



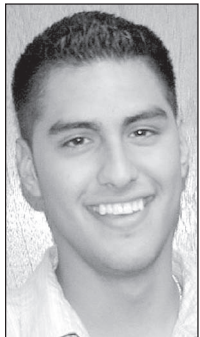
NEWSBRIEFS

Smuggling accident

The driver of a 1998 white Ford Explorer involved in a one-vehicle accident near the intersection of North Loop and Porter at about 6 a.m. Aug. 4 may face charges after the vehicle he was driving was found to have five undocumented persons in it. The name of the driver was being withheld pending the outcome of the investigation. An El Paso County Sheriff's Deputy was attempting to pull the vehicle over for a non-moving violation as it traveled west on North Loop. When the deputy approached, the male driver in his early 50's "drove into a field/orchard, made a U-turn and drove east down North Loop at a high rate of speed," the officer said. The driver subsequently lost control of his vehicle while attempting to turn south on Porter, and it rolled over once. A total of six people were in the vehicle including the driver, who sustained minor injuries and was transported to R.E. Thomason Hospital. The five other people in the vehicle, two women and three men, did not require medical attention. Only one of the five was not wearing a seat belt — he was riding in the cargo area of the Explorer. Law enforcement said it appeared at the scene this may have been an alleged human trafficking incident. The five undocumented immigrants were turned over to Border Patrol. Charges against the driver are pending.

Jump-start education

Jarod Gonzalez, who graduated from Canutillo High School in June, will have a jump-start on his college career after receiving passing marks on all three Advanced Placement exams that he challenged in June. Gonzalez passed the AP calculus, social studies, and English I exams. This gives him nine credit hours towards his degree. Gonzalez, the CHS Valedictorian for the Class of 2005, will attend the University of Texas at Austin in the fall on a four-year scholarship and plans to major in engineering.



In other news

■ Sam Osborn, who has been an educator in the Mesilla Valley for over 50 years, will turn 90 years old on Aug. 13, 2005. Sam and his wife of 67 years, Elva, have lived in the Mesilla Valley since 1946. Sam, who began his teaching career in New Mexico, first taught at Salem Elementary in 1947. He then relocated to the Las Cruces Public Schools, where he taught at Mesilla Park Elementary School for nine years. He later returned to the

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Medical science is adding years to our lives, but it's up to us to add life to our years.

— Quips & Quotes

Motivational speaker tells students problem solving skills are learned

By Carlos A. Briano
Special to the Courier

EAST EL PASO COUNTY — Motivational speaker Scott Greenberg told Socorro High School's incoming freshmen that he thought Barney, the purple dinosaur, was pretty presumptuous.

"I saw him on PBS the other day and he started singing to me like he knows me," he said. "He's looking right at me singing, 'I love you; you love me.' He's so pretentious."

He also said he's not particularly fond of a particular song in the *Sound of Music*.

"When the dog bites, when the bee stings, when I'm feeling sad, I simply remember my favorite things, then I don't feel so bad." Let me tell you something," he told the freshmen. "When the dog bites, I'm not going to sit around thinking of my favorite things."

Greenberg was trying to make a point. In the world of *Barney*, everything is wonderful, everything is easy. In the world of *Sound of Music*, problems just disappear. This is not the case in high school, he told the assembly.

"Here at Socorro High School, sometimes you are going to face real problems," he said. "But today I'm going to talk to about your ability to still be successful, still be happy and still have a fantastic time even when you're facing real problems."

Greenberg speaks from experience; after all, he's a cancer survivor. As a student at the prestigious University of Southern California film school, he was diagnosed with Stage II Hodgkin's disease, a cancer of the lymphatic system. Despite having to endure grueling chemotherapy, Greenberg maintained a positive outlook and beat the disease. Now takes his motivational message across the country.

"While you can't control what happens to you, you absolutely can control how you react," he told the crowd. "You can control what you do about your problem."

Every year, Greenberg speaks to freshmen of Socorro High School as part of the school's Freshmen Initiative Program. This year,



—Photo courtesy Socorro ISD

FACE REAL PROBLEMS — Motivational speaker Scott Greenberg addresses Socorro High's freshman class.

Greenberg spoke to the nearly 900 freshmen on Thursday Aug. 4, the second week of school. The program, under the guidance of Elizabeth Maldonado, was designed five years ago to give incoming freshmen the necessary tools and practical advice to help them make it through the often difficult freshman year.

"The freshmen quickly see they are not just a number. They see they are not going to be ignored. The fear leaves them, Maldonado said. And that's why every year the graduating class gets bigger and bigger. They stay in school."

Greenberg trains chosen upperclassmen to lead small groups in team-building exercises. The upperclassmen introduce the freshmen to

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Socorro council moves on ordinance to provide housing for those displaced by fire

By Arleen Beard
Special to the Courier

SOCORRO — During the regularly scheduled Socorro City Council meeting on Aug. 4, Council discussed formulating an Emergency Fire Shelter Program Fund for citizens who are displaced from their houses due to fires.

City Representative Jesus Gandara, Jr. introduced this plan to City Council for discussion. The justification for this fund includes that the City of Socorro has a long tradition of brotherly and neighborly values. Citizens of Socorro should know that the city will make sure they do not go homeless while they rebuild their lives, should their home be destroyed by fire, said Gandara, Jr., adding that he feels "it is the right thing for Socorro to do for its citizens."

The proposal includes direction for the city manager and city attorney to draft an ordinance

and negotiate the terms with any necessary parties. The city will create a fund of no less than \$5,000 to assist residential property owners who have nowhere to live. The city will work out an agreement with a local hotel, possibly on the I-10 Gateway, for a discounted rate to the city of Socorro in exchange for being the city's exclusive hotel. The proposal will also set a cap on the number of days and rooms per incident. Socorro will name a management officer to determine who qualifies during office hours and during night hours.

It was expected that a drafted ordinance would be distributed to Council in about two weeks. This would allow for feedback from all city council members for improvement to the ordinance within one week's time. Public hearings would then be put on the meeting agenda for September. All members of Council agreed on this proposed fund and efforts to make this a reality will begin immediately.

Canutillo ISD Teachers of the Year are recognized

By Kim Guzman
Special to the Courier

UPPER VALLEY — Susan Smith, Canutillo Elementary School lead technology teacher, and Gary Favors, Canutillo High School social studies teacher, will represent Canutillo Independent School District in the Region XIX Teacher of the Year program.

The District Selection Committee named Smith as CISD's Elementary Teacher of the Year and Favors as the Secondary Teacher of the Year. They were nominated by their respective campus faculty members. The two were recognized during the regular school board meeting held recently.

Smith has been a teacher for 30 years and has taught with CISD for the past six years. Favors has been a teacher for 33 years, also with the last six years at CHS.

"I find many rewards in teaching, such as a child slowly joining a group discussion after refusing to participate. We need more people who are dedicated to providing quality education to our children," said Smith.

Favors stated, "My job is to give each student the opportunity to learn in whatever way they learn best, but order and direction are vital in the process. Every student has the right to an education, but no one has the right to take this away from another."

The two teachers will now compete with teachers from surrounding school districts for regional honors. The winners, which will be announced in late August, will advance to the State Teacher of the Year program.



Susan Smith



Gary Favors

Buyer finds marijuana in car auctioned by law enforcement

EL PASO COUNTY — The El Paso County Sheriff's Department removed about 100 pounds of marijuana this past weekend from a vehicle that was confiscated in a drug arrest last year and had been resold in a EPCSD auction.

The 1997 Plymouth Voyager had been confiscated by law enforcement in February of 2004 during a traffic stop in which a K-9 alerted to a narcotic odor in a door panel. As a result, the driver was arrested and more than 350 pounds of marijuana was removed from the vehicle. The driver was subsequently charged for possession of marijuana and an outstanding probation violation for DWI. The vehicle was processed and eventually awarded to the EPCSD for auction.

Fast-forward to August, 2005.

An individual buys the vehicle at an

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One perspective

By Francis Shrum

Wash Day

I do laundry everyday. If I don't, it starts overflowing the hampers. Things just aren't what they used to be. There used to be this event called Wash Day, and anyone who ever lived through one will never forget it. And once having survived Wash Day, you cannot help but wonder at the extraordinary conveniences — and wasteful ways — of our modern society. Wash Day was born of necessity — namely the lack of hot and cold running water, electricity and clothing in general. In many ways, it makes a lot more sense than what we do nowadays — Wash Day folks never used up more than their fair share of natural resources, and nobody was overweight. Wash Day was nothing to be taken lightly, so it was to be avoided as long

as possible. To that end, we had two kinds of garments: good clothes and chore clothes. When we came home from school or other “good” places we immediately changed out of our good clothes and into our chore clothes. The very name of this second set of garments indicated what our subsequent activities were going to be. This not only got us into the proper frame of mind for these activities, but also preserved our good clothes for future wearings without their having to be washed. Wash Day usually began real early in the morning. A huge, old, black cast-iron kettle was set up outdoors over a wood-burning fire and filled with water by the menfolks, who then promptly disappeared. As the water began to steam, the womenfolks

sprang into action. Soap was added — early on I can remember using my grandmother's homemade lye soap, which didn't dissolve real quick until the water was good and hot. Later we used soap flakes or powder. We sorted out the clothes into piles of whites, colored, and work clothes, which were mostly blue. The latter were going to mess up the water pretty bad, so we washed them last. To this day, even though I have fresh water for every load, the instinct remains to wash the white stuff first. The clothes went into the pot and were stirred and boiled with a long stick. For good measure, we used a rub board. Then the clothes were wrung out by hand. Since they were coming out of a cast iron pot of boiling water, this could be a little tricky and was usually not done by the smaller helpers. I watched a lot. It wasn't until I was older that it occurred to me how dangerous this probably was. The clothes were then rinsed in another big pot of cool water, and hung on the line or fence to dry. Besides helping carry wood to keep up the fire, and hauling water to replenish the pot, I was a hanger-outer and though I don't use a clothes line all the time anymore, I still sort out the items to be hung. Without conscious thought, my hands still shake the wrinkles from the wet clothes, smooth the corners where the pins will go to keep the cloth from bunching... who says kids don't learn by repetition? Later we got a wringer washer, which I thought was really the big time. I found out recently that my father hated the thing — he said he would get it going good, saddle his horse start to ride off, and then it would quit. He said sometimes it took him all day just to leave the house. I liked the wringer washer real

good except for the few times I got my fingers caught in the rollers. There was a handy throw-switch on the side of the wringer to release the grip, but it was hard to do with one hand getting squeezed. Wringing clothes remained a job best done on the buddy-system. Of course, dryers were unheard of in that isolated ranching country. We didn't know we were innovative energy-conservationists when we utilized solar and wind power to dry the clothes. A lot of garments got pretty wrinkled in the washing process and had to be ironed — with heavy flat irons heated on a wood-burning stove. I remember how tired everyone was by the end of the day. We would bring in the clothes, fold and put them away as soon as they were dried. A wet garment immediately occupied the vacancy on the fence or line as soon as one was taken down. Often, the heavy blue denim work clothes had to hang out overnight to get completely dry. As you can imagine, Wash Days were much more efficient in warm weather — in the winter, it took the clothes forever to dry, our hands would get plenty cold hanging them out, and wringing the clothes coming out of the hot water was a more popular job. To this day, I can still see my mother and grandmother wearing their hats or bonnets, scurrying to and fro to keep things moving, wasting no time nor resource, including kid power. We got tired, dirty from wood smoke, chapped hands from wind, water, scrubbing and soap — and we understood the value of keeping our good clothes clean. I do laundry everyday now just to keep the pile down, but I don't really consider it a chore. I don't even change into chore clothes to do it.

Canutillo Independent School District Public Notice

Notice of Non-Discrimination in Career and Technology Programs

Canutillo Independent School District offers programs in Agriculture Science Technology, Business Education, Career Investigations, Diversified Career Preparation, Family and Consumer Science, Health Science Technology, Technology Education, and Trade and Industrial Education. Admission to Career and Technology Education programs is based on career counseling, interests and aptitudes, age appropriateness, eligibility, and class space availability.

It is the policy of Canutillo Independent School District not to discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, or disability, in its Career and Technology Education programs, services or activities as required by Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended; Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972; and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended.

It is the policy of Canutillo Independent School District not to discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, disability, or age in its employment practices as required by Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended; Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972; the Age Discrimination Act of 1975, as amended; and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended.

Canutillo Independent School District will take steps to ensure that lack of English language skills will not be a barrier to admission and participation in all Career and Technology Education programs.

For information about your rights or grievance procedure, contact the Title IX Coordinator, Renee O'Donnell, at P.O. Box 100, Canutillo, Texas 79835, (915) 877-7423, rodonnell@canutillo-isd.org and/or the Section 504 Coordinator, Karen Judd, at P.O. Box 100, Canutillo, Texas 79835, (915) 877-7433, kjudd@canutillo-isd.org.

Aviso Publico

Notificacion Publica Prohibiendo Discriminación en los Programas de Carrera y Tecnología

El Distrito Escolar de Canutillo ofrece programas en Tecnología en Ciencias de Agricultura, Negocios, Investigación de Profesiones, Consumo Familiar, Tecnología en Ciencia de la Salud, Educación de Mercadeo, Educación Tecnológica y Desarrollo de Oficios Industriales. El ingreso a estos programas se basa en recomendación de consejeros escolares, interés académico, aptitudes, edad apropiada, elegibilidad, y disponibilidad de lugares en las clases.

Es norma del Distrito Escolar de Canutillo el no discriminar la participación en estos programas por motivos de raza, color de piel, nacionalidad, sexo, incapacidad o edad. Lo anterior en base a lo requerido por las enmiendas a: el Capítulo VI del Decreto de Derechos Civiles de 1964, el Capítulo IX de Educación, y el Decreto de Rehabilitación de 1973 Sección 504.

Es norma del Distrito Escolar de Canutillo el no discriminar por motivos de raza, color de piel, nacionalidad, sexo, incapacidad o edad la contratación de personal tal como lo requiere las enmiendas a: el Capítulo IX del Decreto de Derechos Civiles de 1964, el Capítulo IX de Educación de 1972, El Decreto de de No Discriminación de 1975 y la Sección 504 del Decreto de Rehabilitación de 1973.

El Distrito Escolar de Canutillo implantará las medidas necesarias para asegurar que la falta de habilidad en el uso del idioma inglés no sea un obstáculo para la admisión y participación en los programas educativos y vocacionales.

Para obtener información sobre sus derechos o procedimientos para quejas comunicarse con Renee O'Donnell, Coordinadora del Capítulo IX, a la siguiente dirección: P.O. Box 100, Canutillo, TX 79835, teléfono (915) 877-7423, correo electrónico : rodonnell@canutillo-isd.org o con Karen Judd, Coordinadora de la Sección 504 a la siguiente dirección: P.O. Box 100, Canutillo, TX 79835, teléfono (915) 877-7433, correo electrónico; kjudd@canutillo-isd.org.

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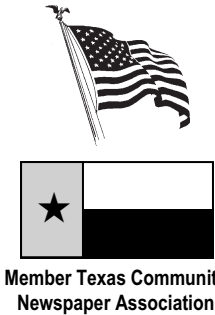
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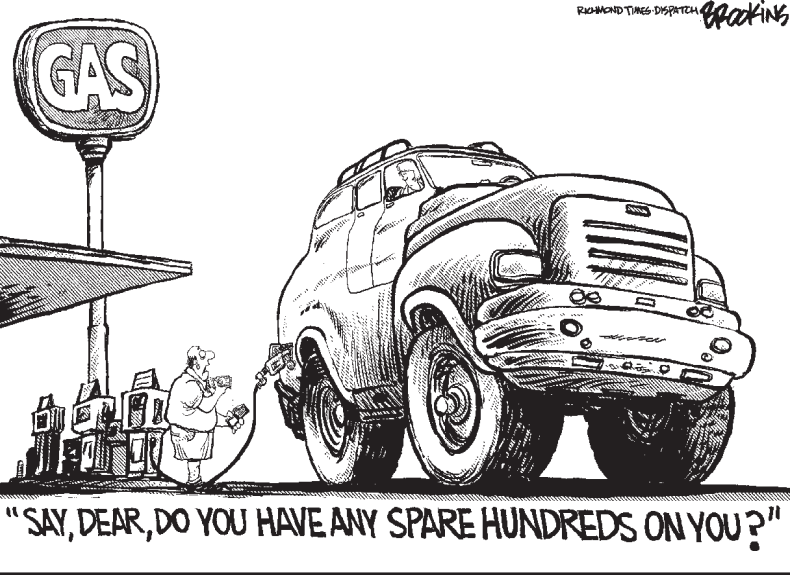
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Eye on D.C. By U.S. Rep. Henry Bonilla



Keep high temperatures from turning into high energy bills

As I write this column, it is in the high 90's in parts of Texas and it probably won't be cooling down anytime soon. While the August heat continues to bear down on us, it is important to remember how you can beat the heat without the high energy bills.

Heating and cooling your home uses more energy and drains more dollars than any other system in your home. Typically, 44 percent of your utility bill goes for heating and cooling. With the average family spending \$1300 a year on home utility bills, the Department of Energy (DOE) has provided some helpful tips to allow bill payers to lower their utility costs by becoming more energy efficient.

The first step in becoming more energy efficient is to formulate a plan. A good plan begins with a budget based on your current electric bills and by looking into trouble spots that can use maintenance or replacement. Although house maintenance can be expensive, the end result will often save you large quantities of money in the long run. A few areas of great concern around the house are windows, air conditioners, water heaters and duct systems.

There are specific steps you can take to keep your energy bills down during the hot summer months. For instance, it is suggested that you set your thermostat as high as comfortably possible in the summer. The less difference between the indoor and outdoor temperatures, the lower your overall cooling bill will be. If nothing else, you should avoid setting your thermostat at a colder setting than normal when you turn on your air conditioner. It will not cool your home any faster and most likely will result in a higher electric bill. One last tip involving your thermostat is to avoid placing lamps or TV sets near it. The thermostat senses heat from these appliances, which can cause the air conditioner to run longer than necessary.

If you really want to make a dent in your energy bills, consider using fans instead of the air conditioner. Whole-house fans help cool your home by pulling cool air through the house and exhausting warm air through the attic. They are effective when operated at night and when the outside air is cooler than the inside. Consider using an interior fan in conjunction with your window air conditioner to spread the cooled air more effectively through your home without greatly increasing your power use.

These are just a few of the many tips that can make a home more energy efficient. I encourage you to visit http://www.eere.energy.gov/consumerinfo/energy_savers for more helpful tips on how to keep both the temperature and your energy costs down.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING TO DISCUSS BUDGET AND PROPOSED TAX RATE

The **Canutillo Independent School District** will hold a public meeting at 6:00 p.m., Thursday, August 25, 2005 in the Canutillo ISD Administration Facility, 7965 Artcraft Road, El Paso, Texas. **The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the school district's budget that will determine the tax rate that will be adopted.** Public participation in the discussion is invited.

The tax rate that is ultimately adopted at this meeting or at a separate meeting at a later date may not exceed the proposed tax rate shown below unless the district publishes a revised notice containing the same information and comparisons set out below and holds another public meeting to discuss the revised notice.

Comparison of Proposed Rates with last Year's Rates					
	Maintenance & Operation	Interest & Sinking Fund*	Total	Local Revenue Per Student	State Revenue Per Student
Last Year's Rate	\$ 1.500000	\$ 0.241537*	\$ 1.741537	\$2,376	\$4,898
Rate to Maintain Same Level of Maintenance & Operations Revenue & Pay Debt Service	\$ 1.469052	\$ 0.234946*	\$ 1.703998	\$2,439	\$4,930
Proposed Rate	\$ 1.500000	\$ 0.234946*	\$ 1.734946	\$2,601	\$4,925
*The Interest & Sinking Fund tax revenue is used to pay for bonded indebtedness on construction, equipment, or both. The bonds, and the tax rate necessary to pay those bonds, were approved by the voters of this district.					

Comparison of Proposed Levy with Last Year's Levy on Average Residence		
	Last Year	This Year
Average Market Value of Residences	\$ 67,864	\$81,117
Average Taxable Value of Residences	\$ 52,285	\$65,525
Last Year's Rate Versus		
Proposed Rate per \$100 Value	\$ 1.741537	\$ 1.734946
Taxes Due on Average Residence	\$ 910.56	\$ 1,136.82
Increase (Decrease) in Taxes		\$ 226.26
Under state law, the dollar amount of school taxes imposed on the residence homestead of a person 65 years of age or older or of the surviving spouse of such a person, if the surviving spouse was 55 years of age or older when the person died, may not be increased above the amount paid in the first year after the person turned 65, regardless of changes in the tax rate or property value.		

Notice of Rollback Rate: The highest tax rate the district can adopt before requiring voter approval at an election is 1.763998. This election will be automatically held if the district adopts a rate in excess of the rollback rate of 1.763998.

Fund Balances	
The following estimated balances will remain at the end of the current fiscal year and are not encumbered with or by a corresponding debt obligation, less estimated funds necessary for operating the district before receipt of the first state aid payment:	
Maintenance and Operations Fund Balance(s)	\$ 1,732,859
Interest & Sinking Fund Balance(s)	\$ 646,418

Canutillo’s Drug Free Communities sponsors basketball tournament

By Kim Guzman
Special to the Courier

CANUTILLO — The Canutillo Independent School District’s Project Link program will sponsor the First Annual Three-on-Three Drug Free Communities Basketball Tournament, 9 a.m. on Saturday, Aug. 20, at Davenport Elementary School, 8401 Remington Road. Teams, made up of three to four players, must register by Tuesday,

Aug. 16 to be in the tournament. Registration forms are available at the Cultural Learning Center (Lone Star Building), 7500 Fifth Street, in Canutillo. Jose Escobedo, coordinator for Project Link, said it is hoped that parents will take this opportunity to come out and support their sons and daughters. The public is invited to bring chairs, snacks, water, and other refreshments. For more information, call Escobedo at 877-7963.

BBQ/Awards ceremony held for ‘First’ participants in San Elizario

By Phillip Cortez
Special to the Courier

SAN ELIZARIO — For those driving along Socorro Road it might have looked like a typical neighborhood barbecue, but for those in attendance at the San Elizario baseball field across from Alarcón Elementary School, it was a gathering of well-informed elementary students and their parents. Planned Parenthood held a back-to-school barbecue/awards ceremony for fifth grade students who took part in the First Thing’s First, an abstinence program geared for fifth graders.

According to Rebecca Manriquez, Elementary Coor-

dinator for First Thing’s First, 160 Alarcón, Sambrano, and Borrego fifth graders participated in the semester-long program. Over 200 people were in attendance for the barbecue, where the food was good and the goodies were better. Backpacks filled with school supplies were available as well as a rather festive drawing for prizes.

“We really appreciate all the support we get from principals and counselors throughout the year,” Manriquez said.

She added that students have the opportunity to participate in a follow-up program once they are in Middle School, called The Teen Outreach Project. Participation is voluntary.



— Photo courtesy San Elizario ISD

PACK ‘EM IN — Volunteer Thomas Johnson, right, gives a backpack filled with school supplies to Andrew Vargas, one of 160 elementary participants in the First Things First program’s BBQ/Awards Ceremony in San Elizario last week.



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Notification of Nondiscrimination in Career and Technology Education Programs at Tornillo Independent School District for 2005-2006 School Year

- 1.) Tornillo Independent School District offers career and technology programs in Business Education, Agricultural Science and Technology Education, Health Science Technology Education, Family and Consumer Science Technology Education (Home Economics), Trade and Industrial Education, and Marketing Education. Admission to these programs is based on current enrollment in the Tornillo ISD and completion of any necessary prerequisites.
- 2.) It is the policy of Tornillo ISD not to discriminate on the basis or race, color, national origin, gender, or disability in its vocational programs, services, or activities as required by Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended; Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972; and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended.
- 3.) It is the policy of Tornillo ISD not to discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, gender, disability, or age in its employment practices as required by Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended; Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972; the Age Discrimination Act of 1975, as amended; and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended.
- 4.)Tornillo ISD will take steps to assure that lack of English language skills will not be a barrier to admission and participation in all educational and vocational programs.
- 5.) For information about your rights or grievance procedures, contact the Title IX Coordinator, Paul Vranish, Superintendent, and/or the Section 504 Coordinator, Rudy Barreda, at P.O. Box 170, 19200 Cobb Ave., Tornillo, Texas, 79853 or call (915)-764- 2366.

Notificacion de no Discriminar en los Programas Educativos de Carrera y Tecnologia Tornillo ISD por el año escolar del 2005-2006

- 1.) El Distrito Escolar Independiente de Tornillo esta ofreciendo programas de carreras y tecnologia en Educacion de Negocios, Ciencia de Agricultura y Educacion en Tecnologia, Ciencia de Salud Tecnologia Educativa, Ciencia de Consumidor y Familia Tecnologia Educativa (Economia del Hogar), Comercio y Educacion Industrial, y Educacion de Mercado. La admision a estos programas es basada en la matriculacion actual en el distrito escolar de Tornillo, y tambien que se aiga cumplido cualquier requisito de antemano.
- 2.) Es poliza del Distrito Escolar Independiente de Tornillo no discriminar segun la raza, color, origen de nacionalidad, genero, o incapacidad en estos programas de carreras y tecnologia, servicios, o actividades requerido por el Acta de Derechos Civiles Titulo IV de 1964, que fue enmendada; Titulo IX de las Enmiendas Educativas de 1972; y al seccion 504 de la Acta de Rehabilitacion, de 1973 como enmendada.
- 3.) Es poliza del Distrito Escolar Independiente de Tornillo no discriminar segun la raza, color, origen de nacionalidad, genero, incapacidad, o edad en sus practicas de empleo como esta requerido por el Acta de Derechos Civiles Titulo IV de 1964, que fue enmendada, Titulo IX de las Enmiendas Educativas de 1972; y el Acta de discriminacion a la edad de 1975 como enmendada; y al seccion 504 de la Acta de Rehabilitacion, de 1973 como enmendada.
- 4.) El Distrito Escolar Independiente de Tornillo tomara pasos para asegurar que la falta de ingles no sea un obstaculo para la admision y partipacion en todos los programas vocacionales, y educativos.
- 5.) Para mas informacion de sus derechos y procedimiento de agravios, puede ponerse en contacto con el coordinador de Titulo IX, Paul Vranish, Superintendent, y/o la coordinadora de la Seccion 504, Rudy Barreda, P.O. Box 170, 19200 Cobb Ave., Tornillo, Texas, 79853 or call (915) 764- 2366.

Public Notice Tornillo Independent School District 2005-2006 School Meal Policy

The Tornillo Independent School District serves breakfast and lunch every school day. All children in the district will receive a reimbursable meal at no charge through the academic year of 2005- 2006. All children will receive a free breakfast and free lunch regardless of income. In the operation of the child feeding program, no child will be discriminated against because of race, color, religion, gender, disability, age or national origin. For information about your rights or grievance procedures, contact the Title IX Coordinator, Paul Vranish, Superintendent, and/or the Section 504 Coordinator, Rudy Barreda, at P.O. Box 170, 19200 Cobb Street, Tornillo, Texas, 79853, or call (915) 764-2366.

Noticia Publica Poliza de Comida del Año 2005-2006 del Distrito Escolar Independiente de Tornillo

El Distrito Escolar Independiente de Tornillo servira desayuno y almuerzo cada dia escolar. Todo los ninos del distrito recibiran comida sin cobro durante el ano escolar 2005-2006. Todo los ninos recibiran un desayuno gratis y un almuerzo gratis a pesar de sus ingresos. En la operacion del programa de comidas para ninos, ningun nino sera discriminado por su raza, color, religion, genero, incapacidad, edad o origen nacional Para mas informacion de sus derechos y procedimiento de agravios, puede ponerse en contacto con el coordinador de Titulo IX, Paul Vranish, Superintendent, y/o la coordinadora de la Seccion 504, Rudy Barreda, P.O. Box 170, 19200 Cobb Street, Tornillo, Texas, 79853 or call (915) 764-2366.



Reyes Reports By U.S. Rep. Silvestre Reyes

Border conference in El Paso

Along with our neighbors in Ciudad Juárez, we make up the largest border community in the world, and for both business and personal reasons, the international bridges between El Paso and Ciudad Juárez play a significant role in our daily lives. Currently, about 3,000 trucks pass into El Paso everyday, contributing to about \$21.9 billion in cargo that travels through our region annually. As a community, the majority of us cross back and forth to shop, eat, work, and visit family and friends.

Following September 11, this seemingly normal routine took on new significance in an era of heightened security. Now, more than ever, it is of the utmost importance that we know who and what is entering our country. Federal, state and local governments, businesses and organizations have made important strides towards safeguarding our nation; however, as we approach the fourth anniversary of September 11, critical questions remain. Are the government and private sector working together in the most effective and efficient manner possible? Do public policies allow businesses and communities to grow within this atmosphere of heightened security? How can we improve and expand current screening technologies?

This week, UTEP President Dr. Diana Natalicio is hosting, in conjunction with my office, the Second Annual Border Security Conference, which will bring together government, business and academic experts to examine these questions. Titled *Border Security: Critical Technologies for Security and Trade*, this conference will foster the education, brain-storming and analysis necessary to develop forward-thinking strategies and policies to empower those who are working to keep us safe.

We will welcome several leaders in both the government and private sector to the conference. Our keynote speaker is Gen. Michael V. Hayden, the Principal Deputy Director of National Intelligence. Hayden was appointed by President Bush and is the first person to serve in this position, which is responsible for overseeing the day-to-day activities of the entire national intelligence program of the United States. Through this appointment, Hayden received his fourth star, making him the highest-ranking military intelligence officer in the Armed Forces. Congressman Bennie G. Thompson, the highest ranking Democrat on the Committee on Homeland Security in the House of Representatives, will open the conference. Steven McCraw, the Director of Gov. Rick Perry's Office of Homeland Security, will speak at the

evening reception.

Local leaders from border and military agencies such as the Border Patrol, the El Paso Intelligence Center and Joint Task Force North will discuss current borders strategies. Professors at UTEP and El Paso leaders will provide their local and academic expertise. Leaders from the Department of Homeland Security and US-VISIT will also participate throughout the day. For the complete agenda, visit UTEP's website at <http://ia.utep.edu/Default.aspx?tabid=6698>.

As a binational community, we know the importance of a secure and efficient border region. Our daily routines, as well as our regional and national economy, depend on quick and safe crossings. This conference will bring together government, industry and academic leaders at a university renowned for its border studies and aims to lay the foundation for even more efficient technology and strategies. With interactive and thoughtful dialogue between all sectors involved, we will help shape policies and business initiatives to improve the safety of our region and nation as a whole.

Innovation by Rio Grande Girl Scouts recognized

EL PASO COUNTY — The Girl Scouts of the Rio Grande were named the recipient of the 2005 Girl Scout Innovation Award at the 2005 National Latina Conference in Uniondale, New York on July 15, one of only three such awards selected from 313 councils. They were honored for their unique Girls Go Tech Mobile Computer Lab, a 2004 Chevrolet Truck Silverado 1500 and a 2004 Wanderer 217WTB Pull Trailer, which houses some 10 laptop computers, workgroup server appliances and accompanying hardware including microscopes. Financed from various foundations and community contributors, the Mobile science/computer lab travels from Van Horn, Texas to Columbus, New Mexico where computer access is either limited or non-existent. It has served some 7,400 girls in border communities, where education achievement is low, to help them explore science, technology, engineering and mathematics through hands-on experience.



Public Notice Special Needs Programs at Tornillo Independent School District for 2005-2006 School Year

Tornillo Independent School District provides the following educational program/services to identified children with disabilities who reside within the district beginning on the third birthday through age twenty-one. Instructional Program: Including Early Childhood (beginning on the third birthday through age five), Resource (grades K-12), Diagnostic Services, Transportation Services, Speech Therapy, Assistive Technology Equipment, Occupational Therapy, Physical Therapy, School Health Services, Homebound Services, and Career & Technology.

Services are provided to identified auditorially and visually impaired children who reside within the district from birth through age twenty-one.

In compliance with the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974 and Public Law 94-142, parents and adult students have the right to inspect educational records. District policy FL provide for record access, confidentiality, and complaint procedures.

If you would like more information or know of a disabled child who is not receiving educational services, please contact: Paul Vranish, Superintendent, Tornillo ISD, at 915-764-2366.

Aviso de Programas de Necesidades Especiales del Distrito Escolar Independiente de Tornillo para el año 2005-2006

El distrito escolar independiente de Tornillo provee los siguientes programas/servicios educativos a niños que son identificados como incapacitados que viven dentro del distrito comenzando con el tercer cumpleaños hasta los 21 años. Programa de instruccion: infacia temprana (comenzando con el tercer cumpleaños hasta la edad de cinco años), y cuarto de recurso (K-12), incluyendo servicios diagnosticos, servicios de transportacion, terapia de habla, equipo auxiliar de tecnologia, terapia fisica, servicios de salud escolar, servicios de clases en el hogar y servicios de carrera y tecnologia.

Se provee servicios a niños identificados como incapacitados audible y visualmente que viven dentro del distrito desde nacimiento hasta la edad de 21 años.

Conforme al Acto de Confidencia y de Derechos Educativos de la Familia de 1974 y Ley Publica 94-142, padres y alumnos adultos tienen el derechos de ver los archivos educativos. Polizas FL y FL-E explican los derechos, la confidencialidad, y el proceso para quejarse.

Si usted desea mas informacion o sabe de un niño/niña incapacitado que vive en el distrito escolar de Tornillo que no esta recibiendo servicios educativos. Favor de comunicarse con: Paul Vranish, Superintendente, Tornillo ISD, 915-764-2366.

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Tornillo Independent School District Public Notice of Nondiscrimination

It is the policy of the Tornillo Independent School District to prohibit discrimination on the basis of race, color, national origin, gender or any person who has a disability in the admission or access to programs, delivery of services or employment.

The Tornillo Independent School District is fully committed to meeting its responsibilities as specified by Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended; Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972; prohibiting sex discrimination, the Age Discrimination Act of 1975, as amended; Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended; and the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA).

Inquiries concerning your rights may be referred to Superintendent Paul Vranish, P.O. Box 170, Tornillo, TX 79853. Phone: (915) 764-2366. Fax: (915) 764-2120.

Notificacion Publica

Es la norma de conducta de el distrito escolar de Tornillo prohibir la discriminación a base de raza, color, origen nacional, sexo o deshabilidad en la admisión o el acceso a programas, entrega de servicios o empleo.

El distrito escolar de Tornillo esta comprometido a cumplir con las responsabilidades especificadas por el Título VI del Acta de Derechos Civiles de 1964, como enmendado, el Título IX de la Enmienda de Educación de 1972, como enmendado, que prohíbe la discriminación sexual, el Acta de la Discriminacion por edad de 1975 como enmendada, la Sección 504 del Acta de Rehabilitación de 1973, como enmendado, y el Acta de Americanos con Deshabilidades.

Para información tocanta a sus derechos comuniquese con Superintendente Paul Vranish, P.O. Box 170, Tornillo, TX 79853. Phone: (915) 764-2366. Fax: (915) 764-2120.

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“Bulldog Behaviors,” key points to get them through high school and through graduation. Initially, Greenberg admits, the freshmen students hold back. But as several students admitted, they eventually let their guard down.

“I was weirded out at first,” Johanna Duran admitted. “But afterwards I got the point of why were doing all this. I met a lot of people. I think we’ll all make it through the years.”

“We need to always work together,” added Karen Devora. “We definitely need to trust each other.”

Senior Mary Lou Ortega, who was chosen to be a team mentor, remembers what it was like to be a freshmen going through the Initiative Program. And that is why she gladly volunteered to participate as an upper-classman.

“I remember going through this,” she said. “It was very helpful to me.”

“We tried to give them good advice,” added senior April Alvarez. “We told them to be themselves, to take advantage of all the services available and to believe in themselves. I’m glad Socorro does this.”

Fabens Independent School District SPECIAL EDUCATION SERVICES

Fabens Independent School District provides the following education program/services to identified children with disabilities who reside within the district beginning on the third birthday through age twenty-one.

Instructional Program: including Early Childhood (beginning on the third birthday through age five), 1) Resource (grades K-12) and Self-Contained (grades K-12); 2) Diagnostic Services; 3) Transportation Services; 4) Speech Therapy; 5) Counseling Services; 6) Adaptive Equipment Services; 7) Physical Therapy; 8) Occupational Therapy; 9) School Health Services; and 10) Homebound Services.

Services are provided to identified auditorial and visually impaired children who reside within the district from birth through age twenty-one.

In compliance with the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974 and Public Law 105-17, parents and adult students have the right to inspect educational records. District policies FL and FL-E provide for record access, confidentiality, and complaint procedures.

If you would like more information or know of a child with disabilities who is not receiving educational services, please contact: Richard Ortega, Special Education Director, P.O. Box 697, Fabens, Texas 79838, (915) 764-3816.

El Distrito Escolar de Fabens **SERVICIOS DE EDUCACION ESPECIAL**

El distrito escolar de Fabens provee los siguientes programas/ servicios educacionales a niños que son identificados como desabilitados que viven dentro del distrito comenzando con el tercer cumpleaños hasta los 21 años.

Programa de instrucción: infancia temprana (comenzando con el tercer cumpleaños hasta la edad de cinco años), 1) cuarto de recurso (K-12), y clases contenidas (K-12); 2) servicios diagnósticos; 3) servicios de transportación; 4) terapia de habla; 5) servicios de consejo; 6) servicios de equipaje adaptivo; 7) terapia física; 8) terapia ocupacional; 9) servicios de salud escolar; y 10) servicios de clases en el hogar.

Se provee servicios a niños identificados como desabilitados audible y visualmente que viven dentro del distrito desde nacimiento hasta la edad de 21 años.

Conforme al Acto de Derechos y Confidencia Educacionales de Familia de 1974 y Ley publica 105-17, padres y alumnos adultos tienen el derechos de ver los archivos educativos. Polizas FL y FL-E explica los derechos, la confidencialidad, y el proceso para quejarse.

Si usted desea mas información o sabe de un niño/niña desabilitado que vive en el distrito escolar de Fabens que no esta recibiendo servicios educacionales, favor de comunicarse con: Richard Ortega, Director de Educación Especial, P.O. Box 697, Fabens, Texas 79838, (915) 764-3816.

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EPCSD auction and takes it to a mechanic. Mechanic discovers several bundles, about 100 pounds, of marijuana underneath the vehicle. Buyer contacts law enforcement.

As a result of the discovery, an administrative investigation will be initiated.

“It is very evident the gentlemen who found this dope has a clear conscience and is an honest El Pasoan. I commend him for his actions and I thank him for calling it to our attention. This is an example of why we live in a safe community,” said Rick Glancey, Public Information Officer, El Paso County Sheriff’s Office. He said the vehicle was in EPCSD custody and was to be returned to the buyer, only identified as Rafael Carrillo of El Paso, within 48 hours.

“It appears this is human error. I apologize to the buyer and the citizens of El Paso County for this breakdown in our policy and procedure. We will get to the bottom of it,” Glancey said.

Canutillo school receives prestigious grant

By Kim Guzman
Special to the Courier

CANUTILLO — Canutillo Elementary School was selected as one of only 15 recipients from the U.S. and Canada for the 2005 HP Technology for Teaching Leadership Grant. HP is awarding a total of \$2.1 million in cash and equipment to these K-12 public schools.

All fifteen of the HP Technology for Teaching Leadership grant winners were among the 200 schools that received HP Technology for Teaching grants in 2004 were invited to apply for additional investment support.

Recipients were selected for reinvestment because of their success integrating HP technology into their classroom curriculum, demonstrating measurable positive impact on student achievement and proposing innovative plans to expand their programs to have broader impact on student success.

At Canutillo Elementary School, sixth grade students used HP equipment to produce a documentary video

of the history of their community. The video went on to receive local and national attention.

The CES HP team for 2005-2006 will be Hector Giron, principal; Judith Valle, gifted and talented teacher; Monica Jaloma, fourth grade teacher, and Susan Smith, technology lead teacher at CES. Their proposal is to create video lessons with Jaloma’s fourth grade students on solving math problems in different ways.

CES and its team of teachers leading the HP Technology for Teaching team will receive an award package valued at more than \$57,000 that includes HP equipment and professional development. The school team will also participate in a customized, mentored professional development program led by one of HP’s partners, the International Society for Technology in Education.

“I consider this a marvelous opportunity for our students to learn to work together and develop 21st century skills that will permit them to learn and achieve at the level necessary to succeed in this century,” said Giron.

Public Notification of Nondiscrimination in Career and Technology Programs at Fabens ISD

- 1) Fabens Independent School District offers career and technology education programs in Home Economics, Business Education, Drafting, Graphic Arts, and Automotive Technology. Admission to these programs is based on courses offered, age appropriateness, class space available, and individual graduation plans.
- 2) It is the policy of Fabens Independent School District not to discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex or handicap in its vocational programs, services, or activities as required by Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended; Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended.
- 3) It is the policy of Fabens Independent School District not to discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, handicap or age in its employment practices as required by Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended; Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, the Age Discrimination Act of 1975, as amended; and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended.
- 4) Fabens Independent School District will take steps to ensure that lack of English language skills will not be a barrier to admission and participation in all educational and vocational programs.
- 5) For information about your rights or grievance procedures, contact the Title IX Coordinator: Rafael Ramirez, 208 N.E. 4th St., (915) 764-4353 and/or Section 504 Coordinator: Jose Cervantes, 821 N.E. G Ave., (915) 764-2025.

Notificacion Publica de no Discriminar en los Programas de Carrera y Tecnologia de Fabens ISD

- 1) *El Distrito Escolar Independiente de Fabens ofrece programas programas vocacionales en Carrera y Tecnología en Economía Domestica, Educación de Negocios, y Mecánica. La admisión a estos programas se basa en registrado en la escuela de Fabens y completar los requisitos necesarios.*
- 2) *Es norma de El Distrito Escolar Independiente de Fabens no discriminar por motivos de raza, color, origen nacional, sexo, o impedimento, en sus programas, servicios, o actividades vocacionales, tal como lo requieren el Título VI del Acta de Derechos Civiles de 1964, que fue enmendada, Título IX de las Enmiendas Educativas de 1972, y la Sección 504 de la Acta de Rehabilitación de 1973, como enmendada.*
- 3) *Es norma de El Distrito Escolar Independiente de Fabens no discriminar por motivos raza, color, origen nacional, sexo, impedimento o edad en sus procedimientos de empleo, tal como requieren el Título VI del Acta de Derechos Civiles de 1964, según enmienda, Título IX de las Enmiendas Educativas de 1972, la Ley de Discriminación por Edad de 1975, según enmienda, y la Sección 504 de la Acta de Rehabilitación de 1973, según enmienda.*
- 4) *El Distrito Escolar Independiente de Fabens tomará las medidas necesarias para asegurar que la falta de habilidad en el uso de la lengua inglés no sea obstáculo para la admisión y participación en todos los programas vocacionales y educativos.*
- 5) *Para más información sobre sus derechos y procedimiento para quejas, comuníquese con el Coordinador del Título IX: Rafael Ramirez, 208 N.E. 4th St., (915) 764-4353 y/o Coordinador de la Sección 504: Jose Cervantes, 821 N.E. G Ave., (915) 764-2025.*

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Socorro ISD groundbreakings in August will honor Vietnam-era veterans

By Carlos A. Briano
Special to the Courier

EAST EL PASO COUNTY — When Socorro ISD breaks ground on its 36th and 37th campuses on Aug. 31, it will mark the first time a school in the region is named after a Vietnam-era Veteran. The new elementary school will be named after Sgt. Roberto Ituarte while the new middle school will be named after Spec. Raphael Hernando III.

The schools are part of the 2004 Bond Program passed by the community. The District plans to build an additional seven new schools in the next five years as part of that Bond Program.

But who are Ituarte and Hernando? Sgt. Ituarte was a lifetime El Pasoan who served in the United States Marine Corps until he was tragically killed in action on Dec. 11, 1965. He was only 24 years old at the time and was the second El Pasoan to die in Vietnam. For his sacrifice, Ituarte was posthumously presented with the Purple Heart, the National Defense Service Medal, the Military Merit Medal and the Gallantry Cross with Palm from the Republic of Vietnam. He was survived by his wife Toni and his two very young daughters, Dolores and Ida, who were two and three years old at the time.

“No more fitting tribute to his

memory exists as this year is the 40th anniversary of his death,” said US Representative Silvestre Reyes. “This commemoration will serve to inspire our young people and our community about his bravery and sacrifice for the preservation of our freedoms.”

Jose Ben Benavides, who fought many battles next to the Marine, says Ituarte deserves the honor bestowed by Socorro ISD. “SISD has chosen and selected a hero who never had the opportunity to reach across the ocean and say good-bye to his beloved family,” he says. “I feel that he will now know that he did make a difference in the lives of all who knew him and loved him.”

But the honor means so much to his family, who were so young when Ituarte paid the ultimate sacrifice. “We can’t believe this is happening,” says his widow, Toni. “He’s al-

ways been alive in our memories. But now he’ll be on so many people’s minds.”

“But this is also recognition for all the servicemen who gave their lives,” Dolores adds. “This school will be a continuous thank you to them.”

“And we’re honored that Socorro

ISD has chosen his name for an elementary school,” Ida says. “My father’s favorite years were his elementary years.”

Hernando is also a decorated Vietnam-era veteran who was injured at 18 years of age. He received the Purple Heart, the Air Medal, three

what I do with the kids,” he says. “How would you like to come to school every day and get 600 hugs, smiles and good mornings every day? There’s no amount of money that could pay for that.”

The Hernando family also commends Socorro ISD for helping to honor Vietnam Veterans.

“The Socorro Independent School District deserves to be known as a leader in recognizing Vietnam Veterans,” says his brother Roberto Hernando. “It’s a feather in their cap and I hope schools throughout the state follow in their example.”

His eldest daughter, Patricia Soto, says the District made the right decision because her father has contributed so much to the children of Socorro ISD.

“He was a single father and always put us first,” she says. “And he still puts the needs of children first.”

His wife of 14 years, Rebecca Corona-Hernando, agrees.

“He doesn’t think he deserves the honor,” she says. “But he’s done so much for the kids. They trust in him so much.”



—Photo courtesy Socorro ISD

ALWAYS ON OUR MINDS — His family poses with a drawing of Roberto Ituarte. From left are daughters Ida and Dolores, and widow Toni.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING TO DISCUSS BUDGET AND PROPOSED TAX RATE

The **Anthony Independent School District** will hold a public meeting at 6:30 p.m., Thursday, August 25, 2005 in the Board Room, Anthony Middle School Cafeteria, 610 Sixth Street, Anthony, Texas. **The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the school district’s budget that will determine the tax rate that will be adopted.** Public participation in the discussion is invited.

The tax rate that is ultimately adopted at this meeting or at a separate meeting at a later date may not exceed the proposed tax rate shown below unless the district publishes a revised notice containing the same information and comparisons set out below and holds another public meeting to discuss the revised notice.

Comparison of Proposed Rates with last Year’s Rates					
	Maintenance & Operation	Interest & Sinking Fund*	Total	Local Revenue Per Student	State Revenue Per Student
Last Year’s Rate	\$ 1.500000	\$ 0.220071*	\$ 1.720071	\$1,996	\$ 5,277
Rate to Maintain Same Level of Maintenance & Operations Revenue & Pay Debt Service	\$ 1.332100	\$ 0.200000*	\$ 1.532100	\$1,957	\$ 5,382
Proposed Rate	\$ 1.500000	\$ 0.200000*	\$ 1.700000	\$2,145	\$ 5,853
*The Interest & Sinking Fund tax revenue is used to pay for bonded indebtedness on construction, equipment, or both. The bonds, and the tax rate necessary to pay those bonds, were approved by the voters of this district.					

Comparison of Proposed Levy with Last Year’s Levy on Average Residence		
	Last Year	This Year
Average Market Value of Residences	\$ 56,677	\$59,571
Average Taxable Value of Residences	\$ 41,505	\$44,358
Last Year’s Rate Versus Proposed Rate per \$100 Value	\$ 1.720071	\$ 1.700000
Taxes Due on Average Residence	\$ 713.92	\$ 754.09
Increase (Decrease) in Taxes		\$ 40.17
Under state law, the dollar amount of school taxes imposed on the residence homestead of a person 65 years of age or older or of the surviving spouse of such a person, if the surviving spouse was 55 years of age or older when the person died, may not be increased above the amount paid in the first year after the person turned 65, regardless of changes in the tax rate or property value.		

Notice of Rollback Rate: The highest tax rate the district can adopt before requiring voter approval at an election is 1.736615 This election will be automatically held if the district adopts a rate in excess of the rollback rate of 1.736615.

Fund Balances	
The following estimated balances will remain at the end of the current fiscal year and are not encumbered with or by a corresponding debt obligation, less estimated funds necessary for operating the district before receipt of the first state aid payment:	
Maintenance and Operations Fund Balance(s)	\$ 600,000
Interest & Sinking Fund Balance(s)	\$ 40,000

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Inquiries concerning your rights may be referred to Rafael Ramirez, P.O. Box 697, Fabens, TX 79838. Phone: (915) 764-2025. Fax: (915) 764-3115.

NOTIFICACION PUBLICA

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Para información tocanta a sus derechos comuniquese con Rafael Ramirez, P.O. Box 697, Fabens, TX 79838. Phone: (915) 764-2025. Fax: (915) 764-3115.

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Hatch Public Schools, where he was Principal of Hatch Elementary for his last three teaching years in New Mexico. Sam then retired from New Mexico Public Schools and taught in the Canutillo Independent School System in the early 1970’s, where he retired after 15 years of service. Many lives were touched by Sam along this educational journey. We invite all to come and celebrate his 90th birthday on Aug. 13, from 2-4 p.m. at the Encantada Park Club House located at 1000 Coyote Trail adjacent to Solano Street in Las Cruces, New Mexico. For further information about this celebration of Sam’s life, contact Merle or Linda Osborn at (505)522-1307.

■ The Elfida P. Chavez Elementary School will celebrate the 80th birthday of their namesake on Tuesday, Aug. 9, at 2 p.m. She is

the first Hispanic woman to be a member of the Socorro ISD Board of Trustees, and the school was named for her in 1997. The star on the Franklin Mountain will be lit in her honor on Aug. 7. Principal Michelle Barton describes Ms. Chavez as “very spirited and always dedicated to kids.”

■ A multi-car accident last week near the intersection of Horizon Blvd. and North Loop at about 6:30 a.m., Aug. 3 that sent one 55-year-old man to the hospital with internal injuries may have had alcohol as a contributing factor. Marc Hurtado, 27, affected three other vehicles when he struck the left side of a motor home with his 1985 Buick LaSabre, then collided head-on with a 1998 Ford Contour. A 2005 Ford F-150 then struck the rear of the Ford Contour. Hurtado left the scene but returned later and was transported to R.E. Thomason Hospital with unspecified injuries. The driver of the Contour, a 28-year-old woman was transported to the hospital with minor injuries, however, her 55-year-old passen-

ger suffered more serious internal injuries. Rick Glancey, Public Information Officer for the El Paso County Sheriff’s Office, said it appears alcohol was a contributing factor and charges against Hurtado are pending. Drivers and passengers in the other vehicles were uninjured.

■ Canutillo High School Homecoming Committee is accepting nominations for the 2005 Outstanding Ex Award. CHS homecoming week celebration will be Sept. 19-24, with the varsity football game scheduled for Friday, Sept. 23, against Bowie High School. During homecoming week, a variety of activities are scheduled including a parade, bonfire, and coronation of the homecoming court. The outstanding ex is the special guest at the various activities during the week. To nominate a CHS graduate for outstanding ex consideration, call 877-7482 or mail to CISD Public Information Office, P.O. Box 100, Canutillo, Texas 79835. Nominations must be received before Sept. 2, 2005.

■ El Paso and Hudspeth County farmers have until Aug. 15 to nominate someone to serve on the Farm Service Agency County Committee, a subsidiary of the USDA. The Committee makes decisions on county price-support loan eligibility, establishment of allotments and yields, conservation and disaster programs and more. Nomination forms are available at 11930 Vista Del Sol, Ste A in El Paso, by calling Jaime Bustamante at 857-0351, Ext. 2 or by logging on at fsa.usda.gov/pas/publications/elections/. Nominations can be filed until Aug. 15, ballots will be mailed out by Nov. 4, and returned ballots counted on Dec. 5. Elected members take office Jan. 1, 2006.

■ The El Paso Parks and Recreation Department along with Sierra Providence Health Network invite the public to a Fun Walk, the fifth in a series of monthly Healthy Hearts with Parks events. According to recent statistics by the American Obesity Association El Paso is the eleventh most obese city in the nation. The Fun Walk seeks to promote health and wellness by providing opportunities for structured and unstructured recreational and leisure-time activities. The event will be

Saturday, Aug. 13, 8 a.m. beginning at Marwood Park, 4325 Riverbend. Admission is free and t-shirts will be given to first-come, first-served. Live entertainment and strength tests will also be provided.

■ Lions, tigers, elephants and horses combine with the Torreblanca Family Clowns, the Marinof Acrobatic Duo, the Kambarov Equestrian Riders and the Golden Divas Dancers to bring high-spirited patriotic hoopla to El Paso County in eight shows of the three-ring 54th Annual El Maida Shrine Circus Fiesta, Friday, Saturday and Sunday, Aug. 26-27-28, 2005, at the El Paso County Coliseum. Dozens of acrobats, dancers, high flyers, exotic animals and juggling buffoonery from show producer George Carden Circus International will star in the eight-performance, three-ring extravaganza. Some ticket discounts are available. To reserve tickets by phone, call Ticketmaster at (915) 544-8444. For more information, call El Maida Shrine at 562-1444.

■ The Texas Commission on the Arts is now accepting applications

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING TO DISCUSS BUDGET AND PROPOSED TAX RATE

The **Tornillo Independent School District** will hold a public meeting at 6:00 p.m., Wednesday, August 31, 2005 in the TISD Administration Building, 19200 Cobb Ave., Tornillo, Texas. **The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the school district’s budget that will determine the tax rate that will be adopted.** Public participation in the discussion is invited.

The tax rate that is ultimately adopted at this meeting or at a separate meeting at a later date may not exceed the proposed tax rate shown below unless the district publishes a revised notice containing the same information and comparisons set out below and holds another public meeting to discuss the revised notice.

Comparison of Proposed Rates with last Year’s Rates					
	Maintenance & Operation	Interest & Sinking Fund*	Total	Local Revenue Per Student	State Revenue Per Student
Last Year’s Rate	\$ 1.500000	\$ 0.208200*	\$ 1.708200	\$ 643	\$ 6,778
Rate to Maintain Same Level of Maintenance & Operations Revenue & Pay Debt Service	\$ 1.577700	\$ 0.199000*	\$ 1.776700	\$ 618	\$ 6,778
Proposed Rate	\$ 1.500000	\$ 0.199000*	\$ 1.699000	\$ 591	\$ 6,379
*The Interest & Sinking Fund tax revenue is used to pay for bonded indebtedness on construction, equipment, or both. The bonds, and the tax rate necessary to pay those bonds, were approved by the voters of this district.					

Comparison of Proposed Levy with Last Year’s Levy on Average Residence		
	Last Year	This Year
Average Market Value of Residences	\$ 30,701	\$31,890
Average Taxable Value of Residences	\$ 15,668	\$16,873
Last Year’s Rate Versus Proposed Rate per \$100 Value	\$ 1.708200	\$ 1.699000
Taxes Due on Average Residence	\$ 267.61	\$ 286.67
Increase (Decrease) in Taxes		\$ 19.06
Under state law, the dollar amount of school taxes imposed on the residence homestead of a person 65 years of age or older or of the surviving spouse of such a person, if the surviving spouse was 55 years of age or older when the person died, may not be increased above the amount paid in the first year after the person turned 65, regardless of changes in the tax rate or property value.		

Notice of Rollback Rate: The highest tax rate the district can adopt before requiring voter approval at an election is 1.957902. This election will be automatically held if the district adopts a rate in excess of the rollback rate of 1.957902.

Fund Balances	
The following estimated balances will remain at the end of the current fiscal year and are not encumbered with or by a corresponding debt obligation, less estimated funds necessary for operating the district before receipt of the first state aid payment:	
Maintenance and Operations Fund Balance(s)	\$ 907,076
Interest & Sinking Fund Balance(s)	\$ 50,916

Clint Independent School District Public Notice

Free and Reduced Meal Prices

The Child Nutrition Program of Clint ISD will make available meal application forms to all enrolled children beginning August 15, 2005 through the principal’s office at each campus. To apply for free and reduced-price meals, households must complete an application and return it where children are enrolled. A completed application may be submitted anytime during the school year. The information households provide on the application will be used for the purpose of determining eligibility and verification of data. Applications may be verified by the school officials at any time during the school year.

In accordance with federal law and U.S. Department of Agriculture policy, this institution is prohibited from discriminating on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, age or disability.

To file a complaint of discrimination, write USDA, Director, Office of Civil Rights, Room 326-W, Whitten Building, 1400 Independence Ave., SW, Washington, D. C. 20250-9410 or call (202) 720-5964 (voice and TTY). USDA is an equal opportunity provider and employer.

Household size	Yearly	Monthly	Weekly
1	\$17,705	\$1,476	\$ 341
2	23,736	1,978	457
3	29,767	2,481	573
4	35,798	2,984	689
5	41,829	3,486	805
6	47,860	3,989	921
7	53,891	4,491	1,037
8	59,922	4,994	1,153
Each addition person	6,031	503	116

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Briefs

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from students for the 2006 Young Master Program. The scholarships, up to \$2,500, will be awarded to exceptional art students in grades 8-12 to pursue advanced study of the arts. Applications are available by calling 512-936-6564 or by visiting <http://www.arts.state.tx.us>. Deadline to apply is Dec. 15, 2005

■ The Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation (TDLR) is looking for a few good barbers and cosmetologists who want to play a pivotal role in fashioning the future of their professions. TDLR is accepting applications from licensed practitioners for the Advisory Board on Barbering and the Advisory Board on Cosmetology, composed of public members, none of whom may have a financial interest in any of the 23 businesses and industries that TDLR regulates. Because of this requirement, the commission relies on advisory boards that are composed of industry professionals to provide technical expertise and advice. Senate Bill 411, which was passed by the 79th Texas Legislature and signed by Gov. Rick

Perry on June 18, transferred regulation of the cosmetology and barbering professions to TDLR, effective Sept. 1. Licensed barbers and cosmetologists who are interested in serving on one of the advisory boards should request an application from TDLR by telephone at (512) 475-4765, by FAX at (512) 475-2874 or by email to jackie.revilla@license.state.tx.us. Applications also may be downloaded from TDLR’s website, www.license.state.tx.us.

■ FirstGov.gov, the official web portal of the U.S. government, offers tips on healthy lunches, activities to help your child succeed in school, getting help with homework, avoiding the class bully or making a move to greater independence. There are online resources especially for parents, students of all ages, and teachers by clicking on just click on “Back to School.” For even more information, go to the FirstGov.gov homepage and check out “Your Most Asked Questions,” or use the “We Answer Your Questions” link to e-mailquestions and comments — an e-mail answer is provided in less than two business days. To ask a question over the phone, call toll-free 1-800-333-4636, Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. Eastern Time. Log onto <http://www.FirstGov.gov>.

Classified Ads

LEGALS

PUBLIC NOTICE

As per Article V, Sec. 5.05(a), all owners and lienholders have ten (10) days from this date to reclaim their vehicles at Southwest Wrecker, 1401 Darrington Rd., 855-1900, 851-2091-fax, or it will be sold at public auction for charges: VIN - IGBEG25K8M712I917, 1991 Chevrolet model, gray, Texas license V30 PLM WTCC-08/11/05

SOCORRO INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

Invitation to Bid/Respond:

Sealed bids/pro-

posals/CSP to furnish the District with the following products and/or services will be accepted at the following times:

FRIDAY, AUGUST 19, 2005

RADIO COMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT CSP NO. 199-0819-0646 ACCEPTED UNTIL 10 A.M.

Proposals will be received at Business Services Dept., 12300 Eastlake Drive, El Paso, Texas 79928 until the specified times. Detailed specifications are available from the above office between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. Mondays through Fridays and on the Socorro Independent School District's website:

www.sisd.net. WTCC-08/11/05

DEVOTION

Thank you St. Jude and Sacred Heart of Jesus for favor received. Rosa M. 8/11

HOUSES FOR SALE

I'M MAD... at banks who don't give house loans because of bad credit, problems or new employment. I do, call L.D. Kirk, Homeland Mortgages, (254) 947-4475. www.homeland46.com 8/11

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• COMMERCIAL LAND
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• Valley Home With Pecan Trees 11423 Alameda
• Five-Acre Tornillo Farm w/ City Water
APODACA LAND CO.
915-859-5472

SELF-HELP

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

SERVICES

5-Star Driving School
Driver's Ed (915) 598-1989
Classes Begin Aug. 8, Aug. 29

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R.V. Dick Harshberger
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NOTICE OF EFFECTIVE TAX RATE

2005 Property Tax Rates in Town of Anthony

This notice concerns 2005 property tax rates for the **Town of Anthony**. 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 _____	\$195,029
Last year’s debt taxes _____	191,991
Last year’s total taxes _____	387,020
Last year’s tax base _____	84,556,277
Last year’s total tax rate _____	0.457707/\$100

This year’s effective tax rate:	
Last year’s adjusted taxes (after subtracting taxes on lost property) _____	\$384,334
+This year’s adjusted tax base (after subtracting value of new property) _____	84,065,992
=This year’s effective tax rate _____	0.457181/\$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) _____	
+This year’s adjusted tax base _____	84,065,992
=This year’s effective operating rate _____	0.230386/\$100
x1.08 = this year’s maximum operating rate _____	0.248816/\$100
+This year’s debt rate _____	0.225870/\$100
=This year’s rollback rate _____	0.474686/\$100

Statement of Increase/Decrease

If the **Town of Anthony** adopts a 2005 tax rate equal to the effective rate of **\$0.457181** per \$100 of value, taxes would **increase** compared to 2004 taxes by **\$6,149**.

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) _____	\$229,763
Debt Service (I&S) _____	21,000

SCHEDULE B — 2005 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
1974 Bonds DS	\$7,000	\$3,263	\$-0-	\$10,263
SIB Loan #2	34,821	12,834	-0-	47,655
2002 Bonds DS	97,000	14,260	-0-	111,260
2002 Cert. Oblig.	14,000	11,067	-0-	25,067

Total required for 2005 debt service _____	\$194,245
-Amount (if any) paid from funds listed in Schedule A _____	-0-
-Amount (if any) paid from other resources _____	-0-
-Excess collections last year _____	-0-
=Total to be paid from taxes in 2005 _____	194,245
+Amount added in anticipation that the unit will collect only 100% of its taxes in 2005 _____	-0-
=Total Debt Levy _____	194,245

This notice contains a summary of actual effective and rollback tax rate calculations. You can inspect a copy of the full calculations at the City of El Paso Tax Office located at the intersection of Durango and Franklin streets.

Name of person preparing this notice: Juan F. Sandoval
Title: Tax Assessor/Collector

Date prepared: August 2, 2005

NOTICE OF EFFECTIVE TAX RATE

2005 Property Tax Rates in El Paso County Emergency Services District #2

This notice concerns 2005 property tax rates for the **El Paso County Emergency Services District #2**. 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 _____	\$1,731,049
Last year’s debt taxes _____	-0-
Last year’s total taxes _____	1,731,049
Last year’s tax base _____	1,731,049,000
Last year’s total tax rate _____	0.100000/\$100

This year’s effective tax rate:	
Last year’s adjusted taxes (after subtracting taxes on lost property) _____	\$1,728,824
+This year’s adjusted tax base (after subtracting value of new property) _____	1,801,429,629
=This year’s effective tax rate _____	0.095969/\$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) _____	
+This year’s adjusted tax base _____	1,801,429,629
=This year’s effective operating rate _____	0.095969/\$100
x1.08 = this year’s maximum operating rate _____	0.103646/\$100
+This year’s debt rate _____	0.000000/\$100
=This year’s rollback rate _____	0.103646/\$100

Statement of Increase/Decrease

If the **El Paso County Emergency Services District #2** adopts a 2005 tax rate equal to the effective rate of **\$0.095969** per \$100 of value, taxes would **increase** compared to 2004 taxes by **\$87,914**.

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) _____	\$-0-
Debt Service (I&S) _____	-0-

SCHEDULE B — 2005 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
NONE	\$-0-	\$-0-	\$-0-	\$-0-

Total required for 2005 debt service _____	\$-0-
-Amount (if any) paid from funds listed in Schedule A _____	-0-
-Amount (if any) paid from other resources _____	-0-
-Excess collections last year _____	-0-
=Total to be paid from taxes in 2005 _____	-0-
+Amount added in anticipation that the unit will collect only 100% of its taxes in 2005 _____	-0-
=Total Debt Levy _____	-0-

This notice contains a summary of actual effective and rollback tax rate calculations. You can inspect a copy of the full calculations at the City of El Paso Tax Office located at the intersection of Durango and Franklin streets.

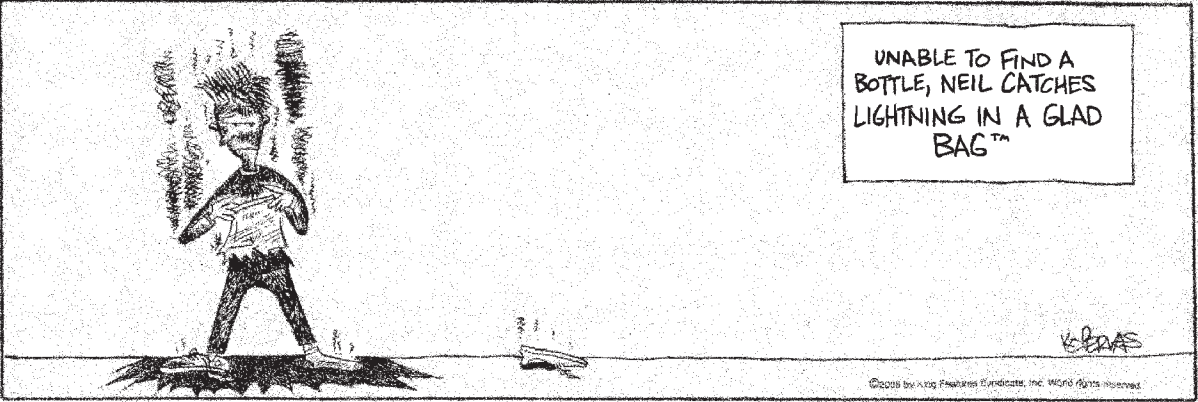
Name of person preparing this notice: Juan F. Sandoval
Title: Tax Assessor/Collector

Date prepared: August 7, 2005

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AMBER WAVES

By Dave T. Phipps



THE SPATS

By Jeff Pickering



R.F.D.

By Mike Marland



King Super Crossword

- SOFT TOUCH ACROSS**

1 Picker-uppers

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59 "Die Fledermaus"

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62 Word form for "bone"

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67 "Wait _ Dark" ('67 film)

68 Comic Mandel

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imperative

77 Peter's partner

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80 Fiery felony

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87 Perry's creator

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96 "Uptown Girl"

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99 Power a trike

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107 Sniggler's quarry

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12 Actress Gaynor

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16 Banks of baseball

17 Sunshine, slangily

21 Mushroom part

23 Farm animal

24 Tea of "Deep Impact"

30 Certain bacterium

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36 Reading matter?

37 Part of HOMES

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Back to the future doughnut

By Don Flood

Time travelers, according to a disturbing new theory, would not be able to go back and change the present.

This is another example, I'm afraid, where it would have been better if scientists had just left things well enough alone.

You wonder: Did the scientist formulating this theory realize he was effectively destroying the premise for dozens, maybe hundreds, of movies and TV shows?

Those episodes of "Star Trek," "Back to the Future," etc. — they're all dated now.

You remember that heart-rending show where Captain Kirk lets the woman get run over by a car? He could have saved that poor woman — *just like Dr. McCoy wanted* — for all the difference it would have made.

And the possibility of a romance between Michael J. Fox and the younger version of his mom— wasn't going to happen, folks! We had nothing to worry about.

But we did have something to hope for.

For generations, people have fantasized about going back in time and averting disasters like the sinking of the Titanic, World War II, the movie Gigli.

In fact, until this frightening new theory was developed, many dared dream that someday we'd be able to avert Ben Affleck's entire film career.

But not all the news is bad on the time travel front. This actual headline came from Nature.com: "Gravity doughnut promises time machine."

As someone who has avidly followed scientific advances in astronomy and physics, I found the idea of a "gravity doughnut" intriguing, especially if it was the kind that had those little colored

sprinkles all over it.

(Since I'm watching my carbs though, I'd be better off with a gravity steak or pork chop.)

Unfortunately, I am sorry to report that the "gravity doughnut" has nothing to do with breakfast pastries, providing yet another example of science journalists doing a poor job communicating with the public.

People see these headlines and think: "Wow! Just by eating a special doughnut I'll be able to go back in time and do my laundry."

Well, the good news is that time travel may be possible, but not with the aid of any known doughnut or muffin (though some scientists continue to hold out for a "time travel bagel").

In the story, Amos Ori of the Israel Institute of Technology, said that, according to Einstein's theories, "space can be twisted enough to create a local gravity field that looks like a doughnut of some arbitrary size."

However, many scientists dispute this, suggesting that if Einstein ate a normal breakfast like everybody else, maybe he wouldn't have been so fixated on doughnuts. As evidence, they point to how Einstein postulated the existence of "banana split black holes" and compared the whole space-time continuum to a "nicely done beef brisket served with yummy redskin potatoes."

There are also other problems. As Paul Davies, a theoretical physicist (in other words, someone who *in theory* is a physicist), put it, "Closed time-like curves are inherently unstable against quantum fluctuations."

Everybody got that?

I didn't think so. Go back to eating your doughnut.

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Social Security Q&A

By Ray Vigil

Q: Can you tell me what the average Social Security benefit amounts are?

A: For 2005, the average monthly Social Security benefits are as follows: retired worker, \$955; retired couple, \$1,574; disabled worker, \$895; disabled worker with a spouse and child, \$1,497; widow(er), \$920; widow(er) with two children, \$1,979.

Q: I am going to school and working part-time. Does part-time work

count for Social Security benefits?

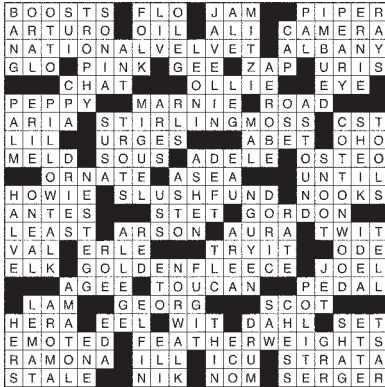
A: Yes, part-time work does count for Social Security benefits. As you work and pay taxes, you earn Social Security "credits." In 2005, you earn one credit for each \$920 in earnings — up to a maximum of four credits per year. (The amount of money needed to earn one credit goes up every year.) The most you would need to qualify for any type of Social Security benefit is 40 credits (10 years of work). Also, younger people need fewer credits

to be eligible for disability benefits or for their family members to be eligible for survivors benefits if they die.

Q: I am 66 years old and planning to retire. Once I retire, how long will I have to wait before I actually get a check and be able to pay my monthly bills?

A: First, it is important that you know that Social Security benefits are not automatic. To receive benefits, a person must apply for them. Social Security generally recommends that people apply for retirement benefits about 3 months before they want benefit payments to start. Social Security benefits are paid in the month following the month for which they are due. For example, if your first month of entitlement is August, you would receive your first Social Security benefit payment in September.

For more information visit your local Security office, see www.ssa.gov or call us at 1-800-772-1213. If you have any questions that you would like to have answered, please mail them to the Social Security Office, 1111 Gateway West, Attn: Ray Vigil, El Paso, Texas 79935.



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WEATHER TRENDS THIS WEEK

Temperatures

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IN THE SKY

Sun	Rise	Set	Moon	Rise	Set	First	Full
Thu.	6:28 a.m.	7:53 p.m.	Thu.	12:21 p.m.	11:23 p.m.		
Fri.	6:28 a.m.	7:52 p.m.	Fri.	1:23 p.m.	11:57 p.m.	8/12	8/19
Sat.	6:29 a.m.	7:51 p.m.	Sat.	2:29 p.m.	none	Last	New
Sun.	6:30 a.m.	7:50 p.m.	Sun.	3:37 p.m.	12:39 a.m.		
Mon.	6:30 a.m.	7:49 p.m.	Mon.	4:44 p.m.	1:30 a.m.	8/26	9/3
Tues.	6:31 a.m.	7:48 p.m.	Tues.	5:47 p.m.	2:31 a.m.		
Wed.	6:32 a.m.	7:47 p.m.	Wed.	6:42 p.m.	3:42 a.m.		

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REGIONAL CITIES

	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
City	HI LO W	HI LO W	HI LO W	HI LO W
Abilene, TX	96 75 pc	97 74 s	95 75 s	96 74 pc
Albuquerque, NM	88 66 t	88 66 t	88 66 t	88 66 t
Amarillo, TX	90 67 t	94 68 pc	92 66 pc	89 65 pc
Austin, TX	98 74 s	98 73 s	98 73 pc	98 72 pc
Brownsville, TX	96 77 s	95 77 pc	97 77 pc	95 77 pc
Dodge City, KS	88 68 t	97 68 s	96 65 pc	88 64 pc
Jackson, MS	94 74 t	94 74 t	95 73 t	93 74 t
Laredo, TX	102 78 s	100 79 pc	100 78 pc	99 78 pc
Little Rock, AR	96 74 pc	95 73 s	96 73 pc	95 74 pc
Lubbock, TX	94 68 pc	94 69 s	94 70 pc	93 69 pc
Memphis, TN	95 77 pc	96 76 t	93 75 pc	92 76 t
Midland, TX	95 72 pc	95 71 s	94 72 pc	97 73 t
Pueblo, CO	88 62 t	94 62 t	88 60 t	86 59 t
Roswell, NM	95 68 pc	92 68 t	95 69 pc	91 68 t
St. Louis, MO	93 75 t	94 75 pc	93 75 t	94 71 pc
San Antonio, TX	96 76 s	97 76 s	96 76 pc	96 75 pc
Texarkana, AR	97 74 t	96 74 s	98 74 pc	97 73 pc
Waco, TX	98 75 s	98 75 s	98 76 pc	96 74 s
Wichita, KS	94 71 t	97 72 s	97 70 pc	95 69 pc

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	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
City	HI LO W	HI LO W	HI LO W	HI LO W
Atlanta	91 75 t	93 73 t	91 73 t	90 72 t
Boston	84 66 t	82 64 pc	89 68 t	85 67 t
Chicago	86 66 pc	88 68 t	86 68 t	82 66 sh
Denver	86 60 t	86 58 t	86 58 pc	84 58 t
Detroit	86 66 pc	86 68 t	86 68 t	84 64 t
Houston	96 75 pc	96 75 s	94 75 t	94 75 t
Indianapolis	88 71 pc	90 70 t	88 71 t	89 68 c
Kansas City	92 74 t	93 73 t	92 70 t	89 70 c
Los Angeles	82 64 pc	82 64 pc	80 64 pc	82 64 pc
Miami	90 79 sh	91 79 sh	90 81 sh	91 80 sh
Minneapolis	84 66 t	82 63 t	80 60 t	77 59 c
New Orleans	92 78 t	94 78 t	92 78 t	92 77 t
New York City	92 74 t	90 70 t	90 72 pc	90 74 pc
Omaha	86 70 t	89 70 t	87 66 t	83 64 sh
Phoenix	100 80 t	100 80 t	100 82 t	101 84 pc
San Francisco	70 56 pc	72 56 pc	71 55 pc	71 57 pc
Seattle	76 56 pc	76 56 pc	80 56 s	85 58 s
Washington	94 73 t	94 73 t	92 73 pc	93 74 t

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