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NEWSBRIEFS

SEISD trustee leader

Laura Zuniga, a trustee on the San Elizario School Board of Trustees, is one of 36 school board members statewide to participate in the Texas Association of School Boards 2002-2003 leadership program, Leadership TASB. Educational topics, critical leadership experiences and exposure to key players in state and national education are all benefits of the program. Zuniga's class will conclude in late September during the annual TASA/TASB convention in Austin.

Socorro star

Brittany Gamboa has been called the little girl with the big voice, and for good reason. Now the 12-year-old 7th grader at Socorro's Salvador Sanchez Middle School has won the "Young Miss" division of the Grand National Finals of the Miss American Starlet Scholarship Pageant in Palm Springs, California, Aug. 10-11. She competed against 90 contestants from the U.S., Canada and Japan. "She sings a variety of songs...for organizations and restaurants all over El Paso," said her mother, Rachel Gamboa. "We just received word that she has been selected to open for 'Barney' in El Paso Oct. 5." Brittany will receive a \$500 savings bond in March when the regional Miss American Starlet pageant visits El Paso, her mother said.

MTA airport exhibit

A special exhibit at the El Paso International Airport which features the El Paso area missions will open to the public on Thursday, Aug. 22 at 11 a.m. County and city officials will be on hand, as well as special guests. Entitled The Path of the Padres — Discover El Paso's Historic Missions, the exhibit is sponsored by the Mission Trail Association. Eight illustrated panels showcase the missions, as designed by Bill Kwiecinski, a local artist. For more information call Mary Davis at 915-534-0630.

In other news

■ The El Paso County Water Authority billing and payment department, which serves the Horizon area, will be temporarily relocated beginning Monday, Aug. 19, in Ste. 6, 1500 Horizon Blvd. while the administrative building undergoes renovation. The office phone number and mailing address will remain the same. Work is expected to be complete by the end of October. Trash collection will be provided as usual on Labor Day, Sept. 3, according to an EPCWA release.

■ The annual "Meet the Lions" event which kicks off the Clint High School sports season will be held Aug. 26 at 6:30 p.m. in the new gym on the Clint High campus, 12625 Alameda. Introduction of coaches and athletes in all areas of sports will be featured, the Lion Pride Drum Line will perform, and the event will conclude with watermelon served on the school's front lawn. A subsequent event, on Aug. 27, will be sponsored by the Clint High Athletic Booster Club at the Library West Conference room at 6 p.m. to inform and

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You may not know all the answers, but you probably won't be asked all the questions either

— Quips and Quotes



— Photo by Dick Harshberger

NEW QUARTERS FOR ADMIN — The San Elizario Board of Trustees met in the new Administration Building to honor several schools who have earned TEA Recognized status. The cotton fields near the new structure reminds visitors of the community's agricultural roots.

Principal keeps promise by leading campus to TEA Recognized status

By Don Woodyard
Courier Staff Writer

SAN ELIZARIO — It was a promise kept. Virginia Padilla, principal of Alarcon Elementary in the San Elizario school district, had promised superintendent Mike Quatrini that her campus would earn "Recognized" status with the Texas Education Agency.

She subsequently had hoped that Quatrini had forgotten that promise but her doubts have proved groundless. She is off the hook.

Alarcon, along with Sambrano Elementary, was honored for achieving Recognized status by the board of trustees at its Aug. 14 meeting. The recognition comes from the TEA for high scores on the TAAS tests.

"It takes a whole village to educate a child," Padilla told board members. "This award goes to my teachers who have worked so hard. They are the instruments who lead us to our success."

Padilla said she made the promise to Quatrini in the spring of 2001 when she was hired to take over as principal from Sylvia Hopp. "Everyone is an eagle; no one is a chicken," Padilla said she told her students.

Quatrini recalls Padilla's pledge and the special challenges that it carried — a new principal with many new teachers to fulfill that promise.

Quatrini later pointed out that many of the schools fell short of Recognized ranking by only a few points in key areas.

"All schools did excellently," he said.

The recognitions came amid a new setting. The school district held its first board meeting in the new central administration building on Chicken Ranch Road.

"It's here," said Dan Gonzalez, Urban Associate's construction manager for the project. "We're proud of what we've turned over." He later said he'd put this administration

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City-County Health District to conduct inspections in Horizon City for code violations

By Arleen Beard
Special to the Courier

HORIZON CITY — During the regular Horizon City council meeting on Tuesday, Aug. 13, a presentation was given by the El Paso City-County Health District regarding code violation surveys.

Sam Jarvis, senior inspector for the Environmental Health Department, informed Council the health district will be conducting surveys to enforce County codes regarding environmental health. It is their mission to provide quality public health services to citizens of El Paso county, to prevent disease, and promote a safe and healthy environment.

Areas to be surveyed include: health and safety, nuisances and general sanitation, garbage, refuse and other waste issues, Texas water code, and vectors and vermin control. Citizens in violation of any codes will be notified by mail or in person. Inspectors will conduct timely follow-up inspections and monitor progress.

If after 31 days the violator is still not in compliance a complaint will be filed with the respective Justice of the Peace in the precinct having jurisdiction. Violators could be fined a maximum fine per day for every day they are in violation of the county code. A detailed description of all Environmental Code is available to the public by contacting the El Paso City County Health and Environmental District.

In other business, City council approved El Paso Electric Company's application to amend its governmental street lighting and signal service rate.

A resolution authorizing the Horizon City to partner with El Paso County Water Authority in an application for a solid waste grant was approved by City Council.

Council also approved the first reading of Ordinance No. 0100 authorizing the collection of property taxes and setting a tax rate for year 2002-2003 to include the record vote for publication. The public hearing is set for Thursday, Aug. 29, 2002.

City of Socorro gains new attorney but loses interim police chief

By Arleen Beard
Special to the Courier

SOCORRO — During the regularly scheduled City Council meeting on Thursday, Aug. 15, the Socorro City Council approved Mayor Irma Sanchez's recommendation for the new city attorney for the city of Socorro, Texas.

Mayor Sanchez named Francisco Dominguez as her recommendation. Dominguez is a 1985 Socorro High School graduate. His specialties include Labor and Employment. Dominguez will replace Richard Contreras who has been the city attorney for many years and decided to submit his resignation earlier this year.

Prior to the beginning of the meeting, Gerald W. Cichon, a representative of CLEAT (Combined Law Enforcement Associations of Texas) presented Mayor Sanchez with an injunction which includes a restraining order to keep

Council from ratifying the approval of appointment of Irma Molina as Interim Police Chief.

Cichon is representing Sgt. Manuel Ponce who was removed from his duties as Interim Chief of Police two weeks ago.

Cichon's injunction may have been a moot point, however, since Irma Molina verbally resigned from the police department while speaking with Interim City Clerk Terri Rodriguez on Aug. 16. Rodriguez said Molina left to accept a new position working for the El Paso International Airport in the Security Department.

Council simply tabled the agenda item to approve Molina and took no action.

In other business — after several episodes of controversy that included a 15 minute recess due to disagreements between the audience and the police department — City Council approved the consent agenda including the item for the cause of the controversy.

That item was approval for Attorney Chris

Borunda to give an orientation to new Civil Service commissioners on Aug. 17.

There were also two public hearings held. The first hearing was regarding Ordinance No. 222, Amendment No. 2, an ordinance creating a local on-call tow-truck services provider list and establishing rules and regulations for operation in Socorro. The other hearing regarded an ordinance adopting a budget for the fiscal year commencing October 1, 2002 and ending on Sept. 30, 2003 for the City of Socorro, Texas.

There was no public input for the hearing on Ordinance No. 222.

Ricardo Ortiz, concerned citizen and a member of the Civil Service Commission did commend Mayor Sanchez, Councilwoman Gloria Rodriguez along with all the city department heads for their hard work on preparing the budget.

Both ordinances were approved after the public hearings were closed.



One perspective

By Francis Shrum

A red-handed common-tater

There's a joke about the Potato Princess who fell in love with 60 Minutes pundit Andy Rooney.

Her mother, the Potato Queen, objected. Oh no, my dear, you can't marry him, the queen said. He's not royalty — he's just a common-tater.

Well, I'm about as common a tater as you'll ever run across, and I am always surprised and a little amused when people take what I say too seriously.

This happened resoundingly after I said the acceptance of Socorro Superintendent Don Schulte's resignation was politically motivated.

Every common-tater needs a good hand-slapping now and then. But even though I'm good and red-handed now, I don't agree with my hand-slappers on this one.

Anyone who reads the paper or watches the news has to know that the average life-span of a superintendent's position at any one school district is approximately the same as that of a common housefly — just long enough to irritate the housewife until she takes you out with a swatter.

Many superintendents say privately that their effectiveness is roughly equivalent to the length of time the board that hired them stays in office. Newly elected board members have often promised they will correct all the "faults" in the sitting administration and they have a point prove — which makes a superintendent's job next to impossible.

Many hours spent sitting through meetings of locally elected officials taught me the signs of a board infected with the politics virus, mean-

ing that a newly elected person — or persons — with an agenda other than just tending to the often mundane business of running a public entity is, as Mr. Webster puts it, "seeking to control government."

This is usually accomplished by pointing out what a poor job Everybody Else is doing.

These symptoms are universal and unmistakable, and Socorro's school board has them all.

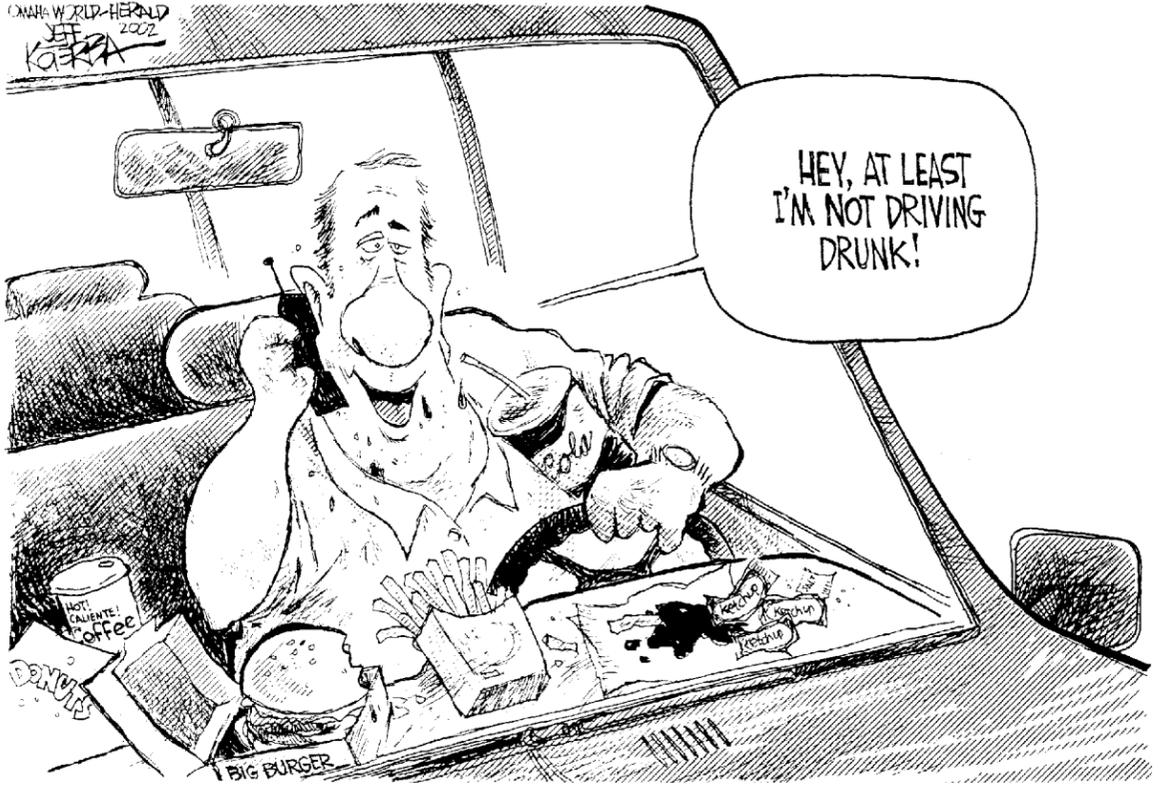
Some folks in the Socorro district who openly disliked Dr. Schulte are sure that a new superintendent will make everything all better. I hate to bust their bubble, but things aren't going to be all that much different. The conditions that the public schools face are way beyond the control of one superintendent or even one school board.

There will be a honeymoon period after the new guy is hired, but it will wax and wane, and as board membership changes he or she will move on.

We were given the "you-can't-print-my-name-but-this-is-what-really-happened" version of Dr. Schulte's personal family problems. Still, he had worked successfully in the district all the way from beginning classroom teacher to superintendent over a span of 25 years — with many notable accomplishments along the way — and that kind of work history and knowledge is rare these days. It will be hard to replace.

Even with the rumor-mongering he maintained the solid support of almost half the sitting board who could recognize the fallacy of throwing the baby out with the bath water.

I don't respect the Socorro ISD



board majority for letting him walk without trying to work something out. The answer as to why they did is elementary. It's politics.

While I'm already suffering from a good hand-slapping, let me also apologize for using the word "horde" incorrectly in last week's column as

pointed out by an alert reader. It should have been spelled "hoard." I've like to blame it on my spell-checker but that excuse just won't "hold water."

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Clint ISD board of trustees approves finalist for superintendent

By Debra Dominguez
Special to the Courier

EAST EL PASO COUNTY — The Clint Independent School District Board of Trustees named Dr. Donna Smith, former Tornillo ISD superintendent and Region 19's School Finance Specialist on Aug. 16 as the finalist for the district's superintendent vacancy.

In accordance with the Texas Government Code 552.126, the Board must give public notice of the name of the finalist being considered. This notice must be given at least 21 days before the date of the meeting in which a final action or vote is taken on the employment of a superintendent.

"This spring, due to my expertise in school business operations, I was offered an opportunity to work in a new position created by the Texas Education Agency as the School Finance Specialist for our region," said Smith, who has 24 years of Texas public school experience. "While this work provides an opportunity to be a resource to all the districts, I find that my heart is much closer to the stu-

dents and district administration. Therefore, I am pleased to have had the opportunity to present myself as a candidate for this position."

The Clint ISD Board of Trustees will officially vote to approve the finalist position for the district's superintendent at 6:30 p.m. Sept. 9 at Carroll T. Welch Middle School, located at 14510 McMahan Dr. off Horizon Blvd.

"Dr. Smith is a very qualified superintendent from the Tornillo Independent School District," Clint ISD Interim Superintendent Ken George said. "She knows the area and the unique demands it creates for the education of our children. And she is highly specialized in school business operations. She's also very articulate, very bright and is definitely a woman who does her homework."

San Elizario

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building up against any other comparable building in the area.

"I was proud to build it; it is their gem."

He said he was "fine tuning" the building, taking care of minor work yet to be completed. It should be ready for final turnover to the district by the middle of September.

A light-hearted moment came during a discussion on job descriptions by Ernie Rodriguez. In replying to a question from a board member, Rodriguez inadvertently blurted out, "May I remind the court — "There was laughter as he

quickly corrected himself.

Rodriguez' remark may have been prompted by the imposing new setting in the board room — dark paneling on the walls and dark paneling on the raised platform where the board members sit.

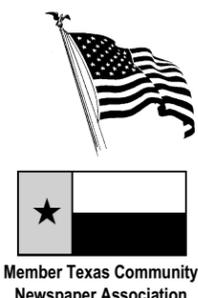
In other action, the board:

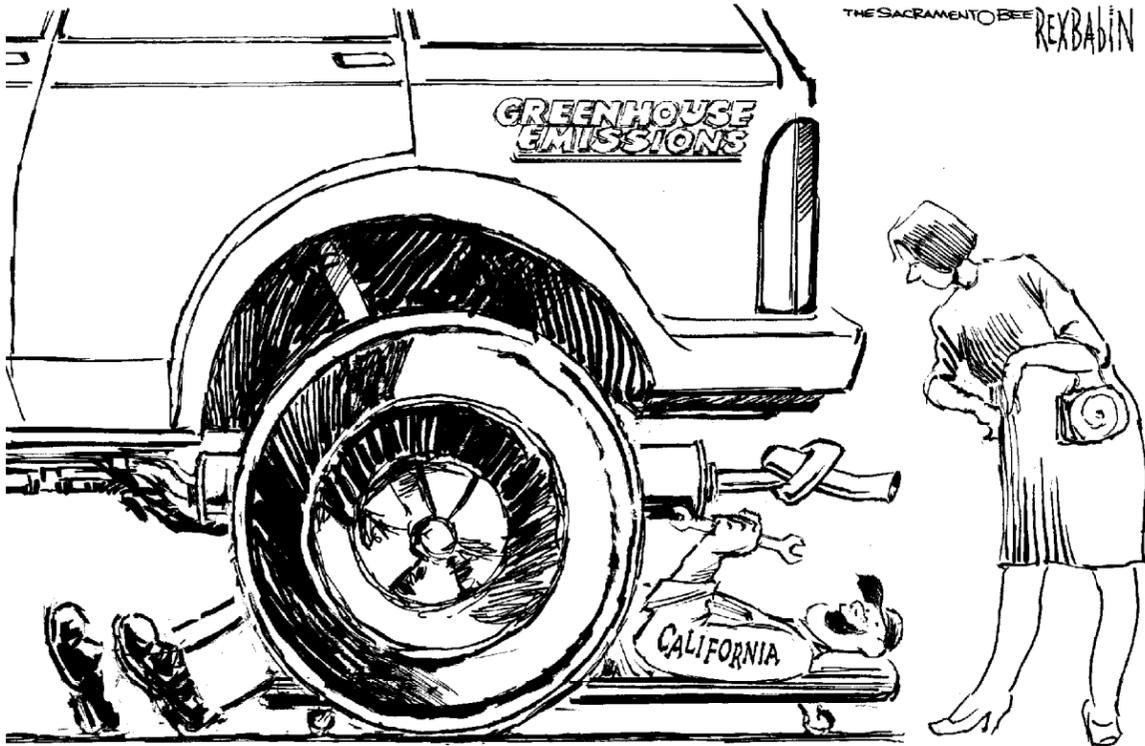
- Approved the annual shared service agreement with the Regional Day School for the Deaf for two students from SEISD.

- Approved the basically unchanged district goals for the 2002-03 school year.

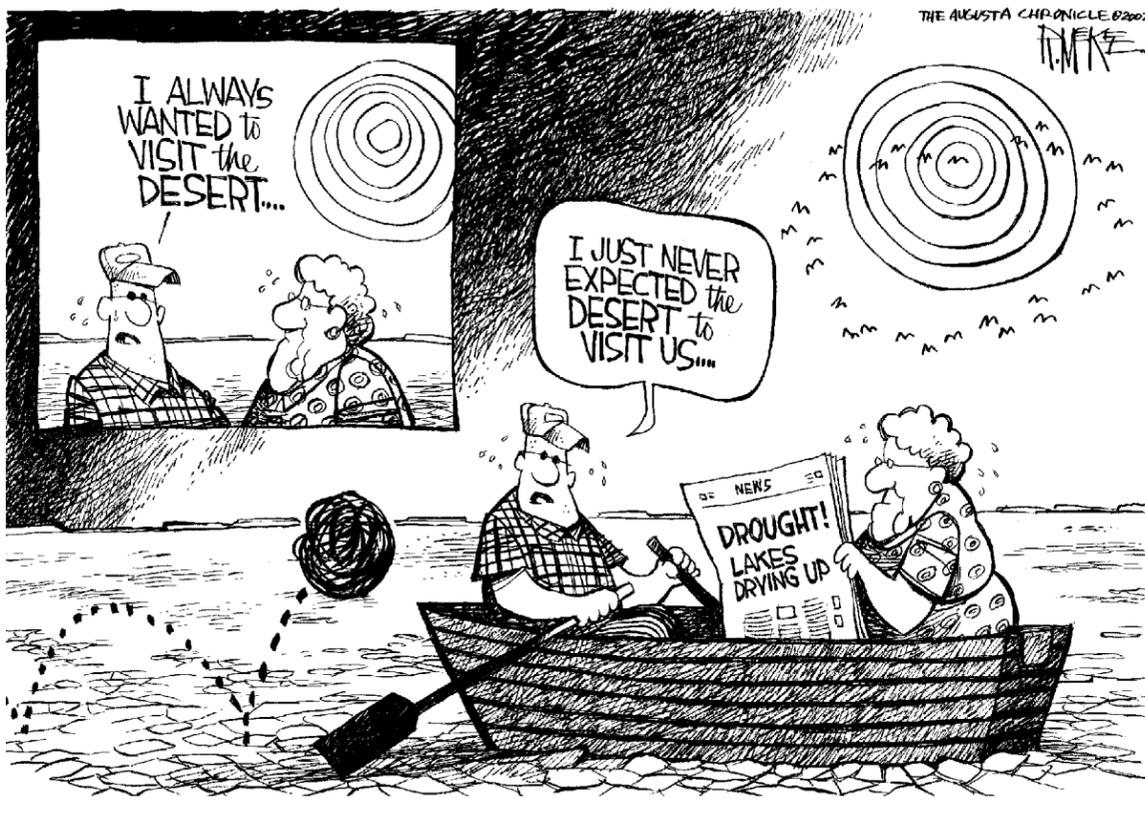
- Approved the student code of conduct for the new school year.

- Approved workers' compensation self-insurance program for the district.





" THIS SHOULD JUST ABOUT TAKE CARE OF IT, MA'AM."



Write stuff

Dear Editor:

Mr. Ed Archuleta's letter from the PSB tells us that we don't need an overseeing water board for El Paso County. Yet, at present, there are many boards in the county with conflicting water needs.

A body of persons with impeccable reputations, keen intelligence and morals, is the only way to solve our denied water problems.

I have property in El Paso, Clint and in Ft. Davis. Ed can't represent those conflicting needs. That new board should also have the "you-know-what" to control urban sprawl in the city and county by restricting water and building. Ed's proposition of charging builders impact fees, for all new construction, is a good start and they should be stiff.

As for colonias, it is immoral for a society not to curtail self-inflicted poverty: i.e. allowing persons to have children they can't support, feed, medicate and educate. It's the ignorance of the parents, potential parents, but primarily of society, that allows the infliction of poverty. Bringing little angels into poverty to suffer is the greatest sin.

As for the 1996 legislation giving Ed water control, that's politics. Getting politics out of our "water problems" would be another function of the new board, hence, the problem in accepting its creation.

Carlos J. Corella Sr.

El Paso, Clint, and Ft. Davis

Dear Editor:

This is an open letter to the Mayor of Socorro: Thank you, Mayor Irma Sanchez, for taking a stand with issues that have been neglected for so long. There has been enough negative publicity against you and I feel it necessary to express my support for you.

If members of council would have the same energy to work for the city as they do when it comes to negative publicity, great strides would be taken for the community of Socorro. It was about time someone came into office with no political interest and proceed to clean house in order to move forward. You are the CEO of over 27,000 citizens, including council members.

Council members were elected to help the mayor attain what we, the citizens of Socorro, so desperately need: prosperity, growth and positive living. Instead, council seems to be attacking every move you make, leaving us to wonder what is at stake for council members if such changes were to prevail. Everyone's political aspect must be put aside, that is the only way the goals set forth will be met.

Mayor Sanchez, you have a vision which came across to over 300 voters, and council was elected to help unravel those visions. New people must come in to oversee our public servant offices and our court system. And after the poor attitude displayed by our police officers at the last council meeting, I am more convinced that new faces need to be brought into the police department.

This attitude is what these police officers carry with them onto the streets leaving a negative impression on those officials that oversee the department. Those with no personal vendettas and no personal gain are going to be the individuals to help the city move forward. So I urge council to have a stronger backbone and not be influenced by politics when making such crucial decisions for the City of Socorro.

Those council members that have been in office for more than one term and those of you that claim to have been involved for many years should know what needs to be changed. Therefore, if council so wishes to continue with controversy and chaos they must be aware that the necessary procedures for a recall will take place. Individuals that are willing to dedicate their time in a positive and professional manner are the kind of individuals that we need overseeing our city.

Do not give up, Mayor Sanchez, and continue to work for the citizens and do not be intimidated by the politics that go on around you.

Your integrity and knowledge (has seen) us through many hurdles that existed before you came into office and (will see us through) those yet to come. Stand firm and strong,

Denise Ramirez Socorro

Socorro ISD board approves employee raises

EAST EL PASO COUNTY — The 2002-2003 compensation plan for District employees was approved by the Socorro ISD school board at the regularly scheduled meeting held on July 23rd.

\$32,000 to \$32,800, resulting in an \$800 plus step increase for teachers with one to 27 years of experience. Teachers with 28 or more years of experience will receive a \$1,000 raise. The average increase

The beginning teacher salary was increased by \$800 from

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PUBLIC MEETING

The Transportation Policy Board (TPB) of the El Paso Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) will hold a **PUBLIC MEETING on FRIDAY, AUGUST 23, 2002, at 9:00 A.M., at The El Paso MPO Office, c/o The Gateway Business Center, 10767 Gateway Blvd. West, Suite 605, El Paso, Texas 79935**, to discuss the following agenda:

1. Approval of Minutes.
2. Election of Officers:
 - a. Chairman;
 - b. Vice-Chairman.
3. Discussion and Action to Appoint Six TPB Voting Members to the Executive Committee.
4. Discussion and Action to Adopt the 2003 Schedule of Meetings for the Transportation Policy Board.
5. Discussion and Action to Televisive the Monthly Meetings of the Transportation Policy Board.
6. Discussion and Action to Accept the Recommendations of the Executive Committee on the Following Items:
 - a. 2002-2003 Performance Plan for the Executive Director of the MPO;
 - b. 2002-2003 Performance Evaluation Form;
 - c. Renewing the MPO Office Lease.
7. Discussion and Action to Amend the 2002-2006 Transportation Improvement Program by Increasing Funding for the Transportation Management System Project # S004X Phase 7 & 10.
8. Current Status of the Lee Trevino Drive Extension Including Estimated Timeframe for Implementation.
9. Director's Report:
 - a. TEA-21 Reauthorization;
 - b. Trans Texas Corridor Update.

Under federal legislation, the MPO, through the TPB has an expanded role in transportation project selection and programming in El Paso County and the City of Sunland Park, New Mexico. For more information call the MPO Office at (915) 591-9735.

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View from here By Texas Rep. Tom Ramsay (D)

Families could lose their homes in insurance crisis

There is currently an unwarranted controversy regarding whether or not there is a need to call a special session of the Legislature to deal with the homeowners' insurance crisis.

Of course we need a special session. Every day, 9,100 Texans have no choice but to renew their insurance policies. Every month, another 273,000 Texans experience sticker shock when they open their renewals and discover that their premium is going up an average of almost 80 percent.

Many consumers are forced to raise their deductibles as high as \$10,000 and drastically alter the quality of their coverage just to be able to afford the resulting increase in mortgage payments. And remember, your mortgage payment will go up enough to pay this year's premium plus enough to cover next year. That means many Texans who are already struggling financially will lose their homes.

Even though the House Insurance Committee chairman and several of its members have said a special session is needed, Gov. Rick Perry does not believe the situation is critical enough to act. I believe Perry is dead wrong in not calling the Legislature to Austin right away.

First, the homeowner's insurance crisis meets every criterion for special legislative relief. It is statewide. It affects virtually all Texans. It has a disproportionate impact on Texans living on fixed incomes, including most working families and seniors. While Texas has had the highest insurance rates in the nation for years, an increase of as much as 80 percent in one year clearly creates an emergency and raises suspicion as to the validity of the increase.

Second, the problem has a legislative solution. We can close the loophole freeing "Lloyd's" companies from rate supervision. We can force insurance companies to justify their rates to the Texas Department of Insurance and empower the agency to review and approve or deny the proposed increases. We could and should take this action with emergency enactment clauses on the first day of the special session. With the Governor's signature this loophole could be addressed almost immediately. This may not be the final solution but it would be a very good start.

Third, failure to act now will force this issue onto one of the most inexperienced and possibly divided Legislatures we've seen in years. Looking ahead to 2003 does not paint a very rosy picture.

There will be a new Lt. Governor leading the Senate. While John Sharp has extensive legislative experience and both candidates have held statewide office, it will take time for either to put together a staff, make committee assignments and be about the business of running the Senate. There will be at least five new Senators and three new committee chairs. And don't forget the possibility of a Lt. Governor and a Senate becoming embroiled in a divisive fight over the powers of the Lt. Governor.

For the first time in twelve years, there will be a race for Speaker of the House. Current Speaker Pete Laney (D-Hale Center) may survive even if there is a Republican majority in the House after the November elections. But there are several Republican candidates for speaker and pressure from state and national Party



Tom Ramsay

leaders for a united effort to elect a Republican speaker. Regardless of the outcome, blood will be spilled. If Laney holds on, he will not be unscathed, nor will others. And even in years without a speaker's race, it typically takes three weeks or more to make committee assignments and another two weeks for committees to organize and begin holding substantive hearings. It's hard to imagine a bill passing both the House and Senate and being signed into law before mid March. By then, another 2 million Texans will have been ripped off.

There will be a huge turnover and loss of leadership in the House this session. While we won't know until November exactly how many current members won't be back, redistricting has already taken its toll. Twenty-eight current members with a combined 258 years of experience will not be returning next year. Of these twenty-eight, thirteen are committee chairmen and leaders in the House. The state is staring in the face of a financial crisis and Appropriations Chair Rob Junell will be warming the federal bench. Problem solver Paul Sadler will be spending time with his family and be unavailable to help with the school funding crisis.

The Governor can set the agenda of a special session. There is little doubt that the budget will be the primary focus of the next Legislature. At least a \$5 billion budget deficit and sagging revenues guarantee it. Virtually every school district in the state is at or near the \$1.50 cap. While the first thirty days of a regular session are reserved for emergency items set forth by the Governor, any long-time observer of the legislative process will tell you that nothing much happens the first thirty days. And to say that the legislature will already have its plate full is the understatement of the year. However, a special session agenda is controlled by the Governor and could calmly focus on one thing: insurance reform.

The fact is that every member of the Texas Legislature was duly elected to represent a constituency for a specified term of office. That duty is not

The *Courierspoke* with Rep. Joe Pickett (D) about the possibility of a special session regarding home owners insurance and Rep. Tom Ramsay's (D) editorial on the subject.

Pickett pointed out that in addition to calling back house members, the staff for each member would also have to return should a special session be called.

Pickett told the *Courier* that mold and hail were being cited by the insurance companies as the cause for increased policy premiums. He said he had not seen a *CNN* report stating the insurance industry had \$300 billion in reserves, but said the investigation into the companies pricing will be thorough — including the possibility that the companies' may have suffered stock market losses as did other investments funds.

Pickett sent the *Courier* the following statement:

"As big of an issue (as the home insurance crisis is), it would not provide any immediate relief or better understanding of what needs to be done by

calling a special session.

"In less than 90 days we will have between 30 and 40 new members of the Texas Legislature. It makes no sense to call a special session at this time, when 30 to 40 of those members called back won't even be around in about 120 days. Only the nine members of the House Committee on Insurance would be meeting while the rest of the legislature sits around in Austin. During a special session, no other issues may be discussed or worked on. It is so near the start of the next legislative session In January 2003, we should just deal with it then.



Joe Pickett

"The issue can be declared an emergency and we can start hearings and work on it as one of the first orders of business. There is still information that must be gathered and by the time it is, the November elections will be over and we will, for the most part, know who the players are.

"My point being is not to lessen the importance of this issue, but it would just be a waste of taxpayers dollars to call a special session this close to the scheduled one."

vacated nor the term mitigated because there is an upcoming election in November. But as legislators, we can only do our jobs in this particular case if the governor will allow us. Only the Governor is constitutionally empowered to call the Legislature into session and structure an agenda allowing legislators to discharge their duties. I think he should feel morally obligated to do so. It is so easy to look at this crisis in a vacuum and disregard the toll it will take on Texas families. Ninety-nine percent of Texans will pay the increase and move on. That's fine if you make \$100,000 per year. That's fine if you don't have children or parents to care for. But if you are one of the one percent of Texans who can't afford the increase, it's not fine. It's not fine if you are a family of five living hand to mouth on less than \$35,000

also faced with increased property taxes and a sagging economy. It's not fine if you're a teacher who's also been hit with a huge increase in the cost of health insurance and is already having trouble making ends meet. If only one half of one percent of Texans lost their homes, that would be over 16,500 families. That's more than the population of the largest city in my legislative district, Mt. Pleasant. Make no mistake, this is a crisis.

In this crisis situation, action and inaction have obvious results and clear constituencies. Action — by calling a special session — will favor Texas families. Perry's inaction will benefit a few large insurance companies and cause many Texas families to lose one of their most precious assets, their homes. Gov. Perry must choose.

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TOWN OF HORIZON CITY HORIZON CITY, TEXAS

Request for Proposal:
The Town of Horizon City invites qualified engineering firms or individuals to respond to a Request for Qualifications (RFQ) for engineering services for a Texas Community Development Program grant proposal to be submitted on Sept. 26, 2002. Responses to this RFQ must be received by 5 p.m. on Sept. 4, 2002 at 14999 Darrington Rd., Horizon City, Texas 79928. A copy of the RFQ may be picked up at the address listed. For more information, please contact Sandra Sierra at (915) 852-1046. WTCC-8/22/02

BARGAINS

1998 Dodge SLT, 3/4 pickup, red, 4X4, quad-cab, Cummins diesel engine. Automatic, A/C. Custom grill-guard and head-ache rack. \$15,000 OBO. 852-

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EMPLOYMENT

TOWN OF HORIZON CITY HORIZON CITY, TEXAS

The Town of Horizon City is accepting applications for the following P/T positions requiring the knowledge of computer software such as access, excel and work. Abilities: communicate effectively both orally and in written form.

- Administrative Receptionist - High school diploma or GED, some college plus one year clerical experience. Answer phones and assist visitors.

- Administrative Assistant to Town Clerk - High school diploma or GED, 30 hours college preferred and two years clerical experience. Maintain records, prepare reports and assist with council meetings.

Applications along with a brief resume will be accepted on Monday, Aug. 26 - Aug. 30 until 5 p.m. For additional information

call 915-852-1046. WTCC-8/22/02

TOWN OF HORIZON CITY HORIZON CITY, TEXAS

The HORIZON CITY POLICE DEPARTMENT is accepting applications for five (5) full-time and six (6) part-time Police Officers. Applicant must be 21 yrs. old, have a HS Diploma or GED, US Citizen, TCLEOSE Peace Officer License, NO Felony convictions. Starting salary (for F/T) \$20,000/yr., increase available w/experience. Benefits (for F/T): Holidays, vacation, sick days, health, retirement plan, OT and Comp. Time. Applications will be accepted on Monday, August 26th - August 30th until 5:00 p.m. For additional information call (915) 852-1047. EOE. WTCC-8/22/02

PETS

FOUND: Your lost pet may be staying at my house. Small dog found in Horizon City last week. Has obviously been loved. Call 852-1980 to

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SELF-HELP OPPORTUNITIES

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

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

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

859-0484 for information.

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

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Briefs

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encourage new memberships. The public is invited to both events. Information: 851-2344

■ Four outstanding graduates of Montwood High School were honored this week by the *SISD's Success* program. Posters featuring each of these graduates and their higher education and careers will be placed in the Socorro district's secondary schools as role models for students. Christine Kane Urrabazo, a registered nurse; Bryan Munoz, a UNIX computer systems engineer; Shanus Bennet, a Delta Airlines flight attendant out of New York City; and Diane Sanchez, who returned to her former high school to teach English and coach the Flag program, were honored.

■ The Texas Department of Public Safety conducted 11 clinics in rural Texas this year checking 460 children and car seats, but only 19 of those were installed and/or used correctly. "Misuse rate is usually around 95 percent to 100 percent at most of the clinics we work," said Beth Warren, DPS coordinator of occupant safety programs. DPS troopers from Safety Education, Highway Patrol and Driver License Services, who are trained and certified in child passenger safety, inspected car seats for safety. A total of 270 seats that were deemed in poor condition, on a recall list or not suitable for other reasons were replaced at no cost to the participants during the clinics — 152 unsafe seats were destroyed.

■ 2002 Wilderness Adventures: Summer Slides and Videos will be presented by members of the El Paso Regional Group of the Sierra Club on Wednesday, Aug. 28, 7:30 p.m., at the Centennial Museum, corner of Wiggins Road and University Avenue, on the UTEP campus. The public is invited to witness personal experiences of local adventurers through the photographic media. For information contact Sierra Club members, Laurence Gibson (747-5607), Elizabeth Walsh (747-5231) or the Centennial Museum, (747-5565). For elevator access, use the parking entrance off University and enter through the museum's side door.

■ Texas has signed a reciprocal agreement with Wyoming, allowing citizens with concealed handgun licenses issued by Wyoming to legally carry concealed handguns in Texas, and vice versa. "This agreement will allow licensed Texans to travel freely in Wyoming, while enjoying the same or similar privileges their licenses give them at home," Col. Thomas A. Davis Jr., director of the Texas Department of Public Safety, said. This reciprocity agreement — the eighth Texas has reached with another state — was made possible by 1997 changes to the state's concealed handgun law. Texas also has agreements with Arkansas, Louisiana, Arizona, Florida, Tennessee, Oklahoma and Kentucky. "Texans should remember that laws vary from state to state, and before traveling, license holders should educate themselves about laws in other states that govern where and when they can legally carry their concealed handguns," Davis said. Goat Raisers.

Socorro ISD

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for teachers is 3.5%.

A three percent raise off the mid-

point of their pay blocks will be realized by paraprofessionals, auxiliary and information systems employees with 11 to 15 pay grades.

Information systems employees with pay grade 16 to 17 and administrators

will receive a 2.5 percent off the midpoint of their respective pay blocks.

The board also approved an increase in the daily pay rates for substitute teachers. Those with 45 academic hours will receive \$50 per day; those

with 60 academic hours will receive \$55 per day, and those with degrees will receive \$60 per day. Retired teachers who substitute and long-term substitutes will receive \$65 per day.

— Submitted by G. Hawthorne

**Town of Horizon City
Notice of Public Hearing**

The Town of Horizon City intends to submit a grant proposal to the Office of Rural and Community Affairs under the Texas Community Development Program. This grant program must primarily benefit low and moderate income persons. Interested residents of the Town of Horizon City are invited to recommend eligible projects at a public hearing to be held at 5:30 p.m. on Thursday, August 29, 2002 during a Special City Council Meeting at 14999 Darrington Road, Horizon City, Texas 79928. Citizens unable to attend this meeting may submit their written views and proposals to Sandra Sierra, Town Secretary, at the address above. Persons with disabilities that wish to attend this meeting should contact Town Hall at least two (2) days before the meeting so that appropriate arrangements can be made. For more information, please contact Sandra Sierra, Town Secretary, at (915) 852-1046.

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**City of Horizon City
PUBLIC NOTICE**

A PUBLIC HEARING will be held at **5:30 p.m. on Thursday, August 29, 2002** during the **Special City Council Meeting** at City Hall, 14999 Darrington Road, Horizon City, Texas. Purpose of the public hearing is to allow any interested persons to appear and testify regarding the following proposed ordinance(s):

- 1) Proposed Ordinance No. 0100 — Adopting a Budget FY 2002-2003 for the Town of Horizon City.

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

*Sandra Sierra
City Clerk*

WTCC: 08/22/02

**City of Socorro
Notice of Public Hearing
on Tax Increase**

The **City of Socorro** will hold a public hearing on a proposal to increase total tax revenues from properties on the tax roll by **10.11 percent**. Your individual taxes may increase or decrease, depending on the change in the taxable value of your property in relation to the change in taxable value of all other property and the tax rate that is adopted.

The public hearing will be held **Thursday, September 5, 2002 at 6:30 p.m.** at City Hall, 124 S. Horizon Blvd., Socorro, TX 79927.

FOR proposal: Bowling, Rodriguez and Brewster

AGAINST the proposal: none

PRESENT and not voting: none

ABSENT: Gandara and Ramirez

The following table compares taxes on an average home in this taxing unit last year to taxes proposed on the average home this year. Again, your individual taxes may be higher or lower, depending on the taxable value of your property.

	<u>Last Year</u>	<u>This Year</u>
Average residence homestead value	\$48,478	\$49,046
General exemptions available (Amount available on the average homestead, not including senior citizen's or disabled person's exemptions)	\$-0-	\$-0-
Average taxable value	\$48,235	\$48,906
Tax rate	.420674/\$100	.443139/\$100 (proposed)
Tax	\$202.91	\$216.72

Under this proposal taxes on the average homestead would increase by \$13.81 or 6.81 percent compared with last year's taxes. Comparing tax rates without adjusting for changes in property value, the tax rate would increase by \$0.022465 per \$100 of taxable value or 5.34 percent compared to last year's tax rate. These tax rate figures are not adjusted for changes in the taxable value of property.

**Town of Horizon City
Notice of Public Hearing
on Tax Increase**

The **Town of Horizon** City will hold a public hearing on a proposal to increase total tax revenues from properties on the tax roll by **11.99 percent**. Your individual taxes may increase or decrease, depending on the change in the taxable value of your property in relation to the change in taxable value of all other property and the tax rate that is adopted.

The public hearing will be held **Thursday, August 29, 2002 at 5:30 p.m.** at Town Hall, 14999 Darrington Rd., Horizon City, TX 79928.

FOR proposal: Council Members: Beasley, Baerbock, McClellan, Miller, Padilla, Sellers, and Keith

AGAINST the proposal: none

PRESENT and not voting: none

ABSENT: none

The following table compares taxes on an average home in this taxing unit last year to taxes proposed on the average home this year. Again, your individual taxes may be higher or lower, depending on the taxable value of your property.

	<u>Last Year</u>	<u>This Year</u>
Average residence homestead value	\$79,975.00	\$79,901.00
General exemptions available (Amount available on the average homestead, not including senior citizen's or disabled person's exemptions)	\$-0-	\$-0-
Average taxable value	\$79,921.00	\$79,878.00
Tax rate	.229665/\$100	.258900/\$100 (proposed)
Tax	\$183.55	\$206.80

Under this proposal taxes on the average homestead would increase by \$23.25 or 12.67 percent compared with last year's taxes. Comparing tax rates without adjusting for changes in property value, the tax rate would increase by \$0.029235 per \$100 of taxable value or 12.73 percent compared to last year's tax rate. These tax rate figures are not adjusted for changes in the taxable value of property.

Monster fish causing hysteria, big headlines

By Don Flood

You have probably heard about the strange, monstrous fish that was released in a Maryland pond.

Dubbed the Frankenfish, the snakehead, a native of China, has already become the stuff of legend, its strength and ferociousness spreading hysteria throughout newsrooms up and down the East Coast.

Fortunately for you, dear readers, there are men such as myself, calm, professional journalists whose only concern is writing the plain, unvarnished truth — no matter how many awards it might bring.

In the following I examine the most common rumors surrounding the story labeled by CNN as, "Snakeheads: A Nation Under Siege."

Snakeheads are such voracious feeders they will literally eat every other fish in a pond and then march out and apply to law school — Only partly true. Some snakeheads will apply to law schools even before they eat every other fish in the pond.

Snakeheads can run down and eat an adult racehorse — Though there have been reports of horses eaten by snakeheads, they have yet

to be confirmed, so please be cautious about spreading these unsubstantiated rumors, which can lead to unnecessary panic.

As far as confirmed reports, the most noteworthy item eaten by a single snakehead was a Volvo station wagon, owned by an accountant who worked for Arthur Andersen.

However, since the accountant was in the car at the time, police decided not to press charges.

Snakeheads have eaten Baltimore — Grossly exaggerated. At the very most, 20 or so city blocks have been devoured by snakeheads. Much of the city remains unharmed.

In a statement meant to encourage tourists to continue visiting the city, the Baltimore mayor said, "This is a wonderful time to visit our fair city and don't believe those...AAAHHHHHH!"

Later attempts to find the mayor so he could elaborate on his statement were unsuccessful, as were attempts to find City Hall itself.

The city's Tourism Director downplayed reports that a snakehead the size of Godzilla on steroids had eaten City Hall.

"Absolutely untrue," he said. "City Hall has been moved to an undisclosed location for renovation."

A snakehead has eaten Vice President Dick Cheney — Sadly, this story is true. The White House, in an attempt to hide this story from the public, has put the word out that Cheney is in hiding because of scandals surrounding his business dealings.

"He's really embarrassed and humiliated, as he should be," said press secretary Ari Fleischer.

In fact, the vice president is believed to have been swallowed whole by a snakehead the week of June 16, as he emerged from a midnight swim in the Potomac.

Fortunately for the administration, a number of Cheney's key aides were also swallowed, allowing the vice president to maintain his usual schedule — with the exception of his weekly luncheons with the president, which have been canceled on orders of the Secret Service.

Despite a publicly stated policy of refusing to negotiate with snakeheads, administration officials have set up preliminary talks with the Frankenfish in an attempt to secure the release of Cheney and his associates.

Check CNN for updates.

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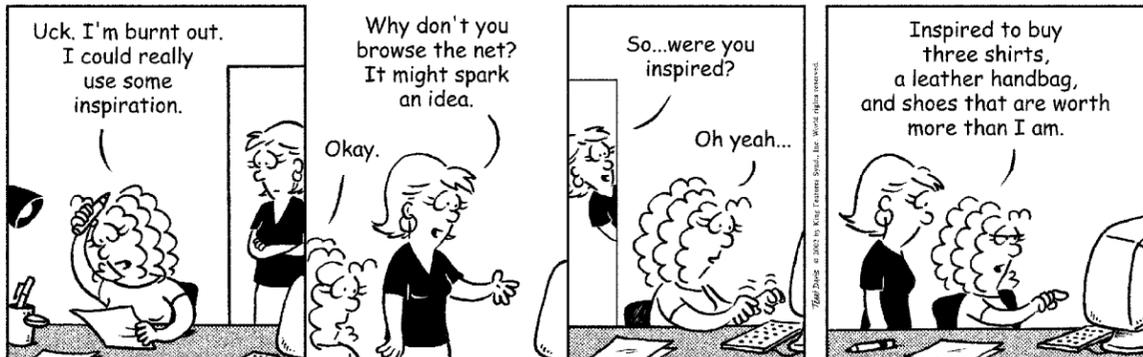
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Social Security: Q & A By Ray Vigil

Hard as it may seem, young people should begin saving for retirement

Many younger Americans probably scratch their heads in wonder when they are told they need to save more for retirement. They may be struggling to pay a mortgage, car loans and credit card debts — and also may have young children to feed, clothe and educate. And when they sit down at the kitchen table to work out a small retirement savings

plan, they wonder how they can squeeze a few extra dollars out of the budget for future needs.

As someone who has been there, I know that it can be hard to do. But as President Bush has said, "Saving is never easy — but it's always worthwhile."

Just do the math, and you'll see why. Generally, when you retire, you

will need at least 70 percent of your working income to maintain your standard of living. Social Security will provide only about 40 percent of that for the average wage earner. This means you need to plan for the other 30 percent or more by saving and investing. Just last year, a survey by the American Savings Education Council reported that fewer than half of working Americans have tried to calculate how much they will need for a comfortable retirement. In 2001, only 33 percent felt they were on track in their financial preparation for retirement, and 34 percent said they are way behind schedule. Half of workers have saved less than

\$50,000; two in 10 say they have saved nothing at all for retirement.

The first step in trying to put together a nest egg for your retirement is having a plan. And that's where Social Security can help you. Each year, once you're age 25 or older, you'll get a Social Security Statement about three months before your birthday. It gives an estimate of what you can expect to get each month in Social Security retirement benefits. You should put it away with your other financial documents and use it as a basic tool in your financial planning. Social Security also has a "retirement planner" on its website. There, people of any age can estimate future retire-

ment benefits by using one of three calculators.

Each is excellent, and each provides a different level of sophistication. Users also can link to the American Savings Education Council website, which has information on the need for pensions and savings, and on how you can start a sensible savings plan.

Next year Social Security will join with the American Savings Education Council and State Farm Insurance to conduct a nationwide campaign on retirement saving. But you should start saving as soon as possible. And, in fact, the next paycheck might be a good time to begin.

WEATHER

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SEVEN-DAY FORECAST FOR EL PASO

THURSDAY	THUR. NIGHT	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY
Partly sunny.	Patched clouds.	Partly sunny.	Partly sunny.	Partly sunny.	Partly sunny.	Periods of clouds and sunshine.	Times of clouds and sunshine.
▲ 94°	▼ 68°	▲ 96° ▼ 70°	▲ 96° ▼ 68°	▲ 94° ▼ 68°	▲ 92° ▼ 66°	▲ 90° ▼ 68°	▲ 90° ▼ 68°

UV INDEX Statistics for noon.

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

Thursday	8	High
Friday	7	High
Saturday	7	High
Sunday	7	High
Monday	6	Moderate
Tuesday	6	Moderate
Wednesday	6	Moderate

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Thursday	96°
Friday	95°
Saturday	94°
Sunday	88°
Monday	92°
Tuesday	91°
Wednesday	93°

AGRICULTURE

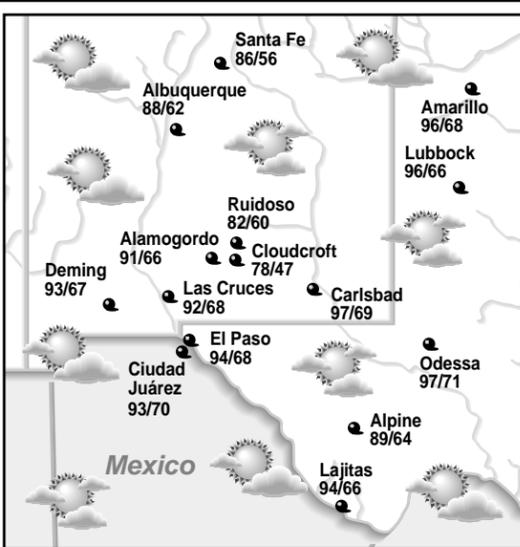
Partly sunny days are expected over the period with mainly dry conditions. There may be a thunderstorm in spots in the evening and nighttime hours starting Monday. High temperatures for the period are expected to be in the 90s with lows in the middle 60s to 70. The coolest highs are expected Tuesday and Wednesday of next week.

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TEXAS WEATHER

Anthony	94	68
Canutillo	95	69
Clint	93	70
E. Montana	94	68
Fabens	94	70
Horizon	95	69
San Elizario	91	69
Socorro	93	68
Tornillo	94	70
Vinton	95	69

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



TRAVELERS CITIES

City	Thur.	Fri.	Sat.	Sun.	Mon.
	Hi/Lo/W	Hi/Lo/W	Hi/Lo/W	Hi/Lo/W	Hi/Lo/W
Albuquerque	88/62/s	92/62/s	92/64/s	90/64/pc	88/62/pc
Atlanta	90/74/pc	92/74/pc	92/72/pc	90/70/pc	88/70/t
Atlantic City	84/66/pc	86/68/pc	85/62/t	79/60/sh	80/58/s
Austin/San Antonio	98/76/pc	96/76/pc	98/78/pc	100/78/pc	93/75/c
Baltimore	92/70/pc	94/74/pc	94/76/t	88/70/sh	82/57/s
Boston	82/66/s	82/66/pc	84/64/t	76/60/pc	76/58/s
Chicago	86/68/pc	86/64/pc	82/58/pc	78/58/s	80/60/s
Dallas/Ft. Worth	98/76/pc	98/76/pc	98/78/pc	100/78/pc	92/67/c
Denver	86/56/pc	86/56/s	82/54/pc	82/54/pc	80/52/pc
Flagstaff	76/46/pc	77/46/s	79/48/s	78/47/s	79/42/s
Houston	94/76/pc	96/76/pc	96/76/pc	94/74/pc	92/74/pc
Kansas City	88/70/t	86/66/pc	84/62/pc	80/62/pc	84/54/s
Las Vegas	98/72/s	100/72/s	100/72/s	102/74/s	101/75/s
Miami	88/78/t	90/78/pc	90/78/c	90/78/pc	90/76/pc
Minneapolis	78/58/pc	80/56/t	76/54/pc	78/58/pc	78/58/pc
New Orleans	88/74/pc	88/74/pc	90/76/pc	90/76/pc	91/72/t
New York City	90/72/pc	92/74/pc	92/76/t	86/70/sh	80/62/s
Philadelphia	90/70/pc	94/74/pc	94/76/t	88/68/sh	82/60/s
Phoenix	102/82/pc	104/82/s	106/82/s	106/82/s	106/80/s
Portland	82/56/s	86/58/s	82/56/pc	78/58/pc	78/58/pc
San Francisco	71/54/pc	71/54/pc	71/54/pc	71/56/pc	69/54/pc
Seattle	76/56/s	82/56/s	78/56/pc	74/54/c	74/56/pc
Tucson	100/72/s	102/74/s	102/74/s	104/76/s	104/74/s
Washington, DC	92/74/pc	96/76/pc	96/78/t	90/72/sh	84/62/s

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

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