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## NEWSBRIEFS

### Americas torch bearer

A Socorro ISD student will carry the Olympic torch part of the way through New Mexico for the Winter Olympics. Andy Bryant, a senior at Americas High School, is autistic, yet has lettered in both track and cross country. Bryant, now 20, was chosen from among 210,000 people nominated to carry the torch due to his heroism in facing special challenges. He will run one quarter of a mile with the torch on Jan. 12.

### Medicaid vet housing

Texas Land Commissioner David Dewhurst has announced Texas State Veterans Homes are now admitting Medicaid-eligible veterans. Dewhurst said each of the four state veterans homes can admit up to 16 Medicaid-eligible veterans, spouses of veterans, surviving spouses of veterans, or Gold Star Parents, who need long-term care, skilled nursing. Dewhurst said each of the four state veterans homes, can house up to 160 veterans in spacious rooms. The Big Spring home, roughly equi-distant from Abilene, Lubbock, Midland, Odessa and San Angelo, serves West Texas and the Panhandle. The Bonham home, located north of Dallas near the Red River, serves North and East Texas. The Temple home, located midway between Austin and Waco, serves Central and East Texas. The Floresville home, located 30 miles from San Antonio, serves Central and South Texas. "We still have openings in all our veterans homes, but now is the time to apply for admission, because they're going to fill up fast," Dewhurst said. "I urge my fellow Texas veterans or their family members to call our toll free number at 1-800-252-VETS (8387), or visit our Web site at www.glo.state.tx.us/vlb."

### In other news

■ Socorro ISD will host a series of community meetings to gather public input on redistricting. Because of population changes in the district, state law requires that SISD redraw the trustee's districts so that representation is equal. The meetings will be held at 6 p.m. on Nov. 15 at the Socorro High Band Room; at 5:30 p.m. on Nov. 19 at the Montwood High Commons Area; at 7 p.m. on Nov. 19 at Americas High Band Room; and on Nov. 27 during the board's regular monthly meeting at the SISD Education Center, at which time the board may vote to adopt one of the five proposed redistricting plans. Call 860-3413 for information.

■ The Clint United Methodist Church, 201 McKinney, will host their annual Craft Fair and Community Yard Sale on Saturday, Nov. 17 from 8 a.m.-5 p.m. and Sunday, Nov. 18 from 1-5 p.m. Follow the signs from I-10 East and Clint Exit to the historic church. For information call 851-8144 or 851-6622.

■ The Rebecca Stoddert Chapter, National Society Daughters of the American Revolution, will hold a meeting on Monday, Nov. 19. The meeting will be held at 1 p.m. at the El Paso Woman's Club. The program will be a presentation of area high

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To err is human; to forget, routine.

— Quips and Quotes

## San Elizario veterans to be honored Nov. 11

By Sam Sanchez Sr.  
Special to the Courier

SAN ELIZARIO — The Placita of San Elizario will be the site of a ceremony honor-

ing San Elizario Veterans on Sunday, Nov. 11, 2001.

Every year our country observes Veterans Day, inviting her citizens to honor those valiant men and women who served their country and the cause of peace as members of the

Armed Forces.

This year, because our nation has suffered the effects of terrorism in a way that has left us feeling vulnerable, a special program has been added. The ceremony starts at 11 a.m. at the San Elizario cemetery to honor those who have gone before us, which includes members of the 1870's Frontier Battalion.

Benjamin Sanchez will be master of ceremonies, with guest speakers Ramon Holguin, Judge Ruben Lujan, and County Commissioner Miguel A. Teran.

The ceremony moves on to the Placita in front of the San Elizario Church and a tour of the *Los Portales* building that houses the San Elizario Veterans Memorial Museum and the history of San Elizario exhibits. The ceremony culminates with a candlelight vigil at 5:45 p.m. followed by a fireworks display provided by Star Fireworks.

Special performances will be given by the San Elizario High School Band and the Sambrano and Alarcon Cheerleaders. The Young Marines of El Paso "E" Company - Jr. Devil Dogs will serve as Color Guard.

There is a need to assure ourselves of our nation's ability to combat terroristic attacks and other threats against our way of life. With that in mind, the community of San Elizario has agreed to come together on this special day to honor our veterans, to foster the spirit of patriotism, and to demonstrate support for our government. An invitation is extended to all to join us on this day in San Elizario.



— Photo by Sam Sanchez Sr.

**HISTORIC WELCOME** — The historic San Elizario Placita will be the site of a special ceremony Sunday, Nov. 11 to honor the memory of the community's military veterans and to encourage confidence in the future.



**HELPING HANDS** — Captain Charles Young with seniors Karla Hernandez and Rick Calzadias spruce up a Canutillo home.

## Canutillo NJROTC maintains long tradition of community service

By Alfredo Vasquez  
Special to the Courier

UPPER VALLEY — Whenever there are community service projects to be done, everyone can count on Canutillo High School Naval Junior ROTC cadets to lend a helping hand.

"Student cadets have been helping the Canutillo community with different projects for as long as I have been here," said Captain Charles Young, who has been in charge of CHS's military science program for the past 20 years.

Painting houses for senior citizens, weather-stripping mobile homes for needy families, and cleaning the local cemetery are some of the services that the cadets have participated in recently.

"I am willing to give some of my time when someone needs

help in my community, because it makes me feel good when I help out," said Rick Calzadias, Canutillo High School senior and student company commander.

"Performing services for our community is a very important thing to do, and as young persons we must be willing to help out," asserted Karla Hernandez, Canutillo High School senior and operations officer.

Canutillo High School has about 80 students enrolled in the NJROTC program this semester. Helping Captain Young with the classes is Petty Officer First Class Pete Soto, who joined the NJROTC staff last year.

Cadets earn credit for the program's community service component and bring recognition to Canutillo, stated Young. Most projects are completed during the weekend.

## Clint Jr. High named as a top Texas school

By Debra Dominguez  
Special to the Courier

CLINT — Deep in the rural valley of East El Paso County, past snow-white cotton fields, stands the mother school of the Clint Independent School District — Clint Jr. High.

Rich in history, the school building — located at 13100 Alameda Ave. — served as the first high school in the county's first independent school district, established in 1929.

Today, Clint Jr. High School, its administration, teachers and students have proven that it has stood the test of time. In fact, there is so much structure and substance to the school that it has been rated among the best of the best in Texas.

The November edition of *Texas Monthly* magazine named the school one of six in El Paso County that are among the state's 120 top-performing campuses.

The edition features the results of a study rating more than 5,400 schools in the state.

"We are very pleased but not totally surprised," said Olivia Campos, Clint ISD's Assistant Superintendent of Research, Evaluation, Accountability and Administration. "Our teachers and students are doing a remarkable job at moving to the next level."

The study published in the magazine was conducted by Just

for the Kids, a nonprofit education research organization based in Austin. The group gathered basic TAAS data for the elementary and middle schools. End-of-course exams and promotion percentages were used to research high schools

"We have observed the teaching and learning and feel confident that all our campuses are headed in the right direction," Campos said. "Just for the Kids encourages us all to look at our achievement from a different perspective and to really believe that all children can achieve."

Other schools named among the best in the state include Rio Bravo Middle, Magoffin Middle, Bel Air High, Ysleta High and Americas High.

"The article in *Texas Monthly* is evidence that schools must do more than just prepare students for the TAAS," Holly Fields, CJHS principal, said. "*Texas Monthly* and Just for the Kids has brought to the attention of the public that teachers must ensure that every child learns regardless of the challenges that the child brings to school with him."

"The teachers and staff at CJHS are doing just that," she said. "The proficiency measure as mentioned in the article is a much better indicator of learning rather than just a passing TAAS score. This proficiency standard is also helping us to make decisions to

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## One perspective

By Francis Shrum

# The stars in our lives

*The best things in life are nearest: Breath in your nostrils, light in your eyes, flowers at your feet, duties at your hand, the path of right just before you. Then do not grasp at the stars, but do life's plain, common work as it comes, certain that daily duties and daily bread are the sweetest things in life.*

— Robert Louis Stevenson

HORIZON — I just love that quote.

It defines what we aren't, what we should be, what would make us so much happier. It defines the stars for which we should grasp, and don't. So lately I've been trying to count some of the stars in my life.

I'm taking out the trash, as common work as you can get, and here's my next door neighbor in her front yard hanging up her American flag. A beautiful, white-haired lady, she's crying because she began her life in the throes of war and doesn't want to end it that way. She's a grandmother, she has a beautiful grandson... She knows all the rules for displaying the flag, and follows them diligently.

I was raised on fiddle and guitar music, the best in the world, the kind that comes from the ear, memory, heart and gut. When I enrolled my two littlest in piano they didn't start learning that way. Over the last several years their little heads have become filled with more classical music knowledge than I will ever know. Yet we still enjoy the music with the same gusto as if it were a Saturday night country dance.

When somebody is practicing Bach's "Rage Over the Last Penny" there will likely be somebody else whistling along and dancing around

in the kitchen. When somebody hits a sour note there will be howls and groans from all over the house, because we are all listening.

My 11-year-old rolls her eyes heavenward and bemoans that "everybody is a comedian."

The aim and range of our newspaper delivery person's arm improves tremendously. For over a week the paper — ordinarily found curbside or on the sidewalk — miraculously begins to appear on the mat in front of our door.

One morning I happen to notice out the window that the improved service isn't our delivery man at all. It is a nice kid who passes by our house on his way to Carroll T. Welch Middle School. He stops and flirts with our boxer through the gate as she yowls with delight, tosses the paper onto the front mat, and walks happily away munching on a few pecans our tree has tossed onto the sidewalk.

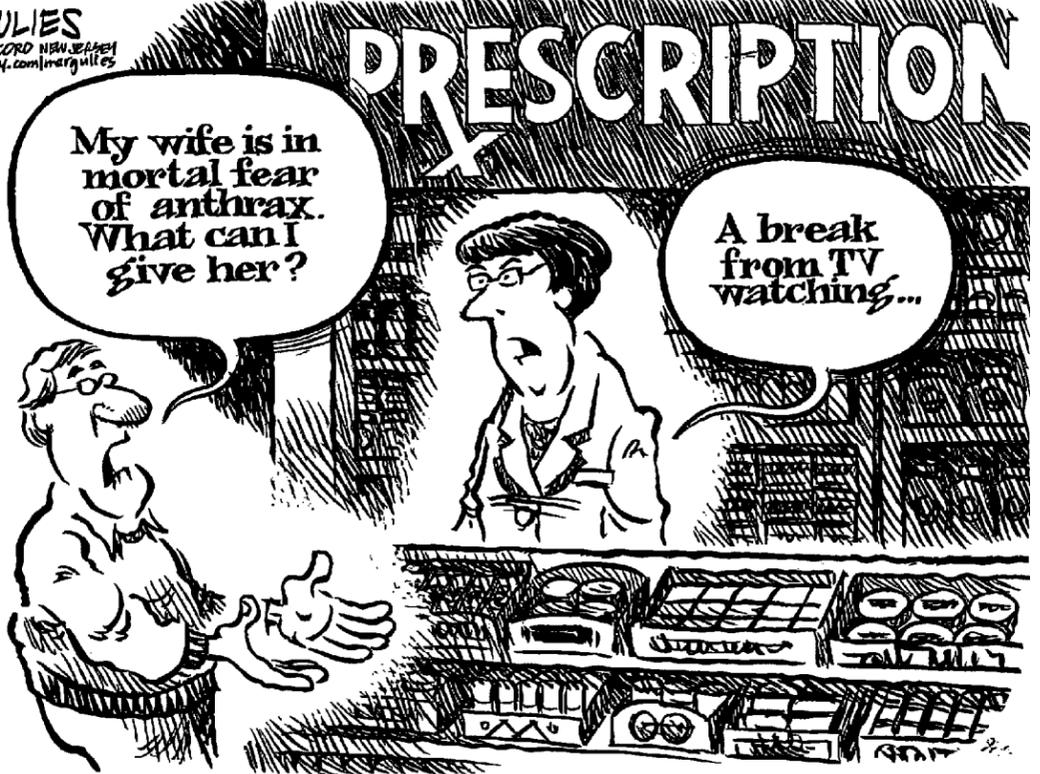
Now there's a star.

We've got these huge dogs in the backyard that make it impossible to have grass or any kind of landscape. They are too big to put in a dog run, so now we have a "people run" — a strip of yard extending from the back door to the front of the workshop, enclosing the back porch, a little patch of grass, a deck and my clothesline. We even have people over, sitting comfortably out back without being assaulted by our passionate security guards.

As I hang out clothes in the pleasant West Texas breeze, comfortable in the knowledge that they won't be decorated with slobber and tufts of unwanted dog fuzz, I know my husband is a star.

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gry car dealerships should make it easy to buy a van, right? Wrong. There is this wonderful deal offered at a westside Dodge dealership. One salesman says there's some interest in it by another party but that no money had changed hands and invites us over. So we drive on over with the intent to purchase. Incred-

ibly, another salesman leaves us cooling our heels in the parking lot for over 15 minutes before returning with the simple statement that a deal is working with someone in Albuquerque — no money down — but he won't even unlock the door to let us look inside. Somebody is on the way to pay cash right now he says.

Several days later the van is still there, and though the dealership knows how to contact us, nobody calls.

Now I don't know about you, but I take that as a definite signal that van isn't for us.

Sometimes the stars that shine brightest in our favor are those we never get to touch.



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

## Celebrate our freedom on this Veterans' Day

This Sunday, Americans everywhere will celebrate Veterans' Day.

Nov. 11 has always been a day to honor the living and deceased veterans of our armed services. But my heart tells me that this Veterans' Day will carry special significance.

As America continues the war on terrorism, we will remember the brave soldiers who died for our freedom. We will remember the men and women of our armed forces who secured the liberties we enjoy today. Most importantly we will remember the peace, freedom and democracy our military has fought to fasten for more than 225 years.

Veterans' Day commemorates the Nov. 11, 1918 armistice, which ended World War I. Originally called Armistice Day, President Eisenhower changed the name to Veterans' Day in 1954. The new name was meant to honor those who have served America in all wars and conflicts. Decades later, the spirit of Nov. 11 remains strong.

The legacy of America's veterans is the highest example

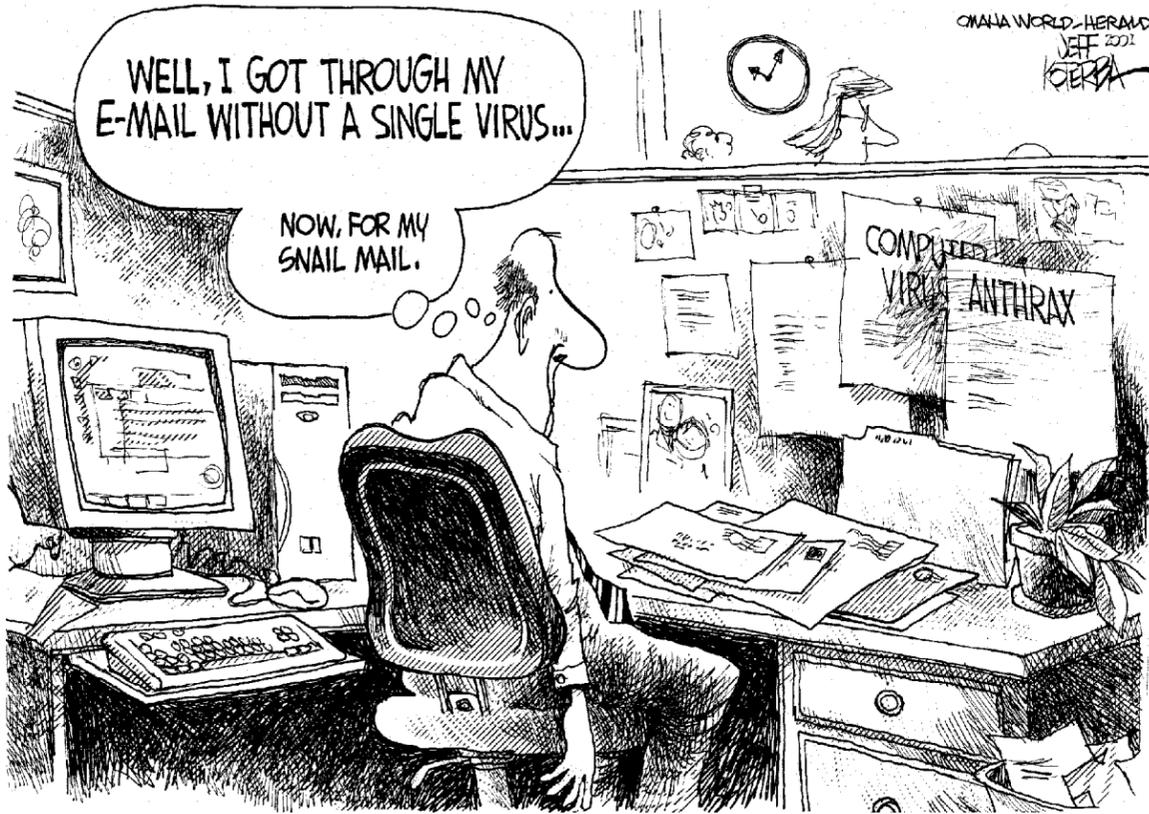
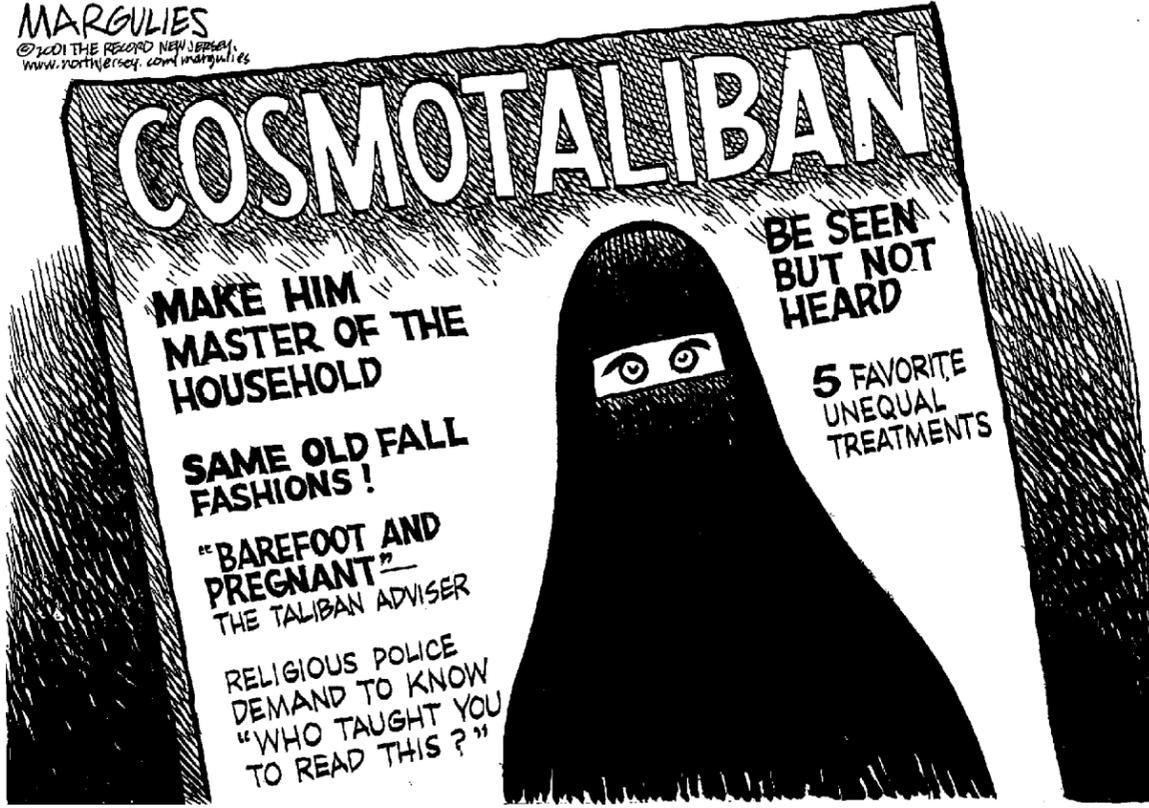
of patriotism. These men and women are true leaders who have been a shining example of responsibility, accountability and loyalty. Those who serve in America's armed forces are our nation's guardians. They protect and defend the sacred rights entrusted to us by the Constitution.

For hundreds of years, the men and women of our military have left their families and friends to fight for our freedom and our flag. They make great sacrifices to protect our American way of life. These sacrifices and examples of bravery continue today as we fight the malicious forces of terrorism.

This year, as we celebrate Veterans' Day, let's reflect on the many great Americans who wore the uniform and made our country safe and strong. Veterans' Day is reserved for reflection upon and respect for our nation's most enduring heroes. Their service will never be forgotten. Their legacy will endure forever.

As the young wife of a Desert Storm veteran wrote in a letter to TIME magazine, "We would not be the land of the free if we were not also the home of the brave." That says it all.

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## Reyes Reports

By U.S. Rep. Silvestre Reyes

### The Aviation Security Act is needed to protect our country

Last week, the U.S. House of Representatives defeated the Oberstar-Ganske Aviation Security Act, a measure which would improve airline security by placing federal law enforcement agents in charge of securing our nation's airports and airplanes. Unfortunately, this measure was defeated in favor of weaker legislation that continues with the current system of private out-sourcing for aviation security.

I am disappointed that the House was unable to come together and pass this important piece of legislation. I strongly believe that it is the federal government's responsibility to protect our country, especially during a time of war. Security at our nation's airports is now a major part of our national defense and it should no longer be left to only the private sector.

The Oberstar-Ganske Aviation Security Bill is identical to S. 1447, the Aviation Security Act, which passed the Senate by 100-0 on Oct. 11. This legislation places responsibility for aviation security with the federal government. The bill will allow the Federal government to assume full responsibility of airport security screening with a federal law enforcement presence at every check point including screening and checking all baggage and individuals; enable the Department of Justice to deploy Federal Air Marshals on board every flight; enhance cockpit security and prevents entry into the flight deck; require new anti-hijacking training for airline crews; and requires individuals seeking flight instruction to submit to a background check and an Immigration and Naturalization Service review for foreign students.

The aviation security bill that did pass the U.S. House of Representa-

tives last week, which was supported by President Bush, is commendable, but it does not go far enough. Allowing the continued private contracting of screening services perpetuates the current system under which screeners are paid near minimum wage resulting in an average employee turnover rate of more than 120 percent nationally and more than 400 percent at some airports.

We would never consider contracting out the duties of the U.S. Customs Service, Border Patrol or Capitol Police, and it makes no sense to do so with airport screeners. After all, these screeners serve as the front line of defense in aviation security. If federalized, screeners should be paid salaries commensurate with the law enforcement responsibilities of screening, which involves not only the ability to read X-rays but the ability to access individuals and conduct more thorough inspections in certain circumstances. Only through a uniform national system with professional federal screeners can U.S. travelers be sure they are being protected.

The bottom line is that airport security should be a law enforcement function, not a minimum wage function. We need to professionalize this important workforce now. We need to recognize the fact that airline screeners are our first line of defense and treat this function as an important component of national security.

Until we ease people's air safety concerns, cities across the country will continue to feel the economic squeeze of declining tourism and business travel. I hope that we will have an opportunity to fix this legislation in conference with the Senate and provide all Americans with the sense of security and peace of mind that they deserve.



## View from the porch By Linda Mussehl

### Ghosts in the yard

And then there were none. It was the slow march of time that did it. All perfectly normal and natural, but we looked around one day and realized we had no dogs in the yard.

We had known the day was coming. Both of Pardner's dogs, Grace and her son Walter, were well into their 'teens and really slowing down. Pepper, my ditsy Dalmatian, at nine years old was in full late maturity, getting older but no wiser.

We had discussed their someday successors, and that we wouldn't get a young dog until the old ones were gone. That way, bad habits wouldn't be passed along, and we could shape a pup's behavior to our specifications, free of the older dogs' influence.

Walter went first, dying the way he had lived — on his own terms and in his own time. Walter was a chronic outdoorsman, a free spirit who would not be restrained. He was a sweet dog with us, as long as we didn't put a leash on him or doctor him. Then he would panic and try his serious best to hurt us. Foaming and snarling, he would try to climb up the leash, going for the throat.

Walter was the original homebody; he didn't see any point in traveling. We had often said that if for some reason we had to take him off the ranch, we could do it. Probably. Given enough time and thick welding gauntlets, we could muzzle him with duct tape and immobilize him with pigging strings. We never had to put him through that trauma though.

We knew it was Walter's time when he refused food and water and started disappearing into the pasture after sundown to hide out. But he just couldn't man-

age it on his own. In the heat of mid-day, he'd trudge back to the house, only to repeat the process again that night. When he couldn't get up, Pardner granted him his last wish.

Grace's time came about six months later. She was so crippled in her hips that it was painful to watch her get up in the morning. We had kept her going for better than a year on daily arthritis pills and a soft bed in the house on cold nights. Then she started having trouble relieving herself. One pretty morning she gave me a level look of pain, telling me it was well past time.

Just the opposite of Walter, Grace loved to ride in the car. She enjoyed the drive, greeted the staff at the vet's with her normal calm arrogance, and welcomed the needle that took away her pain.

Pepper too went the way she lived. She was a kind, generous dog, but never healthy. Her only reliable "trick" was to take an expensive pill willingly. I guess it was the constant repetition that did it. She was nervy and given to eating rocks. At nine, her teeth were almost worn away, and we knew that her time was getting short.

Before dawn one morning, I found her laying in the yard. There was no sign of distress or snake bite; it looked like she had just dropped in mid-stride. Her final kindness to me was that I didn't have to make that decision, "Okay, old girl. Today's your day."

Now when we walk through the gate, we still expect to be mobbed by three ecstatic dogs, healthy and in their prime. We brace ourselves so they don't clip our legs out from under us.

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# Sun Metro will begin bus service to 'Mission Valley' in January

By Arleen Beard  
Special to the Courier

SOCORRO — Mayor Amado Padilla announced that Sun Metro buses will be serving the City of

Socorro beginning in January 2002. The announcement was made at the regularly scheduled Socorro City Council meeting on Nov. 1.

"It is something that is greatly needed," Padilla said.

Mayor Pro-tem added that, "This is a project we have been working on for quite some time. Our residents deserve this service and we are glad this is finally becoming a reality."

There will be two routes serving the City of Socorro. The weekday routes

will be from 5:32 a.m. to 8:02 a.m. for the morning routes and from 4:45 p.m. to 7:05 p.m. to serve the afternoon routes. The Saturday routes will be from 6:47 a.m. to 9:12 a.m. for the morning routes and the afternoon routes will run from 4:45 p.m. to 7:05 p.m.

Socorro City Hall will provide complete listing of exact stops for the public.

Council also heard a presentation from Sheldon Hall, representing the Mission Trail Association. Hall was

seeking support from the City in the form of a proclamation is to have the news media begin identifying and referring to the "Lower Valley" as the "Mission Valley." Council unanimously approved the proclamation.

Hall said he will also be approaching the towns of San Elizario and Clint for their support.

Council also conducted a public hearing regarding the use of LLEBG Program Funds from a grant awarded to the City of Socorro's Police Dept.

in the amount of \$19,515. The City of Socorro provided \$2000 matching fund to obtain the grant. The monies are earmarked to be used for a camera system, monitors for the dispatcher and also for some radios for the police officers. There was no public input, therefore, members of Council closed the hearing.

Council also approved appointments to the Civil Service Commission naming Alma Fuentes and Tere Estala.

## San Elizario ISD tackles a number of student health and safety issues

By Don Woodyard  
Courier Staff Writer

SAN ELIZARIO — The board of trustees of San Elizario Independent School District took action at its Oct. 10 meeting to ensure the safety of students walking to Borrego Elementary along Chicken Ranch Road.

On recommendation of the administration, trustees approved having a school monitor posted at a section of Chicken Ranch where it narrows crossing a canal to protect students from traffic. This would, thereby, eliminate the need for a bus to transport these children who live close to Borrego. Superintendent Mike

Quatrini said the district is looking into building a walkway across the bridge to further safeguard students. A bridge is also under consideration.

Quatrini brought up another student safety concern. He cited an increase in headaches and nosebleeds brought on, apparently, by crop dusting in the area. He said he had received responses from officials, but no answers. The superintendent is hoping that arrangements can be made for crop dusting on weekends or after school when students aren't in the area. He speculated that the problems might be caused by more frequent flights by the planes or from the use of a different chemical in the application.

Board members got a look at and approved a color scheme for the new administration building presented by Geoffrey Wright of the Wright & Dalbin architectural firm. The new building will be two-tone brown with light green peaked roofs and blue-tinted windows.

Assistant superintendent Maria Luisa Niestas reported on and compared the new bilingual immersion program that replaced the traditional bilingual program in the spring of 1997. The purpose of the immersion program, with an emphasis on English in the classroom, was to make students more successful in an all-English academic program while strengthening Spanish skills, Niestas

said. She said 250 students take part in the program that is allocated more than \$38,000 for salaries, professional development and supplies.

Damaged floor tile in Borrego Elementary, also a topic of discussion at last month's meeting, will be replaced using IFA (Instructional Facilities Allotment) funds, said facilities director Tury Morales. A coating that caused an adverse chemical reaction had damaged the tile.

Art Esparza, a technology technician at the middle school, was recognized as Employee of the Month. Olga Mendoza, a bilingual kindergarten teacher at Loya Primary, was named Teacher of the Month.

## Classified Ads

### LEGALS

#### NOTICE

El Paso Electric Company (EPE) intends to secure a Certificate of Convenience and Necessity (CCN) from the Public Utility Commission of Texas (PUCT) for the construction and installation of a 115kV transmission line in east El Paso County, Texas. The PUCT requires EPE to publish notice in a newspaper having general circulation in the county(ies) where the CCN is being requested. **Persons with questions about this project should contact EPE at (915) 543-5811 or (915) 543-4025. Persons who wish to intervene in the proceeding or comment upon action sought, should contact the Public Utility Commission of Texas at P.O. Box 13326, Austin, Texas 78711-3326, or call the Public Utility Commission at (512) 936-7120 or (888) 782-8477. Hearing- and speech-impaired individuals with text telephones (TTY) may contact the commission at (512) 936-7136. The deadline for intervention in the proceeding is December 17, 2001, and a letter requesting intervention should be received by the commission by that date.**

The project is contained within a 30-square-mile area located 2 miles east of Loop 375 at the Montwood/Zaragosa intersection. The proposed 7.8-mile project will connect EPE's Montwood Substation to the Coyote Substation.

EPE has a preferred route and two alternative routes, which are described below. Acquisition of right-of-way will be required.

#### Preferred Route (G)

The preferred route begins at the Montwood Substation located in the northwest corner of Section 2, Block 79, Township 3 and heads east, paralleling the north section line of Section 2, Block 79, Township 3 and existing roads for approximately 4 miles to a future substation site at Ascension Street. From this point, the line turns north and parallels Ascension Street for approximately 1.2 miles, then continues west along the south section line of Section 17, Block 78, Township 2 for approximately 0.7 mile. From this point the line heads north for approximately 1 mile through vacant land and continues 1 mile north along Krag Street to the Coyote Substation located in the northwest quarter of Section 8, Block 78, Township 2.

**Alternative Route (F)** Beginning at the Montwood Substation located in the northwest corner of Section 2, Block 79, Township 3, the route heads east, paralleling the north section line of Section 2, Block 79, Township 3 and existing roads for approximately 3 miles to a future substation site. From this point the route heads north, following an existing access road along the west section line of Section 20, Block 78, Township 2 for approximately 1 mile, then turns east along the south section line of Section 17, Block 78, Township 2 for approximately 0.3 mile. From this point the line heads north for approximately 1 mile through vacant land and continues 1 mile north along Krag Street to the Coyote Substation located in the northwest quarter of Section 8, Block 78, Township 2.

**Alternative Route (H)** Beginning at the Montwood Substation lo-

cated in the northwest corner of Section 2, Block 79, Township 3 the route heads east, paralleling the north section line of Section 2, Block 79, Township 3 and existing roads for approximately 4 miles to a future substation site at Ascension Street. From this point, the line turns north and parallels Ascension Street for approximately 1.6 miles, then heads west for approximately 0.7 mile. From this point the line heads north for approximately 0.6 mile through vacant land and continues 1 mile north along Krag Street to the Coyote Substation located in the northwest quarter of Section 8, Block 78, Township 2.

The estimated cost of this project is \$2,689,462.61. A map of this project may be viewed at the El Paso Electric Company office located at 123 W. Mills Street, El Paso, Texas, in Suite 295. A copy of the map may be obtained at this same location or from Lawrence Thoenen, EPE, at (915) 543-5811 or Martha A. Velasco, EPE, at (915) 543-4025.

#### AVISO

La compañía El Paso Electric (EPE) intenta obtener un Certificado de Necesidad (CCN) de la Comisión de Servicios Públicos de Texas (PUCT) para la construcción de una línea de transmisión de 115kV en el este del Condado de El Paso, Texas. La PUCT requiere que EPE publique un aviso en alguno de los periódicos de circulación general. **Aquellas personas con preguntas con respecto a este proyecto, deberán comunicarse a la oficina de EPE al (915) 543-5811 o al (915) 543-4025. Las personas que deseen intervenir en este procedimiento o que deseen hacer**

**algún comentario sobre esta acción, deberán comunicarse con la Comisión de Servicios Públicos de Texas a la siguiente dirección, P.O. Box 13326, Austin, Texas 78711-3325 o llamar a la Comisión de Servicios Públicos al (512) 936-7120 o al (888) 782-8477. Las personas sordomudas con teléfonos de texto TTY pueden ponerse en contacto con la comisión llamando al (512) 936-7136. El último día para intervenir en este procedimiento es el día 17 de Diciembre de 2001, enviando una carta solicitando intervención que deber ser recibida por la comisión para esa fecha.**

Este proyecto abarca dentro una área de 30 millas cuadradas localizado 2 millas al Este del Loop 375 en la intersección Montwood/Zaragosa. El proyecto de 7.8 millas de línea conectará a la subestación Montwood con la subestación Coyote de EPE.

EPE tiene tres rutas, una de preferencia ya dos alternativas, las cuales se describen a continuación. Se requiere adquisición de derecho de paso.

#### Ruta Principal (G)

La ruta principal da principio en la subestación Montwood ubicada en la esquina Noroeste de la Sección 2, Block 79, Township 3 con camino hacia el Este, paralela con la línea Norte de la Sección 2, Block 79, Township 3 y caminos existentes con una distancia de aproximadamente 4 millas hacia el lugar de la futura subestación en la calle Ascension. A partir de este punto, la línea corre hacia el Norte y

paralela con la calle Ascension a una distancia de aproximadamente 1.2 millas, continuando hacia el oeste a lo largo de la línea hacia el sur de la Sección 17, Block 78, Township 2 a una distancia de aproximadamente 0.7 millas. A partir de este punto la línea corre hacia el Norte a una distancia de aproximadamente 1 milla pasando por un terreno baldío y continuando a una distancia de aproximadamente 1 milla hacia al Norte a lo largo de la calle Krag con dirección hacia la subestación Coyote, ubicada en la esquina Noroeste de las calles Marvin y Krag en la Sección 5, Block 78, Township 2.

#### Ruta Alternativa (F)

Comenzando en la subestación Montwood ubicada en la esquina Noroeste de la Sección 2, Block 79, Township 3, la ruta se dirige hacia el este paralela con la línea Norte de la Sección 2, Block 79, Township 3, y caminos existentes a una distancia de aproximadamente 3 millas del lugar de la futura Subestación una milla al Oeste de la calle Ascension. A partir de este punto, la ruta se dirige hacia el norte, siguiendo un camino de acceso en existencia a lo largo de la línea Oeste de la Sección 20, Block 78, Township 2, a una distancia de aproximadamente 1 milla, da vuelta hacia el Este a lo largo de la línea Sur de la Sección 17, Block 78, Township 2 a una distancia de aproximadamente 0.3 millas. A partir de este punto la línea se dirige hacia el Norte a una distancia de aproximadamente 1 milla pasando por un terreno baldío y continuar a una distancia de aproximadamente 1 milla

hacia el Norte a lo largo de la calle Krag hacia la Subestación Coyote ubicada en la esquina Noroeste de las calles Marvin y Krag en la Sección 5, Block 78, Township 2.

#### Ruta Alternativa (H)

Comenzando en la subestación Montwood ubicada en la esquina Noroeste de la Sección 2, Block 79, Township 3, la ruta se dirige hacia el este paralela con la línea Norte de la Sección 2, Block 79, Township 3 y caminos existentes a una distancia de aproximadamente 4 millas hacia al lugar de la futura subestación en la calle Ascension. A partir de este punto, la línea se dirige hacia el Norte y paralela con la calle Ascension a una distancia de aproximadamente 1.6 millas, y luego hacia el Oeste a una distancia de aproximadamente 0.7 millas. A partir de este punto la línea se dirige hacia el Norte a una distancia de aproximadamente 0.6 millas pasando por un terreno baldío y continuando a una distancia de 1 milla a lo largo de la calle Krag hacia la Subestación Coyote ubicada en la esquina Noroeste de las calles Marvin y Krag en la Sección 5, Block 78, Township 2.

El costo aproximado del proyecto es de \$2,689,462.61. Un mapa del proyecto esta disponible para consulta en la oficina de El Paso Electric, ubicada en el 123 W. Mills, El Paso, Texas, Suite 295. Si desea una copia del mapa, se puede obtener en las mismas oficinas con el Sr. Lawrence Thoenen, EPE, número de teléfono (915) 543-5811 o Martha Velasco, EPE, número de teléfono (915) 543-4025. WTCC: 11/08 & 11/15/01

### GARAGE SALES

MOVING SALE: Nov. 9, 10 and 11, 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. at 15325 Dilly Ct., Horizon City. Inside and outside goods.

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### OFFICE SPACE

Office for lease in Horizon City. Corner of Darrington and Horizon Blvd. \$350/month. Call Horizon Properties, 852-3331.

### 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.

*Alcoholics 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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# Character education in San Elizario reaps reward for both giver and recipient

By Philip Cortez  
Special to the Courier

SAN ELIZARIO — Whether it's by cheering at a football game, performing in a play or judging at an elementary science fair, the students at San Elizario High School serve as role models for the younger students in the San Elizario ISD.

It's not everyday that the roles get to be reversed, where the younger students get an opportunity to help the "big kids."

So when presented with the opportunity, the students at Lorenzo G. Alarcón Elementary School came through in full force, raising \$822.60 for the Tri-Elementary Good Character Scholarship, given to a graduating senior looking to further his or her education.

Raising the money was not an easy task. The students began selling "spirit strips" at a dime each on Sept. 10, and the result of their work gave the campus the longest chain made among the three elementary schools in the school district.

The chain was proudly displayed at the Character Education Pep Rally in October, and considering that it almost wrapped around the football field twice, it's no wonder that the students were able to not only raise that much money, but win the district Spirit of Character Award, according to Norma deKoatz, counselor at the school.

The Spirit of Character Award is

intended to become a traveling trophy for which the student bodies of Alfonso Borrego Sr. Elementary, Sambrano Elementary and Lorenzo G. Alarcón Elementary will compete annually.

Borrego Elementary Counselor Leticia Otero said students at her



— Photo by Philip Cortez

Lorenzo G. Alarcón Elementary School students are the proud recipients of the first annual San Elizario Spirit of Character Award.

campus raised \$269 for the scholarship fund and donated another \$50 to the Red Cross, as did students from Sambrano Elementary.

"The whole idea was to get the kids to give to others," deKoatz said. "This was the citizenship component to Character Education."

This is the first year that the entire San Elizario school district has implemented Character Education. Teachers are able to include some aspect of Character Education in their classrooms and in their lesson planning.

In all, deKoatz said, there are six pillars to Character Education and these are used to determine who will receive the scholarship: responsibility (gpa), trust (letter of recommendation), citizenship (volunteer civic hours), caring (volunteer private hours), fairness (ex-elementary student receives the award) and respect (letter of recommendation).

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school seniors who have been selected as their school's Good Citizen. For additional information call 584-2086.

■ Mary Olson, fourth grade teacher at Alfonso Borrego Sr. Elementary School in the San Elizario ISD, will be going to Washington, D.C. this week to visit the White House and CNN. Last year, Ms. Olson and her fourth grade class corresponded with CNN reporter Kelly Wallace, CNN producer Jim Barnett, and CNN camerawoman Sara Pacheco. As a result, they have invited her to visit the CNN station and tour the White House.

Ms. Olson will videotape the trip to share with her students.

■ The El Paso County Democratic Party's monthly meeting for November will be held on Tuesday, Nov. 13, at 6:00 p.m. at 1305 Texas Avenue. All precinct chairs and elected officials are encouraged to invite others to the meeting. For further information call 533-2141.

■ The Rio Grande Citizens' Forum of the U.S. Section of the International Boundary and Water Commission will meet at 6:30 p.m. at the Chamizal National Memorial Administration Bldg. Conference Room, 800 S. Marcial on Nov. 28. Las Cruces and El Paso projects will be discussed. Call 832-4175 for information.

## CJH

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be better prepared for the new TAKS test.

Administrators, however, aren't the only ones proud and pleased. Stephanie Delgado, a sixth-grader at Clint Junior High, said she's excited for the middle school and glad to be one of its students.

"The teachers are cool here," she said. "And they really listen to us and help us learn."

The published report also reviewed 169 schools in the county giving each a rating of one to five stars — five being the best. Of those reviewed,

only eight received one star and 56 received five.

Just for the Kids separated Texas schools into four socioeconomic groups and then ranked the schools using academic standards. A school with five stars ranked in the top 20 percent of its economic group. A school with one star ranked among the bottom 20 percent.

Montana Vista Elementary, Red Sands Elementary, East Montana Middle and Clint Jr. High all received five star ratings. CJHS, however, was the only one to received a Texas Top School rating. Desert Hills Elementary and CT Welch Middle received four stars, Clint High School received three stars and William D. Surratt received two stars.

## Public Notice

### Canutillo Independent School District

Canutillo Independent School District is giving notice of the district's intent to apply for a High School Equivalency Program, also known as the General Educational Development (GED), under Statutory Authority: Texas Education Code, § 29.087 to the Texas Education Agency. A public hearing will be held concerning the proposed application on November 15, 2001 at the Canutillo High School cafeteria located at 7311 Bosque Road at 6:00 p.m. The hearing will be incorporated within the monthly meeting of the Board of Trustees. Interested parties are invited to attend for public comment. For more information call (915) 877-7440.

### Información Pública Distrito Escolar Independiente de Canutillo

*El Distrito Escolar Independiente de Canutillo informa que intenta aplicar para enviar el documento Programa de Equivalente a Secundaria, tambien conocido como el Desarrollo de Educacion General (GED), establecido por la autoridad legal: Texas Education Code, § 29.087 en la Agencia de Educación de Texas. Se llevara una audiencia publica sobre la propuesta aplicacion el 15 de noviembre del 2001 en la cafeteria de la escuela Secundaria Canutillo, localizada en el 7311 Bosque Road a las 6:00 p.m. La audiencia se incorporara con la junta mensual de la Mesa Directiva. Todas las personas interesadas estan invitadas para comentarios publicos. Para mayor información comunicarse al telefono (915) 877-7440.*

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## NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS COUNTY OF EL PASO, TEXAS

**CANUTILLO TCDP CONTRACT #719185  
PANORAMA VILLAGE TCDP CONTRACT #720016  
2002 TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND COMMUNITY  
AFFAIRS PROGRAM**

A series of public hearings will be held at the listed dates and times for the purpose of soliciting citizen participation and receiving public comment related to the following programs:

- 1) Panorama Village TCDP Contract #720016, to receive final public comment regarding close-out of this self-help water project;
- 2) Canutillo TCDP Contract #719185, to amend contract timeline;
- 3) 2002 TDHCA Program - to receive public comment in the development of grant projects for the unincorporated areas of the County.

Citizens are encouraged to attend these hearings and present their views to the County. If you cannot attend in person, written comments may also be submitted and will be accepted by the County until these public hearings are concluded. For further information, contact Rodrigo Mercado at the County Community Development Department, 500 E. San Antonio Avenue, Suite 313 (915) 543-3845.

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| <b>November 13</b> | <b>6:00 p.m.</b> | Lower Valley Water District<br>1557 FM 1110<br><i>To discuss Panorama Project<br/>&amp; New Funding Cycle</i>  |
| <b>November 14</b> | <b>6:00 p.m.</b> | El Paso County Courthouse<br>500 E. San Antonio Avenue, Suite 303<br><i>To discuss Canutillo Amendment<br/>&amp; New Funding Cycle</i>                           |
| <b>November 15</b> | <b>6:00 p.m.</b> | Agua Dulce Center<br>15371 Kentwood<br><i>To receive public comment in the<br/>development of grant projects for the<br/>unincorporated areas of the County.</i> |

WTCC: 11/08/01



# Light up your life

By Don Flood

So you've had your Belly Light for a while now, and it's not quite the attention-getter it used to be.

(A Belly Light, for the fashion-challenged, is an accessory that allows you to light up and draw attention to your bellybutton. It is considered suitable for all occasions, though some of the older Supreme Court justices still refrain from wearing them while hearing a case.)

Good news!

Just in time for the holiday season, the famous blinking fashion accessory is now available for all parts of the body!

It's called, appropriately enough, the Body Light, and you can attach it anywhere.

Humdrum hair? Add a Body Light!

Tired-looking tongue? Light it up!

According to the inventor, Gary Kellman, "Body Lights are a natural product extension of the Belly Lights."

Absolutely, and that's what makes Kellman an inventor in the tradition of Thomas Edison, Alexander Graham Bell and that Frisbee dude.

As Kellman said, "We had many of our customers asking if we could design more fun, flashing fashion for all parts of the body."

I know I have!

(A note from the Legal Adviser: Check with the authorities on what body parts you're allowed to flash in your local area.)

But while I am a firm believer in Progress, especially when it comes to better lighting for body parts, I have found my reaction somewhat subdued.

Perhaps it's because I realize now that I gave up on

my dreams a long, long time ago.

As a boy, I thought being an inventor was a pretty cool way to make a living, and I honestly believe I would have made an outstanding inventor but for two minor issues: I had no idea what to invent and no skill at making anything, assuming I had come up with an idea in the first place.

Otherwise, I had what it takes: a heartfelt desire to help mankind — at least the portion willing to buy my inventions — and a keen interest in sitting back and collecting patent royalties.

Unfortunately, a cruel guidance counselor steered me away from inventing and suggested I focus on a "more realistic" career goal, such as busing tables.

(To my guidance counselor's credit, clearing tables proved to be an effective steppingstone to a career in journalism.)

But Body Lights are just the beginning.

Another inventor, Carl VanderSchuit, has invented Litecubes, a plastic ice cube with a light inside!

Plop one in your drink and add a whole new measure of fun to your favorite holiday beverage.

Interestingly enough, Leonardo da Vinci left detailed drawings for a prototype of a plastic, lighted ice cube, but sadly, no models are known to exist. It's possible he never built one.

The great Thomas Edison also tackled the problem but found the plastic cubes made his gin and tonic taste funny.

Not that his research was wasted. Industrial historians credit his gin and tonics with inspiring Edison to invent Twister, considered by many to be the most important party game of the Second Millennium.

It's not like he invented the Belly Light, but he did OK.

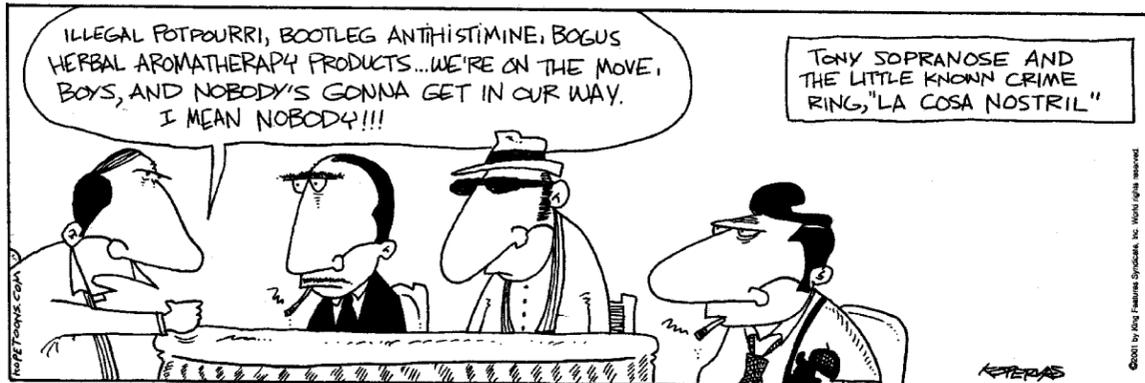
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# Social Security: Q & A by Ray Vigil

**Q.** We recently adopted an infant from Vietnam. She's a U.S. citizen, but her Social Security record doesn't show it. How can I establish that she's a citizen with Social Security?  
**A.** Children born in other countries but adopted by U.S. citizens are automatically citizens, thanks to the Child Citizenship Act of 2000. We'll issue numbers to them using the documents provided by Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS), but to show them as citizens, you'll have to apply for a Certificate of Citizenship from INS or a U.S. passport

from the Department of State. Bring the certificate or passport in and we'll show the children as citizens. For more information, visit: [www.ssa.gov/immigration/children.htm](http://www.ssa.gov/immigration/children.htm), call us at 1-800-772-1213, or visit your local Social Security office.

**Q.** I recently moved to El Paso and I need to apply for a replacement social security card as I lost mine. Can you tell me what documents I need and where the office located.  
**A.** We have two social security offices in El Paso, Texas. You can visit

the office located at 1111 Gateway West, El Paso, Texas 79935 or the one located at 700 E. San Antonio, El Paso, Texas 79901. If you were born in the United States, all you need is a current identification card such as a drivers license. If you were born outside the United States, you must provide proof of your residence status such as your naturalization certificate or alien registration card.

**Q.** My father died in late December. I received a letter from Social Security saying that I must return his benefit for December, even though he was alive through most of the month. Why?  
**A.** Social Security benefits are not

pro-rated. To be entitled to a Social Security benefit payment for a given month, the person must be alive the entire month. No benefit is payable for the month of death. On the other hand, when people start receiving Social Security, they get a benefit for the first month they're eligible, even if they don't meet all the eligibility factors until late in the month.

**Q.** I got my Social Security Statement in the mail and noticed that part of my social Security number is missing. Is this a mistake?  
**A.** No, it's our way of protecting you from identity theft. We've dropped the first five digits of your number

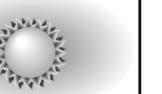
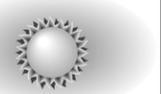
from the Statement so that if it is ever lost or stolen, no one else will be able to use it. Armed with your Social Security number and birth date, a criminal can steal your identity, open bank accounts and get credit cards. Your number is still nine digits — but if it falls into the wrong hands, they'll only have four of them!

For more information visit your local Social Security office, see [www.ssa.gov](http://www.ssa.gov) or call us at 1-800-772-1213. If you have any questions that you would like to have answered, please mail them to the Social Security Office, 1111 Gateway West, Attn: Ray Vigil, El Paso, Texas 79935

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## SEVEN-DAY FORECAST FOR EL PASO

THURSDAY	THUR. NIGHT	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY
 Clouds and some sunshine; windy and cool. ▲ 68°	 Overcast and breezy. ▼ 46°	 Intervals of clouds and sun with a cold wind. ▲ 66° ▼ 40°	 Sunny to partly cloudy. ▲ 68° ▼ 42°	 Sunshine. ▲ 68° ▼ 44°	 Sunny. ▲ 70° ▼ 48°	 A shower in spots with considerable clouds. ▲ 64° ▼ 48°	 Cloudy and cool with showers. ▲ 58° ▼ 44°

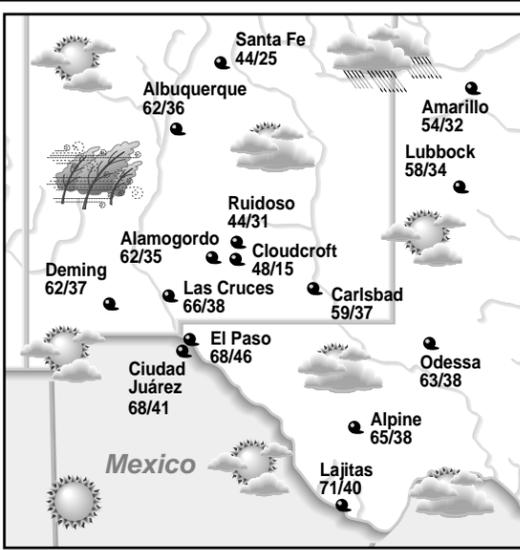
### UV INDEX Statistics for noon.

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Thursday	4	Low
Friday	3	Low
Saturday	5	Moderate
Sunday	5	Moderate
Monday	5	Moderate
Tuesday	3	Low
Wednesday	2	Minimal

### TEXAS WEATHER

Anthony	68	46
Canutillo	69	47
Clint	67	41
E. Montana	69	46
Fabens	67	40
Horizon	69	47
San Elizario	66	39
Socorro	67	44
Tornillo	66	40
Vinton	69	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	62/36/pc	64/36/pc	62/38/pc	60/38/pc	62/36/s
Atlanta	74/46/s	66/42/pc	66/42/s	68/44/s	63/42/s
Atlantic City	66/42/s	60/40/s	58/38/s	58/36/s	60/36/s
Austin/San Antonio	76/52/pc	66/48/c	70/52/c	70/56/pc	72/56/pc
Baltimore	68/42/s	60/36/pc	62/34/s	60/36/s	58/42/s
Boston	58/37/pc	50/34/pc	50/37/pc	48/34/pc	53/39/pc
Chicago	56/34/sh	56/44/s	60/36/pc	52/40/s	60/46/pc
Dallas/Ft. Worth	68/46/c	66/46/pc	66/48/pc	64/48/c	68/52/pc
Denver	58/30/pc	70/36/s	66/36/s	60/34/pc	62/30/s
Flagstaff	58/26/s	52/24/s	54/25/s	54/26/s	52/30/pc
Houston	78/52/pc	72/48/pc	74/50/pc	76/54/pc	76/52/pc
Kansas City	56/34/pc	66/38/s	68/40/s	66/38/s	64/44/pc
Las Vegas	73/49/s	73/51/s	71/51/pc	64/46/pc	64/53/c
Miami	80/66/s	80/64/s	80/66/s	80/64/s	80/63/s
Minneapolis	46/30/pc	52/34/pc	50/32/pc	54/36/pc	56/38/sh
New Orleans	74/54/s	74/52/pc	70/52/s	72/54/s	70/50/s
New York City	66/44/s	58/44/pc	58/38/pc	58/38/s	58/42/s
Philadelphia	68/44/s	58/42/pc	60/36/s	58/38/s	56/40/s
Phoenix	86/60/s	86/60/s	82/58/pc	80/58/s	78/56/s
Portland	58/42/pc	56/42/pc	54/44/c	52/46/r	52/46/sh
San Francisco	72/50/s	72/50/s	66/52/c	64/54/c	64/54/c
Seattle	54/44/pc	54/44/pc	52/44/pc	52/44/r	50/42/sh
Tucson	86/56/s	82/54/s	80/50/pc	78/50/s	76/48/s
Washington, DC	70/46/s	60/38/pc	62/36/s	62/38/s	58/40/s

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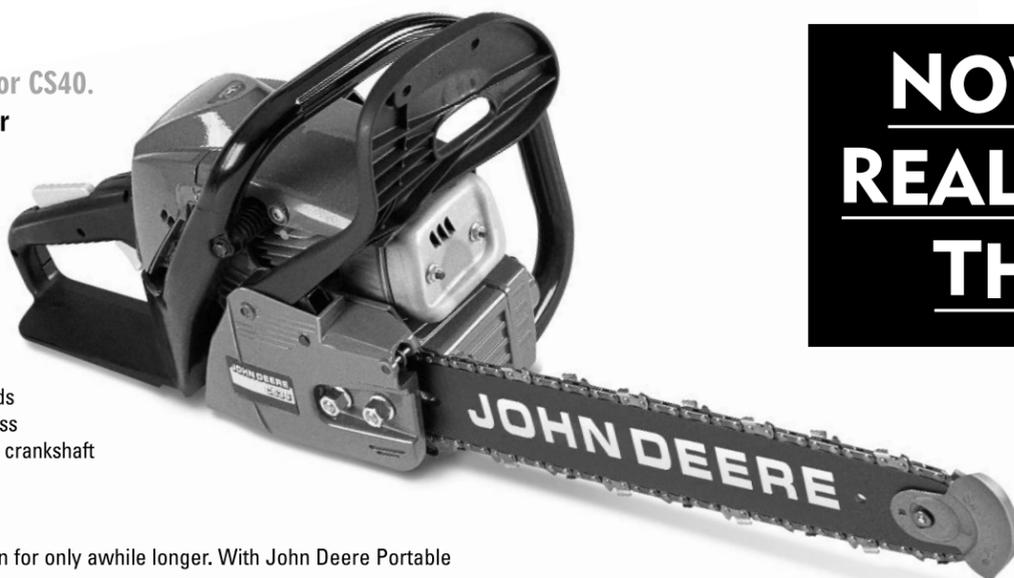
Thursday	62°
Friday	58°
Saturday	70°
Sunday	74°
Monday	72°
Tuesday	66°
Wednesday	56°

### AGRICULTURE

Moisture aloft from the remnants of Pacific Hurricane Octave will bring clouds to West Texas, but little rainfall. Sunny weather will return for the weekend, but temperatures will remain rather cool. There may be a better chance of significant rainfall late next week.

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