



NEWSBRIEFS

Desert shooting

A gathering of more than 100 young people, identified as mostly juveniles, around a bonfire in the desert area near the Socorro Activities Center in East El Paso County got out of hand in the early morning hours of April 22, resulting in the firing of shots that critically injured 20-year-old Jose Estrada, and the arrest of Matthew

Long

Addison Long, 19. A spokesman for the El Paso County Sheriff's Criminal Investigation Division said an unidentified caller notified officers of the situation, stating that several kegs of beer were open at the site. The group scattered and fled when law enforcement officers arrived, however, someone flagged down an officer and reported that a man had been shot. Estrada had gunshot wounds in the upper body. El Paso Police detained several subjects at the scene and the case was then referred to the El Paso County Sheriff's Office. A warrant was issued for Long, who was later picked up in East El Paso County and booked into the El Paso County Downtown Detention Facility, charged with Aggravated Assault with a Deadly Weapon, with bond set at \$20,000.

Assistant named

Barry A. Edwards was named Assistant Superintendent for Administrative Services by the Socorro ISD Board of Trustees on April 18. Edwards had been serving as Director of Personnel Services since October of 2002 and has been in the district for nearly 14 years as an assistant principal at Vista Del Sol Elementary and Helen Ball Elementary and as principal at Horizon Heights Elementary and Myrtle Cooper Elementary. He has been in education for nearly 17 years. Edwards earned his B.S. in Education from the UTEP in 1989. He earned his Master's in Education Administration, also from UTEP, in 1992. Edwards is also a faculty member at the University of Phoenix in Santa Teresa, N.M.

In other news

■ Arts and crafts booths, food and game booths, entertainment, contests, and a car show are among the activities that will be available for the public to enjoy during the Canutillo High School Springfest

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People are generally about as happy as they've made up their minds to be.

— Quips & Quotes



— Photo courtesy Socorro ISD

NO HOLDING HIM BACK — Lujan-Chavez student Jacob Martinez takes off without his helper during the Socorro ISD Special Olympics April 5 at the SAC.

Over 300 compete in 20th Annual Socorro ISD Special Olympics

By Carlos A. Briano
Special to the Courier

EAST EL PASO COUNTY — It didn't matter to Sierra Vista Elementary fifth grader Adrienne Nicole Tellez that she had had a liver transplant only a year ago, the second one in her 11-year life. All she wanted to do is compete for herself and her school.

"I feel good about today," she says. "I want to win a gold medal in the Special Olympics. I hope my school wins a lot."

Jacob Martinez of Lujan-Chavez Elementary had someone to help him for his 10-meter assisted race. But when he saw his parents waiting at the finish line and he heard the starting gun go off, Jacob took off without any help.

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Socorro acts to stop high-density residential construction

By Arleen Beard
Special to the Courier

SOCORRO — In order to eliminate or ease the overcrowding of neighborhoods in Socorro, the City Council has begun the process of creating an ordinance to address that concern.

On April 20, during the regularly scheduled council meeting, the first reading on and amendment to Ordinance No. 76 to eliminate Section 8.4 from Socorro's Zone District Regulations, relating to high-density residential construction.

The ordinance states all future applications for residential designations shall be limited to single family residential and medium density residential.

Also, all districts currently designated as high density residential will be re-designated as medium density. The Planning and Zoning Commission recommended approval of this amendment. City Council approved the first reading and will be calling for a public hearing before the second reading can be approved. This was an item placed on the agenda by Mayor Willie Gandara, Jr.

Knock-knock warrant arrest program increased county collections last week

EL PASO COUNTY — Following publication in area newspapers of the names and addresses of persons with outstanding warrants — and an offer of amnesty — from the El Paso County Sheriff's Department, the El Paso County Auditor reports collecting \$160,000 during the week of April 17 compared to \$91,000 collected during the previous week, an increase of \$69,000.

The last day of amnesty period is Friday, April 28.

The Traffic Warrant Arrest Operation is sponsored by the El Paso County Sheriff's Office in conjunction with the constables. The published list included approximately 20,623 warrants with an approximate value of \$4,124,600. This is based on an average fine of \$200 per outstanding warrant. The list is available for review on the Sheriff's website

at: <http://www.co.el-paso.tx.us/sheriff>

The El Paso County Sheriff and constable offices will conduct a Justice of the Peace Traffic Warrant Arrest Operation starting on April 29. If the traffic fine is paid by April 28, the Justice of the Peace will waive the "Fail to Appear" fine.

Persons will have two weeks to pay all fines. If you know that you have an outstanding ticket that has not been paid or if your name is on the list, immediately contact the Justice of the Peace whose jurisdiction the citation was issued in. After April 28, County Law Enforcement Officers will begin the "knock, knock — we have a warrant for your arrest" campaign on those individuals who still have an outstanding warrant.

Those on the list were encouraged to clear up their fines during the amnesty program to avoid County law enforcement officers arresting you at your home, job site or place of employment.

Horizon code enforcement to begin neighborhood sweeps, residents urged to comply voluntarily

HORIZON CITY — The Horizon City Police Department will be stepping up its enforcement of city ordinances and will be conducting neighborhood sweeps for inspection and enforcement of city ordinance violations in order to enhance the quality of life for all residents of the Town of Horizon City, according to Horizon City Police Chief Antonio Aguilar.

The neighborhood sweeps will concentrate on existing city ordinance violations such as the following:

- Noxious weeds and other rank vegetation

- Accumulation of rubbish, trash, refuse, junk and other abandoned materials such as tires, metals or lumber.

- Any condition which provides harborage for rats, mice, snakes, spiders and other vermin.

- Any building or other structure which is in such a dilapidated condition that it is unfit for human habitation, or kept in such an unsanitary condition that it is a menace to the health of people residing in the vicinity thereof, or presents a more ordinarily dangerous fire hazard in the vicinity where it is located.

- Motor vehicles which are abandoned or dilapidated and boats, RVs, trailers, etc. with expired registration or safety inspection stickers.

- Motor vehicles, large trucks or recreational RVs parked in neighborhoods on landscape, dirt, or grass in violation of City Ordinance #0093.

- Alarm Ordinance pertaining to permits and false alarms (City Ordinance No. 103).

- Other ordinances that will be strictly enforced are loose or unrestrained animals and registration violations.

"There are other numerous ordinances that pertain to the above issues, but the most common ones which have become central issues of complaints by our citizens are the ones listed above," Chief Aguilar said. "Once the Code Enforcement Officer or Police Officers issue an official notice of the violation, compliance is required within 72 hours for some violations such as trash and weeds or 15 days for abandoned or dilapidated vehicles.

"We encourage all Horizon residents to voluntarily comply with these ordinances. Our ultimate goal of the neighborhood sweeps is voluntary compliance. However, if people refuse to comply or cooperate, then we will take alternative measures such as issuing citations, summons to court or removing abandoned or dilapidated vehicles through impoundment if necessary," he said.

Failure to comply with city ordinance violations, such as the Nuisance Ordinance No. 0017, may result in fines of up to \$2,000. Each separate occurrence of a violation or each day that a violation continues constitutes a separate offense.

Citizens having questions concerning any city ordinance violation may call the Horizon City Police Department at 852-1047 or Code Enforcement at 852-1875.



One perspective

By Francis Shrum

Sentimental value

How many remember that old song called *Sentimental Journey*? About how this person is going to “renew old memories.”

Such a nice sentiment. Unless you are moving and find yourself boxing up all kinds of useless stuff you are keeping for its “sentimental value.”

There once was a time when young people kept their parent’s and grandparent’s cast-off and left-behind items because they needed them. Things like cast-iron stoves, wagons, beds, chairs, and quilts with chest of drawers to put them in.

Nowadays, however, young folks want to start out life with everything their parents have, only new. And since the advent of Wal-Mart and its inventory as large as China, they can. A house-full of stuff all brand-spanking new can be had for a reasonable price, despite the fact that it probably won’t wear too well since it actually does come from China, made fast and cheap. It won’t be long before the table top will sway and the wheels fall off.

But that’s a whole other story.

Modern Americans may want to use all-new stuff but that doesn’t stop them from storing things that aren’t. Just like their parents — namely, you and me — and our parents, they begin to accumulate things of various

size, shape and volume, much of it with no obvious value except one. Sentimental value.

Those two words seem to be the single-most-used excuse for American’s habit of filling up enormous square-footage of space in home, garage and a rented storage unit.

Garages aren’t built for cars anymore. No, indeed. They have far greater value as storage. You probably won’t have the same car long enough for the paint to fade anyway, so why clutter up the garage with it? Better still, let’s fill up that space with an unused volleyball set, a motorcycle that doesn’t start, boxes of decorations from various parties and events, kids’ costumes, and books we intended to read but never did. These are all stacked up with bicycles and tricycles our kids used that we are keeping for our grandkids — won’t it be wonderful for baby Amanda to ride the same trike that her Aunt Cassie did?

Never mind that by the time Amanda gets her own tricycle, she’s going to prefer the new updated version with fluorescent spokes and seats that can be changed to match her outfit.

Still, we hang onto boxes of cookbooks that belonged to relatives long departed, arts and crafts supplies given us by someone who woke up and decided to clean out their own garage, moldy tents with broken support poles we used on wonderful camping trips

years ago, maternity and baby clothes, and boxes and boxes of pictures, certificates of achievement, and works of art in finger-paint we intend to put in scrapbooks so our kids will have a record of their history.

The way we handle our possessions says a lot about us as people. Organizational experts tell us that if we’re not managing our stuff, we’re probably not doing so well with our lives in general. It’s amazing how much stuff we keep around simply because we don’t take the time to actually look at a particular object and ask ourselves: Do I really need this?

They say you spend the first half of your life accumulating things and the second half disposing of them. I believe I’ve arrived at the second half of my life at a most inconvenient time — while I have teenagers living in the house.

Their rooms are astonishing. When they were little and didn’t ask too many questions, I simply cleaned out their rooms, disposing of unnecessary articles with impunity. Not so anymore. They seem to have developed the opinion that they should have some say in whether I get rid of a crumpled note from a friend left under the bookcase with the dust-bunnies or a pen that doesn’t write anymore but has a fluffy feather on top inhabited by a tiny plastic frog. And why not?

Because it has sentimental value.

So I set out on a campaign to educate my girls on the importance of consciously recognizing items they no longer need or use and to develop the self-discipline to simply get rid of them.

Mid-way into my crusade, however, I started having second thoughts about how aggressive I should be in teaching this lesson.

Afterall, there are some things in this life that are not useful in the ways they once were, but still hold value inherent in themselves. There are things that everyone should be careful to provide space for and carefully maintain with love and respect, simply for their sentimental value.

You know, things like their mother.




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Reyes Reports

By U.S. Rep. Silvestre Reyes

Helping seniors understand Medicare Part D

Many El Paso seniors have been struggling to decide if the new Medicare Prescription Drug program — also known as Medicare Part D — is a good fit for them, and the May 15 deadline for joining this program is quickly approaching. To answer any lingering questions, I am holding a conference at El Paso Community College on Tuesday, May 9, 2006 from 8:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. to provide El Paso seniors with information and assistance about Medicare Part D.

Representatives from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS), the federal agency that administers the Medicare and Medicaid programs, El Paso’s Social Security office, and trained local professionals, will join me. Seniors will hear about “Extra Help” from the Social Security Administration. “Extra Help” is a special part of Medicare’s prescription drug program that may provide seniors with

additional help in paying for prescription drugs.

Trained partners from local organizations such as Centro de Salud Familiar La Fe, Centro San Vicente, and Project Vida will be on hand to provide general assistance. About 15 computers and ten dedicated phone lines will be available for those who wish to enroll in the Medicare Part D program. Free general health screenings will also be available.

I have spoken out frequently about Medicare over the past few years, and by now you might know that I voted against the Medicare Prescription Drug and Modernization Act of 2003, which created this prescription drug program. I have long worked to strengthen Medicare and provide a comprehensive, fair, user-friendly prescription drug program for Medicare beneficiaries, and unfortunately do not think that this particular program sufficiently meets the needs of many of El Paso’s seniors as well as it could have. That does not mean that this program absolutely is not for you — it just means

that this new program must be considered carefully, and I hope next week’s conference will provide you with the information you need to make your decision.

The deadline to enroll for coverage next year without penalty is May 15, 2006. If you decide not to enroll on May 15, there are annual open enrollment periods from Nov. 15 to Dec. 31. However, a late-enrollment fee is imposed, through which your premium cost will go up at least one percent per month for every month you wait to join. For example, if you join in November of 2006, you will be subject to an extra fee of at least six percentage points. Like other insurance, you will have to pay this penalty as long as you have Medicare prescription drug coverage.

If you are considering the new Medicare prescription drug program and still have questions, please consider joining us for the conference on Tuesday, May 9. Please call my office at 534-4400 or visit my website at www.house.gov/reyes for more information.

San Eli ISD moves forward on improvements to two campuses

By Don Woodyard
Courier Staff Writer

SAN ELIZARIO — A variety of construction projects in the San Elizario ISD took center stage at its April 12 board meeting. They include new classrooms, a new library, cafeteria, park lighting improvements and new sidewalks.

With state funding virtually as-

sured, the board of trustees of the San Elizario ISD gave a green light to preliminary steps for \$8 million in construction projects at Alarcon Elementary and Garcia-Enriquez Middle Schools.

The board took two key steps in the overall planning process.

It approved the district's recommendation of Wright and Dalbin as the architect for the planned construction. The firm has been architect of

choice on numerous district projects.

It also approved construction manager-at-risk as the construction delivery method. Larry Baskind, the district's attorney, said this method assures there will be no hidden costs and that the books will be open for inspection.

"I think we are going to get it," said Baskind referring to the money for construction. It comes from the state under its IFA (Instructional Facilities Allotment) program which helps

property-poor school districts like SEISD expand its academic facilities. The state would pay about 90 percent of the cost with the remainder borne by the taxpayers of San Elizario.

"The money is there — budgeted and allocated," he added. "I don't think it will be a problem."

Robert Longoria, assistant superintendent for support services, expects that actual construction to begin during this coming fall semester. Before that, requests for proposals will go out, soliciting bids on construction. Also, architects will be pre-

paring designs for the new structures.

Construction breakdown:

- Alarcon Elementary. Construction of a 10,000-11,000-square-foot cafeteria adjacent to the present facility which serves as both a cafeteria and gymnasium. When completed, Longoria said, the old cafetorium would be used as a gym only.
- Garcia-Enriquez Middle. Construction includes a 19,000-square-foot classroom wing plus a 7,000-square-foot library. The wing will

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Por la Gente By State Rep. Chente Quintanilla

Texas moves to cut property taxes

Greetings mi gente from your state capitol. Our Governor has called a special legislative session to comply with the Texas Supreme Court order and give school districts more room to raise or lower taxes because most districts are now forced to set their rates at the state's maximum or close to it. In other words, this form of taxation system amounts to an unconstitutional statewide property tax and if lawmakers don't approve a plan by June 1, state money for schools will be cut off.

We must address the issue immediately and we commenced by passing four of five tax bills on Monday, April 24. My colleagues and I worked all day Monday ending our house session at midnight Tuesday — when we recessed and met again on Thursday.

The passage of the tax proposals, with some money from the state surplus is designed to pay for about \$6 billion a year in school property tax cuts or enough to reduce a school district's tax rate for operations by about one-third. The measures that were approved to address a cut on the

property taxes are the following:

HB 1 passed the house with an overwhelming 139-5 vote and reduces school property taxes about 11 percent. We voted to strip language from the bill that would have widened disparities between school districts with the most property wealth and poorer ones. The provision in the bill, if kept in HB 1, would have restricted the amount of tax revenue that rich school districts must share with the rest of the public education system under the Robin Hood share-the-wealth plan.

HB I will provide enough money to lower taxes to \$1.33 per \$100 valuation for those taxing at \$1.50. Although School Boards could raise the rate another three percent to get additional funding and any increases would require approval of voters in the district. Furthermore, we voted to secure that seniors and people with disabilities whose property taxes are frozen will receive a cut in property taxes.

HB 2 dedicates new tax revenue to property tax reduction.

HB 3 will set up a new business franchise tax to replace another tax many companies avoided paying. It will require most medium and large companies to pay a tax on their gross receipts after deducting either the cost of goods

or employee compensation.

HB 4 is the "don't lie about how much you paid for your used car" bill. Because so many Texans fabricate a lower price on their used care vehicle purchase when calculating the sales tax — the law will soon require the buyer pay a tax based on the at least 80 percent of the vehicle's "blue book" value.

The bills will now move on the Senate for approval and if the tax plan is approved a joint House-Senate committee will then resolve any differences.

In the Senate, I applaud Senators Eltife (R) and Ellis (D) for their senate bill that would raise public schoolteachers' pay by \$3,000 annually and would restore the \$1,000 health insurance stipend that was cut in 2003. I am hopeful Senate Bill 24 will reach the house or will be successfully attached as an amendment to one of our House Bills. I believe the Governor will call a charge and include a teacher pay raise and bring Senate Bill 24 to fruition.

I agree and stand by with all those Texans that agree real property relief is overdue. However, this special session I believe we must address both property cuts and teacher salary increase.

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

How the little guy gets got

Did you file a tax return this year? If you receive a pay check, you better have. How long did it take you to read all the forms, fill in the forms, and compute what you owe or are owed?

The 1040 form is one of the most commonly used forms by taxpayers who need to report interest and dividend income, itemized deductions, and capital gains. It is estimated that it takes the average taxpayer using these forms 37.8 hours when using a computer and tax preparation software. Even if you are using the so-called "short" form, you need to allot at least 12 hours using your computer. The self-employed and small business owners spend approximately 80 hours on average to complete their taxes.

In 2005, the 1040 instruction manual was 142 pages long — more than triple its length from 1975 and 71 times larger than in 1935 when it was only two pages. Additionally, the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) now prints more than 1,000 publications to help clarify your uncertainty. More taxpayers than ever are turning to

professional services to prepare their taxes. Starting in 1977, the law required tax professionals to sign returns they were paid to prepare. Today, over 60 percent of returns are prepared by a professional. When you add in returns prepared by either a tax professional or by using a computer, the statistic climbs to more than 90 percent.

A survey conducted by the National Society of Accountants found that the cost of using a tax professional to file the simplest 1040 would be \$110 and climbs to \$201 when you add in itemized deductions.

Many Americans hire a professional tax preparer because they are simply flabbergasted by the amount of paperwork associated with the filing process. In 1995, Congress passed the Paperwork Reduction Act in an attempt to reduce this burden. However, since this law was enacted, this burden has increased by more than 20 percent. Several laws have been passed in Congress to reduce the financial burden for middle class taxpayers such as the Taxpayer Relief Act of 1997, the Economic Growth

and Tax Relief Reconciliation Act of 2001, and more recently the Jobs and Growth Tax Relief Reconciliation Act of 2003. Despite these efforts, the Tax Foundation estimates that in 2005 individuals, businesses and non-profits will spend over 6 billion hours complying with the federal income tax.

American taxpayers deserve a fairer, simpler tax system. Therefore, I believe that we should abolish the IRS as we know it. Americans now face the highest tax burden since World War II. I strongly support a reduction in tax rates to ease this burden on taxpayers.

By simplifying the tax process, fewer Americans would run afoul of the IRS, fewer would suffer undue tax burdens and a more fair and balanced system would be in place. Families in Texas should not have to pay so much of their hard earned money in taxes or be hassled by a burdensome tax code.



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For more information on Fair Housing or to report possible Fair Housing discrimination, call the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development at 1-800-669-9777.

Sandra Sierra
City Clerk

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Moore Texas by Roger T. Moore April 27, 1839: Samuel Morse offers the rights to his "telegraph" to Texas. President Lamar declines.

Fabens ISD selects its Teacher of the Year

By Ivan Quintero
Special to the Courier

FABENS — Fabens ISD presents many awards over the course of a year but one that stands out the most is Teacher of the Year. This year, Renee Louise King received this highly coveted award. According to her students in her Pre-AP English 1 and her Pre-AP English 2 classes, she's a very fun person with a great personality. Being a teacher is hard enough but

that's not the only reason she was awarded this prize. King also serves as sponsor for the cheerleaders, student council, one-act play, drama club and the pep squad. This Teacher of the Year was born in Bennington, Nebraska where she graduated early with honors. Later she moved to El Paso where she's lived and taught at Fabens ISD for the last four years. She said the



Renee King

thing she loves most about Fabens High School are the students. Renee said that she was shocked, happy and honored when they gave her the great news. Although she has already accomplished a lot, she still wants to get a second Masters degree in administration and also wants to get a doctorate "just so I can be called Dr. King."

Canutillo school board member helps shape upcoming legislative agenda

By Kim Guzman
Special to the Courier

UPPER VALLEY — Yvonne Sapien Sanchez, Canutillo ISD school board member, is helping decide issues the Texas Association of School Boards (TASB) will pursue in the upcoming 80th Session of the Texas Legislature. She represented this region at a meeting of TASB's Legislative Advisory

Council held recently in Austin. The council is responsible for merging the views of the various state regions into legislative priorities and developing specific legislative position statements. The council's recommendations will be submitted for adoption to TASB's Delegate Assembly at the Association's annual convention in the fall. Each region in the state is

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City of Horizon City PUBLIC NOTICE

In accordance with the laws of the State of Texas and the Horizon City Charter, a public election will be held in the City of Horizon City, El Paso County, Texas on May 13, 2006, for the purpose of: Electing Four (4) Council Members as required by the Charter for the following positions: Place 1, 2, 4 and 6 for two (2) years; and Voting "For" or "Against" Charter Amendments on the following Sections:

AMENDMENT NO. 1 — Amend Section 3.03 (C), Mayor and Mayor Pro Tem:

The Mayor or the Mayor Pro Tem, while presiding over the Council in the absence of the Mayor, shall vote only in the case of a tie. A quorum of four (4) from the seven (7) members of Council must be present to conduct a meeting. A vote of four (4), in favor shall be required to pass any ordinance, as per Section 3.14 (B) (4). A vote of four (4) in favor shall be required to enter into any legal settlements or any contractual obligations which exceed \$50,000.00. A majority of the City Council present shall be required to pass any mandate, resolution or any other Council business. The Mayor shall have the power to veto. Any veto may be reconsidered on a written request of any member of the City Council within thirty one (31) days of a veto by the Mayor and shall require a vote of five (5) Council Members to override the Mayor's veto.

AMENDMENT NO. 2 — Amend Section 3.14 (C) (1) and (D) (2), Ordinances in General:

(C) Effective Date

(1) Every ordinance shall become effective when approved and passed by City Council on second reading or at any later date specified therein; AND

(D) Publish Defined

(2) The ordinance or the caption of an adopted ordinance that summarizes the purpose of the ordinance and any penalty for violating the ordinance.

EARLY VOTING

Early voting by personal appearance will be conducted from 8:00 a.m. — 5:00 p.m. May 1 — May 9, 2006 at:

**Oz Glaze Senior Center
13969 Veny Webb
Horizon City, Texas 79928**

Early Voting Poll will remain open from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. on Monday, May 8, 2006 and Tuesday, May 9, 2006.

EARLY VOTING BY MAIL

Requests for early voting ballots by mail must be signed by voter and sent to:

**COUNTY ELECTION ADMINISTRATOR
500 E. SAN ANTONIO AVE.
EL PASO, TEXAS 79901**

or faxed to 915/546-2220. For more information call 915/546-2154.

ELECTION DAY POLLING PLACES 7:00 A.M. — 7:00 P.M.

Polling location for voters in Part of Precinct 147:

Horizon Heights Elementary School
13601 Ryderwood Avenue

Polling location for voters in Part of Precinct 157, all of 167 and part of 168:

Desert Hills Elementary School
300 North Kenazo Avenue

For additional information call 915-852-1046, Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Raymond Morales
Mayor

Ciudad de Horizon City AVISO PUBLICO

De acuerdo con las leyes del Estado de Texas y la Carta de la Ciudad de

Horizon, se llevará a cabo una elección pública en la Ciudad de Horizon City, Condado de El Paso, Texas el día 13 de mayo 2006, el propósito de esta elección es el siguiente:

Elegir a cuatro Miembros del Consejo para que sirvan a la Ciudad de Horizon como lo indica la Carta para los siguientes puestos:

Puestos 1, 2, 4 y 6 por dos (2) años; y Votar "A Favor" o "En Contra" de Enmiendas a la Carta en las siguientes Secciones:

ENMIENDA NUMERO 1 — Enmendar la Sección 3.03 (C), Alcalde/Alcaldesa y Alcalde/Alcaldesa Pro Tem, a leer lo siguiente:

(C) El Alcalde/la Alcaldesa o el Alcalde/la Alcaldesa Pro Tem, mientras presidan sobre el Consejo en la ausencia de el Alcalde/la Alcaldesa, botara solo en caso de un empate. Un quórum de cuatro (4) de los siete (7) Miembros del Ayuntamiento deberán estar presentes para conducir una sesión. Se requerirá un voto de cuatro (4) a favor para aprobar cualquier ordenanza, según la Sección 3.14 (B). Se requiere un voto de cuatro (4) a favor para poder hacer cualquier arreglo legal o obligación de contrato que exceda la cantidad de \$50,000.00. Se requerirá una mayoría del Ayuntamiento presente para aprobar cualquier mandato, resolución, o cualquier asunto del Ayuntamiento. Solo el Alcalde/la Alcaldesa tendrá el poder de veto. Cualquier veto puede ser reconsiderado con una solicitud del Ayuntamiento dentro de un limite de treinta y un (31) días de un veto por el Alcalde/la Alcaldesa y requerirá un voto de cinco (5) Miembros del Ayuntamiento para anular.

ENMIENDA NUMERO 2 — Enmendar la Sección 3.14 (C) (1), y (D) (2), Ordenanzas en General, a leer lo siguiente:

(C) Fecha Vigente

(1) Cada Ordenanza será efectiva cuando sea aprobado por el Ayuntamiento en la segunda lectura o cualquier otra fecha especificada; Y

(D) Publicar Definida

(2) La Ordenanza o el encabezamiento de una adopción de ordenanza que resume el propósito de la ordenanza o cualquier multa por violación de la ordenanza.

VOTACION TEMPRANA

Votación temprana por asistencia personal se llevará a cabo de 8:00 a.m. — 5:00 p.m. del 1 de mayo al 9 de mayo 2006 en:

**Oz Glaze Senior Center
13969 Veny Webb
Horizon City, Texas 79928**

La caseta de votaciones tempranas permanecerán abiertas de 8 a.m. a 8 p.m. empezando el lunes, 8 de mayo 2006 al martes, 9 de mayo 2006.

VOTACION TEMPRANA POR CORREO

Peticiones de boletas electorales para votación temprana por correo deben ser firmadas por el votante y ser enviadas al:

**COUNTY ELECTION ADMINISTRATOR
500 E. SAN ANTONIO AVE.
EL PASO, TEXAS 79901**

o lo puede mandar por fax al número (915) 546-2220. Para más información por favor llame al teléfono (915) 546-2154.

SITIOS DE VOTACION Y HORARIO DE 7:00 A.M. — 7:00 P.M.

El sitio de votación para parte del el Recinto 147 se localiza en la escuela Primaria Horizon Heights, cuya dirección es 13601 Ryderwood Avenue.

El sitio de votación para parte de los Recintos 157, todo el Recinto 167 y parte del 168 se localizaran en la escuela Primaria Desert Hills, cuya dirección es 300 N. Kenazo.

Para más información llame al (915)852-1046 de lunes a viernes de 8 a.m. a 5 p.m.

Raymond Morales
Alcalde

WTCC: 04-27-06

COUNTY ELECTION LOCATIONS FOR THE MAY 13, 2006
MUNICIPAL AND SCHOOL BOARD ELECTIONS

EARLY VOTING, MAY 1 – MAY 9, 2006

PLACE	ADDRESS	HOURS
1 ANTHONY TOWN HALL	401 WILDCAT DR.	8:30 - 4:30
2 CAROLINA REC. CENTER	563 N. CAROLINA	9:00 - 6:00
3 CLINT JR. HIGH SCHOOL	13000 ALAMEDA	8:00 - 5:00
4 COURTHOUSE	500 E. SAN ANTONIO	8:00 - 5:00
5 DIETER PLAZA SHOPPING STRIP	1605 GEORGE DIETER	9:00 - 6:00
6 MONTANA VISTA ELEMENTARY	3550 MARK JASON	8:00 - 5:00
7 VISTA HILLS SHOPPING CENTER	1840 LEE TREVINO	9:00 - 6:00
8 OZ GLAZE SENIOR CENTER*	1396 VENY WEB, HORIZON	8:00 - 5:00
9 REV. PETE MARTINEZ SR. CENTER	9301 ALAMEDA	9:00 - 6:00
10 ROGELIO SANCHEZ CENTER	1331 N. FABENS ST.	10:00 - 5:00
11 VINTON FIRE STATION	510 VINTON RD.	3:00 - 6:00
12 SOCORRO CITY HALL*	860 RIO VISTA RD.	8:00 - 5:00
13 BASSETT PLACE	6101 GATEWAY WEST	9:00 - 6:00
14 MINER VILLAGE	2900 N. MESA	9:00 - 6:00
15 TORNILLO ADMINISTRATION BLDG	19200 COBB	8:30 - 4:30

*MON. MAY 8 – TUES. MAY 9
8:00 AM. – 8:00 PM.

THURSDAY MAY 4, 2006 ONLY

1 CLINT HIGH SCHOOL	12625 ALAMEDA AVE.	5:00 - 9:00
2 MOUNTAIN VIEW HIGH SCHOOL	14964 GREG DR.	5:00 - 9:00
3 EAST MONTANA MIDDLE SCHOOL	3490 ASCENSION RD.	5:00 - 9:00
4 HORIZON MIDDLE SCHOOL	14510 MCMAHON DR.	5:00 - 9:00
5 FRANK MACIAS ELM. SCHOOL	14400 GOLDEN EAGLE DR.	5:00 - 9:00
6 WILLIAM D. SURRATT ELM. SCHOOL	12675 ALAMEDA AVE.	5:00 - 9:00
7 RED SANDS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL	4250 O'SHEA RD.	5:00 - 9:00
8 HORIZON HIGH SCHOOL	14651 HORIZON BLVD.	5:00 - 9:00
9 DESERT HILLS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL	300 NORTH KENAZO DR.	5:00 - 9:00
10 CLINT JR. HIGH SCHOOL	13000 ALAMEDA	5:00 - 9:00
11 MONTANA VISTA ELEMENTARY	3550 MARK JASON	5:00 - 9:00

SOURCE: COUNTY OF EL PASO ELECTIONS DEPT.


THS asks what students want to be when they grow up

By Jose Luis Silva
Special to the Courier

TORNILLO — On April 13, Tornillo High School held its annual Career Day, inviting the 7th and 8th graders from Tornillo Junior High to participate in the event. Organized by the Tornillo High School Student Council, the event gave students the opportunity to learn about various career opportunities, especially those available in the El Paso/Las Cruces area.

In the morning, over 15 guest speakers addressed students at the High School to talk about their own career choices and to share useful information with the students about those careers. Later in the day, more than 25 exhibitors from various organizations and trade schools set up exhibits in the high school gym. Students had the opportunity to browse through the exhibits, talk to the exhibitors, and learn about the multitude of career opportunities available to them.

THS Student Council sponsor and teacher Jose Luis Silva noted that the guest speakers and exhibitors were very impressed with the excellent behavior the Tornillo students exhibited. The students, in turn, showed much interest in the information the guests shared with them.



— Photo courtesy Tornillo ISD

THIS IS WHAT I DO — A presenter from the El Paso Reserve Bank shared career information with a couple of Tornillo High School students.

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represented on the council by four to 10 delegates. Student enrollment determines the number of regional representatives — this year there are 108. They will review and consolidate ideas from 21 regional grassroots meetings. The council will finish its business at its second meeting on May 20 in Austin.

TASB is a voluntary, non-profit association established in 1949 to serve local Texas school districts. Its membership includes 1,039 school districts and county school boards, 48 junior colleges, 36 tax appraisal districts, 149 cooperatives, and 20 education service centers. TASB represents the largest group of publicly elected officials in the state.



Yvonne Sapien Sanchez

It's a fact. Clint ISD is growing at a phenomenal rate.

In 2001, Clint ISD served the educational needs of 7,860 students. Today, there are 9,350 students.

Clint ISD projects that, by 2010, the district will need to provide classrooms for over 24,000 students. This figure is calculated based on historical enrollment growth combined with the new developments in our community.

We can see the growth throughout the district. We know that major developments are planned within our school district boundaries. And we know that the expected influx of military families due to BRAC will impact our classrooms.

Clint ISD Board of Trustees has called a \$90 million Bond Election for May 13. Please invest in our Children's Education.

Es un hecho. El distrito escolar de Clint (Clint ISD) esta creciendo en proporciones fenomenales.

En el 2001, el distrito escolar de Clint cumplió con las necesidades educativas de 7,860 alumnos. Ahora hay 9,350 alumnos.

El distrito escolar de Clint anticipa que para el año 2010 el distrito va a tener que proporcionar salones para 24,000 estudiantes. Este calculo esta basado en el desarrollo de inscripción del pasado combinado con el crecimiento en nuestra comunidad.

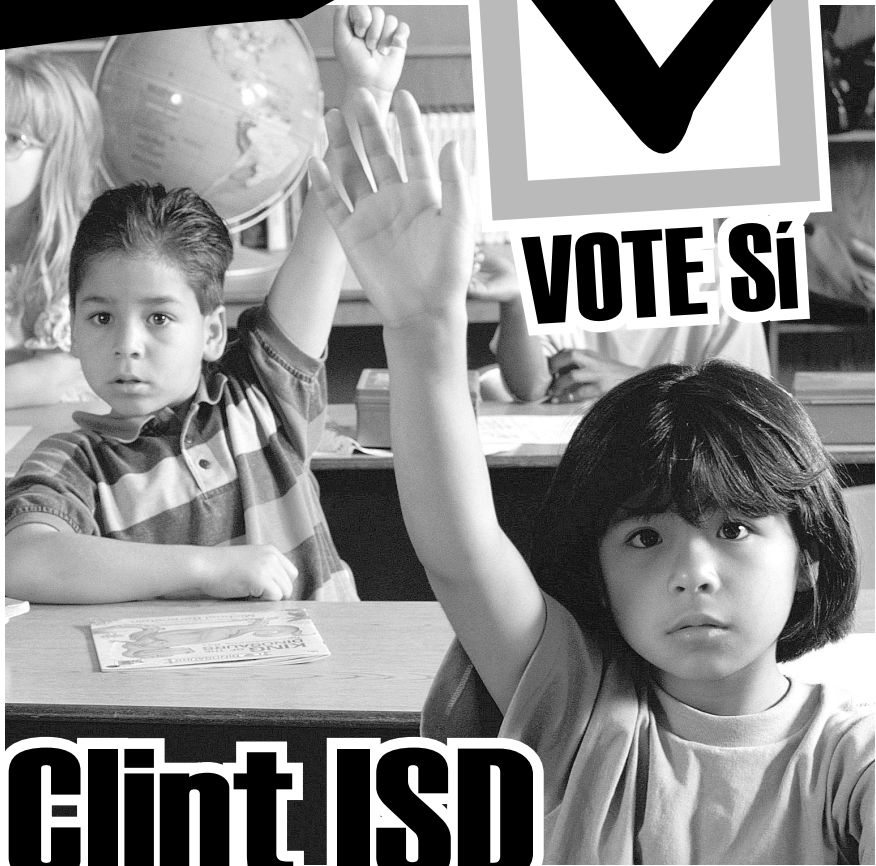
Podemos ver el desarrollo dentro del distrito. Sabemos que hay plan de desarrollo dentro de los límites de nuestro distrito escolar. Y sabemos que la llegada de familias militares a causa de BRAC (por sus siglas en ingles) va a impactar nuestros salones de clase.

La mesa directiva del distrito escolar de Clint ha pedido que se lleve a cabo una elección el 13 de mayo para aprobar bonos por \$90 millones de dólares. Por favor invierta en la educación de nuestros hijos.

Invest
In Our Children
Invierta
en Nuestros Hijos

Citizens for Clint ISD Committee
Bond Election Chairs
Clint Area – Dora and Julian Tellez
Horizon Area – Carmen Garite
Montana Area – Margie Caraveo,
Mayela Lucero, Liz Posada
Gilbert Alarcon – Treasurer

May 13, 2006



Clint ISD \$90 Million Bond Election

Eleccion de Bonos \$90 Millones El Distrito Escolar Clint

VOTE YES for new schools	VOTE SÍ para escuelas nuevas
VOTE YES for additional classrooms and building improvements	VOTE SÍ para salones de clase adicionales y para el mejoramiento de los edificios
VOTE YES for our Children's Education	VOTE SÍ para la Educación de nuestros Hijos

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CORRECTED Public Notice

LOWER VALLEY WATER DISTRICT

To the Duly qualified Resident Electors of the Lower Valley Water District and to all other interested parties:

A los Electores autorizados y residentes de el Lower Valley Water District:

The Board of Directors of the Lower Valley Water District hereby gives notice of an election to be held May 13, 2006, for the purpose of electing three (3) Director Positions for the Lower Valley Water District Board.

La Mesa Directiva de el Lower Valley Water District da aviso que se llevara acabo una eleccion el dia 13 de Mayo de 2006 con el proposito de elejir tres (3) miembros de la Mesa Directiva de el Lower Valley Water District.

EARLY VOTING by personal appearance will be conducted at the Socorro City Hall, 860 N. Rio Vista, Socorro, Texas 79927 starting Monday, May 1, 2006 and continue through Tuesday, May 9, 2006 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. on each day which is not a Saturday, Sunday or an official state holiday.

Early voting by personal appearance will also be conducted at all locations within El Paso County, at which Early Voting is conducted by the County Elections Department beginning on May 1, 2006, and ending on May 9, 2006.

VOTACION POR AUSENCIA *por presencia personal sera conducida en Socorro City Hall, 860 N. Rio Vista Rd., Socorro, Texas 79927 empezando el Lunes, 1 de Mayo 2006 y continuara hasta el Martes, 9 de Mayo, 2006 de las 8 a.m. a las 5 p.m. en todos los dias que no sean Sabado, Domingo o dia oficial de vacaciones estatales.*

La votacion anticipo en persona se llevara a cabo en todos locaciones en el Condado de El Paso, en donde se lleva a cabo votaciones tempranas manejadas por el Departamento de Elecciones del condado empezando el 1 de mayo de 2006 y terminando el 9 de mayo de 2006.

Applications for absentee ballots by mail should be mailed to: Department of Elections, 500 East San Antonio, Room 402, El Paso, Texas 79901

Solicitudes para una boleta de ausencia por correo deben ser enviadas a: Department of Elections, 500 East San Antonio, Room 402, El Paso, Texas 79901.

The POLLING PLACES designated below will be open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. on the day of election.

Los SITIOS DE VOTACION *indicados abajo se abriran de 7 a.m. a 7 p.m. el dia de la eleccion.*

- Precinct Number (Numero de Precinto), Location (Colocacion):
Precinct 147-Horizon Heights School, 13601 Ryderwood Drive
Precinct 148-Sparks Community Center, 12899 Sparks Rd.
Precinct 149, 152-H.D. Hilley Elementary, 693 Rio Vista Rd.
Precinct 150-Robert R. Rojas Elementary, 500 Bauman Rd.
Precinct 151-Socorro High School, 10150 Alameda Avenue
Precinct 153-Escontrias Elementary, 205 Buford Rd.
Precinct 154-Campestre Elementary, 11399 Socorro Rd.
Precinct 157-Desert Hill Elementary, 300 East Lake Rd.
Precinct 158, 163-Clint Jr. High School, 13100 Alameda Ave.
Precinct 159-Ana M. Garcia-Enriquez Middle School, 12280 Socorro Rd.
Precinct 160, 169-Rio Valle Woman’s Club, 521 Mike Maros Dr.
Precinct 161-Tornillo Ancillary Bldg., 19200 Cobb Street

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Carnival that will be held from 12 to 8 p.m., Saturday, May 13, at the CHS Campus Plaza, 6675 South Desert Boulevard. General admission fee will be \$3 and no charge for children under 7 years of age. Springfest is sponsored by CHS Student Council and Student Leadership class, which are under the direction of Gary De Leon, CHS social studies teacher. De Leon said that the funds raised with the carnival would be used to purchase an inflatable tunnel for football games and other sporting events. He added that there is still time to reserve a booth for the Saturday carnival. For more information, call 877-7885.

■ The Horizon City Kiwanis Club is sponsoring a Horizon City Candidates’ Forum on April 29 at 8:30 p.m. at the Oz Glaze Senior Center, 13070 Veny Webb in Horizon City. As there are no contested races for either Clint ISD or Socorro ISD school board, Horizon City alderman candidates will be the only guest speakers. Information: 852-4837.

■ Socorro Special Education Homebound teacher Temperance Johnson was dramatically touched when one of her students recently underwent a bone marrow transplant to treat his Leukemia. Because this deadly disease affected someone so close to her, and affects so many others, she decided to take on a very big challenge. On June 4, she will be cycling 100-miles around Lake Tahoe in the Century Marathon. “I’m super excited and have been working endlessly at getting ready for this event,” she says. Along with her training, Johnson is hoping to raise \$3,900 to help raise Leukemia awareness. The Century Marathon is sponsored by the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society.

■ Brenda Castañeda, an eight-year member of the Socorro ISD Board of Trustees, has resigned her position because she says she



Castañeda

no longer lives in the area she represents, principally around Montwood High School. She still lives in the Socorro district and did not rule out running for the board at a later time. The board is expected to appoint someone to fill the vacancy. Castañeda is the only woman to have served as SISD board president.

■ The El Paso Diabetes Association is sponsoring Healthy Living Cooking Class on Thursday, April 27, 10 a.m. to noon, at the Friendly Senior Center, 2215 Murchison in El Paso. Cost of the class is \$10 which includes reci-

pes and directions from featured guest Pat Rodriguez. Call Sheila McQuiston at 532-6280, ext. 26, for information.

■ Lorenzo G. Loya Primary School is proud to host the Spring Festival/Health Fair, *Celebrating the Day of the Child*. The Festival, April 29, from 11 a.m. - 3 p.m., will consist of a variety of booths food, games, and entertainment. Health information booths and screenings will be provided by Quantum Home Health Care, Dr. Islas, WIC, Prevent Blindness, El Paso Community College-Recruitment & School Relations, Dept. of Family & Community Medicine, Human Society, CSR, ProAction Shots, Que Sabrosa Vida, and the San Elizario Adult Enrichment Education Program. Children will have an opportunity to receive a free hair cut provided by the San Elizario High School cosmetology class. Amber Alert ID cards courtesy of the El Paso Sheriff’s Department and Loya Technology Committee will be provided free of charge. Members of the Viva Mexico Cast, Ballet folklorico Churuhui, SEISD cheerleaders, and Folklorico groups from Borrego and Sambrano Elementary will perform. Price’s Bottle Caps, General Mills and Campbell Soups Labels for Education will be accepted to purchase tickets. The event is sponsored by the Technology and Wellness Committees. For information contact Maggie Benavidez 872-3940 ext. 3609.

■ Scholars from the Smithsonian Institution were back in the Socorro ISD this week, April 25-27, as part of the Ford Scholars in the Schools program, which brings experts from the renowned institution’s research and curatorial staff into schools across the nation. This year scholars will discuss Asian elephant conservation and the effects of global warming in presentations made possible by the Ford Motor Company Fund. Scholars again visited Capt. Walter E. Clarke Middle, Col. John O. Ensor Middle, Montwood Middle, Ernesto Serna School, William D. Slider Middle and Sun Ridge Middle.

■ Omar Molina, Canutillo Elementary School sixth grade student, won first place in the Sixth Annual Canutillo ISD Spanish Spelling Bee, which was held at Deanna Davenport Elementary School. Karina Ulloa, sixth grade at Deanna Davenport was second; third was Liliana Ortigoza, fifth grade at Jose Damian Elementary School.



Molina

The five top finishers from CISD’s four elementary schools qualified to compete in the District event. “It was the finalization of the arduous hours of preparation for the participants,” said Antonio Del Campo, lead teacher for District’s one-way, two-way bilingual program. “The hard work of the campus coordinators

and family members in helping to prepare the students to show their knowledge and abilities to spell words in Spanish was evident,” he added.

■ Hurshel Antwine School will host their First Annual Family Fitness Night and Health Fair on Thursday, April 27 from 5-8 p.m. at Paso Del Norte School, 12300 Tierra Este Rd. All funds will benefit the Hurshel Antwine Physical Ed department. There will be food booths, games, prizes and presentations to include martial arts, mariachi and aerobics. UTEP football players will also be on hand to sign autographs and interact with the children.

■ A middle school and high school choir contest will be hosted by Socorro ISD on Saturday, April 28 from 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. at Americas High School. About 22 middle and high school choirs will compete in preparation for the Regional UIL competitions in May. The event is free and open to the public. High schools scheduled to compete include: Montwood, Americas, El Dorado and Socorro. Middle schools scheduled to compete are Hurshel Antwine, Loma Verde, Myrtle Cooper, Vista Del Sol, John Drugan, Paso Del Norte, Col. John O. Ensor, Montwood, Sun Ridge, William D. Slider, Capt. Walter E. Clarke, Riverside, Ernesto Serna, Salvador H. Sanchez, Paso Del Norte, Jane A. Hambric and Socorro.

■ The Americas High School Student Council will be hosting their 2nd Annual Leaders of Americas Banquet on Thursday, May 4 at 6 p.m. in the school’s cafeteria. All 62 organizations at Americas, including sponsors and coaches, will be honored. The Banquet cost will be covered by the Americas High School Student Council who raised over \$5,000 to provide the dinner, medallions for 350 student leaders and sashes for 87 faculty sponsors and coaches. “This collaboration has made Americas High students better leaders,” says Student Activities director Miyesser Collins. “They recognize the importance of reaching out to other leaders and address the needs of the community.”

■ The El Dorado Choir will formally dedicate its recently-completed theater on Friday, April 28 from 5-7 p.m. The ceremony will include a welcome by special guests Superintendent Dr. Robert J. Durón, members of the Board of Trustees and SISD Oversight Committee, Foundation Members and cabinet members. “The dedication of the El Dorado Aztec Theater not only marks the celebration of the opening of our new theater, but the conclusion of the last phase of construction of our school,” says El Dorado assistant principal Jody Kotys. The El Dorado Fine Arts department — choir, theater, orchestra, guitar and band — will all perform. Following the program, guests will be invited to a reception

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featuring international appetizers in the El Dorado Courtyard.

■ The Socorro High School Teatristas want to invite everyone to spend some time with Tigger, Piglet, Eyeore, and of course, Winnie the Pooh in their children’s production of *The House at Pooh Corner*. The play will be set in English and Spanish on different show times. Catch the English production on Friday, April 28 at 7 p.m. and the Spanish production on Saturday, April 29 at 7 p.m. Special daytime performances for schools will be Tuesday, May 2 at 10 a.m. (in Spanish) and Wednesday May 3 at 10 a.m. (in English). Tickets are \$3. For more information contact the Socorro High theater department at 937-2243.

■ Canutillo ISD will hold early registration for four and five year old children (Pre-K & Kindergarten) for the 2006-2007 school year at the following locations and listed dates/times:

- Canutillo Elementary School 651 Canutillo Ave., (877-7601) Tues., April 25, from 9 a.m.-2 p.m. Wed., April 26, from 2 p.m.-6 p.m.
- Childress Elementary School 7700 Cap Carter Rd., (877-7701) Tues., May 2, from 9 a.m.-2 p.m. Wed., May 3, from 9 a.m.-2 p.m. Thurs., May 4, from 2 p.m.-6 p.m.
- Damian Elementary School 6300 Strahan Rd., (877-7664) Tues., May 2, from 9 a.m.-2 p.m. Wed., May 3, from 1 p.m.-4 p.m.
- Davenport Elementary School 8401 Remington Ave., (886-6401) Tues., May 9, from 9 a.m.-2 p.m. Wed., May 10, from 2 p.m.-6 p.m.

Children must be four years old by Sept. 1, 2006 to qualify for registration. Only students new to Canutillo ISD need to register. If a child attended Pre-Kinder in Canutillo last year, they are already registered. Parent or guardian must bring the child’s birth certificate, shot record, child’s social security card, proof of residence, income verification, and parent or guardian identification to their respective campus. Classes for the 2006-2007 school year are scheduled to start Thursday, Aug. 10. For more information, call 877-7379.

■ Cesar Chavez Commemorative Committee will present *The Migrant Farm Workers Son*, a play written by Mexican American playwright Sylvia Gonzalez S., at 10 a.m., Friday, April 28, at Canutillo High School Theater, 6675 South Desert Boulevard. Local area high school and college students will perform the two-hour play in observance of Cesar Chavez Month. Director and choreographer is Rebecca Elias. Admission is \$4 for adults and \$2 for students. Proceeds

will go to a scholarship fund for children of migrant workers. For more information, contact Elias, at 478-5888.

■ Congressman Silvestre Reyes has launched a blog, or online journal, at www.reyesblog.com. to keep his constituency updated. Reyes is also launching a new state-of-the-art website, which features his views on issues affecting El Paso and the nation, information on votes he has taken in the House of Representatives, speeches he has given in El Paso and across the country, media releases and photos, as well as contact information. Reyes’ blog features issues that are both local and national in scope, from rising gas prices to immigration debate

■ Detectives from the El Paso Police Department’s Central Regional Command are requesting community assistance in locating a missing elderly central El Paso woman, Frances Gomez. Gomez, also known as Campos, was last seen at her home at the 1000 block of S. Mesa St. about 9 p.m. April 20. She is described as a 70-year-old Hispanic female, 5' even in height and 160 pounds. She has gray or partially gray collar length hair and brown eyes. She may be wearing a white polo type shirt, Capri pants and penny loafers. She

wears large prescription glasses and may have a black fanny-pack type purse with her and be wearing an identification bracelet with the name FRANCES on it. Gomez has been diagnosed with Alzheimer’s disease and requires medication for her illness. She may be trying to go to Riverside, California where she previously lived. Anyone with information is asked to call 832-4400.

■ One more school in the Socorro ISD has announced registration dates for the 06-07 school year. Benito Martinez Elementary, located at 2640 Robert Wynn St., will have registration for all grades on July 11-13. The front office will close on Friday, July 14.

■ Americas High School will present *Hamlet* by William Shakespeare on May 11-14. Student prices are \$2 a seat with a free ticket for chaperones for every ten students. Adult ticket prices are \$3 in advance and \$5 at the door. Performance times are: Thursday, May 11 at 10 a.m., 2 p.m. and 6:30 p.m.; Friday, May 12 at 10 a.m. and 2 p.m.; Saturday, May 13 at 2:30 p.m. and Sunday, May 14 at 2:30 p.m. For reserve seating or more information call Tom Haase at 937-3075 or 937-3077.

Public Notice
Fabens Independent School District

A PUBLIC MEETING will be held at 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, May 3, 2006 at the Fabens ISD Administration Building, 821 NE G Avenue, Fabens, Texas. The purpose of the public meeting is to allow any interested representative of a non-profit private school or non-profit home school operating in the Fabens Independent School District to appear and receive information regarding Schedule Five of Federal Grant Applications for their school. Representatives will need to provide their school’s tax-exempt identification number to the District to confirm eligibility.

The Grant Applications are available through the “No Child Left Behind Act” and include the following:

- Title I, Part A - Improving Basic Programs
- Title I, Part C - Education of Migratory Children
- Title II, Part A - Teacher and Principal Training and Recruiting
- Title II, Part D - Enhancing Education Through Technology
- Title III Part A - English Language Acquisition, Language Enhancement and Academic Achievement
- Title V, Part A - Innovative Programs.

Those that are unable to attend the public meeting may submit their questions in writing to the Fabens Independent School District or contact Patricia Silva (915) 764-2025. Accommodations for handicapped persons will be available; handicapped persons in need of special assistance for attending the meeting are encouraged to contact Patricia Silva, twenty four (24) hours prior to this meeting.

WTCC: 04-27-06

City of Socorro, Texas
PUBLIC NOTICE

ORDER OF ELECTION FOR CITY OF SOCORRO

An election is hereby ordered to be held on May 13, 2006 from 7 a.m. to 7p.m. for the purpose of: Electing a Mayor and five Council persons from Districts 1, 2, 3, 4 and one at-large for the City of Socorro, Texas.

Early voting will be conducted at Socorro City Hall, 860 N. Rio Vista beginning Monday, May 1, 2006, and will continue through Friday, May 5, 2006 from 8:00 a.m. to 5 p.m. on each day which is not a Saturday, Sunday, or an official state holiday. And Monday, May 8, 2006 through Tuesday, May 9, 2006 from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Early voting by personal appearance will be conducted at all locations within El Paso County, at which Early Voting is conducted by the County Elections Department beginning on May 1, 2006 and ending on May 9, 2006.

The early voting ballot applications and ballots by mail may be sent to Helen Jamison, County Elections Department, 500 E. San Antonio, Room 402, El Paso, Texas 79901. Applications for ballots by mail must be received no later than the close of the business day on the 5th day of May, 2006.

Precincts	Polling Place	Address
149	Hilley Elementary	693 Rio Vista
150 & 152	Rojas Elementary School	500 Bauman Rd.
151	Socorro High School	10150 Alameda
153	Escontrias Elementary School	205 Buford Rd.
154	Campestre Elementary School	11399 Socorro Rd.

Issued this 2nd day of March, 2006

Guillermo Gandara Jr., Mayor
City of Socorro

ORDEN DE ELECCIÓN PARA LA CUIDAD DE SOCORRO

Por medio de la presente se ordena que se lleve acabo una elección el 13 de Mayo del 2006 con el proposito de: Eligir el Alcalde y cinco Regidores de los Distritos 1, 2, 3, 4, y uno en general para la Ciudad de Socorro, Texas.

Votación temprana en persona se llevara acabo en Socorro City Hall, 860 N. Rio Vista Rd., apartir del Lunes, 1 de Mayo del 2006, y continuara hasta el Viernes, 5 de mayo del 2006, desde las 8:00 a.m. hasta las 5:00 p.m. todos los dias que no sean Sabado, Domingo, o dia official de vacaciones estatales y el Lunes, 8 de mayo del 2006 y Martes, 9 de Mayo del 2006 desde las 8:00 a.m. hasta las 8:00 p.m.

La votacion anticipo en persona se llevara a cabo en todos locaciones en el Condado de El Paso, en donde se lleva a cabo votaciones tempranas manejadas por el Departamento de Elecciones del condado empezando el 1 de mayo de 2006 y terminando el 9 de mayo de 2006.

La direccion postal de la secretaria de votacion de antemano para votar por correro y a donde se puedan enviar solicitudes para balotas y enviar las balotas con votos es: Helen Jamison, County Elections Department, 500 E. San Antonio, Room 402, El Paso, Texas 79901. Las solicitudes para boletas para votar en ausencia por correo deberan recibirse antes de el fin de las horas de negocio el día 5 de mayo de 2006.

Precincto	Lugar de Votacion	Domicilio
149	Hilley Elementary	693 Rio Vista
150 & 152	Rojas Elementary School	500 Bauman Rd.
151	Socorro High School	10150 Alameda
153	Escontrias Elementary School	205 Buford Rd.
154	Campestre Elementary School	11399 Socorro Rd.

Emitada este día 2 de marzo, 2006

Guillermo Gandara Jr., Alcalde
Cuidad de Socorro

WTCC:04/27/06

Clint Independent School District Notice of Bond Election

NOTICE OF BOND ELECTION

TO THE RESIDENT QUALIFIED VOTERS OF CLINT INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT:

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT an election will be held within Clint Independent School District, on Saturday, May 13, 2006, as provided in the order calling the election passed by the Board of Trustees of Clint Independent School District, a substantial copy of which order is printed below:

AN ORDER BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF CLINT INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT CALLING AN ELECTION TO BE HELD WITHIN SAID DISTRICT; PROVIDING FOR THE CONDUCT AND THE GIVING OF NOTICE OF SAID ELECTION; AND CONTAINING PROVISIONS NECESSARY AND INCIDENTAL TO THE PURPOSES HEREOF

WHEREAS, this Board of Trustees finds and determines that it is necessary and advisable to call and hold an election for and within Clint Independent School District (the “District”) on the proposition hereinafter set forth; and

WHEREAS, it is further found and determined that the meeting at which this order was adopted was open to the public, and public notice of the time, place, and purpose of said meeting was given, all as required by the Texas Government Code, Chapter 551; Now, Therefore

BE IT ORDERED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF CLINT INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT:

Section 1. Findings.

The statements contained in the preamble of this Order are true and correct and adopted as findings of fact and operative provisions hereof.

Section 2. Election Ordered; Date; Proposition.

An election shall be held for and within the District on May 13, 2006, at which election the following proposition shall be submitted in accordance with law:

PROPOSITION

Shall the Board of Trustees of Clint Independent School District be authorized to issue the bonds of the District, in one or more series, in the aggregate principal amount of \$90,000,000, for the purpose of the construction, acquisition, renovation and equipment of school buildings in the District, the purchase of the necessary sites for school buildings, and the purchase of new school buses, with said bonds to mature, bear interest, and be issued and sold in accordance with law at the time of issuance; and shall the Board of Trustees be authorized to levy and pledge, and cause to be assessed and collected, annual ad valorem taxes, on all taxable property

in the District, sufficient, without limit as to rate or amount, to pay the principal of and interest on said bonds, and the costs of any credit agreements executed in connection with the bonds?

Section 3. Precincts and Polling Place.

The election precincts for said election, and the polling place for each such precinct on election day, are hereby established and designated in Exhibit A attached hereto, which is incorporated herein by reference and made a part hereof for all purposes.

Section 4. Early Voting.

The Early Voting Polling Place and the Temporary Branch Early Voting Polling Places for conducting early voting by personal appearance and the address for early voting by mail for said election are hereby designated as set forth in Exhibit A attached hereto.

Section 5. Voting Hours.

(a) On election day the polls shall be open from 7:00 A.M. to 7:00 P.M.

(b) The dates and hours for early voting by personal appearance at the Early Voting Polling Place and the Temporary Branch Early Voting Polling Places shall be as set forth in Exhibit A hereto.

Section 6. Election Officers.

The election officers designated by the El Paso County Elections Department are hereby appointed and confirmed to hold said election at said polling places. As determined by the El Paso County Election Division, the Presiding Judges shall appoint not less than two nor more than five qualified election clerks to serve and assist in conducting said election; providing that if the Presiding Judge actually serves as expected, the Alternate Presiding Judge shall be one of such clerks.

Section 7. Official Ballots.

The official ballots for said election shall be prepared in accordance with the Texas Election Code so as to permit the electors to vote “FOR” or “AGAINST” the aforesaid proposition with the ballots to contain such provisions, markings and language as required by law, and with such proposition to be expressed substantially as follows:

PROPOSITION

FOR)

THE ISSUANCE OF \$90,000,000 OF BONDS FOR THE CONSTRUCTION, ACQUISITION, RENOVATION AND EQUIPMENT OF SCHOOL BUILDINGS IN THE DISTRICT, THE PURCHASE OF THE NECESSARY SITES FOR SCHOOL BUILDINGS, AND THE PURCHASE OF NEW SCHOOL BUSES, AND LEVYING THE TAX IN PAYMENT THEREOF, INCLUDING THE COSTS OF ANY CREDIT AGREEMENTS EXECUTED IN CONNECTION WITH THE BONDS

AGAINST)

Section 8. Bilingual Election Materials.

The election materials enumerated in Tex. Elec. Code Ann. §§ 272.001, et seq., shall be printed and furnished in both English and Spanish for use at the polling place and for early voting.

Section 9. Conduct of Election.

Said election shall be conducted in all respects in accordance with the Texas Election Code, and all resident qualified electors of the District shall be entitled to vote at said election. Pursuant to the federal Help America Vote Act and the Texas Election Code, each polling place shall be provided at least one voting system equipped for individuals with disabilities.

Section 10. Notice of Election.

(a) Notice of said election shall be given by (i) publishing a substantial copy of this Order in both English and Spanish one time not earlier than the 30th day or later than the 10th day before election day, in a newspaper published in the District or, if none is published in said District, in a newspaper of general circulation in said District and (ii) posting a substantial copy of this Order in both English and Spanish on the bulletin board in the District(s) administrative offices used for posting notices of the meetings of the Board of Trustees of the District not later than the 21st day before election day.

(b) Such notice, as posted and published, shall include and constitute a schedule stating the location of the temporary branch early voting polling places for said election, the election precincts served by the temporary branch polling places and the dates and hours that temporary branch voting will be conducted.

EXHIBIT A

CLINT INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOND ELECTION
May 13, 2006

Election Day Voting - Polling Places

• Election Precincts (consisting of the county election precincts, or portions thereof, listed below and located within the boundaries of the District)

Polling Place

• Polling Place No. 1
County Precinct

Montana Vista Elementary School Cafeteria
156 3550 Mark Jason Drive
El Paso, Texas 79938

• Polling Place No. 2
County Precinct

Red Sands Elementary School
155 4250 O’Shea Boulevard
El Paso, Texas 79938

• Polling Place No. 3

County Precincts 157, 167, 168

Desert Hills Elementary School
300 North Kenazo Drive
El Paso, Texas 79928

• Polling Place No. 4
County Precincts 158, 163

Clint Junior High School Library
13100 Alameda Avenue
Clint, Texas 79836

• Polling Place No. 5
County Precincts 150, 152

Robert R. Rojas Elementary School
500 Bauman Road
El Paso, Texas 79927

On election day the polls will be open from 7:00 A.M. to 7:00 P.M.

Early Voting By Personal Appearance

• Main Early Voting Polling Place

Dates and Hours for Early Voting

• Clint Junior High School Library
13100 Alameda Avenue
Clint, Texas 79836

May 1, 2006 through May 9, 2006 (except Saturdays, Sundays and official State holidays). Hours: 8:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M., except Thursday, May 4, 2006. Hours: 8:00 A.M. to 9:00 P.M.

• Temporary Branch Early Voting Polling Places Dates and Hours for Early Voting

• Oz Glaze Senior Center
13969 Vinny Webb
El Paso, Texas 79928

May 1, 2006 through May 9, 2006 (except Saturdays, Sundays and official State holidays). Hours: 8:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M.; except Monday, May 8, and Tuesday, May 9, 2006. Hours: 8:00 A.M. to 8:00 P.M.

• Montana Vista Elementary School Cafeteria
3550 Mark Jason Drive
El Paso, Texas 79938

May 1, 2006 through May 9, 2006 (except Saturdays, Sundays and official State holidays). Hours: 8:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M.; except Thursday, May 4, 2006. Hours: 8:00 A.M. to 9:00 P.M.

• Anthony City Hall
401 Wildcat Street
Anthony, Texas 79821

May 1, 2006 through May 9, 2006 (except Saturdays, Sundays and official State holidays). Hours: 8:30 A.M. to 4:30 P.M.

• Carolina Recreation Center
563 North Carolina Drive
El Paso, Texas 79915

May 1, 2006 through May 9, 2006 (except Saturdays, Sundays and official State holidays). Hours: 9:00 A.M. to 6:00 P.M.

• Polling Place No. 3

• El Paso County Courthouse
500 East San Antonio, Room 103
El Paso, Texas 79901

May 1, 2006 through May 9, 2006 (except Saturdays, Sundays and official State holidays). Hours: 8:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M.

• Dieter Plaza Shopping Strip
1605 George Dieter Avenue, Space 308
El Paso, Texas 79936

May 1, 2006 through May 9, 2006 (except Saturdays, Sundays and official State holidays). Hours: 9:00 A.M. to 6:00 P.M.

• Vista Hills Shopping Center
1840 Lee Trevino Drive, Space 704
El Paso, Texas 79936

May 1, 2006 through May 9, 2006 (except Saturdays, Sundays and official State holidays). Hours: 9:00 A.M. to 6:00 P.M.

• Reverend Pete Martinez Senior Center
9301 Alameda Avenue
El Paso, Texas 79907

May 1, 2006 through May 9, 2006 (except Saturdays, Sundays and official State holidays). Hours: 9:00 A.M. to 6:00 P.M.

• Rogelio Sanchez Center
1331 North Fabens Street
Fabens, Texas 79838

May 1, 2006 through May 9, 2006 (except Saturdays, Sundays and official State holidays). Hours: 10:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M.

• Vinton Fire Station
510 Vinton Road
Vinton, Texas 79821

May 1, 2006 through May 9, 2006 (except Saturdays, Sundays and official State holidays). Hours: 3:00 P.M. to 6:00 P.M.

• Socorro City Hall
313 South Rio Vista Road
Socorro, Texas 79907

May 1, 2006 through May 9, 2006 (except Saturdays, Sundays and official State holidays). Hours: 8:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M.; except Monday, May 8, and Tuesday, May 9, 2006. Hours: 8:00 A.M. to 8:00 P.M.

• Bassett Place
6101 Gateway West Boulevard, Space 565
El Paso, Texas 79925

May 1, 2006 through May 9, 2006 (except Saturdays, Sundays and official State holidays). Hours: 9:00 A.M. to 6:00 P.M.

• Miner Village (Student Housing at U.T.E.P.)
2900 North Mesa Street
El Paso, Texas 79968

May 1, 2006 through May 9, 2006 (except Saturdays, Sundays and official State holidays). Hours: 9:00 A.M. to 6:00

P.M.

• Tornillo ISD Administration Building
19200 Cobb Street
Tornillo, Texas 79853

May 1, 2006 through May 9, 2006 (except Saturdays, Sundays and official State holidays). Hours: 8:30 A.M. to 4:30 P.M.

• Clint High School Cafeteria
12625 Alameda Avenue
Clint, Texas 79836

Thursday, May 4, 2006
Hours: 5:00 P.M. to 9:00 P.M.

• Desert Hills Elementary School - Main Hall
300 North Kenazo Drive
El Paso, Texas 79928

Thursday, May 4, 2006
Hours: 5:00 P.M. to 9:00 P.M.

• Mountain View High School Library
14964 Greg Drive
El Paso, Texas 79938

Thursday, May 4, 2006
Hours: 5:00 P.M. to 9:00 P.M.

• East Montana Middle School Library
3490 Ascension Road
El Paso, Texas 79938

Thursday, May 4, 2006
Hours: 5:00 P.M. to 9:00 P.M.

• Horizon Middle School Library
14510 McMahon Drive
El Paso, Texas 79928

Thursday, May 4, 2006
Hours: 5:00 P.M. to 9:00 P.M.

• Frank Macias Elementary School Library
14400 Golden Eagle Drive
El Paso, Texas 79928

Thursday, May 4, 2006
Hours: 5:00 P.M. to 9:00 P.M.

• William D. Surratt Elementary School Library
12675 Alameda Avenue
Clint, Texas 79836

Thursday, May 4, 2006
Hours: 5:00 P.M. to 9:00 P.M.

• Red Sands Elementary School Library
4250 O’Shea Road
El Paso, Texas 79938

Thursday, May 4, 2006
Hours: 5:00 P.M. to 9:00 P.M.

• Horizon High School
14651 Horizon Boulevard
El Paso, Texas 79928

Thursday, May 4, 2006
Hours: 5:00 P.M. to 9:00 P.M.

Any voter who is entitled to vote an early voting ballot by personal appearance may do so at the Main Early Voting Polling Place or at any Temporary Branch Early Voting Polling Place.

Address for Early Voting by Mail:

Helen Jamison
El Paso County Department of Elections
500 E. San Antonio, Room 103
El Paso, Texas 79901
Attention: Early Voting Clerk

Applications for ballot by mail must be received no later than the close of business on May 5, 2006.

Athletes reach new low in criminal behavior

By Steve Escajeda
Special to the Courier

It's hardly a secret that any time you pick up a newspaper, watch TV or listen to the radio, a sports personality is making news for some kind of criminal behavior.

It happens so often that it's almost surprising when it doesn't. It's like a real macho thing, a kind of "you don't want to mess with me" attitude.

You hear about the drinking, the womanizing, the drug abuse, the murders, the assaults, the rapes, the gambling, the tax evasion, the steroids and the money-grubbing selfishness — now we can add a new one to the criminal-behavior list.

The latest fad seems to involve children, and the very manly act of beating them up.

Just last week, two incidents of child abuse by former professional athletes were reported.

Keith Hamilton, who spent 12

years with the New York Giants, was disappointed in his 12-year-old son's report card. So he did what any average red-blooded American parent would do. He hit his son with an electric cord and surge protector, then picked him up by his throat and elbowed him in the chest.

Not exactly Ozzie Nelson, Mike Brady or Cliff Huxtable-like behavior. Hamilton defended his action by saying that was the way he was disciplined.

I don't know how big Hamilton's 12-year-old is, but Hamilton was a defensive lineman in the NFL, for goodness sake. Hardly seems like a fair fight.

Why do the words "malicious bully" come to mind?

But it doesn't end there. Hamilton has other talents his son has had to witness — he's already been arrested for cocaine possession. Under his plea deal, Hamilton will serve three years' probation starting in August 2007, when he finishes a probation

sentence he is already serving for cocaine possession related to a 2003 traffic stop.

Now, let me get this straight, the man is arrested for cocaine possession and then is arrested for beating his son with a foreign object and picking him up by the throat — and the guy doesn't have to serve any jail time?

Oh, I get it, this must be one of those "let's wait till he kills the kid before we take any action" deals.

Now let's switch to former NFL offensive lineman Rich Tylski. This brute picked on his adopted daughter. But at least he had some help from his wife.

Seems mom and dad had certain ways of dealing with their daughter. Let's list a few. They would hit her with a belt and they slammed her head on the table. Doctors found about six fractures on her hands.

After claiming that their daughter fell down the stairs, the girl told authorities that her mom had bent her leg over her head so far that they heard it pop. Oh, and she also de-

scribed to police how her mother would bend her fingers backward.

She said both mom and dad would hit her.

Both Tylski and his wife are free on bond of \$20,000 each. That's a total of about \$6,000 to get out of jail. Not bad for a family with millions of dollars.

I guess in this day and age, that's how much a little girl's life is worth. About as much as a 10-year-old used car.

Los Angeles who?

I had to adjust my TV set the other night during one of those never-ending NBA playoff games. I heard the announcer say welcome to the Staples Center in Los Angeles.

But he had to be mistaken. I watched both teams running up and down the court but I saw no purple and gold, no Kobe taking every shot and no Jack Nicholson sitting at courtside.

I turned the color knob as far as I could but to no avail.

Then the guy said three words I

didn't think I'd ever hear again in an NBA playoff game. Those three words were "Los Angeles Clippers."

No, I'm not kidding, he really said that.

Remember in the movie *The Ten Commandments* when that Rhamsis guy got really upset and made it against the law for anyone to speak the name of Moses?

Well, I always thought it was one of those things, you know, where you couldn't speak the words "Clippers" and "playoffs" in the same sentence.

Now, I don't know if Elton Brand or Sam Cassell will deliver these Clippers to the promised land, but you never know.

The Clippers, who seem like they've been lost in the desert for 40 years, should at least try to follow one NBA commandment: Thou shall try not to commit many turnovers or flagrant fouls or shoot a lousy percentage."

If they can do that, they might win their opening round series against the Denver Nuggets. It would be the Clippers' first in 30 years.

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Striking gold

EL PASO COUNTY — The Area 19 Special Olympics season kicked off in style as San Elizario athletes took home the gold during the Gymnastics Opening Ceremonies held at Hanks High School, Thursday, April 20. Roughly 60 athletes representing school districts throughout El Paso County competed in events such as rings, pommel horse, parallel bars, floor exercises, and the vault. The evening began with an elaborate parade of ceremonies followed by performances from a Hanks High School dance team, and, of course, the special oath all athletes must make, which encour-



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ages them to do their best and be brave in their attempts no matter what color medal they get. The next major Special Olympics event will be held Friday, April 28 when San Elizario athletes will

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Notice is hereby given that Trustee District No. 3 is vacant. All registered voters who are residents of Trustee District No. 3 and who are interested in being considered to be a member of the Board of Trustees may submit letters of interest to the Superintendent's Office (12300 Eastlake Drive, El Paso, Texas 79928) by the close of business (5 p.m.) on May 24, 2006. The letter of interest should provide any information which the applicant believes would assist the Board of Trustees in consideration to fill the vacancy. The Board of Trustees currently expects to fill the vacancy on or before June 6, 2006 but may extend the date for decision. For further information please contact Vicki Icard at 937-0090 or vicard@sisd.net. Socorro Independent School District 12300 Eastlake Dr.,

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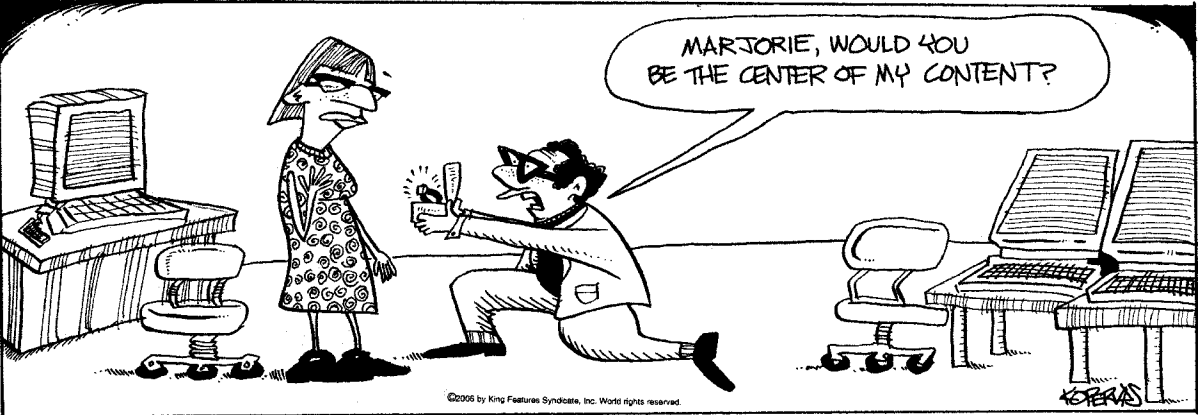
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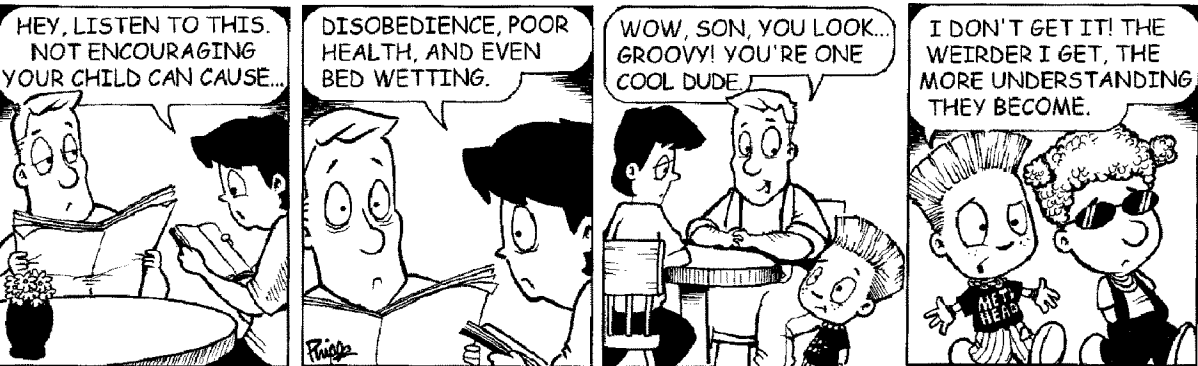
pressed on by the roar of the crowd. "We just have to stand in front of our son and he knows he has to run," says proud parent John Uvaldo. "I'm so glad the District organizes this type of event. It motivates us as parents to keep going with our children." The event Uvaldo referred to was the Socorro ISD Special Olympics, held April 7 at the Socorro Student Activities Complex. Over 300 Special Ed students from 30 SISD schools competed in various events, as a preparation for the city-wide Special Olympics April 28-29. "We've been doing this for 20 years," says Joe Morales, adaptive physical education teacher. "A whole year of preparation goes into this type of event. We're always adding new events and new students. And we accommodate kids from early childhood all the way to 21 years of age." Araceli Cosillo, the self-contained academic teacher at Sierra Vista who teaches Adrienne Nicole, says the Olympics motivate students while bringing the entire SISD Special Ed community together. "I'm very proud of what the students are accomplishing here today," she says. "But I'm prouder of what they accomplish on a daily basis."

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You can unrot your brain - maybe

By Don Flood

The headline caught my eye: You May Unrot Your Mind.

As a rapidly aging baby boomer — I’ve aged 10 years in the past decade alone — I have an abiding interest in mind rot.

My main concern, of course, is that my mind rot would look like that disgusting toenail rot you see in advertisements.

It’s bad enough your mind’s slowing and that you can’t remember important stuff like, well, whatever.

But it’s alarming to think your brain is *unattractive*.

The story told how “to stave off midlife brain decay.”

I had reached midlife several minutes ago. What if it were too late?

Worse, the proposed cure for “mind rot” was video games.

I couldn’t play video games even in my halcyon pre-rot days. (And I can’t even remember what “halcyon” means — yet another sign!)

I had reached my “level of incompetence” with a game called Pong, which was — and this is a true story — invented by dinosaurs.

OK, that’s not completely true, but it was invented when I was high school, when many dinosaurs still roamed the Earth. (Not all dinosaurs “roamed,” as is commonly believed. Many settled into Florida condos.)

I was afraid my inability to play video games indicated advanced mind rot, so I asked an expert — my wife.

“Am I suffering from brain decay?”

“Of course not, dear.”

Well, that sealed it. I was suffering from brain decay, and it was

worse than I thought.

I resolved to try the “brain training” video game, which a company marketing vice president described as “a treadmill for the mind.”

Unfortunately, I had a hard time imagining my brain on a treadmill. To the best of my knowledge, it doesn’t even have feet.

I tried to relax and just forget about brain decay. Due to my advanced mind rot, it was surprisingly easy!

But maybe I could fight the effects of aging another way.

Madonna, for instance, seems desperate to prove she’s really, really, really not getting old. She keeps releasing bizarre photos demonstrating how she has come to terms with her inner contortionist.

The latest one showed her with both legs behind her head, using one foot to knit a sweater and the other to make a pizza. It was an amazing demonstration of limberness (a funny-sounding word that should be abolished).

OK, that’s a slight exaggeration — and not a sign of mind rot — she was actually playing the violin with one of her feet, but the point is... I forget what the point is! (Uh-oh!)

Another approach, one apparently followed by Vice President Dick Cheney, is to not let your mind rot in the first place.

A recent news story outlined the vice president’s demands for hotel rooms, including the rather sensible rule that the TV must be preset to Fox News.

You wouldn’t want to take the chance of getting information from any other source. That could rot your brain.

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83 Beethoven symphony

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90 Mimic

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101 Learning method

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107 Word form for "equal"

108 Amontillado, e.g.

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113 Cry of satisfaction

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28 Center of gravity?

29 Like some pools

30 Colorado native

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36 Admiral Zumwalt

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38 Highlander's hat

39 Ginger _

40 "Star Trek" android

42 Dayton denizen

43 Aspin or Baxter

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45 Open an envelope

48 Cave man?

50 Pulver's rank: abbr.

53 Paul of "Scarface"

54 Secondhand

55 "It's _ Never" ('60 smash)

56 Lollapalooza

57 Large tub

62 Regret

63 Sault _ Marie, MI

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67 Casino cube

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76 "_ Want for Christmas" ('50 tune)

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84 Barrel

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88 News

90 Way over yonder

91 Engine sound

92 Discern

94 Catchall abbr.

95 Marchiano or Mineo

96 Rock's _ Speedwagon

97 Be obligated

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99 "_ Junction" ('56 film)

104 Actor Stephen

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108 Inferior

109 Producer Prince

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113 Oriental

115 Adventurer

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116 Irritated

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have 14 classrooms plus two science labs. Twelve portables will be removed to make way for the new wing. Two other portables will be demolished.

No timelines have been established for the projects, but Longoria hopes construction can be completed by the summer of 2007.

The assistant superintendent also addressed trustees about two quality of life projects involving the county Commissioners Court and SEISD.

Trustees approved an interlocal agreement between the two entities involving new lighting for Alarcon Park and upgrades to athletic fields and other park amenities to an area behind Excell Academy.

The agreement calls for the county to install a new lighting system at a cost of \$75,000 at the park across from Alarcon in the downtown area. The school district will maintain the park and the lighting system which is used by students during the day and by members of the community in the after-school and evening hours.

Longoria said Commissioner Miguel Teran is looking at the county building a skateboard park in that

area. It would also include canopies, benches and possibly a playground. Longoria says he'd like the two baseball fields upgraded to official size. He also has hopes for a soccer field as well.

Longoria pegs the price tag for these improvements at approximately \$280,000, a cost which would be borne by the county. He hopes work on the two joint projects can get under way within the next month.

Longoria had still more good news. A sidewalk project three years in the discussion stage is finally moving ahead at Borrego Elementary. It will mean a safer walking environment for students going to and from

school. They can walk on sidewalks rather than on the road. The Texas Department of Public Safety (TXDOT) will build the sidewalk with \$201,000. Funding comes from a state grant, a part of its Safe Routes to School program, Longoria says. Five feet wide, the sidewalk will run 3,350 feet from Borrego along Chicken Ranch Road to Saltillo Road. Longoria says the project will be going out to bid next month.

In other action, trustees discussed how to fill the board vacancy caused by the resignation of Terry Alarcon in December of 2005. After discussion, it was agreed that board members would solicit applications from

community members for the position. If there are none, then the board would then appoint a replacement.

In a related action, the board approved cancellation of the school board election scheduled for May 13 because no one had applied for the post.

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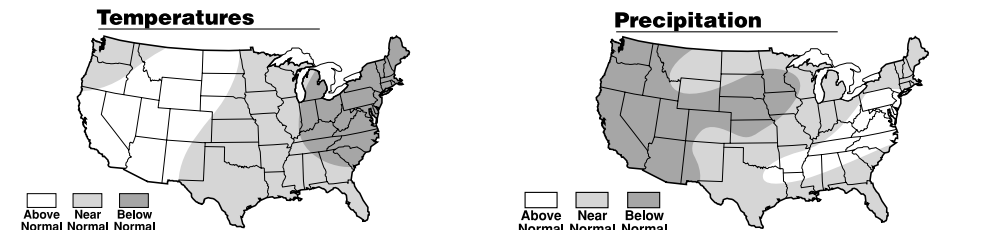
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IN THE SKY

Sun	Rise	Set	Moon	Rise	Set	New	First
Thu.	6:24 a.m.	7:43 p.m.	Thu.	6:07 a.m.	8:00 p.m.		
Fri.	6:23 a.m.	7:43 p.m.	Fri.	6:44 a.m.	9:11 p.m.	4/27	5/4
Sat.	6:22 a.m.	7:44 p.m.	Sat.	7:27 a.m.	10:20 p.m.		
Sun.	6:21 a.m.	7:45 p.m.	Sun.	8:16 a.m.	11:24 p.m.	Full	Last
Mon.	6:20 a.m.	7:46 p.m.	Mon.	9:10 a.m.	none		
Tues.	6:19 a.m.	7:46 p.m.	Tues.	10:09 a.m.	12:21 a.m.	5/13	5/20
Wed.	6:18 a.m.	7:47 p.m.	Wed.	11:10 a.m.	1:09 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	76 61 pc	80 63 pc	82 56 pc	78 55 t
Albuquerque, NM	76 49 pc	70 44 pc	68 42 pc	71 47 pc
Amarillo, TX	77 53 pc	78 50 t	70 46 pc	70 46 pc
Austin, TX	80 62 pc	81 64 pc	84 65 t	81 60 t
Brownsville, TX	87 72 t	87 73 pc	88 73 pc	90 74 pc
Dodge City, KS	78 51 pc	74 49 pc	72 46 pc	72 47 s
Jackson, MS	75 49 pc	78 55 s	80 59 pc	80 61 t
Laredo, TX	85 69 t	90 71 pc	95 72 pc	92 69 pc
Little Rock, AR	75 52 s	76 57 pc	75 58 t	76 54 pc
Lubbock, TX	76 56 pc	78 52 t	78 50 pc	78 49 pc
Memphis, TN	74 53 s	75 58 pc	73 58 t	75 57 pc
Midland, TX	78 57 pc	79 60 t	84 54 pc	77 55 t
Pueblo, CO	78 44 pc	75 44 pc	66 40 pc	74 41 pc
Roswell, NM	76 53 pc	81 52 t	80 49 pc	78 47 pc
St. Louis, MO	71 50 s	71 53 pc	71 51 c	66 51 pc
San Antonio, TX	80 62 pc	82 64 pc	83 67 t	82 63 t
Texarkana, AR	75 56 pc	77 60 pc	77 60 pc	77 58 pc
Waco, TX	77 61 pc	77 62 pc	80 62 t	80 60 t
Wichita, KS	74 54 s	74 51 pc	71 48 pc	69 49 s

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U.S. CITIES

	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
City	HI LO W	HI LO W	HI LO W	HI LO W
Atlanta	73 50 s	78 53 s	75 54 pc	73 57 c
Boston	62 42 pc	56 40 s	56 42 s	60 43 pc
Chicago	64 42 s	62 45 pc	60 45 r	60 43 r
Denver	72 42 pc	68 38 pc	65 39 pc	70 39 pc
Detroit	62 38 pc	60 43 s	60 46 c	61 43 r
Houston	80 64 pc	84 68 pc	86 68 t	82 64 t
Indianapolis	68 47 s	63 48 pc	64 48 t	64 47 r
Kansas City	72 52 s	72 52 pc	69 46 pc	69 50 s
Los Angeles	67 52 c	69 54 pc	73 56 s	76 56 s
Miami	88 70 t	83 70 pc	84 71 s	83 72 s
Minneapolis	69 46 s	64 46 pc	62 42 pc	62 48 s
New Orleans	80 58 pc	80 62 s	84 65 pc	82 67 t
New York City	67 45 pc	58 42 s	62 45 s	61 47 pc
Omaha	71 48 pc	71 46 pc	67 44 pc	68 48 s
Phoenix	80 56 pc	77 56 pc	86 64 pc	92 64 s
San Francisco	66 52 s	65 52 s	66 52 s	66 52 pc
Seattle	64 46 pc	68 48 pc	64 44 c	60 42 c
Washington	70 48 pc	64 46 s	64 46 s	64 47 pc

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