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NEWSBRIEFS

Taking out trash

The community service trash pick-up program through which offenders pay their debt to society is working well for Justice of the Peace Pct. 6 Ruben Lujan, who takes the project personally. "We had 17 youths, two adults, myself and Mr. Beasley from the Horizon Lions Club working. We picked up 100 bags of trash in Horizon on May 25 in five hours," he said.



Ruben Lujan

On June 15, Lujan joined a troop of some 30 kids to do trash pickup in Fabens. "We have kids constantly doing trash pickup in Clint with the City of Clint," Lujan said. "(Socorro) Mayor Irma Sanchez and I have met to start a trash pickup program in the City of Socorro this month." Lujan instituted the program after his appointment to office of JP after the resignation of longtime Judge Frank Macias, with the intent that useful activity would mean more to youthful offenders than a more negative sentence involving only fines or incarceration.



Irma Sanchez

Fidgeting is good?

Today's jobs often require sitting in front of a keyboard or a steering wheel. Because of this, people often do not get the daily exercise needed to lead a healthy lifestyle. According to many experts, you can add exercise to your daily routine by performing simple exercises — or even fidgeting. Any type of movement throughout the day, no matter how small, is going to help increase circulation and burn calories. Some of the activities you can partake in during the day include sitting down and standing up several times or raising your legs repeatedly to waist level. Even try moving your arms back and forth and up and down. People often have to consciously think about engaging in physical activity. Performing these few exercises during the course of the work day will help increase that activity.

In other news

■ Canutillo Independent School District will hold its monthly District Advisory Council (DAC) meeting, at 6 p.m., Wednesday, June 19, in the Administration Building Board Room, 7965 Artcraft Road. DAC meeting will include a presentation on No Child Left Behind (NCLB) Act as it pertains to District goals and programs. Individuals interested in receiving information regarding new guidelines for federally-funded, education programs in schools and advising the Dis-

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Flag project and San Elizario's Placita to honor America's heroes, dead and alive

By Dan Cedillos
Special to the Courier

SAN ELIZARIO — This year Flag Day was June 14. On this day last year we saw a nation at peace. Today, we are a nation at war. The men and women we send into harm's way differ little from the Doughboys who fought in the trenches of France, or the GI's who stormed the beaches at Normandy, or the troops who fought with blood at Korea's Chosin Reservoir or at Vietnam's Ir Drang.

Indeed, we are no different than the millions of men and women who have answered the clarion call throughout American history.

Regrettably, this year we must remember 3,000 more names on the list of our honored dead. Not all were in the Armed Forces, but some were. Each,

though, was on the frontlines of the terrorist assault on America.

If our flag could speak it would say:

"I am your flag. I was born in June 14, 1777. I am more than just cloth shaped into a design. I am the emblem of the greatest sovereign na-

Forge to the bloody swamps of Vietnam and the cold bleak mountains of Afghanistan. I walk in silence with each of your honored dead to their final resting place; beneath the silent white crosses, row on row. I have flown through peace and war, strife and prosperity and amidst it all, I have been respected. My red stripes symbolize the blood spilled in the defense of this glorious nation. My white stripes signify the burning tears shed by Americans who have lost their sons and daughters. My blue field clustered together unify the states as one, for God and Country. 'Old Glory' is my nickname and proudly I wave on high. Honor me, respect me, and defend me with your lives and fortunes. Never let my enemies tear me down from my lofty position lest I never return. Keep alight the fires of patriotism, strive earnestly for the spirit



Flags were flown over the San Elizario Placita to honor those who served this country.

tion on earth. I am the inspiration for which American Patriots gave their lives and fortunes. I have led your sons into battle from Valley

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Vinton's new administration, council have hands on attitude

By Don Woodyard
Courier Staff Writer

VINTON — The new Village Council in Vinton is a "hands-on" group. This is not an abstract term regarding the new administration. It is:

- Hands on the village's computers.
- Hands on the village's garbage.

This approach became clear at the June 4 meeting of the council that addressed problems it has encountered in the transition to the administration of Mayor Tony Castro, Sr.

"On the 17th day of the new government transition, we are learning a lot of things," said Mayor pro-tem Jose Alarcón. "We are attempting to tune up the system as we move forward," he added. "We are starting to formulate a plan. We are redoing the way we do business."

He indicated he has found some "discrepancies" in the system. Program files on the trash and sanitation system, he said, had been deleted on May 24. "The plug was pulled," adding that databases would have to be rebuilt.

Much of the two-hour meeting focused on handling the village's trash pickup.

Alderman Yassu Grier explained problems encountered with hauling off the trash from the 165 village residents enrolled in the program. He said that, because village employees who normally handle the trash pickup are on sick leave, their duties had been taken over by council members who are driving the trucks and picking up the garbage twice a week.

In a special presentation he outlined and compared the present monthly cost to the village for hauling trash with the cost of an automated service provided once a week by El Paso Disposal. Cost of present service is \$1,381. El Paso Disposal's would be \$990 per month, for

a savings of \$391.

Laura Soldwish, district manager for El Paso Disposal, said the company would provide 96-gallon containers to residents. Using these wheeled containers, she said, would eliminate "mess and smell." Proposed pickup would be on Mondays.

Attorney Shane English, the village's new legal counsel, suggested caution because the cost of the proposed five-year contract would exceed \$25,000. He pointed out that contracts over that amount require, by law, going out to bid.

Council tabled action on the proposal until it could get more information and if there were other trash disposal companies that would submit bids. English said that if no other companies are available, approval giving it to El Paso Disposal could be justified because it might otherwise pose a health and safety problem.

Alderman Yolanda Lucero made a motion to audit the village's books "for our own protection."

While saying he wasn't against an audit as such, Alarcón said he was concerned about the cost and how an audit would benefit residents at this time. He pointed out that "answers are coming out" to financial questions as he goes through the files.

"Can we afford not to have an audit?" asked one unidentified community resident concerned about finding discrepancies in the system. "We want specifics; we don't want approximations; we don't want ballpark figures," voiced other concerned residents in the audience.

English said an audit might be premature at this time because files are in such disarray.

Lucero later amended her motion to table action on an audit and bring it back later after

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Horizon officially seats newly-elected aldermen

By Arleen Beard
Special to the Courier

HORIZON CITY — Four of Horizon City's elected officials were sworn into office on June 11, 2002, prior to the regularly scheduled City Council meeting. Newly elected Aldermen are Mary Beasley, Place 1 and Ronald Baerbock, Place 2. Ms. Beasley replaced Alderman Robert Morales who did not seek re-election and Baerbock replaces Art Borst who also did not seek re-election.

Re-elected aldermen are Walter Miller, Place 4 and Bethani Sellers, Place 6. The term for all four who were sworn in runs through May 2004.

In the regularly scheduled meeting, during open forum, Karl Schairer, a concerned community member, voiced his concern regarding the status of the Horizon Police Department. He said that the current police department is good, but it definitely needs to get better.

Schairer feels the police department needs a better capacity to serve our community such as more officers. He added that the City of Horizon needs to pay the officers more and train them better.

In other business, public hearings on budget ordinance 0096 for FY 2001-2002 and the proposed rezoning of property located on the Northeast corner of Golden Eagle Drive and Darrington were held. There was no public input, therefore the hearings were closed and the 2nd Readings were approved by Council.

During other business, Council considered and took action on approval of a capital lease for the telephone system and computers and network system for the Horizon City. This would upgrade the current systems now in place. Council approved Amherst as the vendor to update these systems.

The best thing that parents can spend on their children is time — not money.

— Quips and Quotes



One perspective

By Francis Shrum

Let's be fair about this

I've known animal lovers all my life. I'm not one of them, but I've generally found them to be a pretty good lot.

All except for these animal-rights activists who have shot off the scale on the far side of insanity and, worse yet, are willing to engage in dramatic, sometimes criminal, activity to force their views on the rest of the world.

One of the worst offenses we could commit as kids growing up in an agriculture production environment was to mistreat an animal. We knew that they were pretty much helpless without us and it was our most honor-bound responsibility to make sure that no creature in our care went without food and water, or was maliciously harmed.

We also knew that one day we would also probably eat at least a few of them and if we didn't, somebody else was going to.

Animal husbandry is a matter of plain old common sense mixed in with a huge dose of responsibility and a healthy shot of compassion for creatures smaller, weaker and dumber than you.

I don't find any of that in the animal rights movement.

As a matter of fact, all I see is a great deal of hypocrisy, stupidity, and plain old lack of common sense.

The sad part about it is that our society as a whole has drifted far, far away from the reality of how that meal we just ate made its way to our plate. We are raising kids who believe that milk is somehow magically manufactured at the supermarket and make no connection that the cheeseburger they are slurping down used to be a living, breathing animal.

Their sheer lack of understanding

of how this eco-system works is augmented by a whole genre of entertainment that grants deep and meaningful personalities to animals who simply don't possess them.

Now, I know that animals do have limited understanding. Otherwise, why would the Most Valuable Dog in the World hang her head in shame after she's jumped the fence and gone on a forbidden excursion into the neighbor's trash bin?

I know that the sweet, loving ways of pets have encouraged, uplifted and, in some cases, even saved the lives of human beings.

But I also know that a chicken is as dumb as a post, doesn't remember its mother, and has no idea it is fixing to be the main course at supper time, even if you explained the situation only moments before you took its head off.

Simply put, God gave us different animals to fulfill various purposes and they instinctively do so.

Now, I'm not trying to insult the person who chooses to love a pet chicken, but the main problem with the animal rights movement is that they paint the whole issue of human/animal interaction with one great, big stupid brush without sorting out the realities of the circle of life on this planet.

The impracticality of this viewpoint really came home to me recently while watching a film lamenting the reduction in the number of the grizzly bears. As the haunting music rose and fell in the background, we watched a grizzly wading placidly in a stream — where it promptly scooped up and devoured a trout swimming innocently nearby.

So why aren't the animal rights folks up in arms about the brutal

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murder of this fish? Who is looking out for *its* rights? Why are these people mourning the demise of the big, hairy predators with no thought to the welfare of the helpless, hapless prey?

The whole thing reeks of hypocrisy.

Animal rights activists staged a rally in Turkey earlier this month, at

an event attended by pet dogs, cats, turtles, horses, donkeys, birds and rabbits — and about 1,500 people. These animal-rights demonstrators were attempting to educate the Turkish people that their thousands-year-old tradition of slaughtering animals is unacceptable.

City workers with brooms cleaned up behind the animals and provided

buckets of water in the midday sun. "A flea-bitten dog has as much right to live as I do," one demonstrator's placard read.

The only problem with that is the dog can't care for itself, and I'll bet you dollars to doughnuts that the demonstrator wasn't going to haul a load of flea-bitten Turkish dogs home to his fashionable urban apartment.

Accomplished San Eli senior to attend NASC conference in Virginia

By Phillip Cortez
Special to the Courier

SAN ELIZARIO — Maritza Jimenez, who will be a senior at San Elizario High School in August, will represent District IX of the Texas Association of Student Councils at the 66th Annual National Association of Student Councils (NASC) National Conference, June 26-30 at Ocean Lakes High School in Virginia Beach, VA.

She is one of approximately 80 Texans and 1,800 student council leaders and student activity advisors attending the NASC, administered by the National Association of Secondary School Principals (NASSP). NASC offers leadership training at its conferences,

focusing on turning student leaders into lifelong leaders.

"It's wonderful to see young people from across the country taking leadership roles in their schools as well as their communities," said Dr. Gerald Tirozzi, Executive Director, of the NASSP. "These individuals are well-trained through their NASC experiences and we have no doubt they will be the leaders of tomorrow."

Jimenez will be trained in basic and advanced leadership, communication skills, and dealing with diversity, and will participate in discussions on issues relevant to today's youth. She will hear youth and leadership experts such as Mark Scharenbroich, Harvey Alston, Kevin Wanzer, and Professor William Purkey.

"During the NASC conference, and

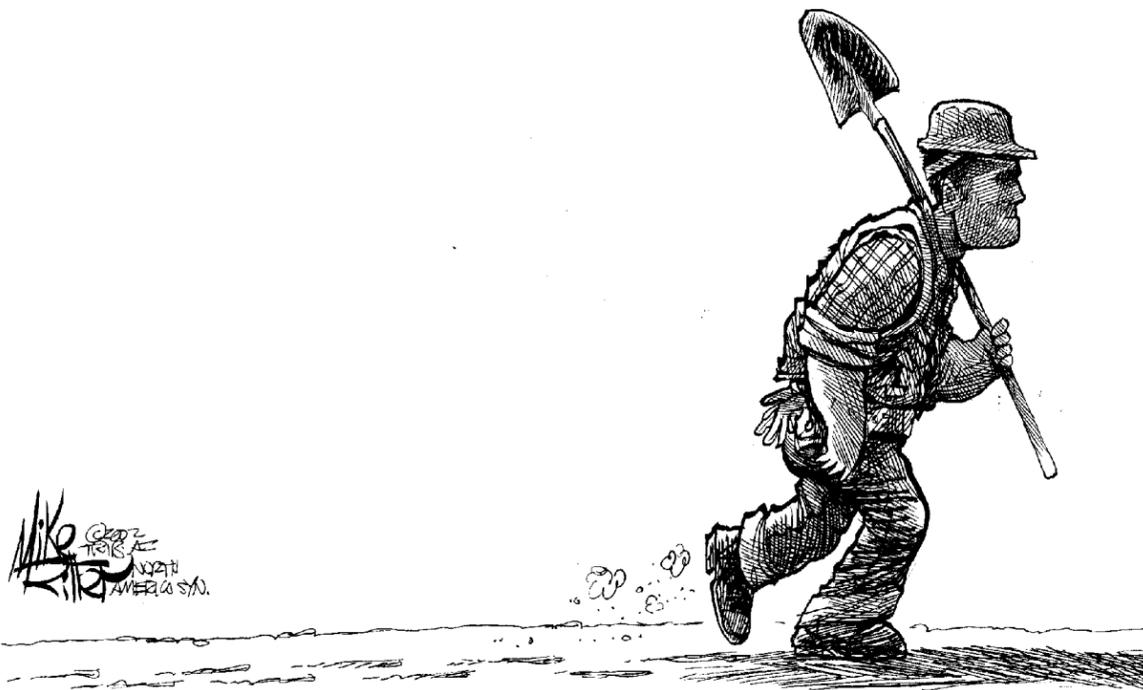
in student activity programs across the nation, these already talented students learn to be better at motivating, organizing, training, and leading others," said Rocco Marano, Director of NASC. "Every NASC delegate can be looked upon as a role model."

Jimenez is the daughter of Pablo and Maria Jimenez of San Elizario. While at San Elizario High School, she has been Class of 2003 secretary and president and Student Council treasurer. She will serve as StuCo president for the second term when school resumes in August. She plays Alto Sax and has been vice-president of the Eagle Band. She is a member of National Honor Society and part of the school's University Interscholastic League Spelling and Vocabulary Team. She is also involved in a Communities in Schools program called Project Daisy, where she serves as a mentor to children during a summer camp. This year she is the student representative serving as Vice-President of District IX, which stretches from Anthony to Presidio.



Maritza Jimenez

The Last Hero Out

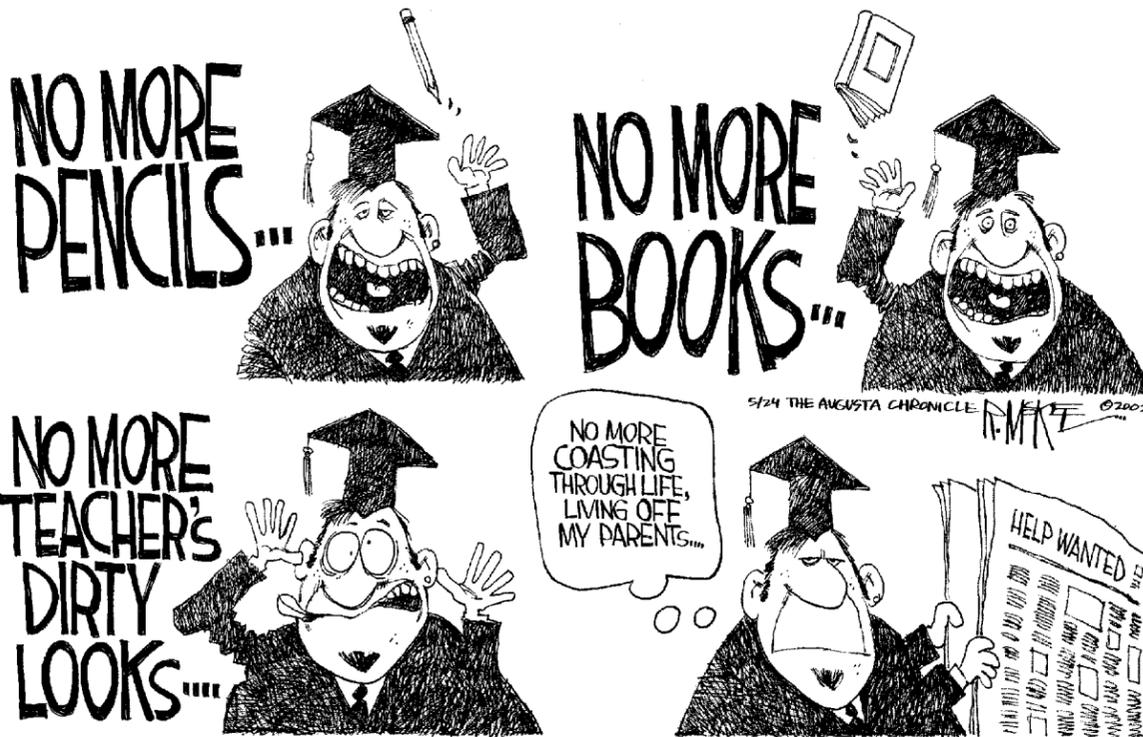


PUBLIC NOTICE
COUNTY OF EL PASO

2002 TEXAS COMMUNITY
DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

The County of El Paso is giving notice of its intent to submit a Housing Infrastructure Fund application for a grant from the Texas Community Development Program. The grant application request is \$400,000 for water, sewer, streets, and drainage improvements for a proposed subdivision development at Horizon Blvd. and Antwerp Road, just east of the Town of Horizon City in southeast El Paso County. The application is available for review in the Community Development Department, Suite 313, at the El Paso County Courthouse, 500 E. San Antonio Street, Monday thru Friday, 8 am – 5 pm.

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San Elizario Independent School District
PUBLIC NOTICE

The San Elizario Independent School District hereby provides an opportunity for public comment on the Application for Federal Funding covering Title I Part A, Title II Part A, Title II Part D, Title IV Part A, Title V Part A, and the "No Child Left Behind" Act Program provisions & assurances for the School Year 2002-2003. The application will be available for public comment at the San Elizario Administration building, located at 1364 FM 1110, on Monday, June 24 and Tuesday June 25, 2002 between 8:00am — 5:00pm. For additional information, call the SEISD Department of Research & Development at (915) 872-3939 Ext. 3567.

Distrito Escolar de San Elizario
NOTICIA AL PUBLICO

El Distrito Escolar de San Elizario presenta la oportunidad al publico que comente sobre la Aplicacion para fondos Federales cubriendo Titulo I Parte A, Titulo II Parte A, Titulo II Parte D, Titulo IV Parte A, Titulo V, Parte A, y el "No Child Left Behind" Acto programa de provision y seguridad para el año escolar 2002-2003. La aplicacion esta disponible para los comentarios del publico en el edificio de Administracion de San Elizario ubicado en 1364 FM 1110, el Lunes 24 de Junio y el Martes 25 de Junio 2002 entre las horas de 8:00am — 5:00pm. Para informacion adicional llamar a SEISD Departamento de Investigacion y Desarrollo al numero (915) 872-3939 Ext. 3567.

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Though district loses TEA Recognized status,
Canutillo ISD optimistic about next year

By Don Woodyard
Courier Staff Writer

CANUTILLO — Trustees of the Canutillo ISD got a closer look at and updates on a key district program, TAAS scores, technology changes and the budget during its June 11 meeting.

And Superintendent Charles Hart saw green in a brief report on Bosque Road.

Dr. Pam Padilla, assistant superintendent for student performance, described funding and outlined programs and services for pregnant and parenting students to carry out the district goal that every student will graduate.

"If we don't do a good job now, it will be very costly later on," she said.

Through its Pregnancy Education and Parenting (PEP) program whose roots go back nearly 10 years, the district provides counseling, childcare, homebound education and transportation with the Eagle's Nest. In addition to helping the pregnant mother, the program also helps the fathers who often drop out of school.

Trustee Yvonne Sapien-Sanchez expressed concern that at-risk students may be more at risk if the district makes poor choices in administering the program.

"Our services are more than adequate," Padilla responded. "I am very comfortable about the high quality of the programs."

The program is funded for the

2002-03 school year.

In a later presentation, Padilla presented an overview of preliminary TAAS (Texas Assessment of Academic Skills) scores, and also discussed the new TAKS (Texas Assessment of Knowledge and Skills) which goes into effect in the coming school year.

"The results (of TAAS) are encouraging," she said this week in a prepared statement, "although we experienced some shifts in some subject areas in some grade levels.

"Overall we maintained the standard we set in the 2000-01 school year when the district was rated Recognized..." She went on to say that the district would not be Recognized this year because of less than 80 percent passing in eighth-grade social studies.

"(However) the district expects to have at least the same number of Recognized and Exemplary schools."

In reference to TAKS, she added, "This is a test that will be a source of pride for everyone—students, parents and educators. The expectations are higher (more difficult) and broader (more subject areas tested for graduation). We believe this test will help assure that we prepare students for higher-paying jobs and the demands of the future."

Technology director Martha Veale and technology coordinator Leroy Romero briefed board members on the increasing importance and role of technology in the education of the district's young people. The new dis-

trict plan addresses new federal requirements spelled out in the "No Child Left Behind" legislation.

There are 1,600 computer workstations for the district's 4,600 students, she reported. "We are accessing education on a 24/7 basis. We are moving beyond the classroom, beyond the brick and mortar," she said in her slide presentation.

Comptroller Tony Reza gave board members preliminary revenue estimates for the district.

He reported that state revenue sources budgeted for 2002 were \$19.9 million, approximately two-thirds of district's \$30.2 million in total revenues. This reflects an increase of total revenues to \$29.8 million in 2001.

Total revenues for 2003 are expected to rise and are pegged at \$30.3 million. State funding estimated for 2003 drops to \$19.3 million. Estimates of local funding revenues are expected to increase from \$7.9 million in 2002 to \$8.3 million in 2003.

A breakdown of estimated revenues for Fiscal Year 2003, "assumes" a tax rate of \$1.406268.

"We are going to have a green Bosque Road," Hart reported to board members. Hart has been working for some time with the El Paso Public Service Board to get them to improve its appearance by planting grass on land. Hart thanked businessman Tedd Richardson for his help in persuading PSB officials to clean up and seed its land.

TRUE TEXAS FACTS by Roger Moore June 2, 1941, Sam Houston's youngest son, Andrew Jackson Houston, is appointed to serve out a term in the U.S. Senate.



Flag
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of democracy. Worship God and keep his commandments and I shall remain the bulwark of peace and freedom for all mankind. I am your flag."

On Friday, June 14, the San Elizario Genealogy and Historical Society, along with the Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter 574 of El Paso displayed both the U.S. and the Texas flags in the San Elizario Placita. The Texas flag was the symbol to recall the first county seat of

El Paso established in San Elizario in January of 1850.

We are asking for community donations and support to continue this major flag project for San Elizario Veterans Day on Nov. 11. As of today the project has collected enough to purchase the flags that are presently on display in the Placita, but it is hoped to put flags on Socorro Road from the San Elizario Cemetery to the Placita for Veterans Day.

It is estimated that 150 flags, size three by five feet, will be needed at a cost of \$10 per flag.

Contributions may be made to the San Elizario Genealogy and Historical Society, P.O. Box 1090, San Elizario, Texas 79849, Attn: Flag Project, or by calling me at (915) 790-1448; Carmen Cruz at 851-4617; or Carlos Rivera at 772-0013.

Canutillo Independent School District PUBLIC NOTICE

The Canutillo Independent School District invites parents of students residing within the District's boundaries and attending a private nonprofit school outside of the District to contact Letty Gonzalez at (915) 877-7440 and arrange a meeting with a District representative. The purpose of the meeting is to offer eligible students equitable Title 1, Part A services. These services, available through the "No Child Left Behind Act," support students experiencing difficulties mastering the state academic achievement standards. Accommodations for handicapped persons will be available.

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Canutillo Independent School District PUBLIC NOTICE

A PUBLIC MEETING will be held at 2:00 p.m. on Wednesday, June 26, 2002 at the Canutillo ISD Administration Bldg., 7965 Artcraft Road, Canutillo, Texas. The purpose of the public meeting is to allow any interested representative of a non-profit private school or non-profit home school operating in the Canutillo Independent School District to appear and receive information regarding Schedule Five of Federal Grant Applications for their school. Representatives will need to provide their school's tax-exempt identification number to the District to confirm eligibility.

The Grant Applications are available through the "No Child Left Behind Act" and address three basic areas:

- Professional Development - providing training to teachers to upgrade teaching skills;
- Supplemental Educational Services - for students to improve academic skills;
- Safe and Drug Free Schools

Those that are unable to attend the public meeting may submit their questions in writing to the Canutillo Independent School District or contact Monica Reyes (915) 877-7455. Accommodations for handicapped persons will be available; handicapped persons in need of special assistance for attending the meeting are encouraged to contact Monica Reyes, forty-eight (48) hours prior to this meeting.

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Town of Clint Notice of Public Hearing

A Public Hearing will be held at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, June 25, 2002, at the Community Center, 200 N. San Elizario Rd., Clint, Texas. The purpose of the meeting is to discuss and hear public comments regarding an application to the Office of Rural Community Affairs for water and sewer lines within the Town of Clint under the:

Community Development Block Grant and Small Town Environment Program

Citizens are encouraged to participate in the development of these applications and to make their views known at this public hearing. Citizens unable to attend this meeting may submit their views to the Town Clerk at PO Box 350, Clint, Texas 79836. Persons in need of assistance to attend are encouraged to contact the Town Clerk at 851-3146.

Jessica Garza
Town Clerk

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Town of Anthony PUBLIC NOTICE

A PUBLIC HEARING will be held at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, June 25, 2002 during the Regular Town Council Meeting at Anthony Town Hall, 401 Oak Street, Anthony, 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) (second reading):

- 1) Ordinance No. 402 directs the the inspection of public swimming pools and spas within the Town of Anthony, Texas. This ordinance carries a penalty for violation.

Ordinances are too extensive to print. Ordinances are always available for viewing or copying upon request from the Town Clerk at the above address. Those that are unable to attend may submit their written comments to the Town of Anthony, P.O. Box 1269, Anthony, Texas 79821. Persons in need of assistance to attend are encouraged to contact the Town Clerk at 886-3944.

Nila J. Stillwell
Town Clerk/Secretary

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Horizon City Community Chapel

Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Sunday Service 10:45 a.m.
Sunday Yth. Group 6:30 p.m.
Wednesday Night
Adult Bible Study 6:30 p.m.

Mr. Dean Pinney, Pastor

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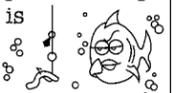
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Phamiliar phrases

"hook, line and sinker"

An extremely hungry fish might swallow everything cast to it - the baited hook, the fishing line and the lead weight attached to make these sink. In this way, so might a gullible person accept everything that is told to them.

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HORIZON COMMUNITIES IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION Invitation to Bid

SALE OF LOT 1, EASTLAKE COMMERCIAL CENTER: Prime corner commercial site, Eastlake and Horizon Blvd. One acre of land. Call (915) 852-1811 for a copy of the bid requirements or write to HCIA, 14200 Ashford, Horizon City, TX 79928. Closing date is July 26.
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FABENS INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT FABENS, TEXAS Invitation to Bid

Cafeteria Non-Food Items Bid No. 01-02-01

Fabens Independent School District will accept sealed bids until 10:00 a.m., June 28, 2002, at which time they will be publicly opened at the Fabens Administration Bldg., 821 N.E. "G" Avenue, Fabens, Texas.

Specifications may be secured by requesting them from the Business Office, 821 N.E. "G" Avenue, (P.O. Box 697 by mail), Fabens, Texas 79838 or fax request to (915) 764-2968.
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FABENS INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT FABENS, TEXAS

Invitation to Bid

Waste Disposal Service Bid No. 01-02-02

Fabens Independent School District will accept sealed bids until 11:00 a.m., June 28, 2002, at which time they will be publicly opened at the Fabens Administration Bldg., 821 N.E. "G" Avenue, Fabens, Texas.

Specifications may be secured by requesting them from the Business Office, 821 N.E. "G" Avenue, (P.O. Box 697 by mail), Fabens, Texas 79838 or fax request to (915) 764-2968.
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OPPORTUNITIES

Alcoholics Anonymous Group Paso Del Norte meets at 8501 Kingsway in Westway, Monday-Saturday, 8 p.m. Call 886-4948 for information.

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

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

Tiene problemas con el

alcohol? Hay una solución. 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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trict in design of programs are invited to attend. For more information, call 877-7440.

■ **CORRECTION:** A story in last week's *Courier* about a new high school being built by Socorro ISD gave the incorrect price of land and construction costs to build the campus. The actual package price is \$28,000,000.

■ Two graduates of Socorro High School recently made advancements in their military careers. Marine Corps Lance Cop. Felix Fierro, son of Juanita and Rolando Fierro of Clint, recently received the Marine Corps Good Conduct Medal for honest and faithful service, and an unblemished record, over a three-year period. He graduated from SHS in 1998. Navy Reserve Hospitalman Ricardo Rocha, son of Rosa Castro, recently graduated from Basic Hospital Corps School at Naval Hospital Corps School in Great Lakes, Illinois. He is a 2001 graduate of SHS.

■ A ribbon-cutting ceremony to initiate the newly-constructed Marfa Lights Viewing Center will be held by Texas Department of Transportation June 21 about eight miles east of Marfa on US 67/90. The Marfa High School Gifted and Talented students originally created the concept of a viewing site for tourism. The facility includes a

viewing area and restroom facilities. Information: 915-790-4341.

■ A bill has been introduced in Washington, called the Bracero Justice Act, which will allow these former guest-workers to go to court

to obtain wages they say were never returned to them. Braceros were guest-workers from Mexico who were invited to the U.S. to alleviate the labor shortage after World War II. Hundreds of thousands of braceros had 10 percent

of their pay deducted and placed into a savings plan that was to be payable to them upon their return to Mexico, but many workers say that this money was never repaid to them. The bill will seek to remove "technical" legal obstacles to

a class-action suit by these workers, including statute of limitations, sovereign immunity, foreign sovereign immunity, and objections to jurisdiction by federal courts. The bill is supported by Congressman Silvestre Reyes.

**Village of Vinton
PUBLIC NOTICE**

A PUBLIC HEARING will be held at 6:00 p.m. during a SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING on Monday, June 24, 2002 at Vinton Village Hall, 436 Vinton Rd., Vinton, Texas. Purpose of the public hearing is to allow any interested persons to appear and testify regarding the following:

- 1) A PROPOSED AMENDMENT to the Texas Community Development Block Grant Program, Contract No. 721851, which entails the purchase of property for drainage purposes.

The Council will vote on the proposed amendment immediately after the public hearing.

Those who are unable to attend may submit their views in writing to the Village of Vinton. Amendments are too extensive to print. Amendments are always available for viewing or copying upon request from the Village of Vinton at the above address. Persons in need of special assistance to attend the hearing are encouraged to contact the Alderperson Jose L. Alarcón (915) 886-5104, 8 a.m. - 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, at least forty-eight (48) hours prior to this meeting.

*ANTONIO CASTRO, SR.
Village Mayor*

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**Socorro Independent School District
PUBLIC NOTICE**

SISD TO DISCUSS FEDERAL PROGRAMS

A public meeting to discuss the District's federally funded entitlement programs for the 2002-2003 school year is scheduled for 8:00 a.m. Wednesday, June 26 in Classroom I of the Socorro High School Library, 10150 Alameda Avenue. The purpose of the meeting is to allow any interested citizen to receive information and comment on the application for federal funding.

The grant applications are available as part of the "No Child Left Behind" Act, and address three basic areas:

- Title I, Part A - Professional Development, to provide training to teachers to upgrade their skills;
- Title II, Parts A and D - Supplemental Education Services - training for students to improve their academic skills;
- Title III, Part A and Title IV, Part A - Safe and Drug Free Schools.

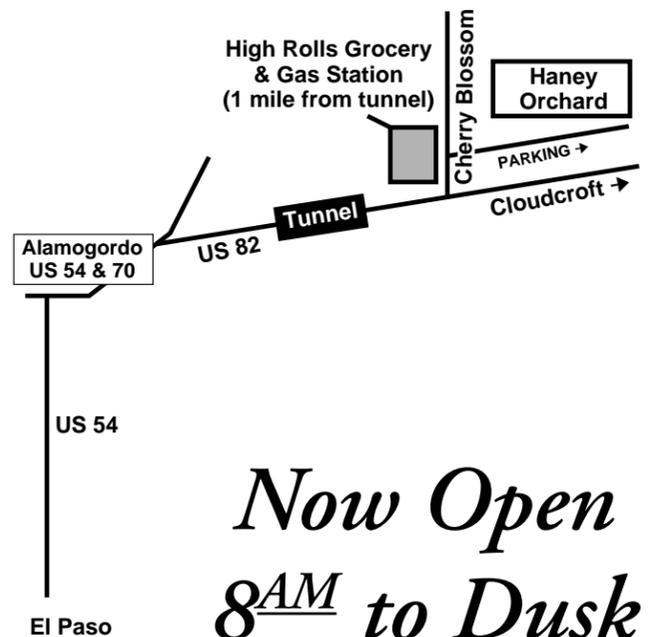
A copy of the proposals for the 2002-2003 school year funding program will be available for review at the SISD Education Center, 12300 Eastlake Drive, El Paso, Texas between the hours of 9 a.m. and 3 p.m. June 25, 2002.

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That old saying about nice guys may come true for Mickleson

By Steve Escajeda
Special to the Courier

Over the years a number of lovable losers have crossed our path.

The lovable Charlie Chaplin never got the girl though the little tramp always won our hearts.

Growing up I could always understand what poor Charlie Brown was going through because I was going through my awkward years at the same time, but I never stopped rooting for him.

Even poor Al Bundy was very likable though he was resigned to the fact that he would sell ladies shoes for the rest of his life.

Now, when you think of a face to go along with the term "lovable loser," the mug of PGA golfer Phil Mickleson has to come to mind.

Mickleson, who has made a career of finishing near the top of almost every major golf championship he enters, did it again last week at the U.S. Open.

He finished second.

Tiger Woods, who of course won the event, has eight majors in his pocket. Mickleson has now played in 40 major tourneys without a single win.

In fact, Mickleson, who has no problem winning tournaments Tiger doesn't play in, has finished in the top three in seven major championships. Boy, talk about close but no cigar.

Mickleson would certainly be the most recognized man on the planet if he competed in horseshoes instead of golf.

It never fails, the golfing crowds are rooting louder and louder for Mickleson, who says all the right things every times he loses, but he always finds a way to put a crucial drive in the trees or three-put the 17th hole to lose the lead.

You get the distinct impression that if Tiger Woods had become an airline pilot, Mickleson would be the best golfer in the world today. But instead, Woods is playing golf and Mickleson continues to play the part of lovable loser.

Don't feel bad Phil, even Charlie Brown finally got to meet that little red-haired girl...didn't he?

Liar, liar

What the heck is going on with the memories of people applying for athletic jobs around the country? I mean if someone asks me if I have a degree from a certain college, I think I'd know the answer.

Seems some people have developed a kind of selective memory when it comes to matters of gaining employment.

What I'm talking about is the sudden influx of liars around the country who are doing their best George O'Leary imitations. You remember O'Leary, the guy who was coach of Notre Dame football for almost three days.

He was fired after school officials found that O'Leary had lied on his resume about his credentials.

Well, the Pied Piper of misinformation has paved the way for others to fall in his footsteps.

Allegheny College head football coach Blair Hrovat was forced to resign last week after stating that he received a Bachelor's degree when the truth is, he never had.

Last month, U.S. Olympic Committee president Sandra Baldwin resigned for lying about her academic credentials.

Would-be Dartmouth athletic director Charles Harris stepped down earlier this week, one day before he was to have been introduced as the school's top sports guy after admitting he submitted a resume with false academic information.

I don't know what these people thought

they'd accomplish by lying on their applications. Oh, wait, I do know — public humiliation, ridicule and unemployment.

New York, New York

All the talk last week in pro baseball centered around the meeting of the Yankees' Roger Clemens and the Mets' Mike Piazza.

But this time the talk wasn't about whether or not Clemens would hit Piazza again, it was whether Mets pitcher Shawn Estes would hit Clemens, who would have to bat in this game.

Well, the answer was yes, and then no, and then yes again.

I'll explain. First, yes — Estes threw the first pitch at Clemens...right at him, no doubt about it.

Then no — Estes threw the ball behind Clemens and missed him entirely.

And then yes again — Estes finally hit Clemens...a Clemens pitch, that is, over the left field fence for a homerun in an 8-0 Mets romp.

And by the way, Piazza hit a homerun off of Clemens in the game as well.

Even though Clemens didn't feel the sting of a ball striking him in the head, the sight of both homeruns leaving the ballpark were just as painful.

Fabens Independent School District PUBLIC NOTICE

FISD TO DISCUSS FEDERAL PROGRAMS

A public meeting to discuss the District's federally funded entitlement programs for the 2002 - 2003 school year is scheduled for 5:00 p.m., Monday, June 24th at the District Central Office located at 821 N.E. "G" Avenue, in the boardroom. The purpose of the meeting is to allow interested citizens to receive information and comment on the application for federal funding.

The grant applications are available through the "No Child Left Behind" Act, and address three basic areas:

- Professional Development- providing training to teachers to upgrade skills;
- Supplemental Educational Services - for students to improve Academic skills
- Safe and Drug Free Schools

For further information please contact Jeanette Williams (915) 764-2498.

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Hot weather can affect your pet adversely

By Sam Mazzotta

On a recent trip to the veterinarian, I met a young man in the waiting room whose year-old collie rested on his lap.

"What's wrong?" I asked him.

"I took Lenny out for a walk yesterday. He whined all through the walk, and when we got back he started limping. He still limps a little, so I brought him in."

"Sounds like he burned his paws," I commented. The day before had been very hot and sunny.

The young man didn't believe such a thing could happen, but the vet confirmed what I had told him. The pads

on the bottom of Lenny's paws were mildly burned and very sore.

Hot weather can affect your pets just as much as it affects you. If you're thirsty more often, if the sun seems burning hot, and if you wouldn't dare walk across the pavement barefoot, assume that your pet feels the same way.

Keep fresh, cold water within your dog or cat's reach at all times. You can even put ice cubes in the dish. If your pet spends the day outside, check his water dish periodically to make sure it stays full.

Bring pets indoors during the hottest part of the day. Let them out or

take them for walks in the morning and evening.

To protect your pet's paws, walk him only during cooler periods over shaded sidewalks or grass. Keep an eye out for sharp objects that could also injure his paws. If a cooler walk area can't be found, purchase a set of booties designed to protect him from heat and extreme cold, and put those on before the walk.

Keep your pets well-hydrated and safe from the dangers of summer heat, and you'll all be much happier!

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Vinton

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getting more information on cost. Motion then passed.

Castro praised the work of auditor

Irene Keith in running the office. "She is the glue that holds us together."

As temporary help during the transitional period, Castro's proposal to pay her \$100 a day was approved unanimously by council. "She is worth every penny."

In executive session, council terminated the services of municipal court judge Antonio Kosturakis. Later asked why the action was taken, English declined to go into specifics, saying only that it was a "no confidence vote."

King Super Crossword

POETIC PEOPLE

- ACROSS**
- 1 Gravy vessel
 - 5 Lord of the ring?
 - 8 School subject
 - 11 Energy
 - 14 Early bird's reward
 - 18 Competent
 - 19 Land mass
 - 21 Epoch
 - 22 Field of study
 - 23 Prime-time cartoon character
 - 25 Speed
 - 27 Discern
 - 28 Fill to the gills
 - 29 Rug material
 - 30 W. Hemisphere grp.
 - 31 Lend an _ (listen)
 - 33 "Cheers" actress
 - 37 Marvels
 - 41 "Star Trek" navigator
 - 42 Novelist Ayn
 - 43 _Magnon
 - 44 Late-night name
 - 46 Limber with language
 - 48 Proclamation
 - 52 "In the Heat of the Night" role
 - 56 Grant and Elwes
 - 59 Muckraker Nellie
 - 60 Actress Braga
 - 61 Schoolboy's shot
 - 62 "Friends," e.g.
 - 63 NASA affirmative
- DOWN**
- 64 Marley's music
 - 67 Blind part
 - 69 Common street name
 - 70 Egg on
 - 71 Gary Cooper role
 - 75 Pacific archipelago
 - 78 Stain
 - 79 To be, to
 - Baudelaire
 - 80 Muzzles
 - 83 Hosp. area
 - 84 Snow White's dwarfs, e.g.
 - 86 Bach's "Bist du bei _"
 - 88 Civil Rights org.
 - 90 "I kid you _"
 - 91 John of "The Addams Family"
 - 92 '37 Masters Tournament winner
 - 95 Mournful sound
 - 97 Granola fruit
 - 99 Challenge
 - 100 RN's specialty
 - 101 Spanish-American coin
 - 104 Shape
 - 106 Hung loosely
 - 109 TV pioneer
 - 112 Mintz or Whitney
 - 113 Offense
 - 114 A Ford
 - 115 Cinderella's soiree
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 - 122 Charm

- 124 "The Pink Panther" director
 - 128 Prayer finale
 - 129 Pub potable
 - 130 _ cuff
 - 131 James of "Rollerball"
 - 132 Moreno or Hayworth
 - 133 Take-home
 - 134 What a feller needs
 - 135 " _ Day Now" ('62 hit)
 - 136 Rotund wrestling?
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- 1 Humbug lead-in
 - 2 Bassoon relative
 - 3 Charity
 - 4 Home on the range?
 - 5 Loser to DDE
 - 6 San _ Obispo, CA
 - 7 Cookbook author Rombauer
 - 8 Evaluate
 - 9 "Blame It on _" ('84 film)
 - 10 Catch some rays
 - 11 Problem for Pauline
 - 12 Pencil end
 - 13 Tropical treat
 - 14 Gum gob
 - 15 Sky stalker
 - 16 Price twice
 - 17 Giants Hall-of-

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- 24 Author Cornelius
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- 45 Stout
- 47 Uncovered
- 49 Bridge support
- 50 Drain problem
- 51 Little guy
- 53 Tenor Beniamino
- 54 Emilia's husband
- 55 "Petrouchka," for one
- 57 Annoys
- 58 Neighbor of Oman
- 62 Tempestuous
- 65 Llama turf
- 66 "Aida" setting
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- 70 Ordinary
- 72 Foul-smelling
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- 75 Informer
- 76 Computer image
- 77 Burlap fiber
- 81 Sample the souffle

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Fly me to the moons

By Don Flood

I've been suffering from a bad case of moon envy. Don't get me wrong, I like our moon. As moons go, it seems to be top drawer, if a little arid and lifeless.

But it's just one moon, and one moon won't cut it in the 21st century — not for a galaxy-class planet like Earth.

While I was growing up, things seemed OK in the moon department.

We had one moon, Mars had two — but way smaller, so I didn't feel too bad — Jupiter had 12 and Saturn had nine.

But things have gotten out of hand.

According to a recent story, scientists have discovered a total of 39 moons revolving around Jupiter!

And they expect to find more! Maybe as many as 100 moons!

Look, I don't mean to be petty about this. I could deal with Jupiter having 12 moons. After all, it's a big planet.

But no way do they deserve 100 moons, not while we're supposed to make do with just one.

Are we just going to sit back and let this happen?

What I propose is simple and would give NASA a clear and well-defined mission: Instead of going to Mars, we should head straight to Jupiter, round up some of their excess moons and bring them back to Earth.

This would provide many benefits:

- Boost our children's self-esteem. How do you think they feel when they find out they're growing up on a moon-challenged planet?

Fortunately, our science education is such that many kids don't know we have one moon — much less what other planets have — but most of us, sadly, eventually learn about our planet's shortcomings when it comes to natural satellites.

• Add some variety to our tidal flows. The tide comes in, the tide goes out. It's all very ordinary and predictable. Additional moons would add spice to our tides and our tide tables.

• Changing the tides might also have the benefit of causing unforeseen, perhaps even dangerous new weather patterns. This would make watching The Weather Channel far more rewarding.

• Increase the chances of solar eclipses.

Because we lack a full complement of moons, many of us go through life without seeing a full solar eclipse.

I'm not recommending we acquire so many moons that solar eclipses become a daily or even weekly event — after all, having too many moons would be a little showy for a small planet — but there's no excuse for the paltry number of solar eclipses we have now.

• As noted earlier, our moon is rather dry and dull. For all the poems and songs it has inspired, the moon remains — let's be honest — a big, cold, lifeless rock.

But what if suddenly our moon had a little competition? Might it not try a little harder? Develop some personality? Add some life to its dreary landscape?

It's worth a try.

I mean, it's not like we're going to find Jar-Jar Binks on Mars, much less any intelligent life.

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The History of Texas Lands will continue next week.

Anthony Independent School District PUBLIC NOTICE

A PUBLIC MEETING will be held at 8:30 a.m. on Monday, June 24, 2002 at the Anthony Elementary School, 610 Sixth Street, Anthony, Texas. The purpose of the public meeting is to allow any interested representative of a non-profit private school or non-profit home school operating in the Anthony Independent School District to appear and receive information regarding Schedule Five of Federal Grant Applications for their school. Representatives will need to provide their school's tax-exempt identification number to the District to confirm eligibility.

The Grant Applications are available through the "No Child Left Behind" Act and address three basic areas:

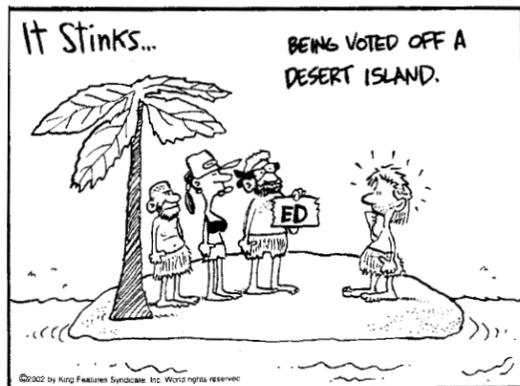
- Professional Development - providing training to teachers to upgrade teaching skills;
- Supplemental Educational Services - for students to improve academic skills;
- Safe and Drug Free Schools

Those that are unable to attend the public meeting may submit their questions in writing to the Anthony Independent School District, c/o Ann Geyer or contact Ann Geyer: (915) 886-6532.

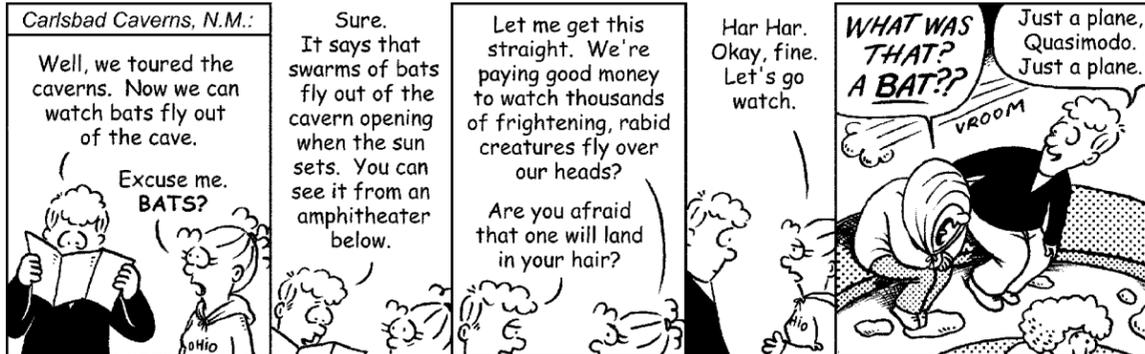
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OUT ON A LIMB By Gary Kopervas



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R.F.D. By Mike Marland



Clint Independent School District PUBLIC NOTICE

The Clint Independent School District hereby provides an opportunity for public comment on the Application for Federal Funding covering Title I Part A, Title II Part A, Title II Part D, Title IV Part A, Title V Part A, and the "No Child Left Behind" Act Program provisions & assurances for the School Year 2002-2003. The application will be available for public comment at the Instructional Services building, located at 14900 Greg Dr., on Wednesday, June 26 between 8:00am — 5:00pm. For additional information, call the Clint ISD Department of Federal Programs at (915) 849-0773.

Distrito Escolar de Clint NOTICIA AL PUBLICO

El Distrito Escolar de Clint presenta la oportunidad al publico que comente sobre la Aplicacion para fondos Federales cubriendo Titulo I Parte A, Titulo II Parte A, Titulo II Parte D, Titulo IV Parte A, Titulo V, Parte A, y el "No Child Left Behind" Acto programa de provision y seguridad para el año escolar 2002-2003. La aplicacion esta disponible para los comentarios del publico en el edificio de Servicios Instruccionales ubicado en 14900 Greg Dr., el Miercoles 26 de Junio 2002 entre las horas de 8:00am — 5:00pm. Para informacion adicional llamar a Clint ISD Departamento de Programas Federales al numero (915) 849-0773.

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Social Security: Q & A By Ray Vigil

Q. Recently there has been a lot of talk about Social Security benefits and Government Pensions. I understand that my social security benefits will be offset by the amount of my government pension. Is this true?

A. There is a provision in the Social Security Act known as the Government Offset Provision (GPO). This provision states that if an individual is eligible to receive social security spouse's benefits and a pension from a federal or state government entity, two-thirds of their government pension

will be offset against their social security benefits. GPO will not apply until employment is terminated and the individual files for the government pension. For example, an individual works for the school district for 30 years. Upon retirement, she would be eligible to receive a pension from the Texas Retirement System (TRS) of \$1500 a month. In the meantime her husband is also eligible to receive \$1600 from Social Security. As a spouse she would be entitled to \$800 a month, half of his social security benefits at full retirement

age. Because two-thirds of her government pension is equivalent to \$1000, her social security benefits will be offset in its entirety. She would still be eligible for both Hospital and Medical Insurance under the Medicare program at age 65. Of course she would have to pay a premium of \$54 for the Part B. This offset applies to both life and survivors benefits. There will be times when an individual might not be eligible to receive social security benefits while the spouse is still alive but because survivors benefits are paid at a higher rate, you will find situations in which a surviving spouse could receive benefits after the two-thirds adjust-

ment. There is one exemption to Government Pension Offset. If on the last day of employment an individual is in a position that was covered under Social Security and covered by the pension plan, GPO will not apply. In addition, the pension paying system must consider this joint employment time in the computation of the benefit.

In this situation, Social Security will be verifying that the position or the individual is actually covered under Social Security and the pension plan. Social Security will also verify that the employment time will be considered in the computation of the benefit. This does not mean that

the earnings actually have to be included in the computation of the benefit. Individuals who have retired from the school districts and later want to return to a position now covered under both social security and by pension plan cannot be exempted from GPO.

For more information log onto our website, <http://www.ssa.gov> or 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, mail them to the Social Security Office, 1111 Gateway West, Attn: Ray Vigil, El Paso, Texas 79935.

WEATHER

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SEVEN-DAY FORECAST FOR EL PASO

THURSDAY	THUR. NIGHT	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY
Partly sunny and hot.	Partly cloudy and warm.	Hot with clouds and sun; breezy in the afternoon.	Clouds and sunshine.	Partly sunny.	Partly sunny.	Very hot with abundant sunshine.	Sunny and very hot.
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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
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Monday	10	Very High
Tuesday	10	Very High
Wednesday	10	Very High

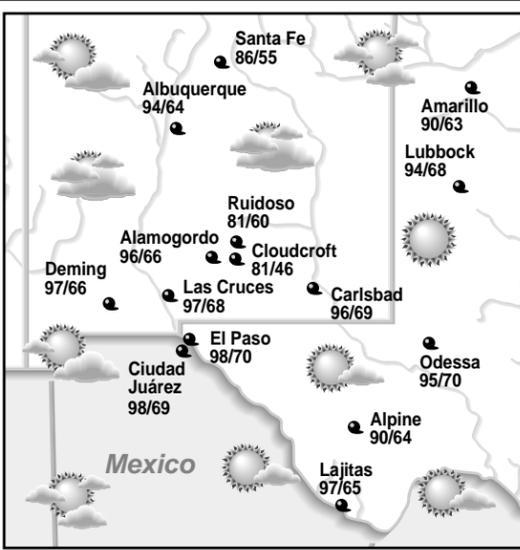
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Thursday	104°
Friday	103°
Saturday	101°
Sunday	101°
Monday	101°
Tuesday	105°
Wednesday	107°

TEXAS WEATHER

Anthony	98	70
Canutillo	99	71
Clint	96	70
E. Montana	98	70
Fabens	96	70
Horizon	99	71
San Elizario	93	68
Socorro	97	69
Tornillo	96	70
Vinton	99	71



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

TRAVELERS CITIES

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Albuquerque	94/64/s	92/64/pc	92/64/pc	94/64/s	96/64/s
Atlanta	82/68/pc	84/68/pc	86/68/pc	88/70/pc	88/70/pc
Atlantic City	76/66/s	80/68/s	80/70/pc	80/68/pc	78/62/pc
Austin/San Antonio	94/70/s	92/72/pc	94/72/pc	94/74/pc	90/74/pc
Baltimore	86/62/s	88/66/s	90/68/pc	90/68/pc	86/64/pc
Boston	82/62/s	86/62/s	84/60/pc	84/60/pc	82/60/pc
Chicago	88/66/pc	82/64/c	88/66/pc	82/60/t	78/60/t
Dallas/Ft. Worth	90/74/pc	92/74/pc	92/74/pc	90/73/c	92/71/pc
Denver	78/54/pc	86/56/s	88/58/s	90/58/s	88/56/s
Flagstaff	82/46/s	80/44/s	81/43/s	82/44/s	79/38/s
Houston	92/74/t	92/74/pc	94/74/pc	94/74/pc	94/74/pc
Kansas City	88/66/s	86/68/pc	86/66/c	86/66/t	84/70/c
Las Vegas	100/73/s	102/76/s	102/76/s	102/76/s	99/62/s
Miami	88/78/c	88/78/pc	88/78/pc	88/78/sh	89/78/pc
Minneapolis	78/62/sh	80/64/pc	82/64/t	82/62/pc	80/60/t
New Orleans	88/74/t	87/75/sh	88/75/t	89/75/pc	91/74/pc
New York City	84/66/s	87/68/s	89/70/pc	89/68/pc	82/64/pc
Philadelphia	86/66/s	88/68/s	90/70/pc	90/68/pc	86/64/pc
Phoenix	106/80/s	108/82/s	108/82/s	108/82/s	106/80/s
Portland	78/56/pc	80/56/pc	76/54/pc	72/54/c	74/54/pc
San Francisco	62/50/pc	64/50/pc	64/52/pc	64/52/pc	62/50/pc
Seattle	74/54/pc	76/54/pc	72/54/pc	68/54/c	70/52/pc
Tucson	104/72/s	104/72/s	106/72/s	106/72/s	106/72/s
Washington, DC	86/68/s	88/68/s	90/70/pc	90/70/pc	86/66/pc

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

AGRICULTURE

Thursday and Friday will feature heat in the upper 90s with 8-10 hours of sunshine each day. Thursday's winds will be from the south-east at 7-14 mph. Saturday and Sunday will bring some more clouds. There should not be any rainfall to speak of, but a spotty thunderstorm cannot be ruled out. The heat will return early next week.

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