

## NEWSBRIEFS

### Freedom enshrined

The Exchange Club of El Paso and the Americas High School Junior ROTC dedicated a Freedom Shrine display at the Americas High School library on May 11. The Exchange Club of America's Service club is a national organization established in 1911 to make communities better places to live through programs of Americanism, community service, youth activities and the prevention of child abuse. The Freedom Shrine is a collection of original historic American documents photographically reproduced and attractively displayed in thousands of locations throughout the United States. "Developed by the National Exchange Club, the Freedom Shrine originated from the Freedom Train which toured the nation in 1847, carrying an exhibit of historic documents," says Exchange Club member and retired Socorro ISD teacher Mike DeFrank. Currently there is a Freedom Shrine in the El Paso County Courthouse, the El Paso Community College Northeast Campus, Horizon High School and the Sergeant Major's Academy. For more information, contact Mike DeFrank at 859-5279.

### Canutillo grads

Canutillo High School expects to graduate 262 seniors during the 2006 Commencement Exercises, to be held at 8 p.m., Friday, May 26, in the new CHS Football Stadium, 6675 South Desert Blvd.

### Click it or ticket

The Socorro Police Department, in conjunction with the Texas Department of Transportation and other local area agencies will be conducting a "Click It or Ticket" campaign for the Memorial Day holiday period, May 20-29. Additional officers will be in the field for the sole purpose of ensuring occupant safety enforcement. Voluntary compliance is encouraged as officers will enforce a "zero tolerance" policy. The Socorro Police Department encourages citizens to "drive like your life depends on it... because it does."

### Pennies make proud

Members of the Anthony Middle School (AMS) National Junior Honor Society in Anthony, Texas sponsored The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society's Pennies for Patients community service project. Pennies for Patients is one of the Society's national school and youth programs which raises funds to find cures for leukemia, lymphoma, myeloma and patient services. It also allows students to develop compassion and learn the value of helping others as they work for a good cause. The AMS Pennies for Patients project ran for two weeks during March and April. The amount raised was \$1,062.85. "I am proud

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*An expert is a man from another city;  
the farther away the city, the greater the  
expert.*

— Quips & Quotes



— Photo courtesy Socorro ISD

**VERY SPECIAL COACH** — During the opening ceremonies of the Special Olympics, held April 28 at Irvin High School, Montwood Middle Special Ed teacher Frances Lopez was named the Special Olympics Coach of the Year.

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By Carlos A. Briano  
*Special to the Courier*

EAST EL PASO COUNTY — During the opening ceremonies of the Special Olympics, held April 28 at Irvin High School, Montwood Middle Special Ed teacher Frances Lopez was named the Special Olympics Coach of the Year. Lopez has served Socorro ISD as a Special Ed Aide and now as a Special Ed teacher. She has volunteered as a Special Olympics coach for 15 years.

"Over the years, Frances has been an excellent coach," says Ralph Rodriguez, Area Director for the Special Olympics Area. "Her athletes have always performed extremely well during competition. That indicates her kids have received good training under her guidance."

Although Lopez has been coaching in the Special Olympics for a decade and a half, she was still taken by surprise.

"I was shocked and felt very special," she says. "The reason I coach is because my athletes work so hard to do the best they can. And just seeing their faces light up when they reach the finish line, whether it is first place or last place, fills my heart with joy."

Rebecca Garcia, a teacher at Horizon Heights, has known Lopez for many years. She says no one is more deserving of that special honor.

"She has tremendous patience and a big heart when dealing with special children," Garcia says. "When we talk about a student we used to know, her eyes get teary and I know she loves everyone of the students as if they were her own."



— Courier staff photo

### Fabens ISD says thanks to partners and volunteers

**FABENS** — The Fabens ISD said thanks recently to more than 10 businesses, agencies, stores, groups and individuals who assist the district as Partners in Education and to 40 volunteers who contributed between 100 to 1,000 each during the school year. The district had two Partners In Education of the year: S&S Grande Food Store and Flick's Pizza. Representing S&S was owner Jim Pendell.



— Photo courtesy San Elizario ISD

**PERSONAL DEDICATION** — Maria Saenz has dedicated 1,262 hours of volunteer hours to Alarcon Elementary School this year. The San Elizario ISD named Saenz its Volunteer of the Year on May 11.

### SEISD notes dedication of over 1,200 hours by unpaid volunteer

By Phillip Cortez  
*Special to the Courier*

SAN ELIZARIO — All they had to do was accumulate at least 300 volunteer hours during the course of the school year, but the volunteers that were recognized during the San Elizario Independent School District's Partners In Education/Volunteers In Public Schools luncheon on May 11 did far more than that. In fact, well over 20,000 hours were spent helping faculty and staff throughout the school district in 2005-2006. But it was Maria Saenz, a volunteer from Alarcon Elementary School, who accumulated the most volunteers hours. Walking with a cane, Saenz still managed to dedicate 1,262 hours to the faculty, staff, and students at the campus.

"She likes to help out every day in the cafeteria, making sure kids have eaten everything and put their trays away," said Corina Lugo, the parent liaison at Alarcon Elementary. Lugo said that when Saenz is not in the cafeteria, she is at the playground monitoring first graders.

"She also works a lot for the teachers, making copies, counting, stapling, cutting paper," Lugo said. "If there is anything the teachers need, Maria is there. In fact, she is in charge when I am not here."

Volunteers and Partners in Education play important roles in supporting children's educational goals in San Elizario. The PIE/VIPS Luncheon is a way for SEISD to thank the many business partners and individuals for their commitment.

### Sanchez Middle teacher selected as Communities in Schools Teacher of the Year

By Carlos A. Briano  
*Special to the Courier*

EAST EL PASO COUNTY — Isabel Rivas, a teacher at Salvador H. Sanchez Middle, has been chosen Teacher of the Year in the statewide Communities in Schools (CIS) Best of Texas Awards 2006.

"Rivas competed with hundreds of other public school teachers in Texas," says Communities in Schools Executive Director Robert Shaw. "She is being recognized as one of those outstanding individuals who show commitment to her students, families, schools and CIS program."



Isabel Rivas

Rivas will receive a plaque from the CIS Best of Texas Association in Austin as her award for winning in this category.

"I could not believe it when I heard," Rivas says. "Now I need to live up to the expectations if not more. But this will be a challenge I enjoy, being there for the students as well as for my family."

Rivas was nominated for the award by Sanchez CIS Coordinator Marlena Smith.

"Mrs. Rivas has shown her students that she wants them to succeed by spending so much extra time with them and living as a role model," Smith says. "She does all these things and still has the time to spend quality-time with her own family and pursue her Master's Degree."



## One perspective

By Francis Shrum

# Viva la Mama

Some mother's get a lot more credit than they deserve. I guess there are some women who actually do think everything through before they take the plunge. They make sure their marriage and financial situation are rock-solid, examine their emotional stability, finish their education — just in case — and have a career all lined up that will allow them to fulfill their creative instincts so they won't become stifled by domesticity. They take their vitamins, exercise and sign up with the most reputable of gynecologists and pediatricians.

Being one, I can say that. I don't suggest you say that to your own mother.

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These moms actually deserve all the flowery things said in the cards they

got this Mother's Day. They also are probably among those who waited until the last minute on the biological clock to have a baby, because having looked at parenthood that closely they were scared out of their wits and put it off as long as possible.

As for the rest of us, we just lucked into it.

I once heard it said that if you waited to have kids until you were ready the human race would die out. That's probably true. If I had known how hard it was going to be, I might never have had one. Of course, by the time you have one, what do you have to lose? That's why statistics show there is more than likely going to be at least two babies born into a family.

You don't want them growing up alone, you know. A playmate is a good idea, unless they have opposing personalities and argue and fuss all the time over every little thing...

But I'm digressing.

Most of us have the last of our babies before the oldest ones reach teenage. This is a good thing. I've sometimes said that if my two oldest had reached this magically wonderful age before my two little 'uns were born, there would be no two little 'uns. Naturally, being the kind and loving mother I am, always discreet in word and behavior, I never say that where they can hear me.

One thing I've noticed about teenagers is they tend to bring out the worst in me. When I'm around one I have this most obnoxious desire to say or do something so outrageous they don't know how to respond. For some reason, teenagers expect older people to behave like older people, and when they don't, all their little know-it-all reaction mechanisms malfunction.

For instance, you can just ask, "Isn't the sky a lovely black today?" and they don't know if you have lost your mind or gone blind. Or sing all the wrong lyrics to the song on the radio at the top of your lungs hopelessly off key, then suddenly switch to singing them right. They don't

know whether to be annoyed or frightened.

Like I said, some mothers get a lot more credit than they deserve.

Parenthood is just plain hard work. I have little patience with people who complain about how much they sacrifice for their kids or about how their kids mistreat them.

Like everything else in this life, becoming a parent was a choice. Our choice, not theirs. And we had the jump on them by being the grownups in charge first. If we blew it, well, it happens. If they turn out to be really rotten people, that's their choice. You still gotta love 'em but you don't have to give them the keys to your car or your ATM card.

One of the wonderful things about kids is they usually wind up bringing home some other kids, and sometimes those other kids stick around. I've collected several new kids this way — kids that some other woman had to get up in the middle of the night to feed and change their diapers.

It's like a bonus. One of these add-ons sent me a really nice e-mail the other day that

opened with "Hi, beautiful." Of course, she had me from the first line. It was all about what makes a woman really beautiful and what doesn't. It concluded with a time-line of how kids view their mothers.

From birth to about eight years of age, kids know mom can do anything and knows everything. But by the time they are 12, they're beginning to see that mom may not know quite everything. By 14, they are thinking "Naturally, mom doesn't know that, either!" By 16, kids have realized that mom is hopelessly out-dated, and by 18, she's nothing but just another old woman.

By age 25, however, kids have begun to get slapped around a little by life. If mom managed to survive this long, they think, she might know a little about it. By 35, kids are actually considering asking her opinion before they make a major decision.

By age 45, if mom is no longer around, kids wonder what she would have thought about something that happens in their life. And by age 65, they are actually wishing they could talk things over with her.

I'm so grateful that I still can.

## Write stuff

### Dear Editor:

In 1986, we granted amnesty to 2.7 million illegal aliens who were within our borders. This was supposed to solve our illegal immigration problem. Predictably, it only made the problem worse. Today, there are between 11 million and 20 million illegals in our country. And the number will continue to increase if we grant them amnesty.

The only solution is to demand that our federal government enforces our immigration laws. It certainly is not doing that today. We have troops all over the world protecting other nations. Let's bring some of them home and beef up security of our southern border.

Next we must enforce laws pertaining to document fraud and the hiring of illegals. If we do so, many illegals will leave our country because no one will hire them. Also, we must cancel granting automatic citizenship to infants born to illegals, a violation of our 14th Amendment. We then should begin deporting the remaining illegals and encourage them to apply for legal entry and eventual citizenship.

What we must not do is to reward illegals with amnesty for breaking our laws and compromising our security and sovereignty.

Eugene E. King  
Thousand Oaks, CA

## El Dorado cheerleaders give back to the community

By Carlos A. Briano  
*Special to the Courier*

EAST EL PASO COUNTY — The El Dorado High School Cheerleaders have been

very hard at work, not only cheering, but also giving back to their community.

"Volunteering gives us a feeling of pride and it teaches us to always help others," says junior Diane Huerta. "Most people don't know that volunteering is actually fun."

All during April, they participated in several community service projects. On April 1 they spent the entire morning cleaning up the side of the road they adopted in the Zaragoza area. Immediately following, several of them went to decorate the hall for prom, which was the same evening.

They also volunteered at the SISD Special Olympics on April 7, and on April 23, they spent the morning walking and volunteering at the Crime Victim's Walk in honor of Adriana Cruz who lost her life in a drunk-driving accident. Adriana was the sister of Monica Bustillos, El Dorado's Student Activities Director.

The cheerleaders have done all this in addition to cheering for all of El Dorado's teams. But coach Claudia Ornelas says it was not difficult recruiting cheerleaders for volunteer service.

"The students are always willing to work and participate in activities," she says. "They know that there is always a life lesson involved."

**NOT AFRAID TO GET DIRTY** — On April 1, the El Dorado cheerleaders spent the entire morning cleaning up the side of the road they adopted in the Zaragoza area.



— Photo courtesy Socorro ISD

## Horizon City recognizes certification of third emergency response team

By Arleen Beard  
*Special to the Courier*

qualified trainers have conducted classes to assist community members to be self-sufficient until first responders arrive.

During the regularly scheduled Horizon City Council meeting on May 9, the third CERT group to complete the necessary training was recognized. This group consisted of 17 members, most of whom were students from Horizon High School's Criminal Justice Class.

Others were students from Americas High School, the ESTA Explorers Post, police officers and one community member. According to Chief Aguilar, Horizon City now has a total of 47 CERT members.

He noted that there are more CERT members for Horizon City than in the city of El Paso.

Members who were previously trained have already assisted in emergencies, such as aiding the

refugees from Hurricanes Katrina and Rita. They were also called upon to assist during immigration protests on May 1.

According to the CERT guidelines, these groups can now provide immediate assistance to victims in their area, organize spontaneous volunteers who have not had the training, and collect disaster intelligence that will assist professional responders with prioritizing and allocation of resources following a disaster.

In other business, City Council approved the first reading of an ordinance regulating the powers and duties of a code enforcement officer. The city has begun making a concerted effort to ensure that ordinances passed by the city are enforced. This ordinance revision will allow for the code enforcement officer to write citations without needing to call a police officer.

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

## Paying at the pump

Since the spring of 2004, gas prices have risen tremendously, putting added pressure on U.S. family budgets. The escalating price of crude oil, which is traded in a world market, is one contributing factor. Events in the farthest corners of the globe can have a huge affect on the price of crude. Over the past couple of years, predatory pricing by members of the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) drove many U.S. producers out of business, giving OPEC a greater majority of the international oil production. It also increased America's dependence on foreign sources of fuel. Additionally, OPEC has been slow to raise production quotas after having greatly reduced them in 2002. You may remember that an oil embargo instituted by OPEC 30 years ago rattled our economy and triggered mile-long lines at gas pumps. Shortages in supply have been furthered by large disruptions in the oil production of major oil exporters, such as Venezuela, Iraq and Nigeria. However, the largest contributing force driving the cur-

rent oil shortage is an explosion in demand for fuel by China and India. Add all these factors and you have an international fuel shortage.

What can we do? As a nation, we must decrease our dangerous dependence on unstable Middle East oil. Three decades ago, America was 30 percent dependent on foreign oil. Today, we are nearly two-thirds dependent. I am committed to decreasing our nation's dependency on Middle Eastern oil. I support environmentally sound exploration in the Alaskan National Wildlife Refuge (ANWR), which is known to have the single largest deposit of oil in the entire U.S. with an estimate of more than 10 billion barrels. That is more than double the proven reserves of the entire state of Texas and almost half of the total proven reserves in the U.S. Drilling in ANWR will also generate more than 735,000 new jobs and benefit the national economy.

Another contributing factor to the increase in the price of gasoline is the lack of refineries. American demand for gasoline has risen significantly as

## Canutillo NJROTC cadet receives leadership award in memory of fallen soldier

By Kim Guzman  
Special to the Courier

UPPER VALLEY — Canutillo High School senior cadet Crystal Grado was recognized as the top Naval Junior ROTC cadet during the Annual Canutillo High School NJROTC Awards Ceremony held recently.

Grado was presented the First Annual Sgt. Isela Rubalcava Memorial Leadership Award for her proven leadership, academic achievement, and ambassadorship for the program. The award is sponsored by the El Paso Chapter of the Military Order of World Wars (MOWW).

"The Sgt. Isela Rubalcava Memorial Leadership Plaque is a perpetual leadership plaque awarded in memory of Sgt. Rubalcava, a former cadet at CHS who was killed in Iraq while serving our country," said Petty Officer First Class Pete Soto, ROTC



— Photo courtesy Canutillo ISD

**PROVEN LEADER** — Captain Charles Young, NJROTC instructor; award recipient Crystal Grado, CHS senior cadet; Colonel Raphael Garcia, representative from MOWW; and Petty Officer First Class Pete Soto, NJROTC instructor.

instructor at CHS.

"This award is given to a cadet in a leadership position who has, in the opinion of the instructors and senior

cadet leaders, done the most to make the Canutillo Navy Junior ROTC Battalion a better unit," said Captain Charles Young, CHS instructor.

## Fabens G/T group goes to college a little early

FABENS — Fourteen Fabens High School Gifted and Talented students recently won an educational fieldtrip, May 3-6, to the University of Texas at Austin and St. Mary's University in San Antonio. The students competed for a spot in the Gifted/Talented field trip by creating PowerPoint presentations illustrating their previous trips. The younger students benefited from the trip in the form of early preparation. Exploring the colleges exposed them to all the opportunities they have for furthering their education after high school and they are now eager to start their college search. The G/T group members are already looking forward to next year's fieldtrip. Possible destination: Washington D.C.! Pictured are: (front row, from left) Dyana Garcia, Erica Mendoza, Melinna Quintero, Lupe Flores, Linda Ramirez; (second row) Amanda Sepulveda, Olivia Bridgeman, Amanda Sepulveda, Marissa Flores; (third row) Gabriela Espinoza, Jolene Lettunich, Albert



Toca, Hector Portillo; (back row) Joseph Madrid, Ben Murillo, Sarah Sepulveda,

— Contributed by Dyana Garcia



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tion, steadfast in finding solutions to energy challenges. On May 3, 2006, problems associated with high gasoline prices took decades to develop and will not be solved overnight. I will continue to support responsible legislation that will promote greater fuel efficiency, decreased foreign dependence and increased domestic production.

We must remember that these

# Election gives Clint ISD bond approval, fills public service seats

EL PASO COUNTY — The Clint ISD welcomed news from last week's polling that voters approved a \$90 million bond package to help the district keep pace with student enrollment — the 9,000 student population now enrolled in Clint district schools is expected to double by 2011.

The bond will finance construction of three new campuses to include a new high school in the town of Clint and two in the Horizon area where the greatest population surge has occurred.

Turnout was low but the vote was strongly in favor, 428 for approval, 225 in opposition. The current tax rate of \$1.71 per \$100 of property valuation, will increase by a maximum of 12 cents.

Other factors decided by the May 13 balloting were:

**Anthony ISD Trustee At-Large:** Angel J. Cuellar won with 82 votes, followed by Eduardo Chavez with 67, Heribert "Beto" Gomez with 55, and Beatriz "Bea" Burciaga with 43

**Clint ISD Trustee At-Large:** Roberto "Bobby" Lara was top vote-getter with 306 over Alfred P. Gonzalez, 274.

**Fabens ISD Trustee for Place 2:** Jose Porras won over Mark Macias, 164 to 84.

**Socorro ISD Trustee for District 5:** Raymundo Rodriguez won the seat with 512 votes, over Jesse Gandara Jr. who garnered 381 and Dina Parra who took 118.

**Tornillo ISD Trustee Place 6 and 7:** In Place 6, Ofelia Bosquez took the highest number of votes, 170, over Ines Delgado, 104, and Bruno Silva, 27. In Place 7, Alonso Delgado won with 142 votes over Hector Luna, 139.

**City of Socorro Mayor, Alderman At-Large and Alderman Districts 1, 2, 3, and 4:** Trini Lopez went from being an alderman to being mayor, garnering 411 votes. Challengers were Gary Gandara, who got

335; Irma S. Sanchez, 305; Jesus "Chuy" Hernandez, 303, and James A. Campos, 46. Alderman At-Large was won by Sergio Cox who won 756 votes; Cesar Atilano got 456. Alderman Dist. 1 is Josie Trillo, 165; challengers were Donald Davisson, 77, and Dorothy Turner, 56. Alderman Dist. 2 was won by Mary E. Perez with 148 votes; Tommy A. Faulkner won 88 and Lorenza Fraire won 79. Alderman Dist. 3 was won by Victor Perez with 177 votes; Mary Cordero got 156 and Lily Ruiz, 57. Alderman Dist. 4 is Al Gutierrez, who won 135 votes; Robert Gandara Jr. won 105.

## Town of Horizon City Aldermen

**Place 1, 2, 4 and 6:** In Place 1, Rafael Padilla Jr. took 196, over Bill Armas, 153. In Place 2, Jennifer Whiskeyman won with 184 votes over Jay Blobner, 174. In Place 4, Walter Miller took 185 votes, Charlie Ortega took 177. In Place 6, Carole Zimmerman was elected with 186 votes, Jackie Rutledge took 164. Horizon also had two propositions to amend the Horizon City Charter, both passed.

## Village of Vinton Mayor

**Alderpersons Places 1 and 2:** Madeleine Praino is the new mayor, winning 115 votes, over Juvencia Rios-Ontiveros, who took 107. In Place 1, the vote was exactly split 108 to 108 between Yassu Grier and Victor Carrejo — that contest has yet to be settled. In Place 2, Yolanda Lucero won 111 votes over Patricia Munoz' 107.

**Lower Valley Water District Director Position 2:** Gerald Grijalva won with 636 votes; Vicente Delgado won 440 votes and Steven Cheatum 290.

**El Paso County Water Improvement District No. 1, Director of Divison 2 and 5:** Miguel A. Teran won directorship in Div. 2 with 832 votes, followed by Pat Rainer with 65, Mario Mendoza with 36 and Louis Bolanos with 30. Arthur Ivey Jr. ran unopposed for Div. 5 Director.

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that our students pulled together as a team to raise this money. The fact that we have less than 200 students makes the amount raised impressive," said Dr. Terry Ann Rodriguez, principal at Anthony Middle School. Susan Brannan, AMS National Junior Honor Society sponsor thanks the Society for "giving our students the opportunity to contribute to your goal of helping children and their families cope with these illnesses."

— Contributed by John R. Carrillo

## E. Montana recycle

The El Paso Solar Energy Association (EPSEA) has announced the opening of a Recycling Center in the Montana Vista (East Montana) area. The Recycling Center will be open Saturdays 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., and Sundays 10 p.m. to 6 p.m. at 15698 Montana Ave. EPSEA established this drop-off recycling center in the Montana Vista area to take newspaper, paper, plastic, and used motor oil. Residents who participate will be entered in a drawing for various prizes. Call 772-7657 for information. This pilot project is funded by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. EPSEA, currently celebrating its 26 year anniversary, seeks to further the development and application of solar energy and related technologies with concern for the ecological, social and economic fabric of the region of West Texas, Southern New Mexico, Northern Mexico.

## UTEP detour

Beginning Thursday, May 18, Sun Bowl Drive between University Avenue and Dawson Drive on the UTEP campus will be closed to all vehicle and pedestrian traffic due to construction. Parking lot A-2, across Sun Bowl Drive from the parking garage construction site, will also be closed. According to UTEP officials, the project includes widening and raising the elevation of the road in preparation for the opening of the campus' first multi-level parking garage. The construction on Sun Bowl Drive is expected to conclude in mid-August. Motorists will still be able to access University Drive via Sun Bowl Drive from Schuster. Parking lot A-3 at the south entrance to the Sun Bowl will remain open for the campus community and visitors to the Stanlee and Gerald Rubin Center for Visual Arts and other campus buildings. The Miner Metro shuttle will run its east route during modified summer hours. Signage and traffic officers will help direct traffic through detours during construction.

## In other news

■ The Eighth Annual United Na-

tive American Festival in Socorro, featuring arts and crafts, exhibitions and an overnight campout will be held June 3-4 at Cougar Park, 10664 Socorro Rd., beginning at 10 a.m. each day. Music, food and refreshments, and a wide variety of Native American jewelry and dancing will be featured. Booth space for vendors and admission are free. For information contact Suky Ramos Eagle Feather at 422-1700.

■ During the Horizon City First Baptist Church Vacation Bible School, preschoolers through 6th graders can trade places with kids in other countries as they learn together — in any language. Songs, games, tasty treats, and Bible stories will be added to take-home crafts. The event runs Tuesday, May 30 - Saturday, June 3 from 9 a.m. noon, for a fun-filled week. Information: 525-4574 or 852-3027, e-mail at cmaqua@gmail.com or log on at www.fbchorizon.org. The church is at 17018 Darrington Road.

■ The Elfida P. Chavez Elementary choir, made up of second, third and fourth graders under the direction of Gail Escontrias and Susan Snell, will present the musical play the "Wizard of Oz" on Friday, May 19 at 6 p.m. Admission is only \$1. "The students had to try out last fall to be in this group so they are hand picked," said Escontrias. "The children have been working very hard during our after school practices." The school is located at 11720 Pebble Hills.

■ El Paso Public Library's Summer Reading Club (SRC) kicks off on Saturday, June 3 at all public library facilities. The theme for this year is *Reading, the Sport of Champions!* Children just completing the eighth grade and all those younger are eligible to participate. Visit any Public Library, fill out a registration form and start reading. Kids are encouraged to read at least eight books or spend eight hours reading depending on their reading level. At the end of the Summer Reading Club, each child who meets or exceeds these goals will receive a certificate of completion. Some branches offer other reading incentives such as prizes, goodie bags and toys. Summer Reading Club also has hundreds of special programs for young people and families throughout the summer such as karaoke, storytelling and virtual reality demonstrations. Other programs offer information on El Paso history, law enforcement, fire prevention and water safety. Programs such as Summer Reading Club help curb summer learning lag by exercising children's brain muscle — the best part is this program is free. For more information call your local branch library, visit the Kids Zone at www.elpasolibrary.org or call 351-4435.

— Contributed by Jack Galindo

■ As a result of a stop by an El Paso County Sheriff's Deputy on a "motorist in need of assistance" situation, law enforcement seized over \$2 million in narcotics in a van and subsequently in a warehouse in El Paso. The officer said he saw a male driver outside a

1998 white Chevrolet commercial van, but the driver made an attempt leave the area as the deputy approached. Upon further investigation more

than two thousand pounds of marijuana were recovered from the van. The driver, 20-year-old Israel Gerardo Muñoz of El Paso was arrested and charged with possession of marijuana over 2,000 pounds. He was released on \$50,000 bond on Saturday, May 13. As a result of the arrest and the ongoing investigation, officers executed a warrant at a warehouse near the 1200 block of Wyoming where they found an additional 1,933 pounds of marijuana. A second van was located on the premise that had been stripped from the inside so as to help conceal and transport narcotics. Total street value of narcotics confiscated in both incidents is \$2,043,228.

■ More children ages 5 to 14 visit U.S. hospital emergency departments for injuries associated with bicycles than any other sport. The American College of Emergency Physicians (ACEP) is urging everyone who rides a bicycle to wear a protective helmet — single most effective way to reduce head injuries and fatalities resulting from bicycle crashes — and ride in a safe manner. ACEP suggest bikers keep the following safety advice in mind: Make sure your helmet fits properly, obey traffic signs and signals, never ride against the flow of traffic, use proper hand signals, never carry another person on your bike, never ride with headphones and make sure your bicycle is well-maintained and is the correct size for the rider. In another area of concern, as scooters and skateboards gain popularity, so do the number of injuries related to their use. In 2000, as non-motorized scooters literally took off, the Consumer Product Safety Commission estimated more than 40,000 emergency room visits were due to scooter injuries. The CPSC estimates more than 10,000 emergency room visits were the result of injuries due to motorized scooters in 2003-2004. Two-thirds of those injured using motorized scooters were under 15 years of age. ACEP urges parents to carefully monitor children using scooters and skateboards and to always have children wear pads to protect elbows, wrists and knees.

## Public Notice

### Town of Horizon City

There will be a Swearing-In-Ceremony for the newly elected Council Members on Friday, May 19, 2006 at 7:15 P.M. The ceremony will take place at Town Hall, 14999 Darrington Road, Horizon City, Texas.

Citizens are invited to meet and welcome our new and current council members. Refreshments will be served. Come and join us!

Sandra Sierra  
City Clerk

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**WRITE TO THE TOP** — Canutillo High School students placed among the top ten in the state essay contest. Shown in the photo from left is Luis Armendariz, junior; Florence Schetgen, English teacher at Canutillo HS; and Juan Carlos Gonzalez, junior.

## Canutillo High School Student Wins Trip to Washington D.C.

By Kim Guzman  
Special to the Courier

CANUTILLO — Luis Armendariz, junior at Canutillo High School, won second place recently for his essay entry in a contest sponsored by the National Society of The Colonial Dames of America (NSCDA). NSCDA selects two winners from the state of Texas and sends them to a National Leadership Conference in Washington, D.C. in June.

This year's contest required students to type a 500 word essay on the topic, "Which amendment is most important to you and why?" Florence Schetgen, English teacher at CHS said, "Although my entire class of 28 were re-

quired to participate, 23 essays were ultimately submitted and sent to the Texas competition. Along with Luis, another student in my class, Juan Carlos Gonzalez, also placed 8th in the state contest," added Schetgen.

The National Society of The Colonial Dames of America is dedicated to furthering an appreciation of our national heritage through historic preservation, patriotic service, and educational projects. The NSCDA, founded in 1891, is an unincorporated association of 44 Corporate Societies with over 15,000 members.

Winners of the annual national essay contest sponsored by The NSCDA are sent to Washington, D.C. for a week of citizenship education about the national government.

## Aces and winners all in mixed up doubles tennis tourney

By Phillip Cortez  
Special to the Courier

SAN ELIZARIO — There was a lot of racket going on if you drove past the San Elizario High School tennis courts last week. A total of 16 teams gathered after school to participate in the First Annual Mixed Up Doubles Tournament, put together by tennis coach Pedro Vasquez.

By teaming up a member of his tennis team with an adult, those participating in the tournament were able to go out and brave the San Eli sun and be on the receiving end of some serious forehand and backhand shots — as well as deflect a few ego shots

— during the three-day tournament at no charge. Everyone who participated took home a trophy or a medal. Sambrano Elementary teacher Christine Bueno and SEHS student Beto Sepulveda took first place by defeating high school computer lab aid Jessie Aveitia and high school student Alyssa Amaya.

"It was a huge success and we hope next year it will be even bigger," Vasquez said.

Various participants won prizes throughout the tournament, including Sambrano Elementary teacher Veronica Brashear, who won a weekend stay at legendary tennis coach John Newcombe's ranch in New Braunfels, Texas.

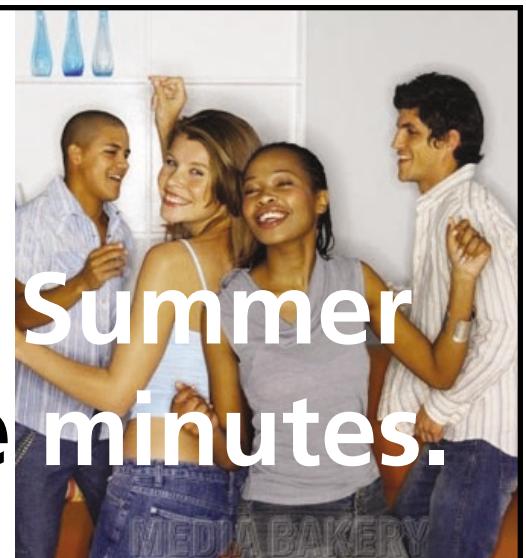


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Tournament organizer Pedro Vasquez stands between finalists Beto Sepulveda and Christine Bueno, left, and Alyssa Amaya and Jessie Aveitia before their match last week. Sepulveda and Bueno took first place during the Mixed Up Doubles Tournament.

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# Mother's Day promo lands in court

By Steve Escajeda  
Special to the Courier

Every Mother's Day, all of us around the nation have another chance to show our mothers how much we appreciate and love them.

On this day every year we go out of our way to get mom out of the kitchen and spoil her for a change. We allow her to take a load off her feet while we serve her.

In other words, this day is all about her, and everybody unselfishly puts mom's needs and wishes first — well, I should say almost everybody.



Did you hear about that guy in California who attended a — boy, I hate calling them this — "Los Angeles Angels of Anaheim" game last Mother's Day? He left the game very upset, and it didn't have anything to do with what happened on the field.

Seems the Angels held a Mother's Day promotion a year ago, handing red tote bags to women over 18 who attended the game.

This is where Michael Cohn comes in. This very manly man didn't get a cute little red Mother's Day tote bag. Though he was over 18, he was not a mother. Turns out he wasn't even a she — a crucial part of the promotion.

Well, Michael Cohn, acting like some kids much younger than he, threw a hissy fit because he left the game without a Mother's Day tote bag. But to his credit, he didn't sit there and hold his breath, he simply made a phone call to his attorney.

I ask you, what is today's American male turning into? Thanks a lot, Oprah, Ellen and Donahue.

Cohn, a psychologist, has filed a sex and age discrimination class action lawsuit against the Angels, and Corinthian

Colleges, who sponsored the event, for leaving the game empty-handed.

So what is his humiliation and emotion distress worth? Cohn's lawsuit says every man who didn't get a ladies' tote bag should receive \$4,000.

Wow, I wonder what this man was like as a kid when he didn't get what he wanted at the local toy store?

Obviously, of the thousands of male baseball fans at the game that day, the Angels have announced that Cohn was the only man to complain about not getting a tote bag.

No one else said a word.

The Angels responded to a complaint letter that Cohn wrote last June, by sending him four tote bags and a letter stating the team "ran out of the item that day and had to order more."

Not so fast, said Cohn's attorney. "They claimed they didn't have any more bags, but my client said there was a mountain of bags stacked so high a show dog couldn't have jumped over them," said Alfred Rava.

That's funny, an attorney trying to defend something so frivolous and

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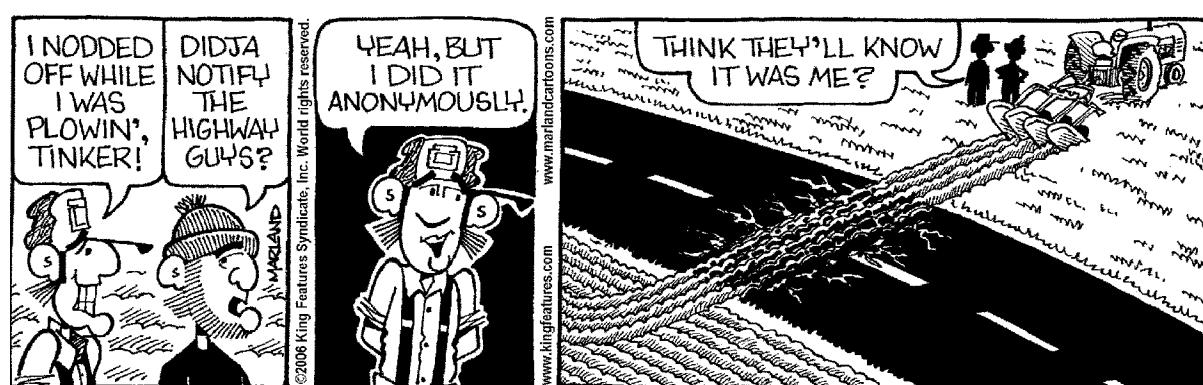
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## Take back the streets, America!

By Don Flood

So why did the old woman cross the road?

To hold up traffic, of course.

Mayvis Coyle, 82, of Sunland, Calif., recently received a \$114 ticket from a motorcycle cop for obstructing "the flow of traffic."

Sure, I'd have been happier if he'd slammed her to the ground and slapped some cuffs on her, but maybe we're finally going to stand up to the gang that has been plaguing America: the Old Lady Mafia.

You know what I'm talking about. Those old women out there. Taking up sidewalk space, sauntering through crosswalks with their canes and their walkers like *they own the road*.

Wake up, America! It's time to take back the streets!

Here's Coyle's version: "I entered the crosswalk, it was green. It turned red before I get over. There he was, waiting, the motorcycle cop" — who wrote her a ticket.

Which is what happens when you break the law, lady. Tough beans!

For too long we have knuckled under as the Old Lady Mafia muscles in and takes control of all facets of American life.

Here are some of the main areas, as detailed in an FBI report, "The Old Lady Mafia (OLM): Its Methods, Operations and Plans to Seize Control of America."

It was leaked to me at the request of Vice President Dick Cheney, as long as I promised not to reveal his name.

• Bingo parlors — Members of the OLM routinely take the best seats at church and fire hall bingo games. Those attempting to have the seats distributed more equitably have met with swift and brutal

retaliation.

• Bridge groups — The OLM is believed to have successfully infiltrated many local bridge groups and reportedly boasts near-total control of the door prizes, including many attractive centerpieces.

• Gardening clubs — Once considered immune to the Old Lady Mafia's strong-arm tactics, many garden clubs are now completely dominated by OLM members, who, the FBI notes, are heavily armed with gardening implements as well as canes.

Last fall, Congress scheduled hearings to examine the Old Lady Mafia and its iron grip on the nation's domestic policies.

On the day before they were to air on C-SPAN, the hearings were suddenly and mysteriously canceled, amid rumors that the OLM threatened to withhold mashed potatoes and gravy and pumpkin pie at Thanksgiving.

"They were monsters," said one congressman, who asked to remain anonymous because he's such a weenie. "It was like Tony Soprano on steroids."

And don't expect President Bush to help. His mom, aka the Silver Fox, is one of the OLM bosses, and may be the Boss of all Bosses.

I called the White House and asked for a comment about the president's mother being the head of the Old Lady Mafia. There was no comment, but to their credit, Secret Service officials took my name, age, height, weight, address, phone and Social Security numbers, and promised they would get back to me right away.

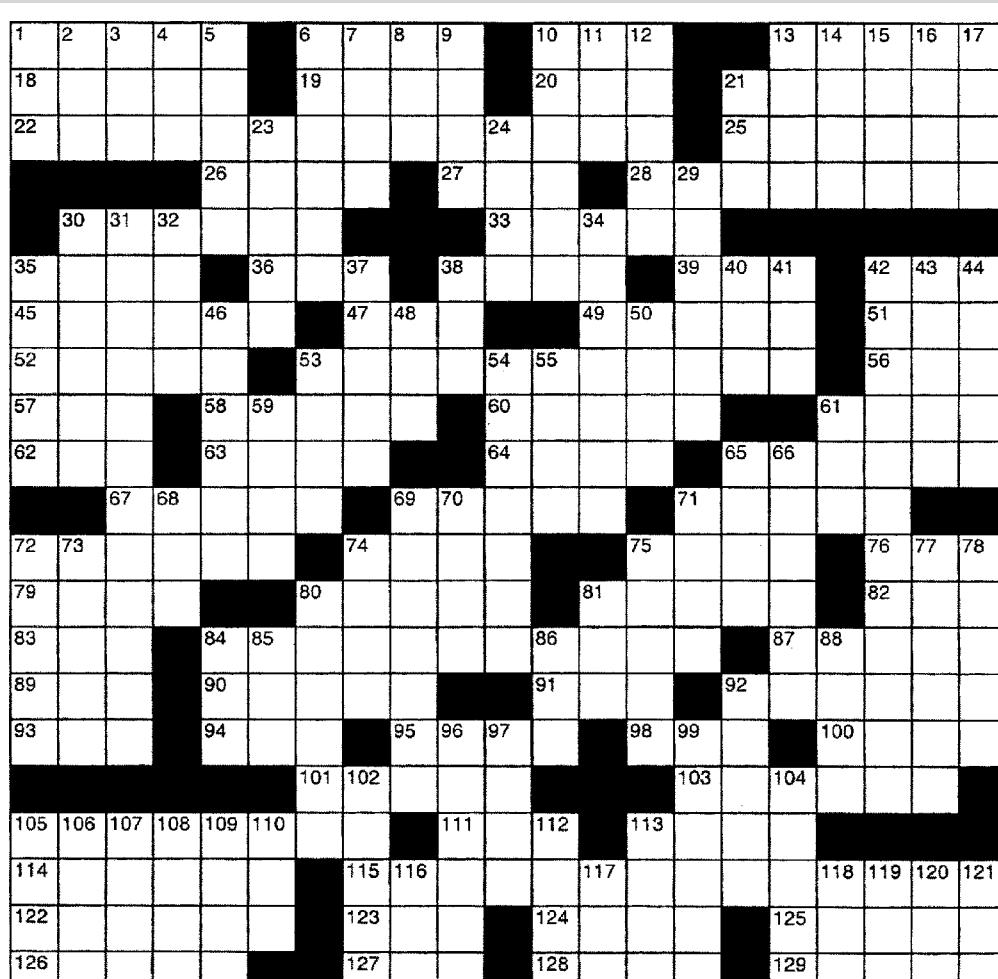
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## Lawsuit

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idiotic, it defies understanding. The scary thing is that these two leeches will probably find 12 peers to sit on a jury just dumb enough to come to the conclusion that this poor sap was wronged.

This is about as sad a commentary on our society as I've seen in a while. But I'll won't be surprised if this poor example of a man gets what he wants.

At times our justice system has very little to do with justice. And to shield themselves from the cons — I mean, Cohns — of the world, the

Angels made a change this Mother's Day. They gave every woman, man or whatever, aged 18 or over, a pretty little red tote bag.

### USC player killed

Former UTEP assistant coach Tim Floyd did a great job in his first season at USC, leading the lowly Trojans to a 17-13 record.

Knowing Floyd, it will be just a matter of time before he has USC back with the best college basketball teams.

But basketball is the furthest thing from Floyd's mind today following the murder of his starting point guard, Ryan Francis, over the weekend.

Francis was shot while riding in the

back of a car with three of his buddies at 3:30 in the morning in Baton Rouge. A guy in a car pulled up beside them and just started firing, striking Francis.

Now, I'm not blaming the poor guy, but I learned long ago that nothing — and I mean absolutely *nothing* — good happens cruising the streets at 3:30 in the morning.

It's horrible to think that a 19-year-old man's life is over before it ever really got started.

But it's a sad truth of life that the seedier elements of society, like the cockroaches in a dirty kitchen, all come out in the middle of the night.

It is smart, and safe, to be safely in bed about that time.

## Dick Knapp, longtime area developer, dies

HORIZON — Dick Knapp, a longtime land broker and developer in El Paso County, died on May 9 at the age of 69.

He is preceded in death by his brothers, David and Bob. He is survived by his wife, Karol Knapp; daughter Sherry and husband Mike Mowles; daughter Kim and husband Guido van Rossum; four grandsons; and sister, Kay Kraft.

Memorial services were held May 13.

It was his personal request that in lieu of flowers, contributions be made to the Clinica Guadalupana at 901 Ascension or to the UTEP Scholarship fund in honor of his father, Dr. E.J. Knapp.

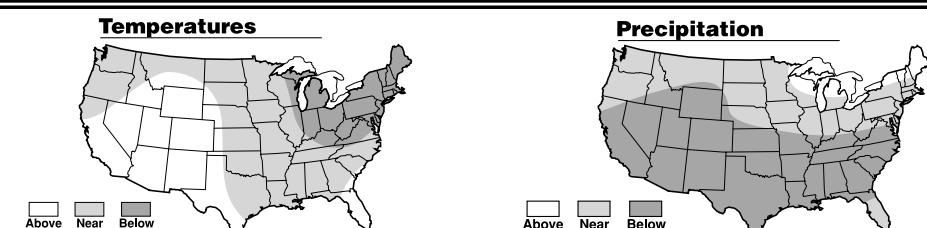
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Mon.	6:05 a.m.	8:00 p.m.	Mon.	3:02 a.m.	3:26 p.m.		
Tues.	6:04 a.m.	8:01 p.m.	Tues.	3:32 a.m.	4:32 p.m.		
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Albuquerque, NM	86	59	t	86	59	t	88	59	t	87	59	s	Boston	74	52	pc	66	48	r	68	50	pc	65	51	pc
Amarillo, TX	91	58	s	93	59	s	92	59	s	87	58	s	Chicago	62	42	pc	60	44	pc	62	48	pc	64	46	s
Austin, TX	91	62	s	93	64	s	90	65	s	89	67	s	Denver	83	52	s	85	53	s	85	53	s	79	48	c
Brownsville, TX	90	69	s	90	71	s	89	72	s	90	74	s	Detroit	60	42	c	60	42	pc	62	46	pc	64	46	s
Dodge City, KS	93	55	s	82	56	s	83	55	s	88	59	pc	Houston	87	64	s	89	66	s	89	68	s	89	69	s
Jackson, MS	84	61	s	86	63	s	86	64	pc	87	64	pc	Indianapolis	66	47	c	65	44	pc	66	51	pc	72	53	pc
Laredo, TX	95	70	s	97	71	s	94	73	s	95	74	s	Kansas City	84	52	pc	78	55	s	80	58	pc	78	62	pc
Little Rock, AR	84	58	s	80	60	s	80	63	pc	83	65	pc	Los Angeles	78	62	pc	76	62	pc	76	60	pc	74	57	pc
Lubbock, TX	92	62	s	94	62	s	92	62	s	94	63	s	Miami	85	70	s	85	72	s	87	74	pc	86	75	pc
Memphis, TN	83	61	pc	80	59	pc	78	64	pc	84	66	pc	Minneapolis	64	44	sh	62	46	pc	69	50	pc	67	49	c
Midland, TX	95	61	s	93	63	s	93	67	s	93	66	s	New Orleans	86	65	s	86	69	s	88	70	s	88	70	s
Pueblo, CO	90	48	s	92	50	s	94	51	s	89	49	c	New York City	75	54	t	66	52	r	68	52	pc	68	55	pc
Roswell, NM	95	60	pc	93	61	pc	94	61	t	94	59	s	Omaha	80	49	pc	72	50	s	74	52	pc	76	56	s
St. Louis, MO	76	52	pc	70	54	pc	77	58	pc	75	61	c	Phoenix	104	78	s	105	77	s	105	75	s	99	72	s
San Antonio, TX	91	65	s	94	66	s	90	68	s	89	70	s	San Francisco	68	52	pc	66	53	pc	64	52	pc	66	52	c
Texarkana, AR	83	61	s	86	63	s	83	64	pc	85	66	pc	Seattle	74	53	pc	68	52	c	64	50	sh	62	48	sh
Waco, TX	88	65	s	91	66	s	89	66	s	90	67	s	Washington	76	54	t	70	54	c	74	52	pc	72	55	pc

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

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