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NEWSBRIEFS

Office closed

The business offices of the West Texas County Courier/Homesteader News, Inc. will be closed on Thursday and Friday this week, April 21-22. We will re-open on Monday, April 25.

Memorial fund

A memorial fund has been established for the family of Cristobal Cano, the Clint High School senior who was killed in a tragic accident on Nov. 3, 2004. Persons who would like to make a contribution may do so by stopping by or mailing to the First National Bank of Fabens, any branch. Contributions can be made payable to the Cristobal Cano Memorial Fund, account # 600100641.

Greyhounds for having

Greyhounds in need of new and permanent homes will be available for adoption at Dyer's Valley Feed/PETsBARN, 9807 Dyer, on Saturday, April 23, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. These former racing dogs are gentle, loving and make great pets. Cost is \$185 tax-deductible donation, which includes spaying/neutering, dental cleaning, all vaccinations, deworming, heartworm/lyme/ehrlichia testing, microchipping and corresponding registration, grooming, collar and leash. For more information call Pat Roberts at 593-7006.

In other news

■ Sounds of Africa will waft through the El Paso Zoo on Thursdy, April 28 at 11 a.m. with the live performance of the New World Drummers near the Grasslands Cafe. The one-hour African drumming performance is a preview of the upcoming 2005 Zoo Gala, the Zoological Society's biggest fundraising event of the year. For more information call 521-1858.

■ Canutillo Independent School District will hold early registration for four and five year old children for Pre-K and Kindergarten for the 2005-2006 school year at the four elementary school campuses between April 26 and May 12. Call the campus the child will attend for specific dates and hours of registration. Children must be four years old by Sept. 1, 2005 to qualify for registration. Students new to Canutillo ISD must register; students who attended Pre-K in CISD last year are already registered. To register a child at any of the four campuses, a parent or guardian must provide a personal identification card, proof of residence and income verification; also needed will be the child's birth certificate, shot record, and social security card.

■ Anyone who has ever been told that they have "a little sugar in the blood" or "borderline diabetes" are encouraged to

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Patience is the ability to remain silent and hungry while everybody else in the restaurant gets served.
— Quips & Quotes

Gallegos Park still a hot topic

By Don Woodyard
Courier Staff Writer

CANUTILLO — County Commissioners Court threw down the gauntlet this week, so to speak, and the people of Canutillo are picking it up.

The gauntlet is Gallegos Park, for which commissioners reaffirmed Monday it had no money to operate and maintain. They took no action on the agenda item despite pleas and petitions from Canutillo residents who asked the court to keep the park in operation.

Commissioners declined to change their view, pointing out again that it has no money to operate the park.

"We don't have any money to operate it," Commissioner Dan Haggerty said Tuesday. He was repeating what he has said in the past when he pleaded with the Canutillo school district on two occasions to take over operation of the park. The board of trustees declined both times, saying it was in the education business and couldn't afford to take over as operators of the park.

In a resolution at its April board meeting, however, the Canutillo ISD board affirmed its support of keeping the park open.

The board "hereby opposes the closing of Gallegos Park by the El Paso County Commissioners Court as it would be a detriment to the quality of life of every individual residing not only in the Canutillo Independent School District, but every individual in the entire Upper Valley and Westside of El Paso."

Haggerty has challenged the people to come up with a plan to maintain the park that he has said is a "loser" to operate. Haggerty said the

county is doing "very little — as little as possible" to operate the park.

Against this background, the people of Canutillo picked up the Gallegos Gauntlet at a Tuesday night meeting. It met at the offices of CASA (Casa Action for Students and Adults).

The purpose of the meeting was to start developing a strategic action plan for the park, said Carmen Monrreal, executive director of CASA. "Our focus is to continue the park," she said.

"We have smart people; we have resources; we can work together," she added.

"We have to get together to find a solution. We must focus on the kids; we can't let them down," Monrreal continued. "Our ultimate goal is to keep the park open. The park is a need, not a luxury. I'm positive we can do it."

Laurie Searls, former president of the board of trustees of the Canutillo ISD, spoke at the Commissioners Court meeting. She said Tuesday that her take on the meeting was not so much rejection by the court, but rather giving the people of Canutillo an opportunity to come up with a plan.

"They are washing their hands of the park; they gave us the issue of the park. They put it back in the hands of the people.

"It is incomprehensible to me that they could act in this manner — no foresight."

She said the commissioners "have awakened a sleeping giant, and he will get the job done."

Another person, who asked not to be identified, reflected on the "sleeping giant."

He pointed out that the people of Canutillo are the same ones who rose up several years ago in successful opposition to proposed plans by the City of El Paso to annex Canutillo.

Quick action by county fire departments limited damage in Anthony fire

By Don Woodyard
Courier Staff Writer

ANTHONY — The Saturday afternoon fire that damaged two storage buildings at Starrfoam Manufacturing in Anthony could have been much worth if it had not been for the combined efforts of area fire departments.

Dennis Stevens, a production manager for Starrfoam from Fort Worth, praised the efforts of the Anthony Fire Department and other volunteer units that came from as far away as Fabens and Horizon City to contain the blaze.

"It was amazing how people pulled together to battle the fire," he said. "If it wasn't for those people, it would have been a total loss.

"Everybody pitched in and did what that had to," he added.

As it was, fire damage was limited to the two storage buildings that were separate from the main plant. The main building was not damaged. Stevens said Monday that production was expected to resume on Tuesday with no lost time for employees. The buildings contained expandable polystyrene foam material similar to what goes in the manufacture of coffee cups.

The accidental blaze was caused by the buildup of static electricity and subsequent

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Auditor suggests new taxes may be on the horizon for Anthony

By Don Woodyard
Courier Staff Writer

ANTHONY — It was just an "auditor's opinion." Nevertheless, an auditor at the April 12 meeting of the Anthony Town Council raised the possibility of — or need for — higher taxes.

Rene Pena, a CPA, made the comment during presentation on his audit of the town's budget for fiscal year 2003-04. In painting a detailed financial picture for the town, Pena suggested that the town might be maintaining property taxes "too low." He emphasized that this was not a recommendation to the Town Council, but merely an observation on a possible future course of action "to avoid going into a deficit position."

"It might be time," continued Pena who admitted, "it might be a tough pill to swallow." In addition, he suggested "beating the bushes" to increase funding through grants.

"We have grown in revenues, but not in taxes."

He said the town's budget is in the black with revenues exceeding expenses by \$150,000. In answer to a question from the audience, he gave the town an "A" for its budget picture.

Total assets for FY 2004 were \$5.43

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First Thanksgiving focus of 14th annual San Eli conference

By Guadalupe Silva
Special to the Courier

Contrary to some historical accounts, America's first Thanksgiving was celebrated by Spanish explorer Juan de Oñate in 1598 in the banks of the Rio Grande near what is now San Elizario, not by the pilgrims in Plymouth Rock 23 years later in 1621.

How did Oñate come to be at the Pass of the North that year and what course did this country's history follow after that portentous event? Those questions will be discussed during the San Elizario Genealogy and Historical Society's 14th Annual Conference April 30. El Pasoans interested in learning about the First Thanksgiving in America are invited to participate in the conference that will feature experts in Southwestern history.

"Oñate had cause to celebrate when his expedition saw the huge river," said Ben Sanchez, curator for the Los Portales Museum in San Elizario and conference coordinator. "He and his people had just spent many weeks crossing the Chihuahua desert, where water was practically non-existent. He had also found the legendary pass to the north, through which other expeditionary forces would travel all the way to the great lakes."

The conference is scheduled to begin at 8 a.m. and end at 5 p.m. Saturday, April 30, at the Adobe Horseshoe Dinner Theater in San Elizario. It will focus on the First Thanksgiving, with a presentation by Joseph Sanchez, Superintendent of Spanish Colonial Research Center at the University of New Mexico in Albuquerque. Another presenter will be Mark Thompson, El Paso Museum of Archeology director. The Conference also will feature a genealogy workshop on the families that founded San Elizario by Sam Roman, a Latter Day Saints family consultant.

Commissioner Miguel Terán, who represents the Mission Valley's Precinct 3, describes the San Elizario region as one of the most historic in the United States. Three of the oldest Spanish missions in the country — the Ysleta del Sur, Socorro and San Elceario Presidio Missions — are located in the area, he said.

"Oñate not only celebrated the First Thanksgiving in San Elizario," Terán said, "but his expedition forged the Camino Real, the trail later followed by other Spanish colonizers from Mexico on their way north. El Paso's first county seat was in San Elizario, and San Elizario had the first courthouse and first jail in the region."

To celebrate all that history, the conference will feature entertainment with a First Thanksgiving reenactment by members of the Mission Trail Association under the direction of Hector Serrano; music by the Martha La Grandota Mariachi, a gun slinging reenactment by Los Desperados de San Elizario, folk dancing, music and booths filled with arts, crafts and food.

Funding for the conference has been provided through grants from the El Paso County and from Humanities Texas, a state partner of The National Endowment for the Humanities.



One perspective

By Francis Shrum

Putting out fires

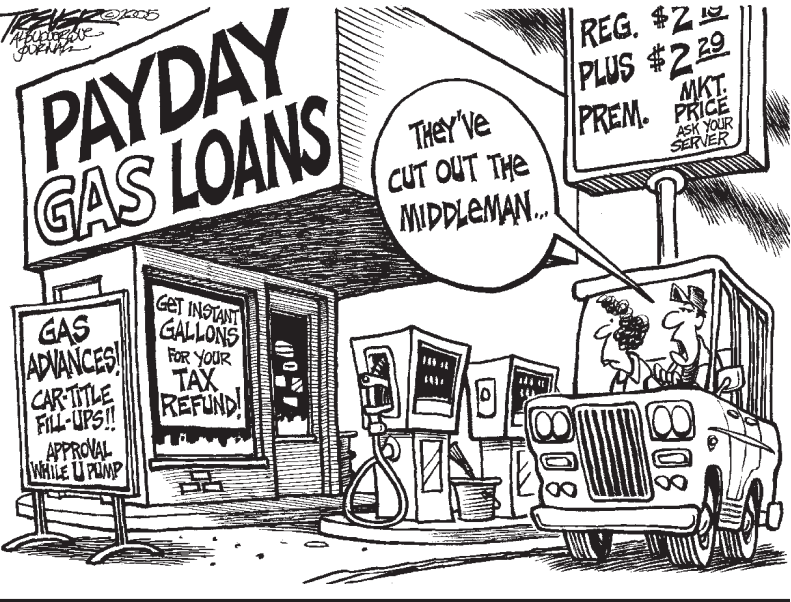
The first time I can remember hearing this expression was when this really exasperated businessman said his morning had been wasted because he had spent all his time “putting out fires.”


I am familiar with some unfortunate events that occurred long ago in the lives of some people I know, who were once kids and aren’t any longer, so they feel free to talk about it —

like science experiments in which their bed accidentally caught fire. Or they torched some weeds in a field to see if they could stomp out the fire before it got out of control.

After thinking about it, I figure this is a pretty good expression for the way we sometimes spend our time. It comes under other headings, too, like crisis management and spinning your wheels.

In essence it means that situations keep coming at you at such a rate that they impede your progress and keep





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you from being productive in the task at hand.

Sometimes it is because you or someone else failed to plan ahead. Sometimes these fires are caused by just the normal needs of family, job or business but they converge all at once.

For example, you’re trying to do a last-minute load of laundry that contains a basketball uniform somebody needs by this afternoon before you head out the door to a doctor’s appointment you are already late for when the phone rings and it’s Johnny’s teacher calling from school that he was supposed to bring cupcakes for his class fund-raiser this morning. You glance over at the pile of unopened mail containing a letter with your neighbor’s address on it that was delivered to your mailbox, and it looks important, so you need to get it to them — and the pile of mail that you already opened contains a late-payment notice for a bill you know has already been paid and you are painfully aware that it will take at least half an hour in a mind-numbing answering system to get it straightened out.

You get the picture.

The analogy of putting out fires in our everyday lives is a pretty good one when you envision what people do when they really have a fire on their hands. Those with calm heads can put out fires better than those who go to pieces.

Consider this guy who was surfing off the coast of Australia this week when he was attacked by a seven-foot shark. Instead of losing his head, Simon Letch rammed his surf board into the shark’s mouth until it decided he must not taste very good and swam off in search of tastier fare.

According to the Associated Press, the fellow told Sydney’s *The Sunday Telegraph* that a person would expect to “go to jelly” in a situation like that, but he said he felt “surprisingly calm.”

So calm, in fact, that he waited for a wave and surfed in on his somewhat damaged board — and half an hour later was back for more surfing with a new board, lifeguards said.

It’s hard to tell if the fellow is simply pragmatic about the “fires” he would face surfing in shark-infested waters or if he is just crazy.

There’s another kind of fire-extinguishing that is called for more often than fending off sharks. It also requires a cool head. It’s sometimes called damage control.

It’s a very necessary skill in today’s media-conscious society.

Back in 2003 there was an unfor-

fortunate accident in an operating room in a Seattle hospital during emergency heart surgery. The patient died — due to heart failure, the hospital records said.

But the knowledge of this accident was still smoldering in someone’s memory. They wrote an anonymous letter to the media citing this accident as illustration of unsafe health care conditions.

When the Seattle police heard about it, they launched an investigation. After all, an accident like this couldn’t just happen without somebody answering for it.

So what was it that actually happened?

Well, apparently alcohol being used during the surgery was ignited by a surgical instrument and the patient caught fire.

The medical quality director of the hospital told Reuters news agency that accidents of this kind are known to occur in operating rooms, although he qualified that statement by saying they are “extremely rare.”

He contends unequivocally that the man simply died of heart failure that would have occurred regardless of his being lit up on the operating table.

I think it’s going to take some fast talking to put that one out.

Clint ISD names District Teachers of the Year during special celebration

EAST EL PASO COUNTY — The Clint Independent School District announced the District Teachers of the Year during a banquet held April 14 at Emerald Springs Golf Club in Horizon City. Mary Lynn Harris, 6th grade art teacher at C.T. Welch Intermediate, was named the Clint ISD Elementary Teacher of the Year and John Wilson, science teacher at Clint High School, was named the Clint ISD Secondary Teacher of the Year.

Both Harris and Wilson were presented with an award and a check for \$2,500 by Superintendent Ricardo Estrada and Assistant Superintendent Olivia Campos.

Both teachers will represent Clint

ISD in the Regional Teacher of the Year Competition sponsored by the Education Service Center for Region 19.

During the banquet Clint ISD also honored the eleven teachers who were chosen as their campus teacher of the year for 2004-2005. The teachers were presented with an

award and a check for \$1000 during the banquet.

In addition to the Harris and Wilson, the following teachers were honored: Julie Farris, W.D. Surratt Elementary; Ana Garcia, Clint Junior High; Juana Garcia, Frank Macias Elementary; Beth Heinemann, Desert

Hills Elementary; Mario Lucero, Horizon High School; Pilar Luna, Montana Vista Elementary; Sandra Manriquez, East Montana Middle; Don Mudloff, Mountain View High School; and Teresa Sullivan, Red Sands Elementary.

The District Elementary and Secondary teachers of the year were selected by the District Teacher of the Year committee. The cam-

pus Teachers of the Year submitted an application and were interviewed by the committee during the selection process.

Clint ISD will also select a Rookie Teacher of the Year who will be announced at the District Spirit of Excellence Celebration in May.



Mary Harris



John Wilson

Briefs

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attend a class entitled *Preventing Diabetes: Identifying People with Pre-diabetes* on Wednesday, April 27, 6-8 p.m., at the Northeast Police Command Center Conference Room, 9600 Dyer. Cost of the class is \$10 per person. One blood glucose meter will be provided per family. The class is open to the public, however, space is limited so call 595-1645 to register or for further information. The class is conducted by the Del Sol Diabetes Treatment Center.

■ The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) has awarded the Housing Authority of the City of El Paso \$500,000 through the Public and Indian Housing Resident Opportunity and Self-Sufficiency (ROSS) program, according to Congressman Silvestre Reyes. This funding will support housing services and activities that help residents gain economic self-

sufficiency. “Not only will this federal funding provide valuable services for those in need of housing, it will contribute to the broader goal we are working to attain — economic independence for all El Pasoans,” said Reyes.

■ El Paso County Library invites the community to join us in celebrating El Día de los Niños/El Día de los Libros on April 29 from 3 to 5 p.m. at the library, 1331 N. Fabens St. Parents can receive an AMBER card for their children through the El Paso County Sheriff’s Dept. and children can listen to stories and participate in related activities. Contact us at 764-3635 for more information.

■ “Glass containers are no longer allowed on Chamizal National Memorial grounds,” Superintendent Isabel Montes reminded the public in a news release. “The Chamizal National Memorial has seen a steady increase in glass containers, which has resulted in broken glass creating a safety hazard to our visitors. Glass is heavy and more difficult to dispose of and glass is not recycled in El Paso. She

concluded by saying that, “The National Park Service has an obligation to conserve and provide for enjoyment of Park resources and values. This safety precaution will move us to be more consistent in our role to serve as a leader in environmental stewardship.”

■ The El Paso Public Library system has completed technology upgrades that will result in more efficient and faster service to the public. On April 13, all public libraries transitioned to a faster form of data communication lines called T1 lines. This upgrade gives faster access to information over the Internet as well as faster check-out and check-in of library books and resources at the circulation counter. To further enhance library services, self-check out machines were recently installed at the Irving Schwartz, Dorris Van Doren and Richard Burges Libraries. These new state-of-the-art systems are easy to use and will allow patrons access to library resources without the aid of library staff. For more information, call 772-0501 or visit www.elpasolibrary.org.

Write stuff

Dear Editor:

I am appalled by some of the rumors and some of the facts that I have heard recently about our politics in Horizon City. For example:

- A mayor that vetoes hiring a new policeman under a grant when our city was two policemen short.
- A moratorium on building plans and plats that has caused a couple of law suits to be filed against our city.
- Turning away business and hanging up on one businessman, saying she (the mayor) doesn't want our city to grow and absolutely no Wal-Mart! What kind of plan does she have for our city —

to hand over the keys and tax roles to El Paso?

I am sorry, but I don't want to live in El Paso!

Micro-management... I think the mayor needs to utilize her alderpersons and plan out a future with our builders and developers. Concentrate on getting us a doctor's office and a pharmacy — not telling people we don't want or need their business.

I support Raymond Morales for mayor and Voice for Action PAC... you should, too!

Jackie Rutledge
Alderman Place 6
Horizon City

Horizon council approves annexation of 800-plus acres

HORIZON CITY — For the past few months, Horizon City Council has considered the possibility of annexing over 800 acres of land. City Council met at the regularly scheduled meeting on Tuesday, April 12, approving the second reading of Annexation Ordinance No. 0139 which addresses parcels of land totaling over 838 acres of land. Prior to the consideration, city council held a public hearing on this item. There was no public input during the public hearing. City Council then unanimously approved the annexation. Exact location of the land being annexed, and further information, is available at Town Hall.

In other action, Council authorized

the mayor to enter into a contract with the Clint Independent School District for the purchase of land for Golden Eagle Park. This is a project that has

was originally proposed during the previous administration.

— Contributed by Arleen Beard

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

It's time to kill the death tax

In America we get a certificate when we're born, a license when we marry, and a bill when we die. As unfair as it is, the federal government actually taxes us when we die — and it's not a cheap bill. In fact, it's so expensive to die in this country that the loved ones we leave behind pay a huge price.

Not only do our loved ones have to deal with funeral arrangements, memorial services and comforting each other through a tough time, they have to deal with the IRS, which is hovering in the wings ready to take a bite out of what many hard working Americans leave behind.

This is not a tax that only wealthy Americans have to deal with. The death tax hits farmers, ranchers and small business owners especially hard. When it comes to farms and ranches, assets are often tied up in land that has been passed down through the family for generations.

Not a lot of people have thousands

of dollars in their bank accounts to pay off the death taxes. Often times families have to sell off part or all of their land just to pay the taxes. This is causing the demise of the American farm and ranch. The death tax is simply un-American.


The fact that we are so heavily taxed when we die is unjust, cruel and extremely insulting. After all, part of the American dream is to make life better for our children and grandchildren. But because of the way the current tax laws are written, leaving our children a farm, ranch or family business is very difficult, if not impossible.

According to the National Federation of Independent Business (NFIB), one-third of small business owners today will have to sell a part or all of their firms to pay estate taxes, more commonly referred to as the "death tax." Half of those who must liquidate to settle with the IRS will have to eliminate 30 or more jobs.

Last week the House of Representatives voted again to end the death tax. It's now in the hands of the Senate — and they must act! Texas is lucky to have two Senators who are working hard to kill this burdensome tax, but it takes more than two. Repealing this tax will make it easier for people to pass their businesses and farms down to their children and grandchildren — a cherished part of the American dream.

No one should have to meet the undertaker and the IRS on the same day. It's time to bury the federal death tax. The winners will be consumers, small businesses, family farms and loving families all over the country who have enough to think about when there is a death in their household. Paying Uncle Sam should not be part of the grieving process.





KEEP JIM PENDELL

Punch #4

for School Board Trustee

Clint Independent School District


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- My children attend Clint schools

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Reyes Reports By U.S. Rep. Silvestre Reyes

Passport requirement unfair to El Paso

Crossing the border is a way of life here in El Paso, so no one should underestimate the burden on El Pasoans of having to obtain and carry a passport for the sole purpose of visiting our neighboring community of Juárez.

Under a new initiative recently announced by the U.S. Department of State and the U.S. Department of Homeland Security that requires passports for travel across the Mexican and Canadian borders, El Pasoans would have to purchase a passport just to do the everyday things most Americans take for granted — shop, go to the doctor, have dinner, take in a sporting event, or visit friends and relatives.

The potential financial burden would be significant. A family in El Paso with two children would pay \$358 in fees for passports. If a similar family needed passports on short notice, the fees would increase to \$598. Many working families cannot afford this "passport tax," and low-income Americans who cannot pay

for a passport may simply be unable to go to Mexico or Canada without risking being denied re-entry into the United States.

These new requirements may also add to wait times at border crossings, which would be devastating for trade and commerce here in El Paso, which has already suffered in part due to heightened homeland security measures.

The Intelligence Reform and Terrorism Prevention Act of 2004 called for the creation of a system that verified the identification and proof of citizenship for U.S. citizens entering the United States; however, it does not specifically require a passport for this purpose. The Homeland Security and State Departments must consider every alternative that might meet the necessary criteria, in particular existing forms of documentation such as Border Crossing Cards, Secure Electronic Network for Travelers Rapid Inspection (SENTRI), and Free and Secure Trade (FAST) program cards.

As a 26-1/2 year veteran of the U.S. Border Patrol, as a senior member of the House Armed Services Committee and the House Intelligence Committee, and as a resident of El Paso, the security of our ports of entry —

and our country as a whole — is extremely important to me. I've always fought for increased technology and infrastructure along the border. It is critical that we constantly strive for new ways to secure ourselves against terrorism.

However, it is equally important that any new homeland security measures do not disrupt our daily lives or jeopardize the economic well-being of our community or other border communities. For the past eight years, I have worked to educate my colleagues and other officials about the unique needs of the border region. This initiative, which is slated to start on January 1, 2008, indicates that some in Washington still do not have a full understanding of what it means to live along the U.S.-Mexico border.

I am already working with my colleagues in Congress, contacting Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice and Secretary of Homeland Security Michael Chertoff and drafting legislation to ensure that the final plan respects and addresses the needs of border communities. If we make it difficult for our own citizens to live their daily lives, then we have failed to protect ourselves from the threats of terrorism.

CANUTILLO INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

Notice of Election — Revised

Aviso de Eleccion General — Revisada

To the Registered Voters of Canutillo, Texas:

Notice is hereby given that the polling places listed below will be open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. on May 7, 2005, for voting in a General Election, to elect 2 (two) School Board Members at Large (each position is a 3 year term).

Positions held by Charley Hecker and Jose M. Villarreal.

A los votantes registrados de Canutillo, Texas:

Notifiquese por la presente, que las casillas electorales citadas abajo se abiran desde las 7 a.m. hasta 7 p.m. el 7 de mayo de 2005 para votar en la Eleccion para 2 (dos) Miembros de la Mesa Directiva de las Escuelas en representacion de todo el distrito (cada puesto con plazo de tres (3) años).

Puestos ocupados por Charley Hecker y Jose M. Villarreal.

LOCATION OF POLLING PLACES FOR ELECTION DAY VOTING:

Vinton Fire Station, 510 E. Vinton Rd. — For voters residing in the portion of County Voting Precinct No. 2 located within the Canutillo Independent School District.

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

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

Fire Station #2, 111 E. Borderland Rd. — For voters residing in those portions of County Voting Precinct No. 5 and County Voting Precinct No. 11 located within the Canutillo Independent School District.

Olga Kohlberg Elementary School, 1445 Nardo Goodman Dr. — For voters residing in those portions of County Voting Precinct No. 11, 2-3, and 13 located within the Canutillo Independent School District.

SECCION DE LOCACIONES PARA EL DÍA DE ELECCIONES:

Vinton Estacion de Bomberos, 510 E. Vinton Rd. — Para votantes residentes en la porcion del precinto de votacion del condado 2, localizados en el Distrito Escolar Independiente de Canutillo.

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

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

Estacion de Bomberos #2, 111 E. Borderland Rd. — Para votantes residentes en la porcion del precinto de votacion del condado 5, y precinto de votacion del condado 11 localizados en el Distrito Escolar Independiente de Canutillo.

Olga Kohlberg Elementary School, 1445 Nardo Goodman Dr. — Para votantes residentes en la porcion del precinto de votacion del condado 11, 2-3, y 13 localizados en el Distrito Escolar Independiente de Canutillo.

1. Early voting by personal appearance will be conducted each weekday at Canutillo Elementary School, Principal’s Office, Canutillo, Texas (651 Canutillo Ave.) between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m beginning on April 20, 2005 and ending on May 3, 2005.
2. Early voting by personal appearance will be conducted each weekday at Vinton Town Hall, Vinton, Texas, 436 Vinton between the hours of 3 p.m. and 6 p.m. beginning on April 20, 2005 and ending on May 3, 2005.
3. Early voting by personal appearance will be conducted at all locations within El Paso County, at which Early Voting is conducted by the County Elections Department beginning on April 20, 2005 and ending on May 3, 2005.
1. La votacion anticipo en persona se llevara a cabo de lunes a viernes en la Escuela Primaria, Oficinia del Director, Canutillo, Texas, 651 Canutillo Ave., entre las 8:30 de la mañana y las 4:30 de la tarde empezando el 20 de abril de 2005 y terminando el 3 de mayo de 2005.
2. La votacion anticipo en persona se llevara a cabo de lunes a viernes en Vinton Town Hall, 436 Vinton, entre las 3:00 de la tarde y las 6 de la tarde empezando el 20 de abril de 2005 y terminando el 3 de mayo de 2005.
3. La votacion anticipo en persona se llevara a cabo en todos locaciones en el Condado de El Paso, en donde se lleva a cabo votaciones tempranas manejadas por el Departamento de Elecciones del condado empezando el 20 de abril de 2005 y terminando el 3 de mayo de 2005.

Applications for ballot by mail should be mailed to:
Las solicitudes para boletas que se votaran en ausencia por correo deberan enviarse a:
Helen Jamison, 500 E. San Antonio-Room 402, El Paso, Texas 79901

Applications for ballots by mail must be received no later than the close of business on April 29, 2005.
Las solicitudes para boletas que se votaran en ausencia por correo deberan recibirse para el fin de las horas de negocio del 29 de abril 2005.

Issued this 11th day of February, 2005.
Emitada este 11 dia de febrero, 2005.

Jose M. Villarreal
Presiding Officer, Oficial que Preside

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million, down from \$6.32 million the previous year.

Current liabilities were down. They were \$341,885 in FY-2004, compared to \$444,947 the prior year.

In sum, he said, “We have not grown; we have not shrunk... while reducing liabilities.”

In other action, the Town Council approved the request of Police Chief Edward Miranda for the lease-purchase of a motorcycle for

traffic enforcement. Miranda said the motorcycle would be a “good resource tool,” allowing for more direct one-on-one contact with the people.

“We can’t go wrong,” he said. “It’s a great deal for the community.”

The council also approved:

- Mayor Art Franco’s appointment of Abel Bernal as commissioner for the Planning and Zoning Board;
- Roberto Rivas as a reserve police officer for the Anthony Police Department; and
- Wildcat Community Crime Stoppers using Anthony Park for Summerfest 2005, a fund-raising bazaar on May 21 and 22.

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City of Horizon City

PUBLIC NOTICE

FAIR HOUSING

A Fundamental Entitlement

for all Americans

As we observe the 37th anniversary of the National Fair Housing Law, Horizon City joins others in El Paso County urging all citizens to become aware of and support the Fair Housing Law. Title VIII of the Civil Rights Act of 1968, as amended, prohibits discrimination in housing and calls for a national policy for fair housing. This national policy can only be successful with the cooperation of all Americans. This policy prohibits discrimination against any person on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, age, handicap, familial status or national origin in the sale or rental of units in the housing market. The City Council of Horizon City proclaims April as Fair Housing Month.

For more information on Fair Housing or to report possible Fair Housing discrimination, call the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development at 1-800-669-9777.

Sandra Sierra
City Clerk

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Public Notice

Town of Anthony, Texas

FAIR HOUSING, IT’S THE LAW

The Town of Anthony hereby declares its support of fair housing practices. It is hereby declared to be the policy of the locality to bring about, through fair, orderly, and lawful procedures, the opportunity of each person to obtain housing without regard to race, color, creed, religion, sex, national origin, physical or mental handicap, martial status, parenthood, or age.

It is further declared that such policy is established upon a recognition of the inalienable rights of each individual to obtain housing and, further, that denial of such rights is detrimental to the health, safety, and welfare of the inhabitants of the locality and constitutes an unjust denial or deprivation of such inalienable rights which is within the power and the proper responsibility of government to prevent.

The Town of Anthony has a Fair Housing Policy that may be examined and copied by interested groups or individuals at the Anthony Town Hall between the hours of 8:30 A.M. and 4:30 P.M., Monday through Friday. The Town of Anthony is an Equal Opportunity and Affirmative Action employer.

Art Franco, Mayor

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DRIVING AWAY BUSINESS

Higher taxes could drive Texans over the line – to shop in New Mexico or across the border in Mexico.

There's a huge new tax increase working its way through the Texas legislature.

And, if it passes, Texans will be paying more for everyday items they buy at their corner grocery or convenience store.

That's a big problem for local businesses large and small – and could seriously harm the El Paso economy.

To make matters worse, they want to raise taxes on snack food, soft drinks and tobacco – an enormous 244% increase in the state excise tax on cigarettes. Under this proposal, the overall cost per carton in Texas will be \$7-8.00 higher than in New Mexico.

To avoid sky-high taxes, more and more Texans – especially smokers – may start shopping in New Mexico or across the border in Mexico.

And if retail sales decline, local jobs could be threatened as well.

Please call State Senator Eliot Shapleigh: Ask him to oppose these excessive taxes, which have already passed the Texas House of Representatives. They go too far, and they're bad for business – and that's bad for the Texas economy.

**STOP HIGHER
TAXES THAT HURT
OUR ECONOMY
CALL
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Owens thinks his multi-million dollar deal is not enough

By Steve Escajeda
Special to the Courier

Remember when Minnesota Timberwolves guard Latrell Sprewell took all that heat for making those absurd comments about being unhappy with his measly three-year, \$27-million contract offer, saying it wasn't enough? After all, he had a family to feed.

That kind of greed has reared its ugly head once again, and the source of the narcissism shouldn't surprise anyone.

Philadelphia Eagles wide receiver Terrell Owens is complaining again. This time the loudmouth malcontent is unhappy with his current contract.

Referring to his seven-year, \$49-million contract as "substandard," T.O. has declared that he will not play with the Eagles next season if he isn't given a new contract more befitting a man of his exceptional talents.

"This is not about me being greedy or selfish," Owens said recently — with a straight face, even — though I believe I could see his nose growing slightly.

He added that he signed with the Eagles in a hurry last season to get out of his trade to the Baltimore Ravens and that's the only reason he accepted the bum deal. But now he's had time to reflect on the season he had last year.

Which was an exceptional one, to say the least.

But the bottom line is that he signed a contract. I didn't hear anything about the Eagles putting a gun to his head or refusing to pay Owens when he was out of the lineup for all those games at the end of the season and through most of the playoffs, due to an injury.

Of course they paid him — he had a contract!

Owens explained that the Eagles had the upper hand, saying "If they can do what's best for their financial future, then why can't I?"

Whoa, wait a minute, T.O., I thought this had nothing to do with greed or selfishness?

Apparently, money *is* his motivation. All those shocked by that revelation please raise your hands. Go ahead — anyone — anywhere — anyone at all?

And in the end what will the Eagles do? Of course they'll pony-up the money that Terrell Owens wants. The owners of the

Eagles are as greedy as Owens is, they don't want the fans of the team upset with management.

They want to see butts in the seats — and that's all they want to see. They don't care who they have to hurt to accomplish that.

So who are the real losers here? The dumb fans, who'll see their hero awarded with a bigger, fatter contract, as they walk back to their \$200 seats with the \$8 beer they just bought to help pay for that big new contract.

Way too soon

The Dallas Cowboys said goodbye to Dexter Coakley after last season. The former Cowboys linebacker was released and will play for the St. Louis Rams next season.

At only 5-feet-10, Coakley was one of the smallest linebackers in the NFL, though he possessed one of the biggest hearts.

When I was in my twenties there was another player approximately the same build as Coakley. He was also a linebacker who played with the same kind of heart and hustle that eventually made him a five-time pro bowl selection.

Sam Mills was a rugged, relentless defender with the New Orleans Saints and later with the Carolina Panthers. At 5-9, he flew around the

field and hit ball carriers with the ferocity of a 6-6, 250-pounder.

Mills made the kind of news this week that's always difficult to accept. He passed away.

Mills spent the last few years as the Panthers linebacker's coach. He continued doing his job even after being diagnosed with cancer two years ago.

At the ridiculously unjust age of 45, Mills left this Earth.

It's too bad that people like Sam Mills never get the same kind of attention for their accomplishments as the sleazier athletes among us do for their misdeeds.

I guess that says a whole lot about our society. Panthers general manager Marty Hurney said about Mills, "He never had a bad thing to say about anybody and had a great ability to laugh at himself. He was the type of guy you want your kids to grow up to be."

Carolina linebacker Will Witherspoon said, "He always wanted to focus on how I was doing. There's nothing better than the fact that he concentrated more on other people than he did himself."

Any of your sons looking for a role model? Tell them about a real gentleman, a real hero, a real man — tell them about Sam Mills.



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Fire

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discharge in the manufacturing process, according to Jose Muela, fire investigator with the El Paso Fire Department.

Stevens stressed that the fire produced no toxic chemical fumes, and that there was no danger to the public.

He did not have an exact estimate of the damage, but indicated it would exceed \$250,000.

Other fire departments responding to the blaze came from Clint, San Elizario, West Valley Fire Department and El Paso.

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SOCORRO INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

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THURSDAY, APRIL 28, 2005

KINDER

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HOMESTEAD M.U.D

REQUEST FOR BIDS

FOR DISPOSAL

1999 DODGE 1500 PICKUP 109,442 MILES, HAS BAD TRANSMISSION "AS IS CONDITION". CAN BE SEEN AT HOMESTEAD M.U.D, 3668 DESERT MEADOWS. SEALED BIDS WILL BE ACCEPTED UNTIL MAY 16, 2005 AT 4:00 P.M.

A W A R D E D BIDDEE WILL PROVIDE CASHIER'S CHECK OR MONEY ORDER FOR TOTAL AMOUNT.

P A R A DESPOSEIMIENTO

1999 TROCA DODGE 1500, 109,442 MILLAS, TRANSMISION MALA, "EN LA CONDICION EN QUE SE ENCUENTRA". LA P U E D E OBSERVAR EN LA OFICINA DE HOMESTEAD M.U.D., EN EL 3668 DESERT MEADOWS. PROPUESTAS SELLADS SERAN ACEPTADAS HASTA EL DIA 16 DE MAYO 2005 A LAS 4:00 P.M., EL COMPRADOR E S C O J I D O DEBERA TRAIER UN CASHIER'S CHECK OR UN MONEY ORDER

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Persons who have a problem with alcohol are offered a free source of help locally. Alcoholics Anonymous - call

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Tiene problemas con el alcohol? Hay una solución. Informacion: 838-6264.

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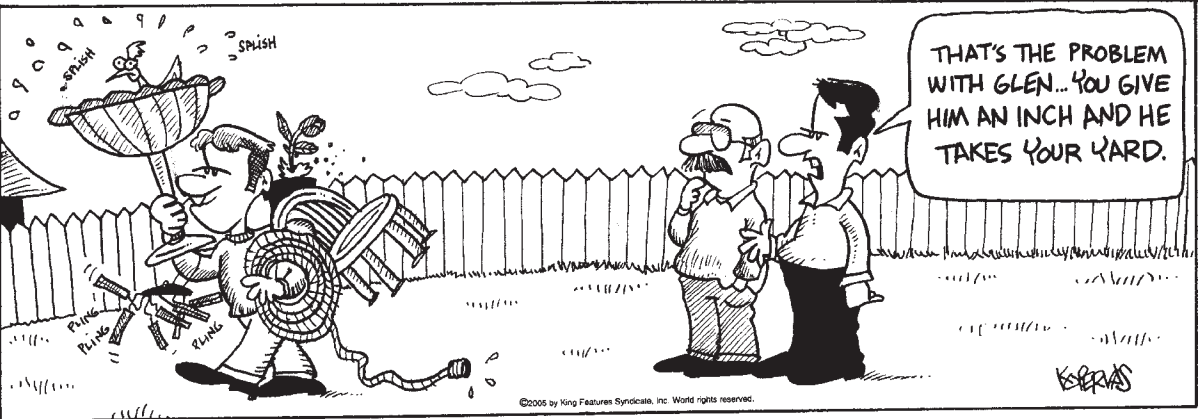
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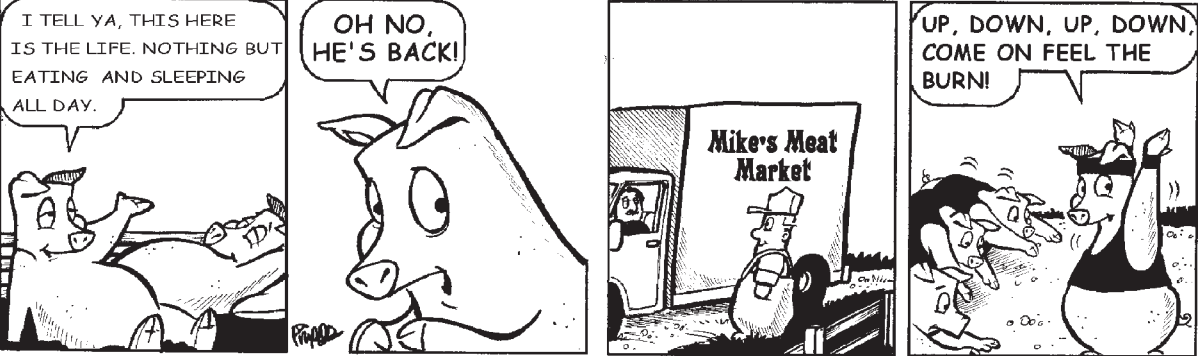
OUT ON A LIMB

By Gary Kopervas



AMBER WAVES

By Dave T. Phipps



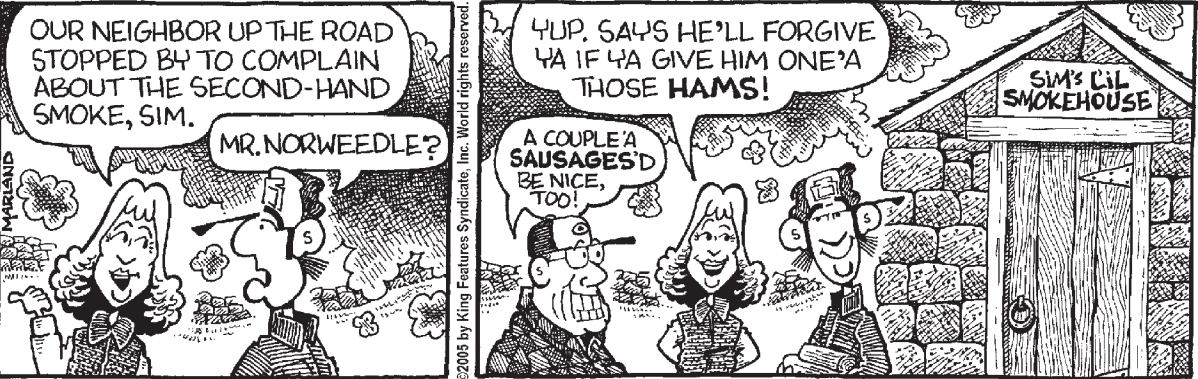
THE SPATS

By Jeff Pickering



R.F.D.

By Mike Marland



Start your day the high-cal way

By Don Flood

As part of our nation’s continuing obsession with fitness and healthy eating, fast food restaurants are in a fight to the death — probably from clogged arteries — to invent the fattiest meal possible. The most recent contender: the Burger King Blubber Butt Special. No, wait a minute; it’s the Burger King Belt Buster.

OK, I’ll look it up — you people just don’t appreciate the work we do here (!) — it’s the Enormous Omelet Sandwich and it includes: one sausage patty, two pieces of bread, two eggs, two pieces of cheese, three slices of bacon and one side of beef. (The side of beef is optional.)

It has an estimated 38 gazillion calories. “The critics will still label it food porn,” Sherri Daye Scott, editor at fast-food magazine QSR, told USA Today. “But the average male fast-food customer does not have a problem with this.”

Actually, the average male fast-food customer doesn’t have a problem with porn in general, so it’s not surprising he has the intestinal fortitude to handle the latest Burger King belly buster.

(Increase Your Word Power Bonus Lesson: “Intestinal fortitude” refers to people, such as myself, who have intestines that are brave and courageous, not to mention courteous and polite. Believe me, when the chips are down, there are no pals I’d rather have watching my back than my intestines — that is, of course, if they had eyes.)

Not that there aren’t reasons for a sandwich this large, according to fictional nutrition experts.

Let’s say your next business conference, expected to last 14 months, is being held on a large

Antarctic ice floe with no dining facilities or food service of any kind, including those handy serve-yourself hotel packs of pistachios that cost \$8.50 (plus tax) for three nuts.

In a case like this, experts say, it would be permissible to eat one Enormous Omelet Sandwich before your trip, though those watching their weight might want to skip the bread.

But what about those not planning an Antarctic business trip: How can they work off those extra calories?

Fidget! It’s true. “Fidget your way to fitness, study concludes,” announced a recent Washington Post headline. The story told how mundane body movements helped burn calories. (I’m fidgeting as I type this and the pounds are melting away like magic! Look for my book, “Fidg-a-Magic,” coming out this Christmas.)

Remember elementary school? Teachers spent most of the day telling kids to stop fidgeting, especially poor neurotic Herbert in the second row. (The rest of the day was spent participating in air-raid drills in preparation for an atomic-bomb attack, which made Herbert fidget even more.)

You could, of course, download this story and send it to your former teachers, blaming them for your wretched state of fitness.

But that, of course, would be childish and non-productive. A far more mature, proactive approach would be to hire a lawyer and sue them and the school district and the state for all those bums are worth.

That, of course, would enable you to afford liposuction.

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King Super Crossword

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ACROSS

1 TV host John
5 Full of oneself
9 Amontillado
container
13 Beseeched
17 Nile feature
18 In good health
19 “_ Without Love”
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23 Admiral Zumwalt
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27 Flagon filler
28 Newspaper
30 Take-home
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35 Ring stat
36 Thwack
37 Compact cotton
38 “Great Expecta-
tions” character
40 Cad
42 Mythical being
44 Hateful
50 Give a little
51 Green
52 Yesterday’s
thresher
53 Lillian or Dorothy
54 Ivy Leaguer
55 Fancy dessert
56 First dog in space

57 Where cats
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58 Pie _ mode
59 Lofty peak
60 Distribute the
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61 Keats composition
62 Middle of remark
70 Born
71 ’87 Peace Prize
winner
72 Solidify
73 “_ Shook Up” (’57
smash)
74 Corny goddess?
77 Colossal
commotion
78 Malicious to the
max
80 Where rams romp
81 Bus starter?
82 Thirteen, to a
baker
83 Soprano Fleming
84 _ impasse
85 Dachshund or
donkey
87 Pianist Jorge
88 “_ Old Cow Hand”
(’36 song)
89 Objective
90 Counter change
91 Botanist Gray
92 Age
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118 Long lunch?
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55 Perkins role
56 “Frederica”
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61 Ready to reduce
63 Silverware city
64 Infirmary item
65 Went wrong
66 Snowy bird
67 “Big Three” site
68 New York city
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75 Aussie walker
76 Cell stuff
77 Dandy
78 Hailing from
Aberystwyth
79 In accord
82 Swashbuckling
novelist
83 ’48 Hitchcock film
84 Texas town
86 “I Love Lucy”
surname
87 Tour-de-France
vehicle
88 Adjectival suffix
90 Aptitude
91 Say please
92 Pound of poetry
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playwright
100 Club creed
101 What i.e. stands
for
102 “Ora pro _”
103 Painter Paul
109 Word on a pump
111 Bowie or Bakker
112 Author Umberto
113 Cosset a corgi

Answer Page 6

Social Security Q&A

By Ray Vigil

Q: Social Security sent me a letter saying I can't get disability benefits because my disabilities are not severe enough. But I can't work and my ailments keep getting worse. What can I do to convince Social Security that it is wrong about my case?

A: Social Security wants each decision on a disability application to be correct. If you are denied Social Security disability benefits, you can have Social Security look at your claim again by filing an appeal. You have to ask for the appeal in writing within 60 days from when you received your denial letter. Your Social Security office can help you complete the paperwork

Q: I am applying for a mortgage on a condominium in a new retirement community. The bank wants proof of how much money I receive from Social Security each month. What can I use as proof of my benefit payments?

A: Each year Social Security sends

you an SSA-1099 Form showing the amount of benefits you received in the past year. You can use this as proof. If you did not keep this document, you may request a replacement at <http://www.socialsecurity.gov/1099/> or by calling Social Security's toll-free number, 1-800-772-1213 (TTY 1-800-325-0778).

Q: I will be age 62 in a couple of months, but my husband is three years younger than me. He also makes a great deal more money than I do. Do I have to wait until he retires to receive benefits based on his earnings record?

A: Yes, you would have to wait until your husband retires in order to file for benefits as a spouse on his earnings record. However, if you have worked long enough under Social Security, you may be eligible for retirement benefits based on your own work record while you are waiting for your husband to start receiving benefits. Your husband's age and receipt of benefits would not be a factor in your entitlement to retirement benefits based on your own work.

Q: I've been getting Social Security disability benefits for a few years now. I'm scheduled for a

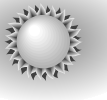







medical review next month. What should I expect?

A: As a part of your medical review, you will be asked to provide information about your medical treatment and any changes in your medical condition, as well as information on any work you may have done. Then a team consisting of a disability examiner and a doctor will review your file and request your medical reports. You might be asked to have a special examination, which Social Security will pay for. The agency will send you a letter indicating whether it still considers you to be disabled.

WEATHER

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SEVEN-DAY FORECAST FOR EL PASO

THURSDAY	THUR. NIGHT	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY
							
Brilliant sunshine.	Mainly clear.	Mostly sunny and very warm.	Sunshine, some clouds and still warm.	Mostly cloudy with some rain possible.	Clouds and some sunshine.	Plenty of sunshine.	Abundant sunshine.
▲ 82°	▼ 54°	▲ 88° ▼ 57°	▲ 85° ▼ 57°	▲ 82° ▼ 53°	▲ 80° ▼ 48°	▲ 80° ▼ 50°	▲ 84° ▼ 52°

UV INDEX

Statistics for noon.

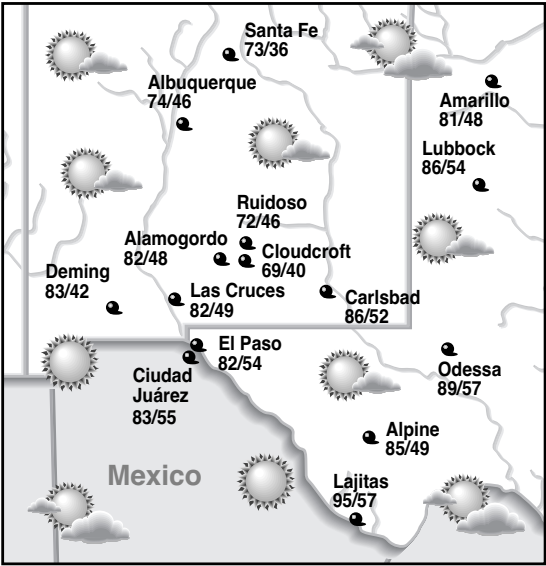
The higher the UV Index, the greater the need for eye and skin protection.

Thursday	10	Very High
Friday	10	Very High
Saturday	8	High
Sunday	3	Low
Monday	6	Moderate
Tuesday	9	Very High
Wednesday	9	Very High

TEXAS WEATHER

Anthony	84	54
Canutillo	84	54
Clint	84	56
E. Montana	82	54
Fabens	84	56
Horizon	85	56
San Elizario	86	54
Socorro	85	54
Tornillo	83	56
Vinton	84	54

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



TRAVELERS CITIES

City	Thur. Hi/Low/W	Fri. Hi/Low/W	Sat. Hi/Low/W	Sun. Hi/Low/W	Mon. Hi/Low/W
Albuquerque	74/46/s	76/48/s	78/52/s	80/42/pc	73/36/pc
Atlanta	80/56/pc	76/56/t	69/54/sh	68/48/pc	74/50/pc
Atlantic City	65/44/sh	58/38/pc	58/35/r	56/34/r	60/35/r
Austin/San Antonio	84/62/t	86/63/pc	81/62/t	81/62/pc	82/61/t
Baltimore	66/44/sh	62/46/pc	56/42/r	58/40/r	64/39/r
Boston	56/40/r	56/50/s	53/42/r	50/40/r	58/40/r
Chicago	58/38/pc	54/34/r	50/32/pc	56/40/s	67/45/pc
Dallas/Ft. Worth	83/62/t	80/62/pc	74/61/pc	74/56/pc	81/55/t
Denver	58/39/pc	61/39/pc	67/42/s	67/33/sh	71/31/r
Flagstaff	64/26/s	67/30/s	67/32/pc	64/22/c	55/18/c
Houston	82/64/t	84/62/pc	82/58/t	78/58/pc	80/64/pc
Kansas City	70/49/t	62/49/t	64/48/pc	68/44/c	68/46/r
Las Vegas	80/56/s	85/60/s	85/60/pc	78/56/sh	76/55/pc
Miami	80/70/pc	84/70/pc	84/70/s	84/66/t	82/66/pc
Minneapolis	62/44/s	55/41/pc	57/43/pc	70/43/c	65/45/pc
New Orleans	80/63/pc	80/64/t	76/65/t	80/58/s	77/58/c
New York City	60/45/sh	58/45/s	53/45/r	58/44/r	62/44/r
Philadelphia	66/44/sh	63/45/pc	57/43/r	57/40/r	62/40/r
Phoenix	87/62/s	91/64/s	91/64/pc	88/62/pc	85/58/sh
Portland	66/46/pc	66/46/s	66/46/pc	64/46/pc	66/46/pc
San Francisco	65/50/pc	66/50/pc	65/51/sh	63/44/sh	60/42/pc
Seattle	64/44/pc	62/44/s	62/46/pc	62/46/pc	63/46/pc
Tucson	86/54/s	91/56/s	91/56/pc	84/52/r	80/52/pc
Washington, DC	69/48/sh	65/45/pc	58/45/r	56/44/r	65/43/r

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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