



## NEWSBRIEFS

### Play ball

The Upper Valley and Anthony Softball League will start the Sunday Womens' League on May 17. There will be a league meeting on May 14. For information call (915) 474-1846 or (915) 204-3718.

### Healthcare grant

The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) has awarded Centro de Salud Familiar La Fe a \$174,847 federal grant. The federal funding, provided through HHS's Ryan White HIV/AIDS grant program, will benefit the La Fe Community Advocacy Resources and Education (CARE) Center, which provides services for patients with HIV in El Paso. "The La Fe CARE Center provides critical medical care and treatment for those living with HIV in our community," said Congressman Reyes. "These funds will help La Fe continue providing services to those individuals who need it most." The Ryan White Comprehensive AIDS Resources Emergency (CARE) Act provides funding to states and other public or private nonprofit entities to develop, organize, coordinate, and operate health systems for the delivery of essential health care and support services to medically underserved individuals and families affected by HIV.

### Crime Stoppers

Crime Stoppers of El Paso is assisting the El Paso Police Department in locating two offenders who grabbed a man in a choke hold and held a knife to his back before taking his money, making this the "Crime of the Week." On Monday, March 31, about 11:30 p.m., the two suspects entered Adobe Grocery at 585 Giles. Suspect one grabbed and held a 70-year-old man in a choke hold, then pressed a knife to his back while demanding money from the cash register. Suspect two acted as cover and, on his way out, smashed the camera and monitor of the store's surveillance system with a baseball bat. Investigators from the Crimes Against Persons unit believe both suspects fled towards Carolina Drive, and K-9 tracked them to a possible destination at 718 Carolina. Suspect one is described as a Hispanic male in his early 20s, 5-foot 8-inches tall, 160-180 pounds, wearing a blue or gray hooded sweater, blue baggy jeans, armed with a knife. Suspect two is a Hispanic male, also in his early 20s, 5-foot 8-inches tall, 160-180 pounds, armed with a bat. If you have any information at all about the identity of these suspects, please call Crime Stoppers of El Paso at 566-TIPS (8477) or submit your tip online at [www.crimestoppersofelpaso.org](http://www.crimestoppersofelpaso.org). You will remain anonymous and, if your tip leads to an arrest, you may earn a cash reward up to \$1,000.

*Things bought on convenient terms  
always fall due at inconvenient times.*  
— Quips & Quotes

## Garcia receives Gates Millennium Scholarship

By Kim Guzman  
Special to the Courier

Canutillo High School (CHS) senior Miriam Garcia has been named a 2008 Gates Millennium Scholarship (GMS) recipient. The GMS scholarship will provide Garcia with four years of financial assistance to meet any unmet need as she attends Baylor University beginning in the fall, where she will major in Biology with a Pre-Med emphasis.

Garcia, daughter of Martha and Ruben Garcia of Westway, is currently ranked second in her senior class with a 101.1017 grade point average. She is a member of CHS's Health Occupations Student Association (HOSA) and has competed at the HOSA state and national levels. She is also a member of Future Business Leaders of America, National Honor Society, FFA, and the cross-country team. Garcia has also been a mentor in the Big Brothers Big Sisters program for the past four years.

Garcia stated that the application process for the Gates Millennium Scholarship was long but definitely worth it. It required two recommendations from teachers, answers to essay questions, evidence of financial need, and descriptions of community service and extra-curricular activities during her four years of high school.



Miriam Garcia

Garcia also served as a Page in the U.S. House of Representatives in Washington D. C. last summer. She worked, lived and studied with a team of other high school students, who were selected from throughout the country.

"I am extremely happy and relieved to have been chosen as a Gates Millennium Scholar. This

award will relieve my family and me of a huge financial burden and will allow me to expand my educational horizon," said Garcia.

Even though Garcia was accepted at several universities including Notre Dame she stated, "I chose Baylor because the university has a fantastic Biology program and when I went to visit I felt right at home. I am extremely excited to be attending this university in the fall."

Garcia will also have the opportunity to apply for Graduate School Funding for continuing Gates Scholars in the areas of education, engineering, library science, mathematics, public health and sciences.

The GMS program is more than just a scholarship. The GMS program offers Gates Scholars Academic Empowerment Services (ACE) to encourage academic excellence, mentoring services for academic and personal development, and an online resource center that provides internship, fellowship, and scholarship information.

"The announcement that our own CHS senior and student extraordinaire, Miriam Garcia was awarded one of the Gates Millennium Scholarships was extremely exciting. Miriam is an outstanding student who works tremendously hard and is looking forward to a career in medicine," said Dr. Pam Padilla, CISD Superintendent.



— Photo by Stacy Kendrick / SISD

**MONEY IN THE BANK** — Montwood High School seniors David Reza, Casey Rangel and Julian Hernandez are three of the Socorro ISD athletes that received scholarships from the All Star Football Classic.

## Socorro students receive All-Star scholarships

By Irma Flores  
Special to the Courier

Seven SISD students receive scholarships from the All-Star Football Classic. In December, these students were among the hundreds of area students who participated in the Annual All Star Game. As participants they were eligible for one of 20 plus scholarships. Receiving \$1,000 scholarships are from Americas High School Cynthia Carmona, from Montwood High School Julian Hernandez, Casey Rangel and David Reza and from Socorro High School Lorena Garcia, Robert Lopez and Christopher Ramirez.

"I really didn't know about this scholarship until I participated in the game. This will really help out," said Socorro senior Lorena Garcia

who plans on studying medicine at Brown University. Joining her in the band was Montwood senior Julian Hernandez, who will head to Baylor University while Carmona, Lopez and Rangel were on the sidelines as athletic trainers. Carmona and Rangel will go to UTEP and Lopez plans on studying physical therapy at Texas Tech University. Socorro Football player Christopher Ramirez, who played starting safety, will head to Cisco Junior College to study mechanical engineering. Also on the East Team was Montwood quarterback David Reza, who is considering Texas Tech and UT Austin.

"The game is a great way to showcase our students' talents. We know their hard work they put in and the game allows people across the city to recognize them as well," said SISD Board President Charles E. Garcia.

"They have balanced school work, extra-curricular activities and community service and their hard work is recognized and rewarded," said SISD Superintendent Dr. Sylvia P. Atkinson.

"All the proceeds of the game go to students who participated on the football teams, the band, JROTC and cheer teams," said Game Chairperson Rick Hernandez. "We hold this game to highlight area students who

## Canutillo ISD to hold annual Wellness Walk

By Kim Guzman  
Special to the Courier

Canutillo Independent School District's (CISD) Wellness Program will host its Thirteenth Annual Wellness Walk, from 7:00 to 11:00 a.m., Saturday, May 10, at Franklin Mountains State Park. The event is free.

More than 400 participants including students, parents, community members, and employees have made the trek through the state park each year. The walk's success has been attributed to the beautiful location in the Franklin Mountains.

"Our event is being held a little later in the

year to allow for warmer weather and we have some great door prizes donated by local businesses in the El Paso area, which will be given away to participants," said Vicky Ludwig, district wellness coordinator.



The Wellness program will provide the first 400 participants bags filled with goodies and a free t-shirt. The event is a run/walk activity to promote healthy living and exercise as a way of life.

The walk is an open activity which allows all participants to begin their walking/running exercise any time during the scheduled event. Free door prizes, water bottles, and healthy food snacks will also be available.

The wellness walk is free and open to the public. For more information, call 877-7456.

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## Por la Gente By State Rep. Chente Quintanilla

### Property tax concerns

Hola, mi gente. On April 23, the Speaker of the House of

Representatives released a press informational announcing the creation of the Select Committee on Property Tax Relief and Appraisal Reform; to which I have the honor of representing El Paso County.

The purpose of the select committee is to gather testimony and information about property tax relief and reforming the property appraisal system. I know that just about everybody in El Paso county has a complaint concerning one or both of those subjects.

Over the past few years, the appraised property values in El Paso have risen tremendously. A significant number of people with whom I have spoken just cannot understand why there are such steep increases on their property. For the purpose of investments, such increases are a blessing. But I know that the great majority of homeowners do not immediately benefit from the increases that

the appraisal district has placed on their homes.

In general, increasing property should be a good thing. The problem is that while the property is increasing, most of us do not actually have more money in our pockets; it is a paper wealth. Because of that, the accompanying tax increases have a bad impact on our everyday budgets. This is especially true for those on low or fixed incomes.

There are two points that I want the select committee to review intensively.

The first is the manner in which increases are imposed. Right now, if a home in your neighborhood is sold at a higher price than yours, you can probably bet that you will have an appraisal increase. If you knew that your house was exactly the same as the house that sold, you might not object. The trouble is the folks at the appraisal district won't release that information to you; so there is no way for a protestant to compare properties.

I feel that is not fair and I will be in favor of changing that. I still believe that, as stated in the state tax

code, "each property shall be appraised based upon the individual characteristics that affect the property's market value." As it stands now, the appraisal district issues the appraisal based purely on the market; it is up to the homeowner to argue down the increase by providing proof to the district for a lower appraisal.

Which brings me to my second point. The process for appraisal protests should be changed. In fighting an appraisal, a homeowner almost has to be an attorney. If the district is going to appraise home based on sales of other homes, then the district should have enough people to accommodate each protest to the homeowner's satisfaction.

If you agree with one or both of my concerns write me a short letter. Address it to:

State Representative Quintanilla  
Attention: Robert Grijalva,  
Property Appraisals  
112 N. Horizon, Suite 112A  
El Paso, Texas 79927

Gracias, mi gente, and I remain your friend and public servant,  
Chente for la gente.



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

### Veterans Business Conference

El Paso is proud to be home to many veterans, and I invite

all those interested in opening a small business or expanding their existing business to attend the Third Annual Veterans Business Conference in El Paso on May 16 at El Paso Community College at 9050 Viscount.

Like our past Veterans Business Conferences, the main goal is to help veterans take advantage of the Army's plans to expand Fort Bliss as a result of the 2005 BRAC round, overseas rebasing, and the Grow the Army initiative, which are all bringing about 65,000 new people to El Paso and therefore a demand for construction, goods and services. It is extremely important to me that El Pasoans have the opportunity to carry out this work and provide these goods and services. Many El Paso business owners are already

working, through federal contracts and subcontracts, to prepare El Paso for this growth, and we hope to provide even more business owners, especially our veterans, with the tools to succeed and grow

To help veterans pursue business leads, they will have the opportunity throughout the day to network with others in the region and seek information on:

- Employment opportunities;
- Federal certification programs;
- Business development, financing, and bonding;
- Federal contracting;
- Essentials for start-up businesses; and
- Matchmaking opportunities for business-owners.

The Third Annual Veterans Business Conference would not be a success without our local community partners: U.S. Small Business Administration, Contract Opportunities Center of the El Paso Community College, Small Business Develop-

ment Center, El Paso 8A & Minority Sub-Contractors Association, Acción Texas, City of El Paso, University of Texas at El Paso, Greater El Paso Chamber of Commerce, El Paso Hispanic Chamber of Commerce, El Paso Black Chamber of Commerce, Service Corps of Retired Executives, and Upper Rio Grande Workforce Development Board.

A local small business will provide lunch free of charge, and the Armed Services Blood Program will also be at the conference so attendees can donate blood to our servicemembers in Iraq and Afghanistan.

I encourage interested veterans to attend this conference, and also ask that participants provide feedback to my office so future events are as helpful and useful as possible. Please contact my office at 534-4400 or [www.house.gov/reyes](http://www.house.gov/reyes) to learn more or ask questions. With Fort Bliss growing, the El Paso small business community should grow along with it.

## Cox wants second term in Socorro

By Sergio Cox

It's that time of the season again. Yes, it's election time and more than likely only about ten percent of the number of registered voters will actually bother to make that trip to the polls and vote. That is amazing. Well, I am going to try and see if I can change that. I am going to run for reelection for the "at-large" city council position for the City of Socorro.

Why am I running again, you might ask. The answer is simple. I want to continue trying to make a difference for our community.

Why should you vote for me? I have no other family living in Socorro with the exception of my

niece and her husband, so I am not beholden to anyone nor do I intend to be. I have paid for my campaign with my own funds and have not accepted any campaign contributions from anyone. I like it that way. I have been able to vote on controversial issues that have come before council and not worry about having to excuse myself because of conflict of interest. In the past two years in office I only missed one city council meeting and that was because of a family issue that I had to attend out of town. I have made every attempt to be available for any of the public's concerns and have tried to have an answer whether favorable or not so fa-

favorable, but none-the-less an answer, for the people that sought me out for assistance. I will continue to be accessible and be a leader of my community in every way.

One example of a controversial issue is the City Manager's relationship with Council. A correction is needed immediately upon a new council being elected. The elected officials are the leaders who control the City Manager and not the other way around. The City Manager position is just that, a manager, who has to answer to those chosen by the people to represent them. This has to

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"WHY, IT HAS SOFT, FLUFFY FEATHERS...IT MUST BE A DOVE!"



### What's up, doc? By Albert Balesh, M.D.

## Gender bender

They can vote. With apron strings no longer indelibly fixed to their waists, they have become powerbrokers and have acceded to the highest echelons of Corporate America. Their numbers swell the ranks of the most prestigious institutions of higher learning that this nation has to offer. They are tough, rugged, honest, sincere, caring, and now running for the highest political office of the land. In short, the "fairer sex" has come a long way, but not without hitting speed bumps and impassable along the way. Yes, it was long overdue, and, yet, with every lump of sugar comes a grain of salt. Women's health has become a bitter pill to swallow. After all, having their cake and eating it, too, has put women in the crosshairs of the same acute and chronic maladies afflicting their testosterone-infused, hairy, king of the jungle, Rambo-like husbands and significant others. So, perhaps it would be time well spent, examining the differences between men and women on a clinical and public health stage. Perhaps a reality check will be accorded, when the notion that gender matters in health is "slam dunked." Let the reader beware, that what follows is not a pretty picture, and has ramifications that go beyond the circle of influence of a simple "gender bender."

It is conventional wisdom that women outlive men, and this has been the case since the turn of the century. Reductions in the mortality surrounding maternity, labor, and birth have played a role in women's longevity. Lo and behold, however, since 1980, the gap in life expectancies between Rambos and Rambas has been narrowing, and men's gains in life expectancy now exceed those of women. How can this be accounted for? What or who is to blame? The answer, Dear Brutus, lies not in the stars, but in the higher rates of morbidity and psychological distress experienced by the carriers of two X chromosomes. Women, in fact, for better or worse, in this case, are subject to higher incidence and prevalence rates of anxiety, depression, worry, and demoralization. An uncertain world and a vacillating U.S. economy do not brighten immediate prospects, either.

There is a paradox here, which needs some form of explanation. Why do men continue to meet their Creators at younger ages than women, and, yet, are stricken by chronic illnesses at much lower rates than the latter? Gender differences in the patterns of disease might be revelatory on that score. Case in point, men, for whatever reason, are more often the victims of life-threatening chronic diseases such as coronary heart disease, cancer, cerebrovascular disease, emphysema, cirrhosis of the liver, kidney disease, and atherosclerosis. Women, on the other side of the coin, are more frequent targets of chronic disorders, including anemia, thyroid conditions, gall bladder disease, migraines, arthritis, colitis, eczema, and the list goes on and on. It doesn't end there, either, as women have more than their share of acute conditions such as upper respiratory infections, gastroenteritis, and a proverbial pot-

pourri of short-term infectious diseases.

Women are not immune to the life-threatening chronic diseases afflicting men. They just experience them later in life. Clinicians, researchers, and public health professionals have been slow to realize this, and, consequently, there has been a gender bias in health care research and clinical practice directed at those mortal conditions. A "women don't have heart attacks" perspective has not only been abusive and dangerous, but has shaped clinical research studies. It is now clear, beyond any shadow of doubt, that treatments developed by studying men are not necessarily generalizable to women. Biological differences between men and women must be understood, with an eye to health advantages in one sex being employed to develop new pharmaceutical interventions to benefit members of the opposite sex.

Comparing the health of men and women is far from an easy task. Factors such as who specifically is being compared, the social and environmental causes of disease, the places where chronic conditions lurk, and the practice situations and social characteristics of the dominant group of medical professionals-physicians must all be considered. It is not a simple question of XX versus XY, as differences in men's and women's morbidity and mortality are a function of the combination of both social and biological factors, which tend to operate in opposite directions. While women derive advantages in longevity from sex differences that allow them to carry a fetus to term, men's claims to decreased morbidity appear to be related to lower levels of role stress, role conflict, and the demands of work and play. There is, however, some controversy on the biological side. Their stronger immune systems and estrogen contribute to women's greater longevity by lowering their risk of coronary heart disease prior to menopause, and, yet, their biology is hard-pressed to explain why women get sick more often than men.

Behavior and the socialization process between the sexes may also influence health. Women are taught from birth to accommodate others, and men to express anger and frustration more readily than the opposite sex. Those social characteristics may, in effect, account for the greater risk of psychological maladies, such as depression, in women. Social roles and their connection to disease will become fertile research terrain in the future.

All's fair in love and war, but biological, environmental, and social skirmishes between men and women on the health front benefit no one. They drive up health care costs at a time when the U.S. economy is barely limping along. So, like the "good hands people," in the future, steps must be taken to ensure that a simple gender bender never reaches the proportions of a full-fledged "head on." Men and women are different. Their bodies are different. Their health is different. The sooner that lesson is drilled home, the sooner ripe, old ages can be reached together.

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Moore Texas by Roger T. Moore April 30, 1598, near El Paso: Explorer Juan Onate has Texas' first Thanksgiving (complete with Indians).

## Town of Anthony Election — May 10, 2008

Under the new law (Section 2.051-054) of the Election Code the Town of Anthony will not be holding an election May 10, 2008 due to the fact that the candidates on the ballot are unopposed and no write-in candidates have filed to challenge them by the write-in deadline. The election process is rendered virtually meaningless since voters will be able to cast a vote only for the unopposed candidates on the ballot.

Unopposed candidates are: Chanan Singh — Alderman Place Three; Demetrio C. Cuellar — Alderman Place Four; and Orlando Garcia — Alderman Place Five.

### Eleccion — 10 de mayo de 2008

*Bajo la nueva ley (Seccion 2.051-054) de la Codificacion de Elecciones en El Pueblo de Anthony, Texas, no habra una eleccion el dia 10 de mayo de 2008 debido al hecho que los candidatos en la papeleta de voto estaran sin oposicion y ningun candidato por escrito ha archivado desafiar ha la fecha indicada. El proceso de la eleccion sera virtualmentes sin sentido, pues se lanzaran a los votantes un voto solo por los candidatos sin oposicion en la papeleta de voto.*

*Candidatos sin oposicion son los siguientes regidores: Chanan Singh — Lugar Tres; Demetrio C. Cuellar — Lugar Cuatro; y Orlando Garcia — Lugar Cinco.*

## Town of Anthony PUBLIC NOTICE

A PUBLIC HEARING will be held at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, April 8, 2008 during the Regular Town Council Meeting at Anthony Town Hall, 401 Wildcat Dr., Anthony, Texas. Purpose of the public hearing is to allow any interested person to appear and testify at the hearing regarding the following proposed ordinance(s), second reading:

- 1) Ordinance No. 450, Amendment 1. An ordinance adopting the HOTEL OCCUPANCY TAX in the Town of Anthony, Texas.
- 2) Ordinance No. 451. An ordinance authorizing the INSTALLATION OF TRAFFIC DEVICE (STOP SIGN) AT THE INTERSECTION FO POPLAR AND 8<sup>TH</sup> STREETS WITHIN THE TOWN LIMITS of the Town of Anthony, Texas.
- 3) Ordinance No. 452. An ordinance PROHIBITING THE NEW CONSTRUCTION OF CHANGEABLE ELECTRONIC VARIABLE MESSAGE SIGNS WITHIN the Town of Anthony, Texas.

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

Myriam P. Uribe  
Town Clerk

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## School board notes By Don Woodyard

UPPER VALLEY—With this issue, the County Courier expands its monthly coverage of area school district board meetings to six.

Each month readers will find the highlights of actions taken by trustees in the Anthony, Canutillo, Clint, Fabens, San Elizario and Tornillo school districts. Stories will be grouped by area. Anthony and Canutillo school districts will comprise the Upper Valley coverage. The other four school districts situated in the Lower Valley will be presented in a separate story.

### Canutillo ISD April 8

The school district's Early College High School program received a big boost from the Hunt Family Foundation. Marcus Hunt, head of the foundation, told board members that his organization was giving \$100,000 to the district for purchase of laptop computers for all students the initial class of the Early High School program.

"I have seen tremendous improvement in the school district," Hunt

said. "I am proud of what you have done.

"I see the school district as a model of success."

Earlier, in her superintendent's report, Dr. Pam Padilla underscored the importance of the computers. She had visited a school in Houston that was using laptops in a similar program as the one planned in CISD.

The Canutillo High School choir and its director, Willie Adame, were recognized for having earned a First Division rating in regional competition. This qualifies the choir to perform in the upcoming state solo and ensemble competition.

Praising the work of Adame for his positive role in affecting the lives of his choir, board member Yvonne Sanchez said, "Thank you for causing these futures to happen. Their hearts are here; they come back."

### Anthony ISD April 15

Of great concern to the board was a summary report from the Texas Education Agency that showed that

Anthony ISD ranks low in essential testing areas among the 1,100 school districts statewide.

The lowest curriculum area was in math and science where summary data from TEA showed AISD ranked 1,091. The district fared better in other areas. It was 850 in reading and 641 in writing. In all tests taken, the district was ranked 1,078.

"We need good math and science teachers," superintendent Ron Haugen told board members. "We need to close the gap." To help improve student scores and district rankings, he said he would utilize an instructional coaching position in math and science.

Another academic tool to improve test scores, Haugen said later in a telephone interview, would be implementing an accelerated math software program during the summer school. Also, there is specialized C-Scope software through Region 19 Education Service Center.

"We will also be looking at different structures on how to teach." One example of this, he explained, would be maximizing and utilizing a teacher's strongest academic talents to a greater advantage in the classroom.

"We didn't get this way overnight," the superintendent said, emphasizing the need to "take strides" to turn things around. "We need to do things differently."

The board took action to upgrade computer equipment in three areas. It was pointed out that present computers were outdated. The purchase of 55 new computers was approved and earmarked for students' use at a cost of \$55,000.

Dell computers for the high school open lab.

Apple computers for the BCIS lab and also for the band program "in order to provide students with new and varied technology," Haugen said in his summary of board meeting actions.

Needed renovations on the elementary school cafeteria will move ahead after the board approved the transfer of \$15,000. The district faces a September facility audit and needs to make repairs to bring the cafeteria into compliance with state standards. Work will include cleaning and painting, replacing ceiling tiles and work on cafeteria vents.

The next meeting of the Anthony ISD board is 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, May 20.



## NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

### EL PASO CENTRAL APPRAISAL DISTRICT BUDGET

The El Paso Central Appraisal District will hold a public hearing on a proposed budget for the 2008/2009 fiscal year.

The public hearing will be held on Thursday, May 8, 2008 at 5:30 p.m. at the El Paso Central Appraisal District Conference Room, 5801 Trowbridge, El Paso, Texas 79925.

A summary of the Appraisal District Budget follows:

The total amount of the Proposed Budget (Salaries and Operating) is \$12,325,472.00.

The total amount of increase over the current year's Budget is \$837,210.00.

The number of employees compensated under the current Budget is 143.

The number of employees compensated under the proposed Budget will be 141.

The Appraisal District is supported solely by payments from the local taxing units served by the Appraisal District.

If approved by the El Paso Central Appraisal District Board of Directors at the public hearing, this Proposed Budget will take effect automatically on October 1, 2008, unless disapproved by the governing bodies of the county, school districts, cities, and towns served by the Appraisal District.

A copy of the Proposed Budget is available for public inspection in the office of each of these governing bodies. A copy is also available for public inspection at the Appraisal District Office.

**El Paso Central Appraisal District**  
5801 Trowbridge  
El Paso, Texas 79925

## Scholarships

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are overachievers."

They along with other scholarship recipients were recognized at a dinner held on April 8, 2008. The organization has given out a total of 443 scholarships worth \$316,500 in the past 16 years. The All Star Football Classic, which started in 1993, showcases El Paso County High School seniors who excel in both academics and their chosen extracurricular activities of football, cheerleading, drill team, choir, JROTC, band or sports medicine. It also offers students an opportunity and venues for scholarship; proclaim the pride of their youth, the spirit of competition and their quest for excellence.

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# School board notes By Don Woodyard

**LOWER VALLEY** — Coverage of area school boards expands to six with this issue of the County Courier. Specifically, significant actions by the board of trustees of the Fabens ISD will be featured in this and upcoming issues. This adds to on-going and comprehensive coverage of school board actions in Clint, San Elizario and Tornillo.

The Upper Valley school districts, Anthony and Canutillo, are covered in a separate story.

## San Elizario ISD April 9

Strains in the working relationship between SEISD and VEMAC, the district's long-time construction company, surfaced at the meeting. Dan Gonzalez, executive director for professional services for VEMAC, and Oscar Venegas, president of the company, addressed concerns from board members about construction delays.

Speaking on behalf of the other trustees, Armando Martinez spoke of a changing working relationship, which at first was "very accommodating" to district needs. However, he feels the relationship has declined in recent years because the company has grown so much that it couldn't respond in as timely a manner as it had.

"We feel we were put down at the bottom of the totem pole," Martinez said.

"It leaves a bad taste in our mouths," Martinez added. But he also pointed out that "the company's workmanship has never been in question."

Gonzalez and Venegas apologized to the board for the problems and the delays. "I'm sorry, really sorry,"

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Gonzalez said to the board. They readily acknowledged and are appreciative of the fact that SEISD gave them a break 12 years ago when they first started out as Urban Associates.

"I really love this district," Gonzalez said. "It is one of my showcase districts; it's a showplace."

"We are competing against Fort Bliss — that is the school district's competition." He further explained that with this new competition, it was more difficult for VEMAC to find subcontractors to handle such things as plumbing, roofing and electrical work.

Also, Gonzalez said they had to take care of 103 construction change orders and deal with unexpected environmental concerns with buried storage tanks at worksites.

In regards to current projects, George Luevano reported that all three buildings had reached a substantial level of completion. Luevano is the director of support services.

The new Alarcon Elementary cafeteria has been approved by health officials and is serving meals. Minor technology problems remain with library.

In other action, the board approved the issuance and sale of San Elizario Independent School District Unlim-

ited Tax Refunding Bond, Series 2008. It levies an ad valorem tax for payment of the bonds.

## Tornillo ISD April 15

Tornillo Elementary School is hoping the third time will be as much of a charm as the first time.

For the third year in a row, the school is applying for funding from a Texas Educator Excellence Grant (TEEG). According to a TEEG paper, the purpose of the grant is "to achieve higher levels of student academic performance."

Teachers at Tornillo Elementary are already receiving fatter paychecks for having met their performance criteria for the past two years. Superintendent Paul Vranish said going for and receiving the financial rewards for the third is kind of like "triple dipping."

The first year, qualified teachers received an additional \$2,300 a year in salary. The same thing happened last year for the elementary school, bringing the bonus total to \$4,600.

The board approved the school's TEEG application for the third year which would bring bonus pay to more than \$6,000.

"Everybody is excited," Vranish said in a telephone interview Monday. "They see the money potential. They are licking their chops."

Like the elementary school, the high school has been cashing in as well for the last two years with the teacher paycheck incentives. The superintendent said it was in the \$1,500-\$1,800 range. The high school is going for a third year repeat also.

Tornillo Intermediate School has qualified for the 2008 Governor's Grant of \$50,000. Seventy-five percent of the grant (\$37,500) goes for teachers only. They could qualify for \$1,875 in additional income. The remaining \$12,500 goes for financial incentives to various staff positions from principal to crossing guards and receptionists.

The board nominated Vranish to run again for Superintendent of the Year for 2008. He received the honor last year.

Vranish said the board is initiating conversations about random drug tests for student athletes.

## Clint ISD April 16

Ramon Lozano, III is the new principal of Horizon High School. Trustees approved his selection by a unanimous vote. Lozano, who has nine years experience in the field of education, is presently assistant principal at Riverside High School in the Ysleta ISD.

The board approved expenditure of \$1.149 million for repairs to me-

chanical roof-top equipment and roof that were damaged in a hail storm in May of 2007. Sandra Odenborg, the district's director of support services, reported on another aspect of the hail storm damage.

In an agreed settlement with the insurance company, she said the CISD will receive \$415,989 for food damaged at six campuses.

Odenborg also reported that construction of the parking lot at Surratt Elementary School is "substantially completed."

## Fabens ISD April 16

Jose Cervantes outlined the district's summer school program.

The month-long session will run from June 3rd to July 2nd. Instruction for pre-K through 8th grade students will be in Fabens Middle School. For grades 9-12, classes will be held on the high school campus.

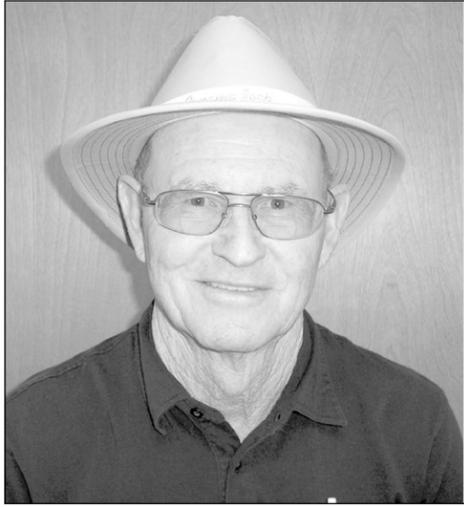
The board approved a request from the maintenance department for the purchase of a tractor.

Speaking earlier during the communications and visitors' portion of the board meeting, Jose Roman requested the installation of a backstop at the Risinger playground area for use by Little League teams.

School board trustees will canvass the results of the May 10th election at its May 21st meeting.

### VOTE MAY 10, 2008

## Benny Davis



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# Cowboys starting line up found in other line-ups

By Steve Escajeda  
Special to the Courier

I know we're approaching the end of the professional basketball and hockey seasons, and the Major League Baseball campaign is about a month into its long summer season, but football fans are getting — ready for the next best thing to an actual game — the NFL draft.

Now believe me when I tell you that I'm not one of those guys who follows the draft inside and out or loses sleep wondering whether Tampa Bay should go with a defensive back or whether Seattle should solidify its offensive line.

But I do follow what my favorite team does, and that's the Dallas Cowboys.

And for the life of me I don't know why the Cowboys would take a chance on Adam "Pacman" Jones.

This means the Cowboys will have Terrell Owens, Tank Johnson and Pacman Jones on the same team.

Who are the Cowboys going to go after next... O.J. Simpson?

There hasn't been an assortment of malcontents like this on the same squad since the 1974 San Quentin softball team.

Okay, I may exaggerate a bit, but why would Jerry Jones take the chance of filling his very good team with players who could affect the squad in a very negative manner?

For those of you who spent the last couple of years in hibernation, Pacman Jones is the former Tennessee Titans defensive back who has spent much of his recent past shuffling back-and-forth between topless bars and judges benches.

Since being drafted in 2005, Pacman has been arrested six times and had 12 incidents where police have been called. All these adolescent antics forced NFL Commissioner Roger Goodell to suspend the troubled, but talented, soul.

But there is a light at the end of the tunnel for Jones. Goodell may actually lift his suspension if he feels Pacman is sincere about mending his ways. The Cowboys certainly think he will get a chance to play, especially since they just signed him to a three-year contract.

Wow, I haven't seen this much potential danger since Smith met Wesson.

Maybe I'm being too hard on Pacman. Maybe he really will turn his life around and be a good Samaritan. Maybe he will see the light and begin acting like a responsible man. Maybe I better not hold my breath.

The New York Daily News is citing those wacky "unnamed sources" in their story.

Hey, maybe Clemens was just telling former teammate Andy Pettitte a story about McCready and Pettitte simply "misremembered" the whole thing — again.

## BCS battle

A lot of people were concerned a few years ago when congress seriously considered getting in the middle of a Major League Baseball strike. Then congress got involved in the MLB steroids scandal and forced the league to finally do something about their problem.

If all that wasn't enough, now congress wants to get involved in college football's BCS championship series.

Seems three congressmen feel the BCS favors only big schools and they feel the little guys are getting the shaft. The bottom line is that they want to investigate whether the whole thing is an illegal enterprise.

The resolution they are looking at would require Justice's antitrust division to investigate whether the system actually violates federal law.

I don't know about you but I would much rather these guys do something about the price of gas I'm putting in my truck tomorrow. Besides, I'm not sure America would get excited about a Fresno State-Navy matchup in the Rose Bowl.

I'll tell you what, if you guys in congress listen to us about gas prices and the immigration problem, we'll listen to what you have to say about those nasty guys at the BCS.

At least while the congressmen are occupied with investigating the BCS — they'll do less harm to us.

## Canutillo HS golfer signs Letter of Intent to play for Western New Mexico University

By Alfredo Vasquez  
Special to the Courier

Canutillo High School senior Drew Norris, 2008 state qualifier in golf, signed a letter of intent Thursday (April 24) to play for Western New Mexico University in Silver City.

"Western New Mexico's is a really good Division II school, one of the best in golf in the nation. The team travels a lot, and every year the golf team travels to Hawaii. I like the school, and I like the coach. I

feel that I have a good chance of making an impact right away," Norris said.

Norris advanced to the state golf finals, which is slated for May 5-6, in Austin's Jimmy Clay Golf Course. He placed third out of 96 players in the regional tournament held in San Angelo recently. He was the first place medalist to qualify for the state meet in Region I.

Norris is ranked eleventh in his senior class. He also played quarterback for the Eagles' football team this year, and he was a pitcher for the baseball team.

His parents are Dennis and Sharon Norris.

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### LEGALS

#### PUBLIC NOTICE

#### CLINT INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

#### NOTICE OF INTENT

The Clint Independent School District hereby gives notice of its intent to enter into a contract for the purchase of real property. The major provisions of the contract are set forth below:

Property: 14.85 acres out of Tract 10, Block 11, San Elizario Grant, El Paso County, Texas.

Owner: Brenda Dyer.

Purchase Price: Forty Thousand Dollars and 00/100s (\$40,000.00) per acre.

Questions regarding this notice of intent or the proposed contract should be directed to the Superintendent of Schools, Clint ISD Administration Building, 14521 Horizon Blvd., El Paso, Texas 79928.

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#### PUBLIC NOTICE

### El Paso County Emergency Services District #2

The El Paso County Emergency Services District #2 is accepting resumes for a District attorney. Applicants must have knowledge in the Texas Health and Safety Code, Chapter 775, Title 9 Safety; Subtitle B, Emergencies.

Resumes must include references and be received no later than close of business on May 8, 2008.

Resumes will be read at the Regular Board Meeting on May 13, 2008 at 7:00 P.M. at 510 E. Vinton Rd. in Canutillo.

Email resumes to: raytreviso@sefd.org

For more information contact: Becky Terrazas, (915) 851-3138

### SOCORRO INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

#### Invitation to Bid/Respond:

Sealed bids/proposals/CSP to furnish the District with the following products and/or services will be ac-

cepted at the following times:

#### MONDAY MAY 5, 2008

**AUTOMOTIVE PARTS — OEM PART II CSP NO. 199-0505-8058 ACCEPTED UNTIL 2:30 P.M.**

**EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT CONTROLS OEM PARTS AND OEM EQUIPMENT CSP NO. 199-0505-8056 ACCEPTED UNTIL 3:00 P.M.**

Proposals will be received at Business Services Dept., 12300 Eastlake Drive, El Paso, Texas 79928 until the specified times. Detailed specifications are available from the above office between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. Mondays through Fridays.

Proposals are also available at the District's website: www.sisd.net WTCC-05/01/08

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

#### THURSDAY MAY 8, 2008

**ELECTRICAL INSTALLATIONS AND SERVICES CSP NO. 199-0508-8070 ACCEPTED UNTIL 2:30 P.M.**

**SEWAGE AND GREASE TRAP SERVICES CSP NO. 199-0508-8059 ACCEPTED UNTIL 3:00 P.M.**

**LANDSCAPING MATERIALS CSP NO. 199-0508-8065 ACCEPTED UNTIL 3:30 P.M.**

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- Supervising the operations, performing some basic administrative duties such as billing and serving as liaison with the steel mill customer
- Achieving production and safety objectives
- Assisting in operating the mobile heavy operating equipment as necessary

#### Qualifications include:

- Post High school education and 3+ years of operations management experience in a heavy industrial environment
- Able to operate heavy mobile equipment (drop ball cranes and loaders) and strong mechanical aptitude and basic maintenance mechanic skills
- Familiarity with slag, metal recovery, crushing and screening facilities is desired
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- Good people engagement skills and strong focus and concern with employee and equipment safety

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#### Qualifications include:

- HS Diploma and 5+ years of drag line/drop ball crane operator experience
- Journeyman or applicable certification preferred
- Strong mechanical maintenance skills
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# French president takes on tradition

By Don Flood

This morning, I took a shower. OK, not as significant perhaps as the impending nuptials of Pamela Anderson and Bigfoot (you have to keep up!), but for me it was an important milestone: It had been six weeks since my last shower.

That was when I broke my collarbone, which meant wearing a back brace. The brace chafed and pinched, but most important, it prevented me from showering and properly washing various body parts key to personal hygiene.

Six weeks can seem a lifetime — in a relationship or a political campaign, and especially in the life of an unwashed armpit.

But now that I am no longer a member of the "great unwashed," I'm ready to move on to more important topics, such as international affairs, specifically the affairs of French President Nicolas Sarkozy, who has divorced his wife and married Italian model-turned-singer Carla Bruni, who — and this is true — reportedly said, "I want a man with nuclear power," meaning not a surefire way to keep her hair-dryer humming, but real-live nuclear weapons — a requirement that would severely limit her dating pool.

(I wonder, do other women list this kind of preference on their online dating accounts? Would they be satisfied with a man limited to carrying on conventional warfare with an aircraft carrier fleet?)

The French, of course, are aghast at the behavior of their head of state because, um, I'm not sure exactly. It's not as if past presidents were expected to be faithful. In fact, a little straying seemed to be part of the job description.

President Francois Mitterrand

had a whole second family, including a mistress and a daughter, who walked behind the first family at his funeral.

Mitterrand, however, maintained the public fiction that the second family didn't exist, for which the French people were grateful — for some reason.

(Bonus relationship tip for American husbands: If you are planning to take up with a mistress and produce more offspring, assure your wife that you will be discreet about it — even promising not to invite the second family to the Fourth of July barbecue if that's what's necessary to keep the peace.)

Your wife will no doubt appreciate your thoughtfulness and be grateful, just like the French people, though before you bring up what could be a delicate matter you might want to check on the readiness of your own nuclear arsenal.)

But in marrying his girlfriend, Sarkozy refused to follow Mitterrand's lead.

"Carla and I have decided not to lie," Sarkozy announced. "I have decided to break with a hateful tradition in our republic: hypocrisy and lies."

Well, there's the problem right there. Sarkozy may call it a "hateful tradition," but, let's face it, hypocrisy and lies have a long and proud history.

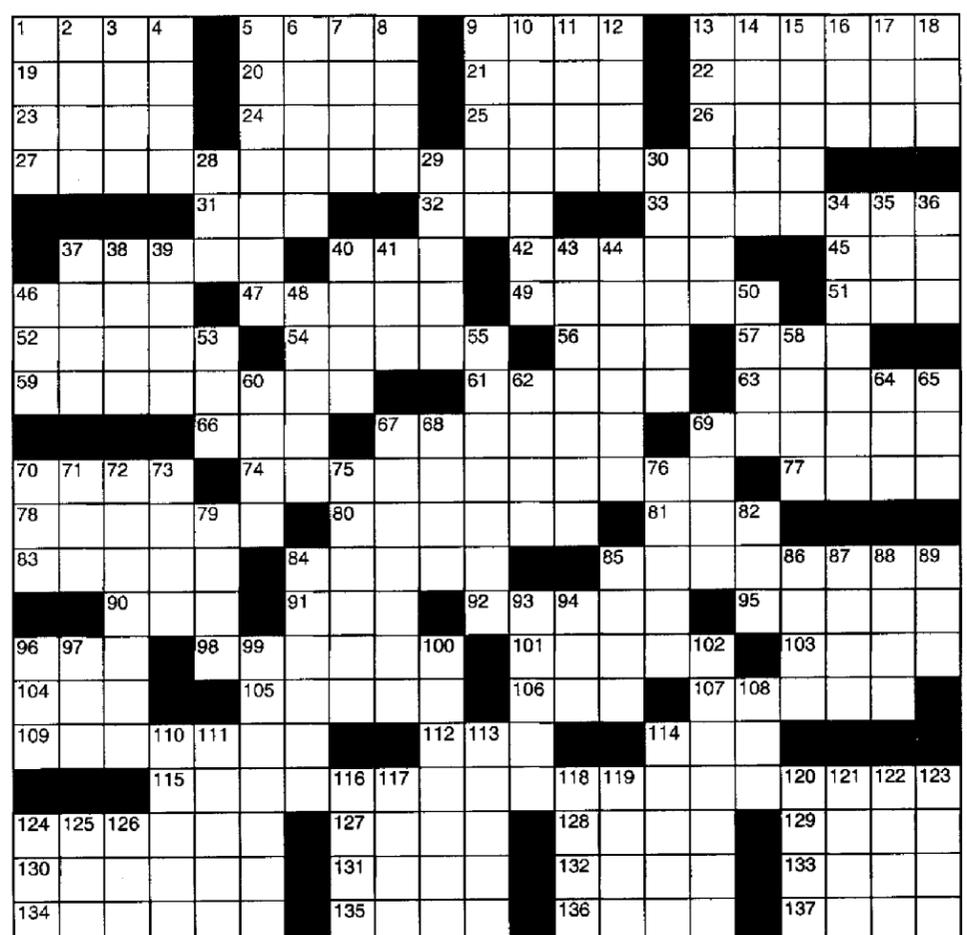
Imagine an American president refusing to "pardon" a turkey just before Thanksgiving, even though most people secretly understand that few of the birds actually return to civilian life.

People need their traditions. In my case, that means taking a daily shower.

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# King Super Crossword

- SIMPLE MATH ACROSS**
- 1 "That was a close one!"
  - 5 Horror-film extras
  - 9 E-junk?
  - 13 Football team
  - 19 Troubadour's instrument
  - 20 Each
  - 21 Holy headgear
  - 22 Fill with fizz
  - 23 Taj town
  - 24 West. alliance
  - 25 Like \_ of bricks
  - 26 Cheesemaker's need
  - 27 Start of a remark
  - 31 Busy bug
  - 32 Initials of interest?
  - 33 Snuggled up
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  - 66 Foreman's fortes
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  - 69 Rap session?
  - 70 Dry run
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  - 98 They're out of this world
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  - 128 Plunder
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  - 5 '71 Woody Allen film
  - 6 Separately
  - 7 Shopper's sack
  - 8 Primer pooch
  - 9 Like some cheddar
  - 10 Coaching legend
  - 11 Burn remedy
  - 12 Cadfael, for one
  - 13 Fervent
  - 14 Yorkshire city
  - 15 Surrealist Max
  - 16 Heffin or Cliburn
  - 17 When Paris sizzles
  - 18 Badminton divider
  - 28 Bend someone's \_ (yak)
  - 29 Dispatch
  - 30 Delhi denizen
  - 34 Shirley's sidekick
  - 35 Ransom \_ Olds
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  - 39 Rational
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  - 43 Learned
  - 44 Snare
  - 46 Mr. Ziegfeld
  - 48 "America's Most Wanted" host
  - 50 Conceal
  - 53 NASA affirmative
  - 55 English explorer
  - 58 Wander
  - 60 Greenhouse items
  - 62 Miss
  - 64 " \_ Station Zebra" ('68 film)
  - 65 Salon request
  - 67 Toilet water
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  - 69 Mikita or Musial
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  - 71 Team scream
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  - 73 Ballet movement
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  - 79 Disoriented
  - 82 Tread the boards
  - 84 Flying brother
  - 85 Price
  - 86 Gloppy
  - 87 "Once \_ a midnight dreary ..."
  - 88 Hawaii's state bird
  - 89 Placekicker's prop
  - 93 Zola or Griffith
  - 94 Rock's \_ Lobos
  - 96 Hen's hubby
  - 97 "The \_ Daba Honeymoon" ('14 song)
  - 99 Disappoint
  - 100 Silly trio
  - 102 Fall fashion
  - 108 FBI employee
  - 110 Swahili, e.g.
  - 111 Witch's home
  - 113 Pointless
  - 114 Conversation piece?
  - 116 Grabs all the goodies
  - 117 Poet Wilcox
  - 118 Thick slice
  - 119 Actor Franchot
  - 120 Winter woe
  - 121 Hunt's " \_ Ben Adhem"
  - 122 Dweeb
  - 123 Actress Daly
  - 124 Small shot
  - 125 Stephen of "Ready to Wear"
  - 126 Nova Scotia hrs.



Answer Page 5

# Social Security Q&A By Ray Vigil

**Q:** I applied for my baby's Social Security number while in the hospital. It's been several weeks and I haven't gotten her card in the mail. What should I do? Should I re-apply?

**A:** Sometimes it can take a little longer than usual for your card to arrive. As long as you completed the

paperwork in the hospital, you can rest assured it's being processed. Some states take longer to process than others. If you need to show that you applied for your baby's card, you can use the receipt you got at the hospital when you submitted your baby's application. For more information, visit our website at [www.socialsecurity.gov](http://www.socialsecurity.gov) or call us toll-free at 1-800-772-1213 (TTY 1-800-325-0778).

**Q:** I'm 62 and divorced. But my earnings weren't enough for me to qualify for Social Security. Can I get benefits as a divorced spouse?

**A:** In most cases, you can receive benefits as a divorced spouse on your former spouse's Social Security record if you were married to the former spouse for at least 10 years, are at least age 62 years old, are currently unmarried, and are not entitled to a higher Social Security benefit on your own record. If you would like to get an estimate of benefits you may

receive as a divorced spouse, call us toll-free at 1-800-772-1213 (TTY 1-800-325-0778). For more information, visit our website at [www.socialsecurity.gov](http://www.socialsecurity.gov) or call us toll-free at 1-800-772-1213 (TTY 1-800-325-0778).

**Q:** How does Social Security decide if I am disabled?

**A:** For Social Security to consider you disabled, you must be unable to do work you did before and we must decide that you cannot adjust to other work because of a disabling condition. Also, your disability must last or be expected to last for at least one year or to result in death. Social Security pays only for total disability. No benefits are payable for partial disability or short-term disability. For more information, we recommend you read our online publication, Disability Benefits, at [www.socialsecurity.gov/pubs/10029.html](http://www.socialsecurity.gov/pubs/10029.html). You can apply for disability online at

[www.socialsecurity.gov](http://www.socialsecurity.gov) or call us toll-free at 1-800-772-1213 (TTY 1-800-325-0778).

**Q:** Why does the Supplemental Security Income (SSI) application ask about my "living arrangements?"

**A:** Your living arrangement can affect your SSI payment amount. For example, a beneficiary's SSI payment may be reduced by up to one-third if the recipient receives food or shelter that is paid for by another person. Where you live, who else is in the household and what you and others pay towards the household expenses can all make a difference in your SSI payment. Learn more about living arrangements by reading our online booklet, Understanding SSI at [www.socialsecurity.gov/ssi/text-understanding-ssi.htm](http://www.socialsecurity.gov/ssi/text-understanding-ssi.htm). For more information, visit our website at [www.socialsecurity.gov](http://www.socialsecurity.gov) or call us toll-free 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](http://www.socialsecurity.gov) or call us at 1-800-772-1213. If you have any questions that you would like to have answered, please mail them to the Social Security Office, 1111 Gateway West, Attn: Ray Vigil, El Paso, Texas 79935.

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## Town of Horizon City PUBLIC NOTICE

A PUBLIC HEARING will be held during a **Regular Planning and Zoning Meeting on Monday, May 19, 2008 at 6:30 p.m.** at City Hall, 14999 Darrington Road, Horizon City, Texas. The purpose of the public hearing is to allow any interested persons to appear and comment regarding the following properties:

1) Rezoning application #08-001RZ, from R-9 "Single-family Dwelling" to R-MH "Mobile Home Single-family Dwelling" of certain parcels out of Blk. 78 Tsp. 3, T&PRR Co. Survey 31, said parcels addressed as 14033, 14041, 14049, 14057, 14065, 14101, 14109, 14117, and 14125 Texas Rainbow Drive, and shown as unplatted by the Town's records but listed as Lots 16-24, Desert Mesa Estates Unit Two by the El Paso Central Appraisal District, (PIDS D45400001302400, D45400001302300, D45400001302200, D45400001302100, D45400001302001, D45400001301901, D45400001301800, D45400001301700, and D45400001301600); and to initiate the rezoning from R-2 to R-MH of two unplatted, unaddressed parcels south of Cow Tongue Drive, both being portions of Blk. 78 Tsp. 3, T&PRR Co. Survey 31, (PIDs X57800033100100 and X75800033100200).

Those who are unable to attend may submit their views in writing to the City Clerk at the above address or call 915-852-1046. Accommodations for handicapped persons will be available; and individuals in need of special assistance for attending the hearing are encouraged to contact the City Clerk at 915-852-1046, forty-eight (48) hours prior to this meeting.

*Karen Ellefson*  
Town Clerk

WTCC: 05/01/08

## Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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## Cox

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be addressed as soon as the new council is sworn in. I understand that the City Manager's position needs to have some free reign, but that official still needs to answer to Council.

Additionally, I have slowly but surely been able to get council to agree on including such agenda items as a City Manager's monthly report to be given on the first meeting of every month as budget preparations for the next city budget hearing.

I have had my hand in several issues that have come up and I fully understand and have accepted my role — that of a public servant for the people of Socorro. I ask of the people that I be allowed to continue in that role and please allow me to finish what I have started.

My flyer that has been distributed throughout Socorro has some of my accomplishments and future goals that I have set if allowed to continue to "Work for the Community." Please get involved — go out and vote. Vote as you see fit, but vote.

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