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NEWSBRIEFS

East Montana welcomes program

Three East Montana schools in the Clint School District have been selected as the site for CASASTART, a neighborhood-based, school-centered program developed by the National Center on Addition and Substance Abuse (NCASA) at Columbia University. Red Sands Elementary, Montana Middle School, and Montana Vista Elementary will be among the first-ever project of this kind in this region, said Olivia Campos, Asst. Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction. Only two other sites exist in Texas, she said. The East Montana area was selected based on a study conducted by El Paso County, prompted by County Judge Dolores Briones. The project is aimed at preventing substance abuse and delinquency among at-risk 8-13-year-olds, and at reducing neighborhood drug-related crime. Through intervention and prevention strategies the program brings together community organizations, schools, law enforcement, and social services in a common setting. Students referred to the program by school counselors will receive individual and family counseling, tutoring, and assistance to join school activities. The program is funded by a \$250,000 grant from the Casey Foundation and the Dept. of Justice. Judge Briones and Joseph Califano, president of the NCASA and former U.S. Secretary of Health, Education and Welfare, visited East Montana last Thursday, Jan. 17, to inaugurate the location in the former Montana Vista Elementary campus, next to the Kellogg Health Center.

San Eli subdivision

Congressman Silvestre Reyes joined representatives of Fannie Mae, JKS Properties Inc., First National Bank of Fabens and the Greater El Paso Housing Development Corporation at the San Elizario ground-breaking of the first conventional subdivision to be built in an established colonia community. Named El Presidio is the first conventional subdivision to be built in an established colonia. "I am pleased that El Presidio has a vision for the future of the *colonias*," Reyes said. "I am grateful for (investing entities) recognizing that the residents of the *colonias* deserve a better life which includes home ownership."

In other news

■ The Horizon City Kiwanis Club celebrated its 27th Anniversary this month. The Club has a framed copy of their Charter, dated Jan. 18, 1975. Two of the original Charter members, John Ensor and Fran Dertina, continue as active Kiwanians. A copy of the program shows that the Charter Dinner took place on March 29, 1975, attended by the original 37 Charter members, their families and guests. The first project of the Club was a community blood drive which collected 50 units of blood.

■ Four newly designated assistant principals at Socorro ISD begin duties this week following their appointments by the

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Confidence is the feeling you have before you fully understand the situation.

— Quips and Quotes



— Photo courtesy John Sproul

The Rio Bosque Water Park is flourishing thanks to dedicated caretakers and a plentiful water supply. The park hosts 182 species of birds and 15 varieties of mammals.

Rio Bosque Wetlands invites public to Day at the Park 2002

EAST EL PASO COUNTY — The ambitious project to restore the former natural beauty and habitat of the Rio Grande River in the Rio Bosque Wetlands Park in the Socorro area is offered for viewing by the public during "open house" this Saturday, Jan. 26, with free guided tours and previews of future plans.

A new park trail — winding through ponds that are fully inundated with water and inhabited by thousands of birds — will cross a recently completed pedestrian bridge. Tours will last about one hour each and be conducted between 9 a.m. and 1 p.m.

This is a particularly good time for viewing

the park's winged inhabitants since many are stopping in as temporary guests on their winter migration. Some species have not been sighted in the El Paso area since 1940. The bird list for the Park now stands at 182 species.

El Paso Irrigation District #1 and El Paso Water Utilities provided water to Rio Bosque throughout spring and summer of 2001 via the nearby Bustamante Wastewater Treatment Plant.

"Prior to this year, the Park received water in fall and winter but was completely dry in

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Public buses return to Clint

Town to celebrate with rides and ceremony

EAST EL PASO COUNTY — After more than a 20-year absence, public transportation is returning to the Lower Valley and El Paso County, Sun Metro and the Town of Clint will celebrate the event with a ribbon cutting ceremony and free Sun Metro bus and trolley rides.

Alfredo Villalobos Jr., the grandson of the original public transportation provider for the Lower Valley and later owner of the Lower Valley Bus Lines, is expected to be present as an honorary guest.

The ribbon cutting ceremony will be held Saturday, Jan. 26 at noon at the Clint Police Department, 109 FM 1110 in Clint. Free bus and trolley rides will follow the ceremony until 4:30 p.m. with the last trip departing at 3:30 p.m.

In 1903, Francisco Villalobos began carrying passengers in a horse drawn buggy from Clint to El Paso. Francisco's son, Juan Villalobos, joined the business in 1919. The horse and buggy were retired and together they purchased two used Nash Touring cars. The cost for a round trip from Clint to El Paso was \$1. Later, Juan was joined by his younger brother Alfredo and together the business flourished and became the Lower Valley Bus Line. In 1927, the first "bus" was purchased, a 14 passenger Chevrolet.

From 1930 to 1964, Ysleta School District children were bused on Lower Valley Bus Lines until the school district purchased their own buses. Juan and Alfredo were joined by Alfredo's sons, Alfredo Jr. and Roberto Villalobos who continued to run the bus service which had grown to 22 school buses and 48 transit buses and served Clint, Fabens, San Elizario, Socorro and Ysleta to

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Representative elections set for May 4

Socorro City Council nixes creation of ordinance to regulate ATVs

By Arleen Beard
Special to the Courier

SOCORRO — In spite of public concerns voiced during several town hall meetings about unsafe use of ATVs (All Terrain Vehicles) in the City of Socorro, the Socorro City Council will rely on existing state law to prosecute unsafe drivers.

Public concern was so great that Council had directed City Attorney Richard Contreras to draft an ordinance regulating the use and operation of all ATVs within the municipal limits.

The first reading of the ordinance was to be approved during the consent agenda on Jan. 17. However, City Representative Trini Lopez expressed his concern as to why the City should draft an ordinance if State Code already addressed the issue.

Contreras said the ordinance was in support of State Code and would bring the code to the forefront. He said the ordinance

would not be a duplication but simply a recognition of the state provision.

Members of Council then asked input from Interim Chief of Police Manuel Ponce as to whether having State Code was sufficient for the Socorro Police Department to cite violations by ATV drivers.

Chief Ponce said he felt there was no need for an City ordinance and after considerable discussion Council unanimously decided to delete the item from the agenda.

Council did, however, unanimously approve the first reading of an ordinance to order an election of a mayor and five council persons on May 4, 2002.

During open forum, Abel Navejas, a senior at Socorro High School approached Council requesting financial assistance to attend the Presidential Classroom Seminar in Washington, D.C. Navejas is a member of several clubs at Socorro High School which include COSMOS and

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Canutillo school board finds itself without bidders to build new school

By Don Woodyard
Courier Staff Writer

CANUTILLO — "And then there were none."

Two architectural firms suddenly withdrew the bids they had submitted on educational specifications for the new high school during questioning by Canutillo ISD school board members during its Jan. 15 meeting.

Only two companies, Dimensions in Architecture and CF and Associates, had submitted bids for the project. Assistant superintendent Dr. John Kessinger characterized them as "very reputable" firms.

Their withdrawal has left the district without bidders.

After a period of discussion Sergio Martinez, managing partner with Dimensions, a company that has done business with the district, abruptly announced he was pulling out. He recommended the board award the bid to CF Associates. However, a short time later CF also took its name out of the running.

"This is a disgrace," said board member Laure Searls at the unexpected turn of events.

"We've made our bed, and now we have to sleep in it," board president Joe Villarreal added grimly.

Asked later why his firm had pulled out, Martinez said "wrangling and bickering" among board members over various aspects of its proposal was a factor in his decision. "It put our integrity on the line," Martinez added. He was referring to questioning by the board about the propriety of a \$12,000 educational consultant's fee being returned to the district teachers' scholarship fund.

Searls said she was not "comfortable" with that.

Martinez said his company would reconsider its action if contacted by the board.

CF and Associates could not be reached for comment about its reason for withdrawing.

Villarreal this week said the firms' actions "took me by surprise;

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One perspective

By Francis Shrum

Hemmed up

When parting from a friend the other day, he patted me on the shoulder and said “Don’t let ‘em hem you up.”

It’s been years since I’ve heard that. I started thinking about why it was used as a parting expression of goodwill. Like most colloquialisms, it has application both to practical life and to human behavior.

Consulting Mr. Webster we find that one of the meanings of hem is to “shut up, restrict, enclose.”

Growing up on a ranch we used the term often in relation to livestock. I was often instructed to “hem ‘em up in that little corner pen,” or to “hem ‘em up against the fence” while waiting for the rest of the herd and crew.

Getting hemmed up in life is a lot more complicated and much harder to get out of — and it mostly happens to us because of choices we’ve made.

I expect there are people in Guantanamo Bay who are feeling a little hemmed up these days.

Responsible living requires that we submit to a lot of hemming, of course. We agree to being hemmed up by our mates when we get married. When we become parents, we agree to being hemmed up by the needs of a child. We have to make every effort to keep those children hemmed up until they are wise enough to make decisions on their own.

But the sort of hemming up my friend was referring to is the sort we don’t want and sometimes have to exercise discriminating behavior to avoid.

We can get hemmed up by creditors when we over-commit our financial resources, traffic when we drive during rush-hour, and the IRS when we don’t make provision to pay Uncle Sam.

We can get hemmed up by a busy-body down at the post office or the grocery store and waste a good chunk of the morning. I’ve heard the term used to humorously describe some poor soul’s predicament during a social event when they became the reluctant object of another’s unwanted affection.

I hate to see teenagers who get hemmed up by peer pressure. A perfectly level-headed kid can put himself or herself in very real danger by failing to exercise the wisdom not to get hemmed up in a car driven by someone who’s been drinking or is just plain stupid. They can choose to hang out with the wrong kids or go to the wrong party and get hemmed up in trouble that is not theirs except by association.

Somehow, though, I think my friend was also referring to getting mentally hemmed up — by putting limitations on ourselves when it comes to living a full and happy life.

The following are people I know who have every reason to consider themselves hemmed up by life’s undesirable circumstances yet they still manage to keep living in a way that doesn’t allow them to be cornered by bitterness or defeat.

One has just suffered the terrible loss of her life-long mate but she’s still friendly and hospitable to everyone she meets.

One has lost the use of his legs and has to depend on a battery-powered wheelchair to get him to and from the corner store, yet he still has the chivalry to kiss the hand of someone who helps him up a slope to his apartment when his battery is low.

One couple has had to retire from a livelihood that they truly enjoyed because of health issues but they haven’t retreated into a shell of self-pity. They still enjoy their children and grandchildren with a sweetness that will never grow old or be dampened by life’s injustices.

One has epilepsy, and he never knows what sort of indignity may befall him in public places, yet he refuses to become a shut-in. He’s sociable, full of jokes, has a jingle for every occasion, and most importantly, he’s there.

The worst kind of hemming up I can think of is when we allow bitterness, fear, or injustice — real or imagined — to hem up our hearts.



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Education back where it belongs

Finally, the national government is giving power back to parents and educators. Finally, the national government concedes that parents and educators know what is best for school children — not bureaucrats at the Department of Education. Finally, the national government is giving schools the flexibility they need to insure that every child receives the best education possible. Finally, education returns to a commonsense grassroots approach of local and state accountability.

Curious what plan I’m discussing? It’s President Bush’s new education plan, which he signed into law just days ago. The “No Child Left Behind Act” is going to change the education of our children. By cutting the bureaucratic tape, we’re putting our nation’s education system in the hands of educators, not political leaders in Washington, D.C.

This is the end of the one-size-fits-all approach to education. The new approach cuts down on federal requirements and gives schools the flexibility they need and deserve. First things first, we’re making it possible for schools to reduce class size by hiring more teachers. This is simple math. The smaller the classroom, the more attention students receive and the better they do in school. And we’re not just hiring more teachers. We’re also giving schools the freedom to provide more professional development for teachers. The more knowledge our teachers possess, the more our children receive.

The No Child Left Behind Act promotes early reading skills and strengthens our focus on math and science education. Funds are allocated for better math and science programs. We’re encouraging schools to make their programs more rigorous to help children reach higher educational goals. The new plan includes a performance-based grant program. This program supplies more funding to schools so they may increase literacy in technology. In other words, schools that need the most help will get it.

Perhaps the most important aspect of this legislation is that we’re putting discretion in the hands of the schools. We’re giving the schools the ability to assess their needs and decide how they will spend their federal funding. They can choose to spend more on development or they can make reducing class size a priority. Schools will make the decisions, not bureaucrats.

This is where the parents come in. Washington gives you the power and responsibility to make your school accountable for these initiatives. Parents, you have a right to expect results from your children’s schools. And schools have the right to demand results from the parents as well. Prepare your children every day so they arrive ready to learn at school. Reinforce good study habits, and reward efforts made by your children and by the school. Get to know the teachers and faculty. Support your local schools.

Washington is finally learning its lesson. Finally there is an initiative to return education where it rightfully belongs: with the parents and teachers. I’m proud that our new education initiative recognizes that local control of education will provide our students with the best education possible. It is time Washington finally stepped aside, and let Texans decide how to educate the children of Texas.

Assistance available to help train workers

Fabens jeans factory hit hard with layoffs

FABENS — Within a few weeks, as many as 277 of the 850 workers at the VF Jeanswear factory will lose their jobs due to a county-wide cut-back by VF Corp., maker of Wrangler and Lee Jeans.

More than 1200 jobs are expected to be cut in the county at VF's three manufacturing plants.

The cut is expected to eliminate the 3 p.m. to midnight shift at the Fabens plant, jobs that paid an average of \$9.20 per hour, and in some cases affect families in which both parents work at the factory.

Fabens population has experienced the same astonishing growth as the rest of East El Paso County. The population of this unincorporated community grew from 5,600 to about 8,000 over the past 10 years. The area has no other major private employer

with the exception of agriculture, which does not pay comparable wages to VF. The farming industry has also suffered a downturn in the price of cotton and pecans, the area's major produce.

The Gilroy Food plant, which produced spices and chile products from local sources, closed several years ago.

Many of the Fabens VF plant workers speak little or no English, and have few skills other than sewing. Some have been employed there since their youth, and some are said to be workers with green cards who come across the border each day.

Workers received a 60-day notice and as severance pay they will receive \$110 for every year they worked for VF.

Meanwhile, retraining and education are the sources of relief being

touted by state, federal and local government. The Texas Workforce Commission has allocated about \$1.7 million — some \$3,000 per worker — for training and education dollars for laid-off VF Jeanswear workers, and more in federal assistance in NAFTA trade-act funds may be on the way if it can be determined that the layoffs were NAFTA-related. The TWC funds are intended to cover tuition, books, child-care and transportation expenses for workers in training programs.

Information about these assistance programs can be obtained by calling TWC Centers in El Paso at 887-2000, 5919 Brook Hollow; or 591-1000 at 1359 Lomaland. The TWC also has satellite offices in the City. The TWC Center in Alpine can be reached at (915) 837-2108.



"WHAT ARE WE GOING TO DO WITHOUT OUR STIMULUS?"



View from the porch By Linda Mussehl

Technocat

Yard Kitty, our outside cat, has moved into the house and made herself at home. As a formerly feral cat, though, it's been a tough transformation. It's been tough for all of us.

In less than a year she's gone from a shy little thing hiding under the bunkhouse, peeking out only when she thought no one was looking, to a housecat with a self-appointed role as my guardian. She gone from the feline equivalent of a homeless, pregnant teenager to a complacent matron. She's gone from waif-thin to just plain fat.

We've always kept our dogs and cats on free feed, a "help yourself when you're hungry" bowl of kibble around. That works fine when an animal has been raised that way. They take small mouthfuls, chew reflectively and then turn their attention elsewhere. Obesity is not a problem, because there is never a fear of "this may be my last meal, so I better gobble it down."

Wild cats see the matter differently. It's more of a "see food, eat food" reflex. After Yard Kitty was spayed and discovered the bottomless food dish, she soon developed a plus-sized figure. If we cut back on her inside grub, she just goes out to the barn and rustles up a rodent.

Yard Kitty has really short legs and neck. We never noticed that when she was skinny. Now though, when she runs, she resembles a shoe box on wheels.

Some of the daily life that goes on inside a house

was pretty shocking to Yard Kitty at first. She's brave, though, and despite her fear, she turns her feral skills to protecting me from the really scary stuff, like the telephone.

She was sleeping on my desk one day with her head resting on the phone. When it rang, she instantly went into full attack mode and whipped the fool out of it. She was quite proud of herself when she got the receiver out of the cradle and put an end to that nasty noise.

I take my amusement where I find it. Yard Kitty was so much fun to watch that I called the house line from my cell phone several times that day just to watch her race to the desk to do battle with technology.

Our other cat, Pest Control, is an old hand with computer technology. Her favorite nap spot is in front of me on the desk, right between me and the keyboard. She dozes with her head on my left wrist and nips me if I move it too much.

Yard Kitty isn't so blasé. The words appearing one after another on the computer screen must be chased and batted down. She sits on the keyboard, typing long lines of xxxxx's or closing the file altogether. That's when I lose patience and teach her a new game, a variant of football called Kitty Go Long.

The ink-jet printer is pretty scary too. Highly suspicious, Yard Kitty crouches, watching the print head snaking back and forth. Then when the printer ejects the finished page, she pounces on it. After the page is completely dead, she wanders away to tend to her other chores. I think technology is starting to bore her.

Yard Kitty has been showing aptitude as a teacher lately. She's been training Tip, our cowdog pup, how to be gathered and herded.

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☆ TRUE TEXAS FACTS: Oct. 21, 1917-The "Roaring Ranger" oil field blows in.



Park

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spring and summer,” said Park/Project Director John Sproul. “The flows this spring and summer were less than in fall and winter, but enough to maintain a flow through the Park’s main channel and flood 20-30 wetland acres. This spring-summer moisture was a major boon for Rio Bosque’s vegetation and wildlife,

and we greatly appreciated it!” The 372-acre park is located along what was the original meandering of the Rio Grande before it was rerouted during a 1930’s rectification project. The non-native salt cedar trees and lack of water gradually choked off the watercourse and displaced native growth. The gradual removal of the salt cedars and the presence of water are transforming the area as native trees and plants are re-introduced.

To arrive at the Park from I-10, take Americas Avenue (Loop 375) to Pan

American Drive; travel southeast about 1.5 miles on Pan American Drive to where it ends at a bridge over the Riverside Canal. As you cross this bridge, signs and volunteers will direct you to the parking area next to the Bustamante Wastewater Treatment Plant. Shuttles will take visitors from the Bustamante Plant to the park.

For more information, visit the Park website at <http://www.cerm.utep.edu/riobosque/> or contact UTEP-Center for Environmental Resource Mgmt. at 915-747-8663.

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LEGALS

Texas Boll Weevil Eradication Foundation, Inc. is soliciting bids for manual application of pink bollworm pheromone ropes. Ropes will be tied to cotton plants at an approximate rate of 200 ropes per acre at certain stages of growth. A minimum of 40 persons over a four-week period will be needed for this field activity. Applications of ropes in the El Paso and Trans Pecos areas will begin in late May or early June. Bids will be accepted through January 30, 2002. For more information and detailed instructions, please contact the local Foundation office at (877) 765-2139, or the Foundation Headquarters at (800) 687-1212 Ext. 3124.

WTCC: 01/10, 01/17 & 01/24/02

PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the Rio Grande Council of Governments (RGCOG), 1100 N. Stanton, Ste. 610, El Paso, TX 79902, acting on behalf of the Far West Texas Water Planning

Group, will submit an application for financial assistance to the Texas Water Development Board for Round 2 regional water planning. The application will be submitted on or before March 1, 2002. Jake Brisbin Jr., RGCOG Executive Director, is the official representative of the Far West Texas Water Planning Group, which includes the following counties: Brewster, Culberson, El Paso, Jeff Davis, Hudspeth, Presidio and Terrell.

Copies of the application may be obtained from the RGCOG when it is available at the address above. Comments on the application must be filed by April 1, 2002. All comments must be filed with the applicant and with Craig D. Pedersen, Executive Administrator, Texas Water Development Board, P.O. Box 13231, Austin, TX 78711-3231.

WTCC-1/24/02

As per Article V, Sec. 5.05(a), all owners and lienholders have ten (10) days from this date to re-

claim their vehicles at Southwest Wrecker, 1401 Darrington Rd., 855-1900, 851-2091-fax, or it will be sold at public auction for charges: VIN - JHMB4159MLOU7927, 1991 Honda Prelude, black, Calif. - 4PMX561

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SOCORRO INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

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RE-ROOFING AT VISTA DEL SOL ELEMENTARY
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Bidders may obtain copies of the bidding documents and project plans beginning Monday, Jan. 21, 2002 by contacting the ARTchitecture office at:

ARTchitecture

1204 Montana Ave. El Paso, Texas 79902 (915) 533-0052 Attn: Mr. Perez

A deposit of \$150 per set will be required for each set of drawings a contractor wishes to receive. If the plans and specifications are returned in good condition, the deposit will be refunded.

A pre-bid conference is scheduled for Monday, January 28, 2002 at 11 a.m. at Vista Del Sol Elementary, located at 11851 Vista Del Sol Drive, El Paso, Texas 79936, at which time bidders will be afforded the opportunity to survey existing conditions and to ask questions and discuss any aspect of this project. Each bidder is strongly encouraged to attend this conference.

Attention is drawn to the fact that not less than minimum wage rates prescribed in the conditions of the contract must be paid on this project.

CSP will be received at the Socorro Independent School District Education Center, Business Ser-

vices Dept., 12300 Eastlake Drive, 79927 until the specified times. Detailed specifications are available from the above office between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. Mondays through Fridays.

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Hair Slingers in Horizon City is seeking experienced cosmetologist. Apply in person after 2 p.m. at 13899 Horizon Blvd., Ste. 4, Horizon City.

Write stuff

Dear Editor:

The Fabens Nutrition Center wishes to thank the following people and businesses for their generosity toward the senior citizens of Fabens: VF Jeanswear, Ace Hardware (Ryan’s), and the per-

Briefs

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Board of Trustees on Jan. 15. Kim Baxter is the new assistant principal at William D. Slider Middle. Debra Carden will join the administrative staff at Americas High. Doris Fernandez will go to Col. John O. Ensor Middle and Priscilla Terrazas will assume her post at Montwood High School.

■ They struck up the band at Escontrias Early Childhood Center Thursday this week with a Literacy Parade commemorating 100 days of their reading program. The Socorro City Council, the Socorro High Bulldog Band and area media personalities rode the parade route from Rio Vista and Buford Roads to the EEC parking lot. “We’re showing that literacy is fun, reading is fun,” said EEC Principal Becky Quiett.

■ The groundbreaking of a new Socorro ISD campus was held last week, Jan. 18, at the intersection of Lee and Edgemere Blvds. The campus will house pre-K through 8th grades, located in the fast-growing East El Paso area. The \$9.5 million project was designed by Mijares/Mora Architects and will be built by Sam Corp.

■ El Paso Community College Fast-Pitch Softball team will hold a tryout for graduating seniors of the Class of 2002. The tryout is at 10 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 26 at the EPCC *Tejana* Softball Field located on the Valle Verde

sonnel at the Fabens Port of Entry. Special thanks go to Kit Ryan who, every year, helps in putting up a Giving Tree to ensure that some of our elderly people receive some gifts. Thank you very much and may the Lord bless all of you. Have a prosperous and happy new year.

The staff of the Fabens Nutrition Center

campus at Hawkins and Phoenix. Information: Joel Prickett, Head Coach, 915-831-2367.

■ Middle schoolers from Socorro Middle, Carroll T. Welch, and William D. Slider schools will compete in the MathCounts competition Feb. 2 at Capt. John L. Chapin High School on Feb. 2. “Mathletes” who win at this competition will advance to state competition in Austin in March.

■ The David G. Burnet Chapter of the Daughters of the Republic of Texas will hold a luncheon meeting on Saturday, Feb. 9, at 11:30. The meeting will be at the home of Mrs. William Rogers, 5601 Pebble Beach. The program will be Nancy Farrar speaking on the history of the Chinese in El Paso. For more information call 584-2086.

■ The U.S. Border Patrol/El Paso Sector held a ribbon-cutting ceremony on Tuesday this week at the newly constructed “Highway 54 Traffic Checkpoint” south of Alamogordo. Prior to the ceremony the Station hosted an open house at the new facility which is 40 miles north of the Texas/New Mexico state line, about 25 miles south of Alamogordo. The facility is a 30x60-foot trailer with four detention cells, a processing area and exterior lighting for security. Luis Barker, El Paso Sector Chief, said the new facility had “been a long time coming. The Alamogordo Station may 2,911 apprehensions in fiscal year 2001, and is responsible for over half the narcotic seizures by the El Paso Sector.

Classified Ads

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1/24/02

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Alcoholicos Anónimos Grupo Paso Del Norte sesiones lunes a sabado,

a 8-9 de la tarde, 8501 Kingsway, Westway. 886-4948 para informacion.

Persons who have a problem with alcohol are offered a free source of help locally. Alcoholics Anonymous Group 8 de Enero meets at 15360 Horizon Blvd. in Horizon City on Mondays through Saturdays at 8 p.m. Call 859-0484 for information.

Tiene problemas con el alcohol? Hay una solución. Visitemos. Alcoholicos Anónimos, Grupo 8 de Enero, 15360 Horizon Blvd., Horizon City, sesiones lunes a sábado a 8 de la tarde. Informacion: 859-0484.

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Canutillo

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I didn’t see it coming.” He found their actions “disturbing (and) unprofessional.”

He appointed a three-member special committee of board members to look into the recent turn of events. The committee, comprised of Margarito Arellano, Linda Samples and Villarreal, was to report back at a special board meeting at 6 p.m. Jan. 23 in the central administration office. It was to be followed by 6:30 board meeting at which the site for the new high school as well as its educational specifications would be discussed.

In marked contrast was the opening of the monthly meeting when the district’s school principals praised the work of the Canutillo ISD board and presented gifts to its members. January is School Board Recognition Month.

In other business, middle school teacher Lawrence Apodaca, chairman of the District Advisory Committee, requested an earlier starting date for classes for the 2002-03 school year. The request for waiver, which will eventually have to go to the state for approval after local action, would put the start of school around Aug. 7 in-

stead of the week of Aug. 21.

Apodaca said the additional time is needed to provide for more adequate preparation for the new TAKS (Texas Assessment of Knowledge and Skills). “We do need the time,” he said.

Following required procedure, a community meeting was subsequently scheduled at 6:30 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 24 in the central administration building to get public input on the request for the earlier starting date.

Student achievement has been “awesome,” said Assistant superintendent Vicki Davis in presenting a comparative report on the 2001 Academic Excellence Indicator System. “Each year the students improve; they are making gains in scores,” she added in tracking students’ academic achievements from year to year.

Marshall St. John and Santiago Rodriguez, members of the Region 19 board of directors, presented Superintendent Charles Hart with a special recognition plaque “for dedicated service” to students.

Hart presented the Superintendent’s Exemplary Employee’s Award to Margarita Armendariz, parent involvement program coordinator for her many years of service to the CISD community. He called her a “guardian angel.” Adding, “she is Canutillo.”

Socorro

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FCA and is currently the valedictorian of his class. Mr. Carrillo, a member of the audience, promised Navejas a donation of \$50 and challenged members of Council to do the same. Mayor Pro-Tem Jesus Hernandez accepted the challenge

personally and agreed to assist Navejas with a \$50 matching donation.

In other business, City Representative Gandara nominated Samuel Jimenez to the Historical Landmark Commission and Council unanimously approved the nomination.

Ricardo Ortiz and Mary Perez were nominated to the Civil Service Commission and their nominations were also unanimously approved.

Registration underway for Canutillo 2002 Youth Basketball program

By Alfredo Vasquez
Special to the Courier

UPPER VALLEY — Registration for Canutillo Independent School District’s 2002 Youth Basketball season is underway and will continue through Saturday, Feb. 9. Students in kindergarten through sixth grade are eligible to participate.

Parents may sign up their children from 3 to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, at any of the four elementary school main offices or until 6:30 p.m. at the Canutillo Elementary School VISTA* Office. Registration fee is \$12.

Canutillo FFA sponsors first-annual goat jackpot

CANUTILLO — Canutillo High School Future Farmers of America (FFA) club will hold the First Annual Canutillo FFA Goat Jackpot from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Saturday, Feb. 2, at Canutillo High School, 7311 Bosque Road.

The goat jackpot will include Market and Breeding Shows and Junior and Senior Peewee Shows. Weigh-in begins at 9 a.m. The Breed Goat Show is scheduled for 10 a.m. followed by the peewee shows. The Market Goat Show is at 1 p.m. The awards presentation will be at 4 p.m. Entry fee is \$20 per animal.

Grand champion will receive a goat trailer. Reserve champion will win a metal show box. Premium money will be awarded to first through third place winners in

Canutillo High School students are invited to sign up to be team coaches, and Canutillo Middle School students may sign up to be score keepers.

Games will be played Friday evenings and Saturday mornings at the CHS gyms beginning March 1. The season ends May 19.

The youth basketball program is coordinated by Canutillo ISD’s VISTA* Volunteers and Youth Basketball Parent Committee President Ruben Muñiz.

Over 450 students and 120 volunteers participated during last year’s basketball season.

For more information, contact the Canutillo VISTA* Office at 877-7613.

each class. All contestants will be given T-shirts. Showmanship buckles will be awarded in both market and breeding meat goat shows.

The event is open to the public. For more information, contact Ron Gil, CHS FFA sponsor, at 877-7545.

The series “History of Texas Public Lands — Part III” will resume next week due to space considerations.

Buses

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downtown El Paso. The Lower Valley Bus Line was sold to SCAT (Sun City Area Transit) in January of 1977. Shortly thereafter bus service to the Lower Valley was terminated due to rising costs.

Bob Geyer, El Paso County Planning Department Grants and Trans-

portation Coordinator, Sun Metro’s Everett Esparza and Terry Scott, Sun Metro Director, have been working on bringing bus service back to the Valley since November 2000. About 80 percent of the funding for the service will come from the Federal Transit Administration’s Congestion Mitigation Air Quality (CMAQ) Funds allocated to Sun Metro. El Paso County will be funding the remaining 20 percent of costs.

The buses have tentatively been scheduled to begin running regular routes on Monday, Jan. 28. The cost for the service will be \$1 each way and transfers will be available for 10 cents. Bus routes and schedules will be made available at various public locations or from the Clint Town Hall at 851-3146, Sun Metro at 533-3333, or the El Paso County Planning Department at 834-8242.

— Contributed by Jessica Garza

Canutillo Independent School District Combined Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances All Governmental Fund Types and Expendable Trust Fund Year Ended August 31, 2001

		Governmental Fund Types				Totals (Memorandum)	
Data Control Codes		100-199 General Fund	200-499 Special Revenue Fund	500-599 Debt Service Fund	600-699 Capital Projects Fund	98 August 31, 2001	97 August 31, 2000
REVENUES:							
Local and Intermediate Sources:							
	Investment Income	\$ 398,011	\$ 52,856	\$ 105,844	\$ 2,244	\$ 558,955	\$ 540,944
	Other Local and Intermediate Sources	6,851,417	110,863	1,011,310	—	7,973,590	6,983,425
5700	Total Local and Intermediate Sources	7,249,428	163,719	1,117,154	2,244	8,532,545	7,524,369
5800	State Program Revenues	20,191,482	552,917	1,609,520	—	22,353,919	21,713,164
5900	Federal Program Revenues	2,414,950	2,435,658	—	—	4,850,608	4,545,190
5020	Total Revenues	29,855,860	3,152,294	2,726,674	2,244	35,737,072	33,782,723
EXPENDITURES:							
Current:							
0010	Instruction and Instructional-Related Services	16,406,764	2,127,247	—	—	18,534,011	17,640,485
0020	Instructional and School Leadership	2,305,065	366,824	—	—	2,671,889	2,679,713
0030	Support Services - Student (Pupil)	4,921,779	319,908	—	—	5,241,687	4,833,181
0040	Administrative Support Services	1,584,185	—	—	—	1,584,185	1,546,157
0050	Support Services - Nonstudent Based	3,444,983	4,480	—	—	3,449,463	2,782,209
0060	Ancillary Services	109,178	278,979	—	—	388,157	434,365
0070	Debt Service	995,199	—	2,563,271	—	3,558,470	2,961,069
0080	Capital Outlay	809,998	1,581,482	—	230,000	2,621,480	4,138,996
6030	Total Expenditures	30,577,151	4,678,920	2,563,271	230,000	38,049,342	37,016,175
1100	Excess (Deficiency) Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	(721,291)	(1,526,626)	163,403	(227,756)	(2,312,270)	(3,233,452)
7020	Other Resources	438,939	2,640,000	—	23,000,000	26,078,939	3,860,000
8030	Other (Uses)	—	—	—	(82,439)	(82,439)	—
1200	Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues and Other Resources Over (Under) Expenditures and Other Uses	(282,352)	1,113,374	163,403	22,689,805	23,684,230	626,548
0100	Fund Balance — September 1 (Beginning)	3,740,179	230,962	370,942	80,195	4,422,278	3,795,730
3000	Fund Balance — August 31 (Ending)	\$ 3,457,827	\$ 1,344,336	\$ 534,345	\$ 22,770,000	\$ 28,106,508	\$ 4,422,278

Instant replay doesn’t stop referees from fumbling the call

By Steve Escajeda
Special to the Courier

Did you happen to catch any of the four NFL playoff games last weekend? If you didn’t, don’t feel bad — some of the so-called best referees in the world missed it too.

You’ve probably heard some beer-guzzlin’ fan yell out, “Open your eyes, ref, you’re missing a great game!” He couldn’t have been more correct during the Oakland-New England game and the Green Bay-St. Louis contest.

Now the NFL put in their coveted “instant replay” rule so that every play would be called correctly. I didn’t think they intended for the rule to cost a team a game or intentionally get a play wrong. But I now have my doubts.

At the end of the Oakland Raiders game with the Patriots, New England, trailing 13-10 with only 1:37 left, was driving to possibly win or

tie the game when quarterback Tom Brady was hit by Charles Woodson. He fumbled the ball which was recovered by the Raiders...game over, right?

After further review!

Referees took a second look at the play in slow motion and from every angle. Replays clearly showed that the call on the field was correct. Brady did move his passing arm forward but tucked it back in when he was hit — obviously a fumble.

Pardon me...not so fast...after further review the quarterback’s hand was moving forward and thus it was an incomplete pass, no fumble, still Patriots ball.

Not only did the Patriots keep the ball, they went on to tie the game on a field goal in the closing seconds of regulation and won it with a field goal in overtime.

And I bet you thought Raiders coach Jon Gruden only resembled the evil Chucky.

Now referees did defend their actions by saying that the NFL rulebook clearly states that

technically the call was a correct one. And that may be the case.

But when was the last time that you saw a quar-

terback clearly attempt a pass and then pull it back just before he was hit and it not be called a fumble? Never!

Referees have always called that a fumble. Announcers have always said, “Well, he was pulling his arm back from the throwing motion, Frank, so he definitely fumbled.”

For some reason the guys in the stripes decided to get a little too technical and decide the outcome of the game...and they did.

How about the Green Bay game with the Rams? In the very beginning of the game the Packers clearly fumbled the ball on the opening series but referees said the play had been called dead. Replays showed the ball was out before the player hit the ground but it didn’t matter, the ball being called dead is not a reviewable play.

Not a reviewable play! I thought the whole idea was to get the call right.

Later in the game, Brett Favre was surrounded by Rams and on his way down he tossed the ball to his running back Ahman Green. Referees said the play didn’t count...why not?

Favre was clearly not down yet. No whistle had blown and there is no “in the grasp” rule, so why didn’t the play count?

Referees never gave a definitive answer because there was none.

We still have three games left this season. Let’s hope the referees have gotten all the bad calls out of their system. Wait a minute, what’s that I hear? “After further review...”

Almighty Jordan

I’ve often wondered what it would be like to actually meet God. To stand in his presence once I left this world. How would I act? Would I even be able to speak? Would I make a complete fool of myself?

Well, I don’t know exactly how I would act but I got a slight indication of how I might last weekend from the Chicago Bulls.

The young Bulls were home facing the Washington Wizards and you know what that meant. It was Michael Jordan’s first return to Chicago as a player since he retired from the Bulls three years ago. And he received a three-minute standing ovation when introduced.

Pretty intimidating.

The Bulls went on to have one of the worst shooting nights in NBA history. Plagued with only 24-percent shooting for the night, they tallied only 38 points at the end of the third period before finishing with an embarrassing total of 69.

Was it because of Jordan? Was it his sheer will? Was it divine intervention? Well, he’s not called “His Airness” for nothing.

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Town of Clint PUBLIC NOTICE

A PUBLIC HEARING will be held at 5:30 p.m. on Wednesday, January 30, 2002 during the Planning and Zoning Commission meeting at the Clint Town Hall, 200 N. San Elizario Rd., Clint, Texas. Purpose of the public hearing is to receive public comments on the following proposed rezoning(s):

1. Tract 12-G, Block 24 San Elizario Grant, Clint, El Paso County, Texas, from R-1, Single Family Residential to B-2, Highway Business District by Gustavo Urrea.

The public is invited to attend the hearing to make any comments regarding this request. Those that are unable to attend may submit their views to the Town of Clint. Persons in need of assistance to attend are encouraged to contact the Town Clerk at 851-3146.

Jessica Garza
Town Clerk

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Fabens athletes home for the holidays

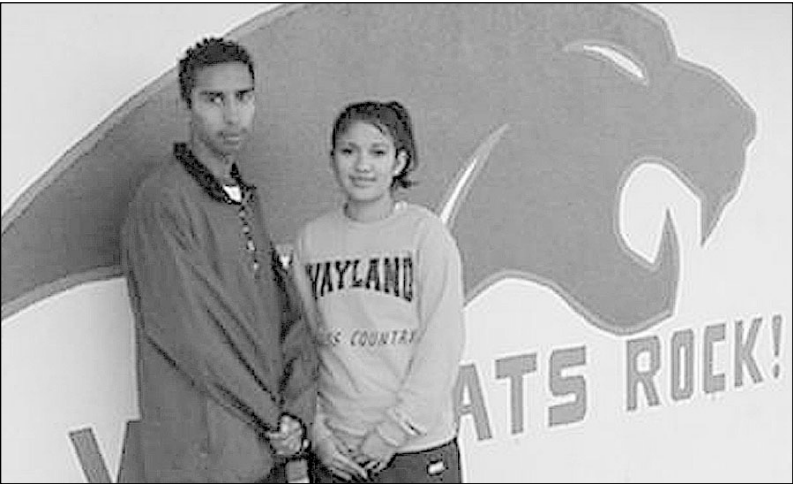
By Dick Harshberger
Special to the Courier

FABENS — Audrey Ochoa and Ricky Ontiveros were home for the holidays from Plainview, Texas where the two celebrated Fabens athletes attend Wayland Baptist University.

Audrey and Ricky graduated from Fabens High School in 2000, knowing that they were going on to college after being recruited by Wayland Baptist for the cross country and indoor/outdoor track program.

A serious student and athlete, Audrey was disappointed by a stress fracture that kept her out of the cross country competition during the last season. She is one of 13 girls on the Wayland team.

Already a high school track champion with four state competitions under his belt — Ontiveros was a member of the 1999 Fabens team that won state — he continued the tradition by nabbing the number one placement on the Wayland team,



Ricky Ontiveros and Audrey Ochoa ran all the way to college.

placing fifth in conference, ninth at regional and missing the national competition by only five seconds.

Both Fabens graduates will be in El Paso on May 4 during competition at UTEP.

Conversing with the two is informative for future graduates of Fabens. Both say that Fabens running ability is well known but the primary obstacle to more students going on to college is grades. Ontiveros himself had to make a major effort to bring his grades up during his last years at Fabens to qualify for acceptance to Wayland.

“High school athletes don’t have to have straight A’s to go to college,” Ochoa said. “But if they would set personal goals and give as much time to their studies as they do their sport, there would be more in college.”

King Super Crossword

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Wake up and smell the hair dye

By Don Flood

“Green hair was a fad. Blond hair is a global fashion.” — Vidal Sassoon

Green hair just a fad?
Who in those first heady days of green hairdom thought it would ever end?

You cannot imagine how upset I was to read that announcement.

Especially since it was straight from Vidal Sassoon, described in the article as a “hairstyling maven.”

Not just an expert — they aren’t as cool or as well paid — but a maven.

(I will confess here to a desire to be a maven, which is even better than being a guru, although I will entertain guru job offers if they include a private jet with hot tub.)

If Sassoon says green hair is out, then you can be assured, as Dan Rather would say, that “it’s out, it’s finished, the cows have come home and it’s time to round up the dogies, light up the campfire and heat up some beans because this trail drive is over!”

(According to linguistic mavens, Dan Rather is last known speaker — and perhaps the only speaker ever — of a dialect known as Imaginary Central Texas Gibberish.)

It was disappointing because I was all set to jump on the green-hair bandwagon.

Now what?

Do I go ahead and color my hair green and wait for green hair to come back, or do I follow the blond trend?

It’s important I choose correctly because many of my hairs have apparently grown disgruntled and left for more fashionable scalps.

I don’t know where they’ve gone or what color they

are now, but many of my evidently upwardly mobile hairs have, as Dan Rather might say, “skedaddled faster than stink from dead skunk run over by a rusted out Ford pickup on a hot Texas highway.”

Maybe they’re blond hairs now. Maybe they’re having more fun on someone else’s head.

(Personal note to my hairs: You can come back. All is forgiven.)

Now comes the eagerly awaited section in my column where I impart real-live facts that you can use to impress and amaze your friends, particularly those who are Extremely Dull and don’t get out much.

Amazing Fact No. 1: 25 percent of all hair dye sold is blond.

Doesn’t sound that high? That’s not in the United States, that’s in Japan. (Oddly enough, green hair never gained a foothold in Japan.)

Amazing Fact No. 2: In this country, a recent survey showed that 63 percent of teen-age boys thought it was “cool” for them to dye their hair.

When I was in high school, admittedly back during the Precambrian Era, you could have gotten punched for asking guys if they thought it was cool to dye their hair.

Not that we weren’t fashion conscious. We wore groovy bellbottom jeans and groovy wide belts.

But as far as hair we didn’t do much besides grow it.

We even had a song to grow hair by, called appropriately enough, “Hair.”

Maybe it’s time I get some blond hair dye and start listening to it again.

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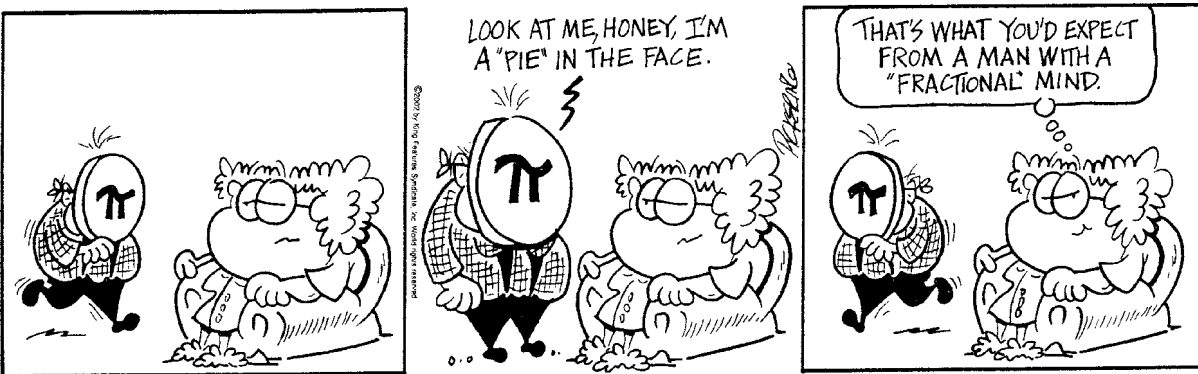
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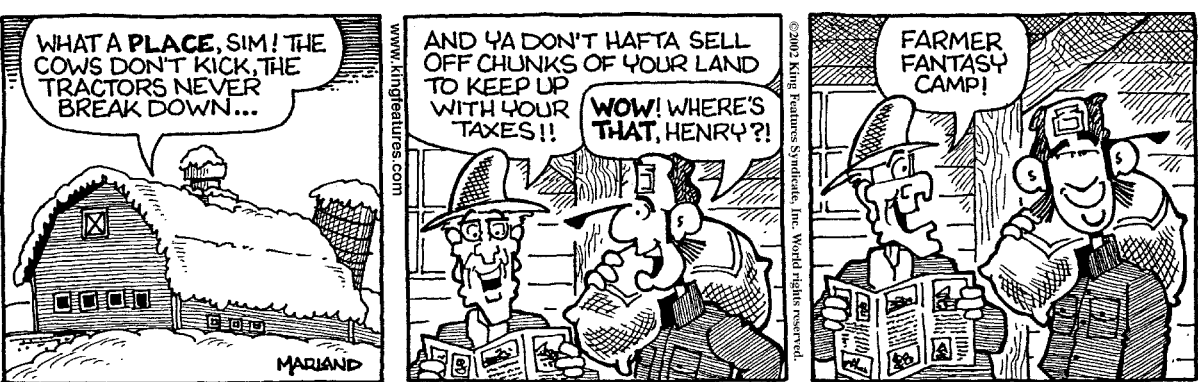
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Social Security: Q & A

by Ray Vigil

Q. I have received too much in benefits. How will Social Security recover this overpayment?

A. Recovery of an overpayment from a beneficiary is made by withholding the monthly Social Security check until the overpayment is paid in full. Overpayments can also be withheld from family members entitled on the beneficiary's record. Social Security can use several different methods of recovery including a compromise settlement. If the overpaid individual no longer receives Social Security payments, Social

Security can recover the overpayment from the individual's federal tax refund.

Q. My husband is presently in prison. Could my son and I be eligible for any benefits?

A. There is no provision in the Social Security Act to provide benefits for children of individuals who are in prison. However, you may want to contact your Social Services/welfare department to determine if there is any locally sponsored programs that may be able to provide you with

assistance. They may also be able to provide you with the names of organizations that may be of some help.

Q. What do I do if I disagree with the decision that Social Security has made on my application for benefits?

A. Social Security wants to be sure that every decision made regarding a Social Security or Supplemental Security Income claim is correct. We consider all the information in a claim before we make a decision. If we decide a person is not eligible or is no longer eligible for benefits, or that the amount of payment should be changed, we send a notice explaining our decision. If an individual

disagrees with the decision, they can request a review. This is called an "appeal." Generally, the request for an appeal must be made in writing within 60 days (plus 5 days mailing time) from the date of the notice they receive. Many people handle their own appeals, but they can choose an attorney or non-attorney to help them. Your representative cannot charge or collect a fee from you without first getting written approval from Social Security.

Q. I disagree with a provision of the Social Security law. How can I get it changed?

A. The Social Security Administra-

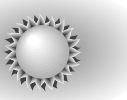

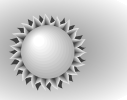
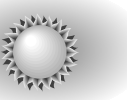
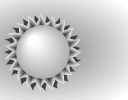
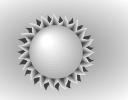
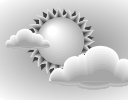

tion administers the Social Security programs. However, Congress formulates the Social Security Act and the amendments to the Act. Only Congress has the ability to change the laws that govern Social Security. Therefore, we recommend that you relay your concerns to your congressional representative for consideration.

For more information visit your local Security office, see <http://www.ssa.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.

WEATHER

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SEVEN-DAY FORECAST FOR EL PASO

THURSDAY	THUR. NIGHT	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY
							
Sunny but cool.	Clear and cold.	Bright sunshine.	Bright and sunny.	Sunny.	Abundant sunshine.	Partly sunny.	Intervals of clouds and sunshine; brisk.
▲ 50°	▼ 26°	▲ 58° ▼ 32°	▲ 60° ▼ 34°	▲ 64° ▼ 34°	▲ 64° ▼ 34°	▲ 58° ▼ 26°	▲ 56° ▼ 24°

UV INDEX

Statistics for noon.

The higher the UV Index, the greater the need for eye and skin protection.

Thursday	5	Moderate
Friday	5	Moderate
Saturday	5	Moderate
Sunday	5	Moderate
Monday	5	Moderate
Tuesday	5	Moderate
Wednesday	4	Low

REAL FEEL TEMP™

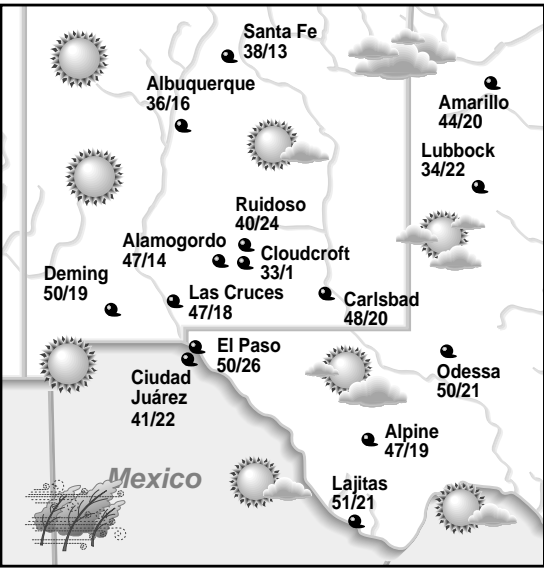
A composite of the effects of temperature, wind, humidity, sunshine intensity, cloudiness, precipitation, and elevation on the human body.

Thursday	42°
Friday	60°
Saturday	62°
Sunday	66°
Monday	66°
Tuesday	56°
Wednesday	48°

TEXAS WEATHER

Anthony	50	26
Canutillo	51	27
Clint	46	24
E. Montana	50	26
Fabens	46	24
Horizon	51	27
San Elizario	46	20
Socorro	48	24
Tornillo	46	24
Vinton	51	27

Shown is Thursday's weather. Temperatures are Thursday's highs and Thursday night's lows.



TRAVELERS CITIES

City	Thur. Hi/Low/W	Fri. Hi/Low/W	Sat. Hi/Low/W	Sun. Hi/Low/W	Mon. Hi/Low/W
Albuquerque	36/16/pc	50/22/s	54/28/s	56/28/pc	50/22/pc
Atlanta	64/46/sh	58/40/sh	60/42/s	62/42/s	62/42/pc
Atlantic City	56/36/r	46/30/pc	46/34/pc	52/36/pc	52/36/s
Austin/San Antonio	54/30/c	58/34/s	64/40/s	66/48/s	68/50/c
Baltimore	58/36/r	46/28/pc	46/32/pc	50/36/pc	50/36/s
Boston	52/32/r	40/28/pc	45/31/pc	45/33/s	42/32/s
Chicago	34/24/pc	42/30/pc	46/36/c	46/34/sh	40/28/pc
Dallas/Ft. Worth	50/28/sh	56/36/s	60/42/s	64/44/s	62/46/pc
Denver	42/22/pc	56/24/s	56/20/s	44/16/pc	38/14/pc
Flagstaff	36/10/s	50/16/s	49/19/s	44/18/pc	39/11/pc
Houston	68/40/t	62/36/pc	64/44/s	66/48/pc	70/52/c
Kansas City	42/20/pc	52/30/s	56/32/pc	52/28/pc	50/30/pc
Las Vegas	50/30/s	54/36/s	58/36/pc	59/38/c	54/32/c
Miami	82/70/s	82/70/pc	80/68/c	80/68/pc	78/62/pc
Minneapolis	24/14/pc	34/22/pc	36/24/pc	32/20/sf	32/18/sn
New Orleans	72/54/t	62/42/sh	64/46/s	66/50/s	68/50/s
New York City	56/36/r	44/28/pc	44/34/pc	48/38/pc	48/38/s
Philadelphia	58/34/r	44/28/pc	46/32/pc	50/36/pc	50/36/s
Phoenix	58/40/s	66/44/s	70/48/s	66/44/pc	64/42/pc
Portland	48/40/r	46/36/r	42/34/sh	44/34/sh	42/32/sh
San Francisco	56/42/pc	56/44/pc	54/44/c	54/42/r	53/32/c
Seattle	48/40/r	42/34/r	40/32/sh	42/34/sh	42/24/c
Tucson	56/32/s	66/38/s	68/40/s	66/38/s	64/36/pc
Washington, DC	60/38/c	48/32/pc	48/36/pc	52/38/pc	52/38/s

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

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