



NEWSBRIEFS

Candidate viewing

An opportunity to meet candidates for local elections will be Saturday, April 19, 10 a.m. to noon, in an event sponsored by the Concerned Citizens of Horizon City at the Emerald Springs Golf Club. Candidates have been invited to speak for five minutes and briefly answer audience questions. The El Paso County Water Authority will make a presentation on the proposed \$45 million bond election.

Voting by touch

With early voting to open next week it is easier than ever for voters to cast their ballots, from anywhere in the county, due to touch-screen voting. El Paso County Elections Administrator Helen Jamison said those casting early votes may do so from any early-voting location in the county regardless of whether it is within their home precinct. Between April 16 and 29 voters can reach out and vote for candidates of their choice with touch-screen technology. "The voter is given a 'smart card' that has the voter's precinct number which will bring up the correct ballot style and correct candidate names for that individual precinct and entity," Jamison said. "That means that every entity that we contract with will be programmed into the system and any voter will be able to vote at any location during early voting." A listing of these locations is on page 3. The County also has two mobile units which will be at various locations during early voting days — information is at 546-2154. On election day, votes must be cast at the voters' home precinct polling location.

In other news

■ An economic and business informational workshop, hosted by the Town of Horizon City, will be held Wednesday, April 19 at the Oz Glaze Senior Citizens' Center at 6 p.m. The workshop is an initiative arising from the recent Horizon economic development summit and will acquaint local businesses with a proposal to create a local economic development council. Marketing consultants Scott Goodwin and Geronimo Garcia will make presentations regarding use of standard graphics in signage, advertising and promotional material to strengthen local economic identity. The meeting is open to all businesses in the wider Horizon area. The Horizon marketing study was funded by the Horizon Communities Improvement Association (HCIA) and further information is available at 852-1811.

■ Marine Corps Pvt. Manuel Martinez Jr., son of Lorenza and Manuel Martinez recently completed basic training in San Diego. He is a 2002 graduate of Clint High School. His rigorous physical and mental

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As a general rule, the freedom of any people can be judged by the volume of their laughter.

— Quips & Quotes



Tie a yellow ribbon 'round the old pecan tree...

CLINT — The bright yellow ribbons are not tied to an old oak tree as suggested in the song which inspired them, and the pecan trees lining North Loop near the town of Clint are still young, but the sentiment remains the same — the community of Clint wants those who have gone away to come home again. R.C. Wilson recommended a viewing of these ribbons in an orchard on Strachan Farms: "The display is most impressive and worth a short trip to see it!" he wrote. The sight was further described by a junior reporter for the *Courier*: "There were 41 young pecan trees with yellow ribbons tied around them, and the sign had a large yellow ribbon on it," she wrote.

Horizon water authority asking voters for \$45 million in bonds

HORIZON — The El Paso County Water Authority, which serves the greater Horizon area, is asking voters to approve \$45 million in tax bonds when they go to the polls on May 3.

In a release mailed to Horizon residents last week, the EPCWA claims an annual growth rate of 9.32 percent over the last six years, and says the district "can expect continuous and accelerating demand upon its water and sewer system."

"Like many areas of El Paso, our district... has been experiencing tremendous growth in recent years," reads the release. "While developers contribute the infrastructure for new development, the district maintains the system after dedication. Many areas of our water and sewer system are old and major line replacements and upgrades can be expected in the future."

The release says that over the last several years the district has issued all of its bonds previously authorized by voters and that future projects will have to be funded either by tax bonds approved

by voters or by selling revenue bonds which do not require voter approval.

"It is estimated that these funds (the requested \$45 million) will be spent over the next 20 years to rehabilitate and improve the district's water and sewer system as part of a long-range plan to ensure our community remains strong," the release says.

If approved, the bonds would be released in stages so that growth in the district would provide sufficient tax base so that the tax rate would not have to go up, the release says, noting that cost of tax bonds can be "spread not just over the homeowners but over all property owners, including commercial property and undeveloped property."

However, should voters turn down the bond issue, the district will be "forced to raise water and sewer rates to repay the debt" incurred to make replacements, additions and repairs to the water system infrastructure, the release says.

Council infighting impedes progress for the City of Socorro Mayor, some representatives air their views after one-minute council meeting

By Arleen Beard
Special to the Courier

SOCORRO — The regularly scheduled Socorro City Council meeting on April 3 was without a quorum and lasted only one minute. Mayor Irma Sanchez and City Representatives Sam Brewster and Gary Gandara were the only council members present.

Reasons given by those who did not attend the meeting appeared justified, although some

rumors lingering around City Hall stated otherwise. Community members feel the lack of a quorum was in protest against agenda items not being placed on the council agenda by Mayor Sanchez. They believe this to be one reason for the absence of at least one City Representative.

If the rumors are true, this type of action by council members is consistent with the type of infighting present for at least the last three

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Highly contagious poultry and bird disease suspected near El Paso

EL PASO COUNTY — A flock of non-commercial chickens south of El Paso is suspected of having Exotic Newcastle Disease (END), a foreign-origin virus that is deadly to poultry and birds.

A U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) veterinarian examined the birds Saturday, April 5, after receiving a report of high death loss in the flock. While awaiting laboratory confirmation of the presumptive diagnosis, which should be completed by Friday, April 11, a team of state and federal animal health officials has gathered on site to contain the

flock and to assess the area to determine if infection may have spread to nearby flocks, or if birds or poultry might have been exposed to the sick birds recently transported from the area.

If the disease is confirmed Texas would be the fourth state to be stricken by this foreign

poultry disease since October 2002 — others are California, Arizona and Nevada.

"An END outbreak creates an extremely serious situation for bird owners in Texas. With the possibility that this disease is in our state, we again remind bird owners that they must follow strict biosecurity procedures and movement restrictions in order to guard against the accidental introduction of disease to their flocks, to other backyard or hobby flocks, or to the Texas and New Mexico commercial poultry industry," warned Dr. Bob Hillman, Texas state veterinarian and executive director for the Texas Animal Health Commission (TAHC), the state's livestock and poultry health regulatory agency.

"Bird and poultry owners must not move birds from the El Paso area," he said. "When buying birds or poultry, ensure also that they did not originate from quarantined areas in southern California. Because END can spread from direct contact, keep newly purchased birds isolated for at least 30 days."

Dr. Hillman explained that, while END usually has an incubation period of two to 15 days, pet birds, especially parrots, can be infectious for more than a year, without exhibiting any signs of illness. Commonly, END can cause birds to sneeze or gasp and develop a greenish, watery diarrhea. Birds may also develop muscle tremors, a twisting of the head and neck, complete paralysis, or a swelling around the eyes and neck.

However, in many cases, sudden death loss is the only sign that a problem exists within the flock.

"END does not affect humans, and chicken and eggs are safe to eat. For the poultry and bird industry, however, END has deadly — and expensive — consequences.

As of early April, more than 3.5 million birds in southern California have been destroyed to stop the spread of the disease. In late winter, END also was detected in several backyard flocks in Nevada and Arizona, but fortunately these small outbreaks were eradicated quickly.



Bob Hillman



One perspective

By Francis Shrum

Chicken Little

It is spring-time for sure. Water has arrived — irrigation water that brings life and color back to the fields and orchards along the Rio Grande in El Paso County's Upper and Lower Valleys.

Driving up to Canutillo last weekend I saw thirsty fields covered with a sheen of silvery blue water the farmers had been anxiously awaiting to flow again.

Another disaster averted. The sky didn't fall.

El Paso's narrow escape from sure waterlessness as trumpeted by our water providers was sure a close one, wasn't it? But El Paso managed to get their strict water conservation measures in place — just in time! — and the public perception of impending water disaster has been heightened.

Here on the border we don't engage in pre-planning — the kind of calm, logical, well-thought-out methods of developing public projects and policy in which various aspects of concern to all parties are considered.

Instead we prefer crisis management.

The public cooperates better that way.

There's always a few nasty little nay-sayers in the audience, but if we can make the impending disaster seem real enough to the general public they will hush up and go along with whatever it is the local government wants to do.

Afterall, somebody has to keep the sky from falling.

I've heard local government officials say that if they talk about these things in a logical way to the public they will just have to listen to a bunch of sniveling taxpayers bemoan their high tax bills.

They may be right about that but I don't know for sure because in the 18 or so years I've lived here, I've seen so few well-thought-out logical

projects presented to the public in a straight-from-the-shoulder, look-you-in-the-eye sort of way. Most projects without a life-threatening aspect never make it off the drawing board.

Creating a disaster has worked well for our public utilities — from the projections of "serious" shortages of electricity in fast-growing county subdivisions as justification for running high-voltage power lines through our neighborhoods to natural gas bills going up because of "weather disasters" and "uprisings in Venezuela."

Other county water providers besides El Paso's have used theoretical emergencies quite effectively. That's how Horizon's El Paso County Water Authority committed millions in public funds for a water treatment plant without public input.

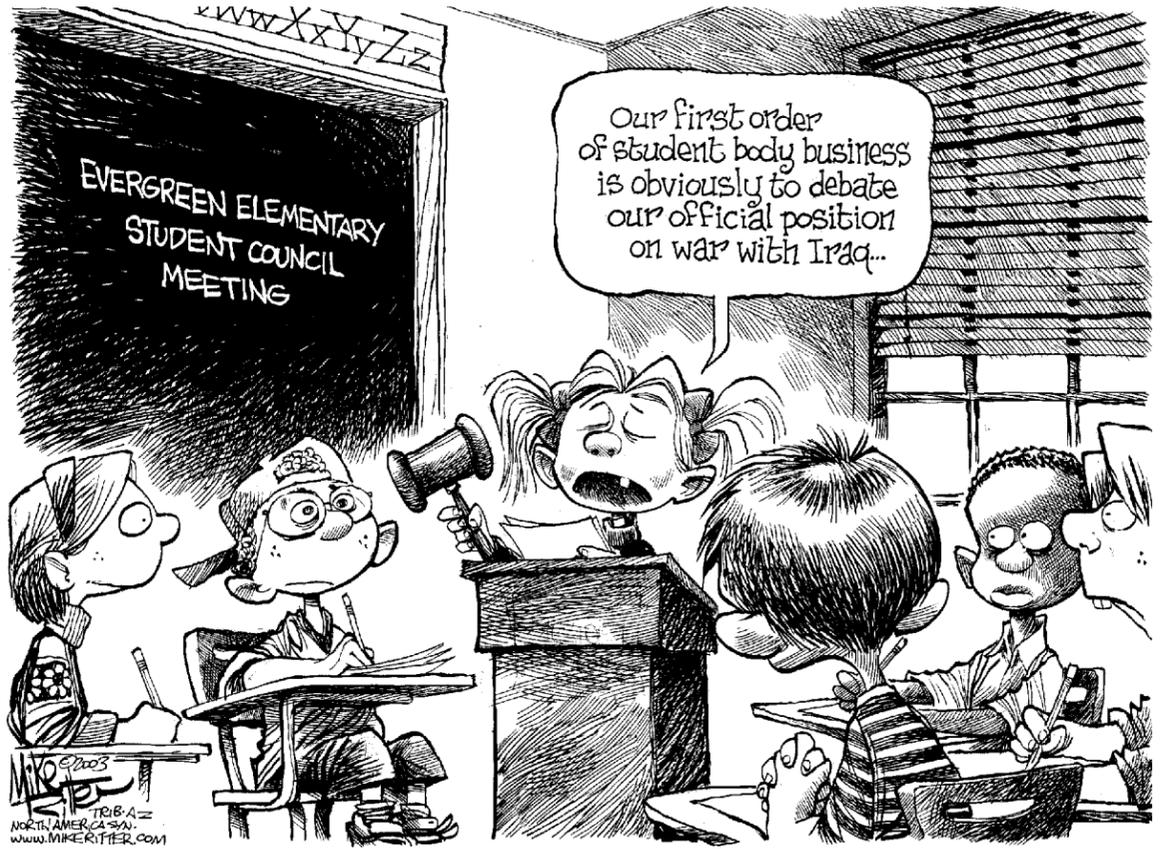
The term "water project" brings to mind all the standard images we've seen over the past several decades of colonia residents living in substandard conditions. Unfortunately, since many of those subdivisions have been provided water, those who are still living in those conditions are getting lost in the shuffle. A highly questionable new "study" suggests that all but about 3,000 or so county residents now have water. Therefore, state and federal funds intended for water projects — hundreds of millions of dollars — can be snapped up by "regional water planners" to pay for studies, projections, power and control rather than on finishing the job.

Worse yet, it appears that thousands of water project dollars have been misused on personal expenditures by the very people entrusted with the good of the community.

I stand equally in awe of our road construction planners and crews.

Friday's news about weekend road

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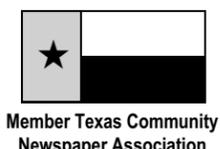
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Reyes Reports By U.S. Rep. Silvestre Reyes

CHIP essential to El Paso children



The state Children's Health Insurance Program, known as CHIP, is critically important to El Paso area children and families. CHIP provides children of working families with basic healthcare coverage, including regular checkups, immunizations, eyeglasses, doctor visits, prescription drug coverage, and hospital care. Currently over 25,000 children in El Paso county are enrolled in CHIP, yet state and federal budget cuts are threatening the future of this vital program.

The CHIP program targets children from working families with incomes too high to qualify for Medicaid, but too low to afford private family coverage. CHIP is not only critical to children and families, it is terribly important to the healthcare infrastructure. Our system is already taxed as it is, and cutting CHIP funding will only result in a greater burden on our hospitals.

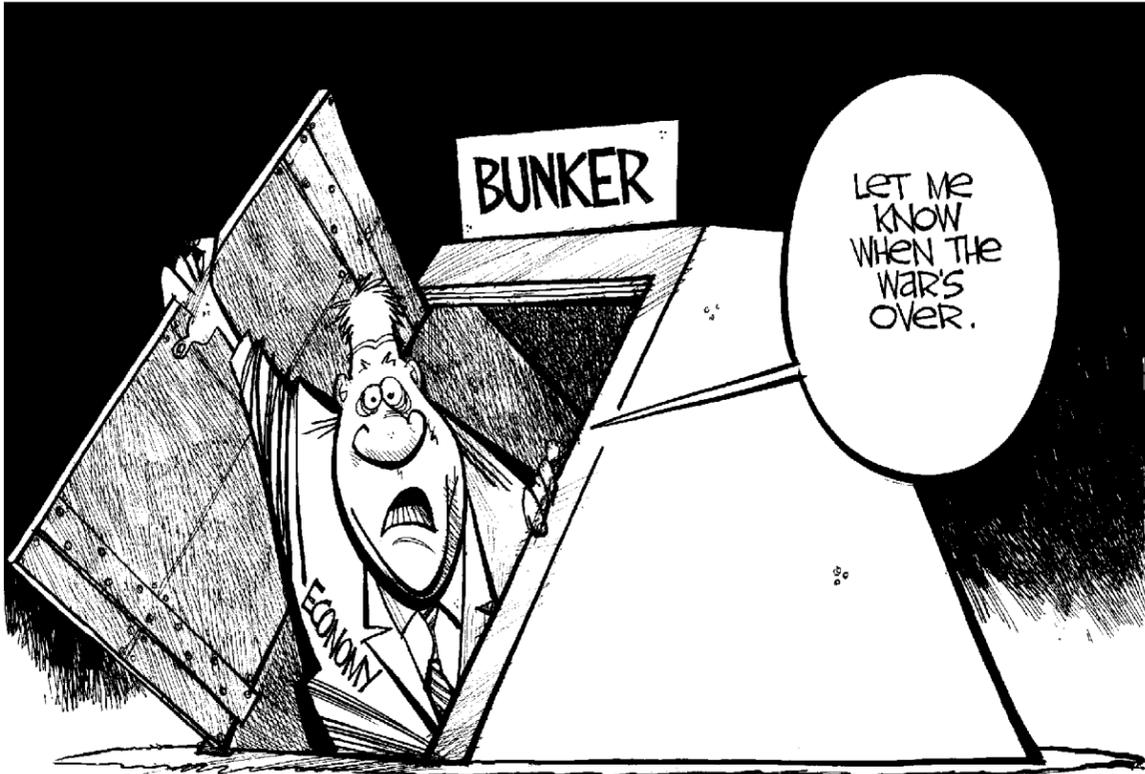
Currently, children from families

whose income level falls below 200 percent of the poverty level are eligible for CHIP. The national poverty level income for a family of four is \$18,400. That means that a family of four earning less than \$36,800 a year currently qualifies for CHIP. In an effort to curb spending, there is talk of making CHIP only eligible to families whose income level falls below 150 percent of the poverty level, or \$27,600 for a family of four. This change would leave thousands of El Paso area children and hundreds of thousands of children throughout the nation without basic health care coverage. We must fight this and other efforts to cut back CHIP.

In El Paso, we know all too well that illness doesn't recognize a border on a map. It also doesn't recognize a poverty line. We continue to absorb the costs of providing emergency healthcare to undocumented immigrants, and also must deal with the nursing shortage that exists throughout the U.S.-Mexico border region. Many of the families that are currently eligible for CHIP do not

have access to any other source of health insurance. That being said, if these families are cut out of the loop, they will not stop trying to provide medical care for their kids. Instead, they will likely bring their children to Thomason Hospital or other local clinics for emergency care, thus creating additional costs for the county, and ultimately the taxpayer. This is not good for our children or for the general public.

Throughout the state of Texas, average monthly enrollment in CHIP nears 500,000, and has reached nearly 550,000 in the recent past. Currently there are over 9 million children in the United States without health care, 5.8 million of whom are eligible for CHIP or Medicaid. Ninety percent of these children have at least one parent who works, but for many of these families, affordable health coverage is not offered through their employers. As we work at the federal and state levels to increase access to affordable healthcare, we must make sure that children come first.



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For Sanity's Sake

By Taprina Milburn

The disease of impatience

The words on the page said: Do you or someone you know have regular attacks of impatience? If so, you could be suffering from a sickness called ISB.

Between the time the light changed and the driver in front of me had time to notice — a long, dreadful split second — I began tapping my fingers on the steering wheel, resisting the urge to lay on the horn. *Come on. What are you waiting on?*

A sickness? There might be something to this.

I have sudden outbreaks at drive-through windows when I have to wait longer than five minutes to get my dinner. And I did have to amuse myself for a very long three hours before I got a response from someone across the country by e-mail recently. This morning's coffee took 45 seconds to reheat in the microwave, and the line at the grocery store was unbelievable.

Why is everything taking so long!

Sorry. Sometimes I get out of hand, but you understand, don't you? Maybe you have the sickness. You were thinking the same thing I was thinking the other day at church. *Could he just summarize the whole Bible for us in, say, 20, no, maybe, 10 minutes or less? That would be great. We're in a hurry.*

Throughout the day, I log on to an Internet site that

posts as-it-happens news stories from around the world. You'd think they could be more punctual. The outfit I ordered from the catalog is backordered for a week or two. Can you imagine? What a way to do business.

I want it! And I want it now!

Some kind, older person, one brave enough to step into my hurried path, once told me, "Slow down, Missy. You're going to run yourself in the ground. Stop and smell the roses." (Or was it pick the roses and smell the coffee? I don't remember because I was in too big of a hurry to listen to someone who seemed to be stalled in time.)

But maybe I mistook "stalled" for his wise decision to quarantine himself from a sickness that seems to be rampant.

A quick home remedy for the ISB (Impatient Spoiled Brat) sickness is to tell the one suffering from it about the days when she would have had to make her own clothes, grow her own food and wait weeks to receive mail from across the country. Microwaves were yet to be on the landscape of an inventor's mind. And news ... well, she would have had to go to the town square to get the latest.

And when she did have time to sit, she wouldn't have been on the phone or in front of a computer, one that she yells at for its inability to get on the information super-highway in less than 30 seconds. No, she would have read the Bible, worked on needlepoint or wrote a letter to a relative.

Except when you share with her this remedy, do so quickly — in 10 minutes or less.

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EL PASO COUNTY ELECTIONS DEPARTMENT

**Early Voting Sites for the
May 3, 2003 General Elections
April 16-29, 2003
(Polling will be open on Saturday,
April 26 at Numbers 4 through 13)**

1. Anthony City Hall, 401 Oak St., 8:30-4:30
2. Vinton City Hall, 400 Vinton Rd., 3-6
3. Canutillo Elementary, 651 Canutillo Ave., 8:30-4:30
4. El Paso County Courthouse, 500 E. San Antonio, 8-5
5. Promenade Shopping Strip, 7500 N. Mesa, 9-6
6. Festival Crossing Shopping Strip, 5380 N. Mesa, #108, 9-6
7. Bassett Center, 6101 Gateway West, 9-6
8. Montwood Mall, 2200 Yarbrough, 9-6
11. Pavo Real Rec.Center, 9301 Alameda, 9-6
12. Burgess Library, 9600 Dyer, 9-6
13. Sunrise Shopping Center, 8500 Dyer, 9-6
14. Oz Glaze Sr.Center (Horizon), 1396 Veny Webb, 8-5
15. Vista Del Sol Elementary, 11851 Vista Del Sol, 8-5
16. Montana Vista Elementary, 3550 Mark Jason, 8-5
17. Montwood High School, 12000 Montwood Dr., 8-5
18. Socorro High School, 10150 Alameda, 8-5
19. Clint Jr.High, 13000 Alameda, 8-5
20. Borrego Elementary, 13300 Chicken Ranch Rd., 8-5
21. Rogelio Sanchez Center, 1331 N. Fabens St., 9-4

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**PUBLIC NOTICE
CITY OF SOCORRO, TEXAS**

**PROCLAMATION OF APRIL
AS FAIR HOUSING MONTH**

WHEREAS Title VIII of the Civil Rights Act of 1968, as amended, prohibits discrimination in housing and declares it a national policy to provide, within constitutional limits, for fair housing in the United States; and

WHEREAS The principle of Fair Housing is not only national law and national policy, but a fundamental human concept and entitlement for all Americans; and

WHEREAS The thirty-fifth (35th) anniversary of this National Fair Housing Law, during the month of April, provides an opportunity for all Americans to recognize that complete success in the goal of equal housing opportunity can only be accomplished with the help and cooperation of all Americans.

NOW, THEREFORE, the City Council of the City of Socorro, do proclaim April as Fair Housing Month in the City of Socorro and do hereby urge all the citizens of this locality to become aware of and support the Fair Housing law.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF we have affixed our signatures and seal on this the 6th day of March 2003.

Irma S. Sanchez
Mayor

Witness:
Tere Rodriguez
Interim City Clerk

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NOTICE OF ELECTION AVISO DE ELECCIONES VILLAGE OF VINTON, TEXAS

TO THE REGISTERED VOTERS OF VINTON, TEXAS
A LOS VOTANTES REGISTRADOS DE VINTON, TEXAS

1. A General Election for the Village of Vinton shall be held on Saturday, May 3, 2003.

La eleccion general del Pueblo de Vinton se llevara acabo el dia sabado 3, de mayo, 2003.

2. The polling place for said election shall be the Vinton Village Hall, 436 E. Vinton Road, El Paso County, Texas. *El sitio de las urnas electorales para dichas elecciones sera el edificio del Pueblo de Vinton, 436 Vinton Road, Condado de El Paso, Texas.*

3. The polls will be open between the hours of 7 a.m. and 7 p.m. on May 3, 2003.

Las urnas electorales se abriran dentro las horas de las 7 de la mañana y las 7 de la tarde 3 de mayo, 2003.

4. The offices to be voted on May 3, 2003 General Election are Aldermanic Place #3, #4 and #5.

Los puestos de oficina para elejirse son los siguientes puestos: Regidores para los lugares #3, #4 y #5.

5. Early voting will begin on April 16, 2003.

Votacion por absentia empezara el dia 16, de abril, 2003.

6. Early voting will be conducted on April 16, 2003 through April 29, 2003, between the hours of 3 p.m. and 6 p.m. each day on each day which is not a Saturday, Sunday, or an official state holiday. The main absentee polling place will be the Vinton Village Hall, 436 E. Vinton Road, El Paso County, Texas.

Votacion por absentia se llevara acabo el 16, hasta el 29, de abril 2003, dentro las horas de 3 p.m. a 6 p.m. en los dias aqui nombrados en todos los dias que no sean sabado, domingo, o dia oficial de vacaciones estatales. El sitio principal donde se llevaran acabo las votaciones por absentia sera el edificio del Pueblo de Vinton, 436 E. Vinton Road, El Condado de El Paso, Texas.

Early voting by personal appearance will also be conducted at all locations within El Paso County, at which Early Voting is conducted by the County Elections Department beginning on April 16, 2003 and ending on April 29, 2003.

La votacion anticipo en persona se llevara a cabo en todos locaciones en el Condado de El Paso, en donde se lleva a cabo votaciones tempranas manejadas por el Departamento de Elecciones del condado empezando el 16 de abril de 2003 y terminando el 29 de abril de 2003.

7. Applications for ballot by mail should be mailed to:

Las solicitudes para boletas que se votaran en ausencia por correo deberan enviarse a:

Helen Jamison
500 E. San Antonio, Room 402
El Paso, Texas 79901

Applications for ballots by mail must be received no later than the close of business on April 25, 2003.

Las solicitudes para boletas que se votaran en ausencia por correo deberan recibirse para el fin de las horas de negocio del 25 de abril 2003.

Signed this 10th day of March, 2003
Firmado este 10 dia de marzo, 2003

Antonio Castro, Mayor
Village of Vinton, Texas

WTCC: 04/10/03

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

A lasting memory



In memory of the brave souls who defend our nation's freedom, I fill my column space this week with the names of soldiers who have lost their lives in the War with Iraq. May God bless their family and friends and may God continue to bless America.

★ Lt. Thomas Mullin Adams; Exchange officer with the Royal Navy's 849 Squadron; La Mesa, California
★ Spc. Jamaal R. Addison; 507th Maintenance Company; Roswell, Georgia

★ Capt. Tristan N. Aitken; 1st Battalion, 41st Field Artillery, 3rd Infantry Division; State College, Pennsylvania

★ Lance Cpl. Brian E. Anderson; 2nd Light Armored Reconnaissance Battalion, 2nd Marine Division; Durham, North Carolina

★ Maj. Jay Aubin; 3rd Marine Aircraft Wing; Waterville, Maine

★ Pfc. Chad E. Bales; 1st Transportation Support Battalion, 1st Force Service Support Group; Coahoma, Texas

★ Capt. Ryan Beaupre; 3rd Marine Aircraft Wing; Bloomington, Illinois
★ Pfc. Wilfred D. Bellard; 41st Field Artillery Regiment; Lake Charles, Louisiana

★ Sgt. Michael E. Bitz; 2nd Marine Division; Ventura, California

★ Lance Cpl. Thomas A. Blair; 2nd Low Altitude Air Defense Battalion, Marine Air Control Group 28; Oklahoma

★ Spc. Mathew G. Boule; 2nd Battalion, 3rd Aviation Regiment; Dracut, Massachusetts

★ Lance Cpl. Brian Rory Buesing; 1st Battalion, 2nd Marine Regiment; Cedar Key, Florida

★ Sgt. George Edward Buggs; 3rd Forward Support Battalion, 3rd Infantry Division; Barnell, South Carolina

★ Sgt. Jacob L. Butler; Headquarters Company, 1st Battalion, 41st Infantry; Wellsville, Kansas

★ Staff Sgt. James W. Cawley; 2nd Battalion, 23rd Regiment, Marine Reservist Division; Roy, Utah

★ 2nd Lt. Therrel S. Childers; 1st Battalion, 5th Marines; Harrison, Mississippi

★ Capt. Aaron J. Contreras; Marine Light Attack Helicopter Squadron 169, Marine Aircraft Group 39; Sherwood, Oregon

★ Spc. Daniel Francis J. Cunningham; 41st Field Artillery Regiment; Lewiston, Maine

★ Cpl. Michael Edward Curtin; 27th Infantry, 3rd Infantry Division, U.S. Army; Howell, New Jersey

★ Staff Sgt. Wilbert Davis; 3rd Battalion, 69th Armor, 3rd Infantry Division; Alaska

★ Master Sgt. Robert J. Dowdy; 507th Maintenance Company; Cleveland, Ohio

★ Pvt. Ruben EstrellaSoto; 507th Maintenance Company; El Paso, Texas

★ Cpl. Mark A. Evnin; 3rd Battalion, 4th Marine Regiment, 1st Marine Division; Burlington, Vermont

★ Master Sgt. George A. Fernandez; Headquarters, U.S. Army Special Operations Command; El Paso, Texas

★ Lance Cpl. David K. Fribley; 1st Battalion, 2nd Marine Regiment; Lee, Florida

★ Cpl. Jose A. Garibay; 1st Battalion, 2nd Marine Regiment; Orange, California

★ Cpl. Jorge A. Gonzalez; 1st Battalion, 2nd Marine Regiment; Los Angeles, California

★ Lt. Philip D Green RN; 849 Squadron

★ Pfc. Christian D. Gurtner; 3rd Light Armored Reconnaissance Battalion, 1st Marine Division; Ohio City,

Ohio

★ Lance Cpl. Jose Gutierrez; 2nd Battalion, 1st Marines; Los Angeles, California

★ Chief Warrant Officer Erik A. Halvorsen; 2nd Battalion, 3rd Aviation Regiment; Bennington, Vermont

★ Sgt. Nicholas M. Hodson; 3rd Battalion, 2nd Marine Regiment; Smithville, Missouri

★ Chief Warrant Officer Scott Jamar; 2nd Battalion, 3rd Aviation Regiment; Granbury, Texas

★ Cpl. Evan T. James; Engineering Company C, 6th Engineer Support Battalion, 4th Force Service Support Group; LaHarpe, Illinois

★ William A. Jeffries; 152nd Infantry Regiment, Illinois Army National Guard; Evansville, Indiana

★ Pfc. Howard Johnson II; 507th Maintenance Company; Mobile, Alabama

★ Hospital Corpsman Third Class Michael Vann Johnson Jr.; Naval Medical Center San Diego; Little Rock, Arkansas

★ Pvt. Devon D. Jones; 41st Field Artillery Regiment; San Diego, California

★ Staff Sgt. Phillip A. Jordan; 1st Battalion, 2nd Marine Regiment; Enfield, Connecticut

★ Cpl. Brian Kennedy; 3rd Marine Aircraft Wing; Houston, Texas

★ Spc. James M. Kiehl; 507th Maintenance Company; Des Moines, Iowa

★ Capt. Edward J. Korn; 64th Armor, 3rd Infantry Division; Savannah, Georgia

★ Sgt. Bradley S. Korthaus; Engineering Company C, 6th Engineer Support Battalion; Davenport, Iowa

★ Sgt. Michael V. Lulush; Marine Light Attack Helicopter Squadron (HMLA)169; Troutville, Virginia

★ Staff Sgt. Nino D. Livaudais; 3rd Battalion, 75th Ranger Regiment; Utah

★ Spc. Ryan P. Long; A Company, 3rd Battalion, 75th Ranger Regiment; Seaford, Delaware

★ Lance Cpl. Joseph B. Maglione; 6th Engineer Support Battalion; Lansdale, Pennsylvania

★ Pfc. Francisco A. Martinez Flores; 1st Tank Battalion, 1st Marine Division; Los Angeles, California

★ Chief Warrant Officer Johnny Villareal Mata; 507th Maintenance Company; El Paso, Texas

★ Staff Sgt. Donald C. May, Jr.; 1st Tank Battalion, 1st Marine Division; Richmond, Virginia

★ Sgt. Brian D. McGinnis; Marine Light Attack Helicopter Squadron (HMLA)169; St. George, Delaware

★ Marine Gunnery Sgt. Joseph Menusa; 1st Combat Engineer Battalion, 1st Marine Division; San Jose, California

★ Marine Maj. Kevin G. Nave; 3rd Battalion, 5th Marine Regiment, 1st Marine Division; Union Lake, Michigan

★ Lance Cpl. Patrick R. Nixon; 1st Battalion, 2nd Marine Regiment; St. Louis, Missouri

★ Spc. Donald S. Oaks Jr.; 3rd Battalion, 13th Field Artillery Regiment; Erie, Pennsylvania

★ Lance Cpl. Patrick T. O'Day; 1st Tank Battalion, 1st Marine Division; Santa Rosa, California

★ Lance Cpl. Eric J. Orlovski; 2nd Tank Battalion, 2nd Marine Division; Buffalo, New York

★ Sgt. Michael F. Pedersen; 2nd Battalion, 3rd Aviation Regiment;

Flint, Michigan

★ Pfc. Lori Piestewa; 507th Maintenance Company; Tuba City, Arizona

★ 2nd Lt. Frederick E. Pokorney Jr.; Headquarters Battery, 1st Battalion, 10th Marine Regiment; Nye, Nevada

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★ Spc. Gregory P. Sanders; 3rd Battalion, 69th Armor, U.S. Army; Indiana

★ Capt. Christopher Scott Seifert; 101st Airborne Division, U.S. Army; Easton, Pennsylvania

★ Lance Cpl. Karl Shearer; Household Cavalry Regiment

★ Cpl. Erik H. Silva; 3rd Battalion, 5th Marines, 1st Marine Division; Chula Vista, California

★ Pfc. Brandon Sloan; 507th Maintenance Company; Bedford, Ohio

★ Lance Cpl. Thomas J. Slocum; 1st Battalion, 2nd Marine Regiment; Adams, Colorado

★ Chief Warrant Officer Eric A. Smith; 2nd Battalion, 3rd Aviation Regiment; California

★ Sgt. 1st Class Paul R. Smith; 11th Engineer Battalion; Tampa, Florida

★ Sgt. Roderic A. Solomon; 27th Infantry, 3rd Infantry Division; Fayetteville, North Carolina

★ Maj. Gregory Stone; Idaho Air National Guard; Boise, Idaho

★ Lance Cpl. Jesus A. Suarez Del Solar; 1st Light Armored Reconnaissance Battalion; Escondido, California

★ Reserve Spc. Brandon S. Tobler; 671st Engineer Brigade, U.S. Army; Portland, Oregon

★ Sgt. Donald Walters; 507th Maintenance Company; Kansas City, Missouri

★ Staff Sgt. Kendall Damon WatersBey; 3d Marine Aircraft Wing; Baltimore, Maryland

★ Pfc. Michael Russell Creighton Weldon; 27th Infantry, 3rd Infantry Division, U.S. Army; Conyers, Georgia

★ Lance Cpl. William W. White; 3rd Amphibious Assault Battalion, 1st Marine Division; Brooklyn, New York

★ Sgt. Eugene Williams; 27th Infantry, 3rd Infantry Division, U.S. Army; Highland, New York

★ Lance Cpl. Michael J. Williams; 1st Battalion, 2nd Marine Regiment; Arizona

★ Lt. Andrew S. Wilson; 849 Squadron

- List compiled as of April 7, 2003

Write stuff

Dear Editor:

As sure as the sun rises every Easter morning, many moms and dads give in to "Easter bunny" temptation and buy a rabbit for their kids, vastly underestimating the care bunnies require. Weeks later, when "bunny fever" has subsided, many will consign now-unwanted bunnies to outdoor hutches, dump them at shelters, or simply set them free outdoors, where they will starve or be killed by predators.

If your kids are begging for an bunny, ask yourself:

1) Are you ready to shell out between \$50 and \$180 to get bunny neutered or spayed? Bunnies sexually mature at three months of age. Left intact, they often chew, spray, bite, smell, and make more bunnies.

2) Are you looking forward to more potty-training and bunny-proofing? Bunnies must be litter-box trained, and they find wonderful things to chew on, like electrical wires, house plants, or your new IKEA chaise or oak table.

3) Is your child planning to take bunny to college? Bunnies can live to be 16 years old, so you're looking at a commitment that will last for many Easters to come.

4) Have you stocked up on rubber gloves? Scent glands near bunnies' rear ends smell when they become clogged and must be cleaned by

hand.

5) How about papaya tablets? Rabbits must be brushed regularly because they shed like crazy and are susceptible to hairballs; if they get one, they need to be treated with enzymes.

6) Do you like playing beauty shop? Clipping nails is no day at the beach, especially when Thumper tries to thump you in the stomach with his back legs!

If you answered, "No way!" to any of these questions, please pass up those cute animals in store windows this Easter and choose stuffed animals instead.

**Liz Welsh
People for the Ethical
Treatment of Animals
Norfolk, VA 23510**

Dear Editor:

The El Paso County Water Authority wants to obtain a \$45,000,000 bond issue to provide capital improvements. They claim this will increase the appraised value of your property. It will allow the developers to build houses cheaper and pass the taxes on to existing home owners.

As more housing units need water, more Reverse Osmosis (RO) units need to be provided. These RO units are expensive to build and ex-

infighting. Ramirez went on to say Mayor Sanchez has interrupted him by pounding her gavel on the desk when he has tried to make a point on agenda items. He feels this is a personal issue with her. He also feels he should have been the city representative appointed to oversee the police department due to his experience of being Marshall for many years. Ramirez feels he was not appointed that responsibility due to personal feelings stemming from Mayor Sanchez.

When asked how they feel about an internal audit, Brewster said he would be in favor of an audit if convinced there is evidence for the need of one and Ramirez stated he has nothing to hide and would welcome an audit.

Civil Service Commission President Ricardo Ortiz said he believes there is a need for an internal audit. He also is sympathetic towards Mayor Sanchez as to her inability to do what is best for the people of Socorro due to the personal feelings and political agendas being imposed during council meetings by city representatives.

Mayor Sanchez went on to say that even as "Department Head" for the city of Socorro, when wanting to assign additional duties to employees, some employees have boldly informed her that those duties do not fall within the scope of their job description even if the job description includes "other duties as assigned".

She feels employees react this way because they have the support and protection from city representatives.

When asked about his aspirations to be mayor, Brewster stated he has no intentions to run for that office.

Attempts to reach City Representative Gary Gandara for his views were met with no success.

Mayor Sanchez ended the interview by stating it is her sincere hope for city council to focus on a vision for the city of Socorro in order for the community to move forward putting all personal and political issues aside.

pensive to maintain. They will be used to upgrade muddy (brackish) water. This water will still have salt, arsenic, cadmium and other undesirable items. How long will the water last? Will Horizon City become a ghost town?

When they reappraise your house, you will pay more taxes and get

poorer quality water. The developers will be able to sell more houses just outside the city limits of Horizon City. These houses will not pay any taxes to the city of Horizon City.

We need to let our property and our roads deteriorate. We need to let the weeds take over our lawns, thereby obtaining a lower assessment and

discourage potential buyers of new houses in Horizon City.

Let your property go to hell and get rewarded by lower taxes. Let those who take pride in the community pay the penalty with higher taxes.

**Mark Connolly
Horizon City**

CANUTILLO INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

Notice of Election

Aviso de Eleccion General

To the Registered Voters of Canutillo, Texas:

Notice is hereby given that the polling places listed below will be open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. on May 3, 2003, for voting in a General Election, to elect 3 (three) School Board Members at Large (each position is a 3 year term) and 1 (one) School Board Member at Large (1 year unexpired term).

Positions held by Sergio Coronado, Gonzalo M. Garcia, Yvonne Sanchez and Laure Searls.

A los votantes registrados de Canutillo, Texas:

Notifíquese por la presente, que las casillas electorales citadas abajo se abirán desde las 7 a.m. hasta 7 p.m. el 3 de mayo de 2003 para votar en la Elección para 3 (tres) Miembros de la Mesa Directiva de las Escuelas en representación de todo el distrito (cada puesto con plazo de tres (3) años) y 1 (uno) Miembro de la Mesa Directiva de las Escuelas en representación de todo el distrito (puesto con plazo no cumplido de un (1) año).

Puestos ocupados por Sergio Coronado, Gonzalo M. Garcia, Yvonne Sanchez y Laure Searls.

Location of Polling Places:

Vinton Village Hall, 436 Vinton — For voters residing in the portion of County Voting Precinct No. 2 located within the Canutillo Independent School District.

Canutillo High School, Canutillo, Texas (7311 Bosque Rd.) — For voters residing in those portions of County Voting Precinct No. 3 located within the Canutillo School District.

Canutillo Elementary School, Canutillo, Texas (651 Canutillo Ave.) — For voters residing in those portions of County Voting Precinct No. 4 located within the Canutillo School District.

Fire Station #2, 111 E. Borderland Rd. — For voters residing in those portions of County Voting Precinct No. 5 located within the Canutillo Independent School District.

Olga Kohlberg Elementary School, 1445 Nardo Goodman Dr. — For voters residing in those portions of County Voting Precinct No. 11 located within the Canutillo Independent School District.

Dirección de las Casillas Electorales:

Vinton Village Hall, 436 Vinton — Para votantes residentes en la porción del precinto de votación del condado 2, localizados en el Distrito Escolar Independiente de Canutillo.

Escuela Secundaria de Canutillo, Canutillo, Texas (7311 Bosque Rd.) — Para votantes residentes en la porción del precinto de votación del condado 3, localizados en el Distrito Escolar Independiente de Canutillo.

Escuela Primaria de Canutillo, Canutillo, Texas (651 Canutillo Ave.) — Para votantes residentes en la porción del precinto de votación del condado 4, localizados en el Distrito Escolar Independiente de Canutillo.

Estacion de Bomberos #2, 111 E. Borderland Rd. — Para votantes residentes en la porción del precinto de votación del condado 5, localizados en el Distrito Escolar Independiente de Canutillo.

Olga Kohlberg Elementary School, 1445 Nardo Goodman Dr. — Para votantes residentes en la porción del precinto de votación del condado 11, localizados en el Distrito Escolar Independiente de Canutillo.

1. Early voting by personal appearance will be conducted each weekday at Canutillo Elementary School, Principal's Office, Canutillo, Texas (651 Canutillo Ave.) between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4 p.m. beginning on April 16, 2003 and ending on April 29, 2003.

2. Early voting by personal appearance will be conducted each weekday at Vinton Town Hall, Vinton, Texas, 436 Vinton between the hours of 3 p.m. and 6 p.m. beginning on April 16, 2003 and ending on April 29, 2003.

3. Early voting by personal appearance will be conducted at all locations within El Paso County, at which Early Voting is conducted by the County Elections Department beginning on April 16, 2003 and ending on April 29, 2003.

1. La votación anticipada en persona se llevará a cabo de lunes a viernes en la Escuela Primaria, Oficina del Director, Canutillo, Texas, 651 Canutillo Ave., entre las 8:30 de la mañana y las 4 de la tarde empezando el 16 de abril de 2003 y terminando el 29 de abril de 2003.

2. La votación anticipada en persona se llevará a cabo de lunes a viernes en Vinton Town Hall, 436 Vinton, entre las 3:00 de la tarde y las 6 de la tarde empezando el 16 de abril de 2003 y terminando el 29 de abril de 2003.

3. La votación anticipada en persona se llevará a cabo en todas las locaciones en el Condado de El Paso, en donde se lleva a cabo votaciones tempranas manejadas por el Departamento de Elecciones del condado empezando el 16 de abril de 2003 y terminando el 29 de abril de 2003.

Applications for ballot by mail should be mailed to:

Las solicitudes para boletas que se votaran en ausencia por correo deberan enviarse a:

Helen Jamison, 500 E. San Antonio-Room 402, El Paso, Texas 79901

Applications for ballots by mail must be received no later than the close of business on April 25, 2003.

Las solicitudes para boletas que se votaran en ausencia por correo deberan recibirse para el fin de las horas de negocio del 25 de abril 2003.

Issued this 11th day of February, 2003.

Emitada este 11 día de febrero, 2003.

Yvonne Sapien-Sanchez
Presiding Officer, Oficial que Preside

Socorro

From Page 1

months during Socorro city council meetings. These meetings have had their share of lengthy arguing which includes name calling and finger pointing between the city representatives and Mayor Sanchez.

Efforts were made to speak to several members of the elected administration to get their views of the reason for the constant fighting.

When asked about her view of the root of the problem, Mayor Sanchez replied, "Some of the city representatives are lining themselves up to be the next mayor and it is their hope to make me look bad to the citizens of Socorro. My motives for the city of Socorro are sincere. This city needs a lot of work and needs to be cleaned up. It cannot be done if we cannot agree on issues due to personal and political agendas. Those feelings must be set aside to do what is best for the people who had confidence in us and elected us as their representatives.

"My whole purpose in running for mayor was to turn the city of Socorro into a city people could be proud of. It is disappointing to watch the progress of smaller surrounding cities and having Socorro remain stagnant. The infighting has increased and has greatly impeded the progress of our city. Socorro has great potential with proper leadership."

Mayor Sanchez said she would like to have an internal audit conducted and feels it is good practice for new city councils to request an internal audit for their own protection. The audit would eliminate present administration and council members of the liability of any wrong doings from previous councils if there were any.

City Representatives Sam Brewster and Joe Ramirez said they feel the mayor is not communicating with council members, which is causing the

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Anthony Independent School District NOTICE OF ELECTION AVISO DE ELECCION GENERAL

To the Registered Voters of Anthony, Texas

Notice is hereby given that the polling place listed below will be open from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. on May 3, 2003, for voting in a General Election, to elect 4 (four) School Board Members at Large, three positions for a full 3 (3) year term and one position for the unexpired term of one (1) year.

Positions presently held by Rick Villarreal, Beatriz Burciaga, Angel Mendoza and Susan Gilbert.

A los votantes registrados de Anthony, Texas

Notifíquese por la presente, que la casilla electoral citada abajo se abrirá desde las 7:00 a.m. hasta las 7:00 p.m. el 3 de mayo de 2003, para votar en la Elección para 4 (cuatro) Miembros de la Mesa Directiva de las Escuelas en representación de todo el distrito con posiciones por un termino completo de tres (3) años y una posición por un termino aun no concluido de uno (1) año.

Puestos ocupados por Rick Villarreal, Beatriz Burciaga, Angel Mendoza y Susan Gilbert.

LOCATION OF POLLING PLACE:

The polling place for Election Day will be the Anthony Town Hall, 401 Oak Street, Anthony, Texas

DIRECCION DE LA CASILLA ELECTORAL:

El Lugar de votación el día de Elecciones será la Presidencia Municipal de Anthony, 401 Calle Oak, Anthony, Texas

Early voting by personal appearance will be conducted each weekday at Anthony Town Hall, 401 Oak Street, Anthony, Texas, between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. beginning on April 16, 2003, and ending on April 29, 2003.

Early voting by personal appearance will be conducted at all locations within El Paso County, at which Early Voting is conducted by the County Elections Department beginning on April 16, 2003 and ending on April 29, 2003.

La votacion temprana en persona se llevara a cabo de lunes a viernes en la Presidencia Municipal de Anthony, 401 Calle Oak, Anthony, Texas, entre las 8:30 de la mañana y las 4:30 de la tarde, empezando el 16 de abril de 2003 y terminando el 29 de abril de 2003.

La votacion anticipo en persona se llevara a cabo en todos locaciones en el Condado de El Paso, en donde se lleva a cabo votaciones tempranas manejadas por el Departamento de Elecciones del condado empezando el 16 de abril de 2003 y terminando el 29 de abril de 2003.

Applications for ballot by mail should be mailed to:

Las solicitudes para boletas que se votarán en ausencia por correo, deberán enviarse a:

Helen Jamison
500 E. San Antonio, Room 402
El Paso, TX 79901

Applications for ballots by mail must be received no later than the close of business on April 26, 2002.

Las solicitudes para boletas que se votaran en ausencia por correo deberan recibirse para el fin de las horas de negocio del 26 de abril 2002.

Issued this the 18th day of February, 2003

Emitida este día 18 de febrero, 2003

Sally Flores
Signature of Presiding Officer
Firma del Oficial que Preside

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COLORFUL CHARACTERS — Childress Elementary School students unveil Character Counts art project. Shown sitting from left, Jorge Martinez, Brian Avila, Marcos Reyes, Leslie Realivasquez, Andy Rizo, Raymundo Sanchez, Jonathan Angon, Francisco de Jesus, Coral Nevarez; middle row from left, Olga Bernal, Tanya Romero, Brenda Rosales, Cynthia Velez, Bernice Ramirez, Monica Nuñez, Ruby Moreno, Cecilia Moreno, Jerry Medina, Oscar Marquez; standing in back, from left, Margaret Grant, assistant principal; Isela Wagner, teacher; Ruben Cadena, counselor; Sabina, artist; Estella Rodriguez, paraprofessional aide; and Annette Brigham, principal. Painted murals are shown behind the group.

Childress sixth graders unveil 'Character Counts' mural project

By Alfredo Vasquez
Special to the Courier

CANUTILLO — Students at Childress Elementary School in the Canutillo School District celebrated recently the unveiling of their art project that depicts the six pillars of the Character Counts program.

Twenty students met regularly after school to work with local artist, Sabina, to design and paint the six pillars that represent Responsibility, Trustworthiness, Citizenship, Respect, Caring, and Fairness.

Character Counts is a program used districtwide that helps students develop good judgment as they deal with everyday choices, explained Childress Elementary

School Counselor Ruben Cadena. "It helps students build attitudes, habits, and instincts to do what is right through classroom presentations and different activities," he said.

"We cut the eight-foot tall pillars out of plywood and then I guided the students as they painted the plywood with the artwork that they had designed," said Sabina, who assists Canutillo ISD's Project Link program with student art projects throughout the district. "It took us about four hours a week for two and a half months to complete the six pillars," she said.

"These students were very enthusiastic and lots of other kids wanted to help, but we just didn't have enough time or room to accommo-

date everyone who wanted to help; so Mr. Cadena was very helpful in selecting the students to work on this project," said Sabina.

Cadena said that he selected sixth grade students because they expressed a desire to leave the school a going away gift as they prepare to move on to the middle school next year as seventh graders. The six pillars will be displayed outside the main entrance to the school.

As part of the unveiling celebration, a group of college students, called "Primary Focus" and sponsored by a non-profit educational organization out of San Diego, California, performed for the entire school musical skits that emphasized the Character Counts "make good choices" theme.

UTEP and Canutillo ISD host bilingual education conference

By Alfredo Vasquez
Special to the Courier

UPPER VALLEY — The Tenth Annual BEEMS (Bilingual Education Enhancement and Mentoring) Conference, co-sponsored by The University of Texas at El Paso and the Canutillo Independent School District, will be held, Thursday through Saturday, April 10-12.

Over 1,000 persons from throughout Texas are expected to attend this premier staff development opportunity for university and school district educators and administrators, parents and university students. Superintendents, school board members and other school administrators will also attend.

"The conference theme, The Power of Two Languages!, is representative of this community's commitment to working as one and providing students with opportunities to excel academically in two or more languages," said Pauline Dow, Canutillo ISD Academic Language Services Director and BEEMS Conference Co-Chair.

The conference will highlight a Special Institute for School Board members, hosted by Canutillo ISD Board of Trustees from 6 to 8 p.m., Thursday, April 10, at Canutillo ISD Administrative Offices, 7965 Arcraft Road. The institute will feature Dr. Jimmy Vasquez, Region 19 executive director; State Senator Eliot Shapleigh; Dr. Maria Seidner, TEA Director of Bilingual

Education; Juan Carlos Cue, General Consul of Mexico; and Dr. Josie Tinajero, Interim Dean of UTEP College of Education and BEEMS conference co-chair.

A press conference is scheduled for 4:30 p.m., Friday, April 11, in the UTEP Undergraduate Learning Center foyer. Speakers will discuss bilingual education in Texas and the United States. Participating in the press conference are Dr. Tinajero; Dr. Jose Ruiz Escalante, UT Pan American Professor of Multicultural Education; Canutillo ISD parents, and Lt. Colonel Consuelo Castillo Kickbusch (retired).

For more information, contact Dr. Tinajero, at 747-5552 or 204-3499; P. Dow, at 877-7438 or 203-3498.

Reyna Perez recognized for perspective in historical essay

Reyna Perez, fourth grade student at Davenport Elementary School in the Canutillo Independent School District, was recently named winner of the fourth grade essay contest sponsored by the David G. Burnet Chapter of the Daughters of the Republic of Texas. Perez wrote about Susana and Angelina Dickinson who were survivors of the Battle of the Alamo. She was honored during a special luncheon hosted by the local chapter and was presented a gift certificate from Barnes & Noble bookstore. "Reyna was also invited to read her winning essay to fellow students and parents during Davenport Elementary School's Technology Fair held in March," said Margarita Reza, Davenport ES fourth grade teacher.

— Contributed by Alfredo Vasquez



County takes next step toward new Fabens/Tornillo border crossing

EL PASO COUNTY — The Texas Transportation Commission has given approval for the County of El Paso to seek a presidential permit to construct a new improved border crossing between the East El Paso County communities of Fabens and Tornillo.

The county had to have approval from the state before seeking a national permit to construct the six-lane, \$11 million project. It is expected to take about six-months to obtain the national approval as compared to the state request which took a year. The length of approval time differs because the federal agencies

usually go along with what the state decides, said Commissioner Miguel Teran, a staunch proponent of the project.

Others on the commissioners court have been less enthusiastic about the project, including Dan Haggerty who voiced concern again this week that the county may be getting in over its head.

Officially known as the "Tornillo-Guadalupe Port of Entry," the project is intended to relieve a portion of the thousands of east-bound vehicles, especially 18-wheelers, headed to border crossings in El Paso.

It will replace the much smaller,

two-lane existing border crossing at Fabens which is said to be about 70 years old.

The county will bear the cost of construction on the U.S. side, to be recouped through bridge tolls. The Mexican government and the state of Chihuahua will bear the cost of the other side in an international agreement. The federal government will kick in about \$40 million to construct the high-tech customs facilities and it will provide security and personnel.

The crossing site is about 272 acres and the bridge is expected to span about 1,300 feet over the Rio Grande.

Veteran of 3rd Infantry Division shares unique perspective on war, then and now

By Don Woodyard
Courier Staff Writer

Rivers have played a major role in the history of the 3rd Infantry Division.

Now the Tigris and Euphrates Rivers are becoming a part of the new lore and distinguished history of the division as it battles the forces of Saddam Hussein in Operation Iraqi Freedom.

"Doughboys" of the old 3rd Division received their baptism in fire and stood firm — firm as a rock — on the banks of the Marne River in France in July of 1918. Elements of the division held against a tide of German troops in a major offensive and earned the nickname, "Rock of the Marne" division.

During World War II, the division came ashore in southern France in August of 1944 and drove up the Rhone River valley into the German heartland. This was not the 3rd's first entry into WWII. It landed in French North Africa in November of 1942 in Operation Torch and later fought in Sicily and went head to head with Germans after coming ashore in Italy in Anzio.

Reflecting the environment in which its members now serve, the division's distinctive blue and white patch the division is changed—muted now in taking on a desert hue.

As a former member of the Marne Division when it performed a NATO role in southern Germany, I follow with interest this new chapter in its history that dates back to its birth on Nov. 21, 1917. Monthly readiness tests and field training exercises marked its Cold War mission of defending Western Europe against possible Communist aggression during the three years I was assigned to the division.

My association with the 3rd began in late 1960 when, as a young lieutenant, I was assigned to division artillery headquarters in Kitzingen as counter-mortar radar officer. With a newspaper background, I was later reassigned to the division information office in Wurzburg as assistant division information officer, supervising publication of the division's

newspaper, the *Marne Rock*.

One of my duties was to update the division history book. I became the unofficial division historian. I enjoyed the challenge of writing about its exploits, which, at that time, covered three wars. Among its members was 1st Lt. Audie Murphy, the most decorated soldier of World War II. His actions and the exploits of the division were depicted in the movie "To Hell and Back." He was one of 49 Marne Medal of Honor recipients, reportedly the most received by any division through the Korean War. The 3rd also received the Presidential Unit Citation and French Croix de Guerre with Palm and Fourragere in WWII for clearing the Colmar Pocket. In the Korean War, it earned two Korean Presidential Unit Citations.

The 3rd has an illustrious history and is certainly adding to it in the

I am proud of the division and my brief association with it. I am equally proud of all the other units, Allied as well as American, that are carrying the fight to Hussein.

Allied battle to oust Hussein and eliminate the threat of his weapons of mass destruction. Its campaign streamers include Champagne-Marne, Meuse Argonne and St. Mihiel in World War I. In World War II, battle streamers included Sicily, Tunisia, Naples-Foggia, Rome-Arno and Southern France. Action in Korea earned the 3rd new streamers. They included CCF Intervention, UN Summer-Fall Offensive and Korea Summer-Fall 1953.

Iraq will undoubtedly earn the Marne Division new battle streamers.

The advances in weaponry between 1918 and 2003 are astounding. Old photos show soldiers firing bolt-action rifles and machine guns from trenches. New technology has high-tech, rapid-fire weapons wielded by the infantryman who can see in the dark with night-vision goggles.

Lumbering tanks with limited capability made their first appearance in WWI, a far cry from the Abrams main battle tank that can fire on the run and Bradley fighting vehicles that carry infantry in greater safety.

While tactics, techniques and structure have changed in its storied

history, one thing has not changed for the 3rd — and that is its purpose and mission. As it was in World War II, it is still in 2003 — to help rid the world of an evil, a dictatorship. Hitler then, Hussein now.

This is certainly the new 3rd Infantry Division that is carrying forward the proud traditions of its predecessors. I am proud of the division and my brief association with it. I am equally proud of all the other units, Allied as well as American, that are carrying the fight to Hussein. God bless them and God bless America!

I make these observations on war coverage:

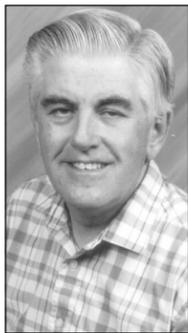
Journalists are now "embedded" with a unit. Why can't they simply be assigned to a unit as they were in the past? Embedded to me always was used in regards to inanimate objects, not people. A nail embedded in the wall; a splinter is embedded in the finger.

I don't think the famous WWII correspondent Ernie Pyle would have been comfortable being embedded. I admire the timeless writing of Pyle — simple, yet eloquent as he told the story of GI Joe from the foxhole level. He lived their life, enduring the same hardships as the soldier. Journalists today would do well to try and emulate his approach to writing rather than trying to second guess field commanders about strategy.

It seems to me that in many cases, journalists ask carefully-crafted, multi-part questions designed more to make themselves look good rather than to inform others. They want to sound profound, but end up looking foolish. The most idiotic question came from a correspondent on an aircraft carrier who asked a pilot why he dropped his bombs on a particular target.

What is your plan, general, some ask? Where do we go from here, ask others? A thirst for knowledge; an insatiable thirst to be first with information for their viewers and readers often outweighs what should be common-sense considerations by journalists for the safety of the troops about whom they are reporting. A boxer tries not to telegraph his punches. A military commander does not telegraph his punches on the field of battle.

This is not a freedom of information thing.



Don Woodyard

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Fabens Independent School District Notice of Board Election

Aviso de Eleccion Regentes

To the Registered Voters of Fabens Independent School District:

A los votantes registrados del distrito independiente escolar de Fabens:

Notice is hereby given that the polling places listed below will be open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Saturday, May 3, 2003 for voting in a School Board Trustee election, to elect Trustees, Places 1 and 2.

Notifiquese, por presente, que las casillas electorales sitadas abajo se abrirán desde las 7 a.m. hasta las 7 p.m. de el sabado 3 de mayo de 2003 para votar en la elección para Regentes, Lugar 1 y 2.

LOCATION OF POLLING PLACES

DIRECCION(ES) DE LAS CASILLAS ELECTORALES

Rio Valle Woman's Club

521 Mike Maros St., Fabens, Texas 79838

Early voting by personal appearance will be conducted each weekday at:

La votación en adelantada en persona se llevará a cabo de lunes a viernes en:

Rogelio Sanchez Center

1331 N. Fabens St., Fabens, Texas 79838

between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. beginning on the April 16, 2003 and ending on April 29, 2003.

entre las 9:00 de la mañana y las 4:00 de la tarde empezando el día 16 de abril de 2003, y terminando el día 29 de abril de 2003.

Early voting by personal appearance will be conducted at all locations within El Paso County, at which Early Voting is conducted by the County Elections Department beginning on April 16, 2003 and ending on April 29, 2003.

La votacion anticipo en persona se llevara a cabo en todos locaciones en el Condado de El Paso, en donde se lleva a cabo votaciones tempranas manejadas por el Departamento de Elecciones del condado empezando el 16 de abril de 2003 y terminando el 29 de abril de 2003.

Applications for ballot by mail shall be mailed to:

Las solicitudes para boletas que se votaran en ausencia por correo deberán enviarse a:

Helen Jamison, Office of the County Elections

500 E. San Antonio
El Paso, Texas 79901

Applications for ballots by mail must be received no later than the close of business on the 25th day of April, 2003.

Las solicitudes para boletas que se votarán en ausencia por correo deberán recibirse para el fin de las horas de negocio el día 25 de abril de 2003.

Issued this 19th day of February, 2003.

Emitada esta 19 día de febrero de 2003.

Seferino Ramirez

Presiding Officer/Oficial que Preside

WTCC: 04/10/03

21st Annual Lower Valley Health Fair in Socorro this weekend

SOCORRO — The 21st Annual Lower Valley Health Fair will be held from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., Saturday, April 12 at Socorro High School, 10150 Alameda. The public is invited. The Lower Valley Health Fair is

considered El Paso's largest health fair, drawing from 3000-5000 people. Over 80 agencies will participate in the event. Screenings will include free pap smears, blood sugar, cholesterol, colorectal cancer, blood pres-

sure and grip strength.

There will be lots of health-related information and a variety of demonstrations. Students and community individuals will provide entertainment throughout the day. The C.A.T.C.H. and Kids Korner Programs will offer fun activities for

children. Childhood immunizations will be available for \$10 per child. No one will be denied services due to inability to pay.

In addition to the health fair, the event will include the 2nd Annual Family Fun Walk. Registration for the Family Fun Walk begins at 9:15

a.m. The walk will be held at 10 a.m. and again at 11:15 a.m. T-shirts will be provided to the walkers.

The event is sponsored by Lower Valley School Nurses Association, the El Paso City-County Health & Environmental District, and Del Sol Medical Center. Information: 937-4044.

Town of Anthony, Texas Public Notice

TO THE REGISTERED VOTERS OF ANTHONY

A general election will be held in the Town of Anthony, Texas on the third day of May, 2003 for the purpose of electing the following officials:

MAYOR
ALDERMAN, PLACE ONE
ALDERMAN, PLACE TWO

In accordance with an order adopted by the Town Council of Anthony, Texas on February 25, 2003 with the election to be held at the Anthony Town Office, 401 Oak, Anthony, Texas. Voting hours on election day, May 3, 2003 shall be from 7 a.m. until 7 p.m.

The early voting for the above will be held at the Anthony Town Office, 401 Oak, Anthony, Texas and said place for early voting shall remain open from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. weekdays, which is not a Saturday or Sunday, or an official state holiday, beginning April 16, 2003 through April 29, 2003.

Early voting by personal appearance will be conducted at all locations within El Paso County, at which Early Voting is conducted by the County Elections Department beginning on April 16, 2003 and ending on April 29, 2003.

The early voting clerk's mailing address to which ballot applications and ballots voted by mail may be sent to:

Helen Jamison
County Elections Department
500 E. San Antonio Rm 402
El Paso, Texas 79901

Mayor Art Franco

A LOS VOTANTES DE LA CIUDAD DE ANTHONY, TEXAS

Se llevara acabo una eleccion general el dia 3 de mayo 2003 con el proposito de elegir a los siguientes funcionarios para dicha ciudad.

ALCALDE
MIEMBRO DEL CONCILIO, POSICION UNO
MIEMBRO DEL CONCILIO, POSICION DOS

En acuerdo con la orden adoptada por el concilio de la ciudad de Anthony el 25 de febrero, 2003 se llevara acabo en el siguiente lugar:

La oficina de la Ciudad de Anthony, Texas, 401 Oak, Anthony, Texas.

El horario para votar en el dia de la eleccion sera de las siete de la mañana hasta las siete de la noche.

La votacion de antemano para dicha eleccion se llevara acabo en la oficina de la Ciudad de Anthony, 401 Oak, Anthony, Texas. Dicho sitio para la votacion de antemano se mantendra abierto por lo minimo ocho horas cada dia, de las 8:30 a.m. a 4:30 p.m., menos el sabado, domingo, o dias festivos del estado comensando el 16 de abril, 2003 y continuando hasta el dia 29 de abril, 2003.

La votacion anticipo en persona se llevara a cabo en todos locaciones en el Condado de El Paso, en donde se lleva a cabo votaciones tempranas manejadas por el Departamento de Elecciones del condado empezando el 16 de abril de 2003 y terminando el 29 de abril de 2003.

La direccion postal de la secretaria de votacion de antemano para votar por correo y a donde se pueden enviar solicitudes para balotas y enviar las balotas con votos es:

Helen Jamison
County Elections Department
500 E. San Antonio Rm 402
El Paso, Texas 79901

Mayor Art Franco

HawkQuest brings raptors to Ensor

EAST EL PASO COUNTY — It was a first for Col. John O. Ensor School — and a first for El Paso County as the HawkQuest organization of Parker, Colorado, brought four fascinating birds to the Horizon City campus April 7.

HawkQuest is a non-profit effort to educate children and adults about eagles, falcons, hawks and owls. "I can show you a picture of a hawk," presenter David Thomas told the crowd, "but it's a lot more exciting if I can show you a real one."

So Thomas and his assistants Nancy Thomas and Kathy Jo Clausan brought out the stars of the show one by one — a Harris hawk, a peregrine falcon, an owl, and a golden eagle. As the birds were displayed, Thomas explained their hunting habits and the way the birds developed eyes, ears and talons necessary for survival.

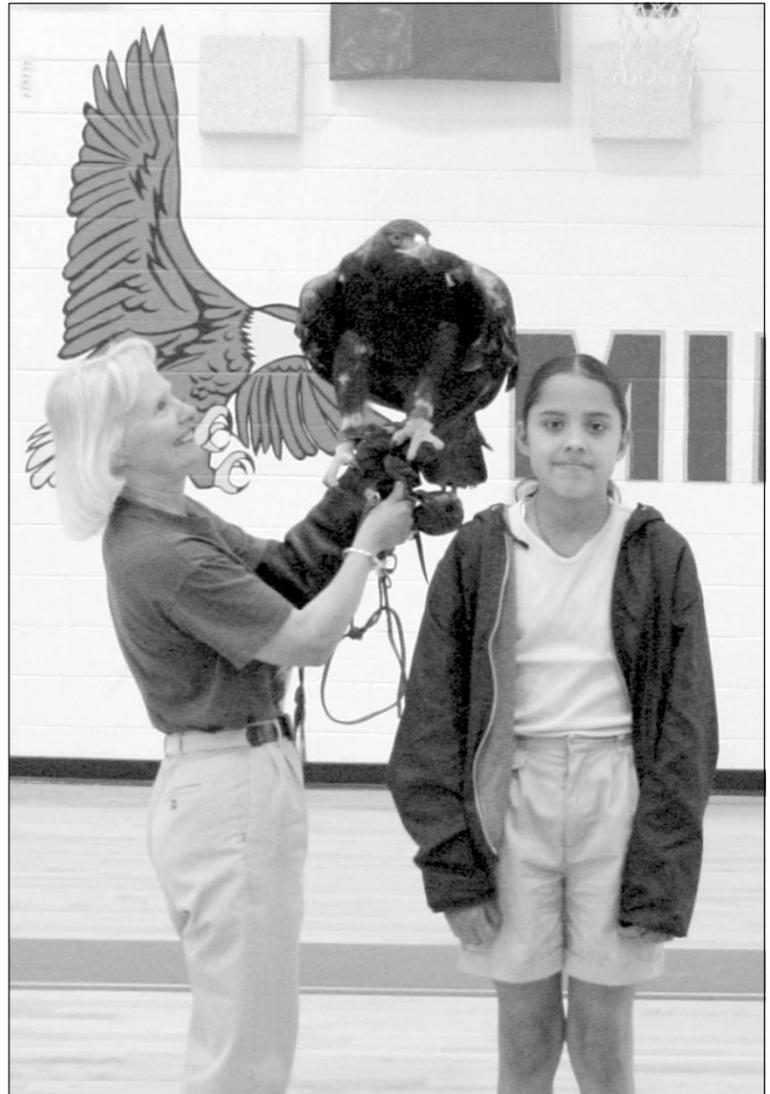
Among stories related was that of the golden eagle, a large, powerful bird boasting a six-foot wingspan.

"The only reason we have this animal is because someone decided to raise it as a pet. They took it out of the nest when it was a chick you could hold in your hand. The bird never learned to hunt for food, and was abandoned when it got too big. It came to HawkQuest after it walked up to a group of people in Idaho, begging for food."

Thomas says HawkQuest believes the birds of prey should live in their natural environments. Keeping the birds in their natural environments "is part of what we do," Thomas says.

And mostly, he says, the students' reaction can be put into one word: amazement.

Sixth-grader Megan Martinez says



— Photo courtesy SISD

HANDFUL OF EAGLE — Reyna Ponce, a student at Ensor Middle School, stands very still as bird-handler Nancy Thomas gently sits a living example of the Ensor mascot on her shoulder. The eagle in the foreground is superimposed on a painting of his counterpart in the background.

she was excited by the birds "just about how they live and how they adapt," she said.

Another sixth-grade student, Jennifer Swanson, had never seen an eagle as closely as she saw it that day.

"It's very interesting, especially how they're all so different, yet they're all so alike. And it's very stupid of people to take the birds from their natural habitat. They're wild animals and should be left there."



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Briefs

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training over a 12-week period included instruction in the core values of the Marine Corps, including honor, courage and commitment.

■ Election day voting for Canutillo Independent School District's \$12.3 million bond issue is from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m., Saturday, April 12, at Canutillo Elementary School, 651 Canutillo Avenue, and Vinton Town Hall, 436 Vinton Road. Canutillo ISD board of trustees' bond issue proposal includes \$7.3 million to enhance the plans for the new high school and \$5 million to provide additions and improvements to the other six existing school campuses. For more information, call 877-7481.

■ Six Socorro ISD teachers have been selected finalists for the school district's Teacher of the Year awards. In the elementary category, the finalists are Sue Moriel of Escontrias; Fran Godfrey of Horizon Heights; and Edward Martinez of Robert Rojas. In the secondary school category are Tamara Devenport of Bill Sybert; Rosie Contreras of Ensor; and Paul Harrington of Socorro High.

■ The violin virtuoso who won over 3,000 musicians at age nine in the Canadian Music Competition and finished doctoral course

work in math and music at 18 will share his graceful mastery and thoughtful interpretations with west Texas and southern New Mexico this April. Corey Cerovsek performs Brahms's Concerto in D Major with the El Paso Symphony Orchestra at 8 p.m. April 11 and 12, 2003 at the Abraham Chavez Theater of the El Paso Convention and Performing Arts Center.

■ The Americas High School cheerleaders gained national standing during the West Coast Classic National Cheerleading Competition in Anaheim California on March 22. The varsity cheerleading squad took second place in the nation. Under sponsor Monica Bustillos, the varsity cheerleaders are Ramon Cossio, Mary Ann Contreras, Clarissa Diaz de Leon, Melanie Madrid, Jennifer Marquez, Ashley Stanford, Manny Arroyo, Jeremy Nelson, Rick Otero and Omar Rodriguez. The Jr. Varsity placed fourth in the nation coached by Antoinette Howard. They are Seth Benavides, Allyson Burrola, Morgan Doby, Jade Gardea, Pia Giannini, Angie Gomez, Isabel Gonzalez, Monica Lazcano, Daisy Martinez, Kendra McCray, Erin Noyes, Omar Quezada, Eva Ramirez, Raul Rivas and Diedre Rojas.

■ The U.S. Border Patrol, aka the Bureau of Customs and Border Protection, will host the 16th session of the Border Patrol Citizens Academy, affording an opportunity for the average citizen to witness first-hand the functions and scope of authority the agency ful-

fills. Personnel will register interested persons this week for the six-week program to be held on Thursdays from 6-8 p.m. for six consecutive weeks beginning April 17. Participants will receive a tour of the US/Mexico border and the INS Detention Center on Montana Ave. A formal ceremony with certificate presentation will conclude the session. Applicants must be 18 years of age and may enroll by calling 834-8901, 834-8313 or 834-8311.

■ Texas Gas Service Co., formerly Southern Union Gas, said that customers can expect heating bills for April to be lower, compared to last month, by 18 percent. A TGS spokesman said that the cost of gas in the monthly bill is a "pass through" cost meaning that the company makes no profit on the cost of the gas. Further information is at 562-8411.

■ An El Paso Unity Event to show support for the troops fighting overseas will be held Friday, April 11 beginning at 7 p.m. at Cohen Stadium. "They are our neighbors and our friends," said El Paso Mayor Ray Caballero. "This is an anxious time and we want the soldiers and their families to know that we respect their commitment to the country and that we stand in solidarity with them." There will be a collection area for "comfort items" to be shipped to the soldiers in Southeast Asia, including tooth brushes and paste, shaving cream, razors, soap, lotion, sunscreen and other items. Information is at 541-4677.

Death of former Mountain View High student brings war close to home

EAST EL PASO COUNTY — The recent death in the Iraq war of Ruben Estrella-Soto, 2002 Mountain View graduate, brought the war closer to home for Clint Independent School District students and staff. Ruben was a member of the 507th Maintenance company, which was deployed out of Fort Bliss. He was one of the MIA's listed after the Iraqi Army ambushed his company on March 23rd. His fate was unknown until April 4, when his parents were notified of his death.

There are approximately 80 former Clint ISD students who are now serving our country in the war in the Middle East. Mountain View reports that the last three graduation classes claim 15 students in the conflict. Among those in Iraq are Richard Martinez, Jorge Calvo, Jose Fierro, Danny Campos, Sal Tarango, Robert Loeza, Edgar Jurado, Fabian Molina, Luis Samiento, Rafael Esparza, Jorge Marin, Nicky Singh, Roxanna Ramirez, Nicky Gaytan and Elvis Farrish.

Clint High School has approximately 33 students in the conflict who graduated between 2000 and 2002. Some recent graduates who are there are Adriana Diaz, Ceci Hernandez, Kenyon Muli, Ray Pierce, Cindy Robles, Josh Smith, Cesar Soto, Jesus Robles, Mike Pease, Miguel Ortiz, Andy Nolasco, Javier Najera, Fernie Najera, Carlos Murrillo, Kioko Muli, Rudy Moreno, Valerie Montelli, Walter Miscles, Brian Laffler, Mario Ibarra, Jessica Herrera, Franco Herrera, Michael Hernandez, Wil Gonzalez, Damina Fabela, Rudy Esparza, Israel Devora, and Victor Delgado.

On Saturday, March 29, Clint High School students and parents met at the campus to place patriotic ribbons on all the trees listing names of the graduates who are serving in the conflict.

The Mountain View student body and staff are planning to honor Estrella with a memorial scholarship fund in his name and with the planting of a tree in Lobo Park.

— Contributed by Olivia Campos

TORNILLO INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT NOTICE OF ELECTION

On February 17, 2003, at their regular meeting, the Board of Trustees of the Tornillo ISD ordered an election to be held on Saturday May 3, 2003, between the hours of 7:00 A.M. and 7:00 P.M., at the Tornillo ISD Central Office, 19200 Cobb Street, Tornillo, Texas, for the purpose of electing two (2) trustees. One for Place 6, and one for Place 7. All places are for full, three year terms.

Absentee voting by personal appearance will be conducted at the Tornillo ISD Central Office, 19200 Cobb Street, Tornillo, Texas, beginning April 16, 2003 through April 29, 2003, each weekday from 2:00 P.M. to 6:00 P.M. Applications for ballot by mail shall be mailed to the Presiding Judge, Emma Davis, C/O P.O. Box 170, Tornillo, Texas, 79853. Applications for ballots by mail may be received beginning March 4, 2003 and must be received no later than 4:00 P.M. on April 25, 2003. Ballots by mail will be mailed by the presiding judge beginning March 19, 2003 and must be received by the presiding judge, by 9:00 A.M. on May 2, 2003.

Only duly qualified, registered voters of the Tornillo Independent School District and Precinct 161 shall be permitted to vote at such election.

DISTRITO DE LA ESCUELA DE TORNILLO AVISO DE ELECCION

El día 17 de Febrero, 2003, en la junta de la mesa directiva del distrito escolar de Tornillo dio aviso que se llevara a cabo una eleccion de regentes para la mesa directiva el sabado , 3 de Mayo, 2003, de 7:00 A.M. a 7:00 P.M. en la oficina centrales de Tornillo ISD, 19200 Cobb St., Tornillo, Texas, con el proposito de elegir dos (2) directores . Uno para puesto 6, y uno para puesto 7. Todos los puestos son de un termino de tres anos completos.

Votacion de ausencia en persona empieza el 16 de Abril, 2003 hasta el 29 de Abril, 2003 de las 2:00 P.M. a las 6:00 P.M., de lunes a viernes, en la oficina centrales de Tornillo ISD, P.M., 19200 Cobb Street, Tornillo, Texas . Boletos para votar en ausencia por correo se pueden conseguir con el juez que preside, ser enviadas a Emma Davis, C/O P.O. Box 170, Tornillo, Texas 79853. Aplicaciones para boletos por correo se deberan recibirse comenzando 4, de Marzo 2003, y recibirse para el fin de 25 de Abril, 2003 antes de las 4:00 P.M. Boletos por correo se comenzaran enviar por el juez que preside, comenzando el 19 de Marzo, 2003 y recibirse antes de las 9:00 A.M. el dia 2 de May, 2003.

Unicamente votantes registrados del distrito de la escuela de Tornillo y de Precinct 161 se permiten votar en esta eleccion.

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Before you question my loyalty you should consider my reasoning

By Steve Escajeda
Special to the Courier

As I sat on my favorite living room couch last Saturday, I cheered and booed at my TV as the Texas Longhorns and the Syracuse Orangemen did battle in the semifinals of the NCAA basketball tournament.

And being the proud Texan that I am, you can imagine who I was rooting for with all of my being.

That's a no-brainer...the Syracuse Orangemen, of course.

Now before you devout Texans go and lump me in the same category as the Dixie Chicks, just hear me out.

I am loyal to my state of Texas — but I am more loyal to the Texas Western...a.k.a....UTEP Miners.

For those of you with that "I wonder if there was anyone else hurt in the accident?" look on your face, no, I was not involved in anything that could have caused head trauma and yes, I do have complete control of my faculties.

See, the Miners are the only Texas team to ever win the NCAA national championship. El

Paso should take great pride in that and I guess I'm a little greedier than most. I want UTEP to be the only Texas team to claim that title for many years to come.

So you see my reasoning is totally selfish but certainly understandable.

Final score: Syracuse 95, Texas 84.

I'm proud to say that at least for another season, the Miners are still the only team from the state of Texas to win the national championship.

Boy, that sounds so good I think I'll say it again...the Miners are still the only team in the...

Join the club

It's good to know that the Portland Trailblazers are an equal-opportunity team-o-thugs.

With about seven games left in the season, Portland is in the middle of a close race with the Minnesota Timberwolves for home advantage in the first round of the playoffs.

And whenever the Trailblazers have to get their heads together and work as a team, you know what that means...fights, fines and dismissals.

But this time the offender wasn't a superstar, it was reserve forward Zach Randolph.

Who? You ask. Funny, I asked the same question.

Seems Randolph got upset at teammate Ruben Patterson during practice and handled it like all sensible and wise gentlemen do...he slugged Patterson in the face.

At least now Randolph knows what it feels like to be a real Portland Trailblazer. He received a two-game suspension and was fined \$100,000.

Once again this season the Trailblazers will make it to the NBA playoffs and once again the biggest obstacle facing them are themselves.

And that's an obstacle they've never been able to overcome.

Same ol' thing

The Major League Baseball season is off and running and some things never change.

The New York Yankees are winning, the Detroit Tigers and Milwaukee Brewers are losing, Sammy Sosa is hitting home runs and hot dogs and beer cost way too much.

Another thing that has become synonymous with the start of the baseball season is proof that the marriage between the Cincinnati Reds and Ken Griffey Jr. has been a disaster.

Griffey was the "Ichiro," the "Bonds," the "A-Rod," of baseball a few years ago. In other words, the player that all the fans wanted to see. The guy who could run and throw and blast monstrous home runs.

During his first three years with the Reds, Griffey has been injured, grumpy, fan-unfriendly, and to put it bluntly...less than mediocre as a ballplayer.

Well, this year is no exception. Just five games into the season, Griffey dislocated his shoulder diving for a fly ball and will be out of action for 6-10 weeks.

That means he could be out until close to July. If you remember, Griffey tore his hamstring while rounding third base during an exhibition game in the final week of spring training 2001. Six games into last season, he tore a tendon in his right knee while trying to change directions during a rundown between third and home.

I feel sorry for Griffey, but I feel more sorry for the Reds who are paying him \$112.5-million for nine years. That's \$12.5-million a year.

Ouch, I'm sure it was painful for Griffey when he separated his shoulder but I bet reading his bank statements each month is just what the doctor ordered.



"WELL, WELL, WELL...The LITTLE FILLY WANTS to PLAY HARD to GET!..."

Hybrid vehicles are alternative to dependence on oil, study says

COLLEGE STATION — Cars combining the standard internal combustion engine with a battery and electric motor — hybrid vehicles — may provide an answer to the world's energy woes and could extend the life of the world's energy supplies by 15 years, according to a study by Texas A&M University electrical engineering students.

Texas A&M electrical engineering professor Mark Ehsani had his fall semester 2002 graduate students compare cars using hydrogen fuel cells to hybrid vehicles and determined how long each car would extend the life of the world's oil reserves.

"If we were to start converting the world's vehicles into hybrid electric vehicles today, taking into account market penetration and estimating that 40 percent of oil consumption is currently due to vehicles, it would be equivalent to doubling the annual rate of oil found through international exploration," Ehsani said. "Instead of a total depletion of oil reserves by 2038, we can delay this impending depletion until the year 2053."

The study found that hybrid vehicles are a more cost-effective alternative than ones powered by hydrogen.

For more information, see <http://engineeringnews.tamu.edu>.

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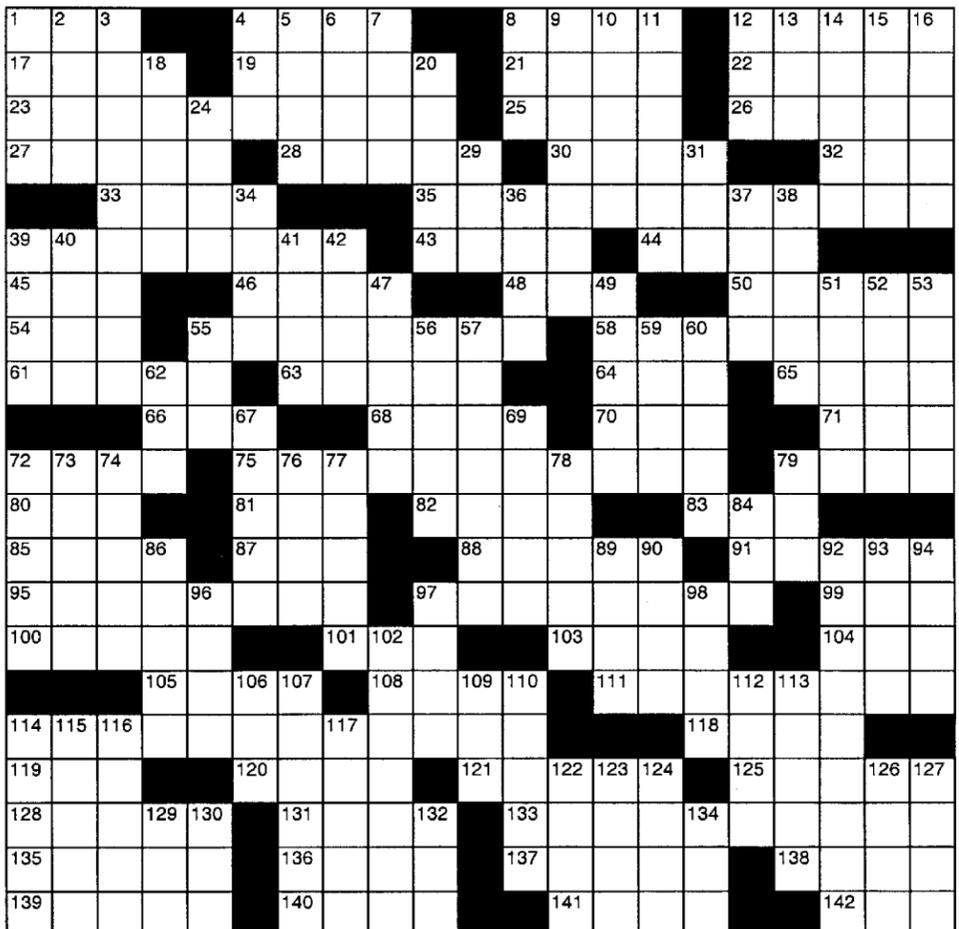
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- 21 Submarine base?
- 22 Warhol subject
- 23 Start of a remark
- 25 Not give _ (be indif-ferent)
- 26 Play
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- 28 Growl
- 30 Appearance
- 32 Pro foe
- 33 Walked
- 35 Part 2 of remark
- 39 Lillie or Straight
- 43 Coasted
- 44 _ Pea (Popeye's kid)
- 45 "The Greek Tycoon" subject
- 46 Actress Tyne
- 48 Rock's Fleetwood _
- 50 Layette fasteners
- 54 Unwell
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- 58 "The Messiah," for one
- 61 Electrical inventor
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- 64 Morticia, to Pugsley
- 65 Coarse flour
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- 79 New Mexico resort
- 80 Curie or Arden
- 81 Actress Tyler
- 82 General Bradley
- 83 _ Canals
- 85 A bad figure?
- 87 Alias initials
- 88 Corpulent
- 91 Furnishings
- 95 Noisy quarrels
- 97 Like some butter
- 99 Exist
- 100 Innsbruck's locale
- 101 Cable channel
- 103 Littler than little
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- 128 _ beaver
- 131 Can openers?
- 133 End of remark
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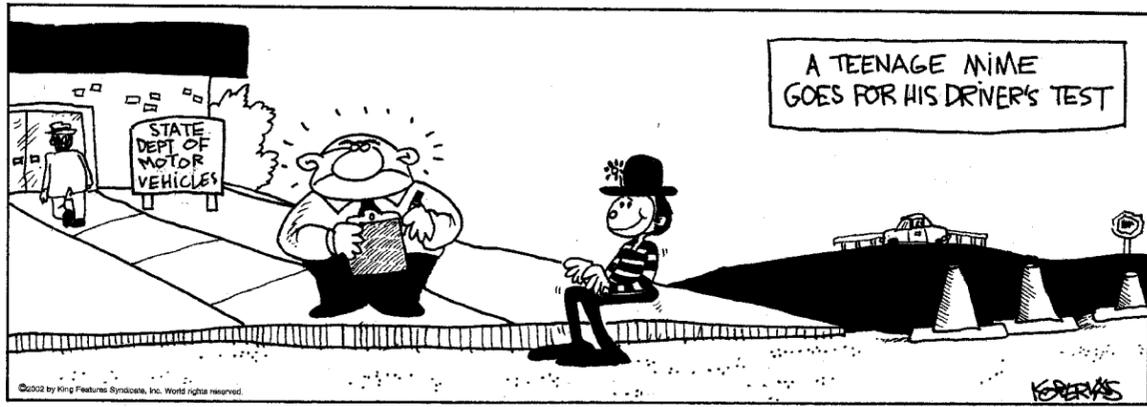
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- 6 Wedding wear
- 7 Disoriented
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- 9 - onion
- 10 Actor Delon
- 11 Matures
- 12 "Grumpy _ Men" ('93 film)
- 13 Norm
- 14 You can count on them
- 15 _ "Tree" ('62 hit)
- 16 Street talk
- 18 Get cracking
- 20 Rosemary and basil
- 24 "Are you _ out?"
- 29 _ "Abner"
- 31 Hot off the press
- 34 "The Aeneid" character
- 36 Use a stopwatch
- 37 Take a breather
- 38 Poison
- 39 Angler's dangles
- 40 Agatha's colleague
- 41 Unruffle
- 42 Grasso or Raines
- 47 Marina sight
- 49 Small band
- 51 Where the action is
- 52 Perahia's instrument
- 53 Pump parts
- 55 Graduation gear
- 56 Bandleader Perez
- 57 Wise guy
- 59 Laugh loudly
- 60 Pile up
- 62 Poe's "Annabel _"
- 67 Book of maps
- 69 Strikebreakers
- 72 Dutch pottery
- 73 Tower material?
- 74 Composer Franck
- 76 Walk in the woods
- 77 "Stop, sailor!"
- 78 Pick up the check
- 79 Low digit
- 84 Eccentric
- 86 Crab's expression
- 89 Lingerie item
- 90 Empedocles' last stand?
- 92 _ coordinates
- 93 Namu or Willy
- 94 Genuine
- 96 Be _ unto oneself
- 97 Home of the Osmonds
- 98 Thornfield governess
- 102 Distinguished
- 106 _ Na Na
- 107 C&W's Dolly
- 109 It's in the bag
- 110 Chrissie of The Pretenders
- 112 Hockey's Lindros
- 113 Last inning
- 114 It's often heaved
- 115 Subside
- 116 Boston airport
- 117 Make one's hair stand on end?
- 122 Trail mix
- 123 Nimble
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- 129 Freud topic
- 130 Cartoon canine
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Men, it's OK to sweat the small stuff

By Don Flood

If my armpits can make just one person happy then I will know that the world is a better place for my having sweated here.

You think I'm kidding? It's true. The smell of men's sweat helps reduce stress in women.

This is according to a genuine study by the University of Pennsylvania.

(And yes, I strongly suspect they've been sniffing something up there stronger than men's sweat socks.)

Here's how it worked. First, they collected sweat samples from the underarms of men who hadn't used a deodorant for four weeks. (Don't you wish you could be a scientist?)

Then, they blended the samples — I don't want to know how — and applied this concoction to the upper lips of women, aged 25 to 45.

And naturally the women gagged and keeled over.

No! They loved it! Well, not loved it, but "something in the perspiration brightened their moods and helped them feel less tense."

Only they didn't know it was sweat. The story said the women believed they were testing "alcohol, perfume or lemon floor wax."

Of course! Lemon floor wax! I was wondering what that smell was oozing from my pores!

Leave your kitchen smelling lemony fresh with New Menzswet floor wax!

Based on this study, my wife should be just about the most relaxed woman in the galaxy.

I don't mean to brag, but when it comes to sweat glands, I've got what it takes.

After I come home from a workout, I leave the floor wet with the

drops of sweat that rain off me.

The hallway, the dining room, the kitchen — they all reek with the sweet aroma produced by my sweat glands.

So, in terms of relaxation potential for the human female, it would have to be — forgive me if I seem immodest — the equivalent of six Prozac-marinated months on Tahiti.

And yet if I had to characterize my wife's frame of mind, I'd have to describe it as: grossed out. (Perhaps my wife has become immune to the beneficial aspects of my sweat.)

Still, as believer in scientific progress, I will spell out the new rules for men:

- Going to a party — Many men make the mistake of showering before a social gathering. Based on the latest scientific evidence, this is clearly a faux pas. (Faux pas is a French phrase meaning "gaffe"; unfortunately I have no idea what "gaffe" means).

- Hosting a party — Instead of relying of alcohol as the social lubricant, take the women aside and apply your favorite "party sweat" mixture to their upper lip.

If they ask what you're doing, tell them you're rubbing lemon floor wax on the women's upper lips as part of a fun "get-to-know-each-other" game.

Later, they'll feel so relaxed and carefree they won't even remember the "game" you had planned.

However, for those women who continue to appear "stressed out," stronger measures may be required.

In these extreme cases, I suggest taking a sweat-soaked running shoe and holding it over their noses until they look completely relaxed.

Warning: Sometimes women become so "relaxed" they may appear comatose.

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until the specified times. Detailed specifications are available from the above office between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. Mondays through Fridays. WTCC-4/10/03

SOCORRO INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT Invitation to Bid/Respond:

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

AUDIO VISUAL EQUIPMENT CSP NO. 199-0417-0355 THURSDAY, APRIL 17, 2003, 2 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-4/10/03

REAL ESTATE

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4/17 FOR SALE: 760 Pesada - One-third acre cul-de-sac lot with water and septic tank. Mobile home or house okay. \$16,000. Owner finance 12 years. Tres Amigos Realty, 855-3355. 4/17

FOR SALE by OWNER - 7.1 acres in Socorro School District, established yard, outbuildings, older home. 406-557-2400. 4/24/03

SELF-HELP

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 sábado, a 8-9 de la tarde, 8501 Kingsway, Westway. 886-4948 para informacion.

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

Tiene problemas con el alcohol? Hay una solucion. Visitemos. 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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Chicken

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closures and construction projects mentioned nothing about the disaster we encountered Saturday morning at the intersection of Lee Trevino and I-10. Three of the four lanes heading in to town had been closed down — not for construction but for street cleaning, not during times of light traffic but during the hours of brisk morning traffic.

The only pre-planning for this disastrous bottleneck of 18-wheelers and frustrated speedsters seemed to be making sure that numerous El Paso police units were on hand with lights flashing to provide security for this dangerous project.

Better still, in their infinite wisdom, street cleaning crews were operating a massive blowing machine on the exit ramp at Lee Trevino, almost totally cutting off the only lane of escape.

Don't get me wrong. I'm glad to have streets and I'm glad to have water. But what will we do when a real water shortage comes along, or a real situation occurs that requires road closures and public cooperation. Will we have cried "wolf" so many times that no one believes it anymore?

Sounds like a job for Chicken Little.



Social Security Q&Q By Ray Vigil

Q: I am about to retire. I worked for the same corporation for almost 40 years and will collect a rather sizable pension. Will this large pension in any way mess up my Social Security payments?

A: No! The amount of your company pension has no effect on your Social Security payments. But there are some companies that will reduce their pensions after Social Security kicks in.

Q: I am going to retire at age 62 in July of this year. I know there is an

\$11,520 limit on my earnings. Does that apply to the whole year or just after I go on Social Security?

A: It applies to the whole year. The law says we must withhold \$1 from your Social Security benefits for every \$2 you make more than \$11,520. But a second part of the law provides a special rule that can be applied to your earnings for one year. For most people, it's the first year of retirement. During that year, you will receive a payment for any month you earn less than \$960. So even if you earn a lot more than \$11,520 before

you turn 62, you'll receive a Social Security payment after you retire.

Q: I am 71 years old and have been married four times. My Social Security isn't very much. Can I get Social Security off the guy I was married to the longest? That would be number three.

A: Maybe you can. And maybe you can get some Social Security based on the work of numbers one, two or four! But you won't get them all, only the one that pays the highest rate. Whenever you are due two or more benefits, you only get the one that pays the most, not all of them. To find out what and whose benefits you might be due, we would need a lot

more information. So please call Social Security's toll-free number, 1-800-772-1213 or visit your local SSA office.

Q: My best friend's husband is near death. He's 67 and gets a Social Security check. But my friend is only 50 years old. Will she get any Social Security on his record when he dies?

A: She'll probably be eligible only for the \$255 death benefit if at least 60 years old to qualify for monthly widow's benefits from Social Security. But there are two exceptions. If she has some physical or mental impairment that keeps her

from working, she could get a disabled widow's benefit as early as age 50. Or if there are minor children at home, we pay what we call a "mother's benefit" to widows of any age. But assuming she meets neither of these exceptions, she should file an application for the \$255 death payment after her husband dies and 10 years from now, apply for widow's benefits.

For more information visit your local Security office, see www.ssa.gov or call us at 1-800-772-1213. If you have any questions that you would like to have answered, please mail them to the Social Security Office, 1111 Gateway West, Attn: Ray Vigil, El Paso, Texas 79935.

WEATHER

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SEVEN-DAY FORECAST FOR EL PASO

THURSDAY	THUR. NIGHT	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY
Pleasant with sunshine and patchy clouds.	Mainly clear.	Sunny; breezy in the afternoon.	Mostly sunny and warm.	Mostly sunny and windy.	Sunshine mixing with some clouds.	Clouds and sun with a shower possible.	Mostly sunny.
▲ 78°	▼ 48°	▲ 80° ▼ 50°	▲ 84° ▼ 52°	▲ 84° ▼ 54°	▲ 82° ▼ 42°	▲ 70° ▼ 34°	▲ 70° ▼ 38°

UV INDEX Statistics for noon.

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

Thursday	8	High
Friday	9	Very High
Saturday	9	Very High
Sunday	8	High
Monday	9	Very High
Tuesday	7	High
Wednesday	8	High

REAL FEEL TEMP™

The exclusive AccuWeather composite of the effects of temperature, wind, humidity, sunshine, precipitation, and elevation on the human body.

Thursday	77°
Friday	71°
Saturday	72°
Sunday	72°
Monday	74°
Tuesday	60°
Wednesday	61°

TEXAS WEATHER

Anthony	79	48
Canutillo	80	49
Clint	79	49
E. Montana	78	48
Fabens	79	49
Horizon	80	49
San Elizario	77	46
Socorro	77	47
Tornillo	79	49
Vinton	80	49

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



TRAVELERS CITIES

City	Thur.	Fri.	Sat.	Sun.	Mon.
	Hi/Lo/W	Hi/Lo/W	Hi/Lo/W	Hi/Lo/W	Hi/Lo/W
Albuquerque	74/42/s	74/44/s	76/46/s	74/48/pc	69/27/pc
Atlanta	52/39/sh	64/44/pc	68/46/pc	72/46/s	72/50/s
Atlantic City	46/39/r	49/38/r	54/39/pc	60/38/s	63/45/s
Austin/San Antonio	73/40/s	76/50/s	80/51/s	78/56/pc	77/51/pc
Baltimore	46/42/r	50/42/r	58/42/pc	64/44/s	68/51/pc
Boston	42/38/c	46/40/r	50/40/pc	56/42/s	55/45/pc
Chicago	56/36/s	60/40/s	60/40/pc	59/45/pc	64/48/pc
Dallas/Ft. Worth	72/48/s	76/56/s	78/55/s	76/57/s	74/50/pc
Denver	70/42/s	74/44/pc	74/42/s	68/42/pc	60/33/c
Flagstaff	65/28/pc	66/30/s	64/30/pc	54/33/pc	46/10/c
Houston	73/48/s	76/53/s	78/52/s	80/57/s	78/52/pc
Kansas City	64/43/s	70/49/s	72/50/s	70/50/pc	69/52/pc
Las Vegas	86/60/s	86/60/s	82/58/pc	76/52/pc	68/50/c
Miami	78/60/pc	78/61/s	81/64/s	80/66/s	81/62/s
Minneapolis	60/40/pc	62/42/pc	64/42/pc	64/44/c	61/45/pc
New Orleans	67/49/s	72/51/s	76/56/s	77/59/s	78/54/s
New York City	45/42/c	49/42/r	55/47/pc	58/43/s	62/51/pc
Philadelphia	46/40/c	50/42/r	56/42/pc	62/44/s	65/50/s
Phoenix	90/64/pc	90/62/s	88/62/s	80/58/pc	77/38/c
Portland	62/44/pc	62/46/c	58/44/sh	58/42/c	58/29/c
San Francisco	62/52/pc	58/48/c	56/48/sh	58/48/sh	59/36/s
Seattle	60/44/c	58/44/c	56/42/sh	57/42/c	57/30/c
Tucson	86/54/s	88/54/s	86/52/s	84/52/pc	78/50/pc
Washington, DC	48/44/r	52/44/r	60/44/pc	66/48/s	69/54/pc

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

AGRICULTURE

Overall, the several days from Thursday into the weekend will be quite dry with sunshine each day. Winds will be light much of the time, but picking up out of the south on Sunday at 10-20 mph. Each of these days will become milder as well. There will be a chance for more clouds and a shower Monday night into Tuesday.

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