



## NEWSBRIEFS

### No fraud, thanks

U.S. Sen. John Cornyn, a member of the Senate Judiciary Committee, introduced legislation this week to prevent and prosecute fraud, theft or embezzlement of Katrina disaster funds. The Katrina Waste, Fraud and Abuse Deterrence Act of 2005 amends Title 18 of the U.S. Code to provide for a mandatory minimum penalty of five years in prison, and up to 20 years, for any crime involving Katrina relief funds. "President Bush has ordered that a team of inspectors general review all expenditures to ensure that the rebuilding work is done honestly and wisely," Cornyn said. He added that insuring that Texas is properly reimbursed for Hurricane Katrina relief efforts is also a top priority for him. He has traveled to Austin, Houston, and McKinney to assess the needs of local communities.

### Chili War

Long before the Spanish settlers crossed the Rio Grande, El Paso's Mission Valley was already known for its magnificent cultivation of the long green chile. It is the same green chile used to make the salsa that has surpassed ketchup in national popularity polls. A taste of that salsa will be available at the Rio Grande Chili War Festival from 2 p.m. to 2 a.m. Saturday at Speaking Rock, 119 S. Old Pueblo Rd. In addition to featuring a best salsa and chile-eating contest, the festival will offer good eating, good music and dancing, along with games, arts and crafts. On stage will be Grammy Award Winner Little Joe & La Familia, Little Mike and the Blue Kings Elvis Impersonator, Louie Imai, P.J. Pando, Suky Ramos, Exito and Steve Crosno. The Texas Cooperative Extension, El Paso County, the Mission Trail Association, Speaking Rock, Hispanic Farmers Association of El Paso and the City of Socorro sponsor the festival. Tickets are \$12 for adults, with children 12 and under free. For more information on the Rio Grande Chili War Festival call 422-1700.

### Heritage event

Keystone Heritage Park will host their annual fund-raiser, *Keystone by Moonlight*, on Sept. 24, featuring Springfire as the evening's entertainment, a silent auction, and an informal dinner under a tent. Before-dinner entertainment will be in the Desert Botanical Garden. Tickets are \$75 and can be obtained by calling 581-7920, 584-1434 or 534-3174. Proceeds of the dinner will benefit preservation and development of Keystone Heritage Park which includes a 4500-year-old archeological site, one of the oldest villages in the region, as well as an archaic wetland, home to over 180 different species of birds. The park is located at 4220 Doniphan.

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*A first-class mistake is to treat anyone as a second-class person.*

— Quips & Quotes

## Mission Valley welcomes new local attraction

### First Annual Williams River Farm Corn Maze opens this weekend

FABENS — A unique and intriguing local attraction will open to the Mission Valley and El Paso County community this weekend at the Williams River Farm Corn Maze.

Opening weekend — Sept. 24 and 25 — the corn maze will welcome visitors at the location between San Elizario and Fabens, one mile off of Socorro Road (South Loop) on Hole in the Wall Road.

K a m y Whatley, representing the Williams River Farm, said this will be the first maze for the Williams River Farm, and also the first corn maze in far West Texas. She said the weekend will offer numerous family attractions, including more than 3.5 miles of walking trails, a tricycle maze, a corn catapult,

pumpkin decorating, face painting, concessions, and gift shop.

Whatley said the maze design features a farm scene including farm animals and a barn. It is divided into two parts with a smaller maze, one

mile long, that is ideal for small children. The larger maze offers 2.5 miles of walking trails — "Both offer a great opportunity for family time!" she said.

Williams River Farm

Corn Maze will be open to visitors from Sept. 24 through Nov. 5, 2005. Hours of operation begin Friday from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m., Saturday 10 a.m. to 10 p.m., and Sunday 12 (noon) to 6



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## Bank challenges zoning of Emerald Springs Golf Course

By Arleen Beard  
Special to the Courier

HORIZON CITY — Horizon City is facing a legal challenge that could result in the demise through subdivision of the Emerald Springs golf course.

The future of Horizon's long-time golf course became a concern for the Horizon community when the owners of Emerald Springs Golf Course filed for bankruptcy.

The lien-holder, Bank of America, has taken over operations and is taking steps to decide its future.

The golf course was never zoned by the city until this last month when the Horizon City Council zoned it as S-1 (open parks) at a special meeting in an attempt to assure that it would not be subdivided for housing.

A Bank of America spokesman said the powerful financial institution is opposed to this zoning and considers it null and void since they own the property and did not request the zoning.

During the most recent Horizon City Council meeting, on Sept. 13, 2005, Bradley Roe, of Roe Engineering, submitted a preliminary plat for the development of a subdivision to be known as "Emerald Springs." The Planning and Zoning commission recommended to

Council that the preliminary plat be denied because the plans having irregularities in it.

Some of the errors cited include the length of blocks, length of cul-de-sac and the designs for a walking path that would require the City of Horizon to maintain. P&Z members said its design makes it difficult to be maintained properly.

Prior to this action item, however, Council had approved accepting park fees in lieu of park land, making the plans for a walking path unnecessary, since the walking path was to be the park land.

An attorney for Bank of America addressed Council stating that the vested rights of unzoned property owners still exist, even if Council zoned the area in question as S-1. Roe also informed Council he would fix the irregularities cited in the preliminary plat. He said there has been a lack of communication between his office and Horizon's City Planner and that he was not getting much cooperation from city employees.

City Council denied the preliminary plat unanimously, however, Alderwoman Bethany Sellers said Roe has the option of returning with another preliminary plat. She also voiced her concerns on the communication issue between Roe and city employees and asked them to please make it a point to work with Roe to keep the lines of communication open.

## El Paso County Judge says she won't run for re-election

By Guadalupe Silva  
Special to the Courier

EL PASO COUNTY — Dolores Briones, El Paso County Judge since 1998, has announced that she does not plan to run for re-election next year.

The county judge is the chief county administrator and the presiding officer of its governing body, Commissioners Court. Briones was first elected in November of 1998. In 2002, continuing her focus on families, she became

the first county judge re-elected in 24 years.

Briones underwent treatment for breast cancer at the end of last year and early this year, but said that she is now in excellent health and that health concerns were not a factor in her decision.

She also said that she does not plan to run for



Dolores Briones

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## Canutillo ISD board calls for bond election

By Alfredo Vasquez  
Special to the Courier

UPPER VALLEY — The Canutillo Independent School District Board of Trustees voted unanimously to call for a \$39 million bond election to build new schools and upgrade existing campuses, at its regular monthly School Board meeting Sept. 13.

The bond election is scheduled for Feb. 4, 2006.

Plans are to ask voters to consider two propositions. The first proposition is for \$38.3 million to purchase two land sites and build two new elementary schools for an estimated cost of \$23 million and include renovations and upgrades to all campuses at an estimated cost of \$11.9 million. Also part of proposition one is the \$3.3 million payout of the existing lease purchase agreement that was used to finance the classroom additions



Sergio Coronado

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## Socorro establishes emergency aid fund

By Arleen Beard  
Special to the Courier

SOCORRO — During last month's regularly scheduled City Council meeting, City Rep. Jesus Gandara brought up the issue of wanting to protect residents who may be displaced from their homes due to fire or natural disaster.

It was at that meeting that Council asked City Attorney Richard Contreras to draw up the plans for an ordinance establishing a program to protect citizens of Socorro from this type of event.

On Sept. 15, at the most recent Socorro City Council meeting, discussion was held on the second reading and adoption of this ordinance to establish a fire and natural disaster relief fund. This ordinance is for the express purpose of assisting citizens within the city to locate temporary housing when fire and natural disaster destroys a home to the degree that it is unsafe and presents a threat to the general health and safety of the Socorro community.

The Socorro council agreed to budget at least \$5,000 annually to be set aside specifically for the purpose of providing emergency aid.

Some restrictions do apply. Citizens must be approved for assistance by the City Manager or Police Chief and the maximum length of time for assistance is three days with the maximum of three rooms paid for at a local hotel or motel. Council unanimously approved this program. Complete details of this ordinance are available at the Socorro City Hall.



## One perspective

By Francis Shrum

### Oblivious benefits

There aren't enough riches in this world that could make me go back and be young again. Whatever is ahead of me can't be much worse than being young.

This doesn't mean, of course, that I'm happy about my aching bones, saggy skin or wrinkles. Those are definitely not the good parts about getting on up there.

I don't enjoy the uncertainty as to whether Social Security will still be around when I'm old enough to collect it, or whether I'll go quick like I hope I do instead of after some long, expensive hospital stay. Nothing to look forward to there.

There's this little nagging worry in the back of my mind sometimes that maybe — even though there are four of them and they are all pretty fine people — none of my kids will like me anymore when I can no longer take care of myself. I don't really believe this, but you never know. I figure I'm the kind that will probably live to be ninety something and make everybody miserable. That's another

uncertainty I don't look forward to. So what exactly is it that makes aging so much more attractive than youth?

Well, it's not exactly the wisdom. I've heard people say they wish they could take all the lessons they have learned in life and transplant themselves into a young body. I don't think I'd enjoy that too much, knowing my nice young body was going to wear out again eventually. I'd probably die early from trying to do all the stuff I now know I might like to do. When I was young, I didn't know how much there was.

No, the attractive thing about aging is that somewhere along the line, you just plain stop caring too much about what other people think.

I can name the curse of youth in

just one word: Friends.

Now, I'm not talking about real friends as most older people understand them to be. These are entirely different from what young people think friends are. When you're young, a "friend" is anybody you kind of like, in your age group more or less, and who is generally as confused as you are. Worse yet, you care way too much about what these other little people are thinking and doing and not just a whole lot about what is really important to you.



Mostly because you don't know yet.

So it's just easier to think and do whatever the rest of the herd is thinking and doing. Which is generally motivated by what some other

equally clueless young person is doing because he or she thought that someone else in the group was thinking it was a good idea.

Sort of a group consciousness thing.

That's why young people do incredibly stupid things like take life-threatening drugs because it makes them feel funny or tattoo permanent images on themselves because they think the colors are pretty.

Ask any young person why they did something really dumb, and they'll invariably reply that they don't know.

In essence, there are way too few young people thinking that make any sort of sense and they are all worried to death about what everybody else is thinking about them.

When you get old, you just don't care anymore so you can actually start thinking your own thoughts. It's sort of surprising how smart you may have become.

We are all very concerned that our kids "make friends." We want them

to fit in socially and get along well with other kids. That's a good thing up to a point. If a kid is way too different, they'll get pecked to death the way a flock of chickens will do to one that's sick or malformed.

But on the other hand, maybe we ought to teach our kids how to be alone with and enjoy their own company every now and then. There's nothing more elegant and inspiring than a person who can be alone in a restaurant and look comfortable doing it.

I've got young people in my house at varying stages of development and a great deal of it revolves around friends. They are an endless source of interest and conversation.

My observation is that the less a young person cares about having friends, the more of them they have.

I was listening to my teenage daughters the other day discussing a kid in one of their classes.

"He's very obnoxious and he does weird stuff," one said. "He talks really loud like he can't hear himself."

"Do other kids talk to him? Does he have friends?" the other asked.

"Well, he thinks he does," the first one replied. "He just goes over and sits with other people and talks to them whether they talk back or not."

She paused a minute and then mused:

"I guess there's some benefit to being oblivious."



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

### What are we waiting for?

Here in El Paso, we know that border communities are dynamic, welcoming places to call home, but we also know that the border and immigration require effective, meaningful management. Such management is currently severely lacking and federal legislation to re-

vamp our immigration system is long overdue. As a life-long border resident, a 26 and a half-year veteran of the U.S. Border Patrol and a five-term Member of Congress, I have been working to convince the leadership within Congress that the time to act is now, and that proven and practical border strategies exist. Sadly, what doesn't seem to exist is the political will to carry out these changes.

For example, this year alone, more than 146,000 immigrants from countries other than Mexico (known as "Other than Mexicans" or OTMs) have illegally crossed the U.S.-Mexico border. Due to our disjointed "catch and release" policy and perceived lack of detention space, the Border Patrol is required to release these individuals into our country with nothing more than a paper notice requiring them to return for a future hearing. Of course, that notice is almost universally ignored.

As Chief of the Border Patrol's McAllen (now Rio Grande) sector in the mid-1980s, I initially encountered the same policy, but certainly did not accept it. I developed a successful plan and strategy, known as the original "Operation Hold the Line," that changed our border strategy from allowing undocumented immigrants to enter the country and then trying to apprehend them to one of deterrence. I deployed an around-the-clock presence of Border Patrol agents on the border itself and expanded detention space for illegal immigrants in South Texas on a temporary basis. Illegal immigration and crime decreased, and public opinion of and morale within the Border Patrol increased.

I have personally met with Department of Homeland Security Secretary (DHS) Michael Chertoff about OTMs and Hold the Line, and have bipartisan support among many of my colleagues on this successful, but ignored strategy. DHS is working to institute and expand Expedited Removal procedures on a case-by-case basis, but it is not enough. We continue to confront the threat of terrorists trying to utilize our Southern border to enter the country or gangs such as the Mara Salvatrucha (MS-13), whose numbers are growing.

Local law enforcement have been forced to act as the nation's second line of defense against illegal immigration — a responsibility that stretches their personnel and equipment resources thin. Through legislation I am working on with Rep. John Culberson, R-TX, which we have drafted in partnership with the Texas Border Sheriffs Coalition, we would provide local law enforcement with the funding they need to hire additional personnel and purchase needed equipment. This bill is based on the successful Operation Stonegarden that U.S. Customs and Border Protection and the El Paso

Sheriff's Office conducted in 2004. This cost-effective strategy not only reduced illegal immigration, but also lowered the crime rate here in El Paso County.

Hurricane Katrina has exposed many flaws in our ability to respond to a disaster. Perhaps one of the most important lessons Katrina taught us is that long-term planning and preparedness is absolutely necessary to save lives and secure communities. The vast majority of individuals crossing our border do so to improve their lives, but the threat of terrorism is real. Practical, proven, time-tested solutions exist. What exactly are we waiting for?



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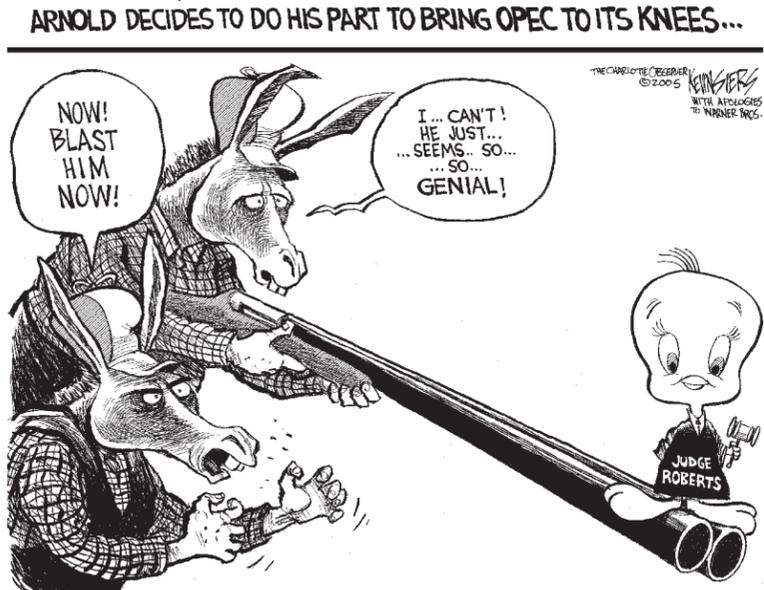
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## Two Socorro ISD teachers and a student perform at the El Paso Opera

By Carlos A. Briano  
Special to the Courier

When the 12th season of the El Paso Opera opened on Sept. 8, the El Paso version of the Italian opera "La Bohème" had a unique Socorro ISD flavor. That's because three of SISD's own — Genevieve Tejada, choir director at Sun Ridge Middle, Joe Estala, choir director at Montwood High School, and Kristen Moreno, fifth grader at Loma Verde Elementary — were participating.

Tejada has been performing with the El Paso Opera for five years after first becoming involved as a student at UTEP. But on this particular opening night, forty of her students were on hand to cheer her on.

"I always bring my students," Tejada says. "They love it. They really do love it."

Tejada says participating in the El Paso Opera means weekly three-hour

long rehearsals. And when the season begins, it becomes much more intense.

"The two weeks prior to the opera, we have evening rehearsals right after work," she says. "But that's my passion. I teach children to sing so naturally I want to keep singing."

Estala also got involved as a student, but he has been performing for 10 years now. He adds that performing in the El Paso Opera helps him in his role as musical educator.

"It's about the opportunity to perform," he says. "There are very few opportunities to be able to perform like this on a stage of this caliber."

Both Tejada and Estala credited Socorro ISD for truly supporting the arts.

"Socorro ISD is one of the most supportive programs in the southwest, hands down," Estala says. "For two years straight, Nellie Ponikvar, our District Director of Fine Arts, brought in top-notch clinicians for our teachers. And it showed in our scores at competition at every school."

Tejada points to her students' opera participation as a sign of support.

"Principal Sam Hogue wants me to do as many concerts as possible," she says. "He allows me to do this field trip and he pays for the buses. He's saying it's important and he's showing it."

One of the beneficiaries of that artistic support is Kristen Moreno. She decided to try out for the El Paso Opera and was happy to get in.

"I've been singing since I was little," she says. "When I was six years old I started writing my own songs."

Although she admits being a little nervous — considering it was her first time singing in the opera — she was confident with her preparation and the support of her family.

"I'm so glad we have music in our schools because it allows children to express themselves in a colorful way," she says.



— Photo courtesy Socorro ISD

Montwood choir director Joe Estala, Sun Ridge choir director Genevieve Tejada, and Loma Verde fifth grader Kristen Moreno performed in the El Paso Opera's "La Bohème."

## Tornillo High School students attend Army Career Day

By Rudy Barreda  
Special to the Courier

TORNILLO — Thirty students from Tornillo High School attended the Army Career Day on Saturday, Sept. 10 at Biggs Army Airfield. Five adult sponsors from THS chaperoned the event. THS teacher Marla Vranish organized the event with the assistance of Ft. Bliss officer Sgt. Ruben Jauregui. Students were able to take a behind-the-lines look at the many career opportunities the Army has to offer.

Students scaled the climbing wall, tested their marksmanship skills on the laser shot, sat behind the wheel of the Army Hummer, and tasted the new Army field chow.

They also got to view the Military Police Dog and Air Defense Artillery demonstrations and displays.

Vranish said the Army Career Day is an excellent forum for parents, educators and youth to learn more

about career options the Army has to offer. THS student Manuel Reyes enjoyed exploring the Humvee and viewing various video simulation games used to train soldiers. "I liked the rock climbing wall best," he said.



— Photo courtesy Tornillo ISD

REALLY BIG WHEELS — Tornillo High School student Manuel Reyes checks out a Humvee and its machine gun.

## Bonds

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to Canutillo Elementary School in 1998.

Proposition two is to allow the District to refinance \$730,000 from the maintenance and operations (M&O) fund and move it over to the debt service (I&S) fund. The move is intended to free up money for use in school operations, according to school officials.

Board members said that they plan to educate the public about the importance of the bond issue.

"Canutillo ISD is growing rapidly. This bond issue is an investment in our children — it's prudent planning for the future," said Sergio Coronado, CISD School Board president.

The cost to taxpayers will increase gradually because school officials said that the bonds will only be sold as needed. Should the bond issue pass, the monthly impact to the average homeowner could range from five cents in 2006 to about 22 cents

by 2010. This year, the average home value in Canutillo ISD is \$65,525 with the \$15,000 Homestead exemption.

School officials said that the tax outlook is a "worst case scenario" and that CISD could qualify for different state funding that would lower the impact on taxpayers.

"Lots of people are moving into our district because housing developers are offering a wide price range of homes, and the word is out that Canutillo has excellent schools," said Charles Hart, CISD superintendent.

## Judge

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other public office in 2006, but did not rule out future possibilities. "For the next 15 months, I have plenty to do in finishing the progress we've made during this and the preceding terms."

While Briones discounted her involvement in helping choose a can-

didate to run for County Judge or campaigning in the election, she left the door open for participation. "I might reconsider if I feel a particular candidate would endanger the gains we have made in the professional management of the County," she said.

Briones also did not rule out future public service. "I'm now back on my feet physically," she said. "But I need to also get back on my feet financially. I have a daughter in law

school and a son in college. (And I'll still be here, in the office of county judge, through December of 2006." Judge Briones said she has valued her service in public office, and feels especially good about the improvements in the financial and managerial operations of the County during the past six years.

The Judge made her announcement just before convening the Commissioners Court for its regular meeting this week.

## Clint ISD students and staff rally to help survivors of Hurricane Katrina



— Photo courtesy Clint ISD

MISSION VALLEY — Students at W.D. Surratt Elementary in the Clint Independent School District learned valuable lessons about character and health by holding a Walk-a-thon to raise funds for survivors of Hurricane Katrina. The event was held Sept. 7, 2005 at the Clint High School Track. Because the school is deeply committed to the Character Counts Program, a youth ethics initiative, and the C.A.T.C.H. program, a school wide health program, the coaching staff organized the walk-a-thon to help the survivors of the hurricane and to teach the students lessons in caring, citizenship and healthy living. All staff and students in grades Pre-Kindergarten through 5th along with over 100 parents and community members joined together to walk for an hour. The school collected \$3,542.65 to donate to the American Red Cross. Of that amount, \$451 was raised by Clint Jr. High School who also held a walk-a-thon at their campus. Student Council Officers and staff from W.D. Surratt Elementary and Clint Junior High presented the funds to the Red Cross on Friday, Sept. 16.

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## 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 p.m., Thursday, October 6, 2005 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.

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### In other news

■ The mayor of the Village of Vinton is making assistance to Katrina Hurricane Disaster relief a personal challenge to the community — and she will match dollar-for-dollar every donation from the community that is brought to the Vinton Town Hall up to the maximum amount of her September paycheck. Mayor Juvencia Rios-Ontiveros made the announcement at a recent council meeting. She said all donors will receive a receipt and be invited to sign a list to be submitted to the American Red Cross. The Town Hall is at 436 E. Vinton Road and is open 8 a.m. to 4:30, (915) 886-5104. "Thank you for caring," she said.

■ "(We want) students to understand the civic responsibility in our constitution and also the patriotism that we exhibit when one of our own is in need." So said Jaime Hernandez, assistant principal at Lujan-Chavez Elementary in promising to paint his hair red, white and blue on Friday, Sept. 16 as an incentive for stu-

dents to reach a fund-raising goal to assist victims of Hurricane Katrina, and to celebrate Constitution Day.

■ The State Board of Education has selected Susan Hill as a "Hero for Children" because of her outstanding volunteer service to the children of Socorro ISD. She will receive this prestigious honor at a Nov. 18 meeting of the State Board of Education in Austin, Texas. A plaque in her honor will be permanently displayed in the Travis Building, home of the Texas Education Agency. Hill will be among 14 other volunteers throughout the state who will be recognized; she is the honoree for El Paso.

■ The Oz Glaze Senior Center will host their Annual Anniversary Banquet on Saturday, Oct. 15, with social hour beginning at 6 p.m., dinner at 6:30 p.m. Reservations must be made by Oct. 1 at 852-3372 or 852-3105. Admission is \$12, choice of beef or chicken.

■ John Page, departing trustee from the Socorro ISD Board of Trustees, was honored with a special ceremony on Monday this week at Horizon Heights Elementary. His appointed replacement on the board, Karen P. Blaine, a

former SISD teacher now working at Region 19, was sworn in this week. Page was presented with a plaque and a Texas flag that had flown over the State Capitol by the students and staff at Horizon Heights. "This is just a small way to thank Mr. Page for his many years of service," said Principal Steve Evans.

■ The Montwood High School Flag Team will be hosting its annual flag and dance camp on Saturday, Sept. 24 from 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at Montwood High School's Green Gym. The cost is \$25 and it includes a T-Shirt, lunch, and awards. Boys and Girls ages 4-15 are welcomed. This is a great opportunity for all children to meet new friends and learn fun dance routines. "This is also a great way for parents to have a worry free Saturday," says flag team coach Dianna Rios. "We will feed and take care of all children!" For more information contact Dianna Rios at 937-2581.

■ The Texas Department of State Health Services' (DSHS) Texas Health Care Information Collection has released the fifth annual hospital-specific performance measurements report that looks at the quality of inpatient care provided in Texas hospitals. *Indica-*

*tors of Inpatient Care in Texas, 2003* compares more than 380 Texas hospitals in four key areas: volume, mortality for inpatient conditions, mortality for inpatient procedures and use of certain procedures. The report can be viewed, searched and downloaded online at [www.dshs.state.tx.us/thcic](http://www.dshs.state.tx.us/thcic). The Texas Health Care Information Collection gathers data from about 450 Texas hospitals representing more than 90 percent of hospital admissions in the state. Most rural hospitals are not included in the report because state law does not require them to report data to DSHS.

■ The El Paso Public Library is amnesty for late book returns through Sept. 24. During this time, anyone with overdue library materials may return them to the library without penalty. No fines will be charged during this week, provided that the library books and materials are returned in good condition. "Some people amass so much in fines that they forfeit their borrowing privileges until they can afford to pay them," says library Director Carol Brey-Casiano. "What we are saying with this period of amnesty is we want our books and our customers back." The amnesty period coincides with Library Card Signup Month recognized nationally in September. For more information on the program call a public library branch near you or visit [www.elpasolibrary.org](http://www.elpasolibrary.org).

■ The Americas High School Spanish Honor Society held their induction ceremony Sept. 13. As part of the ceremonies, the chapter made a donation of food and clothes to the Rotary International Club for delivery to an orphanage in Juarez, Mexico. A presentation about the orphanage was shown. "To be eligible for the society the students had to perform community service," says society sponsor Armando Gallegos. "The students organized and conducted the drive as part of their community service."

■ Marine Corps Pfc. Javier I. Torres, son of Rosa M. Torres and Javier Torres, both of San Elizario, recently completed the Personnel Clerk Course at Personnel Administration School, Marine Corps Combat Service Support Schools, Camp Lejeune, N.C. During the seven-week course, Torres received instruction on the preparation and maintenance of officer and enlisted service records. As a Marine Corps personnel clerk, Torres will be responsible for providing enlisted personnel with information and counseling about Marine Corps jobs, opportunities and other information. He is a 2004 graduate of San Elizario High School and joined the Marine Corps in January 2005.

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## Public Notice For Comment Period

### Got traffic jams? Want more lanes, bicycle facilities, & buses?

#### WHO, WHAT?

The El Paso Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) announces the 30-day public comment period beginning on September 22, and ending on October 21, 2005, for the following documents:

- Gateway 2030 Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP)
- 2006-2010 Amended Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)
- MTP/TIP Transportation Conformity Reports (TCR)

The MTP is the long-range transportation plan that establishes regional transportation policies, goals and lists projects for implementation for the next 26 years. The TIP is the short-range transportation program that includes transportation projects that are scheduled for implementation in the El Paso MPO study area in the next 5 years. The TCR technical document indicates how the MTP and TIP projects meet the guidelines of the 1990 Clean Air Act Amendments.

#### WHY?

All citizens living in the MPO study area (El Paso County and the City of Sunland Park, NM) have the right to be informed and to participate in the regional transportation decision-making process. Your opinion is important and it counts.

#### WHEN & WHERE?

The El Paso MPO is hosting a series of Public Meetings during the 30-day public comment period to inform the citizens about the MPO documents listed above, and to encourage discussions and comments about their content. The public meetings are scheduled as follows:

##### Friday, September 30, 2005

Metropolitan Planning Organization  
10767 Gateway Blvd. West, Ste. 605  
El Paso, TX 79935  
6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

##### Wednesday, October 5, 2005

Westside Regional Command Center  
4801 Osborne  
El Paso, TX 79922  
6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

##### Tuesday, October 4, 2005

San Martin de Porras Catholic Church  
1885 McNutt Road  
Sunland Park, NM 88063  
9:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.

##### Thursday, October 6, 2005

City of Socorro City Hall  
860 Rio Vista  
Socorro, TX 79927  
6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

##### Wednesday, October 5, 2005

Metropolitan Planning Organization  
10767 Gateway Blvd. West, Ste. 605  
El Paso, TX 79935  
1:30 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.

##### Friday, October 28, 2005

Metropolitan Planning Organization  
10767 Gateway Blvd. West, Ste. 605  
El Paso, TX 79935  
9:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.

The Gateway 2030 MTP, 2006-2010 Amended TIP, and the MTP/TIP Transportation Conformity Reports are all available at the above-listed public meeting locations, all Public Library branches, and at the following locations:

Village of Vinton Town Hall  
436 Vinton Rd  
Vinton, TX 79821

Texas Department of Transportation  
Advanced Transportation Planning  
13301 Gateway Blvd. West  
El Paso, TX 79928

City of El Paso Planning Dept.  
City Hall - Second Floor  
2 Civic Center Plaza  
El Paso, TX 79901

Town of Horizon City Town Hall  
14999 Darrington Road  
Horizon City, TX 79928

Sun Metro  
700 San Francisco  
El Paso, TX 79901

City of Sunland Park Town Hall  
1000 McNutt Road  
Sunland Park, NM 88063

Town of Clint Town Hall  
200 N. San Elizario Road  
Clint, TX 79836

Town of Anthony Town Hall  
401 Wildcat Dr.  
Anthony, TX 79835

City of Socorro City Hall  
124 S. Horizon Blvd.  
Socorro, TX 79927

#### WHO MAY ATTEND?

Local citizens, interest groups, and the public-at large may attend, and make comments to the MPO staff and before the Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) and the Transportation Policy Board (TPB). All listed documents may be viewed on the website. To learn more about El Paso MPO or for more information, access the El Paso MPO Website and/or contact Ricardo Dominguez at the El Paso MPO Office at (915) 591-9735, Ext. 19.

**Sign and foreign language interpreters will be provided for this meeting upon request and availability. Requests must be made to the El Paso MPO a minimum of 48 hours in advance.**

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[www.elpasompo.org](http://www.elpasompo.org)

## Town of Anthony PUBLIC NOTICE

A PUBLIC HEARING will be held at 7:00 p.m. on **Tuesday, September 27, 2005** 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. 431 — An Ordinance Establishing a Municipal Court Technology Fund, Providing for Assessment and Collection of a Municipal Court Technology Fee; Providing for Severability; Providing for Publication and Effective Date; and Providing for Expiration Date, for the Town of Anthony, Texas.

2) Ordinance No. 432 — An Ordinance Adopting a Budget for the Fiscal Year of Oct. 1, 2005, to Sept. 30, 2006 for the Town of Anthony, Texas.

3) Ordinance No. 433 — 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.

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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**Briefs**

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■ The Socorro High School theater troupe, Teatristas, has been invited to perform at the world-renowned Fringe Festival in Edinburgh Scotland in August of 2006. The invitation is a rare and prestigious honor. Nationwide, fewer than 50 schools are invited to perform each year. "The students at Socorro High school feel the invitation... is a reward for all of the hard work the company has done over the last several years," said Socorro High theater director Troy Herbort. While the group is busy working at fundraising, they realize the only way they will be able to perform in Scotland is through corporate sponsorships. "If you would like more information on our trip, or if you would like for me or my students to do a presentation, please let me know so we can make arrangements," Herbort said. He can be reached at 937-2244 or therbort@sisd.net.

■ Approximately 60 adult students enrolled in Socorro ISD's Community Services GED classes received their GED certificates on Wednesday, Sept. 21. "The students are enrolled in evening classes and make great sacrifices to attend classes after working a full day," says Martha Serna, Director of Community Services for SISD. "This is a great accomplishment for all of them."

■ The 2005 Fall Turfgrass Management Training program will be held Thursday, Sept. 22, at the Texas A&M Research Center,

1380 A&M Circle, 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Featured speaker for the program is Dr. James McAfee, professor and turfgrass specialist from Texas A&W University. The training sessions are free of charge, but due to limited seating, pre-registration is requested by calling 859-7725, ext. 221. This program is sponsored jointly by Texas Cooperative Extension and Parks and Recreation Department in El Paso.

■ Galatzan Recreation Center, located at 650 Wallenberg is hosting a Triathlon Sept. 24 at 8:00 a.m. Entry fee is \$5. Triathlon will consist of a two-mile bike course, a half-mile (17 lap) swim at the Leo Cancellare Pool, and a two-mile run at the Galatzan Park. Transition time will count. Awards include first, second, and third place trophies for both men and women. Participants must be 16 years of age and over. Please bring your own sports gear. Pre-registration begins Sept. 21st. For more information call 581-5182.

■ Detectives from the El Paso Police Department's Pebble Hills Regional Command Center are asking for the public's assistance in locating 40-year old Michael Thomas Flores. Flores was last seen on the afternoon of Aug. 25 at the intersection of Gateway East and Geronimo. Flores was seen driving a gray 1999 Ford Expedition with Texas plates of Z28-FVL.



Flores

Anyone with any information may call the El Paso Police Department at 832-4400 or toll-free at 1-800-237-0797.

■ Consumers purchasing or leasing new vehicles verified as defective received \$5.7 million in relief through the Texas Lemon Law in 2004 according to a report released by the Texas Department of Transportation's Motor Vehicle Division which lists number of complaints filed, defects reported and complaint disposition. Of complaints closed last year, 63.4 percent of consumers received some form of relief for defective vehicles — 30.3 percent had vehicles repurchased, replaced or traded by the manufacturer and an additional 33.1 percent received repairs, extended service contracts or other remedies. According to the report, five of the most popular selling vehicles with the highest complaint index ratings include (from highest to lowest): Dodge Durango, Chrysler Town and Country Van, Volkswagen Jetta, GMC Envoy, and Ford Expedition. The report also lists the most popular selling vehicles with the fewest number of complaints including (from lowest to highest): Chevrolet Impala, Toyota Tundra Pickup, Pontiac Grand Am, Toyota 4Runner and Nissan Frontier. More than \$78 million in relief for consumers has been generated since program inception in 1983. To obtain a copy of the 2004 Lemon Law Report or a consumer handbook on the Texas Lemon Law contact TxDOT's Motor Vehicle Division at (512) 416-4800, 1-800-622-8682 or <http://www.state.tx.us/insdot/orgchart/mvd/lemon/lemonlaw.htm>.



— Photo courtesy San Elizario ISD

**MISSION VALLEY** — Although Loya Primary School educates the youngest students in the San Elizario ISD, the campus was home to grandparents in the community on Sept. 15 so that they could take part in important health screenings. Almost 30 grandparents took advantage of free cholesterol and glucose screenings, thanks to Dr. V.M. Villalobos and his staff of healthcare professionals who came to San Elizario. Grandparents were also able to get bone density and sleep apnea tests performed on them, according to Sylvia Graves, social worker at Loya Primary. "We'd like to do more for the grandparents in the community," Graves said. "We tend not to take care of our grandparents in the community and these are the people who help take care of our kids." In addition to the screenings, grandparents were also able to take home important information on common disorders such as anxiety, depression, and controlling diabetes.

— Contributed by Phillip Cortez

# NOTICE OF VOTE ON TAX RATE

The Town of Anthony conducted public hearings on a proposal to increase the total tax revenues of the

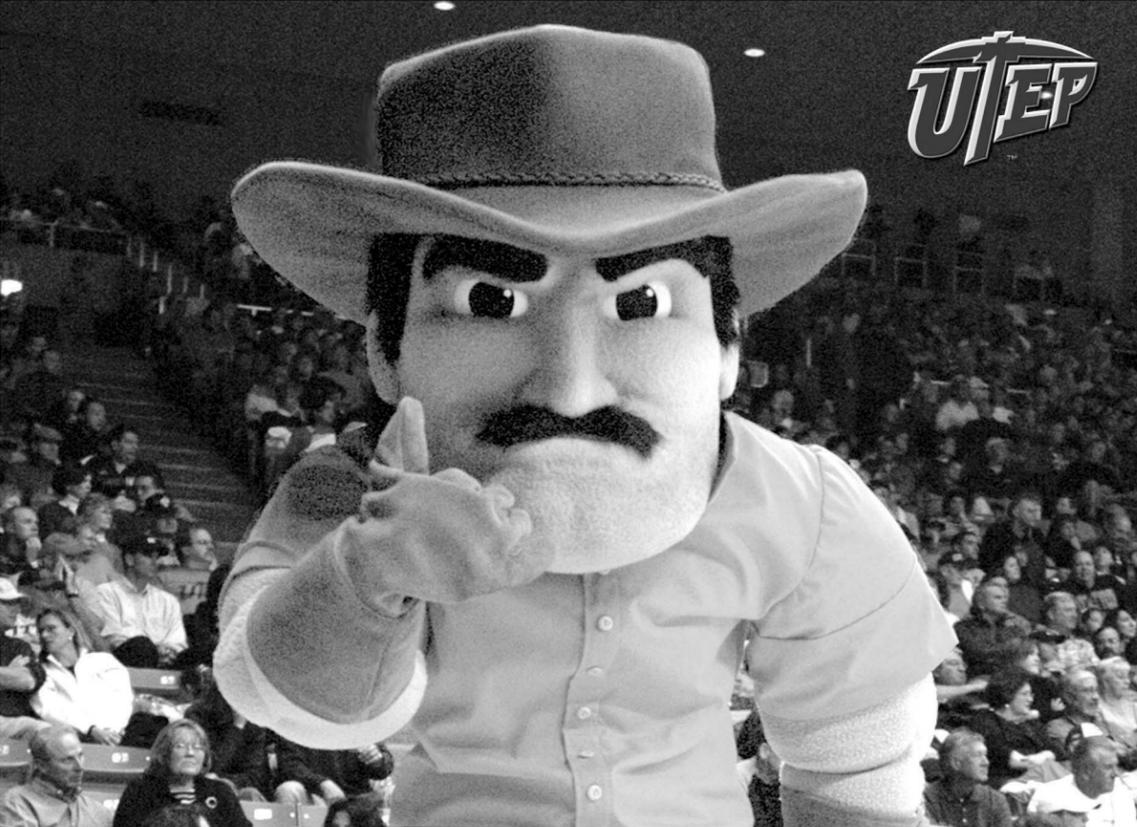
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from properties on the tax roll in the preceding year by 3.83 percent on Friday, September 9, 2005 at 10:00 a.m. and Friday, September 16, 2005 at 10:00 a.m.

The Town Council is scheduled to vote on the tax rate that will result in that tax increase at a public meeting to be held on Tuesday, September 27, 2005 at 7:00 p.m. at Town of Anthony Town Hall, 401 Wildcat Dr., Anthony, TX 79821.

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# I WANT YOU AT THE GAMES



<b>BE</b>	<b>T</b>	<b>H</b>	<b>E</b>	<b>R</b>	<b>E</b>
<b>FOOTBALL</b>	<b>SOCCER</b>	<b>VOLLEYBALL</b>			
<b>NEW MEXICO</b>	<b>UTAH VALLEY ST.</b>	<b>EAST CAROLINA</b>			
<b>SEPT. 24TH</b>	<b>SEPT. 22ND</b>	<b>SEPT. 25TH</b>			
<b>7:00 PM</b>	<b>7:00 PM</b>	<b>1:00 PM</b>			
	<b>LOUISIANA-MONROE</b>				
	<b>SEPT. 25TH</b>				
	<b>1:00 PM</b>				

# High school football games are unpredictable this year

By Steve Escajeda  
Special to the Courier

We're four weeks into the El Paso County high school football season and a few patterns are beginning to emerge.

The first thing that grabbed my attention is that you can't pick the winner of these games as easily as you could in the past.

It used to be that you could pencil in the three respective district playoff teams well in advance of the year's opening kickoff.

But we've gone through a kind of shift in local schoolboy football — a parity shift.

The only school that seems to be holding serve — possibly the best team in the city — is the Riverside Rangers. And the funny thing is the Rangers were picked to drop dramatically this season because of a number of graduates in key positions.

Riverside is 4-0 and is averaging 40 points a game and holding its opponents to under 10. In other words, it's just another run-of-the-mill

season for coach Tom Work and company.

The other districts are not as clear cut.

In District 1-5A the two front-runners have been Franklin and Montwood, but after an impressive 55-7 victory over Las Cruces High in their season-opener, the Cougars have looked somewhat mortal struggling through a narrow win and a punishing loss.

The Montwood Rams, in their first season without star running back Edward Britton, have really come back to the rest of the pack.

After getting crushed by Plainview in their opener, Montwood came back with a good showing against Odessa Permian, losing just 31-20.

But against Eastwood last week, in a game that usually over by half-time, the Rams held only a slight 14-13 lead late in the game before a touchdown gave them their final margin of victory 21-13.

With both the Cougars and Rams — though still good teams — down a bit from years past, other schools in the league are licking their chops.

The Bel Air Highlanders, Eastwood Troopers, Americas Trailblazers, Socorro Bulldogs,

Coronado T-Birds and even the Hanks Knights have already proven they can beat any given team on any given night.

And speaking of the Socorro Bulldogs, they may be the surprise team of the city, racing out to a 3-1 record with an impressive 23-0 shut-out of the Andress Eagles.

And speaking of one of the most disappointing teams in the city, Andress has already suffered two embarrassing defeats early in the season. The loss to Socorro and the 31-14 trouncing at the hands of the Chapin Huskies have definitely brought the Eagles down toward the middle of the pack in District 1-4A.

Also in 1-4A, south side rivals — the Bowie Bears and the Jefferson Silver Foxes — are both 3-1 and I don't think anyone remembers the last time that happened.

The Bears just lost a 13-7 heartbreaker in overtime to Irvin while Jeff was quite dominant in their 27-7 win over Burges.

But the class in 1-4A appears to be Chapin, the same Chapin Huskies team that lost to Coronado 38-28. Go figure.

We mentioned how good Riverside was in District 2-4A but who will battle for the final two playoff spots?

It appears that Parkland is the best of the rest with Del Valle, Fabens, Clint and Mountain View fighting among one another for the final playoff berth.

Del Valle started off slow but is starting to come on strong, at 3-1, Fabens has been pretty steady. Clint put up 68 points against San Elizario — any team that can put up 68 points on anyone has got to be considered a contender.

Mountain View is pretty good but may be too much of an up-and-down team to make the playoffs.

One team having a difficult time is Cathedral. The Fighting Irish just don't have the numbers to compete with the larger schools in the city. But if there was a heart-o-meter we could measure players by, I'm sure the Irish would be among the city's leaders.

So who will eventually make the playoffs? Who knows. But won't it be fun watching how it all plays out?

## Canutillo community rallies support behind football program

By Alfredo Vasquez  
Special to the Courier

CANUTILLO — When Canutillo Middle School seventh grade football team took the field for their season opener recently, the players sported new orange and white jerseys that were provided by the newly formed Canutillo ISD Football Boosters Club.

"We started the football boosters club so that we can help Canutillo ISD's football program," said Mario Carrasco, booster club member. "We know that equipment, supplies, and uniforms cost a lot of money, and we just want to show the football players and coaches that their community is behind them," Carrasco explained.

Plans are to hold regularly scheduled meetings to invite individuals interested in supporting the football teams in the middle and high school

programs. "If we get enough support, we want to expand to include other sports programs," Carrasco added.

CMS seventh grade team was the recipient of the club's first fundraising endeavor because it was the one that most needed new uniforms. Booster club members raised over \$2,000 in a matter of a few days to be able to purchase the new jerseys for the 70-member seventh grade football squad.

"The District has an annual athletic budget to provide all of our sports programs with the necessary equipment and uniforms, but CISD is a growing district and we can't always get the teams everything new every year; so, we certainly appreciate the added support," said Margarito (Mago) Arellano, CISD School Board member.

For more information about Canutillo's new Football Boosters Club, call 479-0548 or 727-0974.



— Photo courtesy Canutillo ISD

**THE SHIRT OFF MY BACK — Canutillo ISD Football Boosters Club members present Canutillo Middle School with new football jerseys. Shown foreground from left are Angel Olivas, football coach; Dr. Monica Reyes-Garcia, CMS principal; Mario Carrasco, Boosters Club member; Liz Carrasco, Boosters club member; Michael Carrasco, Boosters club member; Mago Arellano, School Board member and Boosters Club member; Joe Bueno, football coach; and Marc Abeyta, football coach.**

## Maze

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p.m. Admission is \$7 for adults, \$5 for children 12 and under, and children two and under are free. Discounted admission is available for groups of 20 or more if scheduled in advance. Coupons for discounted admission are available at businesses throughout El Paso and the Mission Valley.

The website at [www.williamsriverfarm.com](http://www.williamsriverfarm.com) has additional information for special events at the maze.

Whatley added that visitors to the maze are encouraged to wear good walking shoes and bring plenty of sunscreen and mosquito repellent. Flashlights are also recommended if you are visiting the maze after dark.

For more information call (915)764-3530.

## Classified Ads

### LEGAL

**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:

**FRIDAY, SEPT. 30, 2005**

**AQUATIC CENTER EQUIPMENT AND SUPPLIES**  
CSP NO. 199-0930-0638

**ACCEPTED UNTIL 10 A.M.**

**AUDIO VISUAL MEDIA**  
CSP NO. 199-0930-0656

**ACCEPTED UNTIL 10:30 A.M.**

**POLICE AND SECURITY UNIFORMS**  
CSP NO. 199-0930-0645

**ACCEPTED UNTIL 10:30 A.M.**

**LOCKSMITH SUPPLIES**  
CSP NO. 199-0930-0658

**ACCEPTED UNTIL 11 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 office between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. Mondays through Fridays and on the Socorro Independent School District's website: [www.sisd.net](http://www.sisd.net). 1984 Stoughton trailer, white WTCC-09/22/05

### PUBLIC NOTICE

As per Article V, Sec. 5.05(a), all owners and lienholders have ten (10) days from this date to reclaim their vehicles at Southwest Wrecker, 1401 Darrington Rd., 855-1900, 851-2091-fax, or it will be sold at public auction for charges: VIN 2G4WS52J621198626, 2002 Buick Century, Illinois license 627-7304 VIN

IFDDEI4N6HHA38176, 1987 Ford Econoline VIN IT9GT20253A237790, 2003 gooseneck horse trailer, gray, DPS hold VIN - I63RMCFFPM, Bulldog gooseneck horse trailer, white, DPS hold VIN GANI680000574I680, 1680 Banes horse trailer, DPS hold VIN IDWIA4826ES440129, 1984 Stoughton trailer, white WTCC-09/22/05

### BARGAINS

1989 GMC "Jimmy," A/C, auto, V/6, good strong motor, asking \$2,100. Call Isaiah, 592-6869

### GARAGE SALES

**HUGE** neighborhood, MULTI-FAMILY Flea Market and Yard Sale, Saturday, Sept. 24, 7 a.m. to noon, in Canutillo Heights

Estates, located off Los Mochis Drive, between Doniphan and I-10. Rain or shine.

### REAL ESTATE

- VALLEY FARM LAND
  - FREEWAY LAND
  - COMMERCIAL LOTS/FABENS
  - RESIDENTIAL LOTS
  - Adobe Home With Pecan Trees 11423 Alameda
  - Five-Acre Tornillo Farm w/ City Water
  - Adobe Horse-shoe Theater in historic San Elizario
- APODACA LAND CO.**  
915-859-5472

### SELF-HELP

Persons who have a problem with alcohol are offered a free source of help locally. Alcoholics Anonymous - call 562-4081.

Tiene problemas con el alcohol? Hay

una solucion. 838-6264.

### SERVICES

**"Windshield Ding — Gimme a Ring" JIFFY GLASS REPAIR**

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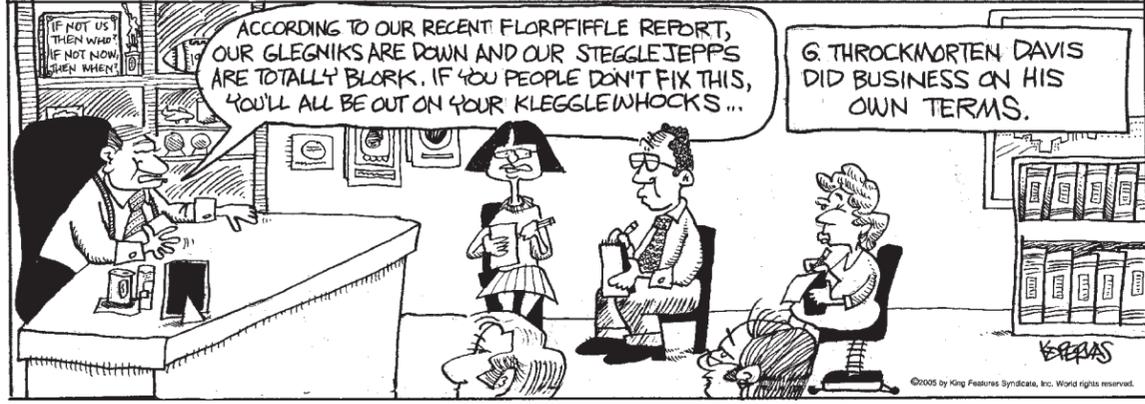
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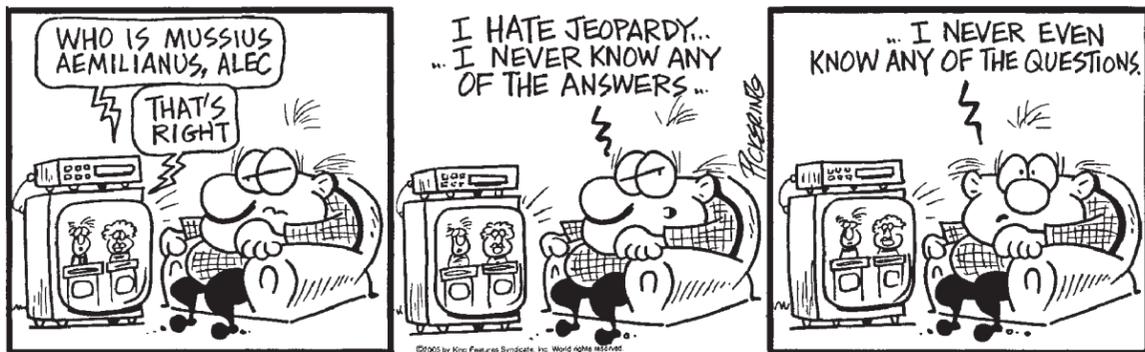
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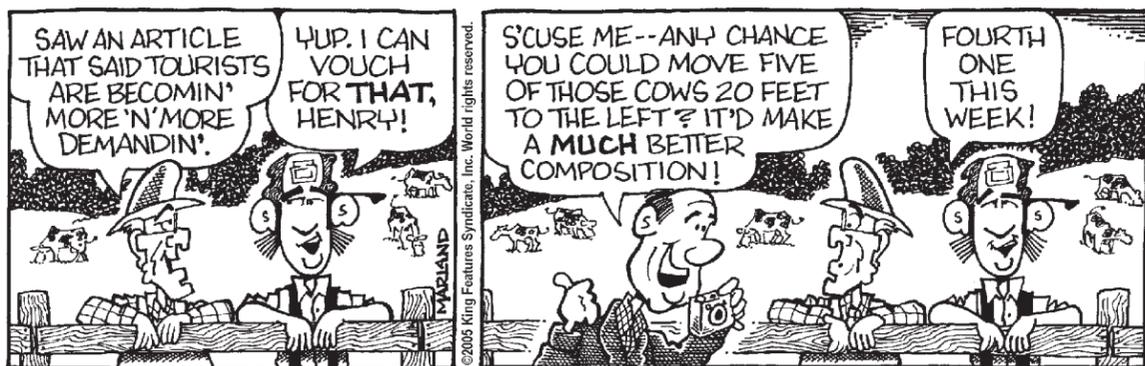
## AMBER WAVES By Dave T. Phipps



## THE SPATS By Jeff Pickering



## R.F.D. By Mike Marland



# Zoo offers new career opportunities

## By Don Flood

The London Zoo recently drew big crowds with a new exhibit — homo sapiens.

The sign said, "Warning: Humans in their Natural Environment," which, unfortunately, was a blatant lie, since the homo sapiens were not placed in front of their computers searching for porn sites.

Nor were they sitting on a couch watching TV eating Cheetos. (It would have been a nice touch to have them watching Animal Planet.)

Even more oddly, they wore fig leaves, which either they — or they keepers — had attached to bathing suits they wore underneath.

Contrary to popular opinion, homo sapiens, in their natural environment, do not wear fig leaves.

While it's true old paintings have documented the wearing of fig leaves by Adam and Eve, biblical scholars are now coming around to the view that, like modern homo sapiens, they probably wore gym shorts.

(Likewise, fig leaves are often shown on statues of classical figures, who appear to have had no trouble at all balancing leaves at strategic bodily locations. Attempts by modern homo sapiens to duplicate manner of dress have proven unsuccessful.)

But what intrigued me most about the story was that the zoo picked the three males and five females from among 30 applicants.

Apparently, it's a tough job market in London. People are applying to be zoo animals!

"Wanted: Homo sapiens for zoo exhibit; must enjoy being on public display while wearing fig leaves. Bites and people with fleas need not apply."

Not that these were long-term positions, you understand, but having experience "in the cage" does add something extra to your resume.

**JOB HEADHUNTER:** We're looking for a man with some real "hands-on" experience as a zoo animal. Do you have anything along those lines?

**APPLICANT:** Yes sir! I served for a time as one of the main attractions at the San Diego Zoo. It's where I learned how to beg for peanuts.

**JOB HEADHUNTER:** Well, that happens to be exactly the kind of experience we're looking for! You're hired!

**APPLICANTS:** Hey, wait a minute! You didn't tell me how many bananas I'm going to be paid.

For the London Zoo exhibit, participants were chosen through an online "contest."

So, in other words, these people were the "winners." Their prize: the chance to appear nearly naked in public — behind bars. (I can't believe I didn't get the chance to enter this contest.)

Perhaps advertising would help catch some of our more notorious criminals.

"Wanted: Crooks, all kinds, for long-term positions behind bars at our new correctional facility. Murderers, especially, are sought, but we will accept applications from those representing all criminal fields. No first-timers, please; we are seeking seasoned professionals only. Apply in person at county correctional facility. Please bring references."

But, sadly, not all visitors were impressed by the homo sapiens exhibit. One young woman, Melissa Wecker, 21, complained, "They're not doing anything. It looked lots better on the news."

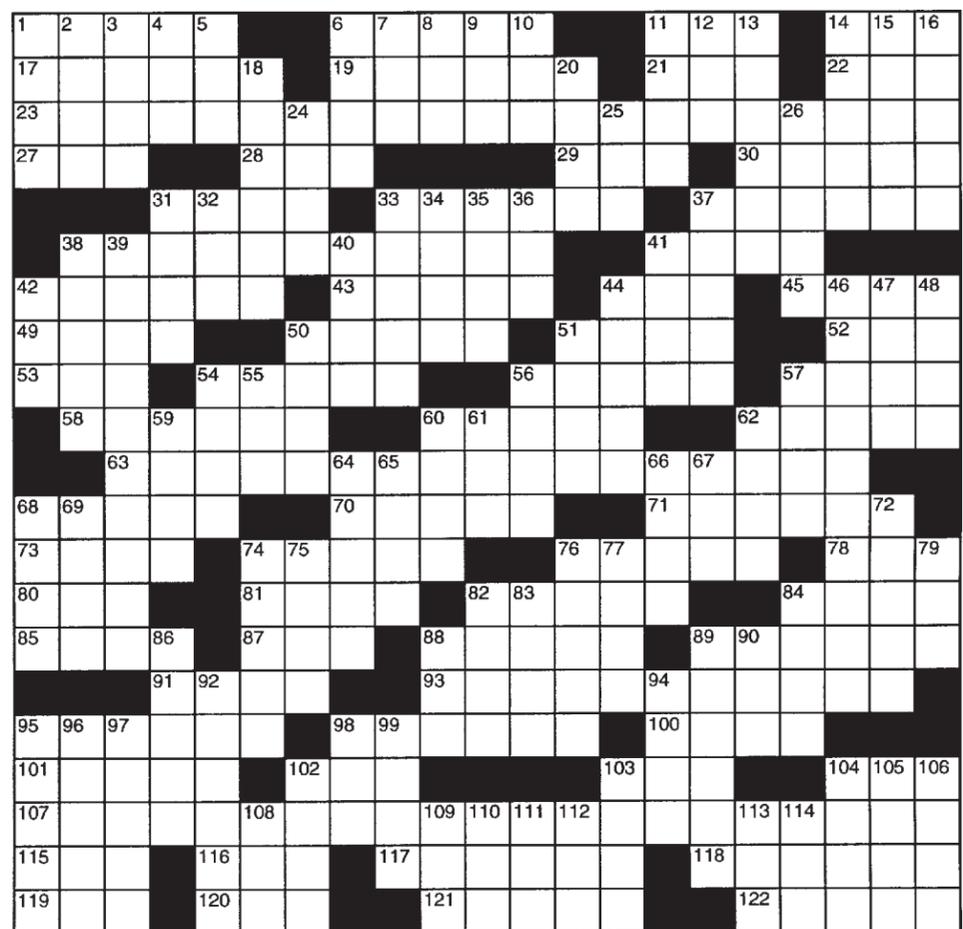
Come on, what do you expect? They're homo sapiens.

You want lively intelligence, go to the monkey house.

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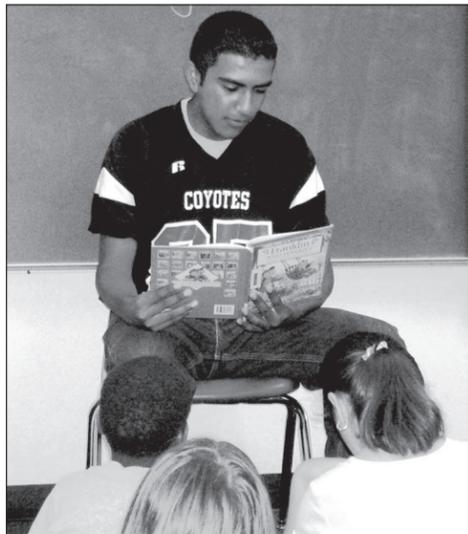
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| 56 Tooth _                          |                                     | 33 Unexpected          | 76 Virile                    |                          |
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|                                     |                                     | 34 Related             |                              |                          |



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# Tornillo varsity football players help "raise Coyotes"



**By Rudy Barreda**  
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TORNILLO — New Tornillo ISD Athletic Director Don Benson had an idea. He wanted to find a way to help his varsity football players develop their leadership skills and be positive role models for younger students. Being new to the district, he asked around and got

**STRONG AND SMART, TOO — Varsity football player Angel Rosales reads to students in Rosalinda Garcia's 2nd grade class.**

— Photo courtesy Canutillo ISD

some help from Tornillo Elementary counselor Antonio Rosales.

Benson and Rosales together devised a literacy program to benefit students throughout the district. Their project, named "Raising a Coyote Reading Program," has Tornillo High School football players reading to students at Tornillo Elementary and Tornillo Intermediate Schools. The football players go to the elementary campuses and read to the younger students under the supervision of classroom teachers.

Through this program, they promote literacy and develop rapport with the younger students. The football players also promote positive behaviors the younger students should adopt: re-

specting parents and teachers, studying hard, developing positive character traits, and participating in extra-curricular activities.

The varsity players began the project last week. Every Thursday, eight to ten of the varsity players go to selected classrooms and read aloud to the students for 30 minutes. Both students and teachers at Tornillo Elementary reacted very positively to the endeavor.

Says Coach Benson, "Our football players have an opportunity to give of themselves for the benefit of others. Hopefully, that sense of satisfaction will develop into a lifelong habit for our players. It's a win-win situation all around."

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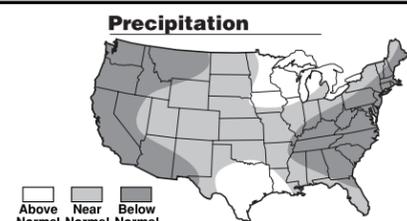
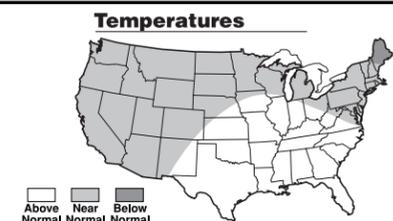
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## WEATHER TRENDS THIS WEEK

## IN THE SKY



Sun			Moon			Last	New
	Rise	Set		Rise	Set		
Thu.	6:54 a.m.	7:02 p.m.	Thu.	10:01 p.m.	11:51 a.m.		
Fri.	6:54 a.m.	7:01 p.m.	Fri.	10:47 p.m.	12:54 p.m.	9/25	10/3
Sat.	6:55 a.m.	7:00 p.m.	Sat.	11:38 p.m.	1:54 p.m.	First	Full
Sun.	6:56 a.m.	6:58 p.m.	Sun.	none	2:47 p.m.		
Mon.	6:56 a.m.	6:57 p.m.	Mon.	12:33 a.m.	3:33 p.m.	10/10	10/17
Tues.	6:57 a.m.	6:56 p.m.	Tues.	1:30 a.m.	4:12 p.m.		
Wed.	6:58 a.m.	6:54 p.m.	Wed.	2:28 a.m.	4:47 p.m.		

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## REGIONAL CITIES

## U.S. CITIES

City	Thursday			Friday			Saturday			Sunday		
	HI	LO	W	HI	LO	W	HI	LO	W	HI	LO	W
Abilene, TX	99	73	s	97	72	s	92	64	pc	89	65	c
Albuquerque, NM	85	58	s	84	57	s	82	57	pc	80	56	pc
Amarillo, TX	91	61	s	86	60	s	85	57	s	83	57	s
Austin, TX	95	73	s	99	73	s	92	69	t	93	68	r
Brownsville, TX	99	75	s	96	77	t	94	76	t	94	76	pc
Dodge City, KS	83	57	s	87	60	s	85	59	s	81	55	s
Jackson, MS	94	73	s	90	70	t	87	68	r	87	68	t
Laredo, TX	101	77	s	99	79	s	97	76	t	98	74	pc
Little Rock, AR	96	70	s	91	70	s	89	68	t	86	65	t
Lubbock, TX	96	64	s	92	62	s	90	58	pc	87	60	pc
Memphis, TN	93	73	s	91	73	s	88	71	pc	88	67	t
Midland, TX	99	69	s	95	66	s	87	64	s	88	65	s
Pueblo, CO	80	46	s	86	46	s	83	46	pc	82	45	s
Roswell, NM	98	61	s	88	59	s	89	58	s	87	58	s
St. Louis, MO	92	69	s	90	69	pc	85	67	c	85	64	pc
San Antonio, TX	96	76	s	98	74	s	91	72	t	93	71	pc
Texarkana, AR	98	70	s	92	70	s	88	69	r	87	69	t
Waco, TX	99	72	s	97	70	s	90	71	r	89	71	r
Wichita, KS	90	66	s	87	64	s	85	63	pc	83	62	pc

City	Thursday			Friday			Saturday			Sunday		
	HI	LO	W	HI	LO	W	HI	LO	W	HI	LO	W
Atlanta	88	70	pc	88	68	pc	86	68	pc	86	68	pc
Boston	84	60	s	78	58	t	74	54	s	74	58	pc
Chicago	78	56	t	72	54	sh	78	60	pc	80	58	t
Denver	75	48	sh	76	49	pc	78	49	pc	75	47	c
Detroit	80	60	t	72	52	sh	74	58	pc	78	60	s
Houston	96	76	s	92	76	t	86	76	r	90	73	t
Indianapolis	86	65	pc	79	61	t	81	64	pc	84	62	r
Kansas City	88	66	s	86	62	pc	86	62	pc	84	60	pc
Los Angeles	80	62	pc	76	60	pc	74	58	pc	73	58	pc
Miami	89	79	t	90	79	t	90	79	t	90	79	t
Minneapolis	68	52	t	68	52	sh	70	52	sh	69	48	pc
New Orleans	90	77	t	88	75	t	84	74	r	87	74	t
New York City	85	66	s	84	68	t	80	66	pc	79	67	pc
Omaha	76	56	t	76	56	sh	80	59	sh	79	54	s
Phoenix	104	80	s	101	76	s	98	75	s	98	73	pc
San Francisco	70	56	pc	70	56	pc	68	56	pc	71	56	s
Seattle	62	46	sh	64	46	pc	68	48	s	70	50	s
Washington	87	66	t	87	66	t	82	62	sh	87	67	pc

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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