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NEWSBRIEFS

Health care funding

Two health-care related agencies in the East El Paso area were recently awarded grant funding to improve their effort, according to State Rep. Manny Najera. The El Paso County Emergency Services District, located at 15461 Kyle Road, 79938, recently received \$4,659 in Texas Department of Health funding to provide oxygen equipment, board splints and medical bags. The Horizon Communities Improvement Association, Inc. (HCIA) was awarded \$24,898 under the Medically Underserved Community-State Matching Incentive Program of the Office of Rural Community Affairs to attract and retain primary-care physicians by providing permanent primary-care facilities.

CHIP still healthy

"Several recent news reports about federal funding for the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) have contained inaccuracies and have worried families who depend on CHIP coverage that the program is in jeopardy," said Esteban Zubia, project manager. "We need to get the word out that CHOP is running full steam and we're enrolling all children who apply and qualify." The TexCare Collaborative, with a local office at 814 Wyoming, is taking and assisting in preparing application for the program. A family of four earning up to \$36,000 can qualify. Call 351-6466 for information.

In other news

■ Border Patrol agents from the El Paso Sector made an unusual seizure of large quantity of methamphetamine powder hidden behind a trap door near the air bag of a 1997 Ford truck as it attempted to pass through the checkpoint near Alamogordo. The 12 bundles, weighing about 27 pounds all told, is valued at about \$800,000. It is unusual to find this drug being transported in such a massive quantity, a border patrol spokesperson said. This is the second largest seizure of this illegal substance in the past three years.

■ The next meeting of SWIPCC (Southwest International Computer Club) will be at 9:30 a.m., Nov. 9, at the Pebble Hills Police Station, 10780 Pebble Hills Blvd. James Dickerson will give a seminar on estate planning, living trusts and living wills.

■ The American Cheerleading Championship is still accepting registration from squads interested in participating. The competition will be held Nov. 9 at Ysleta High School. For more information call 1-800-462-8294 and ask for extension 131.

■ The Frank Macias Elementary School staff and students are participating in the Paso Del Norte Food Drive. Students and staff members are collecting canned goods for the upcoming holiday season to be made available to the needy. This food drive is being done as a contest to offer

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Everybody likes friendly attention and cooperation. We are more likely to get it when we give it.

— Quips and Quotes

With uncertainty of a transplant, Tornillo's Cindy Trejo has set fine example of courage

Courier Staff Reports

TORNILLO — The paperwork says it all — a stack of certificates of achievement and congratulations, letters of commendation — documentation of a life off to a roaring start based in love, with close family and community ties to bind.

The family photos tell a story, too, of a close family and a young woman's smile, like the sun shining through storm clouds, brilliant and confident.

We want to stop reading the story at this point. We want the conclusion to be that Cindy Trejo went on to live a long and happy life full of achievement and productivity.

But the end to Cindy's story hasn't been written yet and she waits in uncertainty for a liver

transplant before many more chapters can follow.

A letter from her school counselor, Ed Lafferty, tells about the destructive effects a serious liver ailment have had on a shining high school experience that earned Trejo a reputation of never giving up, of always accomplishing just a little more.

"At the beginning of school year 2001-2002 (Cindy) had a six-semester grade average of 90.04 and was ranked number eight in her class. By the end of the first semester of her senior year, her average had dropped to 89.83 and a number eleven class rank. The reason was not a lack of effort...but rather one of absences. Cindy was diagnosed with a cyst on her liver and pancreas..."

Her senior year decimated with repeated absences for hospitalizations and medical appointments and illness — she spent the night

of her high school prom in the hospital — she was finally told she needed a liver transplant. Her health situation is also complicated because she has a rare blood type, B-negative, shared by only 15 percent of the population.

Transplants of vital organ transplants are never a sure-fire thing, and as of October of this year, she has been three times disappointed after being scheduled for the surgery which must take place in San Antonio since El Paso does not have the facilities and physicians locally to handle such a transfer. One liver was too badly damaged in the accident which took the donor's life, one liver was too large, a third damaged by hepatitis.

Though she had been accepted to New Mexico State University's bachelor of nursing program for 2002-2003, Cindy instead enrolled in El Paso Community College, closer to her home and community in Tornillo.

In an organ transplant situation, speed is of the essence. Trejo wears a permanent IV attachment in her right arm so that a needle can be inserted in a hurry.

She goes to school, encourages her family,



Cindy Trejo, in more carefree days.

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Red Ribbon Week featured fingerprinting of Socorro kids



IF LOST, RETURN TO... — El Paso Police Officer Rafael Amaro helps kindergarten student Matthew Carrillo with his fingerprint impressions during a Socorro ISD Red Ribbon Week event, Oct 24-25. Officers fingerprinted students in pre-kindergarten through 3rd grade.

Garcia continues long history of community service, accepts Canutillo board appointment

By Alfredo Vasquez
Special to the Courier

UPPER VALLEY — Canutillo Independent School District Board of Trustees, in an unanimous vote, appointed Gonzalo (Chalo) Garcia to fill the board's vacant position that was held previously by Carl Frieze who resigned October 8 for personal reasons.

"I felt a great urge to help my community once again because I want to be involved with the construction of our new high school. I want this school to be a model for the county," Garcia said.

Garcia, 71, brings to the Canutillo ISD Board extensive knowledge about the Upper Valley district.

Garcia's recent appointment will be the fourth time that he serves as a school board trustee.

From 1956 to 1959, he was a board member of the Vinton Common School District, which encompassed the Upper Valley communities.

When Canutillo ISD was established in 1959, he was a charter member of the board and served through 1969. Garcia was again elected to the Canutillo ISD board of trustees and served from 1974 to 1977. His latest term will be until May 2002.

Garcia was instrumental in building Canutillo's first elementary school and present high school. As a community leader he worked to assist in the construction of St. Patrick's Catholic Church and Gallegos Park in Canutillo, as well as bring potable water to his community.

"I burst with pride when I think

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Anthony town council considers building soccer field of dreams

By Don Woodyard
Courier Staff Writer

ANTHONY — "If you build it, they will come."

That recurring line from the movie *Field of Dreams* also applies to events Mayor Art Franco hopes will unfold in his Upper Valley community. Instead of a baseball field carved out of an Iowa cornfield, however, it would be a soccer complex built on the outskirts of Anthony and expected to draw thousands of parents and other fans and bring in new revenue to the town.

The Desert Rats Soccer Club made a powerpoint presentation on the proposed 20-field soccer complex at the Oct. 22 meeting of the

Anthony Town Council all of whose members endorsed the plan.

Kelly Duke, a member of the soccer organization, outlined the history of the club and its quest for good soccer fields on which to play. Emphasis was placed on the financial ripple effect of money benefiting the town from fans coming in for weekend games and spending their money in area grocery stores, gas stations and motels.

"There just aren't enough good soccer fields in the area," he said, speaking of the shortcomings and limitations of athletic fields in West El Paso and in Canutillo. He added that West Texas lacks in quantity and quality of soccer fields.

Architect Edward McCormick presented a rendering of their own field of dreams. It would

be located on 31.7 acres of city land off Antonio Street west of the Big 8 food store and extending to the New Mexico line. It would consist of five regulation soccer fields, eight junior fields and six toddler fields. There would also be a stadium-size field for championship play.

With unanimous approval from the council, the soccer organization said it will move ahead to put a presentation package together to raise the \$300,000 needed to build the complex which would include parking, concessions and bathroom facilities.

"The potential is there," said Franco. He indicated the city could not sell the land to The Desert Rats, but would negotiate a partnership

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One perspective

By Francis Shrum

Cashing in on disaster

He's been called an accomplished thief. He's one among millions who has seen economic opportunity in the wake of disaster, and in the spirit of modern enterprise, cashed in.

A 48-year-old homeless man in New York, Woodrow Flemming, recruited 13 other people, many also homeless, to steal more than \$100,000 that was intended for victims of the World Trade Center attacks.

These 14 people — which included three city employees — were charged with engaging in a variety of schemes to steal money from the Federal Emergency Management Agency, the American Red Cross and the charity Safe Horizon.

Manhattan District Attorney Robert Morgenthau said Flemming is "quite an accomplished thief."

Flemming claimed he had lost his vending station near the site of the attacks, supplying phony documents to officials showing he sold CDs, videos, sunglasses, belts and other sundries.

Makes you wonder what this man might have accomplished if he had applied all that ingenuity toward an honest trade.

Meanwhile, over in France, an equally enterprising fellow has adapted the "I don't believe the moon-landing ever occurred" formula and is doing pretty well with it.

According to Reuters news agency, the French are "lapping up" a Sept. 11 conspiracy theory story by Thierry Meyssan in his book "The Frightening Fraud."

This inventive soul argues the plane that smashed into the Pentagon never existed. He says the world has been duped by a murky U.S. govern-

ment plot.

Sound familiar?

Still, people are buying it. The book is "flying off shelves" according to booksellers and has topped bestseller lists, though reports stop short of saying that the books are carried by pigs that fly.

Mr. Meyssan presents his credentials as president of Reseau Voltaire, a "respected" left-wing think tank which is in itself somewhat of a contradiction in terms.

And though French news media dismisses the theory as unproved they admit it has its selling points — adding a few ka-chings to Mr. Meyssan's cash register.

The weekly news magazine *Le Nouvel Observateur* admits: "This theory suits everyone — there are no Islamic extremists...everyone is happy. It eliminates reality."

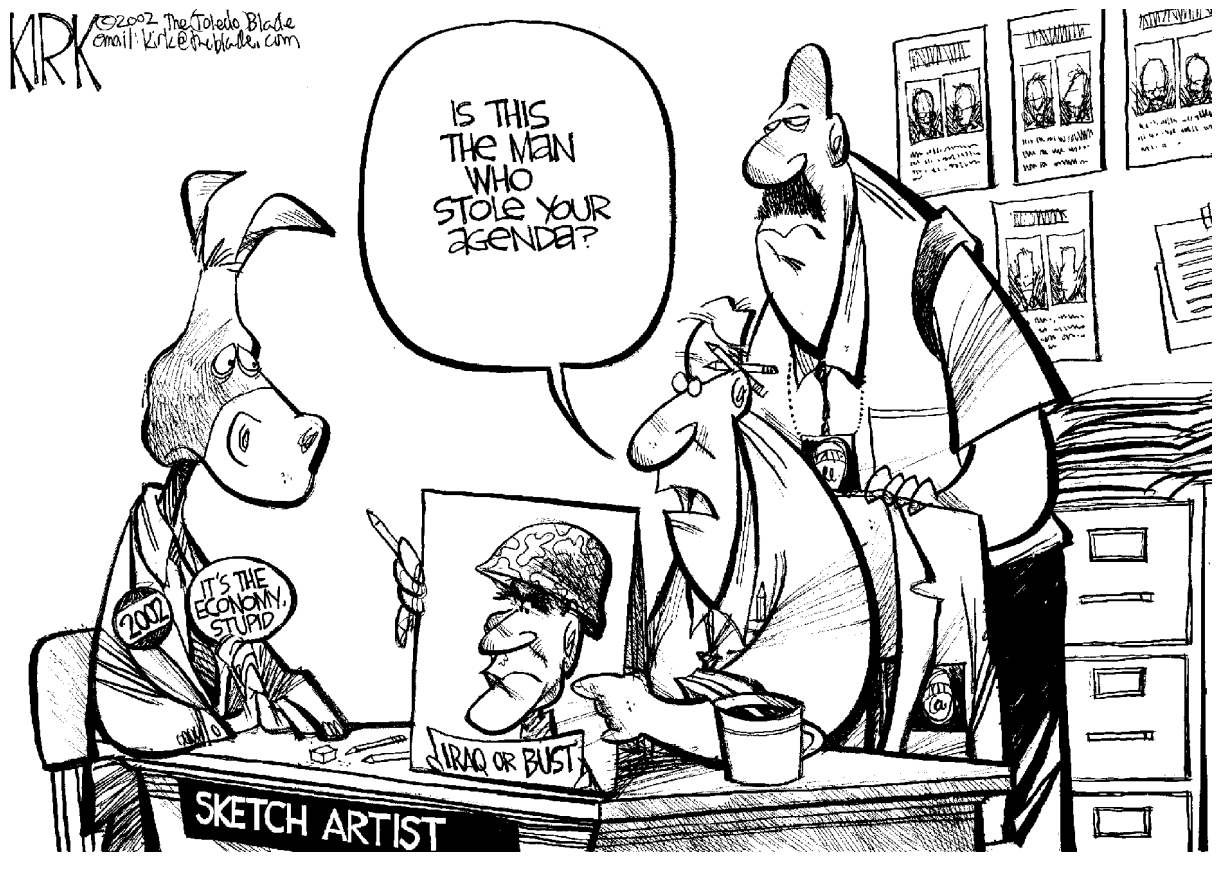
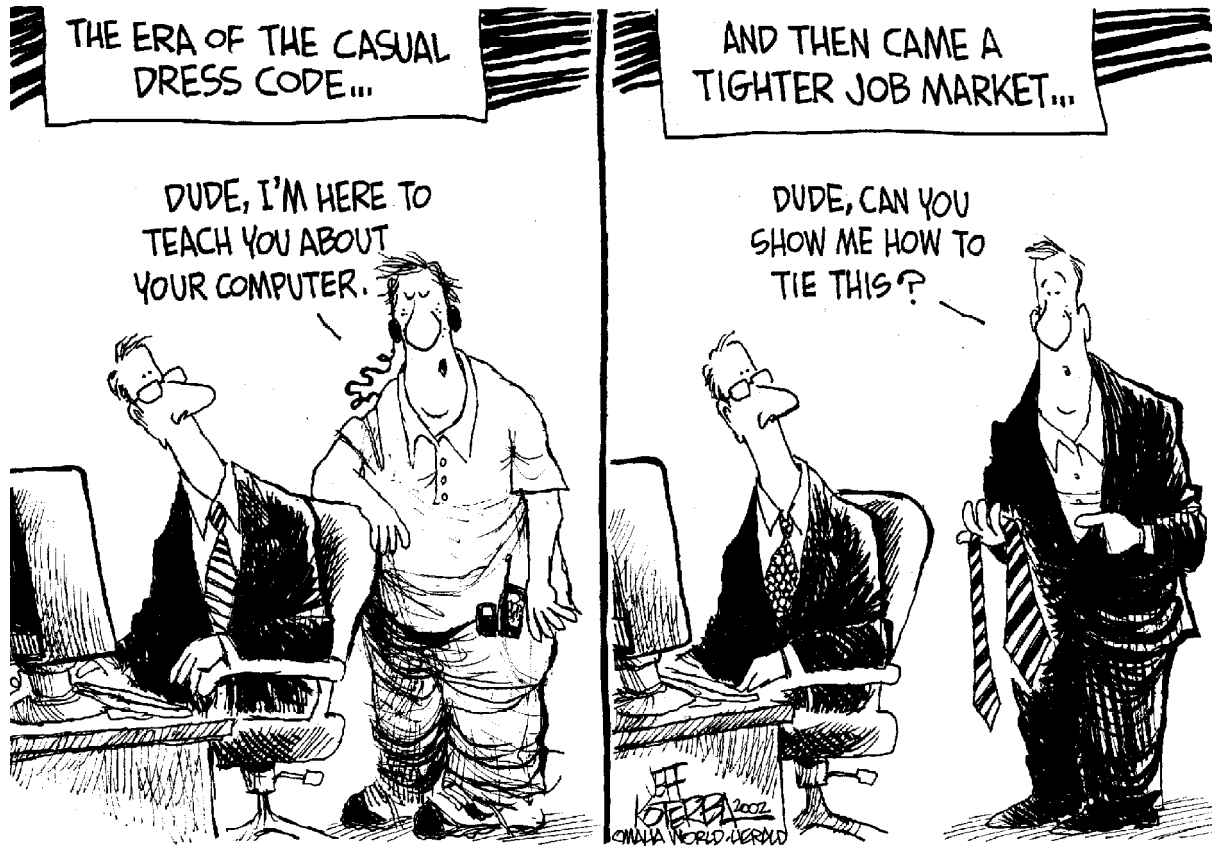
Le Monde dismissed Meyssan's theory as "flimsy" but said that information made available by the U.S. government on the Pentagon attack does not quite add up.

"There is no official account of the crash...the lack of information is feeding the rumor," the news agency said.

Fuel to the fire.

Ka-ching, ka-ching.

In still another enterprising move, a Japanese company has launched a child-size hazard mask purported to protect against chemical and biological weapons. Prompted by the Sept. 11 attacks on the United States and the anthrax scare that followed, Fumikazu Tanaka, a manager at Koken Ltd., said his firm began developing the smaller mask for children aged five to 12.



"For parents, a priority is to protect their children," Tanaka said.

Feeding on every parent's deepest phobia, the marketing method may be sure-fire — but they don't issue

any guarantees.

The company admits the mask does not provide "perfect protection" against all possible biological and chemical weapons but says that its

protection of breathing capability is still "extremely high."

Got any good ideas? As the disasters add up, the market is ripe.

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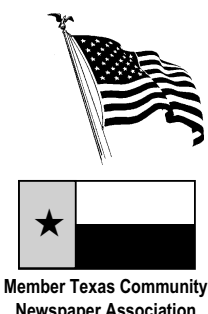
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For Sanity's Sake

By Taprina Milburn

Procrastination

I have an amazing talent. No, I don't play the piano or build houses, square dance or paint portraits. My talent would get in the way of ever learning such skills. I've never won awards for this talent, but I spend a lot of time perfecting it.

I'm an avid procrastinator. If you don't believe me, I'll get around to showing you someday.

A project I've been working on is due tomorrow, and I'm sweating over whether or not I'll turn it in on time. My deadline isn't a surprise to me. It wasn't dropped in my lap yesterday. For weeks I've had the word "deadline" marked in bold, red letters on my calendar.

But here I am on the eve of D-day and all it would take is two hours to finish my work. Instead, I'm finding useless things to do with my time.

Ever been there?

While postponing my work, I pulled out a book and read up on procrastination — it helps to be smart and well versed in the practice. One writer says that we put off our work for fear of starting, or not finishing, or it's the fear of failure, or perhaps success, or fear of not being good enough. Her suggestion was to just be kinder to yourself.

I love books that don't hold me accountable to a higher

calling but instead give me a fluffy excuse to be a wet noodle. Of course I took the author's advice — I have a project to finish, after all. I treated myself to a bag of chips, an hour of television, conversation with family members and a trip to Sonic to get a soda.

You can only pamper yourself so long, however, before you begin to feel guilty. So I trudged upstairs to my office and sat at my desk, turned on my computer and began surfing the Internet. And this would have been all right if my surfing had something to do with making my deadline, but somehow I got distracted by a stop at eBay, the cyberspace auction block.

Did you know someone is actually auctioning a bag of dryer and belly-button lint? Not only that but also airline barf bags.

I even called my husband to tell him about it and asked him what kind of nut would take the time to collect a bag full of lint and dare to sell it.

"The same kind of nut who would sit at her computer and type in the oddest item you can think of to buy on eBay," he replied.

Anything to avoid tackling the project at hand.

Then my daughter, who has a class assignment due soon, came home from school, sat down and began working on it, as she has done each day since she received the assignment. Her attitude is very matter of fact: The work has to be done, why waste time?

And I thought, someday I'll get around to being just like her.

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Write stuff

Dear Editor:

I am concerned with expenditure of taxpayer's funds for a special charter election and a letter by the Mayor of the Town Of Horizon City. The next regular Horizon City election is May and the \$3,100 expenditure for the purpose of getting the charter item to the voters 5 months early has not been justified nor explained.

The letter the Mayor sent to register voters concerning the charter raises many issues/concerns. A local government may provide information (facts) about an election issue but not try to influence the vote. It is a violation of the election code, a Class A misdemeanor. The letter is carefully worded not to specify how to vote; however, there are many factors that suggest that the intent was to influence a "yes" vote.

- The letter is dated Oct. 18th and was mailed to reach registered voters during early voting. The charter issue was discussed by the Mayor and council months ago. If the intent was to inform voters it should have been done sooner by public meetings and in time for (new) voter registration.

- The Mayor's letter came after flyers were distributed asking for a no vote on the charter rewrite.

- Controversial issues such as the Mayor's proposed City Manager (requires a charter rewrite) for the next budget year were not mentioned.

- The items mentioned in the letter could be accomplished by amendments.

- The letter did not explain why a special election was necessary.

- The letter was mailed only to registered voters.

It is interesting to note that none of the members of the advisory committee the Mayor referenced in her letter signed up to be on the Charter Commission. In fact the only three people on the ballot don't believe a new charter is needed. They ran to make sure everything was above board.

I expect that the total cost of the letter and mailing was over \$400 dollars of taxpayer's money. Elected officials are elected to be stewards of taxpayer's funds. Is this why we need to raise taxes?

Walt Lee
Horizon City

Dear Editor:

The Courier is a fine paper — you have very good writers. I look forward to the cartoons and witticism each week — they are the best!

My husband and I were hooked by Horizon — in the late 60s we bought lots intending to sell all but one, to build a house and live there, in our retirement. My husband died in December of 1977 and I just leave it as is — of course, I shall never live there.

Your paper keeps me up on the events and changes.

Dama A. Peterson
Highland Park, Illinois

Phamiliar phrases
"railroad it through"

In the mid-1800s, railroad crews from both coasts worked feverishly to lay tracks across the U.S., pushing through rivers, forest and mountains to finally connect in Utah. Any fast-paced struggle to overcome difficult circumstances is still said to be "railroading."

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TRUE TEXAS FACTS by Roger Moore Feb. 15, 1877, About 40 cattlemen organize the Texas Cattle Raisers Association, the chief goal was to stop cattle rustling.



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

Congressional achievements

As this Congress comes to a close and we prepare to adjourn for the year, it's a good time to reflect on what your Congress has accomplished so far this year. Congress actively worked on so many issues in 2002 and its achievements are numerous. I'm proud of our accomplishments and would like to take this time to look back on what we've done so far.

HOMELAND SECURITY: Now, more than ever, the safety of our homeland must be examined. Congress is doing its part by watching over the security of our nation. We've passed an airline security measure and the Patriot Act, which gives the Department of Justice the tools needed to combat and prevent future terrorist acts. I played an influential role in legislation to reform and secure our nation's borders. And of course, we're ensuring adequate defense funding. This year's increase was the largest in 20 years. We're studying every issue that comes our way. With diligence and dedication, we will win the war against terrorism.

EDUCATION: Education has always been one of my top priorities. The U.S. House of Representatives enacted education reform that is already empowering parents and giving children greater opportunities. It's a common-sense approach that in-

cludes quality programs, accountability, dollars directly to the classroom, and parental involvement and responsibility. Education is not about government or bureaucrats or federal mandates. Education is first, last and always about children.

HEALTH CARE: For far too long, our political leaders have drowned in the details of health care. It doesn't have to be this difficult. Your Congress is working diligently with the president to ensure every American has access to affordable health care. We've already passed a prescription drug plan which will lower the costs of drugs and make them more available to more seniors. We've also passed a Patients' Bill of Rights that will leave medical decisions in the hands of physicians, instead of insurance companies. There is still a need for more nurses and other health professionals. That's why I'm working to ensure training programs for nurses and clinicians are adequately funded. These are real changes that will affect real people throughout our nation.

GIVING OUR MILITARY THE TOOLS TO DO THE JOB: This Congress improved our military readiness and continued replenishing our hollowed-out military forces. We provided our military with a vital increase, which will improve the qual-

ity of military life, including a much needed pay raise. Congress also expanded health care coverage and access for active military personnel and military retirees. We are giving our armed forces the tools it needs to replace aging equipment, provide adequate spare parts, and improve retention and recruitment rates. After several years of fighting to ensure the military wasn't ignored, this Congress strengthened its commitment to rebuild our national defense and improve the readiness of our forces.

PROTECTING SMALL BUSINESS: America's 25 million small businesses employ more than 50 percent of the private work force, generate more than half of the nation's gross domestic product and are the principal source of new jobs in the U.S. economy.

This year we passed important legislation for small businesses and small business owners. The Economic Growth Act provides immediate tax relief by reducing individual income tax rates across the board. This legislation puts more money into the pockets of our 25 million small business owners and their employees for years to come. We've also



repealed the death tax, which will lift an especially unfair burden from family farms and small businesses so that they can continue to share in the American dream and be passed on to the next generation.

AGRICULTURE: This Congress once again showed it's dedication to the American Agriculture Industry. I am proud to serve as chairman of this important Appropriations Subcommittee. This year, we will once again fund important research programs, inspection services and development grants for the nation's agriculture industry. We are also funding the important programs that keep our nation running, including food stamps and the Women Infants and Children (WIC) program. But we're also tak-

ing care of our nation's security by funding \$159 million in counter-terrorism activities, border inspection services and programs to keep your food and drinking water clean and safe.

These are only a few highlights of our tremendous accomplishments. Next month Congress will reconvene and will immediately get to work. We plan to pass the important Agriculture spending bill and other essential spending bills. We're also looking to the future and finding new ways to keep our nation safe, strong and prosperous.

Thank you for your support over the last year — I look forward to many successful years in our future together.

Health occupations program at San Elizario High offers students actual field experience

By Phillip Cortez
Special to the Courier

SAN ELIZARIO — No, Halloween did not come early to San Elizario.

Last week San Elizario High School students dressed in blue scrubs were not impersonating The Smurfs even though some Loya Primary students might have thought so.

What these high school students were doing, however, was giving the younger ones hearing and vision

screenings. They were able to provide this service because the Texas Department of the Visually Handicapped certified 51 out of 60 students in the Health Occupation Student Association (HOSA) program.

"We made history last week," said Mathilda Mirabal, HOSA program director at San Elizario High. "This is the first time that we've had students get certified as vision screeners."

There have been a lot of firsts for the HOSA Program in its four-year existence at the school, according to

Mirabal. Last school year marked the program's first association with Thomason Hospital, sending second-year students to work in such units as pediatrics, emergency, surgery, occupational health and radiology. First-year students in the program get field experience at the different campuses in the school district and at local clinics in the area, Mirabal said.

Ask any student in the program and they'll agree they are participating in something special. For senior Jesus Horta, being in the HOSA program

is going to pay him dividends.

"It's helped me a lot," he said. "I was thinking of finishing my basics in El Paso after high school and then transferring to Texas A&M because they have a good veterinary program."

Horta said that he's always wanted to be a veterinarian and the hands-on experience he'd receive in class will help him to be more successful.

Students in the HOSA program are

already displaying their success and will participate in community events such as the Loya Harvest/Health Festival on Oct. 26. They'll be taking blood pressure and checking height and weight on that day.

"On Nov. 6, they'll participate in the City Disaster Drill at Thomason," Mirabal said. "We were asked to participate before many other schools were, a compliment to the hard work these kids do."



HISTORY — For the first time in the history of the San Elizario Independent School District, students were certified as vision screeners.

PUBLIC NOTICE COMMENT PERIOD AND PUBLIC MEETING FOR: AMENDED DOCUMENTS 2025 METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION PLAN TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM, 2002-2006 TRANSPORTATION CONFORMITY DETERMINATION AND NEW DOCUMENTS SUN METRO LONG RANGE PLAN SUN METRO AREA RAPID TRANSIT (SMART) STARTER LINE

The El Paso Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) is conducting a series of public meetings to receive comments on the draft amendments to:

- 2025 Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP)
- 2002-2006 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)
- Transportation Conformity Determination documents
- Sun Metro Long Range Plan
- Sun Metro Area Rapid Transit (SMART) Starter Line

The public comment period is open for 30 days **beginning on October 22, 2002 and ending on November 20, 2002.**

PUBLIC MEETINGS and OPEN HOUSES WILL BE HELD ON THE FOLLOWING DATES AND TIMES:

**Monday, November 4, 2002
10:00 am to 3:00 pm**

**UTEP Student Union Bldg. (Common's Area)
University Blvd., El Paso, TX**

**Wednesday, November 6, 2002
9:00 am to 11:00 am**

**Horizon City Town Hall
14999 Darrington Rd.
Town of Horizon City, TX**

**Wednesday, November 6, 2002
6:00 pm to 7:30 pm**

**Ardivino's Restaurant
One Ardivino Dr., Sunland Park, NM**

**Thursday, November 7, 2002
9:00 am to 11:30 am**

**Valle Verde Community Center
919 Hunter Dr., El Paso, TX**

**Thursday, November 7, 2002
5:30 pm to 8:30 pm**

**Guillen Middle School, Auditorium
S. Cotton, El Paso, TX**

**Friday, November 8, 2002
3:00 pm to 4:30 pm**

**Vinton City Hall
436 Vinton Rd., Vinton, TX**

The Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) is a short-range program of capital improvements for highways, bridges, and transit projects for the El Paso region for the fiscal years 2002-2006. These projects are recommended for construction by each fiscal year.

The Transportation Conformity Determination demonstrates how the MPO meets EPA's requirement for reduction of ozone, CO and PM-10 for the El Paso County nonattainment area, and for reduction of ozone for the southern Doña Ana County nonattainment area.

The draft MTP, TIP amendments and Conformity Determination will be available for public review for 30 days, **from October 22, 2002 thru November 20, 2002** at the MPO office, 10767 Gateway Blvd. West, Suite 605, El Paso, TX 79935; at the Texas Department of Transportation, 13301 Gateway West; at Sun Metro Office, 700-A San Francisco, and at all public libraries (call the MPO office at [915] 591-9735 x 16 for locations). Translation services will be available for oral presentations and comments.

Interested citizens are encouraged to review the draft 2025 MTP, 2002-2006 TIP and the air quality conformity document during this public comment period. **Written comments must be received at the MPO office by 4:00 p.m., November 20, 2002 and may be mailed or faxed to:**

Roy Gilyard, Executive Director
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El Paso, TX 79935
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The Transportation Policy Board will review public comments received and approve the documents at its meeting of November 23, 2002.

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HCIA building damaged in evening blaze

HORIZON CITY — A series of coincidences may have saved the Horizon Communities Improvement Association (HCIA) headquarters building in Horizon City from being demolished in a late evening fire Saturday night.

Alan Keys, chief of the Emergency Services District #1 which serves Horizon, said it took only a matter of minutes for 10 volunteer firefighters to converge on the office building located at the intersection of Ashford and Horizon Blvd.

A Horizon couple happened to be taking a late walk near the building, which faces onto open desert, and reported it via their cell phone. Keys said the call came as two firefighters were already on their way to the fire station on other business and the additional eight were coincidentally in the area at the time. He said it was fortunate for so many volunteers to be available on a Saturday night.

The EMS received the call at 11:44 p.m., by 11:52 p.m. two pumpers and another fire truck were on site. The blaze was out by midnight.

Without early detection and early response, the damage from the fire would have been much more severe, Keys said.

The fire apparently started in an electrical connection. Two offices,



CLOSE CALL — An employee of Servepro, a specialty cleanup service company, removed damaged office furniture on Monday from the only two offices in the Horizon Communities Improvement Association building that were damaged during a blaze on Saturday night.

occupied by Meier Mortgage Co., suffered an estimated \$20,000 to \$30,000 damage.

HCIA General Manager Vince Murphy said that no HCIA records nor equipment were damaged and the non-profit property owners' association will continue business as usual. The two damaged offices will require about a month of renovation.

Garcia

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about what has been accomplished in Canutillo in the past 47 years," said Garcia.

Garcia is retired after 28 years as general manager of the Borderland Farmers Cooperative Association in the Upper Valley.

Anthony

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with them of shared costs for its construction.

"I don't see \$300,000 as a big problem," said Nat Brusiloff, a team coach. He felt the grant money was there to apply for. Also, the group would be looking for corporate sponsors.

Among Garcia's personal accomplishments are being named one of the 10 original inductees to the El Paso Baseball Hall of Fame having played semi-professional baseball for the Juarez Indios, Yuma Panthers, and El Paso Texans from 1950 to 1955; and being presented recently the Oak of Justice Award by El Paso Bishop Armando Ochoa for his service to the Catholic Church in Canutillo.

McCormick said he hoped that their field of dreams could be a reality within a year.

In other action, the council approved the issuance and sale of \$250,000 in Certificates of Obligation. Money would be used for the purchase of park equipment and heavy equipment for the maintenance department and police department.

Certificates of Obligation do not require voter approval.

Anthony business conference held this Thursday

By Don Woodyard
Courier Staff Writer

ANTHONY — Congressman Silvestre Reyes will be a featured

speaker at the Anthony Community Business Conference scheduled Thursday, Oct. 31 in the American Legion Hall, 211 Poplar.

The conference begins at 10:30 a.m. and runs through early afternoon.

The purpose of the conference and luncheon, which is expected to draw 75-100 people, is to better inform Anthony businesses of resources and opportunities available to them as well as to entice new companies to set up operations in the town, said Mayor Art Franco.

Franco will make a special presen-

tation to State Rep. Joe Pickett for his support of the town. The luncheon will also feature the presentation of business awards.

Also invited to speak are Texas State Sen. Elliot Shapleigh and Cynthia Nava, state senator from New Mexico. Special invited guests include Texas State Reps. Pat

Haggerty, Paul Moreno, Norma Chavez and Manny Najera.

Also invited are the mayors of El Paso, Horizon City, Clint, Socorro, Sunland Park and Vinton.

Jobe Concrete Products and the Anthony Big 8 Store are sponsors for the conference.

For more information: 886-3944.

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LEGALS

Southern Union Gas Company

PUBLIC NOTICE

Southern Union Gas Company (the "Company") hereby gives NOTICE that it filed a Statement of Intent on October 10, 2002 to implement a new schedule of natural gas service rates for approximately 9,874 residential, 356 commercial, 4 industrial, 46 public authority and 1 municipal water pumping customers within the Towns of Anthony, Clint, and Horizon City, the City of Socorro and the Village of Vinton, Texas.

On September 24, 2002, the City of El Paso approved a revenue increase of \$1,918,230, which represents a 1.72 percent increase in the Company's total adjusted revenues in its El Paso Service Area. While the requested revenue increase is derived for the entire service area, the annual revenue increase for the municipalities of Anthony, Clint, Horizon City, Socorro and Vinton would be approximately

\$217,802, which represents a 1.97 percent increase. The rates that the Company is proposing are identical to those approved by the City of El Paso on September 24, 2002. The Company is asking that the rates for the municipalities of Anthony, Clint, Horizon City, Socorro and Vinton become effective on November 21, 2002. The proposed change does not constitute a "major change" as that term is defined by Section 104.101 of the Texas Utilities Code.

Based on the proposed rate design, the municipalities of Anthony, Clint, Horizon City, Socorro and Vinton average residential bill of 43 Ccf will increase by approximately \$1.36, or 4.7 percent, while the average residential January bill of 109 Ccf will decrease by approximately \$3.67, or 5.6 percent. The Company's last rate case in the municipalities of Anthony, Clint, Horizon City, Socorro and Vinton occurred in 1998. Since then, consumer prices generally have increased by approximately 10 percent on the national level.

A complete copy of the Statement of Intent is available for inspection in the municipalities' offices and in the Company's business office located at 4600 Pollard Street, El Paso, Texas 79930.

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12, 2002 at 2:00 P.M.

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CSP NO.199-1113-0312
Accepted until Nov. 13, 2002 at 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.
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Alcoholics Anonymous Group Paso Del Norte meets at 8501 Kingsway in Westway, Monday-Saturday, 8 p.m. Call 886-4948 for information.

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

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

Tiene problemas con el alcohol? Hay una solución. Visítemos. 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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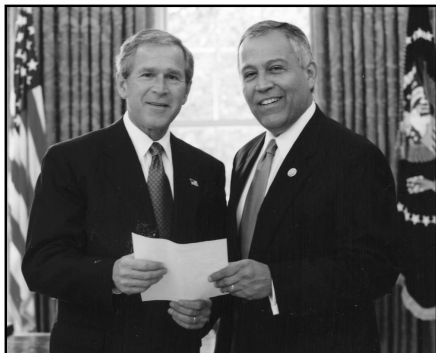
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WHY did Henry Cuellar suddenly *quit* as Secretary of State after only eight months, *without explanation and without telling the Republican Governor who appointed him?*

WHY did Henry Cuellar request *compensation pay*, expecting taxpayers to pay his salary as Secretary of State, *even after he left?*

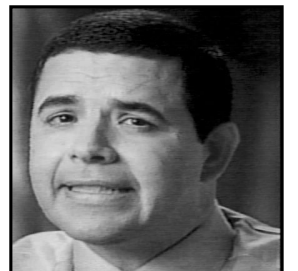
WHY did Henry Cuellar suddenly *quit* the Texas Legislature, leaving his district without representation as *a critical legislative session* began?

WHY did Henry Cuellar pass *laws that benefitted his business?*

WHY did Henry Cuellar *give up* our seniority in the State House and now wants to take away our seniority in the US Congress?

WHY is Henry Cuellar supported by Hillary Clinton and Ted Kennedy?

HENRY CUELLAR TOO MANY QUESTIONS TOO LITTLE TRUST



You can't fake that intangible called heart, and Smith has it

By Steve Escajeda
Special to the Courier

Now that the Dallas Cowboys' Emmitt Smith has broken the all-time NFL rushing mark, the debate will start as to who is the greatest running back is to ever play the game. The obvious names will pop up — along with Smith there is Walter Payton, Jim Brown, Barry Sanders, Eric Dickerson, John Riggins, Gale

Sayers, Tony Dorsett, Marcus Allen, Earl Campbell and even O.J. Simpson. Every single player on this list was considered among the very best in their prime. But the question is who is the best running back of all time? Not just the flashiest runner, or the toughest runner, or the fastest runner, or the best blocker, or the best pass-catcher, or the leading scorer. The best running back has to score well in all these categories, along

with being unselfish enough to help his team win. If we look at the flashiest runners of all time there's little doubt that Barry Sanders and Gale Sayers were the most mesmerizing. Sanders and Sayers were powerful gazelles in shoulder pads zigzagging their way through hostile defenses. On the nastier side of things, the toughest runners were, without a doubt, Jim Brown, John Riggins and Earl Campbell. Brown set the origi-

nal rushing record with the fewest attempts, Campbell was the fastest big guy while Riggins never put a move on anyone, he just ran through his would-be tacklers. Then there are the slashers, the runners who are as smooth as they are quick, the greyhounds if you will. In this category you will find Eric Dickerson, Tony Dorsett, Marcus Allen and O.J. Simpson. Dickerson, Allen and Dorsett gained their yards with grace and style. Of course, of these four, Simpson gave new meaning to the term slasher in later years. In my opinion, all these running backs helped make the NFL America's top team sport. But only one can be called the greatest of all time and that player is Emmitt Smith.

Who has gained more yards than Smith? Who was a better blocker than Smith? Who caught the ball better out of the backfield than Smith? Who has scored more touchdowns than Smith? Who won more titles than Smith? Can't come up with any answers? Me either. And when you tack on who played even while injured, it becomes very apparent that the game's best all-around running back is Emmitt Smith. And only Walter Payton can approach Smith when it comes to that intangible called heart. With all the titles and all the records and all the accolades Emmitt Smith continues to lead the league in something he has been near the top of since his rookie season...class.



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<p>TOOTH PASTE ACROSS</p> <p>1 Self-confidence</p> <p>7 Lady of the house</p> <p>12 Pacific archipelago</p> <p>16 Fit _ fiddle</p> <p>19 Not as affluent</p> <p>20 Let up</p> <p>21 "East of Eden" character</p> <p>22 Negligent</p> <p>23 Start of a quip by Ogden Nash</p> <p>25 Massachusetts</p> <p>27 "Kind _ Drag" ('67 hit)</p> <p>28 Little fox</p> <p>29 Does some cobbling</p> <p>31 Jannings or Gilels</p> <p>32 "Pequod" captain</p> <p>34 Whippet or wolf</p> <p>37 Raptor feature</p> <p>39 Dugong, for one</p> <p>42 Salon offering</p> <p>43 Faint</p> <p>44 Fashionable</p> <p>Emilio</p> <p>45 Part 2 of quip</p> <p>51 Agatha's colleague</p> <p>52 Hardly popular</p> <p>54 NASA affirmative</p> <p>55 _ vera</p> <p>56 Revolt</p> <p>58 Prop for Figaro</p> <p>61 Make murky</p>	<p>62 Alpine area</p> <p>63 Soccer superstar</p> <p>64 Gounod opera</p> <p>65 "Fantasia" frame</p> <p>68 Part 3 of quip</p> <p>73 Narcs' org.</p> <p>74 Old Testament character</p> <p>76 Jet-setter's need</p> <p>77 Spine-tingling</p> <p>79 Middle Eastern money</p> <p>80 Play ground?</p> <p>82 Cajole</p> <p>86 Cry of dread</p> <p>87 _ Na Na</p> <p>88 Tuscan town</p> <p>89 Surfeit</p> <p>90 Part 4 of quip</p> <p>95 Prepare the champagne</p> <p>96 Vintage</p> <p>97 62 Across sight</p> <p>98 Grown-up grub</p> <p>99 Cumin or coriander</p> <p>102 Pieces</p> <p>103 Noisy birds</p> <p>104 Tibia</p> <p>105 Walker's "The _ Purple"</p> <p>107 Kennel feature</p> <p>108 Catchall abbr.</p> <p>111 Flirt</p> <p>113 End of quip</p> <p>119 Burmese statesman</p> <p>120 TV's " _ Life"</p>	<p>121 Early computer</p> <p>122 Pianist Jose</p> <p>123 Billy _ Williams</p> <p>124 Scent</p> <p>125 Musical movement</p> <p>126 Get in shape</p> <p>DOWN</p> <p>1 Lhasa -</p> <p>2 Magic-show sound</p> <p>3 - Linda, CA</p> <p>4 Zinc or copper</p> <p>5 Ran into</p> <p>6 NBC newsmen</p> <p>7 Actor Damon</p> <p>8 _ Dhabi</p> <p>9 Historic org.</p> <p>10 Had some halibut</p> <p>11 Handel oratorio</p> <p>12 Tale</p> <p>13 "Dies _"</p> <p>14 Control lever</p> <p>15 Officeholders</p> <p>16 Battle site of 1836</p> <p>17 Fancy fabric</p> <p>18 Salchow kin</p> <p>24 Spare part?</p> <p>26 _ Aviv</p> <p>30 " _ in America" ('63 tune)</p> <p>32 Say yes</p> <p>33 _ polloi</p> <p>34 Proofreader's mark</p> <p>35 Sailed through</p> <p>36 Tang</p> <p>38 Orthopedists' org.</p> <p>39 Detailed</p>	<p>description</p> <p>40 Continental currency</p> <p>41 Bill of Rights grp.</p> <p>42 Femme _</p> <p>43 Couturier Christian</p> <p>46 _ Vicente, Brazil</p> <p>47 Zhivago's love</p> <p>48 Audibly</p> <p>49 Din</p> <p>50 Actress Burke</p> <p>52 Long lunch?</p> <p>53 Mighty mite</p> <p>57 Satellite _</p> <p>58 Witherspoon of "Legally Blonde"</p> <p>59 Soprano Gluck</p> <p>60 Zuider _</p> <p>63 Bluenose</p> <p>64 Move like a hummingbird</p> <p>65 Chocolate substitute</p> <p>66 Yale or Root</p> <p>67 Inclined</p> <p>69 Palindromic name</p> <p>70 Most modern</p> <p>71 MTV viewer</p> <p>72 Precinct</p> <p>75 Story line</p> <p>78 Decorates glass</p> <p>80 Wearing saddles</p> <p>81 Author Amy</p> <p>82 Places</p> <p>83 Came down to earth</p> <p>84 Droop</p> <p>85 Howard or Petty</p>	<p>87 Chose</p> <p>88 Bacteriologist</p> <p>Jonas</p> <p>91 Ad _ committee</p> <p>92 Repeat</p> <p>93 Mitty's creator</p> <p>94 Harrison's "Star Wars" role</p> <p>95 Dodger Ron</p> <p>98 Good name for a raccoon</p> <p>99 Radiated</p> <p>100 Stimulate</p> <p>101 Shiba _ (Japanese dog)</p> <p>102 Weather word</p> <p>103 Roast beef au _</p> <p>104 Move quickly</p> <p>106 Football Hall of Famer Jim</p> <p>107 Puerto _</p> <p>108 To be, to Baudelaire</p> <p>109 Forbidden</p> <p>110 Overcharge</p> <p>112 Inflatable item?</p> <p>114 Lennon's widow</p> <p>115 Canterbury can</p> <p>116 "I've been _!"</p> <p>117 Ike's domain</p> <p>118 Sister</p>
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The world's funniest joke

By Don Flood

Recently, after 40,000 jokes were submitted and then rated by people around the world, the British Association for the Advancement of Science has announced the World's Funniest Joke.

Here it is:
Two hunters are in the woods, when one of them collapses.

The other man calls 911 in a panic. "My friend is dead! What can I do?"

The dispatcher replies in a calm, soothing voice, "Take it easy. I can help. First of all, let's make sure he's dead."

There is silence, then a shot is heard.

Back on the phone, the hunter says, "OK, now what?"

There it is, friends, the holy grail of joke writers.

Interestingly enough, the original joke specifies that the two hunters are from New Jersey. (See www.laughlab.co.uk.)

I ask you, what does New Jersey have to do with anything?

Are New Jersey hunters more likely to shoot their hunting companions? (Not unless their name is Soprano.)

The reason of course is that New Jersey is a funny state. Why? No one knows.

The Web site also announced the World's Funniest Animal — ducks.

Which presumably means that a joke about a duck with a New Jersey accent would be a guaranteed knee-slapper, especially if it's told at exactly 6:03 p.m. on Oct. 7.

According to the Web site, they discovered — after careful scientific analysis — that "people found the jokes funniest on the 7th of October at 6:30 in the evening."

(Would I make up something so ridiculous? Sure I would, but in this case I didn't have to. You can look it up.)

But it's possible you didn't find the hunter joke funny.

That's because I violated the First Law of Humor, which is: never describe a joke as funny before you tell it.

One of life's more painful moments is when someone announces he has just heard the *funniest* joke and then proceeds to tell it.

It could be about ducks, it could be about New Jersey, it could be about Joey Buttafuoco and his ducks from New Jersey.

It doesn't matter. It won't be funny.

Common courtesy, however, will require you to attempt a laugh or at least come up with a good excuse for your lack of response, such as, "I'm sorry, my cat exploded this morning."

An even more uncomfortable situation arises when you make the mistake of recommending a movie as hysterically funny.

Anxious to relive the movie's many comic highlights, you ask your friends, "Did you see the movie yet?"

Only you notice something is amiss. Your friends look strangely at you — almost as if a particularly grotesque vegetable or creature is growing from your head.

They avoid your gaze, they hem and haw, and with a sinking feeling you realize they're thinking: *Only a cretin would think that movie's funny!*

For the rest of their lives they will think of you, at best, as humor-impaired, and at worst, a complete imbecile.

To put things right, you might try the hunter joke. Just don't leave out the part about New Jersey.

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Trejo

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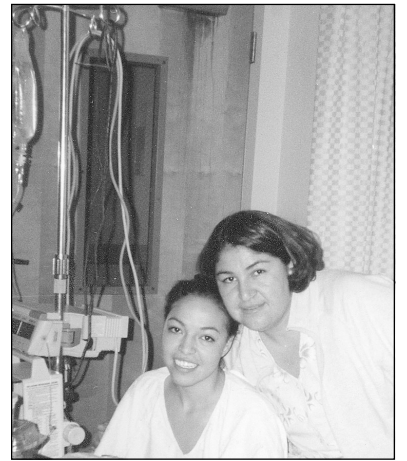
keeps the faith, said her mother, Leticia Trejo, as she attempts to live her life as close to normal as she can.

Meanwhile, the community of Tornillo has held fund-raising events for her family which are described by community leaders as "the kind of hard-working people that preachers talk about as a positive example."

All funds raised by the community are handled by an organization set up to assist the Trejo family through the National Foundation for Transplants in Memphis, Tennessee. In Tornillo it is headed by Sylvia Guerra with David Garcia as vice-president, and Arlene Machuca as treasurer.

Tax deductible donations on behalf of Cindy Trejo are encouraged and gratefully accepted. Checks should be made to NFT-Cindy Trejo and may be sent to National Foundation for Transplants, c/o P.O. Box 993, Tornillo, TX 79853.

As her counselor wrote in April, Cindy Trejo's standards of excellence had been high throughout her high school years. "She is hard-working, dedicated, committed to excellence and above all responsible...she has tried to keep up with all of her ac-



After numerous hospital visits, Trejo, left, has set example of courage. Her mother, Leticia, shown here, says her daughter has even comforted her during tough times.

tivities that she did previously: National Honor Society, sports, peer tutor, catechism teacher, but with so many hospital and doctor visits she has not been up to her standards of excellence. This has bothered her tremendously," Ed Lafferty wrote.

It is hoped by many in the community that this will simply be a rough chapter in Cindy Trejo's life and that with time and the encouragement and support of the community, she will be able once again to accomplish all that is in her heart to do.

Comix

OUT ON A LIMB By Gary Kopervas



GOT A LIFE By Terri Davis



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Running with the big guys

EL PASO COUNTY — The No Limits Cross Country track team were at the Chamizal National Park on Saturday, Oct. 19, to practice the 3000-meter run by joining 9th grade runners from local high schools who were in competition there.

Because of their diminutive size and distinctive gold/green uniforms, the youthful runners became instant entertainment for the families of the high school runners.

The No Limits team will compete in the Border Association Competition on Nov. 9 at Marty Robbins Park in the elimination event to determine which runners will represent the Association in Region 10 competition in Salt Lake City, Utah on Nov. 16.



DYNAMITE IN SMALL PACKAGE — Amilcar Galindo (right) may only be 10 years old but he held his own running with ninth graders who were in competition at the Chamizal National Park. Galindo will compete in the Border Association Competition Nov. 9.

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incentive in the hopes of collecting a great amount of cans. The class that collects the most cans will win gift certificates for each student to Taco Cabana. The food drive is from Oct. 25 until mid November. Information: 852-7143.

■ Horizon's Scorpion cheerleading squad won first place last weekend at the Western Playland Competition. The 15-member squad, made up of 7th and

8th grade students, will also perform during half-time at the Sun Bowl, and perform in the Sun Bowl and Thanksgiving Day parades. Memberships for cheerleaders aged pee-wee through high school are also being accepted. Call 852-4235 or 858-1769.

■ El Paso County has received 12 million dollars in tax incentives for the Empowerment Zones and Renewal Communities below I-10 to the border and East from Loop 375 (Avenue of the Americas) to the East El Paso County Line. There will be a Public Information Meeting on November 1st at 3:00 p.m. in the

Clint Community Center, 200 N. San Elizario Rd, Clint, Texas, to hear presentations from the County Economic Development Office, SBA and Accion Texas. The information will include eligible projects, benefits, deadlines and other existing incentive programs which benefit economically distressed communities. The County will be taking applications at that time for business owners or property owners interested in applying for benefits. In addition, financing opportunities will also be presented to the public. For more information contact: John Torres, El Paso County Economic Development, 546-2000 or Jessica Garza,

Town of Clint, 851-3146.

■ The Southwest Texas ACA, a part of the Farm Credit System that provides financing for livestock, equipment, rural homes, farms and ranches in south and west Texas, recently selected five directors to the board. Louis Woodward, Glen Richardson, Edwin Yanta, Jack Kingsbery, and James Carlson were elected. All are said to be prominent agricultural leaders in the service area, bringing a combined total of almost 100 years of farm credit director experience with them.

■ Training and support group ser-

vices are being offered by Socorro ISD for parents of gifted and talented students. Dr. Maria Arias said English-Spanish translation is offered during sessions which assist in challenging G/T children. The sessions are scheduled 6-7:30 p.m. at Walter E. Clarke Middle School in the Library, 1515 Bob Hope. Session subjects include scholarship on Jan. 7; nurturing social and emotional growth, Feb. 4; learning outside class, April 1; and showcasing gifted students, May 1. For more information, contact Lynn de Leon, instructional specialist, at 937-0527.

WEATHER

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SEVEN-DAY FORECAST FOR EL PASO

THURSDAY	THUR. NIGHT	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY
Mostly sunny and windy.	Mainly clear and windy.	Partly sunny.	Mostly sunny and very windy.	Partly sunny.	Partly sunny.	Clouds and sun.	Mostly cloudy with a shower possible.
▲ 70°	▼ 48°	▲ 70° ▼ 46°	▲ 74° ▼ 48°	▲ 74° ▼ 50°	▲ 72° ▼ 48°	▲ 70° ▼ 50°	▲ 66° ▼ 48°

UV INDEX Statistics for noon.

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

Thursday	6	Moderate
Friday	5	Moderate
Saturday	6	Moderate
Sunday	5	Moderate
Monday	5	Moderate
Tuesday	5	Moderate
Wednesday	5	Moderate

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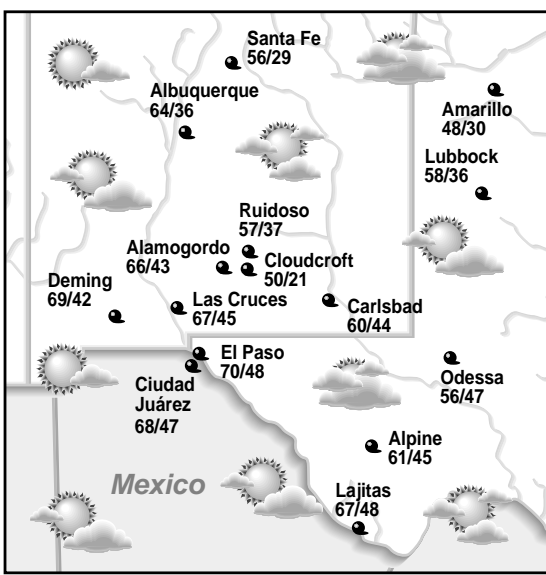
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Thursday	66°
Friday	67°
Saturday	64°
Sunday	71°
Monday	75°
Tuesday	75°
Wednesday	68°

TEXAS WEATHER

Anthony	68	47
Canutillo	69	48
Clint	66	48
E. Montana	70	48
Fabens	66	48
Horizon	69	48
San Elizario	66	45
Socorro	69	47
Tornillo	66	48
Vinton	69	48

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	64/36/pc	60/32/pc	66/36/s	64/34/pc	60/34/pc
Atlanta	65/45/s	62/42/s	55/36/s	52/36/s	57/35/s
Atlantic City	49/38/c	52/40/pc	48/38/c	50/38/pc	54/27/s
Austin/San Antonio	68/50/pc	64/46/pc	58/34/pc	58/38/s	69/53/pc
Baltimore	51/35/pc	51/35/c	46/30/c	46/28/pc	54/29/s
Boston	44/34/pc	46/36/pc	44/32/c	42/30/pc	51/30/s
Chicago	42/24/c	36/20/sf	34/22/c	41/27/s	46/25/pc
Dallas/Ft. Worth	64/48/pc	56/41/pc	51/38/s	56/45/s	63/49/pc
Denver	43/19/pc	33/21/sf	48/31/s	55/35/pc	53/38/c
Flagstaff	56/25/s	55/25/pc	53/25/pc	52/26/pc	53/28/c
Houston	68/50/pc	66/44/pc	56/38/pc	64/40/s	72/52/s
Kansas City	40/26/r	32/20/pc	38/28/s	48/30/s	54/38/pc
Las Vegas	72/50/s	74/48/s	72/48/s	68/48/s	68/48/pc
Miami	88/74/pc	84/72/c	80/67/t	73/61/s	78/58/s
Minneapolis	34/16/c	28/20/sf	32/22/pc	44/28/s	43/26/pc
New Orleans	76/55/pc	72/52/pc	62/42/s	62/48/s	66/46/s
New York City	47/38/c	50/40/pc	48/36/c	51/43/pc	53/34/pc
Philadelphia	50/36/c	50/38/pc	46/34/c	44/34/pc	52/29/s
Phoenix	79/56/s	79/56/s	82/55/s	75/54/pc	75/52/pc
Portland	52/36/s	58/38/pc	56/42/pc	57/42/c	56/44/r
San Francisco	64/50/pc	66/52/pc	66/52/pc	64/50/pc	63/45/c
Seattle	52/36/s	58/42/s	54/42/pc	54/42/sh	53/43/r
Tucson	78/49/s	78/51/s	76/49/s	75/49/pc	75/49/pc
Washington, DC	50/38/pc	54/38/c	48/36/c	50/36/pc	55/33/s

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

AGRICULTURE

At least 7-10 hours of sunshine are possible over the area Thursday along with a gusty south-southeast wind at 10-20 mph. The drying conditions will be excellent. A bit more clouds are expected Friday with 4-8 hours of sunshine. Strong winds are possible for Saturday with a large area of high pressure to the north and east.

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