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NEWSBRIEFS

Teacher wins "Oscar"

Called the "Oscars of Teaching", \$25,000 from the Milken Family Foundation's National Educator Award has been given to Mary Melendez, an English teacher at Socorro High School. During a surprise student assembly at SHS, Melendez was astounded when Lowell Milken, founder of the Foundation, showed up along with football legend Rosey Grier and Texas Commissioner of Education Jim Nelson to give her the news. Melendez is one of four Texas educators to be selected for the award. Nationally, 120 educators in 44 states will receive the award. She was chosen as SHS Teacher of the Year for the 2000-2001 school year, and was selected for the Milken award because of her exceptional instructional practices and inspiring presence. She will be honored at a state conference in Austin in January, and will be awarded \$25,000 during an all-expense paid professional development conference in Los Angeles in June. She may spend her award "as she sees fit."

Donation to MTA

The Mission Trail Association was awarded a \$5,000 grant from the Southwestern Bell Economic Excellence program at an awards luncheon on Oct. 16. The money will be used to fund the annual Luminaria Festival of Lights and Posadas on Dec. 15, which this year will light over 30,000 luminarias along the Mission Trail dedicated to the memory of those who died on Sept. 11. Three school districts along the Trail — San Elizario ISD, Socorro ISD and Ysleta ISD — will participate, as students will write the names of victims, surviving families and friends on the luminaria bags, which will be decorated with red, white and blue. For information call 532-7788 or 534-0603.

In other news

■ El Paso Symphony Kinder Concert will perform at the El Paso Zoo with a concert — free to the public with zoo admission. The presentation will be *Trunks*, animated by Kids-N-Co. and music from *The Lion King*. The event will be at 2:30 p.m. on Oct. 28, with other fun activities planned around the event. Zoo admission price is \$2 for ages three to 12; \$4 for 13 and over. Call 532-3776 for further information.

■ Capt. Walter E. Clarke Middle School recently received a \$1,000 donation from aerospace manufacturer Boeing to purchase research and reference materials, according to librarian Kirk Macon, who applied for the grant last spring.

■ The Episcopal Church of the Incarnation in Horizon City invites the community to join in celebration of the church's 25th anniversary the weekend of Nov. 3-4. There will be a dinner at Cattleman's Steakhouse in Fabens on Saturday, Nov. 3, and a brunch following 10 a.m. service on Sunday. Reservations for the Saturday dinner must be made by Oct. 26 by calling 852-4171.

■ Alfonso Borrego Sr. Elementary School, the newest campus in San Elizario ISD, has established its first Parent-Teacher Organization for the 2001-2002

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Youth looks ahead, old age looks back, and middle age looks tired.

— Quips and Quotes

County considers \$35 million bond issue

Results could bring big changes to East County

By Marjorie F. Graham
Courier Staff Writer

EL PASO COUNTY — A \$35 million bond issue by the County appeared to be in the offing Monday as Commissioners Court also took up the prospect of refinancing another \$29.2 million at a time when interest rates are at their lowest in almost 40 years.

That decision could have major impact on the East County Lower Valley at Fabens and Tornillo if the Fabens port-of-entry is expanded and regional parks upgraded.

The action was expected after the court's recent, delicate balancing of no new tax increase for FY 2002-2002 with a locally-financed budget hike of \$16.5 million or 13.7 percent more than last year.

Commissioners were able to hold the tax rate at 36.14 cents per \$100 valuation by tapping the \$40 million reserve fund for 427.1 million and because of 2.6 percent increase in property tax values.

They were expected to take the advice of San Antonio financial counsel Jorge Rodriguez of Coastal Securities and go for \$35 million although \$29.1 million

only is needed now. In the future, he said, the amount can be lowered but not raised.

The money would fund several projects long on a back burner, including \$2.2 million for the Fabens port-of-entry; \$2 million for a new election system replacing punch-card balloting; a \$17.3 annex for administrative offices and a parking garage; new heating and air conditioning systems in the Coliseum at \$13 million; a \$3.5 million golf course redesign; and roof over the swimming pool and diving well at \$2 million, which \$750,000 would be underwritten by a state grant; and \$8-10 million on one or more regional parks outside of the city.

The narrow, 63-year-old Fabens bridge is expected to be expanded from 63 feet to 150 feet after adjacent land is purchased. An industrial park nearby is also in the works, one from which an economic boom is expected as far as Tornillo on the U.S. side and Caseta in Mexico.

It will lead to industrialization of the area and much new employment, according to Commissioner

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Town of Anthony making plans for 50th anniversary celebration

By Don Woodyard
Courier Staff Writer

ANTHONY — Town of Anthony Mayor Art Franco is looking ahead to 2002 when the town turns 50.

At the Oct. 9 Town Council meeting, Franco proposed special events to commemorate Anthony's 50th birthday on July 5, 2002. The mayor said he was in contact with potential sponsors to underwrite costs of the festivities.

He said he was forming a committee to work out details. His suggestions included:

- A special event each month beginning in January to mark its golden anniversary year.

- Historical items/artifacts reflecting the history and growth on display in the Town Hall. These items would be donated by residents.

- An expanded 4th of July celebration.

In other action, the council tabled action on an increase in the after-hours reconnect fee suggested by the mayor until it could be determined how it might best be implemented. Franco had proposed a \$25 increase on top of the present \$15 reconnect fee for a total of \$40.

The mayor asked for a show of

support from the council for the Tiguas in the operation of their Speaking Rock Casino.

"They have been good for the community; we need to support them," he said. It was agreed that a resolution of support would be brought up at the next council meeting.

On recommendation of Police Chief Placido Nunez, Juan Garcia was promoted from the reserves to full-time police officer status.

Action was again tabled on possible changes to ordinances on flea markets and sexually oriented businesses.

Sept. 25 Town Council meeting

Following a public hearing, council approved the mayor's proposed budget for 2001-02. It calls for a general fund budget of \$1.45 million, compared to approximately \$991,000 last year. The water and sewer budget was pegged at \$463,100.

In going over budget items, Franco said he believes town employees will receive a three percent pay raise, and that the town will be able to hold the line on water and sewer costs.

Council also approved a slight increase in the tax rate for the new fiscal year. The total tax rate will be \$0.2790, compared to \$0.2735 last year.



Miss El Paso County Teen

CROWNED — Andrea Gayle Ruiz, 14, competing as Miss Horizon City, was crowned Miss El Paso County Teen on Sept. 29, in a pageant sponsored by the Del Sol Medical Center. She will compete in Houston at the state level in April. Now a freshman at Americas High School, she was a member of the National Junior Honor Society at Ensor Middle, has been a medalist in UIL Number Sense Competition for five consecutive years, and is currently performing in the play "Frankenstein" as part of her dance and theatre classes. A member of the Sun City Blades Figure Skating Team, she has skated competitively in the International Skating Institute annual competition in Dallas over the past two years and has won six medals out of the six events in which she competed. Life goals include becoming a neurologist to "uncover the secrets of head injuries and brain disorders."

Canutillo students win at County Fair and livestock competition

By Alfredo Vasquez
Special to the Courier

CANUTILLO — Several Canutillo High School FFA (Future Farmers of America) students

won in the El Paso County Fair & Junior Livestock Show held at the El Paso County Coliseum recently. Joseph Ramos, senior, earned the Reserve Grand Champion Dairy Heifer prize with his entry which sold for \$1,500. Ramos also was selected to receive a \$500 scholarship presented by CASA Ford.

Michelle Bolner, sophomore, took home a second place award in the super heavy meat goat category and a first and second place in the geese events. Bolner also was the recipient of

the \$300 Jim Tidwell Memorial Scholarship.

Ferrell Searls, sophomore, received a first place ribbon for his intermediate dairy heifer. Manny Silvas, senior, placed first with his seven week old meat broilers. Leo



BOVINE WINNER — Canutillo High School FFA student Joseph Ramos, senior, shows off his Reserve Grand Champion Dairy Heifer during the recent El Paso County Fair.

Rivera, sophomore, placed second in the Herdsman Award and sixth in the Junior Dairy Heifer events.

Tracy Jefferies, junior, placed fifth in the medium heavy goat category. She also was awarded a \$500 scholarship presented by CASA Ford. Edgar Rodriguez, junior, placed sixth in the heavy goat class.

"The livestock awards were the culmination of these students' efforts of feeding and grooming their animals," said Ron Gil, CHS Ag-Science instructor and FFA advisor.



One perspective

By Francis Shrum

America on the move

HORIZON — There were 12 of us wanting to get from El Paso to Joplin, Missouri, by Oct. 1.

We decided to take the bus.

Outside of our immediate family, six of our group would never see age 65 again. Our ages ranged from seven months to 89 years. We found that we fit right in.

Recent turmoil in this nation hasn't stopped America from being on the move. Anyone who doubts it can take a short ride on a Greyhound and find out otherwise.

Ours, however, wasn't short. It would take about 24 hours one way to reach our destination, a yearly church convention.

Along the way we would see and meet people of numerous nationalities and varied backgrounds, going different places for a multitude of reasons, sharing common airspace for a short time before dispersing into a nation equally diverse.

A thousand faces with a thousand stories.

In Amarillo we changed buses at 3 a.m., joining up with a friend from Albuquerque with a common destination. He's 83. He met us in the depot, bright-eyed and bushy-tailed, armed with an updated bus schedule and brimming with information.

It's so easy to get used to our small, comfortable environments, even when we travel, riding in our comfortable cars or climate-controlled airplanes, surrounded by those we know or people of equal station in life.

America's bus systems are moving everyone else. They travel alone or in pairs, the average Joe of this country who is used to discomfort and able to deal with it.

Many of the folks we met were going to or from a relative's home. One man I sat with en route to Tulsa

was on his way to see his grandmother, age 92, who still lives in the house he grew up in — he pointed it out to me as we came into the city limits.

Another young man en route from California said he wants to be an entertainer. He crooned to my daughter through the early morning hours before he got off around sunrise. Either too tired to complain or enjoying it, no one told him to stop.

The biggest problem we found was inability to sleep, with frequent stops at every Podunk, USA, convenience store — people getting on, getting off.

Smokers, deprived of their privileges inside the bus, rush off at every opportunity to inhale a few drags of nicotine during the five to 10 minute stops.

There were mothers with young children, working men, teenagers, elderly, Mexicans, blacks, whites and Asians.

We were boarded by INS several times. They took a man off near Oklahoma City.

One young woman who got on in Dallas stopped in the doorway with a look of sheer panic when she saw the only empty seats were near the back.

"I can't sit back there," she said. "I have to sit near the front."

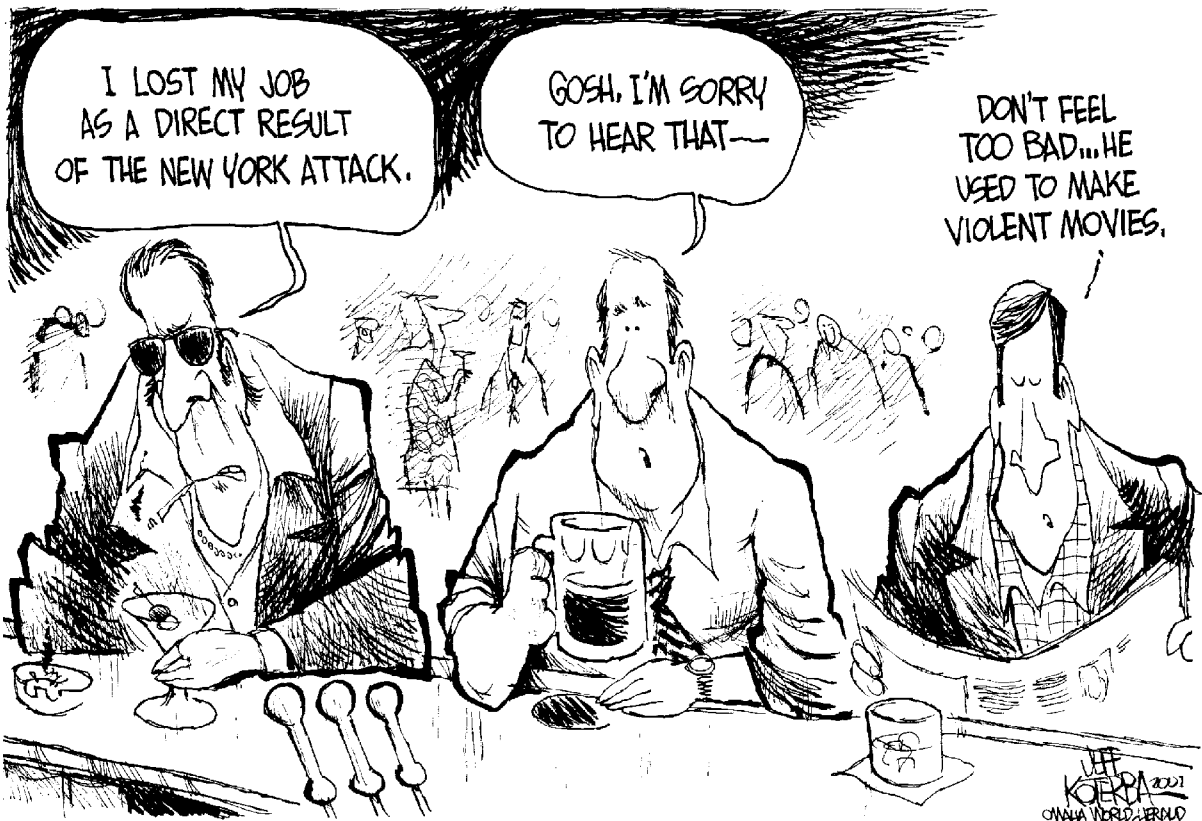
Someone moved over so she could.

A young man in Joplin didn't want to get off the bus until everyone else did. He carefully scanned the crowd through the windows before he slipped down the stairs and eased away.

A thousand faces, a thousand stories.

Two days into our convention we heard the news about the gruesome

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

The truth about bioterrorism

The word bioterrorism has a frightening ring to it.

We've all heard the term tossed around. Perhaps you read about it in a specialized news story or saw a reference to it in a recent movie. But let's face it, before September 11th, discussion of bioterrorism was pretty infrequent.

That all changed. The term 'bioterrorism' has become a part of our daily vocabulary. It seems everywhere you turn today, bioterrorism is the topic of conversation. It's hard to miss. Every newspaper, television and radio is discussing the issue. Images of anthrax, chemicals and other deadly substances are filling our minds. Some people have already bought gas masks for spouses and children. It's been tough keeping fear out of our minds. It's only human.

But we must remember that bioterrorism is about terror. The more we allow fear to consume our daily lives, the more the terrorists have won the battle. I understand many of you feel helpless against an act of bioterrorism. Many people feel there is nothing they can do to combat this fear. But that's where you're wrong. You can combat your fears by educating yourself and finding strength in information.

Since the attacks of September 11th, I've made a point of learning as much as possible about bioterrorism. And you know what, it's helped. Every briefing I attend, every news article I read, and every website I study brings me a new sense of calm. Knowledge really is power.

Did you know that chemical and biological weapons are extremely difficult to transport, much less distribute? Did you know that anthrax cannot be spread from one person to another? Did you know that it takes thousands of spores to infect a person with anthrax? Did you know that these spores can only live in our atmosphere for a short period of time and that it takes near perfect conditions to keep them alive? Those are some pretty staggering facts.

Historically, the odds are against chemical and biological weapons. In 1979, some 5,000 people were exposed to anthrax aerosol in the former Soviet Union, but a total of 66 people died. More recently, in March of 1995, the Japanese Aum Shinrikyo cult released nerve-gas in the Tokyo subway. Thousands of people were in the subway system at the time of release, but only twelve people were left dead. We all agree that any malicious death is a tragedy. But my point is that even in the best of circumstances, only a small percentage of bio or chemical terrorist acts are fatal.

Those are some tough odds to beat. But should something slip through the cracks, you should rest assured that we will be prepared. The nation's health agencies have formed a strong and flexible public health infrastructure. The Department of Health and Human Services is working closely with the Center for Disease Control, the Health Alert Network, and other state and local health agencies. They have a specific action plan that includes pharmaceutical stockpiles and accelerated development of vaccines and antibiotics. It also includes rapid response teams, emergency preparedness, disease surveillance and research and development. The bottom line is that our health agencies stand ready to fight any disease outbreak.

But it doesn't stop there. State, local and federal health agencies are looking after our water supply. The U.S. Department of Agriculture and the Food and Drug Administration are closely monitoring our food supply. President George W. Bush has nominated Gov. Tom Ridge to oversee homeland security. And the U.S. Congress is doing our part to keep all these agencies well funded and well prepared.

President Franklin D. Roosevelt once said, "We have nothing to fear, but fear itself." He was right. We cannot allow terrorists to change our nation. We cannot live our lives based on fear. I urge each of you to become

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Reyes Reports

By U.S. Rep. Silvestre Reyes

Keeping our homeland safe

After the attacks of Sept. 11, the President established the Office of Homeland Security which is headed by the Assistant to the President for Homeland Security, Gov. Tom Ridge. The mission of the Office is to develop and coordinate the implementation of a comprehensive national strategy to secure the United States from terrorist threats or attacks. The Office will be responsible for coordinating the Executive Branch's efforts to detect, prevent, protect against, respond to, and recover from terrorist attacks within the United States. The Office is also responsible for coordinating national efforts to ensure public health readiness for a terrorist attack, including reviewing vaccination policies, pharmaceutical stockpiles, and hospital capacities. This new office is extremely important to the nation now more than ever.

Congressman Richard Gephardt, the Democratic Leader of the U.S. House of Representatives, established a Homeland Security Task Force within the U.S. House of Representatives. While Governor Ridge will do everything he can in the Executive Branch, the Congressional Homeland Security Task force is charged to do everything possible to protect our homeland using every tool available to us through the U.S. House of Representatives. The Task Force is charged with taking the necessary actions to secure our physical infrastructure, electric power grids, nuclear plants, food and water supply, and communications system to ensure the safety of our nation. Leader Gephardt appointed me to the Homeland Security Task Force due to my experience as a Border Patrol Agent and Chief and my positions on the Select Intelligence and Armed Services Committees. A part of keeping this nation safe is also knowing the dynamics of our border, which I know and understand very well. Leader Gephardt

felt that it was important to have my unique perspective included in this task force, and I am honored to serve my country in this way.

We can all do our part in these trying times. As all of you know, last week, the FBI issued a warning that there were indications that another attack by terrorists could come over the next several days. It is important not to panic when these alerts are issued. These alerts are an important tool to keep everyone informed. While we must continue to live our lives and move forward, it is important that we are cautious and very aware of our surroundings.

Our nation has recently seen various cases of Anthrax. This has caused many a lot of additional fear and panic. It is important to stay calm and informed. It is not helpful to run to the pharmacy and doctor for medication or vaccinations without the real possibility of contact with this rare disease.

Anthrax is not contagious; therefore, direct person-to-person spread of anthrax is extremely unlikely. Remember, doctors can prescribe effective antibiotics for anthrax. It is important that everyone remain calm, and pay close attention to the your mail and surroundings. If there is white powder in any of your mail wash your hands with soap and water immediately, and call the police so that they can send the appropriate personnel to test the substance and anyone who has come in contact with the article. The Center for Disease Control has a very helpful and informative website on Anthrax and other bioterrorism issues.

Our lives have changed dramatically, but please feel assured that the Executive and Legislative Branches of your government are working very hard to ensure that the people of this nation can continue to prosper and feel safe. The Office of Homeland Security and the Congressional Task Force on Homeland Security are a very good example of steps we are taking to keep Americans safe.



View from the porch

By Linda Mussehl

Food Lady

We're just like Disneyland around here. We have a parade or two every day.

It's semi-impressive when all the critters show up for our daily muster and march to the mailbox. With two horses, three dogs and two cats in formation behind me, I feel like I should be waving a toilet plunger or some other baton-like implement.

It's unusual for the whole bunch to show up, though. Pepper is the most faithful marcher of the lot. "Mail" is one of the five words she knows for sure. ("Hush," "go away," "ball," and "OUT" round out Pepper's vocabulary. Experienced dog owners will note that "sit," "stay," or "come" are completely missing from my dog's repertoire.)

The cats only make the trip early on cool mornings. The horses usually fall in for the return trip, because that's when I'm carrying something that just might — maybe, perhaps — be edible. I must remind myself to take the time to stop and let them sniff and nibble on the mail I'm carrying to reassure them that it's not worth their bother.

I hate to anthropomorphize, to attribute human responses to animals, but I'm convinced all the critters around here think of me as Food Lady.

Pardner can walk to the mailbox unescorted, except for Pepper. The horses give him a wide berth, just on the chance that he's looking for them with some work in mind. I suspect that their name for him is the

Work Guy. Since I'm the one who hands out goodies (and rarely catch them up, throw on a saddle and make them sweat), I'm a little safer for the horses to follow.

The work of a Food Lady is pretty easy, as long as all my squad are healthy. We have the dogs and cats on free feed, so I just make sure their bowls are topped off. The horses come to the fence by the house to beg for their treats.

I do provide Meals on Wheels when one of the band is laid up, though. Just last week Yard Kitty lost a fight and holed up under the bunkhouse for two days. I shoved bowls of food and water back under the foundation until she recuperated enough to return to the house.

Last year, old Big Boy wiped out in a midnight game of equine "Tag! You're bit" and crippled himself. He ended up under a shady mesquite, so we left him there to recover. I hauled water and food to him for a couple of days until he could hobble around well enough to fend for himself.

Getting to lead the parade is one of the questionable benefits of being the Food Lady on the place. It's a mildly hazardous job because Harley, the kid horse, is always right there in my hip pocket. When there's dissension in the ranks behind me — say, a heel dog instinctively closing up the herd by nipping hocks — Harley is always willing to run right over the top of me.

Maybe I should carry a lead pipe for my baton.

Just like Disneyland, we have magic acts around here too. I can make two horses disappear, just plumb vanish. When I don't want the horses following me, I just carry a halter and lead rope on my trip down the lane.

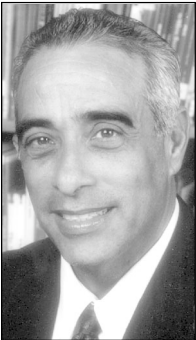


Clint ISD voters approve \$67 million bond election

By Debra Dominguez
Special to the Courier

EAST EL PASO COUNTY — An estimated 70 percent of area voters approved the Clint Independent School District's \$67 million bond and maintenance tax election Oct. 6. Although the district has a total of 8,675 registered voters, only about 10 percent of the voters went to the polls. Clint ISD Superintendent Sylvester Perez said although it would have been ideal to have more community members involved in the voting process, he said he is content with the overall turnout. "This has been a historic year for our school district," Perez said. "Not

only is this the first time in our history that our district has received a 'Recognized' rating by the Texas Education Agency, but it's the first time our voters have passed such a large bond election. "We had 842 voters go to the polls," Perez said. "But compared to other school district bond elections, 10 percent is considered a high voter turn out. Overall, 585 voters voted in favor of the issuance of the \$67 million of bonds and levying the tax in payment thereof. And 239 voters went against the election." Although the Clint ISD Board of



Sylvester Perez

Trustees approved the election July 25, voters did not begin hitting the polls for early voting until Sept. 19. Perez had emphasized the importance of voters getting involved and becoming informed about the election so that they not only understood the impact of the proposed bond issue on taxpayers but on students. "It's very important for the voting public to understand that they voted on a six-cent increase over the current \$1.71 tax rate," he said. "The tax rate will be at \$1.77 for the 2002-2003 school year. Voters need to be informed on the impact that this six cent increase will have on the refinancing of schools, renovations and new construction that will meet the needs of our students for the next four to five years," Perez said. With the approved \$67 million, district officials will use an estimated \$42 million to renovate, refurbish and construct district facilities. It also plans to utilize \$25 million to refinance outstanding lease-purchase agreements for Red Sands Elementary, Frank

Macias Elementary, the new middle school being constructed in Horizon, as well as recent additions to Mountain View High School, Clint Junior High School, Carroll T. Welch Middle and Surratt Elementary. Perez said the district will now be able to refinance its \$25 million in debt at a lower interest rate and save more money for equipment, supplies and salaries. To refinance the above debt, the interest rate is projected at 3 percent compared to the 5.7 percent CUSD is currently paying. "Refinancing also allows the district to generate more in state monies," Perez said. "The state provides Clint ISD with about \$5 for every \$1 it generates from local taxes." The tax rate for 2001-2002 in the Clint Independent School District was recently set at \$1.71 for every \$100 in property valuation. Perez said in the past, various area school districts have had similar rates. In 1990, Clint ISD's tax rate was set at \$1.70. The cost of the average home in the Clint ISD is currently \$47,314. Perez said the tax rate for the average home in Clint ISD for the 2001-2002 school year will be \$46.02 monthly and \$554.12 annually. For

the 2002-2003 school year, the tax impact will be an increase of \$1.48 monthly and \$17.74 annually — if the bond is passed. Perez said of the \$42 million school bond issue, approximately 30 percent is being spent in the Clint area, 30 percent in the Horizon area, and 40 percent in the Montana area. Bond projects include the construction of two elementary schools, new classroom wings to include technology and science labs, a new library for Surratt and an upgrade of the Mountain View High School library. Clint ISD Deputy Superintendent Ricardo Estrada said bond election projects were determined by an in-depth facility needs analysis, along with surveys and interviews with parents, school staff, business representatives and community members. Currently, Clint ISD has 7,779 students. Based on a study done by UT El Paso's Public Policy Research Center, the student population in the district is expected to grow by 15 percent annually. In five years, Clint is expected to double in its enrollment. The district will follow the five-year master plan, phase in construction and use the bond money as needed during this period of time. Also, growth will determine the location of the two new elementary schools.

City of Socorro PUBLIC NOTICE

ORDER OF SPECIAL ELECTION FOR THE CITY OF SOCORRO

An election is hereby ordered to be held on November 6, 2001 from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. for the purpose of: Adopting a Charter for the City of Socorro.

Early voting in person shall be conducted at Socorro High School, 10150 Alameda Ave., beginning Monday, October 22, 2001, and continue through Friday, November 2, 2001 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. on each day which is not a Saturday, Sunday, or an official state holiday.

The early voting ballot applications and ballots by mail may be sent to Helen Jamison, County Elections Department, 500 E. San Antonio, Room 402, El Paso, Texas 79901.

Precincts	Polling Place	Address
108	Hilley Elementary	693 Rio Vista
109	Socorro High School	10150 Alameda
110	Escontrias Elementary School	205 Buford Rd.
155	Campestre Elementary School	11399 Socorro Rd.

Issued this 16th day of September, 2001.

Amado D. Padilla, Mayor
City of Socorro

ORDEN DE ELECCION ESPECIAL PARA LA CIUDAD DE SOCORRO

Por la presente se ordena que se llevara a cabo una eleccion el 6 de noviembre, 2001 con el proposito de: Adoptar el Acta Constitutiva para la Ciudad de Socorro.

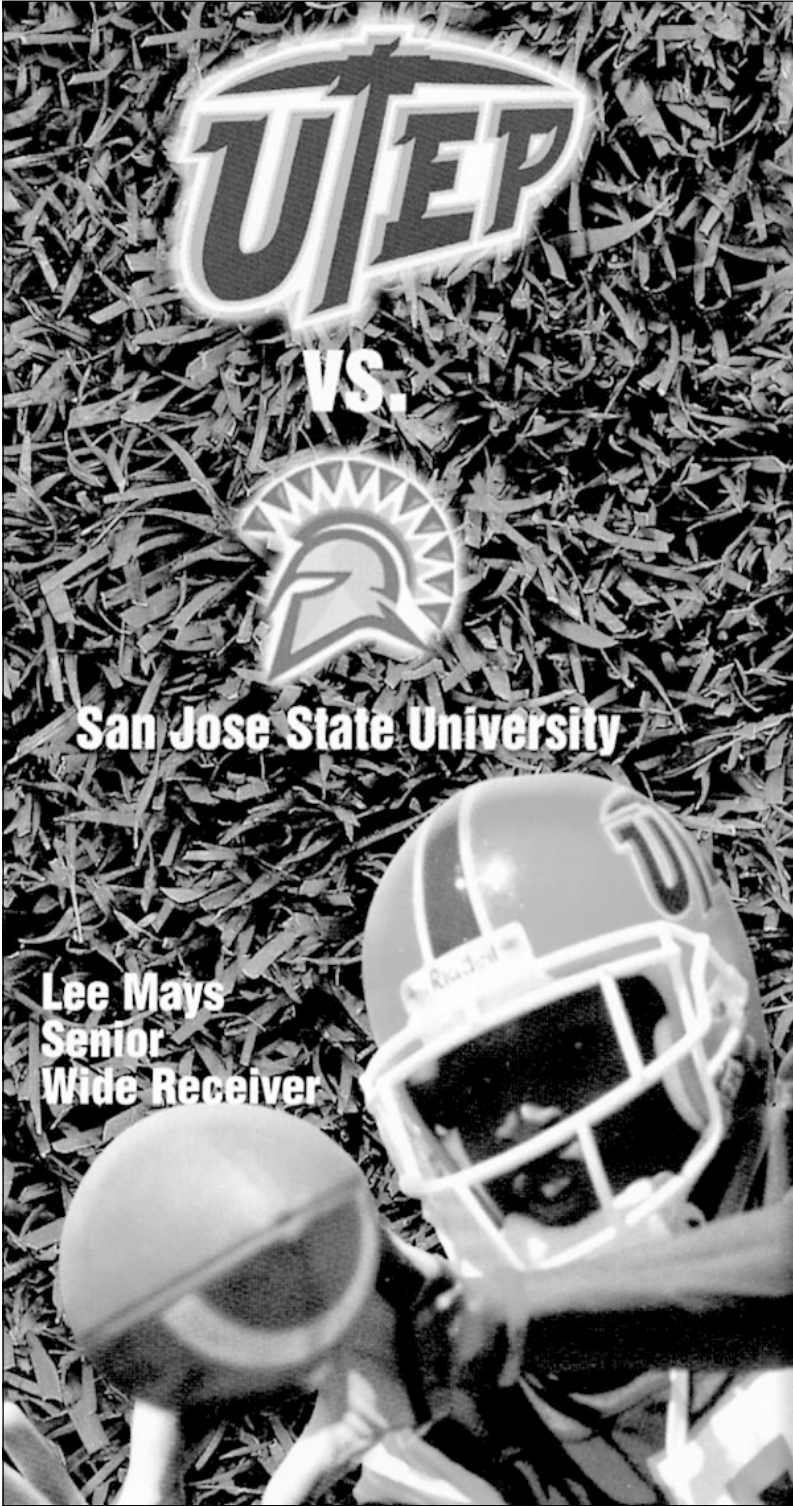
Votacion temprana en persona se llevara a cabo en Socorro High School, 10150 Alameda Ave., comenzando el lunes, 22 de Octubre de 2001, y continuara hasta el viernes, 2 de Noviembre de 2001 desde las 8 a.m. hasta las 5 p.m. todos los dias que no sean sábado, domingo, o dia oficial de vacaciones estatales.

La direccion postal de la secretaria de votacion de antemano para votar por correo y a donde se puedan enviar solicitudes para balotas y enviar las balotas con votos es: Helen Jamison, County Elections Department, 500 E. San Antonio, Room 402, El Paso, Texas 79901.

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110	Escontrias Elementary School	205 Buford Rd.
155	Campestre Elementary School	11399 Socorro Rd.

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John Dixon selected as director of Horizon City public works

By Arleen Beard
Special to the Courier

HORIZON CITY — The Town Council of Horizon City called a special meeting to finalize their choice to fill the new position of Director of Public Works.

This special meeting took place on Sept. 18 and John Dixon is now the Director of Public Works for Horizon City.

He is not new to Horizon City. He has been employed by Horizon for several years as building inspector. His duties as Director of Public Works include overseeing the Street Parks and Building services department. He will also manage the maintenance crew which has three full time members.



John Dixon

During the regular scheduled meeting of Oct. 9 Council approved the first reading on Budget Amendment No. 0004 to allow the purchase of office furniture for the Police Department.

Council also approved Alderman Art Borst's recommendation to appoint former Alderman Howard Buck as a member of Planning and Zoning Commission. Council also approved the preliminary plat for Texland. This plat is located south of Darrington on the Clint ISD side and will be all commercial zoning.

A resolution granting Mayor Pat Randleel permission to sign a State Infrastructure Bank Loan concerning construction costs for Darrington Road also passed.

The next regularly scheduled Horizon City Town Council meeting will take place on Nov. 13, 2001.

Social security: Q & A

By Ray Vigil

Q. Somebody told me that I need 40 credits to collect Social Security benefits when I retire. Is that true and how do I earn these credits?

A. Yes, you need a minimum of 40 credits to be eligible for Social Security retirement benefits. You earn up to a maximum of 4 credits for each year by working in jobs covered by Social Security or by operating your own business as a self-employed person. In the year 2001, you must earn \$830 in covered earnings to get one Social Security credit and \$3,320 to get the maximum 4 credits for the year.

Q. Can I get both Supplemental Security Income and Social Security?

A. Yes, it's possible to receive both SSI and Social Security if your total income does not exceed the SSI income limits. Check with your local Social Security office to find out if you qualify for both.

Q. I have been divorced for many years and am now thinking about retiring. Can I get benefits from my ex-husband's Social Security?

A. You can receive benefits on your ex-husband's Social Security record if you were married for at least 10 years, are at least age 62 and your ex-husband must be receiving benefits. You may receive benefits on your ex-husband's record even if he is not receiving benefits, but he must be eligible to receive benefits and you must have been divorced for at least 2 years.

Q. I paid the maximum amount of FICA for many years and then retired at age 55 and took a part-time job earning much less. Will this reduce my benefit at age 62?

A. By stopping work before retirement age, you cannot reduce your benefits, but you may not receive as high an amount as you would had you continued working up to retirement age. The earnings of a worker are "indexed," that is, updated to account for increases in average wages since the year the earnings were received. We use this amount, not the actual earnings, to figure the retirement benefit. For most people retiring now and in the future, we average 35 years of earnings to figure retirement benefits. Higher earnings, usually earned later in life, result in higher benefits.

Q. My statement says my full-retirement age is 66 years. I thought that everyone could retire at 65. Why is my retirement age different?

A. Full-retirement age has been 65 for many years. However, beginning with people born in 1938 or later, that age will gradually increase until it

reaches 67 for people born after 1959.

For more information visit your local Social 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

Briefs

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school year which has been busy working on the school's Hallow-

een Carnival to be held Oct. 30, from 4-8 p.m. in the school's cafeteria. Also, State Rep. Manny Najera recently presented a Texas flag to the faculty and staff. The Texas flag was flown at the state capitol in Texas.

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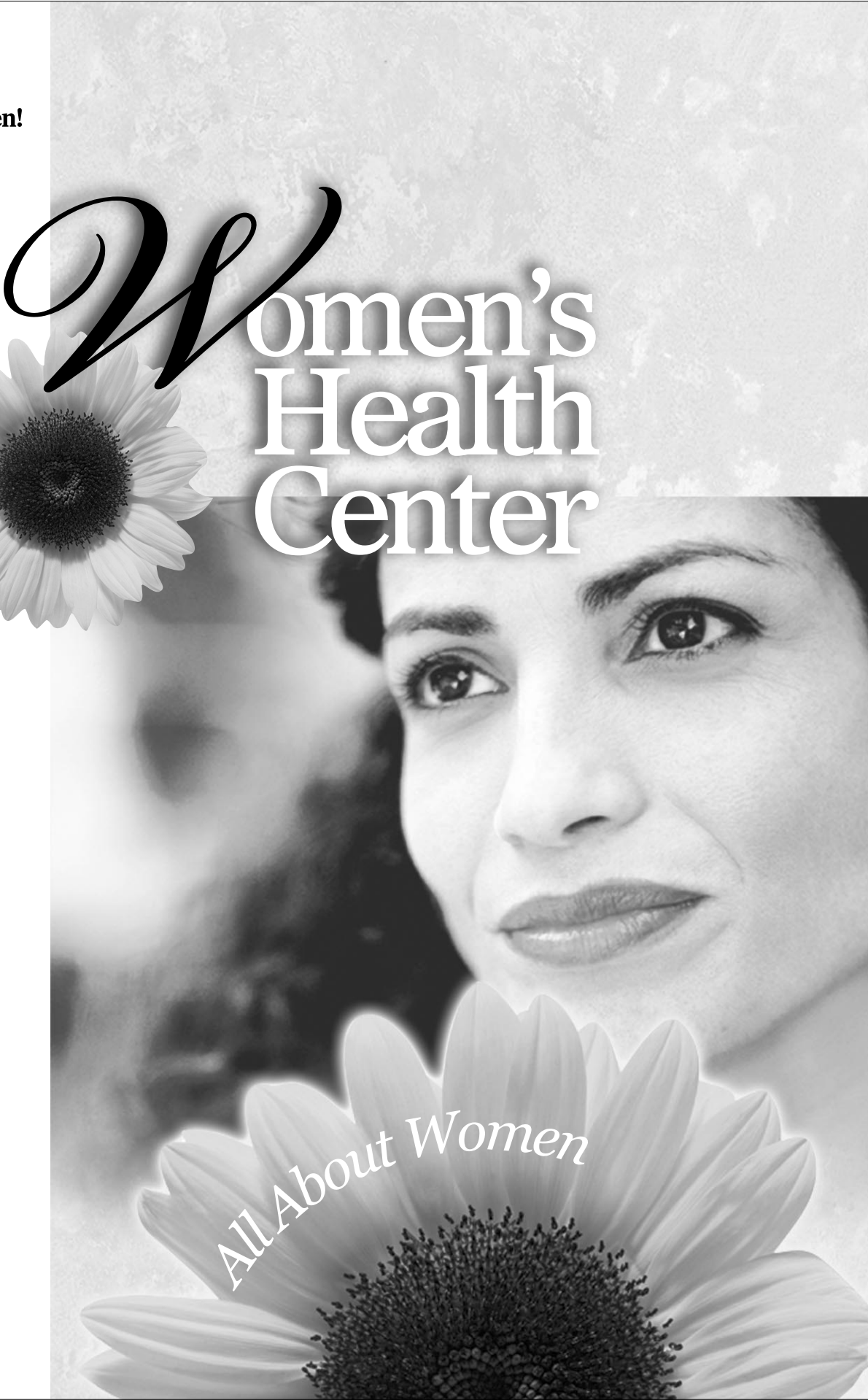
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VIN - IG4AW69Y6DH417771, Buick Park Ave., green, Lic. BBL-627
VIN - 97TM2CC0117, White trailer, white, Lic. 332-027
VIN - IGKCTI87310520423, GMC Jimmy, Lic. I86EME
VIN - 7H5I50-I4, trailer,

gray
VIN - 97TM2CC0117, trailer, white, Lic. 332-027
VIN - n/a, Mazda 323, red, Lic. 758-SFYI
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SOCORRO INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT
Invitation to Bid/ Respond:

Sealed bids/proposals/ CSP to furnish the District with the following products and/or services accepted at the following times:

PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT
CSP NO.
199-1018-0210
THURSDAY,
OCT. 18, 2001,
3:30 P.M.

Proposals will be received at Business Services Dept., 12300 Eastlake Drive, until the specified times. Detailed specifications are available from the above office between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. Mondays through Fridays.
WTCC-10/18/01

EL PASO COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES DISTRICT #1
Invitation to Bid/ Respond:

Sealed bids/proposals/to furnish the District with the following products and/or services accepted at the following times:

HEAVY-DUTY PICKUP TRUCK
BID NO.

HDPU-001
THURSDAY,
OCT. 26, 2001,
Noon

Proposals will be received at Business Office, 14151 Nunda, Horizon City, TX 79928, until the specified times. Detailed specifications are available from the above office between 8 a.m. and Noon. Mondays through Fridays.
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BARGAINS

BBQ smoker, \$20. Luggage w/wheels, \$15. Stereo, \$20. Desk calculator, \$15. Large composter, \$10. Electric mower, \$25. Call 852-3930.

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GARAGE SALE: Saturday, Oct. 20, 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. at 12500 North Loop (near Clint). Furniture, clothes, lots of miscellaneous items.

HELP WANTED

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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, 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. Visítemos. Alcohólicos Anónimos, Grupo 8 de Enero, 15360 Horizo Blvd., Horizon City, sesiones lunes a sábado a 8 de la tarde. Informacion: 859-0484.

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Miners should start working on next season now

By Steve Escajeda
Special to the Courier

I didn't get to watch UTEP's 56-7 loss to Alabama two weeks ago but maybe it was better that I was spared being witness to such an embarrassing defeat.

But one positive thing about the thrashing, I thought, was that the Miners couldn't possibly suffer another wipeout like that this year, given their remaining relatively easy WAC schedule.

Boy, was I wrong!

Not since Rozanne Barr's singing of the National Anthem a few years ago have I heard of a more humiliating performance on an athletic field.

UTEP coach Gary Nord said the Miners still had a chance to run the WAC table after the loss to the Crimson Tide. I don't think even in his wildest dreams he could have predicted what was awaiting his team in Honolulu last week.

Now, I don't know if the Miners had their minds on the sandy beaches or the grass skirts or Don Ho. But whatever it was, it sure wasn't football. UTEP was spanked 66-7 in what was their worst defeat, out of an ocean full of defeats, in 15 years.

What the heck has happened in a short year? Did the Miners become complacent? Did the Miners lose too many good players to graduation? Did the Miners get a little full of themselves and let their success go to their heads?

The answer is simple — yes, yes and yes.

It's no secret that many of the UTEP players failed their run times at the beginning of practice this season which indicates a lack of dedication. And the Miners did lose the likes of QB Rocky Perez, TE Brian Natkin, DE Menson Holloway, LB Trey Merkins and K Ricky Bishop from last season.

It's apparent that the Miners have no leaders on this team and no chance of going anywhere in the WAC, so I say let's get ready for next year — and the years to come.

The Miners' quarterback of the future is freshman Jon Schaper. It's obvious that fifth-year senior Wesley Phillips is not the answer so why not give the youngster a chance to develop his skills and gain some much needed experience?

The Miners have a lot of talented players but they're all young. Wait about two more years and UTEP will field a WAC contender again.

Until then UTEP fans, just accept the fact that the

Bonilla

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informed. Let information conquer
your fears.

For more information on the subject of bioterrorism, please try the following websites:

Department of Health and Human

Services: www.hhs.gov

Center for Disease Control:
www.bt.cdc.gov

Health Alert Network:
www.bt.cdc.gov/DocumentsApp/
HAN/han.asp

U.S. Department of Agriculture:
www.usda.gov

Food and Drug Administration:
www.fda.gov

America is the greatest nation in the world. We have a lot to be proud of and a bright future to anticipate. Remember the President's words — America will not waiver, we will not tire, we will not falter, and we will not fail in our fight against international terrorism. Until next time, God Bless each of you and God Bless America!

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4 "Platoon" setting
7 Arm bones
12 Delay
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26 Sit in on a class
27 Marsh
28 "Cry _ River" ('55
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29 Bacteriologist
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30 Bug-to-be
33 Billy _ Williams
36 Matching pieces
39 _ So Fine" ('63 hit)
40 "MUST SELL!"
47 LAX letters
48 Colorado resort
49 Stain
50 Hymn of praise
53 Harm
56 Region in the news
58 "Kim" setting
60 Shorthand, for short
61 Mirror image?
62 Ego
65 Cain's victim
67 Pants part
70 VCR button
71 Rock's _ at Work

72 "HAD MAJOR OVERHAUL!"
78 Evergreen tree
79 Levin or Gershwin
80 Female zebra
81 Tropical tree
82 Soap segments
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97 Tremble
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102 Lace-like fabric
103 "NEEDS SOME BODY WORK!"
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111 Actor Stephen
112 Curly poker?
113 Range rope
114 Egyptian symbol
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119 " _ Day Now" ('62 hit)
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125 "RUNS GREAT!"
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135 Skater Midori
136 Bostonian, for one
137 Paint pigment
138 Link letters?

139 Singer Stevens

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14 Where to spend a
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15 Singer Shore
16 " _ Buck" ('89 film)
17 Little looks
20 Wonderment
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25 Door hardware
27 Shrine site
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34 Czech river
35 Fitzgerald or
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37 "Ulalume" mono-
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38 Teach
40 Dormitory furniture
41 Coup d_ _
42 Cebrity
43 O'Hara's "My

Friend -"
44 Sea plea
45 Sunday best
46 Mobile home
51 Stop on _
52 Gunpowder component
54 MD's area
55 Asian desert
57 Casual fabric
59 Writer Rand
61 Roadway warning
63 Classroom furniture
64 Reverberate
66 Oklahoma city
68 Epoch
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72 Organ features
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In days of old...

By Don Flood

I like to consider myself a Renaissance man — not because of any range of talents, but because I enjoy attending Renaissance fairs.

The fairs seem to be popping up all over the country, but one thing I insist on is authenticity — everything from the frozen cheesecake on a stick to the Renaissance-style burritos.

The games, too, must be authentic, such as Ye Olde Pillow Fight.

My son, age 11 and an aspiring Knight of the Pillow Case, wanted to challenge his old man.

At 44, my best pillow-fighting days are behind me, but I'm not one to turn down a challenge — especially if I think I can win.

Just as in the days of King Arthur, my son and I sat cross-legged from each other on an authentic Renaissance-style log. (It was made from real wood.)

Following the same rules once used by the Knights of the Round Table, we held the pillow with both hands and proceeded to whack the heck out of each other — the object being to knock the other person off the log.

My pillow-fighting skills were a little rusty — when I got married I promised my wife I would hang up my pillow forever — but the thrill of battle brought them back.

I handily smote the Dreaded Black Knight — I mean, my son — with a thunderous thump to the side of the head.

He collapsed in a pile of hay, vanquished forever.

Well, not quite. For two bucks you got three chances,

so the Dreaded Black Knight hopped on the log and attacked me again.

But I smote him the second round too — isn't smote a great word? — thereby winning best of three.

But there was one more challenge.

This time, however, the guy running Ye Olde Pillow Fight — he looked a little like Merlin on a bad hair day — shoved me from behind just as my son delivered a mighty blow.

So I wound up getting smote myself.

Later that night, in the motel room, we re-enacted the epic Battle of the Pillows for my wife. She was very impressed.

(Note to young readers: It is very, very bad to have pillow fights when staying in a motel room, just as it is very, very bad to jump from bed to bed — unless you are re-enacting an authentic medieval battle with your father, who should be well trained and over the age of 40. Then it's OK.)

But while pillow fighting might seem like an archaic pursuit, Renaissance fairs also include activities with modern applications — such as the axe throw.

"We're going to throw axes," one of four women in front of us chirped. She said this the same way she might say, "We're going to look at the shoes."

Naturally, my son wanted to try it too. He's now prepared in case we get attacked by a dragon.

All this activity, naturally, built up quite a thirst.

Ye Olde Diet Pepsi really hit the spot.

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CMS CROSS COUNTRY — Shown in photo, front row from left, Jose Adame, Alberto Hernandez, Ismael Sandoval, Mayra Del Rio, Nancy Dominguez, Rogelio Ramirez, Israel De La Rosa. Back row from left: Denise Varela, Brittny Beltran, Lynn Vasquez, Lisa Isaacks, Martin Ocon, Coach Ruben Galaviz, Rio Gallegos, Britney Wagner, Paola Zamora.

Canutillo Middle School advances in cross country competition

By Alfredo Vasquez
Special to the Courier

UPPER VALLEY — Canutillo Middle School Cross Country Team advanced 11 members to the Lower Valley Conference meet after making a strong showing in the District 2-4A competition held recently at San Elizario High School.

CMS Seventh Grade Boys Team earned district middle school championship honors, and the Seventh Grade Girls Team came in fourth

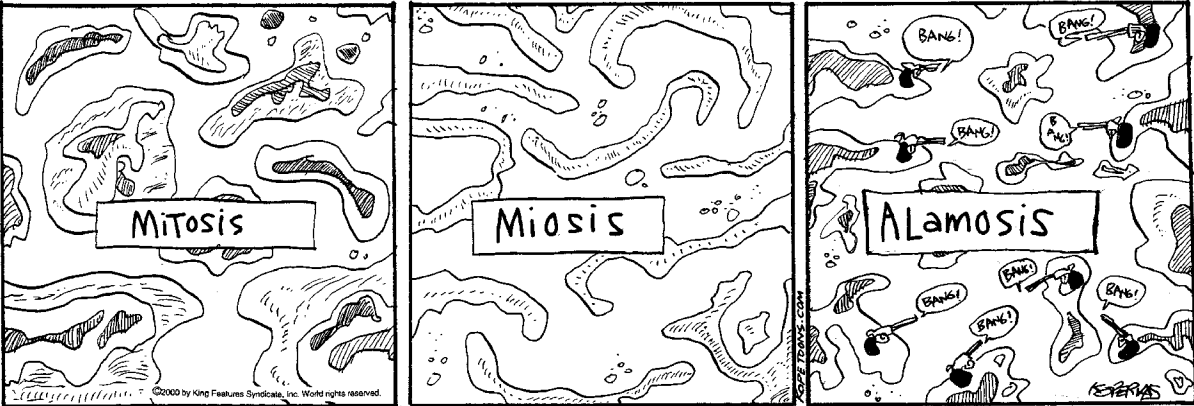
place. Eighth Grade Girls Team also finished fourth. Eighth Grade Boys Team did not place.

Individual runners placing among the top qualifiers were: Seventh graders: Rio Gallegos, third; Ismael Sandoval, second; Carlos Ortiz, fourth; Eighth graders: Israel De La Rosa, sixth; Martin Ocon, seventh; and Mayra Del Rio, eighth.

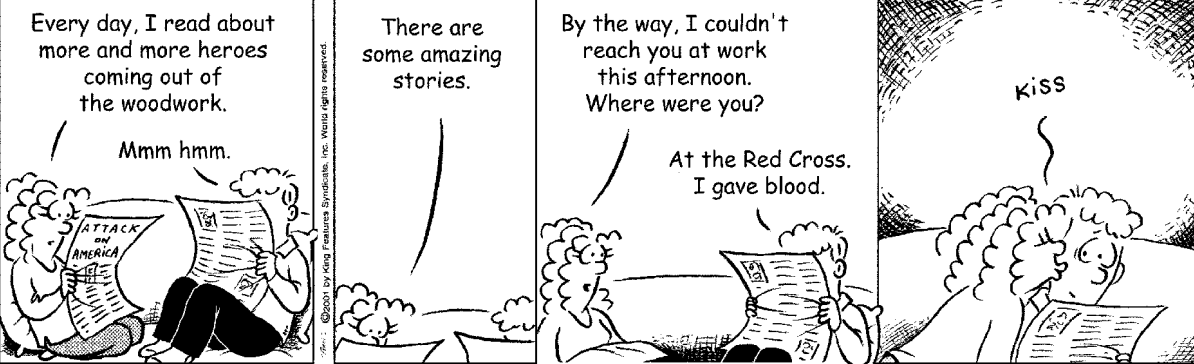
This was the first year that Canutillo Middle School participated in the cross country event. Coach for CMS Cross Country Team is Ruben Galaviz.

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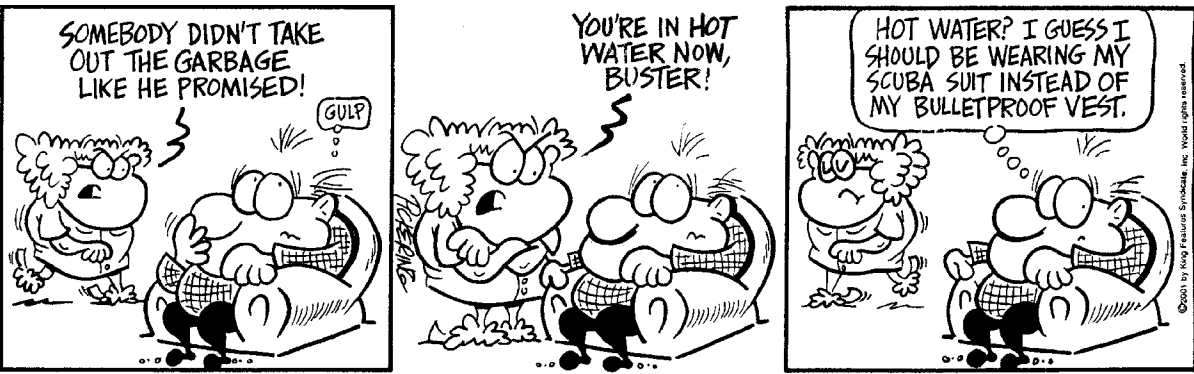
OUT ON A LIMB By Gary Kopervas



GOT A LIFE By Terri Davis



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R.F.D. By Mike Marland



Move

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attack and subsequent bus accident in Tennessee, killing 10 — but two days later the buses were back on the road.

We enjoyed tremendously beautiful weather in Joplin until the night before we left when tornadoes, heavy

rains and wind ripped through the heartland. Our Albuquerque friend saw us off next morning in the rain. His bus would leave later in the afternoon with him riding alone back to New Mexico.

Two days later we got a card from him, thanks a lot and I'm home safe.

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Mariachi Mile

Paso del Norte Health Foundation will sponsor the Fourth Annual Mariachi Mile on Sunday, Oct. 21 at Ascarate Park. The 1.5-mile fun walk marks the end of Walk El Paso 2001; a program designed to inspire residents to start walking at least 20 minutes a day, three times a week. Every quarter mile the walkers will be entertained by mariachis. Registration is free and walkers receive a T-shirt. Entertainment includes jumping balloons for the kids and several agencies will do free health screenings. Registration starts at noon, the walk starts at 2:30 p.m. and the entertainment continues until 6:00 p.m.

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Miguel Teran, and he said the routing will relieve traffic on the main streets of Fabens.

Commissioners hired the Austin law firm of Bickerstaff, Heath, Smiley, Pollan, Kever and McDaniel, which is experienced in handling federal permits the county needs to begin the expansion and construction process. The environmental assessment is being made by Raba-Kistner Consultants (SW), Inc.

Meanwhile, the County's larger

budget reflects \$8.7 million in cost-of-living, step and salary adjustment hikes along with some \$3 million more, including \$25,000 to Sheriff Leo Samaniego and starting salaries up to \$25,410 from \$21,950 for detention officers.

In other major business, the County created a Sports Authority, with three positions; a \$35,000 advertising budget; and \$22,000 for travel under Coliseum Director Brian Kennedy.

MSG Corporation, which has been running the Convention and Visitors Bureau has no sports component. The CVB was financed until recently by both the City of El

Paso and the County — however, the County has withdrawn its support in dissatisfaction with the results.

In another good deed, the court authorized installation of 18 stop signs in the East Montana neighborhood, including one at the Gwendolyn and Big Acacia streets intersection. The signs were requested by Ricardo Salcedo after his sister and wife were involved in nearby, separate traffic accidents in September.

Salcedo had put up temporary, homemade signs, which were unenforceable by the County under law. Now, he said, "Some lighting would make it a little less scary at night."

Horizon City Community Chapel

Sunday School9:45 a.m.
Sunday Service10:45 a.m.
Sunday Yth. Group ...6:00 p.m.
Wed. Night Adult
Bible Study6:30 p.m.

Mr. Dean Pinney, Pastor

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Estudio en Español
Biblico Jueves6:30 p.m.

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







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SEVEN-DAY FORECAST FOR EL PASO

THURSDAY	THUR. NIGHT	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY
							
Sunny and warm.	Clear.	Nice with plenty of sun.	Bright and sunny.	Sunshine and a few clouds.	Mainly sunny.	Sunny.	Abundant sunshine.
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UV INDEX

Statistics for noon.

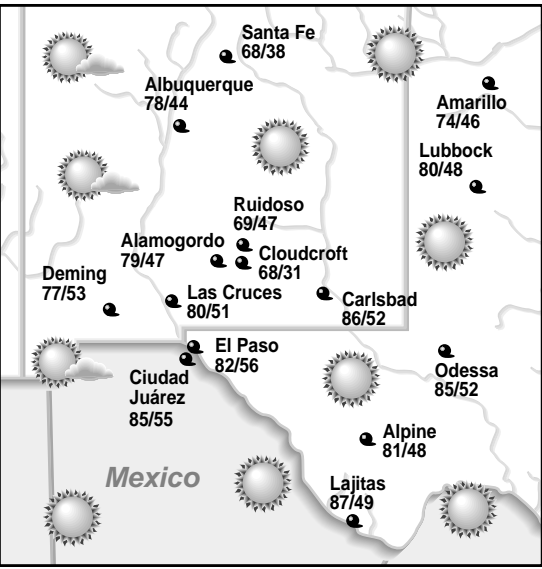
The higher the UV Index, the greater the need for eye and skin protection.

Thursday	7	High
Friday	7	High
Saturday	7	High
Sunday	7	High
Monday	7	High
Tuesday	7	High
Wednesday	7	High

TEXAS WEATHER

Anthony	82	56
Canutillo	83	57
Clint	81	56
E. Montana	82	56
Fabens	81	56
Horizon	83	57
San Elizario	79	53
Socorro	81	55
Tornillo	82	56
Vinton	83	57

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



TRAVELERS CITIES

	Thur.	Fri.	Sat.	Sun.	Mon.
City	Hi/Low/W	Hi/Low/W	Hi/Low/W	Hi/Low/W	Hi/Low/W
Albuquerque	78/44/s	74/42/s	76/44/s	72/44/pc	68/42/s
Atlanta	64/42/s	70/44/s	72/48/s	72/48/s	70/57/s
Atlantic City	60/40/s	68/46/s	68/48/pc	68/50/s	70/50/pc
Austin/San Antonio	78/56/s	82/58/s	80/58/s	78/60/s	78/58/pc
Baltimore	60/36/s	68/46/s	68/46/pc	68/48/s	68/48/pc
Boston	58/42/s	64/48/s	64/48/pc	62/48/pc	62/50/pc
Chicago	62/44/pc	60/46/pc	64/48/pc	66/44/pc	58/38/c
Dallas/Ft. Worth	76/54/s	78/58/s	78/58/pc	78/60/s	76/56/pc
Denver	66/32/pc	70/38/s	74/36/s	62/32/c	56/32/pc
Flagstaff	70/32/s	63/29/s	66/31/s	65/31/s	58/29/s
Houston	78/54/s	80/58/s	80/54/pc	78/58/s	80/56/pc
Kansas City	70/46/s	68/48/s	70/48/s	68/46/s	68/54/pc
Las Vegas	82/56/s	82/56/s	82/56/s	80/54/s	75/45/s
Miami	85/76/sh	87/75/sh	87/75/r	87/76/c	87/75/pc
Minneapolis	56/38/sh	52/34/pc	56/38/sh	54/34/c	54/36/s
New Orleans	70/52/s	76/58/s	78/60/s	78/62/s	80/62/pc
New York City	60/44/s	68/52/s	68/50/pc	66/54/s	68/52/pc
Philadelphia	60/42/s	68/48/s	68/48/pc	66/52/s	68/50/pc
Phoenix	96/65/s	94/65/s	92/65/s	88/63/s	86/63/s
Portland	58/48/c	62/48/c	60/46/pc	62/48/pc	58/44/r
San Francisco	74/52/s	80/54/s	74/54/pc	68/52/pc	66/52/pc
Seattle	56/48/c	58/48/sh	56/46/pc	58/46/c	54/44/r
Tucson	92/56/s	92/58/s	90/58/s	88/56/s	84/56/s
Washington, DC	60/44/s	68/50/s	68/48/pc	68/52/s	70/52/pc

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

AGRICULTURE

An upper-level ridge of high pressure will keep skies sunny right on through the remainder of the week and into the weekend. Drying conditions will be fast today with relative humidity averaging around 25 percent in the afternoon. No rain is in the forecast for the foreseeable future.

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