



NEWSBRIEFS

Veteran parade

The San Elizario Genealogy and Historical Society will hold its 11th Annual Veterans' Day Parade & Patriotic Celebration on Saturday, Nov. 10. The parade will begin at the intersection of Thompson and Socorro Road Intersection (by the San Elizario Cemetary) and proceed along Socorro Rd. to La Placita in San Eli. The start time is 10 a.m. and the arrival time is 10:40 a.m. A full program will follow including a special presentation of flags and certificates to 23 World War II veterans. At noon people are invited to mingle and have some food. Decorated Vietnam Veteran Salvador "Chava" Pulido will serve as the Parade Marshall. Event organizer and MC, Frank Soto, invites people to line Socorro Rd. and enjoy this event.

Horizon parade

The 2007 Horizon City Christmas Parade is being sponsored this year by the Eastlake Lions Club and is proud to announce that this year's parade will be held on Saturday, Dec. 15, 2007. The parade will begin at approximately 10 am and conclude at approximately 12:30 p.m. In an effort to involve more of our newer residents in the Horizon community, the parade route will begin on Kenazo at Highweed and proceed southbound to Horizon Boulevard, westward along Horizon Blvd to Darrington, travel northbound on Darrington to Ryderwood and Disband upon entering Ryderwood and proceed to LT. John Ensor Middle School. Any club, school organization and business wanting to become a participant can pick up an information packet at Horizon City Town Hall (14999 Darrington) or at National Self Storage (490 N. Kenazo). The packet can also be returned to the same location. For information you can call Blanca at 852-8300. This year all vehicle and participant must adhere to the Christmas theme. This means everything and everyone must have either decorations and or have a item of Christmas on. Last year's parade was the longest that this community has ever had and this year promises even more surprises.

Food drive

The University of Texas at El Paso (UTEP) Miners in conjunction with The West Texas Food Bank, an affiliated agency of America's Second Harvest, a collaboration of Food Banks throughout the United States, will hold a "Thanksgiving" food drive to help to feed the hungry in the greater El Paso area on Nov. 17, 2007, before the football game between UTEP and Southern Mississippi University at the Sun Bowl Stadium. Fans are encouraged to bring non-perishable canned food donations to the game that the Food Bank will distribute throughout the community to help all El Pasoans to share in

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We're using sign language more and more. We sign for just about everything we buy.

— Quips & Quotes

Code enforcement in Horizon City called a success



— Photo courtesy Horizon City

Horizon City officials are thanking the citizens of the community for their voluntary compliance and cooperation with the "Junk Vehicle Ordinance" (No. 0093). In the month of October the Horizon City Police Department along with Code Enforcement Officers issued a total of 64 Junk Vehicle Violation Notices; seven of which were summoned to court. Two — one is shown above — were towed, and 55 junked vehicles were removed from the property by owners. That is an 86 percent compliance rate. City officials say they will continue strict enforcement of this code and hope the voluntary compliance numbers will stay high. However, they point out, citations and towing will be used when necessary. Anyone with questions pertaining to this ordinance or any other Horizon City ordinance can contact Code Enforcement Officer, April Garcia, at 852-1875.

Canutillo ISD and EPCC partner to open Early College High School

By Kim Guzman
Special to the Courier

Canutillo Independent School District and El Paso Community College (EPCC) recently held a groundbreaking ceremony to mark the creation of the Northwest Early College High School.

The early college high school concept is a unique partnership between EPCC and El Paso area school districts. This unique school was founded on the belief that many young people are ready and eager to do serious college work earlier than usual.

The Northwest Early College High School will enable highly-motivated students to move four years from ninth grade through the first two years of college, earning an associate's degree. Students from many diverse backgrounds who have different interests will benefit from the early college high school-tuition free.

While the early college high school is not unique to El Paso Community College, EPCC

is the only community college in Texas that has partnered with multiple school districts. Northwest Early College High School is the third such school to open in El Paso.

Start up funds of \$800,000 will be provided over the next three years through a grant from the Greater Texas Foundation in collaboration with the Communities of Texas Foundation.

Guest speakers at the event included John Fitzpatrick, Executive Director for Texas High School Project/Communities Foundation of Texas and Wynn Rosser, Executive Director for the Greater Texas Foundation, Texas State Senator Eliot Shapleigh, Dr. Dennis Brown, EPCC Vice President of Instruction; Dr. Lydia Tena, Northwest EPCC Dean; and Dr. Richard Rhodes, EPCC President; Dr. Pam Padilla, Canutillo ISD Superintendent; Dr. John Uxer, EPCC Board Member and Sergio Coronado, CISD Board President.

More information about the Northwest Early College High School can be found with the Canutillo Independent School District Public Information Office, at 877-7481.

Optimist Club formed in Clint

A group of Clint community members have formed the Optimist Club of Clint, TX to conduct positive service projects to benefit area youth and community.

The Optimist Club of Clint is affiliated with Optimist International, one of the world's largest and most active service club organizations. With more than 115,000 members in 3,500 Optimist Clubs across the United States, Canada, and other nations, Optimist Clubs conduct a wide range of positive service projects reaching more than six million young people each year.

Major Optimist programs include the Optimist Oratorical Contest, the Optimist Essay Contest, the Communications Contest for the Deaf and Hard-of-Hearing, Youth Appreciation

Week, the Optimist International Junior Golf Championships, and many others.

Officers elected to lead the Optimist Club of Clint during its first year are Tracy Lutich, President and Don Wooten as Secretary-Treasurer. Club Vice Presidents include Lorenza Hernandez and Elsa Perez. Elected to Board of Directors were Fabiola Ochoa, Susana Rodriguez, Ryan Peterson and Minerva Cheatum.

The Optimist Club of Clint will meet on the 1st and 3rd Thursdays at 6 p.m. at Clint Public Library. A charter presentation banquet for the new Optimist Club will be held in December.

For more information on becoming involved, contact Don Wooten at 592-1170.

IRS warns of e-mail scam soliciting for wildfire victims

By Lea C. Crusberg
Special to the Courier

WASHINGTON — The Internal Revenue Service today warned taxpayers to be on the lookout for a new e-mail scam that appears to be a solicitation from the IRS and the U.S. government for charitable contributions to victims of the recent Southern California wildfires.

In an effort to appear legitimate, the bogus e-mails include text from an actual speech about the wildfires by a member of the California Assembly.

The scam e-mail urges recipients to click on a link, which then opens what appears to be the IRS Web site but which is, in fact, a fake. An item on the phony Web site urges donations and includes a link that opens a donation form which requests the recipient's personal and financial information.

"People should exercise caution when they receive unsolicited e-mail or e-mail from senders they don't know," said Richard Spires, IRS Deputy Commissioner for Operations Support. "They should avoid opening any attachments or clicking on any links until they can verify the e-mail's legitimacy."

The bogus e-mails appear to be a "phishing" scheme, in which recipients are tricked into providing personal and financial information that can be used to gain access to and steal the e-mail recipient's assets.

The IRS also believes that clicking on the link downloads malware, or malicious software, onto the recipient's computer. The malware will steal passwords and other account information it finds on the victim's computer system and send them to the scamster.

Generally, scamsters use the data they fraudulently obtain to empty the recipient's bank accounts, run up charges on the victim's existing credit cards, apply for new loans, credit cards, services or benefits in the victim's name or even file fraudulent tax returns to obtain refunds rightfully belonging to the victim.

The IRS does not send e-mails soliciting charitable donations. As a rule, the IRS does not send unsolicited e-mails or ask for personal and financial information via e-mail. The IRS never asks people for the PIN numbers, passwords or similar secret access information for their credit card, bank or other financial accounts.

Recipients of the scam e-mail who clicked on any of the links should have their computers checked for malicious software and should monitor their financial accounts for suspicious activity, taking measures to prevent unauthorized access as necessary. Any unauthorized activity should be reported to law enforcement authorities and to the three major credit companies. More information on how to handle actual or potential identity theft may be found in IRS Publication 4535, Identity Theft Protection and Victim Assistance, available on the IRS Web site. Information is also available on the Federal Trade Commission's identity theft Web site.

Recipients of the scam e-mail can help the IRS shut down this scheme by forwarding

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One perspective

By Francis Shrum

A man of peace

Paul Tibbets died last week. He was 92. He had various health problems as people do at that age. He had been in decline for some time his friends and family said. Tibbets' wishes were that he have neither funeral nor headstone to mark his final resting place. He said he didn't want to give those who opposed him and all he stood for a place to stage demonstrations. He wanted to be cremated and scattered over the ocean because, he said, the hours he spent flying over its endless emptiness were the most peaceful he would ever know. Paul Tibbets was a man of peace. There are those who would say that couldn't possible be true. At age 30, Paul Tibbets was the man who, on Aug. 6, 1945, flew the B-29 bomber he named after his mother — the *Enola Gay* — over the Japanese city of Hiroshima and unleashed an atomic fire storm. It would instantly destroy upwards of 70,000 lives and ultimately result in the demise of countless others in the deadly aftermath. There are those who say it was an immoral, inhumane, and horrific thing to do, and no one who participated could possibly love peace. Right or wrong, it ended a war. The life and legacy of Paul Tibbets graphically illustrate the discrepancies that we human beings use when applying judgment to one another. It doesn't matter what he may or may not have done before or after that fateful day when he climbed into that cockpit and executed what he believed was his duty. He is forever welded to that single event in the public's consciousness. Paul Tibbets was born on Feb. 23, 1915 in Illinois. His family moved to Miami when he was 12, and his father, a successful merchant, wanted his son to be a doctor. His son, however, loved airplanes. He was a medical student at the University of Cincinnati when he enlisted in the Army Air Corps in 1937. He would eventually retire a brigadier general in 1966. Much as did thousands of other veterans, Tibbets lived on afterward. He went to work for Executive Jet, an international air-taxi service. He

retired as its president in 1987. Tibbets was married to the same woman, Andrea, for more than 51 years. She would joke, with a rough fondness equal to her husband's, that he was promoted to general while she "stayed a Pfc." He mostly declined interviews and public appearances, so the media made up their own stories. While he lived and worked, quietly and successfully, urban myths abounded that he had committed suicide, was insane and institutionalized, was a drunkard, or sentenced to life in prison. After all, the media minds would reason, what else could become of a man who had taken part in such a horrendous event? A rare interview Tibbets gave to Mike Harden in 2005, during the 60th anniversary commemoration of the Hiroshima bombing, gave a glimpse into his ultimate mindset. Notoriety was getting old, he said, "but then so am I." He said he just didn't want to hear another reporter ask, "Any regrets?" because there were none — before, during or after. He did what he did because he felt it was the best choice in a whole buffet of really bad ones that war serves up. Tibbets said that he couldn't understand people asking if he thought what he had done was immoral. "War itself is immoral," Tibbets said. Starting from that premise, he said, there is no good in it whether it affects one or two people or an entire nation. If he hadn't done what he did, someone else would have. He said we should be glad that our nation was the one given the upper hand at that moment. It could have ended very differently. Paul Tibbets lived out his last days in a quiet and comfortable home with his wife, a cherry tree in the front

yard, and a Chihuahua dog named Lolita. Visitors may not have been immediately reminded of the dedicated and capable young pilot who, on that fateful summer morning, had breakfast with his crew, then stuffed his pockets with his smoking pipe, a few cigars and a pillbox of cyanide capsules — in case they were forced down over enemy territory. He had counted the cost and accepted the consequences, knowing that his life would never be the same — if he even lived at all. Observers said, in his last days, that he faced the prospect of joining his comrades who had died before him with the same unwavering strength of character and peace of mind that had carried him through life. He would say, with some irony, "The guys who appreciated that I saved their asses are mostly dead now." Many perhaps, but certainly not all.




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Reyes Reports

By U.S. Rep. Silvestre Reyes

Honoring, supporting veterans

As the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan continue to dominate our news and lives, Veterans Day holds increased significance and is an emotional tribute for many here in El Paso and across the country. We honor the countless American men and women of our Armed Forces who have courageously served our country and who have stood for hope and democracy. As a nation, we will pause and recognize them this Veterans Day, Nov. 11.

I am proud that one of the goals of the new Democratic-controlled 110th Congress is to improve medical care, claims processing, and facility improvements for our veterans and their families. Enduring trouble securing benefits and obtaining services from the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA), as well as the extremely concerning circumstances at Walter Reed Army Medical Center, demanded this action.

Through passage of the fiscal year 2008 veterans' funding bill, Congress is on course to provide the largest increase in health care funding in the 77-year history of the VA. Our commitment to those in service is demonstrated by this year's proposed \$43.1 billion VA budget, which exceeds President Bush's budget request by almost \$4 billion and is \$6.6 billion over 2007 funding. Under the Democratic majority, years of neglect and disregard will end. The fiscal 2008 VA funding bill provides:

- Veterans' Health Care: \$37.2 billion for VA hospitals and clinics, and research into conditions such as Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI) and Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD), which are among the most common medical challenges facing Iraq and Afghanistan veterans. In 2008 the VA will treat 5.8 million patients, including about 263,000 Iraq and Afghanistan veterans.
- Claims Processors: \$124.2 million to provide 1,800 new claims processors to address the 400,000 benefit claims backlog.
- Travel Reimbursement: \$125 million is included in the bill to increase the reimbursement rate for veterans who need to travel long distances for care from 11 cents/mile to 28.5 cents/mile.

Moreover, in March the U.S. House passed the Wounded Warrior Assistance Act. This bill improves access to quality medical attention through our current military and veterans' health care systems and coordinates care so our wounded veterans do not fall through the cracks. The Wounded Warrior Bill also helps improve the transition process from military medical treatment to civilian life and the VA.

I encourage all El Pasoans to view my annual Veterans Town Hall meeting Nov. 10 and 11 at 7:00 p.m. on Time Warner Cable channel 15. The co-chairs of my Veterans Citizen Advisory Panel, Ron Holmes and John McKinney, will lead a discussion on a variety of topics, and featured at this year's town hall is the Under Secretary for Memorial Affairs at the VA, the Honorable William Tuerk, who will focus on the renovation of Fort Bliss National Cemetery. The show will be aired in two one-hour segments on Saturday and Sunday.

As a Vietnam combat veteran and your representative in Congress, I honor my fellow servicemembers this Veterans Day, and will remain a strong voice for our brave military individuals and their families. I want to encourage everyone to support and pray for our soldiers in the field. We also want to support and pray for the sacrifices experienced by their families and loved ones at home on this Veterans Day weekend and throughout the year.

View from here

By Brooke Leslie Rollins

Don't know much about history

Colleges fail to teach next generation about America's heritage

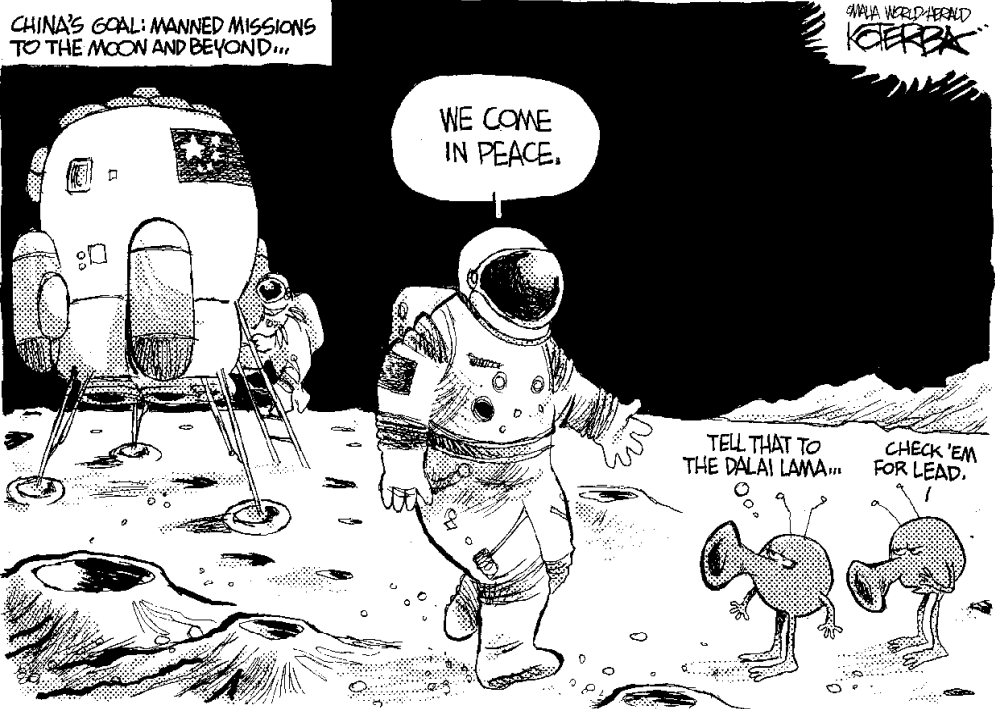
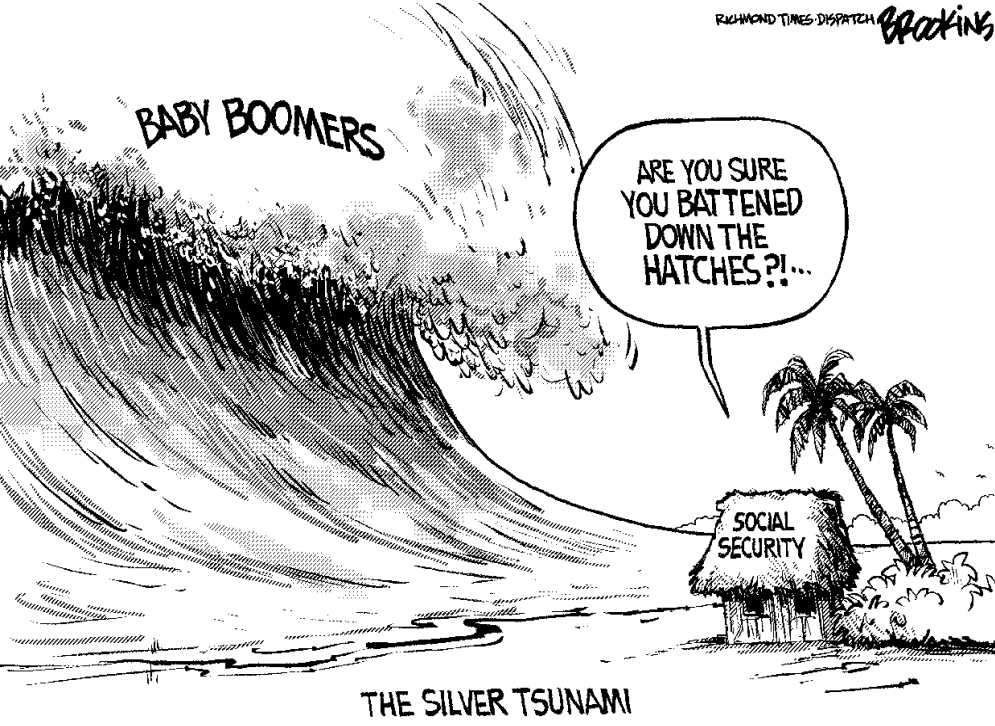
"Whenever the people are well-informed," Thomas Jefferson wrote in 1789, "they can be trusted with their own government." No doubt the Founding Fathers' faith in self-government would be challenged today with the reality of how little Americans know about their heritage.

In anticipation of the Fourth of July, "Tonight Show" host Jay Leno took his "Jaywalking" camera crew to the streets to ask people questions about the number of original colonies, who made the first American flag, and the title of the National Anthem, among others. It is hardly surprising that almost all of the half dozen people he interviewed ranging from a college professor to a teenage boy were unable to answer the questions correctly. Two years ago, the same roving game of trivial pursuit produced a National Football League-bound student from UCLA who declared Ben Franklin the first president of the United States.

Week after week, the segment entertains viewers with such grand demonstrations of ignorance as people willingly reveal on national television just how little they know.

The sketches are at once entertaining and depressing. Sadly they reveal significant deficiencies in civic education.

For its recent and aptly titled report, The Coming Crisis in Citizenship: Higher Education's Failure to Teach America's History and Institutions, the Intercollegiate Studies Institute asked students at 50 of the nation's institutions of higher education about history, government,



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

Can, Sir?

What is this mystery we call death, and why do we fear it so? When the Grim Reaper comes calling, do we merely hitch a ride to some solitary truck stop in the Great Beyond, or are we delivered to a better place than this Earth could have ever provided, even in the best of times? Ask a body ravaged by cancer, and the answers will be forthcoming and clear. Ask the witness to a body's decay, and the answers, while shrouded in doubt, will nonetheless unfetter a geyser of hope.

Cancer is a terrible adversary. In most cases, it is one whose indomitable, yet malign, spirit is every bit as pure as the good intentions of the Echoers of Hippocrates' Oath. It cannot be begged, borrowed, or stolen. It may be placated, bargained with, or postponed, however, depending on one's point of view. It will inevitably lead to demise. How we reach that inexorable terminus is as much a function of how we view life, as how we live death.

We are told on a quotidian basis that medical times are good, that new cures are on the horizon, and that a leap of faith will win the day. Tell it to the captive audience of a cancer ward. There, statistics mean nothing. There, the salutary effects of a smile and a gentle hand are as fleeting as a snowflake in mid-afternoon sunlight. A gift book, a box of chocolates, a bouquet of flowers, and the sincerest of sentiments mean nothing, when the path to the unknown must be trod alone. "Read? Why should I read? Don't you know that I am dying?" are the words of the condemned, and the reaction to the feeble attempt on our parts to convince the all-knowing incredulous (or perhaps ourselves) that it is business as usual. How callous can we be!

Age brings wisdom and a good dose of religion, to boot. Resigning oneself to a fate, in the face of the American Cancer Society's rosy proclamation that from 2002 to 2004, cancer deaths fell by 2.1 percent per year, runs counter to the flow of the human spirit. The human papillomavirus vaccine, a decline in hormone replacement therapy (HRT), recognition of the anti-cancer power of vitamin D, gene mapping, new radiation techniques, a keener threshold for investigation of suspicious symptomatology, easier lung cancer surgery, and targeted breast cancer treatment are all testimony to medical progress, eliciting sighs of relief while at the same time failing to efface a healthy dose of skepticism. Go tell the good news to the throngs of the faithless, who have

traded in a belief in U.S. medicine for a last-ditch, pitched battle on Mexican soil across the border, employing therapeutic weapons the U.S. Food & Drug Administration (FDA) has yet to approve.

To deny or feign ignorance of the recent advances in oncology would be tantamount to ignorance. To state categorically that we are well on the road to a cure for cancer, that the chips in the ante are sufficient to fund further wide-sweeping research, and that the speed of medical progress is adequate to support a last leg is no less reckless. People continue to die. This year, for example, 680,000 women will be diagnosed with cancer, and 270,000 will die from it. Perhaps our time would be better spent preparing the living for death, instead of giving false hope of living to the dead. After all, "seeing is believing" holds water only when "believing is seeing" is not an option. We need to ask caregivers and patients alike whether their interests and sentiments are best served by a "Can, Sir," when a "Cannot" might be the most charitable and loving direction to follow on the short road to remaining days, weeks, months, or years of painless and autonomous life.

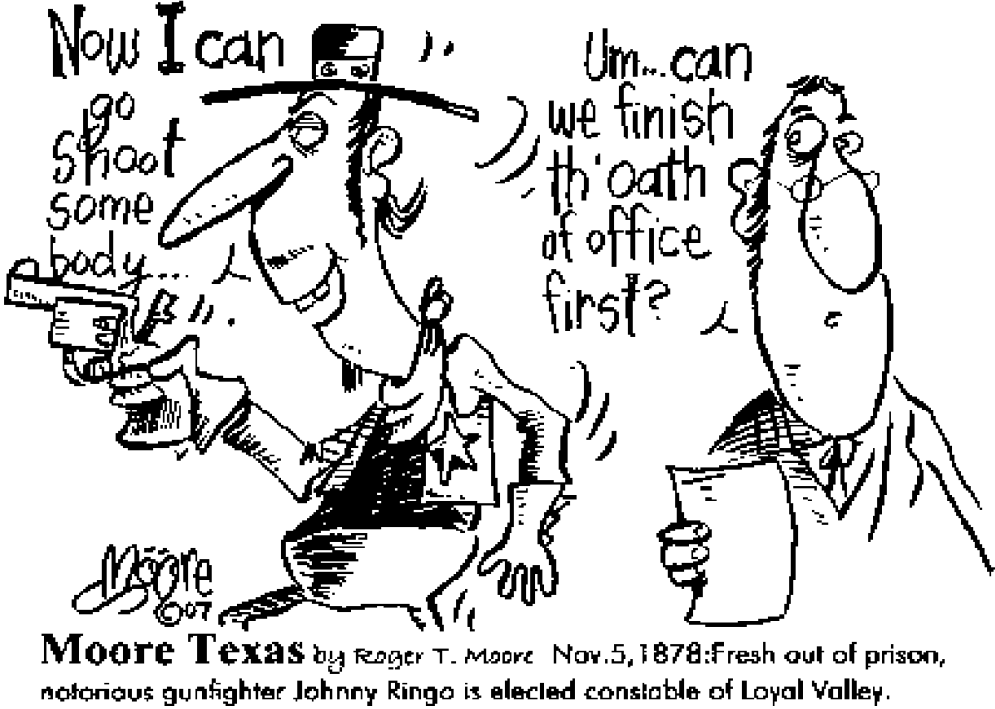
This year in Texas, 95,310 people, like you and me, will receive what they perceive to be a death sentence. Only 37,000 lonely souls will, however, perish under the weight of the unshackled cancer juggernaut. While we owe much to selfless researchers for aiding, abetting, and writing a new lease on life for many, questions continue to linger, compounded by a hemorrhage of blood and dollars on distant desert sands. Who will, indeed, be responsible for providing some measure of solace to individuals and families buckling under the pain, suffering, depression, and anxiety of terminal illness? Who will bear the rising personal and societal, economic costs of advanced medical technologies and research? Who will convince our knights in white armor that "terminal" does not mean "terminated," and that a diagnosis of cancer should reinforce, not sever, close physician-patient ties?

If the money is just not there, then lip service should not be, either. "Can, Sir" is a fortress wall we hide behind, to shield us from our own worst fears and insecurities. When we do finally venture out into unfamiliar territory, our prodding, piercing, and radiation are no match for the simple, dignified, inner strength of those about to leave one world for another.

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Hurshel Antwine students pledge to go drug-free

By Irma Flores
Special to the Courier

Cheers echoed through the streets surround Hurshel Antwine as nearly 900 students pledged to be drug-free. As a part of a week-long celebration, all kindergarten through 8th grade classes participated in the school’s first parade to mark Red Ribbon week. From the front of the school located at 3830 Rich Beem, students in the lower grades march around the campus and were joined by 6th through 8th graders. The student body converged at foot-ball field where all grades linked their paper chains to mark their drug-free pledge. With more than 300 feet, the paper chain link sur-passed the length of the football field.

Students also heard from Antwine Principal Stacy Sonnier who encouraged students to make a conscious decision to led healthy and safe lives.

“We are taking a pro-active stand and show them that it’s good to be drug-free,” said Sonnier. “We want to plant the seed now so we can prevent them from experiment-

ing later on.”

Spearheaded by the school’s counseling team, the Red Ribbon celebration at Antwine also included dress up days and supplemental classroom lessons to help drive home the mes-sages of staying away from drugs.

“The students are really engaged,” said coun-selor Mary Mikaelian. “We want them to make safe choices. We are also provided a presenta-tion on safety and stranger danger.”

The first Red Ribbon Celebration was orga-nized in 1986 by a grassroots organization of parents concerned about the destruction caused by alcohol and drug abuse. The red ribbon was adopted as a symbol of the movement in honor of Enrique “Kiki” Camarena, an agent with the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration who was kidnapped and killed while investigating drug traffickers. The campaign has reached millions of children and has been recognized by the U.S. Congress.

For more information about Red Ribbon Week or prevention resources, visit www.drugfreetexas.com/redribbon or contact the Department’s Prevention Resource Centers at (888/PRC-TEXX).

CORRECTED NOTICE

2007 Property Tax Rates in Town of Clint

This notice concerns 2007 property tax rates for the **Town of Clint**. It presents information about three tax rates. Last year’s tax rate is the actual rate the taxing unit used to determine property taxes last year. This year’s effective tax rate would impose the same total taxes as last year if you compare properties taxed in both years. This year’s rollback tax rate is the highest tax rate the taxing unit can set before taxpayers can start tax rollback procedures. In each case these rates are found by dividing the total amount of taxes by the tax base (the total value of taxable property) with adjustments as required by state law. The rates are given per \$100 of property value.

Last year’s tax rate:

Last year’s operating taxes _____	\$	120,339
Last year’s debt taxes _____	\$	21,413
Last year’s total taxes _____	\$	141,752
Last year’s tax base _____	\$	34,000,297
Last year’s total tax rate _____		\$0.416914 / \$100

This year’s effective tax rate:

Last year’s adjusted taxes (after subtracting taxes on lost property) _____	\$	141,721
+ This year’s adjusted tax base (after subtracting value of new property) _____	\$	35,942,739
= This year’s effective tax rate _____		\$0.394296 / \$100

(Maximum rate unless unit publishes notices and holds hearings.)

This year’s rollback tax rate:

Last year’s adjusted operating taxes (after subtracting taxes on lost property and adjusting for transferred function, tax increment financing, and/or enhanced indigent health care expenditures) _____	\$	120,312
+ This year’s adjusted tax base _____	\$	35,942,739
= This year’s effective operating rate _____		\$0.334732 / \$100
x 1.08 = this year’s maximum operating rate _____		\$0.361510 / \$100
+ This year’s debt rate _____		\$0.032376 / \$100
= This year’s rollback rate _____		\$0.393886 / \$100

Statement of Increase/Decrease

If the **Town of Clint** adopts a 2007 tax rate equal to the effective rate of \$0.394296 per \$100 of value, taxes would increase compared to 2006 taxes by \$7,978.

SCHEDULE A — Unencumbered Fund Balances

The following estimated balances will be left in the unit’s property tax accounts at the end of the fiscal year. These balances are not encumbered by a corresponding debt obligation.

Type of Property Tax Fund	Balance
Maintenance & Operation (M&O) _____	\$167,665
Debt Service (I&S) _____	\$15,000

SCHEDULE B — 2007 Debt Service

The unit plans to pay the following amounts for long-term debts that are secured by property taxes. These amounts will be paid from property tax revenues (or additional sales tax revenues, if applicable).

Description of Debt	Principal or Contract Payment to be Paid from Property Taxes	Interest to be Paid from Property Taxes	Other Amounts to be Paid	Total Payment
Line of Credit	\$ 8,864.50	\$2,200	\$0	\$11,064.50
Police Car	\$15,000.00	\$1,230	\$0	\$16,230.00

Total required for 2007 Debt Service _____	\$27,294.50
-Amount (if any) paid from funds listed in Schedule A _____	\$15,000.00
-Amount (if any) paid from other resources _____	\$0
-Excess collections last year _____	\$0
=Total to be paid from taxes in 2007 _____	\$12,294.50
+Amount added in anticipation that the unit will collect only 100% of its taxes in 2007 _____	\$0
=Total Debt Levy _____	\$12,294.50

This notice contains a summary of actual effective and rollback tax rates’ calculations. You can inspect a copy of the full calculations at 500 E. Overland Avenue Suite 101, El Paso, Texas 79901.

Name of person preparing this notice: Victor A. Flores, R.T.C.

Title: County Tax Assessor-Collector

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the experience of a true Thanksgiving holi-day. Fans and all citizens from throughout our El Paso community, whether going to the game or not, are encouraged to bring all types of non-perishable food to the Sun Bowl. Most needed items are canned meats, canned fruits and vegetables, pasta, soup, cereal — nutritional food, as well as non-food items of hygiene such as toothpaste, soaps and deodorant, all of which will be collected and distributed both directly by the Food Bank and in collaboration with its over 50 associated agencies within our great Southwestern Texas region. Collec-tion bins will be positioned at all three sta-dium entrances to facilitate this time of shar-ing and appreciation for all we have in this great country.

■ Horizon Aldermen Bill Armas and Charlie Ortega are encouraging citizens of Horizon City to attend council meetings. The next meeting is on Tuesday, Nov. 13, at 6:30 p.m. at Town Hall (corner of Hori-zon Blvd. and Darrington Rd.). Items of interest on the agenda are replacing the roof on the Oz Glaze Center and improvements to Corky Desmond Park. Additionally there will be a resolution for the city to purchase goods/services within Horizon City and only purchase outside the city when the item or services not available. This will also in-clude any city banquets or parties.

■ This week Crime Stoppers of El Paso Inc is helping the El Paso Police Depart-ment locate an offender, who is targeting elderly women for credit card abuse. This suspect is approaching elderly women and playing on their sympathies by telling them he has terminal cancer and is trying to “tie-up loose ends” before he dies. When those women feel sorry for him, he asks to bor-row their credit card. On one occasion, he used the credit card to rent a BMW auto-mobile which was never returned. On an-other occasion, he placed more than \$25,000 in merchandise purchases on the targeted individual’s credit card. His last known address was an apartment complex where one of his victims lived. He has now moved, and has no current address. Inves-tigators from the Auto Theft Task Force are actively looking for this person. He cur-rently has one outstanding warrant for Un-authorized Use of a Motor Vehicle, and is also being investigated for Credit Card Abuse, Theft of Property over \$20,000 and under \$100,000 and Forgery. He also wanted by the Sheriff’s Office on eight out-standing warrants for Theft under \$1,500 by Check. The suspect is Jose Adrian Castillo, 45 years of age, described as His-panic male, 5-foot 10-inches tall, 200 pounds, with a light complexion, hazel eyes and brown hair. He is driving a stolen 1998 gold Nissan Altima 4-door, with Texas license plates B27-ZPD. Individuals with any infor-mation about this case should call Crime Stoppers of El Paso at 566-TIPS (8477). Call-ers will be anonymous and may earn a cash reward if their tip leads to an arrest.

■ “Jesus, Light Up My Life” is the theme of the 2007 El Paso Catholic Charismatic Conference which will be held Nov. 16 and 17 at Las Alas Center, 501 E. Paisano. The Conference begins at 7 p.m. on Friday and continues all day Saturday, concluding with Mass and Healing Service at 7 p.m. Fea-tured speakers include Michael Cumbie, Dan Schneider and Lynne Avitia. A special highlight will be an hour of cultural music and dance emphasizing unity in the Spirit presented by Rosa Guerrero and Company to open the Saturday session at 9 a.m. Rosa, El Paso pioneer in the arts, is offering this

in honor of Father Richard Thomas, S.J., founder of Las Alas, who died in 2006. Reg-istration before Nov. 9 is \$15. After that, \$20. Register early by mailing name, ad-dress, phone number, and fee to: Open Arms Community, 8210 N. Loop, El Paso, TX 79907. Call (915) 595-0589 for information.

■ Students at Vista Del Sol are learned a valuable lesson and helped raise money for the Susan G. Komen Foundation. For the past four years, students and staff at the school located at 11851 Vista Del Sol have been raising money for breast cancer aware-ness. In October as part of Breast Cancer Awareness Month, students raised \$773 which was given Komen representatives on Oct. 26 — surpassing last year’s total of \$600. The annual event is coordinated by Ramona Garcia, the school’s nurse. “We are grateful and proud to support such a wor-thy cause. Mrs. Garcia outdid herself again,” said Julie Monroy, Instructional Technologist at Vista Del Sol. The school also sends a team to the Race for the Cure in February.

■ Navy Seaman Recruit Elizabeth Rodriguez and Navy Seaman Apprentice Monica Solis recently completed U.S. Navy basic training at Recruit Training Com-mand, Great Lakes, Ill. During the eight-week program, they completed a variety of training which included classroom study and practical instruction on naval customs, first aid, firefighting, water safety and sur-vival, and shipboard and aircraft safety. An emphasis was also placed on physical fit-ness. Rodriguez, daughter of Martina and Gregorio Rodriguez of Clint, TX, is a 2007 graduate of Clint High School of Clint, TX. Solis is a 2007 graduate of Montwood High School of El Paso, TX. her parents are Eliza-beth and Victor H. Solis of El Paso, TX.

■ Halloween was filled with a different kind of spirit at Americas High School this year. At the school’s annual blood drive, students, staff and faculty rolled up their sleeves to help United Blood Services of El Paso. Done in commemoration of an Americas NJROTC supporter, Kip Hall, the blood drive collected 152 units. Hall was an El Paso Firefighter and community ac-tivist who passed away on October 21. “The Americas NJROTC department salutes all teachers and staff who went beyond the call of duty to support our blood drive. I realize that not all were able to donate but the spirit of either wanting, attempting or actually giving was strong,” said Frank Rodriguez, Gunnery Sergeant Retired. “We also thank all teachers who found the strength to al-low us to interrupt their class schedule for this worthy cause.” Principal Mary Ross also rolled up her sleeves and commended her stu-dents, staff and faculty for turning out to sup-port a good cause and remembering the Hall’s service to the community and to the school. The Americas blood drive exceeded previ-ous collection drives by 30 units.

■ The Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) in Texas is reminding ag-ricultural producers interested in participat-ing in the Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) that the deadline to apply for 2008 funding is Nov. 16, 2007. “We want to be sure producers are aware of the Nov. 16 ranking deadline,” said Don Gohmert, NRCS state conservationist for Texas. “EQIP funds have been made avail-able to us to fund contracts this fall, and we will be working diligently to do that.”

■ A correction to “County Notes” in last week’s County Courier. In the section on the San Elizario Independent School, it should have read, in part, that Dora Vargas was honored for 30 years service as librar-ian aide at Alarcon Elementary School.

CSPAN bus visits Socorro High School

By Irma Flores
Special to the Courier

When the CSPAN Campaign 2008 bus rolled on to the Socorro High School campus, students got an

insider’s look into the political process and how the cable outlet works to bring information to the public. Geared to introduce middle and high school students to its programming, the CSPAN Campaign 2008 bus is a tool used to get students interested

in the presidential race, and to seek information from various sources. “We want to expose them to how media works and have them look beyond what is presented and be more critical. We want students to dig a little deeper into the issues” said



— Photo courtesy Socorro ISD

CURBSIDE — The CSPAN campaign bus takes up a little more room than the average car on campus.

Canutillo High School grad named AP Scholar

By Kim Guzman
Special to the Courier

William Black, a 2007 Canutillo High School graduate, has earned the designation of AP Scholar by the College Board in recognition of his exceptional achievement on the college-level Advanced Placement Program (AP) Exams. The College Board’s Advanced Placement Program offers students the opportunity to take challenging

college-level courses while still in high school, and to receive college credit, advanced placement, or both for successful performance on the AP Exams. About 18 percent of the more than 1.4 million high school students in 16,000 secondary schools worldwide who took AP Exams performed at a sufficiently high level to merit the recognition of AP Scholar. Black took AP Exams in May 2007 after completing challenging college-level courses at Canutillo High School. The College Board recognizes several levels of achievement based on student’s performance on AP Exams. He qualified for the AP Scholar Award by completing three or more AP Exams with grades of 3 or higher.



William Black

Doug Hemmig, CSPAN Account Representative. Hemmig explained to students that CSPAN mission is to provide public access to the political process. Whether its congressional hearings, foreign policy meetings or Supreme Court arguments, CSPAN provides viewers with the entire process instead of the few minutes of airtime that other media outlets offer. “We are an alternate source, most media outlets don’t have the time to show the entire meeting,” said Hemmig. “We want to create a sense of awareness and of the tools that are available to them.” Among those using CSPAN as a teaching tool will be Juan Garcia, AP History Teacher, who brought in his class of juniors to learn about the political process. “I’ll be able to link issues such as education and immigration when I teach about the political process,” said Garcia. “Some of the students didn’t understand what is behind the scenes.” “It’s very informative. This puts it in perspective on what they do behind the cameras,” said Socorro junior María Alejandra Pasillas who watches CSPAN with her mother. “I’m an event tech so I can make the connections on what they are doing inside the bus.” Presented by Time Warner Cable in El Paso, the Campaign 2008 Bus visits middle and senior high schools around the country, offering presentations about the political process and C-SPAN’s unique coverage of politics to students. After completing its school tour, the “Road to the White House” Campaign 2008 bus will make stops at major political events in battleground states and tours of state capitals.



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SHOWTIME — Doug Hemmig, a CSPAN account representative, gives Socorro High School students some insight to the inner-workings of the CSPAN campaign bus.

Town of Horizon City PUBLIC NOTICE

A PUBLIC HEARING will be held at **6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, November 13, 2007** during the **Regular Council Meeting** at City Hall, 14999 Darrington Road, Horizon City, Texas. Purpose of the public hearing is to allow any interested persons to appear and testify regarding the following proposed ordinance(s):

- 1) Ordinance 0165 — Adoption and Institution Annexation Ordinance for the Town of Horizon City.
- PARCEL 1: 631 acres described as a portion of Survey No. 321, C.D. Stewart Survey No. 321, El Paso County, Texas; and
- PARCEL 2: 8.4 acres described as a portion of State of texas property known as Tract 7, (3.288 acres described in Bk. 2595, Pg. 1517) and Tract 3 (5.112 acres described in Bk. 1368, Pg. 163), Section 21, Block 79, Township 3, Texas and Pacific Railway Company Survey, El Paso County, Texas (said designations of Tract 3 and Tract 7 being from the current revision of El Paso County Central Appraisal District map for said Section 21).

Those who are unable to attend may submit their views in writing to the City Clerk of Horizon City. Accommodations for handicapped persons will be available and individuals in need of special assistance for attending the hearing are encouraged to contact the City Clerk at 915-852-1046, forty-eight (48) hours prior to this meeting. Ordinances are available for viewing or copying upon request from the City Clerk at the above address or call 915-852-1046, Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Karen Ellefson
City Clerk

WTCC: 11-08-07

Tornillo Independent School District Youth Basketball League Liga Juvenil de Basketbol

FOR: All Students grades K thru 6
PARA: Todos los estudiantes K thru 6
COST / COSTO: \$12

LEAGUE INFORMATION: A skills clinic will be held on Saturday, Dec. 1 for 3RD through 6TH grades; and on Saturday, Dec. 8 for K thru 2ND grades. Games will begin on Saturday, Jan. 5, 2008.

INFORMACION DE LA LIGA: Una tallerde evaluación de destrezas se llevara a cabo el sábado, 1 de diciembre para 3 a 6 grado; y el sábado, 8 de diciembre para K a 2 grado. Los juegos empezaran el sábado, 5 de enero, 2008.

REGISTER WITH the League Directors during the Parent Cat on Nov. 15, or drop off registration form with Coach Burris at the Intermediate Gym during normal school hours.

FAVOR DE REGISTRARSE con los directores de la liga a las Charla con los Padres el 15 de noviembre; también puede dejar las formas con el Coach Burris en el gimnasio de la escuela intermedia en horas de escuela.

Information / Información:
Coach Benson — 765-3080 or/ó 637-8451.

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UTEP needs improved defense to back up high octane offense

By Steve Escajeda
Special to the Courier

Sometimes in life you have to ask the question, how much is enough?

Like when it comes to ridiculous comments, we can ask Rosie O'Donnell, how much is enough? When it comes to a healthy bank account, we can ask Alex Rodriguez, how much is enough? When it comes to soap opera-like drama, we can ask Kobe Bryant, how much is enough?

Unfortunately, there's one more.

When it comes to a lead the defense can hold in the fourth quarter, we can ask the UTEP Miners, how much is enough?

The answer apparently is, "no lead is big enough."

UTEP had to be licking its chops when it took on a lowly 1-7 Rice Owls team who has just about the worst defense in the United States.

Well, evidently, the second worst.

The Miners fell behind early and rallied to take a 20-point (48-28) lead in the fourth quarter.

The Game's over, right? Oh, you couldn't be so wrong.

UTEP's defense, which has developed a knack for allowing teams to do pretty much whatever they want, did so again by allowing 28 fourth-quarter points in a devastating 56-48 loss.

Things were looking so rosy.

After an impressive 4-2 start to the season, the Miners have dropped to 4-5, and any thoughts of going to a bowl game are fading faster than you can say, "the Miners just missed another tackle."

There's no doubt that the best thing about the young Miners is the quarterback. Freshman Trevor Vittatoe has exceeded expectations by leaps and bounds.

Vittatoe threw for 373 yards and five touchdowns against Rice, but it still wasn't enough to put one in the win column.

I was disappointed after the game when Price said he wasn't putting all the blame on the defense, hinting that the offense could have scored more points.

More points?

C'mon coach, are you telling me that 48 points isn't enough to win a college football game?

It was all on the defense.

But I digress. After a slow start to the sea-

son, Vittatoe has completed 55 percent of his passes (157-285) for 2,211 yards, with 21 touchdowns and just three interceptions.

They've fallen to 4-5, but should have a much better record. In four of their five losses, the Miners have scored 31, 31, 42 and 48 points. In UTEP's other loss, they dropped a close 29-24 decision to NMSU.

The future looks great for the Miners' offense, which can score at will. But the defense will have to go through a major overhaul.

Unless the team doesn't mind having to score 50 points to squeak out a win.

Panther pride

The 2007 high school football regular season is coming to a close this weekend and all the playoff spots will be claimed.

One spot that was clinched a long time ago belongs to the Austin Panthers.

Yes, the same Austin Panthers that have spent much of their time sitting in last place in the district standings over the last 30 years. This year, amazingly, the Panthers are undefeated at 9-0 with a game left against El Paso High this Friday night.

But even more mind boggling is the amount of home games the Panthers have played this

year - none.

The football field has been unavailable all year because work on improving the running track which surrounds the field has never been finished.

Coach Ruben Batista and his players have asked over and over when the football field will be ready, and the answer has always been the same, maybe next week.

With the best running attack in the city, led by tailback Edwin Morales, the Austin Panthers are about to do something they haven't done in about 50 years, go undefeated in the regular season.

When the elite schools of El Paso are talked about, Austin High School is almost never in the mix. The school has made a name for itself in recent years for the trouble inside and outside its doors.

But this football season, this coach and these players have given the school and its community a sense of pride, a feeling of accomplishment, and the importance of knowing that they too can be mentioned in a positive light.

The team has had its most successful season on the football field in decades, but its impact may still be felt for years to come, from all the young kids around the neighborhood their success has touched.



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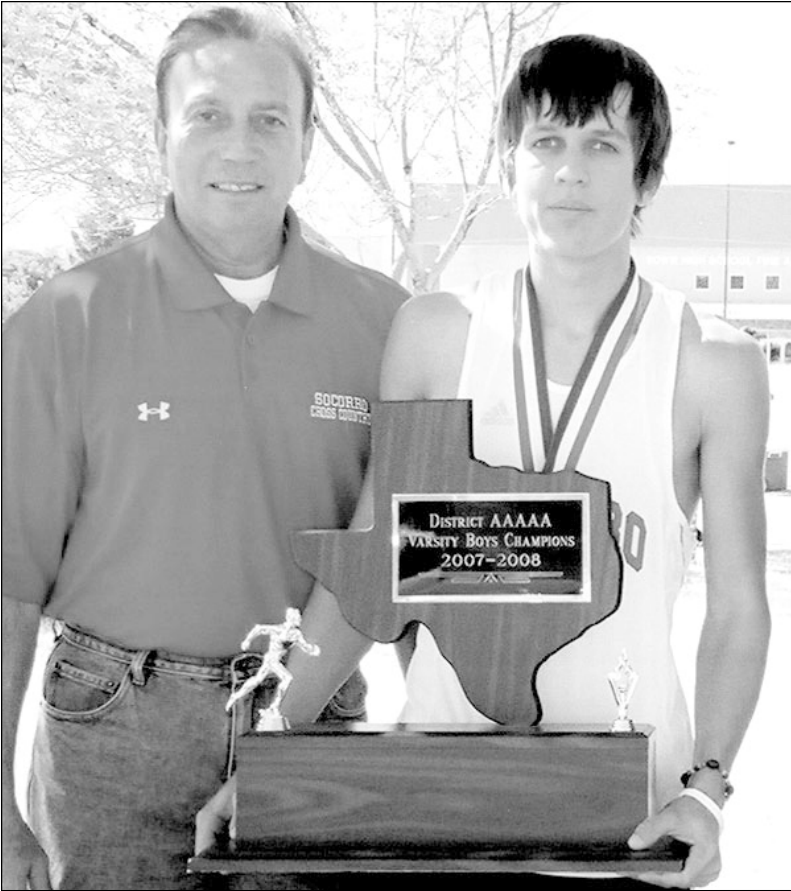
CHAMPIONS — The Socorro Cross Country Team pose with the District 1-5A first place trophy.

Socorro cross country boys are District 1-5A champs

By Irma Flores
Special to the Courier

Socorro High School cross country team brought home another title. The seven-member team won the District 1-5A Championship held on Saturday, Oct. 30 at the Chamizal National Park. This is the third year Socorro's cross country team has won the title. The team also celebrated a first place win by senior Rodney Snyder who marks his second year as District 1-5A individual champion. Coached Jeff Barros, the team is made up of Snyder, Gama Mendez, Josue Nunez, Chris Gonzalez, Juan Nunez, Martin Alderette and Isaac Ramirez. Synder finished first with a time of 16 minutes 15.61 seconds.

"The team performed extremely well this season and each member fulfilled their respected assignment. Team Captain Rodney Snyder led the team followed by Socorro High School all time best team," said Barros, BCIS 1 Instructor and Head Girls and Boys Cross Country & Track at Socorro High School.



— Photo courtesy Socorro ISD

TWO IN A ROW — Coach Jeff Barros congratulates team captain, Rodney Snyder. Snyder is the District 1-5A individual champion for a second year.

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As per Article V, Sec. 5.05(a), all owners and lienholders have ten (10) days from this date to reclaim their vehicles at South West Wrecker, 1401 Darrington Rd., 855-1900, 851-2091-fax, or it will be sold at public auction for charges: VIN - 12NBM, 1988 Lincoln Town Car, blue, NM license plate JAH121 WTXCC-11/08/07

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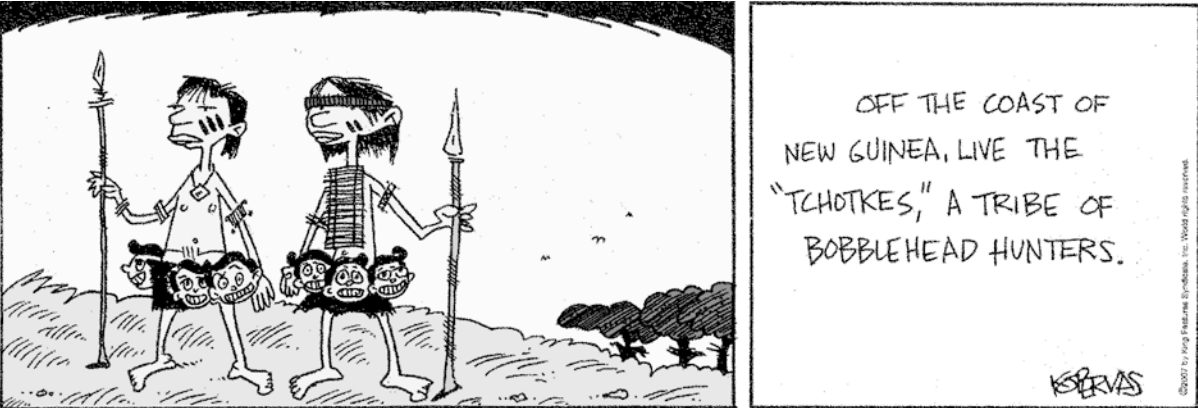
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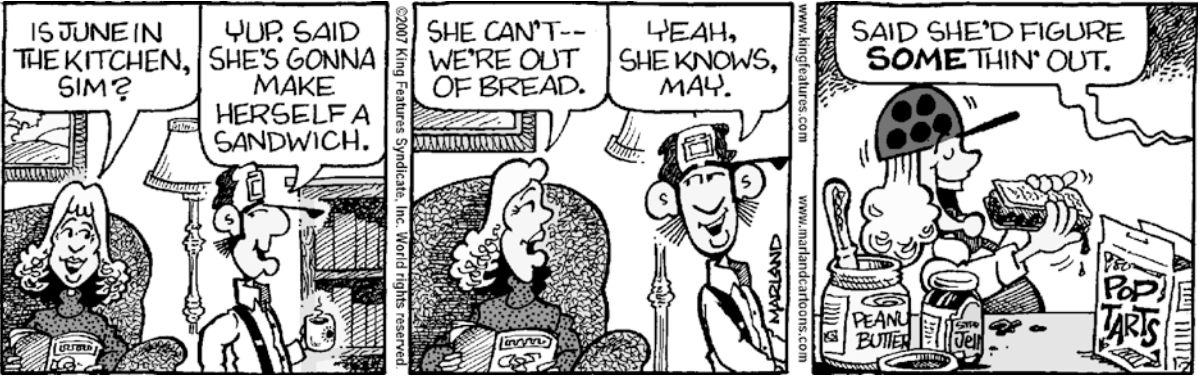
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We're all in the media now

By Don Flood

While there are many complaints and concerns about escalating costs, there is one extremely important thing that many people don't appreciate about our modern health care system: its unparalleled ability to feed us celebrity news when we need it most.

Take the recent case of George Clooney, who had an accident while trying to balance 21 of his girlfriends on his motorcycle.

It's frightening to think about it, but without the immediate response of a New Jersey hospital staff, it could have been a full hour — perhaps half a day — before we heard the news of Clooney's condition.

As it is, major media outlets received word within *minutes*. You could combine the resources of The New York Times, The Washington Post, CNN and Geraldo Rivera, and you still couldn't have mobilized to cover the Clooney story faster than the dedicated professionals of the Palisades Medical Center Celebrity News Team.

According to an absolutely true news story, the hospital suspended 27 employees, including doctors and nurses, without pay for accessing Clooney's medical records. A dozen or so more were under investigation.

Surprisingly, many of these doctors and nurses are not full-time journalists who do a little medical work on the side. They're just hard-working professionals who care enough about informing the public to break federal patient privacy laws.

But just how does an hospital that spends most of its time as a health care facility suddenly morph into media mode?

In a word, planning. Hospitals train for celebrity emergencies using a system similar to Homeland Security's.

A Code Red, for example, alerts everyone in the hospital that a major celebrity, such as Clooney or Brad Pitt, has been brought to the hospital.

Here's how a typical scenario plays out:

DOCTOR: Is the patient ready?

NURSE: Yes, doctor.

DOCTOR: Scalpel!

INTERCOM: Attention, all hospital personnel: This is a Code Red. George Clooney has just been brought into ER! Repeat, Code Red. This is NOT a drill.

DOCTOR: For God's sake, nurse, get this patient out of my way. We've got an emergency. Battle stations everyone!

NURSE: But, doctor, there should be plenty of staff in ER to help Mr. Clooney.

DOCTOR: We're not going to ER. Our first duty is to alert the media. Begin accessing Clooney's medical files immediately.

NURSE: But doctor ...

DOCTOR: Haven't you heard about the hypocritical oath?

NURSE: You mean about the Hippocratic oath, the one about serving your patients to the best of your ability?

DOCTOR: No, you idiot, the *hypocritical* oath, the one where we say we protect a patient's privacy unless the patient is a movie star.

NURSE: I'm sorry, doctor, but what about this patient? He needs an operation.

DOCTOR: Have you forgotten all your medical training? Put the heart — or whatever it is we're supposed to transplant today — on ice and start accessing Clooney's medical files before it's too late.

NURSE: Too late for what?

DOCTOR: Too late to be the first to tip off my friends at Fox News!

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Social Security Q&A

By Ray Vigil

Open enrollment for drug coverage begins Nov. 15

Do you have Medicare coverage? Do you take prescription medication? Would you like help paying your premiums, deductibles or co-payments? If the answer to these questions is yes, then we have important news for you.

If you're a Medicare beneficiary

who has not enrolled in the new Medicare Prescription Drug Program, you may do so during the open season, which begins Nov. 15.

If you also have limited income and resources, you also may qualify for extra help paying the premiums, deductibles and co-payments. This

extra help — available through Social Security — can pay part of your monthly premiums, annual deductibles and prescription co-payments and could be worth more than \$3,600 per year.

To qualify for the extra help, you must be receiving Medicare and have:

- Income limited to \$15,315 for an individual or \$20,535 for a married couple living together. Even if your annual income is higher, you still may be able to get some help with monthly premiums, annual deductibles and prescription co-payments. Some examples where in-

come may be higher include if you or your spouse:

- Support other family members who live with you;
- Have earnings from work; or
- Live in Alaska or Hawaii; and
- Resources limited to \$11,710 for an individual or \$23,410 for a married couple living together. Resources include such things as bank accounts, stocks and bonds. We do not count your house and car as resources.


Social Security has an easy-to-use online application that anyone — family members, friends and caregivers — can complete. You can

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foreign affairs, and the economy. Among them were three Texas colleges and universities: Baylor University, West Texas A&M, and the University of Texas at Austin. The results suggest no shortage of candidates for Mr. Leno's sidewalk shtick.

After three years of undergraduate coursework, seniors scored an average of 53.2 percent, while 22 of the 50 schools have average scores below 50 percent. More than half could not identify the correct century when the first colony of Jamestown was

established. Twenty-eight percent believed that Gettysburg was the battle that brought the Revolutionary War to an end.

Fewer than half of the students knew that it was the Declaration of Independence that so boldly declared "we hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal."

Shockingly, in some cases students knew less at the end of their college years than when they first set foot on campus. But these scores are hardly an indictment on colleges and universities alone. The average improvement during one's undergraduate years was a mere 1.5 points (almost three points for Texas), highlighting failures in civic education in K-12

days as well.

The report concludes that "students don't learn what colleges don't teach," arguing that student knowledge will improve when schools require students to take more courses in American history and economics. The same can be said for all of education whether in middle and high school classrooms or on college campuses.

Ultimately those who care deeply about the future of this country — moreover the future of liberty and freedom — know that civic virtue is essential to the system of self-government we enjoy today.

With the fanfare of Independence Day behind us and Veteran's Day

upon us, it is appropriate that we do more than pay tribute to our nation and veterans. Indeed, we might wonder whether students failing at civics also fails our country, and how well we are preparing future generations to lead this country in the tradition of its founders.

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Scams

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the e-mail to an electronic mail box, phishing@irs.gov, using instructions found in "How to Protect Yourself from Suspicious E-Mails or Phishing Schemes" on the genuine IRS Web site, IRS.gov. This mail box was established to receive copies of possibly fraudulent e-mails involving misuse of the IRS name, logo or Web site for investigation.

The IRS and the Treasury Inspector General for Tax Administration (TIGTA) work with the U.S. Computer Emergency Readiness Team (US-CERT) and various Internet service providers and international CERT teams to have the phishing sites taken offline as soon as they are reported.

Since the establishment of the mail box last year, the IRS has received more than 30,000 e-mails from taxpayers reporting almost 600 separate phishing incidents. To date, investigations by TIGTA have identified almost 900 host sites in at least 55 different countries, as well as in the United States.

Recipients of questionable e-mails claiming to come from the IRS may also call TIGTA's toll-free hotline at 1-800-366-4484.

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