

NEWSBRIEFS

Food drive

The National Association of Letter Carriers will hold their annual food drive on Saturday, May 10. Anyone can participate by placing non-perishable food items in or next to their mail box this Saturday. The donations will be picked up when your mail is delivered. If you have a community or Post Office Box, you may donate at any area post office.

Tech20 open house

The public is invited to an open house at the Carlos M. Ramirez Tech20 Water Resources Learning Center on Saturday, May 10, from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. The center is located at 10751 Montana Ave. The open house marks the grand opening of a state-of-the-art facility featuring interactive displays, exhibits and demonstration projects that teach visitors to understand and appreciate water management in the Chihuahuan Desert. Activities will include presentations for adults, games for children and exhibits about water resources, conservation and Chihuahuan Desert plants and wildlife. Tours will be offered at the Kay Bailey Hutchison Desalination Plant, which is adjacent to Tech20. El Paso Water Utilities will also announce the winners of its annual poster contest. Students from kindergarten through 12th grade will receive gifts cards worth \$100, \$50 and \$25 for first-, second- and third-place prizes, respectively. For more information about the grand opening festivities, call Tech20 at 621-2000. Refreshments will be served.

No Limits

Horizon City's No Limits Track Club will be signing up participants on Monday, May 12 at 5:30 p.m. by the track at Col. John O. Ensor Middle School.

Name a school

Clint Independent School District is currently seeking input from the community in naming a new middle school in Horizon City. The school will be the 13th campus to the district and will serve students in the Horizon area of the district. If you would like to submit a suggestion, please call 926-4053 or send an email to laura.cade@clint.net no later than May 12, 2008.

Crime Stoppers

Crime Stoppers of El Paso is assisting the El Paso Fire Department in identifying the person or persons responsible for burglarizing and then setting fire to a building under construction, making this the "Crime of the Week." On Sunday, April 13th, just before 1:00 a.m., units of the El Paso Fire Department were called to a building on fire in the 6400 block of Gateway East. The building was engulfed in heavy smoke and flames. Firefighters were able to

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Don't condemn the judgment of another because it differs from your own — you both may be wrong.

— Quips & Quotes

Women's shelter receives makeover from Americas HS students

By Irma Flores
Special to the Courier



— Photo by Stacy Kendrick / SISD

SHADY PLACE — Students work on a patio cover to provide relief from the sun at the Dame La Mano Shelter.

In the span of a couple a months, the Dame La Mano Shelter has gone through a transformation thanks to the hard work of Americas High School students. From the new paint and landscaping to the playground and fixed fence, the shelter's renovation is a result of many hours of hard work of put in by members of 11 service groups at Americas High School. Coordinated and organized by Americas seniors Louis Armendariz and Jason Shirazi, Operation Collaboration combined the manpower of more than 100 student volunteers, parents and teachers. Their efforts were greatly welcomed by shelter staff and residents.

"We don't have the funds to do repairs to the bathrooms, build a playground or plant trees. We don't get state or federal funds. This is a miracle for us. I don't have the words to express my gratitude to these students other than to thank them," said Rosa Arellano who founded the shelter to help abused women get back on their feet. "Everything they have done looks good. They also took the kids to the zoo. For many of our kids that was their first visit. They have done a lot of work. It's very emotional for me to see these kids come down here and volunteer."

"All these students' possess a strength of character and continually help others in their school, in their neighborhoods and in El Paso. Their commitment to service is an inspiration, said SISD Superintendent Dr. Sylvia P. Atkinson.

The shelter, located at 1014 S. Virginia, houses between 40 to 50 women and children at any given time. The shelter aims at helping women back on their feet by providing them with life skills such as paying bills and maintaining a home. The shelter's goal is to get women and their families back on their feet within six to nine months.

"Dame La Mano has met the needs of thousands of homeless women in crisis and their children with limited financial resources obtained mainly through internal fundraising and donations," said Armendariz. "Americas High School involved all of its community service organizations and welcomed any students who were willing to help aid the Dame La Mano Shelter."

"During one weekend, a group of more than a hundred student volunteers painted the inside and outside walls, constructed a new playground, and planted trees and flowers. We are hoping that this project will spark a desire in the hearts of students that will continue to burn as they get older," said Shirazi.

The pair first heard about the shelter through their participation with the Mayor's 100 Teens. During a community meeting, they heard about a shelter that was in need of repairs. Shirazi who was searching for a community project involving the Americas student body immediately volunteered. What followed was a collaboration of local businesses with the students to collect materials and funds. In addition, an Americas High School parent who is a contractor help the students complete their version of an extreme home makeover. The group also received support from their contacts within the Mayor's 100 Teens.

"We asked Mayor Cook's wife, Tram Cook, for help with this project. Fortunately, she had received a grant aimed at helping provided services for women. She gave us \$2,000 which

San Elizario ISD honors volunteers and businesses

By Cynthia P. Marentes
Special to the Courier

The San Elizario Independent School District honored its top volunteers for the 2007-2008 school year on Thursday, April 24 at the district's annual Volunteers In Public Schools and Partners in Education Recognition Luncheon. Maurilia C. Volpe was named Outstanding Volunteer of the Year for the entire school district receiving the Superintendent's Award for her generous contributions of time and effort. Volpe has been volunteering at Loya Primary School for the past nine years dutifully coming to the campus on a regular basis and sometimes on Saturdays as well.

She was also named Campus Volunteer of the Year for Loya Primary amassing over 1,000 volunteer hours while assisting in various capacities. Volpe came to the school when her daughter, Nancy Jacquez, began teaching pre-kindergarten. She was quickly recruited for other assignments including supporting other teachers, serving on committees, and accompanying students on field trips. Mrs. Volpe stated that she most enjoys being with the children because they keep her busy and she can learn along with them. She added that

she thinks of the students as her "nietos," her grandchildren.

The other Campus Volunteers of the Year honorees were: Maria Saenz for Alarcon Elementary, Maria Elena Contreras for Borrego Elementary, Alma Duran for Sambrano Elementary, Noemi Calzadillas for Garcia-Enriquez Middle School, and Irene Vasquez for San Elizario High School. The Volunteers In Public Schools (VIPS) that support the San Elizario Independent School District collectively contributed over 22,000 volunteer hours. The 43 VIPS that were recognized at the event had each clocked over 200 volunteer hours.

The district also acknowledged its Partners in Education who serve as judges, presenters, offer moral support, and provide incentives to support the education of San Elizario students at the different campuses. Business partners attending the recognition luncheon included: Corporate Express, El Paso County Sheriff's Office SRO's, Foresight TPA, Peter Piper Pizza, San Elizario Genealogy and Historical Society, United Way of El Paso County, and Upper Rio Grande College Tech-Prep.

Board President Ramon Holguin, Superintendent Dr. Michael Quatrini, and Assistant

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— Photo courtesy San Elizario ISD

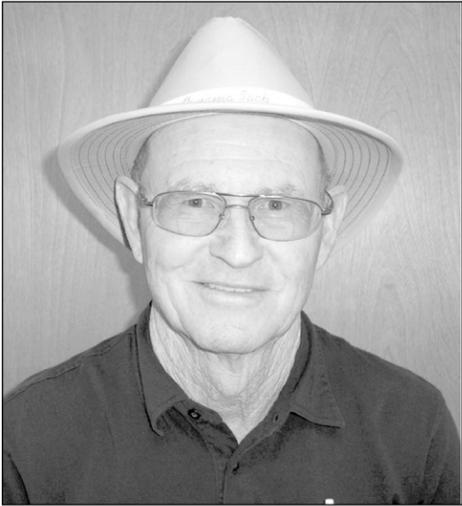
GIVING BACK — San Elizario ISD honored both volunteers and businesses at their annual luncheon. Some of the volunteers honored were, from left, Alma Duran, Noemi Calzadillas, Maurilia C. Volpe, Irene Vasquez, and Maria Saenz.

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Reyes Reports By U.S. Rep. Silvestre Reyes

Teachers' week



This week is National Teacher Appreciation Week, a time for honoring teachers and recognizing the lasting contributions they make in our lives. The 2008 theme is "Great Teachers Make Great Public Schools." Teacher Appreciation Week is sponsored by the National Parent Teacher Association (PTA).

Last week I had the opportunity to meet Paul Cain, a mathematics and physics teacher at Ysleta High School, who was selected from 20 regional finalists in the state as the 2008 Texas Secondary Teacher of the Year. Mr. Cain has taught at Ysleta for 31 years, and has had a tremendous influence on the lives of both students and teachers. He is the second El Pasoan in as many years to achieve this distinction.

Before becoming a teacher, Mr. Cain served in the military. The Army quickly recognized Mr. Cain's talent for teaching and made him a mathematics instructor. In his first year of teaching in public schools, he was only provided with a textbook and was given no guidance on how to teach to young students. Discouraged and frustrated that he made the wrong career move, Mr. Cain quit. That summer, the school's assistant principal told Mr. Cain that he had all the makings of great teacher, and convinced him to stay.

Much like the assistant principal who saw potential in him, Mr. Cain sees the promise in each of his students. He believes that it is a teacher's job to find each student's strengths, and use them to motivate students to participate in the learning process. He is passionate about his profession and mentors newer teachers to help them develop effective teaching methods. It is easy to see why he was selected as this year's top teacher in the state of Texas.

Our community has many great teachers who go above and beyond what is expected. Teachers frequently stay after class or dedicate their lunch hour to tutoring students in need of extra help. Many serve as sponsors for school clubs and organizations, dedicating hundreds of hours each year to student activities. Teacher Appreciation Week is a wonderful opportunity for students, parents, and the community as a whole to thank teachers for their hard work.

In order to provide students with a quality education, schools must have the tools and resources to support classroom instruction. In the Democratic-led Congress, one of our top priorities is putting our children and families first by increasing investments in education and expanding access to high-quality education for all children. Unfortunately, the President's proposed 2009 budget does not reflect this same priority, and the administration has recommended education funding remain level from the previous year. When accounting for inflation, the President's 2009 budget would actually decrease education spending.

With enrollments on the rise both nationally and in El Paso, public schools need additional funds to provide students with a quality education. As co-founder of the House Diversity and Innovation Caucus, I have pushed for legislation that would encourage underrepresented minorities to pursue educational and career opportunities in the science, technology, engineering, and mathematics fields.

The 2009 budget, recently passed by the House of Representatives, reverses the Administration's policy of under-investing in education for our children. The Democratic budget would provide new investments in key programs such as Head Start, special education, Title I, and other programs under the No Child Left Behind Act. Overall, the House budget would provide \$7.1 billion or 9 percent above the President's 2009 budget request for education and training.

Write stuff

Dear Editor:

It is with a great deal of pride that I endorse William "Bill" Goodman for the at-large position of the Socorro ISD Board of Trustees. Election day is Saturday, May 10.

He is by far the most qualified candidate, will a total of 40 years experience in the classroom and in administration. Bill is an independent consultant for school finance, student testing security, and purchasing, but was a teacher in Socorro ISD; an assistant superintendent for finance in El Paso ISD and Ysleta ISD; school superintendent and tax assessor/collector in Dell City ISD; assistant executive director for Texas Association of School Administrators; administrative staff assistant for Texas Education Agency, assistant superintendent for business for Irving ISD; deputy superintendent for Ector County ISD, and a teacher educator for the University of Nevada System. He knows education and he knows finance.

Bill was a contributing member to the SISD Student Health Advisory Committee and SISD Safe and Drug-Free Schools Advisory Committee from 2006 to 2008. He makes a commitment to health and safety.

Bill wants to serve Socorro ISD because he has an agenda... "to make SISD the best school district in Texas." He wants to ensure that "the District becomes a 'lighthouse' district regarding student achievement." I haven't heard those words since the days of Dr. Jerry Barber. He is visionary.

He wants to ensure that "the district is run in the most efficient manner while not sacrificing instructional effectiveness." He wants the least possible impact on our current taxes.

Bill is endorsed by the El Paso Realtors, the El Paso Times, and is qualified by the Greater El Paso Chamber of Commerce. He is more than qualified.

Please vote for William "Bill" Goodman. Let's make Socorro ISD a "lighthouse" district for student achievement.

Linda East
 Horizon City, TX

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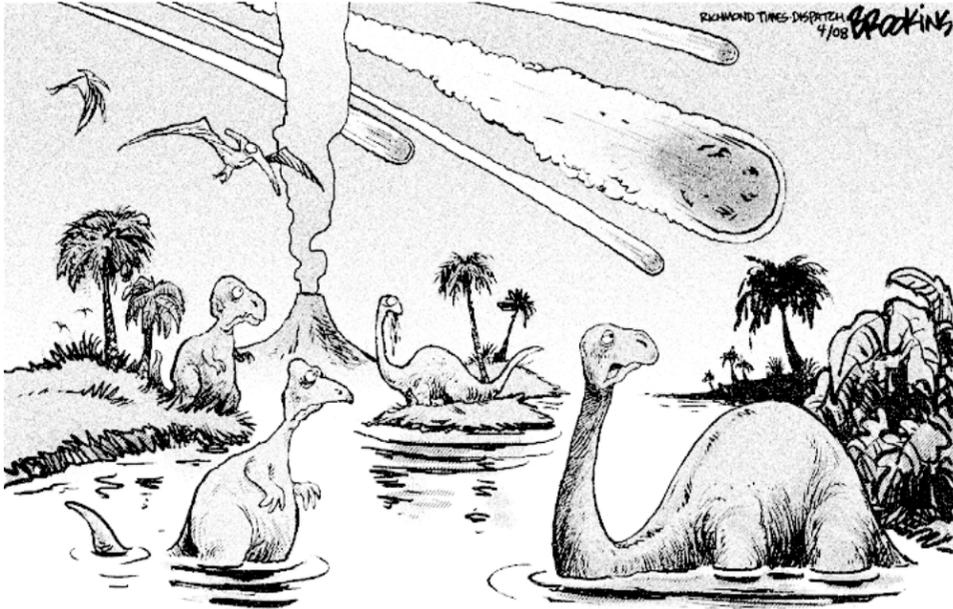
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— Photo courtesy Clint ISD

LEARNING TO LEAD — Mountain View HS student-athletes representing a cross section of sports have been accepted into the coveted "On a Mission" program. Coach and mentor Richard Chacon, at right, said the third time applying to the program was the charm.

Mountain View athletes selected for leadership program

By Laura Cade
Special to the Courier

Mountain View High School was one of eleven schools in the country chosen to participate in the "On a Mission" program through the Team Captains Network website. Twenty leading and emerging student athletes from the school were selected to take part in the leadership program. The program helps student leaders develop the skills and insights they need to be successful in sports, school and life.

"This was our third attempt and we finally

got selected. This is a program our kids can really benefit from and we are ecstatic," says Richard Chacon, Mountain View High School Head Girls Basketball Coach.

The mission of this on-line leadership training and development program is to develop the next generation of leaders. "Throughout this program I have learned that individuals have to work their way to becoming leaders. I have taken bits and pieces of strategies from leaders such as Joe Montana and Michael Jordan and made them part of who I am to improve my leadership skills and knowledge," says Annette Chavez, Mountain View High School Student Athlete.



Social Security Q&A By Ray Vigil

Q: My 20-year-old daughter has a severe congenital disability. I worry about what could happen once my wife and I have passed away. Can she get disability benefits without having ever worked?

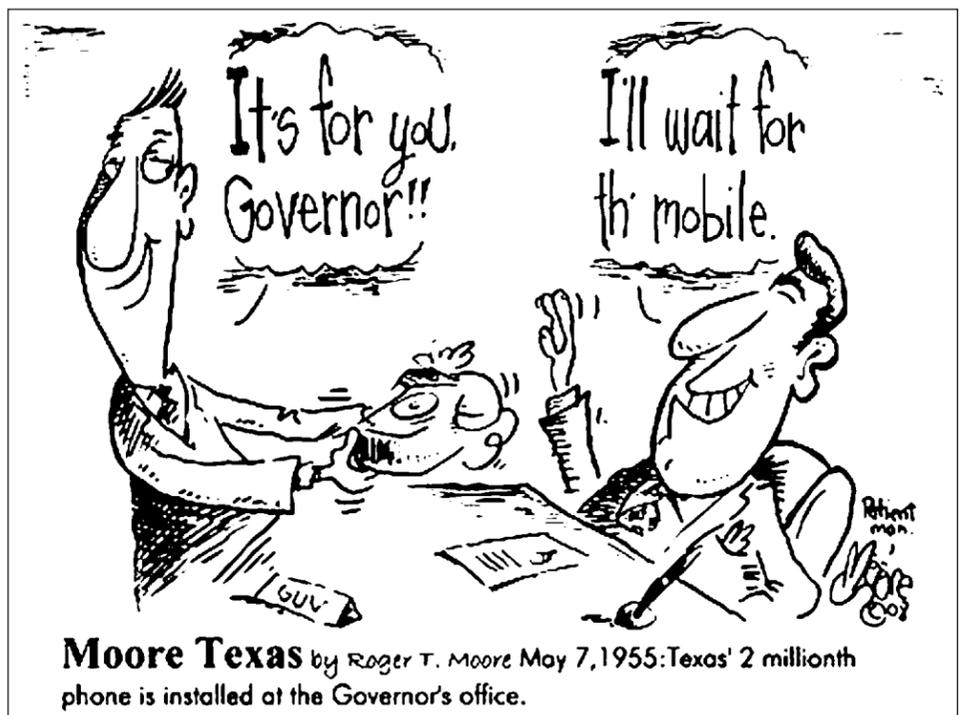
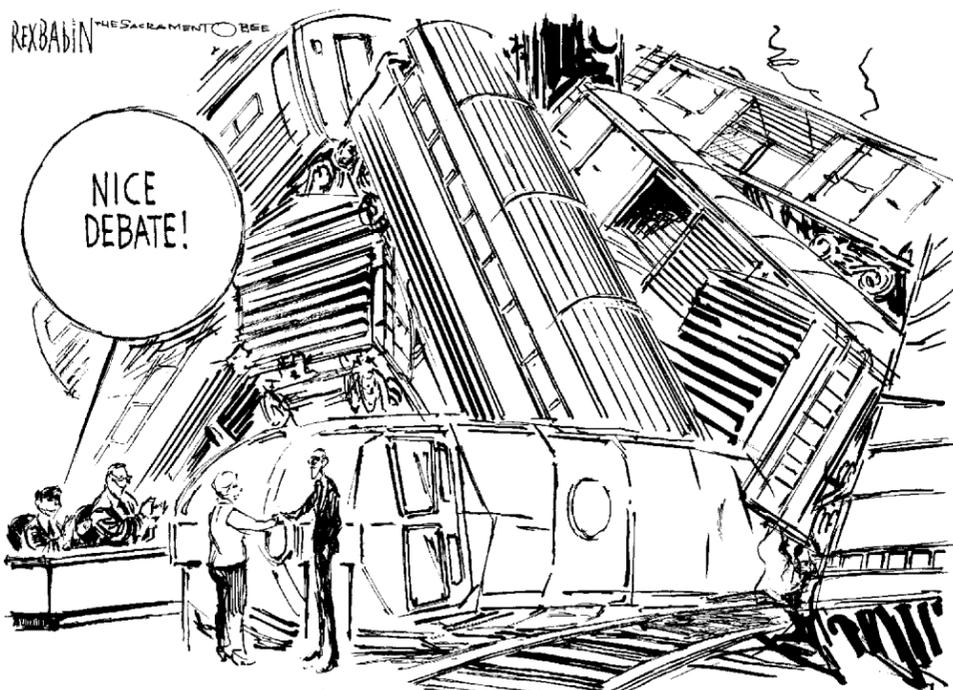
A: If a parent dies, gets disability benefits or starts receiving retirement benefits, an adult child disabled before age 22 may be eligible for benefits on the parent's account. Though we make the disability decision using the disability rules for adults, we consider this to be a "child's" benefit because it is paid on a parent's Social Security earnings record. Another safety net for this type of situation is the Supplemental Security Income (SSI) program. SSI provides monthly payments to people who have little or no income and who don't own many

things, and who are blind, disabled or 65 years or older. For more information, visit our website at www.socialsecurity.gov or call us toll-free at 1-800-772-1213 (TTY 1-800-325-0778).

Q: Is it true that a person can own a home and still be eligible for Supplemental Security Income (SSI) benefits?

A: Yes, a person who owns a home and lives in that home can be eligible for SSI benefits. Social Security does not count everything you own in deciding whether you have too many resources to qualify for SSI. For example, we usually do not count the home you live in and the land it is on, life insurance policies with a

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Moore Texas by Roger T. Moore May 7, 1955: Texas' 2 millionth phone is installed at the Governor's office.

AMENDED PUBLIC NOTICE OF A FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT ON THE ENVIRONMENT

El Paso County Water Control
and Improvement District No. 4
P.O. Box 3880
Fabens, TX 79838-3880
(915) 764-2212

May 5, 2008

TO ALL INTERESTED AGENCIES, GROUPS, AND INDIVIDUALS:

The USDA Rural Utilities Service has received an application for financial assistance from the El Paso County Water Control and Improvement District No. 4. The proposed project consists of:

DESCRIPTION OF OWNER'S PROJECT (Water System)

WELL NO. 4:

The project for Well #4 consists of furnishing and installing equipment to pump water from Well No. 4 including pump, shaft, column piping, discharge head base, pump appurtenances and the motor for the well. The obligations under this contract shall consist of delivery, furnishing and installing the well equipment, materials, manufacturer's shop drawings, submittals, articles, mechanical completion, training, delivery, and other appurtenances and items for complete and functional system of the Well, cement-lined ductile iron piping, controls, valves and related appurtenances; construct retention pond; construct a Concrete Masonry Unit (CMU) building to house all electrical and miscellaneous equipment, AC unit, a steel structural steel canopy, gravel driveway with header curb, furnish and install 12-inch ductile iron well collector line and connect to the existing well transmission main inside the fenced area, all associated above ground yard piping and appurtenances, trench safety system, all labor and materials necessary for an operational well site.

10th STREET BOOSTER STATION SITE:

The booster station water system improvements consists of furnishing and installing filter treatment unit including backwash, inline booster, and reclaim pumps, reclaim tank, pre-fabricated metal building including ventilation, lighting, architectural fascia, controls and all related appurtenances; construct retention pond; provide and install centrifugal booster pumps, valves, cement-lined ductile iron piping, meter, related appurtenances, CMU building expansion attached to existing booster station; furnish and install 0.5 MG steel reservoir, and all associated above ground yard piping and appurtenances; construct site improvements including site grading, retention pond and gravel driveway with header curb, trench safety system, and a Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition system, all labor and materials necessary for an operational site.

The work covered under this contract will be performed at Well No. 4 site located at 1220 Camp Northeast; the 10th Street Booster Station site is located at 990 Walker Ave.

DESCRIPTION OF OWNER'S PROJECT (Wastewater Treatment Plant)

The overall project will consist of the following improvements to the wastewater plant: The construction of a new 1.2 million gallons per day (mgd) pre-engineered extended aeration wastewater treatment plant located approximately 1.5 miles southeast of the intersection of State Highway 20 (Alameda) and Fabens Road adjacent to the existing wastewater treatment plant. The site is located at 17154 Alameda Avenue. The existing wastewater treatment plant will be abandon in place.

The new plant will be located adjacent and east of the existing Fabens Wastewater Treatment Plant. Work shall include, but not be limited to, all equipment and installation, complete in place, 10 feet beyond the existing limits of the existing fence, according to the plans and specifications as fol-

lows: site work, grading, and site finish work; chain link fence; controls, valves and related appurtenances; architectural fascia and noise attenuation blankets, controls and related appurtenances; plant water booster station including pumps, controls, valves, stainless steel piping and all related appurtenances, headworks system including controls, valves and all related appurtenances; extended aeration system including controls, valves, PVC piping, stainless steel piping, slide gates, blowers, silencers, filters, and all related appurtenances; belt press system including controls, sludge pump, polymer feed system, piping and all related appurtenances; chlorine disinfection system including controls, valves, chlorine equipment, stainless steel weir, jib crane and all related appurtenances; plant drain station including controls, pumps, PVC piping, and all related appurtenances; Plant water station including controls, pumps, and all related appurtenances; effluent flow meter, controls and all related appurtenances.

FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT

As required by the National Environmental Policy Act, the Rural Utilities Service has assessed the potential environmental effects of the proposed project and has determined that the proposal will not have a significant effect on the human environment and for which an Environment Impact Statement will not be prepared. The basis of this determination is that the original Environmental Information Document (EID) that was conducted in January 2001 for the specific upgrades and expansions to improve the water and wastewater infrastructure within the current District boundaries has not changed. Therefore, no changes to the EID are required. A Supplemental Information Record was conducted on September 2007 to address any changes on the existing environment based on the proposed improvements. No environmental impacts were found to affect the environment receptors in the study area.

In March 2008, Brown and Caldwell, the District's engineering firm, contracted with Geo-Marine, Inc. to conduct an archaeological survey for construction of the new wastewater treatment plant and the refitting of an existing water tank for the town of Fabens, Texas. The Texas Antiquities Permit number for the project is 4855. No historic or pre-historic cultural materials were located during the survey. Geo-Marine, Inc. also excavated backhoe trenches to sample the larger survey block in an effort to determine if any buried cultural remains were present; no subsurface cultural remains were observed. No isolated occurrences were identified during the course of the project.

Copies of the Environmental Assessment can be reviewed or obtained at the USDA-Rural Development Office, 11940 Don Haskins, Suite E-1, El Paso, Texas 79935, (915) 855-1229. For further information, please contact Anita Sprinkle, Rural Development Manager at (915) 855-1229.

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON FINDINGS

All interested agencies, groups, and individuals disagreeing with this decision are invited to submit written comments for consideration by the El Paso County Water Control and Improvement District No. 4 at the address set forth above.

Such written comments must be received at the address specified no later than 4:30 P.M., May 23, 2008.

All such comments so received will be considered by the El Paso County Water Control and Improvement District No. 4. The District will not submit the Request for Release of Funds or take further administrative action on the project prior to the end of the comment period specified. Comments should specify which notice they are addressing.

Geri de la Torre
Interim General Manager
El Paso County Water Control
and Improvement District No. 4

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extinguish the fire quickly and keep it from spreading to the rest of the building. There were no injuries to firefighters or civilians. Investigators from the Fire Marshals Office also responded to the scene, and determined that an unknown suspect or suspects entered the office building under construction and used available combustibles from the office to set the building on fire. Total damages were estimated at over \$5,000. The Fire Marshals Office is asking for the public's assistance in apprehending whoever is responsible for setting this fire. 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. You will remain anonymous and, if your tip leads to an arrest, you may earn a cash reward up to \$1,000.

Water politics

Over 80 community leaders joined at Holy Spirit on April 27, 2008 for an "Inform the Vote Session" around the Horizon Regional MUD Water Board Elections. The event was held by leaders in the community and sponsored by EPISO. All four of the candidates running for this important election attended the event. The discussion with the candidates focused on continued need for water and sewage infrastructure for El Paso Hills and other Horizon areas. Leaders like Victor Chavez, and El Paso Hills resident shared stories such as the following: "We don't have sewage drainage; the ground is so hard it won't drain so we have to have it pumped regularly, sometimes once a month. This costs us an average of \$100 each time." Last year, Governor Rick Perry met with colonia leaders. Perry said, what is needed is to "put pressure on the Horizon Regional MUD... for drainage and wastewater services," (*El Paso Times*). EPISO leaders from area churches are doing walks to ensure that the community is informed and that they get out and vote on May 10.

— Contributed by Josephine Paul

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PLAYTIME — Americas High School National Art Honor Society members help paint sidewalk games at the Dame La Mano shelter.

Shelter

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we will use to buy playground equipment and other materials for the shelter," said Armendariz.

"Our students are becoming the change they want to see in their world. They are using their energy, idealism and imagination to help a worthwhile cause," said SISD Board

President Charles E. Garcia. "Working together to help a worthy cause helps not only the shelter but our entire community."

Their work culminated on Global Youth Service Day in which millions of young people across the globe served their community. By helping the Dame La Mano Shelter, Americas High School students have recognized that Global Youth Service Day is a great event for youth to show how they give back to their commu-



PULLING TOGETHER — Service groups from Americas HS worked in unison with parents and teachers to makeover the Dame La Mano Shelter. The groups involved were Americas High School Student Council, Americas High School Welding Classes, Culinary Art Society, Key Club, National Art Honor Society, National Hispanic Honor Society, National Honor Society Americas Chapter, National Math Honor Society, National Technical Honor Society, NJROTC, and the SWAT Team.

nity. National and Global Youth Service Day is an opportunity to encourage youth to be a part of making our world a better place to live.

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Superintendent Sylvia Hopp addressed the volunteers and businesses expressing gratitude and appreciation for supporting the goals of the San Elizario Independent School District.

Approximately 80 guests attended the 2008 Volunteers In Public Schools and Partners in Education Recognition Luncheon including State Representative Chente Quintanilla. At the end of the celebration, all the volunteers received a gift or door prize donated by: Corporate Express, Eraser Dust, Flick's/Subway, Licon's Dairy Azaderos, Peter Piper Pizza, Fannie Bernal, Iliana Peña, Nora Peña, Margie Ruvalcaba, Amalia Saenz, Amanda Sanchez, and the San Elizario Independent School District.

Social Security

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face value of \$1,500 or less, your car, burial plots for you and members of your immediate family, and up to \$1,500 in burial funds for you and up to \$1,500 in burial funds for your spouse. You may want to read our booklet, Supplemental Security Income at www.socialsecurity.gov/pubs/11000.html. For more informa-

tion, visit our website at 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 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, 11111 Gateway West, Attn: Ray Vigil, El Paso, Texas 79935.

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PUBLIC NOTICE TOWN OF ANTHONY, TEXAS

**TEXAS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK
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COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT FUND
PROJECT #726011**

The Town of Anthony is considering a proposed amendment of Texas Community Development Block Grant Program (TxCDBG) Contract #726011 between the Town of Anthony and the Office of Rural Community Affairs, to include emergency water system improvements in the work to be done under this project. The improvements included in this contract amendment request consist of emergency rehabilitation of an existing water well in order to be in compliance with standards established by the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality. A public hearing concerning the amendment will be held at the following place and time:

LOCATION: ANTHONY TOWN HALL
DATE: MONDAY, MAY 12, 2008
TIME: 5:00 P.M.

The purpose of this public hearing is to discuss the proposed amendment and solicit citizen input concerning the proposed change in the scope of the TxCDBG project. A copy of the proposed amendment is available for review by the public at the Anthony Town Hall during regular office hours. For further information, contact the Town Clerk at (915) 886-3944.

All residents are encouraged to attend this public hearing and present their views. The location of the hearing is accessible to the disabled; disabled individuals who require assistance for attending this public hearing should contact the offices of the Town of Anthony by telephone at (915) 886-3944, as soon as possible, to arrange for such assistance. Residents who are unable to attend this meeting in person may submit written comments addressed to the Mayor of the Town of Anthony; written comments will be accepted until this public hearing is concluded.

El publico en general esta invitado a asistir a esta audiencia. La presentacion y la discusion de una enmienda del proyecto financiado por asistencia del Programa de Desarrollo de la Comunidad del Estado de Texas se haran en espanol para aquellas personas que asi las deseen.

Art Franco
Mayor

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Drinking fuels hatred, violence in Yankees fan

By Steve Escajeda
Special to the Courier

I know sports rivalries can make enemies of even the closest of friends. It can drive families apart and break up marriages.

One of the biggest rivalries in professional sports is the one between the New York Yankees and the Boston Red Sox. Everyone knows that when they meet each other the hatred is felt throughout the United States.

But no amount of team loyalty should ever reach the heights (or depths) it did last week.

Seems there's a woman, Ivonne Hernandez, who is such a devout Yankees fan, she'd kill for them — literally.

Apparently, Hernandez got into a confrontation with a group of people at a bar near Boston. Witnesses told police the argument grew when she proclaimed to the group that she was a Yankees fan.

The verbal disagreement continued outside the bar. When Hernandez went to her car, the Boston faithful noticed it had a "New York Yankees" sticker.

The group saw it and started chanting "Yankees suck."

Now everybody learned early in life that sticks and stones can break your bones but words can never hurt you. I fault Ms. Hernandez's parents because they obviously never sent their daughter the memo.

When Hernandez heard the chanting she did what any mature, level-headed person would do — she got into her car, gunned the engine and aimed her vehicle right at the crowd.

Because she wasn't far away to begin with, the crowd of people never had a chance.

I know arguments can get out of hand sometimes, but when you mix hated rivalries, idiotic people and alcohol, you get trouble. In this case it went a step further — you get a murder.

Hernandez plowed her car into the crowd and 29-year-old Matthew Beaudoin was killed.

The merciless fan was charged with reckless second-degree murder and aggravated drunken driving.

All that just to win an argument.

And like a true psychopath, Hernandez blamed the crowd for what happened saying that she only wanted to scare the group and thought they would get out of the way.

Let's hope that Hernandez gets to spend the rest of her life sober — and in jail. Oh, and to

add to her sentence — no Yankee games on the jail TV for the rest of her life.

I figure she can watch the Yankees again when the guy she killed can watch the Red Sox — sounds only fair.

Testing the water

Well, it appears that UTEP star guard Stefon Jackson has decided to test the NBA waters after all.

I don't want to sound like I'm against the guy — I'm not. I'm a big Stefon Jackson fan, but I'm also paid to be honest and observant.

Jackson is a great college player but he is not ready for the NBA — yet.

Stefon was among the top scorers in the country last season but he question is can he slash toward the basket and score against bigger stronger guys in the pros?

Remember, Jackson is 6-5, quick and skinny. In the NBA, players around the basket are 6-8 and 6-9, they're very quick, they have long arms and they weigh 230 pounds.

By his own admission, Jackson has to improve on his ball handling and his outside shot. He'd probably be a shooting guard in the NBA and his game is cutting toward the basket.

It will also be very difficult for him to guard

stronger and taller guards and small forwards at the next level.

With all the on-the-court problems he is going to face, Jackson still has to fix his off-the-court problems as well. Remember his lying episode with the police about his cousin wanted for attempted murder and the other guy wanted for murder that was found hiding in Jackson's apartment?

So it's rather obvious that Stefon Jackson has some maturity issues to deal with as well. But since when has maturity had anything to do with the NBA?

The best news for Jackson is that he opted not to hire an agent, which means he can still change his mind and stay at UTEP for his senior season. There's very little doubt that would be best for the senior-to-be.

With all the players who left college early to declare for the NBA draft, Jackson would be one of the best players in the country returning next season.

With that notoriety alone, it would enhance his chances of making an NBA team — next year.

Stefon, say goodbye to your dream for just one more year — better things come to those who wait.

Montwood's Muncie advances to State

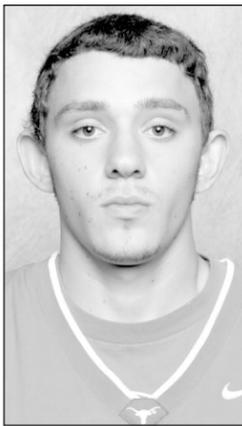
By Irma Flores
Special to the Courier

Chris Muncie, a junior at Montwood High School is heading to Austin, TX. Muncie qualified for two events—the 400-meter dash and the 200 dash. He placed first in the 400-meter dash and second in the 200-meter dash at the Regional Track Meet on Saturday April 26 held in Lubbock, TX. Overall, the Montwood Boys Varsity Team, coached by Joe Vasquez, finished second in the regional track meet.

"Chris is an outstanding individual and has a good work ethic. He makes coaching enjoyable," said Montwood Vasquez. "When he ran the fastest time in the state, I knew he had the

ability to go to the next level. He has really high expectations of himself. I told at the beginning we have three goals. The first one was to be District champs, our second goal was to be Regional winners and now we have one more to go."

Muncie received four gold medals and placed first in the high jump and 400-meter dash, and placed second in the 200-meter dash. Muncie advances to the 2008 UIL Track State Track Meet which will be held on Friday, May 9 and Saturday, May 10 at the Mike A. Myers Stadium in Austin. On Friday



Chris Muncie

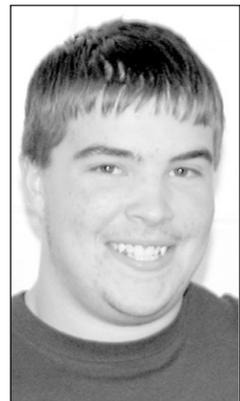
he will be competing in the 400-meter dash at 7:00 p.m. and in the 200-meter dash at 7:30 p.m.

This caps off season in which he broke the 400 meter dash record at the West Texas Relays on March 15, 2008. Muncie ranks No. 1 in El Paso in the 400- and 200-meter dash, and is a member of the Rams' 1,600-meter relay team. He is also tied for first in the high jump and was a member of the Junior Olympics this past summer. According to Dyestat.com, Muncie's 400 time ranks 13 nationally and his 200 mark is ranked 40.

Howseur signs with Kansas-Wesleyan

By Irma Flores
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El Dorado High School senior Andy Howser will be heading to Kansas for his freshman year at college. The senior signed to play football with the Kansas-Wesleyan University. Andy was on the offensive line for the Aztec team and was a member of the 16th Annual Senior All Star Football Classic. His coach is James Althoff.



Andy Howser

features a strong academic program.

"It has a prestigious science and physics program and its where my interest lies and what I am good at," said Howser who visited the campus during his spring break. "I'm very proud and excited that I am furthering my education."

Howser has been on the Varsity team for two years and on the JV team for one year after transferring from out of state.

"It shows how much progress I've made from when I didn't know anyone to knowing that I can make a difference," said Howser who transferred to El Paso from Idaho.

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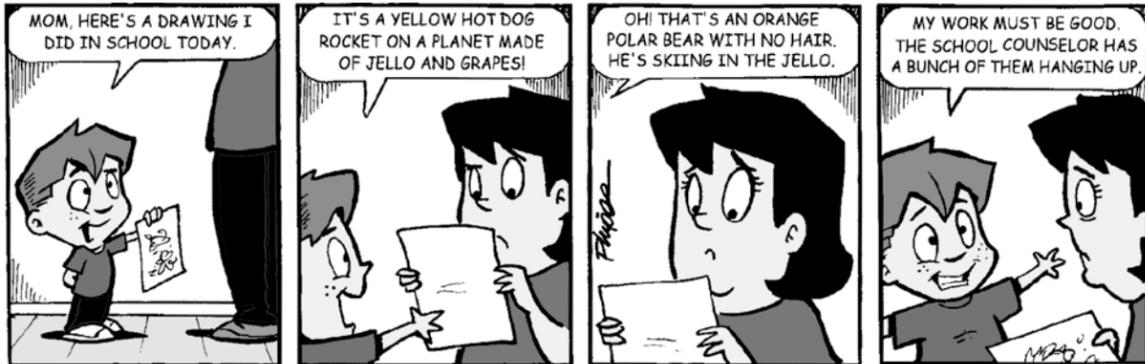
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Be an armchair travel writer

By Don Flood

One of the main reasons camping remains popular is that it allows people to put their daily routine behind them — to become reacquainted with nature, to leave behind the trivialities of modern life and to enjoy the simple pleasures of high speed Wi-Fi Internet access.

That's right. Wi-Fi access is becoming standard in many of our nation's state parks. You may still have trouble with critters sneaking into your food — many animals, unfortunately, continue to roam the parks like they own the place — but at least you won't have to miss the latest YouTube clips.

Camping first became popular in the early 1900s, before the Internet, which meant that people sat around a lot getting on each other's nerves. What people actually did on those camping trips remains a mystery, and not one today's researchers are eager to solve.

Even today, with Wi-Fi becoming more common, trouble and even tragedy can strike campers searching for ways to while away the hours. In one extreme case, a father was caught in the act of attempting to lead his kids in a round of campfire songs, which he claimed was a "fun family activity." Fortunately, the authorities stepped in before any harm came to the children, who had protected themselves by listening to their iPods.

But this example shows the dangers of traveling, which is why I was glad to read about a new book coming out — this is true — entitled "Do Travel Writers Go to Hell?"

Apparently not. In fact, they don't necessarily go anywhere. Here's the sensible approach that

Thomas Kohnstamm, a travel writer for the popular Lonely Planet guidebooks, took to one South American assignment.

"They didn't pay me enough to go to Colombia," he writes. Instead, he says, he wrote the guide in San Francisco, gleaned information "from a chick I was dating." (According to the Travel Writers' Code of Ethics, this would have had to have been a Colombian chick.)

He also claims to have plagiarized and made up large sections of his book.

This is great news because I like the idea of being a travel writer, but not so much the travel itself, especially to countries where people can't be bothered to learn English properly. (Travel tip: If speaking English louder doesn't work, try talking with an accent — any foreign accent will help.)

It's not that I'm against travel. It's just that if I'm writing about the jungles of the Amazon or the mountains of Tibet, I'd prefer doing it in a place like San Francisco, where I can enjoy good restaurants while I look up the basic information on Wikipedia.

Following a good meal, I'll be ready for the hard work of travel writing — making stuff up. Do you know which country has the last remaining herd of unicorns? You will if you read my forthcoming travel book, though I haven't decided yet which country I'm "visiting."

I could even write about Katmandu — wherever that is — while staying in an American campground, as long as it had high-speed Internet access.

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- 1 Act like a peacock
 - 6 Had kittens?
 - 10 Played the trumpet
 - 16 Holbrook or Linden
 - 19 Stadium
 - 20 Marathon
 - 21 Not very often
 - 22 Geologic division
 - 23 "REQUIRES MINOR REPAIR"
 - 26 Free (of)
 - 27 Touched up the text
 - 28 Range rope
 - 29 Brawl
 - 30 Bear's lair
 - 31 Singer Tori Rubinstein
 - 34 Opinion sampling
 - 37 Latvia, once: abbr.
 - 40 Lucifer
 - 42 Recede
 - 45 Alex Haley book
 - 48 "ONLY WORN ONCE"
 - 54 Schnabel or Rubinstein
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 - 57 Opera hero, often
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 - 75 Numbers man?
 - 78 Actress Ward
 - 79 Spoil
 - 80 Particles
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 - 86 Auto feature: abbr.
 - 88 What have you
 - 90 Secluded
 - 92 Salad type
 - 94 "Psycho" setting
 - 96 Opening
 - 98 Annoyed
 - 99 "A FAMILY HEIRLOOM"
 - 103 Musical of "Tomorrow"
 - 104 Mineral spring
 - 105 Bestow
 - 106 Trigger-happy guy?
 - 107 Notion
 - 109 Clutter
 - 110 Urban transport
 - 113 Nutritional need
 - 116 Fashionably nostalgic
 - 120 Ready for dinner
 - 123 Poetic preposition
 - 124 "AN ANTIQUE TREASURE"
 - 130 '75 Abba hit
 - 131 Olympian
 - 132 Gertrude
 - 132 "The Seventh _" ('56 film)
 - 133 Tennis player
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 - 134 Big bang letters
 - 135 Keys
 - 136 Moon Mullins' brother
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 - 2 Sherwood sight
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 - 7 British dominion
 - 8 Author Umberto
 - 9 Augsburg article
 - 10 Kind of cheese
 - 11 Zhivago's love
 - 12 Smell _ (be suspicious)
 - 13 Summarize
 - 14 Architect's add-on
 - 15 Salon supply
 - 16 "Mein _" ("Cabaret" tune)
 - 17 Sutherland solo
 - 18 Tramp's tootsie
 - 24 The Brainsy Bunch?
 - 25 " _ Doubtfire" ('93 film)
 - 29 Skunk in "Bambi"
 - 31 Tall story?
 - 32 Andy Griffith series
 - 33 Yoko _
 - 35 Supper scrap
 - 36 Mississippi senator
 - 37 Exchange
 - 38 Start the slaw
 - 39 Helicopter part
 - 41 Tiny colonist
 - 42 Browning's bedtime?
 - 43 Iran's Abolhassan _-Sadr
 - 44 German port
 - 46 Prongs
 - 47 Optical device
 - 49 Hispanic money
 - 50 Watch keepers?
 - 51 In an engaging manner
 - 52 Wrathful
 - 53 Celtic
 - 59 Tennis legend
 - 61 Barnyard critter
 - 67 Dictator
 - 68 Fall blooms
 - 71 Texas landmark
 - 72 Powerful people
 - 73 Pablum variety
 - 74 Mythical monsters
 - 75 Gullet
 - 76 Turkish title
 - 77 Clinton Cabinet member
 - 81 Exclude
 - 82 Drilling site?
 - 83 Pool person
 - 85 Down-to-earth affair?
 - 87 Command at a corner
 - 89 Praises
 - 91 Guitarist Duane
 - 93 Scolded
 - 95 Author LeShan
 - 97 Arafat's grp.
 - 100 Born
 - 101 Middling mark
 - 102 Nerd
 - 108 Soviet cooperative
 - 109 Trim the turf
 - 111 Genie Francis role
 - 112 _ throat
 - 113 Enthusiasm
 - 114 Rock's _ Butterfly
 - 115 Heron's home
 - 117 Thornfield governess
 - 118 Slope
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 - 120 Normandy site
 - 121 Mozart's " _ kleine Nachtmusik"
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 - 125 Drivers' lics., e.g.
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CHAMPS — The Lady Eagles of Canutillo High School are the District 2-4A softball champs. They are, front row from left, Coach Eduardo Rodriguez, Marquez, Coach Henry Carrillo. In the back row, from left, are Coach Ana Arreola, Emecole Arzola, Janet Ortiz, Roxy Guerra, Lariza Arias, Valerie Henrich, Jessica Vasquez, Nikki Castro, Taylor Gillett, Stacey Alonzo, Erica Dunlap, and Vanessa Fernandez.

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Lady Eagles win District 2-4A softball title

By Alfredo Vasquez
Special to the Courier

Canutillo High School Softball Team claimed the District 2-4A championship title after compiling a 13 wins and 1 loss record in district play and posting a 23 and 5 overall record. The Lady Eagles are now preparing for the area playoff series against Big Spring High School, which is scheduled for 5 p.m., Friday, May 2, at Artesia High School Softball Field, in Artesia, NM.

The Lady Eagles are chartering new ground for CHS's softball program. This is the first time they have won a district championship since the program's inception ten years ago. As district champs, CHS earned a bye in bi-district and will play Big Spring in a best two out of three area playoff series.

Senior team leaders shortstop Goldie Duby, first baseman Lariza Arias, and second baseman Erica Dunlap asserted that they are ready for the challenge. "It doesn't matter who we play; we just have to play our game," said Arias.

"We play like we practice, and we've been practicing hard. Coach has us ready for the playoffs," said Duby. "The toughest team will win the series," added Dunlap.

CHS softball head coach Henry Carrillo, who is in his second year at the helm, said that the team's strength is its defensive play and the consistent pitching of sophomore Jennifer Heredia. "We are not going to do anything differently. I told the girls that we must play hard, play our game, and play with confidence," Carrillo said.

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