



NEWSBRIEFS

Don Quixote

The El Paso Library has unveiled a fantastic exhibit of paintings and crafts featuring the Miguel de Cervantes character Don Quixote. The exhibit is in observance of the ongoing celebration of Spanish heritage being sponsored by the Museums and Cultural Affairs Department. Many of the works are from the personal collection of collector Albert Askenazi who spoke about his fascination with Don Quixote when the exhibit opened. The artwork will be on exhibit until May 1.

Libraries close

All public city library facilities will be closed on Friday, April 11, 2008 for Staff Development Day. Library staff will use that day for training designed to improve customer service. Libraries will resume their normal schedules on Saturday, April 12. For more information please call 543-5468.

Ballroom dancing

Ballroom Dance presented by Desert Dancers Chapter of USA Dance — There will be a Sunday Afternoon Tea Dance on April 27, 2008 from 2 to 5 p.m., with a free dance lesson at 1:15 p.m., followed by all of your favorite ballroom dances, including Waltz, Foxtrot, Tango, Rumba, Cha-Cha, Swing, Cumbia, Country, Salsa, Merengue, and more. This event will be at El Paso Ballroom Dance Academy, 7220 N. Mesa, El Paso. Admission: \$5 for Dance USA members, and \$7 for guests. Singles Welcome! For further information, call Penny Brewer (915) 532-3064, or Curtis Graham (505) 382-1640, or visit www.desertdanceusa.com.

Animal services

The Department of Public Health's Animal Services program has expanded its hours of service effective April 2008. Animal Control Officers are now available to assist the public daily from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. In addition, emergency services (injured animals and public safety issues, issues such as capturing biting, vicious, and diseased animals) are available after-hours between 7:00 p.m. and 7:00 a.m. Animal Services is open to the public Monday through Saturday from 10:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., and is closed on Sunday. The Customer Relations Clerks taking calls in the Dispatch Center are still available to help the public from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. Adoption hours are Monday and Wednesday through Saturday from 11:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. No adoptions are available on Sundays or Tuesdays. Cat traps are available on Mondays starting at 10:30 a.m. on a first come first served basis and must be returned by Friday before 6:00 p.m. The address for Animal Services is 5001 Fred Wilson Road, El Paso, Texas 79906. Citizens may call Animal Services for more information at 842-1000 or log on to the City's website at www.elpasotexas.gov/health/ and click on Programs.

We make a living by what we get, but we make a life by what we give.

— Quips & Quotes



— Photo courtesy San Elizario ISD

NEW PARK — Alexandra Flores Park was dedicated on April 2. Alexandra Flores was abducted from a local store when she was just five. The park is a memorial to her life. Over 80 people attended the dedication with the family.

San Elizario dedicates Alexandra Flores Park

By Cynthia P. Marentes
Special to the Courier

The San Elizario Independent School District (ISD) and the County of El Paso officially opened the Alexandra Flores Park on April 2. The dedication ceremony was attended by more than 80 people who gathered at the new community skate park on an unusually calm spring day to mark an important event in recognition of Alexandra. Before her life was cut short in 2001 at only five years of age,

Alexandra had attended Loya Primary School, a campus just a short distance away from where the new park named in her honor now sits on Socorro Road.

The Alexandra Flores Park is a result of a joint project sponsored by the county of El Paso and the San Elizario ISD. The district donated the land for the park while the county financed the construction of the park. County work crews broke ground for the park in early 2007. However, planning for the Alexandra Flores Park actually began in 1997 when the San Elizario ISD Board of Trustees passed a reso-

lution to secure a safe and recreational space for children in the area. Extensive coordination and effort on behalf of then Board President Antonio Araujo and Precinct 3 County Commissioner, Miguel Teran eventually lead to the appropriation of county funding for the new park in addition to improvements for Alarcon Park.

The Alexandra Flores Park features a modern skating terrain, a playground, six picnic huts with barbecue pits, two baseball fields,

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Pendell sells S&S food store to San Eli grocer

Stays busy with family, farms and schools

By Don Woodyard
Courier Staff Writer

MISSION VALLEY — Jim Pendell's life is markedly different these days.

The pattern and fabric of his life has changed, but some pieces are unchanged.

He still runs the family's 400-acre cotton enterprise, along with 10 acres of pecans.

He remains on the board of trustees of the Clint Independent School District where he has served continuously since 1993.

However, one big thing has changed in his life, a change that breaks with a family tradition that goes back more than a century and a half.

He sold the S&S Fabens Grande Food Store on April 2 to San Elizario Supermarket owner Carlos Martinez. Pendell

speaks of the changes in the marketplace that led him to the difficult decision to sell that which had been so much a part of his life for much of his life.

Business volume had dropped, brought on by pressures from larger retailers and other chains that made it increasingly difficult to make a profit in the grocery business.

Today he prepares for planting of cotton and has the perennial worry about whether there will be enough rainfall upstream to irrigate his crops. At the same time he ties up loose ends in the sale of the store. While seeing the economic necessity of his actions, he nevertheless views with mixed emotions that decision.

"I have enjoyed the grocery business." However, "I have seen a loved one deteriorate," he recalls sadly. As with a loved one, one that was so much a part of the fabric of his life, he felt it was time to pull the plug on life support systems and move on.

"I think about my grandparents and how they struggled during the Depression. They taught us compassion — to help others in need."



Jim Pendell

For the time being at least, he is gearing down, pointing out that for many years he "has been in overdrive. But I don't want too much free time on my hands, he quickly points out."

Right now, he simply says, "I am looking for something else; I am searching."

He doesn't know what the future has "in store" for him.

While looking to the future he remembers the past and the part his great grandparents, the Stricklands, has had in his life. The Stricklands (the S in S&S), migrated westward from Corinth, Mississippi, after the Civil War. They were involved in retail trade and operated general stores/grocery stores.

So you might say it was in the blood that Pendell, 49, would naturally gravitate to the grocery store business in his early years after the Stricklands opened their store in the Fabens area in 1942.

As a youngster back in the 1970s, Pendell remembers working for his Uncle Jack Strickland. His job was sorting out the empty glass soft drink bottles. As he got older he was "promoted" to stockboy and sacker in the store.

All the time he was working in the store, he also loved farming, and his college education reflected that. He has two bachelor's and one

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Seven San Elizario HS band members march on to State

By Cynthia P. Marentes
Special to the Courier

Despite a large competitive field of musicians as well as a highly selective panel of judges at this year's Regional UIL Solo and Ensemble Festival, seven San Elizario High School students were able to qualify for state competition by earning a 1 division rating.

The contest was held on February 23 at Americas High School and all students scoring a 1 division (superior) rating advanced to state competition to be held in Austin, Texas over the Memorial Day Weekend. Over 30 students from San Elizario High School performed competitive solo and ensemble pieces but only a few advanced to the state level, surprising Band Director Sharon Hittle.

"A lot of the kids did a great job but unfortunately, the judges were really tough. Some of the ensembles we thought were going to make it to state didn't," Hittle said. Hittle added that it was sometimes difficult to determine which students would move forward in the competition despite a good performance because the judges' mood is always unpredictable.

The musicians that did impress the

judges and earned their highest mark as well as a chance to compete in Austin were a trumpet trio consisting of Rocio Flores, Jonathan Covarrubias, and Alan Jacquez playing a selection entitled "Bugler's Holiday." Also, moving on to state was a trombone ensemble made up of Diana Jacquez, Albert Falcon, and Larry Campos performing short pieces by Mozart. Finally, freshman Oscar Rivera blew away the judges by playing "Berceuse" by Barat on his tenor sax.

Hittle and Assistant Band Director, Isaac Medina, helped match the best pieces to the students involved and will continue to work with them several times a week before their trip to Austin.

"To prepare for state, they really need to be working individually and making sure their notes are in order. It's very difficult to get a 1 because you have to play at a professional level to place at state," Hittle said.

Not intimidated by the stiff level of competition and even more critical judging, senior Larry Campos is excited to face the challenge at state. Campos, who has been playing the trombone for 7 years is even more thrilled just to be moving on to Austin his last year of high school. "It

was really great to experience this for our senior year," Campos stated.

Campos, who intends to be a music major in college, also recently was awarded a \$1,000 scholarship at the All-Star Football Classic.

Diana Jacquez is another senior looking forward to competing at state after participating in the San Elizario High School band program all four years of her high school education. "It means a lot to be going. It feels like we accomplished something important because we really had to work hard to go to Austin," Jacquez said.

Jacquez' trio has been practicing since January, often devoting a significant amount of time on the weekends and evenings rehearsing their song.

Although, the state competition in Austin will be the last time that the seniors will have the opportunity to perform their solo and ensemble pieces, Hittle hopes that all the stu-



— Photo courtesy San Elizario ISD

PLAYING BIG — The San Eli band is sending, clockwise from top left, Oscar Rivera, Jonathan Covarrubias, Alan Jacquez, Diana Jacquez, Albert Falcon, Larry Campos and Rocio Flores to State competition.

dents eventually pursue music after high school graduation. Most of the seven musicians that qualified for state are also involved in other extracurricular activities including sports, making it difficult for them to balance their time and energy. Yet, their upcoming appearance at the Texas State Solo-Ensemble Contest shows that these student musicians have the talent needed to succeed at any level despite the challenges ahead.

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Reyes Reports

By U.S. Rep. Silvestre Reyes

Ports of entry need help

On an average day in El Paso last year, there were over 95,000 crossings over outdated bridges, through ports without enough staffing, and in an environment of stepped up border security. I do not have to remind anyone in El Paso of the increased wait times at the bridges last year and am proud to announce that I have introduced legislation, the PORTS (Putting Our Resources Toward Security) Act, in the U.S. House of Representatives to address these problems experienced in El Paso.

Both as a former Border Patrol agent and in my current capacity as Chairman of the House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, the safety and security of our nation are my top priorities. As an El Pasoan and lifelong border resident, I firmly believe there are appropriate ways to allow for goods and people to cross our borders without facing extended delays.

Having heard from El Pasoans who had to endure over two-hour waits during their daily commutes on the bridges, I brought the issue to the attention of Department of Homeland Security Secretary Michael Chertoff and Customs and Border Protection

(CBP) Commissioner W. Ralph Basham as early as last summer when they were both in El Paso to participate in the annual Border Security Conference at the University of Texas at El Paso.

Shortly after this first meeting with Secretary Chertoff and Commissioner Basham, I came back to Commissioner Basham and sat down several hours with Custom and Border Protection's border working group to look at short- and long-term solutions to the problem.

I cannot begin to recount all the meetings and discussions I have had on border wait times, but it quickly became obvious that two major issues facing our nation's international ports of entry are infrastructure and staffing. According to the General Services Administration (GSA), the nation's land ports of entry are faced with over \$5 billion in deficiencies, which could take almost 40 years to address at our current funding level. Also, CBP lacks the personnel to properly staff the inspection booths.

At my request, Chairman Bennie Thompson convened a field hearing by the House Committee on Homeland Security in El Paso to examine the impact of delays on border communities. Witnesses at the hearing in-

cluded GSA, CBP, the National Treasury Employees Union, and key local leaders who were able to discuss the negative effects of delays at the bridges.

The current Administration has focused their efforts on the areas between ports of entry and has not provided needed resources to support efficient legal crossing at our nation's international bridges. Don't get me wrong, as a former Border Patrol agent myself, I know firsthand the need for added resources and additional agents. However, I firmly believe the border must be seen in its totality and we cannot focus on a single area. Every single mile of the Northern and Southern borders needs the proper attention in order to secure our homeland.

The PORTS Act would authorize enough Customs and Border Protection officers to fully staff all inspection booths at the ports of entry, both at the Northern and Southern borders. The bill would increase the number of officers by twenty-five percent over five years.

I made sure to examine all aspects of the land ports of entry and the needs of the CBP officers who work

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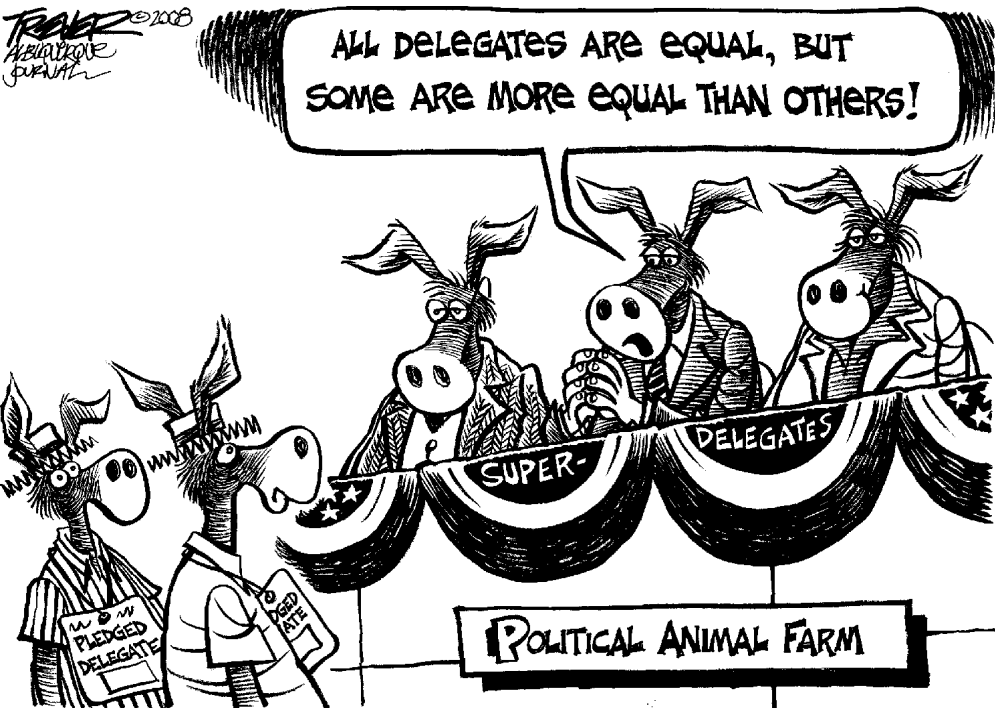


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School board notes

By Don Woodyard

HORIZON CITY — Highlights of the March meeting of the Clint Independent School District are featured in this month’s wrap-up of board actions in the Upper and Lower Valleys.

The Clint ISD meeting is one of five on which we report in this issue. However, Courier coverage isn’t stopping there. To give you even more news about area school board actions, we plan to expand this coverage to six districts in the near future.

March 11 Canutillo ISD

In her superintendent’s report, Dr. Pam Padilla reported on the recent BEEMS conference, sponsored by UT El Paso and CISD, was a big success.

District talent was showcased with 11 staff members offering nine different presentations. Seven campuses were visited by conference participants.

Sylvia Gonzalez, GES principal, was named Administrator of the year.

Dr. Blanca Luna, middle school teacher, was named ESL Teacher of the Year. Bilingual Education Teacher of the Year honors went to Canutillo Elementary teacher Isabel Ruiz.

Yusuf Farran, executive director for facilities and transportation, reported on work completed at Alderete Middle School. It includes roof replacement and new evaporative coolers and construction of a new library science building.

March 12 San Elizario ISD

Judge Ruben Lujan administered oath of office to Priscilla Ortega, the newly-appointed member of the SEISD board of trustees.

Superintendent Dr. Mike Quatrini reported to the board that he had been approached by the Texas Tech University Health and Science Center about possibly reopening the old Kellogg health clinic in San Elizario. Presently the nearest health clinic is in Fabens.

Quatrini said he’d negotiate with Texas Tech and report to the board.

The board approved a request from the El Paso Mission Trails Assn. for use of school grounds for a celebration of the First Thanksgiving on April 26.

George Luevano, director of support services, reported that dedication of Alexandra Flores Park will be held at 11 a.m. on April 2. He also reported that the old Alarcon cafeteria will be used for dried bulk storage.

Luevano expressed disappointment with the VEMAC construction company which is falling behind schedule because of other projects on Fort Bliss.

As an expression of its concern about delays and falling behind schedule on the school projects, Quatrini and the district’s attorney

Larry Baskind would be writing a letter to VEMAC.

March 18 Anthony ISD

Ron Haugen, AISD superintendent, had good news for board members. Haugen congratulated students, staff and parents of children in the third, fifth and eighth grades for improvements in recent TAKS reading scores. The passing percentages by grade level (English and Spanish combined) were:

Third grade: 85% to 90%. Fifth: 71% to 77%. Eighth: 98% in final testing. The score was 94% in first administration of test.

“Let’s hope that these gains are reflected in other grades and on other tests,” Haugen said later.

The board approved new guidelines for the Gifted/Talented program.

After discussion, the board voted to continue the Pre K-3 program.

March 25 Tornillo ISD

The board voted to give superintendent Paul Vranish authority “to give people traveling on behalf of the district ‘project increases’ on their per diem—not to exceed \$25 per day.”

The board also voted to nominate media people as part of the TASB Media Honor Roll.

Trustees approved the DATE application from the Texas Education Agency. This is with the understanding that the Tornillo ISD will have to put up 15 percent in matching funds.

March 26 Clint ISD

The new Horizon City Middle School is still without a name, mascot or colors.

In consecutive 3-3 tie votes, trustees were deadlocked and unable to agree on a name for the new middle school. The board rejected the committee’s first choice, Desert Vista Middle School. It also turned down the second choice, Vicki Alarcon Middle School. No vote was taken on the third choice, Desierto Bello Middle School.

Likewise, no action was taken on the three choices by the committee for the school’s mascot and colors. The first choice was Rockets with royal blue, silver and black for colors. Second name was Patriots with colors of red, white and blue. The third choice was Falcons with colors of red and black.

The issue was referred back to the committee for new selections.

The board met briefly in closed session to discuss location of a new high school in the

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Moore Texas by Roger T. Moore April 9, 1972: Lubbock goes "wet" (selling liquor) and ends its brag of being the largest "dry" city in the U. S.

Town of Anthony, Texas
Public Notice

TO THE REGISTERED VOTERS OF ANTHONY

A general election will be held in the Town of Anthony, Texas on the tenth day of May, 2008 for the purpose of electing the following officials:

ALDERMAN, PLACE THREE
ALDERMAN, PLACE FOUR
ALDERMAN, PLACE FIVE

In accordance with an order adopted by the Town Council of Anthony, Texas on March 3, 2008 with the election to be held at the Anthony Town Office, 401 Oak, Anthony, Texas. Voting hours on election day, May 10, 2008 shall be from 7 a.m. until 7 p.m.

The early voting for the above will be held at the Anthony Town Office, 401 Oak, Anthony, Texas and said place for early voting shall remain open from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. weekdays, which is not a Saturday or Sunday, or an official state holiday, beginning May 1, 2008 through May 9, 2008.

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, 2008 and ending on May 9, 2008.

The early voting clerk's mailing address to which ballot applications and ballots voted by mail may be sent to:

Javier Chacon
County Elections Department
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 May 2, 2008.

Mayor Art Franco

ALOSVOTANTESDELA CIUDAD DE ANTHONY, TEXAS

Se llevara acabo una eleccion general el dia 10 de mayo 2008 con el proposito de elegir a los siguientes funcionarios para dicha ciudad.

MIEMBRO DEL CONCILIO, POSICION TRES
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MIEMBRO DEL CONCILIO, POSICION CINCO

En acuerdo con la orden adoptada por el concilio de la ciudad de Anthony el 3 de marzo, 2008 se llevara acabo en el siguiente lugar:

La officina de la Ciudad de Anthony, Texas, 401 Oak, Anthony, Texas. El horario para votar en el dia de la eleccion sera de las siete de la manana hasta las siete de la noche.

La votacion de antemano para dicha eleccion se llevara acabo en la oficina de la Ciudad de Anthony, 401 Oak, Anthony, Texas. Dicho sitio para la votacion de antemano se mantendra abierto por lo minimo ocho horas cada dia, de las 8:30 a.m. a 4:30 p.m., menos el sabado, domingo, o dias festivos del estado comensando el 1 de mayo, 2008 y continuando hasta el dia 9 de mayo, 2008.

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, 2008 y terminando el 9 de mayo de 2008.

La direccion postal de la secretaria de votacion de antemano para votar por correo y a donde se pueden enviar solicitudes para balotas y enviar las balotas con votos es:

Javier Chacon
County Elections Department
500 E. San Antonio Rm 402
El Paso, Texas 799011

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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 10, 2008, for the purpose of electing two (2) 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 10 de Mayo de 2008 con el proposito de elegir dos (2) miembros de la Mesa Directiva de el Lower Valley Water District.

EARLY VOTING by personal appearance will be conducted at the Socorro High School, 10150 Alameda Avenue, Socorro, El Paso County, Texas 79927 starting Monday, April 28, 2008 and continue through Tuesday, May 6, 2008 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 April 28, 2008, and ending on May 6, 2008.

VOTACION POR AUSENCIA por presencia personal sera conducida en Socorro High School, 10150 Alameda Avenue, Socorro, El Paso County, Texas 79927 empezando el Lunes, 28 de Abril 2008 y continuara hasta el Martes, 6 de Mayo, 2008 de las 8 a.m. a las 5 p.m. en todos los dias que no sean Sabado, Domingo o dia official 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 28 de Abril de 2008 y terminando el 6 de Mayo de 2008.

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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Park

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two soccer fields, and accessible parking. It is located next to Excell Academy at 13661 Socorro Road and is open to the public from 6 a.m. to 10 p.m. Monday through Sunday.

The San Elizario Independent School District will now be responsible for maintaining the park after it was dedicated over to the district to use by the County of El Paso. According to George Luevano, Support Services Director for the San Elizario ISD, custodial grounds workers will be assigned to maintain the park from now on. "We are basically the caretakers of the park even though it's a joint effort, we will maintain the park and take care of future enhancements. It is our facility now," Luevano said.

Speakers at the ribbon-cutting ceremony included County Commissioner Miguel Teran, San Elizario ISD Board President Ramon Holguin, District Attorney Jaime Esparza, Alexandra's sister and mother, Esmeralda Frausto and Sandra Flores. Flores expressed thanks to everyone in the audience for remembering Alexandra by naming the new park after her daughter.

The selection of a name for the park was made after an extensive search initiated by the San Elizario ISD Board who appointed a committee of district personnel, students, and community members. The San Elizario ISD Board voted to name the park in honor of Alexandra Flores after receiving two recommendations from the naming committee. The original nomination to name the park



Ramon Holguin

after Alexandra Flores was submitted by Luis F. Borrego. This new addition to the San Elizario community is a much welcomed and awaited for recreational site.

San Elizario ISD Board President Ramon Holguin, remembered a time when young skateboarders would crowd the plazita and congregate around areas that were not very well lit. Holguin now hopes that the Alexandra Flores Park is put to good use and described what the new site means to the community.

"I think the park represents something that the school district and county did very well together and I want to thank Miguel Teran for having the park completed. It is one of the best things that has happened for San Eli in a long time," Holguin said.

The San Elizario Independent School District expects the Alexandra Flores Park to be a place where students and their families can gather to share many happy moments for a long time to come. However, in order for that to happen the district is also asking for assistance in maintaining the park.

"We are asking everyone to please respect the park and try to leave the park as clean as possible. If the community helps, we will be able to maintain the park's appearance for the future," Luevano said.

Spring is the perfect season to head out to the recently opened Alexandra Flores Park and enjoy the fresh air in San Elizario's newest green oasis.

Pendell

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master’s degree in agricultural education and agronomy at Texas Tech University. All the time he was in school he was sandwiching in school breaks with work in the store and on the farm.

His Uncle Jack had run the business from 1956 to 1987. After his death in 1987, the mantle of ownership passed to Pendell and he had run it ever since.

Six years later, in 1993, he decided to run for the Clint ISD school board. Sandra Burr, secretary to the board of trustees since 1977 recalls:

She says that not long ago, he came into my office and commented that it seemed like it was only yesterday that he had come in asking for an application to run for a board post.

“He has as much dedication to this

Schools

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CISD. Back in open session, board president Jim Pendell reported no action had been taken on the site.

Diverse opinions were offered by residents in open forum that followed.

It was suggested that the board go to schools and ask students to get their views on the location of the school. “Consider other options.”

Another resident cautioned the board to consider sites carefully. “There has been misuse and abuse of town of the town. Update the schools we have now.

“It needs to be in Clint. Listen to Clint.

“I want it in the town with its name and heritage,” the resident said.

In other action, the board approved administration’s recommendation for an increase in sign-on bonuses for teachers from \$1,000 to \$2,000. An additional sign-on bonus of \$4,000 was approved for math and science teachers. The bonus increase, funded through federal grants, would be effective in the 2008-09 school year.

In his report, CISD superintendent Ricardo Estrada praised East Montana Middle School for winning the district UIL contest for the 11th straight year.

Reyes

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at our ports and bridges everyday. In response to those concerns, the bill would authorize an additional 350 support personnel and 1,200 agricultural specialists.

Our nation’s ports of entry are in much need of attention. Taking what I have learned about the extent of the deficiencies in the bridges, the bill would authorize \$5 billion for GSA to make much needed repairs. The bill specifies that GSA and CBP must work together to determine a comprehensive plan of action before beginning the repairs.

I believe it is necessary for everyone to work together in order to ensure construction and repairs at our ports of entry are successful. As your Congressional representative, I will continue to fight to ensure our borders receive the attention that they deserve.

district now as he did when he first applied.

“Foremost in serving the community, he is dedicated to the student. And if the students are going to be a success, he also believes in planning what is best for ALL the employees of the district.

“He has lived through all sorts of trials as a member of the board, and he can take the next thing that comes along with enthusiasm.”

Echoing Burr is Bobby Caraway, who served on the school board with Pendell for eight years.

“To me he is a very caring individual. Everybody knows he cares.”

Caraway says Pendell donated generously to food baskets for the needy that his church prepared at Thanksgiving. And even people who were down on their luck were not turned away, Caraway adds.

“He is donating time all the time.”

Ron Rowell was superintendent of the Clint ISD from 1995-98. He currently works for the Texas Education

Agency in Austin. He remembers Pendell.

He sees Pendell as a down-to-earth guy who isn’t afraid to get his hands dirty.

“He does not use his position as a place of power. He is not full of himself,” he says.

Rowell says that one of his strong points is his ability “to listen to others — to listen to your ideas.

“He is very much pro kid and pro education,” he adds.

“He feels good when others succeed.”

NOTICE OF ELECTION AVISO DE ELECCIONES VILLAGE OF VINTON, TEXAS

TO THE REGISTERED VOTERS
OF VINTON, TEXAS

A LOS VOTANTES REGISTRADOS
DE VINTON, TEXAS

1. A General Election for the Village of Vinton shall be held on Saturday, May 10, 2008.
La eleccion general del Pueblo de Vinton se llevara acabo el dia sabado 10, de mayo, 2008.
2. The polling place for said election shall be the West Valley Fire Department, 510 E. Vinton Road, El Paso County, Texas.
El sitio de las urnas electorales para dichas elecciones sera el edificio del West Valley Fire Department, 510 Vinton Road, Condado de El Paso, Texas.
3. The polls will be open between the hours of 7 a.m. and 7 p.m. on May 10, 2008.
Las urnas electorales se abriran dentro las horas de las 7 de la manana y las 7 de la tarde 10 de mayo, 2008.
4. The offices to be voted on May 10, 2008 General Election are Mayor and Aldermanic Place #1 and #2.
Los puestos de oficina para elejirse son los siguientes puestos: Alcalde y Regidores para los lugares #1 y #2.
5. Early voting will begin on April 28, 2008.
Votacion por absentia empezara el dia 28 de abril, 2008.

6. Early voting will be conducted on April 28, 2008 through May 6, 2008, between the hours of 3 p.m. and 6 p.m. each day on each day which is not a Saturday, Sunday, or an official state holiday. The main absentee polling place will be the West Valley Fire Department, 510 E. Vinton Road, El Paso County, Texas.
Votacion por absentia se llevara acabo el 28 de abril 2008, hasta el 6 de mayo 2008, dentro las horas de 3 p.m. a 6 p.m. en los dias aqui nombrados en todos los dias que no sean sabado, domingo, o dia oficial de vacaciones estatales. El sitio principal donde se llevaran acabo las votaciones por absentia sera el edificio del West Valley Fire Department, 510 E. Vinton Road, El Condado de El Paso, Texas.

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 April 28, 2008 and ending on May 6, 2008.

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 28 de abril de 2008 y terminando el 6 de mayo de 2008.

7. Applications for ballot by mail should be mailed to:
Las solicitudes para boletas que se votaran en ausencia por correo deberan enviarse a:

Javier Chacon
500 E. San Antonio, Room 402
El Paso, Texas 79901

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

Las solicitudes para boletas que se votaran en ausencia por correo deberan recibirse para el fin de las horas de negocio del 2 de mayo 2008.

Signed this 5th day of February, 2008
Firmado este 5 dia de febrero, 2008

Madeleine Praino, Mayor
Village of Vinton, Texas

WTCC: 04/10/08

PUBLIC NOTICE Village of Vinton, Texas

A PUBLIC HEARING will be held at 5:00 p.m. during a Planning and Zoning Commission Meeting on Thursday, April 17, 2008 at the Vinton Village Hall, 436 E. Vinton Rd., Vinton, Texas. Purpose of the public hearing is to allow any interested persons to appear and testify regarding the following proposed item(s):

1) Consider and take action on request for Special Permit to for Lot 4, Block 1 Rancho Estancias (220 E. Vinton Road), Vinton, TX. 79821.

Citizens unable to attend this meeting may submit their views and proposals to Ivana Renteria, Village Deputy Clerk at the City Hall. Persons with disabilities that wish to attend this meeting should contact City Hall at (915)886-5104 to arrange for assistance. Individuals who require auxiliary aids or services for this meeting should contact City Hall at least two days before the meeting so that appropriate arrangements can be made.

Jessica Garza
Village Clerk

WTCC: 04/10/08

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING Village of Vinton, Texas Texas Community Development Program Projects

The Village of Vinton, Texas, will hold a public hearing to close out the Office of Rural Community Affairs Contract # 725889, also known as the “Danny Boy/ Holguin Water Project,” funded by the Community Development Block Grant Program.

The Purpose of this hearing is to allow citizens an opportunity to discuss the change order submitted to remove the installation of a master meter on Danny Boy Lane as per the construction contract and the Performance Statement of the TCDP Contract. The Village of Vinton encourages its residents to make their views known at this public hearing. Citizens unable to attend this meeting may submit their views to the Village Clerk at the Vinton Village Hall. Persons with disabilities who wish to attend this meeting should contact the Vinton Village Hall to arrange for assistance, (915) 886-5104.

Date: Monday, April 14, 2008
Time: 5: 30 P.M.
Location: Vinton Town Hall
436 E. Vinton Road
Vinton, Texas 79821

El público en general está invitado a asistir a una audiencia sobre el programa de Desarrollo de la Comunidad del Estado de Texas. La presentación y las discusiones sobre este programa se haran en español para aquellas persons que asi lo deseen.

Madeleine Praino, Mayor
Village of Vinton, Texas

Date Published:
April 10, 2008

Look for rule changes when NFL season kicks off

By Steve Escajeda
Special to the Courier

Some people believe change is good and still others believe there’s nothing like leaving tradition alone.

I have respect for tradition too, but I must admit that I was happy to hear about the changes the NFL made in a few of its rules for next year.

Though they didn’t fix the first thing I would change, I feel they made some good decisions.

What is my first rule change, you ask? The first thing I would change would be the overtime rule.

I believe a team should win the toss and take the football, but if they score, the other team should have a possession as well. Once both teams have had the football, if the game is still tied, then they go into sudden death.

But I guess that’s an argument for another time.

As for what the NFL rules committee did do, they got rid of the rule which forced officials to estimate whether a pass receiver was forced out of bounds or not. Now, if a pass receiver leaps in the air near the sidelines and makes a catch, he’d better land in bounds.

If a defender knocks him out of bounds the pass is incomplete.

I like that. I think it’s a good defensive play if the defender forces the receiver out of bounds before his feet come down in bounds.

But (and I know it will happen) what will happen the first time a 170-pound receiver leaps high in the air to make a catch about eight yards from the sideline, and a 250-pound linebacker catches him in the air and carries him out of bounds and dumps him there?

What do you call that? Maybe we can call that “illegal transportation”, or “unwanted relocation”, or maybe “territorial redistribution.”

Any way, another rule change I liked was that field goals and extra points can be examined through instant replay. Of course that should be a rule, there should be no doubt whether the football sails through the uprights.

If the referees aren’t sure, let’s go to the videotape and be sure.

Also, a direct snap from the center that is not touched by the quarterback will be ruled a fumble. In the past, it was ruled a false start.

Another one was the elimination of the 5-yard facemask penalty. I guess that’s okay. Many times it looked like a player just touched the facemask and was hit with a flagrant 15-

yarder. Now, they’ll all be 15 yarders — much easier to call. It leaves the referee’s interpretation out of it.

One other rule that was brought up was tabled for later. The Kansas City Chiefs made the proposal that players should keep their long hair from covering their name and number on the back of their jersey.

They said the player should treat his hair like his jersey and tuck it in his uniform. I don’t mind that proposal. I’m getting kind of tired of seeing 10 pounds of hair hanging from the back of the helmets.

Maybe it’s because I only have about 10 ounces of hair that hangs from the back of my baseball cap.

I admire the rules committee for changing some of the rules that needed to be tweaked.

Now all they have to do is the “keep the owner off the field” rule, so that Jerry Jones can enjoy the entire game from the comfort of his luxury suite.

Home sweet home

I wrote this column over the weekend so I don’t have any clue who won the NCAA Basketball championship game Monday night, but I do know that Memphis met Kansas for the title.

I also know that the North Carolina Tar Heels did not make it to the championship game — and I couldn’t be happier.

Not because I have anything particular against North Carolina, but I hate it when the NCAA selection committee goes out of its way to make it easier for one team to make it to the Final Four.

North Carolina played its first two games of the tournament in Raleigh, North Carolina, and then played their next two games in Charlotte, North Carolina. Does anyone else see a pattern here?

I thought the NCAA was going to do its best to keep teams from having home field advantages. Well, I guess they’re just bad at geography.

It’s funny, once North Carolina was forced to venture away from its home state, they were clobbered by Kansas.

Oh, and by the way, I’m going to predict a Memphis 88-74 win over Kansas — how did I do?

Publisher’s note: Steve Escajeda was offered the chance to update his column after the game ended and before press time. He declined, laughing, “I put it out there and I’ll take it like a man.”

Canutillo Eagles reach Regional 4A finals

By Alfredo Vasquez
Special to the Courier

Canutillo High School boys soccer team fell one point away from making it to the state finals in District 4A competition, when the Eagles succumbed to Del Valle High School’s experience and lost 1 to 0 in overtime in the regional playoff championship game, which was played Friday, April 4, at Del Valle High School.

“Our plan was to take it to them defensively and to take out their two top scorers, who together have scored 49 goals this season, and we did that; but, a couple of errors, one defensively and one offensively, really hurt our chances of winning,” said Coach Gregorio Jaramillo, who has been CHS Boys Varsity Soccer Coach for the past four years.

The coach said that this year’s squad, which posted a 15-win and 9-loss season, is a young team with most of its players returning next year. “Seven starters will return next year, so our focus in the off season will be conditioning,” Jaramillo said. Junior Edgar Marquez and Freshman Javier De La Rosa led the team in scoring this year with 13 and 10 goals respectively.



— Photo courtesy Canutillo ISD

THE HIGH FLYING EAGLES — Front row, from left, Alberto Dominguez, Samuel Soza, Miguel Sotelo, Jose Guillen, Octavio Carrazco, Christian Martinez, Omar Delgado, Eliezer Martinez, Pedro Najera, Jose Reveles, Sergio Moreno, Lorenzo Castro; back row, from left, Coach Gregorio Jaramillo, Krystian Romero, Josh De La Rosa, Edgar Marquez, Guillermo Nieves, Javier De La Rosa, Armando Flores, Jesus Olivas, Armando Sotelo, Luis Rodriguez, David J. Soto, Jorge L. Flores, Manuel Amaya.

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NUMBER ONE — The Socorro High School Baseball Team has been ranked first in Texas by the Texas High School Baseball Coaches Association. At press time the team was

currently 24-0 overall and 9-0 in district play. The Dawgs have seven more regular season games to play and could go undefeated.

Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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Socorro High School baseball team is ranked No. 1 in Texas

By Irma Flores
Special to the Courier

The Socorro Bulldog Baseball team becomes the first El Paso public school team to be ranked first in the state of Texas. Texas High School Baseball Coaches Association (THSBCA) has ranked the Bulldogs Baseball Team as No.1 in District 5A in its latest poll. The team is currently 24-0 overall and 9-0 in district play. Coached by Chris Forbes, the team had been ranked No. 2 the week before. In previous years, the team had been listed in the Top 10.

“We were ranked No. 2 the week before and the No. 1 team lost their game and we won ours. We kind of figured that we were going to move up,” said Coach Forbes who marks his 24th year as Socorro Baseball Head Coach. “We are working hard and the kids are focused. We are taking it one game at a time and preparing for our next game.”

“Coach Forbes and his team are to be commended for their hard work and dedication to the game and to their school. He has built a strong program that has a huge following in the Socorro community and is now being recognized on a statewide level,” said SISD Superintendent Dr. Sylvia P. Atkinson.

Team members are Senior Gabriel Aguilar,

Junior Tavi Amparan, Junior Chuy Diaz, Junior Cory Falvey, Junior Roger Favela, Sophomore Gil Gomez, Senior Fernie Gutierrez, Junior Chris Guzman, Senior Danny Loya, Junior Bobby Mares, Junior Marcus Molina, Junior Ruben Morales, Junior Mando Muniz, Junior Jessiray Navarette, Junior Aaron Olivas, Senior Louie Saenz, Junior Ivan Sigala and Junior George Stoltz. Team Assistant Coaches are Adrian Garcia, Joe Alvarez, Federico Contreras and Herbert Reyes.

In addition to the No. 1 ranking, Coach Forbes also reached another milestone in 2007-08 season. Earlier this year, he won his 508th game, which set a new city record for the most wins among High School coaches.

“It’s been a great year for Coach Forbes and it would be great to cap off the season with a playoff run,” said Mike Ferrell, Athletic Coordinator / Head Football Coach at Socorro High School. “The ranking is a great honor for our program, our school and our community. Coach Forbes has laid the foundation for this program and his teams keep getting better and better every year.”

“We are proud of the Coach Forbes and the team for all they have done for this program and for Socorro High School. To be ranked No. 1 against teams from San Antonio and Dallas is a huge achievement,” said SISD Board President Charles E. Garcia.

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