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NEWSBRIEFS

Publishing early

The *West Texas County Courier* will publish two issues early next month. The issues dated Oct. 4 and Oct. 11, 2001 will go to press on Sept. 25. All material to be published in these two issues must be received by the *Courier* production office no later than Sept. 21, 2001. The *Courier's* office will close beginning Wednesday, Sept. 26 and open again on Monday, Oct. 15, 2001. Information: 852-3235.

Drugs confiscated

Border Patrol Agents from the El Paso Sector made several seizures of marijuana last week, the two largest being in Ft. Hancock. A set of horse tracks led agents to a location where two subjects were found loading burlap sacks into a 1989 Ford Bronco. The agents arrested the two men and confiscated 1,146 pounds of marijuana, the vehicle and the two horses. In a separate seizure, agents followed the trail of suspected undocumented immigrants east of the Ft. Hancock Port of Entry that led to a site where 1,205 pounds of marijuana in burlap sacks had been abandoned. Other seizures were made by agents in Fabens, Alamogordo, Las Cruces and Lordsburg. So far in fiscal year 2001, there have been 1,255 seizures in the El Paso Sector area with a street value of \$135 million.

Hard-won honors

More than 34.5 percent of El Paso County's adult population has less than a high school education but that number is reduced by 70 people as graduates from various Socorro ISD Education Programs will be honored during graduation ceremonies on Sept. 7, 7:30 p.m. at Americas High School Theatre. The event is notable in that many of the honorees are night students who hold down full-time jobs during workdays and study through the Adult Basic Education, Job Retraining, Family Literacy and NovaNet programs in the evening. KVIA-TV news anchorwoman Estela Casas will be keynote speaker, with emphasis on International Literacy Day on Sept. 8.

In other news

■ Law enforcement agencies in the County are seeking public assistance to solve the tragic hit-and-run homicide of a woman walking along the 1000 Block of South FM 1110 in San Elizario as she completed her pilgrimage to the San Lorenzo Church in Clint. The incident occurred on Aug. 10 at about 2:30 a.m. The vehicle should have damage to its front area and possibly a broken windshield. A Crime Stoppers cash reward of \$1,000 is offered for substantive information and callers may remain anonymous by calling 566-8477.

■ The Clint High School Band Boosters will be providing pre-game dinners for students who stay after school for activities and others who don't have time to eat before home games on Friday evenings. Each week the menu and price will vary. On Friday, Sept. 7, burritos and nachos will be sold

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The best inheritance parents can leave a child is a good name.

— Quips and Quotes

Clint school board approves 18 percent increase in tax rate

Sale of district land will produce over 100 new homes near Macias Elementary

By Don Woodyard
Courier Staff Writer

EAST EL PASO COUNTY — Finances were center stage as the board of trustees of the Clint ISD approved a higher tax rate and a bigger budget at its Aug. 29 meeting.

In addition, the trustees gave the green light to pay increases for district personnel as well as the sale of district land.

The new overall tax rate goes to \$1.7148 per \$100 of property valuation. This is an 18 percent increase over last year's rate of \$1.4515. For an average \$47,000 home in the district, it represents an increase of \$111 in property taxes.

The tax rate is the sum of two smaller rates, maintenance and operation (M&O) and debt service. The M&O rate is set at \$1.50, the maximum allowed by state law. This maximizes the amount of funding available from the state. According to the agenda item, the balance of \$0.7148 will al-

low the district "to fund payments for principal and interest on bonded debt for 2001-02."

Superintendent Dr. Sylvester Perez says the tax rate gives the district "freedom and flexibility" to deal with its "debt service predicament."

The 2001-02 district budget is \$52.6 million, a modest 1.3 percent increase over last year's \$51.9 million.

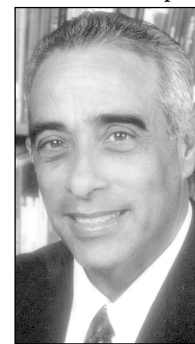
Fifty-nine percent of the budget will go into instruction or instruction-related services, reported Sheryl Davis, executive director of finance for the district. She had good news and bad news.

The good news was that the district ended the year with a surplus of \$3.3 million. The bad news was that the district actually



David Ballard

had a deficit of \$3.6 million of expenses over revenues in its operations for last year. The only reason for ending the year on the plus side was that the district had gone into it with a surplus of \$6.9 million.



Sylvester Perez

Davis was confident of turning the district around financially and begin saving money through cost containment measures — being wiser and more efficient in its spending. She said there would be no layoffs of personnel.

Salary step increases averaging 1.5 percent were approved for all full-time administrative and professional, clerical and paraprofessional and manual trades employees. Total cost of the step increases is \$542,000.

Trustees finally approved the sale of 21.62 acres of land adjoining Frank Macias Elementary to B&G Land Management for \$130,831. Action had been tabled from the June board meeting because B&G's original bid of \$5,500 — the only bid — was below the appraised value of \$9,500. Readvertised, the new B&G bid went to \$6,050.

David Ballard, the company's regional director, said his firm would be building 106 affordable homes in the \$70,000 range. Construction is expected to begin in the first quarter of 2002.

Town of Anthony says goodbye to longtime attorney Sid Gibson

By Don Woodyard
Courier Staff Writer

ANTHONY — The town of Anthony is looking for a new city attorney to represent its interests in legal matters.

Sid Gibson, long-time city attorney, is retiring from the practice of law after 30 years. He was honored at the Aug. 28 meeting of the Anthony Town Council. He was praised by Mayor Art Franco who presented him with a plaque in recognition of his work on behalf of the city.

"All good things must come to an end," Franco said with a smile. "We will sorely miss you. You were always there for us. We will try to continue on without you. We wish you the best."

Franco said Gibson had recommended attorney Richard Contreras as his replacement. Contreras presently serves as legal counsel for City of Socorro and the Village of Vinton.

The town moved to shore up its police department with the approval and swearing in of five new reserve officers. Franco said he wanted to eventually increase the size of the department to 10 officers to meet the needs of a growing community. Anthony's police force now numbers six.

The mayor said he wanted a community-oriented police department that treats the people with respect.

"We've got a pretty good crew ready to help us out," said Police Chief Placido Nunez. "They've got a lot of experience." Nunez, who has 26 years in law enforcement, was appointed police chief three weeks ago. He has previously been an investigator with the Anthony PD.

In other action, the council:

- Approved an amendment to the rate schedule for the area lighting tariff that governs outdoor lights in residential areas.

- After lengthy discussion over concerns about distances on a site plan, action was tabled on a request for a business permit from Consuela Kassabaum to operate a beer depot at 308 Franklin.

Rodeo group reminds County of long, productive history

By Marjorie F. Graham
Courier Staff Writer

EL PASO COUNTY — The August report of the Southwestern International Livestock Show and Rodeo, Inc., was submitted to the El Paso County Commissioners Court recently by CEO Paul Lettunich, who reminded commissioners that it is the single oldest event in El Paso County.

Entering its 73rd year in 2002, it has, during its long run, brought some 4,200 exhibitors and contestants to the county. During those years, the economic impact is estimated at being in excess of \$6.2 million. The nonprofit corporation operates with a staff of one and a volunteer base of 350.

For 2001 events, it attracted visitors from all over the United States, Canada, Mexico and Australia.

"One of the main objectives of this organization is the education and encouragement of youth of the Southwest to learn more about the livestock and agriculture industry," Lettunich said. "Programs aimed at accomplishing these objectives include presenting scholarships to deserving youngsters."

Since 1972, over \$220,000 in scholarship dollars have been awarded. The Youth Livestock Program assisted 27 local youngsters in purchasing, feeding, and exhibiting at last year's Junior Livestock Show.

With Lettunich, members of the 2001-2002 executive committee are Richard Fritz, first vice president; Joe Slape, second vice president; Brandy Owen, secretary/treasurer; and D.L. McElroy, general manager.

Other members of the Board of Directors are Lloyd McNeil, rodeo production; High Trotter, horse shows; Walter Vanstony, grounds; Hut Brown, security; along with Gary Hansen, Kick McElroy, Jose Luis Garcia, Ken Johnson and Jess Burner. Richard Jewkes is legal counsel.



Paul Lettunich

Rojas Elementary School in Socorro opens fitness center for public use

EAST EL PASO COUNTY — Our children are getting fat, according to national and local statistics, and the Socorro school district would like to do something about that.

The federal government estimates that six million American children are now overweight enough to endanger their health. Ten years ago, type 2 diabetes was found only in people over 40. Now it appears regularly in pediatric patients.

In response to this health issue, the Robert Rojas Elementary in Socorro has been selected to become a model school for the Fit America Project, jointly sponsored by Fit America, Rojas, and Sierra Providence Health Network.

The school will host a grand-opening of a health center on Saturday, Sept. 8, at 9 a.m. providing to the community a 450-square-foot "total motion" fitness center with seven activity stations. Class instruction in smoking intervention, nutrition and the human body will be offered.

The chances of making a difference are good, according to statistics from the 350 other schools in 170 cities currently participating in Project Fit America. The schools have experienced average increases of 75 percent in upper body strength, 16 percent in abdominal strength, 18 percent in cardiovascular endurance and 25 percent in flexibility. Six other El Paso areas schools are partnering with Sierra Providence and Fit America in similar programs.

The grand-opening will conclude with a guided tour of the school for parents interested in taking part in various programs available such as GED training, family literacy and family preservation programs. About 300 parents are expected to attend.

For more information, call 860-3413



One perspective

By Francis Shrum

An ounce of prevention

HORIZON — We live in a dangerous world.

We always have, but somehow we keep expecting that — along with all the technological wonders we hear about everyday — there will come a time when we can let our children walk trouble free to school, wander a shopping mall unattended, or ride public transportation without fear of never seeing them again.

It hasn't happened.

We in El Paso County live in the biggest small town in the nation. We are plagued with all the hazards of big time metropolitan life, compounded by the problems of an international border, but we still seem surprised when "it" happens to us.

During the month of August there have been two execution-style slayings of four men right here in East El Paso County. In one incident, two young men barely in their 20's were found shot to death in their SUV near the Socorro Activities Complex — robbery was clearly not the motive. In another, two men, described as out-of-towners on business and believed to be from Mexico, were found stabbed to death in an upscale hotel on Montana near the El Paso International Airport.

The violence of conflict in Mexico's notorious drug cartel is spilling over into "small-town" El Paso.

Where are your children tonight? Do they realize the danger out there?

It seems an accepted fact among both parents and teens that, at some point, your kids are going to go party in Juarez. But, tragically, one young girl learned the hard way that a night on the town in Juarez can be anything but a joy ride.

In the early hours of last Saturday morning, a 19-year-old El Paso girl was walking with friends on a Juarez

street when gunfire erupted from a nearby car — apparently sparked by an argument between two groups of people completely unrelated to her and her entourage.

She was shot in the chest and finally transported back into the U.S. to Thomason Hospital, where she was reported to be in stable condition.

This horrendous experience was played in the local media as the girl's "first taste of the city's (Juarez) nightlife" as she visited an establishment called "Spanky's," billed as "one of the clubs on the Juarez Ave. strip popular with young El Pasoans."

Then add this shocker — the girl's mother told reporters that her daughter had a baby only two weeks before the incident.

What's wrong with this picture?

The El Paso/Las Cruces community hasn't stopped reeling yet from the horrific, highly-publicized deaths of two other young women who were out late at night and in the early morning and were victimized by predatory people — one by men she knew, one by men she didn't. And there are many such incidents that don't get near that much media exposure.

Modern thought is that we're supposed to teach our daughters to be self-sufficient and independent, able to compete with men both in and out of the workplace. We want our children to know how to "survive in the real world," capable and unafraid.

Maybe we've gone a little too far in that regard. Like many other unpopular common-sense ideas, the old adage that "an ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure" needs to be brought out of the closet and dusted off.

Maybe it wouldn't hurt to instill in our kids a little healthy fear and respect for forces stronger and less car-



ing than themselves, and how to recognize those forces.

Maybe we should emphasize the importance of *avoiding* situations where those forces will have rule over them — like dark streets, nightclubs and deserts in the middle of the night, or crosswalks in the early morning. No matter how unfair it may be, when it comes to a collision between a human body and a moving vehicle, the car always wins.

Do our kids know that?

Write stuff

Dear Editor:

The Tex Ritter Fan Club has been trying to get Tex Ritter honored with a U.S. Postal Service commemorative stamp.

Tex Ritter excelled in all the fields of entertainment such as the Broadway stage, radio, records, movies, TV and the Grand Ole Opry.

It takes a lot of letters to get this

honor, so I encourage all readers to write the Citizens Stamp Advisory Committee, U.S. Postal Service, 475 L'Enfant Plaza SW, Washington, D.C. 20260-2437 requesting they honor America's most beloved cowboy with a commemorative stamp.

For further information, contact the Tex Ritter Fan Club, Sharon L. Sweeting, President, 828 Wandering Creek Drive, Bothell, Washington, 98021.

John P. Morrow
Poplar Bluff, Mo

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



Heading back to Washington

While you relaxed at Labor Day barbecues, members of Congress were packing up to head back to Washington and tackle a busy fall schedule. This includes plans to increase small business

protection, increasing American trade opportunities, further efforts to decrease the tax burdens on Americans and wrapping up work on all 13 appropriations bills for fiscal year 2002.

Traditionally, Congress spends the month of August in recess. This means that each representative has more time to travel throughout his or her district visiting the folks who live there. Like other congressmen, I spent the last few weeks traveling throughout my congressional district listening and discussing your views and opinions.

Here's a brief rundown of some of the issues on your mind: Many of you were pleased with the tax relief package

Congress passed and President Bush signed into law this year. I was glad to see that many of you were receiving your tax rebate checks during my visit. Thanks to this law, especially its reductions in the income tax rates, reduction in the marriage penalty tax, repeal of the 'death tax' and increase in the child tax credit, American families and small businesses will be able to keep more of their hard-earned money. And this is just the beginning.

This fall, Congress will work to make this tax relief permanent. In addition, we will strive to lower the capital gains rate and provide more tax relief for small businesses. The ball is rolling toward real reform of the tax code and we won't stop until the job is done.

I also heard from private property owners who want the federal government off their land. Whether it's the outdated, ineffective Endangered Species Act or other big government land-grabbing schemes the federal government just can't seem to stay off their backs. When bugs are being protected more than people, something

is wrong. That's why this Congress will continue to work to ensure that our constitutional right to private property is never compromised.

Finally, I heard many of you mention your support for President Bush's Faith Based Initiative. Your message was clear — when it comes to helping our nation's impoverished, the federal government should focus on results. Faith-based organizations, charities and citizenry groups already exist in our communities and are well established. These groups are proven. And these groups should be allowed to compete for federal funds so our nation's most needy don't go neglected.

In addition to discussing many other issues like gun control, welfare reform and energy policy, I was encouraged by the strong support I found for Congress' efforts to transfer power from the bureaucrats to the citizens. As Congress gets ready to go back to work, I will pass on your opinions and words of encouragement to my colleagues in Washington. Perhaps over the next few months, you will see a lot of your ideas become reality.

True Texas Facts by Roger Moore

September 1, 1972 - La Raza Unida holds its first national convention.



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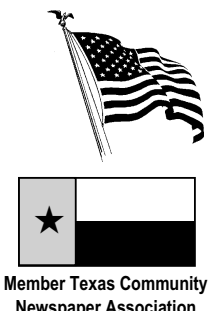
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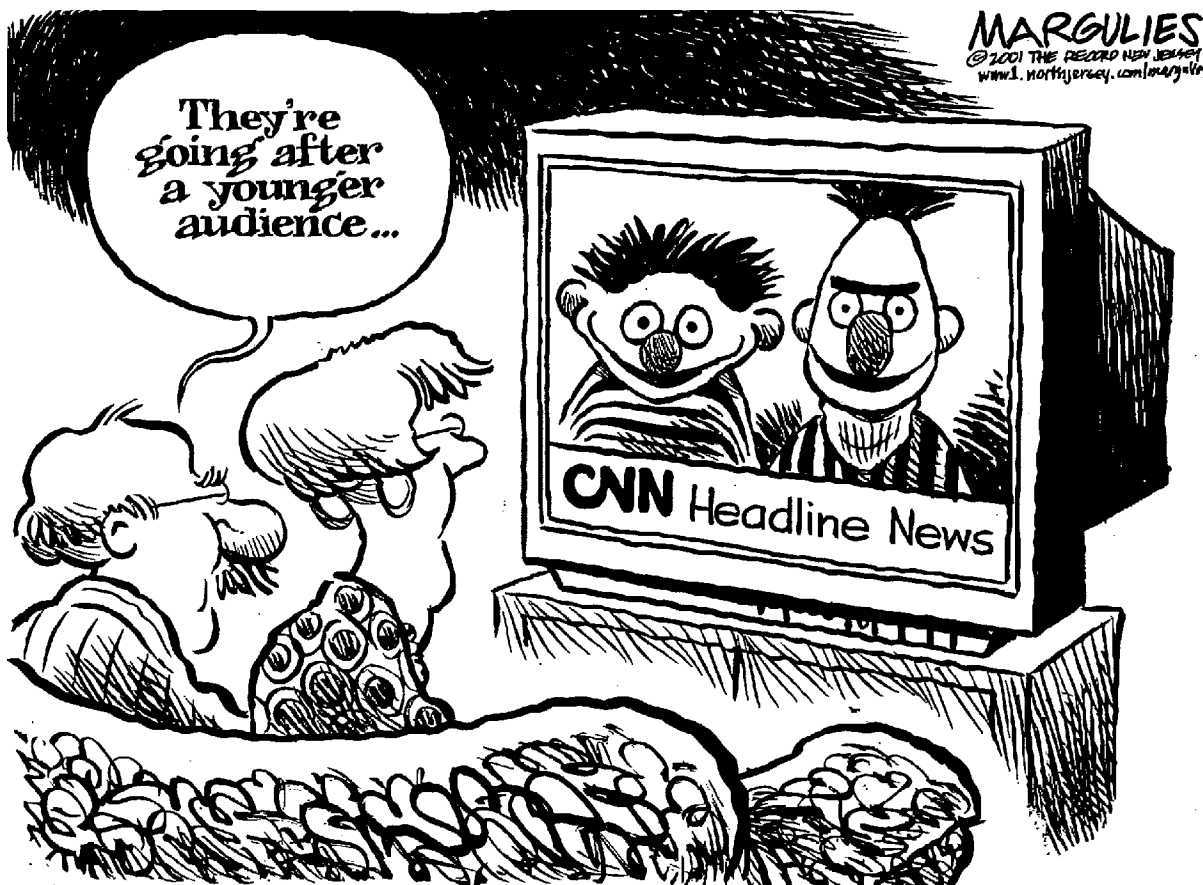
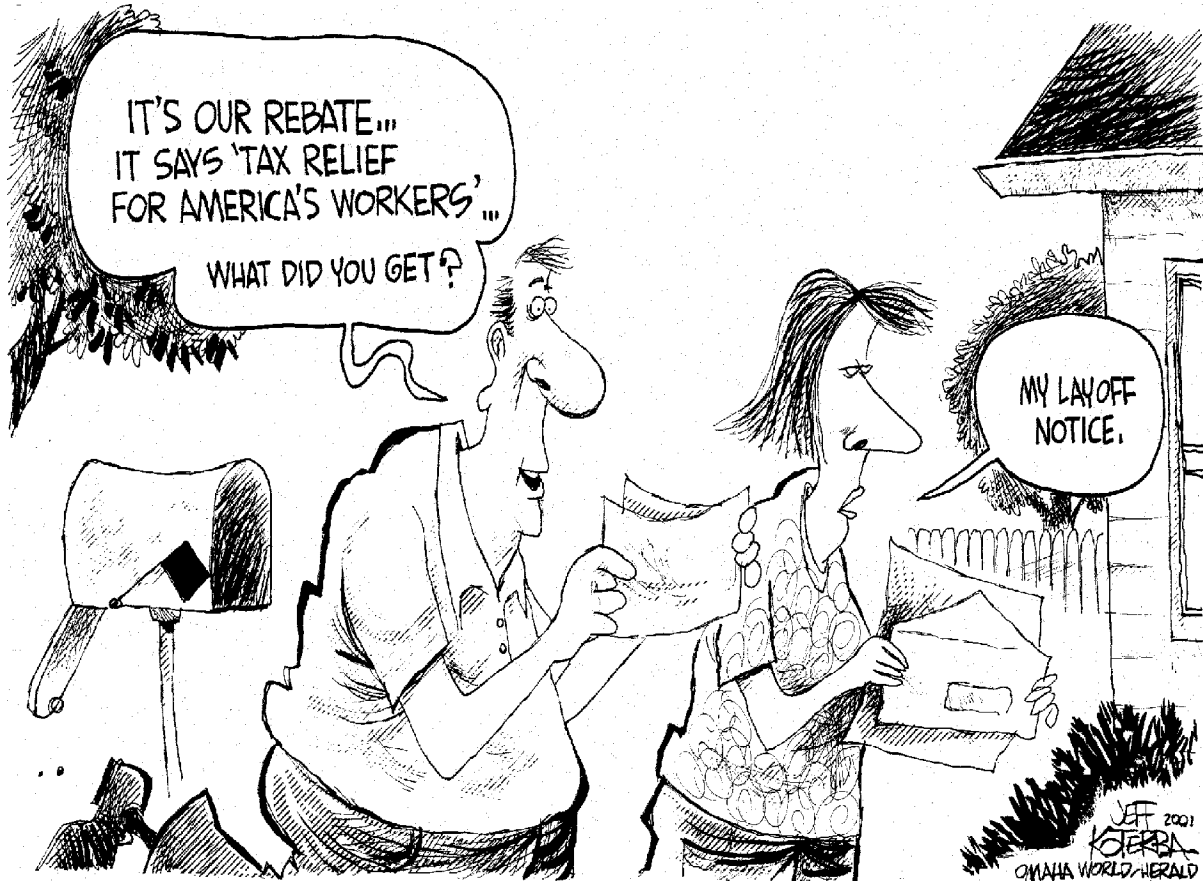
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Reyes Reports

By U.S. Rep. Silvestre Reyes

Packed house greeted veteran leader Principi

EL PASO COUNTY — The 4th Annual Veterans' Town Hall Meeting, drawing over 1,000 attendees, was a great success for El Paso veterans and military retirees. This meeting, which was the highest attended veteran town hall meeting ever held, brought answers and new direction for El Paso and the Department of Veterans' Affairs. The participation of Secretary Anthony J. Principi was a large part of the meeting's success as he professed his operational philosophy, quoting the sentiments of historical United States General Omar Bradley: "It's not about procedures, it's about veterans." The Secretary continued by claiming direct ownership of veterans' concerns with a statement, of which President Truman would be most proud, that claims the problems in the VA are not the VA's, but the veterans. Truly, the buck must stop somewhere.

I agree with the Secretary's statement, and would go further to state that the problems veterans face must be addressed, either individually or nationally through appropriate legislative measures. Ownership must be the responsibility of elected officials and the federal agencies involved in providing benefits and health care services to our nation's veterans. This year, veterans in El Paso have relayed to me their concerns over a number of issues, including benefit claims processing and adjudication, the issue over concurrent retirement and disability benefits owed to retired members of the Armed Forces, and health care options for military retirees. Several of these questions were addressed during the town hall meeting. I have continued to sponsor legislation that would provide concurrent retirement and disability benefits to retirees. As Ranking Member of the House Veteran Affairs Committee, Subcommittee on Benefits, I will do whatever necessary to help pass this legislation, even if it includes surpassing regular House rules and formulating a discharge petition for the legislation to be released. I have also worked with Democratic Members to ensure the passage of an amendment to the Department of Veterans' Affairs appropriations bill

that would preserve the option for military retirees to obtain their medical care from either the Department of Defense or the VA. I understand that this is important to El Paso's retiree community. The amendment passed and has been included in the House version of the appropriations committee. I will continue to work with my colleagues to ensure that this language remains in the bill and becomes law. And, while these issues have strong advocacy in El Paso, I understand from hearing the stories of several veterans at the town hall meeting that the most contentious issue remains to be the procedures involved in addressing benefit claims for veterans.

The Secretary's pledge to bring the backlog of claims currently in the VA was well taken. I believe his convictions are true and positive on this matter, as are my intentions to aid in solving the problem of the benefits backlog at any cost. As our veterans have reminded us, accountability is ours, responsibility is ours. Our veterans deserve to be treated with respect and with the utmost quality in service. In initial response to the backlog, I worked with my Democratic colleagues in the House and officials in the Department of Veterans' Affairs to provide my community veterans with means to address critical and emergency claims. I am glad to say that the VA complied with my request, and offices will now have the means to expedite emergency and critical claims. I understand that more must be done, but accountability must come in stages. We will continue to work to ensure that our promise to our nation's veterans is fulfilled.

What was most successful about the town hall meeting was the communication between veterans and their elected and appointed officials. Veterans deserve to have their voices heard, and we have an obligation to answer their concerns. And their concerns were received by the highest ranking veteran affairs official in Washington, D.C. The message was clear, own the problems, assert accountability, and seek results. The message was indeed clear, and will receive its due attention.

View from the porch By Linda Mussehl



Queening

It's awful when your darkest suspicions come true.

A couple of months ago our new cat, Yard Kitty, started bulging a bit more than her steady food supply and laid-back lifestyle justified. Yep, we soon learned that she had come to us with what the marketing geniuses call "added value." Yard Kitty was, as the Brits say, just a little bit preggers.

That brought her name into question. Pardner thought that since the darned cat had moved herself into the house, the "Yard" handle was inappropriate. And "Kitty" does suggest a certain innocence. As she waddled about the house, Pardner toyed with several possible new names, usually some combination with a word used to describe ladies of questionable character.

I've been around animals all my life, but somehow I'd missed any knowledge of feline reproduction issues. The barn cats had always dealt with that themselves. Cats lived, or not. They had kittens, or not. And that was all I needed to know.

But I was curious, so did a bit of research, mainly to find out the gestation period. And I found a new word too.

"Queening," I learned, is the act of birthing kittens. As whelping is to dogs, queening is to cats. The feline equivalent of a brood mare is a "queen." Sometimes a word just fits so perfectly, I can't figure out why I didn't know it before.

I think "queen" should have wider application. I

always wondered what we should call those women who use fertility drugs to have litters of children. Now I know.

"Queen" fits. After all, if a woman has six children in six years, confident in her expectations that taxpayers and her community will provide assistance, we call her a "welfare queen." It just seems to be a logical extension of "queen" to describe the woman who has a litter of five, six, or more medically fragile babies at one time, and then sits back to receive a new house, car, and all the baby fixings from her admiring community.

Anyhow, we were lucky. Our queen had only four babies, and they were all healthy. Nor did Yard Kitty hire a business agent to negotiate her magazine exclusives or product endorsement contracts.

No, she just ignored her kittens.

A first-time mother, she was indifferent to the whole deal. At first, I had to chase her down several times a day and shove her back into the box to nurse her kittens. I was too soft-hearted to kill the kittens, but I had no intentions of bottle-feeding them either. I wanted to make sure she was nursing often enough to establish a steady supply of milk until they were ready to wean.

Come to think of it though, she did go on motivational speaking tours, just like the big-time fertility queens. After a week or so, she started moving her kittens to new hiding places daily, but would forget where she stashed them last. She'd wander the house howling until her babies woke up and answered her.

All's well that eventually ends. As soon as the kittens were eating solid food, they were shifted off to their new homes.

And Queen Yard Kitty got an appropriate reward for her fecundity — a mini-vacation at the vet's spay spa.

NOTICE OF PROPOSED TAX RATE

2001 PROPERTY TAX RATES IN EL PASO COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES DISTRICT #1

The El Paso County Emergency Services District #1 will hold a meeting at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, September 20, 2001 at 14151 Nunda, Horizon City, TX to consider adopting a proposed tax rate for tax year 2001. The proposed tax rate is \$.092570 per \$100 of value.

The proposed rate would increase total taxes in the El Paso County Emergency Services District #1 by 8.0 percent.

Montwood Wellness Center opens to serve Eastside

EAST EL PASO COUNTY — The recent grand opening of the Montwood Wellness Center is expected to provide a new approach to health for Montwood High School students and those from its feeder campuses.

The joint project between El Paso Texas Tech Medical Center and the Socorro ISD will provide a "holistic" approach — treating the person as a whole — with the intent to improve the physical, mental and emotional

health of local youth as they mature into adults, according to Dr. Gilbert Handal, TTMC pediatric chairman.

"My hopes are that through this program, children become the center of community action, making it

possible for them to reach their full potential," he said.

Charles Vaas, who spearheaded Socorro's involvement in the Center, said healthy students attend school more and do better in their studies. "It makes a difference," he said.

Texas Tech obtained a \$293,000 grant over three years from the Texas

Dept. of Health to provide physicians, nurses and equipment. Community advocates trained by El Paso Community College will also serve in various capacities. The 4,600 square foot structure, which was built with \$400,000 of the Socorro district's Medicaid Administration Claims (MAC) funds, will be maintained by the district.

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Office for lease in Horizon City. Corner of Darrington and Horizon Blvd. \$350/month. Call Horizon Properties, 852-3331.

SELF-HELP OPPORTUNITIES

Alcoholics Anonymous Group Paso Del Norte meets at 8501 Kingsway in Westway, Monday-Saturday, 8 p.m. Call 886-4948 for information.
Alcohólicos Anónimos Grupo Paso Del Norte sesiones lunes a sábado, a 8-9 de la tarde, 8501 Kingsway, Westway. 886-4948 para informacion.

Persons who have a problem with alcohol are offered a free source of help locally. Alcoholics Anonymous Group 8 de

Enero meets at 15360 Horizon Blvd. in Horizon City on Mondays through Saturdays at 8 p.m. Call 859-0484 for information.

Tiene problemas con el alcohol? Hay una solución. Visitemos. Alcohólicos Anónimos, Grupo 8 de Enero, 15360 Horizo Blvd., Horizon City, sesiones lunes a sábado a 8 de la tarde. Informacion: 859-0484.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING TO DISCUSS BUDGET AND PROPOSED TAX RATE

The **Anthony Independent School District** will hold a public meeting at 6:30 p.m., Thursday, September 20, 2001 in the Middle School Library, Anthony, Texas. **The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the school district's budget that will determine the tax rate that will be adopted.** Public participation in the discussion is invited.

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

Comparison of Proposed Rates with last Year's Rates

	Maintenance & Operation	Interest & Sinking Fund*	Total	Local Revenue Per Student	State Revenue Per Student
Last Year's Rate	\$ 1.457385	\$ 0.173724*	\$ 1.631109	\$2,260	\$4,983
Rate to Maintain Same Level of Maintenance & Operations Revenue & Pay Debt Service	\$ 1.432514	\$ 0.181590*	\$ 1.614104	\$2,169	\$4,876
Proposed Rate	\$ 1.492514	\$ 0.181590*	\$ 1.674104	\$2,297	\$5,063

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

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

	Last Year	This Year
Average Market Value of Residences	\$ 52,215	\$52,889
Average Taxable Value of Residences	\$ 37,052	\$37,703
Last Year's Rate Versus Proposed Rate per \$100 Value	\$ 1.631109	\$ 1.674104
Taxes Due on Average Residence	\$ 604.35	\$ 631.18
Increase (Decrease) in Taxes		\$ 26.83

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

Notice of Rollback Rate: The highest tax rate the district can adopt before requiring voter approval at an election is 1.674104. This election will be automatically held if the district adopts a rate in excess of the rollback rate of 1.674104.

Fund Balances

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

Maintenance and Operations Fund Balance(s) \$ 1,500,000
Interest & Sinking Fund Balance(s) \$ -0-

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from 4-6:30 p.m. in the Clint High School cafeteria.

■ Because of their support of the Worldwide Kiwanis International Service Project (IDD) — which helps prevent blindness in children in third world nations — the Horizon City Kiwanis Club has been extended an invitation to send up to four local members to a recognition banquet sponsored by UNICEF in New York City on Sept. 22.

■ The Small Business Development Center of El Paso Community College is sponsoring a seminar by the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission on Sept. 12, 8 a.m. to noon, at the One Stop Capital Shop, 1359 Lomaland. Cost is \$50, information presented deals with employer/employee responsibilities under EEOC law. Call 831-7742 for information or reservation.

■ The El Paso County Democratic Party's monthly meeting for September will be held on Tuesday, Sept. 11, at 6 p.m. at 1305 Texas Avenue. There will also be a Sept. 22 workshop beginning at 9 a.m. at Montana Beverage. The purpose of the workshop is to discuss what committees the Democrats will work on at the State Convention to be held in El Paso June 14-15, 2002. For further information please call 533-2141.

■ Sept. 17-23 is National Pollution Prevention Week. Individuals as well as business and industry are sources of pollution, and understanding how pollution originates and methods of preven-

tion are the focus of the event. Considering where, when and why a vehicle is used is encouraged, as is reducing the use of energy through reduced water consumption, appliances and lighting. Purchasing locally grown or produced food items and those with less chemical processing helps reduce vehicle pollution as well as water and energy consumption. For more cost-and-pollution-cutting ideas log on at http://www.tnrcc.state.tx.us/exec/oppr/mom/all_list.html.

■ The Self Help for Hard of Hearing People (SHHH) will meet Saturday, Sept. 8 at 9 a.m. at the Center of the Dear and Hard of Hearing as 511 Executive Center Blvd. in El Paso. Florence Fowler, SHHH steering committee chairman, will present a video and discussion of social issues involving hearing loss. Meeting are free to the public, Spanish translation available. Call 544-6032 for information.

■ Music groups *Comfort Zone* and *Tony y las Iguanas* will be headliners when El Paso ushers in autumn at the 13th Annual Fall Festival of eats and entertainment at St. Raphael's School Sept. 29-30, 2001. Located at the St. Raphael Church grounds, 2301 Zanzibar off Montwood in east El Paso, the excitement runs 4 p.m. to midnight Saturday the 29th and 2 p.m. to 10:30 p.m. Sunday the 30th. A special Sunday night dance just for teens will be held 8 p.m. to 10 p.m. in the auditorium with piped-in tunes of rock, pop and techno bop. Admittance to the teens-only dance is free. Fall Festival admission is free and open to the public. Proceeds benefit the students of St. Raphael's School. For more information call Sheri Hamarlund at (915) 598-2241.

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The *West Texas County Courier* will publish two editions early. The October 4 and October 11, 2001 issues will go to press on September 25, 2001.

All material for publication October 4 and October 11, 2001 must be submitted to the *West Texas County Courier* no later than Friday, September 21, 2001.

The *West Texas County Courier* office will close beginning Wednesday, September 26, 2001. The office will open again on Monday, October 15, 2001.

Hot Texas summer not over yet...**Pediatric Society recommends caution for kids exercising in heat**

WEST TEXAS — The effects of the extreme Texas heat are apparent to everyone who has lived in Texas during August; however, many people are unaware that these effects are even more severe in children and adolescents.

Children tend to absorb more heat on hot days, and even produce more heat than adults while exercising. Also, children and adolescents are not able to sweat as much as adults, which reduces their ability to cool off.

Now that children are heading back to school and participating in outdoor athletic training and recreation, there are several important points parents, teachers and coaches must keep in mind to prevent a child from suffering a heat-related illness. The American Academy of Pediatrics has the following recommendations for children and adolescents during the last days of hot summer:

1. The intensity and length of practices may need to be shortened when-

ever extremes of heat, sun and/or humidity are present. Substitute players frequently and add frequent water breaks during practice.

2. The intensity and duration of exercise should be limited initially, gradually increasing over a period of 10 to 14 days to accomplish acclimatization to the heat. If this isn't possible, the length of time for participants during practice and competition should be curtailed. Football players should not wear full pads during the first practices.

3. Before prolonged physical activity, the child should be well hydrated. During the activity, periodic drinking should be enforced — five-ounces of cold tap water or a commercially available sports beverage each 20 minutes for a child weighing up to 88 pounds and nine ounces for an adolescent up to 132 pounds — even if the child does not feel thirsty. Athletes should eat and drink adequately in the recovery periods between practices.

4. Clothing should be light-colored, lightweight and limited to one layer of absorbent material to allow sweat to evaporate. Sweat-saturated garments should be replaced by dry garments. *Rubberized sweat suits should never be used to produce loss of weight.*

5. Move practices to the early morning and evening — times of day that typically are not as hot.

6. If a child seems to be suffering during practices or games, move them to a cooler and shady place, and cool with water sprays or fans. Allow them to lie down, and remove protective equipment such as helmet, shoulder pads, jersey. If necessary, place them in cool water. In an emergency, pack the child with ice and contact a physician.

By following these recommendations, we can ensure children and adolescents can exercise and train in extreme heat, while protecting their health.

**City of Horizon City
PUBLIC NOTICE**

A PUBLIC HEARING will be held at **6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, September 11, 2001** during the **Regular City Council Meeting** at City Hall, 14999 Darrington Road, Horizon City, Texas. Purpose of the public hearing is to allow any interested persons to appear and testify regarding the following proposed ordinances:

- 1) Proposed Ordinance No. 0015 establishing Animal Nuisance regulations;
- 2) Proposed Ordinance No. 0097 authorizing the assessment and collection of property taxes within the Town of Horizon City, Texas and further authorizing the El Paso Tax Office to perform the actual assessment and collection for said property taxes on behalf of the Town of Horizon City, Texas for the fiscal year of October 1, 2001 to September 30, 2002 and Setting the Tax Rate for FY 2001-2002 for the Town of Horizon City, Texas.

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

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City Clerk

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WAC champs get whacked

By Steve Escajeda
Special to the Courier

Was that the defending Western Athletic Conference champions?! How far the mighty has fallen.

The UTEP Miners went to Albuquerque last week with all the confidence of a bully making his way to the playground to pick on the school wimp. It was going to be ugly.

And as true as most of the El Paso prognosticators predicted, it was ugly — only for the wrong team.

I haven't seen a Miner team play that bad against a comparable opponent since, well, every year for the last 10 years before last season. But I thought we were through with the embarrassing football.

I can see the Miners getting blown out by the Oklahoma's, Texas A&M's, and later this year, the Alabama's of the world — but this was the Lobos, for goodness sake!

On the weeks before the game everyone kept saying the game would turn on the arm of new UTEP quarterback Wesley Phillips. Boy, how wrong everybody was.

No one ever mentioned the offensive line.

That may have been the worst showing by an offensive line that I have ever seen, anywhere, anytime, at any level.

To allow nine sacks, countless quarterback hurries and knock downs was horrid. And to top off the evening of ineptness, the (truly offensive) line blocked well enough to pave the way for the Miners' running backs to amass a mesmerizing minus-53 yards rushing.

Wait a second — I'm checking the stats to make sure that's right — yeah, that does say minus-53. Ouch! I haven't seen negative numbers like that since Gary Condit's last popularity poll.

The question still remains — what happened in Albuquerque? How could the Miners fall so low so quickly?

Phillips, on the few occasions when he had time, threw the ball well enough for the Miners to win, but like coach Gary Nord said earlier in the week, if his team couldn't run the ball the quarterback would be in a world of trouble. Not to mention a world of hurt.

Now the question is: Can the Miners rebound from this humiliating 26-6 defeat? Well, in a game that shouldn't even count, the Miners will trounce Division I-AA Texas Southern this Saturday, which is the equivalent of the Minne-

sota Vikings roughing up the Bowie Bears.

But can the Miners rebound in time for the big home match-up against Texas Tech on ESPN2 the following week? In a round-about way, UTEP's whole season is based on the outcome of that game.

But I'll tell you, if the Miners can't tame New Mexico, what makes them think they can stay on the same field with the Big 12's Red Raiders?

I'm not saying the Miners can't beat Texas Tech but they are going to have to make some monumental changes between now and then — like having the offensive line actually make contact with the human beings in the different color uniforms across from them.

That would be a start.

Edwards triumphant

Not all was gruesome in the El Paso sports world last weekend.

Eastwood High graduate Joel Edwards broke through and won his first professional golf tournament after 12 years on the PGA tour.

Edwards shot a final-round 65 to win the Air Canada Championship by a whopping seven strokes and tied the tournament record by finishing the four-day event with a score of 19-under par.

Edwards, who now lives in Irving, Texas, earned \$612,000 for winning the event.

Edwards pulled away from the field by col-

lecting four straight birdies on the back nine on the way to his initial win.

Edwards has been near the top of the leader board in many tournaments over the years for the first round or two but has always faded during the weekend. We'll see, but a win usually goes a long way toward erasing that kind of trend.

Look for Edwards in the future, I don't think this will be his only trip to the winner's circle.

Electrifying game

Some fans at last week's Hanks-Ysleta game may have thought they were in for an electrifying contest but they had no idea just how right they would be.

With just over a minute left in the first quarter at Hanks' Excalibur Stadium, with dark ominous clouds overhead, strong lightning strikes were recorded within eight miles of the game site.

Texas UIL rules plainly state that if lightning is recorded within eight miles of the stadium the game must be held up for a half hour and then the situation is re-evaluated.

Well, after thorough re-evaluations it was determined by YISD Athletic Director Pat O'Neil, that it was just too dangerous to finish the game.

Ysleta led 7-0 at the time the game was halted but it will go down officially as a no contest — you know, just like UTEP's effort against New Mexico.

Mountain View High School to be featured in national publication

By Debra Dominguez
Special to the Courier

EAST EL PASO COUNTY — This high school, which has an estimated student enrollment of 900, sits on the edge of Red Sands Desert, 20 miles southeast of downtown El Paso. The foothills of the Hueco Mountains can be seen in the distance, rising over the quiet expanse of unbroken desert.

The high school is Mountain View High School — a campus that has an estimated 86 percent economically disadvantaged ratio and a limited English proficiency rate of 26 percent.

Nonetheless, the students of MVHS have chosen pride over poverty and have proven defeat over the economic challenges that often accompany life in the *colonias* where many students of the East Montana community live.

Now, the commitment to education

by MVHS's students, teachers and former principal Olivia Campos is being recognized on a national scale.

MVHS is one of five high schools in the state selected to be featured in an upcoming book titled "Opening Doors: Promising Lessons from Five Texas High Schools."

The book, which is to be released nationally before spring by the University of Texas at Austin's Charles A. Dana Center and the Support for Texas Academic Renewal Center, showcases Mountain View's accomplishments, teaching methods and students based on a study conducted in the 1999-2000 academic year.

The other four Texas high schools to be featured in the national publication include Brazosport High School of the Brazosport Independent School District, Martin High School under the Laredo ISD, PSJA Memorial High School under the Pharr-San Juan-Alamo ISD, and Uvalde High School under the Uvalde Consolidated ISD.

"Mountain View High School was selected based on the results of the math portion of our Texas Assessment of Academic Skills," said Campos, who is now the district's Assistant Superintendent for Research, Evaluation, Accountability and Administration. "This shows that students under the strain of economical disadvantages can perform at high academic levels and maintain that performance."

The soon-to-be published book highlights on each selected high school's 1998-99 school data, selection criteria and performance data.

It also takes a look at how each school set clear goals and established high expectations, used data to guide instruction, focused on instruction and individual learning, supported teachers and enhanced collaboration, fostered an environment of respect and affection for students and planned for continued improvement.

"Being selected for this book has been a tremendous boost to teacher

morale and to student and community self-esteem," Campos said. "This is great — we will never accept anything less. We know our students can achieve."

As the principal of MVHS, Campos helped lead the high school to its first Texas Education Agency "Recognized" status four years ago — one of the first schools in the district's history to hold a TEA "Recognized" status, which is the second highest honor the state bestows on an academically accomplished school. The highest rating is "Exemplary."

This year is also the first year in the history of the Clint Independent School District — which has an estimated student population of 8,000 and an overall 87 percent economically disadvantaged ratio — that the whole district itself has received a "Recognized" rating by the state.

MVHS Principal Ray Saenz said he not only attributes the district's and high school's notable success to the teachers and students, but to ev-

ery employee of the district, including custodians and cafeteria staff.

"Being featured in a national publication is something to be proud of," Saenz said. "I know our economically disadvantaged ratio is high, but these kids have proven they can achieve no matter what. Somehow, our parents, administrators and teachers have found a way to overcome these challenges and help our students achieve."

The study by the Dana Center, which is an organized research unit in the College of Natural Sciences at UT Austin and is dedicated to strengthening education and civic life in Texas, concluded that even though the five high schools profiled in its study had achieved impressive goals, they were not complacent.

"To them, achieving high levels of success is an ongoing process," the study reported.

Mountain View was selected for

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Who's spoiled?

By Don Flood

Here's a poll that will rock your world: 80 percent of Americans say kids today are more spoiled than they were a decade ago!

(The other 20 percent apparently didn't understand the question.)

And that's just the beginning. Here's a sampling of the shocking findings uncovered by the Time magazine poll:

- 48 percent said children have too much of a say in family decisions. (The other 52 percent were told by their kids to say no.)

- 75 percent said kids had fewer chores. (Most people, though, had no idea what the word "chores" meant.)

And now, the Big One.

Health warning: Before reading the next poll result, make sure you are sitting down.

- 62 percent said the biggest source of arguments between parents and children is: getting kids to clean up their rooms!

The other 38 percent? They've given up trying to find their kids' rooms!

They figure they're somewhere near the pile of stuff spilling out of the doorway.

Of course, not all parents have this problem. These would be the stern, no-nonsense parents whose kids moved out 15 years ago.

(Scientists recommend that parents wait 10-12 years before trying to find the floor in a room vacated by a grown child. The gravitational pull from the black hole that sucked in all the stuff in the first place is thought to be powerful enough to overcome the Starship Enterprise, even with full warp drive.)

While surprising, the results mirror the findings of an earlier poll taken by the Cro-Magnon News Service.

The poll, taken between the hours of 6 p.m. and 9 p.m. on the last weekend in August, 20,000 B.C., found that 63 percent of cave parents agreed with the statement, "Children not cleaning their cave unit is the single biggest source of conflict."

The comments gathered also echoed frustrations similar to those of today's parents.

"Kids today don't understand why we can't just go out and invent the wheel," said one frustrated Stone Age dad. "They don't realize that we're still domesticating sheep and other livestock."

My generation, naturally, was not spoiled.

I won't claim we were the Greatest Generation — the one that won that war on the History Channel — but we faced our own trials.

We were the last generation that watched TV without a remote control.

Young whippersnappers don't realize it, but watching TV wasn't just a pastime, it was a discipline.

Changing channels involved hard physical labor — no channel surfing for us!

If we didn't like what was on, we had only two grim choices: We either had to have the gumption to get off the couch and change the channels ourselves, or we had to practice the self-discipline of watching a show we didn't even like.

And we watched plenty!

People interested in re-creating this world of long ago may do so by turning down the color and hiding the remote control.

However, I don't recommend that you do it all at once. As in climbing Mt. Everest, a person must get acclimated before striving for the summit.

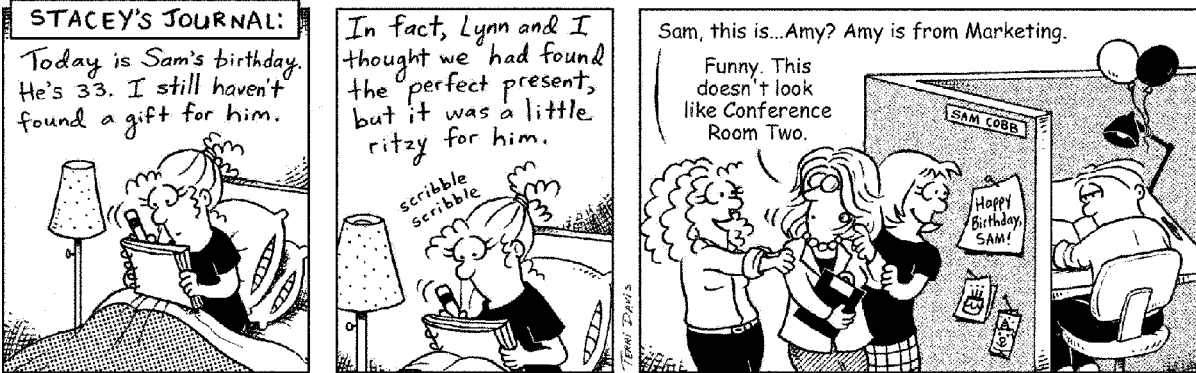
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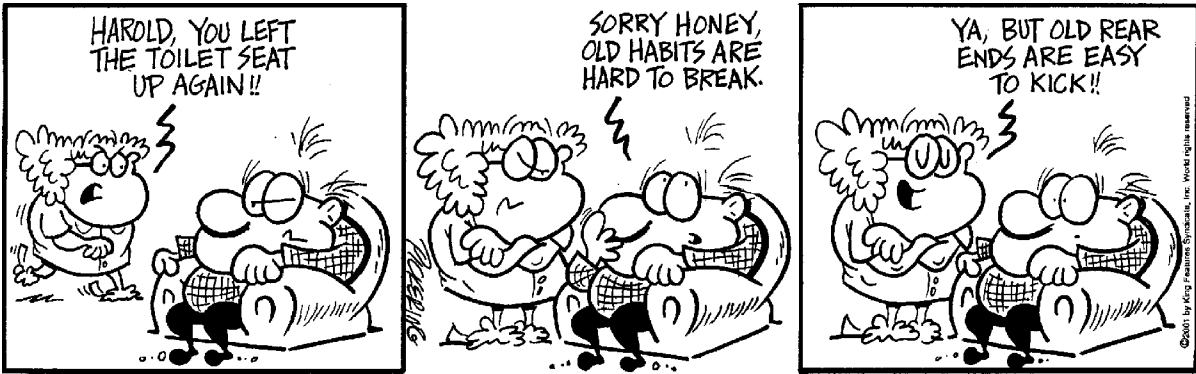
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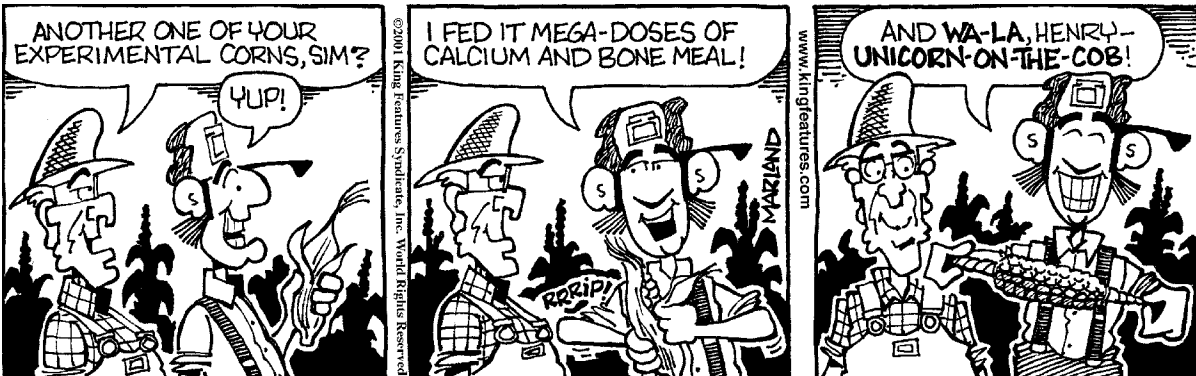
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participation in the study based on its 1997-98 and 1998-99 performance on the Texas Learning Index (TLI). It was one of only a few Title I high schools in Texas that met all of the following criteria:

- 1999 average TLI scores of 80 or above in both reading and mathematics for economically disadvantaged students.

- A 1999 achievement gap (between economically advantaged and disadvantaged students) of five TLI points or less in reading and mathematics.

- 1998 Texas Assessment of Academic Skills exemption rates equal to or less than the state average (8.9

percent).

- Other general criteria including district enrollment of 5,000 or more students, campus population consisting of 40 percent or more economically disadvantaged students, no selective academic entrance criteria and a school that serves grades ninth through twelfth.

Clint ISD's Mountain View High School is located at 14964 Greg Dr. For more information on the study, contact Olivia Campos at 851-2877, Ext. 253 or at 241-3850. Research conducted by the Charles A. Dana Center at the University of Texas at Austin can be found at or under the Support for Texas Academic Renewal Center Web site at <http://www.starcenter.org/>

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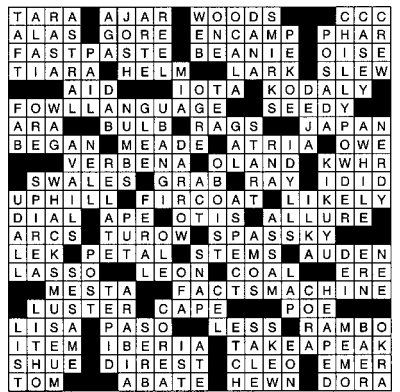
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Public Notice Canutillo Independent School District 2001 Grant Application

Canutillo ISD is giving notice of the district's intent to submit a grant application to the Texas Education Agency for school repairs and renovations. The grant application is for up to \$1 million dollars.

Interested parents, educators, and community members are invited to review the grant application Monday through Friday between the hours of 8 a.m. and 3 p.m. at the Canutillo Elementary School, Central Front Office, 7000 5TH, Canutillo TX 79835. Deadline for review is September 12, 2001. For more information, contact the Grant Writing Office, at (915) 877-7445.

Información Pública Distrito Escolar Independiente de Canutillo Aplicación para una Beca de la Agencia de Educación de Texas - 2001

El Distrito Escolar Independiente de Canutillo informa que el Distrito enviara el documento que indica la intención de aplicar para una beca a la Agencia de Educación en Texas. Esta beca de hasta 1 millón de dólares es para reparos y renovaciones de los edificios escolares.

Todos las personas interesadas, padres de familia, educadores y miembros de la comunidad estan invitados a leer la aplicación para esta beca. Lo pueden hacer de Lunes a Viernes de 8 a.m. a 3 p.m. en la Escuela Primaria Canutillo, Central Front Office, 7000 5th, Canutillo Texas 79835. El último día para leer esta aplicación es Septiembre 12, 2001. Para mayor información, contactar la oficina de Grant Writing Office en el (915) 877-7445.

Best-kept secret in the county — Goodwill helps people find jobs

By Michelle J. Brown
Special to the Courier

EL PASO COUNTY — Goodwill Industries El Paso recently signed a custodial contract with the Department of Human Services (DHS) in Presidio, Texas. It's part of Goodwill Industries of El Paso, which has territory that covers southeastern New Mexico and the Texas counties of El Paso and Hudspeth, Culberson, Reeves, and Presidio. The contract was acquired through the marketing of TIBH, the state program for employment of Texans with disabilities.

"Many residents...aren't aware of the programs and services available to them," said Linda Saleski, executive director of Goodwill El Paso. "They seem surprised that they qualify for what they do. That's why we're (here), to work with government and community agencies to generate that economic impact that comes when you provide opportunities for people who desperately want the chance to prove themselves in good jobs."

Contracts like this, said Saleski, are the kind of Goodwill/business partnerships that benefit clients and employers, creating true cooperative community efforts.

In addition to Presidio DHS, local

current contract employers in the El Paso region include Texas Welcome Center, American Red Cross, U.S. Army Reserve Center, Texas Department of Transportation and temporary services in state agencies.

"The contracts provide real jobs to get (workers) the training they need," said Saleski. "They want to work. They enjoy the work. There's very little turnover. That's the great outcome that these contracts provide."

Nationwide in 2000, Goodwill Industries earned over \$356.7 million through its industrial contract services — up 17 percent from 1999, — creating jobs for more than 20,000 individuals. Goodwill fulfills a broad variety of jobs from pack-

aging and assembly to janitorial and hospitality services for national and local businesses and government agencies, and assists with employers' temporary manpower needs.

With a \$3 million annual budget and more than 1,000 clients, Goodwill El Paso is promoted as "Not a charity, but a chance." It is one of El Paso's largest non-profit providers of employment and training services for people with disabilities and other disadvantages. It's also the largest such employer in North America.

Since 1902, the efforts of Goodwill employees, volunteers and business partners have helped over 5 million people enter the workforce and

embark on satisfying careers, including financial services, computer programming, and health care.

The agency earns revenues for its services through the sale of donated goods in over 1,800 retail stores, and on its Internet auction site, shopgoodwill.com.

Goodwill Industries International is a network of 181 local, autonomous member organizations in the United States and Canada, and 35 international associate members in 24 other countries.

For more information about Goodwill Industries or contract opportunities, call Linda Saleski, executive director of Goodwill Industries of El Paso, at (915) 778-3371.

WEATHER

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SEVEN-DAY FORECAST FOR EL PASO

THURSDAY	THUR. NIGHT	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY
Partial sun; hot.	Patchy clouds.	Partly sunny and hot.	Hot with some sun.	Partial sunshine; warm.	A few clouds.	Hot with sunshine.	Sunny and very hot.
▲ 92°	▼ 68°	▲ 92° ▼ 68°	▲ 90° ▼ 66°	▲ 88° ▼ 66°	▲ 88° ▼ 66°	▲ 92° ▼ 66°	▲ 92° ▼ 68°

UV INDEX Statistics for noon.

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

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

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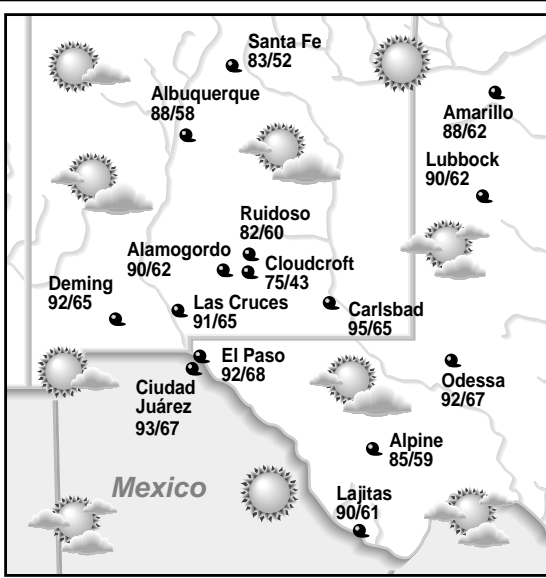
A composite of the effects of temperature, wind, humidity, sunshine intensity, cloudiness, precipitation, and elevation on the human body.

Thursday	92°
Friday	94°
Saturday	90°
Sunday	88°
Monday	88°
Tuesday	92°
Wednesday	92°

TEXAS WEATHER

Anthony	92	68
Canutillo	93	69
Clint	92	68
E. Montana	92	68
Fabens	92	68
Horizon	93	69
San Elizario	90	65
Socorro	91	67
Tornillo	92	68
Vinton	93	69

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



TRAVELERS CITIES

City	Thur.	Fri.	Sat.	Sun.	Mon.
	Hi/Lo/W	Hi/Lo/W	Hi/Lo/W	Hi/Lo/W	Hi/Lo/W
Albuquerque	88/58/s	82/56/s	84/56/pc	84/56/pc	86/58/s
Atlanta	82/70/c	84/68/t	86/66/t	86/68/t	90/66/s
Atlantic City	76/58/s	79/60/s	83/61/c	79/60/pc	80/51/s
Austin/San Antonio	90/72/c	92/72/pc	92/72/s	92/72/s	92/72/pc
Baltimore	82/62/s	84/64/s	86/64/c	84/62/pc	80/58/s
Boston	76/56/s	80/60/s	78/62/c	74/60/pc	72/49/pc
Chicago	82/62/s	82/62/pc	76/52/sh	72/52/s	76/58/pc
Dallas/Ft. Worth	92/72/c	92/74/pc	92/74/s	92/72/s	92/70/pc
Denver	82/50/pc	70/46/pc	78/48/pc	80/46/pc	82/48/s
Flagstaff	75/48/pc	78/48/pc	77/47/pc	75/46/pc	71/44/c
Houston	88/72/pc	88/72/pc	90/74/pc	90/74/t	90/72/pc
Kansas City	86/66/pc	84/58/pc	80/62/pc	82/64/t	86/64/pc
Las Vegas	104/72/s	106/72/s	102/72/s	100/72/s	95/75/s
Miami	89/79/pc	89/79/pc	89/79/c	89/79/c	91/76/c
Minneapolis	82/60/t	78/54/t	74/52/pc	74/54/s	76/56/pc
New Orleans	88/76/pc	90/76/t	90/76/pc	90/74/t	90/74/pc
New York City	76/60/s	78/64/s	82/66/pc	80/62/pc	78/58/s
Philadelphia	78/60/s	80/64/s	82/66/pc	80/62/pc	80/53/s
Phoenix	106/78/s	102/76/s	102/78/s	100/78/s	102/78/s
Portland	76/56/s	82/56/s	80/56/pc	74/56/c	72/54/pc
San Francisco	68/54/s	74/56/s	72/54/s	70/54/s	68/54/pc
Seattle	72/54/pc	76/54/s	74/54/pc	70/54/c	68/56/c
Tucson	100/66/s	98/68/s	98/68/s	100/68/s	98/68/s
Washington, DC	82/62/s	84/64/s	86/66/t	84/64/pc	82/60/s

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

AGRICULTURE

Western Texas will continue to remain on the eastern side of the high pressure centered over the southwestern United States. As a result, sunny and warm weather is expected for the next several days with most, if not all, the precipitation remaining to the east. Drying conditions will remain good.

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