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NEWSBRIEFS

Courier office closed

The business offices of the Courier will be closed temporarily beginning Wednesday, Sept. 18 and will reopen on Tuesday, Oct. 1. The issue of Sept. 26 will go to press early. The last day in which copy or advertising for this issues will be accepted is noon Tuesday, Sept. 17. The business office will also be closed on Monday, Sept. 16.

SHS honors Lara

Rene Lara, former Socorro High School student body president and current legislative liaison and lobbyist for the Texas Federation of Teachers, will be honored as Outstanding Ex during SHS's homecoming events Sept. 9-13. As a resident of a colonia known as Campestre, Lara worked his way through high school to help his family financially, going on to college with scholarships and financial aid. He earned a degree from UT-Austin and has been active in politics, playing a role in almost every major piece of legislation related to public schools since 1995. He currently attends UT-Law School. He will return to SHS Sept. 12 to tour the school, ride in the parade and attend the pep rally to follow. Socorro will play Hanks at 7 p.m. that evening at the SAC. The homecoming dance will be Friday, Sept. 13 at the Mission Valley Ballroom.

Citizens be aware

The Town of Horizon City will hold a Citizens' Awareness Meeting at 6:30 p.m. at the Oz Glaze Senior Center at 13969 Veny Webb in Horizon City. Architects from Wright & Dalbin Architects will discuss a new traditional neighborhood development near Desert Hills Elementary School on Eastlake Drive. This new development will feature mixed-use, mixed-income design and will incorporate such traditional neighborhood features as alleys, town squares and neighborhood parks. The meeting will also provide an opportunity for the Horizon City Police Dept. to explain a new Police Volunteer Program and solicit emergency management volunteers and citizens police academy volunteers. Community input is very important and solicited. Refreshments will be served. For information call John Dixon at 852-1046, ext. 201 or 202.

In other news

■ It looked like a load of vacuum cleaners but it smelled like pot to the canine who searched a 18-wheeler at the Alamogordo Border Patrol Checkpoint Station over the Labor Day weekend. About 1,289 pounds of marijuana was hidden in a cargo load of vacuum cleaners, estimated to have a street value of \$1,031,200. An El Paso man was arrested in the incident.

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The careful driver stops at a railroad crossing for a minute, the careless one, forever.

— Quips and Quotes

Sheriff's Department can patrol Socorro ... for \$2 million a year

Courier Staff Reports

SOCORRO — The controversy surrounding the future of the Socorro Police Department erupted during the regularly scheduled City Council meeting on Sept. 5, 2002 with a room full of department supporters in attendance.

Captain Al Hernandez of the El Paso County Sheriff's Department presented Mayor Irma Sanchez and members of City Council with an overview of what it would take for the Sheriff's Department to appropriately service and patrol the City of Socorro.

Captain Hernandez said it would require 18 deputies, two sergeants, one lieutenant, two detectives, two clerks and two communication operators at a total expense of \$2 mil-

lion per year.

Mayor Sanchez had invited the Sheriff's department to make the presentation, at the request of some Socorro residents. She went on to say the police department is currently not fully equipped as a complete police department. The budget for the police department is just over \$900,000. At this time they could not afford the Sheriff's department at the price they were presenting.

She also stated that the idea of her wanting to dissolve the police department was a rumor. Many members of the audience verbally disagreed with her about it being a rumor. They threatened to initiate a recall petition against her by October if she did away with the police department.

City Rep. Joseph "Chito" Bowling said that

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Irma Sanchez

Vinton company agrees to reduce odors after mediation in Austin

By Don Woodyard
Courier Staff Writer

UPPER VALLEY — The Village of Vinton went to Austin and came back with an "Agreed Order" that, it is hoped, will effectively address and curtail reported "nuisance odors" emitted by the operations of Valley By Products.

Mayor pro-tem Jose Alarcon reported on the successful trip to state capital at the Aug. 27 meeting of the Vinton Village Council.

The Agreed Order was hammered out in two days of meetings by Alarcon and Vinton Mayor Tony Castro with State Sen. Eliot Shapleigh, the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) and representatives of Valley By Products, a Canutillo firm, and the company's lawyers.

"Our main objective was to bring back an agreement that would address the nuisance odors without compromising our community, as it interferes with education, use and enjoy-

ment of our personal property," Alarcon said in a two-page memo to council members. The memo also spelled out enforcement guidelines and timelines for "correcting and eliminating odors and other transporting issues during plant operation."

Within 45 days of the effective date of the order, "all areas contaminated by wastewater discharge shall have been completely remedied...in a manner that prevents contamination of ground water."

Alternatives for reducing and controlling waste loads entering the collection point would be spelled out within 60 days.

"We found it to be most productive for the betterment of the community," Alarcon said of the meetings held Aug. 20 and 21. However, Alarcon cautioned Vinton residents not to be complacent about the results of the meetings.

"We still have the stench; we must continue to apply pressure," Alarcon urged. "Don't let

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Board approves Smith as new Clint ISD superintendent

By Debra Dominguez
Special to the Courier

EAST EL PASO COUNTY — The Clint Independent School District Board of Trustees voted Monday to approve Dr. Donna Smith as the new superintendent of Clint ISD. The former Tornillo ISD superintendent and Region 19's School Finance Specialist said she had wanted to get back to a district.

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

"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."

George was appointed interim superintendent following the resignation of Dr. Sylvester Perez earlier this year.



Donna Smith



Lorena Salas of the Canutillo ISD was named the 2002 Region 19 Elementary Teacher of the Year.

Canutillo teacher named Region 19 elementary teacher of the year

By Alfredo Vasquez
Special to the Courier

UPPER VALLEY — Lorena Salas of the Canutillo ISD was named the 2002 Region 19 Elementary Teacher of the Year at a recognition banquet sponsored by Southwestern Bell on Thursday, Sept. 5, at the Camino Real Hotel.

Salas was selected from a group of eight elementary school finalists representing area school districts by a panel of judges. She rated high in the areas of personal experience, professional development, community involvement, philosophy of teaching, educational issues and the teaching profession.

Salas, a second grade bilingual teacher at Bill Childress Elementary, has been teaching for nine years. For Salas, having a positive attitude every morning is her best teaching tool.

"Having high expectations for myself makes me have high expectations for my students," said Salas. "I encourage them to try their best; I make them feel proud about themselves, their work, native language, heritage, and the privilege of being a citizen of this country."

Salas will receive a cash award of \$500, a plaque and will serve as spokesperson for El Paso's public education. She will also advance to compete for the Texas Teacher of the Year title, the highest honor that the state of Texas can bestow upon a teacher.

The Texas Teacher of the Year becomes a candidate for National Teacher of the Year honors. In addition, she will be invited to the annual Texas Teachers Forum sponsored by the Texas A&M University System and the Texas Education Agency to discuss issues related to the teaching profession.

The Region 19 Teacher of the Year Program, sponsored by Southwestern Bell, is a platform to honor and showcase El Paso's outstanding educators for their superior leadership and excellence in teaching.

For Sanity's Sake By Taprina Milburn

Shopping with kids

Someone said to me the other day that mothers absorb more stress than any other humans on the planet.

She must have seen my children and me on the cereal aisle at the supermarket.

I often hear on the radio requests for people to be part of studies for new medications. "If you suffer from stress and anxiety you may be eligible to be a part of a university study in which you will receive free medication."

I suggest these people set up tables in grocery stores, similar to the ones you see for sausage and cookie samples, and they'd never have to spend money for radio advertisements again. Mothers shopping with their children would be their biggest clients.

A mother passed me on the juice aisle recently with a basketful of children — nowhere to put her groceries. The three kids in the basket each petitioned her to cart them down the cookie aisle. The two older children at her side swiped grape and strawberry juices off the shelves and slipped them into the laps of their siblings in the basket.

Mom caught them, however, and with the patience of a saint and white knuckles gripped around the basket handle, she raised her eyebrows and gave the kids the look that only mothers have mastered. It's a look that other mothers recognize: I'm doing a really good job of holding it all in right now, but if you push me any further, kid, I'm going to explode like a can of shaken pop.

Then I had an idea. If I owned a market, I'd add a simulated grocery store for children, a place where moms who can't find a babysitter while they shop can leave their children for a few minutes. This would be a kids' heaven. They'd have their own baskets in which they could pile in as many empty boxes of teeth-rotting cereals, cookies and sodas as they wanted.

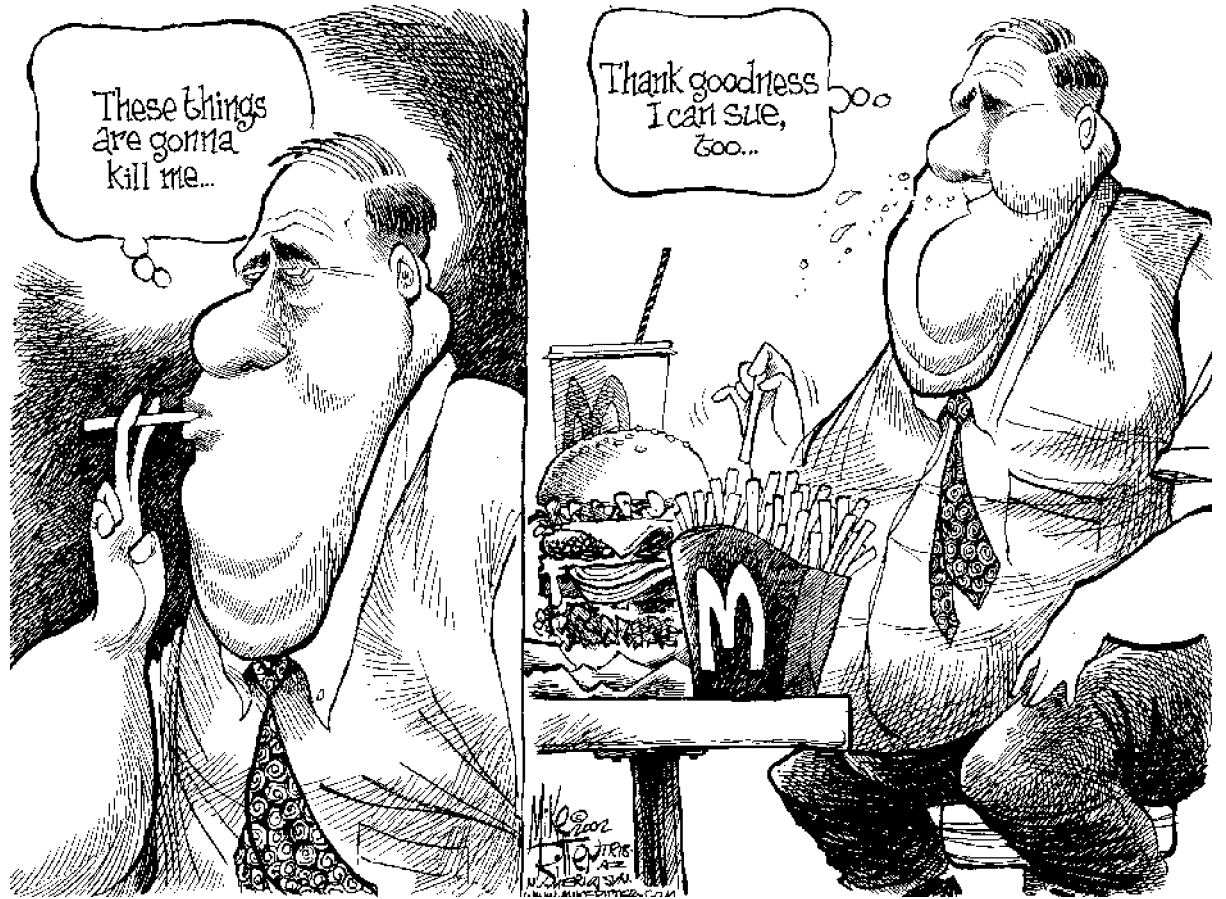
Meanwhile, a mom could spend as much time in the vegetable and fruit department as she needed without grimacing children at her side telling her they won't eat broccoli. Her purchases would be well-thought-out, based on the coupons she has in hand and not on what commercials her children have seen.

And like the mobile massage units you see in airports, there would be several chairs strategically placed throughout the store, especially before the meat department and the cereal aisle, where she will spend a good hunk of her grocery budget, and indeed before she reaches the checkout counter.

After she paid her bill, she could collect her happy, well-behaved children and be on her way.

Sure, my idea's a bit extravagant, but I guarantee you if they thought they'd get a massage out of the deal, it wouldn't be long before dads would rearrange their schedules so they could take the kids grocery shopping while you rested at home.

Now there's an idea.



"I THOUGHT THIS NEW COMPUTER VOTING MACHINE WAS SUPPOSED TO BE SIMPLER?! I HAD A HECK OF A TIME JUST GETTING THE STYLUS TO PUNCH THROUGH THE SCREEN!"

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Write stuff

Dear Editor:
 El Paso has been in trouble for several years — NAFTA was the start, and our elected school board members, county commissioners, mayor and councilmen, the Thomason Hospital District, El Paso Community College and other taxing entities may be the last straw!
 We have had a great number of manufacturing facilities that have left El Paso. Not only have the taxing entities lost the income from property taxes these companies paid, the

taxpayers are now having to pay more as the majority of the facilities these companies occupied have either been donated to or purchased by our taxing entities.
 An example of this is the Tonka manufacturing plant on Viscount, which was purchased by the El Paso Community College for office space. Property that previously had a taxable value is now tax-exempt.
 So many people have lost their jobs — because their employers have either left town or downsized, or they haven't had an increase in their salaries because of the economy in El Paso. Plus, there are a large number

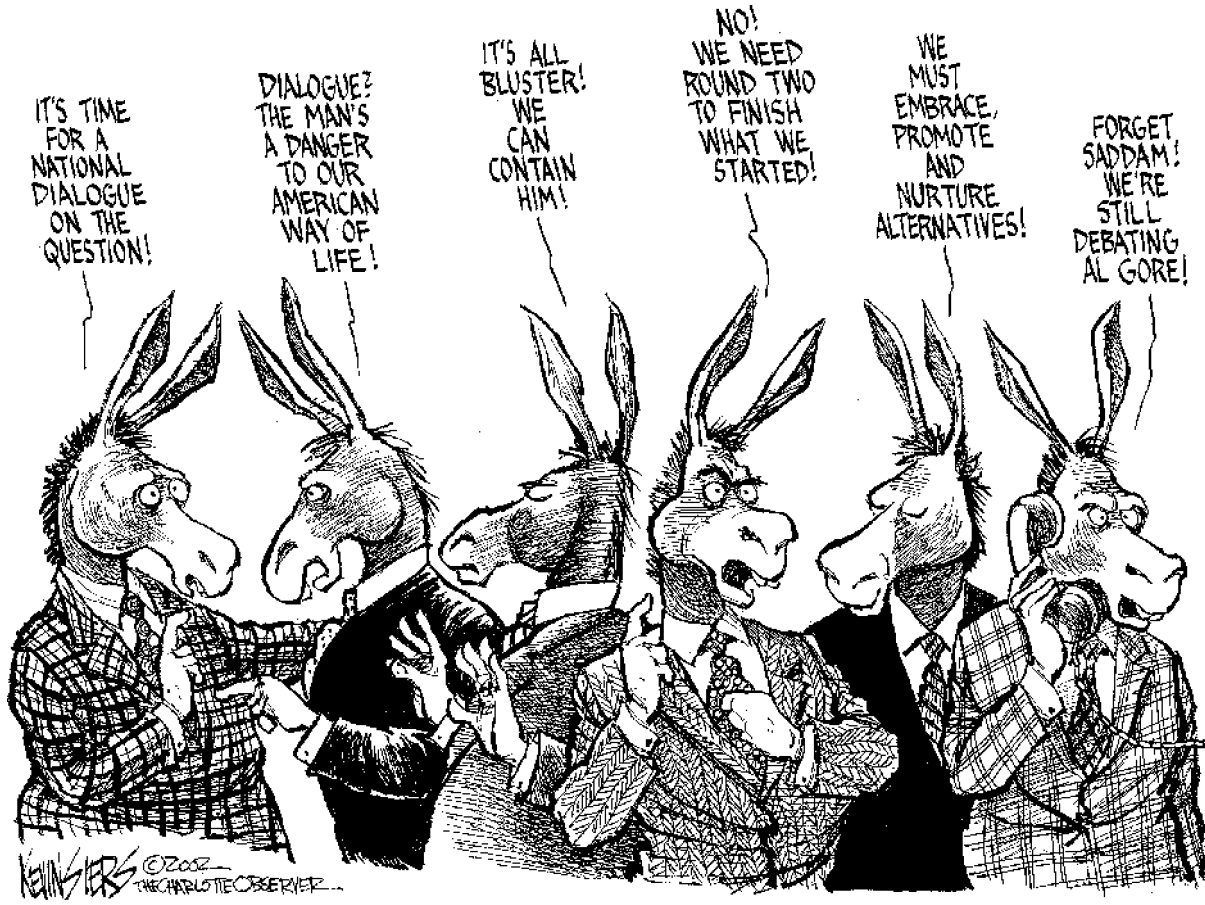
of retired people here that have to make ends meet on a fixed income.
 Double home-owner's insurance cost plus increases in property taxes from most taxing entities — not a pretty picture for homeowners and taxpayers.
 Taxpayers have to cut back when there isn't enough money to pay the bills — why can't our taxing entities learn to do the same?
 I am afraid if they can't learn to cut back, we will lose more taxpayers, as they will be moving to other cities!

Elizabeth Hill
 Horizon City

A lesson in German

Showing what is given to children in Germany on the first day of school is Annette Loomis, Clint High School's German teacher. She is holding a Schultute, a colorfully decorated cone filled with back-to-school goodies. Ms. Loomis presented one to each member of the first-ever AP German class at Clint High. Clint's German program has nearly 180 students and has grown annually over the last four years. Shown holding his Schultute is Matt Spitsberg, flanked by Leslie Mendoza and Lisa Corral. Shown standing are Alba Esparza, Daria Napolskikh, Maddy Osborne, Korina Cardona, Loomis, Nancy Almanza, Denise Diaz and Juana Melendez.





"THE LAST THING HE SAID WAS, 'IF THIS FINANCIAL STATEMENT ISN'T HONEST and COMPLETE, MAY GOD STRIKE ME DEAD!'"

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



September 11th remembered

It's hard to believe a year has passed since the attacks on the World Trade Center and Pentagon. We will all remember where we were that morning. Whether you were near ground zero or in Castroville, Texas we all had the same fears racing through our heads.

What was happening? Who was behind it? Would my city be next? We prayed together, we stood together side by side, not as Republicans or Democrats, but as Americans ready to do what was necessary to get through this crisis.

First responders — selfless — rushed to the scenes of tragedy. In towns across our country they manned their positions, ready just in case. At the President's command center tough decisions were being made. Ground all aircraft within three hours, and yes, shoot down any aircraft that seemed to be threatening our people on the ground.

People across the country asked what they could do to help. Phone calls poured into New York, Washington and Pennsylvania with offers to help and send money. America was facing it's ultimate modern day challenge and meeting it.

In the following days, we prayed together and committed ourselves to doing whatever it took to respond. The President focused like a laser beam on the effort to eliminate those on the other side of the world who were responsible.

This tragedy showed our nation how strong we are. Our nation's leaders told us to go on with our lives and we did. We resumed our regular schedules as best we could...tending to our children, shopping, going to football games...and becoming reacquainted with

our friends and family to once again understand what's really important.

Here in Washington there are many of us who remain focused on the fundamentals that preserve our way of life. Strengthening our military, our intelligence operations our federal agencies that watch our ports of entry for killers trying to enter our country.

At this moment we continue in the effort to create the Department of Homeland Security to make sure all of our agencies...the FBI, Customs, the Border Patrol, the DEA ...are all operating in synch.

At the invitation of Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld, I attended a ceremony on September 11th at the Pentagon to remember those who perished in the attack. The Pentagon has now been rebuilt. It is a great symbol of how we are bouncing back.

Just this past weekend the Congress was invited to lay a wreath at Ground Zero in New York City. As I looked across the site where the World Trade Centers used to be, it is remarkable to see the giant crater-like appearance of the area where the towers once stood. September 11th left a tremendous hole in all our hearts. But as we re-build at ground-zero, that hole is filled with strength, patriotism and determination.

I encourage everyone to remember the past so as to make us stronger in the future. We will never forget September 11. Today we should feel proud that this generation, like those past, is every bit as committed to doing whatever it takes to preserve freedom, justice and the American Way.

**Public Notice
Town of Horizon City**

Texas Community Development Program

The Town of Horizon City is giving notice of the city's intent to submit a Community Development Fund application for a grant from the Texas Community Development Program. The grant application request is \$263,000 for development of a neighborhood park in Horizon Manor subdivision adjacent to the Frank Macias Elementary School. The application is available for review at Town Hall during regular business hours beginning Sept. 16, 2002.

**Public Notice
TO ALL INTERESTED
PERSONS AND PARTIES:**

The *West Texas County Courier* will publish one edition early. The September 26, 2002 issues will go to press on September 17, 2002.

All material for publication September 26, 2002 must be submitted to the *West Texas County Courier* no later than noon, Tuesday, September 17, 2002. We will be closed Monday, September 16, 2002.

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★ THE 2002 EL MAIDA SHRINE ★

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SEPTEMBER 20-21-22
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TRUE TEXAS FACTS by Roger Moore Sept. 2, 1862, New Confederate conscription law includes all males 18-45.



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

Spanish Services

Estudio Dominical 9:45 a.m.
 Servicios en Español ... 10:45 a.m.
 Estudio en Español
 Biblico Jueves 6:30 p.m.

Mr. Pablo Gonzalez, Assoc. Pastor

Sunday Morning Nursery Available

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**Cross country runners
 of all ages invited
 to Junior Olympics**

EAST EL PASO COUNTY — Boys and girls, men and women, ages seven to 70, are invited by the No Limits Track Club to sign up for cross country racing in the Junior Olympics Cross Country Program.

Sign up will be at Col. John Ensor Middle School Saturday-Sunday, Sept. 14-15 from 9 to 10 a.m. Information: 852-9082.

Briefs

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■ Socorro school district has campuses with no names — they are seeking nominations to name two schools to open in 2003. One is located in the El Paso Hills community near Horizon City, to hold grades Pre-K to 5th. The second is in the Tierra Del Este area, close to the new El Dorado School, to host Pre-K to 8th graders. Nominations should include the reasons for name submitted. They may be sent to Governmental Relations/Partnerships office, 1300 Joe Battle, El Paso, TX 79936, e-mailed to mmonje@sisd.net, or call 860-3625.

■ Two Hispanic men robbed Chelo's Jewelry Shop in Anthony on May 6 and El Paso law enforcement are seeking community input to solve the crime. The suspects were seen exiting the scene in a dark-colored domestic four-door sedan with New Mexico plates. One suspect is described as tall, thin, with heavy acne scars on his face; The second is described as husky built with a red bandanna around his neck. Information resulting in an arrest is worth a cash reward of \$1,000 by calling 566-TIPS (8477).

■ What does FRED represent? Maybe your father if he reads everyday. Clint ISD Public Library and the Texas Cooperative Extension are hosting the Fathers Reading Every Day program, in which fathers and their children sign up to read together over a four-week period, which ends with a celebration. The sign-up party begins at the Library at 6 p.m. on Monday,

Sept. 16. Call 851-2302 or 859-7725 for more information.

■ The deadline to submit applications for Outstanding Ex Student of Clint High School has been extended to Sept. 13. Qualifications include: graduate before 1992, made contributions to society and continues to show pride in Clint High. Call 851-2344 or stop by Clint High for an application.

■ The Centennial Museum of Natural and Cultural History and the Chihuahuan Desert Gardens are seeking volunteers to help with the reception desk and the museum gift shop. The museum is open to the public Tuesday through Saturday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., and volunteers are asked to work morning or afternoon shifts of four hours one day a week. To apply, contact Genevieve Mooser, Museum Educator, 747-6665 or e-mail to: gmooser@utep.edu.

■ Canutillo Independent School District Board of Trustees will hold a special school board meeting to adopt the proposed tax rate for the 2002-2003 school year, at 6 p.m., Thursday, Sept. 12, at the Canutillo ISD Administration Building, 7965 Artcraft. The special board meeting will include an open forum to allow for community input on the proposed tax rate. For more information, call 877-7444.

■ Webmaster Jim Gaffney of the SWIPCC computer club will demonstrate the use of a web board, a convenient method of communicating between club members, during a meeting at the YISD Administration Building, Exit 28A off I-10, at 9:30 a.m. Sept. 10 in the Chamizal Room. For more information, contact <http://www.swipcc.org> or call Mark

Connolly at 852-4505

■ Sambrano Elementary School, 200 Herring Rd., will host American Character Education Week Parade on Friday, Sept. 13, at 9 a.m. The parade route starts in the parking lot between Sambrano and Loya schools. For more information call Mayela Sanchez, school counselor, 872-3950

■ The St. Teresa Catholic Church in Ft. Hancock is preparing to celebrate its Annual Festival on Saturday, Oct. 5. Vendors for arts/crafts, food, games and entertainment are welcome. Call Joe Ahearn at 859-0074 for information.

■ Lorenzo G. Loya Primary School, 13705 Socorro Rd, San Elizario, is having on-going registration for any new student, ages four and five. Registration is from 8-11 a.m. daily. For further information contact Luz Maynez, school registrar, at 872-3940.

■ The Texas Historical Commission (THC), along with the Council of Texas Archeologists and the Texas Archeological Society, is gearing up to celebrate Texas Archeology Awareness Month (TAAM) in October. TAAM is dedicated to promoting better understanding and developing interests in scientific archeology, pre-history and Native American cultures. Archeological organizations across the state will host archeology fairs in October, offering hands-on activities and demonstrations. A brochure detailing these and other statewide events during TAAM will be available in early September. To receive one, contact the THC Archeology Division at 512/463-6096 or visit the THC web site at www.thc.state.tx.us.

**PUBLIC NOTICE
 CITY OF SOCORRO, TEXAS**

Local Law Enforcement Block Grant

The City of Socorro will hold a public hearing at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, September 19, 2002 in the City Council Chamber at Socorro City Hall, 124 S. Horizon Blvd., in regard to the use of Local Law Enforcement Block Grant Program funds approved by the Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA). The purpose of this public hearing is to allow citizens an opportunity to discuss the proposed use of these funds. The City encourages citizens to participate and make their views known at this public hearing. Citizens unable to attend this meeting may submit their views to Teresa Rodriguez, Interim City Clerk.

Persons with disabilities that wish to attend this meeting should contact City Hall to arrange for assistance. Individuals who require auxiliary aids or services for this meeting should contact City Hall so that appropriate arrangements can be made.

The City of Socorro promotes Fair Housing/Affirmative Action and Equal Employment Opportunity.

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Classified Ads

LEGAL

As per Article V, Sec. 5.05(a), all owners and lienholders have ten (10) days from this date to reclaim their vehicles at Southwest Wrecker, 1401 Darrington Rd., 855-1900, 851-2091-fax, or it will be sold at public auction for charges:
 VIN
 JN1H20452BX262765, black, 1981 Nissan 280Z, License TFN-74X
 WTCC-9/12/02

**SOCORRO INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT
 Invitation to Respond:**

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

**SUPERINTENDENT SEARCH SERVICES
 RFQ NO.199-0927-0303
 TUESDAY,
 SEPTEMBER 27, 2002,
 10 A.M.**

Proposals will be received at Business Services Dept., 12300 Eastlake Drive, El Paso,

Texas 79928 until the specified times. Detailed specifications are available from the above office between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. Mondays through Fridays.
 WTCC-9/12/02

**SOCORRO INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT
 Invitation to Respond:**

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

**PAINTING MATERIALS,
 CSP NO.199-0923-0298
 MONDAY,
 SEPTEMBER 23, 2002,
 3:00 P.M.**

Proposals will be received at Business Services Dept., 12300 Eastlake Drive, El Paso, Texas 79928 until the specified times. Detailed specifications are available from the above office between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. Mondays through Fridays.
 WTCC-9/12/02

SOCORRO

**INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT
 Invitation to Respond:**

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

**AUTOMOTIVE SERVICES,
 CSP NO.199-0923-0288
 MONDAY,
 SEPTEMBER 23, 2002,
 2:30 P.M.**

Proposals will be received at Business Services Dept., 12300 Eastlake Drive, El Paso, Texas 79928 until the specified times. Detailed specifications are available from the above office between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. Mondays through Fridays.
 WTCC-9/12/02

**SOCORRO INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT
 Invitation to Bid/
 Respond:**

Competitive sealed proposals for providing all labor and materials for the construction of the Career and Technology

Education Building at Americas High School. Proposal package will be received at Socorro Independent School District, 12300 Eastlake Drive, El Paso, Texas 79928 until 3:30 p.m., local time, Monday, Sept. 23, 2002, at which time the identity of the respondents will be publicly read aloud.

Proposals shall be addressed to Socorro Independent School District; all proposals must be sealed and clearly marked as follows:

• Career and Technology Education Building at Americas High School

Bidders may obtain proposal documents starting Tuesday, Sept. 10, 2002 by contacting:

ARTchitecture
 1204 Montana Ave.
 El Paso, Texas 79902
 Attn: Mr. Perez
 Phone: (915) 533-0052
 Fax: (915) 532-0384

Proposal Deposit is refundable \$150 per set in the form of a cashiers check or certified check payable to Socorro Independent School District.

Proposals will be received at the Business Services Department, 12300 Eastlake Drive until the specified times.

A pre-proposal conference will be held on Monday, September 16, 2002, beginning at 10 a.m. at Americas High School located at 12101 Pellicano Drive, El Paso, Texas 79936. The conference is not mandatory but encouraged.
 WTCC-09/12/02

FINANCIAL OPPORTUNITY

ATTENTION VETERANS: Mortgage 7.5% or higher? You may be eligible for 6 to 6.5%.

No credit check, no appraisal, no hassle. Application completed at home. Information: Neil Jones Amerigroup Mortgage Corporation Rated #1 by VA 915-494-3660 Member American Legion Post 598

BARGAINS

1998 Dodge SLT, 3/4-ton pickup, red, 4X4, quad-cab, Cummins diesel engine. Automatic, A/C. Custom grill-guard and head-ache rack. \$15,000 OBO. 852-1980 or 852-3235.

PETS

FOUND: Your lost pet may be staying at my house. Small brown and white dog found in Horizon City (Manor side). Wearing collar but no tags. Has obviously been loved. Call 852-1980 to identify.

SELF-HELP OPPORTUNITIES

Alcoholics Anonymous Grupo 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.

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Socorro

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what the police department needs is a leader. "We need to hire a Chief of Police," said Bowling.

The audience clapped and shouted in agreement.

Many audience members expressed their dissatisfaction with Mayor Sanchez from their seats, causing her to ask the Sheriff's officers in attendance to remove anyone speaking out of order if the meeting continued to be interrupted.

She later explained that everyone had the opportunity to sign up to speak at the meeting but that the people shouting from the gallery had not done so.

In a later interview with the *Courier*, Sanchez clarified the nature of her concerns regarding the Socorro Police Department. She said the major problems include that the SPD has no criminal investigative department, no detectives, no internal affairs department, no internal training program guidelines, and a perceived lack of professionalism by the public.

"The city cannot afford to continually force out the Chief of Police," Sanchez said. "We paid \$65,000 when we lost (SPD Chief Joe Bob) Martinez. We lost \$45,000 when Buryl Canuteson was forced out. Now we must conduct a search for another chief."

Socorro paid Martinez a severance package in November of 2000 to avoid litigation after an upheaval in the department during which unsubstantiated allegations against Martinez were made.

Council issued a resolution at that time clearing Martinez of all allegations and commending his leadership and cooperation during the investigation. It was signed by then-Mayor Amado Padilla.

Canuteson, who was appointed to the post of chief thereafter, also resigned almost a year later, on Oct. 14, 2001 after he was accused by both citizens and his own officers of "poor performance."

He accepted a severance package to do so. Then-Mayor Amado Padilla said that the severance was paid to avoid possible litigation.

The *Courier* has also learned that approximately \$65,000 has been or will be paid to former SPD Lt. Eddie Orozco to settle a lawsuit he filed against the city in response to false accusations made against him by a former employee of the Marshal's Office. The new Socorro charter has done away with the office of Marshal.

The city also had to return some \$39,000 in federal grants after SPD failed to meet program guidelines.

"I want the best protection for the

people of Socorro," Mayor Sanchez said. "I presented the Sheriff's proposal as one option. Some citizens of Socorro have suggested disbanding the police department, not me. Using the Sheriff's department is just one option."

Asked about the possibility of internal promotion for the post of chief she replied: "Anybody can apply for the position but they must have the qualifications to run a police department of a community this size. The Civil Service Commission (of Socorro) is in the process of writing the job description. When they finish, the city will advertise the position."

City Rep. and mayor pro tem Sam Brewster said in a later interview that there needs to be more communication between the city's departments.

"We need a seasoned chief with expertise in management, work schedules and grants," Brewster said. "We have to get this behind us to get on with important issues such as grants for streets and sidewalks."

During other business, a public hearing was held on a proposal to increase

total tax revenues for properties on the tax rolls in 2002. Former City Rep. Trini Lopez spoke against a tax increase and asked members of council to work on attracting more businesses in order to increase the tax base.

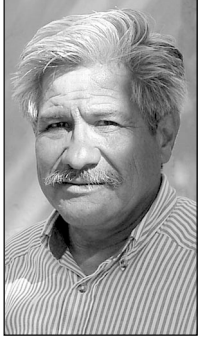
Brewster informed the audience the increase would be about two cents per \$100 of property value. The hear-

ing was closed and council approved the First Reading of Ordinance formally setting the tax rate for the City of Socorro entitled: An ordinance authorizing the Assessment and Collection of property taxes within the City of Socorro, Texas and further, authorizing the El Paso City Tax Office to perform the actual assessment

and collection of said property taxes on behalf of the City of Socorro, Texas for the Fiscal year of Oct. 1, 2002 to Sept. 30, 2003.

The complete ordinance can be reviewed at Socorro Town Hall.

— Arleen Beard attended the Sept. 5 meeting and reported on events at that venue.



Trini Lopez

Town of Horizon City Public Notice

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN TO: Persons interested in applying for a place on the special election ballot for the Charter Commission. The purpose of the special election to be held on Nov. 5, 2002, is for qualified voters to vote on: Whether a New City Charter for the Town of Horizon City should be formulated. If the voter elects to have a New City Charter then a committee of fifteen (15) members must be elected from the municipality-at-large and shall draft a New City Charter. The New Charter will be submitted to the qualified voters of the Town of Horizon City for their approval. Applications may be obtained at Town Hall, 14999 Darrington Road, Horizon City, Texas between the hours of 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. Monday-Friday. Filing deadline is Sept. 23, 2002 at 5 p.m.

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NOTICE OF VOTE ON TAX RATE

The City of Socorro conducted a public hearing on a proposal to increase the total tax revenues of the City of Socorro by 10.11 percent on September 5, 2002.

The City of Socorro is scheduled to vote on the tax rate that will result in that tax increase at a public meeting to be held on Thursday, September 19, 2002 at 6:30 p.m. at City Hall, 124 S. Horizon Blvd., Socorro, TX 79927.

WTCC: 09/12/02

TEXAS SHEEP AND GOAT RAISERS HONOR U.S. CONGRESSMAN HENRY BONILLA

The Texas Sheep and Goat Raisers, along with the Texas Farm Bureau, Texas Cattle Raisers and Texas Cattle Feeders honored U.S. Congressman Henry Bonilla at a special reception in San Angelo.

"Henry has always been in tune with the needs of the folks in our industry...He brings a business sense to government and that is very important to the people in our industry."

Ernie Morales - Morales Feedlot

"Congressman Bonilla's push to eliminate wasteful government spending and support of increased appropriations for agriculture and defense are qualities that are very important to the Texas Farm Bureau and its membership."

Donald Patman - President of Texas Farm Bureau and the Texas Farm Bureau AGFUND

"Congressman Bonilla has always been a great friend to the sheep and goat industry. He has more sheep and goats in his district than in any other district in the U.S. and his support demonstrates that. Congressman Bonilla has been very instrumental with regard to helping the sheep and goat industry and will do anything to help agriculture."

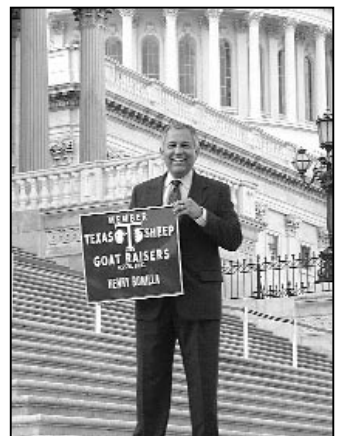
Glen Fischer - Texas Sheep and Goat Raisers

"Congressman Bonilla is an outstanding agricultural leader in Texas. As chairman of the agricultural appropriations subcommittee, Henry is the first Texan to serve in such a critical position in Congressional history."

Steve Pringle - Texas Farm Bureau

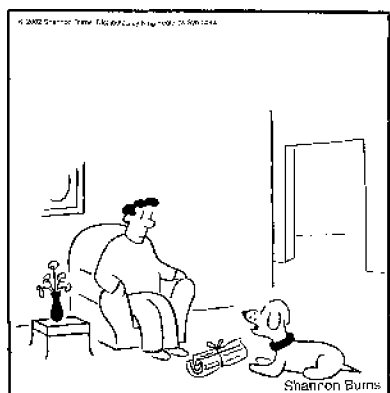


Texas Sheep and Goat Raisers present Bonilla with personalized membership sign in San Angelo.



Bonilla took his sign to Washington where he will proudly display it in his office.

Paid for by Texans for Henry Bonilla, Jill DeYoung, Treasurer



"I left out the stock market section for your own good."

Search that USA player and see if you can find an IQ

By Steve Escajeda
Special to the Courier

Critics have been saying for years that young American basketball players can't shoot jump shots, hit free throws, play defense or pass the ball to the open man.

They've also said that sooner or later the unthinkable will happen — a group of NBA all-stars will be defeated by a foreign country.

Well, the critics were right. They just didn't think it would happen this soon.

For the first time ever a foreign team — in this case Argentina — knocked off a group of NBA stars.

And why? The NBA stars couldn't shoot jump shots, hit free throws, play defense or pass the ball to the open man.

While the ga-zillionaires were busy going one-on-one trying to thunder dunk that one beauty that would make the late night ESPN highlights, the Argentinean basketball team played just like a team en route to the relatively easy win.

It had been 58 times that the NBA stars had taken on international competition and 58 times walked away victorious, but not this time.

Argentina beat the USA 87-80
Baron Davis, USA shooting guard, put it best, "We took them lightly." He also went on to say, "they beat us in every way physically and mentally."

No kidding, Argentina also out-hustled the overpaid superstars.

So naturally, after embarrassing themselves and being ridiculed by the press and most of the country, the USA would certainly regroup and take all their frustrations out on the poor Yugoslavian basketball team the next night, right?

Very wrong!
The USA blew a 10-point fourth period lead and believe it or not, lost again!

Yugoslavia defeated the Americans 81-78.

And to show that the Americans couldn't care less about representing their country during these World Championships, Detroit Pistons big man made the mistake of opening his mouth and exposing his mental minuteness after the second loss.

Ben Wallace told reporters that at least the USA team set a record by being the first to lose to international competition. He said they came here wanting to set a record and although it wasn't the one they had in mind, it was still a record.

Would somebody please strip-search this gentleman and try to find an IQ, please.

I know the highlights that hit ESPN every night are either of a monster slam dunk or a 35-foot three-point field goal to beat the half-time buzzer but maybe the old Bear was right.

Maybe Don Haskins knew what he was doing when he preached defense and passing. Bear, your country needs you now more than ever.

Knight pays for push

Bobby Knight is a little lighter in the wallet today and can only blame his high-profile temper for it.

Knight paid former assistant coach Ron Felling \$25,000 for shoving him in anger while he was an assistant for Knight at Indiana.

Seems Knight overheard Felling talking to another assistant coach and called Felling to his office. Once inside Knight berated his assistant in front of his staff. When Felling got up to leave, Knight pushed him back in anger.

Of course, Knight played word games with the incident and called the shove an "inadvertent brushing."

Boy, that's almost as bad as "accidental space-invading," or "unanticipated body-con-

tact," or "unscheduled flesh-encounter," or "unpremeditated epidermal-meeting."

Getting Knight to admit he did something wrong is like getting Bill Clinton to admit he did something wrong.

Two assistant coaches at the time, John Treloar and current Indiana coach Mike Davis, confirmed the accusations by Felling.

Unfortunately, Bobby Knight will never change. It's only a matter of time before Knight shoves one of his Texas Tech assistants — did I say "shove"? I meant, "justifiable torso-redirection."

Two old friends return

Two schools with rich football traditions are making a comeback. After years in which they once experienced championship seasons, the Bowie Bears and the Socorro Bulldogs have fallen on hard times in recent years.

But both are sporting 2-0 starts this season and interest in their local communities is growing.

And each has a quality win, Bowie crushed Parkland 50-9 in their season-opener while Socorro is coming off an impressive 23-6 victory over the Ysleta Indians.

It's good to see two once-proud football programs raising some eyebrows again.

Fire Chief Lee Murati dies after years of service to San Elizario

SAN ELIZARIO — Lee Murati, 62, died August 29 but he will long be remembered for his service to the San Elizario community in establishing and maintaining a fire department.



"It will be a great loss for the entire county," said Assistant Fire Chief Ray Trevizo. "He worked hard. He worked right up to the day he died."

Fire Chief Murati founded the San Elizario Volunteer Fire Dept. in 1978, nurturing it until 1989 when it became an El Paso County Rural Fire Prevention District. Then in 1994, the district obtained the status of El Paso County Emergency Services District #2.

Lee Murati was there working in the fire department all along. He

represented the interest of San Elizario and other El Paso County fire departments' at the state level in Austin, and established special projects

He was happy to report recently that EPCESD #2 had earned a favorable status from the Insurance Services Office, Inc. in Austin, which gave San Elizario property owners a lower rate on their fire protection insurance. He gave credit to his crew and the support of the San Elizario community.

About 300 people attended Murati's funeral Monday at the San Elizario Catholic Church. He was buried in the San Elizario Cemetery.

He is survived by his wife, Martha, and sons Michael Murati and Ray Trevizo.

Bill Sybert, educator, dies

EL PASO COUNTY — Bill Sybert, educator and administrator, died Sept. 4 in East El Paso following a long illness. He was 72.

Plain-spoken and down-to-earth, Sybert came from humble beginnings, born on the Fourth of July in Earth, Texas, in a tar-paper house.

He earned his degree at the University of Texas at Austin after serving in the U.S. Army during the Korean War. He became an assistant superintendent first in New Mexico before coming to El Paso County in 1965. He served as an administrator at several campuses before becoming assistant superintendent of El Paso ISD.



He became superintendent of Socorro ISD in 1982 and retired in 1988.

In July of 2002, the Socorro district opened the Bill Sybert Elementary School in his honor at 11530 Edgemere, an event that family members say deeply touched and honored him.

He is remembered for his role in the Edgewood vs. Kirby lawsuit which challenged the way Texas funded education, earning a greater share of funding for poor school districts. He was lobbying the Texas Legislature in Austin

in 1984 when he suffered the first of several heart attacks that would plague him over the remainder of his years.

After his retirement, Sybert wrote poetry and, for several years, a column entitled "Biting Back" for *Home-steaders News* and the *West Texas County Courier*. He never forgot his roots and in his colorful writings he chronicled his early years in Muleshoe, Texas, where he picked cotton to help earn his keep as soon as he was old enough to work.

He is survived by his wife, Lucia; a brother, Jim Sybert; a son, Juan Sybert Coronado; a daughter, Marc Sybert Coronado; and two grandchildren. In accordance with his wishes, his family held a private cremation.

His family requested in lieu of flowers, donations be made to Socorro ISD's Freedom Flag Memorial in his name. In a statement issued by Socorro ISD, Mrs. Sybert said he loved Socorro ISD and he loved history, and would be proud to be a part of this historical project.

Donations to the Freedom Flag Memorial may be sent to Socorro ISD Communications Dept., 12300 Eastlake Drive, El Paso, Texas 79928. Donations in his honor should be marked: Freedom Flag - Bill Sybert Memorial.

King Super Crossword

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- 1 Wild child
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Writer's vacation takes him to the edge

By Don Flood

Rock slide area: Next 60 miles.

Not exactly the kind of sign you want to see, especially when you're traveling a road already filled with hairpin turns and steep cliffs — one wrong move and you're history.

Fortunately, though, there was a heavy fog, making it difficult to see past my windshield wipers. *Out of sight, out of mind!*

That's what it was like to drive down coastal Highway One in California, through Big Sur country.

The Big Sur is noted for its spectacular rocky coastline, its towering redwoods and its residents, who are a breed apart, sort of like the aliens in "Signs," only further removed from our solar system.

Many local residents are, in fact, goddesses. It says so on their postcards, a set of which are called the Big Sur Goddess Series.

The postcards show Big Sur goddesses in varying states of undress, similar to how the ancient Greeks depicted their goddesses.

Appearing with titles such as "Calling the Spirit" and "A Golden Moment," these modern goddesses seem to be swept away by the sheer wonder of communing with nature — though I realize those less high-minded than myself might say, "Wow, check out these babes!"

But, sadly, these people would be missing the point. I'm not sure what the point is, but if they feel strongly enough about it to pose half naked on postcards then the least I can do is keep an open mind.

Also like the ancient Greeks, the Big Surians (Big Surists?) continue to employ a mode of transportation not seen in hundreds of years — the Volkswagen Van.

Yes, the very same van the Visigoths drove down in to sack Rome in 406 A.D., which is the year I graduated from high school.

You yourself might recall the Volkswagen Van, the kind where everybody piled in the back and ... well, you remember.

Anyway, these vans are *all* over Highway One! Since it's clearly impossible for these ancient vehicles to still be on the road, the only logical explanation is that these images are, in reality, ghost vans.

One theory, which I was not able to confirm by press time, is that these ghost vans are driven by dead hippies (though it's entirely possible many do not realize or accept that they are dead, this being California, where the driving privileges of the life-challenged are more vigorously defended than in most states).

My guess is these expired hippies were guilty of spreading bad karma during their lifetime, and now they're doomed to spend eternity driving up and down California's Highway One in search of a good radio station.

Actually, I'm exaggerating a little for comic effect because, really, there's a radio station here for every kind of listener, unless of course you prefer hearing English.

I don't want to unduly arouse Pat Buchanan and others, but it's entirely possible California is now the northernmost province of Mexico.

In fact, I recommend that State Department personnel check this out.

(And while you're at it, check out those postcards!)

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them off the hook. I guarantee we will continue to push. We have to be tough citizens. This needs to be a team effort — by the community, not just the Village Council."

Some results may already be evident. Castro said that, while the smell was there, it wasn't as frequent. He also reported on talking about this to Natalie Jerome, who is with Valley By Products. According to Castro, she responded by saying that she was glad to hear it and that they (the company) was putting in new equipment.

Underscoring the need for action were the comments by two who attended the meeting.

Speaking through an interpreter, Rosario Hernandez, a cafeteria worker at Childress Elementary, said they had to turn off the air conditioners and keep the doors and windows closed to keep out the smell. "I have seen children sick."

Veronica Alvarez, the mother of two

children at Childress, spoke of children with headaches and seeing them throw up. "It affects their work."

Valley By Products declined repeated requests by the *Courier* for comment on the odor order.

In other action:
• Council approved the request for a special permit for a water storage tank on 3.5 acres of land at the corner of Valley Chile Road and I-10. Approval came after a report by village engineer Gilbert Mesa who recommended approval of the tank and a pumping station by El Paso Water Utilities.

• On a 3-2 vote council approved a special permit for a storage, sales, body and repair shop on five acres on Valley Chile Road. Alarcon broke the 2-2 tie in favor of the facility.

• On Mesa's recommendation, council approved a \$240,000 contract for Allied Paving Co. for approximately a mile of paving, curbing and gutter work along Steel Drive, Iron Drive and Douglas Roads. "They have a good work history — solid experience," Mesa said.

Social Security

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individuals.

Does Social Security monitor an individual's account once a representative payee has been appointed? Yes, a representative payee will receive an annual questionnaire asking individuals or organizations to account for benefits received during the calendar year or benefit period prescribed by social security. What leads Social Security to appoint a Representative Payee? Most of the time, relatives will alert us as to the need to appoint someone to administer the benefits. Many times we receive reports from third parties such as Adult Protective Services, social workers or neighbors that have knowledge of a person(s) taking advantage of an individual's inability to handle their benefits. Surprisingly enough, there

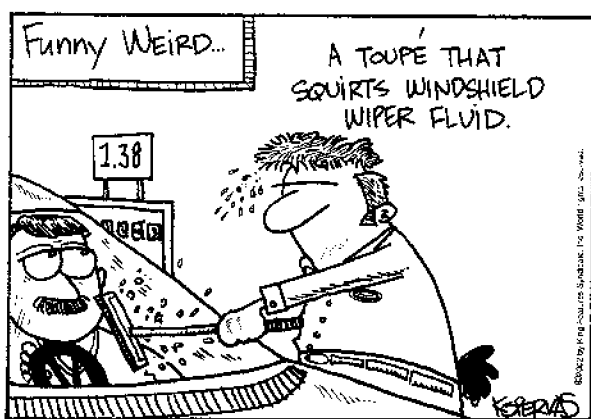
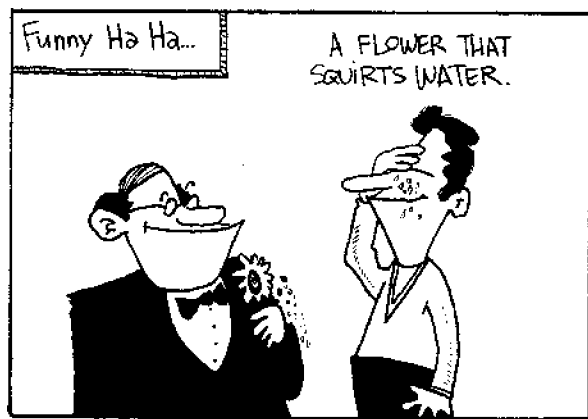
are instances when the investigation reveals that an individual's own family uses an individual's social security benefits for their own personal gain.

That does not mean that because a representative payee is appointed that there will not be any problems. There are many situations that social security investigates because the representative payee was reported as misusing the social security funds. In these situations, social security will ask for a complete accounting from the appointed representative payee. Social Security's intent is that all benefits must be used in the individual's best interest for all current needs such as food, shelter, medical care, personal needs and if all current needs are met then a payee can consider saving part of the benefits for future needs.

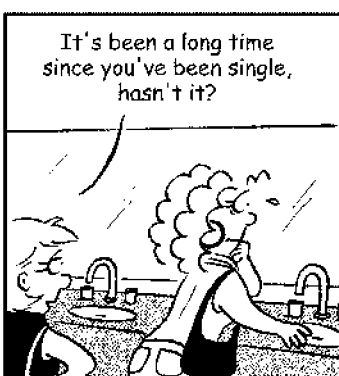
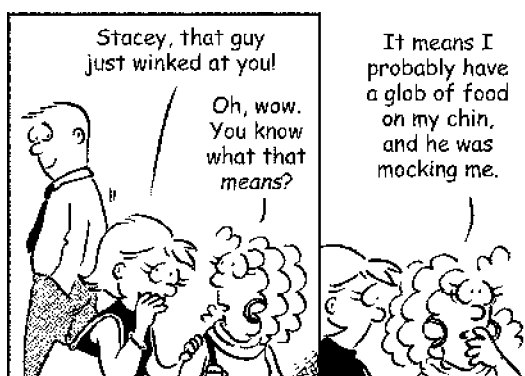
More than six million people who get monthly Social Security or Supplemental Security Income (SSI) benefits need this kind of help.

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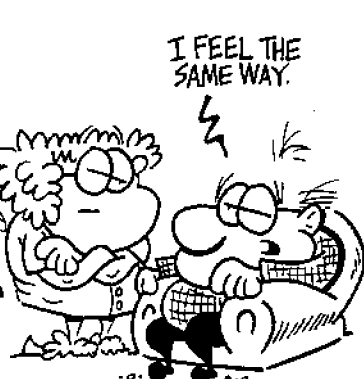
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Phamiliar phrases
"in seventh heaven"

Today, the phrase commonly means "extremely happy." Its roots lie in Jewish mysticism, and the development of the idea that heaven exists as seven layers, with the highest being the abode of God and the highest order of angels.

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Social Security: Q & A By Ray Vigil

What does Social Security do when a recipient can no longer handle their own financial affairs?

Social Security has a program that can assist when an individual is no longer able to handle their social security and supplemental security benefits. When people need help managing their benefits, Social Security — after a careful investigation —

appoints a relative, friend or other interested party to serve as the beneficiary's "representative payee."

This means the person's benefits are then paid to the payee on the beneficiary's behalf. It is not necessary to go before any court unless you

are concern about finances other than social security. Although a power of attorney may be a convenient way to pay bills and handle some legal matters, Social Security does not recognize it for managing a beneficiary's funds.

Before Social Security can appoint a representative on behalf of an individual, we must have a statement from the attending physician who confirms whether an individual is or is not able to handle their finances. In agreeing to serve as a representative payee, you've taken on an important responsibility — one that can make a positive difference in the beneficiary's life

and your life as well.

The Representative Payee program is a requirement for children who are under age 18. Minor children cannot receive their social security or supplemental security benefits direct until they attain age 18. There are some situations that require that a representative payee remain in force past the 18th birthday. If a child is under a disability that keeps them from being able to handle their finances, they too will be required to receive their benefits through a representative payee. The second most common situation in which an individual requires a representative payee is when they

suffer from a physical or mental condition which prevents them from handling their own benefits.









If an individual is determined to be in need of a representative payee, Social Security looks towards family first. If the person is married, the spouse is in a better position to assume the roll of a representative. Many times both husband and wife are unable to care for their own finances; in this case we will appoint one of the children. We will also consider a non-relative or an organization that serves as representative payee for several

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WEATHER

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SEVEN-DAY FORECAST FOR EL PASO

THURSDAY	THUR. NIGHT	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY
							
▲ 86°	▼ 64°	▲ 86° ▼ 62°	▲ 88° ▼ 60°	▲ 86° ▼ 58°	▲ 88° ▼ 60°	▲ 90° ▼ 60°	▲ 92° ▼ 62°

UV INDEX Statistics for noon.

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

Thursday	8	High
Friday	8	High
Saturday	9	Very High
Sunday	9	Very High
Monday	9	Very High
Tuesday	8	High
Wednesday	9	Very High

REAL FEEL TEMP™

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Thursday	85°
Friday	87°
Saturday	86°
Sunday	84°
Monday	81°
Tuesday	85°
Wednesday	89°

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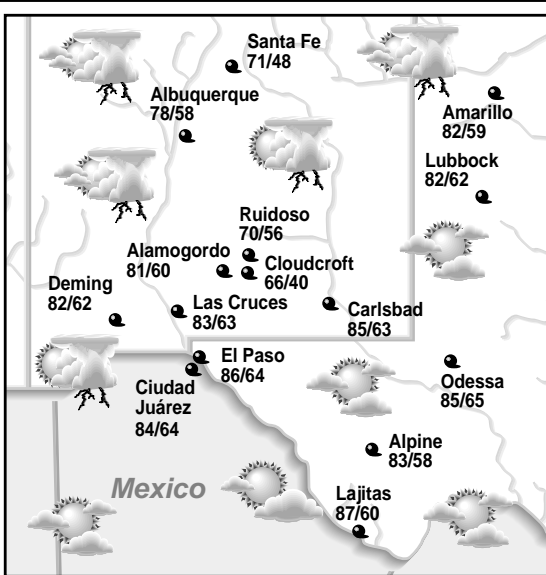
Moisture streaming northward across the area will fuel a couple of stray afternoon and evening thunderstorms over the next few days. Each day also will feature some sunshine and near-normal temperatures. High pressure will build in late this weekend and early next week with warm and more settled weather.

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TEXAS WEATHER

Anthony	86	64
Canutillo	87	65
Clint	84	66
E. Montana	86	64
Fabens	84	65
Horizon	87	65
San Elizario	82	63
Socorro	84	63
Tornillo	84	65
Vinton	87	65

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



TRAVELERS CITIES

City	Thur. Hi/Lo/W	Fri. Hi/Lo/W	Sat. Hi/Lo/W	Sun. Hi/Lo/W	Mon. Hi/Lo/W
Albuquerque	78/58/c	80/56/pc	82/56/pc	81/57/s	80/60/s
Atlanta	84/62/s	84/64/s	86/66/pc	86/62/pc	84/64/c
Atlantic City	72/48/s	78/56/s	80/62/s	82/61/pc	77/63/t
Austin/San Antonio	92/72/pc	92/74/pc	92/74/pc	90/68/s	91/72/c
Baltimore	76/52/s	78/58/s	82/62/pc	82/64/c	77/60/t
Boston	68/58/s	76/60/s	80/64/s	82/61/pc	72/63/t
Chicago	76/58/s	80/62/pc	76/58/t	70/52/pc	74/56/pc
Dallas/Ft. Worth	92/72/pc	94/72/pc	92/70/pc	90/69/pc	87/63/pc
Denver	74/50/pc	74/48/pc	72/44/pc	73/50/pc	80/51/s
Flagstaff	70/44/pc	73/44/pc	75/44/s	71/42/pc	72/42/pc
Houston	92/74/pc	94/74/pc	92/74/pc	90/72/pc	89/71/c
Kansas City	80/57/s	82/57/pc	80/55/t	76/55/pc	78/48/pc
Las Vegas	94/70/pc	96/70/s	98/72/s	99/73/s	97/71/s
Miami	89/77/t	91/77/pc	89/77/pc	89/75/pc	90/79/pc
Minneapolis	76/56/pc	76/54/t	70/48/sh	68/46/pc	70/48/sh
New Orleans	92/75/pc	90/76/pc	90/76/t	89/74/c	89/74/c
New York City	74/56/s	78/60/s	80/62/s	80/64/pc	76/63/t
Philadelphia	76/54/s	78/60/s	82/62/s	82/64/pc	78/62/t
Phoenix	97/78/pc	98/78/s	102/77/s	99/78/s	100/71/s
Portland	82/56/s	78/54/pc	82/52/s	77/53/s	76/52/pc
San Francisco	74/52/pc	76/56/pc	82/56/s	80/56/s	72/54/s
Seattle	74/56/pc	72/52/pc	76/54/s	71/52/s	69/49/c
Tucson	91/69/pc	94/69/s	92/68/s	94/68/s	95/67/s
Washington, DC	76/56/s	80/60/s	84/64/c	84/64/c	78/65/t

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

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