



NEWSBRIEFS

Health festival

Canutillo Independent School District, in partnership with the University of Texas at El Paso (UTEP) College of Health Sciences, will host a free Health, Physical Fitness, and Education Festival, from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m., Saturday, April 19, at Canutillo High School, 6675 S. Desert Boulevard. Free health screenings that include cholesterol, weight, blood pressure, etc. and career-oriented education displays will be available in the cafeteria. Information will also be provided about W.I.C. nutrition and CHIPS health insurance. UTEP's Department of Kinesiology students and faculty will host fun games and physical recreation in the CHS football stadium. CISD student organizations will host food and beverage booths. Free door prizes and Mariachi music will also be provided during the event. For more information, call 747-8585.

Health fair

The Lower Valley School Nurses Association with co-sponsors City of El Paso Department of Public Health and Del Sol Medical Center invite you and your family to the Lower Valley Health Fair 26th Anniversary on April 19, 2008. The health fair will be held at Socorro High School on Saturday, April 19 from 9 am to 2 pm. Over 80 agencies will offer free cholesterol, blood pressure, Pap Smear and other screenings and health related information. All childhood immunizations will be available for \$10 for one shot and \$20 for two or more shots per child. No one will be denied immunization services due to inability to pay. The Kids Korner program will offer free developmental screenings and fun activities for children. The Health Fair is proudly sponsoring two Family Fun Walks at 9:30 am and 11:30 am; free shirts will be offered to adult participants. Together we can make a difference in the health of our community. For more information please call 937-4044.

Spring festival

Desert Hills Elementary will hold its 2nd Annual Spring Festival on Saturday, April 19, 2008 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Admission is free and there will be games, crafts, food and music. A special feature will be the free car seat checks. Location: Desert Hills Elementary Cafeteria, 300 N. Kenazo in Horizon City.

Get roses now

The Eastlake Lions Club is selling roses for Mother's Day. The cost is \$17 for a dozen roses delivered to home or business. Call 852-4945 or 449-3486 to order. Deadline: May 1.

Cleaned up

On April 4 and 5, 2008, the Town of Horizon City orchestrated a city-wide

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Diplomacy is the art of taking sides without anyone knowing it.

— Quips & Quotes



— Photo courtesy of Socorro ISD

CALIFORNIA GIRLS — The Montwood Emerald Dancers went to the Pacific Ocean and hit the beach for a team victory photo. The dance team brought home four top awards — two for team events and two for individual merit.

Montwood dancers take top honors at Sharp International

By Irma Flores
Special to the Courier

Montwood High School Emerald Dancers bring home four awards from the Sharp International competition held in

California. The 26-member team received three first place awards. The group took first place in Pom, Kick, and Hip-Hop categories. They also received the Spirit Trophy and took individual honors for Jackie Varela and Delilah Espinoza.

"I'm proud of the hard work they put in prior

to the going into this competition. They know when its time to work and time to play," said Margie Toso-Dykes Med, Montwood Dance Instructor/Emerald Dancers Director. "Getting 46 girls on stage and perform at the level of

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Canutillo Eagles take District 2-4A golf title

By Alfredo Vasquez
Special to the Courier



— Photo courtesy of Canutillo ISD

IN THE HOLE — Canutillo High School golf team members, from left, are Joshua Chavira, Jake Atkins, Michael De Shazo, Tony Surber, Drew Norris. Holding the District trophy is Coach Tim Barno.

Canutillo High School Boys Golf Team is the 2-4A District champion for the second year in a row after two days of district golf competition at Emerald Springs Golf Course in Horizon City. Coming in second was Riverside High School.

CHS was led by Senior Drew Norris and Junior Tony Suber, who had two round total scores of 150 and 154 respectively. Rounding out the team are Michael De Shazo, junior, with a 182 total score; Jake Atkins, senior, shot 180; and Joshua Chavira, sophomore, had a 193 combined score.

Norris also captured the individual title for the second year in a row, and Suber came in second.

The other three CHS players placed among the top ten, which qualifies them for the regional meet not only as a team but also as individual players.

The 4A Region I Golf Tournament is scheduled for Monday and Tuesday, April 21-22, at the Quick Sand Golf Course, in San Angelo.

Tim Barno, CHS golf coach for the past 10 years and CHS business education teacher, said that he has experienced team members who have a good chance to advance to state finals. Norris missed making it to the state tournament by only four strokes last year, said the coach.



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Public Notice Town of Horizon City

Texas Community Development Block Program

The Town of Horizon City will hold a **Public Hearing at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, April 22, 2008, at the Town Hall offices located at 14999 Darrington** regarding the submission of an application to the Office of Rural Community Affairs for a Texas Community Development Block Grant Program (TxCDBG) grant. The Town of Horizon City hereby gives notice of its intent to submit a TxCDBG application requesting \$55,384 of supplemental funding to enhance the second phase of the Alberton Avenue street construction project. The overall project is intended to serve the Desert Palms and Horizon Vista Estates neighborhoods and to provide improved access to Golden Eagle Park. The application will be available for review at the Town Hall offices during regular business hours.

The purpose of this hearing is to allow citizens an opportunity to comment on the citizen participation in the application process, the Town's assessment of its local housing and community development needs, the Town's current application for funding, the Town's past use of TxCDBG funds, and to be made aware of the amount of TxCDBG funding currently available and of activities eligible for TxCDBG funding.

Citizens unable to attend this hearing may submit their views and proposals to Karen Ellefson, the City Clerk of the Town of Horizon City. Persons with disabilities who wish to attend this hearing are welcome to attend and may contact City Hall to arrange for assistance. Individuals who require auxiliary aids or services should contact City Hall at least two days before the hearing so that appropriate arrangements can be made.

WTCC: 04/17/08



Por la Gente By State Rep. Chente Quintanilla

Traffic issues addressed

Hola, mi gente. Most of you who keep abreast of current events are informed more about city and county government actions. State agencies generally do not receive as much press but they do impact our lives tremendously.

One of my priorities as your state representative has been to provide a conduit to those agencies for the constituents in District 75. As the elected state official, I get the ear of the agency directors who in turn help me assist you.

As the city and county population continues to increase, many changes will be required to accommodate the increase in traffic. One excellent example is Eastlake Blvd. in Horizon City.

From Kenazo at the east end of Eastlake to IH-10, the new residential developments and traffic increases are very indicative of what will soon happen in the rest of east El Paso County. The traffic flow on

Eastlake is very crowded during the morning and evening rush to and from work; in addition to the flow of students to and from school.

The congestion that is prevalent at Horizon and IH-10 has driven residents to use the Eastlake route for access to IH-10.

For the past two years, I have had several conversations with the local TxDOT office both informally and at Metropolitan Planning Organization meetings about Eastlake. We have discussed options, especially traffic signals. Because the road is actually a county road, we were limited in our options. However, TxDOT did work with the county to place traffic lights at Rojas and Eastlake; a move that eliminated a mile long backup at rush hour.

The intersection of Eastlake and Darrington was a little more difficult to manage. This traffic signal would need to be negotiated between Horizon City and El Paso County.

The process is now going forward with the initial steps that will finally place the signals at the intersection.

Many people have been involved, but I would like to commend Councilwoman Renee Shufeldt for her individual effort. She was present at the Commissioner's Court meetings and talked with the news media to broadcast the need for the lights. The mile long traffic jams at the intersection will be managed better with lights instead of stops signs; thanks in part to Councilwoman Shufeldt.

As the traffic needs increase, the county and TxDOT will be continuing the improvements to traffic flow. Examples include an eventual loop from Montana to IH-10 on Ascension Blvd., a border highway extension toward San Elizario with feeders to IH-10, and additional improvements on existing east/west streets such as Pellicano and Rojas.

We need to be patient as these projects will be initiated when the funds are fully available.

I shall continue to convey your concerns about state roadways whenever I am informed of them. Gracias, mi gente, and I remain your friend and public servant, Chente for la gente.



Reyes Reports By U.S. Rep. Silvestre Reyes

Economy concerns grow

In El Paso and across the country, the state of the U.S. economy has been a concern for many. The increasing price of food, health care, and gas; the huge expense of our continued operations in Iraq; the housing market; and even the recent news of the government's buyout of Bear Stearns on Wall Street have all raised serious questions about the strength of our economy and our ability to build a bright future for our children.

As El Paso's U.S. Representative, and as a father and grandfather, I am extremely concerned that our nation's economy will be strong for our next generation. My colleagues and I in the Democratic-led Congress are committed to helping families who need it most weather this current economic downturn and improve our economy overall.

Most El Pasoans will benefit from the \$156 billion economic stimulus package that was passed by the U.S. House and Senate and signed into law earlier this year. In mid-May, most single tax filers will receive a rebate check between \$300 and \$600 while

most married filers will receive rebates of up to \$1,200 plus \$300 for each child. This package was designed to increase confidence and consumer demand, promote economic growth, and create jobs, and I was proud that we expanded these recovery rebates to an additional 20 million seniors and 250,000 disabled veterans.

In the coming weeks, Democrats will continue to work to reinvigorate the economy. We will fight for a second economic stimulus package that provides more aid to workers, offers support to families, and invests in U.S. businesses that will spur our long-term growth. We will craft comprehensive housing legislation that will help secure the American dream for families at risk of losing their homes, and continue our fight to change direction in Iraq and once again invest in America.

Under the Bush Administration, the disparity between the rich and middle class has worsened. A recent study found that the gap between the average income of the richest 20 percent of families in Texas and the poorest 20 percent is the ninth-largest in the country. Nationally, the average wage has

increased only 3.5 percent since 2001, however, the cost of gasoline has skyrocketed 87 percent and the cost of groceries has increased 16.2 percent. The study also found that while incomes for the wealthiest Americans grew by 9 percent since the late 1990's, incomes for the middle class sluggishly grew by only 1.3 percent. With incomes lagging, it is no surprise that most El Pasoans are feeling squeezed.

Through economic stimulus and housing legislation, and by working to strengthen federal programs like Medicare, Medicaid, and LIHEAP (the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program), which the Bush Administration slashed in their 2009 budget proposal, my colleagues and I are taking important steps to stretch paychecks and ensure families can afford quality health care, education, and homes. We're also working to provide middle-class tax cuts instead of tax cuts for the wealthy, which will help those who need it most and move our economy forward. Our nation is facing unsettling economic challenges right now, but Congress is working hard to ease these challenges and ensure a bright future for our children and our nation overall.

Dancers

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perfection they did is quite remarkable." "The team and Mrs. Toso-Dykes are to be congratulated for their hard work and for representing Montwood and Socorro ISD so well. The countless of hours they spent rehearsing and preparing for this as well as working through intersession is a testament to their drive," said SISD Superintendent Dr. Sylvia P. Atkinson.

The State Championship compe-

tion was held at Knotts Berry Farm on March 15 and 16 and featured teams from across the US. The competition kept the team on their toes throughout the event.

"It was very fast. We would run and change, then run back to perform. We had back-to-back events so we didn't get to see the other teams," said Montwood senior Amber Chenausky. Sophomore Madison Tenneson added the competition was different than usual.

"Before we had time to prepare mentally and emotionally before competing," said Tenneson who

marks her second year on the team. "It was a bit chaotic but it was exciting. I feel we had a good group performing this year."

"I would like to congratulate the team and Mrs. Toso-Dykes. There is a lot hard work involved in getting a group this big ready to perform on a national stage and to take top spots in their category is incredible," said SISD Board President Charles E. Garcia.

The Sharp International is among the top competitions in the country. It hosts several events to highlight the best dance; cheer and hip hop teams in the nation.



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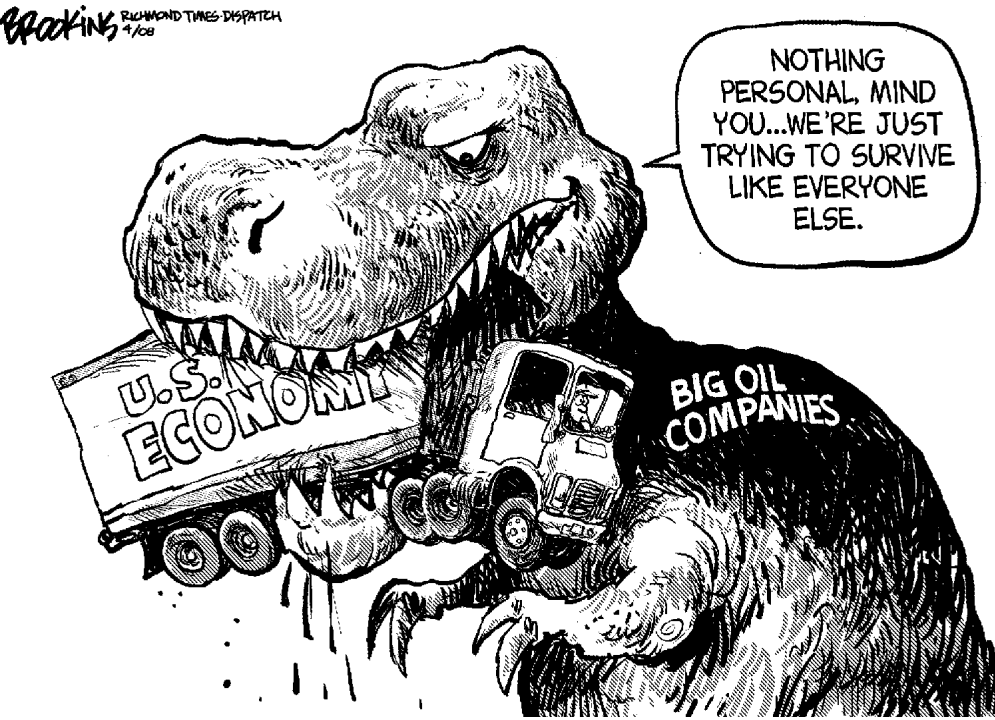
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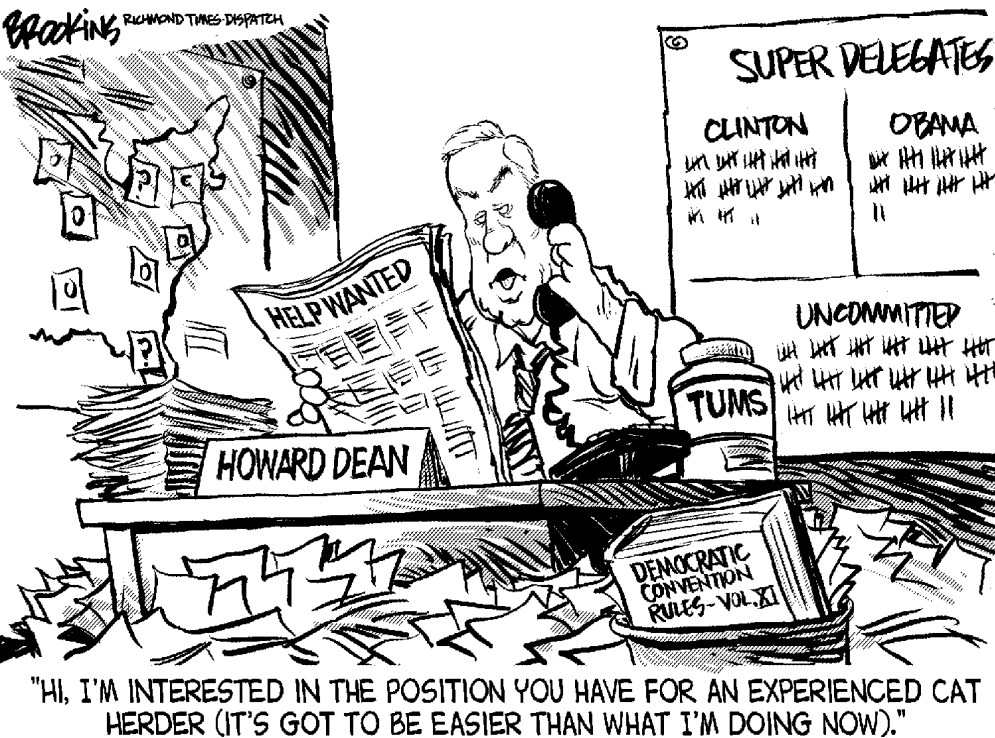
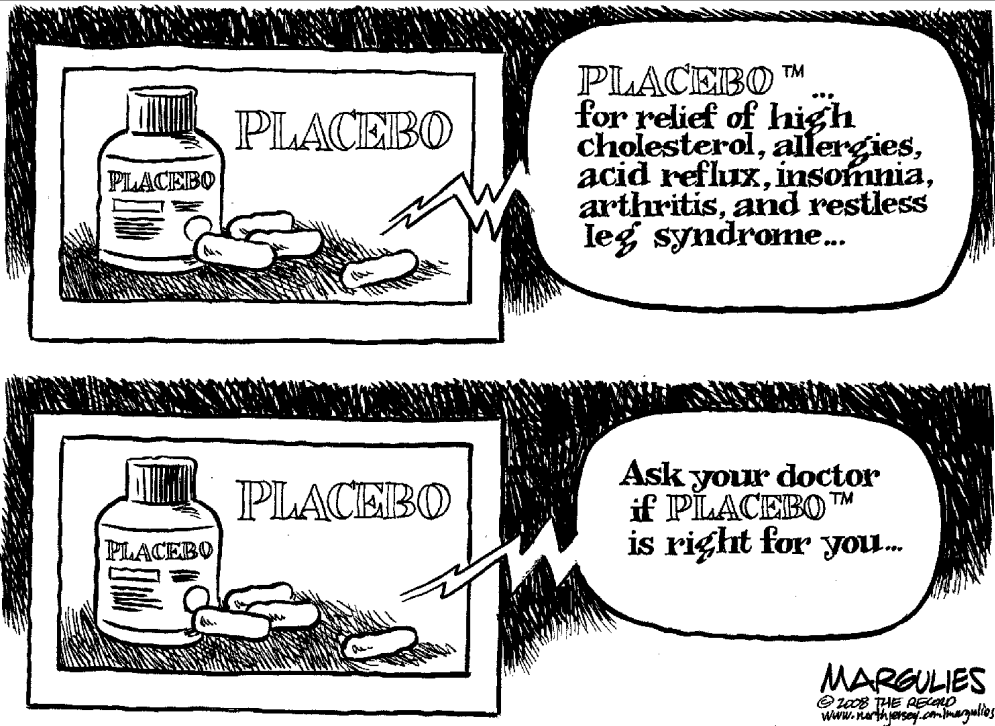
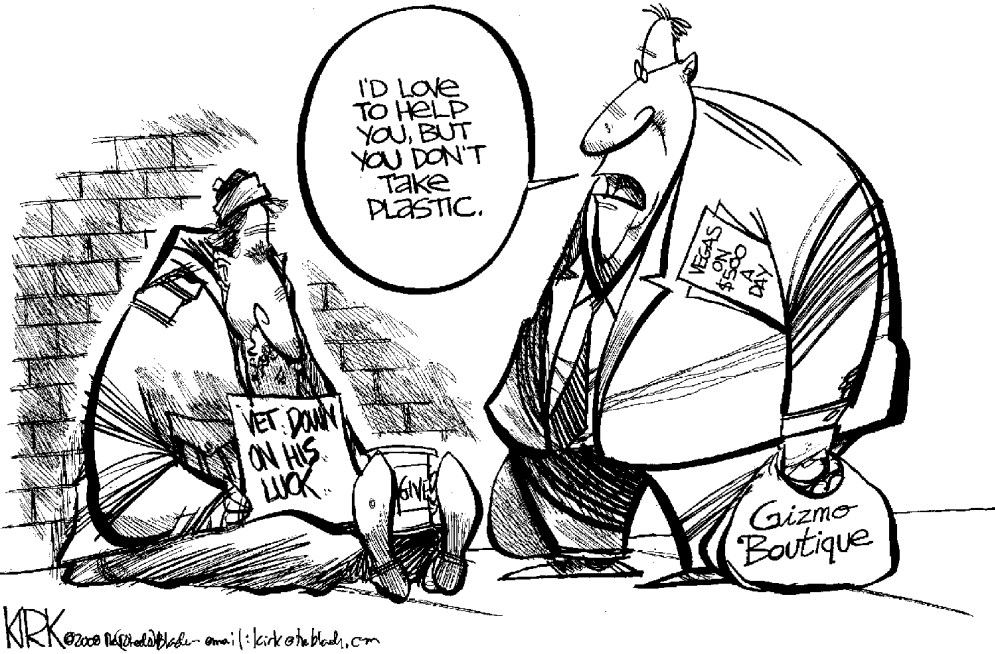
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NEWS ITEM: VETERANS AFFAIRS STAFF USE GOVERNMENT CREDIT CARDS TO PAY FOR LUXURY HOTELS AND RETAIL EXPENSES.



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

(Publisher's note: Doctor Albert Balesh has been writing health columns with a bit of wit for Courier readers for several years. His main goal, however, has been to obtain US medical credentials in a country sorely short of doctors. He has petitioned both medical institutions as well as political representatives toward that end. He now takes his quest public.)

M.D.: Mad Doctor

When our backs are to the wall and we have nothing to lose, we write. When odds are insurmountable and we know we have given our all, we write. When that crap shoot we call life yields "sevens" and "elevens" late in the game, we write. Whether exorcising demons, seeking forgiveness, proclaiming cathartic guilt, or righting perceived wrongs, we put pen to paper, as if the action itself or the completed document placed in proper hands might lift the veil of angst that provided initial impetus.

I am no different from you. I am a man with no past, present, or future. I have lost a country, perhaps two, while seeking greener grass, and I have neither profession nor prospects for immediate salvation. Although pity is not something I actively seek, soothing words and a pat on the back would go far to easing the pain of unpaid student loans and an inability to attract gainful employment. I, like so many other native sons and daughters, have fallen through the cracks, and, while a national open-door policy benefits those born distant from these shores, those of us who have been left a legacy, a birthright, and a vested interest must man newly formed breadlines. The American dream is, indeed, alive and well, but currently in the hands of foreign nationals who pass by in shiny, new Lexuses, glance at us in askance, and warn their children to not mix blood with ours.

An Everyman, I am not. I am just an unemployed physician, and my only sin was a deep, heartfelt desire to help my fellow man, my countrymen, and a nation that long ago equated self-worth with honesty, integrity, and good deeds, not money and power. Back in 1976 my odyssey began, at the ripe old age of 24 years, when non-admittance to a U.S. medical school prompted a drastic course of action to make a dream come true. Tracing the path of Columbus in reverse, I made my foray into the European theater, and, with foreign language skills at a minimum, I enrolled in an Italian medical school. My action was laudatory, my quest rivaled that of Jason, and, yet, when I returned to the U.S. in 1996, I was a broken man whose seventeen years in medical school, graduate medical education, and private practice in Italy merited neither a tickertape parade nor a place in the sun. My parents had aged, my friends had moved on, and the white hair and age lines, which on another stage might have conferred deference and respect, made me all the more unrecognizable to a country that I, too, did not recognize.

Do the math. Often, fact is stranger than fiction. A national shortage of physicians currently

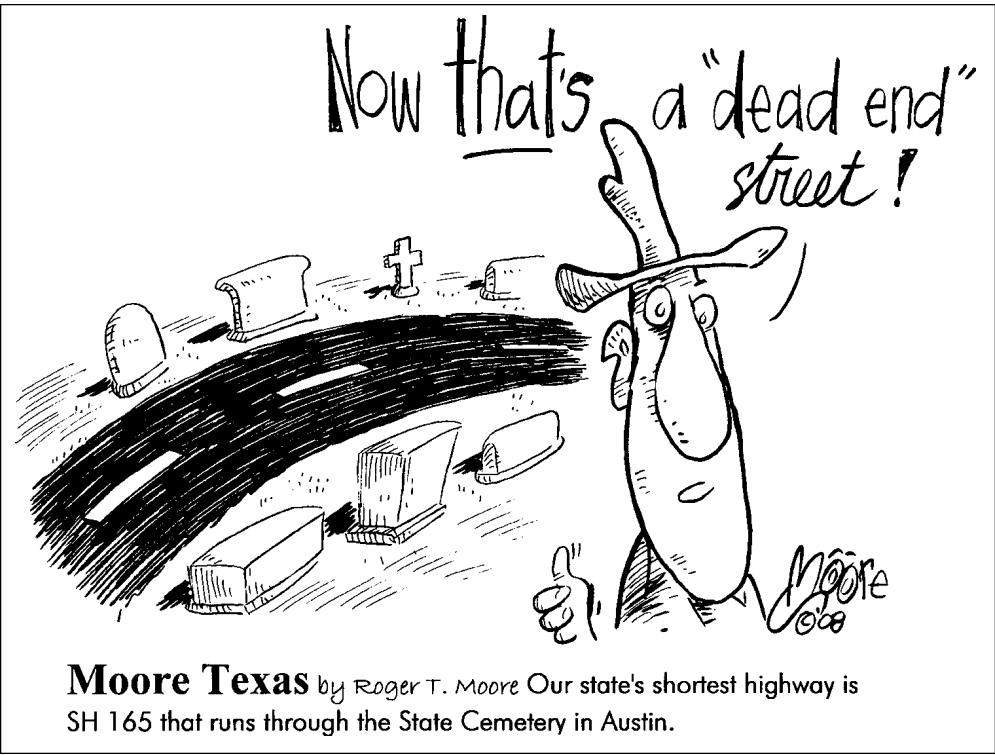
grips this nation, with the poorest areas of the country suffering hand-in-hand with the most economically deprived areas of the world. Not only is this a travesty, but a national outrage to rival any of the tumultuous social issues of the last fifty years. We are 16,000 doctors short in the U.S., and, while physicians like myself would be willing to even work for free or for a nominal fee, the Association of American Medical Colleges (AAMC), the American Medical Association (AMA), the Educational Commission for Foreign Medical Graduates (ECFMG), the Electronic Residency Application Service (ERAS), the National Board of Medical Examiners (NBME), the National Resident Matching Program (NRMP), and on and on continue to shut us out. Not only are we barred from medical practice and graduate medical education, but foreign national physicians (non-citizens) are given preference over us for the few positions available. Outrage, I said. I should have said national disgrace!

More than 35 million Americans live in underserved areas of this country, and they suffer the slow, chronic, yet ravaging effects of diseases that would be well within our power to manage, treat, or cure were we to hire the legions of unemployed physicians forced to work non-medical jobs in this great country of ours. America's rural and inner-city poor have been hit the hardest, as well as Hurricane Katrina-devastated regions, the Mississippi Delta, and the arid U.S. Southwest, to name a few. While current statistics show 280 doctors for every 100,000 people in the U.S., which is a shame, some areas of the country come in at only 103 for every 100,000, which is a downright crime. Mad, you better believe I am!

Increasing U.S. medical school enrollments will not solve the grave dilemma facing our nation. It will take years and years to educate new legions of physicians, and, all the while, the misery in the Mississippi Delta, Appalachia, and the 5,594 other Health Professional Shortage Areas (HPSA) will continue to grow. Meanwhile American citizen physicians like myself, who were trained in foreign medical schools, bang our heads against walls, as our country continues to abandon us in much the same way it did to American veterans during the Vietnam War. Make no mistake about it, this, too, is an unpopular war.

The old guard always fears change, and the medical profession itself is no exception. While good boys continue to flash wealth and lament the fact that they don't earn quite as much as

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PUBLIC NOTICE

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The Socorro Independent School District will conduct a public information meeting to review the following SISD Programs funded by Federal funds:

• Title I, Part A - Improving Basic Programs

• Title I, Part C - Migrant Program

• Title I, Part D - Subpart 1 — Neglected, Delinquent or At-Risk

• Title II, Part A - Improving Teacher Quality

• Title II, Part D - Enhancing Education Through Technology

• Title III, Part A - Limited English Proficiency (LEP)

• Title IV, Part A - Safe and Drug Free Schools;

• Title V - Innovative Programs.

The meeting will be held:
Tuesday, April 29, 2008 — 6:00 p.m. — 7:00 p.m.

Public Reviews of the Federal Application for Educational Funding for Socorro ISD will be in Meeting Room A and B at the District Service Center, 12440 Rojas Drive. S.I.S.D does not discriminate against any individual with regard to race, color, national origin, age, religion, sex, marital or veteran status, the presence of a medical condition, disability, or any other legally protected status. 42 U.S.C 2000e-2(a); 20 U.S.C. 1681: Labor Code 21-051.

Socorro Independent School District

AVISO PUBLICO

La junta Pública para Revisar los Programas de Fondos Federales

El Distrito Escolar Independiente de Socorro llevará a cabo una junta pública para revisar los siguientes programas, fondos federales:

• Título I, Parte A - Mejorando Programas Básicos

• Título I, Parte C - Programa Migrante

• Título I, Parte D - Jovenes Delincuentes y Abandonados

• Título II, Parte A - Mejorando la Calidad de Maestros

• Título II, Parte D - Mejorando los Servicios Educativos a través de la Tecnología

• Título III, Parte A - Servicios de educación para estudiantes de segundo idioma

• Título IV, Parte A - Escuelas Confiables y Libres de Drogas

• Título V - Programas de Innovación

La junta se llevarán a cabo:
martes, 29 de abril, 2008 — 6:00 p.m. — 7:00 p.m.

La Revisión Pública de la Solicitud Federal para Fondos Educativos para el Distrito de Socorro se llevará a cabo en los Salones de Juntas A y B, 12440 Rojas Drive. S.I.S.D no discrimina a ningún individuo a causa de su raza, de su color, de su nacionalidad, de sus creencias religiosas, de su género, de su estado legal, o de veterano, ninguna condición médica o incapacidad, o ningún otro estado legal. 42 U.S.C 2000e-2(a); 20 U.S.C. 1681: Labor Code 21-051. WTCC: 04-17-08, 04-24-08

Garcia-Enriquez girls win District in tennis

By Cynthia P. Marentes
Special to the Courier

The Garcia-Enriquez Middle School (GEMS) 7th grade girls' tennis team dominated the Lower Valley Conference in March bringing the middle school district championship to San Elizario. The girls competed against all lower valley schools that form part of the district including Van Horn, Horizon, Fabens, Tornillo, and Ft. Hancock.

Although this is the first year that these 7th grade girls played tennis competitively, they have actually been developing their skills since 5th grade. The majority of the team first picked up a tennis racket at the San Elizario ISD summer tennis camp where Head Coach Pete Vasquez instructed the girls in tennis fundamentals.

Coach Cruz Lechuga now leads this group of young athletes at the middle school where he has assembled solid 7th grade boys and girls tennis teams. The 7th grade boys' tennis team came in second in the district. Overall, Coach Lechuga trains 47 students in 6th, 7th, and 8th grades.

The girls were able to outperform the rest of the field because before they competed in the conference tournament they were playing against advanced athletes in both 7th and 8th grade levels. During regular district play, students play in three skill levels: beginner, intermediate, and advanced. Some of the girls then ended up competing against 8th graders in the advanced level because grade level is not taken into consideration



CHAMPS — Coach Pete Vasquez, clockwise from top left, with his players Eva Duran, Arenisse Sepulveda, Stephanie Garcia, Deidrah Carrillo and Jessica Soto.

during the first tournaments of the season. However, at the final conference, all the tennis players have to compete in their grade level therefore; most of the GEMS students had already refined their abilities by playing with more talented athletes in past tennis matches.

“We had six tournaments in the district and the girls played with either 7th or 8th grade students. They had already played in the advanced level and that was to their advantage because they were already being very competitive,” added Coach Vasquez.

This is the first year that the 7th grade girls have won the middle school championship. In 2004-2005, both the 8th grade boys and girls tennis teams won the district championship. Those students are now juniors at San Elizario High School and have also continued to capture tennis titles as part of the varsity tennis team.

Coach Vasquez expects that both the 7th grade girls and boys as freshmen will play at the varsity level as soon as they get to high school and will continue doing well next year as 8th graders.

Mad Doctor

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their predecessors, the urban poor continue to die. Medical graduates continue to flood high-powered, highly technical, lucrative fields of medicine, while at the same time both demeaning family practitioners and envisioning shiny, new BMWs, homes in the suburbs, vacation spas, and all manner of creature comforts as the graduate medical education phase of their lives draws to a close and they take their places among the empowered and the entitled. Meanwhile the years pass, and the 16,000 doctor shortage of today hits 24,000 by the year 2020, and perhaps even 200,000 by some estimates, based on a fast-growing U.S. population and an aging work force. Mad, you bet I am!

I continue to man the breadlines, being too educated to work menial jobs even if I so desired and too discriminated against by age and country of medical education to be given the opportunity to pursue graduate medical education and alleviate the

suffering of my own countrymen here in the U.S. I have passed all the U.S. medical licensing examinations, I have paid all the high examination and legal fees, and, the good citizen that I am, I have followed all the AAMC, AMA, ECFMG, ERAS, NBME, and NRMP rules and regulations, only to have salt rubbed in my eyes, as doors are closed to me at the same time that foreign national doctors from China, Cuba, India, Korea, Mexico, the Middle East, Pakistan, the Philippines, South America, and sub-Saharan Africa are recruited for medical positions (governmental and non-governmental) subsidized by U.S. taxpayer dollars, my own included. Mad, I am raging mad!

I am a small fish, a David in the shadow of a Goliath-sized U.S. medical establishment. There is no way that I can win this battle, and yet I fight on. There are thousands like me here in the U.S., perhaps some living in your very community. We want to alleviate your pain, we want to be there for you, and, yet, the next time you need a family physician, you had better brush up on your foreign language skills, as you will most likely stand or sit face-to-face with a for-

eign national (there are more than 40,000 Indian doctors in the U.S., not to mention other nationalities), as American citizen physicians like myself beg for quarters, seek employment at Wal-Mart, and fight amongst ourselves for the scraps thrown to us by foreign national doctors. Mad, I am beet red!

I was once proud to be an American. In all honesty, I can no longer say that I am. So much injustice, so much dishonesty, so much hypocrisy, they have all taken their toll on this U.S. native son. My heartache is enormous, and my walls have been banged enough. I am a man with no solutions, only innumerable questions and an incessant desire to alleviate pain and suffering in my country of origin. As foreign physicians continue to pour into the U.S. for the few medical positions available, at the same time that I am denied access to medical positions in their homelands, the fires within me continue to rage. At 55-years-old, I don't see them getting extinguished any time soon. Mad, I am without words!

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GREEN THUMBS — Canutillo students and volunteers plant shrubs for their new wildlife habitat.

Canutillo Elementary School students create butterfly, hummingbird habitat

By Kim Guzman
Special to the Courier

Students at Canutillo Elementary School (CES) recently planted a garden as part of the process to create a Butterfly and Hummingbird Habitat, which was made possible through a Canutillo Independent School District Service Learning Grant and donations from employees, community members, and local businesses.

Stephanie Zelenak, CES instructional coordinator, is coordinating the campus wide project with the help of the K-5 Habitat Team, which is made up of 73 students who act as liaisons to their grade levels in the development of the habitat garden. The team worked to plan, design, and select the location for the habitat to be built.

Local businesses were responsible for the monetary donations, flowers, rock, top soil, irrigation, hardware, benches, arbors, walkways, and other materials for the habitat.

Supervision of the landscape design and bulk of volunteer work came from representatives from Americorps Texas Cooperative Extension. Class level assignments include kindergarten classes making hummingbird feeders, first grade classes cultivating ladybug larvae, second grade classes cultivating butterfly larvae, third grade students have been charged with the research, fourth grade classes were assigned writing for the project, and the fifth grade classes planned the landscape design. The kinder through second graders also designed the habitat team T-shirt.

Research included studying native plants that would best attract butterflies and hummingbirds, as well as thrive in the Southwest desert region.

Students visited the Chihuahuan Desert Gardens at UTEP and the El Paso Botanical Gardens during a field trip to learn about the different plants they could use for their habitat garden. Fifth graders will create an environmental awareness pamphlet to provide at the grand opening of the habitat garden. Gifted and talented habitat team members are creating a movie through technology to document the entire project from start to finish.

Representatives from Americorps, parents, students, faculty and community members, Border Patrol agents and other assisting agencies came together on Saturday, April 5, for the CES Schoolyard Habitat Dig Day, when they actually planted the entire garden.

“We would like to thank all our sponsors, donors, and volunteers who made this exceptional project possible. Our service learning coordinator, Denise Clevenger and CES Principal Monica Garcia have been a huge help every step of the way. We would not have been able to move forward and remain on schedule without the support of Superintendent Dr. Padilla, who funded the additional sidewalk needed to accommodate our special needs students and our own CISD maintenance department and CES custodial staff in preparing the area for planting,” said Zelenak.

The Grand Opening of the CES Butterfly and Hummingbird Habitat will be held on May 9, with a ribbon cutting ceremony, release of the butterflies and ladybugs, scrapbook display and movie of the project, presentation of Jr. Master Gardener diplomas, and a presentation of the President’s Environmental Award signed by the president and awarded to the habitat team members.

NOTICE TO PUBLIC OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT ON THE ENVIRONMENT AND NOTICE OF INTENT TO REQUEST RELEASE OF FUNDS

El Paso Collaborative for Community and Economic Development
1359 Lomaland Dr. Ste. 516
El Paso, Texas 79935

West Texas County Courier
April 17, 2008

TO: All Interested Agencies, Groups and Persons:

On or about seventeen (17) days after this publication, the County of El Paso (RE) will authorize the El Paso Paso Collaborative for Community and Economic Development of El Paso, Texas, to submit a request to the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for the release of Federal funds under Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974 (P.L. 93-383) for Project No. RH-07-TX-I-0052, for the construction of 8 homes in the designated Texas Rural Communities, in the County of El Paso, Texas.

Environmental Assessment Activities

The work entails the re-placement of mobile homes and construction of dwellings that meet or exceed the (HUD approved) County of El Paso Colonia Housing Standards. The maximum grant amount per household is \$24,200.00. The project will be limited to families owning or purchasing a lot with an outstanding balance of \$19,200 or less. The El Paso Collaborative for Community and Economic Development plans to use federal funding to provide affordable housing to families that live in dilapidated mobile homes in the designated Texas Renewal Communities of the county of El Paso, Texas. Federal funding will be used to pay off the outstanding balance of the property up to \$19,200, \$3,000 to move and/or demolish the existing mobile home and \$2,000 for mortgage closing costs. All of the work is on private property and environmental issues caused by the construction will be addressd. Among the expected concerns are: temporary dust and noise due to construction; handling of potentially hazardous materials; and the disposal of debris in a proper manner.

Finding of No Significant Impact

The County of El Paso (RE) has determined that the project will have no significant impact on the human environment. Therefore, an Environmental Impact Statement under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA) is not required. Additional project information is contained in the Environmental Review Record on file at the office of El Paso County Courthouse, 500 E. San Antonio, El Paso, Texas, 79901 and may be examined or copied weekdays between the hours of 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Public Comments on Findings

All interested agencies, groups and persons, disagreeing with this decision are invited to submit written comments for consideration by the El Paso Collaborative for Community and Economic Development, 1359 Lomaland Dr. Ste. 516 , El Paso, Texas 79935. Such written comments must be received at the address specified within sixteen (16) days after this publication. All such comments so received will be considered and the El Paso Collaborative for Community and Economic Development will not request the release of funds or take administrative action on the project prior to the date specified in the proceeding sentence.

Release of Funds


The County of El Paso (RE) certifies to HUD/Texas that Judge Anthony Cobos in his capacity as County Judge consents to accept the jurisdiction of the Federal Courts if an action is brought to enforce responsibilities in relation to the environmental review process and that these responsibilities have been satisfied. HUD’s/Texas’ approval of the certification satisfies its responsibilities under NEPA and related laws and authorizes, and allows the El Paso Collaborative for Community and Economic Development to use Program funds for the purpose stated.

Objections to the release of funds on bases other than those stated above will not be considered by HUD. Objections received later than thirty-three (33) days after this publication will not be considered by HUD.

Delia Chavez, Executive Director
El Paso Collaborative for Community and Economic Development

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Dedicated Red Sox fan tries to curse the Yankees with a jersey

By Steve Escajeda
Special to the Courier

I’ve spent many of the past 15 years or so looking for, and writing about, some of the quirkiest sports stories imaginable.

And this week is no exception.

Some of these stories and situations are so bizarre they couldn’t have been thought up because nobody would ever believe them.

And believe it or not, this next story is true. But I’m still not sure whether it’s a heroic story of just plain stupid.

It was reported recently that one of the construction workers at the new Yankee Stadium was a devout baseball fan. He was one of those fans that give his soul for his city and his team.

Normally, this kind of fan wouldn’t make headlines but he does have one peculiarity — he is a diehard Boston Red Sox fan.

Can you believe it, a Boston Red Sox fan working on Yankee Stadium? I thought that’s one of the reasons we established the Department of Homeland Security.

Talk about sacrilege. That’s like Don Imus going to Disneyland with the Rutgers women’s basketball team, or Donald Trump going to brunch with Rosie O’Donnell, or Barack Obama doing a NutriSystems commercial with Hilary Clinton.

It just isn’t done.

Well, it turns out that the Red Sox fan, Gino Castignoli, did the unthinkable and hid a Red Sox jersey deep inside a certain area of the stadium as the crew began pouring cement.

And Castignoli’s plan was a successful one. His point was obvious, to curse the Yankees forever, or at least about as long as the Red Sox carried that “Bambino” thing around in their heads.

But that is not the end of the story. Not even close.

As crazy as it sounds for a guy to go to the extent of burying a Red Sox jersey in the concrete at Yankee Stadium, the even crazier news is that the Yankees were so paranoid about the whole thing that they went to the trouble and expense of digging up the cement and removing the offensive item.

Yes, the Yankee brass ordered the thing out of there. So with jackhammers at the ready, workers plowed their way through the cursed cement and actually found the jersey two feet below the surface.

As it turned out, it was David “Big Papi” Ortiz’s

number 34.

Mission accomplished — or rather — insanity accomplished. The Yankees can now go about their business knowing that the baseball gods are off their case.

Boy, I haven’t seen this kind of insecurity since Howard Hughes stopped doing his fingernails.

Now that things have settled down you’d think the story is over. It’s not.

The New York Yankees are actually thinking about pressing charges on the sneaky Red Sox fan. I think that would be a terrible idea and I don’t really believe they will.

Let’s hope the Yankees will do something smart and drop this altogether. It would also be nice if they did something smart and improved their pitching staff.

But I digress.

There is a silver lining in all of this. It appears that the Yankees are going to clean the jersey up and donate it to a Boston-based charitable organization.

See, the Evil Empire of baseball can do something nice once in a while — even if it took an act of sheer insanity to spark it.

Let’s all just “Melo” out

From the “his stupidity couldn’t have come at a worse time” department, comes the news of the Denver Nugget’s Carmelo Anthony, and his decision to drink a whole lot of something and then get behind the wheel.

Earlier this week, Anthony played his worst game of the year scoring only 11 points and going 3-of-14 from the field against the Houston Rockets.

Later that evening, Anthony, who is not known as the brightest guy when it comes to making the right decisions, decided to drown his sorrows.

Funny thing is, the Nuggets won the game. Maybe he was celebrating.

Either way, Carmelo, or “Melo”, as the Hollywood types like to call him, hurt his team as they’re trying to clinch a playoff spot.

I know it’s never a good time to drink and drive, but Anthony’s selfish action were compounded by the unfortunate timing.

After failing several sobriety tests, officers charged him with DUI and took him to police headquarters where he was picked up by a sober party.

Anthony is due in court on May 14. But don’t worry Nuggets’ fans, if I know the American court system the way I think I do — “Melo” won’t miss a single playoff game — he’s rich isn’t he?

Fabens sends team to Special Olympcis

By Jesus Delgado
Special to the Courier

On March 13, 2008 the Fabens Special Olympic Team shined at the first ever Lower Valley Special Olympics Track and Field Meet.


Teams from Clint, Fort Hancock and San Elizario also attended and competed in the meet hosted by the San Elizario Iindependent School District.


The Fabens Team competed in the 100/200/400 meter dash and the 400 meter relay in which they


won the gold. Other events included the shot put, softball throw, motorized wheelchair slalom, long jump and for the first time in Special Olympics history Fabens athletes demonstrated the javelin throw.In all the Fabens Special Olympic Team brought in a total of 15 Gold medals 8 Silver medals and 1 Bonze medal.

The team is now preparing for the annual Area Special Olympcis, which will be held at Riverside High School on April 26, 2008. Next year the Lower Valley Meet will be held at Fabens ISD.

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Town of
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PUBLIC NOTICE

1) THE TOWN OF
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ORDINANCE NO.
0163
AMENDMENT
NO. 008

WHEREAS, an ordinance was enacted on the 25th day of September. 2007, which adopted a budget for the fiscal year of October 1, 2007 to September 30, 2008 for the Town of Horizon City, and

WHEREAS, it is now necessary to amend said budget for items not previously considered,

BE IT ORDAINED
BY THE TOWN
COUNCIL OF
THE TOWN OF
HORIZON CITY,
TEXAS, THAT:

The following funds are to be transferred as follows:

From : Budget Item
#502818,
Contingency Funds
\$12,080.00

To: Budget Item
5036057,
Engineering Fees
\$12,080.00

Explanation: To pay engineering fees to Huitt-Zollers to create a plan for Clint ISD’s submittal to Safe Routes to School.

2) THE TOWN OF
HORIZON CITY

ORDINANCE NO.
0102
AMENDMENT
NO. 0023

An Ordinance amending Ordinance 0102, the Zoning Ordinance of the Town of Horizon City, Texas, to amend the permitted uses in Chapter Six, Section 603 and 604; Chapter Seven, Section 703.2 so as to modify the permissible height of cellular communication towers.

Ordinances are always available for viewing or copying upon request from the City Clerk at Town Hall, 14999 Darrington Road, Horizon City, Texas, Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. or call 915-852-1046.

Karen Ellefson
City Clerk

WTCC: 04-17-08

PUBLIC NOTICE

El Paso County
Emergency
Services
District #2

The El Paso County Emergency Services District #2 is accepting resumes for a District attorney. Applicants must have knowledge in the Texas Health and Safety Code, Chapter 775, Title 9 Safety; Subtitle B, Emergencies.

Resumes must in-

clude references and be received no later than close of business on May 8, 2008.

Resumes will be read at the Regular Board Meeting on May 13, 2008 at 7:00 P.M. at 510 E. Vinton Rd. in Canutillo.

Email resumes to :
raytreviso@sefd.org

For more information contact: Becky Terrazas, (915) 851-3138

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HOUSES

Houses for sale. No down, low interst, financing available. Carlos Aguilar, Broker, Realtor. 857-3374 or 269-1251.

SELF-HELP

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

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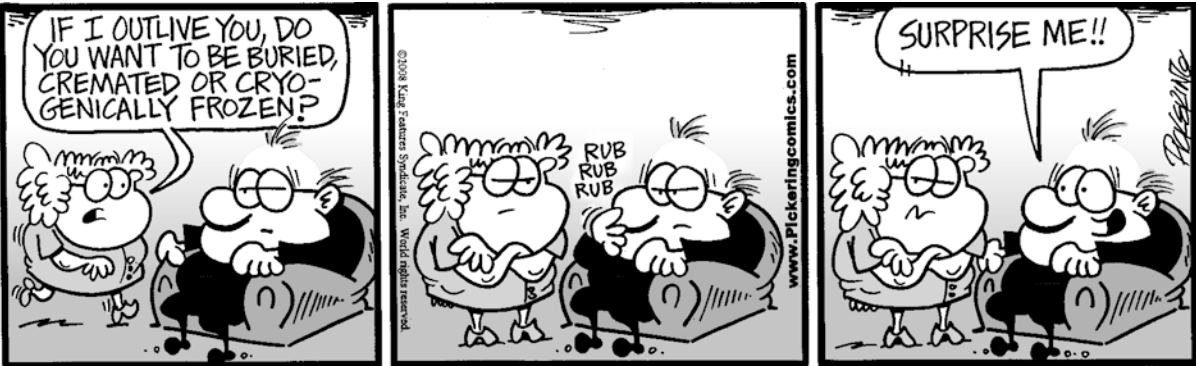
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Give until it feels good

By Don Flood

Poor (but rather rich) Heather Mills.

Just because some of her demands for ending her three-year marriage to Paul McCartney seem a little excessive — \$1 million a year for vacations, \$250,000 for clothes, \$80,000 for wine — she’s being cast as some kind of gold digger.

Hasn’t it occurred to anyone that perhaps Mills is using the latest research to make her ex-hubby happy? No?

Well, there’s evidence to support this conclusion. According to a recent study, people felt better if they spend money on others rather than themselves. In fact, the study found no correlation between personal spending and personal happiness.

Making McCartney happy has to be Mills’ motive. I mean, who needs 80 grand a year for wine, unless you’re under doctor’s orders to have Dom Perignon at every meal? (Though it is supposed to go well with Cheerios.)

But let’s leave Heather with her champagne glass and consider what this exciting new study means for you.

Armed with this knowledge, you could, I suppose, start throwing money around at friends and loved ones to make yourself happy. But there’s a problem.

If you spend money on these people, they might be inclined to reciprocate, which would negate your attempt at giving and rob you of your chance at happiness.

How to overcome this problem? What you need would be someone that recognizes your right to happiness, someone who would

make no attempt to shower you with gifts in return.

That would be me. That’s right, I’m willing to sacrifice to give your life meaning (which it’s probably lacking since you’re still reading this column).

You see, “receiving” — and thus making other people happy — has become the new “giving.” And I plan to give till it hurts.

Sure, like many other people, I could be just another “taker” — giving money away for my own selfish pleasure.

But something inside me says, take the road less traveled; leave the world a better place; it’s better to blow out one candle than to burn down the house, etc.

In other words, it’s my turn to “give back” to society and to become a Designated Receiver, one who accepts money so that others may experience true happiness.

Now I realize that some of you out there may not want to send me cash, fearing that too much will result in more misery than I can bear.

I understand your concerns and I have a solution: Send me gift cards instead. American Express gift cards, for example, can be redeemed at thousands of locations nationwide.

So go ahead. Send me a check today. You’ve been denying yourself happiness for too long. You deserve it!

And don’t give me another thought. Somehow, I’ll get along.

In fact, I’m hoping to arrange a wine-tasting with Heather Mills.

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King Super Crossword

STICKY PROBLEM

- ACROSS
- 1 Caesar's suit?
 - 5 Fiber source
 - 9 " _ Breaky Heart" ('92 hit)
 - 13 Haberdashery items
 - 18 Left open
 - 19 Comfort
 - 20 Hint
 - 21 Southwestern native
 - 22 Java joint
 - 23 About
 - 24 Deep unconsciousness
 - 25 Set's sibling
 - 26 Start of a question
 - 30 Tucked into the tortellini
 - 31 Gibbon or gorilla
 - 32 Orient
 - 33 Chew the fat
 - 36 Occupy
 - 40 "Git, Garfield!"
 - 42 Commercials
 - 45 Rap-sheet datum
 - 47 Landed
 - 48 Runnymede's river
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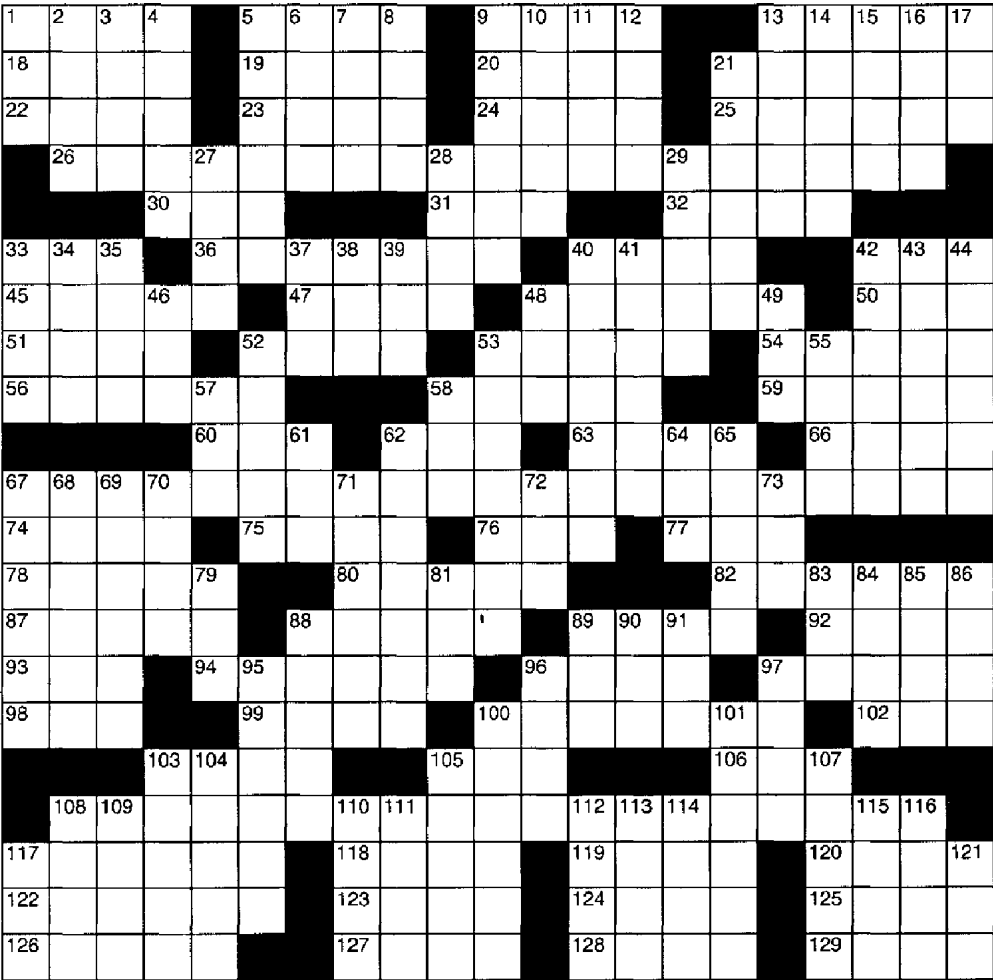
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- 78 Annoys
- 80 Norwegian composer
- 82 Distressed one?
- 87 Turn inside out
- 88 Ulan _
- 89 Torso
- 92 Nurse's helper
- 93 DC figure
- 94 Jonathan Winters' birthplace
- 96 Odense denizen
- 97 Ladd role
- 98 Humorist
- 99 Submachine gun
- 100 Barber opera
- 102 Deface
- 103 Repeat
- 105 Fraternity sticker
- 106 Palm Sunday beast
- 108 End of question
- 117 King's thing
- 118 Add color
- 119 Circle dance
- 120 Orthodox image

- DOWN
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 - 5 Defeated
 - 6 Prickly heat, e.g.
 - 7 _ Spumante
 - 8 Light material
 - 9 Take
 - 10 Garlic segment
 - 11 Actor Cronyn
 - 12 "My Favorite _ " ('82 film)
 - 13 Foundation
 - 14 Put on the street
 - 15 Songbird
 - 16 "So _ is the thanks I get!"
 - 17 Sea plea
 - 21 Record music, in a way
 - 27 Singer Redding
 - 28 Trot or gallop
 - 29 Sordid
 - 33 Enthusiastic

- 34 Parsons or Paton
- 35 Impresario Rudolf
- 37 Producer Prince
- 38 Menu phrase
- 39 Coal container
- 40 Salon supply
- 41 It may be magic
- 42 Small shrub
- 43 Patterned fabric
- 44 Plain
- 46 Give it _ (try)
- 48 Even if, informally
- 49 Ukr., formerly
- 52 Hills or Thomas
- 53 Shore soup
- 55 Hamilton detective
- 57 Hurricane fliers
- 58 Pigeon English?
- 61 In honor of
- 62 Pulitzer winner
- 64 Sweater letter
- 65 With 127 Across, toyshop buy
- 67 Brewer or Graves
- 68 "Jean" singer
- 69 Aptitude
- 70 Part of EMT
- 71 Void
- 72 Excavated
- 73 Archaic assent
- 79 Part of EST
- 81 Noun suffix
- 83 _ -jongg
- 84 "The King and I" setting
- 85 Author Ferber
- 86 Wolfish expression

- 88 English Romantic
- 89 Outlaw
- 90 Quindlen's " _ True Thing"
- 91 _ Peres, MO
- 95 Definitely dislikes
- 96 Like some cellars
- 97 Manuscript enc.
- 100 Herbert or Hugo
- 101 North African feature
- 103 Violinist Zimbalist
- 104 Intimate
- 105 1492 vessel
- 107 Director Lee
- 108 Marley's colleague
- 109 Celtic
- 110 Pierce
- 111 Mosaic bit
- 112 Comparative word
- 113 Alley's angel
- 114 "The Parent _ " ('61 film)
- 115 Biting
- 116 Vincent Lopez's theme song
- 117 Beaver, for one
- 121 _ de plume

Answer Page 6



Horizon’s Lacy, 90, dies at home

Alice Warre McKinnon Lacy was peacefully called home on March 26, 2008 at the age of 90 years. She was born on October 13, 1917 in Inverness, Alabama, in Bullock County. She married Lester W. Lacy, a World War II Veteran who survived the Bataan Death March and who preceded her in death. Alice was also one of the first to serve her country in the Women’s Army Corps, more familiarly known as WAC. She is survived by a sister, Frances Binkley, a nephew and several nieces in California. She will be greatly missed by dear friends who were near and close to her, Wilhelmina Dockum, Debbie Petty, John Spencer, Mary Leyba and Sharon Fischer. Graveside services were held at Ft. Bliss National Cemetery with military honors. Rev. Wesley Phillips, Pastor, of the Horizon City First Baptist Church, conducted the service. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to First Baptist Church Horizon City, 17018 Darrington, Horizon City, TX 79928. A next-door neighbor, a seven year-old boy by the name of Jacob De La Cruz, will surely miss “My Lacy”.

Social Security Q&A By Ray Vigil

Some little known facts about your number

Nearly every American is very familiar with at least one important aspect of Social Security — his or her Social Security number. Most of us know that number by heart, but otherwise never give it much thought. There is a lot of history and trivia behind the Social Security number and card. Here are a handful of interesting facts about them:

The artist who designed the original Social Security card in 1936, Fred Happel of Albany, N.Y., also de-

signed the famous “Flying Tigers” logo used by General Chennault’s forces during World War II.

There are about one billion possible Social Security number combinations.

Approximately 442 million Social Security numbers have been issued since 1936. About 280 million of those numbers remain active. Social Security does not reuse Social Security numbers.

Social Security assigns about five and one-half million new numbers each year.

Generally speaking, you are limited to three replacement Social Security cards in a year and 10 during your lifetime. There are some exceptions.

Here is one more fact about the

Social Security card and number that everyone should know: There is never a charge for getting a new or replacement Social Security card or for changing your name with Social Security. Please remember this if you ever get offers from “middlemen” who want to charge you a fee to help you get a Social Security card or number or change your name on your Social Security card and records.

Another important thing to remember is keep your card in a safe place, with your important papers. You should not carry it with you unless you know you are going to need it, such as for a new employer. And don’t give your Social Security number out to just anyone. Safeguarding your Social Security card and number will go a long way to keep your identity safe.

If you’d like to learn more about the Social Security card and number, visit our website on the subject at www.socialsecurity.gov/ssnumber/. For more information about Social Security, visit our website at www.socialsecurity.gov.

Town of Horizon City, Texas Notice of Municipal Election Aviso de Eleccion Municipal

To the registered voters of the Town of Horizon City, Texas:

A los votantes registrados del Pueblo de Horizon City, Texas:

Notice is hereby given that the polling places listed below will be open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Saturday, May 10, 2008 for voting in a Municipal election, to elect four (4) Aldermen (Places 1, 2, 4 and 6) for full two-year terms each.

Notifiquese, por presente, que las casillas electorales sitadas abajo se abriran desde las 7 de la mañana hasta las 7 de la tarde el sábado 10 de mayo de 2008 para votar en la elección para elegir cuatro (4) Regidores (Posiciones 1, 2, 4 y 6) para el término completo de dos años.

Location of polling places

Localidades de las casillas electorales

Polling location for voters in **Part of Precinct 147 - Horizon Heights Elementary School, 13601 Ryderwood Ave.**

El sitio de votación para dentro parte de el recinto 147 se localiza en la escuela Horizon Heights Elementary, 13601 Ryderwood Ave.

Polling location for voters in **Part of Precinct 157, all of Precinct 167 and Part of Precinct 168 - Desert Hills Elementary School, 300 N Kenazo Ave.**

El sitio de votación para parte de el recinto 157, todo de recinto 167 y parte de el recinto 168 se localiza en la escuela Desert Hills Elementary, 300 N. Kenazo Ave.

EARLY VOTING VOTACION TEMPRANA

Early voting by personal appearance will be conducted each weekday at **(THIS IS NOT AN ELECTION DAY POLLING PLACE):**

La votación en ausencia en persona se llevará a cabo de lunes a viernes en (ESTE NO ES UN SITIO O DIA DE ELECCION):

**Oz Glaze Senior Center
13969 Veny Webb,
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between the hours of 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. beginning on April 28, 2008 and ending on May 6, 2008 (7 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Monday, May 5, 2008 and Tuesday, May

6, 2008) on each day which is not a Saturday, Sunday, or an official state holiday.

entre las 8 de la mañana y las 5 de la tarde empezando el día 28 de abril de 2008, y terminando el día 6 de mayo de 2008 (7 de la mañana a las 7 de la tarde empezando el día 5 de mayo de 2008, y el día 6 de mayo de 2008) en los días aquí nombrados en todos los días que no sean sabado, domingo, o día oficial de vacaciones estatales.

Early voting by personal appearance will be conducted at all locations within El Paso County, at which Early Voting is conducted by the County Elections Department beginning on April 28, 2008 and ending on May 6, 2008 on each day which is not a Saturday, Sunday, or an official state holiday.

La votacion anticipo en persona se llevara a cabo en todos locaciones en el Condado de El Paso, en donde se lleva a cabo votaciones tempranas manejadas por el Departamento de Elecciones del condado empezando el día 28 de abril de 2008, y terminando el día 6 de mayo de 2008 en los días aquí nombrados en todos los días que no sean sabado, domingo, o día oficial de vacaciones estatales.

EARLY VOTING BY MAIL VOTACION TEMPRANA POR CORREO

Applications for ballot by mail shall be mailed to:

Las solicitudes para boletas para votar en ausencia por correo deberan enviarse a:

**County Election Administrator
500 E. San Antonio, Rm. 402
El Paso, Texas 79901**

Applications for ballots by mail must be received no later than the close of business on the 2nd day of May, 2008.

Las solicitudes para boletas para votar en ausencia por correo deberan recibirse para el fin de las horas de negocio el día 2 de mayo de 2008.

Issued this 27th day of March, 2008.
Emitada esta 27 día de marzo de 2008.

Walter Miller, Mayor

Briefs

From Page 1

“Trash-Off”, in conjunction with the “Keep Texas Beautiful” program. Scores of volunteers from various civic organization and schools put on their hats and gloves, grabbed garbage bags and set out to clean up the Town. Large piles of sacks of trash were gathered for disposal along our streets and roadways (an estimated 6700 lbs. of

trash). The Town hosted a pizza party for all participants on Saturday from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., in appreciation of all their efforts in this massive and much needed project. The Town of Horizon City wishes to thank all the merchants and citizens for their contributions. The Town will continue the clean up effort by starting the Adopt-A-Road program in Horizon City and another “Trash-Off” in the fall. Please contact the Mayor’s office at 852-1046 for more information.

Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ★★

★ Moderate ★★ Challenging

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