



NEWSBRIEFS

Anthony honors vets

The Town of Anthony will host a Veterans Day Ceremony at 10 a.m. on Nov. 11 and as part of the festivities will dedicate a new Veterans Memorial at the Enrique Miramontes Memorial Park. The American Legion has provided funding for the new memorial on behalf of all Armed Forces personnel and the intent is to fill the rock memorial with names of veterans. Anyone that has served in any of the branches of our Armed Forces can have their name added to the memorial. The community is invited to the dedication and for refreshments after the ceremony at the American Legion Hall on Poplar street. For information on the event on about placing a name on the memorial contact Town of Anthony at 886-3944.

State water meeting

The next meeting of the Far West Texas Water Planning Group will be on Thursday, Nov. 20 at 1 p.m. central time in Van Horn. The meeting will be held at the Van Horn Convention Center and Visitor's Bureau at 1801 West Broadway. Highlights of the meeting include a presentation by the General Land Office on the proposed leasing of water rights on state land, with an opportunity for WPG members and the public to ask questions and provide feedback on the proposal. There will also be discussion on a resolution opposing the proposed Rio Nuevo Ltd. lease of water rights. Other agenda items include a review of the Hudspeth County UWCD#1 management plan and discussion of regional water planning policy issues, and discussion on the process that the Planning Group will use to identify water management strategies for the regional plan. Information: 533-0998, ext. 121.

Recycle in San Eli

The San Elizario Independent School District and the City of El Paso have reached an interlocal license agreement that designates San Elizario High School as a recycling drop off station for the surrounding community. Residents are encouraged to drop off their recyclables from 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. at the campus parking lot, 13981 Socorro Road, every second and fourth Saturday of the month beginning Nov. 8, 2003. For more information, contact Lupe Anaya at 872-3985.

In other news

■ The Mission Valley Ballroom and Lijuro Inc. will host a Charity Gala on Sunday, Nov. 30 from 6-12 p.m. to benefit the "Reach for a Star" program which works to make a wish come true for a terminally ill child. The formal event, at 10600 North Loop in the Fiesta Mercado, will include fashion show, dance, and "a guaranteed

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Every person born in the United States is endowed with life, liberty and a substantial share of the national debt.

— Quips & Quotes

Proposal to sell West Texas water continues to have ripple effect

By Francis D. Shrum
Courier Staff Writer

WEST TEXAS — Like ripples from a stone tossed into a pond, the ramifications keep growing following a decision by Jerry Patterson, Commissioner of the Texas General Land Office, to add water to the list of state resources to be exploited in the name of public education.

Patterson has come under fire for opening a potential Pandora's box by entering into negotiation with a private company to sell water from underneath state lands in West Texas.

The GLO has utilized the lease of state lands

to help finance public education but previously only for oil and gas royalties or ranching.

But Patterson said the lease of state land for water sales is a potential new stream of revenue for public education.

Promising to open such deals to public discussion after Patterson was accused of fostering deals behind closed doors, the state land office has released 10 guidelines that Patterson said the GLO will follow in negotiating with a Midland-based group of investors, under the moniker of Rio Nuevo Ltd.

Rio Nuevo principals say they want to lease

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Tornillo honors state and nation in flag-raising ceremonies

TORNILLO — Tornillo Junior High School received two very special flag honors on Thursday, Oct. 23, 2003.

Dist. 75 State Rep. and former Trustee of El Paso Community College Chente Quintanilla and wife Gracie, who is current Trustee of El Paso Community College, attended a flag raising ceremony at Tornillo Junior High School. They presented a new Texas State flag to James H. Blake, Principal of Tornillo Junior High School. This flag has flown over the Texas Capital in Austin.

The second honor received was the presentation of a new United States flag to Tornillo Junior High School by Guillermo Valenzuela, representing Silvestre Reyes, Congressman from the 16th Congressional District. This U.S. flag has flown over the Capital in Washington D.C.

Paul Vranish, Superintendent of TISD, addressed the assembled student body, reminding the students that in years to come they will remember this day as a very special one and a day to be proud for both their school and themselves.



RAISING THE COLORS — Raising the new flag is the Tornillo School Safety Squad. Looking on are, from left, Guillermo Valenzuela; James H. Blake, Principal of TJHS; Rep. Chente Quintanilla; and Tony Garcia, custodian.

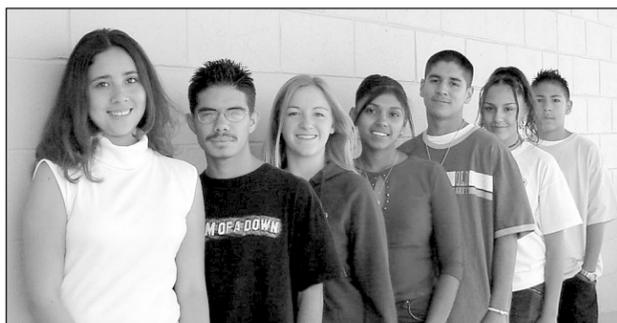
The Tornillo Junior High School Safety Squad lowered the old flags, which will adorn the school rotunda. The Safety Squad proudly raised the newly presented flags.

Canutillo High School shows appreciation of students

By Alfredo Vasquez
Special to the Courier

UPPER VALLEY — The Greater El Paso County Youth Appreciation Week (YAW) Council and the Sun-Up Optimist Club of Canutillo announced recently the selection of Canutillo High School's Outstanding Students during Youth Appreciation Week 2003.

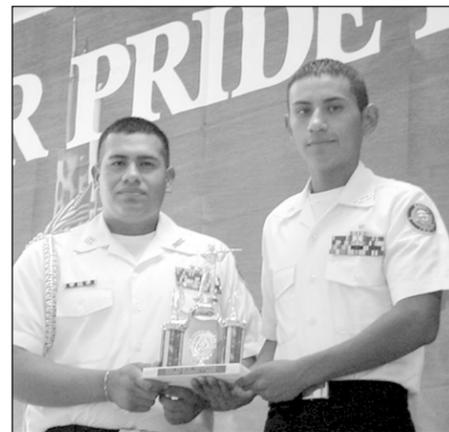
Senior students Roberto Piña and Iris Ruby Leony, junior students Carlos F. Ruiz and Genevieve Baker, sophomore students Roman Estrada and Maria D. Hernandez, and freshman students Carlos Carrasco and Adrianna M. Gallegos will be



OPTIMISTIC FACES — Canutillo High School's Youth Appreciation recipients are, from left, senior Iris Ruby Leony; juniors, Carlos Ruiz and Genevieve Baker; sophomores, Maria D. Hernandez and Roman Estrada; freshmen, Adrianna M. Gallegos and Carlos Carrasco. Not shown is senior Roberto Piña.

recognized at the annual Youth Appreciation

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TROPHY TIME — Cadet Lieutenant Michael Torrez (left) and Chief Petty Officer Eddie Antunez present the hardware won in competition.

San Elizario NJROTC wins in first tournament of '03

By Phillip Cortez
Special to the Courier

SAN ELIZARIO — It's a hot day at San Elizario High School and Col. Roy Gray watches a tired and sun-soaked group of freshman NJROTC cadets stand at attention on the hot blacktop parking lot. One of his "bulldogs," Cadet Lieutenant Michael Torrez, a junior, carefully eyes each cadet, barking orders and making sure that everyone is in perfect unison — any cadet guilty of a miscue or misstep is required to fall out of line, one by one.

"It's a game of knockout," Col. Gray says. "It's a game of discipline."

Discipline would be the key word that comes to mind when talking about cadets in the San Elizario NJROTC program. As a freshman, Torrez joined the program in its first year of existence at the school. Since then, he has developed into a model cadet, a role model younger freshman cadets just entering the program can look up to, according to Gray.

Torrez, along with fellow junior Chief Petty Officer Eddie Antunez, have used the discipline they've learned in the NJROTC and have transferred it onto the shooting range, where the two played pivotal roles in helping the San Elizario High team place second overall at the "Socorro Shootout" on Sept. 27, 2003. Torrez placed second in the Individual Prone competition and third in the Individual Standing shoot. Antunez took first place in the Individual Prone competition. It was the school's second shooting competition since becoming a program at the start of the 2001-2002 school year and the first for 2003-2004.

More than just a typical high school activity, Antunez says that the discipline is what made him want to be a part of NJROTC.

"I couldn't find anything else that was as disciplined," he said. "If you're a good shooter, you can earn a shooting scholarship."

Achieving success in their first tournament is something that Torrez says will give the team the confidence it needs as they compete in the future, especially after doing well against more established programs like Gadsden, Bowie, Burges, Montwood, Americas Hanks and Socorro

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One perspective

By Francis Shrum

Customer service rests in peace

It must be the other side, an 18-wheeler was parked so close to the sign as to totally obscure it from view.

than inches.

It doesn't matter. Anytime two hulking, multi-ton, metal objects on a collision course pass even that close it is a heart-stopping event.

We pulled over and turned around. Sure enough the stop sign on one side of the intersection was missing. On

The intersection: Kessler and Yermoland in a busy industrial section of East El Paso.

Whatever heart palpitations we were suffering as we drove to the police station were nothing compared to what awaited us there.

The police station: The Mission

Valley Regional Command Center.

Inside, the friendly civilian receptionist listened to our report about the missing stop sign, the parking violation and the potential for future disaster at the intersection.

She then phoned a ranking police officer in the back offices of the station, but hung up with a slightly dismayed expression. She said she had been told that a citizen's report of this type could not be accepted at this location. She politely wrote down a number for us to call instead.

Say, what?

We asked if she couldn't call the number herself. Looking apologetic, she replied that "it would be better if you did."

We drove away in stunned silence.

How could a citizen's report of significant public hazard be denied at an El Paso police station?

We called the number and were thanked for the report. They said they didn't understand why the Mission Valley Center would not take it.

But we know why.

Every company that employs more than two people has become so departmentalized that the right hand doesn't know what the left hand is doing and, worse yet, doesn't want to know.

The funeral for customer service was held long ago.

I have long said that the term "customer service" has been revised to read "customer serves us." It is the same anywhere you go now, includ-

ing so-called public service entities which include your phone, electric and other utility companies.

There's been a great deal of outcry recently about the inability of customers to reach a living person when calling a service phone line. A story in a late September issue of USA Today chronicles what happens when you call:

A computer answers the line. It automatically matches your number with your past transactions with that company. If you are an "important customer," your call is immediately routed to a customer service representative. If you are average, your call is routed to what the article calls "phone hell" where you wait until — maybe — one of the over-burdened and harried regular operators takes your call.

It is becoming standard, however, that the first real-live person to answer the line is either unwilling or unable to help you, anyway. Reaching a person who is ineffective, inefficient or uninformed can be more frustrating than not reaching anyone at all.

And worse yet, you really can't get too upset with that person because they are just like you — the average Joe who has a job to do to earn his daily bread and is caught between a rock and a hard place, namely you and the company they work for.

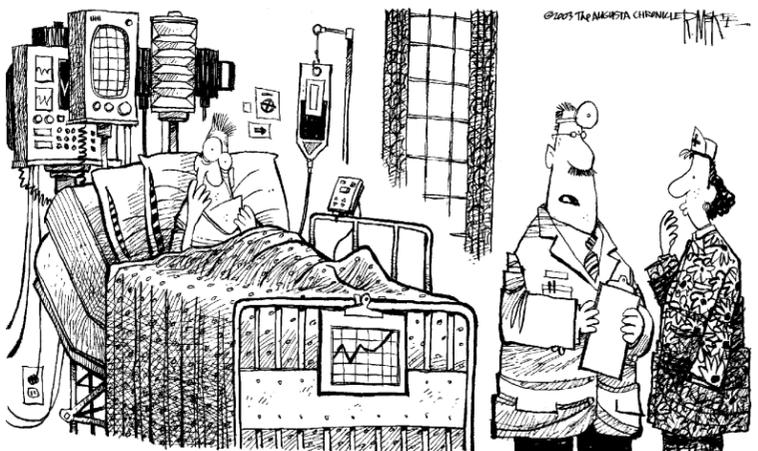
At which point you still don't leave phone hell. You are just inhabiting another of its sectors.

Not nearly long enough ago, I spent some time on the phone with a principal after I'd made a complaint about the way the school handled my child's medical condition. I had already explained the problem *ad nauseum* to everyone up the food chain until I finally reached her.

What would you like to see happen in this matter, Mrs. Shrum? I was asked. I said I hoped the school would review its policy about nurses who refused to see a child obviously in pain just because he or she didn't have a hall pass.

After a pause, she asked again: What would you like to see happen in this matter, Mrs. Shrum?"

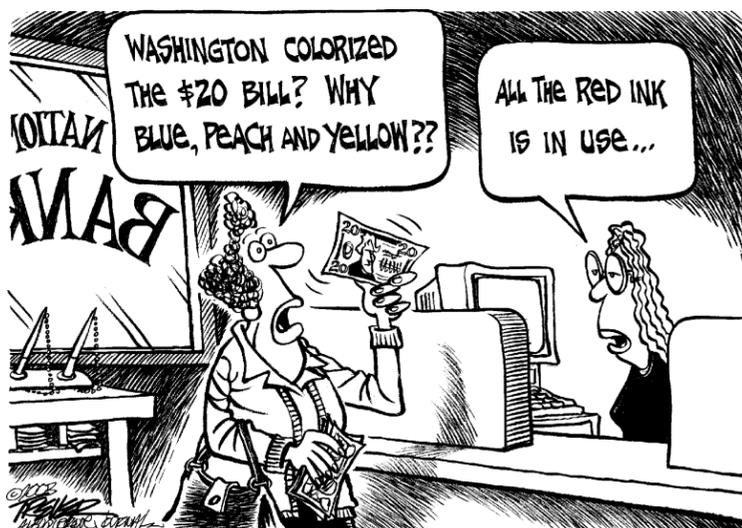
So much for reaching a real person.



"HE JUST WOKE UP from a SIX-MONTH COMA— I TOLD HIM the CUBS WON THEIR DIVISION, RICH LIMBAUGH is BEING INVESTIGATED on a DRUG CHARGE and ARNOLD SCHWARZENEGGER is the GOVERNOR of CALIFORNIA—and NOW HE THINKS HE'S HALLUCINATING..."



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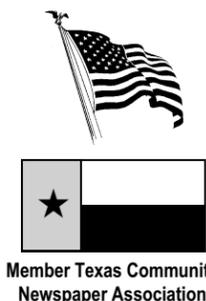
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Mr. Trouble - the daily dilemma of diabetic decay

By Albert M. Balesh, M.D.

Another rotten day! I just hate to get up in the morning. I didn't sleep well last night, and the fact that sensation in my feet is at a premium, makes that long walk to the bathroom fraught with unimaginable peril. An unnoticed pin or needle on the floor can mean long-term trials and tribulations for me if I happen to step on it.

As it is, I am constantly slave to those horrendous foot ulcers that I must clean, disinfect, and dress on a regular basis. Not to mention those ugly shoes, three sizes too big, that I must wear to protect my feet.

First things first. Time for a "pit stop." It seems like I live in the bathroom. I urinate a lot, and thirst is a constant companion, too. I'm always reaching for that "mythical nectar," which will finally calm the fires raging in my mouth and tame my insatiable hunger. They say that breakfast is the most important meal of the day, and I often eat it like there's no tomorrow.

Then the praying begins. I try to relieve myself with the day's "number two" before I leave for work. My bowel is lazy, however, and the color,

smell, and sheer number of Trojans extruded from this horse are enough to make a man sick. My digestive powers are basically defunct.

My eyes aren't what they used to be either. My doctor says that the hemorrhages inherent in my malady have taken their toll on my retina. I don't see as well as I used to, and images are a constant blur. The trip to work scares me to death, and my car bears the scars of my visual shortcomings.

No sooner do I arrive on the job than my energy level suddenly falls. Fatigue is my guardian angel who I cannot give the slip to. Irritability is my middle name, and all it takes is a kind word to set me off. My fast and shallow breathing, as well as the strong, fruity nature of my breath, betray vice more than illness. My boss's eyes don't lie, and my coworkers politely distance themselves from me. They know that I have been losing weight, and they half-heartedly offer to take me out to lunch. I can't accept, however. I must find some nook, cranny, or cubbyhole in which I can gain an hour's respite from mitochondrial drain.

I'm what you call a compliant patient. I try to watch my diet, perform regular, daily testing of my blood sugar level, and take my medications religiously. I know that by following this procedure and my doctor's advice, I can slow the onslaught of what may be the inevitable. Perhaps it is already too late.

Day is done, and I cross the threshold of my abode, so tired that I can barely lift my head. I live alone, a leper, afraid to subject healthy females of the species to my shame, my guilt, and my nightmare. Even if I could pick up the phone and call one of my old flames, the numbness of my flesh could never translate into a "healthy tingling."

But what have I done? Why am I being tortured? Why doesn't God punish charlatans, ambulance chasers, politicians, college administrators, Enron executives, and Martha Stewart instead? Why me? I guess it's because "Mr. Trouble" is my name, and I must bear the weight of the "scarlet D" on my tunic.

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

National Diabetes Month

Every November this column announces National Diabetes Month. The goal is to increase awareness of this killer, as well as update you on recent developments.

Blindness, heart attack, stroke, kidney failure and amputations can all result from diabetes, which impairs, or even halts, your body's ability to process food sugar into energy. You may already know this because a friend or family member suffers from this terrible disease. Maybe even you have it. In fact, perhaps the scariest thing is that of the 850,000 Texans who have diabetes, half of them may not even know it.

Could you be at risk for diabetes? You are if you are over 45, overweight, do not exercise regularly or have a family history of diabetes. Keep an eye out for these warning signs of diabetes: fatigue, excessive thirst, rapid weight loss, blurred vision, frequent urination and cuts or bruises that are slow to heal. The best

defense against it, though, is prevention. Just by exercising, eating right and controlling your weight now, you can help control or prevent diabetes later.

The medical experts tell us that we are close to curing this killer disease. To that extent, I and several members of the House Appropriations Committee have worked to ensure that these researchers have the funds they need to battle diabetes.

While the researchers make progress in the labs, there is other good news for diabetes sufferers. Recently, the Health Care Financing Administration agreed to provide Medicare coverage of insulin infusion pumps for beneficiaries who have Type I, or juvenile, diabetes. In Type I diabetes, the body can't make any insulin to process blood sugar. The battery-powered insulin pumps are about the size of a beeper. They inject preprogrammed dosages 24 hours a

day through a tube to a needle inserted just under the skin. The pump not

only provides diabetes patients greater freedom, but also means greater safety and fewer complications from inaccurate dosages.

Let's not forget that it is your tax dollars that help pay for medical research. Hopefully, we agree that these are national priorities that need to be addressed. Diabetes alone costs Texans almost \$3 billion each year in medical costs and lost productivity. More importantly, it is costing the lives of our fellow citizens.

One day, I hope this column can report a cure for diabetes. Until then, best defenses against diabetes are awareness and education. For more information regarding diabetes, please call the American Diabetes Association at 1-800-DIABETES.



Town of Horizon City PUBLIC NOTICE

A PUBLIC HEARING will be held at **6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, November 11, 2003** during the **Regular City Council Meeting** at City Hall, 14999 Darrington Road, Horizon City, Texas. Purpose of the public hearing is to allow any interested persons to appear and testify regarding the following:

- 1) Repealing and replacing existing Ordinance No. 0022 — Board of Adjustment.
- 2) Proposed Amendment No.010 to Subdivision Ordinance No. 0035 on Section 4.2.21 pertaining to preliminary Plats.

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

*Sandra Sierra
City Clerk*

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Reyes Reports By U.S. Rep. Silvestre Reyes

Veteran's deserve our recognition

Each Nov. 11, the country pauses to recognize the dedication

and sacrifice of our men and women in uniform. This Veterans Day, as in the past, we will celebrate the victory and bravery of our soldiers, sailors, airmen and Marines through parades and other festive occasions, while solemn ceremonies will honor our armed forces who made the ultimate sacrifice for the freedoms we enjoy today.

For some, Veterans Day will bring back fond memories of comradery, and for others tragic recollections of lost friends and forgotten dreams. Some veterans will recall fierce battles in far away lands and lonely times spent away from home. Families and loved ones will recall worrisome stretches of time just hoping for the best. There will be tears from some, memories of joyful reunions for others and questions of "why?" from children and grandchildren. Overall, there will be feelings of gratitude and respect towards those who gave so much for our freedom and the American way of life.

As a Vietnam veteran, I understand the conflicting emotions many veterans experience. Military service is extremely taxing both mentally and physically, and my tour of duty in Vietnam demanded more of me than I ever thought possible. Even today, it is difficult to discuss. I bring my firsthand knowledge as a veteran to Congress, where I am a member of the House Armed Services Committee and the House Veterans Affairs Committee. These committee assignments provide the perfect opportunity to represent the El Paso region's nearly 85,000 veterans and all other veterans across the country.

I recently led a forum entitled "Los Veteranos" in Washington, which provided an in-depth look at issues facing the country's Hispanic veterans. Returning to civilian life can be difficult and is compounded by emotional or physical disabilities incurred while in the military. They need job training, healthcare, and a secure economic future. At this forum, I heard from the American Legion, the Department of Veterans Affairs, the National Coalition for Homeless Veterans and the Director for Veterans Business Development at the Small Business Administration.

Veterans Day takes on even more meaning this year with the current military operations in Iraq and Afghanistan. El Pasoans gained a better understanding of the sacrifice and dedication of our armed forces through Fort Bliss's deployments to the Middle East. Scores of soldiers from our community left home — with some never to return. Every soldier and citizen touched by these military campaigns deserve our gratitude and praise. Their families and friends sare in our thoughts and prayers.

Fort Bliss's soldiers — and all other members of the armed services — in our current military operations will one day be veterans themselves, and deserve the support of a grateful nation.

Remember that the freedoms we enjoy here in the United States, while taken for granted by many, are protected through the hard work and personal sacrifice of the millions of men and women who make up our armed forces.

Our history is marked by numerous military battles and operations. Each and every one of our veterans deserve our deep respect and gratitude. I humbly thank them and assure them I will continue to work on their behalf.

Town of Anthony PUBLIC NOTICE

A PUBLIC HEARING will be held at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, November 11, 2003 during the Regular Town Council Meeting at Anthony Town Hall, 401 Oak Street, Anthony, Texas. Purpose of the public hearing is to allow any interested person to appear and testify at the hearing regarding the following proposed ordinance(s) (second reading):

- 1) Ordinance No. 416, an ordinance establishing a FOUR-WAY STOP at the intersection of Jefferson and Second St. within the Town of Anthony, Texas;
- 2) Ordinance No. 417, an ordinance authorizing a NO PARKING ZONE with signage at the intersection of 6TH St. and Cedar St. within the Town of Anthony, Texas.

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

*Myriam P. Uribe
Town Clerk*

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NJROTC

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High Schools.

"This definitely gives us more confidence," Torrez said. "That means if we try hard enough, we can get first place."

It's this confidence and discipline that both Antunez and Torrez want to pass along to younger cadets so that the program stays strong. That's why Torrez takes pride in being one of Col. Gray's "bulldogs."

"You're sharing what you've learned with them," Torrez said. "You want to see them do well, too."

Antunez agreed. "It's like starting a fire," he said. "I want to keep that fire going."

The team will next enter as postal competition, the Jack C. Hayes High School Shootout, where targets are mailed for grading. On Nov.14 the team will compete at Montwood High School for the West Texas Borderland Drill Meet.

Canutillo

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Week Banquet, Wednesday, Nov. 12, at the El Paso Civic Center.

The president of the Sun-Up Opti-

mist Club, Dori Whitney stated, "We are proud to acknowledge and recognize a fine group of young people. They are a credit to their families. Their outstanding record of academic achievement and service to their community shows that the future is in good hands.

Lawrence Henry Apodaca, YAW

club chair and teacher at Canutillo Middle School, stated that he knows these students since he taught them in 8th grade, "These are good young women and men."

The Sun-Up Optimist Club of Canutillo meets at 6 p.m. Mondays, at Denny's, 7501 North Mesa.

TRUE TEXAS FACTS by Roger Moore. Texas passes its 1st anti-littering law in 1927.



SHS freshmen initiative program gets the attention of the FBI

EAST EL PASO COUNTY — The Federal Bureau of Investigation doesn't often issue awards, but Socorro High School's 9th Grade Initiative program received a pat on the back from the El Paso FBI office recently.

Special Agent-in-Charge Hardrick Crawford, Jr. visited the classroom of program leader Elizabeth Maldonado to present a certificate to her and a second certificate to Socorro High principal Oscar Troncoso. The program works to keep freshman high school students in school by offering individual tutoring and encouragement.

Crawford says the FBI is involved in El Paso area schools.

"We kinda do these things low key, because it's not the kind of thing you should be thumpin' your chest about. This recognizes that there are some pretty neat citizens in our community. But also, these professionals — people of the FBI — will talk to the kids. This is our jury pool, this is our witness pool," Crawford said.

"We want the educated populace to know that we are approachable. And we need diversity — so how better to do it than to reach into an inner city school?"

Maldonado says the award is welcome. "We know we're doing a good job. I wish this program existed in the other high schools because people still need help transitioning into the

high schools. Our retention rate (students not promoted to sophomore level) was 44 per cent in 1999, and now it's 14 percent. The kids know this is their place, and that they can come here for help. We don't achieve anything alone — it's all of us together"

After Duron welcomed Crawford to the school, he thanked Troncoso and Maldonado for making the program work.

"I want to echo Ms. Maldonado's remarks about teamwork," he said, "and I congratulate you on behalf of the entire staff of the Socorro ISD. You make us proud."

Troncoso says the award means a lot to Socorro High because the school had to find funding for the program when its grant ended.

"I felt obligated to keep the program going because it was so successful. The FBI award recognizes so many individuals that make this freshman center successful, beginning with Elizabeth Maldonado and her tutors. All the tutors are also graduates of Socorro High School. In



A LITTLE MATH HELP — Gabriel Martinez helps Marcella Moncayo understand the details of mathematics in Socorro High School's Freshman Initiative classroom.

fact, Gabriel Martinez was one of my English-As-A-Second-Language (ESL) students here and he was also one of Elizabeth's students — and he came back."

University of Texas at El Paso senior Martinez is at a table with SHS sophomore Marcella Moncayo teaching math — and that's what he wants to do after graduation. "I have seen amazing results," he says.

Moncayo says that because of the one-on-one tutoring sessions, students feel less pressure and understand the concepts better. "They break down the problems and explain them," she says, adding that sometimes it's more difficult for a classroom teacher to provide individualized help.

Public Notice Canutillo Independent School District 504 Child Find

Pursuant to Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, the District has a duty to identify, refer, evaluate and if eligible, provide a free, appropriate public education to disabled students. For additional information about the rights of parents of eligible children, or for answers to any questions you might have about identification, evaluation and placement into Section 504, please contact the District's Section 504 Coordinator, Karen Judd, at 877-7433, or mail at P.O. Box 100, Canutillo, Texas 79835.

Aviso de Identificación de Estudiantes Incapacitados bajo la Sección 504

Bajo la Sección del Decreto de Rehabilitación de 1973, el Distrito Escolar esta obligado a identificar, referir, evaluar, y proporcionar servicios educativos apropiados y gratuitos a los estudiantes incapacitados que califican bajo esta ley. Si usted desea mas información sobre los derechos de padres de niños incapacitados, o si tiene preguntas sobre la identificación, evaluación, y colocación de niños en el programa de Sección 504, favor de ponerse en contacto con la Coordinadora de 504 del Distrito Escolar Independiente de Canutillo, Karen Judd, al numero 877-7433, o por correo a la siguiente dirección: P.O. Box 100, Canutillo, Texas 79835.

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Canutillo Independent School District SPECIAL EDUCATION SERVICES

Canutillo Independent School District provides the following educational program/services to identified disabled children who reside within the district beginning on the third birthday through age twenty-one.

Instructional Program: including Early Childhood (beginning on the third birthday through age five), Resource (grades K-12) and Self-Contained (grades K-12); 2) Diagnostic Services; 3) Transportation Services; 4) Speech Therapy; 5) Counseling Services; 6) Adaptive Equipment Services; 7) Physical Therapy; 8) Occupational Therapy; 9) School Health Services; and 10) Homebound Services.

Services are provided to identified auditorial and visually impaired children who reside within the district from birth through age twenty-one.

In compliance with the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974 and Public Law 105-17, parents and adult students have the right to inspect educational records. District policies FL and FL-E provide for record access, confidentiality, and complaint procedures.

If you would like more information or know of a disabled child who is not receiving educational services, please contact: Priscilla Caballero, Special Education Director, P.O. Box 100, Canutillo, Texas 79835, (915) 877-7448.

El Distrito Escolar de Canutillo SERVICIOS DE EDUCACION ESPECIAL

El distrito escolar de Canutillo provee los siguientes programas/ servicios educacionales a niños que son identificados como deshabilitados que viven dentro del distrito comenzando con el tercer cumpleaños hasta los 21 años.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS TOWN OF ANTHONY, TEXAS

PREPARATION OF A PARK MASTER PLAN T.R.P.A. PROGRAM OF THE TEXAS PARKS AND WILDLIFE DEPT.

The Town of Anthony will conduct three public hearings to solicit the input and participation of all of its residents in the preparation of a Park Master Plan. Please attend this meeting and voice your opinion concerning the proposed project.

Date: Thursday, November 6, 2003

Time: 6:00 P.M.

Location: Council Room, Anthony Town Hall

Date: Thursday, November 13, 2003

Time: 6:00 P.M.

Location: Council Room, Anthony Town Hall

Date: Thursday, November 25, 2003

Time: 6:00 P.M.

Location: Council Room, Anthony Town Hall

There will be discussions of the purpose of the Park Master Plan and the process for the preparation of this community planning document. Other topics of discussion will include: (1) goals and objectives, (2) needs and problems, (3) facilities inventory, (4) planning process, (5) priorities, (6) recommendations and implementation, and (7) possible sources of funding. The Park Master Plan will follow the guidelines of the Texas Recreation and Parks Account Program of the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department.

Las presentaciones y discusiones sobre la preparacion de un Plan Maestro de Parques y Recreacion bajo las guias y direccion del departamento de Parques y Vida Natural del estado de Texas se haran en espanol para aquellas personas que asi lo deseen.

Art Franco, Mayor
Town of Anthony

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Water

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between 500,00 and 600,000 acres of state land to pump at least 16 billion gallons of water a year from aquifers located beneath six counties in West Texas. They say they don't have customers yet.

Patterson's points include that Rio Nuevo Ltd. will have to make public how and where it plans to explore for water, identify its customers and reveal some financial details, such as its expected return on investment.

The guidelines also say Rio Nuevo will have to obey the rules of local groundwater districts, which must regulate the pumping of groundwater within their boundaries by man-

date of the state.

But Rio Nuevo's ambitious plans have unnerved West Texas residents, local officials and environmental groups. Agriculture Commissioner Susan Combs says wholesale removal of groundwater could harm Big Bend National Park and other fragile regions of West Texas.

With the intended purpose of "explaining" to the Texas citizens whose aquifers the GLO plans to mine, Patterson said land office officials will present the 10 points, water policy and answer questions at a meeting of the Far West Texas Water Planning Group (FWTWP) in Van Horn on Nov. 20.

"Land Office staff have outlined what we think is a pretty good deal for the State of Texas, while being respectful of the need to deal with Rio Nuevo

directly," Patterson said. "These are the starting points. From here we may get more specific as we go along, but here is where we begin.

"Water is vital to West Texas. It is an emotional issue and I can understand why so many feel so strongly about plans to develop that water. However, I think the release of these discussion points will show that the Land Office is carrying out a slow, deliberate, well-thought out process here. There is no rush to the finish line.

"The School Land Board will take no action on this issue until there is an opportunity for public input at a public meeting," Patterson said. "I want to have a meeting in West Texas to hear local concerns, but before we go out there I want to have something specific to talk about. Right now it's

all very broad," he said.

However, FWTWP Chairman Tom Beard, who issued a personal invitation for Patterson himself to attend the Nov. 20 meeting, is apparently having some misgivings about how "broad" the subject matter will be at the Nov. 20 meeting. Following recent reports in West Texas newspapers, Beard issued the following statement to all media:

"There seems to be some confusion over the purpose of the meeting on (Nov. 20). Some have read into various articles and/or press releases that it will be an open forum at which everyone can bash the GLO and have their say.

"(This is) merely a regular meeting of the Planning Group — at which the GLO is expected to make a presentation. As such, we will al-

low only such public comments that we have time for and that are germane, and we will stick to business, which does not include vendettas or attacks.

"True, most of us in Far West Texas have been angered by the manner in which the Rio Nuevo proposal has been handled, but that will not justify attacks on the GLO or even Rio Nuevo, and it does not mean that this is a meeting called for that purpose. If the GLO really wants an open forum at which everyone can have their say, which they should, it will have to be their meeting. This is not it. This is our meeting, and we have business to attend to," Beard said.

The FWTWP will consider adopting a resolution in opposition to the GLO's proposed water sales at that meeting.

Briefs

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good time," organizers say. Cost is \$20 per person. Information: 859-6424.

■ Socorro High School's Navy Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps drill team has become the first to qualify for the 2004 NJROTC Texas State Drill Meet, scheduled for Feb. 28 at Texas A&M University. The top two teams from that competition go to the national event, scheduled for Pensacola, Florida during April. Socorro High marched against units in Corpus Christi's "Seahornet Classic" competition Oct. 18 and placed first out of all 17 Navy teams, and fourth out of 30 teams from all services. Judges ranked the school first in rifle, second in unarmed drill, third in armed drill and fifth in the color guard competitions. Navy Lt. Cmdr. (ret.) Gerald Mangrum is the senior military instructor at Socorro High School.

■ Montwood High School will hold its first Christmas Fair to raise money for the school's senior college grant fund at 9 a.m.-6 p.m. Nov. 22, in the school's "Blue" gym. The Montwood Booster Association, sponsor of the event, last year awarded \$500 to each of 20 graduating seniors. Sponsors are looking for vendors and entertainers to perform during the fair. Tables are \$10 each with a limit of two per vendor. Information, call Rosa Cervantes, 857-1487 or Raquel Alvarado, 855-2853.

■ Several Clint ISD campuses in the Horizon area are hosting a presentation to inform parents about the district's graduation requirements. The presentation will be held at Desert Hills El-

ementary, 300 Eastlake Drive, 6-7 p.m. on Tuesday, Nov. 11, with keynote speaker Pilar Hernandez from the "Think College Now" program from UTEP. The event is sponsored by Macias Elementary, Desert Hills, CTW Intermediate and Horizon Middle. For information contact these campuses directly.

■ Four people have been charged with engaging in organized criminal activity by the El Paso County Sheriff's Office following what was formerly believed to be an aggravated robber at the Super Stop #10 Exxon in East Montana. Following an investigation of the robbery of some \$4,000 in cash and property that took place Oct. 24, police say it was an inside job involving a current employee of the business, 23-year-old Ruben Carrasco, and Manuel Alex

Carrasco, 21, a former employee. Also charged were Giovan Lopez, 23, of Juarez, and Rigoberto Sosa, 18, who were also employed by the business. Capt. Larry Williams said the presence of high quality surveillance equipment was very helpful in determining responsibility for the robbery. All four suspects have been released on \$10,000 bond.

■ The City of Socorro will conduct a Christmas tree lighting ceremony at the Fiesta Mercado Shopping Center on Nov. 28 at 6 p.m. with Mayor Irma Sanchez and other area dignitaries. Live entertainment will be provided by children's choirs from area schools and the community is invited to attend. Information: Margie Perez at 859-8115.

■ The House of Representatives

is set to pass the fiscal year 2004 Interior Appropriations conference report today, which includes \$200,000 under the Save America's Treasures Program for El Paso's Plaza Theatre. Congressman Silvestre Reyes, D-El Paso, requested the federal funding to assist in the effort to restore the Plaza Theatre and re-open it to the public.

■ Drug smugglers along the U.S./Mexico border have been using a less than high-tech method recently to transport illegal drugs — horses. On two separate occasions last week, agents of the U.S. Customs and Border Protection have found stashes of drugs or abandoned drugs that were transported by horses. Lordsburg, N.M. agents didn't find the riders or their mounts but found a drug stash near Doyle Peak, southeast of Hatchita,

N.M. by following horse tracks. The stash, stored in nylon bags under some brush, was worth \$338,784. On Oct. 27, agents near Ft. Hancock found two horses tied to a tree about 15 miles east of the Ft. Hancock Port of Entry. The horses were packed with duffel bags carrying about 368 pounds of marijuana worth \$294,464. Tracks of the riders showed they had returned to Mexico on foot. The U.S. Dept. of Agriculture took custody of the horses and the Drug Enforcement Administration Task Force of the drugs. Agents Ft. Hancock also made an unusually large seizure on Nov. 1 being transported in the more common method: Ford pickup truck. Agents confiscated about 1700 pounds of marijuana valued at more than \$1.4 million when the driver of the truck abandoned it and fled on foot back into Mexico.

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You have to walk the walk if you're going to talk the talk

By Steve Escajeda
Special to the Courier

One of the first things my parents taught me as a child was the importance of knowing when to keep my mouth shut.

They taught me that there was always a time to speak up and that it was very important to have enough wisdom to know when to stay silent.

Maybe my parents should take about 20 min-

utes out of their busy schedule and have a sit down with UTEP head football coach Gary Nord.

Many people have mastered the art of self promotion through the years by opening their mouths and letting the world know about their greatness... but they were able to back it up.

Joe Namath guaranteed victory over the heavily favored Baltimore Colts in 1969's Super Bowl III. And Namath came through on his prediction and led the Jets to the NFL championship.

Muhammed Ali made himself a legend by opening his mouth as wide as he could, saying he was the greatest in the world. Of course, he backed up his words in the ring to become heavyweight champion of the world.

It's been said that Larry Bird would point to the floor and tell his opponents that he was going to shoot it from right there. He would get the ball and shoot the ball from just where he said — and drain the 3-pointer right in his opponent's red face.

These guys would talk the talk because they could walk the walk.

Gary Nord, on the other hand, talks the talk and then tries to walk but slips, tries to keep his balance, does a 360 in mid-air and falls right on his behind.

And the very sad thing is, he's beginning to make a habit of it.

Back in 2000, Nord talked the big talk after his team won a chance to go to the Humanitarian Bowl against Boise State. And the Miners got trounced.

A couple years ago Nord said his team was going to kick New Mexico State's (expletive). But by the time the game was over, it was the Miners who limped home with a sore back side.

Last week Nord was at it again saying his Miners, his mighty 2-6 Miners, could beat Tulsa easily.

UTEP got killed at home 56-28.

Nord, evidently still not having learned a thing, opened his mouth again at last Monday's press conference. Nord went on a tirade about *El Paso Times* columnist Joe Muench.

He complained that Muench, a NMSU grad, didn't like UTEP because he was an Aggie at heart, and that his negative columns were not good for the

fans or players to read.

C'mon Gary, Joe is writing the truth when he says the team has taken a giant step backward. When he says that maybe there should be a change of head coach, how can you challenge that with a straight face?

Don't get me wrong, Gary Nord is a very nice guy and I think all of us in the media would love to see him win but let's be just a little bit honest. The team is awful and Mr. Nord's five-year plan (which he is in the fourth year of) looks to be about seven or eight years from seeing any improvement.

Nord said that El Pasoans are tired of reading negative stories about the football team's performance.

Gary, El Pasoans are not tired about reading stories about the team's poor play. They're tired of the team's poor play.

Joe Muench could lie and say the team is doing great. But Joe is not being paid to lie. He's being paid to be brutally honest.

I've got a wacky idea, Gary — give the media in this town something positive to write about.

You can't go 6-28 in your last 34 games and be complaining about what the press is saying. You shouldn't even be paying attention to the press, you've got some coaching to do.

Nord has got to learn when to open his mouth and when to keep it shut. If I were 6-28 in my last 34 games, I don't think I'd be doing any trash talking.

People would think I was an idiot. Gary, people out there are thinking...

Pacific Valentine

Bobby Valentine is back doing the thing he loves the most, managing baseball.

Valentine isn't managing the New York Mets or the Boston Red Sox or the Texas Rangers, though. Valentine will manage the Lotte Marines.

The who?

The Lotte Marines are in the Pacific League of the Japanese Baseball League. Valentine managed the team back in 1995 and will sign a three-year deal with the team.

The big question to me is why the heck would Valentine go back to the Japanese League when he could almost certainly have one of the openings in the Major Leagues?

I'll tell you why — a three-year contract for \$64-million.

\$64-million! For that kind of money I'd have sushi morning, noon and night.



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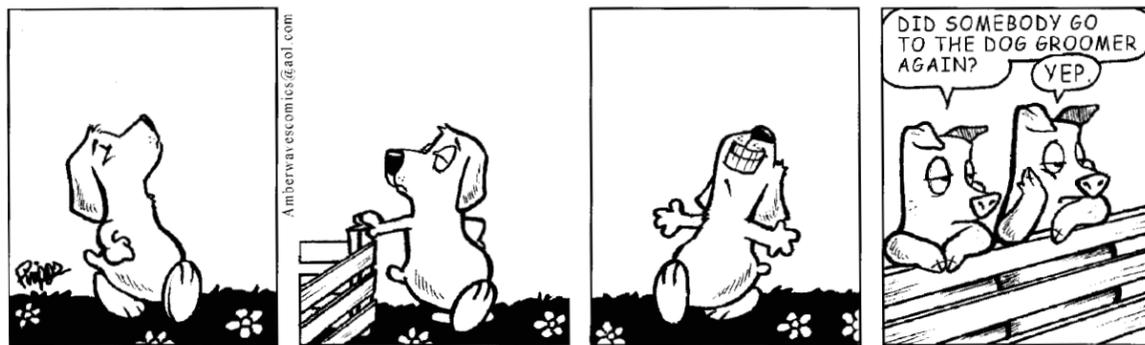
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Teens afraid to get down and dirty

By Don Flood

It was one of those "helpful" newspaper items, the kind editors use when they run out of meaty, thought-provoking articles — such as the one you're now reading — that are designed to appeal to smart, good-looking people such as yourself.

(This just in: A recent survey showed that readers of this column are "35 percent better-looking than the average toothpaste advertisement model." They are also 42 percent sexier and a whopping 85 percent less gullible. Congratulations!)

According to this article, the "latest" fashion trend is: dirty jeans.

Yes, I know. I'll just wait here while you pick yourself off the floor and try to gather your wits.

You're thinking, what do you mean "latest"? I wore dirty jeans more than... well, quite a few years ago!

That's because dirty jeans have been the "hot" fashion trend ever since Attila the Hun first brought the "dingy look" to Europe during the fifth century.

(Attila, who may have suffered from low self-esteem, also brought untold death and destruction, which have tended to obscure his contributions to the world of fashion.)

But while it's nice to know that today's teens are hip to our groovy fashion sense, I was shocked and saddened to learn how they are achieving that look.

Those so-called dirty jeans you see kids wearing? They're a fraud.

Yes, my friends, teens today are making their jeans look dirty by

soaking them in orange and brown dye and then tossing them in the washing machine!

My own jeans, I am proud to say, never saw the inside of a washing machine between the years 1972 and 1978. I think they would have died of shock if they had.

(It was acceptable to wash jeans before you wore them so that they could be loosened up. It was bad form, however, to wash dirty jeans.)

What this trend shows is another example of how our young people today lack moral (and very possibly dietary) fiber.

I'm sorry to say this, but today's young people don't have the gumption to dirty their own jeans.

(Educational note: "Gumption" is an old-timey word that you would have looked up by now if you weren't so lazy. Older people like to say that younger people should show more of it, though no one remembers anymore precisely what it is. I'm pretty sure it fits, though.)

When I was teen we got our jeans dirty the old-fashioned way: We played football in them on weekends and wore them to school for 180 days straight.

On days when I was ill, my jeans were able to attend classes on their own (though their note-taking left much to be desired).

You wouldn't expect today's jeans to be strong enough to walk on their own two legs. They're too clean. They probably even smell clean!

Where did today's parents go wrong?

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Fabens boys win championship

By Carol Silver

FABENS — "This was really an outstanding football season," said David M. Ponce, coach of the Fabens 7th grade football team. The middle-schoolers ended the season undefeated with a score of 8-0, thus gaining the title of Lower Valley and Conference Champions.

In order to make it to the championship, the Wildcats defeated both East Montana Middle School, 12-6, and Canutillo, 6-0. The Wildcats met Montwood Middle School 7th graders, which was also undefeated, at Socorro High School. Although Montwood was favored to win, the Wildcats defense shut out Montwood 8-0

Coaches for the Wildcats include Ponce, 7th grade head coach; Albert Jacquez, 7th grade assistant coach; Rodolfo Reyes, 8th grade head coach; and Daniel Lopez, 8th grade assistant coach.

Team members are Gustavo Serna, Santos Portillo, Michael Samaniego, Hector Quintana, Alex Jimenez, Aaron Gonzalez, Jaime Silva, Freddy Ortega, Jose Fernandez, Jose Medina, Daniel Esparza, Antonio Montoya, Damian Reinbold, Travis Gary, Adrian Solis, Luis Carbajal, Raul Gomez, Juan Martinez, Jacob Martinez, David de la Rosa, Albert Toca, Saul Sotelo, Paul de la Tome, Jaime Garcia, Enrique Nunez, Anthony Serna, Harvey Lujan, Eddie Garcia, and Joshua Martinez.

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Think twice before opting for early retirement

By Ray Vigil

If you are married, have been the primary wage earner in your family and are thinking about filing for early retirement, there are some things you should consider.

Most people know they can collect reduced Social Security retirement benefits as early as age 62. However, most people don't know that collecting Social Security before their full retirement age can reduce the benefit amounts paid to their survivors.

Consider the following couple —

Tom was born in 1941 and has just turned 62. His wife, Shirley, has worked, but Tom has been the primary wage earner in the family. Tom is thinking about when he should start collecting Social Security.

Social Security will compute a "basic benefit" for Tom. His basic benefit depends on how much he has earned over his lifetime. If Tom waits until his full retirement age to collect Social Security, he will receive 100 percent of his basic benefit every month for the rest of his life. For

someone born in 1941, such as Tom, the full retirement age is 65 years and 8 months.

If Tom collects Social Security before this age, his monthly benefit will be reduced. For example, if he collects Social Security starting at age 62, his monthly benefit amount will be about 77 percent of his basic benefit.

Tom's choice of when to start receiving Social Security not only affects how much he gets each month, but also affects how much Shirley

will get from Social Security if Tom dies before she does. When Tom dies, Social Security will pay Shirley a widow's benefit.

If Tom waits until his full retirement age to collect Social Security, Shirley's benefit will be 100 percent of Tom's basic benefit. If, however, Tom received early retirement benefits, her widow's benefit will be lower. In general, the longer Tom waits to collect Social Security, the higher Shirley's widow's benefit will be.

According to Social Security, there are currently three million widows and widowers who have less income because they were married to people who

filed for early retirement benefits.

A representative at your local Social Security office can talk with you and your spouse about your specific situation. When you are fully informed, you can make the decision that is right for both you and your family.

For more information visit your local social security office, see www.socialsecurity.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, 11111 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
▲ 71°	▼ 42°	▲ 68° ▼ 42°	▲ 68° ▼ 44°	▲ 74° ▼ 46°	▲ 71° ▼ 42°	▲ 66° ▼ 37°	▲ 60° ▼ 33°

UV INDEX Statistics for noon.

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

Thursday	5	Moderate
Friday	5	Moderate
Saturday	5	Moderate
Sunday	6	Moderate
Monday	6	Moderate
Tuesday	4	Low
Wednesday	3	Low

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Thursday	75°
Friday	62°
Saturday	63°
Sunday	68°
Monday	72°
Tuesday	65°
Wednesday	45°

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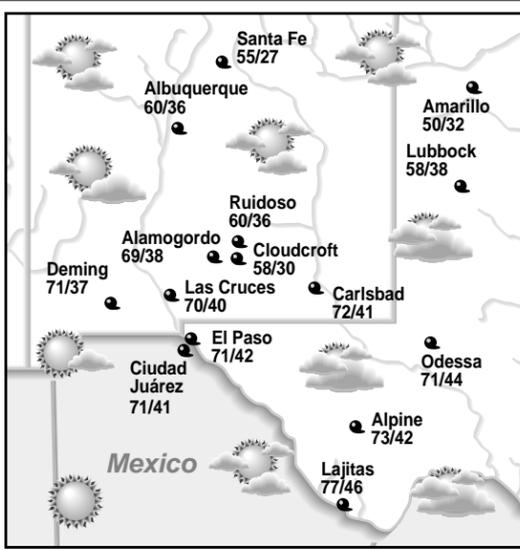
It will be a much cooler period across the area the next few days. A cold front will continue to move southward and eastward and bring clearing skies to the area. Temperatures will begin to warm up by the beginning of next week before another storm moves through the area and brings some rain Wednesday.

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Anthony	71	42
Canutillo	72	43
Clint	71	44
E. Montana	71	42
Fabens	71	44
Horizon	72	43
San Elizario	69	40
Socorro	70	41
Tornillo	71	44
Vinton	72	43

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



TRAVELERS CITIES

City	Thur. Hi/Lo/W	Fri. Hi/Lo/W	Sat. Hi/Lo/W	Sun. Hi/Lo/W	Mon. Hi/Lo/W
Albuquerque	60/36/pc	56/36/pc	57/37/pc	65/37/s	62/30/pc
Atlanta	74/58/c	68/46/pc	66/44/s	62/44/s	67/46/pc
Atlantic City	62/48/c	58/36/pc	52/34/s	51/33/s	54/33/c
Austin/San Antonio	81/60/c	62/48/c	66/50/c	72/55/pc	76/55/pc
Baltimore	64/44/c	58/36/pc	50/30/s	50/32/s	58/34/c
Boston	58/42/c	50/36/pc	46/34/s	44/32/s	49/35/c
Chicago	46/26/pc	42/26/pc	44/32/s	48/36/s	50/33/c
Dallas/Ft. Worth	65/50/c	56/44/c	61/50/pc	70/54/pc	70/49/pc
Denver	42/22/c	44/26/c	44/30/pc	46/32/pc	53/16/c
Flagstaff	50/22/pc	52/24/pc	52/26/c	50/24/pc	50/16/c
Houston	84/66/pc	72/56/c	72/54/pc	74/58/pc	78/60/pc
Kansas City	44/29/pc	45/29/s	50/34/pc	50/35/c	53/36/c
Las Vegas	66/46/pc	65/46/c	67/46/c	67/46/pc	65/44/pc
Miami	86/76/t	86/75/pc	85/73/pc	84/75/pc	85/70/pc
Minneapolis	33/16/pc	28/15/pc	34/23/pc	37/28/c	42/27/c
New Orleans	84/63/pc	74/57/pc	70/53/pc	74/58/s	76/58/pc
New York City	60/48/c	56/39/pc	51/39/s	48/40/s	52/39/c
Philadelphia	60/46/c	57/38/pc	50/34/s	48/36/s	53/37/pc
Phoenix	74/54/s	76/54/s	78/56/pc	76/54/s	74/47/pc
Portland	50/32/pc	50/38/pc	50/40/c	52/39/c	53/38/pc
San Francisco	62/50/c	60/52/c	62/50/c	62/48/pc	62/48/pc
Seattle	48/34/s	50/36/pc	50/36/pc	50/39/s	51/40/c
Tucson	75/47/s	78/50/s	78/50/pc	78/48/pc	76/44/pc
Washington, DC	64/48/c	60/40/pc	52/36/s	52/40/s	54/37/c

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



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