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NEWSBRIEFS

West Texas in line of fire

West Texas is entering what could be a disastrous fire season according to Texas Forest Service fire risk assessment coordinator Tom Spencer. "Our fire danger indexes are very near, and in some cases above, the historic figures for early May," he said. "For the Guadalupe Mountains, the current year is setting the historic minimum for fuel moisture, which is an indicator of the potential for extreme fire behavior. It's very dry out there." Spencer said the Trans-Pecos area is the area of primary focus for wildfires in Texas right now. "Conditions are ripe for a large fire, should one get started in the right place," he said. "It's no different than what they're facing in New Mexico. Overall, it's a very dangerous situation and it likely will be for the whole month of June and probably on into June." The Storm Prediction center had issued a critical fire weather watch early this week for the Guadalupe Mountains, due to predicted high winds and low humidities which were forecast to drop into the teens and single digits. The Forest Service encourages extreme caution with outdoor burning, welding, parking or driving in tall grass, using blades or mowers, and keeping vegetation down around homes.

Najera appointed to Trade Committee

Manny Najera, State Rep. District 75, has been appointed to the Border Trade Advisory Committee (BTAC), according to John W. Johnson, Commissioner of the Texas Transportation Commission (TTC). The BTAC, created by Sen. Bill 195, provides a forum for the exchange of information between the TTC, the Texas Department of Transportation, and others who have an interest in border trade and its impact on transportation. It then makes recommendations concerning the Texas transportation system. "I am honored to have been appointed to the BTAC," said Najera. "I truly believe my 31 years of experience in the U.S. Customs Service and my recently acquired experience in the Texas House of Representatives will allow me to be an asset to the committee and to El Paso."

In other news

■ The staff at Oz Glaze Senior Citizens Center in Horizon City, 13969 Veny Webb, reminds all senior citizens — ages 50 and older — that pot luck luncheons are held on the second and fourth Wednesday of each month. Bring a dish to share and meet other area seniors. Phone: 852-0062.

■ Both the Lower Valley Water District and Horizon's El Paso County Water Authority held elections to fill positions on their board of directors. In the LVWD, Position 1 will be filled by Rosalinda Vigil, who ran unopposed. Position 2 was won by Raul Diaz, 553 votes, followed by Lorenza Fraire with 473 and Joe L. Rubio with 345. LVWD's Position 3 will be filled by Henry Trujillo, who won 705 votes,

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Fabens thanks PIE members, volunteers for 'serving hearts'



EAST EL PASO COUNTY — Fabens ISD took an afternoon at the Vista Hills Country Club to say thanks to the volunteers and businesses that have assisted the district throughout the past year as Partners in Education (PIE). Special awards were presented to outstanding parent volunteers, and for businesses that had gone above and beyond to serve the district. Show from left are Irma Baca of Flicks Pizza; Ruby Martinez, parent volunteer from RECC; Fernando Arellano of TxDOT; Susan Perea, parent at Fabens Primary; Frances Mata, parent from RECC; Irene Bustamante, parent at Fabens High; Sylvia Ceballos, parent at ALTA Academy; and Jim Pendell, S&S Big 8.



HEART TO HEART — Dr. Lu Stephens, Fabens Superintendent, said it doesn't take a college degree to make a difference in someone's life, only a serving heart.



Actress Aymee Garcia interacts with students during a visit to Socorro High School.

Les Mis actress shares experiences with SHS students

SOCORRO — Actress Aymee Garcia and Socorro High School English and drama students each got an education May 2.

Garcia plays the role of Madame Thénardier in the Broadway touring production of *Les Miserables*, which played El Paso's Abraham Chavez Theatre April 30-May 5. She talked to almost 200 students about acting for a living, auditions and stage work and the students, in addition to serious questions, advised the Florida native to visit Chico's Tacos before leaving the city.

Garcia, a veteran of more than 2,400 performances of *Les Miserables*, had words of wisdom for the students. "Don't ever get discouraged. Don't let anyone tell you you're too fat, don't let anyone tell you that you can't do something. Opportunities will come and if they don't you need to make your own opportunities. I went to open auditions for this part with a friend. The producers excused her but kept me. That was six years ago."

Garcia told the crowd they must live and breathe their craft, and to "saturate yourself with the art."

Horizon schedules Clean-Up Days

HORIZON CITY — Horizon City, in conjunction with the Horizon City Lions Club, is declaring May 24-25 as Horizon City Cleanup Days. Anyone who travels the main thoroughfares of the City will have noticed the accumulation of paper bags, bottles, etc.

"The lengthy 'windy season' has also added to the normal deposit of trash and sand that most of us have accepted as part of living where we live," said Horizon City Mayor Pat Randleel. "We are inviting businesses, schools, service clubs and individuals who care about the appearance of the community to join in with us to clean up and improve the appearance of our City."

The City organizers want to concentrate on the following areas:

- Horizon Blvd. from Ashford to Antwerp
- Darrington Rd. from Roslyn south to the city limits
- Eastlake from Lago Seco south to Horizon Blvd.

"On the other hand, if your sense of responsibility lies closer to home or your place of business, team up with your neighbors or fellow business owners and pick up that vacant lot on, behind or adjacent to your street or property," Randleel said.

Whatever you choose, Randleel said residents can claim their area at City Hall as well as pick up trash bags. All bagged trash can be left at the side of the road and will be picked up by the City's Public Works personnel.

City organizers said it is important that residents let City Hall know where they will be working so that the filled bags will be picked up. Questions or concerns may be directed to Sandra Sierra, City Clerk or John Dixon, Public Works Director at 852-1046.

Centro Socorro Ramirez establishes mini-tech Computer Center in Sparks

EAST EL PASO COUNTY — As most of America has reached the information age through technology, colonias have remained isolated from technology services offered in urbanized communities. With this in mind, Sparks Housing Development Corporation (SHDC) at the Centro Socorro Ramirez was awarded a \$25,000 grant from the Rural Development and Finance Corporation to establish a mini-computer technology center in the Sparks Colonia.

In operation since November 2001, the purpose of the center is to bridge the gap of the so-called "digital divide" by acting as a hub to enhance community and self-development through the information highway.

Maria Leyva, 18, a Sparks resident and computer center volunteer instructor, believes that success comes from practice and persistence. "Teaching several kids at the Sparks Center what I learned in high school benefits and pre-

pares us all in developing necessary computer skills needed for future success," she said.

Maria is a role model to her younger peers, according to Frank Desales, SHDC Executive Director. He said she offers basic typing and Microsoft Word to girls ages 10 to 12 while at the same time researching such topics as substance abuse, family violence, women in history, and the environment.

With a six-station networked system including full internet, photo, audio, and video capabilities, Desales said the Sparks Center serves as a mechanism that allows colonia children, youth, and adults to learn basic computers skills, develop their typing skills, use various educational and tutorial programs, record music, do their homework, watch a movie, scan pictures, and surf the world wide web. Structured classes offered at the Center include but are

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City of Socorro elects first woman mayor



Irma S. Sanchez

SOCORRO — Irma S. Sanchez, veteran civic activist and former Socorro ISD school board member, was elected as the first woman mayor of the City of Socorro since it was revitalized as a municipality.

From a slate of four candidates, including a

former mayor Ray Rodriguez and incumbent councilmen Jesus S. Hernandez and Trini Lopez, Sanchez took 576 of the votes, with Rodriguez as the closest runner-up with 342. Hernandez took 275 and Lopez 224.

Gary Gandara held onto his Councilman-at-Large seat with 826 votes over challenger Ricardo F. Ortiz, 446.

In District 1, Joe L. Ramirez won the seat over George Carillo, 182 percent over 113.

For District 2, Gloria M. Rodriguez won with 144 over candidates Blanca Pena with 119 and Javier Hernandez with 55.

For District 3, incumbent Councilman Sam Brewster took 193 votes over challengers Jose "Joe" Hernandez, 140; and Arnulfo Salazar, 73.

For District 4, Chito Bowling pulled off a narrow victory from a crowded field with 88 votes, followed by Nena Serna Pena with 79; Jesus "Jesse" Gandara with 71; and Joseph Griffin and Marco Teran taking 38 each.

A "peace rally" is as much a misnomer as a "slumber party."

— Quips and Quotes



One perspective

By Francis Shrum

The ugliest shoes in the world

It's a little scary sometimes when you realize what pain will make you do.

It has caused me to wear "psycho hiker shoes," as one daughter calls them, and be grateful to do so.

Now, it's no secret that my fashion sense veered off the beaten path a very long time ago and has never looked back. But even for me, these shoes are a stretch.

It all started when this little back problem I've had for a long time started to become a big back problem. It could have something to do with the fact that I'm getting older but have refused to recognize that I can't do everything I used to in the same amount of time — but who's asking? We won't go there.

It's just that every step I took was quickly becoming a torture test to see if I could remain vertical or whether I would give in to my desire to suddenly go horizontal. The jolting pain was shooting right up my leg into my lower back — or was it the other way around?

I'd heard about these shoes and their purported ability to relieve walking pain months before from a friend, but I rejected the idea out of hand. Like I said, even for me, they were a stretch.

Let me explain.

Envision a regular athletic shoe or hiking boot. Now plant a large coiled pyramid spring directly in the middle of the heel, starting with the little end at the top. The big end, about the size of the average gas cap, is covered with a rubber heel pad where it hits the ground, but the entire coiled spring is exposed.

The effect is sort of like having pogo sticks mounted on the heels of your shoes.

Now this thing is engineered so that the entire footbed is an orthotic support. The front part of the sole is elevated so that even with the coil under your heel, your foot lies at the proper angle for comfortable stand-

ing. This shoe makes you about two inches taller.

Constructed with the comparable durability of an army tank, this shoe sports a rubber heel pad that would make a Mac truck glow with pride. They're going to last me for years and years and years...

If I were feeling up to snuff, I'd probably be dangerous in these shoes. When I take a step the spring absorbs the force that would otherwise give me a painful jolt, and returns it to me in a wonderfully energetic lift.

It's really astonishing the range of reactions I get when I wear these things out in public — everything from astonished glances to outright stares.

The first day I wore them I was standing in line at the Wal-Mart customer service counter. It hurts to stand still anyway, and like a kid with a new toy, here I am bouncing gently from heel to heel. Suddenly, I hear this woman next to me say: "Those are beautiful!" Not exactly the reaction I get every time.

My youngest daughter, the one who wants to know the why and how of everything, crawled around on the floor after me for quite a while before she was satisfied that the workings were all secure, that I wasn't suddenly going to propel through the roof, and apparently I wasn't going to fall off of them.

Everyone in my family is glad that my new shoes make it less painful for me to get around and have made the adjustment to Mom's outlandish-looking footwear with reasonable grace. But one of my daughters lamented that of the styles that were offered, I managed to choose the ugliest model.

A friend took one look at my new shoes and hooted with laughter.

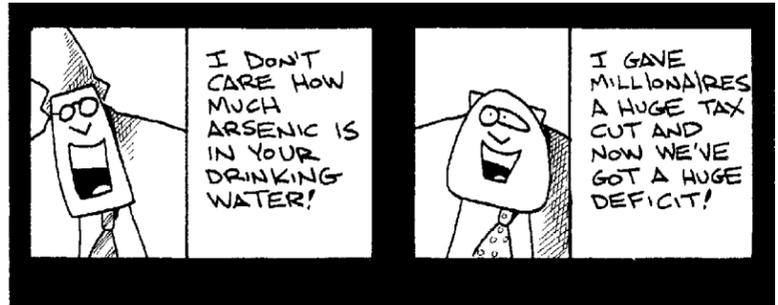
"I wouldn't be caught dead in a dog fight in those," she said.

Maybe not. She just doesn't hurt bad enough yet.



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Change in INS long overdue



The dream of becoming a U.S. citizen quickly turns into a nightmare for many immigrants striving to better their lives. People wait in long lines every day awaiting their paperwork, but because of back logged offices and lack of personnel, service is slow.

El Paso is one of those cities. There are currently 2,114 people in El Paso who are among the hundreds of thousands throughout the nation waiting to become citizens. For this reason there must be some change.

There is no escaping that the INS is failing and it is time for some restructuring. For the past five years I have advocated for restructuring, and now the House of Representatives has passed the legislation needed.

It has abolished the INS, and will replace it with two bureaus — Two bureaus that will increase productivity and efficiency, reunite families who have been separated because of INS incompetence, and do a better job of securing our borders.

The dismantling of the INS and creation of two new bureaus is a welcome change that is long overdue. I have stressed the importance of restructuring over and over again.

The INS is a dysfunctional agency, and it's my hope that the changes we have voted for in Congress will result in the increased efficiency and effectiveness that is needed.

When talking about the "INS," it is important to distinguish between the men and women in the field and the bureaucrats at INS headquarters. It is for the field personnel, as well as immigrants, that we must restructure this agency.

This new agency, named the Agency for Immigration Affairs, addresses the many needs that our immigration system has lacked for years. After we restructure the INS and place competent and experienced people at the head of each bureau, they must surround themselves with experts and listen.

As a former Border Patrol Agent, INS inspector, and Chief Patrol Agent, I know first hand how important it is that our immigration system properly serve our country and I am confident that it can. These recent changes are a great step in the recovery of our national immigration system, and although this bill is not the cure for all INS problems, it is definitely a step in the right direction.

For too long, INS has been the most inefficient agency in America, and now is time for a change.



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Write stuff

Dear Editor:

I would like to thank the people of Socorro for giving me the privilege to have served them the past two years. I also would like to thank the voters of District 3 for allowing me to serve them for the next two years. I am sure that working with the new Mayor and Council we will be able to accomplish good things for the City of Socorro. Our tax base will increase greatly with the new housing and new businesses that have come to our City and there is more to come. With the professional staff that is in place, I am sure the transition will also be a smooth one.

Quiero tomar esta oportunidad

para dar las mas sinceras gracias a la gente de Socorro por haberme dado el privilegio de poder servirles estos ultimos do años. Tambien quiero dar las gracias a la gente de el Distrito 3 por darme otra vez la oportunidad de representarlos los siguientes dos años. Estoy seguro que trabajando en buena harmonia con la nueva alcalde y concilio podremos hacer muchas cosas buenas para el beneficio de Socorro. Nuestra base de impuestos se ha mejorado mucho con nuevas viviendas y nuevos negocios que has habitado en nuestra comunidad. Con los empleados que tenemos estoy seguro que el cambio de gobierno sera uno sin problemas.

Sam Brewster
Council
City of Socorro

Thank you

"I'd like to thank all the voters in Clint that made time to vote. I appreciate the support many of you gave me. I will continue to serve the Town of Clint in my capacity as Alderman and give the Town a personal presence at meetings that impact our future. Thanks again."

- Steven T. Cheatum, Sr.

Pol. adv. paid for by Steven T. Cheatum, Sr., P.O Box 254, Clint, TX 79836



City of Socorro PUBLIC NOTICE

A PUBLIC HEARING will be held at 6:30 p.m. during the City Council Meeting of Thursday, May 16, 2002 at City Hall, 124 S. Horizon Blvd., Socorro, Texas. Purpose of the public hearing is to allow any interested person to appear and testify at the hearing regarding the following proposed ordinance(s):

- 1) Ordinance No. 185, Amendment No. 1, an ordinance authorizing the installation and enforcement of a traffic control devices on public roads (intersection of Old Hueco Tanks Road and Moon Road) in the City of Socorro, Texas.

Those that are unable to attend the public hearing may submit their views to the City of Socorro. Accommodations for handicapped persons will be available; handicapped persons in need of special assistance for attending the hearings are encouraged to contact the City Secretary (915) 858-2915, forty-eight (48) hours prior to this meeting. Ordinances are too extensive to print. Copies of ordinances are posted in City Hall and are available upon request.

TERE RODRIGUEZ
City Secretary

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



Thank you, Mom

Abraham Lincoln once wrote, "All that I am or ever hope to be, I owe to my angel Mother." I couldn't agree more.

This Sunday, families across America will celebrate Mother's Day. Children will wake at the crack of dawn to make mom breakfast in bed. Kids of all ages will pull out the construction paper and crayons and make mom a homemade greeting card. And sons and daughters everywhere will write a note, place a phone call or stop by the house to say "thank you, mom."

However you celebrate, Mother's Day is our opportunity to thank Mom for all the lessons, devotion, guidance and love she has shown us over the years. It's a day to celebrate motherhood and to remember our mothers.

Contrary to popular belief, Mother's Day was not conceived in the boardroom of Hallmark. The first tributes date back to the offerings ancient Romans made to their Great Mother of Gods. Hundreds of years later, Mother's Day has become a day to celebrate all mothers. It's the most popular day of the year to dine out, and telephone lines record their highest traffic as children everywhere take advantage of this day to honor their mothers.

Mom deserves every ounce of appreciation this day gives her. She has always been there to pick us up when we stumble and fall. She reminds us that it's okay to try

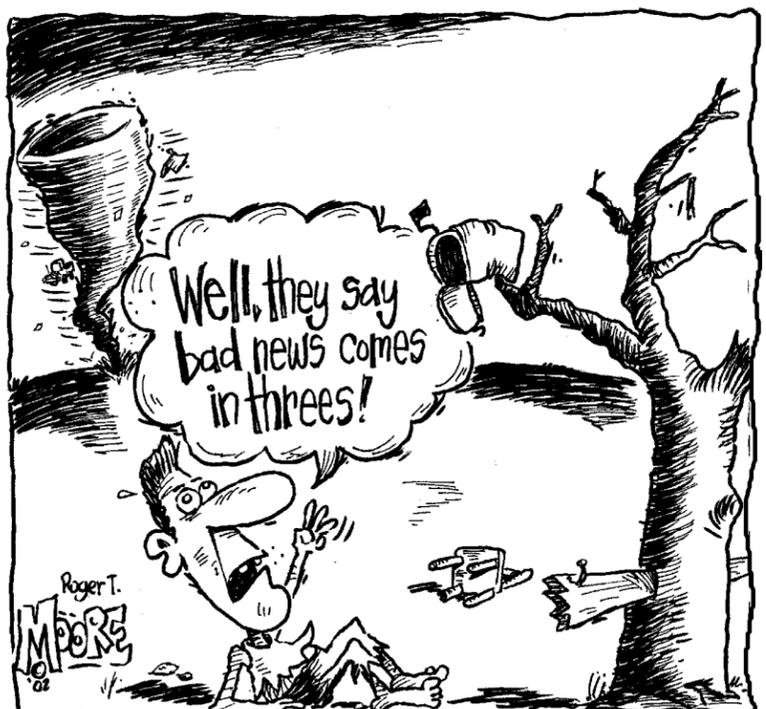
new things and to never be afraid of the unknown. Mom was there to help us with our homework and make sure we got to little league practice on time. And through all our daily activities, she was always gently reminding us of the lessons of life: play nice, make friends, try hard and be good. These are lessons that we will carry with us always.

America's mothers hold a special place in our hearts. Many of the best lessons don't come from seminars or sermons. They come from Mom. And she sure has taught us a lot over the years. Today's mothers are CEOs and teachers, physicians and nurses, elected officials and PTA presidents. They're police officers and volunteers, homemakers and heads of households. Through their actions, they've given us confidence and faith. They've showed us that there's a world of opportunity out there. And they've taught us that anything is possible if we put our mind to it — even becoming a United States Congressman.

So in celebration of this special day, I'd like to say thank you to my Mom. Over the past 50 years, she raised five wonderful children and showed us love and devotion every step of the way.

Thank you, Mom. Happy Mother's Day.

TRUE TEXAS FACTS by Roger Moore May 11, 3 devastating tornados strike Texas cities. In 1953, Waco and San Angelo are hit. In 1970, Lubbock is pounded.



Relay for life was an exercise in kindness

EAST EL PASO COUNTY — Americas High School chemistry and anatomy teacher Lee Ann Hernandez and Socorro ISD board president Brenda Castaneda exercised at the Americas High School track May 3



during the America Cancer Society's Relay for Life fundraiser. Hernandez organized the all-night race, which attracted teams from Montwood, Americas, San Elizario high schools and the Region 19 Education Service Center. The Montwood team won the award for the most laps, and Americas High was recognized for sponsoring the most teams.

San Elizario and Americas to welcome BYU-Idaho Collegiate Singers

SAN ELIZARIO — The Collegiate Singers and Vocal Union from Brigham Young University-Idaho will perform Thursday, May 16 at the San Elizario High School Theatre and again on May 17 at the Americas High Theatre. Both 90-minute performances will begin at 7 p.m. The Collegiate Singers are comprised of 40 outstanding vocal students and the Vocal



Union is made up of 10 performers who focus on contemporary art forms. The touring concert for 2002 is entitled "Song of the Heart," with songs of praise, folk

and love songs, American tribute and jazz favorites. Tickets are \$5 at the door. Call Keith McClellan for more information at 852-2156.

Sparks

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not limited to: introduction to Microsoft, typing, introduction to the internet, on-line citizenship, and job preparedness.

Nora Ortega, 30, an El Paso Hills resident and volunteer teaches classes

in Microsoft word to adults as well as tutors students on various computer programs such as publisher, excel, works, and clip art. "The students have learned the basics of the computers such as opening and closing the computer, typing, making letters, doing resumes, finding jobs and much more."

"As we have entered the new millennium, we have seen that technology is becoming more important in

daily life and in more demand in the workforce," said Desales. "We invite the community at large of all ages to come and visit us and benefit from our programs that will further develop educational and marketable skills needed to compete in the 21st century."

The Sparks Community Technology Center is a member of the Community Technology Centers' Network and an affiliate of the America

Connects Consortium. The Sparks Community Technology Center is located in the Socorro Ramirez Center at 106 Peyton Road.

Computer classes are offered Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10 a.m. to 12 noon and Monday through Thursday evenings from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Job preparedness and internet research classes are offered Monday and Wednesdays from 10

a.m. to 12 noon and Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Sparks Housing Development Corporation is a 501(C)3 Federal Tax-Exempt non-profit community-based organization dedicated to bettering the health and well-being of children and families residing in the Sparks Colonia and it's surrounding areas, Desales said. For more information call at (915) 852-2245.



EL PASO CENTRAL APPRAISAL DISTRICT Property Tax Protest and Appeal Procedures

The law gives property owners the right to protest actions concerning their property tax appraisals. You may follow these procedures if you have a concern about:

- the market or special appraised value placed on your property
- the unequal appraisal of your property
- the inclusion of your property on the appraisal roll
- any exemptions that may apply to you
- the qualification for an agricultural or timber appraisal
- the taxable status of your property
- the jurisdiction in which you are being taxed
- the ownership of property
- the change of use of land receiving special appraisal
- any action taken by the Chief Appraiser, Appraisal District or Appraisal Review Board (ARB).

Informal Review

The El Paso Central Appraisal District has a trained staff to assist you with your tax appraisal problems.

In order to have an informal or ARB hearing you **must file a written protest before your deadline** (see below for deadlines).

If you receive a notice of appraised value, a protest form is attached to the bottom below the perforation. If you wish to protest, simply tear off this form, sign the back, and return it to the El Paso Central Appraisal District.

If you do not receive a notice of appraised value, you should send a letter or postcard stating that you wish to protest your property value. Be sure to include your name and address or property identification number.

After your written protest is received, the Appraisal District will send you a letter notifying you of the date and time of your informal and ARB hearings.

However, if you have a question about exemptions, procedures, or anything not related to a protest, you may call (915) 780-2131. Your call will be logged, your question noted, and given to the appropriate department for a call back.

Review by the Appraisal Review Board

If you can't resolve your problem informally with the Central Appraisal District (CAD) staff, you may have your case heard by the Appraisal Review Board (ARB).

The ARB is an independent board of citizens that reviews problems with appraisals or other concerns aforementioned. It has

the power to order the CAD to make the necessary changes to solve problems. If you file a written request for an ARB hearing (called a Notice of Protest) before the deadline, the ARB will set your case for a hearing. You'll receive a written notice of the time, date and place of the hearing. If necessary, you may request a hearing on Saturday or Sunday, or in the evening. Prior to your hearing, you may ask to review the evidence the CAD will use to uphold their determination. The CAD may ask you for a copy of the evidence you plan to present. The hearing will be informal. You or a designated agent may appear in person or present evidence or you may send notarized evidence for the ARB to review at your hearing. The CAD representative will present evidence about your case. You may cross-examine the CAD representative. The ARB will make its decision based on the evidence presented. The CAD has the burden of establishing the property's value by a preponderance of the evidence presented. You can get a copy of a protest form from the Appraisal District office at:

5801 Trowbridge Drive

Note: You shouldn't try to contact ARB members outside of the hearing. The law requires ARB members to sign an affidavit saying that they haven't talked about your case before the ARB hears it.

Review by the District Court

After it decides your case, the ARB must send you a copy of its order by certified mail. If you are not satisfied with the decision, you have the right to appeal to district court. If you choose to go to court, you must start the process by filing a petition within 45 days of the date you receive the ARB's order.

Tax Payment

If you appeal and your case is pending, you must pay the lesser of the amount of taxes due on the portion of the taxable value not in dispute, or the amount of taxes due on the property under the order from which the appeal is taken.

More Information

You can get more information by contacting the El Paso Central Appraisal District, 5801 Trowbridge Drive, El Paso, Texas 79925-3345, (915) 780-2131. You can also get a pamphlet describing how to prepare a protest from the Appraisal District or from the State Comptroller's Property Tax Division at P.O. Box 13528, Austin, Texas 78711-3528.

Deadline* for Filing Protests with the ARB

Usual Deadline

On or before May 31, (or 30 days after a notice of appraised value was mailed to you, whichever is later).

Late protests are allowed if you miss the usual deadline for good cause. Good cause is some reason beyond your control, like a medical emergency. The ARB decides whether you have good cause.

Late protests are due the day before the Appraisal Review Board approves records for the year. Contact the Appraisal District for more information.

* The deadline is postponed to the next business day if it falls on a weekend or holiday.

Special Deadlines

For change of use (the Appraisal District informed you that you are losing agricultural appraisal because you changed the use of your land), the deadline is before the 30th day after the notice of the determination was mailed to you.

For ARB changes (the ARB has informed you of a change that increases your tax liability and the change didn't result from a protest you filed), the deadline is before the 30th day after the notice of the determination was mailed to you.

If you believe the Appraisal District or ARB should have sent you a notice and did not, you may file a protest until the day before taxes become delinquent (usually February 1). The ARB decides whether it will hear your case based on evidence about whether a required notice was mailed to you.

Briefs

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over Robert Trillo, 410; and Bernardo Fresquez, 322. In the EPCWA, two positions, held by incumbents Ken Osmond and John Navidomskis, were unopposed. The second, vacated by the resignation of Jim Taylor, was won by Bruce Truesdale Sr., 192 votes, over Karen Johnston, 166.

■ The Tornillo Water Improvement District seated three places on its board of directors May 4. Luis A. Vega ran unopposed for Place 1; Jose Luis Soria won 95 votes over challenger Javier Escalante's 43 for Place 2; and Ofelia Bosquez, with 65 votes, won Place 7 over Clemente Escalante who won 42, and Estela Pacheco, 36.

■ Longtime incumbent Mayor Sam Monnreal of the Village of Vinton passed the torch following the May 4 election, to Antonio Castro who won the election with 63 votes. Juvencia Rios-Ontiveros won 61 votes and Monnreal took 58. Alderman Place 1 was won by Dolores Diaz, 109 votes, over Cesar Gonzalez, 67. For Alderman Place 2, Yolanda Lucero won 95 votes; Cecilia Avila, 78.

■ In the Town of Clint elections May 4 voters returned incumbent Mayor Charles Gonzalez to his seat with 107 votes over challenger Steven T. Cheatum Sr. who took 98. Two council positions, to be filled with the top two vote-getters, will be filled by Henry Franco, who took 133 votes; and Ed Prado, who won 95. There were no other candidates.

■ The Socorro ISD board of trustees positions of District-at-Large were filled with the top two vote-getters during the May 4 election. Craig Patton, with 1,205 votes, and Barbara Perez-Peña, with 1,061 votes, will sit on the board. Challengers Norma Borunda won 569 votes; John Guerrero, 565; and Richard L. Del Hierro, 102.

■ The Canutillo ISD seated two

members of the board of trustees following the May 4 election with the top two vote-getters in a field of seven candidates. Jose Villarreal, with 298 votes, and Charley Hecker, with 223, will sit on the board. Other challengers were Henry Gallegos Jr., 203; Laura Alderete-Lopez, 162; Shonda Jordan, 116; Guillermo "Memo" Villa, 73; and Eduardo Orozco, 25.

■ The Town of Horizon City seated four aldermen during the May 4 election, three of who ran unopposed. Alderman Place 1, Mary E. Beaseley; Alderman Place 4, Walter M. Miller; and Alderman Place 6, Bethani Sellers were without challengers. Alderman Place 2 will be Ronald Baerbock, who won 179 votes over Mason Gray's 127.

■ In the Clint ISD school board election May 4, the two top vote-getters from a field of four candidates were selected. James R. Pendell won 377 votes, and Janice Armstrong won 240, seating them on the board. Lupe C. Gonzales won 190 votes, and Scott P. Spitzberg won 38, even though he dropped out of the race prior to the election.

■ The San Elizario school board saw the return of the incumbents May 4. In Place 1, Rick Rednour won 211 votes over challenger Paul Johnson Jr., 75. In Place 2, Armando Martinez won 232 votes over Raymond Johnson, 62. In Place 3, Fernie Madrid won 233 votes over John Johnson, 59.

■ The school board trustee election in Anthony ISD seated the two top vote-getters from a field of three. Raul Rueda took 39 votes, followed by Sally Flores with 33, which seated them on the board. Daniel P. Levario won 22 votes.

■ Three places on the Fabens ISD school board were on the May 4 ballot. Jose Ramirez ran unopposed for Place 5, as did Adan Escobar in Place 6. Greg Spence won 232 votes which seated him for Place 7, opposed by Manuel Velarde who won 212.



Mountain View JROTC cadets nab top prizes in fitness

EAST MONTANA — The Mountain View JROTC male physical fitness team (Cadet Challenge Team) traveled to San Antonio, Texas on April 19 to participate in the annual Fiesta Skills Meet. This meet is hosted each year by the Northeast Independent School District's Director of Army Instruction and is touted to be one of the most prestigious drill meets in the country. Approximately 30 schools participate, with several being ranked among the nation's top JROTC programs. Mountain View won first place in the overall male physical fitness team and captured first, second and third place in the individual male fitness category. The team members are: Kneeling, from left, David Brown, Gilbert Gutierrez, and Luis Cardenas. Standing, from left, Christain Olmos, Lorenzo Olivas, Hugo Ruiseco, and David Salazar. The team is coached by 1SG(Ret) Javier Hernandez

Fabens student named in national achievement registry

FABENS — Dyana Garcia, a student at Fabens Middle School, has been named a National Award Winner in mathematics by the United States Achievement Academy, and her name will appear in the USAA official yearbook which is published nationally. The Academy accepts nominations only from teachers, coaches, counselors or other qualified academic personnel. Winners are selected

based on academic performance, interest, aptitude, leadership, responsibility, enthusiasm, motivation, citizenship, attitude, dependability and cooperative spirit. Garcia was recommended by her Algebra teacher, Mrs. Mortensen. She is the daughter of Javier and Myrna Garcia of Fabens. Her grandparents are Francisco and Eva Hernandez of Dell City and Felix and Cristina Garcia of Socorro.



**SAN ELIZARIO, TEXAS
PUBLIC NOTICE**



A **SECOND TIRE AMNESTY DAY** will be held on Saturday, May 18, 2002 from 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM at San Elizario Middle School. The line will form at the stop sign on the corner of Bob Neill and Socorro Road. **You will be expected to unload tires from your vehicle.** The purpose of this tire amnesty day is to bring the San Elizario and surrounding community areas together to reach two common goals. The goals are the removal of waste tires and the control of mosquitoes. Mosquitoes can transmit diseases such as **Encephalitis, Malaria, Dengue, and Yellow Fever. Encephalitis infected mosquitoes have been found in or around your community.** The disease can be fatal especially among children, the elderly or people with a low immune system. Ideal mosquito breeding areas are tires, which we all know are found in abundance throughout El Paso County. We can find tires on the rooftops of mobile homes, yards, roadsides, vacant lots, irrigation ditches, canals, the desert, or any other location where some people manage to dump them illegally.

During this amnesty day we will only accept passenger vehicle tires (**cars and pickups**) with or without rims. **NO tractor, semi, aircraft, large or commercial vehicle tires will be accepted.** This service will be **FREE OF CHARGE** and there is **no limit** to the number of tires you will be allowed to drop off during this **ONE DAY EVENT.** Since there will be a separate tire amnesty day for businesses, we ask that the local tire businesses not use this day to drop off their waste tires. However, these businesses can join the rest of the community in collecting illegally dumped waste tires throughout San Elizario and surrounding areas. **NOTE:** There will also be a third Tire Amnesty Day held in the Montana Vista area. The date is June 2, 2002 from 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM. Please watch for further information, announcements, changes, and locations through this publication, flyers, or by contacting Juan Garcia at Environmental General, 594-1568. **ARRIVE EARLY, THE GATES WILL CLOSE PROMPTLY AT 2:45 PM! LETS ALL COME TOGETHER AS A PROUD COMMUNITY AND MAKE A DIFFERENCE!**

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SE HA DESIGNADO EL SABADO 18 DE MAYO DEL 2002 DE LAS 9:00 AM-3:00 PM COMO EL SEGUNDO DÍA DE AMNISTÍA PARA LA RECOLECCIÓN DE LLANTAS USADAS. El lugar designado es la escuela San Elizario Middle School. La linea se formara empezando en el cruce de las calles Bob Neill y Socorro Road. **Usted sera responsable por descargar las llantas de su vehiculo. Se han encontrado mosquitos infectados con el virus de Encefalitis en el area de San Elizario.** Esta enfermedad puede ser mortal especialmente en los niños, personas de edad avanzada, y personas con problema del sistema inmunológico. El proposito de este dia de amnistia es para unir a la comunidad de San Elizario y sus alrededores con la intención de recolectar llantas usadas para poder mantener el control de mosquitos y evitar enfermedades como **Encefalitis, Malaria, Dengue, y Fiebre Amarilla.** Los lugares favoritos para la reproducción de los mosquitos, son los siguientes: llantas usadas, recipientes vacíos, botellas, frascos y piscinas de plástico para niños. El problema es en el condado de El Paso donde se han encontrado llantas usadas tiradas por las calles, carreteras, terrenos vacíos, y canales de irrigacion. Tambien se encuentran llantas en los patios de las casas, en drenajes y en los techos de las casas mobil.

En este día de amnistía se aceptaran solamente llantas de vehiculos personales con y sin rines. **NO se aceptaran llantas de vehiculos comerciales este día. Este servicio se ofrece gratuitamente para la comunidad.** No habrá limite en la cantidad de llantas que traigan. **Este evento es de un solo día.** Se les pide a los comerciantes que por favor no usen este día para deshacerse de sus llantas. Vamos a tener otro día de recolección de llantas para los comerciantes. Se le invita a los comerciantes que se unan con la comunidad para este evento tan grande en la recolección de llantas usadas que se han tirado ilegalmente en terrenos vacíos, canales y las calles de la comunidad de San Elizario y sus alrededores. **Le recordamos** que vamos a tener un tercer dia de amnistia en la comunidad de Montana Vista. La fecha designada es el 2 de Junio, del 2002. Este pendiente para informacion adicional, cambios de horario y lugares en su periodico y noticias locales. Para mas informacion llame a Juan Garcia representante de este programa al numero 594-1568. **¡Llegue temprano, las puertas se cerraran ha las 2:45 PM en punto! Juntos podemos lograr una comunidad orgullosa. ¡Hagamos la diferencia!**

**EL PASO CITY-COUNTY HEALTH & ENVIRONMENTAL DISTRICT
VECTOR CONTROL INITIATIVE PROGRAM**

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
Town of Anthony, Texas**

**Notice of Intent to Submit an Application
to the Rural Development Service of the
U.S. Department of Agriculture**

The Town of Anthony, Texas, hereby gives notice of its intent to submit an application for assistance from the Water and Waste Disposal Program of the Rural Development Service of the U.S. Department of Agriculture. A public hearing will be held for the purpose of receiving input from the citizenry concerning the proposed submission of an application for the development of a sanitary sewer treatment facility to serve the entire community. The Town of Anthony encourages its residents to participate in the development of the application and to voice comments and opinions. Topics to be discussed include but are not limited to: economic and environmental impacts, service area, funding available, amount to be requested, application process, timetable, and alternatives to the project. Those unable to attend this meeting may submit their views in writing to the office of Mayor at the Anthony Town Hall. Individuals with disabilities who require auxiliary aids or services for this meeting should contact the municipal offices at least two days before the hearing, so that appropriate arrangements can be made.

Date and Time: Monday, May 20, 2002, at 5:15 p.m.
Location: Anthony Town Hall

La ciudad de Anthony va a tener una audiencia para discutir una solicitud de asistencia para construir un proyecto de alcantarillado. El público en general está invitado a asistir a esta audiencia sobre la asistencia que se ofrece del Programa de Desarrollo Rural del Departamento de Agricultura de Los Estados Unidos. La presentación y las discusiones sobre este programa se haran en español para aquellas persons que asi lo deseen.

Fecha y hora: lunes, el 20 de mayo, 2002, a las 5:15 p.m.
Lugar: Anthony Town Hall

Art Franco, Mayor
Town of Anthony, Texas

Date Published:
5/09/2002

Mike Tyson: X-rated or just plain nuts

By Steve Escajeda
Special to the Courier

Today's column is a very special one because I am writing it under a bit of duress.

What I mean is that I have Frank here standing directly behind me and looking over my shoulder at every single word I type. Why is Frank carefully looking over my shoulder at every single word I type?

Frank is a media censor and when he heard that I was writing this column on yet another Mike Tyson tirade, he raced over here like a bat out of he... what's that, Frank? Oh, I didn't know I couldn't write that. How's this?...like a bat out of heck. Frank says that's much better.

Anyway, just when you think that even the vile Mike Tyson couldn't possibly sink to a new low after his ambush of Lennox Lewis at their so-called press conference a couple months ago...we underestimated the man again.

Tyson made another monumental mistake in front of the press last week — he opened his month.

Here's some of what Tyson said at a recent Hawaiian press conference...uh, what's that, Frank? O.K., Frank says that I have to make sure and ask whether you've put the kids to bed before I write anymore...It's O.K. now, Frank.

At this press conference, which the media has already coined "Tyson Unplugged," the former champ and current lunatic shared some of his

thoughts on life. Brace yourself.

A female reporter asked him about his upcoming title fight with Lewis. Tyson answered that he was confident he would win. Tyson went on to say that he didn't normally do interviews with women unless he fornicated (Frank says "fornicate" is O.K. but I see a little sweat on his brow) with them. Tyson added that she shouldn't talk anymore unless she wanted to...you know (Frank says the "you know" was excellent).

Tyson said that against Lewis... "flesh will not be enough. I will take Lennox's title, his soul and smear his pompous brains all over the ring when I hit him."

Tyson said the average fan thinks he's a f... (oops, Frank just poked me in the back)...the average fan thinks

he's an (expletive) nut and that he deserves whatever happens to him.

Tyson also commented on the reporters who cover him. "Sometimes you guys have no pride, so no matter what I say, you guys...it doesn't affect you because you don't care about nothing but money. So every now and then I kick your (expletive expletives) (Frank appears to be hyperventilating now) and stomp on you."

Tyson added "I wish that you guys had children so I could kick them in the (expletive) head or stomp on their (expletives) (Frank is shaking now and his eyes are rolling over in his head) so you could feel my pain because that's the pain I have waking

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she shall fail to do so, judgment be default will be taken against him/her for the relief demanded in the Petition. His/Her response should also be filed with the Cumberland County Probate Court, 142 Federal Street, Portland, ME 04101 It is FURTHER ORDERED that this Order be published in a newspaper of general circulation in the El Paso, Texas area, once a week for two successive weeks. So ORDERED by William H Childs, Judge of Probate.
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A pre-bid meeting will be held on Wednesday, May 8, 2002, beginning at 2 p.m. The location of the pre-bid conference will be at the SISD Education Center (Board Room), 12300 Eastlake Drive, El Paso, Texas 79928.
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Alcoholicos Anónimos Grupo Paso Del Norte sesiones lunes a sabado, a 8-9 de la tarde, 8501 Kingsway, Westway. 886-4948 para informacion.

Persons who have a problem with alcohol are offered a free source of help locally. Alcoholics Anonymous Group 8 de Enero meets at 15360 Horizon Blvd. in Horizon City on Mondays through Saturdays at 8 p.m. Call 859-0484 for information.

Tiene problemas con el alcohol? Hay una solucion. 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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SOCORRO INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT Invitation to Bid/ Respond:

Competitive sealed proposals for providing all labor and materials for the construction of the SISD Ranchos Del Sol New Pre-K to 8th Grade School. CSP Packages will be received at Socorro Independent School District, 12300 Eastlake Drive, El Paso, Texas 79928 until 2 p.m., local time, May 13, 2002, at which time the identity of the respondents will be publicly read out loud.

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Star in your own personal bodice-ripper

By Don Flood

Some like it mild. Some like it wild.

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You pick a novel, plug in your name and a few personal details and — voila! — your very own bodice-ripper!

The titles sound like your typical romance books: *Island of Love*, *Another Day in Paradise*, *Die Scum-Sucking Dirtbag!* etc.

(Note: That last one is NOT an actual title, however as time goes on, *yournovel.com* may start getting requests for it.)

The most exciting is *Awake, My Love*, which is billed as a "romp through time and space."

(Reading note: You should be very careful about wasting your time reading anything described as a "romp." This column, for instance, is a "romp.")

Awake, My Love features dream sequences where — and this is straight from their Web site — "He becomes a cowboy, she a Miss Kitty in the Old West; she a medieval princess, he her defender; he a talking dolphin, she a ballerina, plus much more."

Yes, a talking dolphin! Admit it, you always dreamed

of being a talking dolphin!

We all have!

And what could be more exciting than being a smooth-talking dolphin in your very own romance novel!

(According to a recent poll, 97% of Americans agree with the statement: "I would like being a talking dolphin in my very own romance novel!" The other 3%, for reasons unknown, would prefer to be a talking gerbil.)

I haven't read *Awake, My Love* but it's easy to imagine a tender scene using the old girl-meets-talking-dolphin formula:

DOLPHIN: Hey, babe, how about you and me go out sometime and get some squid?

BALLERINA: I'd love to, but when I went away to the big city, I promised my parents I would date only within my own species.

DOLPHIN: Come on! This is the 21st Century! I'm a mammal!

BALLERINA: Yes, to me you're a mammal but to them, I'm afraid, you'll always be a fish.

DOLPHIN: Fish! I ain't no fish. I eat fish for breakfast. Lunch and dinner, too.

BALLERINA: Yes, I know. And we eat fish too. But we cut off the heads and tails and cook them. I'm sorry, it just won't work. (Quiet sobbing.)

DOLPHIN: You can't tell me this is wrong, not after I've held you in my flippers and we rubbed snouts that night in the main tank.

BALLERINA: Snout! I don't have a snout!

DOLPHIN: Well, not a snout exactly, but let's be honest, Dolphin Face, that nose of yours isn't exactly human. That's what first attracted me to you.

BALLERINA: Dolphin Face?!

DOLPHIN: Did I say Dolphin Face? I meant Doll Face. Easy mistake!

BALLERINA: I think it's best if I just shake your flipper and leave now. Oh yuck, you're slimy today!

DOLPHIN: I guess we'll always have *Sea World*.

But even if you're among the few who don't enjoy curling up with a talking dolphin/ballerina romance, there are many more choices.

In one book, according to the Web site, "Robin Leach even pays a visit."

I think I speak for all personkind when I say, Wow!

But as exciting as having my fictional self meet Robin Leach would be, I think I'll stick with the talking dolphin book.

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Escajeda

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up every day."

Believe it or not, here comes the scary part (Frank's taken off his coat, loosened his collar and is now trying to light his third cigarette).

Tyson said he is just like us. He, too, enjoyed the forbidden fruits of life. He said it was un-American not to want to be with a beautiful woman and get his (expletive expletive).

(THUD) Wake up, Frank...Frank!...Frank!

Oh well, I'll do the rest of this column without him.

Tyson even spoke out on religion. "Everybody says they believe in God but they don't do God's work. Everybody counteracts what God is really about. If Jesus was here, do you think Jesus would show me any love? Do you think Jesus would love me? I'm a Muslim, but do you think Jesus would love me?...I think Jesus would have a drink with me and discuss...why you acting like that?"

The dumbest guy in the history of boxing — and that's really saying something — just kept talking. "Now, he (Jesus) would be cool. He would talk to me. No Christian ever did that and said in the name of Jesus even...They'd throw me in jail and

write bad articles about me and then go to church on Sunday and say Jesus is a wonderful man and he's coming back to save us. But they don't understand that when he comes back, that these crazy greedy capitalistic men are gonna kill him again."

Now I don't know if Tyson is really a mental patient disguised as a boxer or if all this is a clever ruse to break every pay-per-view record ever set, but this guy has got to get his bell rung once and for all.

Do I think Lewis can beat him? No. I think Lewis is going to be too busy looking over his shoulder at what kind of possible craziness will occur during this Tyson bout.

Do I think Tyson is certifiable? Yes. I think he should be kicked out of boxing before someone gets killed.

What do you think, Frank?...Frank!...Frank!

Phamiliar phrases a "paper tiger"

Mao Tse-Tung, the famed chairman of the communist People's Republic of China, used this image often when describing something that seems powerful, but is not. The phrase has come into common use with the same meaning.



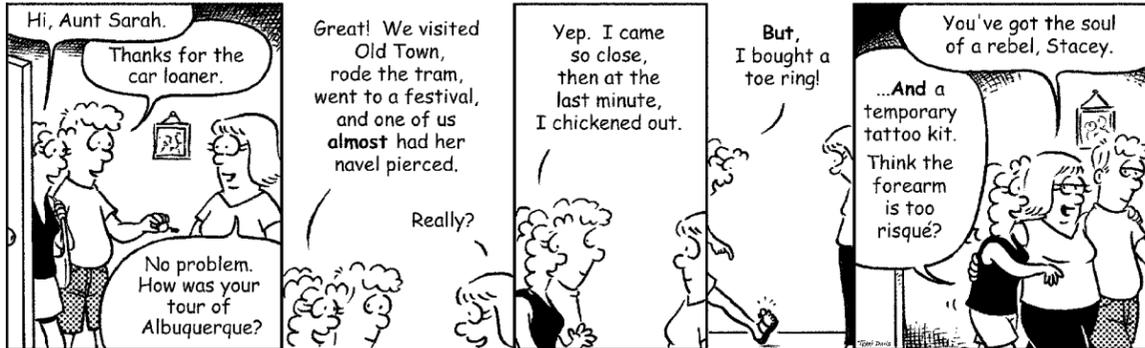
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Social Security: Q & A By Ray Vigil

Military service may figure into Social Security benefits

Q: I have heard that when I file for my social security benefits, I will receive additional credits for having served in the military service. How true is this? What do I have to do to make certain I receive this credit?

A: Individuals who served in active military service since January

1957 have been covered under social security. Inactive duty service in the armed force reserve has been covered since 1988. However, military personnel in active duty prior to January 1957, although they did not pay into social security, can receive special earnings for Social Security purposes that count toward any benefits

that might be payable. Under certain circumstances, special earnings can be credited to your military pay record for Social Security purposes. The extra earnings credits are granted for periods of active duty or active duty for training. These extra earnings might help you qualify for benefits or increase the amount of benefits you are eligible to receive, but we cannot add these extra credits until you file for social security benefits. Also, we cannot allow extra earnings credit if you have already earned the maximum taxable earnings for that particular year.

If you were in the military service between September 16, 1940 and December 31, 1956, you may be

credited with \$160 a month in earnings for military service. For military service from January 1957 to December 1977, you may be eligible for an additional \$300 per calendar quarter. If you were in the military service 1978 or later, for every \$300 in active duty basic pay, you may be eligible for an additional \$100 in earnings up to a maximum of \$1,200 a year.

There are certain conditions you must meet before we can award you the extra earnings. You must have been honorably discharged after 90 days or more of service or you were released because of a disability or you were released because disability or injury received in the line of duty;

or you are still on active duty; or you are applying for survivors benefits and the veteran died while on active duty.

You are not eligible to receive these extra earnings credits if you are receiving federal benefits based on the same years of service.

For more information on how to safeguard your Social Security number, log onto our website, www.ssa.gov, call our toll-free number at 1-800-772-1213 or visit your local Social Security office. 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
Bright sunshine; warm.	Clear.	Sunshine and patchy clouds with a warm wind.	Partly sunny and hot.	Warm with a good deal of sun.	Partly sunny and hot.	Hot with partial sunshine.	Mostly sunny and hot.
▲ 86°	▼ 56°	▲ 88° ▼ 62°	▲ 92° ▼ 64°	▲ 88° ▼ 62°	▲ 90° ▼ 60°	▲ 94° ▼ 60°	▲ 92° ▼ 56°

UV INDEX Statistics for noon.

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

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

REAL FEEL TEMP™

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

Thursday	96°
Friday	78°
Saturday	90°
Sunday	88°
Monday	90°
Tuesday	88°
Wednesday	86°

AGRICULTURE

Typical of this time of year, dry weather will continue to prevail across the region. Look for excellent drying conditions and between 9 and 13 hours of sunshine each day. Little change in the overall weather pattern is expected.

TEXAS WEATHER

Anthony	86	56
Canutillo	87	57
Clint	85	56
E. Montana	86	56
Fabens	85	56
Horizon	87	57
San Elizario	84	54
Socorro	85	55
Tornillo	84	55
Vinton	87	57

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	78/50/s	80/52/pc	80/48/pc	78/48/pc	84/52/s
Atlanta	86/64/t	80/62/t	80/62/t	84/64/c	82/64/c
Atlantic City	64/58/c	68/50/pc	68/50/s	70/56/s	72/58/t
Austin/San Antonio	94/64/pc	86/66/pc	94/68/pc	94/68/c	92/72/c
Baltimore	84/60/r	72/48/s	72/50/s	76/56/pc	78/60/t
Boston	62/54/sh	66/50/pc	66/48/s	68/50/pc	66/50/pc
Chicago	64/40/pc	62/44/s	64/50/t	66/50/t	66/44/pc
Dallas/Ft. Worth	86/60/pc	84/66/pc	90/68/t	90/68/c	90/70/c
Denver	58/38/pc	70/42/pc	68/38/sh	62/40/pc	72/46/s
Flagstaff	66/34/s	70/33/s	70/35/s	69/36/pc	68/34/c
Houston	92/76/c	90/74/pc	92/74/pc	92/74/c	94/74/c
Kansas City	68/42/pc	72/50/s	74/56/t	70/56/c	76/64/pc
Las Vegas	86/60/s	90/64/s	90/62/s	90/64/s	88/64/s
Miami	88/76/s	88/76/s	86/76/s	88/76/s	87/74/s
Minneapolis	56/38/pc	64/42/s	66/46/t	64/44/sh	62/42/pc
New Orleans	90/72/s	90/70/pc	92/70/pc	88/72/s	88/68/s
New York City	74/58/sh	68/50/s	66/52/s	72/56/c	76/60/c
Philadelphia	82/58/r	70/50/s	70/50/s	74/56/pc	78/58/c
Phoenix	94/68/s	96/66/s	94/64/s	94/66/s	96/68/s
Portland	58/44/c	60/44/pc	64/44/pc	66/46/pc	66/46/pc
San Francisco	62/50/s	60/48/pc	62/48/s	66/50/s	64/50/pc
Seattle	54/42/c	56/44/pc	62/42/pc	62/44/pc	62/42/pc
Tucson	94/58/s	94/58/s	92/56/s	94/58/pc	96/60/s
Washington, DC	84/60/r	74/52/s	72/54/s	76/58/pc	80/62/t

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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