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# **NEWSBRIEFS**

## **Courier closed**

The business office of the *West Texas County Courier* will close temporarily, from Oct. 17 through Oct. 28. The office will re-open on Monday, Oct. 31. For more information call 852-3235.

# Big red truck party

The Horizon Volunteer Fire Department, Emergency Services District #1 will celebrate Fire Prevention Week with a blowout event at the Horizon Vista Food Store parking lot, corner of Horizon Blvd. and Kenazo, on Oct. 15 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Children and adults of all ages will be treated to exhibitions of big red trucks and other fire-fighting and life-saving equipment, as well as free hot dogs, gifts and a bicycle raffle. The ESD #1 has much to celebrate this year, having recently taken delivery of a new 3000 gallon tanker, which almost doubled the water supply for fire fighting, thanks to a grant from the Texas Forest Service which covered \$117,000 of the \$250,000 truck. A logistics trailer and four-wheel drive utility vehicle for use in hazardous materials incidents and search and rescue operations has also been added to the equipment inventory. Between 38 and 40 volunteers man this first responder force which services about 157 square miles, bordered by the Hueco Mountains and Interstate-10. Of those volunteers, about 20 have extensive emergency medical training. The district also is now the only county district serviced by a fully certified fire marshal, Steve Hoeller. For more information, contact Ron Larson at 820-8640.

### **Music of America**

The El Paso Public Library will present a series of concerts in October and early November featuring the music that has become the soundtrack of America, according to library spokesman Jack Galindo. The vocal duo Effie Munro will perform new and classic tunes in various genres giving their insight into the development of popular music over the years including the blues, rock and R&B and country music. All concerts are free and open to the public. Audience participation will be encouraged. For more information 274-3336 call www.elpasolibrary.org.

- Armijo Branch 620 E. 7th, Wednesday, Oct. 12, 6:30 p.m., *Blues: Roots of Modern Music*
- Dorris Van Doren Branch 551 Redd Rd., Saturday, Oct. 15, 1 p.m., *Blues: Roots of Modern Music*
- Richard Burges Branch 9600 Dyer, Sunday, Oct. 30, 2 p.m., *Rock and R&B: The Classics*
- Westside Branch 125 Belvidere, Wednesday, Nov. 9, 6:30 p.m., *Country Music Legends*

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You cannot do a kindness to soon, because you never know when it will be too late.

— Quips & Quotes



Photo courtesy San Elizario ISD

BUILDING A BETTER LEADER — Fernie Ibarra, left, is developing into a better leader thanks to Rafael Cardoza, right, and the Skills USA program.

# San Eli High School to host Skills USA Fall Leadership Conference for county schools

**By Phillip Cortez** Special to the Courier

SAN ELIZARIO — Sometimes all it takes is a little inspiration. That's what San Elizario High School junior Fernie Ibarra received from Building Trades teacher Rafael Cardoza last year. After struggling as a freshman to begin his high school career, Ibarra has blossomed to a promising young leader as District 1 Skills USA President with an eye toward becoming a civil engineer one day.

Now Ibarra is focused on Saturday, Oct. 15, when San Elizario High School hosts the Dis-

trict 1 Skills USA Fall Leadership Conference, with students participating from the El Paso, Socorro, Ysleta, Fabens, Clint, Canutillo, Ft. Hancock, and Sierra Blanca school districts.

"My counselor and I decided that Building Trades was the right class to take because I want to be an engineer," Ibarra said. "And Mr. Cardoza, that guy can inspire you just by listening to him."

As District 1 Director for Skills USA, Cardoza not only oversees the progress of students from San Elizario, but throughout the region, where they take part in programs such

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# Ascarate event uses team effort to clean up

By Guadalupe Silva Special to the Courier

EL PASO COUNTY — Ascarate is the only regional park in El Paso County, but too often it doesn't receive the respect of those who enjoy it. Last weekend, several county agencies joined with area service organizations and concerned citizens to improve the situation.

Ascarate sits on a total 448 acres, which includes a 280-acre, 27-hole golf course; the 48-acre Ascarate Lake — the only such recreational lake in the area; and 16 acres reserved for Western Playland Amusement Park. The remaining 52 acres are used for sports, picnicking and other recreational activities. An estimated 2,000 El Pasoans visit the park every week. Unfortunately, many of them leave their trash behind.

To help keep the park clean and well main- 2500, ext. 2569.

tained, the Juvenile Probation Department teamed up with the County's Parks and Recreation Department on a community-wide clean up project on Saturday, Oct. 8, with a special lunch and music concert. Other agencies that joined the effort were the El Paso Youth Initiative Program, El Paso Texas Girl Scouts, Ascarate Park Fishing Club and the International Youth Soccer League.

"It's a beautiful park and we really need to keep it that way," said Rey Chavez, assistant director for the County's Parks/Aquatics and Golf Course. "We're hoping this effort will kickoff a partnership between the juvenile probation department, with kids doing their community service, and the community to cleanup our best park."

For more information on the "Keep our Park Beautiful" project, call Chavez at 772-5605 or Joel Olivas, community service technician with the Juvenile Probation Department at 849-2500, ext. 2569.

# Horizon's Health Fair to be even bigger and better this year

**By Marina Lee** Special to the Courier

The Horizon City Health Fair is back by popular demand, and this year's event is packed with a healthy dose of screenings, immunizations and information.

Set for Oct. 29, from 8 a.m. to 12 noon at the Oz Glaze Senior Center, 13969 Veny Webb, the Health Fair is sponsored by the Horizon City Lion's Club, Horizon Communities Improvement Association, Oz Glaze Senior Center and Del Sol Medical Center.

Free screenings will include blood sugar, cholesterol, blood pressure, vision, hearing and speech. Flu and pneumonia shots will be offered at a cost of \$15, and Medicare is accepted. Registration for CHIP (Children's Health Insurance Program) and children's fingerprinting will be available. Participants are encouraged to wait two hours after eating before they have their blood sugar tested.

Wilhelmina Dockum, president of the Horizon City Lion's Club, is looking forward to the event which she says is not only a nice, easy way to get blood sugar and cholesterol checked, but also for folks in the community to get to know each other. She added, "Each Fair, we pray for flu vaccines, and we have them this year!"

Dolores Acosta, director of community relations for Del Sol Medical Center, has been involved in planning and presenting the fair since its inception in 2000. "We want to reach out to many of the elderly people in the community who just can't go to the clinics, but they can attend this event. In addition to doing screenings, we provide a lot of health information, including materials on cancer, maternity, hip, knee and shoulder pain, women's services, weight loss surgery, sleep disorders, rehab services and diagnostics. It's a good service, and a very important part of Del Sol's community outreach efforts," Acosta said.

The chairman of the Horizon City Health Fair and active Lion Club member, Wally Thompson, agreed. "This is one of our most important projects because it is such a community service. And if it weren't for Del Sol, our rather small Lion's Club couldn't have this health fair. Remember, it is open to everyone, so we really invite the entire community to attend."

Thompson emphasized the importance of the screenings, and shared his own personal experience — and recommendation. "After my first cholesterol test at the Health Fair, I gave up French fries! Everyone really should get tested — just to set their psyche correct."

He was happy to reiterate Dockum's confirmation of the availability of the flu vaccines, "We do have flu shots this year, so I know a lot of folks will be coming for that."

Organizers have reserved the front parking lot for handicapped parking, and ask that non-handicapped park in back of the Center or on the street. About 200 people attended last year's Health Fair, and it is expected that more will take advantage of the event this year.

For more information, call the Horizon City Lion's club 852-3950 or Wilhelmina Dockum, 852-3538.



# One perspective

**By Francis Shrum** 

# Bank of America could learn from Woody Hunt

When are people more important than profit?

Ask any businessman — and I mean big businessman — at the mega-million corporate level and he'll probably say that depends on whether the people are your stockholders.

In other words, it's all about preserve it. money.

Except in the ads, of course.

they are the good guys, the community supporters, the ones with the heart to invest in growth and development and the general well-being of the communities of this nation.

After all, they are America's bank — it's their middle name, right? Sure. Until it comes to money.

An interesting situation has developed in Horizon City, a real live big business against the little guy kind of story in which Bank of America wants to rip up the one really big sported — the golf course.

Springs, but it used to be the Horizon Country Club and Horizon Golf and Tennis Club and several other names. But the one thing it has always been since the birth of Horizon live next to it want it to stay like it is. is a constant stretch of green running through the heart of a community that brown desert landscape.

can see is money.

Through a series of mismanagement and marketing errors, the golf course has been losing money for several years. Such serious money, in fact, that it got itself repossessed

No big deal, right? Horizon can come up with a solution. Builders in the area have a lot riding on the fact that folks want to buy homes near a green space. Lots of people in Horizon have already paid big bucks for their homes based on location, location, location. Somebody will buy it,

Except it is a big deal. Bank of America, it seems, has sniffed out the To hear Bank of America tell it, bottom line profit in ripping up the green space and building houses on it. So they are turning down legitimate offers to purchase the golf course from interests that will keep it what it is — the green heart of the community.

> Meanwhile, all the way across the county on the westside, a long standing threat to a stretch of nature has apparently been settled in a remarkable way.

Resler Canyon is owned by megamillionaire-land-mogul Woody Hunt. thing this little community has ever It's a stretch of very valuable — but as yet untouched — 91 acres running Nowadays they call it Emerald from North Mesa down to the Resler Drive off-ramp from I-10. It's been a source of political and legal struggle for years. Hunt can build a lot of high dollar houses on 91 acres. Folks who

Now, though, he says he'll sell it to a 63-year-old UTEP professor, is otherwise surrounded by a lot of Richard V. Teschner, for a rumored \$2 million, which will pretty well The only green Bank of America wipe out the prof's family inheritance. Teschner says he'll donate the land to the Frontera Land Trust to prevent it ever becoming developed, because, he says, "I love the canyon. I love El Paso. I love nature."

Remarkable, indeed. So remarkby the powerful financial institution. able, in fact, that Teschner has appar-

ently struck a chord where the music of humanity is seldom heard — in a corporate board room.

Don't get me wrong. I don't figure there is going to be any Disney movie ending to this story - in fact, you can bet a hard-nosed money man like Hunt is going to get some pretty good perks from the City of El Paso for being such a good guy. Still, it goes to show you that there are compromises that big business can make, if motivated to do so. Right now, Horizon City needs one.

The Town of Horizon City, never dreaming that anyone, anywhere would ever demolish the golf course, failed to zone the area as green space until it was too late. Bank of America reps quickly drew up and filed a plat with the city to start building houses

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# Write stuff

**Dear Editor:** 

When my husband and I served in the Diplomatic Service around the world, we visited many interesting places. One such place was in Russia.

Historically, about the time when the conquistadors were trekking in the southwest, Russians were also moving from one place to another. Because of immense snow, the mode of travel was by troika, a sled pulled by three horses. It is documented that it so happened that on one occasion, all of a sudden, a team of horses would not budge an inch. The Russian settlers took it as a sign from heaven that God wanted them to settle in that spot and they proceeded to build one of the biggest monasteries in Russia.

Legend has it that when conquistadors were traveling from Chihuahua to Santa Fe, New Mexico, a similar event occurred here in Socorro. The oxen which were pulling the carretas, long narrow wagons, carrying a statue of San Miguel would not move an inch. The conquistadors also took it as a sign that God wanted San Miguel to stay in Socorro at La Purisma.

The church, which was built of adobe, is one of the gems in the Mission Valley. Amazingly, the church does not have a foundation. However, because water got in between the walls and stucco, it deteriorated.

Please come and visit our now beautifully restored Mission, and the statue of San Miguel.

> **Mary Perez City Representative** Socorro

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

# Protect the Pledge

The Pledge of Allegiance is a deep- Pledge of Allegiance. rooted symbol of America — every American knows that. But if some federal judges have their way, our children will be barred from saying the Pledge of Allegiance in our schools.

Last month a U.S. District Judge, Lawrence Karlton ruled that the pledge's reference to one nation "under God" violates school children's right to be "free from a coercive requirement to affirm God." He was upholding a decision in 2002 by the 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals, which ruled that the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance in public schools was unconstitutional.

I could not disagree more with this ruling. That's why I recently introduced legislation to protect our

My legislation urges the Supreme Court to uphold the pledge's constitutionality. If approved it will express to the nation that Congress believes reciting the Pledge of Allegiance by students attending public schools contributes to the moral foundation of our nation.

Furthermore, my resolution declares that the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance in public schools is constitutional under the First Amendment and calls for the Supreme Court to uphold this belief.

The pledge reminds us that there is a strong American tradition in seeking divine guidance and protection. In fact, our values of charity and fortitude are reflected in this. Even more,

the recitation of the pledge instills long lasting American

values and patriotism, and contributes to a child's character development.

Judge Karlton's and the 9th Circuit's ruling has unduly forced community leaders to make a difficult choice. They must choose between conflicting values, rights, and laws by either allowing children to recite the pledge or not. This is unacceptable.

Join me in expressing support for the pledge. Let's protect our right to have our children participate in a tradition that teaches them longstanding American values, morals, and beliefs.



# Reyes Reports By U.S. Rep. Silvestre Reyes

# October is National Domestic Violence Awareness Month

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ignate Octo-

ber as National Domestic Violence Awareness Month. That way, domestic violence would not be the national a decline in domestic violence since problem it is, and nearly one in four 1994. women would not be a victim of violence during her lifetime. Unfortunately, though, this is the reality in this country, and if anything merits a month-long national campaign, then this shocking statistic — and the broken lives, families, dreams and bodies it represents — certainly does.

In 1994, Congress took an important step against this often-private violence by thrusting it into public view through the enactment of the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA), a broad set of federal programs that aimed to address all aspects of domestic violence, dating violence, rape and stalking. By establishing grant programs in the Departments of Justice and Health and Human Services, the VAWA empowered communities across the country to provide life-saving support to victims through initiatives such as transitional housing, the National Domestic Violence Hotline and battered

weren't nec- revolutionized the response of the criminal justice system by increasing domestic violence training for police, prosecutors, and court officials. All of these actions have contributed to

> Congress must reauthorize VAWA every five years. The House of Representatives passed the 2005 VAWA Reauthorization Act just last month with broad bipartisan support, and I mutual love and respect. No one dewas happy to support the bill. It increases grants for community organizations that work to prevent and eliminate domestic violence, enhances the civil and criminal justice response, improves services and outreach to victims, creates rape crisis centers and state coalitions, and helps children and youth who experience or witness violence. The bill also creates public information campaigns to reach communities that are less likely to report domestic violence.

In recent years, the success of these programs has resulted in a growing demand for services, with more victims and their children being referred to agencies every day. This reauthorization act will help address this in-

I wish it women's shelters. The VAWA also creased need for services; however, there is still much work to be done. For example, an important provision in the VAWA bill that addressed cultural and ethnic aspects of treating and preventing domestic violence was stripped out of the bill. I will work with my colleagues in the Sen-Like other large federal initiatives, ate to restore this program in conference so that the needs of minority women and children are fully known, understood, and served.

> Partners in a relationship deserve serves to be a victim of physical or psychological violence, and children deserve to grow up in a loving, safe home. Unfortunately, though - as the mere existence of National Domestic Violence Awareness month reflects — this violence is widespread. There are a lot of good people and organizations in El Paso — such as Dame La Mano and the Center Against Family Violence, to name a few — helping victims and children rebuild their lives. My colleagues and I in Congress are assisting them with the reauthorization of the VAWA Act. By working together throughout the year, we will hopefully make this month — National Domestic Violence Awareness Month — unnecessary.



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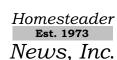
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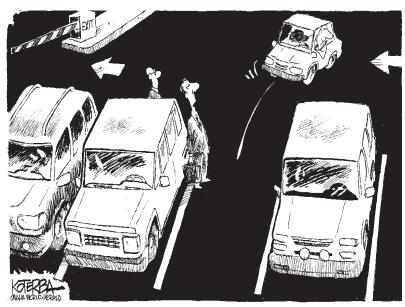
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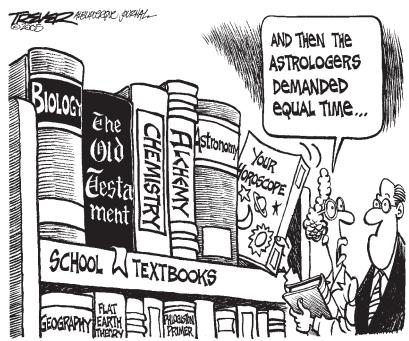


# I'd rather be a Wounded patriot than a Healthy

Moore Texas by Roger T. Moore, Oct. 9,1835: Samuel McCullough, a free Black man, was wounded near Goliad. His was likely the first blood shed in the war for independence.



"HAVE YOU NOTICED...THE MORE GAS PRICES RISE, THE MORE SMITH HAS THAT LOOK OF SUPERIORITY?'



# Advocacy programs help colonia families understand special education

Next meeting Oct. 19 in Canutillo

> By Joe E. Tarin Special to the Courier

SOCORRO — Advocacy, Inc. (AI), a non-profit corporation funded by the U.S. Congress to protect and advocate for the legal rights of people with disabilities in Texas, recently teamed up with Alianza Para El Desarrollo Comunitario, Inc. to host a public forum attended by parents and concerned citizens from as far away as Ft. Hancock in Hudspeth County.

The Colonias Families Outreach Program was established by AI to familiarize colonia families in El Paso County with the educational rights available to children with disabilities.

vite colonia families to public forums. During the two-hour public meeting, Advocacy, Inc. staff provided families with an overview of the Special Education and ARD Process.

The outreach program was initiated in May of 2005 and will continue through December 2005. A final forum is planned for the Canutillo/Vinton area in the Upper Valley on Oct. 19, 8:30 to 11:00 a.m. at the Canutillo Elementary School Cultural Learning Center (old cafeteria room) located at 7000 5th Street and Central Avenue.

Daniel Solis, Executive Director of Alianza, located at 501 Holguin in Socorro, opened the Sept. 21 forum at by welcoming guests. Eddie Rodriguez, El Paso AI Regional Manager, provided introductions and welcomed participants. The presen-

Outreach efforts help identify and in- tation by Angelica Quínonez, Intake/ Advocate, explained the legal rights entitled to children with disabilities. Parents were provided explanations and examples related to several topics regarding school districts' special education programs. About 19 parents attended the meeting, two from Ft. Hancock.

As a follow up to the meetings, AI attorneys will review cases to determine priorities for legal and advocacy services for families requesting assistance at no cost.

For reservations at the Upper Valley forum, contact Isabel Olague at (915) 217-7121 or call toll-free 1-800-948-1824. Transportation and refreshments are provided. For more information or assistance about the legal rights of persons with disabilities call the El Paso office at (915) 542-0585, Monday through Friday.

# **Americas Key** Club sounds cheerful note in Sparks community

EAST EL PASO COUNTY - The Americas High School Key Club, sponsored by the Horizon City Kiwanis Club, is dedicated to projects which focus on helping children and they have made an impact in the lives of those in the Sparks community. On Oct. 5-7, the

group brought arts/crafts project. games and musical instruments to the Centro Socorro Ramirez and spent time sharing these activities. "The AHS Key Club members want to help children learn through mentoring, making friends, and working and playing together," said Nora Ortega, on behalf of the Centro Ramirez. "We want to recognize their effort and the time to come here and do good things for our children from the Sparks community." Past projects have included support for the Ronald McDonald House. volunteering Spooktacular, and making food baskets for the Child Crisis Center. Key

Club is an international student-led organization which gives its members opportunities to "provide service, build character and develop leadership." The Americas Key Club members include Abril Tavares, Zenia Garcia, Karen Macizo, Laura Gomez, Alejandro Luna, Lauren Gutierrez, Jackie Gutierrez, Sonny chaidez, Bernedette Silva, Jackie Guardado, Adrian Rivera, Cesar Arvizo, Dessere Miranda, Pamela Melendez, Luis Gonzalez, Oscar Ruiz, Erika Rocha, Iris Arrieta, Jainie Jimenez, Devanira Velazquez, Laura Pereyra and Angela Downey.

Contributed by Nora Ortega



# Learn

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on the greens. The Horizon City council rejected the plat and belat- dragged on for years, lining the silken

like a six-gun and filed suit.

The Resler Canyon issue has ing there.

edly zoned the course as green space, pockets of a lot of lawyers. It may but the horse had done left the barn. have finally reached an equitable Bank of America drew its lawyer conclusion so that the folks who live in that area will continue to enjoy liv-

> Maybe, if Bank of America really wants to be America's bank, they could take into consideration the value the golf course holds for the Horizon community. Nobody is asking them to operate the golf course at a loss, just accept a reasonable offer to sell it.

> Maybe a compromise solution could be reached before a lot of wasted time, trees and money wash down the sewage pipes of the legal system. The lawyers will be fine, there'll be other wars to wage. But Horizon City's taxpayers could sure use those legal funds to patch a few pot holes in the streets, put up a few street lights, you know, boring stuff

Maybe Woody Hunt could serve as a role model of community compassion for Bank of America.

Wow, what a concept.











- Photo courtesy Tornillo ISD

FAST TRACK TO THE HORIZON — Students and sponsors from Tornillo ISD board the Amtrak train during one of last year's train trips to Los Angeles, California.

# LA train trips open new horizons to Tornillo students for second year

By Rudy Barreda Special to the Courier

TORNILLO — For the second year, Tornillo ISD students won't just watch the train pass by on its usual course through Tornillo, but will ride an Amtrak train to Los Angeles as part of a three-day field trip sponsored by the district. Fourth grade students who passed the 2005 TAKS are eligible to take the trip, which starts Monday, Oct. 17.

"We strongly believe that learning should be fun — and that good performance should be rewarded," said Paul Vranish, TISD superintendent. For this first trip of the year, 36 stu-16 sponsors and two parents.

Last year, a total of five trips were taken. This allowed a total of 180 Torrequirements in order to qualify.

The itinerary this year is quite similar to those of the past. The voyage begins when the group boards the Amtrak train at the train depot in Albuquerque on the afternoon of the first day of the trip. By the next morning, the train arrives in Los Angeles. A tour bus then takes the group on two days of sight-seeing. One site the group will visit is the Queen Mary and the Russian submarine, the Scorpion. Another is the Long Beach port, where students will view the thousands of freight cars that are loaded onto trains, some of which pass through their hometown of Tornillo everyday. Another stop will be Venice Beach, where many of the dents will board the train along with students will experience the ocean for the very first time.

Then it's on to Farmers' Market, Grauman's Chinese Theater and the nillo students to take the trip. Like this Kodak Center. On the way to dents to learn and the desire to learn."

year, students had to meet academic Grauman's, students will see the famous Hollywood sign, as well as pass by a Lamborghini showroom.

> Like last year, it is anticipated that the students and adults will have a grand time on the trip. More importantly, the learning experiences and human interactions that occur during the trip will make an impact on the children that will last for the rest of their lives. The idea of taking students on a train trip to Los Angeles is the brainchild of Superintendent Vranish. "In Tornillo ISD, we believe that learning should relate to experiences our students will encounter in the 'real world' when they are adults," said Vranish. "We also believe that expanding a young person's horizons through new experiences also expands their inner desire to learn more. We seek to not just teach, but to expand the capacity of our stu-

# MEMORIAL GYM MADNESS Ост. 15 - 5:00 рм MEMORIAL GYM **3-POINT SHOOTOUT** SLAM DUNK COMPETITION SCRIMMAGE FREE T-SHIRTS FOR FIRST 1,000 FANS **AUTOGRAPH SESSION AFTERWARDS** \$1.00 Hot Dogs FREE ADMISSION For **EVERYONE** G+U5A

# Bands march to Canutillo High School for Rio Grande contest

**By Kim Guzman** Special to the Courier

UPPER VALLEY — Canutillo High School's Band will be competing with other regional bands in the "Marching Along the Rio Grande Marching Contest" starting at 5 p.m., ond Division Ratings/Caption Oct. 17, at CHS Eagles Stadium, Awards including: Outstanding 7311 Bosque Road.

The bands performing in the contest along with Canutillo's marching band are Anthony High School from Anthony, Texas; Cobre High School from Bayard, New Mexico; and Bowie High School from El Paso,

Each band will perform their contest show, and then conclude with a mini clinic conducted by the three judges, who are Dr. Bill Clark, director of bands from New Mexico State University; Jim Young, former band

director from Alamogordo High School and Western New Mexico University in Silver City; and John Schutz, former band director from Mayfield High School in Las Cruces and currently music coordinator for Las Cruces Municipal Schools.

Awards will include first and sec-Drum Major(s), Outstanding Flags, Outstanding Percussion, Outstanding Brass Line, and Outstanding Woodwind Line.

Canutillo HS Band Boosters will provide a concession stand for purchasing refreshments and to help raise funds for the annual band trip.

"This will be a positive experience for all of the directors and their bands. We are looking forward to seeing and hearing the outstanding bands," said Pete Main, CHS band director.

# **Briefs**

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### In other news

- Leon Metz is among the most sought after lecturers in the Southwest on gunfighters, western and military lore. Metz has presented hundreds of his fascinating programs to groups in Texas, New Mexico, Arizona — and as far away as New York. Metz will be sharing his brand of old west story telling with 5th grade students at Benito Martinez Elementary School on Tuesday, Oct. 18 at 9 a.m. "Our students are exposed to state and national history but we rarely get a chance to look in depth into the history of El Paso," says teacher Patricia Anchondo. "This is an excellent opportunity for our students to meet a published writer and learn about the history of our beautiful city." Some of Metz's published works include: El Paso Chronicles, Riders Along the Rio Grande, Roadside History of Texas and The Shooters.
- Oct. 15 is Girl Scout Weekend at the Williams River Farm Maze. All Girls Scout troops are invited to attend and participate in a Pumpkin Decorating Contest. Troops should bring a pumpkin already decorated, or they can purchase and decorate one at the farm. The general public is also welcome to attend at the maze, located between San Eli and Fabens, one mile off Socorro Rd. (South Loop) on Hole in the Wall Rd. Information: (915) 764-3530, www.williamsriverfarm.com.
- The El Paso Police Department's Safe Communities Program is hosting a free defensive driving class for the public. The class will be held Saturday, Oct. 15 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at 4801 Osborne (Westside Regional Command Center). This is part of the education efforts the EPPD Safe Communities Program conducts in an effort to make the community safer and re-

- duce the number of traffic collisions and related injuries and deaths. Instructors certified in defensive driving will teach the class which is free of charge. The class cannot be used for ticket dismissal, however, it can be used for insurance discounts with a \$5 charge for a certificate of completion. To enroll, call 564-7352 before Friday, Oct. 14. Class is limited to 40 participants.
- Socorro ISD Community Learning Center is offering an 'Introduction to Microsoft Excel' class which began Oct. 10. The class is a 'hands-on' introduction to Excel held at the Community Learning Center at 313 S. Rio Vista from 1:00 to 2:45 p.m., Monday through Thursday. Registration is at 313 S. Rio Vista or by calling 937-1704 or 937-1700. Classes will follow SISD District calendar.
- Socorro High School's Class of 1996 will be having a 10-year reunion planning meeting on Thursday, Oct. 27 from 4-6 p.m. at Barrigas Restaurant on George Dieter. The meeting will be right before Socorro High School's Homecoming. "We want anyone who is interested in helping put together our 10-year reunion to show up," says Zenia Hernandez, Class of 1996 president. "From there we'll go to homecoming." For more information, call Hernandez at 373-7548.
- Vista Del Sol Elementary will be hosting a health fair and blood drive on Thursday, Oct. 13 from 2:30 to 6:30 p.m. There will be glucose tests as well as height, weight and blood pressure screenings. Preventive Blindness will also be providing glaucoma tests and Tillman Dental will conduct dental screenings. There is no charge for attending the fair. Those that donate blood will receive a free T-shirt. "The health fair is a good venue to receive a free service and learn about community resources," says Mari Ornelas, Vista Del Sol CIS coordinator. "We hope our community will attend."

# Socorro ISD hosts 'Military Night' at El Dorado High School football game

By Carlos A. Briano Special to the Courier

EAST EL PASO COUNTY -When the Aztecs football team routed the Eagles 59-6 at the Socorro Student Activities Complex, it made several U.S. troops very proud. That's because the Sept. 29 game between El Dorado High School and Van Horn High School was Socorro ISD military night. All military personnel, their spouses, and dependent children entered the game for free simply by showing their military ID cards at the

The El Dorado High School Student Council, in conjunction with school administration, put together the special event.

"We have set up a partnership with Fort Bliss," says El Dorado student activities director Monica Bustillos. "Through this partnership, the troops will also become part of our campus serving as tutors and participating at several functions that we will have throughout the year."

Military night began with a special color guard. Fort Bliss troops Sgt. Bernard Aderhold, Staff Sgt. Adam Johnson and Specialist Daniel Hammack joined El Dorado Naval JROTC officers Jacquelyn Heredia and Esmeralda Camacho in presenting the colors.

At half-time, El Dorado principal



PATRIOTIC PARTNERSHIP — El Dorado principal Nora Paugh presented Lt. Colonel Eric Welsh and Command Sgt. Major James D. Pippin of the 2-7 Cavalry with a certificate of appreciation for establishing the partnership between Ft. Bliss troops and El Dorado High School.

Crystal Armendariz and vice-presi- Dorado High School. dent Erika Cintron presented Lt. Colonel Eric Welsh and Command Sgt. Major James D. Pippin of the 2-7 Cavalry with a certificate of appreciation for establishing the partner-Nora Paugh, student body president ship between the troops and El

"When you are in the military and you're moving from town to town, you miss things from your hometown that you don't have access to," Paugh says. "So inviting all the soldiers to the football game is a little bit of home, and they get to participate."

Welsh and Pippin were also presented with a football signed by the entire football team and they also served as honorary El Dorado coaches. Welsh says these type of events are more than just important they are essential to military families.

"About 20 percent of El Dorado High School is military," he says. "So it's good when our kids transition and come to a community like El Paso and a school like El Dorado High and are welcomed with open arms. That's absolutely important."

Armendariz says that besides bringing together the El Dorado student body and getting more people at their football games, military night served as a big thank you to the soldiers.

"On behalf of El Dorado High School, its students and community, and the rest of this nation, we give a sincere thank you to our troops for giving us the freedom we cherish," Armendariz says. "We hope they enjoyed the evening."



STARS 'N STRIPES NIGHT — Sgt. Bernard Aderhold, Staff Sgt. Adam Johnson, El Dorado Naval JROTC officers Jacquelyn Heredia, Esmeralda Camacho and Specialist Daniel Hammack made up a special color guard at SISD Military Night Sept. 29.

# Skills

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as Building Trades, Cosmetology, CISCO Systems, Automotive Technology, and Health Occupations Students of America (HOSA). Cardoza has particularly enjoyed watching Ibarra develop into a leader.

"There's no challenge he doesn't want to tackle." Cardoza said. "He's growing into this and becoming a better leader."

Once Ibarra began taking classes with Cardoza last school year, he was encouraged to participate in Skills USA competitions, where he took

second and third places in math and chapter display, respectively. Those places were good enough to compete at the state level. According to Ibarra, this is where he first opened his eves to the possibilities in store for him.

"When I saw the state officers for Skills USA, I didn't even think they were in high school," he said. "But I realized that they were normal high school students just like me, so I figured I'd want to get involved in being an officer, too."

After being selected to become the next District 1 president, Ibarra needed to attend a Summer Leadership training in Richardson, Texas, where, he says, "we got maybe four hours of sleep a night" from all the

activities and leadership training he and his fellow officers received, including SEHS senior Javier Perrales. District 1 Secretary. Once officers learned skills such as leadership, teamwork, meeting protocols, and how to raise funds, among a slew of others, the officers became official.

The Fall Leadership Conference is an opportunity for new officers to introduce themselves, for students from different schools to interact with each other, and to conduct District 1 business, such as selecting alternate officers and to announce when and where Skills USA competitions will take place. Longtime educator and motivational speaker Rosa Guerrero will be the keynote speaker for the event.

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# Sports Illustrated pays the price for Price story

By Steve Escajeda Special to the Courier

Mike Price came to El Paso almost two years ago while the gloomy cloud of skepticism was still hanging over him everywhere he went.

After two-and-a-half years of claiming his innocence, the dark ominous clouds have finally cleared.

Time Inc., the parent company of Sports Illustrated, and Price announced that they had come to and out-of-court settlement in the UTEP coach's \$20-million defamation suit against the publishing giant.

Though the amount of the agreement will stay a secret thanks to a confidentiality clause, it's fair to say Price won't be worrying about the price of gasoline any time soon.

Though Sports Illustrated put out a statement saying they still stood by their story, the perception is that either they were totally wrong about the story or just couldn't prove it.

And like Denzel Washington's character kept saying in the movie *Training Day* a few years ago, "It's not what you know — it's what you can prove."

prove what he claimed in his story, he should not have written it. This way he wouldn't have cost his company millions of dollars.

During Price's news conference Monday afternoon, he had a look of relief about him. He said he was glad for all the people who stood by him and he said he was grateful to his family for all the support they'd shown him.

During the conference, I asked Price if he had anything he wanted to say to his detractors, he stayed quiet and thought for a while a long while.

You could see his brain tossing and turning, searching for the right words to use. You could tell he wanted to shake his fist at them all and yell, "I told you so."

But he looked at me and quietly said, "No, I just want to put this all behind me and look

The statement "looking forward" means different things to different people.

Price wants to "look forward" to this weekend's game against Tulane. El Pasoans worry that "looking forward" means Price is now free to go to any other university he

There are two schools of thought here. The If Sports Illustrated's Don Yeager couldn't first is that Price has been vindicated and will

go to the next super power that calls him. The son for the Andress Eagles — and its only half second — and most popular among El Paso fans — is that Price, after his mega-settlement, can now afford to stay at UTEP for years to

Either way, the man who said he would be the most behaved at UTEP, has won his staredown with one of the world's largest corpora-

And, by the way, Price has indeed been a perfect gentleman since arriving in El Paso.

All of El Paso hopes that Price thumbs his nose at all those big-time universities that treated him like he had been struck with a contagious disease.

El Paso took a chance on Price when no one else would.

What do you say coach? A lot of people have said you would skip out on us when you got the first opportunity.

Unfortunately, loyalty is quickly becoming a thing of the past.

Let's just hope Price remembers who gave him his second chance and rewards that little university by the border — with his loyalty.

# Arrested development

It's been a rather tumultuous football sea-

The Eagles have struggled through the 2005 season with a 4-2 record. Not bad, but not up to the usual standards for what is usually one of the best teams in the area.

Head coach Allan Sepkowitz must have thought he'd hit rock bottom with his team's 23-0 loss to Socorro earlier in the season but that was not even close.

Andress had one of those good news-bad news kind of days last Friday.

The good news is they bombed El Paso High 55-0 Friday night. The bad news is star running back Jerald Turner was arrested near the school and charged with possession of mari-

Turner has always been one of those superstars who are often their own worst enemy.

Now Turner's future has hit a dangerous crossroads. What happens over the next few weeks will determine his entire future.

Turner has more talent than most people will ever experience. But sometimes sheer talent isn't enough. Things like responsibility, integrity, heart and class have to be tossed in to make talented players into wellrounded human beings.



TRAINING MEALS — New Fabens ISD teachers Lee Prince and Kelly Flores participated in the District's Beginning Teacher's Retreat at Cattleman's Indian Cliff's Ranch on Oct. 5.

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# Beginning teachers learn the ropes during Fabens' first annual retreat

By Julio Montes Sr. Special to the Courier

FABENS — New teachers in the Fabens Independent School District were treated to a Beginning Teacher's Retreat at Cattleman's Indian Cliff's Ranch on Oct. 5. It was coordinated by Pat Silva, Associate Superintendent for the district. Instructional facilitators were Susana Frescas from Risinger Primary School, Corina Ruiz from Fabens Primary, Socorro Macias at Fabens Middle School and Rosa Garcia at Fabens High School.

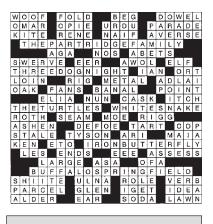
The agenda for the day was highlighted by Dr. Ron Caloss' presentation entitled So This

West Texas County

is Your First Year! Dr. Caloss, who is a professor at UT-Arlington is head of the Superintendent Certification Program there, and is a former superintendent from Dallas. Other topics of interest were, Colors-Personality Strengths presented by Monica Franco from Region 19, Classroom Management Strategies presented by Rebecca Castro and Aggie LeDoux from the New Mexico Network. Other topics that were presented by the facilitators were Heart Pieces, an activity that paired teachers and allowed them to share ideas. Campus Roundtable was an activity in which teachers met with members of their respective schools and discussed campus concerns. Building a Winning Team was the grand finale where the

educators discussed plans and strategies for keeping track of students' progress from primary school to graduation.

Many of the teachers commented that they enjoyed the day and the sessions were beneficial to new educators. Adriana Davalos, who teaches Special Education at the high school, said she was sometimes overwhelmed by her job and the in-service was very helpful to her. Lydia Hernandez, who teaches chemistry at the high school, added that she found the sessions to be helpful, especially a video by noted educator Dr. Harry Wong entitled Your First Day. Silva said she expects the program to become a yearly event.



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# We must help our male models

### By Don Flood

As a man with a strong sense of fashion, I make a point, every 15 years or so, to sit down with "The New York Times" Fall Fashion is-

Unfortunately, I was a little behind schedule; the last time I had checked the section was near the end of Reagan's first term, in 1984, which explains why I've been behind the times, fashion-wise, for tures. One young man has fallen the past six years.

It was a good thing I finally checked it out. Times have changed. On the very first page I turned to I saw a man holding a boot on top of his head.

I'm not kidding. Apparently, this is how men in New York and other fashion hot spots wear their boots

Which makes some sense. As I entered middle age, I confronted an uncomfortable truth: I am unlikely to become a cowboy, making boots an affectation. But head boots are great for everyone!

among those who insist on wearing boots on your feet. The fashion may not reach your town for another couple of years.)

The section also alerted me to what must be among the greatest scandals of our age: the shocking and barbaric treatment of our ing today.") country's male models.

Page after page, angry and sullen faces peer back at you, and it's obvious why. These wretched young men are being forced to wear hideous and ridiculous clothing.

In fact, I suspect that many of these men aren't models at all. In the bad old days, the British navy followed the appalling practice of

to work on ships.

Clearly, something very similar is going on in the fashion districts of New York City. These young men — the true fashion victims of our times! — are being shanghaied and brought against their will to photo shoots, where they are forced to wear absurd and silly

You want proof? Look at the picasleep on his chair, having fallen victim to the infamous All Night Fashion Photo Torture. (I had thought this was against the law!)

Another man raises a guitar as if to strike the photographer. One wonders what happened to him after the picture was taken.

Still another man, looking gaunt, pale and grizzled, appears to have taken refuge in drugs and booze.

And no wonder, he's probably afraid they're going to make him wear the bizarre pantaloons that appear a few pages away.

These pants are so outlandish, so (Also, don't worry if you're clownish that, by comparison, rapper M.C. Hammer's "genie" pants would be suitable for a president to wear to his inauguration.

> ("My fellow Americans, as I look to the future, I foresee a time when no American will have to wear pants such as those I'm wear-

> Just about the only one who looks normal is the guy from the Hathaway shirt company, though if I were him I would have gone for the eye patch made famous by the old Hathaway man.

> Just because I'm too old to be a cowboy doesn't mean I can't be a

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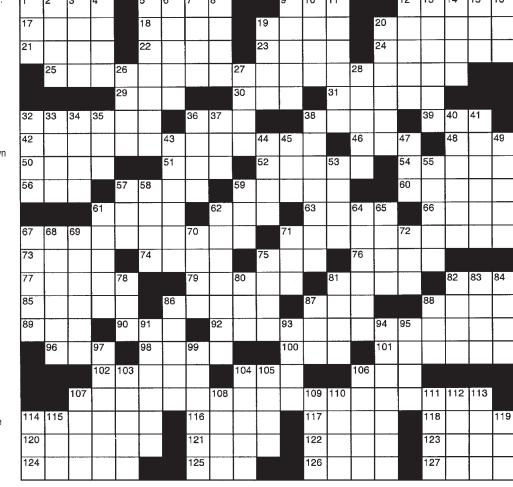
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# Social Security Q&A By Ray Vigil

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Q: As I watched the government relief efforts on TV after Hurricane Katrina, I wondered about the families that lost a parent. Does Social Security provide benefits to families when a mother or father dies?

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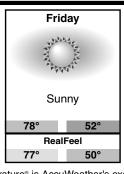
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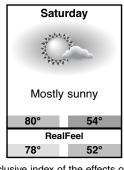
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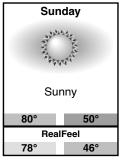
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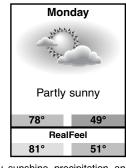


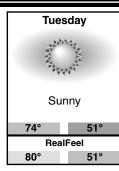




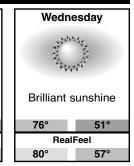








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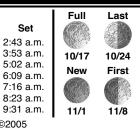
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