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NEWSBRIEFS

Americas on top

Socorro ISD's Americas High School is listed in the November edition of *Texas Monthly* magazine as one of the state's best of the best high schools, compared to other Texas high schools with similar student populations. The campus serves about 2,500 students at 12101 Pellicano Drive and is already a "recognized" school by the Texas Education Agency. *Texas Monthly* and the non-profit organization Just For The Kids gathered and assessed data based on the latest TAAS scores, plus social and economic information. James Kelch, principal of Americas, said the kids already know what a great school they attend but that "it's really wonderful to have statewide organizations...recognize us." Statewide and district rankings are available on the internet at www.texasmonthly.com/mag/issues.

New MH/MR board

State Rep. Joe Pickett and Sen. Eliot Shapleigh recently announced a new board is now in place for the El Paso Mental Health - Mental Retardation Community Center, formerly Life Management Center (LMC). A public forum to present a progress report on the redesign of the MH/MR services in El Paso County will be held on Nov. 6, from 10 a.m. to noon, and Nov. 7 from 4-6 p.m. at the Center for Workforce Preparedness at 1359 Lomaland in the Coyote Room — call Douglas Barker, project manager, at 782-6396 for information. The city appointees are James B. Herendeen, Ph.D., William Boushka, M.D., and Claudia Gallardo. The county appointees are Rosemary Neill, Carla Olivarez, and Leo DiValentino. The El Paso County Hospital District appointees are Fred Arellano, Ricardo Chafino, and Debra Garcia. The board is the result of a first-ever interlocal agreement between the county, city, and hospital district. The board will be officially seated by the end of November.

In other news

■ The El Paso Community College Board of Trustees and the Canutillo ISD Board of Trustees will hold a special joint meeting on Monday, Nov. 5, at the EPCC Northwest Campus, 6701 South Desert Blvd., to discuss future cooperation and a partnership between the two entities. For information call 831-2182.

■ Montwood Middle School will host a holiday extravaganza on Dec. 1 from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Arts and crafts; jewelry, dancing, music and more are on the schedule. Tables for vendors are still available. Call Matilde Garcia, 856-2446, for further information.

■ Local radio station KSII-93.1 is promoting patriotism by featuring members of selected area classrooms saying the Pledge of Allegiance on the air each morning. Oct. 25 was the day for Mrs. Rodriguez' kindergarten class at Lorenzo G. Loya Primary in San Elizario to take a

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We used to fear God. Now we fear our fellow man.

— Quips and Quotes

Tornillo scholars given tickets to success from TSU



TICKETS TO SUCCESS — Winning scholars are shown from left, front row: Abel Avila, Wendy Duran and Israel Trejo. Back row, from left is THS Principal Ray Aguilar; State Rep. Manny Najera; Tornillo Superintendent Donna Smith; Tornillo Counselor Ed Lafferty; and TSU representatives Veronica De la Fuente and Dwight Boykins.

TORNILLO — Three students from Tornillo High School have a much brighter future ahead thanks to a recruitment effort in the border area by the Texas Southern University's Office of Governmental Affairs and Community Relations.

The effort, designed to increase Mexican-American enrollment at the University, resulted in the students receiving a scholarship that will cover the entire cost of tuition and fees for 12 semester hours — renewable each semester based on the student's continued academic achievement.

Abel Avila, Wendy Duran and Israel Trejo qualified for the award by maintaining grade point averages of 3.0 or better.

The scholarships were presented in a special ceremony Oct. 10 by TSU officials Dwight Boykins and Veronica Delafuente, assisted by State Rep. Manny Najera.

"We are committed to the concept of diversity and our campus reflects that commencement by providing quality education to any student deserving one," Boykins said.

"I am very proud of these students at Tornillo High School and am glad that TSU decided to come to our area to scout for qualified students," Najera said. "These students are very lucky."

Canutillo beautification project receives boost from area businessmen



— Photo by Alfredo Vasquez

REALLY BIG CHECK — Businessman Tedd Richardson, left, presented \$5,000 to Childress Elementary to expand a beautification project. Also shown from left is Congressman Silvestre Reyes, Childress Principal Annette Brigham and Canutillo Superintendent Charles Hart.

By Don Woodyard
Courier Staff Writer

UPPER VALLEY — Several benefactors of the Canutillo community were honored Monday morning at Childress Elementary in the Canutillo ISD, hosted by 16th District Congressman Silvestre Reyes.

Among the honorees was businessman Tedd Richardson, who gave a check for \$5,000 to Childress Principal Annette Brigham, to further the school's long-term campus beautification/landscaping program.

"With Mr. Richardson's generous donation, we will be able to install exercise equipment along our new jogging path and maybe build a musical gazebo," said Carroll De La O, a fifth-grade teacher and beautification project coordinator. De La O took over the project from retired Childress sixth-grade teacher Diane Kyriss who started the project in 1997 with Service Learning grant funds.

De La O hopes to use some of the money to build a butterfly garden in front of the school.

Richardson wasn't the only one honored for

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East Montana Middle School given prestigious state honor

By Debra Dominguez
Special to the Courier

EAST EL PASO COUNTY — The Clint Independent School District's East Montana Middle School was selected Friday as one of only 13 junior high and middle schools in the state to be named to the Texas Business and Education Coalition/Just for the Kids 2001 Honor Roll.

The TBEC/JFTK Honor Roll is the most prestigious award for sustained, whole-school academic excellence in Texas. It recognizes consistent performance from schools rated by the Texas Education Agency (TEA) as "exemplary" or "recognized" for three years — schools that have excellent performance in each grade in each subject.

It is the next step beyond the current accountability system, the one-year "Star" snapshot outlined in the recent Texas Monthly article and

the Blue Ribbon school, in which schools must apply for recognition.

"To have EMMS recognized at this level is not only an indication of successful teaching but a validation that the school and school district is dedicated to excellence in education," Clint ISD Superintendent Sylvester Perez said.

The Texas Business and Education Coalition was formed in 1989 to bring business and education leaders together in a long-term effort to improve the performance of the Texas public school system. TBEC, which has gained national acclaim for its education reform accomplishments, has influenced the direction of state education policy and stimulated community-based school improvement activities because of the active involvement and volunteer efforts of its many business and education supporters.

Just for the Kids (JFTK) is a non-profit organization that takes the state's Texas Assessment of Academic Skills (TAAS) test to the

next level. For the TAAS, the state requires that more than 80 percent of the students score a passing grade of 70 on the Texas Learning Index (TLI) to be considered recognized.

"JFTK, however, raises the bar by ranking the campuses on an 85 TLI instead of the 70," Olivia Campos, Clint ISD Assistant Superintendent said. "Eighty-five being the measuring figure that TEA and JFTK call the proficiency level."

"JFTK also looks at the Achievement Gap," she said. "That is the difference in performance of economically disadvantaged students when grouped with similar schools. It takes the highest performing school in that group and compares it to the lowest in that same group. The difference is that gap which needs to be narrowed."

East Montana Middle School, located at

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One perspective

By Francis Shrum

It's not gone in the morning

HORIZON — It is a nightmare that doesn't go away when you wake up. Even our children are dreaming it.

The *Courier* has been getting these letters and poems — in the mail, shoved under the door — written pieces of people trying to make sense of Sept. 11 and the ensuing nightmare of white powdered anthrax and national terrorism alerts.

San Elizario poet Beatrice Cantu — no stranger to gritty, haunting verse — expresses it this way:

*The hurts are unbearable, unbelievable
Sept. 11, 2001!
When we all whine on the number nine
On a Tuesday day...*

Some of the correspondence is full of faith and hope, like this excerpt from a beautiful, flowing poem by Veronica Esparza:

*In the midst of the presence of evil
We fear not
The time for faith is at hand
To join as one nation
To overcome this mayhem...
Our country overflows with love and unity
As Americans we are sincere
We represent Freedom, Honor and Liberty*

Some of it echoes a terrible certainty that our future will not be what we as a nation had hoped it would — that our national consciousness must face a new reality fraught with fear, uncertainty, and global consequence. Writes Orlando Prieto, a 7th grader at Clint Jr. High:

The events in the future will probably be continued fighting against the Afghans. The Afghans are going to be our enemies for the rest of our lives, and Osama bin Laden is going to be the "World's Most Wanted" forever. I fear that the terrorists will go for the Empire State Building in the

future.

My feelings are sad and I wish this tragedy did not happen at all. To me, this was the most tragic act of all mankind. I also feel angry...

Some of it is heartrending when you realize it comes from a middle school student who, instead of thinking about plowshares, is being forced to focus on military strategy. Says Al Castillo, CJHS 8th grader:

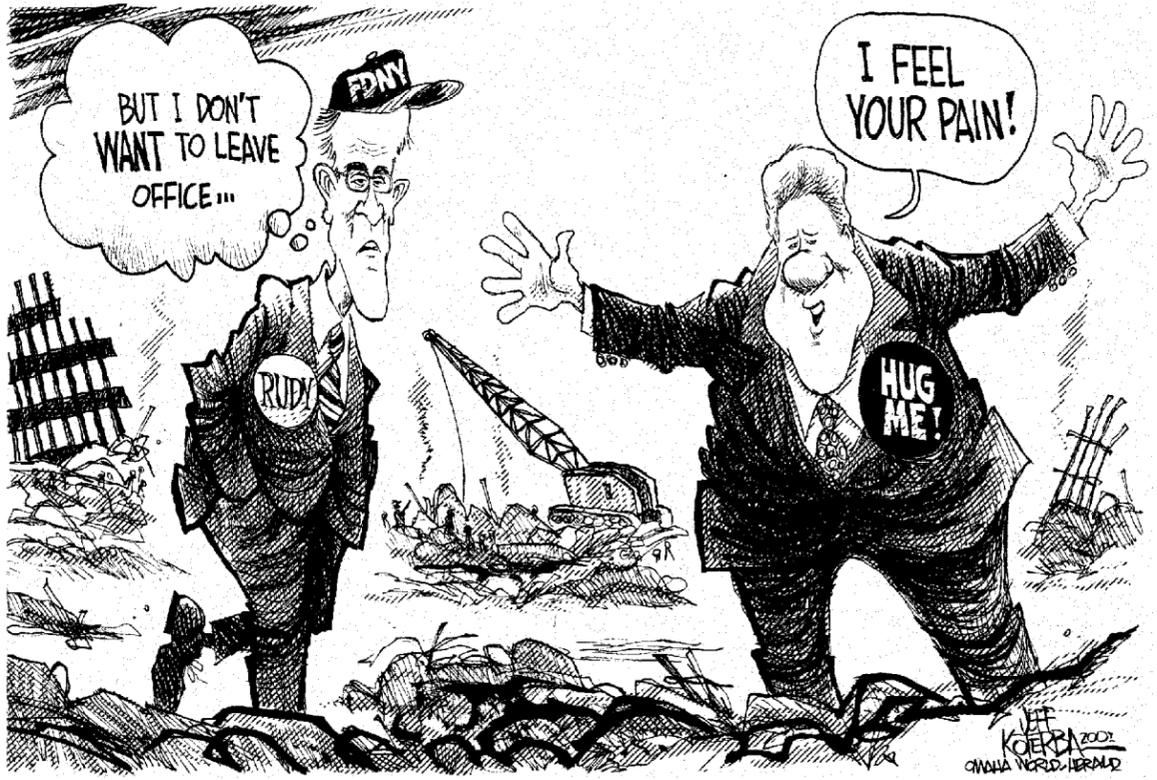
As more and more days have passed, there is still no sign of Osama bin Laden. My personal opinion is that the President is doing the right thing to send troops to find bin Laden. I think that to defeat this man, we have to plan very carefully. But at the same time, we should be very considerate of the poor and innocent people that live in the Middle East. My personal feeling about being at war is that this is a horrible incident and that all of my life has changed in some way, shape, or form...

We are not the first nation, nor will we be the last, to suffer at the hand of evil. Ours are not the first children, artists, writers, and poets to lament national loss and nameless suffering.

It's just that we are so new at it. Unlike many cultures, our young people are still filled with confidence, with the certainty that our nation can defeat any enemy, any adversary. Lisa Eveler, an 8th grader at CJHS, expresses it thus:

And now, in the United States, anywhere you go, you'll see an American flag... I think the only thing I know for sure is that we have to find the person or persons who did this. As our President Bush said, "Today freedom was attacked by a faceless coward." I think this is the best summary for all that has been happening. Hopefully, in the near future, we will all still be closely united and work together to get over this tragic,

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

Getting our economy back on track

The ramifications of the September 11th terrorist attack are too many to count. Thousands of lives were taken and millions of others have been deeply affected. As if things aren't tough enough,

our economy has also been badly bruised.

Hundreds of thousands of Americans are hurting economically through no fault of their own. Our nation needs an economic boost now more than ever.

We all understand that there is nothing anyone can do or say to bring back the lives lost. But what we can do is work to rebuild and get back on track. And that's exactly what your Congress intends to do.

Last week, I voted on a package of legislation that will help all taxpaying Americans. The Economic Security and Recovery Act is going to offer immediate help for our nation's economy. The package will provide a \$100 billion economic stimulus and is projected to create 167,000 new jobs. The best news is that we're going to expedite this legislation. Once it's passed by the Senate and approved by President Bush, it will become immediately effective.

A key component of the plan includes accelerating the income tax relief that became law earlier this year. We're also going to see that people who received partial tax rebates under this spring's tax relief bill will have their rebates increased to the full \$300 for individuals and \$600 for married couples. And those people who filed a tax return in 2000, but were not eligible in the previous round, will now get their payment of either \$300 or \$600. This means real savings for people across the board.

The Economic Stimulus package will also help the states with unemployment benefits. Many Americans have lost their jobs as a result of the September 11th tragedy. We

need to ensure that states have the ability to cover anyone who needs health and unemployment benefits. We're also going to allow deductions for capital losses for individuals. The current \$3,000 deduction will be increased for two years. It will be raised to \$4,000 in the first year and then \$5,000 in the second. This will allow people who have suffered losses in the current economic environment to minimize the impact of their losses.

We all know that small businesses helped build America. The stimulus legislation is going to help take care of small business owners in the wake of these devastating events. Congress wants to allow additional expensing for small businesses. They will be able to write off even more of their capital investments — \$35,000 annually for two years. That money can be directly invested in paying salaries and keeping their business afloat through tough economic times.

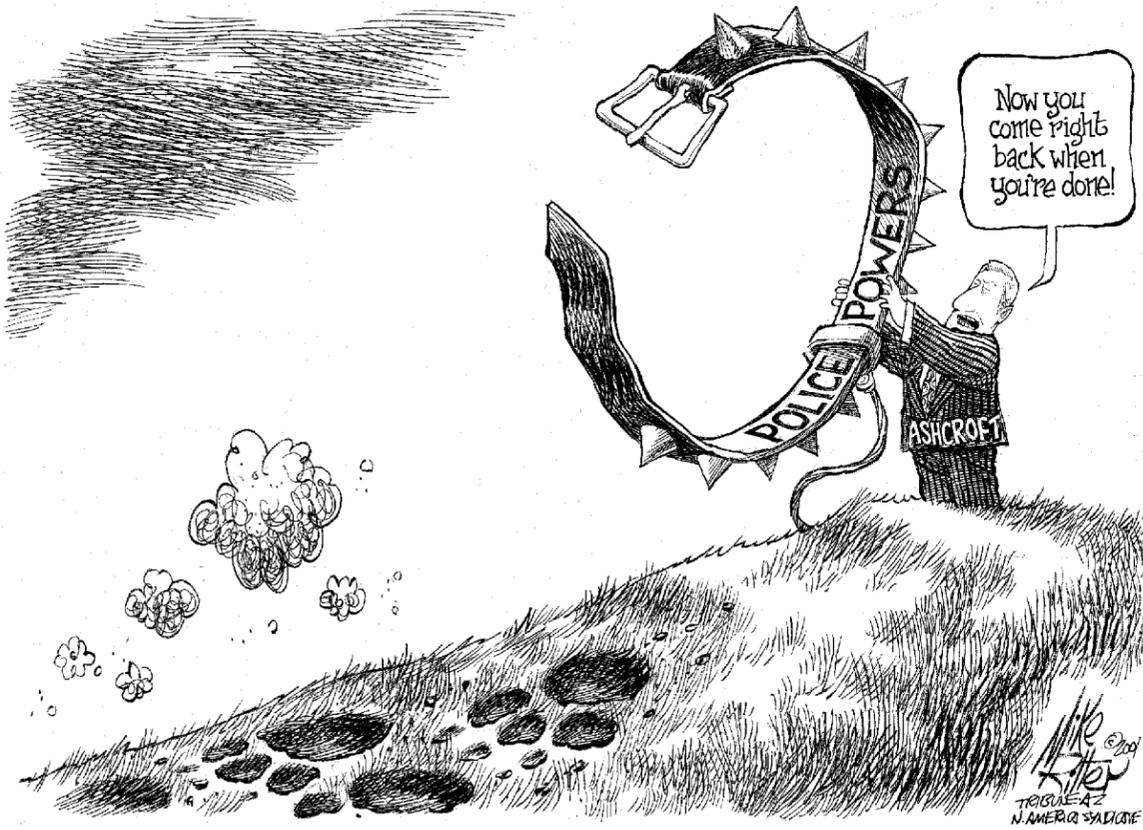
The economic package we have proposed is a major step toward regaining a healthy economy. Each of the components will help us stimulate different areas of the economy and promote growth and jobs.

Above and beyond what we're doing in Congress, I encourage each of you to get back to the shopping malls, head back to the grocery stores and visit your favorite sporting events. The holidays are just around the corner. Purchase some of your holiday gifts a few weeks early. Each of you have the power and ability to help stimulate our nation's economy. All hands need to be on deck — we all have the ability to help.

Our economy has weathered turbulence in the past during times of war and peace. But a sound, reasoned economic growth package — coupled with the trust and assistance of the American people — will put us back on track toward prosperity. God bless each of you, and God bless America!



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Reyes Reports

By U.S. Rep. Silvestre Reyes



Protecting ourselves from future attacks

Last week as many of you know, my office in Washington, DC was closed due to possible anthrax exposure. Anthrax spores were found in three of the offices in our building, but luckily none were found in my office. My staff and I have continued to work for the 16th district of Texas. Though our office has been closed, we have set up shop at the GAO building, other member's offices, and in the capitol and vicinity. My staff have done a spectacular job even though they have been without our office.

After the attacks on September 11, the Homeland Security Task Force was established, and I was appointed as one of the members of the Task Force. The members immediately met and decided it was necessary to draft the Bio-Terrorism Protection Act. During the last couple of weeks our nation has continued to be terrorized by some who wish to weaken us, to destroy us. While the House buildings and Capitol were closed, the Homeland Security Task Force continued to meet. We have drafted the Bio-Terrorism Protection Act so that America can be safe from and prepared for future biological attacks.

Immediately following the September 11 attacks I met with leaders in El Paso to discuss what needed to be done to make sure that our city is protected and prepared to respond to any attacks including bio-terrorist attacks. After working for many hours with other members of Congress, I am pleased to see that we were able to include in our bill many of the requests that the El Paso community had. It is important that El Paso is equipped to respond to any possible bio-terrorism attacks.

The Bio-Terrorism Protection Act provides \$600 million to train and equip health personnel and first responders to provide assistance, antibiotics, and vaccines to attack victims. It also improves the communication networks so that health professionals can limit the spread of disease. The hospitals and clinics in El Paso and throughout the nation are in need of antibiotics and vaccines.

We included \$643 million dollars to go towards making sure that the stockpile is increased so that everyone who needs treatment will be able to receive it.

The Bio-Terrorism Protection Act also provides funding for additional law enforcement personnel at the Federal, State, and local level. Currently there are not enough agents and inspectors to completely monitor our nation's border. This leaves us vulnerable in certain areas. This bill increases the size of the United States Border Patrol for the northern and southern border to 15,000 by 2003 and increases Customs Inspectors at our Ports of Entry.

In addition to an increase in enforcement personnel, this bill also includes enhanced technology that will further aid enforcement agents in detecting illicit cargo and undesirables attempting to enter the United States. With cutting edge biometrics and other new technologies we can create a safer, more efficient, and less subjective, law enforcement system that will ease current burdens on commerce along the border and throughout the nation. In El Paso, we have seen a 50% decrease in business. More agents and better technology will not only keep our nation safe, but it will also ease the strain the border communities have had to shoulder.

This bio-terrorism bill will secure our borders on land and at sea, protect our food and water, and equip our communities with the resources it needs to prevent and respond to bio-terrorism. This bill, must be passed by Congress soon.

Since September 11, families throughout the nation have been concerned with what may happen next. We are all more cautious and more alert, but we are also stronger, more united, something I am certain the terrorists never expected. We are ready to do whatever it takes to make sure that this nation is safe from future attacks and bio-terrorism. This bill is one more step we need to take to strengthen and protect our nation, so that we can move forward and continue to live the American dream.

View from the porch By Linda Mussehl

Technocentric myopia



Sometimes I just hate it when I'm right.

Several weeks ago we saw on the news that humanitarian food drops would accompany the bombing of Afghanistan. They showed the yellow packets that were to drop from the sky upon the hungry people of Afghanistan. The packets were manufactured to contain 2,200 "culturally sensitive" calories: two thermostabilized vegetarian entrees based on lentils, beans and rice, plus bread, fruit bar, fortified crackers and peanut butter.

It all sounded so good, so smart — so noble, almost — of us to give *zakah*, alms, to the poor Afghans.

I told Pardner at the time, "Well, at least the Afghani livestock will eat well for a while. I can just hear it now: 'Kids, after dark you sneak this mess down and feed it to the neighbor's goat. If it lives three days, then we'll try it on our goat.'"

Later we saw another news segment of the peanut butter being squeezed onto the ground, the yellow packages stacked for sale in the local market and, yes, livestock chowing down on our charity. The tone of the newscast was one of patronizing disbelief that "those people" would actually waste our largesse.

It always amazes me how nearsighted we in the West are when it comes to understanding other cultures. Why did we expect any other outcome?

Imagine an Afghan widow in her twenties. She was a child during the Soviet invasion of Afghanistan, when toys and candy — concealing small anti-personnel mines — rained from the sky. Because she is isolated, her understanding of the world is determined by tradition and word of mouth. Why do we think she

would recognize our manufactured equivalent of food as actually being edible, know how to use it, and then trust it enough to actually feed it to her children?

If she does trust the food, rumor will soon convince her otherwise. The Indian Mutiny of 1857 was triggered by such technocentric thinking when the British blithely introduced new Enfield rifles for use by their Hindu and Moslem *sepoys* (soldiers).

High-tech weaponry of its time, the Enfield had a self-contained, heavily greased paper cartridge holding both ball and powder charge. The end of the cartridge had to be bitten off before it was rammed down the muzzle of the rifle. Whether true or not (it's still unclear today), local rumor said that the cartridges were greased with a mixture of beef (sacred to Hindus) and pork (abhorrent to Moslems) fat. Those fomenting the mutiny passed the word that the cartridges would cause the Hindus to lose caste and defile the Moslems.

Pretty canny psych-ops. Can we expect the Moslem extremists in Afghanistan today to do less than their militant forefathers?

How much more effective would our altruism be if we could deliver food that looks like trustworthy food — wheat, rice, chickpeas, lentils, figs and dried apricots, and small containers of ghee. Instead of plastic packaging, think of the propaganda value of stout cotton bags that could be recycled into tents, clothing and bedding.

Maybe, long-term at least, we will put a little protein in the people's bellies anyway. I wonder if the government staffers have consulted animal husbandry experts to calculate goats' conversion rate of peanut butter?

TRUE TEXAS FACTS by Roger Moore November 2, 1949,
The Daughters of the Republic of Texas become
custodians of the French Legation.





OLYMPIAD CHAMPS — First place champions from Clarke Middle School are shown from left: Magaly Fierro, Laura Gamez, Pete Gallardo and Daniel Grieb.

Learning Olympiad comes to Socorro ISD

EAST EL PASO COUNTY — Middle school students in Socorro ISD participated in a Learning Olympiad the week of Sept. 10-14. The Learning Olympiad culminated in a final competition, on September 20. Gifted and talented students at four area middle schools, John O. Ensor, Capt. Walter E. Clarke, Montwood, and Socorro middle schools all competed in a day-long series of academically oriented activities.

Students were challenged to apply their knowledge in a team atmosphere to solve hands-on problems in the visual arts, writing, geography and history, mathematics, and science. Students learned and experienced the real challenge of working as a team. The three

winning teams from each of the four schools during the first week met at John O. Ensor Middle School on Sept. 20 for another day-long series of challenges.

Capt. Walter E. Clarke took the top three winning places for the district.

A special thanks goes to the Horizon Kiwanas and parents at all the schools for their support, organizers said. The Horizon Kiwanas provided each member of the winning teams with saving bonds. Parents at John O. Ensor Middle School prepared a luscious cake and gave service with a smile to all participants at the final competition. Plans are now being made to have all middle schools participate next year.

— Contributed by Lynne DeLeon

EMMS

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3490 Ascension Rd., will be awarded and inducted into the TBEC/JFTK Honor Roll Nov. 14 at the TBEC VIP Briefing and Awards Luncheon in Dallas.

El Paso Times President and TBEC

Committee Member Mack Quintana led a small team representing industry, business and education for a half-day visit of EMMS on Oct. 22 to evaluate the campus.

"It's a great honor for EMMS parents, teachers, students and Clint ISD to have a campus selected for the Just for the Kids 2001 Honor Roll," EMMS Principal Robert Mendoza said. "I am very proud."

View from here by Bernardo Fresquez

Proposed Charter will be of great benefit to El Pueblo de Socorro

SOCORRO — This is the fourth attempt by this City to adopt a new City Charter. As in the past, some of the Charter Commission members have worked diligently to overcome the obstacles put in its path by our local politicians.

As in the past, the Charter Commission secretary was used by the Administration to try to frustrate the creation of this vital document. A private, truly competent and unbiased, executive secretary should have been used to insure the proper composition of the document, as I suggested to Mr. Richard. Ortiz, the Charter President.

Some of the Commission members, such as Irma Sanchez, Martha Trujillo and others were extremely courageous and conscientious about the proper composition of the document. Half of the Charter Commission members never, or very rarely, attended the meetings. Their concern seems to have been to fill the position so that someone else could not.

The new Charter offers us the following characteristics that place it in a totally new and better position than we have been in the past with our old Charter.

The new Charter has:

- An article that provides for referendum and recall. This means that if one of our duly elected politicians is perceived to be promoting individual interests rather than the good of the community he can be thrown out of office by petition of the citizenry.

- A less greedy pay scale for our Councilmen. It is truly a sad realization that a great many, if not the majority, of the politicians across the nation are out for their own enrichment, rather than the good of the community. However, since our City is in one of the poorer sections of the country, a salary that matches the salary paid to the Councilmen by some of the larger cities in the nation is obscene. Yet some Commission members, who probably hope to get reelected and benefit from the high salaries that were proposed, pushed very hard for that during the course of the creation of the Charter. At least they were trying to do a crony favor. Lower, affordable salaries in-

creases the probability that we will get Councilmen who are not there just for the salary but for the good of the whole Community.

- The Charter creates a City with a City Manager. This means goodbye to Councilmen who are heads of the Departments of the City. A huge temptation for conflict of interest activities on the part of the Councilmen, as we have seen in the past, is thus removed. These shenanigans will probably continue, but it will be much harder for them to get away with it.

- The Charter provides for better Council representation from the whole City, through single member districts. With a Councilman being elected from a pre-decided section of the City, *el compadrisimo* that has characterized our City since its renovation will be much more difficult.

- The City of Socorro has paid out enormous amounts of money for lawsuits brought against it. These lawsuits have come about because of the administrative incompetence of our City government. Because of this, our taxes will probably skyrocket if the Charter is not passed. Already one of our Councilmen has stated that they will probably double. He probably will try to run for Mayor. Why? Because if the new Charter is not passed, the politicians will know that they can continue business as usual, get themselves out of the disgusting mess they are in, at our cost, as they have done in the past with the old, tiny Charter. One of our City semi-officials with a vested interest in maintaining the status quo, kept insisting on a small Charter during the Commission sessions. I'm sure it could not be because this will allow a certain City employee greater latitude. As a side note, fellow citizens. Be aware that the Civil Service section of the Charter is iron clad. We will never be able to fire any employee for incompetence, malfeasance or any other garbage they choose to pull. What a coincidence, huh?

- Nepotism is rampant in our administrative and employee ranks. It is specifically addressed and legislated against in the new Charter. The

situation where you have a father and a son in different areas of politics within the same geographical area, although allowed by the law, is an extremely good example of very bad government in our City, even if the father runs around coaching the son in order to keep him from putting his foot in his mouth as he did during the drafting of the Charter. Witness what happened in the national elections in Florida. The fact is that the son doesn't know enough about government to know that it was illegal to try to promote his private business to the Charter Commission while the formulation of the Charter was in progress and *as a member* of the Commission. This is called corrupt and incompetent government.

There are many more reasons why the new Charter is a must for our community and why *some people* don't want it. They are actively campaigning against it already, as they have in the past. With the new Charter, this community will have a chance to provide itself with some *real* leadership and get itself out from under the incompetence that the previous administrators have imposed on it since the City was revived. Fortunately, we have recently rid ourselves of two of these administrators. The same will happen to those who continue their quality of "leadership," particularly with the help of the new Charter.

As a member of this community, who attended most of the Commission meetings as a private citizen, I have seen the corruption of our Administration at its best, I hope. I speak, therefore, from personal observation, not from hearsay and rumor. I urge you in the strongest terms, therefore, to go out on election day and vote the Charter in. If we don't adopt the Charter as our defense against those in political power, we will only see the administration get worse.

Without the Charter, those in power will know there is nothing to stop them from doing exactly what they please and what is to their benefit. Then we will truly have the government we deserve, for we have been unwilling to do anything about it.

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The Rio Grande Council of Governments (RGCOG), in cooperation with the TNRCC, announces the availability of Municipal Solid Waste Grant Funding for FY 2002.

Local units of government including cities, counties, public schools and school districts, and special districts with municipal solid waste responsibility may apply for funding for projects and activities including: waste reduction/recycling; local enforcement; litter and illegal dumping cleanup; educational and training projects; household hazardous waste events; citizens' collection stations; small transfer stations; community collection events; and technical studies.

Activities funded under this program must promote cooperation be-

tween public and private entities; must not be otherwise readily available; and must not create a competitive advantage over a private business that provides a recycling or solid waste service.

Applications for grant funding will be available on Nov. 1 and are due by Dec. 10. Copies of the request for project applications and the application form may be obtained from the RGCOG at 1100 N. Stanton Street, Ste. 610, El Paso, TX 79902. For more information, call Barbara Kauffman at (915) 533-0998. WTCC-11/01/01

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CSP NO.199-1109-0214
FRIDAY, NOV. 09, 2001, 2:30 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-11/01/01

SOCORRO INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT
Invitation to Bid/ Respond:

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times:
RADIO COMMUNICATION EQUIPMENT
CSP NO.199-1109-1083
FRIDAY, NOV. 09, 2001, 10:30 A.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-11/01/01

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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.

Alcoholicos Anónimos Grupo Paso Del Norte sesiones lunes a sábado, a 8-9 de la tarde, 8501 Kingsway, Westway. 886-4948 para informacion.

Persons who have a problem with alcohol are offered a free source of help locally. Alcoholics Anonymous Group 8 de Enero meets at 15360 Horizon Blvd. in Horizon

City on Mondays through Saturdays at 8 p.m. Call 859-0484 for information.

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

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Assistance sought to help solve rash of burglaries

Horizon police urge formation of neighborhood watch programs

HORIZON — Due to a recent increase in home burglaries in Horizon City, the Horizon City Police Department are asking that all citizens keep their eyes and ears open for suspicious activity — and urging the formation of citizen watch groups to help protect individual neighborhoods.

Officer Joe Alvarez said a neighborhood watch program does not mean that residents confront suspects themselves.

“HCPD is asking for assistance in apprehending the individuals involved in several burglaries which occurred in the Horizon Heights area within the past month,” he said. “If you experience any suspicious activity in your neighborhood, call 546-2280 or dial 911. Do not confront any

suspects. Just call (the numbers).”

He said anyone can be a victim of crime, despite the best precautions, but that there are steps that can reduce vulnerability — namely banding together in connection with local law enforcement agencies to prevent crime before it happens.

The National Neighborhood Watch program is a community-based program that’s been proven to deter crime, he said. Founded by the National Sheriff’s Association in 1972, it has become the standard in crime-prevention with neighbor looking after neighbor.

Officer Alvarez said the program is easy to get started by a few concerned residents, a community organization or a law enforcement agency

— and practically anyone can participate, young and old, single or married, renter or home-owner.

Law enforcement work with the group to show how homes can be made more secure, how to recognize suspicious activity and how to report it. Groups can be formed in any geographical area, including a residential block, and apartment building, a park, business area or housing complex.

Alvarez emphasized that watch groups are not vigilantes — they simply serve as the eyes and ears to report crime to proper law enforcement and to assist neighbors.

He added that interested persons can contact the HCPD with questions or for assistance at 852-1047.

Canutillo

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helping the school.

Frank Reyes, operations manager of King’s Building Co., was recognized for the company’s donation of \$3,000 of in-kind services (materials and labor) for the construction of patio canopies in the park area to the rear of the school.

The Reyes family was well represented at the event.

The Reyes of King’s Building is a younger brother of Congressman Reyes. The congressman’s daughter, Monica Reyes, is assistant principal at Childress. Frank represented another brother, Jesus (Chuy) Reyes, owner of the company, who was out of town.

More than 100 fifth and sixth graders attended the brief ceremonies in the corner of the playground behind the school. Band teacher Albert Saenz played “America the Beautiful” on the trumpet and was accompanied by a school choir.

“We are blessed by Tedd Richardson,” Congressman Reyes said, “a guardian angel for the community. He makes a difference in education. He does things without thought of personal recognition. He doesn’t do it to glorify himself.”

Richardson in turn praised the Canutillo-born congressman as “Mr. America,” for his work, along with the efforts of other national leaders, in dealing with the terroristic threats to the nation following the Sept. 11 tragedy.

Challenging the Childress students to excel, Richardson added, “I hope to see someone from Canutillo as President some day.”

With Service Learning grant funding, the learning experience is extended from the classroom to the outdoors. Students apply what they have learned in the classroom to real life situations, such as using math to measure and compute the size of garden plots. Teachers and students have planted more than 100 trees, planted several flower gardens, built a jogging path, installed playground equipment and built a wildlife habitat.

Social Security: Q & A by Ray Vigil

Q. Will I have to pay taxes on my Social Security retirement benefits?

A. If you file a federal tax return as an individual and your adjusted gross income, nontaxable interest and one-half of your Social Security benefits is between \$25,000 and \$34,000, you may have to pay taxes on 50 percent of your benefits. If your combined income is above \$34,000, up to 85 percent of your benefits is subject to income tax. If you file a joint return, you may have to pay taxes on 50 percent of your benefit if you and your spouse have a combined income between \$32,000 and \$44,000. If the combined income is more than \$44,000, up to 85 percent of your

benefits is subject to income tax.

Q. My Social Security card says “Not Valid for Employment.” I just got permission to work from the Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS). Will I get a new number, or should I apply for a new number?

A. To work you need to apply for a replacement Social Security card. The new card has the same number as your current card, but will not show the legend iNot Valid For Employment. To apply for a replacement card, complete Form SS-5, Application for a Social Security Card. Get the application at www.ssa.gov/online/ss-5.html, call

1-800-772-1213 or visit your local Social Security office and ask for the application.

Q. Someone told me that there’s a Social Security website for kids. Why do kids need to know about Social Security?

A. It’s important to teach our children the basic concepts behind Social Security. It teaches them the value of saving and the importance of planning for the future. Teaching these values at an early age will help them to be prepared when the time comes for them to make financial decisions. Check out our kid’s page at www.ssa.gov/kids/kids.htm.

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PUBLIC NOTICE CITY OF SOCORRO, TEXAS

PROCLAMATION OF NOVEMBER AS FAIR HOUSING MONTH

WHEREAS Title VIII of the Civil Rights Act of 1968, as amended, prohibits discrimination in housing and declares it a national policy to provide, within constitutional limits, for fair housing in the United States; and

WHEREAS The principle of Fair Housing is not only national law and national policy, but a fundamental human concept and entitlement for all Americans; and

WHEREAS The thirty-second anniversary of this National Fair Housing Law, was during the month of April, provides an opportunity for all Americans to recognize that complete success in the goal of equal housing opportunity can only be accomplished with the help and cooperation of all Americans.

NOW, THEREFORE, WE, the City Council of the City of Socorro, do proclaim November as Fair Housing Month in the City of Socorro and do hereby urge all the citizens of this locality to become aware of and support the Fair Housing law.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF we have affixed our signatures and seal on this the 2nd day of November 2001.

Amado D. Padilla
 Mayor

Witness:
Tere Rodriguez
 Interim City Clerk

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PUBLIC NOTICE CITY OF SOCORRO, TEXAS

Local Law Enforcement Block Grant

The City of Socorro will hold a public hearing at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, Nov. 1, 2001 in the City Council Chamber at Socorro City Hall, 124 S. Horizon Blvd., in regard to the use of Local Law Enforcement Block Grant Program funds approved by the Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA). The purpose of this public hearing is to allow citizens an opportunity to discuss the proposed use of these funds. The City encourages citizens to participate and make their views known at this public hearing. Citizens unable to attend this meeting may submit their views to Teresa Rodriguez, Interim City Clerk.

Persons with disabilities that wish to attend this meeting should contact City Hall to arrange for assistance. Individuals who require auxiliary aids or services for this meeting should contact City Hall so that appropriate arrangements can be made.

The City of Socorro promotes Fair Housing/Affirmative Action and Equal Employment Opportunity.

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City of Horizon City PUBLIC NOTICE

A PUBLIC HEARING will be held at **6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, November 13, 2001** during the **Regular City Council Meeting** at City Hall, 14999 Darrington Road, Horizon City, Texas. Purpose of the public hearing is to allow any interested persons to appear and testify regarding the following proposed ordinances:

- 1) Ordinance No. 0089, Amendment 004 for FY 2001 to amend the budget for the purchase of furniture for the Police Department;
- 2) Proposed Rescinding Ordinance to Sign Ordinance No. 0091 to include changes that were not previously included for the Town of Horizon City, Texas.

Those who are unable to attend may submit their views in writing to the City Clerk of Horizon City. Ordinances are too extensive to print. Ordinances are always available for viewing or copying upon request from the City Clerk at the above address.

Sandra Sierra
 City Clerk

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Upstart Americas High putting heat on the 'big boys'

By Steve Escajeda
Special to the Courier

It's taken the El Paso County high school football season a few weeks to get back to normal since the cancellation of games in the week after the tragic events of September 11.

And most of the usual suspects are at, or near, the top of the district standings with just two weeks left in the season.

And of all the weeks of football played to date, this Friday's games are the most crucial and will, in all likelihood, decide three of the four district championships.

It could also decide, once and for all, which is the best team in the city, Franklin, Address or Del Valle.

In the most anticipated matchup of the season, the Address Eagles (6-1) could sew up the District 1-5A title when they host the 14th ranked team in Texas, the Franklin Cougars (7-0).

This game will feature two of the best players in the city. Quarterback Jamar Ransom, without question, is El Paso's most valuable player. No team relies on a single player to lead them to victory as much as the Eagles rely on Ransom.

Franklin counters with running back Josh

Quinn. Quinn has put up some impressive numbers on the ground and seems to save his best for the big games.

Both teams are 3-0 in district action and because of Address' 30-21 win over Coronado last week, the Eagles control their own destiny. If Franklin wins, they can clinch the title the week after against Coronado.

The second big game comes from District 2-5A, as two-time defending champion, the Del Valle Conquistadores, go for another title against new contender, the Americas Trailblazers.

Yes, I said the Americas High School Trailblazers.

Everybody knows the Conquistadores (6-1) are the class of 2-5A football but the upstart Trailblazers (5-2) are going to make them prove it this weekend.

Both teams are tied atop the district standings with 4-0 records and the winner of this one will definitely clinch the championship.

Del Valle's leader is running back Adrian Estrada who leads all other Class 5A runners in rushing yards. Americas has a good running game too but has an even more impressive defense allowing only 15 points per game.

The third and final mega-game of the weekend is in the under publicized District 2-4A. The top two teams in the district go at it as the

Pecos Eagles travel to Mountain View to take on the Lobos.

Both teams come into the game at 3-0 in league play and if Pecos wins, they clinch the district title. If Mountain View wins, they clinch at least a tie for the league crown.

Pecos is a punishing running team while Mountain View can move it both on the ground and in the air and is averaging 30 points a game.

So there is a big weekend of local football staring you in the face and if that's not enough, we haven't even started talking about the monumental District 1-4A battle between Riverside and Ysleta on the last week of the season.

But that's a story for another time.

They're baaack

The Arizona Diamondbacks have given the Southwestern part of the country some legitimacy by making it to the World Series.

In college football the Fresno State Bulldogs were doing the same thing after knocking off Colorado, Oregon State and Wisconsin early in the season...but two straight WAC losses have put all the Fresno State talk to bed. But they are not the only surprising college team from this neck of the woods.

Who are the only three undefeated major col-

lege football teams in the country? Miami (that's one), and Nebraska (O.K. that's two). Number three...anyone? Anyone?

The BYU Cougars.

Yes, former UTEP enemy Brigham Young has quietly put together an 8-0 record and just like in the old days is averaging a whopping 50.1 points per game.

Remember 1984 when the Cougars went 13-0 and won the national championship? I don't know if they can repeat that again and looking at their schedule, they still have roads games at Mississippi State and Hawaii to deal with.

But it would be a good story if BYU could put a chink in the whole ridiculous BCS thing.

Jordan rules

With a new NBA season getting underway this week, all the talk is how will Michael Jordan do with his comeback?

Well, after averaging 22 points during the preseason, Jordan will have an all-star season but the Washington Wizards will be lucky to win 30 of their 82 games.

The real question should be whether or not Jordan will keep his focus after going through all those losses.

My guess is that all of us fans will enjoy Jordan's comeback more than he will.

Briefs

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turn. "The class said the Pledge clearly, showing that they have spirit and pride in their country,"

said Asst. Principal Christine Jaksch.

■ Navy Airman Ricardo Gallardo Jr., son of Maria and Ricardo Gallardo of Fabens, recently completed the Aviation Electrician's Mate Course at the Naval Air Station in Pensacola, Florida. During

the five-month course Gallardo was prepared to work on the electrical components of jet aircraft and other aircraft electrical systems. He is a 2000 graduate of Fabens High School.

■ Americas High School Trailblazer band earned the Grand Champion honors during the New Mexico State University Tournament of Bands competition Oct. 27. The 24th annual competition was staged in Aggie Memorial Stadium at the Las Cruces campus. The Trailblazers fielded 200 musicians, competing with about 40 other bands. The Americas Flag Corps also was named Outstanding Auxiliary. Band director is Henry Vega, assisted by Bob Arterbury and John Bailey.

■ Frank Macias Elementary School will be having a Fall Festival on Nov. 3, 2001 at Frank Macias Elementary School, 12595 Darrington, from noon to 7 p.m. There will be plenty of

game booths, food booths and prizes. Money raised will benefit the PTO for playground equipment. For information call Ms. Granados at 852-7143.

■ The American Heart Association will host a Women's and Heart Health Luncheon featuring nationally syndicated columnist Heloise on Nov. 7 at the Airport Hilton. The event will include screening for cholesterol, diabetes, and blood pressure, as well as prizes and a women's "pamper yourself package" donated by Daniel's Salon. A CPR class will be provided free to the first 20 women to register in advance. Screenings begin at 10 a.m. Call 833-1231 for details and registration.

■ Pro-Musica Guild will host a Friendship Luncheon on Tuesday, Nov. 20, with special guests Zuill Bailey, the new Artistic Director and his wife, sculptor Margarita Cabrera. The event will be at the "original" Griggs Restaurant, 5800

Doniphan Drive, at 11:30 a.m. Reservations should be made by Nov. 16 by calling 833-9400

■ The David G. Burnet Chapter of the Daughters of the Republic of Texas will hold a luncheon meeting at 11:30 a.m. on Friday, Nov. 9. The meeting will be held at the El Paso Club, 200 E. Main. The program will be Tim Fulmer from the Union Plaza Redevelopment Program. For additional information call 584-2086.

■ The El Paso Rehabilitation Center will present a family conference on Nov. 30 entitled "Extraordinary Relationships in an Anxious World," featuring Roberta Gilbert M.D., author of *Extraordinary Relationships: A New Way of Thinking About Human Interaction and Connecting With Our Children*. Hours of the conference are 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Center, 1101 E. Schuster in El Paso. For information call Lydia Hernandez at 544-8484.

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Inside TV

By Don Flood

Scientists tell us that the gravitational pull of "black holes" is so great that even light cannot escape.

I never really believed this until recently, when we got sucked into the NBC Studios store in New York City.

The store is filled with T-shirts and trinkets from NBC shows going back to the early 19th century hit, "Late Night with Napoleon." (It still appears on cable.) But it's not all junk.

The store also sells hot items like NBC water, the very same water enjoyed by so many of the network's stars. It came in a special plastic bottle with the NBC logo.

Just holding it in my hands somehow made me feel as if I actually knew Katie Couric. I bought six bottles.

My wife went one better. She actually got her picture taken with Katie —they're on a first-name basis now — when the star stopped by the store, probably to load up on refreshing NBC water.

OK, that's not exactly true, but my wife did get her picture taken on a set that made it appear she was sitting on the "Today" show set with Katie Couric. (It's a magical process called "trick photography.")

But that wasn't the worst tourist trap.

There was another gimmick that allowed you to "appear" on "The Tonight Show" with Jay Leno or "Late Night" with Conan O'Brien. It was the absolute cheesiest thing you ever saw!

Fortunately, there was no line, so my son and I didn't have to wait.

A pre-filmed segment had Leno feeding you ques-

tions. You would answer by turning and talking to the air next to you. Since people often leave our house without my noticing it, I was pretty used to this.

(One thing I have to say is, Leno seems just as nice when you meet him on video as when you see him on TV. He's just like a regular person.)

The amazing part was that you really appeared to be in the same shot with Leno, just as Leno could plausibly claim that he had my son and I on the show.

But don't believe it — even if you do see us on future "Best of The Tonight Show" clips.

We really weren't on the show! It's all "trick photography."

But first we did Conan's show, featuring the famous "flying desk" bit, where Conan appears to be "driving" his desk out of the studio and all over New York.

Another "insider" tidbit: The "flying desk" is also nothing more than "trick photography." Despite realistic-looking footage showing Conan flying his desk all over Manhattan, the fact is he never actually leaves the studio.

Mostly, the segment required my acting like a moron. I was pleased to find out I was what talent scouts call "a natural."

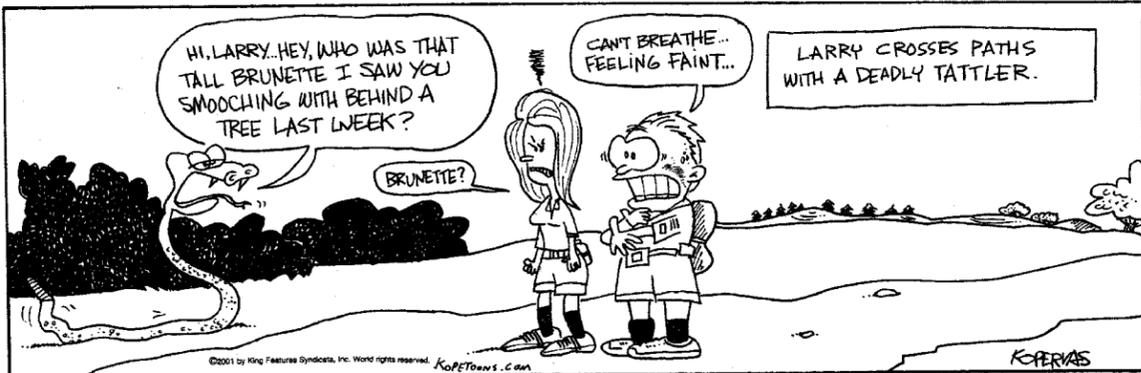
I waved my arms to the audience, I acted like we were on a roller coaster, I pretended we bumped into a line of high-kicking Rockettes —Disclaimer: No animals or Rockettes were harmed during the filming of our segment — and I "cut-up" with Conan O'Brien.

In short, I was the greatest thing to hit "Late Night" since, well, whoever else had forked over 10 bucks before me!

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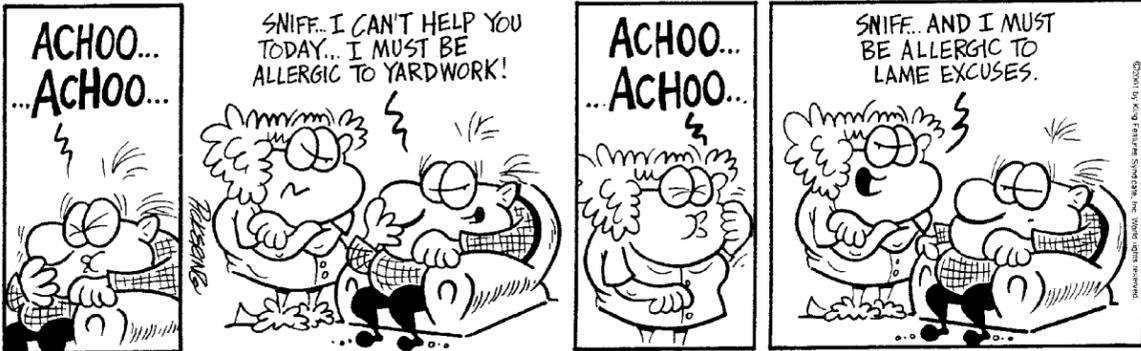
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Morning

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tragic event.

Still, through the shock and trauma, reality is beginning to set in. When we wake up in the morning, the nightmare is still there. Says

Cantu:

...those emotions I can't express, I cry...
The sad ones
I tried burying them or burning them,
but like magic they re-appeared on my soul and brain
But this one is clinging to me like a sticking red gum.

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.

Precincto	Lugar de Votacion	Domicilio
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.

Emitada este dia 16 de Septiembre, 2001.

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Write stuff

Dear Editor:

I want to take the opportunity to remind the people of Socorro that early voting started on Oct. 22 on the proposed Home Rule Charter and will end on Nov. 2. The last day to vote will be Nov. 6. I encourage the people of Socorro to vote for the Charter. Exercise your right to vote. It can make a difference.

Sam Brewster
City Representative
Socorro

Quiero tomar de nuevo la oportunidad para recordarle a la gente de Socorro que la votacion temprana en persona sera de el 22 de Octubre a el dia 2 de Noviembre sobre la propuesta Acta Constitutiva. El ultimo dia para votar sera el dia de la eleccion de el 6 de Noviembre. Estimulo a la gente de Socorro a que vote por la propuesta Acta Constitutiva. Use su derecho de votar. Su voto puede hacer la diferencia.

Sam Brewster
Representante de la Ciudad
Socorro

Al Editor:

WEATHER

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SEVEN-DAY FORECAST FOR EL PASO

THURSDAY	THUR. NIGHT	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY
Bright sunshine.	Clear and moonlit.	Sunny and pleasant.	Plenty of sunshine.	Clouds and some sun; there can be a shower.	Partly sunny.	Cooler with clouds and some sun.	Partly sunny.
▲ 78°	▼ 46°	▲ 78° ▼ 46°	▲ 80° ▼ 50°	▲ 76° ▼ 50°	▲ 76° ▼ 50°	▲ 68° ▼ 48°	▲ 70° ▼ 46°

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	5	Moderate
Sunday	4	Low
Monday	3	Low
Tuesday	3	Low
Wednesday	4	Low

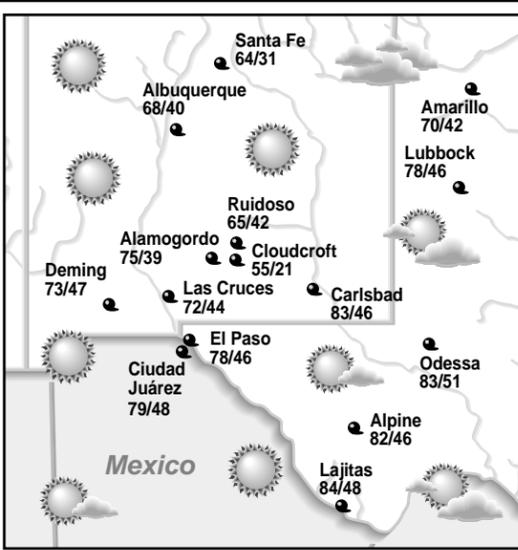
REAL FEEL TEMP™

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

Thursday	78°
Friday	75°
Saturday	75°
Sunday	63°
Monday	69°
Tuesday	68°
Wednesday	64°

TEXAS WEATHER

Anthony	78	46
Canutillo	79	47
Clint	73	50
E. Montana	78	46
Fabens	72	50
Horizon	79	47
San Elizario	69	46
Socorro	75	46
Tornillo	72	50
Vinton	79	47



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

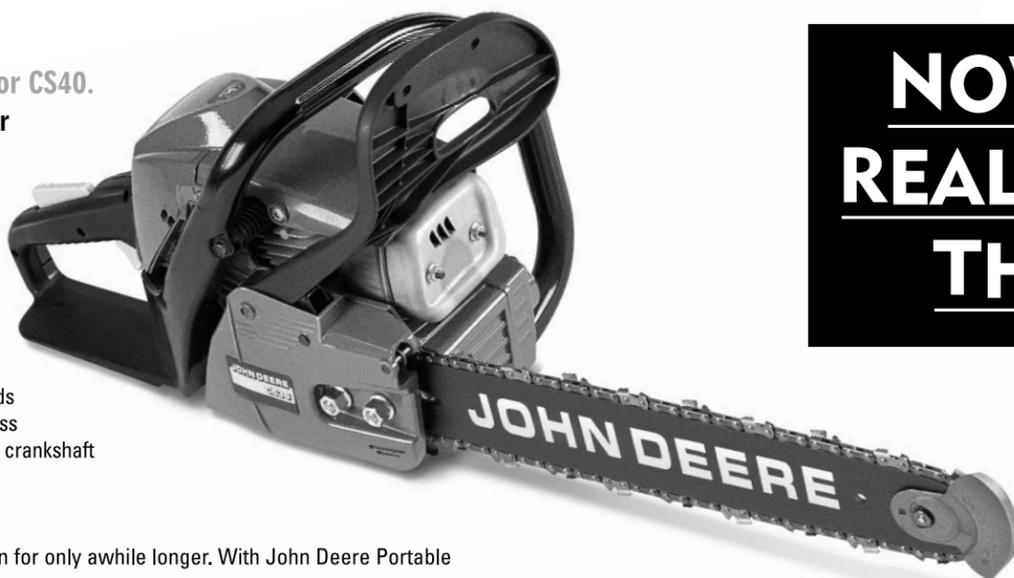
TRAVELERS CITIES

City	Thur. Hi/Lo/W	Fri. Hi/Lo/W	Sat. Hi/Lo/W	Sun. Hi/Lo/W	Mon. Hi/Lo/W
Albuquerque	68/40/pc	68/40/s	66/38/pc	62/36/pc	64/36/pc
Atlanta	72/50/pc	72/52/pc	70/50/s	68/46/s	67/35/s
Atlantic City	66/52/s	68/54/s	68/48/pc	56/44/s	56/44/pc
Austin/San Antonio	82/62/pc	82/60/pc	82/58/pc	74/56/pc	76/56/s
Baltimore	70/50/s	72/54/s	68/46/pc	60/40/s	60/40/pc
Boston	64/46/pc	69/46/pc	60/42/c	55/44/pc	52/41/c
Chicago	67/48/pc	60/38/c	60/40/s	62/44/pc	62/44/pc
Dallas/Ft. Worth	78/58/pc	78/56/pc	76/54/pc	72/52/pc	74/50/s
Denver	66/32/s	64/34/s	58/36/pc	62/34/pc	64/34/pc
Flagstaff	58/26/s	58/26/s	57/29/s	55/31/s	52/35/pc
Houston	82/62/pc	82/62/pc	80/58/pc	78/52/s	76/52/s
Kansas City	72/45/pc	70/45/s	68/45/pc	62/39/s	64/45/s
Las Vegas	72/48/pc	74/50/s	74/52/s	72/51/s	70/55/pc
Miami	82/76/r	82/76/r	84/72/r	84/68/r	80/58/t
Minneapolis	58/38/sh	52/34/pc	52/32/s	54/36/pc	54/40/sh
New Orleans	82/64/s	82/64/s	78/60/s	76/58/s	76/52/s
New York City	68/54/s	68/56/s	66/50/pc	58/46/s	56/46/pc
Philadelphia	70/52/s	72/54/s	68/48/pc	60/44/s	58/44/pc
Phoenix	84/60/s	86/58/s	86/60/pc	84/58/pc	82/58/pc
Portland	54/44/r	56/42/pc	58/44/pc	56/44/r	56/42/r
San Francisco	68/52/pc	68/52/pc	70/52/s	70/52/s	66/54/pc
Seattle	52/44/r	54/42/pc	54/46/pc	54/44/r	52/42/r
Tucson	82/52/s	84/54/s	84/54/s	80/52/pc	78/50/pc
Washington, DC	70/52/s	74/56/s	68/48/pc	62/44/s	60/42/pc

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

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