



NEWSBRIEFS

Big bust

Detectives obtained legal consent to enter a suspected drug house located at 1713 Firehouse, El Paso, on Monday, August 2. A Deputy and his K-9 located several suspicious boxes and discovered 695 pounds of cocaine. The street value of the cocaine in West Texas is approximately six million dollars. The street value of the cocaine is worth 20 million dollars in cities such as; Chicago, Illinois, Detroit, Michigan, New York City, New York. Fernando Barron Cardoza (dob 08/21/62) is charged with Possession of a Controlled Substance (a felony). His bond was set at one million dollars. Cardoza resided at the Firehouse address. "It was obvious to our Narcotics Detectives, after setting up surveillance, this house fit the classic mold of a possible stash house," said Rick Glancey, Public Information Officer, El Paso County Sheriff's Office. The El Paso County Sheriff's investigation will continue.

Moratorium lifted

Horizon City has repealed an ordinance that placed a moratorium on new applications for residential development. The town's council determined that the moratorium was no longer needed as the circumstances that had created the need for the moratorium were substantially addressed by two recent amendments to the town's subdivision ordinance.

In other news

■ Lions, tigers and elephants combine with BMX Stunt Riding, The Toscanos High Wire Artists and The Georgettes Dancing Girls to bring high-spirited patriotic hoopla to the Sun City. They all star in nine shows of the three-ring 53rd Annual El Maida Shrine Circus Fiesta, Friday, Saturday and Sunday, Aug. 27-28-29, 2004, at the El Paso County Coliseum. For more information, call El Maida Shrine at 562-1444.

■ Volunteers and nominations for open positions on the Clint ISD District Site Based Committee are now being taken for the 2004-2005 school year. One representative from each attendance zone in the district is needed for each category required including individuals who are parents of enrolled students, persons who reside in the community, and business men and women who have interest in the Clint school district. If you would be willing to serve, or you would like to nominate someone, please contact Sandy Burr, Executive Assistant to the Superintendent, at 926-4001.

■ U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ) has awarded R.E. Thomason General Hospital \$75,000 for the Rio Grande Safe

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Memory is the faculty that enables you to give someone most of your zip code.

— Quips & Quotes

Socorro ISD breaks ground on 34th campus

Socorro ISD administrators, board members and students grabbed golden shovels and symbolically broke ground for the District's 34th campus July 28.

After an introductory ceremony at the District's Education Center, a District bus took school officials and guests to the building site. It's a large tract of flat Eastside land at 3830 Rich Beem Boulevard in the northeast corner of the District, just south of Montana Avenue. It's a dirt road but not for long.

"Every line that's drawn, every bolt that's put together - we all share the same vision in that we know that it's going to be filled with children," said

Superintendent Dr. Robert J. Durón during the building site ceremony. "It's going to be a safe, nurturing environment. It's more than just a building it's an institution that's going to be changing the lives of the children in ways beyond our imagination. So it's a very special place."

Fourth-grader Neida Sandoval had reason to be excited. Now a student at Paso del Norte School, she'll be among the first students to use the new campus. "I'm

looking forward to that because I want to be

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BUSTIN' DIRT — From left, Lujan-Chavez kindergarten student Ayleen Oropeza, her aunt Myrna Oropeza, SISD School Board President Brenda Castañeda, Myrna Oropeza's daughter and Paso del Norte student Neida Sandoval, SISD Superintendent Dr. Robert J. Durón, Board Vice President Ray Rodriguez, SISD Assistant Superintendent for Personnel Services Dr. Ed Gabaldon help break ground at the new school's building site.

San Elizario High School orientation aims to better prepare students

By Phillip Cortez
Special to the Courier

Students going back to school after a long summer break can always look forward to the annual orientation session, the ins and outs of having to re-acclimate themselves to the school routine, having homework and bell schedules.

For students attending San Elizario School, they'll be going through an orientation session of a different kind, according to Dicky Garza, lead counselor. All students will be attending a 2-day instructional orientation session, August 18 and 19, 2004.

"The orientation session is to basically help students understand who they are and the goals

they need to strive for," Garza said.

In other words, the high school administration and faculty as a team will be making it clear to students in grades 9-12 from the onset that they set goals after high school and these goals can be achieved if the student is willing to take the necessary steps to reach those goals.

"Mrs. (Irma) Bauquera — SEHS principal — is very proactive in changing the mindset of some of these students that they can succeed," Garza said.

Baquera explained that while many schools use a shotgun approach to high school orientation, her campus faculty and staff is willing to undergo such a logistically-challenging ori-

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Project Angel seeks food donations

The Project Angel food project gathers and distributes food for needy Socorro families, and relies on the donations of area residents and other food banks in El Paso.

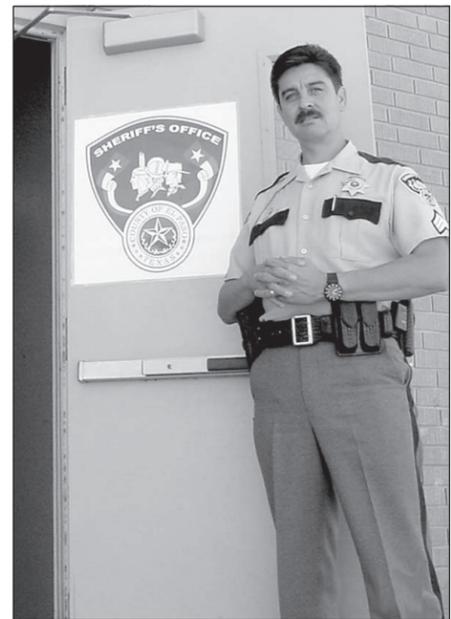
The El Paso Center for Children is asking for donated boxes of food, some of which is distributed in the Sparks and Aguas Dulces colonias in the Socorro school district.

The food boxes should have the following canned or dry foods:

- 2 cans of tuna
- 2 cans of beef soup — 10 oz. to 14 oz.
- 1 bag rice — 16 ozs.
- 1 bag beans — 16 ozs.
- 1 bag spaghetti — 16 ozs.
- 1 jar of spaghetti sauce — 16 ozs.
- 5 boxes of macaroni & cheese
- 1 box of powdered milk

- 1 24 oz. can of tomato sauce
- 4 canned vegetables, 14-16 oz.
- 1 1-lb. jar peanut butter
- 1 box of saltine crackers
- 2 cans stew w/meat, 14 — 16 ozs.
- 2 cans of jalapeños
- 2 cans of fruit — 18 ozs each
- 2 cans of fruit juice
- 1 bag flour — 5 lb.
- 1 bottle vegetable oil — 16 oz.

Please deliver the boxes to the El Paso Families Project, El Paso Center for Children, 2200 N. Stevens Street, 565-8361. For information about the needs of Socorro families, call SISD Family Support worker Cathy Garcia, 937-1711. Staff and volunteers will deliver the boxes to families living in Ysleta, Socorro and the colonias of East El Paso County.



Sergeant Fernando Esparza invites people to stop by the new Canutillo Community Resource Office.

Canutillo ISD, County Sheriff's office open resource office

By Alfredo Vasquez
Special to the Courier

CANUTILLO — El Paso County Sheriff's Office, in cooperation with Canutillo Independent School District, will hold an Open House to introduce its new Canutillo Community Resource Office that is now located in Canutillo ISD's Lone Star Building (the former Canutillo Elementary School), 7000 Fifth Street.

The open house for the new Community Resource Office will be held from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m., Friday, Aug. 13, Room 100 in the Lone Star Building. The morning event is open to the public. Free refreshments and snacks will be served, and the Sheriff's office and school district officials will be on hand to provide information.

"We look forward to having community residents visit our new office and receive information about the services that will be available here," said Sergeant Fernando Esparza, supervisor for the Canutillo office.

The new location will house the Community Resource Officer, Crime Prevention Officer, and Drug Education Officer. The SRO (School Resource Officer) and D.A.R.E. officers, as well as patrol officers, will also have access to the new office, which will be open daily from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

"With this new office we will be more accessible to the community and be better able to meet the residents and schools' needs," said Esparza.

Some of the services and programs that will be coordinated through the new storefront include Graffiti Wipeout, Neighborhood Watch, Amber Card, Auto Theft Prevention, Child Safety Seat Inspection, and Curb Address Identification.

The opening of the Canutillo Community Resource Office marks the first time the El Paso County Sheriff's office has established an office within a school district's facility.

"The new initiative will enhance the cooperative relationship between the Sheriff's office and the Canutillo school district," said Charles Hart, CISD superintendent.



One perspective

By Francis Shrum

Gorilla glue

There's a very famous song that says what the world needs now is love, sweet love. I think that's oversimplification. I think the world needs Gorilla glue.

You may have seen the ads on TV or in print. It shows a big plastic bottle of brown glue, with a picture of a big old gorilla on the label, scowling in true gorilla fashion, looking mean and fierce and especially strong.

You may even be fortunate enough to have some under your counter or in the tool shed. If you do, then you know what I'm talking about.

My whole place is held together with the stuff. Next to duct tape, it's about the best thing since they stopped making baling wire. There is nothing that I've used it on that isn't still holding together.

From the hose hanger on the wall in the garden, to the hinges of the back gate, to the ceramic soap dish in the shower, whatever you stick together with it stays stuck.

Now, one thing about this glue you have to be careful of, is that what you see is not necessarily what you get. It looks smooth, simple and brown in the bottle. About 30 minutes after you apply it, it begins to swell and fill in the crevices of the surfaces glued — therefore, you have a few minutes to time to manipulate it before it sets. When fully bonded, it has bubbled up and looks almost like foam insulation.

What does all this have to do with the state of human affairs? Why, just consider the implications!

For instance, if the leaders of a couple of countries just can't contain themselves and feel like bashing one another with the wounded bodies of thousands of young men and women,

just whip out the Gorilla glue and glue their hands together. After several days of being forced to look deeply into one another's eyes, I expect they would begin to feel the other guy's pain — or at least be so fed up they will have lost the desire to face him ever again, even across the battlefield.

I can't even begin to describe all the ways Gorilla glue could improve local city and county government — especially our elections.

It works well in cases of marital discord, too. Glue 'em together and they'll work things out. Women, are you not getting enough attention from your fella? Glue his face to the bed post facing you and you'll have a captive audience. Men, getting a little tired of the constant stream of words flowing past your female's lips? Well, I think the implications there are obvious.

Gorilla glue could also cut way down on the number of divorce cases when strategically applied to the speaking mechanisms of lawyers.

Your teenager engaging in the bad habit of slipping out at night? Simply glue the window shut, and this failing, firmly attach the youngster to the bedroom wall.

Are your teens dressing inappropriately, revealing far more of their youthful bodies than you feel comfortable with? Modest clothing, artfully applied with Gorilla glue — which is waterproof — will solve that problem for weeks.

Having trouble controlling your spending habits? A drop of Gorilla glue will attach your credit cards so firmly to the wall they will be rendered harmless. Run a bead of the glue along the edge of your pocketbook, wallet, or purse and it will also aid in the outgo problem.

Getting too many telemarketing

calls at dinner time? Are your kids driving you crazy with their constant phone calls? Simply attach the receiver to the phone with a small amount of Gorilla glue and your problem is solved.

In-laws and neighbors constantly coming over, poking their noses into your business? Apply Gorilla glue, according to directions, along the edge of your door frame and close

the door firmly.

This also works well for people who are seeking to lose weight. A little Gorilla glue applied strategically to the door of your refrigerator has proven far more effective than Weight Watchers or (in hushed tones) self-control.

Kids constantly leaving their toys all over the place? Only a small amount of Gorilla glue will very ef-

fectively anchor those pesky toys in one place, where ever you prefer they remain, almost indefinitely.

There is a drawback to all this, though. You see, Gorilla glue will eventually wear off of organic surfaces like skin, so repeated applications are necessary. To effect truly lasting changes in our human relationships, we need that other thing.

You know — love, sweet love.

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

How to keep the high temperatures from turning into high energy bills

As I write this column, it is in the high 90's in parts of Texas and it probably won't be cooling down anytime soon. While the August heat continues to bear down on us, it is important to remember how you can beat the heat without the high energy bills.

Heating and cooling your home uses more energy and drains more dollars than any other system in your home. Typically, 44% of your utility bill goes for heating and cooling. With the average family spending \$1300 a year on home utility bills, the Department of Energy (DOE) has provided some helpful tips to allow bill payers to lower their utility costs by becoming more energy efficient.

The first step in becoming more energy efficient is to formulate a plan. A good plan begins with a budget based on your current electric bills and by looking into trouble spots that can use maintenance or replacement. Although house maintenance can be

expensive, the end result will often save you large quantities of money in the long run. A few areas of great concern around the house are windows, air conditioners, water heaters and duct systems.

There are specific steps you can take to keep your energy bills down during the hot summer months. For instance, it is suggested that you set your thermostat as high as comfortably possible in the summer. The less difference between the indoor and outdoor temperatures, the lower your overall cooling bill will be. If nothing else, you should avoid setting your thermostat at a colder setting than normal when you turn on your air conditioner. It will not cool your home any faster and most likely will result in a higher electric bill. One last tip involving your thermostat is to avoid placing lamps or TV sets near it. The thermostat senses heat from these appliances, which can cause the air conditioner to run longer

than necessary.

If you really want to make a dent in your energy bills, consider using fans instead of the air conditioner. Whole-house fans help cool your home by pulling cool air through the house and exhausting warm air through the attic. They are effective when operated at night and when the outside air is cooler than the inside. Consider using an interior fan in conjunction with your window air conditioner to spread the cooled air more effectively through your home without greatly increasing your power use.

These are just a few of the many tips that can make a home more energy efficient. I encourage you to visit http://www.eere.energy.gov/consumerinfo/energy_savers for more helpful tips on how to keep both the temperature and your energy costs down.



Reyes Reports By U.S. Rep. Silvestre Reyes

New troops good for El Paso



An annual infusion of \$586 million can certainly make a positive impact on a community. That's what El Paso has to look forward to in 2006, when 3,800 new troops will come to Fort Bliss as part of the ongoing Army Transformation.

The stationing of these troops at Fort Bliss is the culmination of years of hard work within El Paso. I have worked with our U.S. Senators, our State Representatives, the post leadership, the mayor and the local chambers of commerce to improve Fort Bliss — and the community as a whole. The fact that the Army chose Fort Bliss as the future home to such a large number of soldiers is testament to our strength and dedication to the region. It is quite obvious that the Army values what we have to offer to the military.

What's also important is what

these soldiers offer us. These new troops are potential home buyers or renters, will mostly likely have small children who will enter our school systems, and will infuse the Northeast with much-needed economic vitality. The Northeast will be extremely attractive to small business owners and home builders. It is estimated that 4,123 new jobs that will be created to support these new troops and \$479 million in extra payroll will drive up our earnings.

El Paso must prepare for these new soldiers and their families, and as in the past, I continue to work in Congress to secure federal funding for our regional military facilities. We recently passed the Military Construction spending bill, which included millions for Fort Bliss and White Sands Missile Range, such as:

- \$16.5 million for a new Missile Defense Instruction Facility at Fort Bliss;

- \$2.9 million for a new Air and Missile Defense Command Tactical Equipment Shop at Fort Bliss;

- \$33 million for the Electromagnetic Vulnerability Assessment Facility at White Sands Missile Range to replace the echoic chamber that was destroyed by a fire; and

- \$31 million for 165 new housing units at White Sands Missile Range.

This funding will improve our military facilities and help us prepare for this influx of troops. As this session of Congress continues, I will work to ensure Fort Bliss, White Sands and Holloman get the support and funding they need.

We are all looking forward to welcoming these new soldiers and their families to El Paso. El Paso as a community has a lot to offer them and will grow as a result of their arrival. Just as important, their arrival here displays the importance and value of Fort Bliss to U.S. Army and the military as a whole.

SBA to hold business seminar

EL PASO COUNTY — SBA Business Loan Fair will be held Thursday, August 12, 2004 from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. at the Center for Workforce Preparedness building at 1359 Lomaland.

Small business owners who are looking for a quick financing for items such as vehicles, computers, inventory, equipment and debt refinancing for

their business can benefit from SBA Express loans with only a one page SBA borrower form and a 36 hour turnaround time for loan approval.

Participants are being asked to bring in a current copy of their credit report in order to speed up the loan application process. A representative from the credit company Experian will be present at the fair and will

provide training on how to analyze your credit report and improve your rating. A credit report can be purchased for fewer than ten dollars.

There is no cost of the conference and for more information on how to obtain a credit report and reservations call Anna Rivera at the SBA office at (915) 633-7001.

— Contributed by Adrian Madrigal

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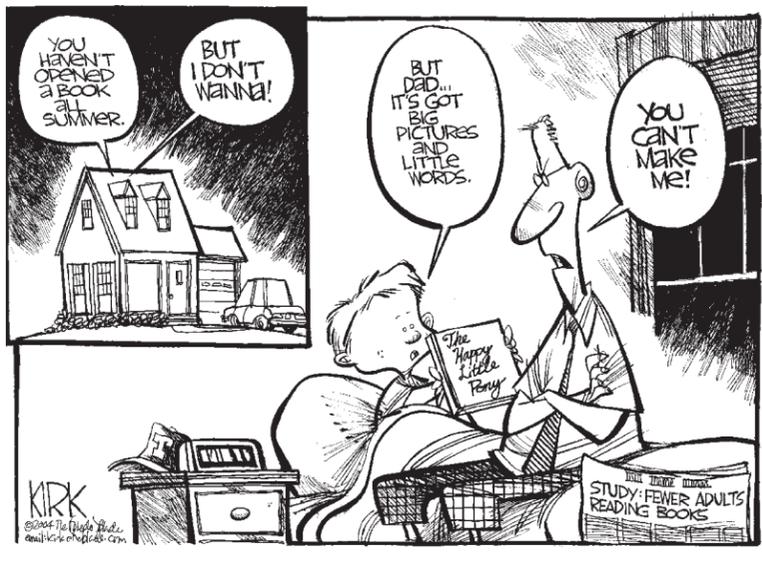
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THE TEXAS FACTS by Roger T. Moore. With supplies short in early Texas, pioneers often made a bitter coffee substitute out of Mesquite tree beans.



TB or not to be

By Albert M. Balesh, M.D.

A play on Shakespeare's words does little to detract from the seriousness of tuberculosis (TB). In recent years, in fact, there has been a resurgence of this age-old malady in the United States and here on the border.

Although the epicenter of TB in the U.S. continues to be New York, it must be acknowledged, realistically, that TB is reentering the mainstream of medicine and the delivery of health care everywhere. Alarmists, vested interests, and others have decried the decline in still-needed programs and warn that case rates will rise.

As you know, tuberculosis is a disease that, because of its airborne transmission, has great public health significance, sometimes pitting the concerns and desires of the diseased individual against the public good. The goals of public health are threefold and include prompt diagnosis and treatment, prevention of transmission to others in the community, and identi-

fication of those infected with Mycobacterium tuberculosis who are at high risk for developing disease, and therefore candidates for preventive treatment.

Disease surveillance is of paramount importance. Suspected and confirmed cases of TB must be reported to public health authorities. Following closely on its heels is case containment. By assuring appropriate and complete treatment of cases, the chain of transmission is cut.

There is a saying that "treatment is prevention," and this should remain the cornerstone of tuberculosis control efforts. The next important task is to target tuberculosis-infected individuals at high risk of developing active tuberculosis, and provide them with preventive treatment. Preventive activities, as you can well imagine, can be quite difficult since the "patient" is not sick. Issues such as adherence to treatment become magnified, and there is absolutely no mandate (and perhaps there should not be one) to require treatment.

Clear national guidelines describ-

ing the goals and objectives of tuberculosis control have been published by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. It is the responsibility of El Paso's tuberculosis control programs to implement them.

Tuberculosis has retreated into selected and epidemiologically defined high risk groups, and this has made it harder to attend to public health concerns. Advocacy for tuberculosis control efforts is difficult because those with the disease are seen as "others" who have no relationship or relevance to the public at large, except as threats (for example, foreign born, injection drug users, homosexuals, alcoholics, prisoners, etc.).

The public health sector indeed has some unique responsibilities in terms of tuberculosis control in the El Paso County. It should provide coordination, management, and oversight of all aspects of tuberculosis control. This *sine qua non* of public health will ensure that "TB is not To Be."

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING TO DISCUSS BUDGET AND PROPOSED TAX RATE

The Fabens Independent School District will hold a public meeting at 6:00 p.m., Wednesday, August 18, 2004 in the Boardroom of the Central Office, 821 N.E. "G" Street, Fabens, Texas. **The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the school district's budget that will determine the tax rate that will be adopted.** Public participation in the discussion is invited.

The tax rate that is ultimately adopted at this meeting or at a separate meeting at a later date may not exceed the proposed tax rate shown below unless the district publishes a revised notice containing the same information and comparisons set out below and holds another public meeting to discuss the revised notice.

Comparison of Proposed Rates with last Year's Rates					
	Maintenance & Operation	Interest & Sinking Fund*	Total	Local Revenue Per Student	State Revenue Per Student
Last Year's Rate	\$ 1.5000	\$ 0.0785*	\$ 1.5785	\$ 630	\$5,660
Rate to Maintain Same Level of Maintenance & Operations Revenue & Pay Debt Service	\$ 1.5185	\$ 0.0708*	\$ 1.5893	\$ 698	\$5,588
Proposed Rate	\$ 1.5000	\$ 0.0785*	\$ 1.5785	\$ 638	\$ 6,039

*The Interest & Sinking Fund tax revenue is used to pay for bonded indebtedness on construction, equipment, or both. The bonds, and the tax rate necessary to pay those bonds, were approved by the voters of this district.

Comparison of Proposed Levy with Last Year's Levy on Average Residence		
	Last Year	This Year
Average Market Value of Residences	\$ 39,193	\$40,842
Average Taxable Value of Residences	\$ 24,181	\$25,842
Last Year's Rate Versus		
Proposed Rate per \$100 Value	\$ 1.578496	\$ 1.578496
Taxes Due on Average Residence	\$ 381.70	\$ 406.87
Increase (Decrease) in Taxes		\$ 25.17

Under state law, the dollar amount of school taxes imposed on the residence homestead of a person 65 years of age or older or of the surviving spouse of such a person, if the surviving spouse was 55 years of age or older when the person died, may not be increased above the amount paid in the first year after the person turned 65, regardless of changes in the tax rate or property value.

Notice of Rollback Rate: The highest tax rate the district can adopt before requiring voter approval at an election is 1.681274. This election will be automatically held if the district adopts a rate in excess of the rollback rate of 1.681274.

Fund Balances	
The following estimated balances will remain at the end of the current fiscal year and are not encumbered with or by a corresponding debt obligation, less estimated funds necessary for operating the district before receipt of the first state aid payment:	
Maintenance and Operations Fund Balance(s)	\$ 4,304,834
Interest & Sinking Fund Balance(s)	\$ 212,618

Canutillo ISD raises pay; takes steps to discourage graffiti

By Don Woodyard
Courier Staff Writer

CANUTILLO—In two successive July meetings, the Canutillo ISD board of trustees flashed special “green” lights of improved salary packages for its employees.

- July 27th special school board meeting:

Teachers, librarians and nurses received a 3 percent pay raise plus salary step increases in salaries.

- July 13th regular school board meeting:

Substitute teachers, with varying

levels of education, received \$5-a-day pay increases.

The compensation package approved at the July 27 th meeting brings the starting salary for beginning teachers to \$34,000. Additionally, employees with a master’s degree receive \$1,200 over those with only the bachelor’s degree.

Other professional employees will receive a 2 percent pay raise.

The board also granted a 3 percent pay increase for auxiliary employees, including manual trades and paraprofessionals.

Total cost of the pay package for the coming school year is \$923,314.

“Canutillo is a growing district that will need teachers in significant numbers,” said comptroller Tony Reza. “We realize that to attract those teachers we need to offer a teacher pay scale with a competitive starting salary.

“Increased student enrollment as well as increases in property values will provide the revenues necessary to fund the competitive compensation package,” Reza added.

After much discussion at the July 13 th board meeting, substitute teachers with a 48 hours of college credit will receive \$55 a day, an increase of \$5. Substitutes with a bachelor’s degree will also receive a \$5 boost to \$60 a day.

Daily salary for degreed substitutes fully certified in the subject area in which they would be teaching would also jump \$5 to \$65.

The only category of substitutes who would not receive additional compensation are those with a high school diploma or GED.

Also at the mid-month meeting, superintendent Charles Hart took a strong stand against graffiti and warned those people who had de-

faced a small area of wall of the new high school that they face prosecution. “It sickens me.

“We have many beautiful children in our district,” he said, “but there is a small minority who are not doing us any favors.” He was referring to those people who had spray painted graffiti on a back wall of the new high school. (It was subsequently removed.)

Security lights would be installed to guard against future graffiti attacks.

Emphasizing the need to take pride in the community, he asked board members and residents to work to stamp out graffiti.

Hart also announced that he and Dr. Richard Rhodes, president of El Paso Community College, had signed an agreement for joint shared use of parking facilities on the Northwest campus and the new high school.

In other action, new school board member Frank Lerma was elected primary delegate to the TASB (Texas Assn. of School Boards) convention in September. Carl Frieze was named alternate.

San Eli promotes, hires personnel

The San Elizario ISD has promoted Robert Longoria from Support Services Director to Assistant Superintendent of Support Services. Longoria has been with the district since 1978.

Linda Rodriguez has been hired as the new principal of San Elizario Middle School. Rodriguez was an assistant principal at San Elizario High School. Joining Rodriguez on the Middle School staff is assistant principal Marta Alvarez. Teresa Navarro will complete the Middle School team pending board approval.

Joe Keith has been hired to be an assistant principal at San Elizario High School. Maria Eugenia Justiniano is the new administrator at the Excel Academy, San Elizario’s alternative campus.

Ernesto Siegel has been named an assistant principal at Borrego Elementary School and Christine Jaksch is the new principal at Loya Primary School.

Joe Gomez is the new Warehouse Supervisor for the district and Raul Jacques is the new Food Services Coordinator.

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The **Anthony Independent School District** will hold a public meeting at 6:30 p.m., Wednesday, August 18, 2004 in the Board Room, Anthony Middle School Cafeteria, 610 Sixth Street, Anthony, Texas. **The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the school district’s budget that will determine the tax rate that will be adopted.** Public participation in the discussion is invited.

The tax rate that is ultimately adopted at this meeting or at a separate meeting at a later date may not exceed the proposed tax rate shown below unless the district publishes a revised notice containing the same information and comparisons set out below and holds another public meeting to discuss the revised notice.

Comparison of Proposed Rates with last Year’s Rates

	Maintenance & Operation	Interest & Sinking Fund*	Total	Local Revenue Per Student	State Revenue Per Student
Last Year’s Rate	\$ 1.500000	\$ 0.200699*	\$ 1.700699	\$1,809	\$4,529
Rate to Maintain Same Level of Maintenance & Operations Revenue & Pay Debt Service	\$ 1.182900	\$ 0.221500*	\$ 1.404400	\$1,654	\$4,936
Proposed Rate	\$ 1.500000	\$ 0.220071*	\$ 1.720071	\$1,996	\$5,227

*The Interest & Sinking Fund tax revenue is used to pay for bonded indebtedness on construction, equipment, or both. The bonds, and the tax rate necessary to pay those bonds, were approved by the voters of this district.

Comparison of Proposed Levy with Last Year’s Levy on Average Residence

	Last Year	This Year
Average Market Value of Residences	\$ 53,256	\$56,677
Average Taxable Value of Residences	\$ 38,182	\$41,505
Last Year’s Rate Versus Proposed Rate per \$100 Value	\$ 1.700699	\$ 1.720071
Taxes Due on Average Residence	\$ 649.36	\$ 713.92
Increase (Decrease) in Taxes		\$ 64.56

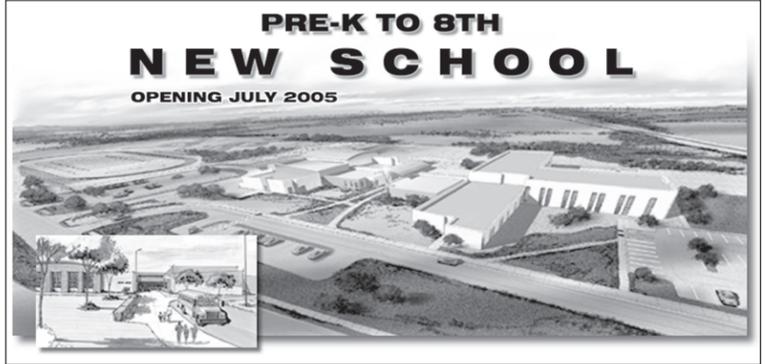
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Notice of Rollback Rate: The highest tax rate the district can adopt before requiring voter approval at an election is 1.791154. This election will be automatically held if the district adopts a rate in excess of the rollback rate of 1.791154.

Fund Balances

The following estimated balances will remain at the end of the current fiscal year and are not encumbered with or by a corresponding debt obligation, less estimated funds necessary for operating the district before receipt of the first state aid payment:

Maintenance and Operations Fund Balance(s)	\$ 100,000
Interest & Sinking Fund Balance(s)	\$ 1,000



GOING UP — Socorro ISD has broken ground to build its 34th campus shown in this architect’s drawing.

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the first one to come to a new school. Excited because it’s a new school, and because it’s new to me.” She says she’ll do her part to help keep the new campus clean.

Sandoval’s mother, Myrna Oropeza, also brought her niece, Ayleen Oropeza, a kindergarten student at Lujan-Chavez Elementary School to the ceremony. Myrna Oropeza says the new school “is good because they’ll have more space available for the students. There wasn’t room for Neida at Lujan-Chavez last year, so she had to go to Paso del Norte. And next year, she’ll be here.”

Simple design

The school has been designed by El Paso’s Perspectiva architectural firm, and will be built by Banes General Contractors on the 30-acre site. The finished school is scheduled to open for students during July, 2005. It’s designed to serve 900 students in pre-kindergarten through the eighth grade. Indoor facilities include a gymnasium for games and school assemblies, plus a cafeteria, a kitchen and school library.

Project architect Martin Needle of Perspectiva says the school’s design is based on careful research and planning. “Basically you’ve got to think about how the students are going to move through there and the age groups. For some things, the age groups need to be separate, but at the same time they share a lot of facili-

ties. The gym is geared more the middle school students. The arts area is near the gym so the band can have access to that. And there are playing fields for baseball, softball, soccer, football and track, including areas for the discus and shot-put.” Needle added that another feature of the school is a long student drop-off lane.

John Panahi is project manager for Banes General Contractors, Inc. “It’s a very clean design. It won’t give us any problems in constructing it by July, 2005. It’s a beautiful layout.”

It’s amazing to watch the growth of the District,” says Linda East, a member of the Citizens’ Oversight Committee and Del Sol Medical Center Administrative Director of Public Relations .

The guaranteed maximum price for the new campus is \$9,294,087, with funds coming from the District’s 2000 bond election. The new campus is part of the El Dorado High School feeder pattern, and will help relieve the growing student populations of the District’s Paso del Norte (pre-K-8) and the Lujan-Chavez (pre-K-5) campuses.

Name the school

Socorro wants your suggestions for names for the new campus. Suggestions can be submitted in person or mailed to Vicki Icard, Director of Special Projects, Socorro Independent School District 12300 Eastlake Drive, El Paso, 79928-5400. The nominations will be considered by a committee selected by SISD Board Trustees. Nominations also can be faxed to 860-7137 or sent to the following e-mail address: vicard@sisd.net.

Smokey Bear turns 60

Since 1944, Smokey Bear has been a national icon with his message "Only you can prevent wildfires." The Texas Forest Service (TFS) will kick off Smokey's 60th birthday on Aug. 9. The celebration will continue throughout the year, reminding citizens of the importance of protecting natural resources.

To coincide with the birthday celebration, TFS is sponsoring a contest to design Smokey's birthday card. All Texas residents are eligible to compete in age groups ranging from Pre-K through adult. Five regional winners from each of the five age groups will compete for state recognition and the chance to have their art used in Texas Forest Service prevention campaigns.

Smokey's message is once again in the spotlight because of the recent devastating wildfires in the Western U.S. and Alaska. But Texas is not

immune to the same problems other states are having. A growing number of residents are choosing to live in fire-prone wildland/urban interface, where combustible vegetation meets combustible homes.

Texas experienced severe wildfires in 1996, '98, '99 and 2000 with an estimated 746,000 acres lost over that five-year span. Since more than 90 percent of Texas wildfires are human-caused, Smokey Bear's message of vigilance continues to stress the importance of preventing wildfires.

For more information on the Texas Forest Service wildfire prevention campaigns, visit <http://texasforests.com/> and for more information on Smokey Bear, including the history of his prevention campaign, visit <http://www.smokeybear.com/>.

Canutillo graduates receive scholarships from alumni

By Kim Guzman
Special to the Courier

UPPER VALLEY — Nine college-bound Canutillo High School graduates recently received \$1,000 scholarship each from the Canutillo Alumni Foundation for Education (CAFE) organization. The organization's purpose is to encourage and assist CHS students to pursue a post-secondary education that will help them to become productive citizens of their community and country.

CAFE is a non-profit foundation initiated by CHS alumni and friends to establish the scholarship fund, promote the history of Canutillo ISD, provide mentors to students of CISD, unite the communities in CISD, and

to recognize current CISD students and CHS alumni and friends.

Scholarship recipients included Veronica Chavez, Mirna Contreras, Isai De La Rosa, Crystal Gonzalez, Diana Hernandez, Crystal Mata, Jessica Rodriguez, Eva Lupe Torres, and Suzette Urista. Recipients were chosen based on their academic achievement, involvement in the community, and need for financial assistance.

The funding for CAFE's scholarships this year was raised through its First Annual Golf Tournament held at Santa Teresa Country Club in April. The organization is also planning various other fundraising activities such as a walk-a-thon in August.

For more information about CAFE or to help with the 2004-2005 fundraisers, call 533-0875.

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entation because of the positive results that can occur as a result of their strong efforts.

"Not only will this orientation help kids set goals for high school but it's an opportunity to look at the long-term plan for life after college, too," Baquera said. "It's also an opportunity for us to evaluate and assess how good we do in putting on this orientation and finding out whether this can be a part of our high school program."

According to Garza, the orientation will infuse The 7 Habits of Highly Effective Teens — Be proactive, begin with the end in mind, put first things first, think win-win, seek first to understand, then to be understood, synergize, sharpen the saw (renew yourself regularly) — with a program that enhances decision-making skills, the Sure Shot/Visions program. Administrators are hopeful that students will begin to see the bigger picture in regards to their educational endeavors.

The orientation ensures that there is something useful for every grade level, as students will be divided by classification and broken down into smaller groups for breakout sessions to discuss various topics.

For example, while freshmen will be taking a reading and math diagnostic test "in order to identify where

that student might have problems so that we can provide the proper help" in the morning, seniors will be talking to college representatives and given a lecture on post-high school options. Every senior, according to Garza, will fill out dual admissions applications for UTEP and EPCC.

"Even kids who have stressed that they will be going the military route," Garza explained, "they'll be filling out a college application, too. What if their in sports and get hurt and don't pass their physical?"

"What we're doing is giving them options."

Garza says that the orientation will stress to students that there are a lot of options for them and that their schooling will play a huge part in guiding them toward the option they set forth to follow. But he also says that having a back-up plan is vital for students, as well. He likes to tell a popular story about a graduate who was destined to attend North Texas, was given a full ride to attend classes there and was adamant about not filling out a UTEP application until his mother was stricken with cancer.

"After a few years, he realized that UTEP was a quality school that met his needs," Garza recalls.

One of the highlights to this year's orientation is motivational speaker LTC Consuelo Castillo-Kickbusch (U.S. Army retired), who visited with San Elizario students last spring and left to a standing ovation.

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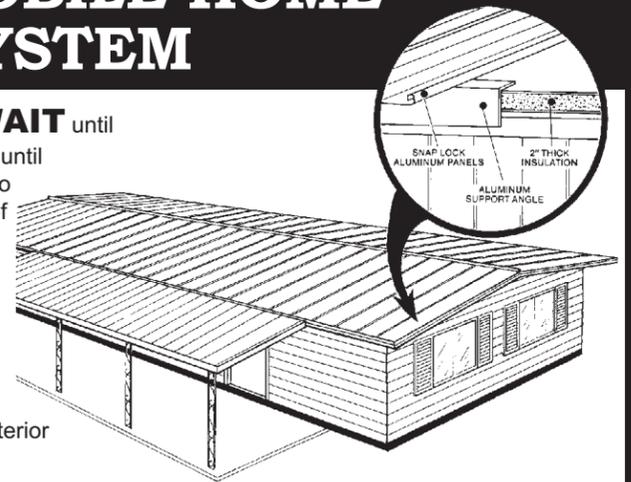
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NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING TO DISCUSS BUDGET AND PROPOSED TAX RATE

The **Clint Independent School District** will hold a public meeting at 5:30 p.m., Monday, August 16, 2004 in the Central Administration Board Room, 14521 Horizon Blvd., Horizon City, Texas. **The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the school district's budget that will determine the tax rate that will be adopted.** Public participation in the discussion is invited.

The tax rate that is ultimately adopted at this meeting or at a separate meeting at a later date may not exceed the proposed tax rate shown below unless the district publishes a revised notice containing the same information and comparisons set out below and holds another public meeting to discuss the revised notice.

	Comparison of Proposed Rates with last Year's Rates				
	Maintenance & Operation	Interest & Sinking Fund*	Total	Local Revenue Per Student	State Revenue Per Student
Last Year's Rate	\$ 1.50000	\$ 0.22546*	\$ 1.725460	\$ 869	\$5,663
Rate to Maintain Same Level of Maintenance & Operations Revenue & Pay Debt Service	\$ 1.39150	\$ 0.22270*	\$ 1.61420	\$ 844	\$4,665
Proposed Rate	\$ 1.50000	\$ 0.21000*	\$ 1.71000	\$ 892	\$5,699

*The Interest & Sinking Fund tax revenue is used to pay for bonded indebtedness on construction, equipment, or both. The bonds, and the tax rate necessary to pay those bonds, were approved by the voters of this district.

	Comparison of Proposed Levy with Last Year's Levy on Average Residence	
	Last Year	This Year
Average Market Value of Residences	\$ 50,006	\$55,198
Average Taxable Value of Residences	\$ 34,918	\$39,907
Last Year's Rate Versus Proposed Rate per \$100 Value	\$ 1.72546	\$ 1.71000
Taxes Due on Average Residence	\$ 602.50	\$ 682.41
Increase (Decrease) in Taxes		\$ 79.91

Under state law, the dollar amount of school taxes imposed on the residence homestead of a person 65 years of age or older or of the surviving spouse of such a person, if the surviving spouse was 55 years of age or older when the person died, may not be increased above the amount paid in the first year after the person turned 65, regardless of changes in the tax rate or property value.

Notice of Rollback Rate: The highest tax rate the district can adopt before requiring voter approval at an election is 1.724249. This election will be automatically held if the district adopts a rate in excess of the rollback rate of 1.724249.

Fund Balances	
The following estimated balances will remain at the end of the current fiscal year and are not encumbered with or by a corresponding debt obligation, less estimated funds necessary for operating the district before receipt of the first state aid payment:	
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Interest & Sinking Fund Balance(s)	\$ 248,559

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Captain Iverson leads by example – shows team how to serve a suspension

By Steve Escajeda
Special to the Courier

Every four years the world gets together for an athletic party of sorts called the Summer Olympic Games.

A certain lucky city is chosen to host the games. Well, lucky enough to say they once hosted the games, unlucky when they get the bill.

Anyway, this year's Olympic games are in Athens, Greece, and the United States is considered a favorite to capture the bulk of the medals.

One of America's strongest events is basketball.

The men's team is not as strong, by a long shot, as the Dream Team of Larry Bird, Michael Jordan, and Magic Johnson, but the red, white, and blue should still take the gold.

When you think about it, the only thing that can stop the USA is the USA itself.

Coach Larry Brown just proved that the "team" concept will win out over the "me" concept every time. Look at what his team-oriented Detroit Pistons just did to the me-oriented Los Angeles Lakers.

If the USA can learn to be more mature and pass the ball and play team defense, they'll have no problem.

And naturally, every team has a trusted team captain to help make sure the rest of the players act accordingly.

So, naturally, the USA did the smart thing and named noted malcontent, Allen Iverson, as a team captain.

You remember Iverson. He's the guy who cut a rap CD about beating up women, using drugs, and other more unwholesome topics. He's the guy who refused to attend practice on a regular basis because he said it was only "practice."

Just this past season Iverson was coming off an injury and his coach told him he would be coming off the bench in his first game back. Iverson not only refused to come off the bench, he refused to suit up and play the game saying, "I'm an all-star — all-stars don't come off the bench."

Why do I have the urge to send someone to their room without any supper?

Well, it didn't take long for Iverson to prove his worth as a team captain. In fact, he proved his worth so much that Brown sat him down and refused to let him play against Puerto Rico

last week in a tune up game because Iverson was late for a team meeting.

Seems Iverson — always setting a good example to the young players — arrived late to the pregame meeting with LeBron James and Amare Stoudemire. So Brown — always the disciplinarian — sat all three down in the USA's 96-71 win over the Puerto Rican team.

Brown, to his credit, said the players were late and that this was a team and all the players would be treated equally.

Iverson, who has, to my knowledge, never been late to a scheduled Mensa meeting, displayed all the wisdom of a nine-year old.

"I'm the captain on the team and to be suspended just for being a couple minutes late just doesn't sit well for me," Iverson said. "I'm supposed to be one of the leaders of the team, and this is not a good look."

I'd have to agree with Iverson on this one — it is not a good look. But Iverson's got to look in the mirror to find out who's at fault.

Iverson also added this unsettling revelation, "I was surprised at the whole thing," he said. "I didn't know that if we came late to anything, we'd have to sit out a game. I didn't know that."

Turns out there are evidently a lot of things Iverson doesn't know. His knowledge is so lim-

ited we're quickly getting into Mike Tyson territory.

But I can't totally fault Iverson. At least with Iverson, you know what you're getting. The bigger mystery is who in their right mind would give Iverson the title of captain?

Look for James and Stoudemire to learn from their mistake. Look for Iverson to blow up some time between now and the USA's first NBA-era Olympic loss.

No mo' Nomar

It didn't look right, did it? Nomar Garciaparra in a Chicago Cubs uniform. It was like seeing Derek Jeter in Montreal Expos colors.

I've always thought of Nomar as one of those few "spend his whole career with the same team" kind of guys. But the Red Sox have dangled him as trade bait for quite some time.

Maybe it's all for the better. Garciaparra is one of the gentlemen of the game. He said all the right things after the trade and is taking it all in stride.

Only thing is, once Garciaparra realized he would no longer be playing for one of the two "cursed teams" in baseball, he soon realized he was now playing for the other one.

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Communities Coalition. This funding continues the Coalition's drug awareness programs through parenting classes, educational training sessions, communications skills-building classes and youth activities. The Coalition will also work with their Mexican counterparts to fight drugs on both sides of the border. "As a former law enforcement officer, I know the threat drugs pose to youth — and to entire communities," said Congressman Silvestre Reyes, D-El Paso. "Programs such as the Rio Grande Safe Communities Coalition are essential to educating children and parents about the effects of drugs. I applaud the Department of Justice for acknowledging the vital function Thomason Hospital and

the Coalition play in El Paso," said Reyes.

■ Texas Gas Service (TGS) customers in the El Paso area will see a slightly lower wholesale price for natural gas reflected in their August bills. The Cost of Gas for August will be \$0.598 per CCF (Hundred Cubic Feet) when compared with the July Cost of Gas

■ Four greyhound dogs will be available for adoption this Saturday, Aug. 7, at Valley Feed/PETsBARN on Zaragosa. All are extremely intelligent, house broken, affectionate, very socialized and good with kids. Most get along well with most other non-aggressive dog breeds, and, some cats! Adoption costs are \$185 (a tax-deductible donation) which includes spaying/neutering, dental cleaning, all vaccinations, deworming, heartworm/lyme/ehrlichia testing, microchipping and corresponding

registration, grooming, collar and leash. The event runs from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at 1790 Zaragosa — just south of the Wal-Mart SuperCenter.

■ The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) has awarded the Ysleta del Sur Pueblo \$670,150 for affordable housing expenses. Funding activities may include operating assistance, housing management for low-income housing, and new construction, acquisition, modernization or rehabilitation of rental or owner-occupied housing. "HUD's investment in the Tiguas will expand housing opportunities for the tribe," said Congressman Silvestre Reyes, D-El Paso. "A safe place to call home is central to every family — and every community. This funding will not only provide housing for the Tiguas, but will improve the Ysleta del Sur Pueblo overall," said Reyes.

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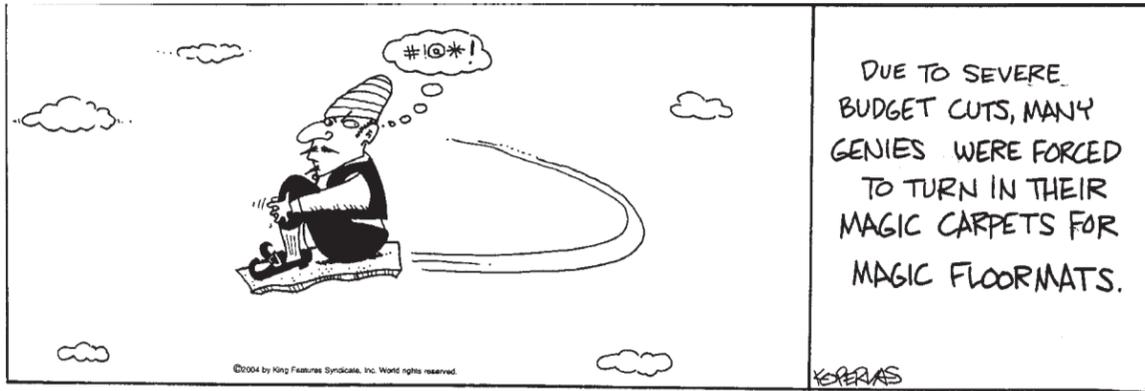
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 - 86 Lloyd Webber musical
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 - 108 Pie ingredient?
 - 110 Greek sandwich
 - 112 Neighbor of Turkey
 - 113 Variety show
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Make the world safe for sandwiches

By Don Flood

Exactly 15 minutes ago — by my watch — the low-carb craze reached its peak.

While it is not over, people may once again have toast for breakfast without fear of arrest.

Hopefully, some day soon you may even order a hamburger in peace — complete with bun!

OK, bunless burgers don't rank with disasters such as New Coke — I was thinking more along the lines of the Hindenburg — but it was a change that led to some of the most disgusting eating displays since singer Meat Loaf entered a barbecue-eating contest.

There is simply no way to graciously eat a bunless burger.

Restaurants tried various strategies. Some breadless sandwiches were placed in something called "wraps" — which presumably came from the name Glad Wraps, since they tasted like plastic.

Others tried lettuce, which may well have been the darkest chapter in the history of sandwiches.

Lettuce sandwiches look funny, feel funny, taste funny. They are immoral.

Not that the low-carb fad hasn't made a profound difference to America. People will always remember the Atkin's/South Beach-diet years as a time when Americans finally got serious about diet and exercise and remained as fat as ever.

At the height of the craze a robber, armed only with a baked potato, held up a bank, threatening to force a heaping spoonful down the mouth of anyone who got in his way.

In a clever psychological ploy, the robber also referred to the money as "bread," as in, "Fill these bags with bread — now!"

Terrified security guards and customers ran out screaming,

"They're serving bread in there! They're serving bread in there!"

One brave man, who claimed not to fear carbohydrates of any kind, tried to stop the man and paid the price.

After the man's stomach was pumped, doctors found the baked potato was loaded not only with carbohydrates, but real butter, cream cheese and bacon bits — meaning he ingested not only deadly carbohydrates but also lots of LDL (or Low Down Loser) cholesterol.

How he survived to tell the tale remains a mystery.

So the last two fad diets have been less than successful. First, we had the Low-Fat Diet, in which Americans fearlessly tried to lose weight by eating ever-increasing amounts of low-fat food.

(True historical fact for younger readers: Your parents believed they could eat endless supplies of "low-fat" cookies — which were loaded with sugar — and not get fat! It's true.)

That was followed by the Low-Carb Diet. If you think that worked, check the beach.

So what this country needs is a Fad Diet That Is Guaranteed To Work.

Here it is: After you finish this column, eat it.

In fact, you can eat the whole paper if you want to! It's made from trees! Have you ever seen a fat tree?

No, trees are the ultimate "hard bodies," despite exercising somewhat less than the average American.

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Ageless Health Initiative Announces Request for Proposals

The Ageless Health Initiative of the Paso del Norte Health Foundation announces a request for proposals serving the 60 and over population. Based on the concepts and principles of Successful and Creative Aging, the Initiative seeks projects in four program areas: 1) physical activity, exercise, nutrition; 2) intellectual stimulation, social/emotional support, spirituality in later life, reduction of isolation; 3) injury prevention; and 4) caregiver training on issues affecting older adults, based on Successful and Creative Aging. Eligible applicants are not-for-profit pri-

vate and public agencies in El Paso and Hudspeth Counties, Texas; Doña Ana and Otero Counties, New Mexico; and Cd. Juarez, Chihuahua, Mexico. The complete request for proposals and application format is available at www.pdnhf.org. Proposal deadline is September 30, 2004, 3:00 p.m., at the Paso del Norte Health Foundation in El Paso. For more information, call the Ageless Health Initiative technical support office at (915) 533-0998 or (800) 333-7082, ext. 160.

PUBLIC NOTICE As per Article V, Sec. 5.05(a), all owners and lienholders have ten (10) days from this date to reclaim their vehicles at Southwest Wrecker, 1401 Darrington Rd.,

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SELF-HELP

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Social Security Q&A By Ray Vigil

Q: My wife died shortly after our baby was born. My daughter, who is now two years old, is getting Social Security benefits based on her mother's earnings record. Am I due benefits, too?

A: As long as you are caring for a child under age 16, you would normally be due "father's benefits." But if you are working, there also is a provision of the law which says for every \$2 you earn over \$11,640, we must withhold \$1 from any Social

Security benefits you are due. You should check with your local Social Security office for an explanation of your personal situation.

Q: Can children get Supplemental Security Income (SSI) benefits?

A: A child would qualify for SSI if he or she were disabled and had limited income and assets. Obviously, most children do not have their own income and assets. So in determining a child's eligibility for SSI, we

consider the income and assets of the parents.

Q: I am presently receiving social security benefits and I recently had a change of address but I am not able to visit the social security office. How do I go about reporting my change of address?

A: If you get Social Security benefits you can change your address online by visiting www.socialsecurity.gov/coa and answering a series of questions that have to match our records. You can also change your address on the Internet if you have established a

permanent password. If you do not have a password, you can obtain one by visiting our website or calling 1-800-772.1213.

Q: I am presently receiving social security disability benefits and recently learned that I was awarded workman's compensation benefits based on an injury I sustained at work. Do I have to report this additional income?

A: Any benefits from workman's compensation and any other public disability benefits must be reported. Under the present law, the social se-

curity benefits you and your family receives combined with benefits from workman's compensation or public disability benefit cannot exceed 80 percent of your average monthly gross income before you became disabled.

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
Some sun; maybe an afternoon or evening t-storm.	Partly to mostly cloudy.	Sunny to partly cloudy.	Sunny to partly cloudy.	Partly sunny, a t-storm possible in the afternoon.	Partial sunshine.	Mostly sunny.	Sunny to partly cloudy.
▲ 93°	▼ 73°	▲ 96° ▼ 74°	▲ 96° ▼ 72°	▲ 94° ▼ 72°	▲ 96° ▼ 73°	▲ 96° ▼ 72°	▲ 96° ▼ 71°

UV INDEX Statistics for noon.

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

Thursday	10	Very High
Friday	10	Very High
Saturday	10	Very High
Sunday	9	Very High
Monday	10	Very High
Tuesday	10	Very High
Wednesday	10	Very High

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Thursday	94°
Friday	92°
Saturday	92°
Sunday	94°
Monday	94°
Tuesday	96°
Wednesday	96°

AGRICULTURE

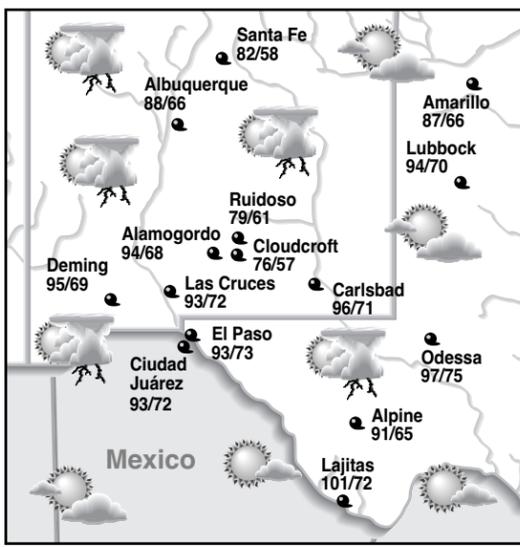
A typical pattern for this time of year will be the rule across western Texas through the end of the week with a partly to mostly sunny sky each day. A few thunderstorms will occur around the region each afternoon and evening, although most places will be rain-free. The best chance for a thunderstorm will be Thursday and again Sunday.

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TEXAS WEATHER

Anthony	94	73
Canutillo	94	73
Clint	93	73
E. Montana	93	73
Fabens	93	73
Horizon	94	74
San Elizario	91	71
Socorro	92	72
Tornillo	93	73
Vinton	94	73

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	88/66/t	90/68/t	90/67/pc	90/68/pc	91/70/pc
Atlanta	91/68/t	83/62/s	80/64/s	86/66/s	86/68/s
Atlantic City	84/59/t	76/58/pc	75/59/s	77/60/s	82/62/s
Austin/San Antonio	98/73/s	97/72/t	91/71/t	93/72/pc	94/69/pc
Baltimore	86/62/t	78/56/pc	78/56/s	80/62/s	81/62/s
Boston	74/64/t	74/58/pc	74/58/pc	76/60/s	76/63/pc
Chicago	74/54/pc	76/58/s	80/60/s	82/62/t	80/61/r
Dallas/Ft. Worth	96/75/t	93/74/t	92/73/t	94/74/t	95/70/s
Denver	86/64/t	89/64/t	92/62/t	90/61/pc	91/65/s
Flagstaff	76/53/t	80/51/t	80/51/t	81/52/c	81/54/c
Houston	98/78/s	96/76/t	94/76/t	94/76/pc	94/74/t
Kansas City	82/61/pc	83/62/pc	84/66/s	88/69/c	88/68/c
Las Vegas	105/80/s	103/78/s	103/78/s	103/78/s	105/82/s
Miami	89/76/t	90/76/t	90/76/t	90/76/t	90/76/t
Minneapolis	76/57/s	82/59/s	80/62/s	81/65/t	82/64/r
New Orleans	94/73/t	92/76/t	90/73/pc	90/73/s	90/73/s
New York City	77/64/t	78/64/pc	75/62/s	76/66/s	82/67/s
Philadelphia	84/62/t	78/60/pc	78/60/s	80/62/s	84/66/s
Phoenix	104/87/t	104/87/t	106/87/s	106/86/s	105/86/pc
Portland	76/56/sh	80/58/pc	85/60/s	88/62/s	85/58/pc
San Francisco	70/56/pc	70/56/pc	69/57/pc	72/56/s	71/55/s
Seattle	72/54/sh	74/54/sh	80/56/s	84/58/s	72/49/r
Tucson	95/76/t	98/78/t	98/76/t	98/76/t	98/78/t
Washington, DC	88/66/t	78/60/pc	78/60/s	82/64/s	82/67/s

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

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