



## NEWSBRIEFS

### Tour Canutillo High

Canutillo High School will hold an open house to give community residents an opportunity to view the new campus, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Saturday, Jan. 21. The new high school, which opened for classes this month, is located at 6675 South Desert Boulevard. The public is invited to attend the Saturday event, which will include student presentations by the CHS Eagle Pride Marching Band and the modern dance performers. For more information, call 877-7801.

### CORRECTION

Last week's *County Courier* incorrectly stated that Desmond "Corky" Corcoran was elected as Horizon City's first mayor in 1998 when the correct date of his first election was actually 1988.

### CLARIFICATION

In an article in last week's *Courier*, entitled *Proposed rezoning results in controversy in Socorro*, some readers apparently misconstrued the final sentence in the article about a resolution, sponsored by Socorro City Representative Trini Lopez, which established a moratorium on permits for businesses or rezoning changes that would allow junk yards, recycling centers, scrap yards, demolition yards, and other businesses involved with the dismantling or storage of recyclable products. The article addressed only these types of businesses and concluded with: "Lopez hopes to eliminate any future businesses locating in Socorro." In only that sentence, the article did not state that the businesses he sought to eliminate were junk/salvage yard types. For those who chose to read the sentence out of context, we regret any confusion it may have caused. Lopez clarifies his position on business and growth on Page 3, in the *Write stuff*.

### Great stats

The 72nd Annual Vitalis Sun Bowl between Northwestern University and UCLA, broadcast on CBS Television, recorded a total national television audience of 13.8 million viewers for the Dec. 30 post-season football game. It is estimated that the game had an audience of 3.5 million viewers who tuned into the program during the average minute. Overall, the broadcast pulled in a 2.6 national television rating, securing seven percent of the national television audience. The 2005 broadcast of the game marked the 38th consecutive year that it has been broadcast on CBS Television, making it the second longest running event broadcast by the network second only to The Masters.

### In other news

■ The Texas Department of Agriculture

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*Many people aim to do right but are just poor shots.*

— Quips & Quotes

## Optimist Club selects Clint High student as top girl achiever in region

CLINT — The Optimist Clubs of the Greater El Paso/Chaparral Area have selected Clint High School senior Lisa Duran for the Outstanding Senior Girl award as part of Optimist International Youth Appreciation Week. Duran was recognized during a banquet where she was presented with a plaque and delivered a speech addressed to her fellow classmates, her parents and counselors.

Duran was chosen for the top honor by a special committee who reviewed resumes of El Paso County seniors chosen to represent their school.

Each year to celebrate Youth Appreciation Week the Opti-



Lisa Duran

mist clubs in the area honor outstanding students chosen by their school. Each optimist club sponsors one boy and one girl from each grade, nine through twelve. Students are selected for their efforts in arts, athletics, academics, and community service work.

The following students were chosen to represent Clint High School and were presented with a certificate by Principal Morris Aldridge: seniors Ryan Brem and Lisa Duran; juniors Joshua Macias and Yedith Cortez; sophomores Alfonso Hidrogo and Marisa Godoy; and freshmen Adam Black and Jessie Cline.

— Contributed by Laura Cade

## Horizon Council stalls on police chief's contract

### Commercial rezoning request approved despite opposition

By Arleen Beard  
Special to the Courier

HORIZON CITY — There were two items on the table during the regularly scheduled Horizon City Council meeting on Jan. 10 that brought out several citizens to voice their concern.

The first was the contract extension for Chief of Police Antonio Aguilar. Originally scheduled to be one of the last items to be considered at the meeting, City Councilman Jack Rutledge asked for it to be moved up due to the large number of citizens who signed up to speak on the item.

Chief Aguilar was the first person to address Council, providing statistics regarding the police department under his leadership. Horizon's police chief for the past five years, he said he hopes to continue in that role. He said he is proud of the police department and its success.

Several citizens then addressed Council in support of Chief Aguilar, the consensus being they were more than satisfied with the job he is doing. There was no opposition voiced by anyone present at the council meeting.

City Representative Luis Najera recommended postponing a vote on the contract because two councilmen were absent. He said he wanted the entire council to be present to vote on such an important issue. However, City Councilman Bethany Sellers disagreed, saying it would not be fair to Chief Aguilar especially since this item had already been postponed from the previous meeting on Dec. 13.

City Councilman Walter Miller said he didn't know how the council could vote on a contract for Chief Aguilar when they did not have a contract in front of them to approve or disapprove. Sellers said the contract falls under the same context as approval of a plat with revisions to be made. Members of the audience shouted out suggestions as to how to resolve this matter.

After considerable discussion, Rutledge made a motion to approve Chief Aguilar's contract pending revisions and Sellers seconded.

Councilmen Najera, Miller and McClellan voted no with Sellers and Rutledge the two

votes in favor of the contract approval.

Because the City Charter states that there must be four votes either for or against such a contract for the vote to be binding, and because there were not four votes cast as a unit, no action could be taken on this agenda item.

The item was therefore automatically tabled for the next council meeting. Some community members in the audience said they were concerned that they will not have a police chief to which a contract can be offered if they delay approval of Chief Aguilar's contract much longer. A special meeting will be called to address this agenda item in order to minimize the delay.

The second agenda item of apparent interest to the community was the first reading of an ordinance rezoning a 15-acre parcel of land located at the corner of Eastlake and North Kenazo from residential to heavy commercial. This item had also been postponed from the previous month's meeting to allow for residents to voice their opinion on the rezoning. At the December council meeting, Sellers was opposed to the rezoning because she was concerned about the types of businesses that might locate there, however, it was apparent Seller's had changed her opinion after meeting with Pierre Hernandez, owner of the land.

Of the several residents who voiced concern over the rezoning, only one was in favor. The remainder who addressed Council in opposition to the rezoning were concerned about the type of businesses allowed under a commercial zoning, and the possible devaluation of their houses.

Hernandez addressed the audience in defense of his rezoning and assured them he would triple the buffer zone of 25 feet from the fence of the houses affected to 75 feet. He also stated he would landscape the area to make it look attractive with palm trees and would agree to make stipulations in the contract to limit the type of businesses that would be allowed to move in.

Ed Long, representative from the engineering firm assisting Hernandez, added that city ordinances already included restrictions for businesses that fall under a "C-2" zoning.

After considerable opposition was voiced by community members, Council approved the rezoning by a unanimous vote.



— Photo courtesy Socorro ISD

**ACHIEVEMENT AT ALL LEVELS —** Montwood senior Annia Parra has been nominated to compete in the national Principal's Leadership Award scholarship program, sponsored by the National Association of Secondary School Principals.

## Montwood High student chosen to compete in National Award Program

By Carlos A. Briano  
Special to the Courier

EAST EL PASO COUNTY — Montwood High senior Annia Parra has been nominated to compete in the national Principal's Leadership Award scholarship program, sponsored by the National Association of Secondary School Principals. Herff-Jones, Inc. funds the Principal's Leadership Award program.

Montwood High principal Juni Mathews announced the nomination, which places Parra in the national competition. One hundred national winners will be chosen in the spring of 2006 to receive a \$1,000 college scholarships.

"To be nominated for such an award is a great honor for me and something I am very proud of," Parra says. "Without the support of my family and friends, I would not be where I am today and I owe most of my success to them."

High school principals from across the country could nominate one of their student leaders. Nominees were selected based on their leadership skills, participation in service organizations and clubs; achievements in the arts and sciences; employment experience; and academic record. They were also required to write an essay.

"NASSP is proud to recognize the efforts of talented young people like Annia Parra," said Gerald N. Tirozzi, executive director, NASSP. "She deserves to be commended for her excellence in the classroom and community."

In recognizing leadership in co-curricular activities as well as academic performance, the Principal's Leadership Award scholarship recognized the importance of a well-rounded

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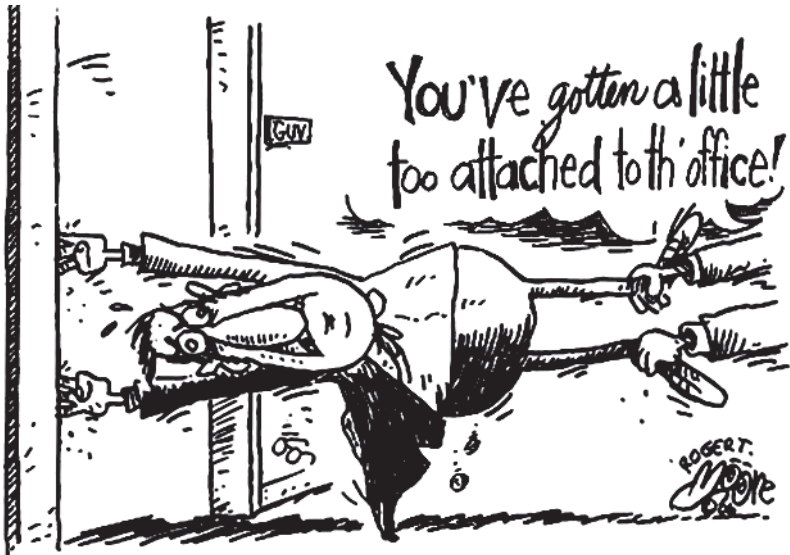
# One perspective

By Francis Shrum

## An American love affair

The passion Americans feel for our cars is surpassed only by the love other people apparently feel when they take them out of parking lots without permission. Begging the pardon of horse lovers everywhere, an automobile has always seemed to me like a good horse — a means to get from one place to another safely or to get a job done, hopefully with a minimum of muss, fuss and discomfort. That doesn't mean, of course, that I don't appreciate a fine automobile. I do. But give me dependability over bells and whistles everytime — a good heater is a must, especially now that my bones get creaky in cold weather. A good air conditioner is a luxury. The rest is superfluous, sometimes even problematic. Too many things to go wrong with. My family currently has an automobile that I jokingly compare to

driving my living room. I don't drive it often, but on long trips it's extremely comfortable, roomy and almost obscene in comfort details. It makes travel very comfortable for children. Maybe too comfortable. Our automobiles are like most other things in life: If you take care of them, they'll take care of you. Don't feed and water your horse or take care of his feet and he'll give out on the trail. Don't change the oil in your car, air up the tires, and check the liquid levels every now and again and you'll experience basically the same result. Run a curry comb over his back before and after the saddle goes on or off and a horse's hide won't sore up so that he's inclined to pitch you off in the morning. I can't prove this, but I believe a car that's been given similar treatment — namely a little soap and water every now and again — runs better. Feels like it, anyway. I wish car manufacturers would pro-



**Moore Texas** by Robert T. Moore Jan. 14, 1874: Defeated reconstructionist Governor Edmund Davis refuses to vacate his office.

duce a more simple automobile that has gauges the average person can read, and parts the average person can interchange when they go bad. Modern versions have all these little warning lights that come on the dash to tell you something is wrong, but they don't tell you what. And even if they do, they lie. We had an experience with a little orange light that lit up in our car that read: Service Engine Soon. After some diagnostics, however, it was found that it had nothing to do with the engine at all. Apparently, the type of transmission our particular automobile had was susceptible to certain kinds of malfunction and ours was showing early signs of this. In short, it lied. One man I know had a liar light that came on in his truck saying his emergency brake was on. Except it wasn't. He couldn't convince the light otherwise. This was not big problem except at night when the bright, glaring red light was distracting. So he put a piece of black tape over it. Gas mileage has come back into the American consciousness, of course, but we're not giving up our SUVs for low-gas compacts. That's alright, since the gas shortage is about as real as the boogie man. And you're likely to spend as much trying to trade in and switch out with a car dealer and the tax man as you will spend extra on gasoline, anyway. Of course, we're probably going to get a new one pretty soon anyway, so not to worry, right? The likelihood of Americans trading in or buying a new car is roughly equivalent to the divorce rate. I read a statistic once about how much money you can save over 10 years simply by maintaining the same automobile. I don't remember the exact figure but it was pretty astonishing. Over the years growing up, my family had only a hand full of automobiles, almost exclusively work trucks and pickups. We called them things like The Old Red Dodge, The Old Green Chevy, and The Little Willis — you know, sort of like we named the milk cow, the dog and, of course, our horses. I doubt if most kids nowadays can remember all the cars that have passed through their driveways because there have been so many of them, new and used, here today, gone tomorrow, sold or traded for what we perceive to be a newer, better version. We've handled our love affairs with our automobiles much the way we've treated our relationships — too many significant others to remember. Traded in for defects due to lack of care and maintenance, or just for a more recent model. You know, like a real American love affair.

# Write stuff

**Dear Editor:**

Imagine my surprise, as a small business owner, that upon reading your Jan. 12 edition I learned I was anti-business. In fact, I was so surprised that I had momentary thoughts of running myself out of town!

The article on the front page entitled *Proposed rezoning results in controversy in Socorro* stated that "City Representative Trini Lopez hopes to eliminate any future businesses locating in Socorro." Nothing could be further from the truth and it is inconceivable to me as to how your paper could, had it actually read and understood the resolution, attribute such a statement to me.


As a small business owner in Socorro, and during my two terms as a City Representative I have always promoted the economic development of the City of Socorro. My purpose in sponsoring the moratorium was to ensure that future economic growth within the city was in keeping with the evolving nature of the community and protecting the health, safety and welfare of our citizens.

Since the re-incorporation of our city, the Alameda corridor has been the designated industrial area of Socorro. While this designation worked in the past the rapid growth experienced in the last few years has shown that this needs to be reconsidered. Heavy traffic, new residential subdivisions and new demands by a growing population require us to redefine, and possibly relocate, industrial and heavy commercial activities in the community.

With a population approximately three times what it was 10 years ago it is time to revise and adopt new growth strategies for the City of Socorro. We need ordinances and land use strategies that balance the needs of a growing population, infrastructure, and economic development. We need smart traffic controls that incorporate the needs of commercial traffic with the needs of the population. We need defined commercial sectors that are attractive not only to developers but are readily accessible to the public. We need to develop strategies to bring needed services to the community; medical dental and other professions. We should not hesitate to make our city attractive to businesses such as Wal-Mart or Walgreens. We should not hesitate to create zoning and subdivision ordinances that address the needs for affordable housing while retaining the open and uncongested feel of Socorro. And, finally, we should not hesitate to develop a vision of a Socorro that is bigger and better than it is now, a Socorro that embraces growth and change in a measured and managed fashion.

**Trini Lopez**  
City Representative  
Socorro

*(Publisher's note: The Jan. 12 article referenced only the types of businesses Mr. Lopez sought to limit. The Courier staff understood the intent and scope of Lopez' resolution. A clarification appears on Page 1, in the Briefs. We did, however, fail to credit Lopez as the sponsor of the resolution in the Jan. 12 article. The Courier did not say Lopez was "anti-business."*



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# Reyes Reports

By U.S. Rep. Silvestre Reyes

## High-tech jobs coming to El Paso

El Paso will soon be home to the crown jewel of the Army's modernization efforts, as the Army announced its decision last week to test and evaluate the innovative new Future Combat Systems (FCS) at Fort Bliss. This decision, which the Army made after more than two years of work by myself and other local military and community leaders, will not only benefit our servicemembers, it will benefit our local economy and generate hundreds of high-tech jobs for El Pasoans.

The Army will base an FCS Evaluation Brigade Combat Team (EBCT) and an FCS Program Office at Fort Bliss, which will be fully operational in 2007. The EBCT will test unattended ground sensors and munitions, armed robotic vehicles, unmanned ground and aerial vehicles, and non-line-of-sight cannons and mortars, among other technologies. The new technology will allow for faster decision-making and will reduce reliance on logistics such as fuel, water, ammunition, and repair parts by 30 to 70-percent. These technologies represent an important evolution for Army Transformation, and through the testing of this new equipment, Fort Bliss and our community will help develop technology that our soldiers will rely on as we continue to face terrorism and other evolving threats.

This has been a big year for El Paso's economy. Due to the 2005 Base Realignment and Closure round (BRAC), Fort Bliss will grow by 11,500 troops, making it BRAC's largest gainer in military personnel, and the Army has announced that they will move additional troops to Fort Bliss over the next several years as we close bases in Germany. In the end, Fort Bliss is expected to grow by over 20,000 new troops, which means about 60,000 soldiers and family members in all. These troops and their families will have a huge positive impact on our community. New jobs will be created to support these new families, and it is estimated that the potential boost to our economy is over \$4 billion annually.

FCS will also have a positive impact on our community, and will bring hundreds of high-paying, high-tech jobs with quality benefits to our region. Also, due to this decision, local universities like UTEP and NMSU will benefit from increased research opportunities.

Recognizing its potential impact on our region, I fought on Capitol Hill to provide federal funding for FCS in fiscal year 2006. The House of Representatives originally proposed to cut the program by \$400 million; however, I worked with key members of Congress on both sides of the aisle to increase funding in the final bill.

Our accomplishments during 2005 will bring improved infrastructure and jobs to our region, and as 2006 continues, the strong coalition of military and community leaders and myself, who worked to bring these jobs to our region, will continue our efforts to ensure that El Paso continues to thrive and that these developments move forward in a timely manner.



# Canutillo ISD hosts bond election to keep up with accelerated growth

UPPER VALLEY — The scenario is all too familiar to school boards from one end of El Paso County to the other — kids, kids, everywhere and nary enough room to school them. As the county faces accelerated growth, the Canutillo school district is attempting to keep up by presenting a \$39 million bond proposal to voters. Early voting began Wednesday, election day is Feb. 4.

District officials say conservative estimates are that the district will see enrollment increase by at least 4,500 students over the next five years.

While the district doesn't intend to

sell all the bonds at one time, approval by the taxpayers would allow the district to purchase land and construct two new elementary schools, at an estimated cost of about \$23 million.

The remainder would allow the district to provide "specific enhancements" to all other existing campuses, including improvements to flooring, parking, landscaping, roofing, security and mechanical needs.

Alderete Middle School (the old Canutillo High School) needs significant upgrades, including a library and a new classroom wing to house science labs.

Also included under the bond pro-

posal is the price of refinancing expenses the district is currently paying out of operating funds to less-costly handling as debt-service. It will cost the district about \$4.13 million to transfer some tax maintenance notes and a lease-purchase from an operating fund expense to a debt-service expense. Such a transfer, however, will save the district millions more in the long-run.

Early voting will continue through Jan. 31 at Canutillo Elementary, 651 Canutillo Ave. from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. weekdays; and at the Vinton Fire Station, 510 Vinton Rd., weekdays from 3 to 6 p.m.

# Preparation for pandemic influenza is imperative

By Eduardo J. Sanchez, M.D., M.P.H.  
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Texas Department of State Health Services

AUSTIN — Pandemic influenza is one of the biggest health threats that may — or may not — devastate Texas. Preparing to respond to a global outbreak of a deadly flu strain as if it were inevitable is absolutely essential.

In mid-December, the Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS) convened a conference to discuss just such planning for pandemic influenza. Some 400 local, state and national public health staff along with health care professionals, influenza experts, hospital personnel, emergency responders, business leaders and other stakeholders took the day to discuss how we in Texas will prepare for and respond to the devastation of such a global flu outbreak.

Texans certainly have experience responding to disasters; just mention the names Katrina and Rita. With a hurricane, flood, tornado or illness in a community, the immediate response is focused and localized. Neighbors pitch in to provide support and services, businesses in other cities assume critical functions and volunteers leave their regular jobs to provide assistance.

But a pandemic flu outbreak will be vastly different in both duration and magnitude. We will be forced to provide a sustained response for months, rather than weeks or days. Waves of illness will come. And we will be on our own for the most part because everyone in our area, our state, our nation, our hemisphere, perhaps even our planet will be affected in some way.

Scientists say the next pandemic influenza outbreak is coming — if not today or tomorrow, then next month or next year or next decade. The time for planning, however, is now.

The World Health Organization and the federal government have plans. DSHS has been working on preparations for a pandemic influenza outbreak for several years.

Clearly communities must now develop customized plans for their unique areas because ultimately, while pandemic influenza is a global event, it is at the local level where the plans will be implemented. And these plans must cover many areas that have seldom had to consider an emergency response.

Service providers and businesses must develop their own contingency plans to ensure that critical services and products remain available even if a significant number of their employees are absent. Schools must plan for large numbers of absentees among students and staff. Hospitals need to look even more deeply into capacity and staffing issues.

Individual and families must be prepared for drastic changes in lifestyle and routine. Working away from the office may be essential. Youngsters will need caretakers if schools or child care centers are closed. Public events such as concerts or sports contests may be cancelled. Those who are ill may need to be cared for by family members at home.

Another major component in planning is addressing mental health issues that surround an outbreak. A pandemic event will result in stress and emotional trauma for responders, health care providers, individuals and communities. Psychological and stress management support will be needed for those who are symptomatic, those who believe they are ill and for staff who are dealing with the increased workloads and personal concerns. The public will need information on how to recognize and cope with the short- and long-term risks of sustained stress during mass vaccinations, for those who are ill and their caregivers.

Special attention and resources will be needed at every level of response to ensure that special populations are identified before the event and that unique service and transportation needs are incorporated into the local pandemic influenza emergency management plan.

Estimates are that pandemic influenza could strike 90 million Americans, five to 10 million of those in Texas. The impact of a pandemic, however, will be measured not only by how many people are sick or die. If millions of people are sick at the same time, major social and economic consequences also will occur. We all will have hard choices to make.

The overriding lesson we learned from everything we have been through this last year is that planning does matter. And the depth and quality of our planning for a pandemic influenza outbreak will in large part determine the effectiveness of our response.

View from here

By Jamie Story

# Texas is lagging behind in math and science

Approximately half of all students in Texas state universities and colleges need remedial classes. Meanwhile, 30 percent of entry-level job applicants do not meet eighth-grade skill levels on a competency test administered by Texas Instruments, according to a company vice president.

Particularly in math and the sciences, Texas school children are lagging behind.

At first glance, results from the state achievement test, the TAKS, paint a positive picture, as scores have steadily increased across grade levels and subjects since the test was implemented.

But the TAKS may not be the best

measure of student achievement. While 81 percent of Texas fourth-graders exhibited proficiency on the Math TAKS this year, only 40 percent exhibited proficiency on the National Assessment of Educational Progress. This discrepancy between the Texas and national tests is one of the largest in the nation.

And the problem is not just one of quality, but also of quantity.

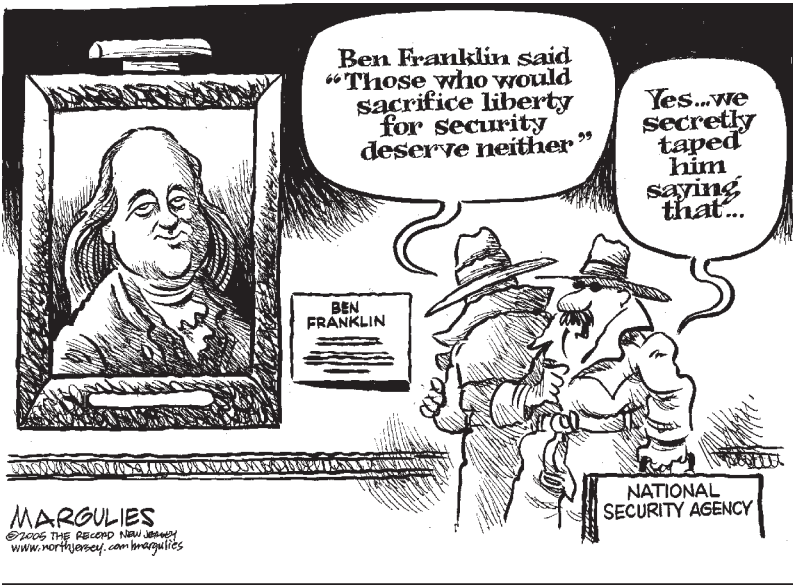
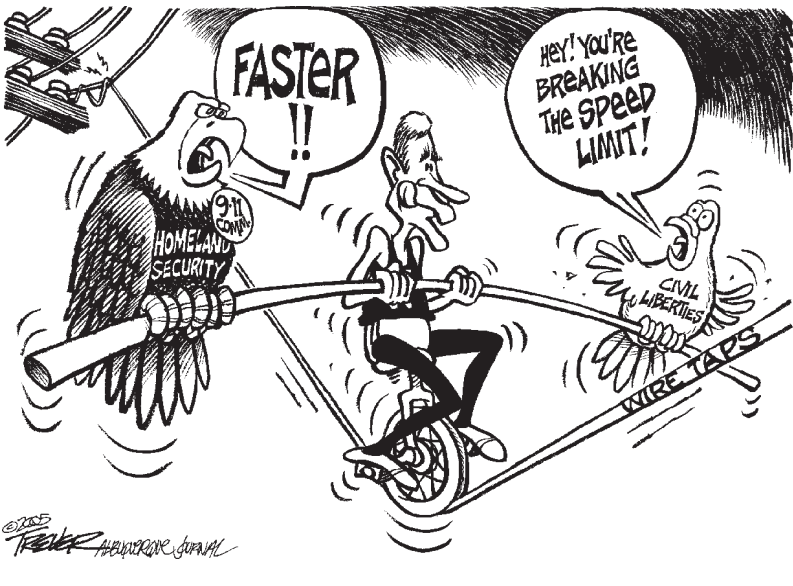
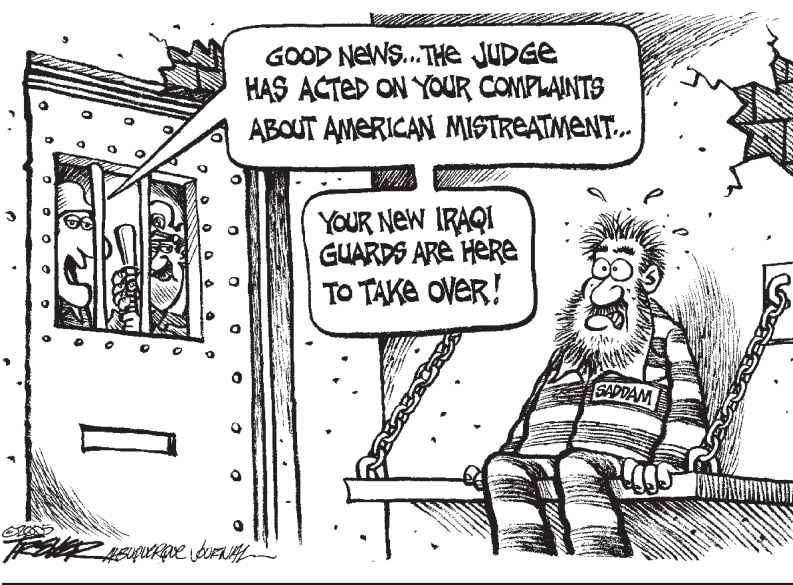
"In Texas, more students graduate with a degree in Parks and Recreation than with one in Engineering," said one Texas businessman at an education forum in October. He and his fellow panelists were concerned —

"panicked" might be a better description — about the dwindling supply of quality engineers coming out of Texas colleges and universities.

On the same panel, it was noted that Fort Worth-based Lockheed Martin alone needs to hire 90,000 engineers in the next five years — more than Texas will even produce in that time.

A recent report by the Fordham Institute points to one cause of this inadequacy — our science curriculum. The Institute gives the Texas science standards the third worst score in the country. One reviewer

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# Kazakhstani visitors get a good look at Socorro High School's media technology department

By Carlos A. Briano  
Special to the Courier

SOCORRO — Socorro High School students may not know where the country of Kazakhstan is located. And they may not know that it is a former Soviet Republic. But some pretty important Kazakhstan dignitaries sure know about Socorro High School, especially when it comes to

their media technology department. So they decided to travel over 12,000 miles to visit the home of the Bulldogs.

Three Kazakhstani advertising managers at small stations — Yuri G. Grivko, Nurlan U. Kabdulgalimov and Irina Zazonova — embarked on a three-week International Visitor Leadership Program to America, made possible by the U.S. Department of State's Bureau of Educa-

tional and Cultural Affairs. They visited several U.S. cities, and at each toured television and radio stations and advertising agencies with the goal of exploring new long-term advertising strategies and other means of generating funds.

This is necessary due to a recent law passed in Kazakhstan that has limited advertising on television and radio stations to 15 percent of total air time. At each city, the

Kazakhstanis visited one school — and in El Paso, the visitor's stopped at SISD's own Socorro High School.

"Socorro High School has a great reputation for its excellent media technology department," says Angie Holguin of the El Paso Council for International Visitors. "The national program highly recommends Socorro High School to visitors of all countries."

For Grivko, who is the head of advertising for Lisakovskoye Television, it was very interesting to see the Latin influence in an American community.

"We have very much appreciated our run-ins with the local people," he says. "They are unusually warm and hospitable."

But Kabdulgalimov, director of sales at Era TV Company, says he was more impressed with the media

technology being used at Socorro High School.

"We've never seen anything like this at any other school," he says. "It's so valuable to the industry for high schools students to be prepared in media technology. It will definitely increase future professionalism, thus making our jobs as advertising managers much easier."

Zazonova, the advertising manager of Municipal TV & Radio, says students in Kazakhstan really enjoy media technology but have to wait until they reach college to get hands-on experience.

"So of course it will be great if and when we create the types of classes being offered at Socorro High School in our high schools," she says. "It will only be welcomed by our students."



— Photo courtesy Socorro ISD

GETTING A GLOBAL PERSPECTIVE — Irina Zazonova, Nurlan U. Kabdulgalimov and Yuri G. Grivko visited Socorro High School's media technology department as part of the International Visitor Leadership Program, made possible by the United States Department of State's Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs.



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## Briefs

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is reminding cotton farmers in Zone 10 that Feb. 1 is the deadline for cotton stalk destruction, through shredding and plowing, to comply with producer-established dates to control boll weevils. The Feb. 1 deadline applies to all of El Paso County and portions of Hudspeth County. The earliest cotton planting date is March 25, 2006. These dates are established under the Cotton Pest Control Law to help control boll weevils. For more information call the TDA at 806-799-8555.

■ Girl Scout Cookie sales started Jan. 14. For nearly 90 years this program has helped girls ages 5-17 learn how to set goals, develop action plans to reach those goals, work together as a team, cultivate business ethics, and build confidence by developing public speaking and interpersonal communication skills. "Each and every year I know we're training girls to fill all sorts of roles in the future," said Sandy Tyler, Girl Scout CEO. "One of these young ladies may some day become secretary of state, CEO of a Fortune 500 company, a local business owner, or my future replacement." For those who haven't been contacted by a Girl Scout, you can still get your cookies by calling (915) 566-1558 so a girl in your area can contact you and take your order. All proceeds, after paying the baker, stays in the city where the cookies were sold. "The first year it was hard for me to ask people to buy cookies, I was so nervous," said Destinnie Buyanda-Mata, age 10. "But now I am not shy, I tell jokes to make people laugh and even if they don't want cookies I ask them to buy for the Fort Bliss soldiers in Iraq and Afghanistan."

■ Loans are being made available through the USDA/Texas Farm Service Agency for beginning farmers and ranchers who are unable to obtain financing through commercial credit sources. Contact William McAnally at (432) 336-5206, ext. 2 for more information. Additionally, the USDA Rural Development has announced the availabil-

ity of more than \$19 million in grants to encourage the development of value-added agriculture business ventures which support President Bush's energy plan to develop alternative sources of renewable energy, such as biodiesel, ethanol or wind-energy production. Maximum award for planning is \$100,000, maximum for working capital is \$300,000. Application deadline is March 31. Regional training seminars are being scheduled. Call Billy Curb at 254-742-9775 for information.

■ The Department of Homeland Security's Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) has announced all Hurricane Katrina and Rita evacuees in the FEMA hotel/motel direct bill program will be subsidized by the federal program through at least Feb. 7 as they continue to make longer-term housing arrangements, consistent with a recent court order. FEMA also said it will begin using a new authorization code process immediately to provide direct-bill hotel assistance beyond Feb. 7 to Hurricane Katrina and Rita evacuees on a case-by-case basis. Evacuees in hotels and motels must contact FEMA by Jan. 30 at 1-800-621-FEMA (TTY 1-800-462-7585) to receive a unique authorization code that must be presented to a hotel or motel to extend the federal subsidy for their hotel stay beyond the night of Feb. 6. The code will also immediately be required for evacuees who change hotels or are checking in for the first time between now and Feb. 7. For the most recent FEMA state-by-state data on hotel rooms participating in the FEMA hotel/motel direct bill program, long on to [www.fema.gov/katrina](http://www.fema.gov/katrina).

■ The Texas Master Naturalist program will begin on Feb. 22, offering indepth training in wildlife and natural resource management, with the goal of developing and certifying a group of well-informed volunteers to provide education, outreach and service in the management of natural resources and natural areas. The 13-week program includes five Saturday field trips as well as classroom instruction. Call the local Texas Cooperative Extension at 859-7725, ext. 221 for information.





— Photos courtesy Socorro ISD

**WINNERS, ALL —** The Myrtle Cooper Elementary after-school program soccer team, in white uniforms, defeated the Benito Martinez Elementary team, in red, to win the fourth and fifth grade division championship.

# Socorro ISD After-School Soccer program crowns champs

By Carlos A. Briano  
*Special to the Courier*

EAST EL PASO COUNTY — Before the winter break, the highly-successful Socorro ISD After-Achool Aoccer program played all the championship games on a sunny Saturday at the Student Activities Complex. The program, started by the SISD After-School Sports Coordinator Joe Hernandez five years ago, is completely run by volunteers.

“We were the first district in the state of Texas to implement this type of program,” Hernandez says. “We are really proud of it.”

“This is what it’s all about,” adds Raphael Hernando, long-time Sierra Vista Elementary volunteer. One of SISD’s newest schools is being named after Hernando, a Vietnam-era veteran. “We play our championship games, but more importantly, we recognize everyone that makes this program possible.”

The day included four championship matches and concluded with a parade and recognition of teams and volunteers and presentation of championship trophies.

When it came to the games in the sixth grade division, Jane A. Hambric School defeated Salvador H. Sanchez Middle School. In the kindergarten and first grade division, John Drugan School defeated Desert



**INCOMING —** A Benito Martinez player puts the ball in play.

Wind School. In the second and third grade division, Desert Wind School defeated Robert R. Rojas Elementary. And lastly, in the fourth and fifth grade division, Myrtle Cooper Elementary defeated Benito Martinez Elementary.

“But everyone is a winner in this program,” says Yolanda Rojas, who coordinates the After-School program at Robert R. Rojas Elementary. “This is about giving the children a healthy and wholesome after-school activity.”

## Senior

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education. Co-curricular activities are an essential part of the school curriculum.

While at Montwood, Annia has participated on the Montwood Swim team all four years in high school and was the District 1-5A Swimmer of the Year for 2005. She is also a member of the National Honor Society and was the Latin Student of the Year.

“Overall, Annia is very conscientious about all she attempts,” Mathews says. “She is a hard worker

both at school and in her community service work.”

NASSP, the preeminent school leadership organization, serves as the national voice for middle level and high school principals, assistant principals, and aspiring school leaders. It promotes the intellectual growth, academic achievement, character development, leadership development, and physical well being of youth through its programs and student leadership services. It also administers the National Honor Society, the National Junior Honor Society, and the National Association of Student Councils.

# ‘Glory Road’ puts El Paso on the nation’s radar again

By Steve Escajeda  
*Special to the Courier*

Last weekend, without a doubt, was unlike any weekend in the history of this place we refer to as the West Texas town of El Paso.

In fact, to tell the absolute truth, last weekend was probably the most important weekend for El Paso since — well — since El Paso became El Paso.

I probably felt like you did — I felt as proud of my city as I can ever remember.

Last weekend was a weekend that should never have taken 40 years to arrive, but it finally did, and that’s the important thing.

The movie *Glory Road* was released nationally last weekend and everywhere I looked, turned the TV, turned the radio dial or logged on the internet — there it was.

It was everywhere, *Glory Road* this and *Glory Road* that, El Paso this and El Paso that, Texas Western this and Texas Western that, and finally, finally after 40 years, it was Don Haskins this and Don Haskins that.

It’s not exactly a secret that El Paso has had a difficult time getting any positive attention outside the city limits no matter how hard the citizens jumped up and down and waved their hands.

But last weekend El Paso became the center of the United States. Pretty soon you are going to be hard-pressed to find anyone in the country who hasn’t heard of Texas Western, UTEP, El Paso, Don

Haskins or the Miners.

When I had an interview with UTEP running back Tyler Ebell (who transferred here from UCLA) in November, one of the first things he told me was when Mike Price called and asked him to play in El Paso, he said yes. Ebell then told me he asked Price where UTEP was because he’d never heard of the college and had no idea where El Paso was.

But all that is about to change.

When you think about how many kids around the nation are hearing the story of Texas Western for the first time in their lives, it can’t help but give El Pasoans some much-needed pride.

The fact that many around the country are no longer asking “Haskins who?” is long overdue.

The “Bear” is finally getting the respect and credit he deserves for being one of the best college coaches in history. As many around the country are now saying, “no coach did more with less than Don Haskins.”

When you think about all the good that is going to be accomplished by the making of this movie, it boggles the mind. It’s a history lesson more than a basketball film.

*Glory Road* reaches past the wins and losses, to a time when many Americans forgot what the United States was all about. But then again, the Miners’ rise to national prominence and an eventual NCAA championship, reminds Americans that that is exactly what the United States is all about.

Don Haskins gave seven black

players the freedom to pursue their dreams — and they were able to make their dreams come true.

Every movie has a villain, and the true villain in this movie is Kentucky coach Adolph Rupp, though the reports of his blatant racism were downplayed in the film.

The accounts from many of those who were there indicate that coach Rupp was a devout racist. His outright refusal to have any black players on his team spoke volumes about his bigoted views.

The Miners’ victory over Rupp not only defeated a great coach and a great team, they defeated the whole ugly ideal of hatred solely for the meaningless color of one’s skin.

Dr. Martin Luther King said many times that a person’s true worth comes from within. He said everyone had the power to achieve great things, if given the opportunity.

And that’s all the Texas Western Miners needed.

*Glory Road* reminds us that it is the character of each individual that matters. And that anyone can triumph over bigotry, segregation and negative perceptions. It just takes special people to endure the initial sacrifices.


Last weekend can’t last forever, but it will never be forgotten.


So stand up El Paso and take a bow. *Glory Road* is forcing the rest of the country to take notice of you.

Enjoy it now and let’s hope it doesn’t take another 40 years for a little positive publicity to come this way again.

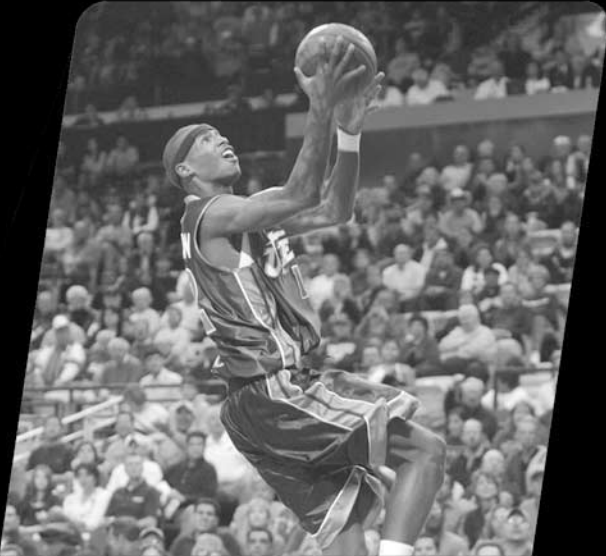
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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

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surmised, “the writers of the physical science sections know very little of the subject beyond the fourth-grade level.” The Texas Education Agency responded by saying that the report included suggested lesson plans that are not created or mandated by the state, but Fordham replied that Texas would have at best received a “D” without the additional materials.

If the curriculum is inadequate, we can hardly be surprised by lackluster student performance.

Texas is home to several Fortune 500 companies, many of which produce goods and services requiring a labor force skilled in the fields of math, science, engineering, and technology.

But if companies cannot fill their labor needs with Texas graduates, our state will quickly lose its appeal as a premier place to do business.

Fortunately, many Texans are working to create renewed interest among students in math and science, thus increasing the quantity and quality of graduates in related fields.

Townview Magnet School, in the Dallas Independent School District, was recently recognized by *Newsweek* as one of the top-ten public schools in the country. At Townview, students are able to explore their interests in math and science, and often go on to earn degrees in those fields.

But we cannot count on individual schools like Townview to bear the burden on their own. Texas must better align its high school curriculum with higher education and workforce requirements in mind, thus ensuring students are better prepared for both college and a career.

By improving the quality of math and science instruction in Texas, we will guarantee a brighter future for Texas children and the continued prosperity of the Lone Star State.

Jamie Story is an education policy analyst at the Texas Public Policy Foundation, a non-profit research institute based in Austin.

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By Dave T. Phipps



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Too late, you missed bling bling

By Don Flood

You might want to sit down before I tell you this.

(Those sitting should stand up and do jumping jacks.)

Bling Bling is dead.

No, I'm not talking about that cute little Panda bear in Washington, D.C. (though I am getting plenty tired of all the attention it gets).

I'm talking about Bling Bling the Fashion Statement, Bling Bling the Way of Life, Bling Bling those two words that sound so stupid coming out of the mouths middle-aged white guys.

The only equivalent pop-culture death came on the afternoon of Oct. 21, 1983, when Disco was officially declared dead after trying to cross a busy Manhattan street.

In a rather ugly scene, passersby stood and cheered rather than assist the fatally injured victim — such was the revulsion Disco engendered.

Bling Bling's death came on the morning of Dec. 23, when Washington Post staff writer Robin Givhan drove a stake through its heart.

Like a lot of movements, Bling was fine when it started. In the early days, hip hop artists might accessorize with a simple and tasteful 18-inch, gold and diamond encrusted cross, weighing no more than 32 pounds.

Soon, however, things were carried to excess.

Performers needed wheelbarrows — jewel-covered, of course — to help carry their Bling Bling around.

If it had lasted much longer they would have been carrying their jewel-covered crosses on their back, just like Jesus — only with way more Bling Bling.

And there really were religious

overtones.

According to Gihvan, hip-hop performers were consistently photographed wearing thug denim and diamond-encrusted crosses: They'd thump their chests and point upwards saying, "Just giving thanks to God, from whom all blessings flow!"

Isn't that beautiful? You see, Bling wasn't just a fashion statement. It was a religious movement, guided by the high priests of the Church of Really Bad Taste.

I'm proud to say I wasn't among those who jumped on the Bling Bling bandwagon, mainly because I didn't know it existed.

And there's the fact I might be the Anti-Bling.

Take my watch, for example. It's a \$13 runner's watch. It tells me the time, the date, the day of the week and makes annoying beeping sounds that I can't seem to stop.

It features a wristband made of genuine plastic. It contains no gold or diamonds, though it does include a buckle made of real metal.

It also has a stopwatch, which many supposedly fancy Bling Bling watches do not.

And now it has helped set me apart as a fashion trendsetter.

50 Cent, a hip-hop artist who epitomized the Bling Bling style, recently showed up at a fashion show wearing a conservative, gray Armani suit.

(What's next? Change his name to Half Dollar?)

"The artists have moved on. So has the fashion industry," Robin Givhan said. "It's time for everyone else to do the same."

Hey, Robin, you don't have to tell me. When it comes to fashion, 50 Cent and I are leading the parade. He's the one in the Armani suit.

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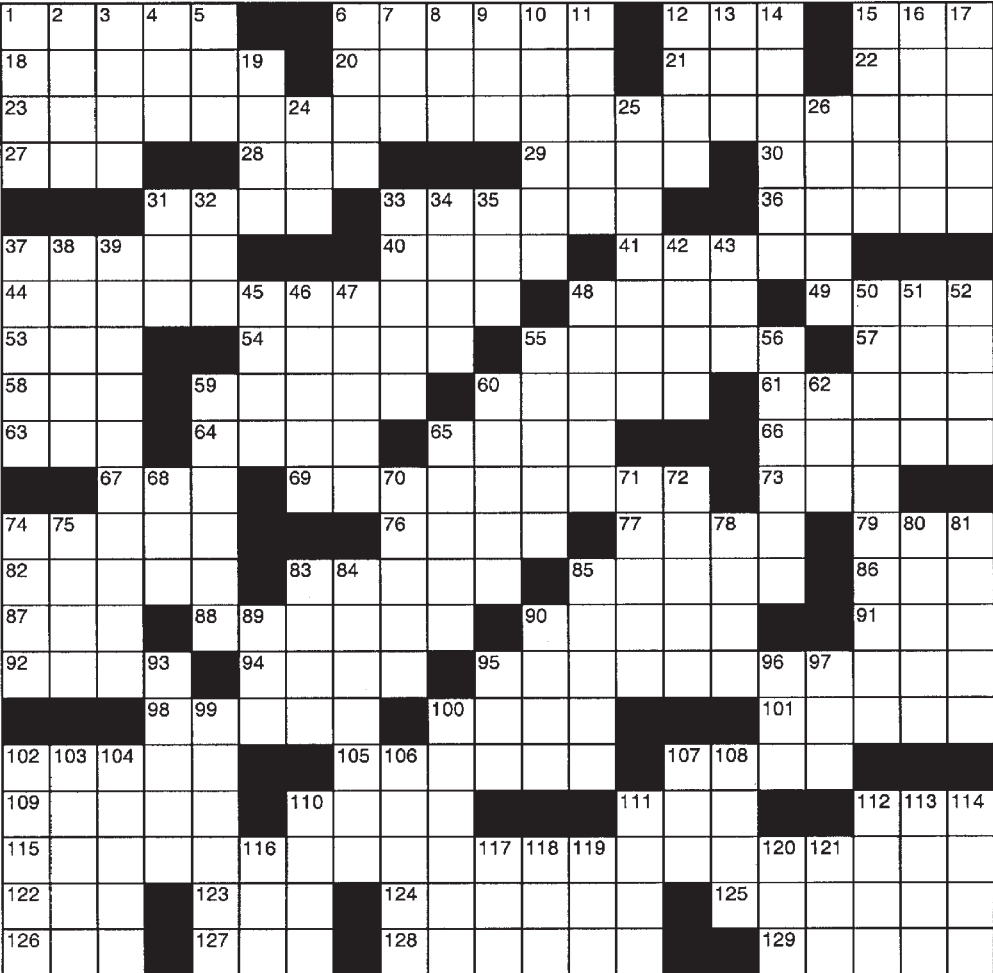
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Social Security Q&A

By Ray Vigil

*Q: I'm disabled and want to apply for Supplemental Security Income (SSI), but I don't know whether I qualify since I own my own condo. The condo was left to me by my parents, but I can't afford my utilities or groceries. Can I still get SSI?*

A: To get Supplemental Security Income (SSI), you cannot have more than \$2,000 in resources. However, the home that you live in is not counted as a resource. So, it is possible for you to get SSI even if you own your own home. Of course, you must file an application and a decision must be made about your disabling condition.

*Q: I am 53 years old and suddenly find that I will be caring for my 9-year-old granddaughter for the foreseeable future. I get Social Security disability benefits and want to know if my granddaughter would also be eligible for any benefits.*

A: If you provide at least half of the support for your granddaughter, she may also qualify to receive benefits on your record. An eligible child can be your biological child, adopted child, stepchild or dependent grandchild. Within your family, each qualified child may receive a monthly payment up to one-half of your full disability amount.

*Q: Earlier this year I applied for Social Security benefits and was denied. I strongly disagree with this decision, and want to appeal. But I would like to know if I need to hire a lawyer to help with my appeal?*

A: Many people handle their own Social Security benefit decision appeals, but you may choose to have someone help you with your appeal or to represent you. Your representative may be a lawyer or other qualified person familiar with you and the Social Security program. Social Security will work with your representative or with you.

*Q: I am ready to file for Social Security retirement benefits, and I understand that filing online will let me do so at my own convenience and avoid waiting in line. However, I do not have a computer of my own. Whenever I need to do research or want to buy something using the Internet, I just visit my daughter and use her computer. Can I file for Social Security benefits from someone else's computer?*

A: Yes. You may use any computer to access Social Security's electronic application to apply for Social Security retirement, disability or spouse's benefits for yourself. You must complete and sign the application electronically.

For more information visit your local Security office, see [www.ssa.gov](http://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.

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Temperatures

Precipitation

Sun	Rise	Set	Moon	Rise	Set	Last	New
Thu.	7:05 a.m.	5:28 p.m.	Thu.	10:23 p.m.	10:05 a.m.		
Fri.	7:05 a.m.	5:29 p.m.	Fri.	11:18 p.m.	10:29 a.m.	1/22	1/29
Sat.	7:05 a.m.	5:30 p.m.	Sat.	none	10:55 a.m.		
Sun.	7:04 a.m.	5:31 p.m.	Sun.	12:15 a.m.	11:23 a.m.	2/4	2/12
Mon.	7:04 a.m.	5:31 p.m.	Mon.	1:15 a.m.	11:55 a.m.		
Tues.	7:03 a.m.	5:32 p.m.	Tues.	2:18 a.m.	12:34 p.m.		
Wed.	7:03 a.m.	5:33 p.m.	Wed.	3:25 a.m.	1:21 p.m.		

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REGIONAL CITIES

U.S. CITIES

Thursday				Friday				Saturday				Sunday				Thursday				Friday				Saturday				Sunday			
City	HI	LO	W	HI	LO	W	HI	LO	W	HI	LO	W	HI	LO	W	City	HI	LO	W	HI	LO	W	HI	LO	W	HI	LO	W	HI	LO	W
Abilene, TX	70	43	s	60	31	pc	58	36	s	60	37	s	60	37	s	Atlanta	62	40	s	65	49	s	62	42	t	60	40	pc	60	40	pc
Albuquerque, NM	55	28	pc	44	22	pc	48	24	s	54	25	s	54	25	s	Boston	46	34	s	52	40	pc	50	40	r	48	31	pc	48	31	pc
Amarillo, TX	60	27	s	45	23	r	52	25	s	52	26	s	52	26	s	Chicago	44	32	sh	42	30	c	36	24	sn	38	24	pc	38	24	pc
Austin, TX	77	50	s	69	41	c	64	37	s	64	39	s	64	39	s	Denver	42	17	pc	36	13	sn	38	17	pc	46	19	pc	46	19	pc
Brownsville, TX	82	64	pc	80	58	pc	72	55	sh	74	58	t	74	58	t	Detroit	40	34	sh	42	30	c	42	31	r	40	25	c	40	25	c
Dodge City, KS	51	27	pc	43	21	sn	50	20	pc	48	22	s	48	22	s	Houston	74	60	pc	74	50	t	66	45	s	66	48	sh	66	48	sh
Jackson, MS	70	52	s	67	50	t	60	40	t	62	41	pc	62	41	pc	Indianapolis	51	38	c	52	35	sh	48	30	r	46	29	c	46	29	c
Laredo, TX	87	57	s	81	51	pc	72	48	s	70	52	t	70	52	t	Kansas City	54	33	pc	41	26	r	44	26	sf	49	29	pc	49	29	pc
Little Rock, AR	63	51	s	67	41	t	59	35	pc	57	35	s	57	35	s	Los Angeles	64	45	s	66	47	s	68	47	s	66	49	pc	66	49	pc
Lubbock, TX	70	32	s	50	24	pc	58	28	s	60	28	s	60	28	s	Miami	72	68	pc	80	69	sh	80	68	pc	81	67	sh	81	67	sh
Memphis, TN	67	52	s	66	47	t	53	40	pc	56	38	s	56	38	s	Minneapolis	33	16	sf	28	16	c	30	18	c	29	17	c	29	17	c
Midland, TX	74	38	s	57	30	pc	60	32	s	61	33	s	61	33	s	New Orleans	72	58	pc	71	57	t	67	50	t	65	50	t	65	50	t
Pueblo, CO	48	14	pc	40	8	sn	43	12	pc	49	12	pc	49	12	pc	New York City	48	36	s	52	40	pc	53	40	r	50	35	pc	50	35	pc
Roswell, NM	73	32	pc	55	25	pc	56	23	s	62	26	s	62	26	s	Omaha	48	25	pc	36	21	sn	37	23	sf	41	22	pc	41	22	pc
St. Louis, MO	60	40	sh	57	37	sh	42	30	sf	50	29	pc	50	29	pc	Phoenix	66	42	s	62	38	s	68	41	s	70	43	s	70	43	s
San Antonio, TX	76	51	s	72	43	pc	65	42	s	64	43	sh	64	43	sh	San Francisco	54	44	pc	56	46	pc	56	47	c	57	45	r	57	45	r
Texarkana, AR	70	55	s	69	47	t	61	39	s	59	39	s	59	39	s	Seattle	46	38	c	48	40	r	46	36	r	46	36	c	46	36	c
Waco, TX	77	52	s	65	39	c	60	37	s	61	41	pc	61	41	pc	Washington	54	35	s	60	42	pc	58	44	r	51	35	pc	51	35	pc
Wichita, KS	57	30	pc	41	24	sn	47	28	pc	49	25	c	49	25	c																

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

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