the Haskell R. Street Wastewater Treatment Plant.

Additionally, Bonilla secured \$250,000 for the City of El Paso for the city’s job access and reverse commute program and \$900,000 for the Upper Rio Grande Colonias project, which is a natural desalinized wastewater demonstration project. He also secured \$300,000 for the planning and construction of a dedicated commuter lane at the Ysleta Port of entry. This will allow easier access for commuters going to and from the U.S. and Mexico on a regular basis.

“This money will go a long way in helping provide the necessary upgrades and improvements for the people of El Paso,” said Bonilla. “Today is a great day for El Paso. I’m proud to have played a role in securing this funding and look forward to the progress it will make.”

Henry Bonilla is a senior member of the House Appropriations Committee. He is chairman of the Agriculture Appropriations Subcommittee and holds seats on the Defense and Foreign Operations Appropriations Subcommittees. Bonilla has been El Paso’s Congressman since his first election in 1992.

Town of Horizon City Public Notice

The Town of Horizon City will conduct an election on Saturday, May 3, 2003 for the purpose of filling positions for council members whose two (2) year terms are expiring. The following places are up for election:

Mayor, Alderman Place 3, Alderman Place 5, and Alderman Place 7.

Qualified persons interested may apply for a place on the Town of Horizon City General Election ballot beginning February 17, 2003 through March 19, 2003, at 14999 Darrington Road, Horizon City, Texas, Monday — Friday, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

TRUE TEXAS FACTS by Roger Moore Feb. 16, 1926, Humorist Will Rogers, a native Oklahoman, is made a private in the Texas Rangers.



Tornillo Independent School District NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN:

Qualified persons interested in applying for a place on the Tornillo Independent School District General Election Ballot for position of trustee may do so beginning February 18, 2003 through 4:00 P.M., March 14, 2003.

Applications may be obtained from the Tornillo I.S.D. Administration Office, 19190 Cobb Street, Tornillo, Texas, between the hours of 8:00 A.M. and 4:00 P.M., Mondays through Fridays, (except holidays).

Note: Places up for election are Place 6 and Place 7, both for three year terms.

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Town of Horizon City PUBLIC NOTICE

During the regular council meeting on February 11, 2003, the Town of Horizon City approved the following:

- 1) Amendment No. 0030 to Zoning Ordinance No. 0006 — Rezoning the southwestern corner of Eastlake at the intersection of Darrington Road from R-2, Single Family Residential to C-1 General Commercial as requested by Texas General Land Office. C-1 General Commercial allows the placement of businesses such as: banks, personal service shops, restaurants, flower shops, car wash, convenience grocery-gasoline only stores, and grocery stores.
- 2) Ordinance No. 0104 to rezone the southern portion of Section 43, Block 78, Township 3 from M-1, Industrial to R-9, Single Family Residential as requested by E.P. Core Property Co. R-9, Single Family Residential require lot sizes to be a minimum of 6,000 square feet. Also, the minimum dwelling size is 1,000 square feet, excluding garages, carports, porches and patios.
- 3) Ordinance No. 0103 to regulate the licensing of security alarm systems and false alarms. No person shall operate or cause to be operated an alarm system, whether new or existing, without an alarm permit issued by the Town of Horizon City. The fee for a residential permit is \$30.00, and the same amount for subsequent renewals, unless waived as provided in the ordinance. A commercial permit fee is \$60.00 and the same amount for subsequent renewal of such permit. If a permit holder has zero alarms for the three year period of the permit, said permit holder will not be required to pay the renewal amount for the period for the succeeding three year permit. **After March 11, 2003, residential owners and commercial businesses can obtain a permit at Town Hall, Monday through Friday, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.**

Ordinances are 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.

Sandra Sierra
City Clerk

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Village of Vinton PUBLIC NOTICE

**For the customers of:
Vinton Village Estates Water System
Villa Alegre Estates Water System
Vinton Hills Water System**

A PUBLIC HEARING will be held at 7:00 p.m. during the Regular Council Meeting on Tuesday, March 4, 2003 at Vinton Village Hall, 436 Vinton Rd., Vinton, Texas. Purpose of the public hearing is to allow any interested persons to appear and testify regarding:

- 1) RH Brown, the owner of the water systems listed above is proposing a rate increase as follows:
 - 3,000 Gallons — \$12.00 Minimum Charge;
 - Each Additional 1,000 Gallons — \$1.50.

Those who are unable to attend may submit their views in writing to the Village Clerk of the Village of Vinton.

CAMILLE CASTILLO
Village Clerk

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Town of Clint, Texas Notice of Municipal Election *Aviso de Eleccion Municipal*

To the registered voters of the Town of Clint, Texas:
A los votantes registrados del Pueblo de Clint, Texas:

Notice is hereby given that the polling places listed below will be open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Saturday, May 3, 2003 for voting in a Municipal election, to elect three (3) Aldermen for full two-year terms.

Notifiquese, por presente, que las casillas electorales sitadas abajo se abriran desde las 7 de la mañana hasta las 7 de la tarde el sábado 3 de mayo de 2003 para votar en la elección para elegir tres (3) Regidores para el término completo de dos años.

Location of polling places
Localidades de las casillas electorales

**Clint Middle School Gymnasium
13100 Alameda Avenue, Clint, Texas**

Early voting by personal appearance will be conducted each weekday at:
La votación en ausencia en persona se llevará a cabo de lunes a viernes en:

**Clint Middle School Gymnasium
13100 Alameda Avenue, Clint, Texas**

between the hours of 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. beginning on the April 16, 2003 and ending on April 29, 2003.
entre las 8 de la mañana y las 5 de la tarde empezando el día 16 de abril de 2003, y terminando el día 29 de abril de 2003.

Applications for ballot by mail shall be mailed to:
Las solicitudes para boletas para votar en ausencia por correo deberan enviarse a:

**Helen Jamison
500 E. San Antonio, Rm. 402
El Paso, Texas 79901**

Applications for ballots by mail must be received no later than the close of business on the 25th day of April, 2003.
Las solicitudes para boletas para votar en ausencia por correo deberan recibirse para el fin de las horas de negocio el día 25 de abril de 2003.

Issued this 11th day of February, 2003.
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Charles E. Gonzalez, Mayor

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Art

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Mark’s third period advanced art class on Mondays and Wednesdays. Dorion said that she will assist these students until they complete their projects.

Dorion, a native of England, received a bachelor of fine arts degree from Liverpool Art School and a masters degree in metals from UTEP. She currently has contemporary jewelry on display at the Mobilia Gallery in Boston, Jewelers Werks Gallery in Washington D.C., and Eidos Gallery in Santa Fe, NM.

“The students began by working with design concepts and technical skills like metals cutting, riveting, and soldering which is the same approach that we use to teach first year college art students,” said Dorion. “By the end of the program, each student will have designed and created their own piece of jewelry.

“To develop their design concept, I ask students to explore the world around them, to study the intricacies in nature, like a leaf or a spider web, and try to mimic nature’s amazing designs in their creations,” explained Dorion.

“There is a lot more to art class than I thought. Working with metals is very interesting, and Helen helps us out whenever we have questions or don’t know how to do something,” said Carol Rivera, junior.

“Students are benefiting in many ways with this project,” asserted Mark, who earned a masters degree in Studio Art in December and also teaches a basic design class at UTEP. “They are applying problem solving skills, developing a new perspective about the world around them, learning to appreciate cultural differences, and enhancing their coordination and dexterity skills through hands-on activities,” he said.

Plans are to make metalsmith a permanent part of CHS’s art program.

Lucky

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daughter wanting advice about which colors to put on a get-well card she is creating for a friend, yet another daughter who has a bloody nose, and a husband who says it is time for me to quit and go to bed.

Thankfully, the cat is already asleep and won’t be trying incessantly to jump in my lap.

Tonight life goes on all over the world. I wonder about all those folks who are trying to handle it alone, without the aide of other human beings to bounce life’s problems around — to find some sense in it all and ultimately to find love and comfort in the imperfections and small successes with which other people clutter up our lives.

I live with the blessed knowledge that at any given moment I can clutter up the time and space of my family and they’ll take it either with clenched teeth or with a grin, but they’ll take it, and give as good as they get.

I guess that makes me one of the lucky ones.

Briefs

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summer session.” The sessions, planned for at least three days each week, will teach all family members life skills and how to solve their problems.


■ Juan Manuel Ortega Jr. was honored by the Socorro ISD board of trustees was honored during the regular school board meeting on Feb. 18 for winning the Vista Del Sol equivalent to “American Idol” competition. Students have been competing for three weeks during morning announcements. Students voted on the final four candidates on Friday, Feb. 14.

■ Hueco Elementary Principal Keith McClellan said he expects it to be a learning experience for all involved when two educators from Uruguay spend two weeks at the campus learning about the elementary education system in the U.S.

■ A Migrant Student Leadership Conference/Career Day will be held at the University of Texas at El Paso on Saturday, Feb. 22, 9 a.m.–3 p.m. The purpose of this conference is to help middle school and high school migrant students in El Paso County become exposed to various careers through the presentations of UTEP students studying in different departments. For more information call Claudia Andrade, Migrant Counselor at Region 19: 780-5358.

■ The formal transfer of Fort Hood land selected for a Texas State Veterans Cemetery site will take place at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday, Feb. 19, according to Commissioner of the General Land Office Jerry Patterson. Fort Hood is transferring the land to the Texas Veterans Land Board, which will own and operate the cemetery to be constructed there. The ceremony will be held at the 174-acre site of the future cemetery, and the public is invited, at the northwest corner of State Highway 195 at Chaparral Road, about five to six miles south of U.S. 190.

Diabetic grandmother contributes to project



SAN ELIZARIO — Arturo (Tury) Jaime is a typical third grader at L.G. Alarcon Elementary School. He likes football, hanging out with his friends and eating pizza. When faced with the challenge of a science fair project, Tury chose a topic close to home — **Diabetes: How Insulin Regulates Blood Sugar Levels — because for Molly Leyva, Tury’s grandmother, diabetes is an everyday battle. “I think it is interesting to see her test her blood levels. She has to be very careful because if she hits a vein, she will get a bad bruise.” Tudy learned through his research that diabetes can be life-threatening; that it threatens children as well as adults. What was the most important thing he learned through all his research? “That I need to eat healthy and watch how much sugar I eat, and that I need to exercise every day.”**

Horizon

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held throughout the state of Texas to become more familiar with this issue.

The Order of Elections was also approved by City Council. Elections for Mayor and places 3, 5 and 7 will be held on May 3, 2003 with early voting to begin on April 16, 2003.

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Health grant at Sambrano Elementary has halls humming with enthusiasm

By Phillip Cortez
Special to the Courier

SAN ELIZARIO — Ask any health club employee in town and he or she will tell you the same thing. January is one of the busiest times of the year, when the usual 45-minute workout doubles because there are lines of people — the ones with fresh New Year’s resolutions — waiting to use machines.

Of course, as resolutions to get in shape are broken and gyms get less packed, the faculty and staff at Josefa L. Sambrano Elementary School will be keeping true to their resolve to get fit. That’s because the school received a \$2,500 grant from the Texas Department of Health’s Public Health Nutrition Program to participate in the School Worksite Wellness Program to Promote Physical Activity and 5-A-Day, according to Assistant Principal George Augustain.

“Sambrano was the only school in the (County) and one of 13 in the state to receive this grant,” Augustain said.

Now, Sambrano teachers can be seen carrying pedometers, small devices that look like a beeper, that record how many steps an individual takes when they walk. If a person averages 4,000 to 6,000 steps a day, then the goal would be for that individual to walk 2,000 more steps, according to Mayela Sanchez, Counselor at the school.

Sanchez serves on the Sambrano Wellness Committee along with Augustain, Ida Talavera, Gerry Alba, Criselda Torres, Oscar Montero, Dawn Herrera, Lupe Sanchez and Maria Carillo.

“We take a reading the first week of each month and e-mail the results to researchers at the University of Texas at Austin,” Sanchez said. “There’s 33 people participating and the goal is to have at least one physical activity a day.”

The 5-A-Day part of the program focuses on the staff eating at least five servings of fruits or vegetables a day combined with at least 30 minutes of physical activity. The physical activity has included anything from walking after work to taking part in kickboxing and Zumba dance workouts.

All of this healthy activity among the staff is something Augustain says will trickle down to the students.

“The teachers can share with students the benefits of being in shape and having healthy lifestyles,” he said.

Nancy Swanson, principal, is happy to see her staff taking part in a worthwhile project.

“It’s so exciting to see all our teachers and staff out walking and running,” she said. “The enthusiasm is high and I hope we will sustain it. We even have participants asking to increase the frequency of the scheduled activities.”

Exotic Newcastle Disease (END) spreads to Arizona, affecting trade with 34 countries

Nearly two million birds have been destroyed in California and Nevada, where a task force comprised of more than 1,600 federal and state animal health employees is working to stop an outbreak of Exotic Newcastle Disease (END) that has infected or exposed six commercial poultry operations and nearly 1,700 noncommercial or ‘backyard’ flocks.

The END eradication effort, which has been ongoing since October 2002, was dealt a setback in early February, when Arizona Department of Agriculture officials announced END had spread to a small flock of backyard birds on the Colorado River Indian Tribe’s reservation in Western Arizona.

A highly contagious foreign viral disease, END affects only poultry and most species of birds, but it does not pose a health threat to humans, food or other animals.

“The END outbreak has crossed another state line, and we are very concerned that, without proper precautions, the disease could be transmitted to Texas poultry and birds,” said Dr. James Lenarduzzi, acting executive director for the Texas Animal Health Commission, the state’s regulatory agency for livestock and poultry health. “Commercial flock movement has been stopped from the affected areas. However, many people with a large yard or country acreage own a few chickens for laying eggs, or for the enjoyment of having ducks, geese or other bird species as yard pets. Students often choose to raise poultry for their 4-H or agricultural science class project. Our biggest concern is that END-exposed birds could be transported to Texas by passenger vehicle, and then be introduced into a small, noncommercial flock.”

“We are urging owners to exercise extreme caution when purchasing or moving new birds into their flock. Buyers should always know where the birds originated, and health papers issued by a veterinarian should accompany the shipment,” said Dr. Lenarduzzi.

“To keep END from spreading, everyone also must comply with the quarantine restrictions affecting birds, poultry and poultry products from southern California, southern Nevada and western Arizona.

“At least 34 countries, including Russia, Spain, Brazil, China, and Mexico have suspended the importation of poultry and poultry products from the states affected by the END outbreak. Texas’ poultry industry, which ranks sixth in the U.S. for egg and broiler production, needs international markets. If Texas experiences an END outbreak, our poultry industry will suffer severe economic loss from the trade embargoes.”

Dr. Lenarduzzi asked bird and poultry owners in Texas to call the TAHC’s 24-hour hotline at 1-800-550-8242 to report unexpected death losses, severe illness affecting the flock, or signs of disease in birds, including gasping, muscular tremors or paralysis. Dr. Lenarduzzi said a TAHC or U.S. Department of Agriculture veterinarian is on call at all times to accept reports and initiate a disease investigation.

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Sometimes the obscurity of being in second place is a good thing

By Steve Escajeda
Special to the Courier

The UTEP Miners basketball team has had a nightmare season this year. Losing players, coaches, and games has been the norm.

At times UTEP has competed with only seven players on the roster. With former coach Jason Rabedeaux skipping town with what was left of his dignity (about 17-cents worth), and current coach Billy Gillispie allegedly getting hammered and then taking a leisurely 2:30 a.m. drive down a downtown street — the wrong way — UTEP has become a national laughing stock.

But even though the Miners have had it pretty bad this season, they are not the most embarrassing program in America today. That distinction goes to a team the Miners actually beat earlier in the year, Tennessee State. Even before UTEP knocked off Tennessee State 91-72 back on Dec. 21, there was talk that Tigers coach Nolan Richardson III was in trouble. The buzz was that his program was being looked at

for possible rules violations. As it turns out, “rules violations” would be the least of Richardson’s problems.

Seems Richardson must have been under a tremendous amount of pressure. So much so that he got into an argument with his assistant coach Hosea Lewis. But this was not your regular run-of-the-mill argument, this one inspired Richardson (the son of Nolan Richardson) to go back to his car and then return to the school with his gun asking for Lewis by saying “I’ve got something for him.”

Needless to say Richardson was immediately fired. Ironically, Richardson’s intended target, Lewis, was named interim head coach. Lewis hasn’t been able to coach his team to a single victory so far but worse than that, he hasn’t been able to control his team’s temper on the court. Tennessee State was involved in a bench-clearing brawl with Eastern Kentucky, a brawl that ended with a total of 19 players from both sides being ejected, along with Lewis. There were so many ejections that when the game was over, Eastern Kentucky had four players on the court to Tennessee State’s three.

Because of his team’s over-aggressiveness, Lewis was suspended for a game. And for this one game, Tennessee State’s athletic director Teresa Phillips decided that she would make a little history. She decided that she would be the first woman to coach a men’s Div-1 basketball team. And she did...to a 71-56 loss to Austin Peay.

Phillips did make history but I feel that the honor should have gone to someone who had earned it from their years of coaching, like Tennessee’s Pat Summitt or Texas’ Jody Conrad.

Anyway, we should thank Tennessee State for making the Miners the second-worst basketball program in the country...no one ever remembers who finished second.

Foot-in-mouth disease

Two weeks ago Phil Mickleson had the audacity to claim that Tiger Woods played golf with inferior NIKE equipment. Well, Mickleson had a chance to prove his ridiculous statement last Sunday when he played with Woods during the final round of the Buick

Open. Mickleson began the day just two shots behind Woods but would surely pass and beat him easily playing with his superior Titleist golf clubs and balls.

I think Mickleson found out that sometimes it’s the man behind the equipment and not the equipment that makes the man. Tiger took his “inferior” equipment and spanked Mickleson in the final round, again, to earn the win.

Tiger shot a four-under par 68 while Mickleson, in typical deer-in-the-headlights fashion, shot an even-par 72. For the life of me, I don’t know how a man who is known for his underachieving, especially in the biggest of tournaments, can shoot off his mouth at the greatest golfer to ever play the game. Walking up the 18th fairway together Mickleson must have felt small next to Woods and his vast shadow.

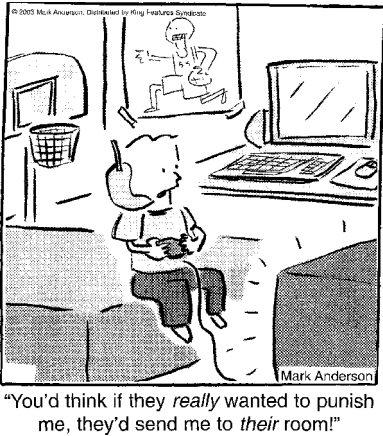
I say a person who wants to open his mouth should at least wait until he is able to back it up — like say, Muhammad Ali or Joe Namath.

Hey Phil, next time you want to question anything about Tiger Woods do us all — and yourself — a favor...don’t!

San Elizario B-Team stings opponents, sings all the way home

By Phillip Cortez
Special to the Courier

They knew they didn’t make the A-team and that they didn’t have as much experience in playing basketball as some of the other girls around



the district and even in their own school.

But they knew that they still wanted to play basketball, no matter the lack of experience or court awareness, no matter if the other team suited out 25 players to their eight.

Now all these San Elizario Middle School girls - Natalie Navarro, Melissa Hernandez, Amanda Solis, Paulette Alvarez, Jessica Aguilar, Jessica Cano, Maria Aguirre and Norma Sanchez - needed to do was convince someone to coach them. “They didn’t have a coach,” Thomas Breitling said. “The girls came to me and I said ‘yes.’”

So, with a small group of inexperienced girls and a first-year coach, the San Elizario Middle School Girls B-Team went out and did exactly what everyone didn’t expect them to



WINNERS — No coach, no numbers, no problem. The San Eli B-Team — alleight of them — defied the odds to go undefeated in district and become Lower Valley Conference champs.

do: Win every single district game and become the Lower Valley Conference champions.

Not a bad accomplishment consid-

ering that none of them knew the right way to dribble and shoot a basketball at the beginning of the season, according to Breitling.

“Starting with the basics and working at it every day made them into a well-oiled machine,” he said. “Where court awareness and ball handling were our main concerns at the start of the season, scoring points and learning plays were the concerns at the end of the season.”

And the girls weren’t the only ones learning. Breitling had to get used to the subtle differences of coaching girls as opposed to boys. While boys might be focused and ready to play on the bus ride to games, Breitling noticed that the girls took a different approach.

“They’d be singing,” he laughed. “I tried my best not to sing with them even though they tried to make me.”

In fact, with every victory, the girls would sing the whole way home.

“They sang from East Montana Middle all the way to San Elizario after winning that game,” Breitling said.

If asked to coach the B-team next season, Breitling said he’d be happy to do it. And if this whole singing thing proves to be a good omen for similar success, it’s a good bet that he’ll be taking lessons pretty soon.

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63 Sausage		38 Shining			
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For Sanity's Sake

By Taprina Milburn

No more babies

Maybe it's my biological clock winding down, and in its last-minute attempt to get my attention, it's decided to scream: Are you sure you don't want another baby? Time's running out. You're certainly not getting any younger.

A couple of friends have had babies recently. Some friends have grandbabies. I notice commercials with cute, fat babies cooing at their mothers. I even found myself in the baby-food aisle last week at the grocery store feeling a little weepy as I looked at the creamed spinach and

pureed carrots.

I'm really not sure what this is all about. Haywire hormones, perhaps.

Several years ago, after having our two children, my husband and I made a final family-planning decision. One he insists is final — no one's getting near him to reverse anything.

I'm OK with that. Really.

But I'm still left to cradle the haunting feeling: *What if we've made a huge mistake by limiting our family to two children?*

When we first married we'd talked about having four children. Then my

husband reminded me of something I said after our second, and last, child (a baby with the energy and enthusiasm of four children) was born and we dealt with colic for what seemed like a year.

We're not having any more children. Got it?

Did I say that?

But that was seven years ago, and like the pain of childbirth, you sort of forget about the sleepless nights, the 2-year-old's temper tantrums, and the spit up and diapers.

What I haven't forgotten, however, is the day I was truly honest with myself about my parenting: that while I'm a pretty good mother to two children, I would be a worn out, cranky mother to four children (although my two children and husband say they often get

that version of me anyway).

I believe I know what's at the root of this longing to have another baby. I recognized it the other day when I dropped my children off at school and they waved goodbye, and for the first time, the youngest didn't look back at the last minute to blow a kiss to me.

My kids are becoming independent, and I'm beginning to get glimpses of what it will be like over the next few years as they move out of my arms and into lives of their own. I will be needed less.

And that's the way it's supposed to be.

There's nothing like snuggling up to a baby and feeling so adored by it, but I'm learning too that there's nothing like having two independent chil-

dren and all the freedom it brings me as a mother.

Let's be honest. I no longer have to cart around a whole nursery each time I go out the door. Nor do I have to clean up spit-out pureed carrots and creamed spinach.

Although I'm still lucky to have children in my home for the next decade or so, today I do have more time to think about who I am outside of my role as Mom.

Sometimes it feels a bit indulgent to do so.

And I wonder if maybe I think that busying myself with growing up another baby would be easier than taking a good, long look at who I am and what I want to do when I grow up.

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THURSDAY	THUR. NIGHT	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY
Mostly cloudy, breezy; a few showers. ▲ 58°	Mostly cloudy and windy with a few showers. ▼ 42°	Clouds, maybe a shower early, then some sunshine. ▲ 60° ▼ 34°	A good deal of sun. ▲ 66° ▼ 38°	Partly sunny. ▲ 66° ▼ 38°	Mostly cloudy with a shower possible. ▲ 64° ▼ 40°	Mostly cloudy with a couple of showers. ▲ 58° ▼ 36°	Sun and some clouds. ▲ 62° ▼ 34°

UV INDEX

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Saturday	6	Moderate
Sunday	6	Moderate
Monday	5	Moderate
Tuesday	5	Moderate
Wednesday	6	Moderate

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Canutillo	58	40
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E. Montana	58	41
Fabens	56	39
Horizon	57	40
San Elizario	56	39
Socorro	57	39
Tornillo	56	39
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Shown is Thursday's weather.
Temperatures are Thursday's highs and Thursday night's lows.



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Atlanta	62/48/c	60/48/t	57/34/sh	53/35/s	54/28/pc
Atlantic City	46/32/s	48/36/pc	50/28/r	39/20/pc	37/11/s
Austin/San Antonio	62/52/c	68/37/pc	65/40/s	68/49/s	68/37/r
Baltimore	46/32/s	48/37/pc	50/32/r	40/24/pc	36/13/s
Boston	42/28/pc	46/32/s	46/34/r	38/22/r	30/9/pc
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Denver	46/22/pc	44/26/pc	45/24/s	51/29/c	52/22/c
Flagstaff	38/21/sn	44/19/pc	48/21/pc	48/24/c	47/18/pc
Houston	68/54/c	70/43/c	68/47/s	70/48/s	65/50/c
Kansas City	50/36/pc	46/24/r	34/16/c	32/16/c	36/20/sn
Las Vegas	62/42/c	64/42/s	66/42/s	66/45/pc	66/43/pc
Miami	83/70/c	82/69/sh	80/59/pc	76/62/pc	77/54/s
Minneapolis	40/30/pc	32/8/c	14/-4/c	10/-6/pc	19/-2/c
New Orleans	71/58/pc	72/48/t	65/46/pc	63/46/s	67/36/pc
New York City	45/32/s	43/38/s	48/32/r	38/25/pc	34/14/pc
Philadelphia	44/32/s	46/36/pc	48/32/c	40/24/pc	38/12/s
Phoenix	66/48/sh	68/48/s	72/50/s	72/52/pc	73/45/pc
Portland	50/40/r	52/40/sh	52/40/pc	50/40/r	52/32/r
San Francisco	58/46/pc	62/46/pc	62/48/pc	60/50/r	60/41/r
Seattle	48/40/r	48/38/sh	50/40/pc	50/38/r	50/34/r
Tucson	64/38/sh	66/41/s	70/44/s	73/44/pc	72/37/pc
Washington, DC	47/34/s	50/38/pc	53/36/r	42/28/pc	42/17/s

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