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NEWSBRIEFS

Schulte resigns from Socorro ISD

The Socorro School District board of trustees has scheduled a special meeting at 5 p.m. Friday, Aug. 2 with only two agenda items: "Consider acceptance of resignation of Superintendent (Dr. Don Schulte) and consider severance arrangement with Superintendent," followed by "Consider selection of interim superintendent and procedures for selection of interim superintendent." Late Tuesday afternoon, Dr. Schulte issued a statement that he was resigning as Socorro's superintendent effective Aug. 31. His statement is published in full on page four.

HCPD calls meeting

The Horizon City Police Department is calling a Town Hall Meeting at the Oz Glaze Senior Citizens Center on Wednesday, Aug. 14, 6:30-8 p.m. to provide an opportunity for interaction with the Horizon community. A discussion of issues concerning the HCPD and the community, such as home security and the Neighborhood Watch Program, will be hosted by Police Chief Tony Aguilar, Sgt. Ron Swenson, Mayor Pat Randleel, Public Works Director John Dixon and City Attorney Robert Duran. Representatives of the El Paso Sheriff's Dept. will be on hand. Refreshments will be served. Call 852-1047 for more information.

In other news

■ W.D. Surratt Elementary School in Clint will be offering after-school child care in conjunction with the YWCA Y-Care Program for the upcoming school year. Interested parents are urged to register their children at Surratt Elementary on Friday, Aug. 9 from 3- 5 p.m. Y-Care will provide on-campus childcare for school age children on school days from 2:45 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. Cost is approximately \$25.00 per week per child.

■ A total of 34 scholarships, in the amount of \$500 each, is being offered by the El Paso Community College Foundation to current and former EPCC students to continue or return to school for a higher education. Applicants must have completed 24 credit hours by Spring 2002 semester and must be enrolled for six hours for the Fall 2002 semester and complete a one-page narrative explaining why the applicant should be considered. A GPA of 3.2 or better is required. Applications are at all Financial Aid Offices, deadline to apply is 5 p.m. Aug. 9.

■ Computer classes for adults are being offered free of charge by the Socorro ISD Community Services beginning

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Be slow in choosing friends, slower in changing them.

— Quips and Quotes



ON TO NATIONAL — Canutillo High School FFA Students Michelle Bolner, left, and Patsy Gomez earned a first place for their Biochemistry-Microbiology project during Texas FFA Agri-Science Fair.

Canutillo students win top honors in state FFA agri-science contest

By Alfredo Vasquez
Special to the Courier

FORT WORTH — Canutillo High School juniors Michelle Bolner and Patsy Gomez won first place in the Biochemistry-Microbiology division of the Texas Future Farmers of America (FFA) Agri-Science Fair competition, which was held recently in Fort Worth.

The first place honor qualified Bolner and Gomez to represent Texas in the National FFA competition that is scheduled for Oct. 22 in Louisville, Kentucky. Each girl was also awarded a \$1,500 scholarship.

The two CHS students earned the special recognition by teaming up to develop a science fair project with an Agri-Science theme. Their

project was designed to determine which type of feed produced the most meat on goats. The research spanned a sixty-day period.

"By working on this project, I learned a great deal about goats, about the different types of feed, and presenting it helped me improve my public speaking skills," said Gomez, who is president of the FFA Rocky Mountain District.

Bolner, who was elected Texas FFA Association Area II vice president in the spring, said, "In doing our research, we gathered a lot of information about the whole process involved in preparing meat for market."

Canutillo HS Agri-Science instructors and FFA advisors are Ron Gil and Gerald Osteen. "This is a great achievement not only for these two girls but also for the Canutillo HS Agri-science program," said Gil.

Anthony town hall gets renovation as it does an about-face

By Don Woodyard
Courier Staff Writer

ANTHONY — Anthony Town Hall will be getting a facelift.

At its July 23 meeting, the Town Council approved \$10,735 for extensive remodeling of the building.

In other action, council:

- Passed an ordinance prohibiting "aggressive solicitation" in the town.

- Approved transfer of fire truck to the West Valley Fire Department

- Approved lease agreement with El Paso County Emergency Service District No. 2 for use of the firehouse adjacent to the town hall.

Mayor Art Franco is hopeful that work can start next week on the renovation of Town Hall by Nanez Construction Co. The new look, which is expected to be completed in about three weeks, will include a new main entrance on the south side of the building. The new entrance is necessary because the new and wider state highway, which will replace Oak Street on the north side, will eliminate much of the

parking lot presently in front of Town Hall.

Town Council meeting room and the business office will swap locations. The new entrance, which will have a front porch, will be located toward the east end of the present meeting room. Council will meet where residents now come in to pay bills or conduct other business with the town.

Remodeling will also include new painting, carpeting and upgrades to the electrical circuitry.

With an eye to making the town a safer place and more attractive for tourists, the council passed the "aggressive solicitation" ordinance which takes effect immediately. It reads, in part, that "no person shall solicit in an aggressive manner in any public place. No person shall solicit on private or residential property without permission from the owner." This also bars solicitation of people in cars or in public transportation.

Anthony's fire truck is being transferred to the West Valley Fire Station for \$15,824. In conjunction with the transfer of the engine, the town will be leasing its own fire station to West Valley for

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Clint ISD to move central administration office to Horizon

EAST EL PASO COUNTY — The Clint Independent School District broke ground last week on its new central administration office. Construction can now begin at 14521 Horizon Blvd., across from the Carroll T. Welch Intermediate School.

The district's current central office is at 125 Brown Street in the Town of Clint. Constructed in 1984 to house an estimated five employees, the accelerated growth in the district has swelled the administrative staff to 65, working from the main building and several add-on portables. The departments of the Superintendent, the Deputy Superintendent, Assistant Superintendents of Research, Evaluation, Administration and Accountability, Public Relations, Human Resources, and Payroll and Finance departments are all located there.

The district recently moved the offices of Curriculum and Instruction to a portable in far East Montana.

Interim Superintendent Ken George said the district's 1,200 employees and estimated 8,000 students will be better served by the more central location of the new offices — especially with the district's enrollment expected to double within the next five years.

"It will put us right in the middle of things," George said. "Our district encompasses an estimated 379 square miles and serves three distinct communities — Horizon, Clint and the far East Montana area. With our central office currently located in Clint, we aren't as accessible to the parents, teachers and students in Horizon and East Montana."

Plans for the new central office were initiated in 2000 and became reality with the passage of a \$67 million bond issue in 2001. The district negotiated a land swap with Horizon Communities Improvement Association, an 18-acre parcel was exchanged for the construction site, considered as "prime," a district spokesman said.

The new central office will have 33,000 square feet, to encompass a private conference room with seating capacity of 190. Other conference rooms, a computer training lab, and dining facilities with kitchen are all included, as are adequate bathrooms for both sexes.

The difficulties experienced with the highly limited uni-sex bathrooms at the Brown Street offices are as legendary as they are humorous.

SMS Architects, in consultation with Clint administration and department heads, designed the new building.

Clint ISD central administration has a colorful history of making-do with whatever facilities the district had on hand at the time. Up until 1964 the central office was housed in the Clint Jr. High. In 1965 it moved to Clint High School where it shared offices with the Clint High staff and overflow was sent to Room 101.

When it outgrew the Clint High location in 1981, it was moved into buildings next to William David Surratt Elementary baseball field, across from the Justice of the Peace

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One perspective

By Francis Shrum

What is it worth?

What is it worth to you?

What am I talking about? Well, anything, really. Anything you value.

How much did your car cost and how many years must you make payments? What about your house? It isn't cheap, without sacrifice or discipline.

Therefore, you tend to take care of it. You wash and wax the car now and then, and holler at the kids to come get their trash out of the back seat. You pick up the place a little, mow the grass once in a while, call in the repair man for things you can't fix yourself, even put a new roof on when the ceiling starts getting rings.

But what if it all this were free?

In our gimme society, I've noticed what would seem a contradiction in human behavior: The less a person is required to sacrifice for something, the less it will be appreciated.

There was a big headline in the paper last week proclaiming that the El Paso Community College free GED classes are running out of money, and that they soon may have to start charging for them.

I hate to sound unsympathetic here, but I'm not so sure this is a bad idea.

Our educators are lamenting the situation. Woe, woe, they say, our dropout rates are way too high. Too few of our children are graduating from high school and if we don't make it easy for them, they probably never will.

I beg to differ. The reason many or most of our children don't graduate is because we've made it too easy for them already. It was too easy to skip class. It was too easy to sleep in mornings after sneaking out of the house the night before to party with

friends.

It was too easy to intimidate mom — or dad, if he happened to still be in residence — with attitude if they gave us a hard time about our behavior.

None of these kids went hungry because they weren't going to school. They didn't go naked, either. And they were eating and wearing what they did not pay for.

The dropout stories these days are few and far between where the kid had to leave school to get a job and help support the family. On the contrary, the family was already being supported, at least on a minimal basis, and the kid was just tired of putting up with the hassles.

Two of the cases cited in the *El Paso Times* story really jumped out at me.

In one, a young man dropped out because he hadn't kept up with his classmates academically. They all graduated and went on their way, so he lost interest in going to school.

So why are tax dollars being spent to give this person a free ride to make up for what he could have prevented in the first place?

I don't advocate not giving him a second chance. I advocate giving him a second chance that he actually earns this time.

He'll appreciate it more.

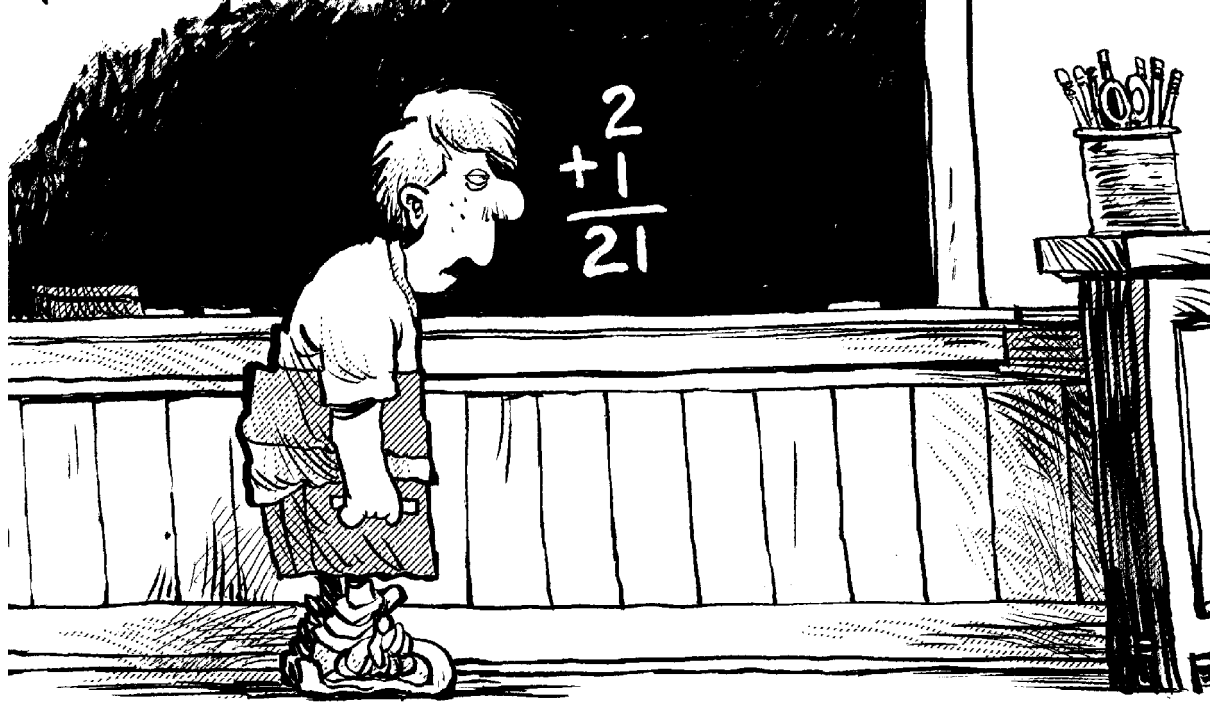
Another case was a young girl who was having problems with her father because she had gotten pregnant. Instead of squaring her shoulders and making the best of a bad situation, she dropped out while already a junior in high school.

Shortly thereafter, she's pregnant again. I'm wondering why she didn't take advantage of free birth control

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"IT'S CLOSE ENOUGH FOR CORPORATE WORK..."

programs. She's now got two children. Still unmarried, her boyfriend is attending free GED classes, too. Their goal is to go on to obtain four-year degrees in criminal justice.

The young woman says she and her boyfriend are motivated by their children. And I can admire that. It's just

too bad they weren't motivated to provide for their children before they produced them. This can't be a cakewalk for the kids and they didn't have a choice.

The GED programs in El Paso County, and across the nation, are an essential element in helping people

get back on track in case they've jumped off somewhere. But it wouldn't hurt if the beneficiaries of these programs chipped in a little.

The ice cream treat a kid pays a dollar for tastes a whole lot better than the free one handed out down at the community center.

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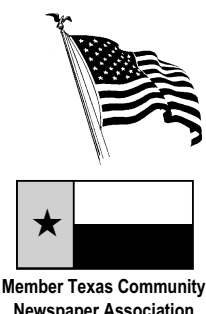
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Bishops make statement regarding alleged abuse by priest in El Paso

EL PASO COUNTY — A joint statement has been issued to the public by Bishop Armando X. Ochoa of El Paso and Bishop Ricardo Ramirez of Las Cruces regarding an allegation of sexual misconduct with a minor made against Father Dennis Tejada.

On April 3, 1972, Tejada was ordained by Bishop Metzger, Bishop of El Paso, Immaculate Heart of Mary, Las Cruces, New Mexico

On June 6, 1972, he was assigned as Associate Pastor, St. Patrick's Cathedral in El Paso where he served until April 1, 1975 when he became Associate Pastor at St. Matthew's in El Paso.

The statement reads as follows:

"An allegation of sexual misconduct with a minor has surfaced with respect to Fr. Denis Tejada. The alleged misconduct occurred approximately 29 years ago while he was assigned to the Cathedral of St. Patrick in El Paso.

"As a result of this complaint and at the direction of Bishop Ramirez, Fr. Tejada has relinquished his pastoral and administrative duties as pastor of the Parish of St. Genevieve in Las Cruces.

"In order that the Church can provide appropriate assistance, anyone with knowledge of any sexual miscon-

duct with minors by Fr. Tejada, or any other priest, is asked to contact the Office of the Chancellor in either the Diocese of El Paso or the Diocese of Las Cruces. Local law enforcement agencies should also be contacted. This week Fr. Tejada is undergoing an in depth spiritual and psychological evaluation at a facility which specializes in treating priests.

"These actions and all further action will be taken in accordance with pertinent civil law, canon law and the Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People recently published by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops. Our concern for any and all victims of sexual misconduct with minors is paramount. No firm conclusions should be drawn from the action taken with respect to Fr. Tejada since the allegations have not been fully and completely investigated.

"This allegation of sexual misconduct of a minor by Fr. Denis Tejada involves both the Dioceses of El Paso and Las Cruces therefore, we, the respective bishops, are responding in a unified manner. Any further inquiries will be handled by the official spokesperson in this matter for both dioceses, Mr. Michael W. Lilley, Attorney-at-Law, 505-524-7809."



Canutillo Independent School District Public Notice Of Non-Discrimination

It is the policy of the Canutillo Independent School District to prohibit discrimination on the basis of race, color, national origin, gender or any person who has a disability in the admission or access to programs, delivery of services or employment.

The Canutillo 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, Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended; the Age Discrimination Act of 1975, as amended; and the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA).

Canutillo Independent School District will take steps to ensure that lack of English language skills will not be a barrier to admission and participation in all educational and vocational programs.

For information about your rights or grievance procedures, contact the Title IX Coordinator, Renee O'Donnell, (915) 877-7400 and/or the Section 504 Coordinator, Karen Judd, (915) 877-7433.

- Office: 7965 Artcraft Road, El Paso, Texas 79832
- Mail: P.O. Box 100, Canutillo, Texas 79835

Notificacion Publica

Es la norma de conducta de el distrito escolar de Canutillo prohibir la discriminación a base de raza, color, origen nacional, sexo o deshabilidad en la admisión o el acceso a programas, entrega de servicios o empleo.

El distrito escolar de Canutillo esta comprometido a cumplir con las responsabilidades especificadas por el Título VI del Acta de Derechos Civiles de 1964, como enmendado, el Título IX de la Enmienda de Educación de 1972, como enmendado, que prohíbe la discriminación sexual, la Sección 504 del Acta de Rehabilitación de 1973, como enmendado, la Ley de Discriminación por Edad de 1975 como enmendado, y el Acta de Americanos con Deshabilidades.

Canutillo Independent School District tomara las medidas necesarias para asegurar que la falta de habilidad en el uso de la lengua ingles no sea un obsaculo para la admision y participacion en todos los programas educativos y vocacionales.

Para información sobre sus derechos o procedimientos para quejas, comuníquese con el Coordinador del Titulo IX, Renee O'Donnell, (915) 877-7400 y/o el Coordinador de las Seccion 504, Karen Judd, (915) 877-7433.

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

Small Business The backbone of our economy



Over the past several months, corporate corruption and Wall Street losses have dominated the newspaper headlines and TV news programs. There is a great deal of uncertainty in our market. People have lost entire savings accounts and the stock losses are too numerous to count.

While the bad news from Wall Street dominates the news coverage, there is a piece of good news worth noticing: Main Street small businesses have continued to lead the way toward economic recovery.

Small business owners are reminding us of basic business ethics, skills and the truth in the American dream. Small-business owners have not been implicated in the Wall Street scandals, probably because if they were to defraud their investors or employees, they would be destroying their own family members and close friends. As a result, the true engine of America's economic machine - small business - continues to chug along.

Now, more than ever, it is imperative that Congress not over-react to Wall Street's scandals and create a legislative or regulatory environment that will hamstring small businesses.

When we return to Washington after the August district work period, Congress will have only a few very important weeks left in the legislative year. Because we are at such a critical point in the economy's fate, what we do in those few weeks could have a significant impact on the nation's economy for months and years to come.

That's why I hope Congress focuses on helping small business lead a strong economic recovery during the

upcoming autumn legislative session. We can do this by addressing the following goals:

- Make health care more affordable. Sixty percent of all uninsured Americans live in households headed by a small-business owner or employee. With health-care premiums continuing to skyrocket every year, we need to avoid costly mandates and lawsuits. Instead, we should focus on solutions that allow small business to band together and get the same kind of purchasing power that labor unions and Fortune 500 companies already have. This could reduce health-insurance costs by 15 -30 percent and help millions of currently uninsured Americans get the care they deserve.

- Protect small business from burdensome new labor mandates. Whether it's a new ergonomics regulation or a hike in the federally mandated minimum wage for part-time teenage workers, mandates and regulations always translate into fewer jobs for those who need them the most.

- Provide targeted tax relief for Main Street. Small business is the backbone of our economy. Let's give small businesses the same advantages as big-business. We can do this by increasing the "expense" limits and setting a standard home-office deduction for small business owners. These changes will help the Main Street economic machine moving forward.

With your support, Congress will take these pro-growth and pro-small-business points to heart. You can be sure I'll do everything I can to help Main Street once again lead the way to prosperity for us all.

TRUE TEXAS FACTS by Roger Moore August 1, 1845, Zachary Taylor and Federal troops land at Corpus Christi in preparation for another war with Mexico.

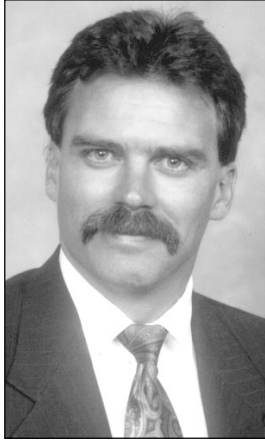


Dr. Don Schulte announces resignation from Socorro ISD

EAST EL PASO COUNTY—The following statement was issued by Socorro ISD Superintendent Dr. Don Schulte on Tuesday afternoon. It is published in full:

"I want to thank our school board and this community for the many wonderful years I have spent in the service of Socorro ISD. However, the time has come for me to pursue other challenges. Effective Aug. 31, I am resigning my position as superintendent.

"I am proud of my years at Socorro. Together we have attained significant achievements. Our outstanding student performance led to three straight years as a Recognized District from 1998 to 2001. Our quality building program has provided beautiful new schools for our children and allowed us this year



Don Schulte

to offer full day kindergarten for the first time in our history.

"I have seen the district grow from about 3,000 students in the late 70s to a current enrollment of almost 30,000. During my years we were among those districts that fought for equity in public school funding. It was a courageous move for a small property-poor school district, but we succeeded.

"Socorro has been more than just a job to me...it's been my home. My coworkers are like my family.

"Change is never easy, but I feel good about what we've accomplished here and I know that commitment to excellence will continue. I truly appreciate all the school boards I have served with and I wish the current board the best of luck in the future."



— Photo contributed by Elena Slape

Fabens ladies show off elegant head gear

FABENS — "Oh, I could write a sonnet..." So goes the old song about a lady's bonnet, but spectators say the women of the Fabens Senior Citizen's Center had to be the most elegant of all during a recent Elegant Hat Contest. "All of our ladies that participated looked beautiful," said President Elena Slape. Participants are shown, from left, Eva Ornelas, Herlinda Hernandez, Catalina Cortez, Maria Hernandez, Manuela Trejo, Juventina Becerra, Natalia Rey and Tella Hernandez. Herlinda Hernandez' western-style hat won first place and Tella Hernandez' dramatic sun hat was second.

City of Socorro PUBLIC NOTICE

A PUBLIC HEARING will be held at 6:30 p.m. during the City Council Meeting of Thursday, August 1, 2002 at City Hall, 124 S. Horizon Blvd., Socorro, 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):

- 1) An ordinance amending the Budget for the fiscal year of October 1, 2001 through September 30, 2002 for the City of Socorro, Texas.

Those that are unable to attend the public hearing may submit their views to the City of Socorro. Accommodations for handicapped persons will be available; handicapped persons in need of special assistance for attending the hearings are encouraged to contact the City Secretary (915) 858-2915, forty-eight (48) hours prior to this meeting. Ordinances are too extensive to print. Copies of ordinances are posted in City Hall and are available upon request.

TERE RODRIGUEZ
City Secretary

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Briefs

From Page 1

Aug. 5. Registration will be July 20-Aug. 2. Introduction to the Internet, e-mail and keyboarding will be held Monday through Friday, 1:30 to 2:45 p.m. at the Community Learning Center, 313 Rio Vista. Classes are open to any area resident age 18 or older. For more information call 860-6364 or 860-6350.

■ Socorro High School Missionettes won the Team Leader Challenge at a recent officer's dance camp in Austin by Half Time Entertainment. Leader Vanessa Serna, co-leader Adrianna Salcido and captains Belen Carillo, Zinnia Mares, Erica Reyes and Angie Rubio were honored for outstanding leadership and teamwork schools for appearance and dance abilities. They also received the Outstanding Choreography Award

and Unity Award.

■ Alfredo Pinedo, a graduate of Mountain View High School in East Montana, has completed an internship with Toyota of Richardson and is remaining with the agency following his summer graduation from the automotive technology program at Lincoln Technical Institute in Grand Prairie. Internships are only offered to those in the top 10 percent of the class.

■ Navy Petty Officer 3rd Class Gustavo Aguirre, son of Luz and Gustavo Aguirre of San Elizario, recently reported for duty at Navy Air Station Oceana in Virginia Beach, Virginia. He is a 1997 graduate of San Elizario High School.

■ Navy Petty Officer 3rd Class Kenneth A. Morse, son of Debra Vasquez of Clint and Kenneth A. Morse of Newtown, Connecticut, recently graduated from the Gun Fire Control System MK 86 Maintenance Course in Virginia Beach,

Virginia. Morse, a 2000 graduate of Clint High School, is now qualified to operate and maintain the MK 86 Gun Fire Control System aboard destroyers and cruisers.

■ Canutillo Independent School District's alternative school The Learning Center (TLC) received \$35,000 for improvements to technology from the Telecommunications Infrastructure Fund (TIF). These non-competitive grants will provide the TLC with funding for computers and staff development. "It is imperative that all students have positive learning opportunities," said Martha Veale, Project Director for this grant. "Using this funding for technology will assist this campus in providing an improved digital environment for the students. Upon graduation, these students will have had the chance to learn many of the technology skills necessary to compete in today's job market." For more information, contact TIF at (512) 344-4300 or 888-533-(TIFB) 8432.

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SOCORRO INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT Invitation to Respond:

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

CAMPESTRE VENTILATION CSP NO. 199-0813-0289 TUESDAY, AUG. 13, 2002, 2 P.M.

Bidders may obtain copies of the bidding documents and project plans beginning Wednesday, July 31, 2002 by contacting the Project Engineer's office at:

Fluid Systems, Inc.
6851 Doniphan Drive
Canutillo, Texas 79835
Phone: (915) 877-2148
Fax: (915) 877-1947

A deposit of \$50 per set

will be required for each set of drawings a contractor wishes to receive. If the plans and specifications are returned in good condition, the deposit will be refunded.

A pre-bid conference is scheduled to be held at 2 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 6, 2002, at the Socorro ISD Education Center, located at 12300 Eastlake Drive, El Paso, TX 79928. At this conference bidders will be afforded the opportunity to ask questions and discuss any aspect of this project. Although attendance at the pre-bid conference is not mandatory, all bidders are responsible for the information discussed at the conference, and are strongly urged to attend.

Proposals will be received at the Business Services Dept., 12300 Eastlake Drive, until the specified times. Detailed specifications are avail-

able from the above office between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. Mondays through Fridays.
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SOCORRO INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT Invitation to Bid/ Respond:

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

MEDICAL STOP LOSS INSURANCE RFP NO. 199-0814-0290 WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 14, 2002, 10 A.M.

Proposals will be received at Business Services Dept., 12300 Eastlake Drive, El Paso, Texas 79928 until the specified times. Detailed specifications are available from the above of-

fice between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. Mondays through Fridays.
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RANCHO VERDE: Seriously offered for sale — 350 irrigated and produc-

ing acres with full water rights, in El Paso, Texas. 7,500 sq. foot adobe barn; commissary building; two residences; and three-car garage. Established in 1924. Frontage on Socorro Road and Hole-In-The-Wall Rd. Suitable for development. Sealed bids to: Karin Carson, Attorney at Law, 100 N. Stanton 17th Floor, El Paso, Texas 79901. All bids must be received by 12:00 noon on Aug. 30, 2002. Owners reserve the right to reject any and all offers. 8/1-8/15/02

SELF-HELP OPPORTUNITIES

Alcoholics Anonymous Group Paso Del Norte meets at 8501 Kingsway in Westway, Monday-Saturday, 8 p.m. Call 886-4948 for information.

Alcoholicos Anónimos Grupo Paso Del Norte

sesiones lunes a sabado, a 8-9 de la tarde, 8501 Kingsway, Westway. 886-4948 para informacion.

Persons who have a problem with alcohol are offered a free source of help locally. Alcoholics Anonymous Group 8 de Enero meets at 15360 Horizon Blvd. in Horizon City on Mondays through Saturdays at 8 p.m. Call 859-0484 for information.

Tiene problemas con el alcohol? Hay una solución. Visitemos. Alcoholicos Anónimos, Grupo 8 de Enero, 15360 Horizon Blvd., Horizon City, sesiones lunes a sábado a 8 de la tarde. Informacion: 859-0484.

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Canutillo, Anthony ISDs EvenStart Family Literacy Program begins this month

UPPER VALLEY — Canutillo Independent School District EvenStart Family Literacy Program will begin Monday, Aug. 26. Classes will be from 8:30 a.m. to 1:45 p.m., Monday through Friday, at the former Canutillo Elementary School building, 7000 Fifth Street.

The literacy program offers individualized instruction to parents interested in attending GED or English as a Second Language (ESL) classes. It also provides assistance to parents in the education of their children through the Early Childhood Education program.

To be eligible for the free program, participants must have children between the ages of birth to seven years old, be residents of Canutillo ISD or Anthony ISD, and meet economic guidelines.

The family literacy program goes into its second year under the supervision of Monica Prieto, EvenStart facilitator. "Program participants have demonstrated a commitment toward improving themselves and their families by attending this multifaceted family literacy program which includes GED and ESL classes for adults and early childhood education for their children, parenting workshops, parent and child time sessions, and home visits," stated Prieto.

For information, call 877-2890.

Clint ISD

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office on Highway 20, where it remained until the current facility was built in 1984.

Few could have visualized the tremendous change and growth the district would undergo in less than a decade, causing the staff to so rapidly outgrow the 1984 location.

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Canutillo HS student wins national medical spelling contest

By Alfredo Vasquez
 Special to the Courier

ANAHEIM, CALIFORNIA — Claudia Iglesias, who will be a junior this fall at Canutillo High School, is the national medical spelling champion after having defeated 114 students who were in the finals of the 26th annual national contest sponsored by Health Occupational Student Association (HOSA).

She won the event during the HOSA national leadership conference held in Anaheim, California recently. The finals included a written test consisting of 50 questions and a spelling bee that lasted 11 rounds.

Iglesias had to win area and state contests to reach the national event. More than 5,000 high school students from throughout the United States participated in the national conference. Students vied for top honors in 46 different health occupation events.

To prepare for the competition, Iglesias stud-

ied a 1,800-page dictionary and took a medical terminology class at Canutillo HS that included root words, prefixes, and suffixes taught by Julie Vinikoff, health sciences teacher and HOSA advisor.

"It's been great because I want to be in the health care profession. So just learning the terminology is helping me," Iglesias said. "The competition was amazing, so many people, all these kids were my peers. It motivated me to continue in the field."

The medical spelling champ said that she might enter another category of the HOSA competition next year. Iglesias is also a member of CHS's Masque & Gavel Club and Future Farmers of America organization. Her future plans are to study internal medicine in college.

CELEBRATING NATIONAL WIN — Claudia Iglesias, Canutillo High School junior, displays the first place medal that she won recently in the national medical spelling competition.



Ya llegó el doctor... The doctor is in...

Rodin Mendoza-Castillo, M.D.



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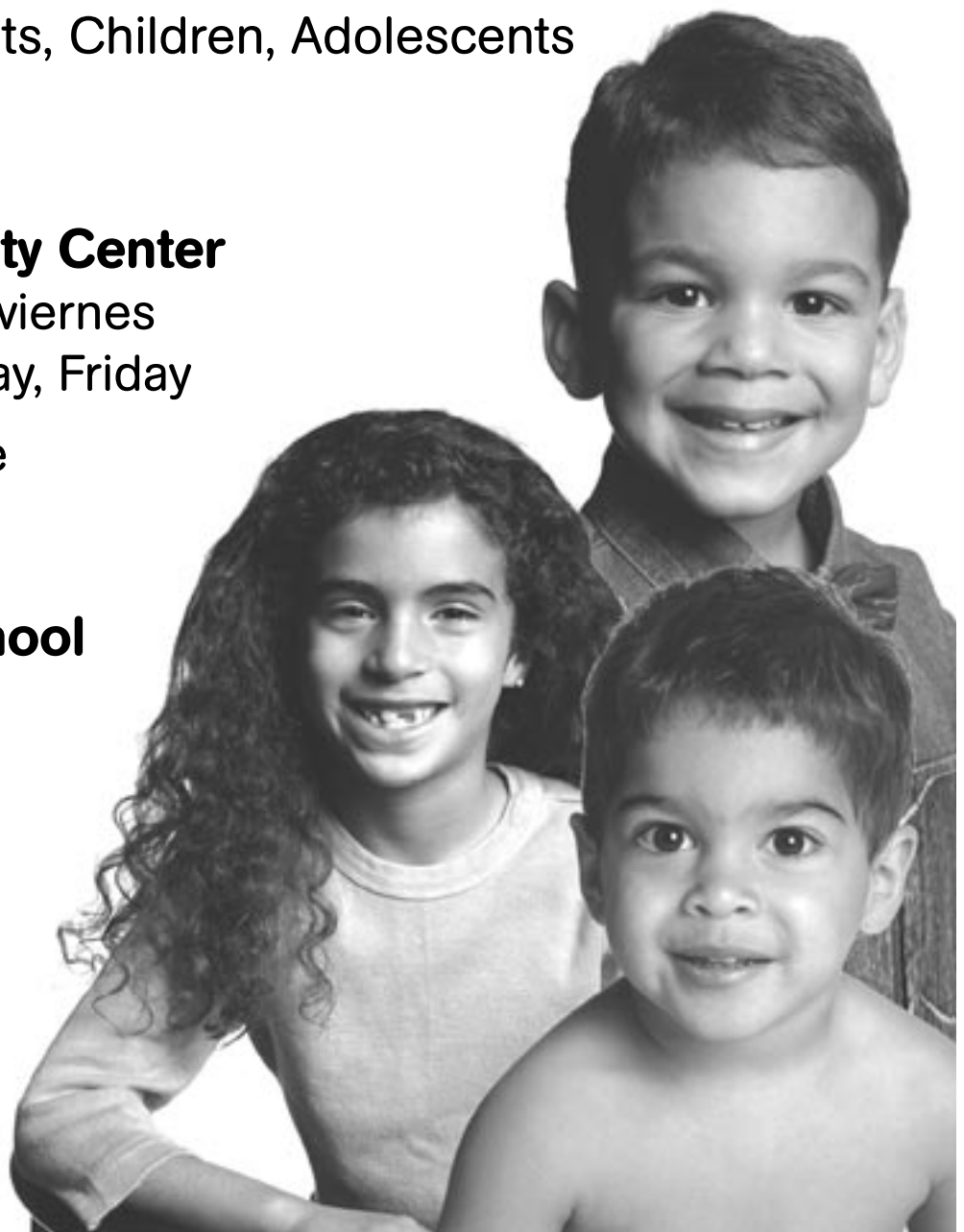
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Armstrong can take his place on the list of super-athletes

By Steve Escajeda
Special to the Courier

The adage has always been that things happen in three's. We can now change that to the number four.

Because of his endurance, courage and tenacity, especially in the mountainous regions, American Lance Armstrong won his fourth consecutive Tour de France last Sunday.

He won it so easily that some are now calling it the "Tour de Lance."

Armstrong, the bicyclist that fought and defeated cancer, defeated the rest of the world's greatest riders — again. And he finished over seven minutes ahead of the second-place rider — again.

Armstrong is now being compared to other athletic superstars like Michael Jordan, Joe Montana and Tiger Woods. And when you think about what he's gone through just to be alive, let alone be the best cyclist in the world, maybe he has moved to the top of the list.

Will Lance Armstrong take his four championships and sail off quietly into the sunset? Hardly. You see, although Armstrong's accomplishments over the last four years have been

truly amazing...it still isn't the best.

Miguel Indurain won five consecutive times from '91-'95, so Armstrong's job is far from done.

Lance Armstrong is a national icon that the youth of this country should try to emulate. We, and they, would be a lot better off for it.

Tapia's ticket turmoil

Featherweight Johnny Tapia is one of the world's top boxers.

Unfortunately, like many other top boxers, his strengths come from the neck down.

Tapia was arrested over the weekend for having a bad memory. Well, the official arrest was not really for having a bad memory but that must be what happened.

Seems Tapia has accumulated a number of traffic tickets over the last year-and-a-half. Some of his moving violations include speeding and driving recklessly.

There's only one thing about those darn tickets, after a certain amount of time you have to pay them or the cops really get ticked.

Tapia didn't pay his, obviously he just forgot. After all, he must have a lot on his mind — because it's obvious that he doesn't have very much in his mind.

C'mon, let's give the poor guy a break. Besides, he was probably driving recklessly just because he was drunk again. And he was probably speeding to the charity of his choice because he couldn't wait to do something good for somebody he didn't even know.

Tapia's driving habits may be bad but they are nothing compared to his unfortunate memory loss. Let's do something good for this poor boxer's affliction. I know, let's put him away so he won't have to remember anything.

About six years ought to do it.

Hail Hayes

Former UTEP golfer J.P. Hayes has flirted with victory many times since his first and only PGA tour title at the Buick Open four years ago. He just couldn't put four solid enough rounds together.

That wait came to an end last Sunday when Hayes dominated the field at the John Deere Classic in Illinois.

The win earned the local hero a total of \$540,000.

Hayes didn't just win the tournament, he set a course record 262 by shooting 22 under and set single round best of 61 in the tourney's second round.

But Hayes wasn't the only El Paso story of the tourney. Joel Edwards finished at 272 (-12) and took home \$45,000 while Paul Stankowski pocketed \$20,850 with his four-day total of 274 (-10).

Way to go El Paso, now bring on the Tiger.

Just breathe Derrick

Guess who's in trouble again? An NBA player...gee, what were the odds.

One of our old friends, the 76ers' Derrick Coleman was arrested for speeding in Detroit this week and then taken into custody after refusing to take a breathalyzer test.

Coleman, who is no stranger to the police departments around the country, once refused to take a breathalyzer after causing a car accident.

If you think that's bad, he once had his license revoked in North Carolina and then obtained an out-of-state license so he could drive around.

How about those Sixers, first Iverson and now Coleman, and some of you out there thought coach Larry Brown was too tough on his players. He's not a coach, he's a daycare director.

Instead of the National Basketball Association, the NBA should stand for No Brains Allowed.

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Strange but true By Samantha Weaver

- Dolly Parton once lost a Dolly Parton look-alike contest.
- Three out of five Americans say they would rather win the lottery than win an Oscar, a Grammy or the Nobel Peace Prize.
- Butterflies taste with their feet.
- The average major league baseball has a life span of seven pitches.
- When you see the name "Alan Smithee" in a film's credits, it means that the real director didn't want his name in the credits. It's a code pseudonym.
- What do the colors orange, silver and purple have in common? They don't rhyme with anything. Go on, try.
- The Pledge of Allegiance was written by a Socialist. As part of a scheme to sell American flags to schools. The company for which he worked published a youth magazine — and sold flags.
- Do you like subtle cinematic jokes? How about the fact that the letters H, A and L — as in "Hal," the creepy computer from "2001: A Space Odyssey" — precede the letters I, B and M — as in the computer-making corporation.

- Robert Birchfield, editor of the Oxford English Dictionary (reputed to be the last word in English dictionaries), has stated that American English and British English are drifting apart so rapidly that within 200 years citizens of the two nations won't be able to understand each other at all.
 - Sequoia may be the shortest word that includes all of the vowels (aside from "y," which is only an occasional vowel, anyway).
 - Ever see the movie "Indecent Proposal"? Well, the same question — would you lend your spouse for \$1 million — was asked of a random sampling of Americans. Ten percent say they would, while 16 percent would think about it. Two-thirds of husbands and wives would never even consider it.
- Thought for the Day: "It is no wonder that people are so horrible when they start life as children."
- Kingsley Amis

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Anthony

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\$1 a year for eight years. Franco said he'd be working with West Valley about providing new lighting, heating and a telephone line for the building.

Rene Pena, president of the accounting firm of Pena Vogel, Briones & Co., gave council members a detailed five-year report on the financial history of the town through 2001. Total assets as of last year were \$5.82 million compared to \$5.36 million in 1997.

Pena said the town is doing a "good job" on 95 percent of its budget items, noting there was "close adherence" to the budget. He also emphasized the need to pursue grants for the town to ease the financial burden. Failure to bring in additional grant funding, he added, could result in a "downward slide."

Council also approved hiring reserve police officer J. J. Rodriguez as a full-time officer.

King Super Crossword

- BUST SELLER ACROSS**
- 1 Sahara sight
 - 6 Prop for Mr. Steed
 - 10 Mack or Wass
 - 13 Stream
 - 18 Relative of 1
- Across**
- 19 Profess
 - 20 Cooking fat
 - 22 Famed futurologist
 - 23 Start of a remark by Ron Luciano and David Fisher
 - 25 Artist's gift
 - 27 Faux _ creator
 - 28 Electronic device
 - 29 Mata _
 - 30 Report-card letter
 - 31 Organic unit
 - 32 Lady of the house
 - 35 Bonus
 - 38 Change for the better
 - 41 Mouse
 - 43 Baylor University site
 - 44 "Topaz" author
 - 45 Part 2 of remark
 - 51 Tole metal
 - 52 Pay to play
 - 53 Nautical adverb
 - 54 Private pension
 - 55 Musical Myra
 - 57 "Rule, Britannia" composer
 - 58 Terrible
 - 61 Fills the hold
- Down**
- 1 Prettify a poodle
 - 2 - Romeo
 - 3 "The Say Hey Kid"
 - 4 Funnyman Philips
 - 5 Last name in cosmetics
 - 6 Seasonal song
 - 7 Zealous
 - 8 Memo
 - 9 Fluffy female
 - 10 RN's specialty
 - 11 Aviation pioneer
 - 12 Night vision?
 - 13 106, to Claudius
 - 14 Part of the IRS
 - 15 Susan Lucci role
 - 16 Record
 - 17 _ up (excited)
 - 21 _ es Salaam
 - 24 Mrs. Flintstone
 - 26 Verbal explosion
 - 31 _ Cob, CT
 - 32 Beach Boy Love
 - 33 Coldest cont.
 - 34 "Agnus _"
 - 36 Ranks
 - 37 Be a beau
 - 38 Biblical book
- Across**
- 63 Crooner Como
 - 65 Run in the wash
 - 66 Coupy or capybara
 - 67 Ancient vessel
 - 69 "Alceste" composer
 - 70 False story
 - 71 Fleet
 - 72 "Carmen" composer
 - 73 Carmen, for one
 - 74 Cold-war assn.
 - 75 Stylish
 - 76 "Candid Camera"
 - 81 Giant legend
 - 82 Actor Julia
 - 84 Mottled
 - 85 Firefighter's tool
 - 86 Part 3 of remark
 - 92 Level
 - 93 Whirlpool
 - 94 Summer stinger
 - 95 '90 film with 82
 - 97 Minister
 - 100 Synonym source
 - 101 55 Across' title
 - 102 _ bin ein Berliner"
 - 103 Kuwaiti kingpin
 - 105 Froth
 - 107 Schubert's " _ Winterreise"
 - 110 Had one's doubts
 - 114 End of remark
 - 116 In _ (unborn)
- Down**
- 117 Archaic cry
 - 118 Tarry
 - 119 Convent wear
 - 120 Spine-tingling
 - 121 Dated
 - 122 " _ You" ('55 hit)
 - 123 Beethoven's "Fur -"
 - 39 Pennsylvania port
 - 40 '50s car features
 - 41 Boxer Liston
 - 42 Table d'_
 - 43 Jack Benny expression
 - 46 Goldwater or White
 - 47 Exalt
 - 48 Less limited
 - 49 Statistical focus
 - 50 Kind of kiln
 - 56 "Killer Tomatoes" sound
 - 57 _ rug
 - 58 Where cats congregate
 - 59 Ridge
 - 60 Enchanted
 - 62 "All in _ work"
 - 64 Raleigh's quest
 - 65 Apiary sound
 - 66 Engrossed
 - 67 Newswoman
 - 68 Valuable instrument
 - 69 Columnist Smith
 - 70 Rock's Lauper
 - 71 From
 - 72 Part of Indonesia
 - 73 Visitor
 - 75 " _ in Disguise" ('67 hit)
 - 76 Queue
 - 78 Stromboli spew
 - 79 The yoke's on them
 - 80 Actress Rowlands
 - 83 Nobelist Sakharov
 - 84 Milk measurement
 - 87 Permit
 - 88 "Walden" writer
 - 89 Driving hazard
 - 90 " _ you kidding?"
 - 91 Really big performer?
 - 92 Actress Arden
 - 96 Don of "Cocoon"
 - 97 Irritate
 - 98 Intense
 - 99 Like chiffon
 - 100 Beatles beater
 - 101 Fresh from the trail
 - 104 Baseball's Berg
 - 105 Kenton or Getz
 - 106 Jack and Jill's vessel
 - 107 Skater Thomas
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Truthful earnings report rocks wall street

By Don Flood

News item: In the latest of a long line of corporate earnings report corrections that include Enron, WorldCom, Xerox, etc., Merck, the pharmaceutical giant, has announced it exaggerated its earnings since 1999 by, oh, \$12 billion or so.

Wall Street was rocked yesterday by reports that Amalgamated Widgets had indeed earned the profits reported in its most recent quarterly financial statement.

Following on the heels of rumors about accurate financial statements issued by other companies, the stunning news left analysts scrambling to play catch-up.

"Sure, they've been reporting profits for years," said one analyst, "but we had no reason to believe that what they were saying is true. This is unprecedented."

Securities and Exchange Commission officials, moving swiftly to stem the panic, promised an immediate full-scale investigation.

According to one agency source, there is substantial evidence that "highly placed company officials" released the financial statements knowing they were, in fact, complete and accurate.

But, the official promised, the

SEC will move aggressively to crack down on accurate financial statements.

"Our modern equity markets are based upon the knowledge that they are basically a crap shoot," said the official.

"Americans love to gamble. They also like to think that maybe some day that they'll get a 'inside tip.'

"If companies were to start reporting their true earnings, a dangerous level of trust could develop between investors and corporate America," he said. "This must be stopped."

President Bush himself vowed tough action. "For too long, corporate accounting has operated in the light. With the tough new regulations I am proposing, we will put it back in the shadows, where it belongs.

"Real Americans have always understood that part of the thrill and satisfaction of investing is knowing that the huge multi-billion corporation you're investing in — even one showing billions and billions in profits — may be nothing more than an empty shell. That's American capitalism at work."

At a hastily called press conference, Amalgamated Widgets President Harvey Beancounter attempted to put the best face on the escalating scandal.

"I can categorically state, on behalf

of management and the entire board of directors, that there was no attempt to be clear and truthful. Our entire way of doing business, ever since our company was founded, has been based on deceit and deception," said Beancounter.

Elsewhere, however, reports surfaced of an in-house whistleblower who as early as last fall tipped off management about her concerns that the company's accounting methods were, as she put it, "fundamentally truthful."

In an internal memo obtained by this newspaper, the company accountant warned, "Top management of this company needs to be aware that the quarterly statement to be released Monday appears to be completely accurate. Furthermore, after going through past statements, I have reason to believe that there has been an ongoing pattern of honest and above-board financial disclosures."

Officials from Amalgamated Widgets refused to comment.

In a related development, Martha Stewart announced that she is not in any way involved with Amalgamated Widgets.

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Jose J. Alderete's name now on Canutillo Middle School building

By Don Woodyard
Courier Staff Writer

CANUTILLO — At the request of Gonzalo "Chalo" Garcia, Canutillo Independent School District trustees approved renaming the building presently housing Canutillo Middle School in honor of Jose J. Alderete, a member of a pioneer family.

Approval of the name change, which takes effect immediately, came at the July 17 meeting of the board.

Originally, Garcia had asked the board at its April meeting to make the change effective after the new high school is built and the middle school moved to the present high school campus. The board approved Garcia's first request.

Alfredo Vasquez, district public information officer, explained that change was moved up "because of (Alderete's) failing health and to insure that the family can celebrate the momentous occasion with him."

The name-change ceremony is planned for October.

Also in reference to the new high school, board president Joe Villarreal named an ad hoc advisory commit-

tee for its construction. The members are Jose Damian, Ray Ortega, Henry Mendoza, Alberto Guzman, Barbara Spear, Dolores Diaz, Brent Pearson, Lourdes Pearson and Garcia.

The board recognized the district's top two teachers of the year. Lorena Salas, from Childress, was honored as Elementary Teacher of the Year. Secondary Teacher of the Year is Jerry McMahan of Canutillo High.

In his superintendent's report, Charles Hart recognized the efforts of businessman Tedd Richardson in support of the district with the presentation of a special plaque.

Rene Rios-O'Donnell, Canutillo ISD's new human resources director, gave an update on meetings held by school district and El Paso Community College committees that are exploring joint venture possibilities for developing new academic programs.

The board also approved:

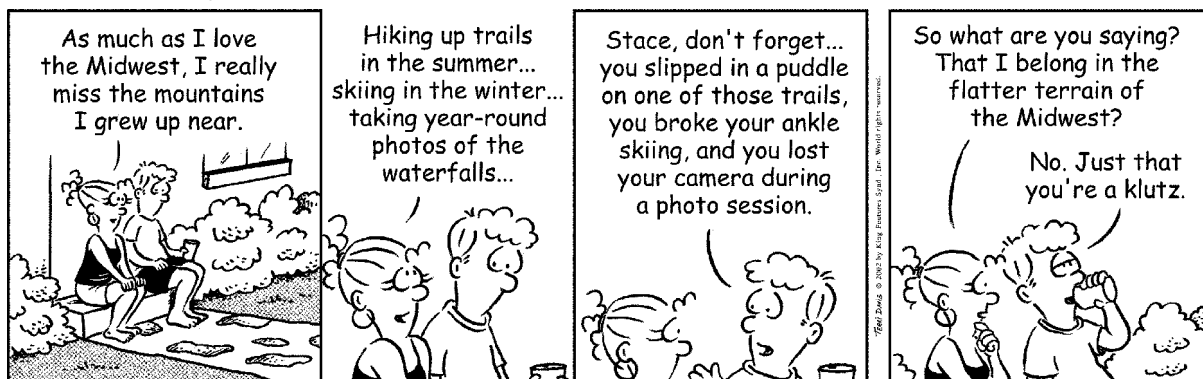
- Administration's recommendation of Margarita Porras-Grant as the new assistant principal of Childress Elementary, replacing Monica Reyes who became evaluation/curriculum director for the district.
- Purchase of four school buses for the Transportation Department.

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National Homeless Animals Day candlelight vigil to be held Aug. 17

By Michelle J. Brown
Special to the Courier

EL PASO COUNTY — Working to reverse the trend of destroying more than 22,000 animals a year, area animal advocates invite the public to join thousands of people nationwide marking National Homeless Animals Day by uniting at a candlelight vigil on Saturday, Aug. 17 at 8 p.m. on the steps of the El Paso County Courthouse.

The courthouse was chosen because the pet over-population issue and subsequent euthanasias are a county-wide problem, according to organizers. Presented by a coalition of 11 area animal health and welfare organizations together with members of the El Paso veterinary community, the vigil is part of a national effort to bring attention to the consequences of irresponsible pet ownership and the importance of spaying and neutering dogs and cats.

The program originated with the International Society for Animal Rights (ISAR), which focuses on pet overpopulation.

"Everyone who cares about animals is encouraged to attend," said Jennie Van Cleef, a member of El Paso City/County Animal Shelter Advisory Committee and the vigil's lead organizer. "We've spent weeks creating a chain of 22,000 paper collars representing the animals euthanized in El Paso County last year for lack of a loving home."

Candlelight vigil coalition partners

include Animal Rescue League of El Paso; Chihuahuan Desert Wildlife Rescue; El Paso City-County Animal Shelter Advisory Committee; English Springer Rescue America, Inc.—El Paso; Greyhound Adoption League; Humane Society of El Paso; Perfect Harmony Animal Rescue and Sanctuary; Pet Haven; Pets Alive-El Paso; Vegetarian Society of El Paso; and Voice For All Animals.

The same evening, the Humane Society of El Paso is holding its annual telethon to raise money for animal protection.

Scheduled to speak at the event are animal advocates Dr. Guy Johnsen from Johnsen Animal Hospital; Dr. Steve Best, professor of philosophy at UTEP; and, Nick Miller, anchor of News Channel 9.

Animal advocates stress that people should 1) think it through before getting a pet - don't do it if you can't commit for the life of the pet; 2) adopt from a shelter, rescue group or breed rescue group; 3) invest time in training your pet; 4) tag and microchip your pet - El Paso Animal Control and Humane Society of El Paso now "wand" pets to check for chips; and 5) spay or neuter your pet.

For more information about El Paso's Homeless Animals Candlelight Vigil, low-cost/discounted spay/neuter programs and volunteer opportunities, call (915) 873-PETS (7387) or log-on to www.isaronline.org/campaign_homelessday.htm



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Social Security: Q & A By Ray Vigil

Social Security is not sacrificed by those who choose to keep working

Retirement isn't what it used to be. Just the other day I read that some experts think we may retire from our primary careers at age 60-65 — and then go on to another career doing something else, something totally different, maybe part time. One poll found two-thirds of baby boomers who plan to work after retirement will do so not just for the extra money, but because

they want to work.

That rings true for two reasons.

First, the big gains we've seen in medical research will probably mean even longer and more vital lives.

And secondly, many people will want to do more than sit in an easy chair. One guy I know of retired from a job in banking where he worked about 37 or 38 hours a week, and felt

worn out at the end of the day. But he retired only to take up his real interest, cabinet making. He now works about 60 hours a week, and loves it.

Of course, people might wonder just what these new work possibilities might mean for their Social Security checks. And I am always happy to explain that the news is good all around.

After you reach the full retirement age, you can collect all of your Social Security retirement benefits even if you decide to keep working, no matter how much you make. In fact, while you're getting those monthly benefits, you also may be increasing your future benefit amounts. Here's why.

Each year you work adds another year of earnings to your Social Security work record. Your retirement benefit payments are figured on the highest 35 years of your working lifetime. Quite possibly, the money you are making at 66, 67 or older will be more than you made 30 years ago. While you're working and receiving benefits, Social Security will review your earnings record each year to see whether you're due an increase in your monthly benefit. If so we'll send you a notice telling how much your benefits have increased.

And there's also another way you can work past your full retirement age and increase your Social Security ben-









efits. Just postpone getting any Social Security retirement benefits immediately. Each year you work increases your eventual benefit amount by a certain percentage until you're age 70. For example, if you were born between 1943 and 1954, your full retirement age will be 66. If you continued to work up to age 70, you would receive four years worth of credits and your benefit would be about 32 percent larger. That's quite a difference.

If you have any questions that you would like to have answered, please mail them to the Social Security Office, 11111 Gateway West, Attn: Ray Vigil, El Paso, Texas 79935.

WEATHER

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SEVEN-DAY FORECAST FOR EL PASO

THURSDAY	THUR. NIGHT	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY
							
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UV INDEX Statistics for noon.

The higher the UV Index, the greater the need for eye and skin protection.

Thursday	10	Very High
Friday	10	Very High
Saturday	10	Very High
Sunday	10	Very High
Monday	10	Very High
Tuesday	10	Very High
Wednesday	10	Very High

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Thursday	94°
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Sunday	93°
Monday	95°
Tuesday	97°
Wednesday	98°

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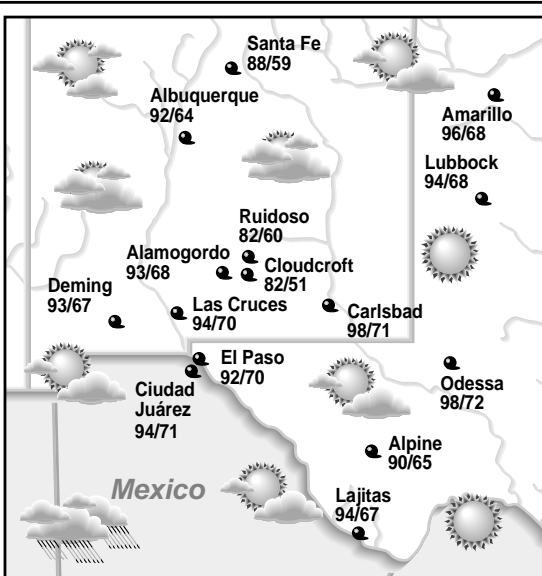
The monsoon season is in full swing. The weather will be very similar over the next few days. The days will start off sunny, then spotty thunderstorms will develop during the afternoon hours. Most locations will remain dry, but those that do get a thunderstorm will receive a quick 0.50 of an inch or so.

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Anthony	92	70
Canutillo	93	71
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E. Montana	92	70
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Horizon	93	71
San Elizario	92	69
Socorro	92	69
Tornillo	95	71
Vinton	93	71

Shown is Thursday's weather. Temperatures are Thursday's highs and Thursday night's lows.



TRAVELERS CITIES

City	Thur.	Fri.	Sat.	Sun.	Mon.
	Hi/Lo/W	Hi/Lo/W	Hi/Lo/W	Hi/Lo/W	Hi/Lo/W
Albuquerque	92/64/pc	88/64/pc	88/66/pc	90/68/pc	88/68/pc
Atlanta	88/72/pc	90/72/pc	94/74/s	92/72/s	90/70/pc
Atlantic City	86/72/s	90/70/s	84/66/s	84/68/s	86/70/s
Austin/San Antonio	98/72/s	98/72/s	97/72/s	96/72/s	97/74/s
Baltimore	92/72/s	94/70/s	88/66/s	90/68/s	92/68/s
Boston	84/64/s	88/66/pc	82/62/s	82/62/s	78/54/s
Chicago	90/66/pc	84/62/pc	82/62/pc	82/64/pc	84/66/pc
Dallas/Ft. Worth	96/78/s	96/80/s	96/80/s	98/78/s	98/78/pc
Denver	86/60/t	88/56/pc	86/60/pc	84/62/pc	82/58/pc
Flagstaff	78/52/pc	80/50/pc	82/50/pc	78/50/c	78/49/c
Houston	96/76/s	94/78/t	93/78/pc	95/78/pc	95/78/pc
Kansas City	96/70/pc	92/68/pc	94/70/pc	96/70/c	96/68/pc
Las Vegas	104/78/pc	104/78/s	106/78/s	108/78/s	102/71/s
Miami	90/78/t	92/78/pc	92/78/pc	92/78/pc	87/73/c
Minneapolis	80/58/pc	80/62/pc	82/64/t	80/60/t	78/58/pc
New Orleans	92/78/pc	92/78/s	92/78/pc	92/76/pc	92/76/t
New York City	90/74/s	90/70/s	86/68/s	88/70/s	90/70/s
Philadelphia	92/72/s	92/70/s	88/66/s	90/68/s	92/70/s
Phoenix	104/84/pc	102/82/pc	102/82/pc	104/84/pc	104/84/pc
Portland	80/56/s	76/54/pc	78/56/pc	82/54/s	84/54/s
San Francisco	64/56/pc	62/54/pc	66/54/pc	68/54/s	68/54/s
Seattle	72/52/pc	70/54/c	72/54/pc	76/54/s	78/54/s
Tucson	98/74/pc	96/76/c	96/76/c	98/74/pc	98/74/pc
Washington, DC	94/74/s	96/72/s	90/70/s	92/72/s	94/70/s

Weather (W): s-sunny, pc-partly cloudy, c-cloudy, sh-showers, t-thunderstorms, r-rain, sf-snow flurries, sn-snow, i-ice.

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