



## NEWSBRIEFS

### Cleaning up

The Town of Anthony was awarded a grant in the amount of \$28,000 from the Rio Grande Council of Governments through the Solid Waste Grant Program. The state money is from the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality and is earmarked for cleaning up areas of illegal dumping within the town. Anthony will start the cleanup project this Saturday, Aug. 20 and will get help from Anthony ISD students. From Sept. 22 through 26 Federal Correction Institution at La Tuna will supply personnel and support the cleanup. The grant money will be used to purchase supplies such as gloves, trash bags, pitchforks, shovels, and trash rolloffs from El Paso Disposal. Also it will pay for installing a fence along Stateline Road to protect the area from future dumping. A program to inform and educate the public on illegal dumping and will also be part of the project, including t-shirts for volunteers. Any and all residents of Anthony, Texas and New Mexico are invited to join in helping us make our communities free of illegal dumping.

— Contributed by Mayor Art Franco

### Clint ISD volunteers

Volunteers and nominations for open positions on the Clint ISD District Site Based Decision Making Committee are now being taken for the 2008-2009 School year. One representative from each attendance zone in the district is needed for parents of enrolled students. Business members are needed to represent the Clint and Montana areas of the District. Community members are needed to represent the Horizon and Montana areas of the District. If you would be willing to serve, or you would like to nominate an individual to serve, please contact Hilda James, at 926-4051.

### Blood drive

UTEP and New Mexico State University will partner once again with United Blood Services for the annual I-10 Coalition Blood Drive. Donations will be accepted daily through Friday, Sept. 19, in front of the Undergraduate Learning Center and in parking lot IC-10, west of the Union Building. The university that collects the most donations will be recognized during the UTEP-NMSU football game on Saturday, Sept. 20, in the Sun Bowl Stadium.

### New officers

Thirteen graduates — ten men and three women — will participate in a graduation ceremony on Friday, Sept. 19, 2008 from the Basic Detention Officer Course. The State of Texas requires 96 hours of training for new officers. The El Paso County Sheriff's Office requires 280 hours or seven weeks of training. All graduates from the Basic Detention Officer Course are assigned to either the Downtown

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*An autobiography, like charity, covers a multitude of sins.*

— Quips & Quotes

## San Elizario makes a splash for Obesity Awareness Month

By Cynthia P. Marentes  
Special to the Courier



— Photo courtesy San Elizario ISD

**A DAY AT THE BEACH** — Jackie Mendoza, Borrego Elementary Cafeteria Manager, set the tone for students by donning beach wear to kick off Obesity Awareness Month. The campus cafeteria was decorated in a beach theme for the event.

To provide a refreshing alternative to promoting the importance of a healthy and physical lifestyle, Borrego Elementary in the San Elizario Independent School District re-created a beach scene in the school's cafeteria and offered students, staff and parents a healthy picnic lunch on Tuesday, Sept. 9. The event was organized by the Borrego School Health Advisory Committee (SHAC) in conjunction with Obesity Awareness Month.

Counselor Maria Baxley stated that members of the SHAC wanted to create an event that would promote the idea that eating can be both a healthy and fun activity that all the family can enjoy. "With high incidents of obesity all throughout the United States but especially among the Hispanic population it is important that we educate the community about how to eat healthy," Baxley said. Many parents accepted the school's invitation to join their children for lunch that day. Baxley stated that having a high turnout of parents at the beach picnic demonstrates that families are motivated and supportive of the school's efforts to encourage healthy diets and physical activity for students.

In fact, a group of about six parents led by Parent Liaison Claudia Castro volunteered their talents to transforming the Borrego cafeteria into a sunny beach. "It took us about a week to plan and organize everything and then we worked two days straight cutting the edges and laying out the paper used for the beach and sand," Castro said. Castro along with Principal Ernesto Seigel and the SHAC decided to incorporate the beach theme primarily to get students excited about Borrego's Obesity Awareness Month project but also to bring the beach to many other San Elizario students who had never seen it firsthand. Coach Hill helped to make the student's picnic at the beach a little more realistic by rigging up an ambient machine playing the sounds of the beach over the

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## Socorro schools take time to honor soldiers, remember 9-11

By Irma Flores  
Special to the Courier



— Photo courtesy Socorro ISD

**MUCHAS GRACIAS** — Rojas students thank SSG Dennis Allen and PVT Jesus Solis for their service to the country.

Schools in the Socorro Independent School District commemorated the 7th anniversary of 9-11. As high school students stood in silence to remember the heroes of that day, younger students were introduced to the men and women who serve to protect them.

At Americas High School, the annual memorial event was held inside the school's rotunda. With NJROTC cadets at attention, student officers led the school in a moment of silence. Members of NJROTC participated in a ringing of the military ceremonial bell in memory of those who died on September 11th.

At Jane A. Hambric School, following a presentation of colors by Boy Scout Troop 37, students heard from Ensign Ruben Chavira.

"I am proud to be an American and by talking to students about 9-

11 and serving this country they know what a great country the US is," said Chavira who spent 10 years in the Navy. "Our job is to teach future generations about the history of the US and what our country stands for."

At Montwood High School, students arrived early to honor those who died on September 11. Student Council members handed out US Flags, and students and staff heard from El Paso Police Assistant Chief Eric Shelton and Customs Border Protection Supervisory Officer Robert Pon about the aftermath of 9-11. The ceremony also featured the ringing of eight bells, seven to mark the anniversary and one representing the victims who lost their lives that day. Hosted by the Montwood/El Dorado NJROTC, the event concluded with Cadet Victoria Ramirez singing "Amazing Grace."

"Today's event is to remember

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### Town of Anthony PUBLIC NOTICE

A PUBLIC HEARING will be held at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, September 23, 2008 during the Regular Town Council Meeting at Anthony Town Hall, 401 Wildcat Dr., Anthony, Texas. Purpose of the public hearing is to allow any interested person to appear and testify at the hearing regarding the following proposed ordinance(s) (second reading):

- 1) Ordinance No. 453 — An Ordinance Adopting a Budget for the Fiscal Year of Oct. 1, 2008, to Sept. 30, 2009 for the Town of Anthony, Texas.
- 3) Ordinance No. 454 — An Ordinance Authorizing the Assessment and Collection of Property Taxes Within the Town of Anthony, Texas, and Further, Authorizing the El Paso City Tax Office to Perform the Actual Assessment and Collection of Said Property Taxes on Behalf of the Town of Anthony, Texas for the Fiscal Year of Oct. 1, 2008 to Sept. 30, 2009.

Ordinances are too extensive to print. Ordinances are always available for viewing or copying upon request from the Town Clerk at the above address. Those that are unable to attend may submit their written comments to the Town of Anthony, P.O. Box 1269, Anthony, Texas 79821. Persons in need of assistance to attend are encouraged to contact the Town Clerk at 886-3944.

*Myriam P. Uribe*  
Town Clerk

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### Por la Gente By State Rep. Chente Quintanilla

## Beware of Medicare scams

Hola mi gente. I have written several articles asking seniors to be careful when considering the purchase of Medicare Advantage Plans over regular Medicare coverage. I have nothing against the plans; only the way many agents go about selling them to vulnerable seniors.

Just prior to deciding on the subject for this weeks article, my office received a phone call describing an improper sales attempt by someone who may not have even been a licensed insurance agent. The sales pitch was improper because the individual who called my office can only change coverage between November 15 and December 31. Agents are specifically prohibited from soliciting before then.

As for the individual making the pitch, she offered no documentation that she was an agent. If true, that individual is in violation of state law.

I can inform you that both the state and federal governments are addressing this problem which has been ongoing both locally and nationally. The problems I have shared with you are happening throughout the United States.

At the state level, Commissioner Geeslin has taken steps to make permanent the temporary rules of last November. Agents with temporary licenses are prohibited from selling Medicare Advantage Plans; only licensed insurance agents may sell the plans. There is a possibility that agents who know about violations and do not report them will be subject to sanctions as well. That part may or may not be approved.

At the national level, two very important amendments to federal law were passed in House Resolution 6331. Agents now are prohibited from making unsolicited calls to prospects; either by door to door sales or by telemarketing (unless responding to a request by the prospect). The other change makes the use of unlicensed individuals who sell Advantage Plans a violation of federal law.

These two new laws address a good portion of the complaints that my office received during the past year.

Another very important amendment to federal law prohibits the sale of Advantage Plan policies at educational events. Agents are even prohibited from providing applications to the participants in breakfast, luncheon or any event portrayed by agents as "educational." These "educational events"

created a great deal of confusion for many seniors; some were even asked to sign a form which unknowingly authorized a change in plans.

While these new laws go a long way in protecting seniors, it is important for everyone who is considering their Medicare options to be a careful and smart consumer. As I have suggested many times:

- Arrange for the agent to visit your home to explain the plan and have a family member or friend present;
  - Never sign an application at a group meeting or breakfast;
  - Ask the agent to present an insurance license and an id; document both;
  - Don't sign an application until the second or even third visit;
  - Have the agent provide you with a signed copy of the application and a business card;
  - Have the agent provide any promises about the plan in writing and with his or her signature (ex. current doctor is eligible, no changes in medication); and
  - Confirm with your doctor that his or her office participates with that plan before signing the application.
- Gracias, mi gente, and I remain your friend and public servant, Chente por la gente.



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

## In memory of Coach Haskins

Last week, many El Pasoans shared their stories and fond memories of "The Bear." Coach Don Haskins was one of the greatest figures in American sports history, who shattered racial barriers and forever changed the game of basketball when he led an all-African American starting line-up to victory against an all-white powerhouse team in the 1966 NCAA Basketball Championship. I had the privilege of calling Don a friend, and I join my constituents and his fans across the nation in mourning his passing.

Although he never sought or intended to be one of the greatest civil rights pioneers in sports, his commitment to playing the most talented athletes, regardless of skin color, in the 1966 championship was a major turning point in American sports and the civil rights movement. The landmark game between Texas Western College (now known as the University of Texas at El Paso) and the University of Kentucky is often regarded as one of the greatest moments in sports history and the most important game in college basketball.

For those of us from El Paso, Don Haskins was more than just a coach; he was a community icon for putting a little-known west Texas town in the national spotlight. He was a fiercely loyal supporter and die-hard fan of the University of Texas at El Paso and was often seen in the stands cheering on his beloved "Miners." It is difficult to image UTEP athletics without him.

In a state where football is king, Coach Haskins turned El Paso into a basketball town. He led the Miners to seven Western Athletic Conference championships, 14 NCAA tournament appearances, and seven appearances in the National Invitation Tournament. UTEP is still the only Division I school in the entire state of Texas with an NCAA Basketball Championship. On September 29, 1997, Coach Haskins was inducted in the Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame. Ten years later, the entire 1966 Texas Western team joined their coach in this honor, becoming the 6th team in history to do so.

Though known for his ferocity on the court, off the court Coach Haskins was humble, compassionate, and witty and never relished in his celebrity status — even after his story, and that of the 1966 Texas Western team,

made it to the big screen in the 2006 Disney production, "Glory Road." Like many of history's greatest role models, it was his humility and unassuming personality after achieving unprecedented success that inspires us all.

When reflecting on his decision to start five African American players, Coach Haskins said, "I just played my five best players." Haskins never wanted credit for changing college basketball and he would always say, "I just wanted to win the game."

Don is survived by his lovely wife, Mary and was the proud father of Brent, David, Steve and Mark.

Although Coach Haskins is no longer with us, we know that his spirit will always live on at UTEP, and his legacy will forever remain an important part of our country's history.

God Bless you, Coach.



**Moore Texas** by Roger T. Moore Sept. 8, 1900: A horrendous hurricane devastates Galveston, killing and displacing thousands of people.

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**Briefs**

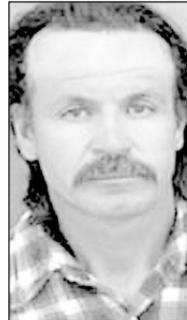
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Detention facility or the Jail Annex. Detention Officers may choose one of two career paths: Detention or Law Enforcement. To be eligible for a career in law enforcement, one must have worked as a detention officer for at least one year. Upon announcement of the Basic Peace Officer Academy, all eligible detention officers must compete for a position at the academy. The entry salary for Detention Officer is \$30,755.

— Contributed by Deputy Jesus Tovar

**Wanted**

Due to the recent success of Captured Fugitives listed on Crime Stoppers of El Paso "Most Wanted," The El Paso County Sheriff's Office has initiated "MANHUNT MONDAY" which will feature one wanted fugitive every Monday. The subjects featured will be individuals who have been eluding capture in which the cold trail has grown warm. All cases will be based on new found information or leads that are two to 7 days old. This week Sheriff's Detectives have issued out an arrest warrant for the apprehension of Jesus Lazcano. The charge is Aggravated Sexual Assault (child) with a \$60,000 bond. Several years ago, Lazcano began abusing a young girl when she was four years old. The abuse continued for two years until the girl was six. In recent years, the victim (who will not be identified) came forward. Lazcano is known to work as a carpenter. He was last seen in the San Elizario, TX several months ago. He had been deported to Mexico in May 2006. He was born in Chihuahua, MX. Recent information indicates Lazcano is back in the US and he has been spotted hanging out around the San Elizario, TX area. Lazcano has an extensive arrest record which include: Evading Arrest or Detention, three arrests for DWI and Illegal Entry (to US). Lazcano also goes by the name Ricardo Vasquez. He is born 48 years old, 5'5" tall and weighs 155 pounds.



Jesus Lazcano

— Contributed by Deputy Jesus Tovar

**Suit dismissed**

U.S. District Judge Frank Montalvo has dismissed a lawsuit filed by El Paso County, the City of El Paso, the El Paso County Water Improvement District No. 1, and the Ysleta del Sur Pueblo, among others, against the construction of the border fence in El Paso County. Judge Montalvo granted the Department of Homeland Security's motion to dismiss based on the merits of the case on a final judgment issued on Sept. 11, 2008. In his ruling, Judge Montalvo held that the waivers used by the Secretary of Homeland Security Michael Chertoff to expedite the construction of the border fence were constitutional because "... Congress constitutionally delegated its authority in the Waiver Legislation." Judge Montalvo further ruled that the Waiver legislation did not violate the 10th amendment because the waivers were issued with the intent to "preempt state and local laws, which would interfere with Congress's objective to expeditiously construct the border fence." El Paso County Attorney José R. Rodríguez explained that, according to the law, the plaintiffs have 90 days to file an appeal before the U.S. Supreme Court. The law firm Mayer Brown LLP of Washington D.C., who is handling the litigation, is already working on the appeal, which the County Attorney will encourage El Paso

Commissioner's Court to join.

— Contributed by Elhiu Dominguez

**Tech grant**

The Institute of Museum and Library Services has awarded the Ysleta Del Sur Pueblo a \$127,923 grant under the Native American Library Services Enhancement Grant Program. The funds will be used to integrate technology services for youth enrichment, college/vocational prep, and adult personal development. The grant will also be used to hire a new technology coordinator, who will be responsible for implementing and monitoring computer activities and programs in the library. "Expanding access to technology in our community is key to providing area youth and adults with the skills necessary to be competitive both nationally and internationally," said Congressman Silvestre Reyes. "I applaud the Tigua's for their efforts to improve and expand technology access."

**HUD money**

The Department of Housing and Urban Development's (HUD) Rural Housing and Economic Development (RHED) program has awarded \$300,000 to La Fe Community Development Corporation in El Paso. The funds will be used to rehabilitate distressed housing through La Fe's Youthbuild Academy of El Paso. The program expands opportunities for underprivileged youth by providing them with training and counseling to encourage them to reach their full potential. The program then partners students with professionals in the construction industry and other business leaders to revitalize distressed housing in the community. "La Fe's Youthbuild program serves many great purposes in our community," said Congressman Silvestre Reyes. "These funds will not only provide El Paso-area youth with valuable educational and vocational skills, but will also benefit families who desperately need repairs and other modifications at home. I am pleased that the HUD has awarded this funding for such a valuable program, and I applaud La Fe and all the students in Youthbuild who are making a difference in our community." Funding from the HUD grant will be used to train 20 participants, who will rehabilitate five homes in the community. La Fe Community Development Corporation is a subsidiary organization of Centro de Salud Familiar La Fe, Inc in El Paso.

**Car show**

The West Texas Community Supervision and Corrections Department (Adult Probation) in coordination with the El Paso Anti-Graffiti Task Force will feature the 4th Annual Hot Rod and Custom Car Show from noon to 7 p.m., Saturday, Oct. 18 at the VFW Tigua Post #8782, 691 N. Carolina. Special guests to the event will be more than 300 children from El Paso's Child Crisis Center and other child protection organizations. The show will feature more than 200 monster trucks, souped-up racers, vintage vehicles and many creatively-designed automobiles and other vehicles. There also will be live entertainment by the Breeze Band and Little Mike and the Blue Kings, food and drink booths and multiple activities for children, including mini-golf, Bingo games, balloon darts, jumping balloons, goodie bags and more. Proceeds from the show will go to the Anti-Graffiti Task Force. For more information call: 726-0723.

— Contributed by Guadalupe Silva

**Crime Stoppers**

Crime Stoppers of El Paso is assisting the El Paso Police Department in locating the persons responsible for kicking in the door of a restaurant, apparently just to steal their

## Clint Independent School District SPECIAL EDUCATION SERVICES

Clint Independent School District provides the following educational program/services to identified disabled children who reside within the district beginning on the third birthday through age twenty-one.

1) Instructional Program: including Early Childhood (beginning on the third birthday through age five), Resource (grades K-12) and Self-Contained (grades K-12)

- 2) Diagnostic Services
- 3) Transportation Services
- 4) Speech Therapy
- 5) Counseling Services
- 6) Adaptive Equipment Services
- 7) Physical Therapy
- 8) Occupational Therapy
- 9) School Health Services
- 10) Homebound Services

Services are provided to identified auditorial and visually impaired children who reside within the district from birth through age twenty-one and to private/home school students who qualify for special education services, .

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

If you would like more information or know of a disabled child who is not receiving educational services, please contact the Special Education Director at 125 Brown Street, Clint, Texas 79836, or call (915) 851-8383.

## SERVICIOS DE EDUCACION ESPECIAL

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

1) *programa de instrucción: infancia temprana (comenzando con el tercer cumpleaños hasta la edad de cinco años), cuarto de recurso (K-12), y clases contenidas (K-12)*

- 2) *servicios diagnósticos*
- 3) *servicios de transportación*
- 4) *terepia de habla*
- 5) *servicios de consejo*
- 6) *servicios de equipaje adaptivo*
- 7) *terapia física*
- 8) *terapia ocupacional*
- 9) *servicios de salud escolar*
- 10) *servicios de clases en el hogar*

*Se provee servicios a niños identificados como deshabilitados audible y visualmente que viven dentro del distrito desde nacimiento hasta la edad de 21 años y para estudiantes en clases privadas/en el hogar que califican para servicios de educación especial.*

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

*Si usted desea mas información o sabe de un niño/niña deshabilitado que vive en el distrito escolar de Clint que no esta recibiendo servicios educacionales, favor de comunicarse con la Directora de Educación Especial en la direccion 125 Brown Street, Clint, Texas 7938, o al numero (915) 851-8383.*

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## Clint ISD receives grants for labs

By Laura Cade  
Special to the Courier

Clint Independent School District has been awarded a \$1.6 million grant from the Texas Education Agency to build additional science laboratories at Horizon High School.

The funds are part of \$20 million made available to school districts by the 80th Texas Legislature which created the Science Laboratory Grant Program.

Currently, Horizon High School

has four science laboratories. Those laboratories are shared by 10 science teachers for the 1,360 students in grades 9 through 12. The District will build 4 additional science classrooms at Horizon High School with the grant funds.

"Right now we make it work by coordinating and rotating our classes in the labs. The new labs will definitely help by allowing more lab time for our students," says Rafael Garcia, Horizon High School Biology teacher.

The Science Laboratory Grant Pro-

gram provides competitive grants to school districts for the purpose of constructing or renovating high school science laboratories. Grants are awarded where the existing district science laboratories are insufficient in number to comply with the curriculum requirements imposed for the recommended and advanced high school programs under the Texas Education Code.

Clint ISD is the only district in Region 19 to be awarded the Science Laboratory Grant Program.

## Commissioners approve Ascarate improvements

EL PASO COUNTY — In Monday's meeting, members of the Commissioners Court approved to sign a contract for the design and construction of two restroom buildings at Ascarate Park.

The restrooms considered in this project are the ones adjacent to the baseball fields and the ones located on Joe Yarbrough Street.

"Having new restrooms will refresh our asset and bring our park to public standard," said Commis-

sioner-Pct. 2 Veronica Escobar.

Rosemary Neill, Director of Family and Community Services, advised the court that both restrooms already exceeded their useful life and are no longer capable of supporting the capacity that the park has built during recent years.

After a brief discussion, the members of the court approved signing a contract worth an estimated \$259,332.74.

Commissioners also passed a resolution at officially declaring Sept. 15

to Oct. 15, 2008 as National Hispanic Heritage Month.

The resolution cited that the League of United Latin American Citizens, which is celebrating seventy-nine years of community service, has increase educational opportunities and improved the quality of life for Hispanic Americans.

The resolution was presented by Escobar and passed unanimously.

Several representatives from the local chapter of LULAC were present at the meeting to accept the resolution.

— Contributed by Araceli Lazcano

## Lower Valley Water District Notice of Public Hearing on Tax Rate

The Lower Valley District will hold a public hearing on a proposed tax rate for the tax year 2008 on September 25, 2008, 6:00 p.m., at 1557 FM 1110, Clint, Texas 79836. Your individual taxes may increase or decrease, depending on the change in the taxable value of your property in relation to the change in taxable value of all other property and the tax rate that is adopted.

|                         |                                     |
|-------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| FOR the proposal:       | Henry Trujillo and Gerald Grijalva  |
| AGAINST the proposal:   | NONE                                |
| PRESENT and not voting: | NONE                                |
| ABSENT:                 | Rosalinda Vigil and David Armstrong |

The following table compares taxes on an average residence homestead in this taxing unit last year to taxes proposed on the average residence homestead this year.

|   | Last Year      | This Year           |
|---|----------------|---------------------|
| Total tax rate (per \$100 value)  | 0.214407/\$100 | 0.211415/\$100      |
|   | Adopted        | Proposed            |
| Difference in rates per \$100 of value                                    |                | \$ - 0.002992/\$100 |
| Percentage increase / decrease in rates (+/-)                             |                | - 1.40%             |
| Average appraised value   | \$ 63,858      | \$ 66,377           |
| General exemptions available  | 0.00           | 0.00                |
| (excluding senior citizen's or disabled persons exemptions)               |                |                     |
| Average taxable value   | \$ 63,858      | \$ 66,377           |
| Tax on average residence homestead  | \$ 136.92      | \$ 140.33           |
| Annual increase / decrease in taxes if proposed tax rate is adopted (+/-) |                | + \$3.41            |
| and percentage of increase (+/-)  |                | + 2.49%             |

## NOTICE OF TAXPAYERS' RIGHT TO ROLLBACK ELECTION

If taxes on the average residence homestead increase by more than eight percent, the qualified voters of the district by petition may require that an election be held to determine whether to reduce the operation and maintenance tax rate to the rollback tax rate under Section 49.236(d), Water Code.

# Junior Leadership El Paso announces Class VI

**By Rudy Barreda**  
*Special to the Courier*

Tornillo High School students Benito Aguirre and Denise Montoya have been named as part of the El Paso Class VI of Junior Leadership El Paso.

Junior Leadership El Paso is an innovative program for area high school juniors with the potential to become El Paso's next generation of leaders. Based on the Greater El Paso chamber of Commerce's successful adult program, Junior Leadership El Paso is tailored for high school juniors who receive a hand-on education about El Paso's issues, history challenges and opportunities. Participants tour the region and meet face-to-face with some of the area's top movers

and shakers in business, government, the arts, health care, education, the military and economic development.

Both Aguirre and Montoya have begun their junior year at Tornillo High School. During their year-long involvement with Junior Leadership El Paso, they will participate in monthly day-long sessions that help them gain a thorough understanding of the city they call "home." In addition, each session is designed to support the students' high school education by fulfilling Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills (TEKS) Social Studies Criteria.



Denise Montoya and Benito Aguirre

## Notice of Public Meeting To Discuss San Elizario Independent School District's State Financial Accountability Rating

The San Elizario Independent School District will hold a public hearing at 5:30 p.m., Wednesday, October 8, 2008 in the boardroom of the San Elizario ISD Administration Building, 1050 Chicken Ranch Road, San Elizario, Texas.

The purpose of this hearing is to discuss San Elizario Independent School District's rating on the state's financial accountability system.

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## San Elizario Independent School District Public Notice of Non-Discrimination

It is the policy of the San Elizario Independent School District to prohibit discrimination on the basis of race, color, national origin, gender or disability in the admission or access to programs, delivery of services or employment.

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

Inquiries concerning your rights may be referred to Title IX Coordinator: Superintendent Mike Quatrini, 1050 Chicken Ranch Rd., Administration Building, San Elizario, Texas 79849, (915) 872-3900; or Section 504 Coordinator, 1050 Chicken Ranch Rd., Special Education Office, San Elizario TX 79849, (915) 872-3960. Mail: PO Box 920, San Elizario, TX 79849.

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WTCC: 09-18-08

## 60 year old smuggler nabbed

EL PASO COUNTY — U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) officers working at the El Paso port of entry discovered 29.7 pounds of cocaine and 22.2 pounds of marijuana in a car being driven by a 60-year-old man on Aug. 7. The seizure was made shortly after 5:00 a.m. when a Ford F-150 pickup truck entered the Ysleta port of entry from Mexico. During the primary inspection of the vehicle, CBP drug sniffing dog "Taxi" alerted to the truck. CBP officers initiated a secondary search of the vehicle and discovered a hidden compartment in the backseat of the truck. CBP officers removed a total of 31 bundles from compartment. Eleven of the bundles contained cocaine and the remaining 20 were filled with marijuana. CBP officers detained the driver, 60-year-old Luis Vidal of El Paso, and turned him over to U.S. Immigration and Customs (ICE) special agents for prosecution.

## Notice of Public Meeting To Discuss Canutillo Independent School District's State Financial Accountability Rating

The Canutillo Independent School District will hold a public meeting at 6:00 p.m., Tuesday, September 30, 2008 in the boardroom of the Canutillo ISD Administration Facility, 7965 Artcraft Road, El Paso, Texas.

The purpose of this meeting is to discuss Canutillo Independent School District's rating on the state's financial accountability system.

WTCC: 09/11/08 & 09/18/08

## Notice of Tax Revenue Increase

The TOWN OF ANTHONY conducted public hearings on September 9, 2008 and September 16, 2008 on a proposal to increase the total tax revenues of the TOWN OF ANTHONY from properties on the tax roll in the preceding year by 1.82 percent.

The total tax revenue raised last year at last year's tax rate of \$0.413420 for each \$100 of taxable value was \$477,148.

The total tax revenue proposed to be raised this year at the proposed tax rate of \$0.406083 for each \$100 of taxable value, excluding tax revenue to be raised from new property added to the tax roll this year, is \$485,709.

The total tax revenue proposed to be raised this year at the proposed tax rate of \$0.406083 for each \$100 of taxable value, including tax revenue to be raised from new property added to the tax roll this year, is \$523,905.

The Town Council of TOWN OF ANTHONY is scheduled to vote on the tax rate that will result in that tax increase at a public meeting to be held on September 23, 2008 at Town Hall, 401 Wildcat Dr., Anthony, Texas 79821 at 7:00 pm.

WTCC: 09/11/08

## Briefs

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liquor, making this the "Crime of the Week." On Saturday, Aug. 2, just after 4:00 a.m., two suspects entered the Fuddruckers located at 1887 Zaragoza and Montwood, by kicking in the door on the north side of the business. Surveillance video shows the suspects jumping over



the bar and stealing a number of liquor bottles. One subject who is seen in the surveillance video appears to be an Anglo or Hispanic man in his twenties, medium build, clean-shaven, with dark hair covered by what seems to be a Chicago White Sox baseball cap. He was wearing a dark-colored short-sleeve t-shirt with an unknown design on the front, dark jeans and athletic shoes. The other subject in the video is seen from the back. He is medium height and build, wearing a long-sleeve white shirt, dark baseball cap, dark colored jeans and Nike athletic shoes. If you were in the area of Zaragoza and Montwood during the early morning hours of Aug. 2, perhaps you noticed something suspicious or unusual. Was there a vehicle parked in what would normally be an empty parking lot at that time of night? Did you see people walking around the building? If you have any information at all about the persons responsible for this crime, please call Crime Stoppers of El Paso at 566-TIPS (8477) or submit your tip online at [www.crimestoppersofelpaso.org](http://www.crimestoppersofelpaso.org). You will remain anonymous and, if your tip leads to an arrest, you may earn a cash reward up to \$1,000.

# Media coverage slips in O.J. memorabilia trial

By Steve Escajeda  
Special to the Courier

Have any of you sports fans out there even noticed that there is a big trial going on right now.

And this isn't the first time this guy has been in trouble, but this time the media coverage is not nearly what it was.

O.J. Simpson's robbery-kidnapping case got underway this week and it recorded about a 2.0 on the "who cares" scale. I think a lot of people are just tired of this poor retched man.

Last time O.J. was in the courtroom lime-light, he escaped a murder rap with the help of a clown of a judge, some inept lawyers and the threat of possible riots in Los Angeles.

But now, even the people who supported O.J. last time have got to be getting tired of his antics. I don't know anyone who is going to fight for O.J.'s freedom this time around.

In case you've forgotten, it was the simple-minded O.J., and a few of his freeloading friends, who got a wild idea one day. They put their collective empty heads together and decided to take back some of Simpson's memorabilia.

The only problem is that it was owned by some memorabilia dealers. But did that stop the gang that couldn't think straight? Of course not.

Simpson and his boys broke into one of the dealer's hotel rooms in Las Vegas and roughed

the guys up.

During the break-in, O.J. is accused of yelling things like, "Don't let nobody outta here... stand the (expletive) up before it gets ugly in here," and "I'm gonna show up with a bunch of the boys and take the stuff back. They can't do nothing about it," and "I gotta be at my intimidating best in a few hours."

Makes you wonder whether this guy could go as far as to commit murder.

Simpson has still got to believe that he'll beat the rap again. But I don't think a guy (with apologies to John Gotti) can cheat the system again and again.

O.J. could be looking at some serious jail time if he is found guilty. What will make things tougher for "the Juice" is that his partners in crime are all turning on him. They are all telling authorities that the whole thing was O.J.'s idea and that he knew they had guns when they stormed the hotel room.

There's no doubt that O.J. was once one of the world's best football players and one of the world's worst actors, but he is now considered just another lowlife felon.

Wouldn't it be great if the system finds him guilty and he is sentenced to 20 years in prison?

I believe it should happen this way; everybody believes it should happen this way. But this is the United States, and the United States may have one of the best justice systems on earth — but it still stinks.

So I'm not sure. I'll believe that O.J. will finally get what's coming to him when I see it.

## Wrong-way Rangers

One of my many sports jobs around the city is as a radio broadcaster during KROD's Football Friday Night high school football show.

Having a chance to do the show means that I get the opportunity to watch most of the teams in El Paso.

The team I feel the most sorry for is the once-mighty Riverside Rangers.

Under coach Tom Work, Riverside would usually go 10-2 and win the district title every year. Under Work's replacement, J.J. Calderon, the Rangers are just 4-9 in a year-and-a-half.

This year Riverside is 0-3, but it's not the losses, it's how they've lost.

In week one, the Rangers lost to Austin 15-14 when the Panthers went for a two-point conversion after a last-second touchdown and made it for the win.

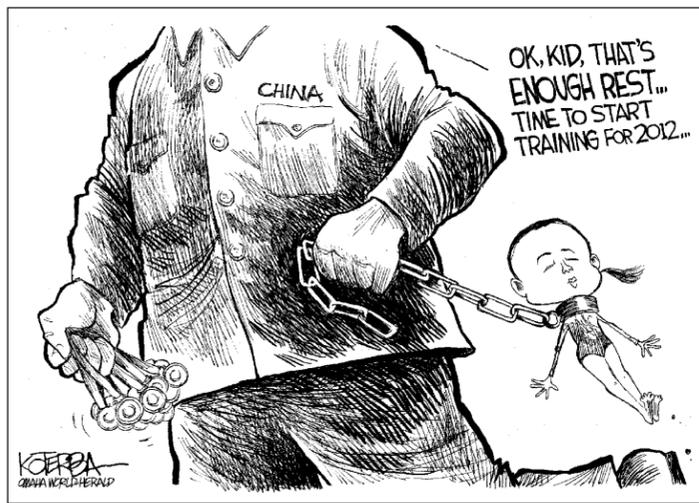
In week two, they lost to Franklin 18-17 when the Rangers scored a last-second

touchdown and then went for a two-point conversion for the win — they didn't make it and lost.

In week three, the Rangers lost to Chapin 31-24 in overtime after holding a 24-16 lead with just over 30 seconds left in the game. Chapin scored on an 86-yard pass play and then made the two-point conversion to tie it in regulation. The Huskies won it in overtime against the deflated Rangers.

Riverside has a much-needed week off this weekend and then they take on San Elizario after that.

It may be just what the doctor (and coach Calderon) ordered.



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### LEGALS

#### Town of Horizon City

#### PUBLIC NOTICE

#### A PUBLIC HEARING

will be held at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, September 23, 2008 during the Regular Council Meeting at City Hall, 14999 Darrington Road, Horizon City, Texas. Purpose of the public hearing is to allow any interested persons to appear and testify regarding the following proposed ordinance(s)/ amendment(s):

1) Ordinance No. 0163 — 2nd reading — Amendment No. 011 — Amending the Budget Ordinance to transfer \$90,500 as follows:

From : Budget Item #502818, Contingency Funds

To: Budget Item # 503603, Public Works \$40,000

Explanation: For repair of ponding area in Horizon Heights.

To: Budget Item # 504603, Street Department

\$8,000 Explanation: For repairs to Desert Ash Street in Horizon Mesa.

To: Budget Item # 507031, Street Department \$7,500

Explanation: For Mower/Tractor.

To: Budget Item # 507034, Parks Department \$35,00

Explanation: For ADA compliance of Corcoran Park, Goal posts in Golden Eagle Park and Walking Path at Golden Eagle.

2) Ordinance No. 0102 — 2nd reading — Amendment No. 023 — Establishing height limits for cellular communication towers.

Those who are unable to attend may submit their views in writing to the City Clerk of Horizon City. Accommodations for handicapped persons will be available and individuals in need of special assistance for attending the hearing are encouraged to contact the City Clerk at 915-852-1046, forty-

eight (48) hours prior to this meeting. Ordinances are available for viewing or copying upon request from the City Clerk at the above address or call 915-852-1046, Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Karen Ellefson City Clerk WTCC: 09-18-08

#### Town of Horizon City

#### PUBLIC NOTICE

During the Regular Council Meeting on Tuesday, September 9, 2008 the Town of Horizon City Council approved the following ordinance(s):

1) Ordinance No. 0171 — Ordinance authorizing the assessment and collection of property taxes within the Town of Horizon City, Texas and further, authorizing the El Paso City Tax Office to perform the actual assessment and collection of said property taxes on behalf of the Town of Horizon City, Texas for the fiscal year of October 1, 2008 to September 30, 2009.

2) Ordinance No. 0172 — An Ordinance adopting a budget for the fiscal year commencing October 1, 2008 and ending on September 30, 2009 for the Town of Horizon City, Texas.

Ordinances are always available for viewing or copying upon request from the City Clerk at Town Hall, 14999 Darrington Road, Horizon City, Texas, Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. or call 915-852-1046.

Karen Ellefson City Clerk WTCC: 09-18-08

#### SOCORRO INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

#### Invitation to Bid/Respond:

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

**WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 24, 2008**

#### DISTRICT

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**ENGLISH SECOND LANGUAGE PROGRAM CSP NO. 199-0924-9020 ACCEPTED UNTIL 2:30 P.M.**

Proposals will be received at the Financial Services Dept., 12440 Rojas Drive, El Paso, Texas 79928 until the specified times. Detailed specifications are available from the above office between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. Mondays through Fridays.

Proposals are also available at the District's website: www.sisd.net WTCC-09/18/08

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# Comix

## OUT ON A LIMB By Gary Kopervas



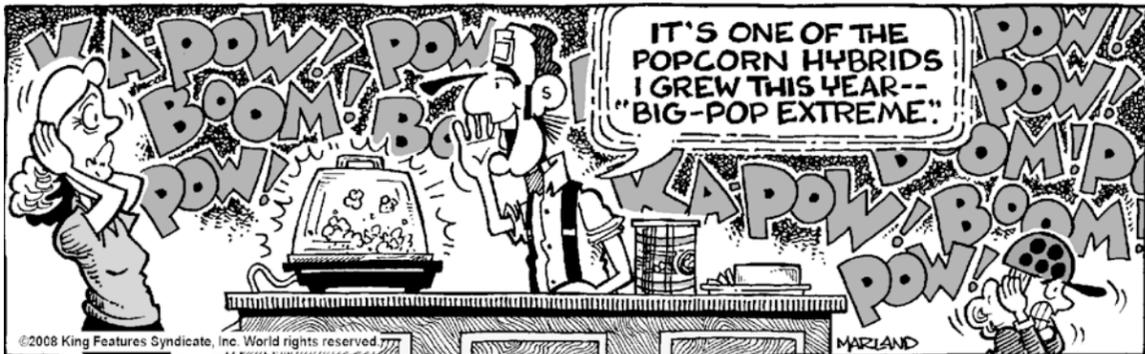
## AMBER WAVES By Dave T. Phipps



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# Young and sweet, only 72

By Don Flood

As perhaps no other presidential candidate in history, Sen. John McCain has thrown down the gauntlet. Responding to a request from Blender magazine, McCain revealed that his favorite song is "Dancing Queen" by ABBA.

Wow! I would have been less surprised if McCain had announced he was going to kick off his fall campaign with a flag-burning tribute to Osama bin Laden.

OK, not quite. But close. I mean, "Dancing Queen"?

This is on par with Vladimir Putin announcing he cries every time he watches "Sleepless in Seattle."

(In fact, Putin cried only the first time. The next time he invaded a country. I recently saw "Sleepless in Seattle," and you can say what you want about it being sappy and corny and a chick flick, but you have to admit one thing, it is one awful movie. It's probably John McCain's favorite.)

But I'm not kidding about the gauntlet part; because whatever your political views you have to admit: It takes a heck of a man to announce in public that his favorite song is "Dancing Queen."

"You are the dancing queen, young and sweet, only seventeen, "Dancing queen, feel the beat from the tambourine."

Wow! I need WAY larger type and a boatload of exclamation points (!!!!!) to express how amazed I am.

And his No. 3 favorite is also by ABBA, "Take a Chance on Me," which I assume will become his campaign song.

Wow again!

This must be a guy who is, as the pundits like to say, "comfort-

able in his own skin." (To which I've always thought, what choice do you have?)

If by some miracle you have not heard "Dancing Queen," do not — I repeat — Do Not go online to find it. It will become stuck in your brain and you may never get it out without surgery.

(I once read a story about a man who had surgery to remove the song "Roundabout" by Yes from his brain. I have no idea if this is true, but I'm not going to check because it's a good story. So, yes, perhaps medical science has advanced to the point where it could remove "Dancing Queen" from inside your skull, but do you want to take the chance?)

My wife said, "I'm surprised he didn't try to pick something a little more hip."

I said, "Maybe he did."

It's also possible he consulted fellow "hepcat" former Sen. Bob Dole about what might sound like the "bee's knees" to the "younger generation."

"Hey, Bob, this magazine asked me to name my favorite song and I don't want to sound like some old fogey compared to you-know-who."

"You came to the right source, John-man. I got just the thing. It's a groovy tune called 'Dancing Queen.' The kids will love it."

For his favorite song, Barack Obama picked "Ready or Not," by the Fugees.

Sorry, it just doesn't come off as gutsy as McCain's pick.

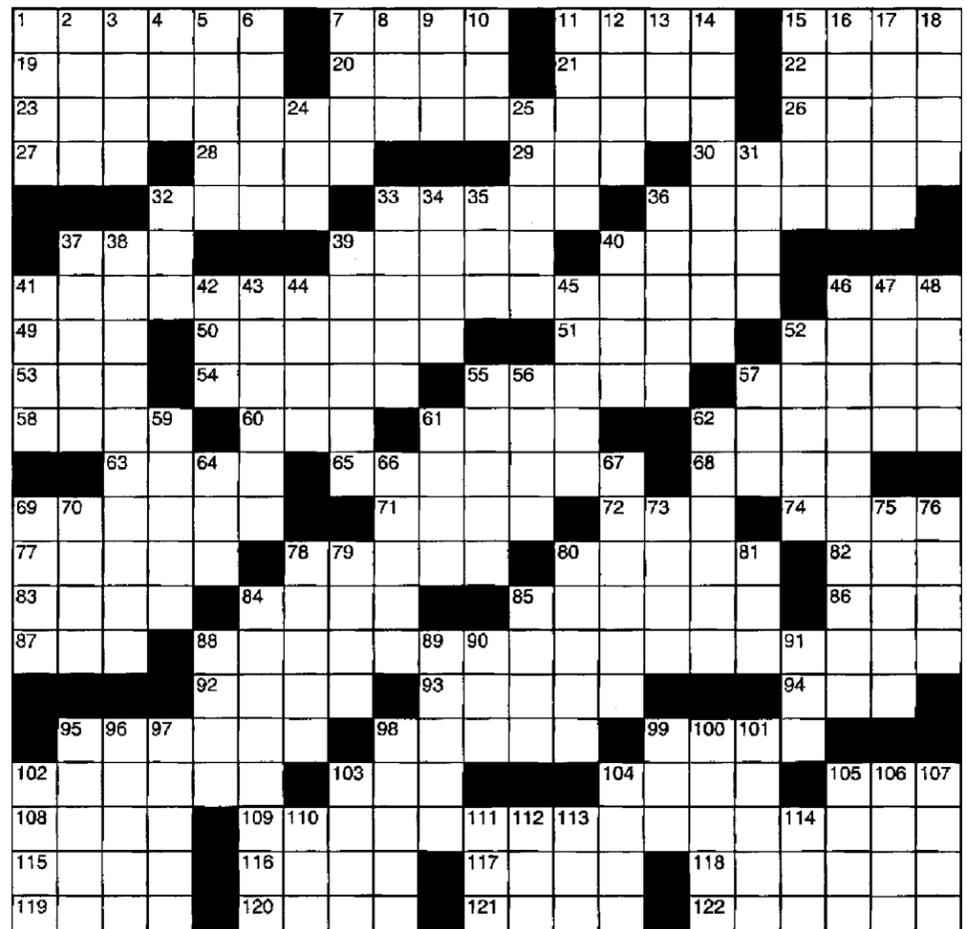
If Obama isn't careful he may soon be facing his "Waterloo."

"Mama mia!"

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# King Super Crossword

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  - 21 It's a long story
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  - 34 Nonstandard contraction
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- ACROSS**
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- DOWN**
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  - 55 At present
  - 56 Rock's \_ Butterfly
  - 57 Petite pooch
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  - 70 Garfield's pal
  - 73 Actor Guinness
  - 75 Tie the knot
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  - 78 Telescope view
  - 79 Responsibility
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- ACROSS**
- 89 "84 Charing Cross Road" author
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  - 91 \_ Paulo, Brazil
  - 95 Uncouth
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## Notice of Tax Revenue Increase

The EL PASO COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES DISTRICT #2 conducted public hearings on September 4, 2008 and September 16, 2008 on a proposal to increase the total tax revenues of the EL PASO COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES DISTRICT #2 from properties on the tax roll in the preceding year by 23.25 percent.

The total tax revenue raised last year at last year's tax rate of \$0.090010 for each \$100 of taxable value was \$2,105,223.

The total tax revenue proposed to be raised this year at the proposed tax rate of \$0.100000 for each \$100 of taxable value, excluding tax revenue to be raised from new property added to the tax roll this year, is \$2,391,046.

The total tax revenue proposed to be raised this year at the proposed tax rate of \$0.100000 for each \$100 of taxable value, including tax revenue to be raised from new property added to the tax roll this year, is \$2,463,021.

The City Council of EL PASO COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES DISTRICT #2 is scheduled to vote on the tax rate that will result in that tax increase at a public meeting to be held on September 23, 2008 at San Elizario Fire Department, 1425 San Antonio St., San Elizario, Texas 79849 at 7:00 pm.

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## Water contaminant concerns Town of Anthony

By Don Woodyard  
Courier Staff Writer

ANTHONY — At first glance, an item on the agenda for the Sept. 9 meeting of the Anthony Town Council might have caused great concern about public health and safety.

Alarm bells may have sounded for some.

The agenda item was in regards to a report from the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) that said the level of arsenic in the town's water exceeds state standards. That's the bad news.

Offsetting that is the good news that "there is no current risk" to the Town of Anthony from the water. This reassurance comes from Dr. Alicia Diehl, head of the family drinking water section of the TCEQ in Austin. To put it another way, she said you would have to drink two liters of water a day for 70 years before you could really consider any health risk.

The state standard is 10 micrograms of arsenic per liter of water. Anthony's water tested at 11 micrograms per liter.

"We want to be totally safe," Diehl said in a telephone interview. "We are highly protective of the people's health and safety."

"This is a long-term issue," she pointed out, "and we want to work with the town in correcting the problem."

Mayor Art Franco said the city engineer would be looking into the problem and report back to the Town Council with options and their costs on how the community could come back into compliance with state standards. Franco speculated that options could include drilling a new well and

installing improved filtering equipment into the town's system.

To reduce the contaminant to an acceptable level, the commission also suggested blending town water with water from other sources.

The TCEQ also said it would be working with the town on establishing a realistic timeline to correct the problem. The timeline could take a number of years.

High arsenic levels in the water weren't the only issue of particular concern at the Sept. 9 meeting.

It involved sending a town employee to a police academy course sponsored by El Paso Community College.

Before putting it on the agenda for possible approval by council, Franco says he discussed the matter with Chief of Police Edward Miranda. He says Miranda agreed with him at the time.

But then, when it came up on the agenda for action, Miranda, according to Franco, changed his position and opposed sending the individual to the academy. The chief cited a possible a perception of favoritism of the person selected and possible decline in morale in the Anthony Police Department as reasons for opposing the proposed action.

Feeling "betrayed" by Miranda's action, Franco walked out of the council meeting. Subsequently, the council tabled action on that agenda item. It will come up again next week. The mayor said he would ask the council to delete the item at the next meeting.

Downplaying the incident, Franco added that it was "no big deal—just a difference of opinion."

Contacted by the County Courier, Miranda declined comment on the matter "out of respect for those involved."

## Obesity

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cafeteria's sound system adding the perfect finishing touch to the setting.

Cafeteria Manager Jackie Mendoza and her staff dressed in picnic and fishing attire to compliment the theme. They prepared a healthy lunch consisting of hot dogs made with steamed turkey franks, baked tater tots, fresh fruit, milk and cookies. The menu, according to Child Nutrition Services Director Raul Jacques, was selected because it was a healthier version of a meal that children would eat at a picnic. "We are showing parents that they can make small changes and still come up with a meal that's healthier and is appealing to their children," Jacques added.

With Sambrano and Alarcon Elementary also planning events to mark Obesity Awareness Month and Borrego's picnic, San Elizario Independent School District is working creatively and collaboratively in exceeding the coordinated school health mandates established by the state for all schools in Texas.

## Socorro

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those people who lost their lives and who serve our country," said Cadet Commander Abraham Moncayo. "This serves to remind us what people sacrificed for us."

At Robert R. Rojas Elementary, students in Pre-K through 2nd grade heard from SSG Dennis Allen who just returned from Iraq, and PVT Jesus Solis who just completed his basic training. For these students, the presentation was a lesson in modern history since many were born after the 9-11 attacks.

"This has an impact on all our students," said Mary Harder, counselor at Robert R. Rojas. "The older students continue to ask questions about 9-11. We are teaching our students to honor our heroes. We enjoy our freedoms because they are here to protect and serve."

El Dorado and Socorro High Schools joined forces to honor the armed forces. During Thursday night's football game which was "Military and First Responder Night," the audience was asked to wear blue if they were active military or first responder, white if they lost loved one in the military and red to show support of the military. Socorro and El Dorado Cheerleaders and Student Council members distributed American flags and red, white, blue, or yellow ribbons to the audience members. The Pre-game ceremony featured the National Guard and a sportsmanship exchange from both Student Councils. The El Paso Fire Department raised a 30x50 flag from a 100 foot hydraulic ladder before the National Anthem. A firefighter will also be on top of the aerial in full turnout gear saluting as the anthem is played. At halftime, both schools presented their honorary coaches and acknowledged the military and first responders in the crowd.

## Weekly SUDOKU

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