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NEWSBRIEFS

Lee Trevino update

The newly constructed IH-10 westbound Lee Trevino entrance and exit ramps are scheduled to open on Wednesday, May 29. The westbound Zaragoza entrance ramp to IH-10 will be closed on Wednesday, May 29 for approximately one week. Lee Trevino Blvd., southbound from Rojas Dr. to Gateway West will be closed to all traffic beginning on Thursday, May 30 for approximately six weeks. Traffic on Lee Trevino Dr. wanting to go west, can detour on Rojas Dr. to Kaiser Dr. or Lomaland Dr. Traffic going east will detour at Goodyear Dr. The closures are necessary for reconstruction of Lee Trevino. All work is dependent upon weather conditions.

Most wanted

To help fight auto theft, Texas DPS has released the most stolen vehicles in Texas for the last 12 months:

1. General Motors pickup truck (12,378)
2. Ford pickup truck (4,818)
3. Honda Accord (3,460)
4. General Motors Suburban (2,938)
5. Toyota Camry (2,669)
6. Dodge pickup (2,564)
7. Olds Cutlass (1,916)
8. Honda Civic (1,738)

"Auto thieves don't take a vacation in the summer, so Texans need to take extra precautions during the summer months to keep from becoming a victim," said David Griffith, DPS Motor Vehicle Theft Service Commander. "In Texas, a car is stolen every five and a half minutes. Using common sense and some sort of anti-theft device for coveted vehicles will have a major impact."

In other news

■ Summer intercession for Socorro ISD's 28,000 students begins after May 31, which is the last day of school for the 2001-2002 session. All students will return for the first day of school for the 2002-2003 year on July 29. Seniors graduating from Socorro ISD's three high schools will receive their diplomas during ceremonies in the District's Student Activities Complex. All ceremonies are scheduled to begin at 7 p.m. Socorro High School seniors will march on May 31; Americas High on June 1 and Montwood High on June 3.

■ Americas High School Flag Dept. will sponsor a three-day workshop for students in grades kinder through 8th on June 6-7, 9 a.m. until 3 p.m. and June 8, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Cost is \$50 per participant. AHS Flags have been the Rio Grande Valley Color Guard Circuit Champions for the last five years have won continuous first divisions at all Marching Contests since the opening of Americas High School six years ago. They have traveled to Las Vegas, and Denver and competed at the Winter Guard International Regionals and were finalists. They are also the first place Champions of the Winter Guard International Rio Grande Regional 2002. For further information, contact Americas High School Flag Director, Joseph Manago at 856-4300.

■ Socorro ISD recently announced the
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Stick to your job until one of you is through!

— Quips and Quotes



Just use your imagination

EAST EL PASO COUNTY — The 2002 Global Championship Destination Imagination team from Helen Ball Elementary School (Socorro ISD) won first place in the "On Holiday" problem-solving challenge in the Knoxville, Tennessee, competition against 52 other elementary school teams from across the nation. All told there were some 800 teams at the competition ranging from kindergarten to college contestants. International competitors included teams from Korea and Canada. Flashing V for victory are, left to right: Bianca Adame, Emily Izquierdo, Ivanee Munoz, Chelsea Lucas, and Anthony Mercurio. Pauline Cornforth and David Dominguez coached the team.

Top teachers, departing trustee honored by Clint school district

By Don Woodyard
Courier Staff Writer

HORIZON CITY — It was a night to honor the district's best teachers.

It was a night to say goodbye to a veteran school board trustee and welcome a new one.

It was a night to glimpse a new academic program.

It was a night in which grievance procedures for handling students' and parents' complaints came under close scrutiny.

All this happened at the May 15 meeting of the board of trustees of the Clint Independent School District held at Carroll T. Welch Middle School.

The top teachers from each of the district's 10 campuses were honored. From the 10, the two outstanding secondary and elementary school teachers were selected.

Bertha Macias, who teaches math at Welch, was named Secondary Teacher of the Year. Selected as Elementary Teacher of the Year was Sharon Miller from William Surratt Elementary.

Macias' philosophy of teaching: "Guiding students to be life-long learners, setting goals and obtaining their goals."

Miller believes "integrity and perseverance to be the most important traits teachers should cultivate in their students... (and) taking them from where they should be to where they can go."

The other individual secondary school honorees are: Selena Vega, Clint High; Daniel Colunga, Mountain View High School; Armando Rueda, Clint Junior High; and Lawn Fitzpatrick, East Montana Middle.

Other honorees at the elementary level are: Belen Downs, Montana Vista; Raul Alcantara, Desert Hills; Maria Grisanti, Red Sands Elementary; and Dane Denning, Frank Macias.

Bobbie Caraway, a long-time trustee who came out of retirement as a board member in October of 2000 to fill an unexpired term, was honored for his long-time service to the district. He was praised by board president James Pendell as "a role model for all of us."

Said Dr. Sylvester Perez, district superintendent, "You were very loyal and very professional; you kept kids number one in your heart."

Replacing Caraway, who served a total of 19 months in his second term of service, is Janice Armstrong who, along with Pendell, were sworn in after winning in the May election. Pendell was then reelected board president. Mary Macias was elected vice president and Armstrong, secretary.

In an informational presentation, Wayne Dickie, a high school teacher and coach in the San Antonio Independent School District, presented AVID (Achievement Via Individual Determination), an intensive tutoring program which Perez said the district would be implementing at Clint and Mountain View High schools.

"We are excited about it," Perez said.

Dickie said the program was developed in San Diego, CA, 22 years ago and encourages teachers, counselors and principals to communicate with students one-on-one. "It changes the way kids are taught; it revolutionizes the way teachers teach," Dickie added.

After lengthy and detailed discussion, the board tabled action on amending policies: 1. Student rights and responsibilities: Student and parent complaints and 2. An Alternative Grievance Procedure: Mediation.

Discussion among board members centered on and attempted to clarify which procedures applied to employees and which applied to students and parents.

The alternative grievance procedure, proposed by Dr. Gary Brooks from UT El Paso, shortens the process through peer mediation and arbitration. Under the proposal, Brooks would train peer mediators and would serve as independent arbitrator for the district.

Tabling was approved until a comparable grievance process, in place in the Socorro ISD, could be reviewed.

Assistant superintendent Olivia Campos reported on a preliminary report on spring 2002 TAAS results. It will be covered in detail in an upcoming issue of the *Courier*.

Farm Bill has far-reaching implications for agriculture producers

WASHINGTON, D.C. - One day after President Bush signed the Farm Security and Rural Investment Act of 2002 into law, the U.S. Department of Agriculture launched a new website aimed at helping farmers, ranchers and the general public learn the latest information about the new farm bill.

"The new farm bill is very broad and contains many new programs to assist America's farmers and ranchers," said Agriculture Secretary Ann M. Veneman.

"This website will serve as a repository of information on the new farm bill as we begin vigorously implementing its provisions."

The website can be directly accessed from USDA's official website at <http://www.usda.gov/farmbill> or by simply clicking on the 2002 Farm Bill icon on USDA's main website at <http://www.usda.gov/>. The 2002 Farm Bill icon will also appear on USDA agency websites.

The new website will include farm bill program details, questions and answers, program applications and sign-up forms, as well as other important materials from USDA agencies on farm bill implementation. The website will also contain advanced electronic applications to help program applicants receive program benefits faster and more efficiently.

The website will help farmers, ranchers and others locate information through one site rather than searching through web pages of the many agencies that make up USDA.

Information to be posted on the site over the next several weeks includes:

- A comparison of 1996 Farm Bill provisions and 2002 provisions prepared by the Economic Research Service;

- Fact sheets in English and Spanish that cover the changes in conservation programs administered by the Natural Resources Conservation Service;

- Information from the Farm Service Agency on program details and instructions on how to calculate new yields;

- On-line applications and electronic forms to help make processing time more efficient.

The website will be updated regularly as new information and program announcements become available. The "What's New" link will alert users to updates and added information.

President Bush signed the Farm Security and Rural Investment Act of 2002 into law on May 13, 2002, immediately following the Congress sending it to him for signature.

At the signing ceremony, the President said, "The farm bill will strengthen the farm economy, and that's important. It will promote farmer independence, and preserve the farm way of life for generations. It helps America's farmers, and therefore it helps America."

The new farm bill provides rebalanced loan rates, lives within the Congressional budget resolution agreed to last year and is consistent with international trade obligations. The farm bill also contains record-level support for environmental stewardship, a renewed commitment to renewable fuels programs, additional investments to help expand international markets, rural community programs and food stamp assistance for low-income Americans.



One perspective

By Francis Shrum

Moving on

They say During those years, every other house we're a mobile society, but I hate to move. but one on our end of the cul-de-sac has changed hands at least once. Sometimes the moving on our street left a big vacuum in our lives, brought new people into our lives, and sometimes we hardly noticed.

There's something about changing the place you live that leaves you with a deep sense of insecurity for awhile, until you get everything put away and begin to recognize the walls and the windows when you wake up first thing in the morning.

Experts say it takes two years to completely settle in from a move — to know that you are getting all your mail and where your tax receipts are filed — but I know people who move much more frequently than that.

At one point in my life, I was one of those people. I moved once a year for three years. It sure cut down on the accumulation factor.

But it also took its toll, on me and my kids. I don't think moving is a good thing for children. It's sort of like re-potting a house plant before it has a chance to get its root system established.

I am among the increasingly few people who can regularly go home to my parents' house and sleep in the same bed that I slept in when I was five years old, 12 years old and the night I graduated from high school at 18. It is a really good feeling to have had all my kids sleep in that same bedroom when they visited their grandparents.

That's the sort of thing you can't buy with money.

We lose a lot when we move and I don't mean that box of vacation photos or our favorite salt and pepper shakers.

We lose continuity. Neighbors, friends, addresses, coworkers, back yards and mailboxes.

They say next to death, divorce and the holidays, moving is the greatest source of stress suffered by Americans.

It's expensive financially, too.

I'm thankful to have lived for many years at my current address.

People who move a lot get really organized, I've noticed. Sometimes they don't even unpack everything. Some people claim to like moving. I've heard myself say from time to time that I'd like to move, but when I think about the reality of doing so, I don't really mean it.

I do get envious when I hear about somebody we know moving to where green things grow without being threatened. But they also have bigger bugs during the warm weather and more slippery roads during the cold.

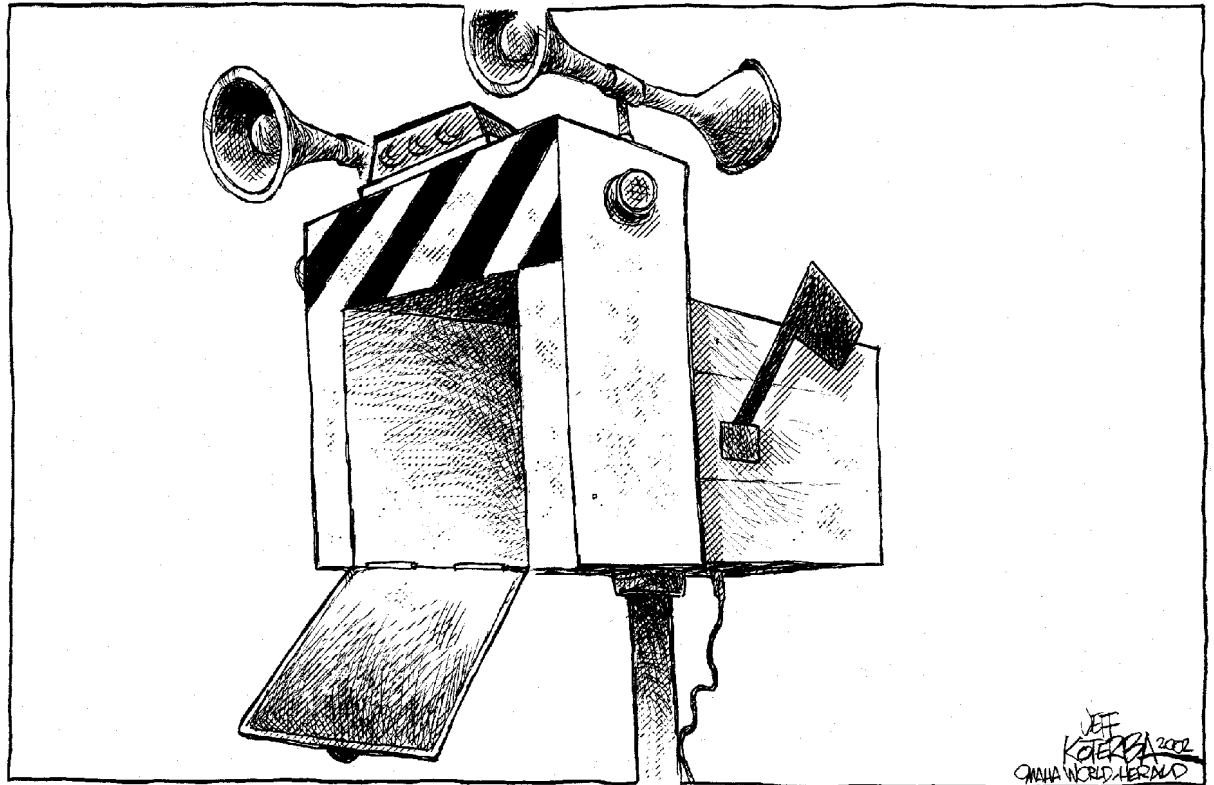
It is startling, sometimes, to realize how El Paso is moving out into the county, how development moves into and swallows the desert, how houses and commercial establishments are moving over the farms and fields — to realize how the wildlife has moved out and the litter has moved in.

We don't really expect people to stay put any more and it is always a little surprising when someone does. It seems that we don't buy houses to make homes to raise our kids in — we purchase real estate that we either maintain or aggressively improve so that we can sell it — hopefully at a profit — and move into another, better, bigger house.

Horizon is inundated with "starter homes" now, sprawling neighborhoods with houses priced for "first-time homebuyers." It would be interesting to go back to those homes a decade from now to see if any of the original owners are still dwelling there.

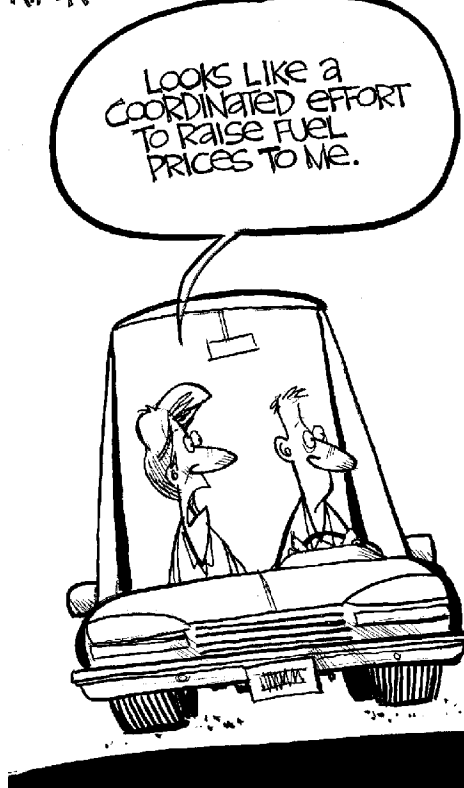
We've lived in our house long enough now that it is home. My car knows which street to turn on without being told. We've put shelves where we need them, put down tile instead of carpet, done a little land-

scaping and a little remodeling — just enough to make it ours. It's sort of like getting married — you don't even look at what is available out there anymore because you already have a good one.



COMING SOON: THE METAL-DETECTOR MAILBOX

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Scholarship program illustrates what character is like in San Elizario district

By Phillip Cortez
Special to the Courier

SAN ELIZARIO — There's a multitude of reasons that make the San Elizario Independent School District such a great place to work, go to school, volunteer for, and support. Listing them all would be impossible; there's simply not enough space to do it, but you can see these reasons all the time, whether it's a group of elementary choir students singing to the elderly or a high school recycling program.

Or you can direct your attention on Miriam Hernandez and Jaime Reyes, seniors at San Elizario High School. They're the recipients of the first Character Scholarship and will be given \$500 each to further their education. The two students were chosen because they wrote strong essays describing good character along with strong letters of recommendation. The two worked hard throughout their educational careers and took their positive academic attitudes beyond the classroom and instilled it into their daily lives.

Dicky Garza, a counselor at San

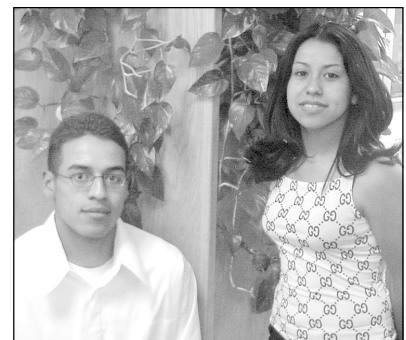
Elizario High, described Hernandez as "a giver, one who puts others before her."

"She's had to really dig herself out of a lot of adversity," Garza said. "There's a lot of heart in this girl."

Cathy Hale, a librarian at Alarcón Elementary first came across Reyes when he was a fourth grader at the school. Even back then, Hale remembers she saw something special in Reyes, seeing him as a leader amongst his peers.

"He's really a rare kid in today's time," Hale said. "He's just a model person who believes in helping people."

Both Reyes and Hernandez will be the first in their families to attend college and although their hard work has put them there, a huge effort from the most unlikely sources chipped in for their scholarship money. It was through the "caring pillar" of the Character Education Program that made



Jamie Reyes and Miriam Hernandez

students from all three elementary campuses donate time and effort into raising enough money to help, for the most part, two strangers go to college. It was through the incredible efforts by the elementary counselors to

teach these children all about Character Education.

"I think it was very rewarding for the children to contribute to someone else's future," said Mayela Sanchez, counselor at Sambrano Elementary.

Two students are reaping the benefits of the hard work so many put in throughout the school year. Add the support the elementary students received from their teachers, counselors and campus administrators and one can get a good idea as to the amount of teamwork it takes to see student success, from the smallest child to the high school graduate.

And that's when one gets a great idea of what the San Elizario Independent School District is like.

Clint post office honors veterans with parade, stamp unveiling

Bonilla calls for annual Veterans' Day stamp

CLINT — The Clint branch of the U.S Postal Service, The Clint Volunteer Fire Department and the Town of Clint will be honoring the area volunteer fire departments and law enforcement departments on June 1. The U.S. Postal service will be un-

veiling their newest stamp titled "Hereos" which commemorates those who gave their lives in the line of duty on Sept. 11th. The postal service has placed the photo of the three firefighters raising the American flag atop the debris of the World Trade

Center. Events include a parade which begins at 9:00 am at Clint High School. The parade will end at the Volunteer Fire Department on FM 1110 where the unveiling ceremony is scheduled to begin at 10 a.m. Scheduled for this event are representatives

from the area volunteer fire stations, area law enforcement agencies and elected officials from Clint and Socorro as well as state representative-elect, Innocente Quintanilla. The public is invited to intend.

Meanwhile, Representative Henry Bonilla (R-TX) believes that "now, more than ever, we should honor our nation's veterans." To commemorate the sacrifices of our veterans, Bonilla has authored legislation calling for an annual Veterans' Day stamp.

"The legacy of America's veterans is the highest example of patriotism," said Bonilla. "Those who serve in America's armed forces are our nation's guardians. It is only fitting that we salute their dedication and devotion."

Bonilla's resolution calls for the issuance of an annual stamp commemorating the country's veterans. The legislation requests that the Citizens' Stamp Advisory Committee recommend to the Postmaster General that the stamp be issued. Once in print, a new and unique stamp would be released each year on Veterans' Day.

"As our nation fights the War on Terrorism, we place our lives and liberties in the hands of the brave men and women fighting on the front lines. Their sacrifices and examples of bravery remind us of the men and

women of our military who have fought for hundreds of years to protect our freedom and our flag," said Bonilla. "We owe them a huge debt of thanks. This stamp is just a small token of our unending appreciation."

Co-sponsors of the Veterans' Day Stamp Resolution include Representatives Charlie Stenholm John Thune, Shelley Moore Capito, Solomon Ortiz, Saxby Chambliss, Chet Edwards, J.C. Watts, Robin Hayes, George Gekas, Mark Kennedy, Charles Pickering and John Murtha. Bonilla said he is hopeful that there will be more than 100 co-sponsors by July 4, 2002.

"Our nation's veterans are an especially important group of Americans. Many of them made their commitment to our country at a very young age. And many of them made service to country their life and career. Their service and loyalty is unparalleled," he said.

Bonilla has represented the 23rd district of Texas since his election to Congress in 1992. He currently serves as Chairman of the Agriculture Appropriations Subcommittee and is an active member of two other Appropriations Subcommittees: the Subcommittee on Foreign Operations; and the Subcommittee on Defense.



Estelle Bauza, founder of Horizon's first newspaper, dies at age 92

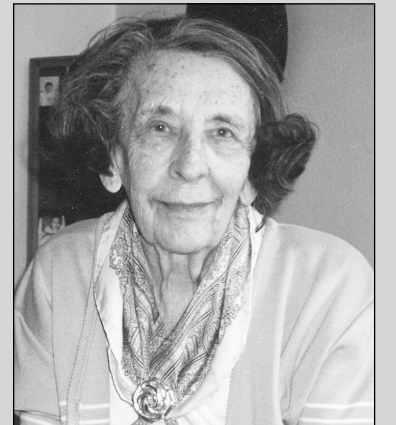
HORIZON CITY — Estelle Bauza, one of Horizon City's earliest residents and most influential personalities, died early this week at the age of 92.

Memorial services are to be held today, Thursday, May 30, at 10 a.m. at the Holy Spirit Catholic Church in Horizon City. Interment will follow at Mt. Carmel Cemetery.

Mrs. Bauza and her husband, John, came to Horizon City in the early 70's, and shortly thereafter, in 1973, she began publishing the *Horizon Homesteader*, the parent publication of what eventually became *Homesteader News* and finally the *West Texas County Courier*. Through her efforts, six years of Horizon City's early history were faithfully recorded.

An accountant by trade, Mrs. Bauza was employed by Avery Engineering in Cleveland, Ohio, before she came to El Paso County.

She was born Nov. 15, 1920 to Leokadia and Maxmalian Podwojski in New York.



She was preceded in death by her husband, John Olcho Bauza, who died in Horizon in 1996. She is survived by her niece, Barbara Walther.

In 1993, on the 20th anniversary of the publication she founded, Mrs. Bauza recalled her tenure at the helm of Horizon's first newspaper. She wrote: "In the annals of history, six years is but a fleeting moment and 20 years a mere pause..." Still, her influence will color Horizon's history far longer than that.

TRUE TEXAS FACTS by Roger Moore April 21, 1836, Texans under Sam Houston defeat the Mexican army at San Jacinto and later capture Santa Anna.

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



Congratulations, Class of 2002

This is such an exciting time of year. Spring is in full bloom and summer is right around the corner. This time of year always reminds me of new beginnings. This is especially true for the students getting ready to graduate from high school.

You've all been through your "ups" and your "downs" over the past few years. It wasn't easy. Homework wasn't always fun and many times it made your head hurt: struggling to solve algebra problems, writing papers for English class and working on history projects. Like many of my classmates at South San Antonio High School, schoolwork did not come naturally to me. It was discouraging to see half of the kids in my class give up the fight and quit school. However, I believed — and continue to believe — that if you work hard and give it your all, you can do anything you want. Each of you has the power to become a doctor, a rancher, a writer, an engineer, or even a U.S. Representative.

Here in America, we have greater opportunities than any place in the world. Education provides us with endless possibilities. It opens doors we never realized existed. For

example, there are many people out there who start their lives at a disadvantage. But with hard work and a dedication to their education, they can soar to new heights. I know this is true, because it happened to me.

Real life success stories begin in communities just like yours. Every day is an opportunity — an opportunity to learn and an opportunity to set new goals for yourself. You might learn how to program a computer, build a fence, speak a new language or put together an engine. Whatever you plan to do in the future, never stop thirsting for knowledge and reaching for the stars. Your efforts and success are what will keep our nation strong in the coming century.

So, for those students out there who are about to march across the stage and receive your diploma, I would like to congratulate you on a job well done. You're about to start a new chapter in your life. I wish you great luck as you set out to realize the American dream.

Congratulations and good luck, Class of 2002!



Program offers financial assistance to establish colonia businesses

EL PASO COUNTY — A unique program, administered by ACCION Texas, is offering assistance to residents of colonias that can help them start or upgrade their own business and accumulate savings in the bargain.

A colonia in Texas is defined as a community, rural or urban, within 150 miles of the Texas-Mexico border that lacks public facilities and has standard housing.

To qualify for the program, called an Individual Development Account (IDA), a participant must live in a colonia or have a business in a colonia. Micro-

Saving money is a life-long habit

It is good to start building a personal savings plan early in life. The first step toward financial security is opening a regular savings account.

Savings accounts are great for accumulating money you plan to invest elsewhere or for holding emergency funds. Another savings option is the money market account. These kinds of saving accounts offer low risks and low returns.

A CD, or certificate of deposit, is a little more serious method of establishing savings. A CD locks the deposited amount into a rate of interest for a designated period of time. This rate is usually more than the interest offered for a general savings or money market account. However, the funds in a CD aren't as liquid as those of a savings account. There will be a penalty for early withdrawal.

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enterprises, small businesses, home-based, store-front, or swap-meet vendors may apply.

The ACCION Texas IDA Match Savings Program aids colonia residents in the long-term goal of developing their small business by matching dollar for dollar the participant deposits into his/her interest-bearing savings account.

A participant must commit to save a minimum of \$10 per month for two years. The maximum monthly amount a participant may save in their IDA is \$417.

ACCION Texas will then match dollar-for-dollar what the participant has saved in the 24 month period. An individual saving the maximum would receive \$10,000 in matching funds after 24 months. The IDA Program will not affect those receiving government assistance such as TANF and food stamps.

The participant must make a monthly deposit in order to receive the match. Failure to make one or more monthly deposits during the 2-year period without notification to the ACCION office will result in being disqualified from receiving the match. However, their savings will always be theirs and no one can access their account.

Designed to build wealth and equity in small businesses, the loan program is available to all businesses, including "start-ups" if they can show the capacity to repay the loan and have an alternate source of income.

The participating bank for the IDA Program is Wells Fargo Bank (any branch).

Participants must be or become a client of ACCION Texas — they can become a client by getting a loan. Loans range from \$100 to \$25,000 with loan terms between 3-60 months and there is



Participants in the ACCION program include, from left, Jose Antonio Gomez, Tony's Auto Repair; Gloria Guerra, Wells Fargo Representative; Daniel Gallegos, DM Steam Cleaning & More; and Mr. & Mrs. Joaquin Diaz, Zapateria Calza-Diaz.

no penalty for early payment of a loan.

The IDA program also is designed to educate borrowers in financial literacy and improve their financial management skills — including how to keep 24 months of expenses in a ledger book. Customer service representatives (CSR) work with loan clients to develop both a personal and business expense budget through use of a ledger and monthly worksheets. The eligible participant submits these financials to the CSR each month until it is apparent they have acquired the needed skills.

Upon graduation from the program, the participant may have access to the matched principle ACCION Texas has invested, in addition to the savings plus interest already accumulated in his/her savings account.

Get the most out of your doctor's appointment

Active participation in personal health care is a step toward wellness that too many patients neglect. This means calling for a doctor's appointment only when feeling ill.

To take an active approach, find out what you can do at home before rushing off to the doctor. Make sure you have things at home to take care of common ailments like fevers, colds, coughs, aches, pains, cuts, burns, and insect bites. If symptoms continue, or worsen, schedule an appointment with a doctor.

Be able to tell in one sentence what is bothering you. Take a list of questions you have about your condition. Be aware of your symptoms, and be able to clearly describe them. Most doctors say their diagnosis is at least 75 percent based on what you tell them.

Your role in treating a condition should not end when you leave the doctor's office. Do what your doctor recommends. Call your doctor if an allergic reaction arises. And, do not change the dosage or stop usage without discussing it with your doctor.

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SOCORRO INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT Invitation to Bid/ Respond:

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

MISCELLANEOUS FLOOR TILE FOR HUECO ELEMENTARY, HORIZON HEIGHTS ELEMENTARY, AND SOCORRO HIGH SCHOOL CSP NO. 199-0607-0271 FRIDAY, JUNE 07, 2002, 2:00 P.M.

Proposals will be received at Business Services Dept., 12300 Eastlake Drive, El Paso, Texas 79928 until the specified times. Detailed specifications are available from the above office between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. Mondays through Fridays. WTCC-5/30/02

SOCORRO INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT Invitation to Bid/ Respond:

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

VEHICLES CSP NO. 199-0607-0272 FRIDAY, JUNE 07, 2002, 2:30 P.M.

Bidders may obtain cop-

ies of the bidding documents beginning May 28, 2002.

Proposals will be received at Business Services Dept., 12300 Eastlake Drive, El Paso, Texas 79928 until the specified times. Detailed specifications are available from the above office between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. Mondays through Fridays. WTCC-5/30/02

SOCORRO INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT Invitation to Bid/ Respond:

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

CLASSROOM FURNITURE CSP NO. 199-0606-0269 THURSDAY, JUNE 06, 2002, 10:00 A.M.

Proposals will be received at Business Services Dept., 12300 Eastlake Drive, El Paso, Texas 79928 until the specified times. Detailed specifications are available from the above office between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. Mondays through Fridays. WTCC-5/30/02

SOCORRO INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT Invitation to Respond:

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MISCELLANEOUS ABATEMENT PROJECT FOR HUECO ELEMENTARY, HORIZON HEIGHTS ELEMENTARY, AND SOCORRO HIGH SCHOOL CSP NO. 199-0607-0270 FRIDAY, JUNE 07, 2002, 1:30 P.M.

Bidders may obtain copies of the bidding documents and project plans beginning May 24, 2002 by contacting:

R&A Consultants
7136 North Loop,
2nd Floor
El Paso, Texas 79915
Attn: Juan R. Ayala
Phone: (915) 779-6605
Fax: (915) 779-6689

A deposit of \$25 per set will be required for each plan set a contractor wishes to receive. If the plans and specifications are returned in good condition, the deposit will be refunded.

Special Notice:

1) A pre-bid conference will be held on Monday, June 03, 2002 at 11 a.m. at Socorro High School, located at 10150 Alameda Avenue, El Paso, TX 79927. At this conference all bidders will be afforded the opportunity to survey existing conditions and to ask questions and discuss any aspect of each project. All bidders are responsible for the information discussed, and are strongly urged to attend.

Proposals will be received at Business Ser-

vices Dept., 12300 Eastlake Drive, 79928 until the specified times. Detailed specifications are available from the above office between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. Mondays through Fridays. WTCC-05/30/02

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 High School, the following CSP Packages will be received at Socorro Independent School District, 12300 Eastlake Drive, El Paso, Texas 79928 until 2 p.m., local time, June 11, 2002, at which time the identity of the respondents will be publicly read aloud.

CSP's shall be addressed to Socorro Independent School District, all submittals MUST be sealed and clearly MARKED as follows:

SISD Ranchos Del Sol New High School (Package Number and Title)

- -02A Site Improvements
- -02B Landscape and Irrigation
- -02C Track and Field
- -02D Chain Link Fencing
- -05B Steel and Title Wall Erection
- -06A Millwork
- -07A Roofing
- -07B Caulking and Sealants
- -08A Door and Hardware
- -08B Glass and Glazing
- -08C Roll Up Door

- -09A Drywall
- -09B Ceramic
- -09C Carpet and Resilient
- -09D Paint
- -09E Athletic Floor
- -09F Acoustical and Tectum Panels
- -10A Tack and Marker Boards
- -10B Toilet Part & Accessories
- -10C Lockers
- -10D Flagpoles
- -10E Fire Extinguishers
- -10G Signage
- -11B Food Service Appliances
- -11C Residential Athletic Equipment
- -12A Lab Casework
- -12B Fire Alarm Blinds and Roller Shades
- -12D Telescoping Bleachers
- -14A Elevator
- -15A Mechanical System
- -16A Electrical and Special Systems
- -17A Controls and T&B

Those interested may obtain CSP Documents by contacting Gilbane ECM beginning May 24, 2002.

Gilbane ECM
414 Executive Center Blvd. Ste 200
El Paso, Texas 79902
Attn: David Kessinger
(915) 351-1900

Bid Deposit is refundable \$200 per set in the form of a cashiers check or certified check payable to Socorro Independent School District.

A pre-bid conference will be conducted on Monday, June 3, 2002, beginning at 10 a.m. at the SISD Education Center Board Room. WTCC-5/30/02

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Alcohólicos 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 solucion. Visitemos. Alcohólicos 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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Board approves new name for campus now called Canutillo Middle School

By Don Woodyard
Courier Staff Writer

CANUTILLO — After the new high school is built, Canutillo Middle School will have a new name. It will become Jose Jesus Alderete Middle School, named for a pioneer Canutillo resident and community leader.

Action on the name change came at the May 14 meeting of the board of trustees of the Canutillo Independent School District. The name change will not take place until after construction of the new high school when the middle school will then be moved to the present high school campus.

Earlier, during the open forum portion of the meeting, Canutillo resident Gonzalo Garcia Sr., had again urged board members to make the change. At the April meeting Garcia first proposed the change, saying, "I am planting a seed in your mind."

In other action relating to the new high school, the board, after reviewing its student enrollment growth projections, set a capacity limit of 1,600 for Phase 1 of construction. Further, it would not exceed 2,200 for Phase 2.

Academic and athletic achievements were recognized at the board meeting.

The board presented special awards to Alejandra Marquez, valedictorian for the class of 2002; and Dalila Salazar, salutatorian.

The board also recognized the middle school's boys' eighth-grade track team that completed an undefeated season, taking first-place honors in seven meets. Robert Herrera

is the coach.

Assistant superintendent Dr. John Kessinger reported that permits have been approved and that construction should begin by the end of the month on the new Food Services facility in the main administration building.

Dr. Pam Padilla, assistant superintendent, reported on student performance, comparing current standing using the 2001-02 standards of TAAS with the new, higher standards of TAKS (Texas Assessment of Knowledge and Skills).

Superintendent Charles Hart said he is extremely proud of the students and parents he has met at various end-of-the-year academic and athletic banquets.

In financial matters:

- Joe Pegoda, property appraisals reviewer for the district, reported that the Central Appraisal District adjusted CISD's property appraisals total by \$562,000. This means approximately an additional \$9,500 in tax money for the district.

- Legal counsel Larry Baskind said the district has received a check for \$16,423. This represents the 50 percent owed the district for those truancy fines paid to the justice of the peace Precinct 7 over the past seven years.

Board officers were reelected to their same positions. Joe Villarreal is president; Carl Frieze, vice president; and Yvonne Sanchez, secretary.

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reassignment of seven assistant principals. Personnel reassignments are needed as the district staffs the new Loma Verde and Bill Sybert campuses which are still under construction, and makes adjustments at the recently opened Sun Ridge Middle School. Susan Cook has been assigned at the Loma Verde School; Rosa Hood to Hueco School; Jesus Fuentes moves to Sun Ridge; Susie Acosta and Frank Rodriguez to Bill Sybert School; Libby Tidwell to Socorro Middle; and Jesus Beltran to Capt. Walter E. Clarke Middle School.

- Students in Davenport Elementary School, in Canutillo Independent School District, had an opportunity to show how they use technology as a tool for learning during the Technology Fair on May 18. First graders demonstrated how to insert clip art in documents, fourth graders gave a hyperstudio demonstration, and fifth graders debuted their video production. Sixth graders explained the components of a computer. Technology Lead Teacher Joan Gil said that students have been involved in all aspects of the fair, from the planning to the advertising. A similar event was held at

Childress Elementary School recently. The event was sponsored by a Service Learning Grant through Region 19. Also contributing to the fair were Desert Communications, Texas Computer Education Association (TCEA), and NASA MU-SPIN.

- The Americas High School Athletic Department is helping girls' volleyball teams get a jump start on next season's competitions. The school is sponsoring an invitational girls' volleyball tournament June 19-21 and July 20 at the school. Divisions include 18 years and younger normally a varsity team and 16 years and younger normally 9th graders and junior varsity. There will also be a middle school division for girls 14 years and younger. The fee is \$10 per girl for a full day of tournament play. Awards will be given for each division winner. Playing spaces and time slots need to be reserved now by calling head volleyball coach Alicia Gomez, 584-8545 or Diana Farmer, 771-6278.

- The El Paso Kendo Club and Professional and Continuing Education at the UTEP have added the Japanese arts of Kendo and Iaido as a course offering. Participants do not

have to be regularly enrolled at UTEP to join the program. Registration is ongoing. Kendo is the art of traditional Japanese fencing with bamboo swords, developed from the sword methods of the samurai. Kendo is considered to be as popular in Japan as football is in the United States. Iaido is the art of drawing the sword from the scabbard and cutting with it. Participants use a wooden or unsharpened practice sword to learn proper technique. Also covered are various topics in kenjutsu, which is a more combative style. For further information contact Patrick Stewart of the El Paso Kendo Club at 915-849-1363 or visit the El Paso Kendo Club website at: www.aikijutsu.org/kendo.

- El Paso Senior Softball, in cooperation with the El Paso Parks and Recreation, is seeking to form a Senior Softball League on Tuesday mornings at Blackie Chesser Park on Zaragoza Rd. beginning in June. All interested men over 55 years of age and women over 45 are invited to attend the first organizational meeting on June 4 at 9:30 a.m. Further information is available from Don Brooks at 852-7179.

Ft. Hancock agents seize 1,403 pounds of marijuana in drug caravan

HUDSPETH COUNTY — U.S. Border Patrol agents from Ft. Hancock seized 1,403 pounds of marijuana May 21 about one mile west of the Ft. Hancock Port of Entry and made two arrests including an aggravated felon and a man wanted for escaping from an area Federal Correctional Institution.

Agents began following three pickups traveling in tandem along Farm Road 192, suspecting they had crossed over from Mexico. When the drivers were stopped for questioning it was revealed that the vehicles contained some 113 bundles hidden in various parts of the pickups, including the doors, fuel tank and under the hood. The haul was valued at \$1.1 million.

During the processing of the drivers, it was found that one had escaped from La Tuna prison in Anthony, and another was an aggravated felon wanted in Amarillo.

So far in FY 2002, beginning Oct. 1, agents in Ft. Hancock have made 94 drug seizures, valued at an estimated \$31.7 million.



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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

EL PASO CENTRAL APPRAISAL DISTRICT BUDGET

The El Paso Central Appraisal District will hold a public hearing on a proposed budget for the 2002-2003 fiscal year.

The public hearing will be held on Thursday, June 13, 2002 at 5:30 p.m. at the El Paso Central Appraisal District, 5801 Trowbridge, El Paso, Texas 79925.

A summary of the Appraisal District Budget follows:

The total amount of the Proposed Budget (Salaries and Operating) is \$8,794,470.

The total amount of increase over the current year's Budget is \$344,389.

The number of employees compensated under the current Budget is 134.

The number of employees compensated under the Proposed Budget is 132.

The Appraisal District is supported solely by payments from the local taxing units served by the Appraisal District.

If approved by the El Paso Central Appraisal District Board of Directors at the public hearing, this Proposed Budget will take effect automatically on October 1, 2002, unless disapproved by the governing bodies of a majority of the county, school districts, cities, and towns served by the Appraisal District.

A copy of the Proposed Budget is available for public inspection in the office of each of these governing bodies. A copy is also available for public inspection at the Appraisal District Office.

**El Paso Central Appraisal District
5801 Trowbridge
El Paso, Texas 79925**

Tips for a long and unhappy life

By Don Flood

A recent study by Duke University suggests that older women were 40 percent less likely to die prematurely if they were mildly depressed.

Women who were mildly depressed survived longer than both women who were severely depressed and, more surprisingly, women who were content.

The problem for happy people is, how do you maintain the proper negative outlook?

Here are some suggestions.

1. One trap many people fall into is the "glass-is-half-full" syndrome. They look at a situation and consider only the positive aspects.

Instead, train yourself to say, "The glass is half empty."

Learn to look at and, more importantly, dwell on the negative.

As you become more disciplined, this will become second nature, and you will find yourself becoming depressed more easily.

2. We all have problems but remember, there is no such thing as a small problem. There are only small people.

If you have a problem, turn it

into a big one. Especially if it's not. That's the key to negative thinking.

3. Remember, you must accentuate the negative, eliminate the positive and, above all, don't mess with Mr. Inbetween.

In the original song, Bing Crosby, now rightly regarded as one of the greatest public health menaces of the 20th century, suggested that people accentuate the positive. We will never know exactly how many lives were cut short by this deadly song.

Another song, "Put on a Happy Face," is believed by some public health officials to be even more deadly, causing death after a single hearing.

TIP FOR WIVES: Is your husband unusually kind and attentive?

Be wary. It's entirely possible he's trying to make you happy, with full knowledge of the potential consequences to your health.

In extreme cases, you may have to end the marriage, citing mental kindness as grounds for divorce.

But many men are willing to do what they can to ensure their wife's unhappiness.

TIPS FOR HUSBANDS: You can

play an important role in your wife's health.

You aren't responsible for your wife's unhappiness — ultimately, that's up to her — but in little ways you can show your wife you don't care, which should help keep her from becoming too happy.

Here are some easy ways to help prevent excessive happiness.

- Forget her birthday — If she mentions it, tell her she's too old to worry about birthdays.

- Valentine's Day — Schedule a night out with the boys.

- Beware of thoughtless remarks. Sure it's easy to say something like, "You look nice today," but if you really care about your wife's longevity, you'll think before you open your mouth.

With no extra effort you can just as easily say "Have you put on a few pounds? It looks like your clothes have shrunk."

Don't worry if it's not true. It will have the same effect.

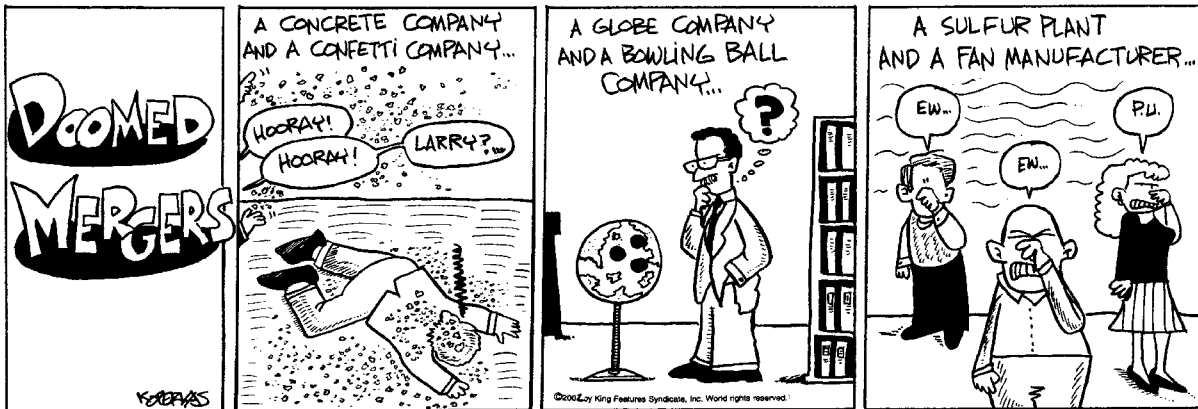
With your help, your wife can lead a long and unhappy life.

At least it will seem long.

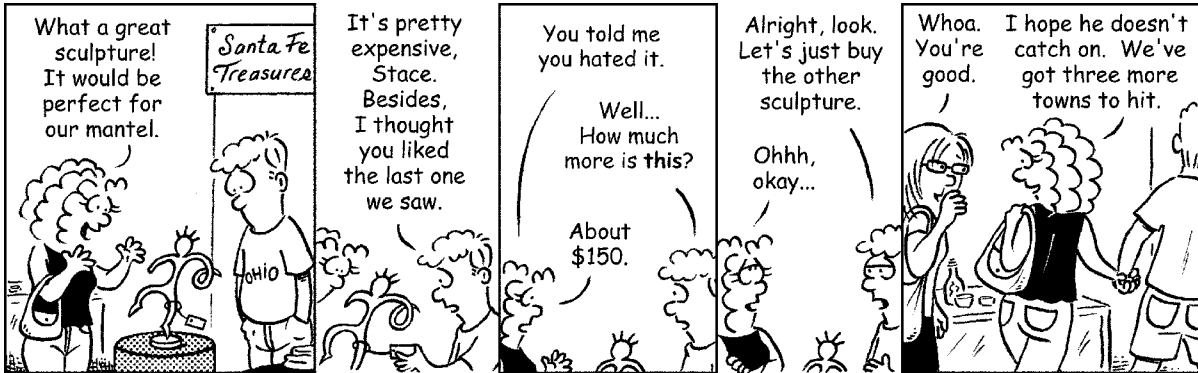
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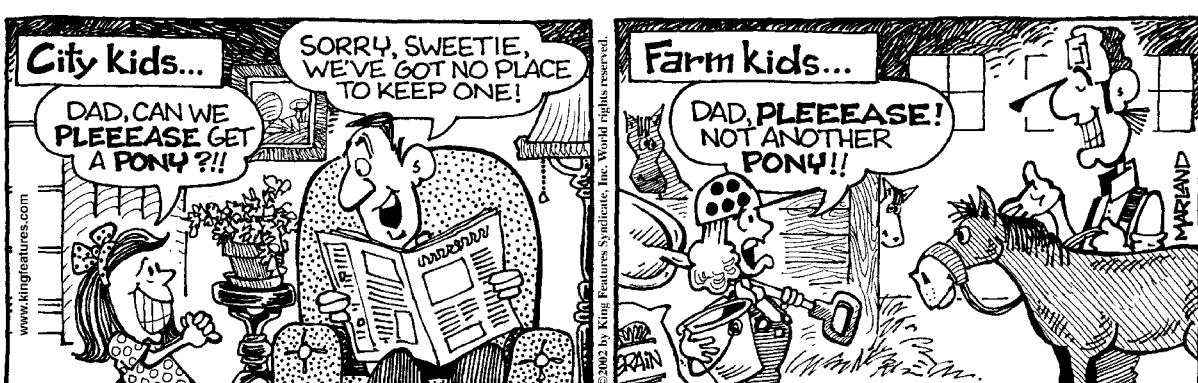
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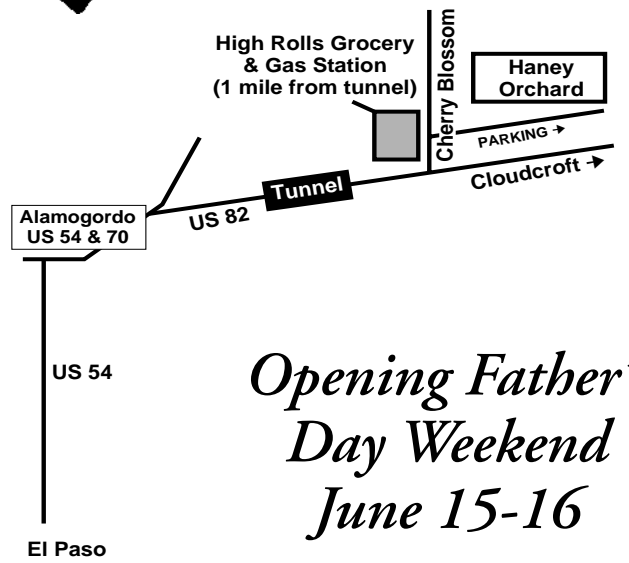


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Social Security: Q & A By Ray Vigil

How does Social Security view wages earned in agriculture?

Q: Many farmers hire or contract with crew leaders to manage their farm workers. Who is the employer, the farmer or the crew leader?

A: Farmers who are now busy with the summer planting and harvesting season should also remember to help sow future Social Security protection for any farm workers they hire. Most farm workers are "covered" by So-

cial Security, and by reporting farm workers' wages and paying Social Security taxes, you can help ensure that they earn valuable Social Security retirement, disability and survivors program benefits.

Farm owners also need to be aware that if they don't report wages and pay the taxes due, they could be subject to an IRS penalty.

Of course, I am often asked if farm

workers can be considered independent contractors. The answer is that if they are working under a farm owner's direction and control, they cannot be considered independent contractors. They are employees and their wages must be reported to Social Security.

Some farmers hire "Crew Leaders" to manage their farm workers and to handle their entire wage-reporting responsibilities. In these cases, the crew leader is often considered the "employer" of the farm worker and has the responsibility for submitting wage reports. Another factor that comes into play is whether a written agreement is in existence. If there is a written agreement between the farmer and the crew

leader stating that crew leader is the farmer's employee, the farmer is responsible for all wage reporting and record keeping.

If there is no written agreement and the crew leader pays the workers, even if it is on behalf of the farmer, then the crew leader is the employer. Bottom line is, who ever has the final right to control the workers on the job is the employer. Whether the farmer or the crew leader is the employer of the farm worker, social security taxes must be reported.

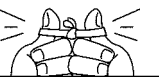
For more information log onto our website, www.ssa.gov, call our toll-free number at 1-800-772-1213 or visit your local Social Security office.

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.

Phamiliar phrases "tie the knot"

Many cultures around the world bind cords as part of their marriage ceremonies. In some, a ribbon is knotted around the neck or waist of the bride; in others, the bride and groom are tied together at the wrists or thumbs.

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| THURSDAY | THUR. NIGHT | FRIDAY | SATURDAY | SUNDAY | MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY |
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| | | | | | | | |
| Several hours of sunshine; hot. | Partly to mostly cloudy and warm. | Partly sunny and hot. | Mostly cloudy and hot. | Considerable cloudiness; hot. | Partial sunshine; hot. | Very hot with brilliant sunshine. | Sunny and hot. |
| ▲ 96° | ▼ 68° | ▲ 96° ▼ 68° | ▲ 94° ▼ 68° | ▲ 92° ▼ 68° | ▲ 94° ▼ 62° | ▲ 96° ▼ 62° | ▲ 98° ▼ 62° |

UV INDEX Statistics for noon.

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| Thursday | 10 | Very High |
| Friday | 10 | Very High |
| Saturday | 8 | High |
| Sunday | 6 | Moderate |
| Monday | 10 | Very High |
| Tuesday | 10 | Very High |
| Wednesday | 10 | Very High |

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| Thursday | 102° |
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| Saturday | 90° |
| Sunday | 88° |
| Monday | 92° |
| Tuesday | 92° |
| Wednesday | 96° |

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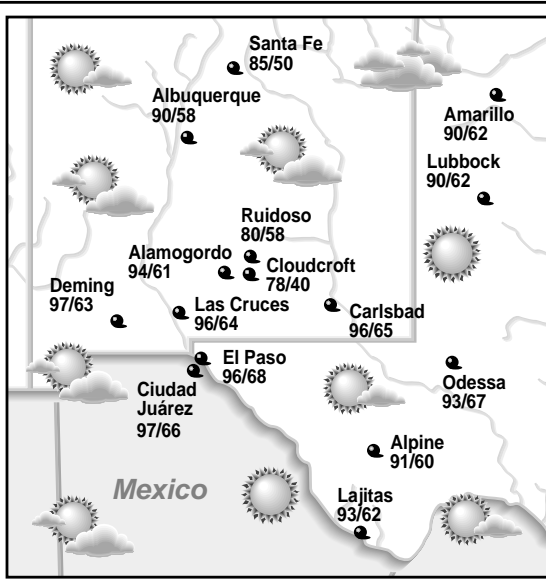
A large area of high pressure both at the surface and aloft will dominate the weather over the remainder of this week and into next week. Sunshine will average 10-12 hours Thursday and Friday, and no precipitation is expected through the period. Temperatures will remain above seasonal averages.

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TEXAS WEATHER

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| Anthony | 96 | 68 |
| Canutillo | 97 | 69 |
| Clint | 97 | 67 |
| E. Montana | 96 | 68 |
| Fabens | 97 | 67 |
| Horizon | 97 | 69 |
| San Elizario | 95 | 65 |
| Socorro | 95 | 67 |
| Tornillo | 97 | 68 |
| Vinton | 97 | 69 |

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



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| City | Thur. | Fri. | Sat. | Sun. | Mon. |
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| | Hi/Lo/W | Hi/Lo/W | Hi/Lo/W | Hi/Lo/W | Hi/Lo/W |
| Albuquerque | 90/58/s | 92/60/s | 88/58/pc | 86/56/s | 86/54/pc |
| Atlanta | 82/66/t | 84/66/c | 86/66/pc | 86/68/s | 88/68/t |
| Atlantic City | 76/64/pc | 85/62/t | 78/56/s | 76/56/s | 74/58/pc |
| Austin/San Antonio | 92/66/s | 94/72/s | 94/72/s | 92/70/c | 94/74/c |
| Baltimore | 82/64/pc | 86/60/t | 78/56/s | 78/54/s | 76/62/pc |
| Boston | 74/62/pc | 80/56/t | 74/56/pc | 72/54/pc | 69/46/s |
| Chicago | 82/62/pc | 78/56/s | 74/54/s | 74/52/pc | 70/55/c |
| Dallas/Ft. Worth | 86/70/pc | 90/72/s | 92/72/s | 90/72/sh | 92/72/pc |
| Denver | 86/54/s | 88/54/s | 86/52/pc | 82/50/pc | 76/50/pc |
| Flagstaff | 82/42/s | 82/44/pc | 74/40/c | 71/40/c | 72/34/pc |
| Houston | 88/70/pc | 90/70/s | 92/70/s | 90/70/pc | 90/72/c |
| Kansas City | 88/64/s | 88/62/s | 88/60/t | 86/60/t | 84/66/c |
| Las Vegas | 103/76/s | 103/76/pc | 96/71/pc | 91/69/s | 93/60/s |
| Miami | 88/74/pc | 90/74/pc | 90/76/c | 90/78/t | 90/78/pc |
| Minneapolis | 84/56/sh | 78/52/pc | 78/54/s | 76/54/t | 78/56/t |
| New Orleans | 86/72/pc | 88/76/s | 90/76/s | 90/76/s | 90/70/s |
| New York City | 78/64/pc | 82/62/t | 76/58/s | 74/58/s | 74/60/pc |
| Philadelphia | 82/64/pc | 86/60/t | 78/56/s | 76/56/s | 76/60/pc |
| Phoenix | 104/78/s | 102/76/pc | 100/74/pc | 100/74/s | 98/72/s |
| Portland | 76/52/pc | 78/50/s | 78/50/pc | 78/52/pc | 76/52/pc |
| San Francisco | 75/52/s | 64/52/s | 60/52/pc | 62/54/pc | 64/52/pc |
| Seattle | 68/50/pc | 70/50/s | 70/50/pc | 68/50/pc | 68/52/pc |
| Tucson | 102/68/s | 102/68/s | 100/66/pc | 98/64/s | 98/62/s |
| Washington, DC | 82/66/pc | 86/62/t | 80/60/s | 80/58/s | 78/64/pc |

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