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SAN ELIZARIO — Yvette Garcia was not unlike many parents. She worked hard devoting most of her time to raising three chil-

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... she had registered to take the math portion of the TAAS test which was the only element she needed to fulfill in order to receive her diploma. Soon after testing, however, she received a letter that notified her that she still needed to pass the test because she was recorded as being absent on the test day. Disappointed and a little unsure of herself, Yvette did not pursue the matter further.

dren. Yet there was something missing in her life, something Yvette had put aside for many years, at least since 1989. She had never received her high school diploma.

One day Yvette was visiting San Elizario High School to attend to some paperwork related to one of her daughters. She was unprepared for what happened next — she was presented with her high school diploma.

With the help and encouragement of a friend, Yvette had registered to take the math

celebration for her. Garza and other school administrators brought in Yvette's daughters, Valerie and Stephanie, to the office to hear

On that fateful day in January of this year when Yvette visited San Elizario High School, Ricardo Garza, Head Counselor at the high school, had organized an impromptu youngest, Adrian, is a student at Campestre Elementary.

But Yvette's story does not end here. She continues to pursue other goals like attending a computer literacy class through the San Elizario ISD Adult Education Program.

the happy news. They saw me there and asked if they were in trouble. I showed them the diploma and they cried and told me they were so happy for me," she said. "I wanted to prove to my kids that I could do it. That I finished what I needed to," added Garcia.

Yvette's children are also excelling, both Valerie and Stephanie are members of the varsity volleyball at San Elizario High School. Valerie will soon be attending college, possibly in Seattle. While Yvette's

A+ Credit Recovery Program every Saturday from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. It is a self-paced, on-line program where students can complete coursework on a plan to complete missing coursework.

San Elizario High School runs the

practice for any portion of the state mandated exam. There is also a facilitator on-site to address any questions that students may have.