



NEWSBRIEFS

Sunrise service

The Horizon City Kiwanis Club will hold their 33rd Annual Sunrise Service on Sunday, March 23, 2008 at 7:00 a.m. in Horizon City's Corky Corcoran Park, 500 Rodman. The service will include presentation of the colors by a local Boy Scout Troop and special music. Should the weather turn bad, the service will be moved indoors. Refreshments will be served following the service.

Mortgages

Although adjustable-rate mortgages (ARMs) have recently been affecting many homeowners negatively, they're still available. If you're in the market for a house, you should know what they are and how they might affect you. Unlike fixed-rate loans where the interest rate stays the same for the life of the loan, the interest rate on an ARM changes periodically, usually in relation to an index. As a result, your monthly mortgage payments may go up substantially, especially if you received a low introductory rate. Find out more, including how ARMs work, issues borrowers may face, and ways to reduce risks with the Consumer Handbook On Adjustable Rate Mortgages. This informative publication from the Federal Reserve Board costs \$1.00. For your copy, send your name, address, and a check or money order for \$1.00 to the Federal Citizen Information Center, Dept. 349R, Pueblo, CO 81009. Or call toll-free 1-888-878-3256, and ask for Item 349R. Have your credit card handy. And visit www.pueblo.gsa.gov to read or print this and hundreds of other FCIC publications for free.

New church

The Swedenborgian Church announces the opening of the New Church of the Southwest Desert, to be located at 1302 Bennett Street in Silver City, NM. Open House celebrations will be held Sunday, April 6, 2008 at 10:00 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. Worship services will be held each Sunday at 11:30 a.m., beginning April 6, 2008. All are invited to attend. For more information, call 575-590-2979 or visit: www.SouthwestSwedenborgians.com.

Crime Stoppers

Crime Stoppers of El Paso is assisting investigators from the F.B.I. in locating an offender who committed a bank robbery in Socorro, making this the "Crime of the Week." On Saturday, Feb. 23, approximately ten o'clock in the morning, a lone man walked into the Big 8 store at 10720 North Loop in Socorro and jumped over the counter of the Wells Fargo branch in the store. He brandished a gun and demanded money. After receiving an undisclosed amount of funds, he fled the scene out the back door of the store. The suspect was described as an Hispanic male in

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Lawyers would have a hard time making a living if people behaved themselves and kept their promises.

— Quips & Quotes

Six Socorro schools qualify for Destination ImagiNation State Competition

By Irma Flores
Special to the Courier

Six Socorro ISD (SISD) schools advance to the Destination ImagiNation State Competition in April. There were 71 teams from area school district including SISD that competed in the day-long event at Americas High School on March 1. Only 14 teams advanced to the next round of competition to be held in Austin, Texas. Among those are teams from Americas High School, Bill Sybert School, O'Shea Keleher School, Sierra Vista Elementary, Sun Ridge Middle School and Vista Del Sol Elementary.

"This competition shows students how to collaborate and bring together all their skills to reach a common goal. Destination ImagiNation lets students think outside of the box and use their creativity and push the limits of their imagination," said SISD Superintendent Dr. Sylvia P. Atkinson.

The teams had to test their skills in areas including:

- Obstacles, Of Course. This focuses on Technical Design and Construction, Innovation and Design Process, Mathematics, Experimentation, Theater Arts, Teamwork;
- Hit or Myth. This category combines Science, Theater Arts, Research, Teamwork, International Studies;
- I've got a secret! This competition includes Playwriting, Theater Arts (Design, Construction, Costumes and Set Pieces), Optical Physics, Teamwork;
- Chorific. Chorific focuses on Improvisational Acting, Story Development, Theater Arts, Teamwork, Sound Design;
- SWITCH! SWITCH focuses on Architectural Design, Structural Engineering, Construction, Research, Innovation and Design Process, Mathematics, Theater Arts, Teamwork; and
- TWISDID History — focusing on Imagining Possibilities, Storytelling, Research, History, Geometric Shapes, Performing in front



— Photo by Stacy Kendrick / Socorro ISD

THINKING AND TINKERING — The Americas High School Destination ImagiNation team placed first in the SWITCH category — even putting an eight gram bridge project up against other bridges weighing 22 grams in a test of strength. The team players are, clockwise starting with coach Denise Robles, Jeremy Webb, Monica Padron, Nicole Garcia, Christopher Ferman and Anthony Castillo.

of an audience, Working with others.

"Participating in Destination ImagiNation builds our students' creativity, problem solving, and teamwork in enjoyable and meaningful ways," said SISD Board President Charles E. Garcia. "All the students who took part in this challenge are building their imagination along with their academic skills."

The team from Bill Sybert School will head to Austin after winning first place for their presentation of "The Princess and the Pea" in the "Hit or Myth" category. The students worked on disproving the story and used props and dis-

plays as part of their entry.

"They chose the legend of "The Princess and the Pea" and took it through the scientific method to disprove it," said Team manager Chavez. "During this process, they would use their problem solving skills. They would run into bumps and figure it out."

For Sybert student, Nastasha Johnson, the competition is a whirlwind of activity.

"It gets very emotional and it can become a roller coaster," said the 10-year trying to pre-

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— Photo courtesy Canutillo ISD

BILINGUAL STANDOUTS — Canutillo ISD educators named outstanding by the Bilingual Education Organization are, from left, Dr. Blanca Luna, BEEMS ESL Secondary Teacher of the Year; Sylvia Gonzalez, BEEMS Administrator of the Year; and Isabel Ruiz, BEEMS Elementary Bilingual Teacher of the Year.

Canutillo ISD educators recognized by bilingual organization

By Kim Guzman
Special to the Courier

Three educators in the Canutillo Independent School District were recently recognized for their contributions to promote high quality bi-

lingual education programs during the 15th Annual BEEMS (Bilingual Educators Emphasizing and Mastering Standards) Conference.

Sylvia Gonzalez, Gonzalo & Sofia Garcia Elementary School principal, was named

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Ortega sworn in

Priscilla Ortega was sworn in as a member of the San Elizario Independent School District Board of Trustees by Judge Ruben Lujan. Ortega took the oath of office at the school district's regularly scheduled board meeting on March 12. She will be serving as Trustee for Place No. 7 previously held by former Board President Roberto Garcia. After drawing no opponents for the upcoming May 10 school board election, current Board President, Ramon Holguin, Vice-President, Armando Martinez, and Trustee Fernie Madrid will be re-appointed to serve another term.



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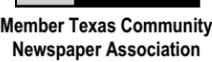
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Reyes Reports By U.S. Rep. Silvestre Reyes

Border issues meeting

Last week marked the 12th Annual U.S.-Mexico Border Issues Conference in Washington, DC. I once again worked with the U.S.-Mexico Chamber of Commerce on this event, which provides a forum for discussion on the unique challenges facing communities like El Paso, and serves as an educational tool about the border for government professionals in Washington, D.C.

Merida Initiative
 At this year's conference, I was proud to introduce Mexico's Attorney General Eduardo Medina Mora, who was the keynote speaker at the luncheon. I also participated in the Forum on the Merida Initiative, the proposed \$1.4 billion cooperative agreement to assist Mexican law enforcement fight back against dangerous drug cartels.

As a 26-year veteran of the U.S. Border Patrol and a life-long resident of the U.S.-Mexico border region, I know only too well that drug trafficking has plagued our two nations with violence and fear for far too long. I have been in consultation with officials from the U.S. and Mexican Administrations, including Attorney General Medina Mora, and the U.S. and Mexican Congresses about the tenets of what would contribute to a

productive, successful agreement. A window of opportunity now exists to make this accord a reality; I look forward to continue helping move an agreement forward.

Border Health Security Act
 I also introduced the Border Health Security Act, new legislation to improve public health and safety in El Paso and other border communities. The border region is in a unique position when it comes to improving and safeguarding public health. We are still fighting to eradicate diseases like tuberculosis while concurrently working to protect ourselves against emerging threats like biological agents. The international border makes us a higher target than other areas across the country, and the federal government has an important role to play in helping our children stay safe and grow up healthy and strong. This bill is in our nation's best interest and will ensure federal dollars will assist in our efforts.

Components of my legislation:
 • Establishes Border Health grants
 — Authorizes the Secretary of Health and Human Services to establish grants for programs relating to health care and infrastructure, mental health, substance abuse, health conditions with high prevalence in the border area, workforce training and development, community health workers or promotoras, environmental health, health education, and outreach and

enrollment services for Medicaid and the State Children's Health Insurance Program (SCHIP). Eligible applicants for competitive grants include institutions of higher education, trauma centers, or community health centers receiving assistance under the Public Health Service Act and located on the U.S.-Mexico border.

• Providing Border Bioterrorism Preparedness Grants — Authorizes \$25 million in funding to states and local governments or public health departments to improve the infrastructure, preparedness, and education of health professionals along the U.S.-Mexico border with respect to bioterrorism. This includes the establishment of a health alert network to identify and communicate information quickly to health providers about emerging health care threats.

• Reauthorizing the U.S.-Mexico Border Health Commission — Provides for the reauthorization of the U.S.-Mexico Border Health Commission at \$10 million annually.

Senator Jeff Bingaman (D-NM) introduced companion legislation in the U.S. Senate, and Texas Senator Kay Bailey Hutchison (R) is a co-sponsor of the bill. U.S. Representatives

Ciro Rodriguez (D-TX), Henry Cuellar (D-TX), Solomon Ortiz (D-TX), Rubén Hinojosa (D-TX) and Raúl Grijalva (AZ) co-sponsor my bill in the U.S. House.

across the tracks.

PETA reminder
 If you buy your child a bunny for Easter, please choose one that's made of dark chocolate, not flesh and fur. Caring for a bunny is a big commitment. Rabbits require specific foods, stimulating environments, and plenty of love and attention. They can live up to 10 years and need annual checkups and medical care from veterinarians who have experience with rabbits. Rabbits are destructive chewers and are not suitable companions for young children. Young, small bunnies can eventually weigh as much as 20 pounds. Animal shelters and rabbit rescue centers are bursting at the seams with "Easter bunnies" who were impulsively acquired by people who did not realize that rabbit care can be quite challenging. If you have already bought a bunny or have been considering adding one to your family, please visit www.HelpingAnimals.com and read PETA's information on rabbit care.

OH NO!... SAYS HERE WE'RE ON THE BRINK OF AN ECONOMIC RECESSION...



Briefs

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his early 20s, 5-foot 9-inches tall, with a slim build, and wearing a black baseball cap with white front, black zip-up sweater over a black t-shirt, dark sunglasses and a white bandana over his face. He was also wearing black tennis shoes, possibly the PUMA brand. The suspect spoke both English and Spanish, and displayed a black medium-size handgun, possibly semi-automatic. If you have any information about this case, even if you don't think it's important, please call Crime Stoppers at 566-TIPS (8477) or on-line at www.crimestoppersofelpaso.org. You can remain anonymous and, if your tip leads to an arrest, you can qualify for a cash reward.

Train crossings

For thousands of families and college students, the months of March and April signal holiday vacations and Spring Break trips.

Union Pacific Railroad reminds motorists and pedestrians to use caution during this busy time. Union Pacific urges travelers — motorists and pedestrians alike — to take the extra time and use caution when crossing railroad tracks and at grade crossings, and to please stay away from railroad property. It is essential to practice safety at highway-rail grade crossings and to heed the warnings of automated crossing gates, flashing signals, stop signs, yield signs and crossbuck signs. When traveling near the railroad, please remember these important safety guidelines:

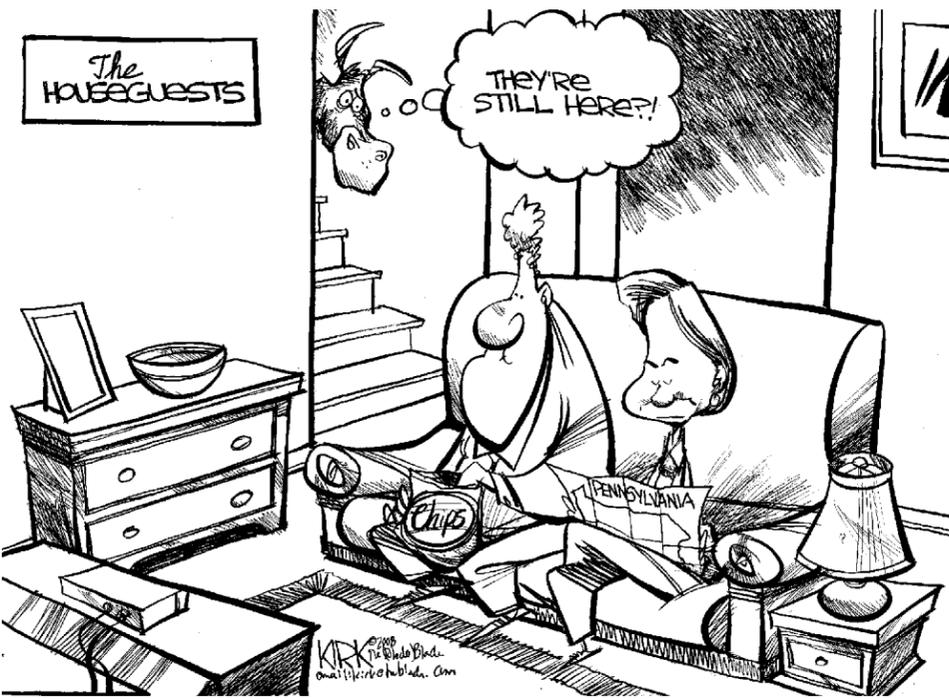
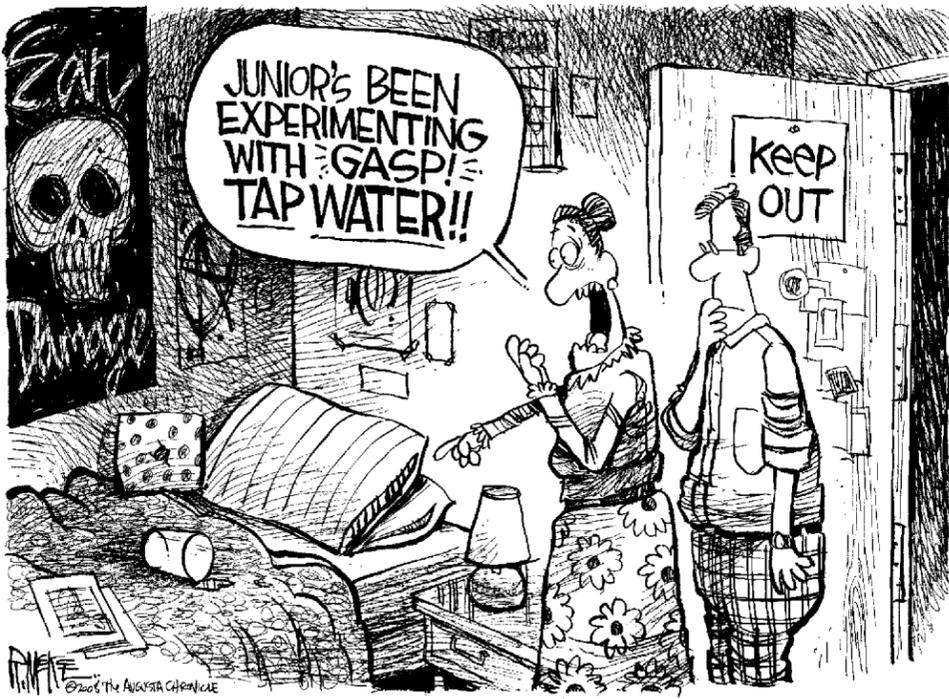
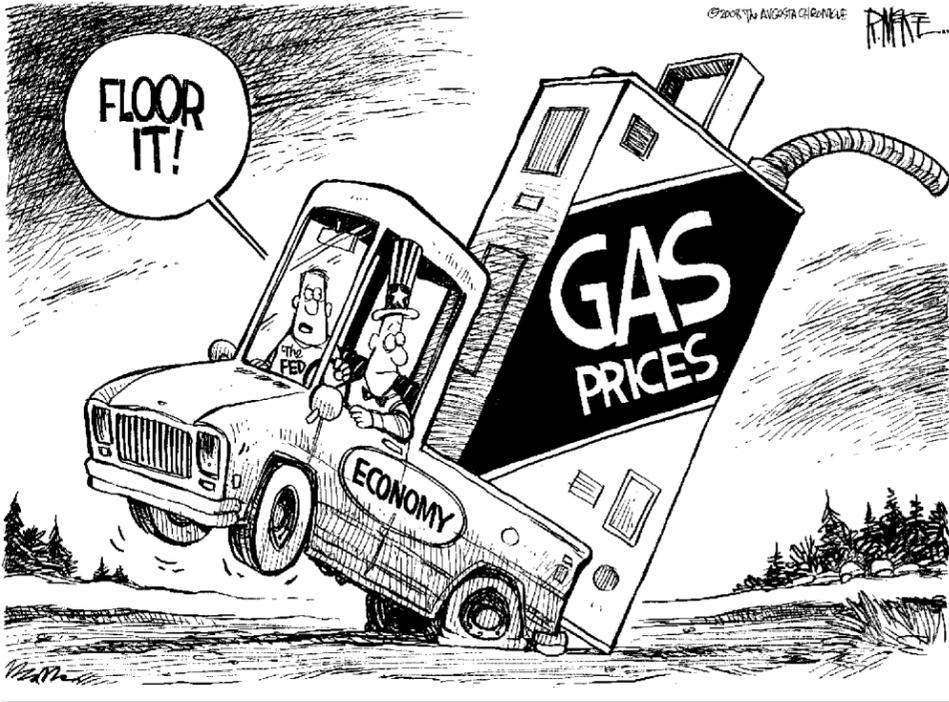
- Never walk along tracks and only cross tracks at designated pedestrian roadway crossings when on foot.
- Observe and obey all warning signs and signals.
- At a multiple track crossing waiting for a train to pass, watch out for a second train on the other tracks, approaching from either direction, before proceeding.
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LEADING THE WAY — Clint ISD's recycling efforts are being directed by the Facilities and Construction Staff. From left are Yvonne Aranda, Tommy Garcia, Sandra Odenborg.

Clint ISD goes green

By Laura Cade
Special to the Courier

Recycling in Clint ISD is well underway. The District's recycling program was kicked off in November of 2007 and is already making an impact on the environment. In February of 2008 alone, 10.5 tons of recycled materials were disposed of districtwide.

"Turning 'green' demonstrates the commitment the District has towards the environment and the future for our students," says Sandra Odenborg, Director of Facilities and Construction.

The current recycling program is based on "mixed recycling" which allows flexibility in collecting the recyclable items. Recycling bins can be found throughout all campuses and facilities. Paper, cans and bottles can be placed in these bins. Friedman Recycling collects the recycled materials from the District.

The amount of solid waste going into the trash has been reduced districtwide. In some areas, the amount of waste has decreased by more than half. Over time, the costs of trash disposal for the district will also be reduced.

Clint ISD, for over 20 years, has been making efforts to be environmentally friendly. In 1996,

the district implemented an Energy Management Program encouraging energy conservation at all campuses and facilities by monitoring the gas, electricity, and water usage of the district. This program has also resulted in significant savings for the district. "Providing a comfortable setting for students and staff while still controlling consumption is the goal of this program," says Tommy Garcia, Energy manager for Clint ISD.

Through the SCORE program, the district has partnered with the El Paso Electric Company to consider all alternatives to conserve electricity districtwide. Consultants provide information to the district, benchmarking, planning workshops, and review plans in new construction. The District also operates on shorter weeks in the summer time to conserve on energy usage. This has also provided the district with considerable savings each year.

As Clint ISD grows, new campuses and facilities are being constructed. The District is making efforts to utilize green products by incorporating those products in construction of new buildings.

"To be environmentally friendly, we need to do what will make an impact. We need to be role models for our students by promoting recycling and energy conservation," says Odenborg.

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Legal Notice City of Socorro, Texas

Notice of Adoption of Two (2) Ordinances:

On March 6, 2008 the City of Socorro, Texas adopted the following 2 ordinances:

ORDINANCE 263. AN ORDINANCE ORDERING AN ELECTION OF THE MAYOR AND 5 COUNCIL MEMBERS FOR THE CITY OF SOCORRO, TEXAS ON MAY 10, 2008.

ORDINANCE 264. AN ORDINANCE ORDERING AN ELECTION BY THE QUALIFIED VOTERS OF THE CITY OF SOCORRO, TEXAS ON THE SECOND SATURDAY IN MAY, BEING THE 10TH DAY OF MAY 2008 FOR THE PURPOSE OF AMENDING THE MUNICIPAL CHARTER FOR THE CITY OF SOCORRO, TEXAS.

That each voter shall vote in favor or against each of the proposed amendments. The proposed amendments to the charter are attached hereto as "Exhibit A".

"EXHIBIT A"

Amendment No. 1

FOR ()
Article III: The City Council, Number, Selection and Terms of Office, Section 3.01(B), shall be amended and shall now read:
"The Mayor and the Council members shall be elected to serve for three (3) year terms and not for more than two (2) consecutive terms."
AGAINST ()

Amendment No. 2

FOR ()
Article III: The City Council, Number Selection and Terms of Office, Section 3.01(B), shall be amended and shall now read:
"Council members shall be elected from single member districts numbered 1, 2, 3, and 4, and one position shall be At Large. The Districts will be established, determined and, district lines shall be redrawn after each federal census, if required, to comply with state and federal voting laws and regulations. Each candidate for City Council in a particular District shall be a resident of that District."
AGAINST ()

Amendment No. 3

FOR ()
Article III. The City Council, Number Selection and Terms of Office, Section 3.01(C), shall be amended and shall now read:
"The Council positions shall serve staggered terms as determined initially by lot. Three (3) Council positions will be elected to an initial three (3) year term and two (2) Council positions and Mayoral position will be elected for an initial two (2) year term commencing in the 2010 City Council gen-

eral election. Thereafter each position will be elected for three (3) year terms."
AGAINST ()

Amendment No. 4

FOR () Article III, The City Council, Mayor and Mayor Pro Tem, Section 3.03(D), shall be added and amended to read:
"The Mayor Pro Tem shall serve in his or her capacity as Mayor Pro Tem for not longer than one (1) year from the date of appointment by the City Council as prescribed by Texas Local Government Code §22.037."
AGAINST ()

Amendment No. 5

FOR ()
Article III, The City Council, General Powers and Duties, Section 3.04(A), shall be amended and shall now read:
"Appoint, supervise and remove the City Manager by four-fifths (4/5) vote of the entire City Council"
AGAINST ()

Amendment No. 6

FOR ()
Article III, The City Council, Ordinances in General, Section 3.14(A) (4), shall be amended and shall now read:
"Any ordinance which repeals or amends an existing ordinance or a part of a City code, shall set out in full the ordinance, sections, or subsections to be repealed or amended, and shall indicate the matter to be omitted by enclosing it in brackets or by strike out type, and shall indicate new matter by underscoring or by italics. Each page of the new ordinance shall be identified at the bottom of the page with the latest revision by date."
AGAINST ()

Amendment No. 7

FOR ()
Article IV, City Administration, City Manager, Section 4.01(A), shall be amended and shall now read:
"City Council shall appoint a City Manager by contract approved by four-fifths (4/5) vote of the entire City Council. The City Manager shall be a resident of the City of Socorro within six (6) months of employment. The City Manager must post a fidelity bond."
AGAINST ()

Amendment No. 8

FOR ()
Article IV, City Administration, City Manager, Section 4.01(D), shall be amended and shall now read:
"The City Council shall be prohibited from appointing the City Manager to a term by contract longer than

twenty-four (24) months. The City Manager may be removed at the will and pleasure of the City Council by four-fifths (4/5) vote of the entire City Council. A severance package of more than six (6) months is prohibited."
AGAINST ()

Amendment No. 9

FOR ()
Article IV, City Administration, Municipal Court, Section 4.04(C), shall be amended and shall now read:
"The Judge of the Municipal Court shall be appointed by the City Council, based on the recommendations of the City Manager. The appointment shall take place within thirty (30) days following the general election of said City Council and will be for a term of two (2) years. The Municipal Court Judge shall be qualified and shall be a resident of El Paso County, Texas. The Municipal Court Judge will serve at the will and pleasure of the City Council/City Manager and may be terminated at any time. The Judge of the Municipal Court shall be qualified and his/her compensation shall not be reduced during the term of office for which the Judge was appointed."
AGAINST ()

Amendment No. 10

FOR ()
Article XI, Civil Service, in its entirety, shall be amended and shall now read:
"The City of Socorro, Texas shall establish and maintain a Civil Service System for the benefit of the employees and City of Socorro, Texas. The Civil Service System shall be established by Ordinance."
AGAINST ()

Amendment No. 11

FOR ()
Article XII, Planning and Zoning Commission, Section 12.01(A), The Planning and Zoning Commission: Authority, Duties and Procedures, shall be amended and shall now read:
"Review and make recommendations to the City Council regarding the adoption and implementation of a master plan and comprehensive plan, or elements or portions thereto prepared under the authorization of the City Council and under the direction of the City Manager and responsible staff;"
AGAINST ()

Amendment No. 12

FOR ()
Article XII, Planning and Zoning Commission, Section 12.01(B), The Planning and Zoning Commission: Authority, Duties and Procedures, shall be amended and shall now read:
"After a master plan and a

comprehensive plan or element or portion thereof has been adopted in conformity with this article:

1) Review and make recommendations to the City Council on all amendments or portions thereof;
2) Review and make recommendation to the Council on all proposals to adopt or amend land development regulations for the purpose of establishing the relationship of such proposal to, and its consistency with, the adopted master plan, and comprehensive plan or elements or portions thereof.
For purposes of this article "land development regulations" include zoning, subdivision, building and construction codes, environmental, including water conservation, and other police power regulations controlling, regulating, or affecting the use or development of land;"
AGAINST ()

Amendment No. 13

FOR ()
Article XII, Planning and Zoning Commission, Section 12.01(C), The Planning and Zoning Commission: Authority, Duties and Procedures, shall be amended and shall now read:
"Pursuant to ordinances adopted by the City Council, exercise control over platting and subdividing land within the corporate limits and extraterritorial jurisdiction of the City to insure the consistency of any such plats or subdivision with the ordinances and master plan and comprehensive plan or element or portion thereof;"
AGAINST ()

Amendment No. 14

FOR ()
Article XII, Planning and Zoning Commission, Section 12.01(D), The Planning and Zoning Commission: Authority, Duties and Procedures, shall be amended and shall now read:
"Pursuant to ordinances adopted by the City Council exercise control over the zoning of land and land uses within the corporate limits of the City to insure the consistency of any such land use with the adopted master plan and comprehensive plan or element or portion thereof;"
AGAINST ()

Amendment No. 15

FOR ()
Article XII, Planning and Zoning Commission, Section 12.01(E), The Planning and Zoning Commission: Authority, Duties and Procedures, shall be amended and shall now read:
"Submit annually to the City Manager, not less than one hundred fifty (150) days prior to the beginning of the budget year, a list of recommended capital improvements, which in the opinion

of the commission are necessary or desirable to implement the adopted master plan and comprehensive plan or element or portion thereof during the forthcoming five (5) year period;"
AGAINST ()

Amendment No. 16

FOR ()
Article XII, Planning and Zoning Commission, Section 12.01(F), The Planning and Zoning Commission: Authority, Duties and Procedures, shall be amended and shall now read:
"Monitor and oversee the effectiveness and status of the master plan and comprehensive plan and recommend annually to the City Council any changes in or amendments to the master plan and comprehensive plan as may be desired or required;"
AGAINST ()

Amendment No. 17

FOR ()
Article XII, Planning and Zoning Commission, Section 12.01(G), The Planning and Zoning Commission: Authority, Duties and Procedures, shall be amended and shall now read:
"Prepare periodic evaluation and appraisal reports on the master plan and comprehensive plan which shall be sent to the City Council at least once every five (5) years after the adoption of the master plan and comprehensive plan or element or portion thereof;"
AGAINST ()

Amendment No. 18

FOR ()
Article XII, Planning and Zoning Commission, Section 12.01(I), The Planning and Zoning Commission: Authority, Duties and Procedures, shall be amended and shall now read:
"Act as an advisory body to the City Council and perform such additional duties and exercise such additional powers as may be prescribed by ordinance of the City Council not inconsistent with the intent of this Charter."
AGAINST ()

Amendment No. 19

FOR ()
Article XII, Composition and Organization, Section 12.02(A), shall be amended and shall now read:
"The Planning and Zoning Commission will consist of seven (7) members who will serve for a term of two (2) years and a maximum of three (3) consecutive terms. Each City Council member shall appoint one (1) member and the remaining two (2) will be appointed by the Mayor. Each City Council nominee shall be approved by the whole City Council individually. Individuals nomi-

nated for membership must be qualified as follows: owner of a business within the City of Socorro, Texas, a Socorro resident, and/or legal registered voter within the City of Socorro, Texas. Each member appointed to the Planning and Zoning Commission shall continue to serve on the Commission beyond the term until the member is reappointed or a new member is appointed by the City Representative or the Mayor. Two (2) alternate members shall be appointed by the Mayor to serve for a term of two (2) years. The alternates shall be on call to serve only when a regular member of the Commission is unable to serve."
AGAINST ()

That the polling places for this election and the personnel of the offices who are to hold the same, except insofar as that be charged by the City Council of Socorro, Texas, shall be as follows:

PRECINCT 149
Hilley Elementary School
639 Rio Vista Rd.

PRECINCT 150
Rojas Elementary School
500 Bauman Rd.

PRECINCT 151
Socorro High School
10150 Alameda Ave.

PRECINCT 152
Rojas Elementary School
500 Bauman Rd.

PRECINCT 153
Escontrias Elementary School
205 Buford Rd.

PRECINCT 154
Campestre Elementary School
11399 Socorro Rd.

Early voting will be held as follows:

Socorro High School
10150 Alameda Ave.
Socorro, Texas 79927
* April 28, 2008 — May 4, 2008
8:00 a.m. — 5:00 p.m.

Socorro High School
10150 Alameda Ave.
Socorro, Texas 79927
May 5, 2008 — May 6, 2008
7:00 a.m. — 7:00 p.m.

* Except Saturday and Sunday

And any other places as shall be designated by the County Elections Administrator.

Copies of the ordinances are available for review at the City Administration Building, 124 S. Horizon Blvd., Socorro, Texas 79927; Monday through Friday between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., or on the City's web site at www.socorrotexas.org.

Gina Rodriguez
City Clerk

WTCC: 03-20-08

Aviso Legal Ciudad de Socorro, Texas

Notificación de Adopción de Dos (2) Ordenanzas:

El 6 de Marzo del 2008 la Ciudad de Socorro, Texas adopto las siguientes dos (2) ordenanzas:

ORDENANZA 263 QUE DECRETA A UNA ELECCION POR LOS VOTANTES CALIFICADOS DE LA CIUDAD DE SOCORRO, TEXAS EL SEGUNDO SABADO DE MAYO QUE CORRESPONDE AL DIA 10 DE MAYO DEL 2008 CON EL PROPOSITO DE ELEGIR AL ALCALDE Y A CINCO CONSEJEROS DE LA CIUDAD DE SOCORRO, TEXAS.

ORDENANZA 264 QUE DECRETA A UNA ELECCION PARA LOS VOTANTES CALIFICADOS DE LA CIUDAD DE SOCORRO, TEXAS EL SEGUNDO SABADO DE MAYO QUE CORRESPONDE AL DIA 10 DE MAYO DEL 2008 CON EL PROPOSITO DE ENMENDAR EL ACTA CONSTITUTIVA MUNICIPAL DE LA CIUDAD DE SOCORRO, TEXAS.

Que cada votante deberá votar a favor o en contra de cada una de las propuestas de enmiendas. Las propuestas de enmiendas a el Acta Constitutiva Municipal, se adjuntan a la presente como "Anexo A".

"ANEXO A"

Enmienda No. 1

A FAVOR ()

Artículo III: El Consejo Municipal, Número, Selección y Periodos en los Cargos, Fracción 3.01 Inciso (B), será modificado y en lo sucesivo dirá: "El Presidente Municipal y los miembros del Consejo serán elegidos para desempeñar su cargo por periodos de tres (3) años y por no más de dos (2) periodos consecutivos."

EN CONTRA ()

Enmienda No. 2

A FAVOR ()

Artículo III: El Consejo Municipal Número, Selección y Periodos en los Cargos, Fracción 3.01 Inciso (B), será modificado y en lo sucesivo dirá: "Los miembros del Consejo se elegirán de los distritos de un miembro correspondientes a los números 1, 2, 3 y 4, y uno se elegirá del distrito en general. Los Distritos se establecerán, determinarán, y de requerirse serán rediseñados después de cada censo federal, para cumplir con las leyes y reglamentos electorales a nivel federal y estatal. Cada uno de los candidatos postulados a un cierto distrito deberá ser un residente de ese Distrito."

EN CONTRA ()

Enmienda No. 3

A FAVOR ()

Artículo III: El Consejo Municipal, Número, Selección y Periodos en los Cargos, Fracción 3.01 Inciso (C), será modificado y en lo sucesivo dirá:

"Los puestos del Consejo se desempeñarán por periodos escalonados según se deter-

mine desde un principio por sorteo. Tres (3) puestos de Consejeros serán elegidos para un periodo inicial de tres (3) años y se elegirán dos (2) puestos de Consejeros y un (1) Presidente Municipal para un período inicial de dos (2) años comenzando en la elección general del 2010 para Consejo Municipal. En lo sucesivo, cada puesto será elegido para periodos de (3) años."

EN CONTRA ()

Enmienda No. 4

A FAVOR ()

Artículo III: El Consejo Municipal, Presidente Municipal y Presidente Municipal Suplente, Fracción 3.03 Inciso (D), será agregado y modificado para decir:

"El Presidente Municipal Suplente se desempeñará en su puesto como tal por un período no mayor de un (1) año a partir de la fecha del nombramiento por el Consejo Municipal, según lo estipula el Código §22.037 del Gobierno Local de Texas."

EN CONTRA ()

Enmienda No. 5

A FAVOR ()

Artículo III, El Consejo Municipal, Deberes y Poderes Generales, Fracción 3.04 Inciso (A), será modificado y deberá decir: "Designar, supervisar, y destituir al Administrador Municipal por cuatro-quintas (4/5) partes de votos del Consejo entero."

EN CONTRA ()

Enmienda No. 6

A FAVOR ()

Artículo III, El Consejo Municipal, Ordenanzas en General, Fracción 3.14 Inciso (A) (4), será modificado y deberá decir: "Cualquier ordenanza que rechace o enmiende una ordenanza previa o parte de un Código Municipal, incluirá en su totalidad la ordenanza, secciones, o párrafos que se vayan a rechazar o enmendar, e indicará el asunto que se omite, encerrándole en corcheas o con líneas que lo anulen, y señalará el nuevo material subrayándolo o anotándolo en itálicas. Cada página de la nueva ordenanza será identificada en la parte inferior de la pagina con la fecha de la revisión más reciente."

EN CONTRA ()

Enmienda No. 7

A FAVOR ()

Artículo IV, Administración Municipal, Administrador Municipal, Fracción 4.01 Inciso (A) será modificado y deberá decir: "El Consejo Municipal nombrará un Administrador Municipal por cuatro-quintas (4/5) partes de votos del Consejo entero. El Administrador Municipal debe haber sido un residente de la Ciudad de Socorro seis (6) meses antes del puesto. El Administrador Municipal debe otorgar una fianza de fidelidad."

EN CONTRA ()

Enmienda No. 8

A FAVOR ()

Artículo IV, Administrador de la

Ciudad, Administrador Municipal, Fracción 4.01 Inciso (D), será modificada y deberá decir: "Quedará prohibido que el Consejo Municipal nombre al Administrador Municipal por contrato por un período mayor de veinticuatro (24) meses. El Administrador Municipal podrá ser removido a voluntad del Consejo Municipal por cuatro-quintas (4/5) partes de votos del Consejo entero. Queda prohibido un paquete de indemnización de más de seis (6) meses."

EN CONTRA ()

Enmienda No. 9

A FAVOR ()

Artículo IV, Administrador de la Ciudad, Corte Municipal, Fracción 4.04 Inciso (C), será modificada y deberá decir:

"El Juez de la Corte Municipal será nombrado por el Consejo Municipal, en base a las recomendaciones del Administrador Municipal. El nombramiento se llevará a cabo dentro de los treinta (30) días siguientes a la elección general de dicho Consejo Municipal y será por dos (2) años. El Juez de la Corte Municipal deberá estar calificado y deberá ser un residente del Condado de El Paso, Texas. El Juez de la Corte Municipal desempeñará sus funciones a voluntad del Consejo Municipal y podrá ser despedido en cualquier momento. El Juez de la Corte Municipal deberá estar calificado y su compensación no podrá reducirse durante la vigencia de su cargo para el que fue nombrado."

EN CONTRA ()

Enmienda No. 10

A FAVOR ()

Artículo XI, Servicio Civil, será modificado en su totalidad y deberá decir:

"La Ciudad de Socorro, Texas establecerá y mantendrá un Sistema de Servicio Civil en beneficio de los empleados de la Ciudad de Socorro, Texas. El Sistema de Servicio Civil será establecido por ordenanza."

EN CONTRA ()

Enmienda No. 11

A FAVOR ()

Artículo XII, Comisión de Planeación y Zonificación, La Comisión de Planificación y Zonificación: Autoridad, Funciones y Procedimientos, Fracción 12.01, Inciso (A), será modificada y deberá decir: "Revisar y hacer recomendaciones al Consejo Municipal respecto a la adopción e implementación de un plan maestro y el plan total de desarrollo urbano o elementos o parte de los mismos preparados bajo la autorización del Consejo Municipal y la dirección del Administrador Municipal y personal responsable;"

EN CONTRA ()

Enmienda No. 12

A FAVOR ()

Artículo XII, Comisión de Planeación y Zonificación, La Comisión de Planificación y Zonificación: Autoridad, Funciones y Procedimientos,

Fracción 12.01, Inciso (B), será modificada y deberá decir: "Después de haber adoptado un plan maestro y un plan total de desarrollo urbano o elementos o parte del mismo de acuerdo con este artículo:

1) Revisar y hacer recomendaciones al Consejo Municipal en todas las modificaciones a dicho planes o partes o elementos del mismo;

2) Revisar y hacer recomendaciones al Consejo sobre todas las propuestas para aprobar o modificar reglamentos para el desarrollo urbano con el propósito de establecer la relación de dicha propuesta, así como su afinidad, con un plan maestro y el plan total de desarrollo urbano o partes del mismo que fue adoptado. Para los propósitos de este Artículo los reglamentos de desarrollo urbano incluyen: zonificación, subdivisión, construcciones, ambiente incluyendo conservación del agua, y otros reglamentos de poder policial que controlan, regulan o tienen que ver con el uso y desarrollo urbano;"

EN CONTRA ()

Enmienda No. 13

A FAVOR ()

Artículo XII, Comisión de Planeación y Zonificación, La Comisión de Planificación y Zonificación: Autoridad, Funciones y Procedimientos, Fracción 12.01, Inciso (C), será modificada y deberá decir: "De acuerdo con las cláusulas aprobadas por el Consejo Municipal controlar la subdivisión y trazo dentro de los límites corporativos y la jurisdicción extraterritorial de la ciudad para asegurar que dichos trazos o subdivisiones sean consistentes con las cláusulas y con el plan maestro y el plan total de desarrollo urbano o sus partes."

EN CONTRA ()

Enmienda No. 14

A FAVOR ()

Artículo XII, Comisión de Planeación y Zonificación, La Comisión de Planificación y Zonificación: Autoridad, Funciones y Procedimientos, Fracción 12.01 Inciso (D), será modificada y deberá decir: "De acuerdo con las cláusulas adoptadas por el Consejo Municipal tener control sobre la lotificación de la tierra y el uso de la tierra dentro de los límites corporativos de la ciudad para asegurar que dicho uso de la tierra sea consistente con el plan maestro y el plan total de desarrollo urbano o sus partes que fue adoptado;"

EN CONTRA ()

Enmienda No. 15

A FAVOR ()

Artículo XII, Comisión de Planeación y Zonificación, La Comisión de Planificación y Zonificación: Autoridad, Funciones y Procedimientos, Fracción 12.01, Inciso (E), será modificada y deberá decir: "Entregar cada año al Administrador Municipal, no menos de ciento cincuenta (150) días antes del comienzo del presupuesto anual, una lista que incluya mejoras capitales,

que de acuerdo a la Comisión son necesarias para implementar el plan maestro y plan total de desarrollo urbano adoptado o sus partes para los siguientes cinco (5) años;"

EN CONTRA ()

Enmienda No. 16

A FAVOR ()

Artículo XII, Comisión de Planeación y Zonificación, La Comisión de Planificación y Zonificación: Autoridad, Funciones y Procedimientos, Fracción 12.01 Inciso (F), será modificada y deberá decir:

"Monitorear y cuidar la efectividad y estatus del plan maestro y plan total de desarrollo urbano y recomendar en forma anual al Consejo Municipal cualquier cambio o modificación al plan maestro y plan total de desarrollo urbano;"

EN CONTRA ()

Enmienda No. 17

A FAVOR ()

Artículo XII, Comisión de Planeación y Zonificación, La Comisión de Planificación y Zonificación: Autoridad, Funciones y Procedimientos, Fracción 12.01 Inciso (G), será modificada y deberá decir:

"Preparar evaluaciones periódicas y reportes de avalúo del plan total que deberán ser enviados al Consejo Municipal por lo menos cada cinco (5) años después de que se adoptó el plan maestro y plan total de desarrollo urbano o sus partes,"

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A FAVOR ()

Artículo XII, Comisión de Planeación y Zonificación, La Comisión de Planificación y Zonificación: Autoridad, Funciones y Procedimientos, Fracción 12.01, Inciso (I), será modificada y deberá decir: "Actuar como un cuerpo de consejeros para el Consejo Municipal y desempeñar las obligaciones adicionales y ejercer dichos poderes adicionales como lo indican las ordenanzas del Consejo Municipal sin ser inconsistente con los objetivos de esta Acta Constitutiva."

EN CONTRA ()

Enmienda No. 19

A FAVOR ()

Artículo XII, Composición y Organización, Composición y Organización de la Planeación y la Zonificación, Fracción 12.02, Inciso (A), será modificada y deberá decir:

"La Comisión de Planeación y Zonificación consistirá de siete (7) miembros que servirán por dos (2) años y con un máximo de tres (3) periodos consecutivos. Cada miembro del Consejo Municipal nombrará a un (1) miembro y los otros dos (2) miembros serán nombrados por el Presidente Municipal. Cada individuo nominado por el Consejo Municipal deberá ser aprobado por todo el Consejo Municipal en forma individual. Los individuos designados para ser miembros deben llenar los siguientes requisitos: Ser dueño de un negocio en la

Ciudad de Socorro, Texas, ser un residente de la Ciudad de Socorro, Texas, y/o ser un votante legalmente registrado dentro de la Ciudad de Socorro, Texas. Cada miembro de la Comisión continuara desempeñándose en la Comisión después del término de su periodo hasta que dicho miembro sea nombrado de nuevo o hasta que el Presidente Municipal o un representante de la Ciudad nombre un nuevo miembro. Dos (2) personas designadas como sustitutos para reemplazar a miembros nombrados en primer lugar serán nombrados por el Presidente Municipal y servirán por un período de dos (2) años. Los sustitutos deberán estar de guardia para entrar en funciones solo cuando un miembro regular de la comisión no pueda servir como tal."

EN CONTRA ()

Los lugares de votación para esta elección y el personal de las oficinas que van a llevar a cabo la misma, excepto lo previsto en otro sentido por el Consejo de la Ciudad de Socorro, Texas, será como se señala a continuación:

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* Excepto sábados y domingos

Y en cualquier otro lugar que sea designado por el Administrador de Elecciones del Condado.

Copias de las ordenanzas estarán disponibles a revision a través de petición en la Oficina Administrativa ubicada en el 124 S. Horizon Blvd., Socorro, Texas 79927; de Lunes a Viernes de 8:00 a.m. a 5:00 p.m., o en la paginá web de la Ciudad www.socorrotexas.org.

Gina Rodriguez
Secretaria Municipal

WTCC: 03-20-08

UTEP men and women will play post season basketball

By Steve Escajeda
Special to the Courier

What is happening to the basketball teams at UTEP? It looks like everybody is getting ready to play some post season basketball.

Anyone remember the last time the men and women played basketball this time of year? Me neither — because it's never happened before.

After years and years of cheering the UTEP men at the NCAA Tournament or the NIT, this year is one for the ages in El Paso.

For the first time in school history, the UTEP women are playing playoff basketball of any kind and the UTEP men are among the first to host a game in the brand new College Basketball Invitational.

The UTEP men will host old rival Utah on Wednesday and the UTEP women take on Western Kentucky Saturday in the opening round of the NCAA Tournament in Palo Alto, Calif.

Then things change a bit. The UTEP men will have an excellent chance to play yet another game at home against the Miami (OH)-Tulsa winner.

Why?

I've heard two explanations so far. UTEP told me it all comes down to which team has the higher attendance figure at the opening round game. UTEP averages nearly 3,000 more a game than Tulsa.

The BCI guys told me it all came down to who the higher seed was. UTEP in the top seed in the South Regional, Tulsa is second and Miami (OH) is third.

So both scenarios lean toward the Miners getting a second home game, as long as they win the first game.

As for the women, if they get past Western Kentucky in the first round, what awaits them is a likely game with second seeded Stanford on their home court.

Now that doesn't sound very fair does it? But if any team can pull the big upset, UTEP can. It wouldn't surprise me in the least if the Lady Miners shocked the Pac-10 bullies.

What a week. UTEP basketball fans will get to watch some post season basketball in person against an old nemesis. They'll get to cheer on the women's team like they literally never have before.

And I'll bet you didn't attend a single men's or women's game in person this year — shame on you.

Pants are on fire

Somebody lied to us. I don't know who it was but the sports fans of El Paso were certainly sold a bill of goods, that's for sure.

When the UTEP Miners were shopping around for a new conference a couple years ago, I remember hearing one of the reasons Conference USA was the best choice was the fact that El Pasoans would enjoy the superior TV package they were offering.

It now appears that the term "superior TV package" meant: "I hope you have a good radio."

It's obvious by all the phone calls to local radio personalities John Teicher and Steve Kaplowitz, that UTEP fans are very frustrated that very few road games have been televised this season, in football and now in basketball.

They all wonder what happened? They too were expecting an improvement over what they were getting in the WAC. And they clearly are not.

Even my father called me during the early going of last week's C-USA Tournament. He told me he was puzzled why he could pick up almost every college basketball tournament game imaginable on the satellite — except for UTEP — which was playing SMU at the time.

It's unusually upsetting that Miner fans

couldn't even watch the first two games UTEP played in their own tournament. That's ineptness if I've ever seen it.

Why, we get more live NMSU games than UTEP games.

I don't know if Conference USA lied to us. I don't know if UTEP Athletics Director Bob Stull lied to us. I don't know if UTEP President Diana Natalicio lied to us.

All I know is that everybody said things were going to be great and El Paso would benefit

greatly if the Miners skipped out on the WAC and joined C-USA.

Just like Brian McNamee and Roger Clemens, someone is lying and I'm betting nobody is going to step up and take responsibility.

But I know one thing — El Pasoans are going to have to do what they seemingly always have to do — just sit there and take it.

We'll sit there and take it, but my bet is it won't be televised.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING & INTENT TO APPLY FOR FUNDS REGIONAL WATER PLANNING

The Far West Texas Water Planning Group (Region E) will receive suggestions and recommendations from the public on the issues that should be addressed or provisions that should be included in the scope of work for the amended regional water plan during the third cycle of regional water planning at a public meeting of the planning group.

Notice is also given that the Rio Grande Council of Governments (RGCOG) will submit an application for financial assistance to the Texas Water Development Board (TWDB) to carry out the scope of work. The application will be submitted on or before June 13, 2008. Jake Brisbin, Jr., RGCOG Executive Director, is the official representative of the Far West Texas Water Planning Group. Region E includes the counties of Brewster, Culberson, El Paso, Jeff Davis, Hudspeth, Presidio and Terrell.

13231, Austin, TX 78711-3231. For additional information, please contact: Barbara Kauffman, Rio Grande Council of Governments, 1100 N. Stanton Street, Ste. 610, El Paso, Texas 79902. Phone: (915) 533-0998, ext. 121; e-mail: barbarak@riocog.org.

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Town of Horizon City

PUBLIC NOTICE

During the Regular Council Meeting on Tuesday, March 11, 2008 the Town Of Horizon City approved the following ordinance(s):

1) ORDINANCE NO. 0102 — AMMENDMENT NO. 022 — To modify Appendix I, "Cellular Communication Towers" and Appendix II, "Ground-mounted radio or television broadcasting support structures" so as to require camouflage and screening of communica-

tion towers. 2) ORDINANCE NO. 0163 — AMMENDMENT NO. 007 — To amend the Budget Ordinance to transfer \$15,450.00 from Budget Item # 400605 (Miscellaneous Revenue to Budget Item # 508707 (Maintenance — Parks) for use in procuring, delivery and placement of compost and soil-compost mix on city parks.

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

Karen Ellefson
City Clerk

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Socorro student receives local Flo Hyman award

By Irma Flores
Special to the Courier

It's been a busy week for 9-year-old Pamela Herrera. From meeting UTEP Women's Basketball and Softball players to being honored at an El Paso City Council meeting, the 4th grader at Lujan Chavez Elementary was in the spotlight as the Elementary winner of the Flo Hyman Award. As part of the National Girls and Women in Sports celebration, the Flo Hyman Award was created to honor a top female athlete for her accomplishments both on and off the field of competition.

"It's really good to get this award because it is for the whole city," said Herrera who plays on the school's basketball, softball and track teams. "I was really surprised. My coach told me that he was going to nominate me and last week he told me I was a finalist."

Later that same day, Principal Yvonne Walker and Coach Rick Barraza announced to the school that Pamela had been named as

the outstanding elementary recipient of the Flo Hyman award.

"She exemplifies what this award stands for. We are really proud of her," said Coach Barraza. "She is very outgoing and very competitive. Any sports she decides to follow she will be good at."

"This award recognizes her spirit and commitment to excellence in the classroom and on the playing field," said SISD Superintendent Dr. Sylvia P. Atkinson. "She is a role



Pamela Herrera

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What goes up, comes down — painfully

By Don Flood

The great thing about skiing is how it brings families together.

Unfortunately, it brought our family together in the ski mountain's infirmary.

The day had started out auspiciously enough. After a few warm-ups on the "bunny slopes," I was ready for my first real run of the day.

(Ominous foreshadowing note: In the interest of preventing injuries to old-timers such as myself, they should dispense with the term "bunny slope" in favor of something more manly, such as "extreme slope." There would no need to spell out the full name, "extreme-ly flat slope.")

The first half of my run went perfectly. I maintained complete control even while enjoying the beautiful scenery. At that point I made what I now realize to be a serious mistake: I got off the lift.

The downhill portion of my run — what some purists consider "skiing" — wasn't nearly as successful.

But it's entirely possible that my first run would have been just as successful had I not managed to fall on an icy patch in that short distance between the lift and the beginning of the run.

I don't resent the resort owners for not setting up signs warning about ice. Nor do I fault them for the lack of notice about snow and high winds. But what I can't understand is how they could be so careless — perhaps criminally so — about not warning skiers of the freakishly strong gravitational conditions that day.

I know the "g" forces were unusual because my fall came despite my going rather slowly. Because I don't ski often, my skis often have trouble keeping up with my ability level (somewhere below Crazy Insane Olympic). Instead of maintaining the proper parallel position,

my skis often flail about as though it's their first time on the mountain.

So after my tips crossed, I gently corrected them back to the parallel formation. My skis, perhaps panicking at being placed in such an unusual situation, reacted by flinging themselves into the air.

Flipping through mid-air, I figured the only thing at stake was my dignity, which I had pretty much given up on the second I strapped on my skis.

But at this point, apparently, the extra gravity kicked in, throwing me to the ground with the force of a middle linebacker.

I didn't hear a "pop," but the pain near my shoulder told me that the two-day lift ticket I purchased that morning had not been my best long-term investment.

Fortunately, I had read enough adventure books about climbers ascending Mount Everest — many without benefit of ski lifts — to learn survival skills in a harsh environment. After coolly reviewing my options, I decided the best plan was to lie on my back like a pathetic wounded turtle until help arrived.

Help was close at hand, since I had had the good sense to wipe out near the ski-patrol station at the top of the mountain. In fact, I would recommend this strategy to others planning their own ski vacations.

The ski-patrol guy quickly sized up the situation — he had a pathetic wounded turtle on his hands — and took me to the infirmary, where I had a pleasant reunion with my wife and son.

And now I must decide what to do with my skis. It's not like I can sell them. After all, they refuse to remain parallel, and panic in the face of gravity.

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King Super Crossword

WORD PLAY

ACROSS

- 1 "My country, _ of thee ..."
- 4 Apply gently
- 7 Theater sign
- 10 Singer Sumac
- 13 West or Faith
- 17 Audiophiles' equipment
- 19 Drop a brick
- 20 Israeli city
- 22 Seedy spot
- 23 -TBALL
- 25 Varnish ingredient
- 26 On a cruise
- 27 Flynn of films
- 28 Port _, Egypt
- 30 Harden
- 32 Jillian of "It's a Living"
- 33 Dubuque denizen
- 35 Checker move?
- 38 Famed loch
- 39 Set
- 40 PL-ARIUM
- 43 Tipple
- 45 Conservative skirt
- 49 Raven maven?
- 50 Burrowing critter
- 51 Bound bundle
- 52 Gray or Moran
- 53 It'll curl your hair
- 55 Salamander
- 57 Bodybuilder
- Charles
- 59 Actor Howard
- 61 Scrape by, with

DOWN

- 63 Investigate
- 66 Baseball's Martinez
- 68 BRAN-
- 71 Debtor's letters
- 72 " _ Dawn" (73 song)
- 74 Shrimpton or Stapleton
- 76 Help a hood
- 77 Poet Rossetti
- 79 "Baby _ Want You" (71 hit)
- 80 SC-ION
- 82 For _ (cheaply)
- 84 Albert's wife
- 88 _ Cruces, NM
- 89 Standardize
- 92 Bathrobe fabric
- 93 "La Boheme" seamstress
- 96 Reverberate
- 99 "Orinoco Flow" singer
- 100 " _ Dinah" (58 tune)
- 101 Broad bean
- 103 Corn portion
- 104 Read quickly
- 105 "The Three Musketeers" prop
- 106 BOBO-
- 110 HST's successor
- 111 " _ patriae"
- 113 Katey of "Married... with Children"

DOWN

- 1 Use the VCR
- 2 Japanese porcelain
- 3 Richard's veep
- 4 Strauss' " _ Rosenkavalier"
- 5 Son of Zeus
- 6 Rest
- 7 Arena
- 8 _ room
- 9 Seville shout
- 10 DeCarlo of "The Munsters"
- 11 Stately dance
- 12 Maintains
- 13 Orthodontists' org.
- 14 ST-WEED
- 15 Main drag

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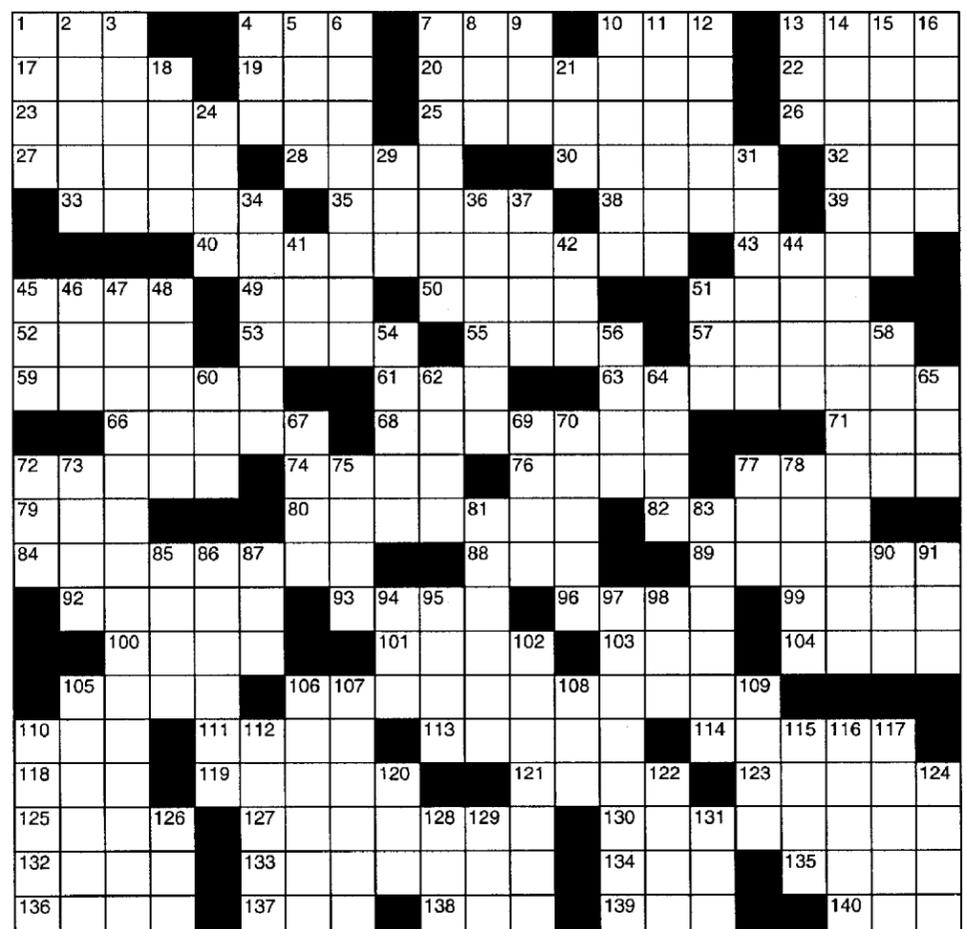
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- 119 Toil
- 121 "Topaz" author
- 123 Proboscises
- 125 _ Major
- 127 Word with oil or water
- 130 CARI-URE
- 132 Coalition
- 133 Morgiana's master
- 134 Indian export
- 135 "Rosanna" rockers
- 136 Nomad pad
- 137 Wine word
- 138 Part of MPH
- 139 Sneak a peek
- 140 Apex

DOWN

- 16 Intended
- 18 Singer Phoebe
- 21 Consumed a knish
- 24 Defect
- 29 _ Jima
- 31 Graceland, for one
- 34 Lad
- 36 The Rolling -
- 37 Story
- 41 Sock part
- 42 Modern
- 44 _ podrida
- 45 Blanc or Brooks
- 46 Fury
- 47 SU-IC
- 48 Small bay
- 51 _relief
- 54 Olympic award
- 56 Actual
- 58 James Herriot, for one
- 60 Journalist Tarbell
- 62 Spooky Stephen
- 64 Sundance's sweetie
- 65 Color
- 67 California resort
- 69 Mandlikova of tennis
- 70 Stout
- 72 Financial abbr.
- 73 Give off
- 75 Jack of "Rio Lobo"
- 77 "Da _ Ron Ron" (63 hit)
- 78 Llama turf
- 81 Actress Hussey
- 83 Disdains

DOWN

- 85 Family _
- 86 Dental appointment, e.g.
- 87 Bread or booze
- 90 Memo letters
- 91 Tasty tuber
- 94 "No _ ands, ..."
- 95 Bulk
- 97 Orchestra members
- 98 "Bali _"
- 102 Bony
- 105 Swimmer
- 106 Portable
- 107 Paradoxical
- 108 Predatory fish
- 109 Hawaiian coffee
- 110 Reservation
- 112 Michelle and Cass
- 115 Racing legend
- 116 English course?
- 117 Cold-war assn.
- 120 CSA soldier
- 122 How-to part
- 124 Word in an octagon
- 126 Make believe
- 128 Seance sound
- 129 Lyman or Lincoln
- 131 Bit of sunshine



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Award

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model to her classmates and we are proud of her accomplishment.”

Awards were given in the following age groups: elementary school, middle school and high school. Pamela along with the middle school and high school recipients were recognized during a banquet hosted by UTEP on Monday, Feb. 25 and were VIP guests at the UTEP vs. SMU Women’s Basketball game on Thursday, Feb. 28.

“This award celebrates the best of female athletes in El Paso. Having Pamela selected by the El Paso Girls and Women in Sports Day Committee for her contributions in academics, athletics and leadership is a great honor,” said SISD Board President Charles E. Garcia.

The award is part of the 9th An-

nual National Girls and Women in Sports Day sponsored by the University of Texas at El Paso Department of Intercollegiate Athletics and the El Paso Parks and Recreation Department. This national celebration began in 1987 as a day to remember Olympic volleyball player Flo Hyman for her athletic achievements and her work to assure equality for women in sports.

Flo Hyman was a three-time All American, ranked among the top six players and named Best Hitter in World Cup Competition in 1981, a bronze medalist in the 1982 World Championship and a silver medalist in the 1984 US Olympics. It was because of her resolve and sportsmanship that the Women’s Sports Foundation established the annual Flo Hyman award to a female athlete who best exemplified over the course of her career Hyman’s dignity, spirit, and commitment to excellence.

Social Security Q&A By Ray Vigil

Q: *If I retire at age 62 will I be eligible for Medicare?*

A: No. Medicare starts when you reach 65. If you retire at 62, you may be able to continue medical insurance coverage through your employer or purchase it from a private insurance company until you become eligible for Medicare. For more information see our publication, Medicare, at www.socialsecurity.gov/pubs/10043.html, or call us at 1-800-772-1213 (TTY 1-800-325-0778).

Q: *It’s hard for me to get around because of my disability. Can I apply for disability benefits online?*

A: Yes. Our online disability application is convenient and secure. You can apply for benefits over the Internet at www.socialsecurity.gov/applyfordisability. If you prefer, you can call us at 1-800-772-1213 (TTY 1-800-325-0778) to schedule an appointment to visit your local Social Security office to apply. However you

decide to apply, begin by taking a look at our Disability Starter Kit at www.socialsecurity.gov/disability/disability_starter_kits.htm or calling 1-800-772-1213 (TTY 1-800-325-0778) to request a copy. It will help you prepare for your application or interview.

Q: *As a senior, my only income is Supplemental Security Income (SSI). My brother recently died and left me a little money. Will this extra money stop my SSI benefits?*

A: It all depends on the amount of your inheritance. It is considered income for the month you received the inheritance. You will have to report that and we will adjust your benefit for the month accordingly. If you keep the money into the next month, it then becomes a part of your resources. To get SSI benefits, you are limited to \$2,000 in total resources, although there are exceptions. Call Social Security at 1-800-772-1213 (TTY 1-800-325-0778) and report the inheritance. We will tell you how

your eligibility will be affected. For more information, visit our website at www.socialsecurity.gov.

Q: *Will my military retirement affect my Social Security benefits?*

A: No. You can get both Social Security benefits and military retirement. Generally, there is no offset of Social Security benefits because of your military retirement. You will get full benefits based on your earnings. The only way your Social Security benefit may be reduced is if you also receive a government pension based on a job in which you did not pay Social Security taxes. You can find more information in the publication Military Service and Social Security at www.socialsecurity.gov/pubs/10017.html. Or call us at 1-800-772-1213 (TTY 1-800-325-0778).

For more information on any of the questions listed above, visit our website at www.socialsecurity.gov or call us at 1-800-772-1213. Please mail any questions that you would like to have answered to the Social Security Office, 11111 Gateway West, Attn: Ray Vigil, El Paso, Texas 79935.

Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ★★

★ Moderate ★★ Challenging

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Competition

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pare for the “Chorific” category. “We don’t know what chore we get to do so we have to improvise the play using sound effects and props in six minutes.”

Joining the Bill Sybert team in the Chorific category were O’Shea Keleher, William D. Slider, Sun Ridge Middle School, Vista Del Sol Elementary and El Dorado High School.

“Our session went very well. The students covered all their elements,” said Destination ImagiNation Coach Antonio Miramontes from O’Shea Keleher Elementary. “They had practiced so many scenarios that they

could pick and choose or develop something new which they did. This helps develop character and improve students’ self-confidence.”

“I really like it. It brings out the students’ creativity and helps them think beyond the norm,” said Sonja Kern who was with her 7-member team from William D. Slider Middle School.

Preparing for their turn were students from Vista Del Sol. The school fielded two teams that were coached by 6th grade social studies teacher Margaret D. Morgan and 5th grade teacher Patricia Rodriguez.

“This is a really excellent program. The students get so creative. They have to problem-solve at a moment’s notice,” said Morgan. Rodriguez agrees and adds “every time we give them a challenge, they outdo them-

selves.”

Another team that was problem-solving at a moment’s notice was the Americas High School team coached by Denise Robles. The team had prepared for the SWITCH category but found out their model was below the weight limits.

“We had to build a structure that was 22 grams, ours ended up at eight grams,” said Americas Junior Monique Padron. In the SWITCH category, teams designed and built a structure made completely of wood and glue. During competition, the teams tested the strength of the structure by using various weights and had to integrate a storyline within the presentation. Despite the weight difference, the Americas team placed first in the SWITCH category in the high school division.

Bilingual

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BEEMS’ Outstanding Bilingual Administrator of the Year Elementary category. Gonzalez has 35 years of experience in education, with the last 17 years as an administrator in CISD, where she is a strong advocate for bilingual education.

Isabel Ruiz, in her ninth year as a Two-Way Dual Language teacher at Canutillo Elementary School, was recognized as BEEMS’ Outstanding

Bilingual Education Elementary School Teacher of the Year. Ruiz acknowledges that good teaching cannot be reduced to technique; good teaching comes from the identity and integrity of the teacher.

Dr. Blanca Luna, seventh and eighth grade ESL teacher at Canutillo Middle School, was selected as BEEMS’ Outstanding English as a Second Language Secondary Teacher of the Year. Dr. Luna has been in the education field for seven years and believes that educators should continually commit to renew their skills and talents to better serve all students. She is a mentor

for the Big Brother, Big Sister Program and volunteers as a coach for the girl’s soccer team.

Candidates for the BEEMS awards were nominated by school districts throughout the area. Winners now qualify for the Southwest Association of Bilingual Educators awards program.

“We as a District, support well implemented bilingual education programs because we believe that language minority children should acquire academic English as rapidly as possible,” said Pauline Dow, BEEMS Co-Chair and CISD Associate Superintendent.

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