



## NEWSBRIEFS

### Socorro anniversary

A celebration marking the 316th Anniversary of the City of Socorro, will kick off on Saturday, April 28, 2007 with a parade at 10 a.m. beginning at the Socorro Mission (La Purisima Church) and ending at Cougar Park, 10664 Socorro Rd (off of Socorro Rd. and Bovee). A festival at Cougar Park will begin at noon lasting to 1 a.m. Arts and crafts, live entertainment, food booths and more will mark the historic event. Admission is free, and further information is available at 858-2915 or 422-9107 or by visiting [www.socorrotexas.org](http://www.socorrotexas.org).

### Blood Drive

The San Elizario High School campus will host a blood drive on Tuesday, April 24, 8 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., to collect donations for United Blood Services. Anyone wishing to donate blood may schedule an appointment by calling Cookie Laffler at 872-3970 ext. 3711 — walk-ins are also welcome at the school, 13981 Socorro Rd.

### And more Blood Drive

Participants in the Mother/Daughter and Father/Son program at Bill Childress Elementary School in the Canutillo Independent School District will host their first annual blood drive from 2 to 6 p.m. on Wednesday, April 25, in the BCE cafeteria, 7700 Cap Carter Road. Mother/Daughter coordinators, Lorena Salas and Viviana Serrano, and Jose Medel, Father/Son coordinator, organized the Blood Drive as a community service project at Childress ES to help develop leadership skills and teach the importance of helping others to the M/D and F/S participants. "We are hoping for a great turn out with teachers and staff members pledging to donate. Parents and other community members are also being encouraged to come in and donate blood for this important project," said Salas.

### In other news

■ Canutillo High School Student Council and FFA members will hold a "Cars for Cures" Carnival and Car Show, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., Saturday, May 5, at Canutillo High School, 6675 South Desert Boulevard. CHS Student Council is hosting the carnival, which will include musical groups, food and game booths, arts and crafts displays, and entertainment for children. CHS FFA Club is hosting the open car show, which is still accepting show cars at \$20 an entry. "The carnival and car show are events to raise funds for St. Jude Children's Research Hospital," said Keeley Muncrief, CHS FFA advisor. The public is invited to attend. Admission fee is \$3; children under 6 years of age get in free. For more information, call 877-7845 or 877-7885.

■ The Fabens Border Patrol Station will

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*Once upon a time it was hard to save money. Now it's difficult just to stay broke without going into debt.*

— Quips & Quotes

## Movie magic thrills students at Garcia-Enriquez Middle School

By Cynthia P. Marentes  
Special to the Courier

A little bit of movie magic came to Garcia-Enriquez Middle School (GEMS) on April 4, as the campus hosted Science in the Movies, a non-profit organization serving science educators, to demonstrate the academic concepts behind some amazing stunts and special effects.

Tommy Betts, Special Effects Technician/Stun Coordinator, thrilled over 800 middle school students, teachers and administrators with an extraordinary presentation that covered topics such as mechanics, kinetics, heat, electronics, optics, chemistry, engineering, mathematics, computers, and safety. Incidentally, Betts is from El Paso and graduated from Coronado High School.

Cristina Alvarez, GEMS 8th Grade Science Teacher, was instrumental in bringing Science in the Movies to San Elizario ISD for the purpose of encouraging students to begin thinking about science creatively and in an enjoyable way. Since all the topics covered in the presentations included elements tested on the TAKS, Ms. Alvarez also hoped to motivate both students and teachers in preparation for the state tests coming up in mid-April.

Three sessions were held for each of the middle-school grade levels at 8:30 a.m., 10:00 a.m., and 1:00 p.m. incorporating student and



— Photo courtesy San Elizario ISD

**DON'T TRY THIS AT HOME — Tommy Betts, a movie special effects professional, fires up some excitement during an exhibition demonstrating how science helps create movie magic.**

teacher participation into some of the presentation activities. KDBC Channel 4 was on hand covering how the San Elizario ISD helps prepare students academically by changing their perspectives on difficult academic concepts.

This brief glimpse into the Hollywood industry showed students that science can be exciting and fun to learn and just maybe inspired some of them to try subjects such as physics and chemistry.

## Socorro ISD hosts District Special Olympics

By Irma Flores  
Special to the Courier

EAST EL PASO COUNTY — More than 550 Socorro Independent School District students lined up on the track at the SAC to take

part in the annual Special Olympic Games hosted by the District on April 11, 2007. With parents, teachers, principals and cheerleaders waving them to victory, representatives from 36 SISD schools showed off their athletic abilities in 135 track and field events. This is the seventh year Socorro ISD has organized a District wide Special Olympics.

Socorro is the only school district in El Paso County to host its own Special Olympics.

"Our students look forward to it because they see other children they haven't seen for while," says Susan Kelch, SISD Director of Special Ed. "It's a fun and happy event. Parents are there and the community comes out to support our kids."

The event is open to athletes from 3- to 22-years-old who are enrolled in Socorro ISD. Athletes compete in various track and field events including walk/runs, relays, wheelchair races and tricycle events.

Socorro ISD Superintendent Dr. Sylvia P. Atkinson was on hand to welcome the crowd and praise the special education staff, teachers,



— Photo courtesy Socorro ISD

**QUITE A PAIR — Ivan Gomez from Clarke Middle with teacher Yolanda Gonzalez of Socorro Middle take a spin around the track cheered on by the Socorro Bulldog.**

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## More than 20 marijuana seizures made last week

By Roger Maier  
Special to the Courier

EL PASO COUNTY — U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) officers performing anti-terror inspections at border ports of entry in El Paso, West Texas and New Mexico seized 1,572 pounds of marijuana in 21 seizures last week. While the majority of the seizure activity occurred at the El Paso crossings, a number of seizures were made at the outlying ports as well including the following busts:

- On Thursday, CBP officers at the Columbus port discovered 17 pounds of marijuana in the backrest of a 2000 Dodge Neon. A 23-year-old female U.S. citizen was turned over to local authorities for prosecution.

- On Wednesday, CBP officers at the Columbus port discovered a half-pound of marijuana concealed in the groin area of a 26-year-old female U.S. citizen. She was turned over to local authorities for prosecution.


- On Tuesday, CBP officers at the Antelope Wells crossing made two drug seizures. They discovered 43 pounds of marijuana in the luggage of a 20-year-old male U.S. citizen. CBP officers also discovered 115 pounds of marijuana in the luggage of another 20-year-old U.S. citizen. Both men were passengers on a shuttle bus. They were turned over to ICE officials for prosecution.

- On Monday, CBP officers at the Fort Hancock port of entry seized 29 pounds of marijuana in the bumpers of a 1997 Ford ASP Sport. A 25-year-old female Mexican citizen was turned over to local authorities for prosecution.

CBP enforcement activity was not limited to drug seizures. CBP officers working at the border ports of entry in El Paso, west Texas and New Mexico recorded 159 immigration violations last week. During the week, CBP officers identified a total of 50 imposters (people using a legitimate document not assigned to the person), 61 intended immigrant cases (people with legitimate entry documents intending to live/work illegally in the U.S.), 23 false claims for U.S. citizenship by non U.S. citizens, six visa overstay violations, seven people attempting to enter the U.S. with counterfeit or fraudulent entry documents, and another 12 people attempting to enter without inspection.

Area CBP officers made 14 agricultural seizures during the week, resulting in \$2,975 in penalties being assessed. Prohibited items seized included bologna, chorizo, pork skins, avocados, apples, mangos, oranges, guavas and hibiscus tea. Dozens of other prohibited agricultural items were abandoned at border ports during the inspection process. The interception of these prohibited items are important in preventing the introduction of pests and disease that pose a risk to the U.S. agriculture industry and the nation's natural resources.

CBP officers also took a man into custody for assaulting federal officers, assessed \$1,000 in penalties for a pair of vehicle export violations, and recovered a stolen vehicle. Anti-terrorism remains the primary mission of CBP. The intensive inspection process associated with the anti-terror mission continues to yield impressive enforcement numbers in all categories.



# One perspective

By Francis Shrum

## An excuse for anything

America reeled again this week under the heavy fist of tragedy.

After the gunfire stopped, 33 people lay dead, including the gunman who took his own life after wrecking havoc on the campus of Virginia Tech in Blackburg, Virginia.

The agony of this loss is incomprehensible to many Americans. We can scarcely bear the loss of our most promising young people who die in defense of their country. When they die for no reason that can be adequately defined, our minds reel. The outcry begins again. Why? Why?

As the winds of tragedy obscure the latest headline, we sigh and shake our heads. Has the world descended into madness when almost 3,000 people die in the disintegration of our premier national monument to economic greatness? What has befallen us that two young thugs dressed in black can wipe out their classmates with state-of-the-art artillery? How could anyone become so degenerate in their thinking that they would attack and kill school girls in the traditionally secure enclave of the Amish community?

Unfortunately, the foundational bedrock of law and order that has protected America for so long is crumbling.

Welcome to the global community.

While the front pages of American newspapers cry out in horror against our latest disaster, the inside pages continue to reek steadily with an ongoing global stench.

On the morning after the shooting, an inside page of the front section carried a small story with the diminutive head: "Insurgents killed 669 Afghan civilians in 2006, group says." According to the Human Rights Watch, Afghanistan suffered 189 bombings in 2006 that killed 492 civilians. Another 177 civilians were killed in other attacks including ambushes and executions. This report comes five years after the U.S. led an invasion to free that nation from decades of war and oppression. Shall I go on?

On Sept. 1, 2004, a group of Muslim and pro-Chechen armed rebels took more than 1,200 school children and adults hostage in what has since become known as the Beslan Mas-

sacre. On the third day, gunfire broke out between the rebels and Russian security forces. When the smoke cleared, 344 civilians lay dead, including 186 children. Hundreds more were wounded. Shall I go on?

About 900 passengers and crew were on board the Phillipino Superferry 14 on Feb. 27, 2004 when, 90 minutes out of port, a timed explosive device detonated. When the debris was cleared, 116 were known dead and 53 were missing, presumed dead. A terrorist group claimed responsibility because, they said, the ferry company wouldn't comply with demands for protection money. Shall I go on...?

Africa, Asia, Eurasia, Latin America, the Middle East, even the United Kingdom — all have suffered the repeated shock of unexpected death in unexpected places from unexpected sources.

But it's still new to America, unsettling, horrifying. From the day we saw the smoking face of the devastated federal building in Oklahoma City, we should have realized that unbridled mass killing has become a new and unwelcome force in our midst.

We can't touch this force, or even see it, but it lives inside a killer's heart and mind. It is a force that has haunted "less civilized" countries for decades, even centuries.

The newest and most disturbing feature is, of course, the willingness of the perpetrator to end his own life after exacting the highest possible measure of destruction.

Pierre Rehov is a French filmmaker who has filmed six documentaries on the Palestinian Intifada. In an interview with *Frontpage* magazine, he said in the minds of fanatical Muslim suicide bombers, the al-

ternative existence offered them by their version of the afterlife is such an improvement over life as they know it now, they are willing to do anything to get there.

One prominent Jewish lawyer argues that if suicide bombers don't care about their own lives, maybe executing a few family members would get their attention. Doesn't seem likely, though — if you die for the cause, you get the goodies, right? They would only think they were spreading the wealth.

The scary thing to me is that there seems to be one root cause to this kind of violent behavior — evil — and it is based on getting what a person wants, right now, at any cost, no matter if their desire is for revenge or 72 virgins.

I guess if you have that state of mind, you can excuse yourself for anything.



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## Career Day gives Desert Wind students a glimpse of future



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**EAST EL PASO COUNTY —** State Rep. Chente Quintanilla took a break with the Desert Winds Elementary 5th Grade SWAT Team (Students Working Toward Advancing Technology) members during Career Day on March 29. From left are Kate Galvan, Luz Martinez, Vanessa Guillen. Over 35 agencies, represented by police, pilots, military, media, health, and engineering specialists were on hand to give students a glimpse of the future. The event was organized by Counselors Leticia Aguirre and Ruben Cadena.



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## HMS cheerleaders making news after only second year

EAST EL PASO COUNTY — News of an excellent showing with a medal and trophy preceded the Horizon Middle School cheerleaders, who were welcomed home met by a group of well-wishing parents and friends at the El Paso Airport on April 1 as the group returned from competition in San Antonio.


The squad had competed in the Cheer and Dance/Drill Americas Showcase at Sea World on March 31. The 12-member HMS Cheerleading squad competed against other teams in the Jr. Varsity Division category as they cheered and danced to music, demonstrating difficult stunts, full downs from full extensions, and fantastic basket tosses in a two-minute, 30-second routine.

HMS won a medal for an Excellent Rating and the First Place Trophy in their category. Following the presentation of the awards, the excitement spread to El Paso as ABC News Sports ran an announcement, recognizing the squad's accomplishments in San Antonio.

While in San Antonio, the girls enjoyed several days of the sights and sounds of this Texas landmark city.

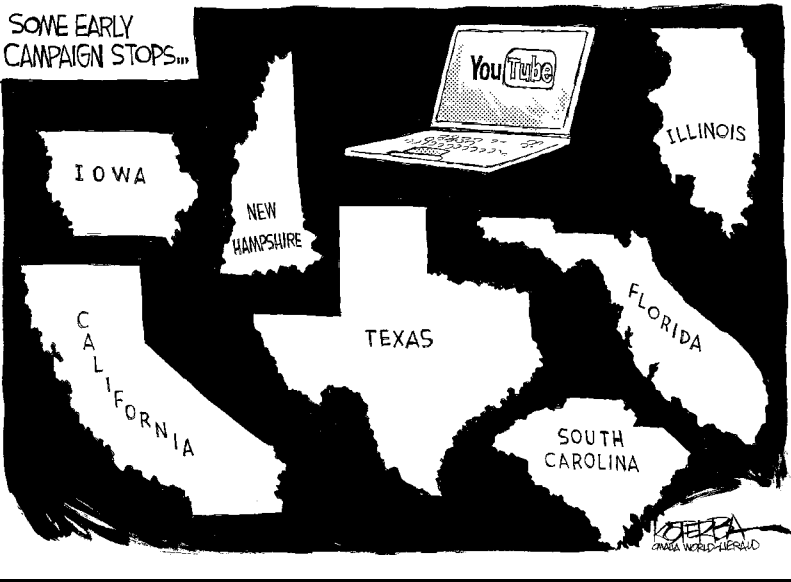
This year, due to their accomplishments in the NCA Summer Camp in June 2006, the Horizon Middle School Cheerleaders received an NCA Bid to Nationals in Dallas. They were offered a choice invitation to either perform in the half time show at the Hula Bowl in Hawaii or to participate in opening show for the Orange Bowl Football Game in January 2007.

This is only the second year for the cheer squad. The group is coached by Mary Lucero and Erica Rodriguez.

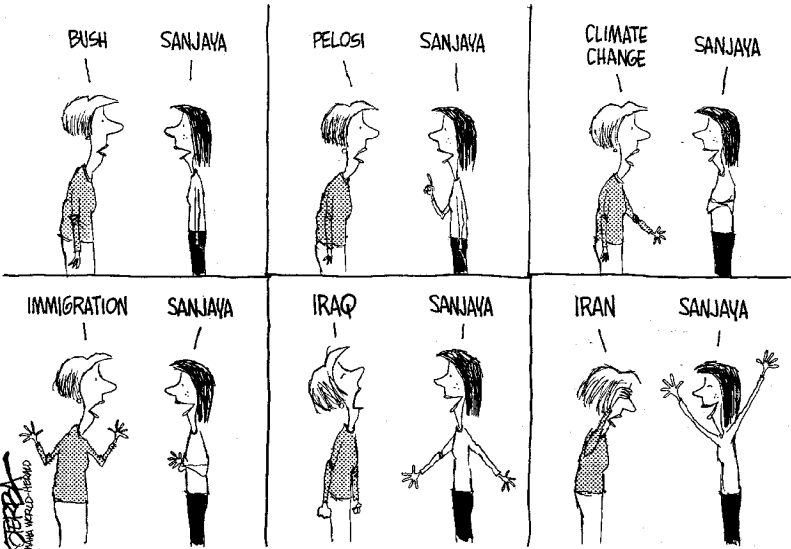


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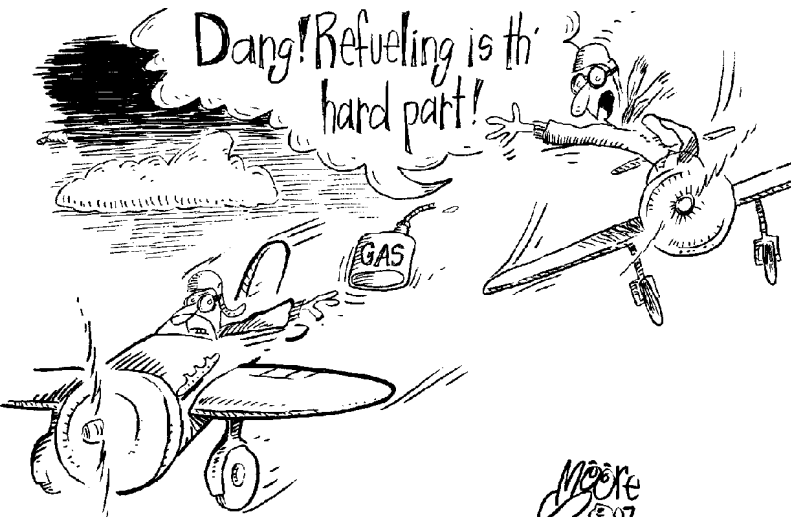
**MAKING THEIR MARK —** The HMS squad is only 2-years old, but they are medalists.



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**Moore Texas** by Roger T. Moore April 13, 1896: Clarence Eaker, Texas aviator, is born in Field Creek. In 1930 he accomplishes the 1st transcontinental flight that relied exclusively on aerial refueling.

## Horizon City loses long time business man, mechanic, Bert Smith

HORIZON CITY — Long time Horizon mechanic known to most simply as “Bert,” died in his shop on March 31, 2007.

Eli E. (Bert) Smith III was born July 6, 1949, in Dallas and passed away in Horizon City. A lifelong Presbyterian, he grew up in Dallas and was a member of First Presbyterian Church of Dallas for many years.

Bert owned and operated Bert’s Automotive in Horizon City for at least 25 years. He relocated for a short time to Kansas City but returned to this high desert town he called home and reopened his shop.

Bert enjoyed building and running race cars locally. There was almost always a project car in his shop — sometimes his, sometimes a friend’s car. Some cars became projects just for the challenge. Over the years, his shop was a gathering spot for local “car guys” to drop by and talk cars, politics or local events.

He also collected cars — nothing spectacular — that tickled his fancy. He once said he would acquire a car be-


cause he “didn’t have one of those” at his shop.

Bert was generous with his time and talent and would help anyone in need.

He is survived by his wife, Shonagh of El Paso; his mother and stepfather, Verba and Ron Suver of Greenville; sisters Nora Lynn Brittain and Mary Christiani and niece Cara; a brother, Emmett and niece Verba; one aunt, Caroline Cage; and a host of relatives and friends.

His father, Eli E. Smith Jr., preceded him in death.

Services were held at First Presbyterian Church in Greenville on April 10 and Bert was laid to rest beside his father, Eli, at Sparkman-Hillcrest Memorial Park in Dallas.



**Bert Smith**

## Socorro’s Perez disputes Cox, says council meeting walkout was justified

*(Publisher’s note: Last week, Sergio Cox, the At-Large Rep. for the citizens of Socorro and regular contributor to the Courier, wrote about a regularly scheduled Socorro council meeting and the events as he saw them. Mary E. Perez is the District 2 Rep. and Mayor Pro-tem for the citizens of Socorro and she submits her response and version of the same meeting below. To get a copy of last week’s Courier for Cox’s comments, go to [www.wtccourier.com](http://www.wtccourier.com) and download 04-12-07.pdf from the 2007 archive. His piece appears on page 3.)*

By Mary E. Perez

I would like to rebut Sergio Cox’s article of April 12, and relate my side of what happened at the council meeting of April 5.

Mr. Cox relates that there was bickering and infighting, with the Mayor Trini Lopez and three members of council. That is untrue. I, too, wish a reporter had been there to report the truth.

Mr. Cox states that I got into an argument with the Mayor. If pressing the Mayor to finish with an agenda item I felt had been discussed enough is arguing, then I did. We had a looming agenda, including 13 addendum items, one of which was Mr. Cox’s, which was almost half a page long.

Mr. Cox states that I started to control the meeting. That is untrue. I never spoke again to press the Mayor, but Mr. Cox’s statement that I wanted to control the meeting was annoying, and I did tell him to shut up. This is a very good piece of advice I have given Mr. Cox often.

I did move some items up to the top of the agenda, because they were items that the city accountant, grant writer and others needed to be discussed more promptly, in order for them to get home at a more reasonable hour.

Mr. Cox states that I acknowledged a lobbyist/businessman after he held up a pad with the #20 on it and that I moved that item up for discussion. That is untrue. Al Gutierrez moved that item up for discussion. Mr. Cox states that this “lobbyist has successfully swayed three council members into voting for items in his client’s

favor.” Perhaps Mr. Cox has suffered from selective memory loss. Mr. Cox has, himself, accepted hundreds of dollars in contributions from various clients of this lobbyist, in order to host a celebration at a Socorro ballroom and be able to pay for the rental of it and the meals. So, I do not understand what Mr. Cox suggests when he says Josie Trillo has accepted a campaign contribution, when he has accepted contributions as well. A council member can accept contributions, so long as they are used for the benefit of his or her constituents. I have not accepted a penny for a campaign fund.

Mr. Cox states that Mrs. Trillo and Mr. Gutierrez walked out because Mrs. Trillo was not feeling well and Mr. Gutierrez had a long trip to make. This is true; but to say that “they had the numbers to pass item #20” is completely untrue. If that had been the case they would not have left until that item had been discussed. I never talk to anyone regarding anything on the agenda.

I try to plan in advance what concessions, I am willing to make for the citizens of Socorro. I have the prerogative to walk away if I feel those concessions will be jeopardized. Item #20 is an amendment that will allow


the building of R3 zoning residences not to exceed 30 percent of the total subdivision. I feel that the citizens of Socorro should have another choice as to the size of home they can afford.

The City of Socorro has a grant that qualifies an applicant to receive a \$10,000 (non-refundable) down payment to apply to their mortgage. Since R3 zoning has been stopped, the grant department has found it difficult to find residences that are in an adequate price range for the applicants of this grant. I believe everyone should be able to afford and live their American Dream, and the approval of R3 zoning will certainly help in making this dream come true.

Mr. Cox stated that I greeted some visitors on the way out. This is true, but I did not stop to make conversation, as he implies. I merely greeted them, as I tend to do with visitors. Why he felt he had to state this is beyond my power to reason.

No man is an island, and we need to realize that we must work together and negotiate, in order to work for the greater good of the citizens of Socorro. Mr. Cox needs to realize that you do not shoot from hip if you want to be able to work with a council that was duly elected to represent their constituents, just as he was!

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## Socorro Independent School District PUBLIC NOTICE

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The Socorro Independent School District will conduct public information meetings to review the following SISKD Programs funded by Federal funds:

- Title I, Part A - Improving Basic Programs
- Title I, Part C - Migrant Program
- Title I, Part D - Subpart 1 — Neglected, Delinquent or At-Risk
- Title II, Part A - Improving Teacher Quality
- Title II, Part D - Enhancing Education Through Technology
- Title III, Part A - Limited English Proficiency (LEP)
- Title IV, Part A - Safe and Drug Free Schools;
- Title V - Innovative Programs.

The meetings will be held:  
Tuesday, April 24, 2007 — 9:00 a.m. — 10:00 a.m.  
Thursday, April 26, 2007 — 6:00 p.m. — 7:00 p.m.

Public Reviews of the Federal Application for Educational Funding for Socorro ISD will be in the Board Room at the Education Center, 12300 Eastlake Drive.

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## Sócorro Independent School District AVISO PUBLICO

### La junta Pública para Revisar los Programas de Fondos Federales

El Distrito Escolar Independiente de Sócorro llevará a cabo dos juntas públicas para revisar los siguientes programas, fondos federales:

- Título I, Parte A - Mejorando Programas Básicos
- Título I, Parte C - Programa Migrante
- Título I, Parte D - Jovenes Delincuentes y Abandonados
- Título II, Parte A - Mejorando la Calidad de Maestros
- Título II, Parte D - Mejorando los Servicios Educativos a través de la Tecnología
- Título III, Parte A - Servicios de educación para estudiantes de segundo idioma
- Título IV, Parte A - Escuelas Confiables y Libres de Drogas
- Título V - Programas de Innovación

Las juntas se llevarán a cabo:  
martes, 24 de abril, 2007 — 9:00 a.m. — 10:00a.m.  
jueves, 26 de abril, 2007 — 6:00 p.m. — 7:00 p.m.

La Revisión Pública de la Solicitud Federal para Fondos Educativos para el Distrito de Socorro se llevará a cabo en el, 12300 Eastlake Drive.

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be hosting its First Annual Community Forum on April 26, 2007 at 6 p.m. It is open to all residents of Fabens and Tornillo. This event will be a great opportunity for residents to meet their local law enforcement community. There will be officers from the El Paso County Sheriff's Office, the Department of Public Safety, and Customs and Border Protection. The American Consulate will also be available to answer questions regarding permanent residency, laser visas, and passports. The forum will be held at the Fabens Nutrition Center located at 201 Camp Street in Fabens. For information contact the Fabens station at 765-2500.

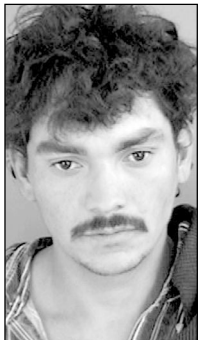
■ All fathers and positive male role models of students in the San Elizario Independent School District are invited to attend the 2nd Annual Father/Son Conference on April 28, 8 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at Sambrano Elementary Cafeteria, 200 Herring Road. Guest speakers at the conference will include State Rep. Chente Quintanilla; County Attorney Jose Rodriguez; Dr. Jorge Descamps, UTEP Professor; and Mario Espinoza, Garcia-Enriquez Middle School Father/Son Sponsor. Registration is \$5 for both father and son which includes continental breakfast, lunch, and t-shirt. The registration fee for each additional child is only \$2.50.

■ The Parent Leadership group at Canutillo Elementary School in the Canutillo Independent School District will hold a free Health and Safety Fair from 3 to 6 p.m., Thursday, April 26 in the old cafeteria building, 7000 Fifth Street. Various local agencies will be on hand to provide services to the community including the La Fe Clinic which will provide health screenings; the El Paso County Sheriff's Office will provide parents with Amber cards to identify their children; the YWCA will provide credit counseling; and El Paso Electric Company will offer safety tips; Mothers Against Drunk Drivers (MADD), El Paso Poison Control and the Mexican Consulate will also provide information. "Our CES coaches will be providing free entertainment and food for the children, while their parents are visiting the various presentations," said Stephanie Fietze, CES parent leadership coordinator. For more information, call 877-7600.

■ The San Elizario High School cast of *The Actor's Nightmare* demonstrated a remarkable versatility and comedic talent at recent Zone, District, and Area One-Act

Play competitions where they received many awards for their production. The cast of *Nightmare* were Joe Garcia, Monica Silva, Beatriz Ramirez, Daniella Flores, and Jesus Perez. Additionally highlighting the energetic performances of all the actors was a skillful technical crew consisting of Javier Hernandez, Belinda Delgado, Rosa Soria, and Blanca Esparza and also great direction by Marian G. Blalack and Cesar Duran. The interpretation of *Nightmare* by the San Elizario High School cast was a hilarious show not to be missed. The play centers around the character of George Spelvin who inexplicably finds himself on a stage filling in for an actor that has been in a car accident. George then struggles to determine what roles he is portraying and even what plays he is supposed to be in as he stammers through ridiculous lines in his attempts to read the vague cues provided by the other actors. Senior Joe Garcia as George Spelvin won the Best Actor award at both Zone and District competitions. The San Elizario One-Act Play swept the District competition awards including Best Show, Best Actress, and Best Tech Award. At the Area One-Act Play Contest held on April 5 at the Chamizal, San Elizario High School took home All Star Cast for Joe Garcia and Honorable Mention for Beatriz Ramirez. Supporting the troupe at each of their shows was art teacher, Mike Lafferty. Although the cast did not advance to regional competition, Blalack commended their astonishing efforts at each competition and applauded the students' ability to present an original and interesting production that became even better after each performance.

■ Bairon A. Ventura, 29, of Juarez, was charged with possession of marijuana over 50 lbs. but less than 2,000 lbs. (bond \$400,000); evading arrest/detention with vehicle (bond \$20,000); and served with an outstanding warrant from Cameron County, Texas involving injury to a child (meaning he is held without bond)



Bairon Ventura

after an incident on Tuesday afternoon, April 10 in which he refused to pull over for U.S. Border Patrol Agents while driving near Ft. Hancock in Hudspeth County. He entered I-10 at Tornillo at a high rate of speed and continued to drive erratically until he was finally stopped near Fabens with assistance from officers of the El Paso Sheriff's Office who deployed spikes in the roadway at three different locations.

■ The Outrageous Fortune Theater Company (OFTC) will present their original uproarious play, *Everything Shakespeare Ever Wrote (Except Hamlet)* at the Main Library on Saturday, April 21 at 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. The programs, which are geared for the enjoyment of young and old alike, are free and open to the public. For more information visit [www.elpasolibrary.org](http://www.elpasolibrary.org). OFTC describes this program as a fast paced spoof offering a contemporary glimpse of Shakespeare's canon geared for a young audience. Modern references abound ranging from American Idol to Nickelodeon giving relevance and understanding to a new generation of Shakespeare fans.

■ The University of Texas at El Paso Police Department is issuing an advisory on a fund-raising scam. UTEP was recently alerted that a group of people identifying themselves as UTEP students were conducting a magazine sales fund raiser in recent days in various El Paso neighborhoods. UTEP police officials said that university programs do not conduct these types of fund raisers and suggest verifying the legitimacy of any fund raiser by calling the sponsor. For information, call the UTEP Police Department at 747-5611.

■ "Party for the Planet" Earth Day will be held at the El Paso Zoo, jointly sponsored by the El Paso Solar Energy Association on April 22 at 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. On this day, the Zoo joins the rest of the 141 AZA zoos nationwide to demonstrate ways to save energy and preserve the planet. On exhibition will be hybrid vehicles and cookies baked by solar power. Westend Hair Company + Day Spa will offer free "hippie" hair braiding, chair massages and Feng Shui demonstrations. Roots & Shoots youth organization, El Paso Solar Energy Association, Master Gardeners, Texas Parks & Wildlife, Chihuahuan Desert Education Coalition and other conservation education organizations will host special exhibitions. The Zoo's daily educational programs including Sea Lion Exhibit, Asian Elephant Exhibit will still be held, along with a save the animals parade at 1 p.m. Enjoy the sounds of the Afro-Latin Reggae Band *Radio LaChusma* and Hip-Hop Steppers from the Center for the Performing Arts. Participate in Texas Tai Chi by Sifu Ray Abyeta and see demos by Alchemy Karate and Yoga master John Kuberka. A host of other events and services will be provided. The El Paso Zoo is at 4001 E. Paisano, information is available 521-1850 and a full slate of events is at [www.elpasozoo.org](http://www.elpasozoo.org).

## Golf

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Sophomore Michael De Shazo, placed fifth with a 171 total score; Junior Jake Atkins, came in seventh with a 175; and Freshman Joshua Chavira finished

ninth with a 197 score.

Norris, who was an individual regional qualifier as a freshman and sophomore, said that his first trip to regionals was disappointing. "I played awful," he said. "The second year I played well in the first round, but I did not do well in the second round. This year, I feel confident. If I can hit the

ball as well as I have been lately, I have a good chance of advancing to the state tournament," he added.

Tim Barno, CHS golf coach for 11 years, asserted that the team would have a respectable showing. "Individually each of these students has put in a lot of time on his own playing golf throughout the year," said the coach.

# Canutillo HS journalism students advance to Regional Competition

By Alfredo Vasquez  
Special to the Courier

CANUTILLO — Five Canutillo High School journalism students received top scores in their events during the 2-4A District UIL (University Interscholastic League)



— Photo courtesy Canutillo ISD

**WRITING TO REGIONAL — Students from the Canutillo High School Journalism program competed in the District 2-4A UIL tournament recently. Five students advanced to regionals in San Angelo, April 14. Shown from left are Casey Higgason, Richard Sapien, Xochitl Callejo, Matt Soto, and Nathaniel Deragowski.**

journalism competition held recently at Canutillo High School. They will advance to the Regional level on April 14 in San Angelo. Matthew Soto, senior, earned a first place in News Writing; Casey

Higgason, senior, won first in Feature Writing; Nathaniel Deragowski, senior, won first in Editorial Writing; Richard Sapien, senior, won second place in Editorial Writing and sixth in Headline Writing; Xochitl Callejo, junior, earned fourth place in News Writing and in Feature Writing. The CHS team also finished first overall in the district tournament. Journalism advisor is Rick Tate, who is in his seventh year at CHS. “I feel like I was successful in the UIL contest,” Deragowski said. “I may not get to take first place in regionals for Editorial Writing but that is what makes advancing that much more exciting.” “We weren’t really expecting to make it to regionals and when we found out we did, it came out as a big surprise,” Callejo said. “We are going to try our best in everything we can.”

## Olympics

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coaches, parents, and volunteers. “These children are an inspiration to all of us,” says Dr. Atkinson. “They give their best every minute of the day. Seeing the pure joy on their faces as they compete reminds each and every one of us why we are educators. I am proud of our Special Education Department for taking the lead in the city to sponsor an event that does so much for these kids.” About half of the students who participated in the SISD Special Olympics will go on to participate in El Paso’s Regional Special Olympics on April 26-28. Race results: [www.sisd.net](http://www.sisd.net).



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**WELL DONE — Rei Barnum from Ituarte Elementary with SISD Superintendent, Dr. Sylvia P. Atkinson.**

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## PUBLIC NOTICE VILLAGE OF VINTON, TEXAS

### FAIR HOUSING STATEMENT

The Village of Vinton hereby declares its support of fair housing practices. It is hereby declared to be the policy of the locality to bring about, through fair, orderly, and lawful procedures, the opportunity of each person to obtain housing without regard to race, color, creed, religion, sex, national origin, physical or mental handicap, marital status, parenthood, or age. It is further declared that such policy is established upon the recognition of the inalienable rights of each individual to obtain housing and further, that denial of such rights is detrimental to the health, safety, and welfare of the inhabitants of the locality and constitutes an unjust denial or deprivation of such inalienable rights which is within the power and the proper responsibility of government to prevent. The locality has a Fair Housing Policy that may be examined and copied by interested groups or individuals during office hours. The month of April has been proclaimed “Fair Housing Month”; copies of the official proclamation are available at the Vinton City Hall between the hours of 8:30 A.M. and 4:30 P.M., Monday through Friday.

### POLICY STATEMENT ESTABLISHING NONDISCRIMINATION BASED ON HANDICAPPED CONDITIONS

The Village of Vinton announces that it has adopted a policy of nondiscrimination based on handicapped conditions concerning access, participation, and benefit of programs and activities operated or conducted by the locality. This policy is in compliance with the requirements of Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended in 24 CFR, Part 8, “Non-discrimination Based on Handicap in Federally-Assisted Programs and Activities of HUD,” dated June 2, 1988. Interested individuals or groups may obtain copies of this policy statement by calling the City Clerk, who has been assigned to coordinate compliance with this policy and may be contacted at (915) 886-5104.

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In order to comply with the requirements of the Texas Community Development Program (TCDP) and of 10 T.A.C. Section 178.1 and Section 178.2, the locality has citizen complaint procedures intended to provide a timely written response to all complaints made against its proposed or completed TCDP efforts. Responses to complaints will be made within no more than ten (10) working days. A copy of the complaint procedures can be obtained upon request at (915) 886-5104. The established complaint procedures are an element of the local Citizen Participation Plan, and meet the requirements of USHUD Section 504 (24 CFR) concerning nondiscrimination based on handicapped conditions.

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Madeleine Praino  
Mayor

West Texas County Courier  
April 19, 2007

## Lower Valley WATER DISTRICT

### PUBLIC NOTICE NOTICIA PUBLICA

The Lower Valley Water District invites Clint residents to attend a public meeting to discuss the **WASTEWATER PROJECT** for the Town of Clint. The District will present information, answer questions and listen to comments about the impending project.

*El Distrito de Agua del Valle Bajo los invita a la reunión publica para discutir **WASTEWATER PROJECT** por el Town of Clint. El Distrito presentará la información, responderá preguntas y escuchará comentarios sobre el proyecto.*

Date / Fecha: Monday, April 30, 2007  
Lunes, 30 de Abril del 2007

Time / Hora: 6:00 p.m.

Place / Lugar:: LVWD Admin. Office  
1557 FM Rd. 1110  
Clint, TX 79836

The program will be provided in English and Spanish. For additional information, please call (915) 791-4480.

*La presentación será dada en Inglés y Español. Para mas información, por favor contacteños al (915) 791-4480.*

Mario Aguilar  
General Manager

WTCC:04/19/07

# Other house cleaning jobs: Jackson, Sharpton, rap and the NFL

By Steve Escajeda  
Special to the Courier

It's fair to say that last week's firing of Don Imus had most of the nation talking and almost everybody had an opinion on the subject. And I'm no different.

First of all, let me start by saying that I have been an avid fan of the I-Man for probably 20 years. I listened to him long before he had his radio show simulcast on MSNBC.

Let me then say that what he said about the Rutgers women's basketball team was mean and hurtful. I have no doubt that he would have been equally upset if anyone had talked about his young son Wyatt like that.

Mean and hurtful as his comments were,

however, Imus is no racist. Anyone who has listened to Don Imus for any length of time knows that the man is not a bigot. He's spent way too much of his time helping people of color, women, the poor, and sick children.

Last week, someone said that Imus had a history of picking on good people so he had to be fired. Wrong! Imus spent much of his time going after bad people in industry, politics and entertainment. He went after people that no one else had the guts to go after.

And though he had a very gruff facade, Imus has a kind heart, working truly hard for kids with cancer and prevention of sudden infant death syndrome.

But, of course, the kids he helped for so long will now have to get their help from another source, thanks mainly to the likes of Jesse Jack-

son and Al Sharpton.

Boy, the fact that these two frauds still have any credibility at all is frightening.

Jackson has a history of making anti-Semitic remarks and Sharpton has a history of inciting racial separation. Neither cares one bit about their fellow man, unless race is involved and a camera is nearby.

And now will the focus please turn to the Hip Hop and Gangsta Rap community, which makes it a point to demean women as much as inhumanly possible? Sharpton said he's going after them next.

Yeah, I'll try not to hold my breath.

It's funny — Imus is out of a job but Rosie O'Donnell, Snoop Dog and Howard Stern are still being quoted daily.

Makes you wonder.

## Good job, Goodell

The National Football League hasn't played a single game under its new commissioner Roger Goodell, but he has already put his stamp on the game and the guys who play it.

Goodell is evidently one of those strange individuals who says something — and then backs it up with immediate action. What's happened to those guys?

The new commish said one of his first orders of business was to clean up his "NFL" town. He implied that the time for criminal behavior among NFL players was about to come to and end.

And apparently, to the regret of many NFL

bums, he wasn't kidding.

Goodell, tired of the constant negative actions of the Tennessee Titans' Adam "Pacman" Jones and the Cincinnati Bengals' Chris Henry, laid down the law.

Jones will sit out the entire 2007 season after having 10 run-ins with the law since he was drafted, including five arrests, while Henry will miss eight games due to his many misdeeds.

The weirdest irony of all is that these two thugs were teammates at West Virginia. Gee, I wonder if either of these guys were fraternity members?

Pacman has said that he is certainly going to appeal the decision, based on the fact that he has never been convicted of anything. Notice he didn't say that he was innocent.

The Titans' cornerback said Goodell is making him the poster boy for bad behavior NFL dudes. I say Goodell picked an excellent poster boy.

Both players will not be paid while they are on "bad boy" vacation.

While each believes they were wronged, I say they can thank their lucky stars. I mean, look at the facts — these guys will be able to go back to work. If you or I had behaved the same way, I think it's safe to say we would have been out of a job months ago.

And we wouldn't be allowed back to work in a few months.

So do I feel sorry for these guys? Heck no.

The NFL did nothing to these two guys, they did it to themselves.

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PLAYING THROUGH — Canutillo High School won the 2-4A District Boys Golf title. Shown from left are Jake Atkins, Joshua Chavira, Andrew Hernandez, Drew Norris, Coach Tim Barno, Michael De Shazo, and Tony Surber.

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## Canutillo High School boys golf team wins district title

By Alfredo Vasquez  
Special to the Courier

CANUTILLO — Canutillo High School Junior Drew Norris qualified for the Regional 4A Golf Tournament for the third year in a row, and this time he is taking his entire team with him. The District 4A tournament will be April 23-24 at the Quicksand Golf Course in San Angelo.

Norris was the top golfer after posting a 148 two-round total score and the CHS golf team captured first place with a 653 total score in the District 2-4A Golf meet held at Emerald Springs Golf Course recently.

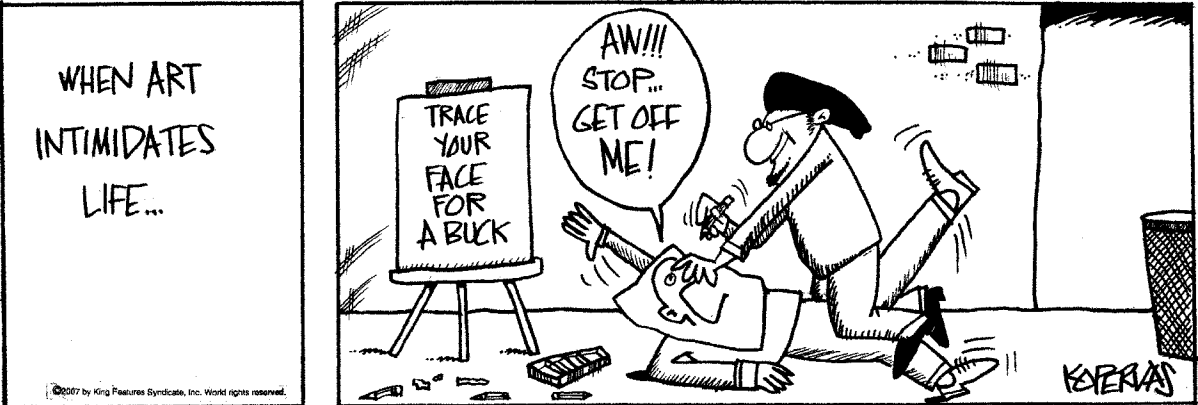
All five CHS team members finished among the top ten golfers in the tournament, which automatically places them on the 2-4A All-District Boys Golf Team. Along with Norris the CHS team includes Sophomore Tony Surber, who came in second in district with a 159 total score;

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OUT ON A LIMB

By Gary Kopervas



AMBER WAVES

By Dave T. Phipps



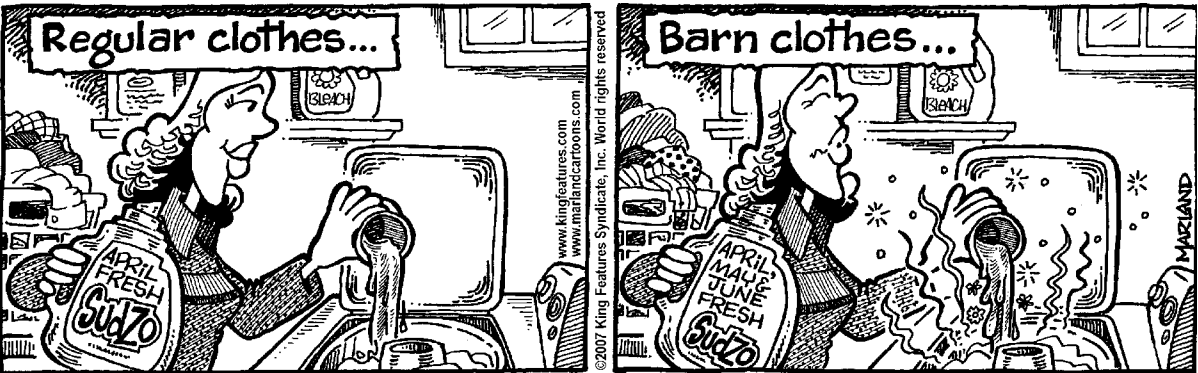
THE SPATS

By Jeff Pickering



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Keep classrooms boring

By Don Flood

Actual newspaper headline: Classrooms Too Boring.

The story concerned a study that suggested we needed to make schools more interesting.

Excuse me?

School is supposed to be boring. You don't throw out thousands of years of tradition just because of some silly study.

Before things get out of hand, we need to look at the consequences of interesting classes.

The first problem would be that kids would be unwilling to graduate and start earning money to pay for baby boomers' retirement, which should be their chief aim in life.

Second, if boring classes were good enough for us, they should be good enough for our children.

Let's face it, most jobs involve mundane and boring tasks. That's why they're called jobs.

If jobs were fun, companies would build vacation packages around them and charge you for working:

"Looking for a little get-away this weekend. Come to Data Entry Central for three nights and two days of nonstop keyboarding fun! All for only \$218 per person, per night, double occupancy required; coffee and soda included! Parking, taxes and gratuities extra."

You don't see offers like that in the travel section very often, do you?

That's because it's work.

Kids today are too soft as it is. They need to toughen up like we did, with inane lectures and point-less reading assignments.

Students who went through 12 to 16 years of stimulating classwork would be totally lost in the world of work.

"Why do I have to do this?" they

would ask. "This is boring."

Precisely, that's why you're getting paid.

Now I don't pretend this would be easy — something truly worthwhile never is — but we need to address the growing threat of interesting classes and work toward Excellence in Boredom.

First, we need to identify and nurture what I call Master Bores, those teachers who are not only bored themselves by the subject matter but who can communicate that boredom to their students.

We all had them, those special teachers who had the ability to make even riveting material as dull as dirt.

It might be their perfectly modulated monotone, their incoherent explanations or their total lack of preparation — some of the most gifted combined all three — but all of them went the extra mile to bore their students to tears.

Second, we need to study and refine the techniques of these Master Bores so that they may be passed on to teachers who are in danger of becoming interesting.

The result? Students would be counting the days until graduation, and they'd be prepared for a life-time of drudgery.

We've already seen what can happen when people expect jobs to be fulfilling. Illegal immigrants come and take jobs Americans are unwilling to do.

If you doubt the severity of this crisis, consider this: 40 percent of the kids surveyed said the material didn't seem "relevant."

In other words, 60 percent of kids said the material was relevant. That's how far we've gone. Back in my day, I don't recall schools teaching anything relevant.

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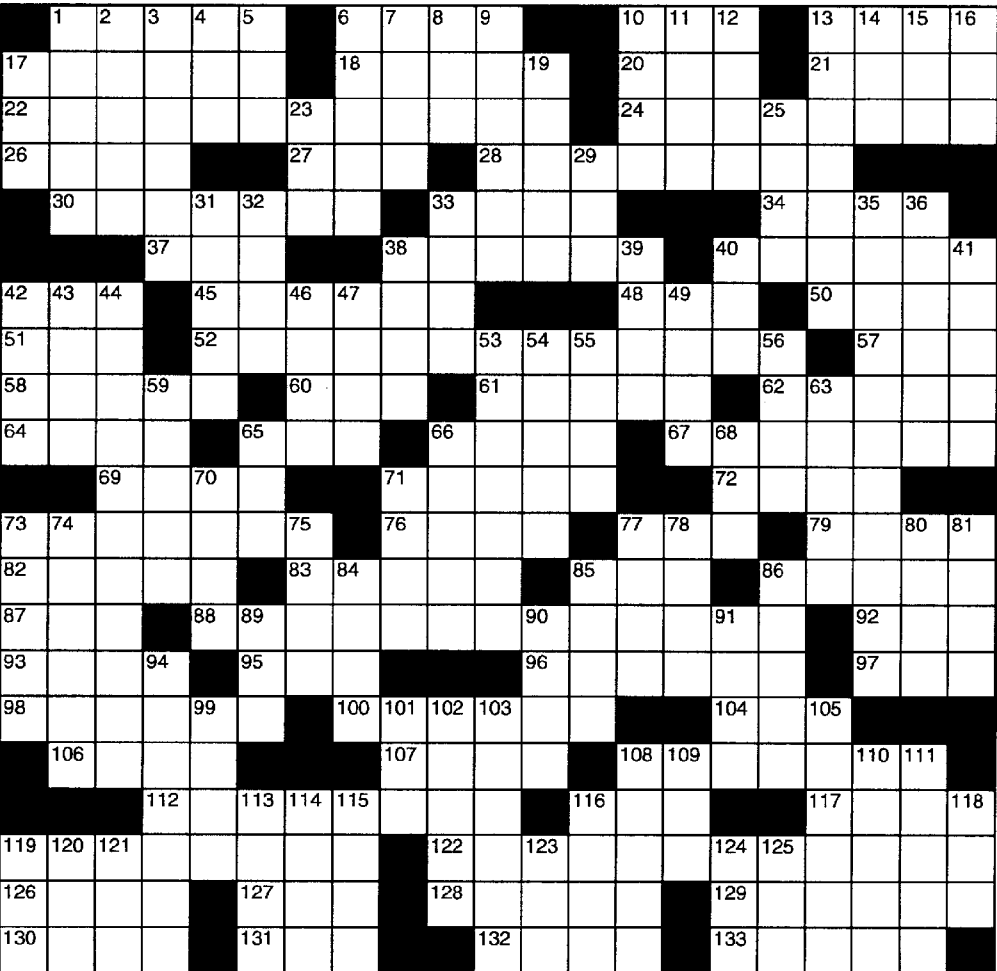
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95 "The Lady \_\_\_ Tramp" ('37 song)  
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98 Contemptible  
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106 Film site?  
107 Worn-out  
108 TV's "\_\_\_ Shade"  
112 Seminole shoe  
116 Whitney or Mintz  
117 On one's \_\_\_ (alert)  
119 Italian actor?  
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130 Ward (off)  
131 Evergreen tree  
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2 "Untouchable"  
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3 Klemperer of "Hogan's Heroes"  
4 Actor Tognazzi  
5 Energy  
6 Rover's restraint  
7 Roguish  
8 Hound or hamster  
9 A great many  
10 "Waterloo" group  
11 Yorkshire feature  
12 Gasp  
13 Tosses aside  
14 "Deep Space Nine" role  
15 Actress Ullmann  
16 Wahine's wreath  
17 Master  
19 Banyan and baobab  
23 Scoundrel  
25 Close  
29 School grp.  
31 Residence  
32 Brindisi bread  
33 Artist Franz  
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- 36 Most confident  
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39 Like some sheep  
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41 Loser to Truman  
42 Cinderella's soiree  
43 Nautical adverb  
44 Cuban game-show figure?  
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78 Chad or George  
80 Othello's inducer  
81 Detective Charlie  
84 Linguist Chomsky  
85 Redact  
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- 94 Prepared cherries  
99 Morlocks' prey  
101 Donkey  
102 Tanker and trawler  
103 "Lord Jim" author  
105 Kitten gear?  
108 Manage to miss  
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113 Potter's need  
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115 Once again  
116 Richard of "Love Me Tender"  
118 Sault \_\_\_ Marie, MI  
119 Ring counter  
120 Do Little work  
121 Kyoto coin  
123 Actress MacGraw  
124 Deface  
125 Citrus cooler

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## Social Security Q&A

By Ray Vigil

### Personal records and Social Security records need to match

It is important to regularly check your records to make sure that the name and number on your Social Security card match up with the name and number you’re using elsewhere. If you don’t, it could cost you time, money and effort to resolve.

Your Social Security number and the name on your Social Security

card are often used by companies and government agencies as a way to check your identity. If anything is amiss, you could have a problem. That’s why you should regularly check to make sure your records match. This is especially true for people who have recently changed their names, such as new brides or

adopted children.

Here are a few examples of situations where mismatches can cause trouble.

Timely tax refunds. The Internal Revenue Service (IRS) checks your return against your Social Security records. If your name and number don’t match up, it could mean a delay in your tax refund or trouble with the IRS.

Your vote counts. But not if your voter registration records don’t match up. Don’t go to the polls only to discover that you don’t have permission to vote because of a mismatch.

Leave the driving to us. You’ll have to if you can’t renew your drivers license due to a name and Social Security number mismatch with your state’s Department or Bureau of Motor Vehicles.

Payroll problems. Make sure your employer and human resources department are using the correct name and Social Security number. Not only could it be a red flag to your employer when your identity doesn’t match, it could affect your future Social Security benefits.

Credit where credit is due. If your earnings are not reported to Social Security under your correct name and number, you may not get the earnings credits you’re due — and that could translate to lower benefit payments in your future. Such earnings discrepancies can be corrected, but it can cause an inconvenient delay when you file for benefits.

There are many reasons why your identity records should match ours. So make sure that any time you deal

with a company or government agency, they have your correct name and Social Security number as it appears on your Social Security card.

To learn more about your Social Security card and number, visit our website at [www.socialsecurity.gov/ssnumber/](http://www.socialsecurity.gov/ssnumber/). You can also call us at 1-800-772-1213 (TTY 1-800-325-0778) or visit your local Social Security office.

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*For more information on the topic listed above, visit our website at [www.socialsecurity.gov](http://www.socialsecurity.gov) or call us at 1-800-772-1213. If you have any questions that you would like to have answered, please mail them to the Social Security Office, 1111 Gateway West, Attn: Ray Vigil, El Paso, Texas 79935.*

### Town of Clint, Texas Notice of Municipal Election Aviso de Eleccion Municipal

**To the registered voters of the Town of Clint, Texas:**  
**A los votantes registrados del Pueblo de Clint, Texas:**

Notice is hereby given that the polling places listed below will be open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Saturday, May 12, 2007 for voting in a Municipal election, to elect three (3) Aldermen for full two-year terms.

*Notifíquese, por presente, que las casillas electorales sitadas abajo se abriran desde las 7 de la mañana hasta las 7 de la tarde el sábado 12 de mayo de 2007 para votar en la elección para elegir tres (3) Regidores para el término completo de dos años.*

Location of polling places  
*Localidades de las casillas electorales*

**Clint Middle School Library**  
**13100 Alameda Avenue, Clint, Texas**

Early voting by personal appearance will be conducted each weekday at:

*La votación en ausencia en persona se llevará a cabo de lunes a viernes en:*

**Clint Middle School Library**  
**13100 Alameda Avenue, Clint, Texas**

between the hours of 12 p.m. and 4 p.m. beginning on the April 30, 2007 and ending on May 8, 2007.

*entre las 12 de la mediodía y las 4 de la tarde empezando el día 30 de abril de 2007, y terminando el día 8 de mayo de 2007.*

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 the April 30, 2007 and ending on May 8, 2007.

*La votacion anticipo en persona se llevara a cabo en todos locaciones en el Condado de El Paso, en donde se lleva a cabo votaciones tempranas manejadas por el Departamento de Elecciones del condado empezando el día 30 de abril de 2007, y terminando el día 8 de mayo de 2007.*

Applications for ballot by mail shall be mailed to:

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

**Helen Jamison**  
**500 E. San Antonio, Rm. 402**  
**El Paso, Texas 79901**

Applications for ballots by mail must be received no later than the close of business on the 4th day of May, 2007.

*Las solicitudes para boletas para votar en ausencia por correo deberan recibirse para el fin de las horas de negocio el día 4 de mayo de 2007.*

Issued this 13th day of March, 2007.  
*Emitada esta 13 dia de marzo de 2007.*

Dale T. Reinhardt, Mayor

WTCC: 04/19/07

### PUBLIC NOTICE TOWN OF HORIZON CITY, TEXAS

#### FAIR HOUSING STATEMENT

The Town of Horizon City hereby declares its support of fair housing practices. It is hereby declared to be the policy of the locality to bring about, through fair, orderly, and lawful procedures, the opportunity of each person to obtain housing without regard to race, color, creed, religion, sex, national origin, physical or mental handicap, marital status, parenthood, or age.

It is further declared that such policy is established upon the recognition of the inalienable rights of each individual to obtain housing and further, that denial of such rights is detrimental to the health, safety, and welfare of the inhabitants of the locality and constitutes an unjust denial or deprivation of such inalienable rights which is within the power and the proper responsibility of government to prevent.

The locality has a Fair Housing Policy that may be examined and copied by interested groups or individuals during office hours. The month of April has been proclaimed “Fair Housing Month”; copies of the official proclamation are available at the Horizon City Town Hall between the hours of 8:00 A.M. and 5:00 P.M., Monday through Friday.

#### POLICY STATEMENT ESTABLISHING NONDISCRIMINATION BASED ON HANDICAPPED CONDITIONS

The Town of Horizon City announces that it has adopted a policy of nondiscrimination based on handicapped conditions concerning access, participation, and benefit of programs and activities operated or conducted by the locality. This policy is in compliance with the requirements of Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended in 24 CFR, Part 8, “Non-discrimination Based on Handicap in Federally-Assisted Programs and Activities of HUD,” dated June 2, 1988. Interested individuals or groups may obtain copies of this policy statement by calling the Town Clerk, who has been assigned to coordinate compliance with this policy and may be contacted at (915) 852-1046.

#### POLICY STATEMENT ON PROHIBITING THE USE OF EXCESSIVE FORCE BY LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES

The Town of Horizon City announces that it has adopted a policy prohibiting the use of excessive force by law enforcement personnel within its jurisdiction against an individual engaged in non-violent civil rights demonstrations. This policy is in compliance with Section 519 of Public Law 101-44, 1990, U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development Appropriations Act. Copies of this policy statement may be obtained by calling the Town Clerk at (915) 852-1046.

#### COMPLAINT AND GRIEVANCE PROCEDURES

In order to comply with the requirements of the Texas Community Development Program (TCDP) and of 10 T.A.C. Section 178.1 and Section 178.2, the locality has citizen complaint procedures intended to provide a timely written response to all complaints made against its proposed or completed TCDP efforts. Responses to complaints will be made within no more than ten (10) working days. A copy of the complaint procedures can be obtained upon request at (915) 852-1046. The established complaint procedures are an element of the local Citizen Participation Plan, and meet the requirements of USHUD Section 504 (24 CFR) concerning nondiscrimination based on handicapped conditions.

#### EQUAL OPPORTUNITY / AFFIRMATIVE ACTION STATEMENT

The Town of Horizon City is an Equal Opportunity and Affirmative Action employer.

Raymond Morales  
Mayor

West Texas County Courier  
April 19, 2007