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## NEWSBRIEFS

### Pipe bomb surprise

Border Patrol Agents made a routine marijuana seizure at the traffic checkpoint on Hwy 62/180 east of El Paso and got a nasty surprise in the bargain — a pipe bomb in a gym bag hidden in a late model pickup. The seizure of about 31 pounds of marijuana occurred on Sunday as agents questioned the two female occupants of the vehicle. It turned out both were U.S. citizens from Kansas City, Missouri, but they displayed “unusual mannerisms” during their conversation with agents, prompting a non-intrusive canine search. The marijuana was found in a spare tire, prompting further search which turned up the PVC plastic pipe bomb. The Border Patrol agents turned the device over to the El Paso Police Department Bomb Disposal Unit which detonated the device. The two women were arrested and turned over to the Hudspeth County Sheriff’s Office along with the marijuana. One was found to have a criminal record for felony vehicle theft.

### Labor Day crackdown

The Horizon City Police Department will join about 1,700 other law enforcement agencies in a crackdown on driving offenses that can contribute to crashes on Interstate 10 and their feeder routes, according to Horizon Chief of Police Tony Aguilar. The multi-state law enforcement effort, “Operation Blue TALON 4: Crash Crackdown,” will begin at 6 p.m. Friday, Aug. 30 through midnight Monday, Sept. 2. Officers will be closely watching traffic for speeding, ignoring traffic laws and signals, failure to use seat belts and child safety seats, driving under the influence of alcohol or drugs, and aggressive driving. Aguilar said that special emphasis will be placed on pick up trucks as a disproportionate number of traffic deaths occur in pick up trucks due to low seat belt usage rate by their occupants, and greater tendency to rollover.

### In other news

■ If you’re coming from the East County on Interstate 10, plan to slow down and move over. There is currently a westbound left lane closure on IH-10 from Zaragosa Rd. to Lomaland Dr. This closure will last approximately three months and is necessary to construct the Lee Trevino Turn-arounds.

■ Anthony High School hopes to begin a long-lasting tradition this year by honoring an Outstanding Ex-Student Sept. 27 during homecoming. Nominees must have graduated prior to 1995, have excelled in career and community service, and have been active while attending Anthony ISD. Nomination forms and information are available at AHS, or by contacting Patsy Ruiz Leos at 886-6554

■ Clint High School is looking for an Outstanding Ex to honor during homecoming activities. Qualifications include: graduated before 1992, made contributions

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*A road sign in Texas: “Drive like hell, and you’ll get there.”*

— Quips and Quotes



**POTENTIAL EXPANSION** — Horizon City bought the current town hall, at left, on a lease/purchase agreement from the Church of the Incarnation, a Horizon Episcopal Church, which still occupies a part of the annex, seen background, right. Horizon is now considering purchase of the rest of the annex for administrative office expansion.

## Horizon City faces challenges as taxes go up, land runs out

By Francis D. Shrum  
*Courier Staff Writer*

HORIZON CITY — The future of Horizon City, once considered a shining city on the hills of East El Paso County, may be facing a more bleak future as land available for commercial development runs out and the tax burden on property owners increases.

The town is considering changing its five-year-old home-rule Charter in November — Nov. 12 was previously designated as the date to hold an election of Charter Commission members to rewrite the document, with an eye to creating the position of city manager not allowable under the present Charter.

Mayor Pat Randleel spearheaded the appointment of an advisory committee to review

the existing Charter, seeking changes in the method by which the town selects its chief of police and municipal court judge.

In February of this year, the committee returned its recommendation — to completely



Pat Randleel



Walt Lee

overhaul the existing Charter.

The town is also considering expansion of current office facilities by purchasing an adjacent building that was originally part of the same annex as the current town hall.

With a tax increase of 20 percent in the 2001-2002 budget and a proposed increase of more than 12 percent this year, however, some long-time Horizon City residents say city services are not increasing at an equal pace, and that the town may be pricing itself out of the commercial development market.

“Our town is only five and a half square miles,” former Horizon Mayor Walt Lee said this week. “We’ve used up most of the commercial development property for residential development, and what is left is non-competitive because Horizon City taxes are higher for no more services than they can get just outside the city limits. There is nothing to attract a major commercial entity to Horizon City.”

Lee, speaking on behalf of a newly formed community group, said a brochure will be mailed to Horizon City residents in the near future hoping to inform them of the ramifications of Horizon City’s current situation.

“We are creating a non-sustainable situation,” Lee said. “You can’t tax the homeowners enough to support this expansion in bureaucracy. We need commercial development to support it, and we’ve taxed ourselves out of the market for whatever commercial property is left.

“As far as I can see, the town is following the scenario described by Yogi Berra: ‘When you come to a fork in the road, take it.’”

Because Horizon City does not provide water or fire protection — the El Paso County Water Authority provides water/sewer and garbage service, and the Emergency Services District #1 provides fire protection — Lee said property outside Horizon City’s limits is far more attractive to commercial development.

“In a few years, Horizon homeowners will pay the same or more taxes than the City of El Paso with no services to show for it, other than the police department,” he said.

“We have no libraries, no parks and recreational services. Why would anybody buy a home in Horizon City when they can buy one right outside of us with a lot less taxes?”

## Canutillo ISD dealing with stinky situation near school

By Don Woodyard  
*Courier Staff Writer*

CANUTILLO — A representative from the Village of Vinton told the Canutillo school board Aug. 13 that they are dealing with a stinking situation and are hoping something can be done about it.

Dolores Diaz, alderperson on the Vinton Village Council, asked for and received support from the board regarding a “terrible smell” permeating the air around schools.

“I wholeheartedly agree that something needs to be done about the smell,” said board member Charley Hecker who indicated it had gotten worse in the last four or five years. “My big concern is (the health of) the students.”

Added board member and vice president Carl Fietze, “It has been getting worse.”

The focus of their concern is Valley By-Products, a Canutillo meat rendering company.

Diaz spoke of her efforts through elected officials and state agencies, such as the Texas Natural Resources Conservation Commission (TNRCC), to resolve the matter and eliminate the smell which she says is making school chil-

dren sick.

In other board action:

- Three students, all juniors, were honored by the board for their achievements in competitions. Michelle Bolner and Patsy Gomez placed first with their entry in the Biochemistry-Microbiology Division of the Texas FFA convention held recently in Fort Worth. “This is the first time we’ve had a state winner,” FFA advisor Ron Gill pointed out.

- Claudia Iglesias placed first in the national medical spelling bee competition during the 26th annual Health Occupations Student Association (HOSA) held in Anaheim, CA.

- Superintendent Charles Hart presented the Exemplary Employee Award to Adele Balesh, the district’s food services director.

- Three members of the media were named to the statewide Media Honor Roll by the school board for “fair and balanced reporting” of the Canutillo ISD issues. They were Erica Molina, reporter for the *El Paso Times*; Rick Shrum, publisher of the *West Texas County Courier*; and Don Woodyard, reporter for the *Courier*. The annual award is presented by the Texas Association of School Boards.

- District comptroller Tony Reza outlined a

proposal for family discount tickets at athletic events. The board approved a proposed discount plan to make tickets to athletic events more affordable to community residents with large families.

The Fall Family Pass, for two adults and three children, would cost \$50 and is good for all football and volleyball games this fall. This compares with \$165 at regular prices.

Reza said that if the plan proves successful it would be extended to other athletic events.

- Assistant superintendent Dr. Pam Padilla gave an overview of the student presentation given to new teachers. It focused on working together as a system and the use of technology and warehousing data.

“We are quite successful, but we won’t rest until all students are successful, to reach that 10 percent who are not successful,” she said.

In other action, the board approved:

- Marsha Fintell as assistant principal of Canutillo High

- Renewal of self-funded health insurance program and health insurance benefit changes

- Administration’s recommendation to sign contract with Communities in Schools to provide services at The Learning Center.



## One perspective

By Francis Shrum

# What would you die for?

The first anniversary of Sept. 11 is swiftly approaching. People are talking about how we have changed as a nation.

Maybe we should talk about how we haven't changed.

I've heard it said that the power of an idea is the most dangerous force on earth. I don't agree. I think the lack thereof is far more frightening — and I am frightened.

I'm not talking about the invention of new electronic gadgets, building a better pipe-bomb, or formulating a sure-fire process to clone ourselves.

I'm talking about a national commitment to raise children who understand what is important in life and who are ready and willing to live and die by a set of behavioral standards that go far deeper than the next highest paycheck.

We are not doing that.

From mom and dad to the homeroom teacher, from our employer to the hottest sports icon, the role models of today are shaping a whole generation of young people who have nothing in their lives noble enough for which they would give their lives.

That's because we, the average adult of this nation, in our own personal lives probably don't either.

In spite of all the rhetoric about the heart of America, we are still failing to communicate to our young people in truly meaningful ways that they must look outside themselves to find purpose in their lives.

Our educational system, our entertainment industry and our business world all advocate that the universe is no bigger than our "self-awareness" and that all things are relative — in essence, that there is no real truth and that all beliefs and standards are open to compromise so long as "you feel good about it."

We are scared to death of opinion-

ated children.

In a society that claims tolerance of others as the epitome of social achievement, we have a really odd way of practicing it.

When David Horowitz tried to have his essay against reparations for the descendants of slaves published and debated on American college campuses he was booed off the stage and his arguments quashed by the "powers that be." Agree or disagree with him as you will, Horowitz proved that providing young people with an honest opportunity to make up their own minds still does not exist.

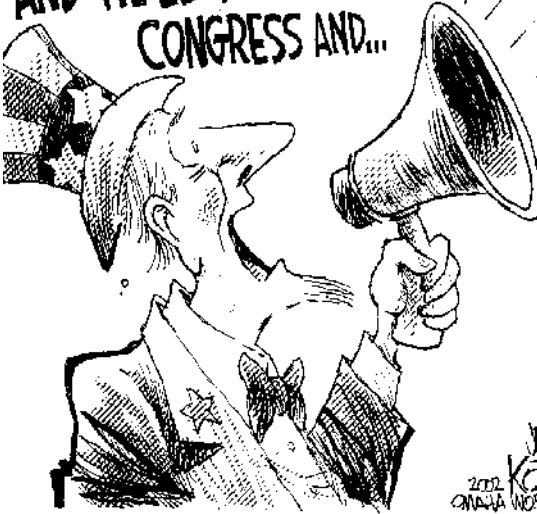
While the reaction against Horowitz was loud and obvious, we smother, in far more subtle ways, everyday opportunities for young people to expand as individuals.

We asphyxiate "odd" behavior by penalizing the practitioner with bad grades, isolation or firing. Still a virgin? How weird, must be something wrong with you. Have differences in religious beliefs? You must belong to a cult. Refuse to give test answers to your classmate? What selfish behavior — where's your sense of teamwork? Question why your kid still doesn't know how to read or why there is no bottom-line authority on the playground? Resistance is futile.

Question why you don't have as much stuff as your neighbor does — though you didn't work nearly as hard — and you'll probably be invited as a guest on prime-time talk TV.

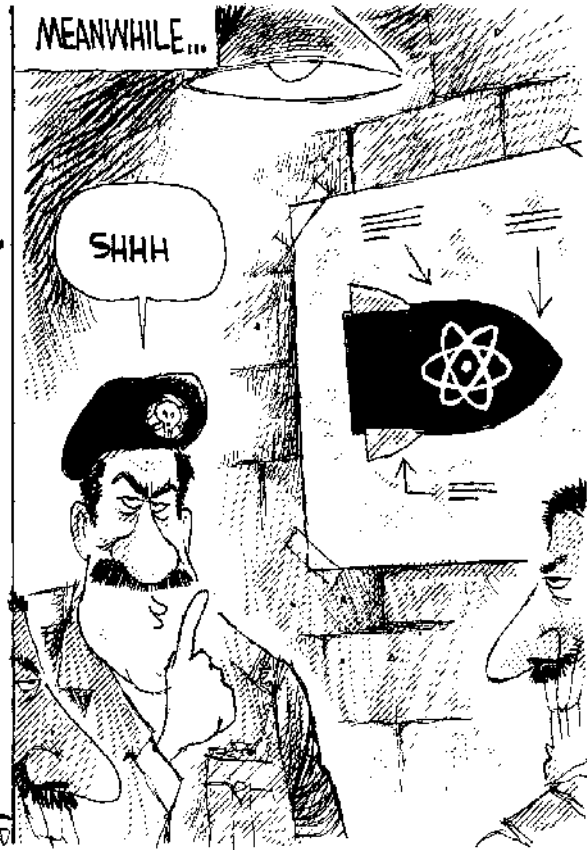
There was a time when our families — wife, husband and offspring — were worth dying for, and many did. Our society now teaches us that the only thing that matters is self-gratification — which anyone who has tried that in a family setting knows it is practically impossible. Our divorce laws and "divorce as-

WE'RE PLANNING A SURPRISE ATTACK... BUT IT WON'T HAPPEN BEFORE THE FALL ELECTIONS... AND WE'LL NEED APPROVAL FROM CONGRESS AND...



MEANWHILE...

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I USED TO PLAY THE STOCK MARKET, BUT IT GOT TOO RISKY...

sumption" attitude make it so easy to get out of this "restrictive" situation that instead of fighting to keep our families together there is practically a daily rush to divorce court to give our families away.

Little wonder that many intelligent and idealistic young people get sucked into extremist and violent behavior. They are looking for something to believe in. They have found

little in our society that challenges the part of them that cries out for something bigger and more important than our petty individual concerns.

Worse yet, if they find something that does challenge them to grow in character, nine times out of 10 they'll be told by someone of influence they are naive or unrealistic for pursuing it.

Sept. 11 brought out our national sense of mortality but that has mostly

faded behind the din of arguments over what we'll build at Ground Zero, disappointment over the misuse of millions in heart-felt donations, and the frenzied preparation to spend millions more to commemorate the one-year anniversary.

Too bad that all the national rhetoric about things worth dying for hasn't translated into a better way for us to live.

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## Canutillo ISD promotes healthy breakfasts

By Alfredo Vasquez

Special to the Courier

CANUTILLO — "Don't forget breakfast! I encourage parents to help their children make the grade this year by taking advantage of the nutritious breakfast meals served at all six Canutillo Independent School District campus cafeterias," said Adele Balesh, Canutillo ISD Food Services director.

A healthy choice-filled breakfast can help beat back-to-school stress, asserted Balesh. Canutillo ISD school cafeterias offer free breakfast and lunch meals to all students and low-cost a la carte items for adult customers.

"As early as 7 a.m. students, parents, and District employees can choose between fruit or juice, hot or cold cereal, an entrée, and plain or flavored milk," said Balesh.

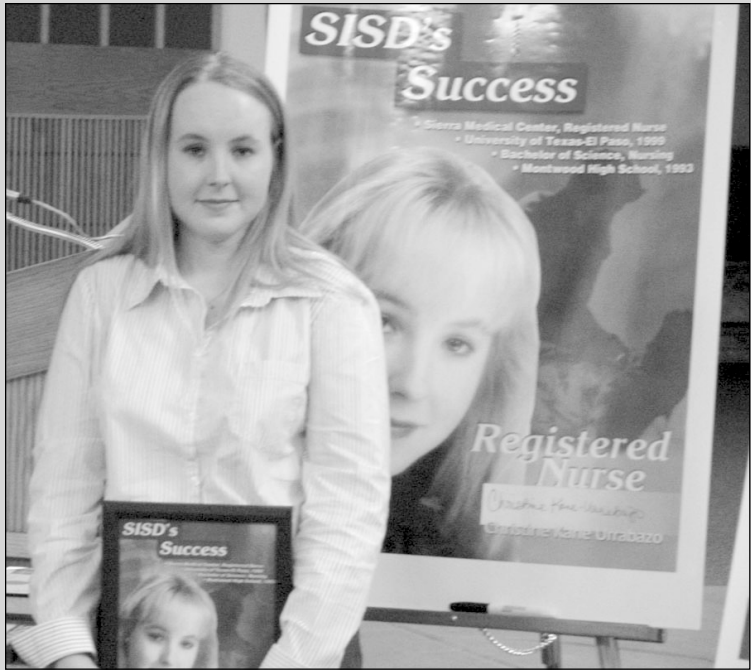
According to Balesh, studies show that a breakfast of protein, carbohy-



**COME GET IT — Socorro Alderete, cafeteria manager for Davenport Elementary School, helps promote healthy breakfasts at her campus by informing students of their breakfast choices.**

drates, and vitamin C promote physical and emotional endurance and bet-

ter school-related task performances well into late morning.



PICTURE OF SUCCESS — Christine Kane Urrabazo poses with her S.I.S.D. Success poster. Urrabazo, along with Bryan Munoz, Shanus Bennett and Diane Sanchez were honored with other Montwood High School graduates Aug. 20 for her achievements. A registered nurse at Sierra Medical Center, she will receive her master's degree in nursing administration from the University of Texas at El Paso in May, 2003.



Eye on D.C. By U.S. Rep. Henry Bonilla

Back to school

Well, it's that time of year again — our kids are heading back to school. It's a time for new beginnings, a new school year, new grade levels, new teachers and new classrooms. Fresh from the long summer break, students all over Texas are trotting off to school once again to begin a new year of homework, studying and tests.

As we buy new school clothes, notepads and pens for our children, we are also pondering the quality of education our kids are getting. It used to be that all you needed for school was a Big Chief tablet and a number two pencil. Today computers are the norm. The way children are educated has changed drastically over the past few decades. But with help from President Bush, our children's education is looking better every day.

Just last year, Congress passed the president's education plan. We're already seeing improvements in the school system. The "No Child Left Behind Act" is changing the education of our children. By cutting the bureaucratic red tape, we're putting our nation's education system in the hands of educators, not political leaders in Washington, D.C.

Our new approach cuts down on federal requirements and gives schools more of 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 giv-

ing schools the freedom to provide more training for teachers. The more knowledge our teachers possess, the more our children will receive.

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

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 power to make decisions on how to spend 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.

In the spirit of the season, of a new school year and of new beginnings, I'm proud that our education initiatives are beginning the process of removing Washington from the education equation. Local control of education will provide our students with the best education possible. Class dismissed.



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vs. Southwest Texas State on University Field

TRUE TEXAS FACTS by Roger Moore August 11, 1840 the battle of Plum Creek saw Texans defeat a huge contingent of Comanches fresh from a raid along the coast.



<b>Briefs</b> From Page 1	High. Call 851-2344.	member training, and will attend the joint convention of the TASB/Texas Association of School Administrators in September.	up the Night” program including 2,000 students and parents. David Giambalvo of Engine 82; Kevin Whalen, Truck 31; and Dennis Martin, Ladder 27 visited classes and attended rallies.	performance at the Socorro Fine Arts Center, on Sept. 13-14 at 7 p.m., and a matinee performance on Sept. 15 at 2 p.m. Call 860-6765 for admission and further information.
to local, state or national community, and continues to show pride and loyalty to Clint High. Deadline is Sept. 6 to turn in applications which are available at Clint	■ Socorro school board trustee and vice president Martha Contreras will participate in the Texas Association of School Boards’ 2002-2003 “Leadership TASB” program. Elected to the board last year, Ms. Contreras has completed 30 hours of board	■ Three New York City firefighters who experienced Sept. 11 were visiting Montwood High School last week during the “Light	■ Socorro High School’s Teatristas will present Macbeth, by William Shakespeare in a special	■ Escontrias Elementary School Principal Rebecca Cobián-Quiett is the new president-elect of the Texas Elementary Principals and Supervisors’ Association’s District 19.

**Public Notice**  
**Fabens Independent School District**  
**Fabens, Texas**  
**EDUCATIONAL SERVICES FOR SPECIAL NEEDS STUDENTS**

Fabens Independent School District provides educational services for the special needs students from the ages of three through twenty-two if their twenty-second birthday falls after September 1. Services are also available through the district for visually handicapped or hearing impaired children from birth to three years of age.

District programs for the special needs population include pre-vocational, vocational, academic, fundamental living skills and socialization skills.

In compliance with the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974 and Public Law 94-142, parents and adult students have the right to inspect the educational records of handicapped students. District policies FL, FL-E and FL-I provide for student record inspection, confidentiality, and complaint procedures. If parents have questions, they may call the campus principal.

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The Fabens Independent School District is fully committed to meeting its responsibilities as specified by Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended; Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972; prohibiting sex discrimination, Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended; the Age Discrimination Act of 1975, as amended; and the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA).

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■ It’s a cake walk to your Comfort Zone and a ring toss away from the Iguanas the 14th Annual Fall Festival of eats and entertainment at St. Raphael’s School Sept. 28-29, 2002. Located at the St. Raphael Church grounds, 2301 Zanzibar off Montwood in east El Paso, 4 p.m. to midnight, Sept. 28 and 3 p.m. to 11 p.m. Sept. 29. Fall Festival admission is free and open to the public. Proceeds benefit the students of St. Raphael’s School.

■ On Wednesday, Sept. 4, Student Council and the San Elizario Boosters Association will host a Neon Night pep rally beginning at 6 p.m. in the main gym. This will be a night to bring your parents, siblings and friends out to meet the Eagles, earn Clash of the Classes points and have some fun. The whole community is invited. There will be a dunking booth and other booths available.

■ Widely recognized by his use of bold color and stylized figurization, Francisco Romero’s paintings are now on display in the Chamizal National Memorial’s Hall Gallery, representative of the multiple subjects Romero enjoys painting. Strongly influenced by both Mexico’s Diego Rivera and Columbia’s Fernando Botero, much of Romero’s work also depicts musical instruments — a natural for this musician artist. Romero was born in Juarez, but currently resides in Anthony, Texas. His work will be on exhibit through the end of October at 800 South San Marcial, between Bowie High School and the Bridge of the Americas, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. during the week. Admission is free. For additional information, call 915 532-7273.

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**SOCORRO INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
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Sealed bids/proposals/ CSP to furnish the District with the following products and/or services accepted at the following times:

**LETTER JACKETS**  
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**THURSDAY,**  
**SEPTEMBER 5, 2002,**  
**2:30 P.M.**

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

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**SEPTEMBER 4, 2002,**  
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**SELF-HELP OPPORTUNITIES**

Alcoholics Anonymous Group Paso Del Norte meets at 8501 Kingsway in Westway, Monday-Saturday, 8 p.m. Call 886-4948 for information.

*Alcohólicos Anónimos Grupo Paso Del Norte sesiones lunes a sabado,*

1980 to identify.

*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. Alcohólicos 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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ONE FOR THE CAUSE — Cadet Brenda Garcia accepts a dollar donation as Cadet Aguayo thanks the customer for her contribution.

## Lion JROTC cadets fight for ‘The Cure’

**By Israel Del Toro**  
*Special to the Courier*

CLINT — The Clint High School Lion JROTC battalion is at it again. This time not fighting for trophies and awards but to find a cure for the children of the MDA (Muscular Dystrophy Association).

Early Saturday morning five of the Lion’s cadets met at the Big 8 food store at the corner of North Loop and Horizon Blvd. to raise money to find the cure for Muscular Dystrophy.

Selling root beer floats may have been a difficult task for other folks but for the lions it was a walk in the park. Customers looked to the root

beer floats for relief from the extreme temperatures and for only a dollar the customers got just that.

Within four hours Cadets Laura Torres, Brenda Garcia, Denise Diaz, Ismael Aguayo, and Israel Del Toro sold over \$100 of root beer. As they exchanged ice cream floats for cash donations Cadet Aguayo said, “Our goal today is to help the kids suffering from MD live a more comfortable life and to hopefully help find the cure for MD. If you think that one dollar might not change anything you may just be proven wrong when the cure for Muscular Dystrophy is found.”

On this hot West Texas day, teamwork was the key to success for these young JROTC cadets.

## Fabens High School earns TEA Recognized status

FABENS — Almost half of the 35 new teachers hired by the Fabens School board to begin the new school year were on hand Aug. 21 during the regularly scheduled meeting to get acquainted with the trustees, and hear the Texas Education Agency accountability ratings for their campuses.

Interim Superintendent Pancho Garcia said the TEA has awarded Fabens High School “Recognized” status; Fabens Middle, O’Donnell Elementary and Fabens Primary all earned “Acceptable” rating; and the ALTA campus received “Needs Peer Review” status.

District Financial Officer Donna Cline reported on progress of the 2002-03 budget, reporting that a tax rate of \$1.58 is being proposed — the second lowest in the County, she said.

A public hearing has been set for 5:30 p.m., Aug. 29 to consider and approve the budget and tax rate.

In other business:

- A building committee has been formed to consider options presented by Charles Hopp and Mike Goodwin, project manager, for repair on the Risinger Primary School roof, and the possible replacement of the high school gym bleachers.
- The PDAS calendar (teacher appraisal) was approved for Sept. 9, 2002 to May 6, 2003, and certified appraisers were approved.
- Charles Hopp was named Title IX Coordinator and ADA/Section 504 Coordinator.
- A resolution in support of “Insure El Paso Week” was approved in support of the TexCare and CHIP programs for children.
- A resolution of official intent to reimburse costs of projects at Risinger Primary was approved, to come into affect should alternative funding be obtained.
- An interlocal agreement with Texas Association of Public School Property and Liability Fund for providing property casualty insurance for the district was approved.

The next regular meeting is Sept. 18 at 6:30 p.m.

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- 1) Fabens Independent School District offers career and technology education programs in Home Economics, Business Education, Drafting, Graphic Arts, and Auto Technology. Admission to these programs is based on courses offered, age appropriateness, class space available, and individual graduation plans.
- 2) It is the policy of Fabens Independent School District not to discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex or handicap in its vocational programs, services, or activities as required by Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended; Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended.
- 3) It is the policy of Fabens Independent School District not to discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, handicap or age in its employment practices as required by Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended; Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, the Age Discrimination Act of 1975, as amended; and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended.
- 4) Fabens Independent School District will take steps to ensure that lack of English language skills will not be a barrier to admission and participation in all educational and vocational programs.
- 5) For information about your rights or grievance procedures, contact: Charles Hopp, Assistant Superintendent, P.O. Box 697, Fabens, Texas 79838, (915) 764-2025.

### Notificacion Publica de no Discriminar en los Programas de Carrera y Tecnologia de Fabens ISD

- 1) El Distrito Escolar Independiente de Fabens ofrece programas de carrera y tecnología en Economía Domestica, Educación de Negocios, y Mecánica. La admisión a estos programas se basa en registrado en la escuela de Fabens y completar los requisitos necesarios.
- 2) Es norma de El Distrito Escolar Independiente de Fabens no discriminar por motivos de raza, color, origen nacional, sexo, o impedimento, en sus programas, servicios, o actividades vocacionales, tal como lo requieren el Título VI del Acta de Derechos Civiles de 1964, que fue enmendada, Título IX de las Enmiendas Educativas de 1972, y la Sección 504 de la Acta de Rehabilitación de 1973, como enmendada.
- 3) Es norma de El Distrito Escolar Independiente de Fabens no discriminar por motivos raza, color, origen nacional, sexo, impedimento o edad en sus procedimientos de empleo, tal como requieren el Título VI del Acta de Derechos Civiles de 1964, según enmienda, Título IX de las Enmiendas Educativas de 1972, la Ley de Discriminación por Edad de 1975, según enmienda, y la Sección 504 de la Acta de Rehabilitación de 1973, según enmienda.
- 4) El Distrito Escolar Independiente de Fabens tomará las medidas necesarias para asegurar que la falta de habilidad en el uso de la lengua inglés no sea obstáculo para la admisión y participación en todos los programas vocacionales y educativos.
- 5) Para más información sobre sus derechos y procedimiento para quejas, comuníquese con el Coordinador del Título IX: Charles Hopp, Asistente Superintendente, P.O. Box 697, Fabens, Texas 79838, (915) 764-2025.

### PUBLIC NOTICE

#### Fabens Independent School District Provision II Feeding Program 2002-2003

The Fabens Independent School District is pleased to announce that all children in the district will be receiving meals at no charge through the National School Lunch Program for the academic school year of 2002-2003. Be assured that all children will receive a free lunch and a free breakfast regardless of your income or family size.

In the operation of the child feeding programs, no child will be discriminated against because of race, sex, color, national origin, age or handicap. If you believe you have been discriminated against, write immediately to the Secretary of Agriculture, Washington, D.C. 20250.

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### City of Socorro PUBLIC NOTICE

A PUBLIC HEARING will be held at 6:00 p.m. on September 10, 2002 during the Planning Commission meeting at City Hall, 124 S. Horizon Blvd., Socorro, Texas. Purpose of the public hearing is to receive public comments on the following proposed rezoning(s):

1. Lot 21, Block 10 Country Green Subdivision, 663 Sudan from R-1, Single Family Residential to R-2, Medium Density Residential by Rosa Ortega;
2. Lot 61, Block 1 Friedman Estates, 478 Passmore from R-1, Single Family Residential to C-1, Light Commercial by Jaime and Crescencia Jaime;
3. Lot 22, Block 23 Friedman Estates, 11501 Favila Rd. from R-1, Single Family Residential to R-2, Medium Density Residential by Rogelio and Consuela Pasillas.

TERE RODRIGUEZ  
Interim City Clerk

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# Keion’s departure indicates lack of kindred spirit for UTEP

By Steve Escajeda  
Special to the Courier

Just before the opening day of college basketball recruiting last spring, I wrote a column about the UTEP Miners’ top prospects. And in that column I mentioned that I felt, after speaking to possible prize recruit Keion Kindred directly, the chances of UTEP actually signing this guy was about 80-20 against.

I also said that I hoped I was wrong, and I was — sort of.

Kindred surprised me and a lot of other media types in town by signing with the Miners over such hoops powers as U. Conn and Oklahoma State.

So when Kindred did an about face and announced that he wasn’t going to attend UTEP after all, I was shocked — but not surprised.

The timing of the announcement is what startled me the most.

When I spoke to Kindred back in the spring there was something in his tone and especially in his eyes that told me he was stuck between the Franklin Mountains and a hard place.

There was little doubt that he wanted to at-

tend almost any other school in the country except UTEP but those darn Miners showed the most interest in him while the big TV schools kept dangling their final recruiting slot in front of Kindred’s face.

I can understand the dilemma that Kindred had. Do I go to the little school where I’ll probably get little exposure but get more playing time or do I go to a big-time program and risk getting little playing time but a great deal of exposure.

Hummm, what’s an immature 18-year old to do?

Who loves you baby! Kindred felt UTEP’s love but it takes two to tango — and Keion never had any intentions of dancing at the Don.

If Kindred’s deceptive antics weren’t bad enough, Antone Jarrell and Luke Martin also decided to bid *adieu* to the Miners last week. Jarrell and Rabedeaux agreed that parting ways was good for each side and Martin signed a contract to play pro ball in his native Australia.

No offense, Luke, but what kind of shape is the Australian pro league in when they sign a guard that was just fourth or fifth on the depth chart at UTEP.

With the earlier departures of Nick Enzweiler and assistant coach Silvi Dominguez, the Miners have now lost five members of last year’s already bad 10-22 squad.

Now coach Jason Rabedeaux either has no idea what’s going on with these defections or he may, in fact, be the cause.

What else can it be? Why is everybody leaving? It’s not the Mexican food, it’s not the weather, it’s not the pressure of being on a winning team.

So what’s the problem?

There’s no doubt that the UTEP basketball program is now in official disarray. Coaches and players are leaving like rats on a sinking ship. Even athletic director Bob Stull has got to be wondering how the heck he’s going to give this news a positive spin.

Wait! I know — Stull can say the players and coaches who have left for other programs around the country are really spies who are infiltrating the other campuses and are relaying important information to Rab for possible use in the future.

Hey, that excuse sounds a lot better than, “they simply hated the school, the city and the coach.”

### Tragic end to good idea

The El Paso Diablos are known as the fathers of the minor league baseball promotion. Former owner Jim Paul built an empire and made a name for himself by introducing the fans to fun and entertaining sideshows during the games.

Other franchises around the country now engage in the nightly ritual of mixing baseball and vaudeville.

But one such promotion went terribly wrong in Florida last weekend.

The Orlando Rays, of the Tampa Bay Devil Rays organization, came up with the idea of hiding a diamond in a small box and having 250 women run from the outfield wall to the infield in a race to find it.

Innocent and fairly lucrative enough — or so they thought.

What started as a fun stunt ended in tragedy when one of the contestants, 28-year old Victoria Lampe of Orlando, collapsed to the ground as soon as she got to the infield and died on the spot.

By the time paramedics arrived she had no pulse. She was immediately taken to the hospital where she was pronounced dead.

## Longhorn pipeline gets federal court go-ahead, now faces financial obstacles

AUSTIN — Construction of the long-awaited Longhorn Pipeline, touted to bring lower gas prices from the Gulf of Mexico to El Paso, got the go-ahead following a recent ruling in federal court that removed legal obstacles facing the project, but the company has since been plagued with a financial set-back that may delay start up until at least October.

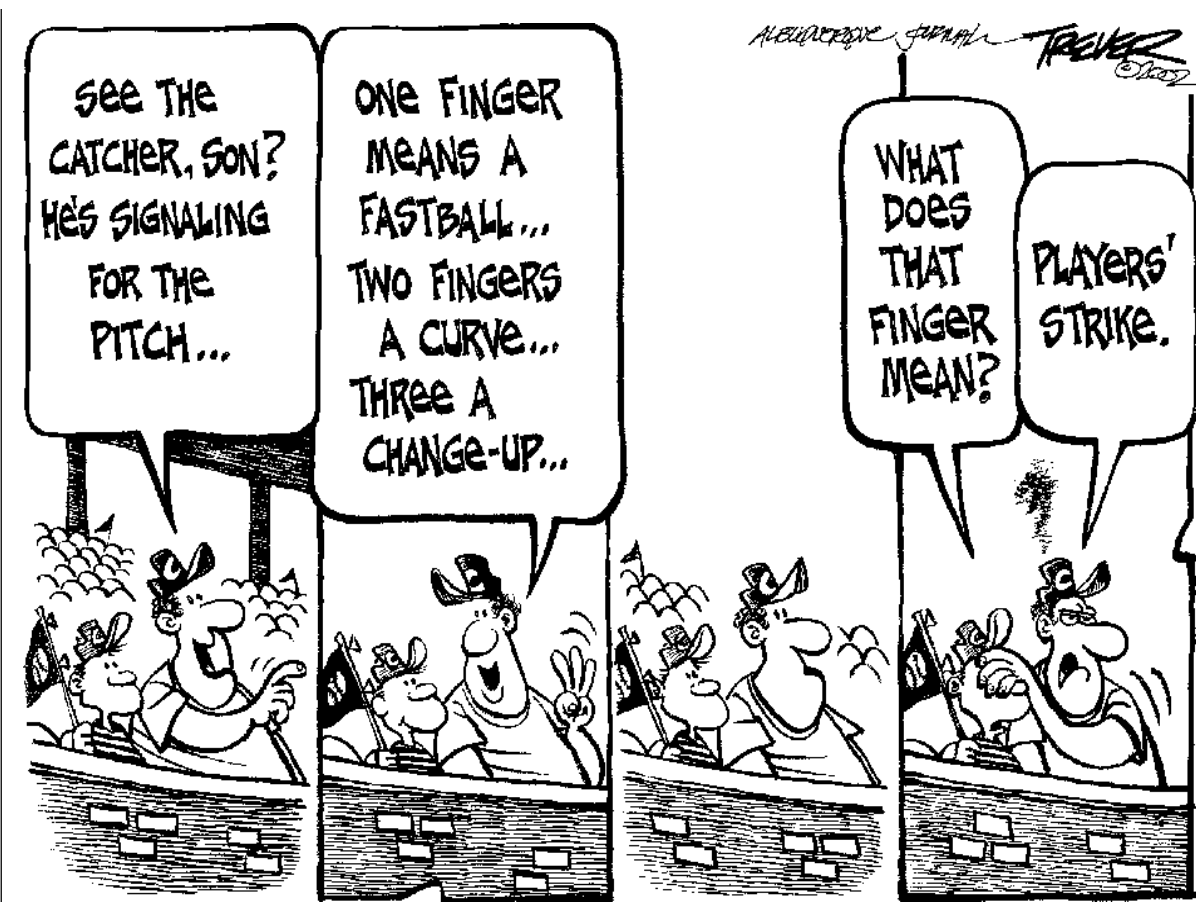
Following the ruling by U.S. District Judge Sam Sparks, Texas Land Commissioner David Dewhurst said he will no longer stand in the way of the 700-mile pipeline project. “I have stated from the very beginning of this debate over Longhorn Pipeline that I am very concerned about the safety of the families living along the pipeline corridor.

“I have said from day one that I will sign the easements if Longhorn Pipeline meets all applicable federal health and safety standards. On July 19, U.S. District Judge Sam Sparks

ruled that a proper environmental review of the Longhorn Pipeline had been conducted by the federal government. Longhorn is a federally regulated pipeline and it has now met all applicable federal health and safety standards.

“Federal law preempts state law. Therefore, I announced I would sign the easements. My office subsequently began the process to finalize the easement agreements and that has now been completed. We will continue to closely monitor the operation of the pipeline to ensure that the mitigation plan agreed to by Longhorn Pipeline and approved by Judge Sparks is followed,” Dewhurst said.

Longhorn’s legal problems may not all be over, however. The city of Austin and an Austin lawyer representing some landowners and a water district along the pipeline route have filed an intent to appear the July decision.



## King Super Crossword

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37 Covenants	106 Boot part	13 Haggard heroine	61 Skirt shaper		103 Noyes or Nobel
38 Riddle: Part 2	107 Cross words?	14 Fountain offering	62 Depend (on)		104 Fish hooks
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44 Libertine	109 Hockey's Kolzig	16 Expects	65 Brother of Zeus		charge
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62 Hard to find	125 Poseidon's	fast?	81 k.d. of country		120 Inflatable item?
63 Certain horse	domain	35 Decimal base	82 Baby beagle		
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# Who are we: Dumb concert-goers

By Don Flood

“Won’t Get Fooled Again!”

That’s the title to one of The Who’s most famous songs.

It’s also a slogan I plan to remember the next time I decide to attend an arena-style rock concert.

It all started when I was in the car one day with my 12-year-old son in the back seat. He began singing along with a Who song — from 35 years ago!

So, a little later, in the spirit of family values and quality time — and because it gave me an excuse to see The Who — we got tickets for a concert.

Our tickets were for the lawn — no seats, nothing over your heads, just you and Mother Nature, who turned out to be in a bad mood that night.

But because we were going to be on the lawn, we got this — in retrospect — totally crazy, insane idea: We decided to bring lawn chairs!

Through a pouring, drenching rain, we carried our chairs up to the gates.

HA HA HA HA HA!, the friendly gate personnel told us, you’d have as much luck trying to bring in a bomb!

What they really said was, “You’ll have to go to Guest Services.”

Guest Services turned out to be another way of saying, “The People Who Take Things Away From People Stupid Enough to Bring Them.”

Here I have to admit something very embarrassing: to carry our binoculars, an umbrella and two sodas, we had also brought a backpack!

What were we thinking? They don’t let you in public arenas any more with backpacks!

You might as well try walking through airport se-

curity in full camouflage carrying an elephant gun.

By this time, of course, they had enough evidence to conclude we were potential lunatics.

So before I could enter, I got frisked.

And I mean frisked.

You know in the movies, when the good guy visits the bad guy’s place and the bodyguard gives the good guy a real close going over to make sure he’s not carrying a gun?

Not even close.

I visited a prison one time and wasn’t checked that carefully. (And yes, it was a visit and not as a place of residence.)

In the old days — not that I would ever have done this, of course — you could walk in with a quarter keg stuffed down your pants, as long as you were discreet about it.

But while I complain, I will be the first to admit that — despite the extra hassle and inconvenience — there is a certain satisfaction in knowing that these long and often annoying security procedures are doing absolutely nothing to increase your personal safety.

But I won’t be fooled again about the lawn chairs! (Maybe there’s a song there somewhere.)

And the concert itself?

Could Roger Daltrey, a man born in 1944, still get up and sing “Teenage Wasteland” of all songs?

Well, yes, doggone it, he could.

He rocked the crowd with “Teenage Wasteland” and all the other Who hits, and teens of all ages got up and danced.

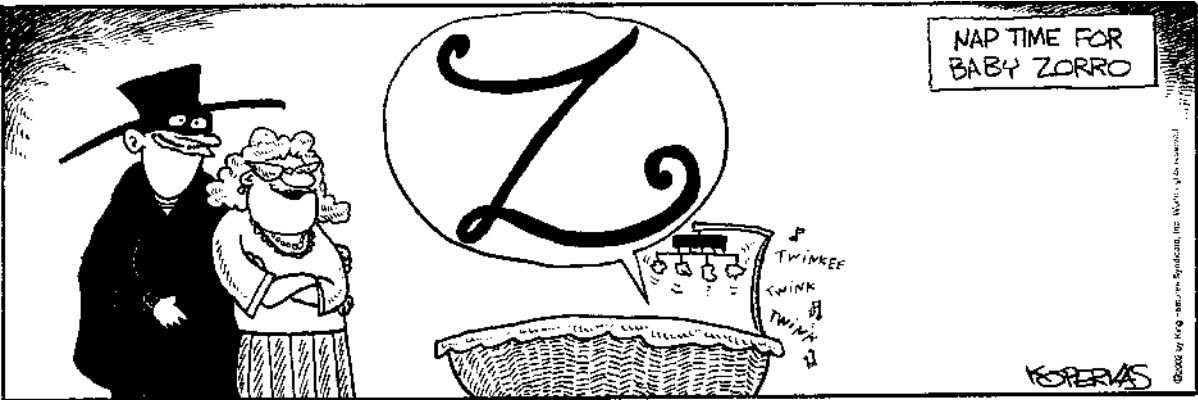
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## Strange but true By Samantha Weaver

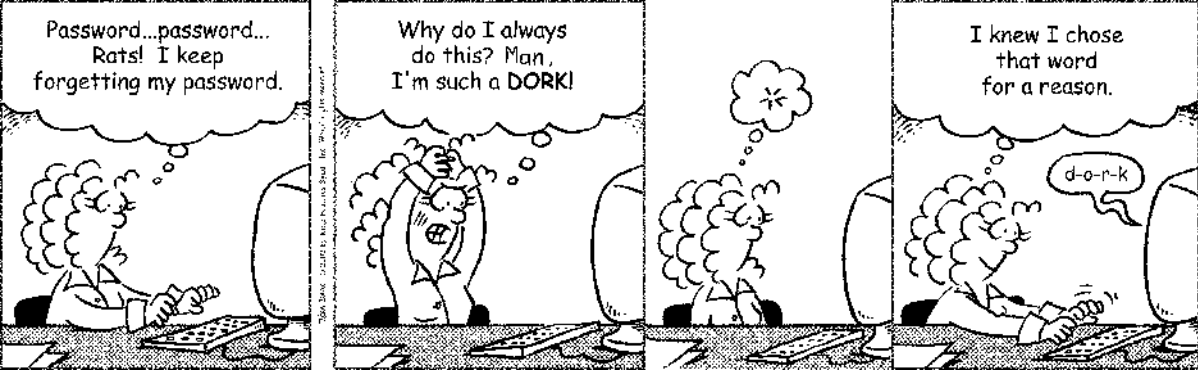
- Virginia actually extends 95 miles farther west than West Virginia.
  - What do Trenton, New Jersey; Carlisle, Pennsylvania; Germantown, Pennsylvania; Frederick, Maryland; and Annapolis, Maryland, have in common? They were all proposed sites for the nation’s capital.
  - H.G. Wells, commonly regarded as the father of science fiction, is the one who coined the term “A-bomb.”
  - Microsoft founder Bill Gates’ fortunes have been declining in recent years. In 1999, he was worth \$90 billion. These days? A mere \$52.8 billion.
  - In 2001, an average 33,699 people a day visited Disneyland. Only 36 people per day visited Antarctica.
  - The Inca people always made lots of noise during a lunar eclipse. They thought that during an eclipse, the moon was being attacked by a giant snake. The noise was supposed to scare it off.
  - The first man on the “Ten Most Wanted” list was paroled — and then murdered three people.
  - Frustrated by dealing with air travel these days? The way to go on vacation in the 1930s was on the Boeing Clipper Aircraft. It had 40 sleeping cabins, a dining room, a lounge, a bar, separate men’s and ladies’ dressing rooms and even a deluxe bridal suite.
  - The Polaroid camera, famed for its portability, wasn’t always so convenient to carry around. The first one weighed five pounds.
  - Charles Schulz, creator of the “Peanuts” cartoon, had his early sketches rejected by the high-school yearbook editors.
  - The asteroid originally known just by the number “9007” was officially renamed the “James Bond” asteroid.
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- Thought for the Day: “There is nothing more exhilarating than to be shot at without result.”
- Winston Churchill

## Comix

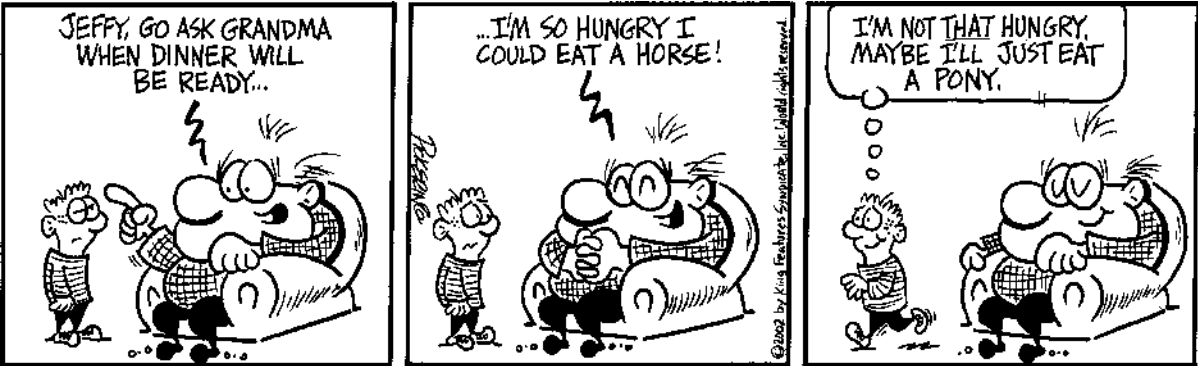
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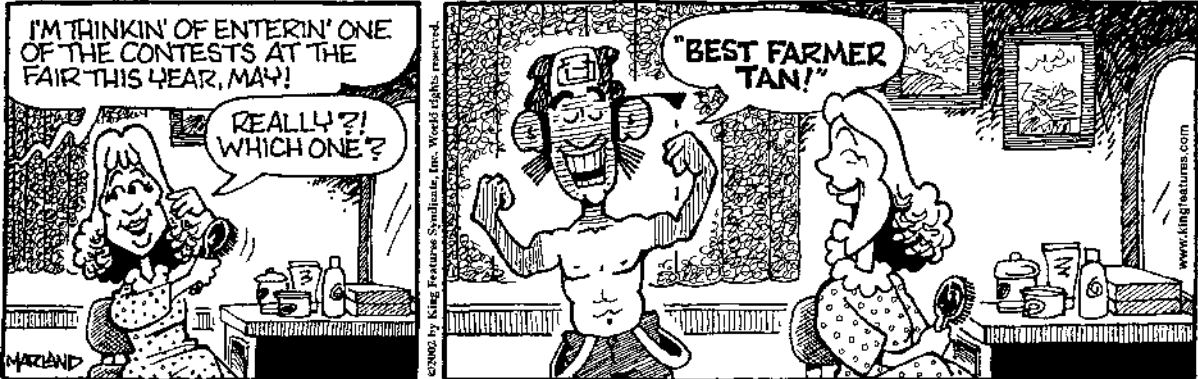
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THE SPATS By Jeff Pickering



R.F.D. By Mike Marland



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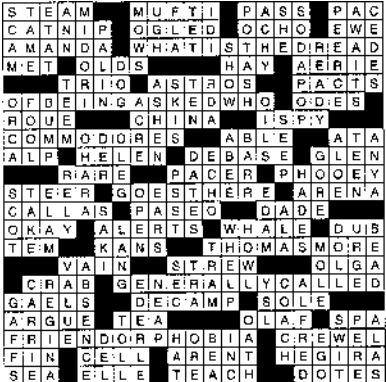
## Canutillo Independent School District 2002-2003 Meal Policy

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## El Distrito Escolar Independiente de Canutillo Regla de Alimentos Año 2002-2003

El Distrito Escolar Independiente de Canutillo ofrece desayuno y comida todos los días escolares. A todos los estudiantes del distrito se les servirán alimentos a ningún costo durante el año académico de 2002-2003. Todo estudiante recibirá almuerzo y comida gratis no tomando en cuenta ingresos. En el funcionamiento del programa de alimentación ningún niño ó estudiante será discriminando contra su raza, color, religión, sexo, incapacidad, edad o origen nacional.

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## Social Security: Q & A

By Ray Vigil

*Q. I am 62 years of age and divorced after 20 years of marriage. My ex-husband is also 62 years old and I understand that he does not want to receive any social security benefits until he is of full retirement age. Do I have to wait until he files for his own benefits?*

A: Based on the 1983 amendments to the Social Security Act, a divorced spouse can apply for Independently Divorced Spouse's Benefits. As long as both you and your ex-spouse are age 62 or older and you remain un-

married, you can file independent of your ex-spouse provided that the marriage lasted as least 10 years before relationship ended in divorce.

*Q. You made some assumptions about my future earnings when you estimated my benefits on my Social Security Statement. Can I get a new Statement using other assumptions about what I expect to earn in the future and when I plan to stop working?*

A: Yes, you can request a Statement

with your own assumptions by completing Form SSA-7004, Social Security Statement Request Form. We will send you a new Statement in about four weeks. You also can visit our website and go to our Benefits Planner for additional estimates.

*Q: My husband died recently. Would you please explain widow's benefits?*

A: As a widow, you can receive benefits from Social Security as early as age 60 (or at any age if you have a child who is under 16 or disabled in your care.) The amount you receive depends on your age, and the amount of benefits your husband would have

been entitled to when he died. For example, if you choose to receive widow's benefits at age 60, you would get 71 percent of your deceased husband's benefit amount. But if you wait until age 65 to begin receiving widow's benefits, you'll receive 100 percent of what your husband would have received if he were still living.

*Q: A relative of mine recently died and left me a sizeable inheritance. Will this money affect my Social Security retirement benefits in any way?*

A: Income from an inheritance, pension, IRA or annuity will not affect

your Social Security benefits. Only income you earn from working can affect your benefit amount. However, if you have high income, your Social Security benefits might be subject to the federal income tax. About 20 percent of beneficiaries fall into this category.

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, 11111 Gateway West, Attn: Ray Vigil, El Paso, Texas 79935.

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## SEVEN-DAY FORECAST FOR EL PASO

THURSDAY	THUR. NIGHT	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY
Several hours of sunshine and hot.	Mainly clear and warm.	Mostly sunny and hot.	Hot with plenty of sunshine.	Hot with a good deal of sunshine.	Sunshine and hot.	Hot with sunshine and some clouds.	Hot with partial sunshine.
▲ 98°	▼ 69°	▲ 96° ▼ 68°	▲ 94° ▼ 68°	▲ 94° ▼ 67°	▲ 94° ▼ 66°	▲ 97° ▼ 67°	▲ 97° ▼ 66°

UV INDEX

Statistics for noon.

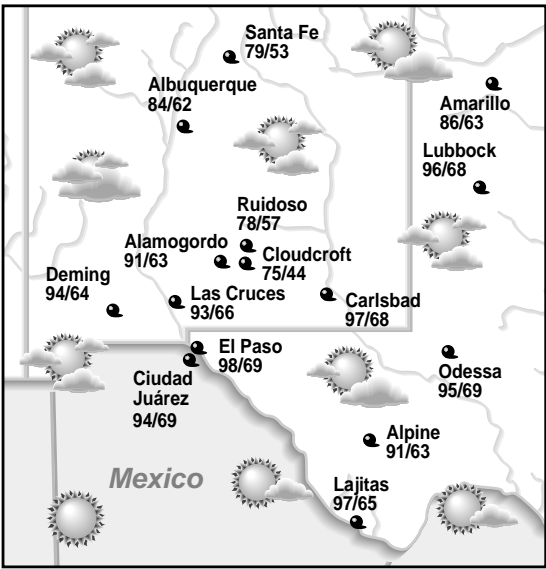
The higher the UV Index, the greater the need for eye and skin protection.

Thursday	10	Very High
Friday	10	Very High
Saturday	10	Very High
Sunday	10	Very High
Monday	10	Very High
Tuesday	10	Very High
Wednesday	10	Very High

TEXAS WEATHER

Anthony	98	69
Canutillo	99	70
Clint	94	69
E. Montana	98	69
Fabens	94	69
Horizon	99	70
San Elizario	92	67
Socorro	96	68
Tornillo	95	69
Vinton	99	70

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



TRAVELERS CITIES

City	Thur. Hi/Low	Fri. Hi/Low	Sat. Hi/Low	Sun. Hi/Low	Mon. Hi/Low
Albuquerque	84/62/pc	88/64/s	90/66/s	92/66/s	90/64/s
Atlanta	84/68/pc	86/68/pc	88/68/pc	90/68/pc	90/70/c
Atlantic City	74/66/r	76/66/c	78/66/pc	80/68/pc	80/68/pc
Austin/San Antonio	97/69/pc	96/70/s	97/69/s	95/69/pc	96/69/s
Baltimore	74/66/r	80/68/c	82/66/pc	82/68/pc	84/70/s
Boston	70/62/c	74/64/pc	78/64/pc	80/62/pc	80/69/t
Chicago	80/64/pc	82/66/pc	84/68/pc	86/68/pc	86/66/t
Dallas/Ft. Worth	94/76/pc	96/76/pc	96/76/pc	95/73/pc	95/68/s
Denver	82/56/pc	84/54/s	88/56/s	90/56/s	92/56/s
Flagstaff	78/46/s	78/48/s	78/48/pc	75/48/pc	73/42/pc
Houston	94/74/pc	96/74/s	94/74/pc	94/76/pc	94/74/pc
Kansas City	86/64/pc	84/62/pc	88/64/pc	88/64/s	88/66/s
Las Vegas	98/74/pc	100/74/s	100/74/s	100/72/s	98/70/s
Miami	89/78/t	89/78/pc	89/79/pc	89/79/pc	91/77/pc
Minneapolis	78/60/t	80/60/pc	80/58/t	82/60/t	78/58/pc
New Orleans	89/72/pc	89/74/pc	90/75/pc	89/75/c	89/72/pc
New York City	72/64/r	78/68/c	80/68/pc	80/68/pc	84/72/s
Philadelphia	74/66/r	80/68/c	82/66/pc	82/68/pc	84/70/s
Phoenix	104/80/pc	106/78/s	106/78/pc	104/80/pc	104/80/pc
Portland	80/58/pc	72/56/c	78/56/pc	78/56/pc	76/54/pc
San Francisco	66/54/pc	66/52/pc	68/52/pc	68/52/pc	70/54/pc
Seattle	74/56/pc	66/54/c	72/56/pc	74/54/pc	74/54/c
Tucson	102/72/pc	100/74/pc	102/74/pc	102/74/pc	102/74/pc
Washington, DC	74/66/r	80/68/c	82/68/pc	82/70/pc	84/72/s

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

## AGRICULTURE

Partly sunny days are expected over the period with mainly dry conditions. A stray shower or thunderstorm is possible, mainly at night over the upcoming weekend. Rainfall amounts, if any, will be insignificant. Relative humidity will drop below 20 percent in the afternoons and rise to 50 at night with 6-10 hours of daily sun.

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