



WEST TEXAS COUNTY COURIER



VOL. 31, No. 43 SERVING ANTHONY, VINTON, CANUTILLO, EAST MONTANA, HORIZON, SOCORRO, CLINT, FABENS, SAN ELIZARIO AND TORNILLO OCTOBER 21, 2004

NEWSBRIEFS

Late papers

For those who were late receiving their *Courier* via U.S. Postal Service last week, the mailing of these subscriptions were delayed by the Socorro Post Office for two days. A postal rate was misapplied to our mailing and the papers were returned to our office. The Socorro Post Office was notified of their error and they processed the mailing Friday instead of Wednesday. Our apologies for any inconvenience this may have caused.

Reyes honored

Canutillo Independent School District's STAR (Sustainable Texas Agriculture Research) Advisory Committee will hold a special recognition ceremony to honor U.S. Congressman Silvestre Reyes, at noon, Friday, Oct. 22, at the Canutillo ISD Administration Facility, 7965 Arcraft for his continued support for expanding the agricultural education programs and facilities including the new Agronomics Center on the Rio Grande project. That support includes a bill passed by the U. S. Congress to help fund the construction of the center. Monetary assistance will be realized from this year's Veterans Administration and U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development funding bill. Reyes stated recently that \$125,000 has been secured for the center, which will be located on district land in the Village of Vinton. "This bill recognizes the importance of an innovative new educational tool planned for Canutillo," stated the Congressman. The STAR Advisory Committee is composed of individuals from all walks of life including farmers, businesspersons, community residents, educators, and government agencies' representatives.

In other news

■ Students, staff and families connected with SISD's Escontrias Elementary School will honor the Mission Valley's Escontrias family during a ceremony at the school Oct. 27. In 1921, Silverio and Pilar Loya Escontrias donated the land that KEYS Academy, Escontrias Elementary School and Escontrias Early Childhood Center are built upon. Carlos Escontrias is the last surviving member of the family; his daughter and several grandchildren work in the Socorro ISD. The school is hosting student presentations in the school's main hall, and plans to serve a light breakfast in Room 501 at 10:30 a.m. For more information, call 937-4100.

■ A take-out Spaghetti Supper is being sponsored by St. Brendan's Episcopal Church in Horizon City on Friday, Oct. 29, 5-7 p.m. Located at the corner of Darrington Rd. and Horizon Blvd., the church is offering a complete meal with

See BRIEFS, Page 3

It seems that the popular songs which make the most money make the least sense.

— Quips & Quotes

County expecting high voter turnout for this year's election

EL PASO COUNTY — Early voting for the presidential general election and local races began Monday and will continue through Oct. 29. Javier Chacon, the County's Elections Administrator Assistant, said early voting locations will be available throughout the County, with 12 fixed polling places and three mobile units, which will participate in 38 different locations.

Mobile units are scheduled for easy accessibility at senior centers, hospitals, churches, schools and other organizations.

"We're expecting a very high turnout this year because of the increase in voter registrations," Chacon said, explaining that 371,920 El Pasoans are now registered to vote, compared to 347,500 during the March primaries of this year — a difference of 24,920 new registrations.

Requests for absentee ballots on the other

hand have been running about normal, Chacon said, with 5,000 received up to now. That may change, however, as election time gets closer.

"Presidential elections always bring out the voters," he said. "But this year promises to be an even bigger event because of the high interest on the issues — the Iraq war, Sept. 11, the war on terror and the economy. We're hoping to surpass the record highs of other presidential elections, including the 68 percent turnout in 1980 and the 65 percent vote of 1992. Perhaps 70 percent or more."

On where, when and how to vote, Chacon said that depending on the location, early voting times and dates fluctuate. The *Courier* has listed all voting locations and times on Page 5.

For more information on the elections call 546-2154.

—*Courtesy Gualupe Silva*

Two Fabens' campuses achieve 'Recognized' status

EAST EL PASO COUNTY — Hard work and dedication will take you far. While every school strives to put forth their best effort, only a select few acquire the coveted title of "Recognized" from the Texas Education Agency. Two campuses in the Fabens Independent School District recently received this honor and became part of the "select few," Fabens Primary and Fabens Risinger.

In order for a campus to become recognized, the State of Texas says that the school must fulfill certain requisites and adapt to critical criteria. The students' performance is very important; their scores for the TAKS test must meet or surpass the minimum overall score of a 70. Fabens Primary shattered the minimal requirements, with an 88 percent in the Reading category and a 79 percent in Math, — an outstanding total of 27 points, in both subjects together, above the minimum requisites. Risinger also excelled, performing an 80 percent in Reading and a 71 percent in Math.

A positive attitude, dedication, and hard work, is what it takes for a campus to achieve such superior acknowledgment, administrators said. Fabens Primary and Fabens Risinger put these virtues to work by training their students with the Alignment program. This program is concerned with providing an equal or aligned format of teaching, where all teachers from the same grade level instruct their students with the same information. The Fabens Risinger was also involved in the "Backward" form of teaching, and Reading was reviewed in Science and Social Studies.

Teachers from both campuses agreed that they had plenty resources and "everything it took" to score so well. They acknowledged and thanked the strong and committed staff, parents and school board for their support. The consensus is that these two campuses will take on a different mission this year: Exemplary status.

— *This story compiled by Dyana Garcia, Ana Portillo and Abigail Pineda*

ORCA awards \$500,000 to El Paso County for Tornillo water project

AUSTIN — The Office of Rural Community Affairs (ORCA) announced it has awarded a \$500,000 grant to El Paso County for first-time public wastewater service for the community of Tornillo. The funds are being awarded through ORCA's Colonia Economically Distressed Area Program (EDAP), which is a partnership between ORCA and the Texas Water Development Board. Approval of an additional \$500,000 needed to complete the project is pending.

The county will assist the El Paso County Tornillo Water Improvement District EDAP Project by providing first-time public wastewater service to the community of Tornillo through the installation of wastewater yardlines to 302 households. These activities will benefit 1,012 persons, all of whom are of low- to moderate-income.

ORCA's Colonia EDAP supports eligible projects located in unincorporated colonias and in eligible cities that annexed the eligible colonia where improvements are to be made. "I am grateful that ORCA has awarded El

Paso County with the necessary funding to assist the El Paso County Tornillo Water Improvement District EDAP Project," said State Sen. Frank L. Madla. "The citizens of Tornillo deserve the services provided by the Project, and I am pleased that ORCA recognizes their needs."

State Rep. Chente Quintanilla agreed. "I am pleased that this grant has been awarded to assist the citizens of the community of Tornillo with their wastewater needs. I am happy this project will serve our low- and moderate-income neighbors and therefore benefit the entire community."

"So many folks living in colonias in our state lack potable water, adequate sewage systems, drainage, utilities and plumbing," explained ORCA Acting Executive Director J. Randel (Jerry) Hill. "The purpose of ORCA's contributions to the state's EDAP is to support projects designed to provide colonia residents access to healthy resources, such as clean water. Improving the lives of our fellow Texans is what this is really about."

SEISD finding strong support from parents to teach kids English

By Phillip Cortez
Special to the Courier

EAST EL PASO COUNTY — It was the evening of Sept. 16 and in San Elizario a large gathering of parents, the strong majority of which speak nothing but Spanish or limited English, sat in the Borrego Elementary auditorium during a Bilingual Parent Meeting to discuss ways their children can transition into English faster.

Meetings such as the one held at Borrego are typical throughout the entire San Elizario Independent School District, as it continues its commitment to helping students in the bilingual program achieve successful transition out of the program, thus allowing elementary students to maintain their native language and still successfully transition into the Middle School and beyond.

As a district, the success of bilingual elementary students helps it meet and exceed federal and state requirements and keep an Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP), which looks at the gains students are making in English proficiency on a yearly basis.

In the classroom, teachers are making sure that a consistent dose of English is the focus, especially in the early grades, where the level of retention is traditionally much higher.

Sylvia Hopp, principal at Borrego Elementary, said that the strong attendance her parents showed during the September bilingual meeting — over 60 parents attended — was evidence of the commitment they also want to make so that their children can succeed.

"Not one parent expressed concern," Hopp said. "In fact, at least 10 wanted to know where they could sign up for adult ESL classes."

Apart from campus meetings, parent support is also available through a Title III parent meeting held every month.

"These meetings target reading, math, and science district initiatives," said Isela C. Rosales, SEISD Bilingual Education Director.

The October meeting, "Gobble Up Math," will entail reinforcing math skills at home with food ingredients. The math skills to be targeted are patterns, sets, geometrical shapes, number operations, estimates, fractions and measurements.

"Although these meetings are held in Spanish, we want to provide parents with ways in which they can help their children at home so that their children can be successful in school," Rosales said.

In one particular bilingual classroom, second graders are busy working independently on their latest assignment while teacher Cindy Muzio keeps a watchful eye.

"Our focus is English," Muzio said. "We want to mainstream these students into the English language at a very early age."

Muzio added that one of the things she's doing in her bilingual classroom is to test her students in both languages instead of just in Spanish. This allows her to help measure

See SEISD, Page 5



One perspective

By Francis Shrum

Thrills not so cheap

They say that over-coming one's fears is a necessary thing to living a whole, healthy life. We are surrounded by numerous examples of people who go to extremes to show that they are not 'fraidy-cats — like folks who surf in the frigid waves created by an approaching hurricane or our first president with the surname Bush who waited until he was certainly old enough to know better to go skydiving.

I've never been accused of being the gutsy type, let alone whole and healthy. I tend to shake my head when watching TV shows where people are engaged in life-threatening pursuits in the name of recreation, bemoaning the fact that young folks — and sometimes, apparently, even old ones — just don't have enough to do these days.

So what am I doing here all strapped into this roller coaster for the first time in my life at an age when I should know better?

I could rattle off a batch of excuses. For instance, this visit to a major amusement park is the fulfillment of my youngest daughter's wish. She's been asking to ride a really big roller coaster since she was too small for the safety belts to hold her in. I know this may be a frightening experience for her, so I'm here to show support for her, so I'm here to show support and mature courage, right?

Besides, I've never done this before and new experiences help expand our horizons. I'm simply exercising the greater capacity my maturity has given me to overcome things which I fear, like really big and life-threatening rides at amusement parks, right?

This is a family outing and it would

be boorish of me not to get on with everyone else, right? What kind of example would I be setting if I simply did the sane thing and stood down by the exit gate, holding the family's possessions that are likely to fly away during a gazillion-mile-an-hour suicide plunge?

Well, all those are good reasons but there are only two which stand up under close scrutiny and it isn't any of the above.

They are pride and stupidity.

If my youngest kid can ride a roller coaster, so can I. And I'm just stupid enough to do it.

My oldest daughter just shakes her head in sorrow. You won't like it, she says.

So here I am, the restraint bar securely locked over my stomach. Both feet are firmly planted and I have a death grip with two white-knuckled hands. I've tightened my cap down so hard it's giving me a headache and the ear pieces of my glasses are firmly inserted under the sweatband.

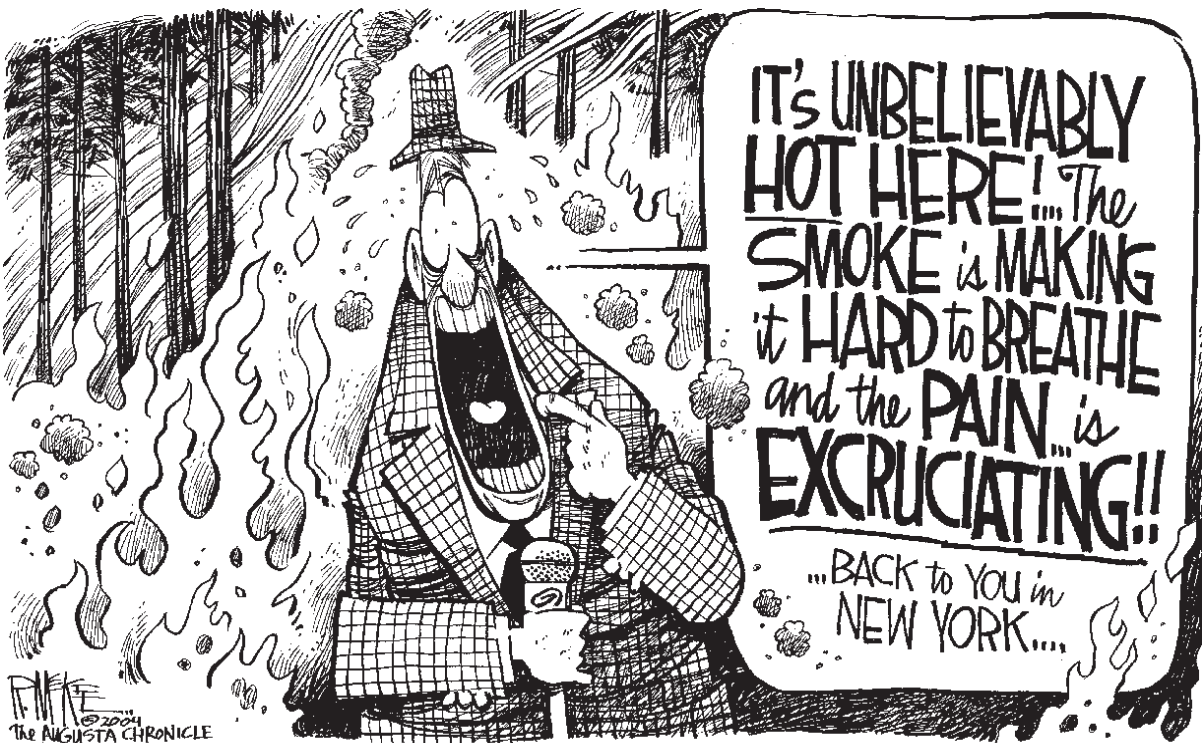
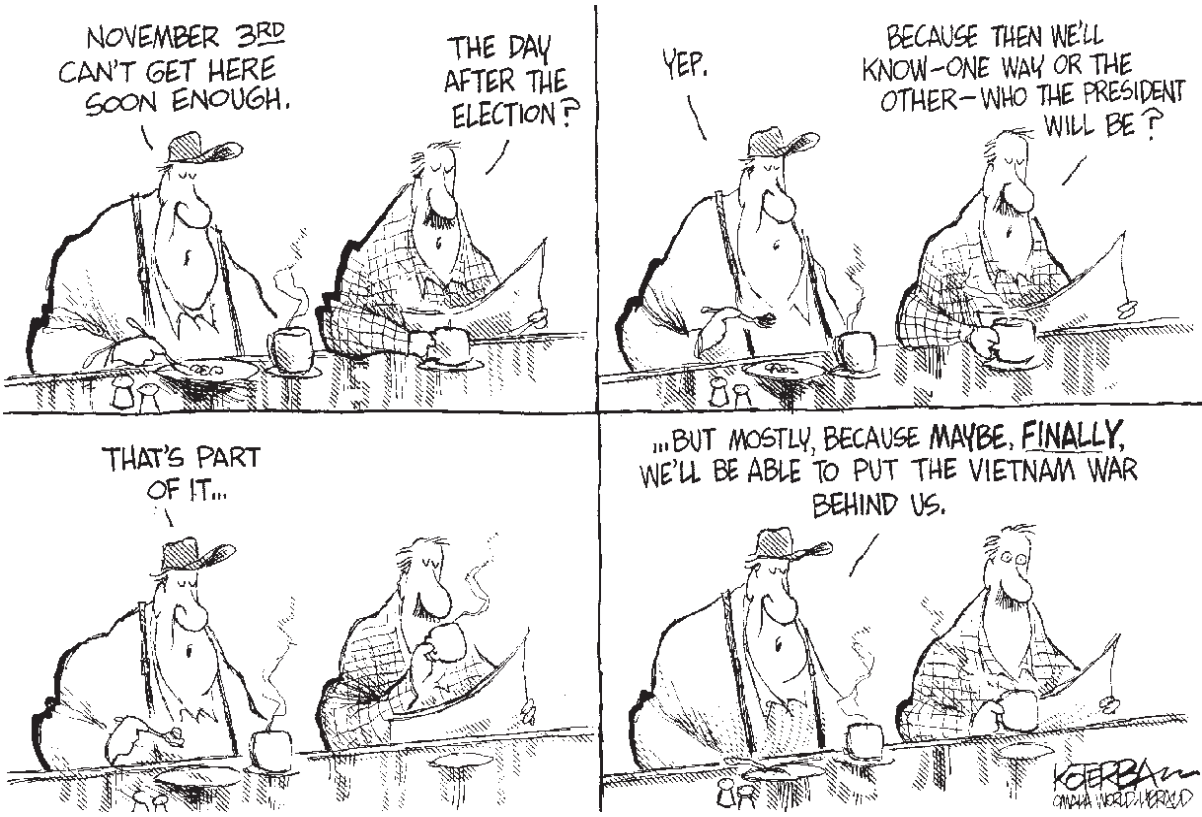
Thinking ahead to the contingency that I might make a total and complete shrieking idiot of myself, I have chosen a seat behind anyone who may know me.

I'm ready, here we go, let 'er rip!

Did I also mention that I have purposely scooped way down in the seat, put my chin firmly on my chest so I can't possibly see anything, and closed my eyes?

Good plan — until the death plunge begins and the wind snatches my hat. Without the sweatband to hold my glasses on, they are fixing to go, too. I have to choose between possible death by letting go with one hand to retrieve my glasses, or the

See THRILL, Page 5



IF T.V. REPORTERS COVERED FOREST FIRES LIKE they COVER HURRICANES



Reyes Reports

By U.S. Rep. Silvestre Reyes

Nation needs intelligence reform

With the nation struggling to protect itself more than three years after the September 11th, 2001 attacks, the bipartisan 9/11 Commission, the House of Representatives and the Senate have been working to improve our nation's intelligence gathering capabilities. As a member of both the House Armed Services Committee and the House Intelligence Committee, much of my work has focused on modernizing the U.S. intelligence community to ensure the safety and security of El Paso and the nation.

Both the House of Representatives and the Senate recently passed separate intelligence reform bills. As someone with the background and knowledge to know what is needed for meaningful reform of the intelligence community, I could not support H.R. 10, the House's so-called 9/11 Recommendations Implementation Act. While the Senate crafted a bipartisan bill (that passed overwhelmingly by a vote of 96-2) based on the comprehensive recommendations of the 9/11 Commission, the Republicans in the House created a partisan bill that falls woefully short of truly protecting the American people and strengthening our intelligence response to terrorism.

Perhaps the most troubling aspect of the House intelligence bill is the omission of a strong National Intelligence Director. The current model in which the CIA Director oversees not just the CIA but the entire intelligence community has proven ineffective and outdated. The bipartisan Senate intelligence bill, the bipartisan 9/11 Commission and my Democratic colleagues and I on the House Intelligence Committee all propose the creation of a strong National Intelligence Director who has full budgetary control over the fifteen agencies that make up the U.S. intelligence community.

While H.R. 10 proposes the creation of a National Intelligence Director, the House-created position does not have the control over funding, appointments of officials, or personnel assignments necessary to succeed in the job. If the National Intelligence Director does not have the power to allocate funding and cannot hire and fire people, the position does not have the power and influence necessary to manage these important agencies. In fact, Thomas Kean, the former Republican governor of New Jersey and the Chairman of the 9/11 Commission, recently indicated that the Senate bill is a "good bill," commenting that the "the na-

tional intelligence director has got to have full budget and personnel authority to do a good job."

The House intelligence bill also includes several unrelated immigration provisions that would have serious detrimental effects on the Latino community. This is neither the time nor place to consider these controversial provisions, which will only complicate and slow the enactment of the critically important measures in this legislation. This bill enacts expedited removal provisions that would subject approximately one million people to deportation without any administrative hearing or due process, which raises serious constitutional concerns.

President Bush, the 9/11 Commission and the families of the 9/11 victims support the Senate intelligence bill; however, none have endorsed the House's intelligence bill. With so much at stake for our national security, intelligence reform is a serious topic and our reform efforts must enact meaningful, significant change. As my counterparts in the Senate displayed, intelligence reform legislation is too important for turf battles or partisan wrangling. As we begin the House-Senate negotiations to create the final bill, I will work to ensure that my colleagues in the House will finally reach the same conclusion.

WEST TEXAS COUNTY
COURIER

SERVING ANTHONY VINTON, CANUTILLO, EAST MONTANA, HORIZON, SOCORRO, CLINT, FARMER, SAN ELIZABO AND TORNILLO

PUBLISHED:
Published each Thursday by Homesteader News, Inc. Appreciation to our many contributors. Office open Monday through Thursday.

COPYRIGHT:
Entire contents © 2004 Homesteader News, Inc. Individual authors retain all rights. Pictures, drawings and written material appearing in the West Texas County Courier may not be used or reproduced without written permission of Homesteader News, Inc.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR:
Letter must not be more than 250 words in length. They should be dated, must be signed and have an address and daytime phone number. Only the name and city will be printed with the letter. The Courier reserves the right not to print letters to the editor or other submitted materials it considers inappropriate.

AD DEADLINE:
Monday 4 p.m. for Thursday publication.

CLASSIFIED RATES
\$5 for 15 words, \$10 for 35 words. Ad must be in writing and pre-paid. The Courier reserves the right not to print classified advertising it considers inappropriate.

DISPLAY RATES:
Open rate — \$20 per column inch. Call for more information or to set an appointment. The Courier reserves the right not to print advertising it considers inappropriate.

MAIL SUBSCRIPTIONS:
52 issues for \$35.
Delivery via 1st class mail.

ADDRESS:
15344 Werling Court
Horizon City, TX 79928

Phone: 852-3235
Fax: 852-0123
E-mail: wtxcc@wtccourier.com
Website: wtccourier.com

Publisher
Rick Shrum

Business Manager
Francis D. Shrum

Contributors
Don Woodyard
Steve Escajeda
Arleen Beard

Homesteader
Est. 1973
News, Inc.

Briefs

From Page 1

drink, dessert and choice of sauces for \$4.

■ Socorro High School's Cosmetology Department is presenting the Socorro Cosmetology Hair Extravaganza at 5:45 p.m. October 21 in the Vocational Commons area. The campus address is 10150 Alameda Avenue. Junior-level students will be curled, coifed, and cosmetically equipped by senior-level students. The 24 junior models will then show off the seniors' work during a runway walk. "We had so many girls that I had to break it up this year," said Rosie Baca, the school's cosmetology instructor. "So we'll do the juniors now and the seniors in the spring." Baca added that the school's performance group Danzas Españolas will open the program. Admission is free. For more information, call the campus, 937-2000.

■ Members of Socorro High School's Class of 1994 are planning a 10-year reunion for Nov. 13 at Cattleman's Steakhouse, located north of Fabens. Tickets are \$40 per person and the deadline to buy tickets is Nov. 1. For more information, call Zorayma Perez, 497-2801.

■ The second annual Christmas Tree Lighting ceremony, sponsored by the City of Socorro and the Fiesta Mercado Shopping Center, will be Nov. 26, 6-8 p.m. at 10600 North Loop Rd. Children will be given candy bags, local schools with provide enter-

tainment, and area dignitaries will be on hand. The event is free to the public and information is available at 859-6424.

■ Gov. Rick Perry said this week that grant funding of \$413,470 has been awarded to help fund 42 Crime Stoppers programs in the state. He said, additionally, \$109,375 has been awarded to the West Texas Community Supervision and Corrections Departments 243rd Judicial District Drug Court Program to provide intensive judicial supervision and substance abuse treatment for non-violent, chemically addicted probationers in El Paso County.

■ Joe Estala will be in concert at the Desert View United Church of Christ, 11160 Montwood, on Oct. 24, 2-4 p.m. featuring jazz, classical, and Christian music. Tickets are \$5, call 593-1169 for information. Estala, choir director for Montwood High School, is a 10-year veteran of the El Paso Opera Company and a noted composer. He also recently sang as special guest performer at the Texas Democratic Convention.

■ Horses, regardless of their faith, and their riders are invited to Morning Prayer on Horseback on Sunday, Nov. 7, at St. Luke's Episcopal Church, 7050 McNutt Rd., from 9:15 to 9:40 a.m. This event is held the first Sunday of the month, and attendees do not have to have a horse or be on horseback for the service. For information call Jeff Lambert at 505-874-3972.

■ El Dorado High School's Yamel Guerra has been selected as the Year 2 Outstanding Student of this

past summer's TexPREP, or Texas Pre-Freshman Engineering math and science program for high school students, conducted at the UTEP. Guerra spent the summer of 2004 immersed in physics, computer science, algebraic function and problem-solving courses at the university as part of TexPREP's three-year course of study. She has completed her second year of the program. The students are also introduced to careers in math and science.

■ The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services has awarded El Paso's Project Vida \$641,954 in federal funds to extend health care to low-income, uninsured El Pasoans, Congressman Silvestre Reyes announced. "Project Vida has a long record of delivering quality services to those in need in our community," he said.

■ It only happens once every eight years in El Paso. That's what makes this year's 5A UIL Marching Competition a big event for area high school musicians. The program is scheduled to begin at 1 p.m. Oct. 23 in the Socorro ISD Student Activities Complex, 1300 Joe Battle Blvd. Three bands from this competition will advance to the state competition Nov. 2 in San Antonio's Alamodome stadium. Bands from El Paso-area high schools, as well as marching units from Abilene, Amarillo, San Angelo, Odessa and Midland, Texas are scheduled to perform. Tickets are \$5 for adults, \$3 for students for both preliminary and final competitions. For more information, call SISD's Director of Fine Arts, Nellie Ponikvar, 937-0537.

Socorro council operating city on lame duck status

By Arleen Beard
Special to the Courier

SOCORRO — Socorro City Council held a special meeting on Oct. 13, due to the previous meeting not taking place for lack of a quorum. Since terms for the sitting council members technically expired in May of 2004, without holding elections, they are currently conducting business as a "lame duck" council.

Certain actions are restricted by the City Charter due to this status, which went into effect 45 days prior to the election scheduled to take place on Nov. 2, 2004.

One item affected by the "lame duck" issue was the item of the Board of Adjustments needing to hire an attorney to defend the Board of Adjustments vs Socorro. According to City Attorney Chris Borunda, pay-

ment for the attorney is limited under the provisions of "lame duck" and is not to exceed \$3,000, unless the attorney is contracted under a sub-contract with City Attorney Borunda, since her contract occurred before the "lame duck" came into effect.

In other business, Yolanda Rodela, handling Special Projects for the City of Socorro, approached Council to request approval to acquire bids for the purchase of a passenger van. The purchase cost may be up to \$25,000 and the City of Socorro will be reimbursed through Texas A&M from the Texas Transportation Institute. Use of the van would be restricted to the Community Senior Center for one year. After that year, there would be no restrictions regarding its use. Council approved the authorization for Special Projects to develop specifications and acquire bids for the purchase of the van.

Clint ISD music students receive all-region honors

By Laura Cade
Special to the Courier

EAST EL PASO COUNTY — Earlier this month students from Clint ISD auditioned for the honor to perform in the All Region Choir and All Region Jazz Band, and 13 were selected.

In the judging process, the students are not identified by school or district, therefore, they are judged solely on their talent and skill. There are also no concessions made for size of school or equal representation from districts.

Receiving those honors from Clint High School were Jon Ray Martinez, Geoffrey White, Christopher Jolley, James Robert Pendell, Manuel Moreno, Jennifer Serna, Allen Merrell, Adriana Cervantes, Aldo Marquez, and Martha Garcia. From Mountain View High School were Thomas Corral, Ismael Reyes, and

Justin Conrow. To get ready for the competition the students and their instructors put in many extra hours preparing a set of etudes and songs to be judged against students from all area school districts.

"Making All-Region is a great accomplishment. These students and their teachers are to be commended for their hard work and dedication. It is great to see Clint ISD have such strong representation. They are considered the best the city has to offer," says Michael Phillips, Fine Arts Coordinator for the Clint ISD.

The Clint High School Choir is directed by Frank Morgan. The Mountain View High School Jazz Band is directed by Marvin Parker and Alma Beach. The All-Region Choir concert will be on Nov. 13, 2004 at Ysleta High School. The All-Region Jazz Band concert will be held on March 4, 2005 at UTEP.



Por la Gente By State Rep. Chente Quintanilla

U.S. Supreme Court orders re-evaluation of 2003 Republican redistricting efforts

Hola mi gente — I'm happy to report to you that our efforts in trying to stop the Republican leadership from running roughshod over us last year were not in vain. If you recall, 51 of us House members left to Ardmore, Oklahoma to avoid being illegally forced to draw up a new redistricting map. The Republican leadership, in its efforts to increase its power in Washington, was trying to ramrod redistricting down our collective throats. The Republican leadership wanted this even though a new map had already been approved in the year 2000.

The U.S. Supreme Court has recently ordered a lower court to reconsider the redistricting plan that was forced upon us by the Republican leadership of the Texas Legislature. We knew that the Republican leadership were wrong in working with Tom DeLay to railroad us into accepting their new plan.

Even though we were soundly criticized for having gone to Oklahoma to avoid voting for the new re-

districting plan — and we're still being criticized in some quarters — our foremost goal was to protect the rights of all Texans, regardless of their political party affiliation. In addition, about 11 Texas state senators took the same action we did. They skedaddled to Albuquerque, NM to avoid the Republican's tactics.

As you folks know, the U.S. Constitution requires that we draw up new political maps every 10 years, after each census is taken, to reflect population shifts. The last census was conducted in 2000, which resulted in the Republicans feeling that they were entitled to six more seats in the U.S. House of Representatives.

Actions by House Majority Leader Tom Delay didn't serve the state well, as DeLay was admonished recently by the House Ethics Committee for his getting too involved in the redistricting process.

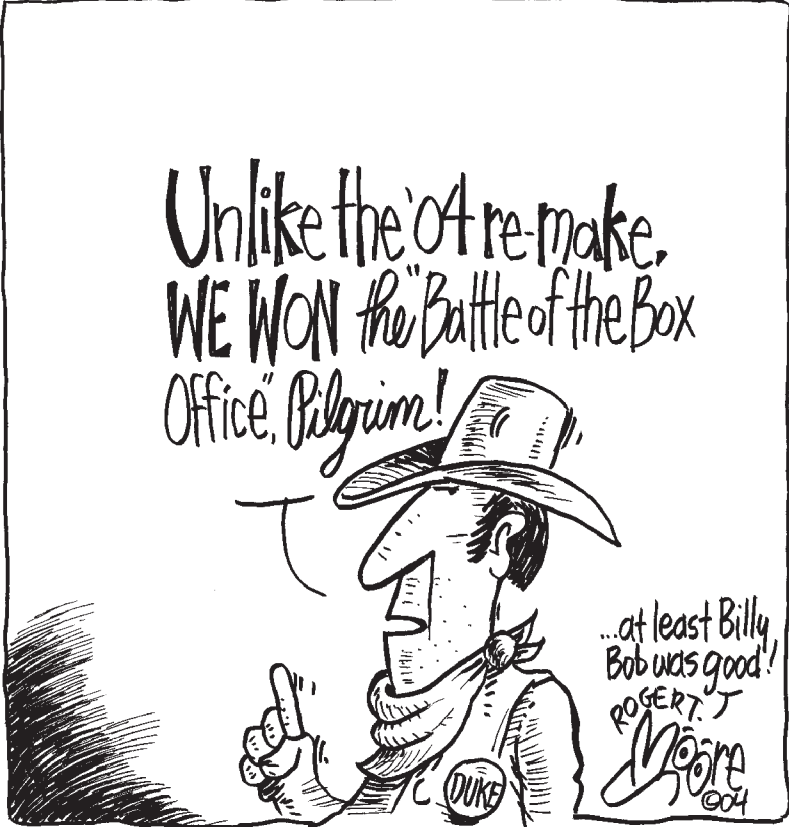
Even though the Supreme Court's decision won't affect the elections in November, any GOP gains could be thrown out if the plan they forced

upon us is found to be unconstitutional. I don't think either party should be permitted to force redistricting on the populace, other than after the census is taken.

I'm proud that I was one of those who didn't sit still for the Republican actions. I feel confident that the Lower Court will bring to the U.S. Supreme Court the decision that what the Republicans did was highly improper and even illegal. Whatever gains they may achieve in November won't last long. At the present moment, the Texas delegation is tied at 16 Democrats and 16 Republicans.

The Republicans were hoping to pick up an extra six seats, which would place them in the majority with 22 seats. But, folks, that's not going to happen. We, the 51 house members that stood against this illegal action are proud of our party's stand against the Republican leadership. We stand vindicated. Thank you, and please stay tuned for other developments on this issue — Chente for la gente

TRUE TEXAS FACTS by Roger T. Moore, Oct. 24, 1960: John Wayne's epic, "The Alamo" premieres in San Antonio.



Regional parent conference to be major event for seventh year

EL PASO COUNTY — More than 700 parents from El Paso-area school districts are expected to attend the 7th Annual Regional Parent Engagement Conference sponsored by Region 19 Education Service Center, scheduled for 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Nov. 13 at the UTEP Magoffin Auditorium and the Liberal Arts Building.

Socorro ISD Superintendent Dr. Robert J. Durón and nationally-known expert Myrna Castrejon are the keynote speakers for the conference, titled “Core Values: No Family Left Behind.” The event’s aim is to bring together parents and educators to meet the needs of children, according to Region 19’s Darlene Bruce.



Robert J. Durón

Participants will attend keynote and breakout sessions covering literacy, effective parenting, college preparation, culture, wellness, drug and violence prevention, special education and more. Participants will also be greeted by Dr. Diana Natalicio, UTEP President and Dr. Jimmy Vasquez, Executive Director for Region 19 Education Service Center. Student groups from UTEP and Clint ISD will volunteer their time to assist presenters and parents during the conference. Socorro ISD music and dance groups will provide entertainment for participants. For more information, call Bruce, 780-5349.

Canutillo High students make all-region choir

By Alfredo Vasquez
Special to the Courier

CANUTILLO — Five Canutillo High School students were selected recently to the All-Region Choir, which is composed of students from high schools throughout the El Paso County. Hundreds of area high school students audition for a place on the all-region choir every year. This year, only those placing among the top 38 singers advanced to the prestigious group, according to Willie Adame, Canutillo High choir director. To audition, students sang previously determined music with a pre-recorded piano accompaniment before a panel of five judges. CHS students selected were



SONGSTERS — Canutillo High School students named to All-Region Choir, shown in photo, foreground from left, Hevila (Billy) Espinoza, Debbie Gutierrez, Stephanie Mercado, Priscilla Moreno, and Bernny Apodaca; (seated) Choir Director Willie Adame.

Stephanie Mercado, Debbie Gutierrez, Hevila (Billy) Espinoza, Priscilla Moreno, and Bernny Apodaca. “I was very excited because I had never auditioned before and very proud because the five CHS students who auditioned all made it. Being a senior, this will be a great memory to take with me,” said Mercado. The first performance for the All-Region Choir is scheduled for 7 p.m., Saturday, Nov. 13, at Ysleta High School. “I am very proud of these students because the audition process is very demanding, and the music is of a high caliber,” said Adame. “I am especially proud of Bernny and Priscilla because they also qualified to audition for the pre-area state auditions. If they do well, they may perform with the All-State Choir,” he added.

PUBLIC NOTICE

City of Socorro Election 2004 District Boundaries

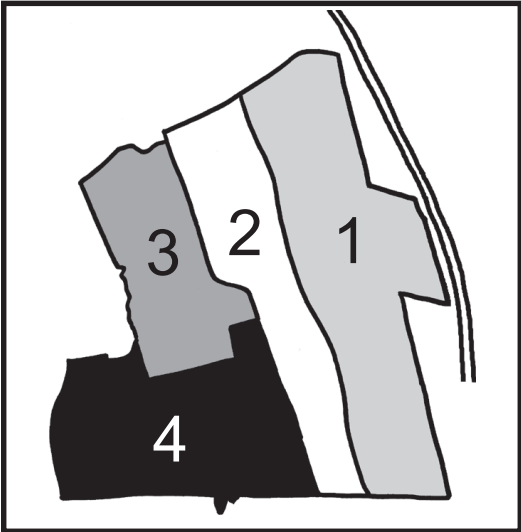
District # 1: Border on the North by the Northeastern City limits starting at the most northeast corner of the Socorro Grant and along said City limit following, generally, a southwest direction to the intersection with the centerline of North Loop Road; on the East by the most Eastern City limits as shown on the Socorro Grant; on the West by the centerline of North Loop Road from the Northern City limit to the Southern City limit; and on the South by the Southeast City limits starting from the centerline of North Loop Road and along said City limit to the most Southeastern corner on the Socorro Grant.

District # 2: Border on the North by the Northern City limits from the intersection of the centerline of North Loop Road and along said City limit following, generally, a southwest direction to the intersection with the centerline of Alameda Avenue; on the East by the centerline of North Loop Road from the Northern City limit to the Southern City limit; on the West by the centerline of Alameda Avenue starting from the Northwest City Limits until Alameda Avenue intersects with Daugherty Lateral, then generally East along the Centerline of Daugherty Lateral until it intersects Middle Drain Road, then generally in a southeast direction following the Centerline of Middle Drain Road to the Southeastern City Limits; and on the South by the Southeast City Limits starting from the centerline of Middle Drain Road and along said City limit following, generally, a northeast direction to the intersection with the centerline of North Loop Road.

District # 3: Border on the North by the Northwest City Limits from the intersection of the centerline of Alameda Avenue and along said City limit following, generally, a southwest direction to the most Northwestern corner on the Socorro Grant; on the East starting at the intersection of the Northwest City Limits and the centerline of Alameda Avenue and along said centerline to the intersection with the centerline of Daugherty Lateral, then due East along the Daugherty Lateral to the intersection with Middle Drain Road and along the centerline of said road following, generally, a southeast direction to the intersection with the property line located in the middle of the block border by Odem Road and Sun Park Road, following, generally, a southwest direction along said property line dividing the block to the intersection with the centerline of Alameda Avenue, and along that centerline in a southeast direction to the intersection with the centerline of Vineyard Road; on the West by the Western City limits, starting at the Northwest corner of the Socorro Grant, and along said City limit to the intersection of the centerline of Socorro Road and the centerline F.E. Jackson Road, then along the Centerline of Socorro Road following, generally, a southeast direction to the intersection with the centerline of Vineyard Road; on the South by the centerline of Vineyard Road, starting from the intersection of the centerline of said road and the centerline of Socorro Road following, generally, a northeast direction to the intersection with the centerline of Alameda Avenue.

District # 4: Border on the North by the property line dividing the block border by Sun Park Road and Odem Road and starting at the Intersection of Middle Drain Road and said property line, following, generally, a southwestern direction along said property line to the intersection with the centerline of Alameda Avenue, then following said centerline in a southeastern direction to the intersection of Alameda Avenue and Vineyard Road centerlines, then following a southwest direction along Vineyard Road centerline to the intersection with the centerline of Socorro Road, and along the Socorro Road centerline in a northwest direction to the intersection of Socorro Road and F.E. Jackson, then in a northwest-west direction to the Socorro/EL Paso City Limits and along said limits to the intersection of the Rio Grande river and the Southwest City limits; on the West by the Southwestern City limits bordering the Rio Grande river and along said City limit bordering the river to the most Southwest corner of the Socorro Grant; on the South by the Southern City limits starting at the most Southwest corner of the Socorro Grant and along said City Limit to the intersection with the Centerline of Middle Drain Road.

Detailed map available for viewing at Socorro City Hall, 124 S. Horizon Blvd., Socorro, Texas 79927
www.socorrotexas.org



Notice of Public Hearing Town of Clint

Texas Community Development Program Projects

The Town of Clint, Texas will hold a public hearing concerning the submission of an application to the Office of Rural Community Affairs for a grant from the Community Development Fund of the Texas Community Development Program (TCDP). The purpose of this hearing is to allow citizens an opportunity to discuss the citizen participation plan, the development of local housing and community development needs statements, the amount of TCDP funding available, activities that are eligible under TCDP, and use of past TCDP funds. The town encourages citizens to participate in the development of TCDP applications and to make their views known at this public hearing. Citizens unable to attend this hearing may submit their views and proposal to the Office of the Mayor at the Clint Town Hall.

Persons with disabilities who wish to attend this meeting should contact the municipal offices to arrange for assistance. Individuals who require auxiliary aids or services for this hearing should contact the municipal offices at least two days before the hearing so that appropriate arrangement can be made.

DATE: MONDAY, OCTOBER 25, 2004
TIME: 6:00 P.M.
LOCATION: CLINT TOWN HALL
200 N. SAN ELIZARIO ROAD

Notices will be published at a date no later than five (5) days prior to the submission of the application, describing the proposed project and specifying location, cost, and benefit to local residents of Low and Moderate Income. At that time, a copy of the application will be available for review at the municipal offices during business hours.

El publico en general esta invitado a asistir a una audiencia sobre el Programa de Desarrollo de la Comunidad del Estado de Texas. La presentacion y las discusiones sobre este programa se haran en espanol para aquellas personas que asi lo deseen.

Dale Reinhart
Mayor
Date published
October 21, 2004

SEISD

From Page 1

their academic growth. The idea is to narrow the gap in English and Spanish grades.

Teachers are also finding ways to help parents encourage their children in the effort to adapt to English.

Perhaps one of the frustrations for parents who make the effort to help their children succeed in English is that they feel they do not know enough English to provide adequate help at home. Accord-

ing to SEISD Superintendent Dr. Mike Quatrini, parents need not worry about the language issue at home, that the act of simply reading to their children in Spanish is a good enough start.



Mike Quatrini

“If parents are more comfortable reading to their children in Spanish, that’s fine,” Quatrini said. “Children will learn to understand the flow of reading and will begin to identify context clues. Parents are their children’s first teachers. We’re here to support parents in their efforts by transitioning their children into English.”

Thrill

From Page 2

cost and inconvenience of getting a new pair.

Frugality wins out and I grab my glasses just in time. It doesn’t matter anyway since I don’t intend to open my eyes long enough to see the earth rushing up at me with impossible speed.

My pony tail is dislodged in the melee so that when the ride miraculously delivers me to a stand still, one side of my hair is bigger than the other. Lots of amusement parks now have cameras at the end of their most death-defying rides so they can record your reaction to one

of the most vulnerable moments of your life — but I’m game. I flash a big Hollywood smile and stagger out of my carriage with all the grace of a drunk giraffe.

I later discover that my littlest not only enjoyed herself thoroughly but had the presence of mind to actually turn around during the ride to see how I was doing. She went on to ride the most terrible torture devices throughout the afternoon — without me, of course. By then I was much more humble and wise.

Why I paid so much money to get into this place just to torture myself is still somewhat of a mystery — but at least I can say it wasn’t a cheap thrill.

Early Voting Locations

Oct. 18 - Oct. 29

Fixed Locations

Location	Address
(Alphabetical listing)	
• BASSETT CENTER #F15	6101 GATEWAY WEST (was Sheldon Jewelers)
• BURGES LIBRARY	9600 DYER
• CAROLINA CENTER	563 N. CAROLINA
• COURTHOUSE	500 E. SAN ANTONIO
• DIETER PLAZA # 308	1605 GEORGE DIETER
• PAVO REAL RECREATION CENTER	9301 ALAMEDA
• PROMENADE SHOPPING #203	7500 N. MESA (was Dan’s Shoes)
• ROGELIO SANCHEZ CENTER	FABENS
• SOCORRO HIGH SCHOOL	10150 ALAMEDA
• SUNRISE SHOPPING CENTER #24	8500 DYER
• VISTA HILLS CENTER #104	1840 LEE TREVINO (was My Ladys Shoes)
• JERK’S SPORTS GRILL	3401 N. MESA

DAYS AND HOURS	
Oct. 18 – Oct. 22 (Mon. – Fri.)	9:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.
Courthouse	8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Oct. 23 (Saturday)	8:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.(All locations)
Oct. 24 (Sunday)	12:00 – 5:00 p.m.(All locations)
Oct. 25 – Oct. 29 (Mon. – Fri.)	8:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m. (All locations)

Mobile Locations

Location	Address	Time
Monday, October 18, 2004		
South El Paso		
Senior Center	600 S. Ochoa	9:00 – 4:00
Washington Senior Center	4451 Delta	9:00 – 4:00
Good Samaritan Towers	7750 Lilac Way	9:00 – 4:00

Tuesday, October 19, 2004		
Thomason Hospital		
Auditorium	4815 Alameda	8:00 – 5:00
Las Palmas Medical Center	1801 N. Oregon	8:00 – 5:00
Sierra Medical Center	1625 Medical Center	8:00 – 5:00

Wednesday, October 20, 2004		
Bienvivir Health Services	2300 McKinley	9:00 – 3:00
EPCC NW Campus	6701 S. Desert Blvd.	8:00 – 6:00
EPCC Trans Mtn. Campus	9570 Gateway North	8:00 – 6:00

Location	Address	Time
Thursday, October 21, 2004		
Del Sol Medical Center	10301 Gateway West	8:00 – 5:00
Providence		
Medical Center	2001 N. Oregon	8:00 – 5:00
La Fe Clinic	721 Rear S. Ochoa	8:00 – 5:00

Friday, October 22, 2004		
GECU	7227 Viscount	8:30 – 6:00
El Paso Police Hqts.	911 N. Raynor	8:30 – 6:00
El Paso Fire Admin.	6800 Montana	8:30 – 6:00

Saturday, October 23, 2004		
Unitarian Universalist		
Community of EP	4425 Byron	8:00 – 3:00
San Juan Diego Parish	14520 Montana	8:00 – 3:00
I.B.E.W. #583	6967 Commerce	8:00 – 5:00
All Saints Church	1415 Dakota	4:00 – 8:00
St. Thomas		
Aquinas Church	10970 Bywood	4:00 – 8:00

Sunday, October 24, 2004		
St. Frances Cabrini		
Catholic Church	12200 Vista Del Sol	8:30 – 3:00
St. Pius X Church	1050 N. Clark	8:30 – 3:00
Puerta Del Cielo Church	9405 Betel	8:30 – 3:00

Monday, October 25, 2004		
EPCC Valle Verde Campus	919 Hunter	8:00 – 6:00
EPCC Rio Grande Campus	100 W. Rio Grande	8:00 – 6:00
EPCC Mission Del Paso	10700 Gateway East	8:00 – 6:00

Tuesday, October 26, 2004		
El Paso City Hall	2 Civic Center Plaza	8:00 – 5:00
Centro Comunidad Unida	14618 Greg	8:00 – 5:00
Palisades Assisted Living	1831 Murchison Dr.	8:00 – 5:00

Wednesday, October 27, 2004		
UTEP	E. Student Union Bldg.	8:00 – 5:00
Texas Gas Service	4700 Pollard	8:00 – 5:00
Helen of Troy	1 Helen of Troy Plaza	8:00 – 5:00

Thursday, October 28, 2004		
JOBE Concrete	1 Mc Kelligon Canyon	8:00 – 5:00
Royal Estates Retirement	435 S. Mesa Hills	8:00 – 5:00
El Paso Housing	5300 E. Paisano	8:00 – 5:00

Friday, October 29, 2004		
GECU	11987 Rojas	8:30 – 6:00
GECU	5625 Transmountain	8:30 – 6:00
GECU	10435 Vista Del Sol	8:30 – 6:00

— Courtesy El Paso County Elections Department

November 2, 2004 El Paso County Polling Locations

Pct #	Polling Place	Address	Pct #	Polling Place	Address	Pct #	Polling Place	Address
1	Anthony City Hall	401 Oak St.	57	Fire Station # 16	3828 Hercules Ave.	110	Word of Life Church	11675 Pratt Dr.
2	Vinton Village Hall	436 Vinton Rd.	58	Park Elementary School	3601 Edgar Park Rd.	111 & 165	Lujan Chavez Elementary School	2200 Sun Country Dr.
3	Canutillo High School	7273 Bosque Rd.	59	Wainwright Elementary School	4500 Lawrence Ave.	112 & 113	Benito Martinez Elementary School	2640 Robert Wynn Dr.
4	Canutillo Elementary School	651 Canutillo Ave.	60	Magoffin Middle School	4931 Hercules Ave.	114	Helen Ball Elementary School	1950 Firehouse Dr.
5	Fire Station # 2	111 E. Borderland Rd.	61	Stanton Elementary School	5414 Hondo Pass Dr.	115	Irving Schwartz Public Library	1865 Dean Martin Dr.
6	Tennis West	1 Tennis West Ln.	62	Logan Elementary School	3200 Ellerthrope Ave.	116	Montwood High School	12000 Montwood Dr.
7	Lincoln Middle School	500 Mulberry Ave.	63 & 84	Burnet Elementary School	3700 Thomason Ave.	117	Vista Del Sol Elementary School	11851 Vista Del Sol Dr
8	Fire Station # 15	115 Shorty Ln.	64	Travis Elementary School	5000 N. Stevens St.	118	Myrtle Cooper Elementary School	1515 Rebecca Ann Dr.
9 & 26	Zack White Elementary School	4256 Roxbury Dr.	65	Kathy White Housing Complex	2500 Mobile Ave.	119	Sierra Vista Elementary School	1501 Bob Hope Dr.
10	Roberts Elementary School	341 Thorn Ave.	66	Sacramento Senior Citizen Center	3134 Jefferson Ave.	120	Americas High School	12101 Pelicano Dr.
11	Olga Kohlberg Elementary School	1445 Nardo Goodman Dr.	67	Fire Station # 12	3801 Fort Blvd.	121 & 123	Ramona Elementary School	351 Nichols Rd.
12	Dr. M. D. Hornedo Middle School	825 Redd Rd.	68	EMS Station # 5	2201 N. Piedras St.	122	Del Norte Heights Elementary School	1800 Winslow Rd.
13	Fire Station # 27	6767 Ojo De Agua Dr.	69	Memorial Park Senior Citizen Center	1800 Byron St.	124	Ascarate Elementary School	7090 Alameda Ave.
14	Rosa Guerrero Elementary School	7530 Lakehurst Rd.	70	Austin High School	3500 Memphis Ave.	125	Cedar Grove Elementary School	218 Barker Rd.
15	Franklin High School	900 N. Resler Dr.	71	Coldwell Intermediate School	4101 Altura Ave.	126	Ranchland Hills Middle School	7615 Yuma Dr.
16	Monte Vista Retirement Center	1575 Belvidere St.	72	Fire Station # 7	3200 Pershing Dr.	127	Hacienda Heights Elementary School	7530 Acapulco Ave.
17	White Acres Good Samaritan Village	7304 Good Samaritan Ct.	73	New Life Church	4700 Leeds St.	128	Mesa Vista Elementary School	8032 Alamo Ave.
18	Polk Elementary School	940 Belvidere St.	74 & 75	Fire Station # 13	5415 Trowbridge Dr.	129	Northloop Elementary School	412 Emerson St.
19	Peace Lutheran Church	5890 Via Cuesta Dr.	76	Chelsea Plaza Housing	600 Chelsea St.	130	Fire Station #18	7901 San Jose Rd.
20	Fire Station # 22	6500 N. Mesa St.	77	Fire Station # 5	4240 Alameda Ave.	131	Riverside High School	301 Midway Dr.
21	Carlos Rivera Elementary School	6445 Escondido Dr.	78	Burleson Elementary School	4400 Blanco Ave.	132	Thomas Manor Elementary School	7900 Jersey St.
22	Western Hills U. M. Church	524 Thunderbird Dr.	79	San Juan Recreation Center	701 N. Glenwood Ave.	133 & 134	Loma Terrace Elementary School	8200 Ryland Ct.
23	Dr. Green Elementary School	5430 Buckley Dr.	80	Hawkins Elementary School	5816 Stephenson Ave.	135	Marian Manor Elementary School	8300 Forest Haven Ct.
24 & 25	Putnam Elementary School	6508 Fiesta Dr.	81	Henderson Middle School	5505 Robert Alva Ave.	136	Pasodale Elementary School	8253 Mc Elroy Ave.
27 & 28	Polly Harris Senior Citizen Center	650 Wallenberg Dr.	82	Clardy Elementary School	5508 Delta St.	137	Alicia R. Chacon School	221 Prado Rd.
29	L. B. J. Elementary School	499 Cabaret Dr.	83	Fire Station #14	6300 Delta St.	138	Valley View Middle School	8660 Northloop Dr.
30, 31 & 32	Mesita Elementary School	500 Alethea Park Dr.	85, 87 & 164	Bonham Elementary School	7024 Cielo Vista Dr.	139	Robert F. Kennedy Pre-K Center	9009 Alameda Ave.
33	El Paso Tennis Club	2510 N. St. Vrain St.	86	Ross Middle School	6101 Hughey Dr.	140	Capistrano Elementary School	240 Mecca Dr.
34	Vilas Elementary School	220 Lawton Dr.	88	Fire Station #20	8301 Edgemere Blvd.	141	Lebarron Park Elementary School	920 Burgundy Dr.
35	Father Pinto Complex	1001 S. Ochoa St.	89	Mac Arthur Elementary School	8101 Whitus Dr.	142	Del Valle High School	950 Bordeaux Dr.
36	Fire Station # 3	721 E. Rio Grande Ave.	90	Cielo Vista Park Elementary School	9000 Basil Ct.	143	Landcaster Elementary School	9230 Elgin Dr.
37	Sun Plaza Housing	1221 E. San Antonio Ave.	91 & 162	Scotsdale Elementary School	2901 Mc Rac Blvd.	144	Pavo Real Rec. Center	9301 Alameda Ave.
38	Lamar Elementary School	1440 E. Cliff Dr.	92	Edgemere Elementary School	10300 Edgemere Blvd.	145	South Loop Elementary School	520 Southside Rd.
39	Career & Technology Center	1170 Walnut St.	93	Scotsdale Baptist Church	10015 Lockerbie Ln.	146 & 155	Red Sand Elementary School	4250 O’Shea Rd.
40	Beall Elementary School	320 S. Piedras St.	94	Eastpoint Elementary School	2400 Zanzibar St.	147 & 166	Horizon Heights Elementary School	13601 Ryderwood Ave.
41	Dr. Nixon Elementary School	11141 Loma Roja Dr.	95	Fire Station #19	2405 Mc Rae Blvd.	148	Sparks Community Center	12899 Sparks Dr.
42 & 43	Bradley Elementary School	5330 Sweetwater Dr.	96	Eastwood Heights Elementary School	10530 Janway Dr.	149	Hilley Elementary School	693 Rio Vista Rd.
44	H.E. Charles Middle School	4909 Trojan Dr.	97 & 98	Pebble Hills Elementary School	11145 Edgemere Blvd.	150 & 152	Robert R. Rojas Elementary School	500 Bauman Rd.
45	Fannin Elementary School	5425 Salem Dr.	99	Fire Station #25	10834 Ivanhoe Dr.	151	Socorro High School	10150 Alameda Ave.
46 & 47	Desertaire Elementary School	6301 Tiger Eye Dr.	100	YWCA - East	10712 Sam Snead Dr.	153	Escontrias Elementary School	205 Buford Rd.
48	El Paso Korean U.M.C.	4925 Fairbanks Dr.	101	Vista Hills Elementary School	10801 La Subida Dr.	154	Campestre Elementary School	11399 Socorro Rd.
49	Collins Elementary School	4860 Tropicana Ave.	102	Fire Station #24	1498 Lomaland Dr.	156	Montana Vista Primary School	3550 Mark Jason Dr.
50	Newman Elementary School	10275 Alcan St.	103	Indian Ridge Middle School	11201 Pebble Hills Blvd.	157, 167		
51	Parkland High School	5923 Quail Ave.	104	Glen Cove Elementary School	10955 Sam Snead Dr.	& 168	Desert Hill Elementary School	300 East Lake Blvd.
52	Whitaker Elementary School	4700 Rutherford Dr.	105	Hanks High School	2001 Lee Trevino Dr.	158 & 163	Clint Jr. High School	13100 Alameda Ave.
53	Dowell Elementary School	5249 Bastille Ave.	106	Tierra Del Sol Elementary School	1832 Tommy Aaron Dr.	159	Borrogo Elementary School	13300 Chicken Ranch Rd.
54	Fire Station # 23	5315 Threadgill Ave.	107	Desert View Middle School	1641 Billie Marie Dr.	160 & 169	Rio Valle Woman’s Club	521 Mike Maros St.
55	Dolphin Elementary School	9790 Pickerei Dr.	108	Vista Ysleta United Methodist Church	11860 Rojas Dr.	161	Tornillo Auxillary Building	19200 Cobb St.
56	Crosby Elementary School	5411 Wren Ln.	109	Jane Hambric Elementary School	3535 Nolan Richardson Dr.			

— Courtesy El Paso County Elections Department

Williams’ dopey decisions leave Dolphins and fans smokin’

By Steve Escajeda
Special to the Courier

Some people just can’t make up their minds. Do I play professional football? Do I retire from professional football? Do I lay around the house all day and smoke pot? Do I pay the \$8.5-million fine for breaking my contract? What’s a mixed up, on-again, off-again foot- ball player to do? The (kind of) former Miami Dolphins run-

ning back, Ricky Williams, has got to do some- thing he hasn’t done in a while — make up his mind. I thought the dope-smoking football star wanted out of the NFL because he was bored and no longer sought fame and fortune. I thought those kinds of things meant nothing to him. Now it seems that he has regained his moti- vation. Great timing! He seems to have regained his love for the game right about the time he

learned he was going to have to pay back his hefty signing bonus. Well, there’s only one problem. Ricky has a little drug problem to contend with. Upon his reinstatement to the NFL, Williams will be fac- ing a four-game, or eight-game, or who knows how many-game suspension. Williams recently said he would like to re- join the Dolphins — though many of his ex- teammates shudder at the possibility — and would like to know exactly where he stands. Would he have to sit out a month? Would he

be allowed to play football again this year? Would he have to sign with another team like maybe Oakland? Williams said he is frus- trated about the delay. Well, let me tell Mr. Williams something: You created this mess, Ricky, now you have to grow up and deal with the consequences. Ricky Williams thought only about himself when he left the team right before the start of the season. He didn’t think about his team- mates, his coaches, the ad- ministrators or the fans. He just decided to leave the team high and dry with no regard for anyone but himself. Ricky has got a lot of growing up to do. He seems like a nice enough guy. But the main problem with Williams is the fact that I will call him a “guy.” He’s got to start acting more like a man. mick is taking place in the world of profes- sional tennis. Seems the cute little ball boys and ball girls who retrieve the balls hit into the net apparently weren’t cute enough. So at the Tennis Masters Series in Madrid, they replaced the kids with 19 to 28-year-old fashion models. I’m not kidding. Sexy ladies wearing short black skirts and tight T-shirts roamed the tennis sidelines instead of the kids. Funny, none of the male players seemed to have a problem with it. Alberto Costa, one of the world’s best players said, “I like it, I didn’t notice any difference.” No difference! Either he’s lying or Mr. Costa just isn’t looking hard enough. I just feel sorry for the kids who lost their jobs. They could always be counted on to do a good job. But I don’t think the idea will work. I’ve got a feeling that once the first model splits a nail, they all might demand more money for work- ing under such hazardous conditions.

I guess I was wrong

In my column last week I challenged — alright, maybe I begged — the city of El Paso to go and support the UTEP Miners with a sell- out in their game with Hawaii. The purpose was to show the self-serving local politicians and business leaders that the citizens of this town can support something good in record-breaking numbers. Boy, was I wrong. The magic number of fans it takes to fill the Sun Bowl is approximately 51,500. There were 44,381 fans at the Hawaii game which the Miners won 51-20. What a game, what a per- formance — what a disappointing crowd. And you 7,000 fans who failed to ensure a sell-out know who you are. I couldn’t understand it. We’ll go out and fill the Sun Bowl for a Dallas Cowboys scrim- mage but we’ll fall 7,000 seats short for our own Miners — disturbing. Remember, El Paso, we’ve spent the better part of our lifetimes complaining about how UTEP can’t keep a good coach here. Well, let’s give him a reason to stay. El Paso finally has what it has wanted for three decades, a first class football program. And if Mike Price sees enough in El Paso to stick around for a few years, this could be one of the better football programs in the nation. El Paso, you are known as the land of missed opportunities. I’m begging you — let’s not throw this one away.

UTEP SOCCER

HELP US BREAK OUR ATTENDANCE RECORD!!!!

SMU VS. UTEP

FRIDAY 10/22 7:00

@ UNIVERSITY FIELD

KIDS ARE FREE!!!



King Super Crossword

- ALL WRAPPED UP ACROSS

1 “_ Instinct” (’92 film)

6 Biblical region

11 Dryden’s “_ for Love”

14 _ Zedong

21 “Dizzy” singer

22 Oklahoma city

23 Woodworking tool

24 Riddle: Part 1

27 Auxiliary verb

28 Skates

30 Ornamental vine

31 See 35 Down

32 French cheese

region

33 Sports-shoe features

37 Is it?

39 Lamb product

42 High-flying Wally

44 Utah city

45 Help with the dishes

46 Skater Sonja

47 Exile

50 Riddle: Part 2

56 Perfect

58 Bando of baseball

59 Brooks or Schreiber

60 Foil kin

61 Brindisi bread

62 Stickpin locale

64 Claude of “The

Invisible Man”

67 Gaunt

69 Nautical rope

71 Trick-or-treater, perhaps

75 Bank statistics

76 On the QE II

78 Pass into law

79 Seize

81 It may be common

82 Competent

84 Famed fabulist

86 “Sea Hunt” shocker

89 Actress Dvorak

90 Answer to riddle: Part 1

95 Fit to feast on

97 Panatella kin

98 Itches

99 Trusting sort

100 Dismal

102 Herring

103 Dee or Bullock

106 Islamic greeting

107 Little lake

109 Wells creatures

110 Vixen’s offspring

111 Emilia’s husband

112 Shopping ctr.

115 Answer to riddle: Part 2

122 Parmesan alternative

124 Spare tire

125 Inflatable item?

126 Herman or Reese

127 Afterword

128 Summer abroad

129 Morning moisture

130 Dwelling

131 Black Sea city

DOWN

1 Big name in Baroque

2 Eastern leader

3 “You _ it!”

4 “_ My Party” (’63 hit)

5 Word with bomb or tomato

6 Biting film?

7 “Gross!”

8 “The Partridge Family” actress

9 Remnant

10 Bustle

11 Bunch of battalions

12 Christie or Costello

13 Moon crawler

14 “Upstairs, Downstairs” extras

15 Simpson of fashion

16 Desert refuges

18 Jai _

20 Singer O’Day

25 Family-room features

26 Orange Bowl site

29 “By all means!”

32 Boxer Max

33 First name in comedy

34 Director

Wertmuller

35 With 31 Across, Monty Python member

36 Bailiwick

37 Sticks one’s neck out

38 Layers

39 Lambs’ dams

40 Hindu deity

41 ‘45 Hitchcock film

43 “Bang Bang” singer

44 Hautboy

48 Head Apostle

49 Mezzo Marilyn

51 Come to a point

52 Broad st.

53 Iodine source

54 “Circus Boy” prop

55 “_ dixit”

57 Harpsichord features

61 Leg-puller

63 Rachins or Thicke

64 Genetic info

65 Canine grp.

66 Adherent: suffix

68 Legendary drummer

69 Town in Galilee

70 “... her poor dog _”

72 Depend (on)

73 Once again

74 Autumn color

77 Showy flower

80 Boar’s beloved

83 Fast-food favorite

84 Pertinent

85 Seth’s son

87 Sicily’s highest point

88 Like some sheep

90 It’ll give you a lift

91 Word form for “eye”

92 Forearm bone

93 Tra- _

94 TV’s “_ Blue”

96 Where to eat biryani

100 Took in the late show

101 Bath, e.g.

102 “Peanuts” pooch

103 It suits many

104 Indigenous Alaskan

105 Nick of “The Prince of Tides”

106 Silly Caesar

108 Grimm creature

110 Feel certain

111 “_ fixe”

112 Shopper’s paradise

113 Clove hitch, for one

114 Forum wear

116 Made one’s mark

117 Season firewood

118 Teachers’ org.

119 _ page

120 _ Jima

121 Beatty or Brooks

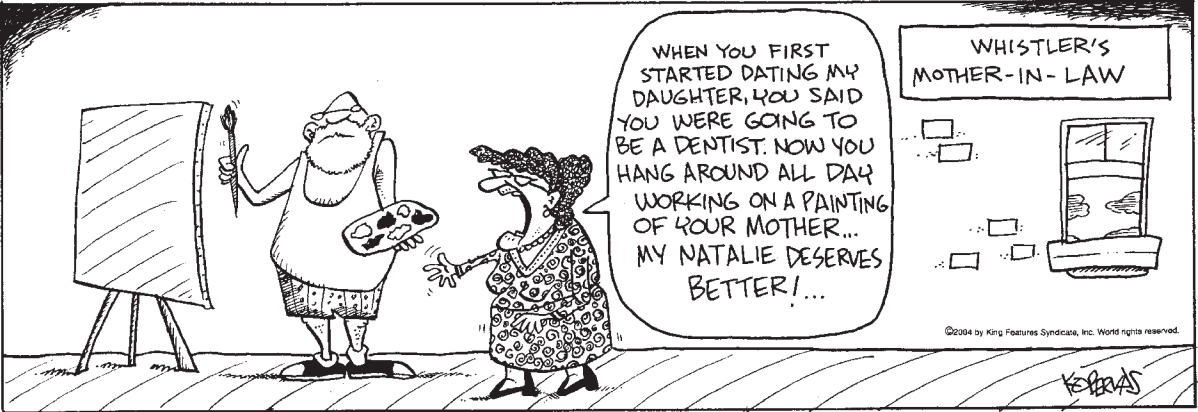
123 Actress Sara

1	2	3	4	5		6	7	8	9	10		11	12	13		14	15	16	
17					18		19				20		21				22		
23							24					25				26			
27				28		29					30					31			
			32				33	34	35	36				37	38				
39	40	41				42	43					44							
45							46					47				48	49		
50				51	52	53					54	55				56		57	
58				59							60					61			
			62	63					64	65	66				67	68			
69	70					71	72	73					74		75				
76						77	78						79	80					
81						82	83					84	85				86	87	88
89					90					91	92	93					94		
	95			96					97							98			

Comix

OUT ON A LIMB

By Gary Kopervas



AMBER WAVES

By Dave T. Phipps



THE SPATS

By Jeff Pickering



R.F.D.

By Mike Marland



Classified Ads

LEGAL

NOTICE OF PETITION TO RECONCILE FUEL COSTS

El Paso Electric Company ("EPE") petitioned the Public Utility Commission of Texas ("Commission") on August 31, 2004 for authority to reconcile its eligible fuel expenses and revenues for the period of January 1, 2002 through February 29, 2004 ("Reconciliation Period"). In its petition, EPE has also requested to implement a fuel surcharge of its cumulative under-recovery of fuel expenses through the end of the Reconciliation Period. This petition, if granted, will affect all Texas retail customers who pay fixed fuel factors. This petition has no effect on EPE's non-fuel base rates.

During the Reconciliation Period, EPE incurred a total of \$264,144,513 in eligible fuel, fuel-related, and purchased power expenses to generate and purchase electric energy for its Texas retail customers. At the conclusion of the Reconciliation Period, EPE had a cumulative under-recovery of such expenses of \$8,632,150. EPE seeks to implement a surcharge of this amount, along with associated interest, over a 12-month period, effective with bills rendered during the first billing cycle of November 2004 through the October 2005 billing cycle. If the proposed 12-month surcharge is approved, a residential customer using 500 kWh per month will see an average increase of \$0.65 in the monthly bill, 1.17% of the total electric bill during

that recovery period. The effect of the surcharge on other customers' bills will vary depending on the rate schedule under which the customers take service.

Persons with questions or who want more information on this Petition may contact El Paso Electric Company at 123 W. Mills, El Paso, Texas 79901, or call toll-free at 1-(800)-592-1634 (when instructed, press 7, then four-digit extension 5947 plus #) during normal business hours. A complete copy of this Petition is available for inspection at the address listed above. Persons who wish to formally participate in this proceeding, or who wish to express their comments concerning this Petition should contact the Public Utility Commission of

Texas, Office of Customer Protection, P.O. Box 13326, Austin, Texas 78711-3326, or call (512) 936-7120, or toll-free at 1-(888)-782-8477. Hearing and speech-impaired individuals with text telephones (TTY) may call (512) 936-7136 or use Relay Texas (toll-free) at 1-(800)-735-2989. A deadline for intervention will be established for this proceeding.

WTCC:10/21/04

HELP WANTED

AVON Representatives Needed

Multilevel Opportunity/ Training provided

West 731-6373 East 727-3626

Join Now

11/11

RENTALS

Fairway Townhouse, Horizon City, view 18th hole, Emerald Springs. Two bedroom, two bath, available. 755-1730, 494-3054. TFN

Executive Office Space available at the Lakeway Bldg. 14190 Horizon Blvd. (915) 852-1019

ALTERATIONS EMBROIDERY Tees & More 14010 Horizon Blvd. 852-8956

"Windshield Ding — Gimme a Ring" JIFFY GLASS REPAIR Windshield Repair Specialists By appt. at your home or office: (No repairs within Horizon City) R.V. Dick Harshberger 915-852-9082

BERT'S AUTOMOTIVE REPAIR Domestic and Foreign 852-3523 1558 Oxbow, Horizon City

HORIZON CITY PLUMBING 852-1079 •Electric roofer service for sewers and drains •Appliance installation •Many other plumbing services Licensed, bonded and insured for your protection.

Texans to have more tax choices with new deduction

WASHINGTON, D.C. — A bill authored by U.S. Congressman Kevin Brady restoring the sales tax deduction to the federal tax code now heads to the President's desk for his signature. The provision is a part of the high profile international tax bill, the American Jobs Creation Act.

This is a huge economic boost for Texas, where taxpayers will save approximately \$1 billion a year, and it's also an issue of fairness for states like ours. The tax code shouldn't be biased in favor of income taxes,"said Brady a member of the House Ways and Means Committee and deputy whip.

Once the measure becomes law taxpayers in all 50 states could choose to deduct either their state and local income or sales taxes, whichever is highest, for 2004 and 2005. Those choosing to deduct sales taxes could opt to take an average deduction determined by tables or claim a deduction based on actual receipts.

Preliminary estimates from the Texas State Comptrollers office indicate that restoring this measure could keep \$1 billion in Texas pockets and create over 16,000 jobs annually. Additionally, the Comptroller projects \$590 million in new investments and \$874 million increase in gross state product. Other states could be expected to benefit comparably.

You can trust us... really

By Don Flood

Trust in the media, according to a recent poll, is at an all-time low.

It is, as Dan Rather might say, lower than the belly of a depressed armadillo that's been washed into a drainage ditch following a Texas cloudburst.

In fact, if the election were held today, the media would finish 257th in the presidential contest, behind, among others, Bush, Kerry, Nader, the Three Stooges, Gilligan, Darth Vader, the prize-winning potato at the Idaho State Fair, Martha Stewart, Carrot Top, and, sadly, a Donald Duck Pez Dispenser.

And at least part of the reason is Rather, who got taken in by phony documents supposedly from the early '70s. (The fiasco has also quashed a CBS exclusive on the Lincoln assassination. Sources say that e-mails linking John Wilkes Booth with Attila the Hun are now considered "questionable.")

Besides Big Dan's Document Dust-up, the media also took a beating recently when two of the country's premiere news-gathering organizations — People magazine and US Weekly — duelled over whether one of our nation's highest officials, Britney Spears, was married or not.

How embarrassing can you get! Fortunately, the matter was resolved when CBS produced a marriage license confirming that, yes, Britney Spears had indeed married Dan Rather and that the two would go on tour together once Rather learned his steps as the new back-up dancer.

So with Rather dancing into the sunset, I conducted my own full-scale investigation that included many official and important-looking documents. Among people's

concerns about the media:

- Too much reliance on clearly skewed or even bogus polls. An shocking 173 percent of people polled, including a whopping 255 percent of unmarried albino Sagittarians who had shaken hands with a Latino in the last month, agreed with the statement: "You can't believe every poll you read, even one by reputable people such as the writer of this column."
- Excessive use of unnamed sources. "It really makes you wonder whether there's really a person behind the quote," said one prominent media critic who asked that his name not be used.

"I often get the impression they just make this stuff up," said another critic, who also wished to remain anonymous.

(Editor's note: The policy of this column is to never, ever use unnamed sources except in cases of extreme and highly unusual circumstances, such as the weekly deadline.)

- Inability to see both sides of a story: While I can admit journalists such as myself might have some faults, this isn't one of them. It's just not possible. Furthermore, anybody who disagrees with me is a blockhead.
- Not taking the time to fully investigate a story. Well, I suppose there could be a point here, but if I don't take a break now I'm going to be late for lunch.

But not all journalists are pessimistic about the future of the profession.

"It's a matter of earning that trust one story at a time," said one veteran newsman, who, unfortunately, was suffering from amnesia and couldn't recall his name.

(c) 2004 King Features Synd., Inc.

Social Security Q&A

By Ray Vigil

Social Security announces 2.7 percent benefit increase for 2005

Monthly Social Security and Supplemental Security Income benefits for more than 52 million Americans will increase 2.7 percent in 2005, the Social Security Administration announced last week.

Social Security and Supplemental Security Income benefits increase automatically each year based on the

rise in the Bureau of Labor Statistics' Consumer Price Index for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers (CPI-W), from the third quarter of the prior year to the corresponding period of the current year. This year's increase in the CPI-W was 2.7 percent.

The 2.7 percent Cost-of-Living Adjustment (COLA) will begin with ben-

efits that more than 47 million Social Security beneficiaries receive in January 2005. Increased payments to 7 million Supplemental Security Income beneficiaries will begin on Dec. 30.

Some other changes that take effect in January of each year are based on the increase in average wages. Based on that increase, the maximum amount of earnings subject to the Social Security tax (taxable maximum) will increase to \$90,000 from \$87,900. Of the estimated 159 million workers who will pay Social Security taxes in 2005, about 9.9 million will pay higher taxes as a result of the increase in the taxable

maximum in 2005.

It is important to note that no one's Social Security benefit will decrease as a result of the 2005 Medicare Part B premium increase, announced last month. By law, the Part B premium increase cannot be larger than a beneficiary's COLA increase. Information about Medicare changes for 2005 can be found at www.hhs.gov — the internet site for the Department of Health and Human Services.

For more information visit your local Security office, see 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.



WEATHER

AccuWeather.com

SEVEN-DAY FORECAST FOR EL PASO

THURSDAY	THUR. NIGHT	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY
Chance for a couple of showers in the afternoon.	Partly cloudy and breezy with a shower possible.	Sunny spells with a shower possible; not as warm.	Plenty of sunshine.	A good deal of sun.	Times of sun and clouds.	Partly sunny.	Clouds and some sun.
▲ 84°	▼ 48°	▲ 72° ▼ 48°	▲ 72° ▼ 50°	▲ 74° ▼ 54°	▲ 76° ▼ 54°	▲ 74° ▼ 52°	▲ 74° ▼ 48°

UV INDEX

Statistics for noon.

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

Thursday	6	Moderate
Friday	6	Moderate
Saturday	6	Moderate
Sunday	6	Moderate
Monday	6	Moderate
Tuesday	6	Moderate
Wednesday	4	Low

TEXAS WEATHER

Anthony	80	48
Canutillo	81	49
Clint	83	50
E. Montana	84	48
Fabens	84	50
Horizon	84	50
San Elizario	81	47
Socorro	83	48
Tornillo	84	50
Vinton	81	48

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	69/41/sh	59/40/sh	64/43/s	66/47/s	71/48/s
Atlanta	74/60/c	78/62/pc	78/58/pc	76/60/pc	79/61/pc
Atlantic City	62/48/sh	66/49/pc	69/51/pc	70/52/s	72/53/pc
Austin/San Antonio	95/70/pc	88/65/pc	84/65/t	84/63/pc	83/62/pc
Baltimore	66/50/pc	70/52/pc	68/48/pc	70/50/s	72/53/c
Boston	52/44/c	55/44/r	56/47/c	63/54/pc	67/56/pc
Chicago	64/50/pc	68/52/t	66/46/sh	64/44/pc	70/52/r
Dallas/Ft. Worth	92/69/s	83/67/t	81/63/t	80/62/pc	80/60/pc
Denver	70/34/sh	54/33/sh	58/32/pc	61/40/pc	65/39/s
Flagstaff	40/25/sn	45/23/pc	52/36/pc	56/31/s	57/30/s
Houston	92/76/pc	90/74/pc	88/72/pc	88/72/pc	88/72/pc
Kansas City	79/59/t	70/49/t	74/51/pc	73/54/s	73/54/c
Las Vegas	66/46/sh	68/48/pc	70/50/s	71/51/sh	71/51/pc
Miami	86/74/sh	86/74/sh	88/74/s	88/72/s	86/72/pc
Minneapolis	64/48/t	56/42/t	56/38/sh	59/40/pc	57/40/r
New Orleans	86/69/pc	87/69/pc	84/69/pc	84/67/pc	84/67/pc
New York City	56/50/c	63/54/pc	64/54/pc	70/58/pc	71/60/pc
Philadelphia	62/52/c	65/52/pc	68/54/pc	66/50/sh	72/58/c
Phoenix	73/53/r	74/56/s	79/58/s	81/60/s	82/59/s
Portland	60/44/pc	58/46/sh	58/46/sh	58/44/pc	56/39/r
San Francisco	63/51/pc	64/55/pc	66/53/c	67/48/pc	64/47/s
Seattle	56/46/pc	54/42/sh	54/44/sh	54/44/pc	52/38/r
Tucson	74/49/r	69/47/s	76/51/s	80/54/s	82/56/s
Washington, DC	60/52/pc	70/56/pc	70/53/pc	72/57/s	73/58/c

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

All forecasts and maps provided by AccuWeather, Inc. ©2004

DON'T COMPROMISE, GET A CUB CADET.



STARTING AT \$1,599 NEW SERIES 1000

Introducing the all-premium Series 1000 tractors.



New for 2004. Cub Cadet Series 1000 lawn tractors provide a precision cut at an exceptional value. These long-lasting, reliable tractors are constructed with premium features, including: easy-to-operate hydrostatic transmissions, automotive-style lug nuts and larger mowing decks. Visit your local family-owned dealer today for a test-drive.

Cub Cadet

Hurry! Special financing available! To find a Cub Cadet retailer near you, visit www.cubcadet.com, or call 1-877-CUB-TOUGH.

*Product price—Actual retail prices are set by dealer and may vary. Taxes, freight, setup and handling charges may be additional and may vary. Models subject to limited availability. C11137-01-55080-2