

NEWSBRIEFS

Join 'George'

The Oz Glaze Senior Center invites the community to join them in an open house celebration featuring "George Burns" in the person of comedian Dean Hinmon on Feb. 10, from 7-9 p.m. The event is free at 13969 Veny Webb and admission is free.

Fabens arrests

Four men were arrested in Fabens on Wednesday morning, Jan. 31, after the driver of a 1989 Ford LTD Crown Victoria fled from El Paso County Sheriff's deputies attempting to conduct a traffic stop. The driver was unable to successfully brake the speeding vehicle and it wound up crashing into a 12-foot dry irrigation canal. The driver and right front passenger fled on foot but the driver was caught immediately. The Sheriff's Office, assisted on ground and in the air by the U.S. Border Patrol, activated its Search and Rescue unit to look for the other person who fled on foot. He was spotted about an hour later by a Border Patrol helicopter pilot more than a quarter mile away from the accident scene in a field. Two male back seat passengers suffered upper body injuries. All four occupants of the vehicle were transported to R.E. Thomason General Hospital. More than 80 pounds of marijuana was recovered from the trunk of the vehicle and all four were charged with possession of marijuana over 50 pounds. The two who fled were also charged with evading arrest. Arrested were the driver, Fernando Magalde, 33, of San Elizario; Armando Arenas, 29; Francisco Calderas, 34, of Juarez, Mexico; and Asael Martinez, 18, also of Juarez.

In other news

■ The Texas School Counseling Association has awarded five Socorro ISD campuses its prestigious CREST (Counselors Reinforcing Excellence for Students in Texas) Award. Counseling teams from Americas, El Dorado and Socorro High Schools, and Ernesto Serna K-8 and Paso del Norte K-8, were noted. This is the second year for Paso Del Norte and Socorro High Schools to be honored.

■ U.S. Border Patrol agents rescued a semi-conscious undocumented 23-year-old Chinese woman from the American Canal on Feb. 3, administering first-aid for hypothermia. The woman was in a group of 10 subjects attempting to make an illegal entry into the U.S. east of Fonseca Drive. As the agents approached, the other members of the group exited the river again on the Mexico side but the woman could not pull herself out of the raging undercurrents. The woman was transported to Thomason, then to the El Paso Processing Center. In fiscal year 2007 so far, 26 migrants in distress have been rescued by border patrol agents — in 2006, that number was 506.

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Where do kids get all those questions parents can't answer?

— Quips & Quotes

Clint ISD establishes own K-9 program

By Laura Cade
Special to the Courier

EAST EL PASO COUNTY — Meet Lex, the Clint Independent School District's drug detection dog, and Ray Rios, the district's canine handler and truant officer. Together they make up the Clint ISD K-9 Team.

In an effort to keep district campuses drug free, the K-9 program was established with the primary goal of maintaining a safe learning environment for the district's 9,400 students at six secondary campuses. The K-9 Team is tasked with finding and removing any illegal drugs from the campuses and, more importantly, serving as a crime deterrent.

In the past, the district has relied on other providers for this service. The services were costly and unreliable which created frustration and disappointment at the campus level. The district-established team can spend more hours at the campuses and the district will save \$5,000 per year.

"The K-9 program has had a huge impact on whether or not students bring drugs to school. We have had no possessions this year. The random, frequent visits are the most successful part of the program," said Pam Howard, Horizon



— Photo courtesy Clint ISD

DYNAMIC DUO — Lex and Ray Rios.

High School Principal.

A three-year-old Belgium Malinois, Lex is trained to detect a variety of narcotics. He keeps up his sniffing skills by training eight hours a month. Rios has 160 hours of training as a dog handler. This team is on call with the district, year-round, 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

Prize winning commercials nab honors for Canutillo ES

By Kim Guzman
Special to the Courier

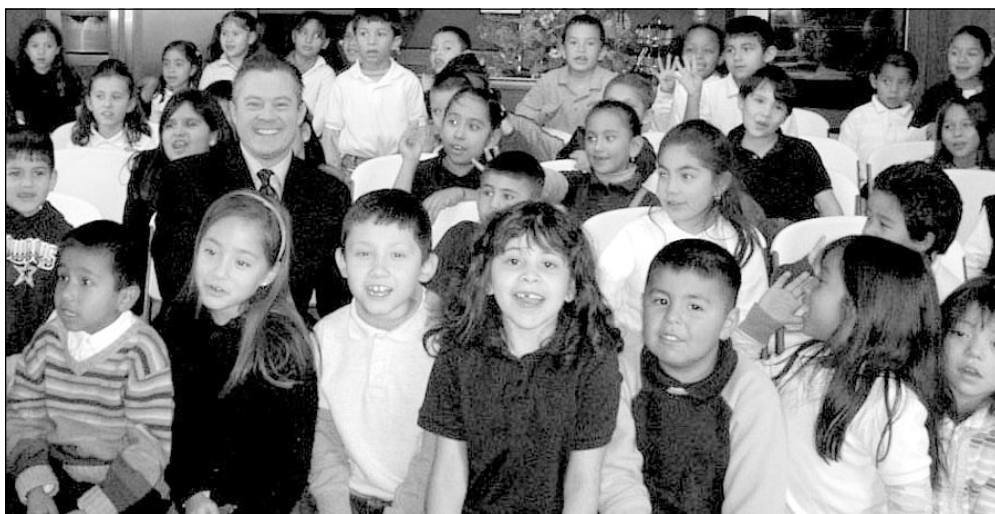
CANUTILLO — Students from Canutillo Elementary School were recently awarded certificates, ice cream and milk coupons, along with \$500 cash for winning a commercial contest held by Channel 4 KDBC and Price's Creameries.

Kindergarten students in Cynthia Arteaga and Maria Arroyos class, second grade students in Rick Armstrong's music class, and first grade gifted and talented students in Judith Valle's class worked for four months filming, producing, and editing their commercial entitled

"Drink Price's Milk." The winning song was composed by Armstrong and sung by his second grade music class.

"The contest was open to any school in the area with only one winner chosen from an elementary school and one from a high school, and from the many schools that entered during the year, Canutillo was the winner," said Susan Smith, CES lead technology teacher and co-coordinator for the commercial project.

Participating students and their teachers were recently presented with their awards on the KDBC Channel 4 noonday news. The winning commercials will continue to be aired throughout February on Channel 4.

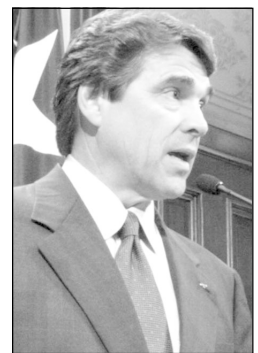


— Photo courtesy Canutillo ISD

FUTURE AD EXPERTS — Award winning students from Canutillo Elementary School's kindergarten through second grade classes are shown on the set with Robert Bettes, Chief Meteorologist at KDBC Channel 4.

Governor's order to have girls vaccinated for STD gets mixed reaction

AUSTIN — Gov. Rick Perry issued an executive order this week directing the Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC) to adopt rules requiring all girls age 11 and 12 to receive the Human Papillomavirus (HPV) vaccine prior to entering sixth grade, effective September 2008.



Rick Perry

The executive order also directs HHSC and the Department of State Health Services (DSHS) to make the vaccine immediately available to eligible young females through the Texas Vaccines for Children program for young women ages 9 to 18, and through Medicaid for women ages 19 to 21.

"The HPV vaccine provides us with an incredible opportunity to effectively target and prevent cervical cancer," said Perry. "Requiring young girls to get vaccinated before they come into contact with HPV is responsible health and fiscal policy that has the potential to significantly reduce cases of cervical cancer and mitigate future medical costs."

Parents may choose to opt out of mandatory vaccinations for reasons of conscience, including religious beliefs and the executive order directs DSHS to ease the opt out process by providing exemption request forms online.

HPV is a common sexually transmitted disease in the U.S. — about 20 million people in the nation are infected, including one in four people with ages 15 to 24 years. Certain strains of HPV cause most cases of cervical cancer and Texas has the second highest number of women suffering from it in the nation.

Some lawmakers, however, are protesting the executive order on several fronts, including that it was issued so swiftly that it did not have benefit of public hearings, prohibiting medical and community input. The arbitrary manner of the order cut off input from other state lawmakers and because it is an executive order, it cannot be rescinded by the state legislature.

Some have insinuated a special-interest motive in pointing to Perry's ties to Merck and Co., which makes the HPV vaccine, known as Gardasil. The drug company is aggressively promoting mandatory-vaccine laws in Texas and in other states. Perry's former chief of staff, Mike Toomey, is now one of Merck's Texas lobbyists.

Even those who believe Perry is acting with all good intentions have voiced concern that he should have proceeded with greater caution and diplomacy. Among those were Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst.

State Rep. Chente Quintanilla, however, expressed concern based on cost — the vaccine runs about \$120 a dose and a full vaccination requires three doses. Most large insurance companies cover the vaccine but for girls not covered by insurance, Perry's order requires the state to pay for the vaccination.

Perry answered those who protested the mandatory vaccination based on a concern that

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One perspective

By Francis Shrum

Plain wrong

I’ve been studying about ethics and it’s been causing me a little mental discomfort.

The problem is that I always believed that people were who and what they were. They believed what they believed and behaved accordingly. Good people did good things and had good results. People bent on misbehaving generally wound up suffering for it. There wasn’t just a whole lot of surprise in the neighborhood when some bad boy wound up in trouble with the law. By the same token, when some good kid won a scholarship, everybody was glad but, again, nobody was surprised.

I’ve been introduced to a whole new way of thinking. You see, today’s world isn’t governed by what is good and what is bad, nor by what is right or what is wrong.

Nobody can agree on something as simple as that.

No, we need something that everybody can agree on, which is, basically, nothing. So we’ve come up with a whole new idea, an ingenious piece of nothingness.

It’s call ethics.

Mr. Webster defines ethic — in the way the modern business world wants to use it — as, “the principles of conduct governing an individual or a group.” I’d like to point out that they pulled this portion of Mr. Webster’s definition of ethic from way down at the bottom of the list. The first preferred definition has to do with dirty words like good and bad and moral duty and obligation and

similarly distasteful ideas so they had to skip over all those till they came to one that had no teeth in it.

Now, business needed some way to seem good without actually being or doing good, so they had to make up their own rules. The word ethic sounded good, so they just added an “s” and “ethics” was born.

Business ethics are just about as rubbery as Silly Putty and not a bit more stable. The term means nothing and can be twisted to fit an endless variety of shapes and sizes. Therefore, everybody can agree on it which means that nobody has to agree to anything.

So while I was chewing on this new concept I come across an article about a former Texas drug agent, described by his former supervisors as “perhaps the best narcotics officer in the country.” You know, one of the good guys.

According to the story this man worked for small police departments and operated very effectively on a drug task force. However, once he was not longer employed in catching the bad guys, this fellow decided to market his skills and make a little money.

In the spirit of business ethics everywhere, he launched a website. Promoting his extensive background as a DEA-trained narcotics officer and K-9 instructor with over 800 narcotics arrests notched on his belt, this fellow began offering trade secrets to the “general public” on how to transport narcotics without getting caught. He’s even got a DVD on constructing hidden compartments.

This boy had to be an honors student in his business ethics class.

While his promotional material assures the “general public” he can show them how to avoid narcotics profiling and how to fool drug dogs, he says he’s really doing this for the good of the country. He says he wants to educate Americans about their “civil liberties” and he is “driven” in this pursuit by the “unfairness and injustice” of the current legal system.

Like I said, business ethics can be stretched, mutilated and perverted to cover almost anything. This man may have been a good narcotics officer but I’d have to say he is even better at something else, which shall remain unnamed for the sake of discretion.

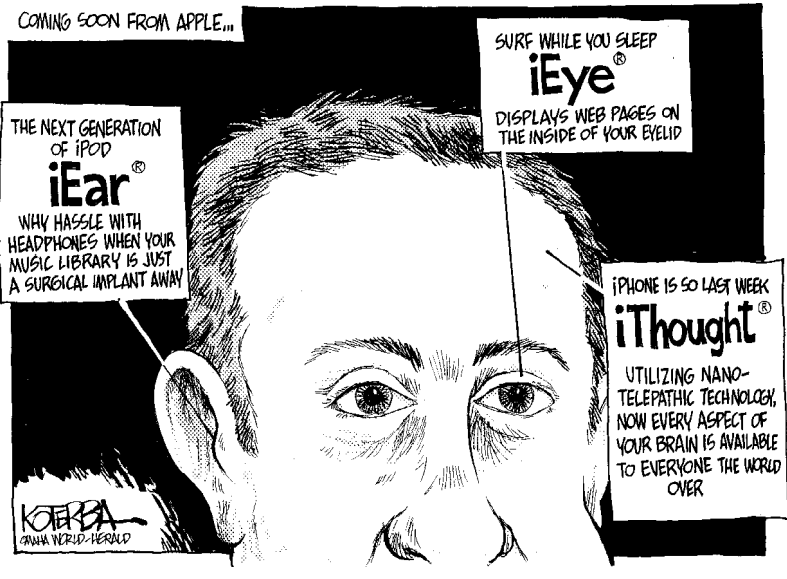
Understandably, law enforcement officers, especially his former colleagues, are plenty steamed at his little exercise in so-called free enterprise. At last report they were looking into every nook and cranny to see if what he was doing is against any law, anywhere.

On his glitzy, well-designed website is a little eye-catching add-on which states that his enterprise is completely legal but a news channel asked a bunch of viewers if they thought it was moral. The answer was that 63 percent of those who responded said it was. Only 37 percent said what he was doing was immoral. Business may not be as brisk as he’d hoped though. He’s dropped his original price from \$24.95 to \$10.

You’ll notice that I have not mentioned this fellow’s website address, his name nor even the title of his trash — oops, did I say that out loud? How unethical of me to judge him like that!

Since I don’t plan on making real good grades in business ethics, anyway, I’ll just go ahead and say that the reason I’ve omitted that information is because I’d just as soon not make it easy for anybody to find this kind of trash.

What this fellow is doing isn’t just unethical. It’s just plain wrong.



Moore Texas by Roger T. Moore Feb.3,1836: A volunteer militia from Alabama called the "Red Rovers"(because of their bright red pants) joined the Texas fight for Independence.

View from here

By Mary Katherine Stout

Bring back Dickey Flatt: Remember who really pays for government

When U.S. Sen. Phil Gramm introduced the “Dickey Flatt test” to his colleagues and to the country, he brought a new conscience to budget writing and created an iconic image for fiscal discipline.

It was Dickey Flatt, the printer from Mexia, Texas with seemingly permanent blue ink stained on his fingers, who became Gramm’s standard by which to judge every plea for a government appropriation. The test was easy: Is an item of spending worth taking a dollar from Dickey Flatt’s ink-stained hands? Gramm knew that Washington’s generosity was truly paid for by hard working taxpayers like Dickey Flatt.

It is a test that lawmakers around the country might do well to use today, including those now gathered in Austin.

Today, Texas stares at \$14.3 billion in new revenue above the previous budget, and the debate over what to do with it will take center stage. Of lesser profile will be debates on individual items of spending and even matters of policy. But in any case, considering the cost of taking the money from taxpayers’ pockets is important.

This isn’t merely an exercise in low taxes and low spending. It is about creating opportunities for people to take care of their own families, giv-

ing second thought to government’s naked redistribution of money and the hardship it places on taxpayers to turn over their hard-earned cash with little real say in how it is spent.

While the state budget is rife with examples, the discussions on eligibility and services among the state’s social services programs come to mind first.

The Children’s Health Insurance Program has been a particular target for advocates of expanding government services through liberalizing eligibility requirements and making it easier to enroll in government aid.

They portray the CHIP assets test as draconian, and remain undeterred even after the state discovered some applicants and recipients driving current-year luxury cars, and others with substantial cash in savings, all while enjoying CHIP benefits paid for by taxpayers.

They fight to lengthen the period of continuous eligibility for these services from six months to 12, though they recognize that some recipients become ineligible during the course of a year.

They fight cost sharing in the program, pleading that recipients are too poor to pay anything for their care — even those making as much as \$40,000 annually for a family of four.

They presume that every applicant

or recipient is equally needy and absolve them of any responsibility, while efforts to protect taxpayers are portrayed as greed.

Perhaps some see this as noble when the images of the poor and the wealthy stand in sharp contrast: the poor single mother with two children versus the wealthy business man and his family. But what happens when the distinctions are less clear?

What about the single mother with one child, struggling to make ends meet, but making just more than enough to qualify the two of them for government assistance? They subsidize the single mother with two children making slightly less, though their situation is only marginally better. What about a middle-income family living trying to provide health insurance for themselves, while generously subsidizing those who pay little or nothing for their care?

The reality is that government attempts to help some people will hurt others. At the very least, government owes it to the taxpayers to ensure that those receiving government assistance are truly needy.

No doubt some will argue that government should do more, mistakenly believing that government has the ability to care for people and the

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What’s up, doc? By Albert Balesh, M.D.

Bare to health care

Many of us without health insurance make a beeline for the local emergency room wearing only the Emperor’s new clothes, when we are stricken with a sudden malady. Uncovered and left with no choice, we prefer a feel better now, worry about the consequences later approach.

There was a time when the greater good, personal integrity, and social consciousness held sway. Not anymore! In our strictly individualistic culture, in which “me first” attitudes predominate, we seek gratification in the here and now, and damn our posterity. With a health care system in shambles and millions of uninsured manning the minimum wage breadlines, we can no longer count on Washington to tackle this extremely difficult and complex issue. While hard times require innovative thinking, conflicts of interest abound to preempt unified, concerted progress toward universal health insurance for all.

Even the middle class has not been spared. The prevalence of uninsured, college-educated, full-time working Americans is growing. Small firms and the self-employed simply cannot afford to pay rising health care premiums. There is also a mentality issue here, as the healthy perceive costly and unnecessary insurance coverage as an unwanted drain on their already thinning financial resources. The unhealthy, on the other hand, are either unable to obtain any coverage at all, or only limited insurance at unheard of prices.

Perhaps a look at universal health insurance systems in Europe and Israel is warranted at this point, the alternative being finger insertion in a proverbial dike. Bah, you say. Things are not that bad. Then explain the fact that we as a nation spend twice as much per capita on health care as our European counterparts, only to receive mediocre returns, for example, in the areas of infant mortality and life expectancy.

The general consensus is that something is broken. Fixing it is another story. Medicare, a crown jewel at its inception, is barely chugging along on four cylinders. At one time, it addressed the needs of our aging population, and provided services the private sector turned a blind eye to. Funding for the program at current levels is no longer sustainable, however, and, while there is no doubt that Medicare has improved the condition of our nation’s elderly, political infighting, legislators’ lust for power, envy of the elderly by the young, and the financial numbers themselves have eroded support for a program destined to meet the end of the dinosaur. We must now ask two important questions. First, is continued government investment in health care morally justified? Second, is consumer-driven health care a better alternative?

Turning our sights for a moment away from the elderly and back to the U.S. population as a whole, we note that just 10 percent of the insured population accounts for 70 percent of all health care expenditures. Shunned by insurers who fear shrinking profit margins, and

condemned to making hard, unholy choices between high cost premiums and food, these hapless victims watch health, savings, and credit scores decline in a technologically advanced society that long ago outlawed debtors’ prisons as cruel and inhumane.

It doesn’t end there. The U.S. is culturally challenged, culturally mixed, and a frying pan (not a melting pot) for the politically oppressed and for individuals of diverse ethnic and religious backgrounds. In order to meet their health needs, we must first understand what makes them tick, i.e., the health determinants of particular people in particular places at particular times. Then apply what we have learned to the nonhomogeneous American panorama, being mindful of the fact that race, class, and gender also influence perceptions of health and our health care institutions and

economy. We are slowly coming to the realization that epidemiology and social science must firmly and warmly embrace the new kids on the block, ethnography and social history, if our health care system is to shift from rattle to hum.

Finally, we would be remiss if we did not offer two small, yet concrete solutions to the health care crisis. A system of government “re-insurance,” to reimburse insurers from the public coffers, might insulate them from the financial weight of particularly expensive cases. That, and cost-effective “health condition management units,” interdisciplinary care teams providing a full range of health care services to patients with conditions such as diabetes, hypertension, or cancer, might attenuate, if not eliminate, the mortal embarrassment of getting caught with our pants down.

We are born in birthday suits. Yet there is no need to leave this world prematurely, for lack of proper health care attire. The Emperor must not win!

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limitless resources to do it. But in reality, the only way the government has the resources to pay for these programs is by confiscating the money through taxing its people. And taxing people necessarily means stripping people of their resources to meet their needs, while lawmakers redirect their money to others.

It’s easy to hand out the money

when lawmakers see only the faces of people with outstretched hands, be they compelling faces of children or friendly faces of those making a business on profiting from taxpayer money. Indeed, taxpayers need a face that reminds lawmakers where this money comes from — that or Dickey Flatt’s blue fingers.

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Socorro Independent School District						
Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balance						
Governmental Funds						
For the Year Ended August 31, 2006						
Data Control Codes	General Fund	Debt Service Fund	Capital Projects 2006 Bond	Capital Projects 2005 Bond	Other Funds	Total Governmental Funds
REVENUES:						
5700 Total Local and Intermediate Sources	\$ 59,480,546	\$12,471,872	\$ —	\$ 3,856,806	\$ 4,524,136	\$ 80,333,360
5800 State Program Revenues	171,674,620	19,761,281	—	—	5,572,935	197,008,836
5900 Federal Program Revenues	862,687	—	—	—	35,708,488	36,571,175
5020 Total Revenues	232,017,853	32,233,153	—	3,856,806	45,805,559	313,913,371
EXPENDITURES:						
Current:						
0011 Instruction	135,133,824	—	—	—	22,047,914	157,181,738
0012 Instructional Resources and Media Services	3,747,415	—	—	—	306,233	4,053,648
0013 Curriculum and Instructional Staff Development	2,963,395	—	—	—	3,356,184	6,319,579
0021 Instructional Leadership	3,960,113	—	—	—	494,477	4,454,590
0023 School Leadership	12,706,086	—	—	—	89,322	12,795,408
0031 Guidance, Counseling and Evaluation Services	7,639,582	—	—	—	1,462,960	9,102,542
0032 Social Work Services	1,010,318	—	—	—	242,156	1,252,474
0033 Health Services	2,333,462	—	—	—	444,180	2,777,642
0034 Student (Pupil) Transportation	7,892,981	—	—	—	108,288	8,001,269
0035 Food Services	1,131	—	—	—	15,199,835	15,200,966
0036 Cocurricular/Extracurricular Activities	6,741,714	—	—	—	26,505	6,768,219
0041 General Administration	6,426,589	—	—	—	130,979	6,557,568
0051 Plant Maintenance and Operations	26,265,471	—	—	206,799	288,349	26,760,619
0052 Security and Monitoring Services	4,539,694	—	—	—	57,560	4,597,254
0053 Data Processing Services	2,944,715	—	—	—	17,686	2,962,401
0061 Community Services	870,536	—	—	—	266,019	1,136,555
Debt Service:						
0071 Debt Service - Principal on long-term debt	1,225,723	11,588,058	—	—	—	12,813,781
0072 Debt Service - Interest on long-term debt	75,630	16,824,412	—	—	—	16,900,042
0073 Debt Service - Bond Issuance Cost and Fees	—	685,608	717,108	—	—	1,402,716
Capital Outlay:						
0081 Facilities Acquisition and Construction	392,302	—	—	28,604,437	16,247,483	45,244,222
6030 Total Expenditures	226,870,681	29,098,078	717,108	28,811,236	60,786,130	346,283,233
1100 Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	5,147,172	3,135,075	(717,108)	(24,954,430)	(14,980,571)	(32,369,862)
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES):						
7911 Capital-related Debt Issued (Regular Bonds)	—	33,895,417	70,685,000	—	—	104,580,417
7913 Capital Leases	1,351,850	—	—	—	—	1,351,850
7916 Premium or Discount on Issuance of Bonds	—	25,486,943	3,704,185	—	—	29,191,128
8949 Other (Uses)	—	(58,728,243)	—	—	—	(58,728,243)
7080 Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	1,351,850	654,117	74,389,185	—	—	76,395,152
1200 Net Change in Fund Balances	6,499,022	3,789,192	73,672,077	(24,954,430)	(14,980,571)	44,025,290
0100 Fund Balance — September 1 (Beginning)	43,140,307	4,984,913	—	89,936,401	31,852,805	169,914,426
1300 Prior Period Adjustment	—	877,429	—	—	—	877,429
3000 Fund Balance — August 31 (Ending)	\$ 49,639,329	\$ 9,651,534	\$73,672,077	\$64,981,971	\$16,872,234	\$214,817,145

Borrego ES students shine at Team Quest

By Cynthia P. Marentes
Special to the Courier

SAN ELIZARIO — Working under pressure, improvisation, and teamwork are skills that can take adults years to develop yet students at Borrego Elementary have learned to harness these abilities to shine.

On Jan. 18, the San Elizario Independent School District sent two teams of gifted and talented (GT) students from Borrego Elementary to the West Texas Team Quest Regional Championships. One team placed third overall from among 26 other teams winning an award for their performance and a gift package from Adventures in Learning.

This was the first school year that any team from San Elizario ISD competed in Team Quest, a unique and challenging experience that incorporates critical thinking and problem solving activities from different academic areas such as art, science, and math.

The teams were composed of four students each — one made up of 3rd and 4th grade students and the other

of 5th grade students. The theme of this year’s Team Quest competition was “Artists and their Art: Leonardo’s Workshop.” Helping to prepare the students was Borrego 1st grade teacher Adriana Castruita who only became the GT Coordinator for the campus in December, leaving very little time for her to work with the students. “You can’t prepare for the challenge. We did research on DaVinci but it’s mostly about what the students bring to the competition,” Castruita said.

The flurry of activity that characterizes the Team Quest challenge is enough to turn anybody into a nervous wreck. For example, the competition was a daylong event starting at 9 a.m. and ending at 3:30 p.m. Students worked through their lunch completing several components of the challenge including a building activity, answering trivia questions, and writing and performing a skit. The teams were then judged on a point system for each of the activities and the five teams with the highest composite scores advanced to the next level of competition.

The members of the team include

Yolanda Mota, Samuel Reyes, Humberto Marquez, and Manny Hernandez, all 11-year-olds from Borrego Elementary. The students worked through Team Quest challenges as a team by asking one another questions and deciding on the best approach. Manny Hernandez stated that the hardest part was beat-

ing the other teams and added that during the competition he felt “a strange mixture of being nervous and being excited.” The second team from Borrego Elementary was composed of 3rd and 4th graders. The team member’s were Eduardo Sierra, Denise Argumedo, Rick Rodriguez, and Romanti-Ezer Mata.



— Photo courtesy San Elizario ISD

TEAMWORK — Adriana Castruita, from left, with students Samuel Reyes, Humberto Marquez, Yolanda Mota, and Manny Hernandez who performed well in their first appearance in Team Quest competition.

Former county educator, Pat Downer, dies

LUBBOCK — Memorial services for Charles Pat Downer, who served El Paso County schools as a teacher and administrator, were held Jan. 27, 2007 in Lubbock. He died on Sunday, Jan. 21, 2007 in Lubbock in the company of his family. Interment was to will follow in Texola, Oklahoma.

Downer was born April 15, 1929 in Texola, to Thomas Burton and Clara Rebecca (Neely) Downer, where he was raised and graduated from high school. He married Jean Taylor on Nov. 2, 1950, and they had three children, Debra Lloyd of Lubbock, Dena Dean of San Angelo and Pat “Bo” Downer of Lubbock.

He served with the 45th Infantry Division of the Oklahoma National Guard in Korea, earned a BS from Oklahoma A&M and a Masters degree from UTEP. He served as a teacher, coach and administrator in the Sierra Blanca, Clint, Socorro and Littlefield school districts. He retired in 1989 and subsequently lived in Rocky, Oklahoma, and in San Angelo and Lubbock, Texas. He was also a member of the Fabens chapter of Masonic Lodge.

Downer is preceded in death by his wife Jean. He is survived by his three children, seven grandchildren, and six great-grandchildren.

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Data Control Codes	10 General Fund	Other Funds	Total Governmental Funds
REVENUES:			
5700 Total Local and Intermediate Sources	\$ 1,303,596	\$ 104,095	\$ 1,407,691
5800 State Program Revenues	7,526,704	1,093,907	8,620,611
5900 Federal Program Revenues	606,787	1,388,004	1,994,791
5020 Total Revenues	9,437,087	2,586,006	12,023,093
EXPENDITURES:			
Current:			
0011 Instruction	4,153,025	1,509,375	5,662,400
0012 Instructional Resources and Media Services	60,067	80,994	141,061
0013 Curriculum and Instructional Staff Development	38,463	73,521	111,984
0021 Instructional Leadership	165,482	—	165,482
0023 School Leadership	386,321	—	386,321
0031 Guidance, Counseling and Evaluation Services	5,557	47,255	52,812
0033 Health Services	4,394	79,002	83,396
0034 Student (Pupil) Transportation	264,659	72	264,731
0035 Food Services	745,496	19,268	764,764
0036 Cocurricular/Extracurricular Activities	292,311	—	292,311
0041 General Administration	535,696	—	535,696
0051 Plant Maintenance and Operations	962,868	—	962,868
0052 Security and Monitoring Services	146,042	—	146,042
0053 Data Processing Services	345,599	36,208	381,807
0061 Community Services	20,477	—	20,477
Debt Service:			
0071 Debt Service - Principal on long-term debt	—	469,000	469,000
0072 Debt Service - Interest on long-term debt	—	327,429	327,429
0073 Debt Service -Bond Issuance Cost and Fees	—	223,679	223,679
Capital Outlay:			
0081 Facilities Aquisition and Construction	99,575	—	99,575
Intergovernmental:			
0093 Payments to Fiscal Agent/Member Districts of SSA	—	25,858	25,858
6030 Total Expenditures	8,226,032	2,891,661	11,117,693
1100 Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	1,211,055	(305,655)	905,400
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES):			
7911 Capital-related Debt Issued (Regular Bonds)	—	3,919,997	3,919,997
7915 Transfers In	10,000	39,246	49,246
7916 Premium or Discount on Issuance of Bonds	—	219,691	219,691
8911 Transfers Out (Uses)	(49,246)	—	(49,246)
8949 Other (Uses)	—	(3,920,000)	(3,920,000)
7080 Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	(39,246)	258,934	219,688
1200 Net Change in Fund Balances	1,171,809	(46,721)	1,125,088
0100 Fund Balance — September 1 (Beginning)	5,402,915	63,165	5,466,080
3000 Fund Balance — August 31 (Ending)	\$ 6,574,724	\$ 16,444	\$ 6,591,168

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Pediatrics group tours Tornillo Wellness Center

By Rudy Barreda
Special to the Courier

TORNILLO — A group of about 15 pediatric physicians visited the Tornillo Wellness Center as part of a tour conducted by the Council on Community Pediatrics. The tour, which was organized in part by Richard Mojica, Unit Manager of School-Based Health Centers for Texas Tech University of Health Sciences Center, enabled the group to visit various school-based health centers in the El Paso area. The

group also toured the Clint, Montwood and Mobile Car units. The main purpose of the Council hosting the event was to showcase how the El Paso region tries to overcome health care barriers encountered by many children and their families in the area.

The Council of Community Physicians is a part of the American Academy of Pediatrics. The president of AAP, Jay E. Berkelhamer, M.D., FAAP, was extremely impressed with the high level of collaboration between Texas Tech and Tornillo ISD. “This is one of the

best school-based health clinics I have seen in the nation,” said Dr. Berkelhamer.

Dr. Gilbert A. Handal, chairman of Texas Tech’s Department of Pediatrics, was complimentary of Tornillo ISD Superintendent Paul Vranish and Wellness Coordinator Miranda Peck. “The collaboration established here has set the bar so high that future meetings will be difficult to match,” said Dr. Handal.

The group crossed the U.S.-Mexican border at the conclusion of the tour to attend a reception in Juarez.

Briefs

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■ The Town of Horizon City has joined over 20,000 communities nationwide that are now allowed to purchase federally backed flood insurance, following the town’s adoption and agreement to enforce an ordinance to reduce flood losses as mandated under the National Flood Insurance Program. As of Nov. 8, 2006, residents of Horizon became eligible for the insurance, however, there is a 30-day waiting period before coverage goes into effect. The National Flood Insurance Program is administered through FEMA (Federal Emergency Management Agency, and offers insurance for renters as well as residential and commercial property owners.

■ The Texas Dept. of Agriculture has extended the cotton stalk destruction deadline for cotton growers in Zone 10 to Feb. 15, due to wet field conditions. This extension applies to fields in El Paso County and a portion of Hudspeth County. For information, call 806-799-8555.

Vaccine

From Page 1

it encourages young girls to engage in pre-marital sex because they may believe they are inoculated against the consequences.

“Providing the HPV vaccine doesn’t promote sexual promiscuity anymore than providing the Hepatitis B vaccine promotes drug use,” Perry said. “If the medical community developed a vaccine for lung cancer, would the same critics oppose it claiming it would encourage smoking?”

“While I understand the concerns expressed by some, I stand firmly on the side of protecting life. The HPV vaccine does not promote sex, it protects women’s health. In the past, young women who have abstained from sex until marriage have contracted HPV from their husbands and faced the difficult task of defeating cervical cancer.

“Finally, parents need to know that they have the final decision about whether or not their daughter is vaccinated. I am a strong believer in protecting parental rights, which is why this executive order allows them to opt out,” Perry said.

On board at Anthony ISD



Bertha Silva-Holguin

Photos for several school board members were not available by press time for the February 1 issue of the *Courier* which carried a full page ad dedicated to school board service. Bertha Silva-Holguin and Heriberto “Beto” Gomez serve as trustees on the Anthony ISD School Board.



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Canutillo Independent School District
Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balance
Governmental Funds
For the Year Ended August 31, 2006

Data Control Codes	10 General Fund	CP-Campus Additions & Renovations	Capital Proj. New High School	Other Funds	Total Governmental Funds
REVENUES:					
5700 Total Local and Intermediate Sources	\$12,314,987	\$ 114,576	\$ 247,928	\$ 1,899,181	\$ 14,576,672
5800 State Program Revenues	23,190,350	—	—	3,216,506	26,406,856
5900 Federal Program Revenues	3,391,795	—	—	5,976,789	9,368,584
5020 Total Revenues	38,897,132	114,576	247,928	11,092,476	50,352,112
EXPENDITURES:					
Current:					
0011 Instruction	20,134,171	—	—	3,743,741	23,877,912
0012 Instructional Resources and Media Services	501,222	—	—	434,364	935,586
0013 Curriculum and Instructional Staff Development	492,883	—	—	1,193,272	1,686,155
0021 Instructional Leadership	822,062	—	—	373,126	1,195,188
0023 School Leadership	1,868,888	—	—	17,750	1,886,638
0031 Guidance, Counseling and Evaluation Services	781,402	—	—	155,187	936,589
0032 Social Work Services	86,353	—	—	1,000	87,353
0033 Health Services	315,428	—	—	21,808	337,236
0034 Student (Pupil) Transportation	1,590,752	—	—	14,268	1,605,020
0035 Food Services	3,400,808	—	—	282,576	3,683,384
0036 Cocurricular/Extracurricular Activities	775,529	—	—	70,865	846,394
0041 General Administration	1,997,478	—	—	10,271	1,987,749
0051 Plant Maintenance and Operations	4,501,181	14,923	—	431,957	4,948,061
0052 Security and Monitoring Services	61,173	—	—	—	61,173
0053 Data Processing Services	654,120	—	—	65,512	719,632
0061 Community Services	186,449	—	—	422,052	608,501
Debt Service:					
0071 Debt Service - Principal on long-term debt	150,000	—	—	1,785,000	1,935,000
0072 Debt Service - Interest on long-term debt	165,402	—	—	2,033,398	2,198,800
0073 Debt Service -Bond Issuance Cost and Fees	5,500	75,471	—	151,347	232,318
Capital Outlay:					
0081 Facilities Acquisition and Construction	1,751,868	1,915,391	4,368,176	826,270	8,861,705
6030 Total Expenditures	40,222,669	2,005,785	4,368,176	12,033,764	58,630,394
1100 Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	(1,325,537)	(1,891,209)	(4,120,248)	(941,288)	(8,278,282)
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES):					
7911 Capital-related Debt Issued (Regular Bonds)	—	7,500,000	—	3,814,998	11,314,998
7915 Transfers In	118	—	—	234,332	234,450
7916 Premium or Discount Issuance of Bonds	—	88,300	—	102,376	190,676
8911 Transfers Out (Use)	(234,332)	—	—	(118)	(234,450)
8949 Other (Uses)	—	—	—	(3,995,000)	(3,995,000)
7080 Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	(234,214)	7,588,300	—	156,588	7,510,674
1200 Net Change in Fund Balances	(1,559,751)	5,697,091	(4,120,248)	(784,700)	(767,608)
0100 Fund Balance — September 1 (Beginning)	7,434,010	—	4,072,254	2,286,095	13,792,359
3000 Fund Balance — August 31 (Ending)	\$ 5,874,259	\$ 5,697,091	\$ (47,994)	\$ 1,501,395	\$ 13,024,751

Two from El Paso County honored at Rural Youth Banquet

By Jim Rodgers
Special to the Courier

EL PASO COUNTY — The San Antonio Stock Show and Rodeo association and the San Antonio Kiwanis Club honored 40 outstanding young people during the 52nd Annual Rural Youth Banquet on Jan. 26. Two of those honorees are 4-H member from El Paso County.

The honored 4-H and FFA members were chosen by their organizations for their continuing contributions to agriculture and agricultural-related fields, and for their involvement in leadership and community service activities through their respective organization.

Elizabeth Ivey, daughter of Everett and Danielle Ivey, received a Youth Leadership Award. She is a junior at Montwood High School and a member of Desert Valley 4H and El Paso County Teen Council.

Nicole Gonzales, daughter of Lupe and Lorissa Gonzales, was similarly honored. She is a senior at Clint High School, a nine-year member of 4-H, and a member of El Paso County Horse Club and El Paso County Teen

Council. is a nine year member of 4-H, belonging to the El Paso 4-H Horse Club, and serves as President of the El Paso County Teen Council.

“I am proud of what Nicole has accomplished thus far. I would like to encourage more young people in our community to become involved in this type of program and make them aware that they too can accomplish the same,” said Lupe Gonzales.

The Rural Youth Award is a prestigious honor and each recipient receives a \$1,000 scholarship to assist them with their college education. The San Antonio Kiwanis Club and the Stock Show are avid supporters of higher education and believe that this investment in the leaders of tomorrow is a sound one.

The San Antonio Stock Show and Rodeo association is a volunteer, nonprofit organization whose mission is to promote agricultural awareness and its advancement through education.

To learn more about 4-H, visit www.fourhcouncil.edu. For information about the El Paso Horse Club, call 525-9858 or 859-9560.

Laura Cade contributed to this story.



Danielle Ivey



Nicole Gonzales

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Public Notice Town of Horizon City

The Town of Horizon City will be accepting letters of interest for the vacant position of an Alderman to the City Council. As outlined in Section 3.02 (A) & (B) in the City Charter, Qualifications to read as follows:

- Be a qualified voter of the City;
- Reside within the corporate limits of the City;
- Not hold any other office or employment under the City government nor be an elected member of any agency, board or district, which is directly involved in taxing, providing services, or establishing schools within the Town of Horizon City;
- No person shall be eligible for an elective office of the City unless at the time of their election they have resided in the City during the twelve months immediately preceding the election; and
- Other qualifications prescribed by the laws of the State of Texas.

Applicants must be willing to seek office in the May 2007 elections for a one-year term and in May 2008 for a full term. Council will interview qualified candidates in an upcoming Special Meeting. Citizens that are interested in serving may submit a letter by Friday, February 16, 2007 at Town Hall, 14999 Darrington Road, Horizon City, Texas 79928 or by fax at 852-1005. For additional information contact Fidel Morales or Rene Vallecillo at 852-1046, Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Raymond Morales
Mayor

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Athletes should not play just to set personal records

By Steve Escajeda
Special to the Courier

It seems frighteningly apparent to me that the once proud Green Bay Packers are now dedicated to one thing and one thing only — the total contentment of Brett Favre.

The future Hall of Fame quarterback announced last week that he would be returning for his 17th NFL season in 2007. And that's great news for Brett Favre, and Brett Favre alone.

Most of the experts around pro-football thought Favre should have retired about four or five years ago. I don't know if I qualify as a pro-football expert, but I was in total agreement with them.

Over the last few seasons it's been painfully difficult to watch the once-great Favre struggle just to hit the guy in the same-colored jersey as his own.

Everybody knows that Favre already owns the consecutive games played streak and total passes completed record, and there are many other records just within his grasp. But the Packers are a shell of what they once were under Favre and it seems as if the organization has put Favre's personal achievements ahead of the accomplishment of the team.

No one disputes Favre's contributions to the Packers and to the NFL, but there comes a time when every player must look in the mirror and come to grips with their own mortality.

Wasn't it just over a year ago that

Favre told reporters that he wasn't sure he wanted the football in his hands at the crucial part of the game anymore? That tells me that not only has he passed his prime physically, but no longer has the mental toughness to deal with the game on a weekly basis.

It's not that I dislike the guy personally, but I've seen too many great athletes embarrass themselves at the end of their careers. Remember Emmitt Smith in an Arizona Cardinals uniform? Remember Willie Mays swinging and falling down in a New York Mets uniform? Ask your dad about a fat Muhammad Ali getting smacked around the ring in his late 30s.

During Favre's first 13 years with the Packers he never suffered through a single losing season. Over the last two years Favre has lead Green Bay to a dismal 12-20 record.

Individually, Favre's play over the last two seasons ranks him near the bottom of the league. After completing nearly 70 percent of his passes for a decade, he has only connected on 58 percent of his tosses the last two years.

And here's one more startling fact — prior to the last two seasons, Favre had thrown a total of 376 touchdown passes and just 225 interceptions. In the last two years, Favre has thrown 38 touchdown passes and a whopping 47 interceptions.

But that sharp drop in numbers doesn't seem to have the Packer's brass worried at all. Again, winning and losing has become secondary to them. It's as if Favre has so much

mud on them that they don't dare even consider giving the washed up veteran his walking papers.

But the one thing I cannot do is blame Favre for taking the money while he still can. I just hope when I become senile and lose my eyesight and the ability to recognize my own grandkids, that my employers continue to pay me anyway.

Super role models

As I write this column the Super Bowl will be kicking off in exactly one hour.

I decided to write this segment before the outcome of the game to prove a point, that no matter who wins, the head coaches of the Indianapolis Colts and Chicago Bears will provide minority youngsters around the country with a great gift — a couple of role models.

Much of the talk surrounding this big game has been about the historic meeting of two black coaches. But in the larger scale of things, it means so much more.

Tony Dungy and Lovie Smith are more than black football coaches; they are teachers, leaders, men of class, respect, dignity, and honor. I truly hope there will come a day when the focus of a game is put on a man's character, and not on his pigmentation.

Young people of every color, and especially young African Americans, would do well to follow either man's distinguished lifestyle.

Real role models come along all too infrequently, but fortunately, at this year's Super Bowl, young people have two to choose from.

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	4 pm	EPCC	Helen of Troy

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Feb. 10th	12 pm	N. Arizona	EP Tennis Center

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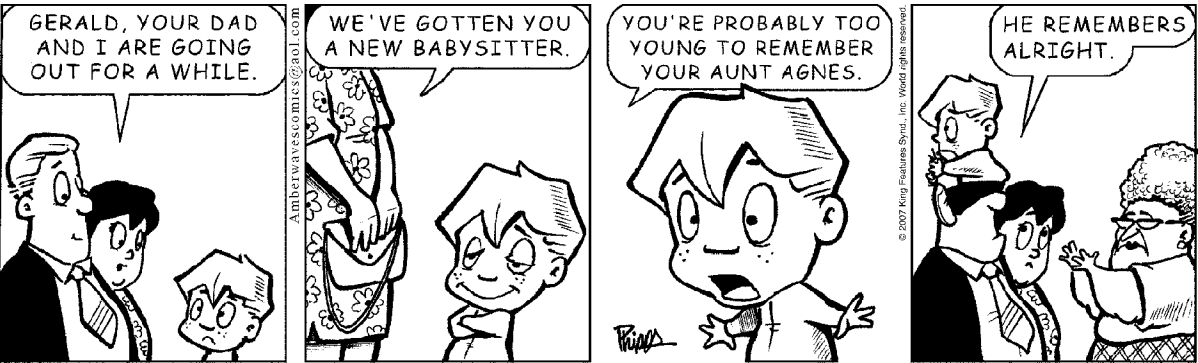
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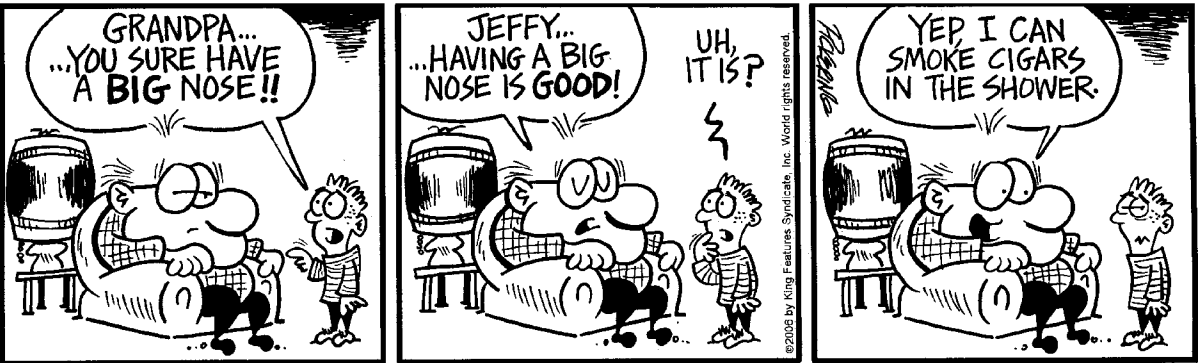
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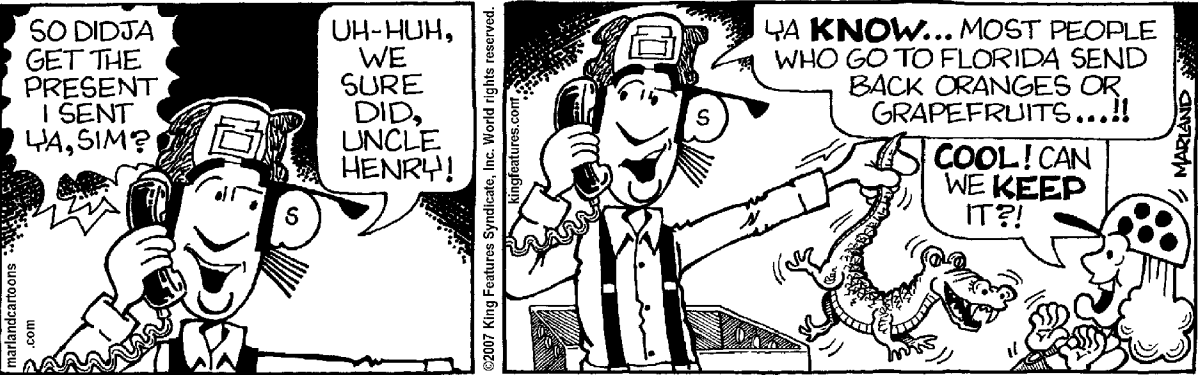
THE SPATS

By Jeff Pickering



R.F.D.

By Mike Marland



Vacation fun turns shocking

By Don Flood

Do you ever feel like, you know, you’ve lost that certain spark? Well, now you can get it back — 50,000 volts’ worth.

The latest fun activity in Las Vegas? Getting Tasered.

That’s right, people recently lined up at the Consumer Electronics Show in Las Vegas for the opportunity to be Tasered.

Here’s a description of the fun you’ve been missing, courtesy of the “Las Vegas Sun:” “When [Adam] Devlin is stunned, however, his legs lock rigid and his back keels, stiff as a plank, to the floor. There, on convention hall ground, Devlin rocks from side to side for a few seconds and then gets up, stunned.”

And the best part, it’s free! I’m afraid I wouldn’t be a good candidate because, frankly, I was stunned just reading this.

The article also helpfully mentions that Metro Police reported just three in-custody deaths for 2006.

Only three deaths! So your odds are pretty good.

It doesn’t say how many people were Tasered in-custody and didn’t die, but I’m guessing it’s lots and lots. So go ahead, enjoy yourself.

Still I’m wondering, is this the kind of no-holds-barred fun they’re talking when they slyly say, “What happens in Vegas, stays in Vegas”?

I guess I’m behind the times. I always assumed they were referring to good old-fashioned sin and debauchery — like eating potato chips and ice cream in bed at 3 a.m. while watching “Nip/Tuck” reruns.

Generally, when planning a vacation, I don’t think to myself, “Where is the best place to be tortured?”

Which brings up the question, which Web sites offer the best va-

cation-torture deals? Or, to save money, should family members stay home and torture each other?

But the new trend does open up new vistas for Las Vegas, which always has to find new ways to thrill America’s increasingly jaded fun-seekers:

• Waterboard World — Real-live ex-CIA operatives use the infamous waterboarding technique to pry the information out of you. Better yet, the merriment lasts and lasts because you don’t have any secrets to divulge. Fun for the whole family!

• Dental Adventure — Theme park highlights the growing popularity of dental tourism, which allows people to enjoy the pleasures of painful procedures, especially when they’re unnecessary. No need to wait six months for your next appointment.

• Club Chalkboard — An all-inclusive resort featuring unlimited chalkboards and professionals who know how to make the most irritating sounds imaginable using their fingernails. Visitors also receive training so they can bring their Club Chalkboard experience home with them.

Taser International was holding its complimentary torture sessions to unveil its new “stylish” Taser gun aimed at women (figuratively speaking). It comes in titanium silver, black pearl, electric blue, and of course, metallic pink.

It’s softer and feminine-looking — the kind of device that would be appropriate to use, for example, at a dinner party:

“While I would defend to the death your right to say what you just said, I do find it a little irritating.” ZAP!

Don’t worry, they’ll probably enjoy it.

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- 1 “Li'l Abner” cartoonist
- 5 Mann or Greeley
- 11 Lloyd Webber musical
- 15 Owens
- 18 Fragrance
- 19 Military helicopter
- 20 Tigris-Euphrates land
- 21 Convent cubicle
- 22 African Revolutionary War heroine?
- 24 Hunt's “_ Ben Adhem”
- 25 Wells' creatures
- 26 Stun
- 27 Author Follett
- 28 Actress Massen
- 29 Primer pooch
- 30 Nobelist Wiesel
- 33 Operetta composer
- 37 _ out (eradicate)
- 39 African sitcom?
- 44 Actress Talia
- 45 Relished a roast
- 46 King of comedy
- 47 Grind
- 49 _ cotta
- 52 “America's Most Wanted” host
- 55 Jubilant
- 57 Belfry sound
- 59 Marry

- 60 Roller-coaster unit
- 62 LAX letters
- 63 Desire
- 64 Botanist Gray
- 65 Frighten
- 67 _ -Magnon
- 69 Roll-call reply
- 70 Cozy
- 71 Swiss sight
- 72 African appetizer?
- 74 Crewel tool
- 76 European capital
- 77 Memo start
- 79 “Agnus _”
- 80 Wonderful
- 81 Conductor Queler
- 82 Like a raisin
- 83 _ deco
- 85 Lodge brother
- 86 Part of MPH
- 87 Stalk
- 88 Infantry action
- 91 Cosmetician
- Lauder
- 95 Take the honey and run
- 97 Walker's “The _ Purple”
- 99 Pat on the buns?
- 101 Sign a contract
- 102 Declaim
- 104 Start of an African anthem?
- 108 Nasty
- 109 Puccini's “_ Lescaut”
- 110 Secure the ship
- 111 Scoundrels

- 112 Cow's cry
- 114 LP successors
- 117 Most minute
- 121 Potpourri
- 122 British buggy
- 124 African movie theme song?
- 127 Wise _ owl
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- 131 Looney Tunes critter
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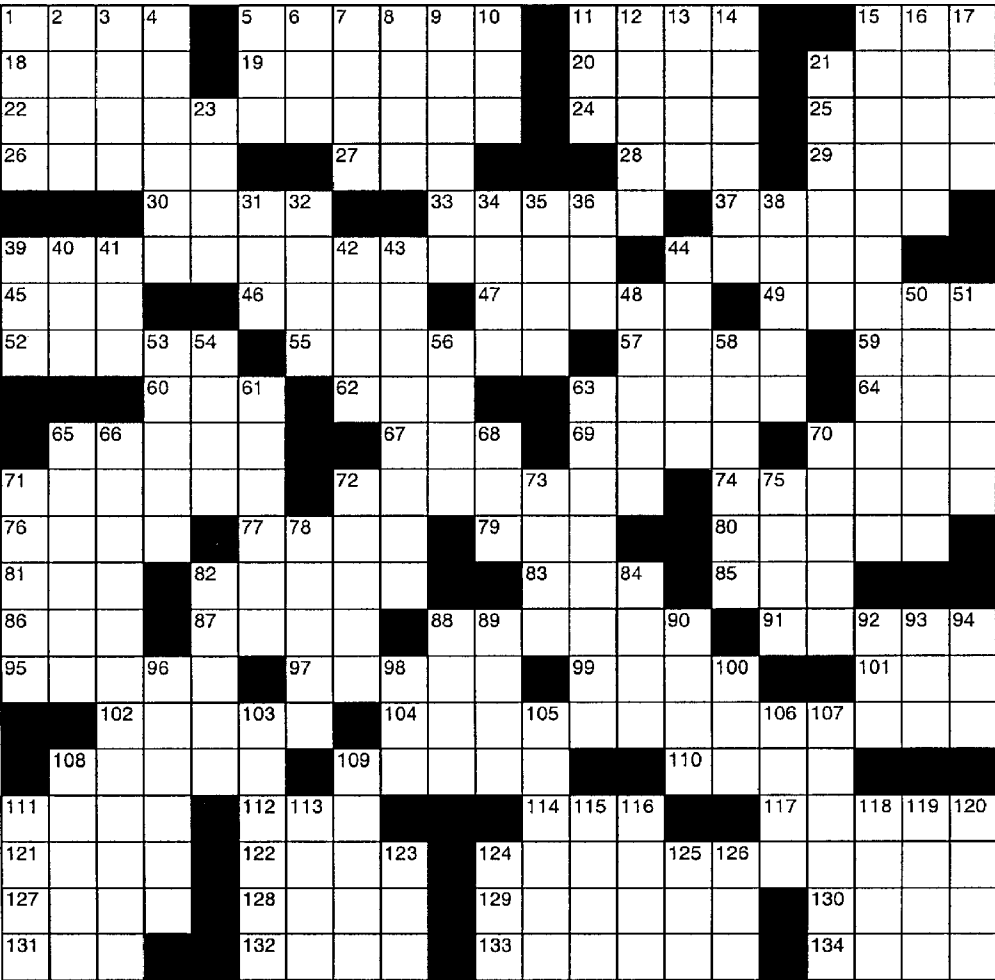
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- 2 Smith or Sandler
- 3 Actress Negri
- 4 Much valued
- 5 “Bali _”
- 6 Select, with “for”
- 7 Pinion's partner
- 8 Flu symptom
- 9 Chinese Olympic skater
- 10 Chariot follower
- 11 Security grp.
- 12 Ann _ , MI
- 13 New Mexico resort
- 14 Court sport
- 15 Beach Boys' African hit?
- 16 Knock for _

- (astonish)
- 17 Skirt feature
- 21 One of the Borgias
- 23 Soccer superstar
- 31 Tempest _ teapot
- 32 Parisian pronoun
- 34 TV's “The _ of Night”
- 35 Card collection
- 36 Actress Alicia
- 38 Deed
- 39 Shorten a slat
- 40 Actress Hagen
- 41 Tierra _ Fuego
- 42 Connecticut campus
- 43 Grabbed
- 44 Start wool gathering
- 48 Mall madness
- 50 Upshot
- 51 Proverb
- 53 It'll give you a weigh
- 54 Jackrabbit, for one
- 56 O'Hara homestead
- 58 Settle a score
- 61 Go to bed
- 63 Certain singer
- 65 Make a pile
- 66 African actress?
- 68 Peculiar
- 70 Pursues
- 71 _ suzette
- 72 Philosophy
- 73 Paper quantity
- 75 Perry's creator

- 78 Sib's kid
- 82 Trepidation
- 84 It may be small
- 88 Mindy of “The Facts of Life”
- 89 Approximately
- 90 Abound (with)
- 92 Archaic contraction
- 93 Compass pt.
- 94 Scrape by, with “out”
- 96 Bastille, e.g.
- 98 Mauna _
- 100 Yoko _
- 103 Curly Shirley
- 105 Stick-in-the-mud?
- 106 Cry of distress
- 107 “_ Lonesome Tonight?” (’60 hit)
- 108 Taco topping
- 109 Haunted-house sounds
- 111 Paint layer
- 113 Spoken
- 115 Barry or Brubeck
- 116 Stocking mishap
- 118 Baseball's Slaughter
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- 123 West of Hollywood
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- 125 Past
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Social Security Q&A

By Ray Vigil

Wrong numbers can delay your tax return

If you expect a refund on your federal taxes, you can avoid a delay by making sure all names and Social Security numbers are recorded correctly on your tax return.

When processing tax returns, the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) checks all names and Social Security

numbers for accuracy. When IRS discovers an incorrect Social Security number on your tax return, they send you a letter explaining the discrepancy. To fix the problem, you'll need to give IRS the correct Social Security number before you can expect your tax refund.

If your employer's record or W2 form does not match the information housed by the Social Security Administration, you might also encounter delays in processing of your income tax return. One of the most common situations which come to mind is failure to visit the Social Security Administration to report your recent marriage. When a person gets married but never corrected their Social Security record to reflect your married name, your tax return information does not match what's on your tax return. If you need to replace, correct or apply for a social security card, call or visit Social Security.

You'll need to show your age, citizenship or lawful alien status, and verify your identity. To learn more about the sort of information and documents you may need to submit, visit Social Security's Card and Number website at <http://www.socialsecurity.gov/ssnumber/>.

You should also check the Social Security number on your W-2 statement and pay stubs to make sure it matches the one on your card. If it does not match, tell your employer immediately and also contact Social Security.

Always review your tax return forms before you submit them to IRS. Make certain that each

individual's social security number is properly reflected on every schedule; especially if you are reporting self employment. You want to make certain your self employment income is reported on your social security record rather than someone else's.

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

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WEATHER TRENDS THIS WEEK

IN THE SKY

Temperatures

Precipitation

Sun

	Rise	Set
Thu.	6:54 a.m.	5:46 p.m.
Fri.	6:53 a.m.	5:47 p.m.
Sat.	6:53 a.m.	5:48 p.m.
Sun.	6:52 a.m.	5:48 p.m.
Mon.	6:51 a.m.	5:49 p.m.
Tues.	6:50 a.m.	5:50 p.m.
Wed.	6:49 a.m.	5:51 p.m.

Moon

	Rise	Set
Thu.	11:53 p.m.	10:03 a.m.
Fri.	none	10:33 a.m.
Sat.	12:51 a.m.	11:07 a.m.
Sun.	1:51 a.m.	11:49 a.m.
Mon.	2:52 a.m.	12:38 p.m.
Tues.	3:51 a.m.	1:36 p.m.
Wed.	4:46 a.m.	2:41 p.m.

Last

New

2/10	2/17
First	Full
2/24	3/3

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REGIONAL CITIES

U.S. CITIES

City	Thursday			Friday			Saturday			Sunday			Thursday			Friday			Saturday			Sunday			
	HI	LO	W	HI	LO	W	HI	LO	W	HI	LO	W	City	HI	LO	W	HI	LO	W	HI	LO	W	HI	LO	W
Abilene, TX	56	38	pc	59	36	c	49	38	c	61	47	pc	Atlanta	55	37	c	44	33	r	48	28	pc	53	34	pc
Albuquerque, NM	59	34	s	57	34	pc	55	35	c	57	35	c	Boston	29	14	pc	29	19	pc	25	15	pc	27	18	pc
Amarillo, TX	53	28	pc	54	28	pc	36	28	i	61	35	pc	Chicago	18	2	pc	18	5	pc	18	7	pc	20	13	pc
Austin, TX	70	48	c	65	47	c	53	43	c	60	52	c	Denver	48	27	pc	46	24	c	36	29	sn	55	27	c
Brownsville, TX	80	64	c	80	64	c	78	61	c	77	63	c	Detroit	20	7	pc	19	13	sf	19	11	sf	24	13	pc
Dodge City, KS	38	20	c	40	17	c	35	22	sn	47	27	c	Houston	73	54	r	65	48	c	57	45	c	61	52	c
Jackson, MS	62	40	c	54	33	r	49	31	pc	48	39	c	Indianapolis	20	10	pc	22	10	pc	21	6	pc	28	14	pc
Laredo, TX	82	61	pc	82	62	c	77	58	c	74	60	c	Kansas City	28	14	c	28	10	c	22	13	pc	34	22	c
Little Rock, AR	35	30	i	45	28	pc	39	25	c	43	32	c	Los Angeles	66	54	pc	70	54	c	70	52	c	66	51	c
Lubbock, TX	58	33	pc	60	32	pc	47	33	c	64	38	pc	Miami	78	65	pc	80	65	c	79	61	pc	77	64	pc
Memphis, TN	36	30	i	42	27	pc	39	29	pc	45	35	c	Minneapolis	10	-5	pc	6	-6	sf	11	3	pc	17	7	pc
Midland, TX	66	38	pc	68	36	pc	55	39	c	64	43	pc	New Orleans	68	50	c	67	50	r	57	46	c	55	46	c
Pueblo, CO	50	22	pc	52	24	c	39	22	sn	58	25	c	New York City	29	20	pc	31	21	pc	30	21	sf	32	23	s
Roswell, NM	68	37	s	67	36	pc	58	35	pc	67	36	pc	Omaha	20	11	c	18	1	c	13	8	pc	28	17	c
St. Louis, MO	26	15	pc	28	14	pc	26	14	s	34	24	c	Phoenix	75	51	pc	75	53	pc	76	55	pc	76	52	pc
San Antonio, TX	75	55	c	71	52	c	61	49	c	64	54	c	San Francisco	61	52	r	61	50	r	61	51	r	60	47	c
Texarkana, AR	48	34	r	51	35	pc	46	32	c	46	40	c	Seattle	50	39	c	49	41	r	51	38	r	49	40	r
Waco, TX	60	45	r	57	41	c	50	39	c	55	51	c	Washington	35	20	pc	34	20	pc	34	21	sf	35	23	s
Wichita, KS	37	23	c	39	20	c	32	22	c	40	27	c													

Weather (W): s-sunny, pc-partly cloudy, c-cloudy, sh-showers, t-thunderstorms, r-rain, sf-snow flurries, sn-snow, i-ice.

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