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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.

USBP transports blood

The El Paso Sector of the U.S. Border Patrol and the El Paso County Sheriff's Department played key roles last week in transporting locally-donated blood supplies to Arizona for testing and ultimate delivery to the victims of the tragedy in New York and Washington. U.S. Border Patrol flights to Tempe, Arizona were among the few authorized by the Federal Aviation Administration immediately after the tragedy as the nation's sky ways were shut down. About 70 pounds of El Paso County blood was turned over to the Maricopa County Sheriff's Department for delivery to Tempe's testing laboratories as the nation faced a critical shortage of blood types "O-Negative" and "B-Negative."

In remembrance:

■ The Iron Horses Motorcycle Club of El Paso held their monthly meeting on Sunday, Sept. 16. The 28-member club unanimously voted to donate their monthly dues for August and September to the American Red Cross Relief Fund of El Paso to aid the victims and their families in the World Trade Center and Pentagon tragedy. The Iron Horses challenge other motorcycle clubs in El Paso, Las Cruces, and Juarez to match their donation of \$500.

■ In light of last Tuesday's national tragedy, the students at Clint ISD's Carroll T. Welch Middle School and Frank Macias Elementary School collected "Nickels for New York." Funds collected will be sent to the Red Cross Disaster Relief Fund to help all the rescuers, survivors and families who lost their loved ones in New York. Students throughout the Clint district showed their support since the attack by wearing the nation's colors and writing essays of remembrance. Clint Jr. High observed President George W. Bush's declaration of Sept. 14 as a National Day of Prayer and Remembrance by a moment of silence as the school band played "Taps." For more information on assisting with Nickels for New York, call Dee Dee Perez at 852-7143 or Denise Brewster at 852-0882.

■ The Town of Clint has prepared a memorial site at the Clint Town Hall in front of the Clint Community/Senior Citizen Center, 200 N. San Elizario Road in remembrance of the victims and their families who suffered the acts of terrorism on Sept. 11, 2001. A special memorial and prayer service was held on Tuesday evening, Sept. 18.

■ The Americas High School students,
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Combine common sense and the Golden Rule and you will have very little bad luck.

— Quips and Quotes

U.S. Congress approves joint resolutions, financial aid package and patriotism measures

WASHINGTON, D.C. — U.S. Representative Henry Bonilla joined colleagues in condemning the horrible acts of terrorism committed against the United States on Sept. 11.

"Those who have declared war on the American people must now face the full might and power of the United States," said Bonilla. "I ask each and every one of you to join me in prayer for those whose fate remains in God's hands."

The joint resolution was approved by the House of Representatives. It was introduced by House Majority Leader Dick Armey and Minority Leader Richard Gephardt and expresses a Sense of Congress against the acts of terrorism. It states its certainty that the people of the United States will stand united as the nation as it begins the process of recovering and rebuilding.

It also "condemns in the strongest possible terms the terrorists who planned and carried out the Sept. 11 attacks against the United States, as well as their sponsors." It goes on to "extend its deepest condolences to the victims of these heinous and cowardly attacks, as well as to their families, friends, and loved ones."

In a statement submitted to the Congressional Record, Bonilla expressed his support of President George W. Bush and re-enforced his unending commitment. "President Bush has the full support of this Congress. In the long days and months ahead, we must unite to follow through on his pledge to track down those responsible for these cowardly acts against the American people.

"America will rebuild. American will unite. America will prevail," said Bonilla.

In addition, Bonilla joined a Congressional majority in voting to financially assist the families of victims of Tuesday's tragic events. The package of legislation includes measures that will help families of fallen public safety officers and initiatives to promote patriotism in the wake of the terrorism.

The Victims' Tax Relief Package will enact the following:

- Extend an estate tax reduction to individuals who were killed as a

result of Tuesday's terrorist attack

- Extend Federal income tax exemption relief to individuals who died as a result of Tuesday's terrorist attack or who die from injuries suffered as a result of the attack.

- Clarify that the \$25,000 per passenger payment made by United Airlines will be exempt from Federal income taxes. Any similar payments made by American Airlines would receive similar treatment.

- Ensure that FEMA assistance payments are exempt from Federal income tax.

Along with the financial initiatives passed by Congress, there was also a resolution that encourages Americans to demonstrate their unity for the nation by flying the American flag at homes, businesses, schools and places of worship for the next 30 days.

The Congress also passed legislation authorizing President Bush to use whatever military force he deems necessary. Joint Resolution 62 authorizes the use of United States Armed Forces against "those responsible for the recent attacks launched against the United States. The joint resolution authorizes President George W. Bush to use all necessary and appropriate force against those nations, organizations or persons he determines planned, authorized, committed or aided in the terrorist attacks that occurred on September 11, 2001." The resolution goes on to authorize force against those who "harbored such organizations or persons, in order to prevent any future acts of international terrorism against the United States."

The U.S. House of Representatives Congressional Record reported the following statement from Rep. Bonilla. "We have witnessed evil

this week. The twin tragedies in New York and Washington, the massacre of innocents, must never happen again. Today, with this legislation, we are sending the world a message. We are stating that America

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SHOWING SUPPORT — The Horizon City Town Hall is among the thousands of locations in El Paso County where the U.S. flag now flies, mostly at half-mast, in agreement with a U.S. Congressional resolution that encourages Americans to demonstrate their unity for the nation by flying the American flag at homes, businesses, schools and places of worship for the next 30 days.



— Photos by Dick Harshberger

EXTENDING DESIGN — A fitting compliment to neighboring Tornillo High School, the new Tornillo Middle School features a clean, Southwestern design

Tornillo Middle School now housed in new campus

TORNILLO — "We're growing by leaps and bounds," said Tornillo Middle School spokesman Aracely Terrazas, following the bittersweet dedication last week of the new Middle School on Wednesday, Sept. 12.

The dedication was a much-needed bright spot in the community, as the \$1.1 million, 15,800-square-foot school, located just east of the Tornillo High School on 240 Oil Mill Road, was given the official

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HAPPY IN NEW HOME — Maria Saldana, a TMS teachers aide, shown at far left, stands next to TMS Principal Jane Anglin, history teacher Anna Luna, and social studies teacher Lisa Flores in celebrating the new campus last Wednesday.



Young San Elizario educator selected as Region 19 Teacher of Year

SAN ELIZARIO — It's been five short years since George Saenz was hired to teach special education at the San Elizario Independent School District, and while the face of our district has undergone many changes, one thing has stayed the same: Saenz's passion for teaching.

That passion combined with a crucial combination of hard work and dedication earned Saenz the title of Elementary Teacher of the Year for Region 19, which includes El Paso and Hudspeth Counties. The yearly award was made by Region 19 Education Service Center and Southwestern Bell Telephone.

"It feels great, exciting," Saenz said between classes at Sambrano Elementary School. "To be honest with you I'm still kind of shocked."

Saenz can still recall his first year teaching, hired from the alternative certification program after originally obtaining a degree in criminal justice. There was a definite struggle that year, especially with behavior management, he said.

"I just came in with the attitude that I was

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George Saenz



One perspective

By Francis Shrum

Choosing the right brush

HORIZON — I've painted everything from the side of a barn to an itty-bitty canvas in a painting class. I can say that, if you're painting the barn, you'd better use a broad brush or else you'll still be painting a week from now.

Otherwise, use the narrow one.

I'm so glad I'm not the President.

We live in a world made up of so many different "brands" of people. There are the high maintenance models, the gentle ones, the easy-going types and the movers-and-shakers. Each ethnic group and race is made up of all of these.

A broad brush can be a dangerous thing.

There's at least one kid in every family that asks the big questions, like "Why?" and "Are we all going to die?"

So maybe we talk to that kid about a man and woman who were evicted millennia ago from their beautiful home in the garden of Eden for stealing from their Landlord. Maybe we describe how they raised a son who decided to solve his personal problems with violence and committed the first murder when he killed his brother out of jealousy.

What a terrible broad brush it is with which history has been painted.

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Maybe we will explain to the kid with the hard questions that, because we're not the President, our own personal behavior is where we should focus — that we should learn how to use a narrow brush in each of our human endeavors, to recognize right and wrong, and practice the right, no matter how difficult that may become.

In situations of high emotion — be it grief, anger, fear or anxiety — as vulnerable human beings we reach

out for a broad brush to quickly cover our discomfort. Too often that brush is used to paint over other people, those we see as the source of our discomfort, as valid as that may or may not be. The result is seldom relief.

There are a lot nervous Arabs in America right now.

We've all been there — the only girl at the table during lunch in the cafeteria, the only white face waiting to check out at the grocery store, the only boy who signed up for Home Economics, the only black man on the bus, the only poor kid waiting in the hall with a group of preppies — or the only preppie crossing the parking lot watched by a group of tough *barrio* kids.

We've all had that empty, sinking feeling of extreme vulnerability. The part that really matters is how we handled it, and how it was handled by those who held the upper hand, who marshaled the greater force.

According to our television media, a recent poll shows that Americans overwhelmingly favor taking strong military action in the face of last week's horrendous events, but only a small minority had a clear opinion against whom that action should be taken.

In the place of a tangible enemy, our nation is faced with a fleeting, shifting force that lives among us and uses our own airplanes to take down our cities. Its motivation is incomprehensible to us as a society — especially its willingness to sacrifice human life, including that of its own servants.

Only a narrow brush, wielded with a careful hand over time, will eventually reveal a true understanding of that enemy and until then, as individuals, let's put the broad brush back on the shelf before we start painting each other.



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

A beam of light in the darkness

A wise man once wrote, "courage is acting in spite of fear." The

events of Tuesday, September 11 brought our nation's greatest fears to the surface of our daily lives. And yet, in what proved to be a very dark week, a beam of light emerged.

This light shines across our great nation. It could be seen on the 81st floor of 1 World Trade Center. It was seen amidst the rubble of the Pentagon and aboard flight 93 as it flew over Pennsylvania. And today, it shines brightly on the men and women who tirelessly work at ground zero (now renamed "ground hero"), in the hospitals and at the hundreds of outreach posts across America.

This light does not come from a simple bulb. This light comes from the fire that burns in each of our hearts. It comes from the countless acts of courage we have seen spread across our amazing country. I'd like to take this moment to share some of these miraculous stories with each of you:

• Lt. Cmdr Dave Tarantino saved a life last Tuesday. He was the only

Pentagon rescuer thin and brave enough to squeeze through a small, smoking hole in the rubble from which cries of help emerged. Tarantino used his legs to lift a large, burning desk that had pinned a dazed, bloody and helpless Jerry Henson to the floor. With a two-star Army general on the other side of the 2-by-1-foot hole screaming "get the hell out of there," Tarantino dragged Henson to safety moments before fire consumed the entire room.

• When the news of Tuesday's crash reached Reverend Mychal F. Judge, he immediately raced to the scene. Father Mike quickly went to work comforting those around him and offering prayers of solace. When he discovered a firefighter down at the scene, he knelt to give the last rites. Father Mike took off his fire helmet to pray when a rain of debris showered down. The debris killed Father Mike as he stood in the line of duty.

• John Cerqueira and Mike Ben Fanter worked on the 81st floor of 1 World Trade Center. When they felt the first plane hit the building, they did what any of us would do: run. But as they ran from one floor to the next, they were confronted by a woman in

a wheelchair. She was experiencing obvious difficulty making it down the stairs. Without thinking twice, the two men picked up the woman and carried her from the 68th floor all the way to safety.

When contemplating acts of courage, I find it especially hard to forget the image of firefighters running bravely into a blazing inferno. I've heard many accounts of these brave men and women running up the stairs of the World Trade Centers as others quickly ran down. Giving no thought to their own fate, the firefighters of New York City dove immediately into their jobs. It pains me to know that hundreds of these brave souls perished as the World Trade Centers crumbled to the ground. They were at the front lines of this tragedy and were hell-bent on saving any and every life possible. This is the true definition of courage.

This last act of bravery could not possibly be summarized in a simple paragraph. Cell phone conversations have helped piece together a plan of heroic action aboard flight 93. It seems that a small group of men planned to retake control of the fateful flight. They weren't pilots or police officers or soldiers. They had no training in how to overwhelm hijackers. They barely knew each others names. But they all knew they had a mission to accomplish. The final actions of those aboard flight 93 may never be known. But I for one am grateful for their bravery. Recent reports tell us the plane may have been headed for the Capitol or even the White House. Their actions may have saved hundreds, if not thousands of lives. A part of me cannot help thinking that a life they saved may have been my own.

It warms my heart to tell you that the stories of courage and heroism from last week are far too many to count. These miraculous individuals were able to put fear aside and accomplish the unbelievable. They are nothing short of national heroes.

It's amazing what's happening out there. The people of America have joined together. We will not let the acts of terrorism destroy us. We will instead take these acts and make ourselves stronger than ever before. The United States of America will triumph. We will preserve freedom for future generations. And we will guarantee hope remains for all mankind. God Bless America.

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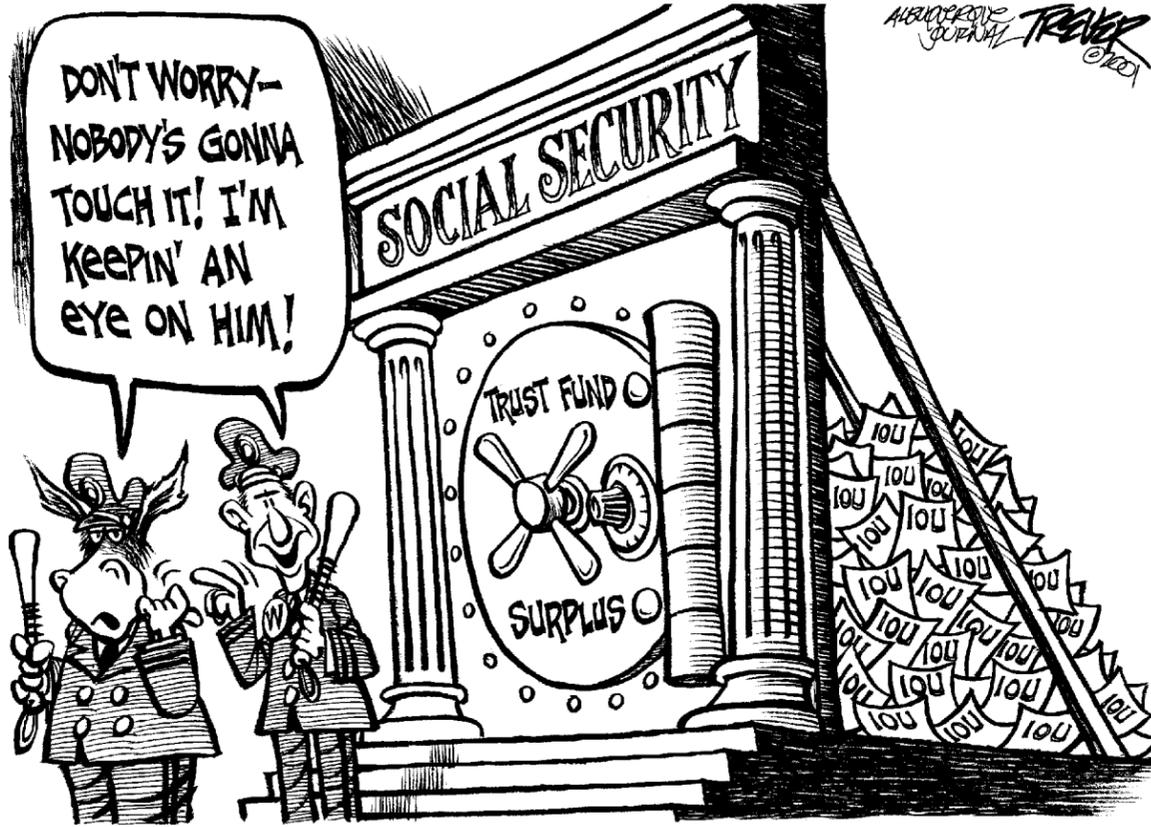
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Reyes Reports

By U.S. Rep. Silvestre Reyes

America will persevere

I am outraged by last week's attack on the people of the United States. My thoughts and prayers are with the victims and their families.

I applaud the President and his National Security team as they moved quickly to mobilize our forces against further attacks. I stand firmly behind the President and ask all Americans to support our Commander-in-Chief during this unprecedented time in American history. As Speaker Hastert said last week, "We as a Congress and a government stand united."

There is no question that this was an act of war. We must find those responsible and bring them to justice. We must do this swiftly and with the full might and power of the United States. We will find those responsible for these mass murders, and they will be punished.

We must develop a response that will destroy the system responsible for this attack on our freedom. The global terrorist organizations that take refuge in some nations must be destroyed. Any nation that protects any terrorist network, that provides shelter or refuge to these terrorist networks, must be put on notice that they will also be subjected to the justice and might of the U.S. military if they continue to protect those responsible for these mass murders.

This attack was intended to bring down the most powerful nation in the world, to paralyze our government and weaken our resolve. This has not happened. If anything, we as a nation have united and become even stronger. Americans across this great nation have rallied to demonstrate to the world that liberty, justice, and courage continue to be the back bone of our nation even in the hardest of times.

Last week, after the attack, the Congress passed several bills to assist the President and the nation. The Congress passed the Emergency Disaster Supplemental Appropriations

bill, which provides \$40 billion in emergency funds to respond to the terrorist attacks on the United States. Congress also passed a Resolution which authorizes the President to use all necessary and appropriate force against those nations, organizations, or persons which he determines planned, authorized, committed, or aided the terrorist attacks that occurred last Tuesday.

Nothing can ever take away the pain that families who have lost a loved one are feeling. In order to provide some assistance to victims' families, Congress also passed legislation that suspends taxes on Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) assistance payments that will be provided to the families who have lost loved ones. The bill also provides relief from the estate tax to families of victims who lost their lives and to members of the armed services who die during combat service to their nation.

Public safety officers have been heroic figures throughout this week's tragedy. Congress has voted to provide generous compensation to the families of officers killed in the line of duty. And we will help disabled officers by granting them monetary compensation. These are Americans who have saved lives and deserve the very best in their time of need.

In addition to the financial initiatives, Congress has passed a resolution encouraging Americans to demonstrate their unity for the nation by flying the American flag at homes, businesses, schools, and places of worship for the next thirty days.

America is forever changed. No one will ever forget the images we saw last week. We must never forget those who lost their lives. My thoughts and prayers are with the rescuers working around the clock. I have no doubt that we will respond to this crisis in a very American way...we will unite, we will defend our freedoms, we will persevere.

View from the porch By Linda Mussehl

View from afar



The view from my porch is dark. In one brutal morning we, as a country, lost our collective innocence. No longer will we be naïve and secure. No longer can we blindly trust that the good guys always walk through the fire unscathed.

Like all decent people around the world, I am struck with horror of it all. But because I lived and worked in the Middle East for 10 years, have studied the culture and history, the language and religion, I have two concerns that I haven't heard mentioned in the discussion of the atrocities.

One is that the Arab world thinks America, in general, is soft, that we don't have the national belly to do the hard things that need to be done now and in the future. So the rogue states and cynical militants use our freedoms, our institutions, our sense of fair play against us with impunity.

Instead, the "iron fist in an iron glove" is something that is admired in the Middle East. One analyst uses a fistfight analogy: "It isn't enough to knock him down fairly. He thinks, against all evidence, that he's won, unless you then kick him while he's down and leave a permanent scar on his face."

My second point is almost contradictory of the first. The vast majority of Arabs, the sane 999 out of 1,000, admire the United States, softies that we appear. They like us, believe it or not, and want to be just like us. A lot of their frustration arises when we don't live up to their artificially high expectations of us as a country.

I think of the Arabs and Arab-Americans I know, of

their generosity, warmth, humor, and intelligence. They are good people. I regret my countrymen don't know them, that all the U.S. has to judge Arabs on is the one bad man out of 1,000. I am fortunate to have my memories of the good Arabs to balance the horror created by the Arabs' lunatic fringe.

I remember a warm September day in 1983, in a courtyard in Damascus, waiting for an antique store's handyman to repair the frame of a miniature I was buying. The old man, a deaf mute, took us into his workshop to show off his picture of John F. Kennedy, torn from a magazine and taped over his workbench.

The old man smiled, kissed his fingertips, touched the tattered picture of JFK, kissed his fingertips again and then touched the forehead of each American in the room. It felt like a blessing.

One objective of my regular weekly column is to give voice to the ordinary people of the land, to say what they might say if they had the opportunity. This time, I would like to give voice for all the ordinary good people in the Arab world, to say for them what they might if given the chance.

I know my Arab friends would shake their heads in disgust and say, "those terrorists are *majnoon*, insane. They should be shot down like the mad dogs they are."

They would join us in grieving for the victims of the bombings, their families, and for our national loss of innocence.

They might also give our dead the most beautiful of Arabic blessings: *Fi amanallah*, I leave you in the protection of God.

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Measures

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does not recoil in the face of evil, on the contrary, America rises up," said Bonilla.

Finally, the Congress also unanimously approved the \$40 billion Antiterrorism Emergency Spending Bill. The funding will assist recovery efforts, provide resources for investigation and will help enhance national security.

Details of the bill include that \$10 billion will be immediately allocated to the Emergency Response Fund. The funding will be divided among the following efforts:

- Federal, State and Local preparedness for response to the attacks
 - Support to counter, investigate and prosecute terrorism
 - Increased transportation security
 - Repairing public facilities and transportation systems damaged by explosions
 - National security support
- The remaining \$30 billion will be available

to the Emergency Response Fund when a detailed allocation plan has been submitted to the Congress. Of the total \$40 billion provided, no less than \$20 billion shall be for disaster recovery activities in response to the terrorist acts on Sept. 11 in New York, Pennsylvania and Virginia.

"Without a second thought. Without a doubt. Without a question in our minds. This is how the Congress acted today. This is how the Congress came together and began repairing our nation and recovering from these treacherous acts," Bonilla said.

Meanwhile, the Executive Committee of the El Paso County Democratic Party passed a resolution during their regular meeting which fell on Sept. 11 to extend profound sympathy to the survivors of the attack, to urge national solidarity, and urge the nation "to exercise restraint and deliberateness in this emergency and most especially to resist any and all physical harm to any people, under United States jurisdiction, because of their national origins, ethnicity, religion, or their personal peculiarities, that is to say, to resist a lynch mob mentality."

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LEGALS

NOTICE

El Paso Electric Company (EPE) intends to secure a Certificate of Convenience and Necessity (CCN) from the Public Utility Commission of Texas (PUCT) for the construction and installation of a 115kV transmission line in east El Paso County, Texas. The PUCT requires EPE to publish notice in a newspaper having general circulation in the county(ies) where the CCN is being requested. **Persons with questions about this project should contact EPE at (915) 543-5811 or (915) 543-4025. Persons who wish to intervene in the proceeding or comment upon action sought, should contact the Public Utility Commission of Texas at P.O. Box 13326, Austin, Texas 78711-3326, or call the Public Utility Commission at (512) 936-7120 or (888) 782-8477. Hearing- and speech-impaired individuals with text telephones (TTY) may contact the commission at (512) 936-7136. The deadline for intervention in the proceeding is October 29, 2001, and a letter requesting intervention should be received by the commission by that date.**

The project is contained within a 30-square-mile area located 2 miles east of Loop 375 at the Montwood/Zaragoza intersection. The proposed 7.8-mile project will connect EPE's Montwood Substation to the Coyote Substation.

EPE has a preferred route and two alternative routes, which are described below. Acquisition of right-of-way will be required.

Preferred Route (G)

The preferred route begins at the Montwood Substation located in the northwest corner of Section 2, Block 79, Township 3 and heads east, paralleling the north section line of Section 2, Block 79, Township 3 and existing roads for approximately 4 miles to a future substation site at Ascension Street. From this point, the line turns north and parallels Ascension Street for approximately 1.2 miles, then continues west along the south section line of Section 17, Block 78, Township 2 for approximately 0.7 mile. From this point the line heads north for approximately 1 mile through vacant land and continues 1 mile north along

Krag Street to the Coyote Substation located in the northwest quarter of Section 8, Block 78, Township 2.

Alternative Route (F)

Beginning at the Montwood Substation located in the northwest corner of Section 2, Block 79, Township 3, the route heads east, paralleling the north section line of Section 2, Block 79, Township 3, and existing roads for approximately 3 miles to a future substation site. From this point the route heads north, following an existing access road along the west section line of Section 20, Block 78, Township 2 for approximately 1 mile, then turns east along the south section line of Section 17, Block 78, Township 2 for approximately 0.3 mile. From this point the line heads north for approximately 1 mile through vacant land and continues 1 mile north along Krag Street to the Coyote Substation located in the northwest quarter of Section 8, Block 78, Township 2.

Alternative Route (H)

Beginning at the Montwood Substation located in the northwest corner of Section 2, Block 79, Township 3 the route heads east, paralleling the north section line of Section 2, Block 79, Township 3 and existing roads for approximately 4 miles to a future substation site at Ascension Street. From this point, the line turns north and parallels Ascension Street for approximately 1.6 miles, then heads west for approximately 0.7 mile. From this point the line heads north for approximately 0.6 mile through vacant land and continues 1 mile north along Krag Street to the Coyote Substation located in the northwest quarter of Section 8, Block 78, Township 2.

The estimated cost of this project is \$2,689,462.61. A map of this project may be viewed at the El Paso Electric Company office located at 123 W. Mills Street, El Paso, Texas, in Suite 295. A copy of the map may be obtained at this same location or from Lawrence Thoenen, EPE, at (915) 543-5811 or Martha A. Velasco, EPE, at (915) 543-4025.

AVISO

La compañía El Paso Electric (EPE) intenta obtener un Certificado de Necesidad (CCN) de la Comisión de Servicios Públicos de Texas (PUCT) para la construcción de una línea de transmisión de 115kV en el este del

Condado de El Paso Texas. La PUCT requiere que EPE publique un aviso en alguno de los periódicos de circulación general. **Aquellas personas con preguntas con respecto a este proyecto, deben comunicarse a la oficina de EPE al (915) 543-5811 o al (915) 543-4025. Las personas que deseen intervenir en este procedimiento o que deseen hacer algún comentario sobre esta acción, deben comunicarse con la Comisión de Servicios Públicos de Texas a la siguiente dirección, P.O. Box 13326, Austin, Texas 78711-3325 o llamar a la Comisión de Servicios Públicos al (512) 936-7120 o al (888) 782-8477. Las personas sordomudas con teléfonos de texto TTY pueden ponerse en contacto con la comisión llamando al (512) 936-7136. El último día para intervenir en este procedimiento es el día 29 de Octubre de 2001, enviando una carta solicitando intervención que deber ser recibida por la comisión para esa fecha.**

Este proyecto abarca dentro una área de 30 millas cuadradas localizado 2 millas al Este del Loop 375 en la intersección Montwood/Zaragoza. El proyecto de 7.8 millas de línea conectará a la subestación Montwood con la subestación Coyote de EPE.

EPE tiene tres rutas, una de preferencia ya dos alternativas, las cuales se describen a continuación. Se requiere adquisición de derecho de paso.

Ruta Principal (G)

La ruta principal da principio en la subestación Montwood ubicada en la esquina Noroeste de la Sección 2, Block 79, Township 3 con camino hacia el Este, paralela con la línea Norte de la Sección 2, Block 79, Township 3 y caminos existentes con una distancia de aproximadamente 4 millas hacia el lugar de la futura subestación en la calle Ascension. A partir de este punto, la línea corre hacia el Norte y paralela con la calle Ascension a una distancia de aproximadamente 1.2 millas, y luego hacia el Oeste a lo largo de la línea hacia el sur de la Sección 17, Block 78, Township 2 a una distancia de aproximadamente 0.7 millas. A partir de este punto la línea corre hacia

el Norte a una distancia de aproximadamente 1 milla pasando por un terreno baldío y continuando a una distancia de aproximadamente 1 milla hacia al Norte a lo largo de la calle Krag con dirección hacia la subestación Coyote, ubicada en la esquina Noroeste de las calles Marvin y Krag en la Sección 5, Block 78, Township 2.

Ruta Alternativa (F)

Comenzando en la subestación Montwood ubicada en la esquina Noroeste de la Sección 2, Block 79, Township 3, la ruta se dirige hacia el este paralela con la línea Norte de la Sección 2, Block 79, Township 3, y caminos existentes a una distancia de aproximadamente 3 millas del lugar de la futura Subestación una milla al Oeste de la calle Ascension. A partir de este punto, la ruta se dirige hacia el norte, siguiendo un camino de acceso en existencia a lo largo de la línea Oeste de la Sección 20, Block 78, Township 2, a una distancia de aproximadamente 1 milla, da vuelta hacia el Este a lo largo de la línea Sur de la Sección 17, Block 78, Township 2 a una distancia de aproximadamente 0.3 millas. A partir de este punto la línea se dirige hacia el Norte a una distancia de aproximadamente 1 milla pasando por un terreno baldío y continuar a una distancia de aproximadamente 1 milla hacia el Norte a lo largo de la calle Krag hacia la Subestación Coyote ubicada en la esquina Noroeste de las calles Marvin y Krag en la Sección 5, Block 78, Township 2.

Ruta Alternativa (H)

Comenzando en la subestación Montwood ubicada en la esquina Noroeste de la Sección 2, Block 79, Township 3, la ruta se dirige hacia el este paralela con la línea Norte de la Sección 2, Block 79, Township 3 y caminos existentes a una distancia de aproximadamente 4 millas hacia el lugar de la futura subestación en la calle Ascension. A partir de este punto, la línea se dirige hacia el Norte y paralela con la calle Ascension a una distancia de aproximadamente 1.6 millas, y luego hacia el Oeste a una distancia de aproximadamente 0.7 millas. A partir de este punto la línea se dirige hacia el Norte a una distancia de aproximadamente 0.6 millas pasando por un

terreno baldío y continuando a una distancia de 1 milla a lo largo de la calle Krag hacia la Subestación Coyote ubicada en la esquina Noroeste de las calles Marvin y Krag en la Sección 5, Block 78, Township 2.

El costo aproximado del proyecto es de \$2,689,462.61. Un mapa del proyecto esta disponible para consulta en la oficina de El Paso Electric, ubicada en el 123 W. Mills, El Paso, Texas, Suite 295. Si desea una copia del mapa, se puede obtener en las mismas oficinas con el Sr. Lawrence Thoenen, EPE, número de teléfono (915) 543-5811 o Martha Velasco, EPE, número de teléfono (915) 543-4025. WTCC:09/13 & 09/20/01

SOCORRO INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT Invitation to Bid/ Respond:

Sealed bids/proposals/CSP to furnish the District with the following products and/or services accepted at the following times:

DOCUMENT IMAGING II CSP NO. 199-1001-0208 MONDAY, OCT. 1, 2001, 3:30 P.M.

Proposals will be received at Business Services Dept., 12300 Eastlake Drive, until the specified times. Detailed specifications are available from the above office between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. Mondays through Fridays. WTCC-9/20/01

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FINANCIAL PLANNING SERVICES II RFP NO.199-1001-0207 MONDAY, OCT. 1, 2001, 3:00 P.M.

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Sealed bids/proposals/CSP to furnish the District with the following products and/or services accepted at the following times:

SCREENING AND COATING OF WOODEN FLOORS CSP NO. 199-0928-1091 FRIDAY, SEPT. 28, 2001, 2:30 P.M.

Proposals will be received at Business Services Dept., 12300 Eastlake Drive, until the specified times. Detailed specifications are available from the above office between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. Mondays through Fridays. WTCC-9/20/01

SOCORRO INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT Invitation to Bid/ Respond:

Sealed bids/proposals/CSP to furnish the District with the following products and/or services accepted at the following times:

BUILDING MATERIALS CSP NO. 199-0928-1087 FRIDAY, SEPT. 28, 2001, 2:00 P.M.

Proposals will be received at Business Services Dept., 12300 Eastlake Drive, until the specified times. Detailed specifications are available from the above office between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. Mondays through Fridays. WTCC-9/20/01

SOCORRO INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT Invitation to Respond:

Sealed bids for providing all labor and materials for the construction of the SISD Pre-K-5 Expandable School, Bid Packages: 02:01-125 Earthwork, 04.01-125 Retaining Rock Wall and 02.02-125 Storm Drainage System will be received at Socorro Independent School District, 12300 Eastlake Drive, El Paso, Texas 79927 until 2 p.m. Local Time, Sept. 27, 2001 at which time they will be publicly read out loud.

Bids shall be addressed to Socorro Independent

School District, all BIDS must be sealed and clearly marked as follows:

SISD PRE-K-5 EXPANDABLE: 02.01-125 EARTHWORK SISD PRE-K-5 EXPANDABLE: 04.01-125 RETAINING ROCK WALLS SISD PRE-K-5 EXPANDABLE: 02.02-125 STORM DRAINAGE SYSTEM

Bidders may obtain bid documents by contacting Urban Associates L.P. after 1 p.m., Sept. 17, 2001:

Urban Associates, L.P.
1400 Geronimo
El Paso, Texas 79925
(915) 772-8857
(Telephone)
(915) 772-8961 (Fax)

Bid Deposit is refundable, \$100 per set in the form of a cashiers check or certified check payable to Socorro Independent School District. WTCC-9/20/01

GARAGE SALES

MOVING SALE - Friday and Saturday, Sept. 28-29, 3608 Colville - PB computer w/printer and monitor, \$300 OBO. File cabinets, four drawer, \$18 each. Three metal shelves, \$50 for all three. Desk w/chair, \$45 OBO. Oreck vaccum, excellent condition, including shop vac, only \$150. Desk chair with caster, \$35. Book cases with two shelves, wood, \$35. Many other items, 50¢ and up. 852-2172.

HELP WANTED

The TORNILLO WATER SUPPLY CORPORATION is currently taking applications for a full charge bookkeeping/finance officer. Applications and information can be obtained by writing Tornillo Water Supply Corp., P.O. Box 136, Tornillo, Texas or by calling (915) 764-2966. The positions will remain open until filled. The Tornillo Water Supply Corporation is an Equal Opportunity Employer. WTCC-9/20/01

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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 Horizon Blvd., Horizon City, sesiones lunes a sábado a 8 de la tarde. Informacion: 859-0484.*

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**Palestinian school
Many around the world mourn tragedy in America**

WORLD — While Americans have been inundated with the sights and sounds of our nation in mourning, incredible scenes of empathy and caring have been taking place around the world. We were not alone.

A very unique website on the internet, posted by someone identified simply as "Ryan," has been inundated with e-mailed photos — some with credits, some without — as soon as the public became aware the website was a gathering place.

The site, at <http://www.plur.net/thankyou/>, is a series of stunning photographs, illustrating expressions of concern, remembrance and sympathy from around the world — Japan, Tel Aviv, Belgium, Germany, Palestine, Kosovo, and many more. Essential viewing for anyone with access.

The following are only a tiny selection and are presented here with full credit given to the individual photographers and appreciation to Ryan for providing such an extraordinary compilation.



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Briefs

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staff and faculty participated in a memorial service for the victims of Tuesday's tragedies. The AHS Band and the NJROTC led the event which also observed a minute of silence. Numerous other Socorro ISD campuses honored the victims and showed national solidarity with a variety of events. Those included thank you notes sent to the rescuers from Elfida P. Chavez Elementary; cards from Robert R. Rojas Elementary; Montwood High School holding a patriotism rally Friday morning; Montwood Middle sending cards to New York and holding a commemorative service; and special lessons in tolerance and respect being taught at Hueco Elementary.

Most of the national park system's 384 areas have resumed normal operations. Chamizal National Memorial, El Paso's National Park is open. Daily hours are 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. The National Park Service has increased security at park sites around the nation and especially at those places that serve as icons of America's heritage. These ac-

tions are being taken to assure public safety and to protect the places America treasures. "We encourage everyone to draw inspiration from our greatest national treasures, and let them serve as reminders that this nation will endure and prosper," Secretary of the Interior Gale Norton concluded.

In other news

Canutillo Independent School District has scheduled a series of Parent-Teacher conferences for Sept. 25 through Sept. 27. Conferences scheduled are:

- Tuesday, Sept. 25 — Canutillo High School, from 1:30 to 8 p.m., (CHS students only will be released at 12:30 p.m.).
- Wednesday, Sept. 26 — Canutillo Middle School, from 1 to 7 p.m., (CMS students only will be released at 12:30 p.m.).
- Thursday, Sept. 27 — Canutillo, Childress, Damian, Davenport Elementary Schools, from 1 to 7 p.m., (Elementary schools students only will be released at 12:30 p.m.).

All District students and instructional staff will be released early, Friday, Sept. 28. For more information, contact the individual campuses.

NOTICE: In response to a *Courier* article last week about a re-

cent Socorro City Council meeting in which citizens alleged that there was a drive-by shooting at Socorro High School, a Socorro High School spokesman says that there was no shooting. The spokesman said the school had fielded several calls from the public in relation to the article, in which several citizens complained to Socorro City Council about what they perceived as a lack of professional performance by the Socorro Police Chief during the alleged event.

The Trans-Pecos Counseling Association hold its annual membership drive and back to school mixer at Forti's Restaurant, 321 Chelsea Street, on Friday, Sept. 21, 5-8 pm. The new TPCA Board will be introduced — a cash bar and free hors d'oeuvres will be provided. For information contact TPCA president, Charlie Guerra, 872-3940 or membership director, Gerald Gamez, 872-3936.

Navy Seaman Omar Avila, son of Carmen and Oscar Avila of Fabens, recently participated in the commissioning of the amphibious assault ship USS Iwo Jima, homeported in Norfolk, Virginia. Avila is a 1999 graduate of Fabens High School. He joined the Navy in July of that year.

Donation fund to help NY rescuers underway by HCFD and HCPD

HORIZON CITY — In a joint effort, the Horizon City Fire Department (HCFD) and the Horizon City Police Department (HCPD) will be collecting donations to help aid the families of the fallen rescue workers in New York. Donations are tax deductible and will benefit the survivors of the NY Fire Department, Police, and EMS workers.

To donate to the Firefighters Fund, make checks payable to the New York Fire 9-11 Relief Fund

To donate to the Police Fund, make checks payable to the New York Fraternal Order of Police Fund

Checks may be mailed to the administrative office of the Ho-

rizon City Fire Department at: Horizon City Fire Department, Attn: Relief Funds, c/o Michelle Farley, 14151 Nunda, Horizon City, Texas 79928

All donations will be mailed certified to the Relief Funds. If you would like to mail your donation directly to the Relief Funds contact Michelle Farley at 852-3204 mb.5 for address information. If you have any other questions, contact Farley or Officer David Ornelas with the HCFD.

On Oct. 6, 2001 the HCFD will also be hosting an Open House to kick-off Fire Prevention Week. The HCPD will also be in attendance and donations may be dropped off at this time.

Write stuff

Dear Editor:

This writer has been a frequent critic of the *Courier* editorial policy. In spite of this, the valuable contributions to our community by the *Courier* have always been recognized and this writer never misses an issue. It's the only source of information on community activities available. The publisher should be recognized and appreciated

by all of us.

I am particularly impressed with the "One Perspective" column written by Francis Shrum. It is refreshing and educational to all readers. This writer particularly looks forward with pleasant anticipation to each week's meaningful contribution to the community by this column. Francis, your thoughtful preparation of this column is worthy of special recognition. Thanks.

**Karl Schairer
Horizon City**

It just was not a week for sports

By Steve Escajeda
Special to the Courier

I had my cup of coffee and bagel the way I do most every morning. I dropped off my wife and kids at the school where she teaches and they attend class. I kissed them all good-bye and told them that I loved them and I wished them a good day...like I do everyday.

When I got to work at about 7:30 a.m., I went straight to my computer to start the day.

The first thing I did was type the date at the top of my document...September 11, 2001.

A co-worker strolled in at about 8 a.m. and told me a totally ridiculous story about two planes that had just slammed into each of the World Trade Center towers.

Naturally, I thought he was pulling my leg but I soon saw by the look in his eyes that he wasn't joking. We ran to the TV down the hall and I must admit, I couldn't believe what I was watching.

The island of Manhattan in New York City was on fire. If that wasn't enough, chills ran down my spine as I heard about another airliner that has smashed into the Pentagon. Then we got the news that yet another plane had just crashed in Pennsylvania.

My co-worker and I looked at each other and uttered almost simultaneously, "what the heck is happening?"

Very quickly my shock, sadness and disbelief soon turned to anger when it was reported that these were all hijacked airliners.

I haven't been able to turn away from the TV in the days since the horrible attack on America on that now infamous date of September 11, 2001.

I must admit I haven't broken down and cried concerning the incident but it's only because I've had to stay strong for my wife and children, but it hasn't been easy...I've come close on many occasions.

But let's not forget that this, of course, is a weekly sports column. A lot of my life revolves around sports.

Along with this column, I cover high school football on KROD radio and I cover UTEP football and basketball for the Associated Press and early last week I wasn't sure if I would work over last weekend.

Before it was decided that all El Paso high school football games would be canceled and the UTEP-Texas Tech game was called off, my initial reaction was that the games should be

played to show the rest of the world that the USA was united and would not be forced to change its routines.

But I must say that as the week went on I felt my heart changing. I didn't feel like celebrating a Miner victory or listening to any high school fight songs.

How in the world could I attend a sporting event? New York and Washington D.C. weren't all that was attacked last week, my country...the United States of America was attacked!

So the decision of the NFL and the NHL, NASCAR, the PGA, boxing, tennis and all the major sports leagues not to play last weekend was the right decision and, really, the *only* decision.

Because sports is about fun and games. It's only a small piece of life. And in the large scale of things, sports are totally insignificant when compared to life, health, family, and death.

But the question still remains, what to do now?

People have said over the years that this country has become fat, dumb, lazy and disrespectful. And to an extent, I'm sorry to say that they are right but it's only because this generation had never come up against any real threat so close to home, unlike their fathers and grandfathers.

Well, all that has changed and I believe this generation will respond the way their predecessors did 50-60 years ago because very plainly...they have to.

What I have witnessed in the days after the terror of last Tuesday has given me renewed hope in America and beyond.

What these terrorists attempted to do was to bring America to its knees, but what they actually accomplished was bring the United States — no, actually, bring most of the world — together in a collective effort against terrorism.

Like the reverend Billy Graham said during the National Day of Prayer last Friday, "This event could have torn us apart but it has united us and we have become a family."

It shouldn't have to, but maybe something like this will help bring the world a little closer and I think it has.

I just hope this feeling of togetherness, along with the memory of those who lost their lives in the attack, are not forgotten in a couple of months like Americans are prone to do.

I know I'll never forget those images.

I'll return to sports next week, today, I wanted to write about something really important.



Horizon City establishes animal nuisance laws, revises sign ordinance

By Arleen Beard
Special to the Courier

HORIZON CITY — Horizon City Mayor Pat Randleel and Town Council decided to hold the regularly scheduled meeting on Sept. 11, 2001, despite the terror that struck America earlier that day.

One specific item on the agenda was to hold a public hearing for the second reading of Ordinance No. 0015, establishing animal nuisance regulations.

There was no public input during the hearing, therefore, Council unanimously approved the ordinance. The following are a few of the regulations the ordinance provides.

Animal nuisance shall mean a public nuisance created within the corporate limits of Horizon City by the following acts or omissions of animal owners:

- The keeping of an animal in such a manner, whereby the animal is not restrained and repeatedly roams at large on public or private property.
- The keeping of an animal which causes frequent or long continued barking, howling, crowing, meowing, or whining in such a man-

ner, with such intensity, or with such continued duration, so as to annoy, distress or disturb the quiet comfort of repose of persons of normal nervous sensibilities within the vicinity of hearing thereof;

• The keeping of an animal or failure of an animal owner or keeper to prevent an animal from biting or injuring, without provocation, any animal or person.

For a complete description of the ordinance and its regulations, contact Horizon City Town Hall. Violation of any part of the ordinance is a misdemeanor and each occurrence is a separate violation — punishable by a fine of not more than \$2000.

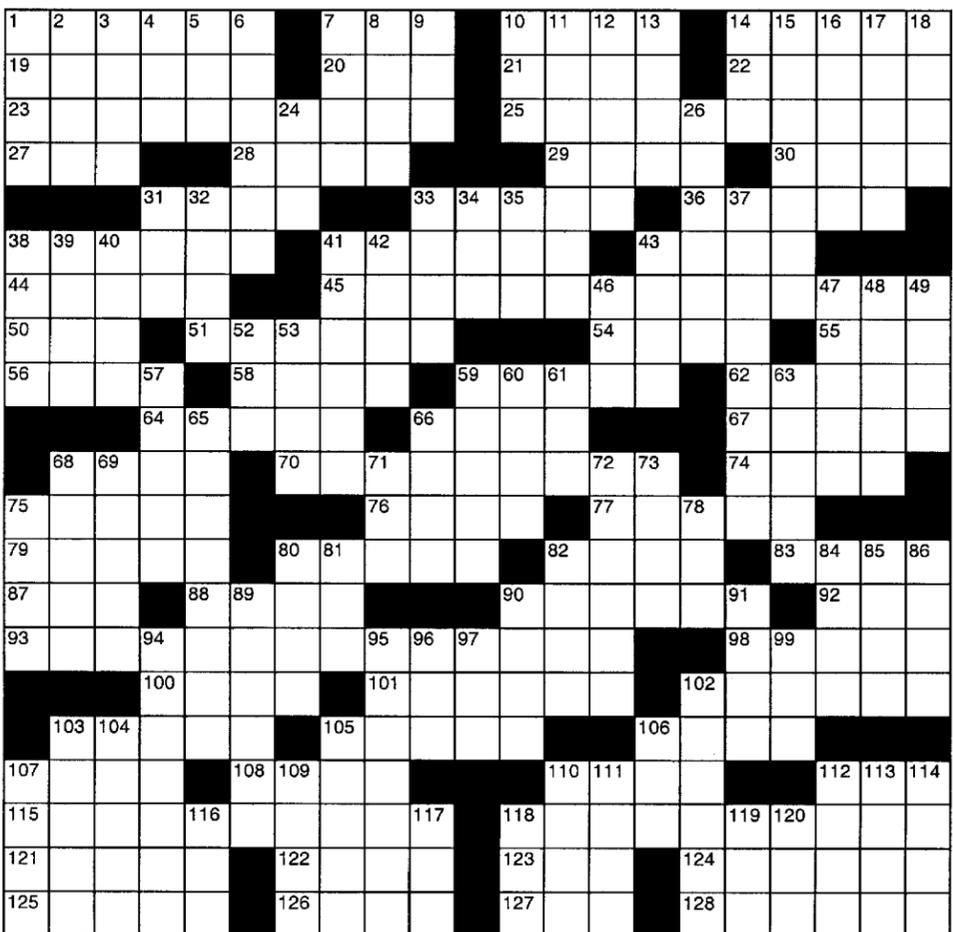
Council also conducted another public hearing to authorize the collection of property taxes and setting the tax rate for FY 2001-2002. There was no public input and members of Council unanimously approved Ordinance No. 0097.

There was also a revision on the sign ordinance (No. 0091). The revision allows for a maximum of three signs announcing garage sales as opposed to the previous ordinance that only allowed one. — however, anyone placing signs must obtain a permit. There is no fee for the permit. Another revision on the sign ordinance mandates that all political signs must be removed within 24 hours after the election.

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The bare facts of farming

By Don Flood

By now, you've probably heard about the naked man strolling around town on Camano Island, in Washington State.

A sheriff's deputy asked why he was walking around naked, and he said he just felt like it.

Nothing odd here. This is, after all, the West Coast.

The officer then asked what he did for a living.

"I grow marijuana," Naked Man answered helpfully.

Again, this part is perfectly understandable.

We obviously have an honest citizen here, simply trying to respond truthfully to questions from a law enforcement official.

Naked Man then asked the officer if he could help harvest his marijuana crop.

I have to admit, Naked Man might be on shaky ground here, but perhaps he thought that modern, public relations-minded police forces extended this kind of courtesy service. (Or perhaps he was from California.)

So that didn't surprise me much either.

The officer politely declined but asked if he could see the operation.

Naked Man said sure and brought the officer to his shed, explaining the finer points of marijuana cultivation.

The officer, naturally, was interested and decided to bring back some fellow officers to seize Naked Man's crops and farming equipment.

And Naked Man? He helped load the stuff up.

I mean, why not?

He's just a helpful guy.

No, nothing that Naked Man did or said that day really surprised me.

It was what his wife said that I couldn't get over.

The deputies asked Naked Man's wife if she knew about her husband's successful agribusiness operation.

(He reportedly told police in a written statement, "I grow marijuana for fun and profit, to support myself and my family, to help bring us a better life." You'd think the guy was an Amway distributor!)

No, she said, she never went to the shed where he grew marijuana because — AND THIS IS THE PART I COULD NOT BELIEVE — that was where he practiced his yo-yo!

His yo-yo!

His wife didn't bother him because he had to practice his yo-yo!

What man hasn't looked forward to an apparently clear day on his cal-

endar, only to find his helpful wife waiting with something that had to be done that day — like re-shingling the roof?

(OK, so I haven't re-shingled the roof, but I have cleaned out the garage and the attic and handled various manly projects around the house.)

But not Naked Man

He has solved the problem of the ages.

You simply tell your wife, "Sorry, dear, I have to practice my yo-yo. It'll probably be most of the day."

And she never disturbed him! Imagine their conversations:

"Dear, could you help me with some things around the house today?"

"Sorry, honey, I was planning to practice my yo-yo today."

Obviously the man's a genius — at getting out of work, if not in the legal department.

Of course, it could be that Naked Man really isn't that smart.

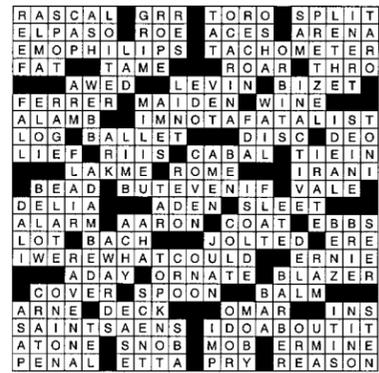
It could be that Naked Man's wife was sampling too much of her husband's agricultural output. Must have been some potent stuff.

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School

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thumbs-up by local and area dignitaries. State Rep. Manny Najera was



on hand, as were officials from several other school districts, Region XIX, and Baines Construction Co. which built the facility.

The school currently serves 252 students, and is only one phase of Tornillo ISD's continuing district facility upgrade and construction program.

The district is set to begin a massive project in January of 2002 in which several other projects on the drawing board will begin simultaneously. Those projects include classrooms and a Career/Technology Building for Tornillo High School, new classrooms at the Middle School, and a new cafeteria at Tornillo Elementary.

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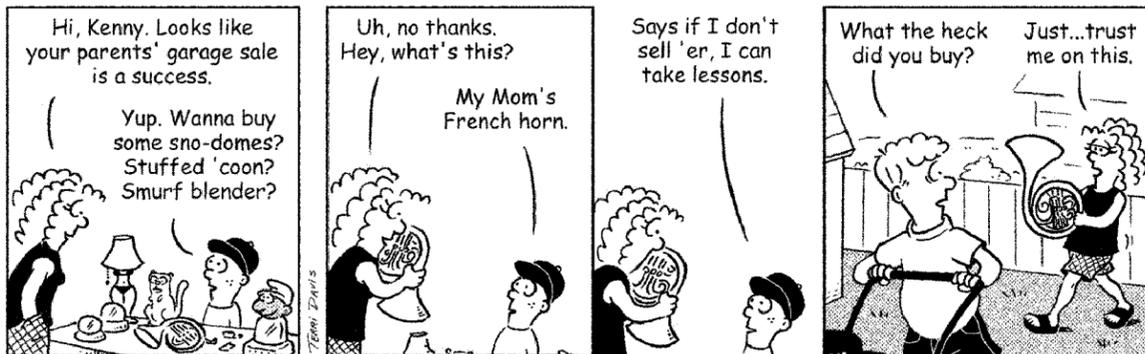
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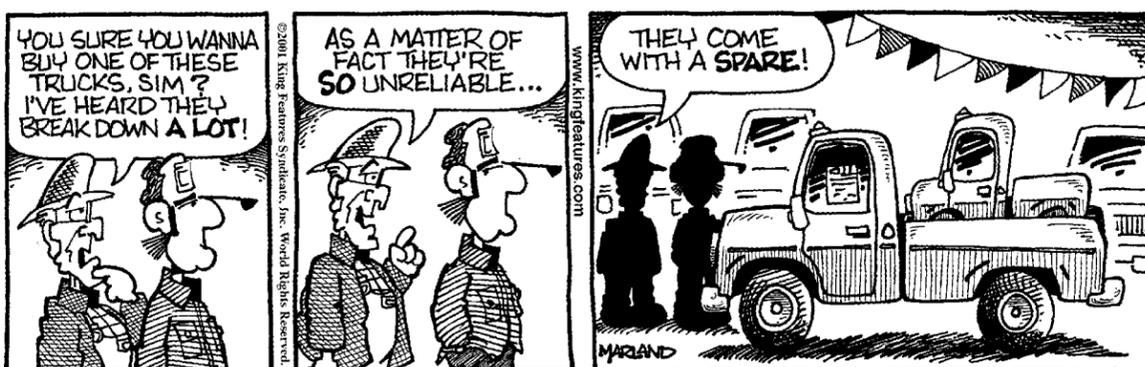
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Contract #719781

North Loop Acres, Delip Subdivision, Bagge Subdivision and Quail Mesa Road

The City of Socorro will hold a public hearing on Thursday, September 20, 2001, at 6:30 p.m. in relation to the completion of the Texas Community Development Program Contract No. 719781. The meeting will be held at Socorro City Hall, 124 S. Horizon Blvd., Socorro, Texas 79927. This project, funded by the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs, improvements to poor road conditions in the North Loop Acres, Delip and Bagge Subdivision. These activities benefited seven hundred thirty-five (735) persons. This contract also provided a water line service to ten (10) households along Quail Mesa Road, which benefited 44 individuals. The purpose of this public hearing is to solicit input and participation of all citizens and in particular those who benefited from this program. Discussion of the completed activities will include the location of the projects, general cost and project benefits. Persons unable to attend this meeting may submit their views regarding these project to the office of the Mayor, Socorro, City Hall, 124 S. Horizon., Socorro, Texas 79927.

Persons with disabilities that wish to attend this meeting should contact City Hall, (915) 858-2915, to arrange for assistance. Individuals who require auxiliary aids or services for this meeting should contact City Hall at least two days before the meeting so the appropriate arrangements can be made.

The City of Socorro promotes Fair Housing/Affirmative Action and Equal Employment Opportunity.

WTCC: 09/20/01

Limited time offers

EL PASO COUNTY — Registrations are now being taken for the Centennial Museum's popular native plant landscaping classes, SunSCAPE. This six-week course meets on Tuesdays, 6:00-9:00 pm at the Centennial Museum at the corner of Wiggins Road and University Avenue on the UTEP campus. Registration is \$40.00 per person. Class is limited to the first 25 participants to register. For more information call Genny Mooser, Museum educator at 747-6665 or the Museum Reception Desk at 747-5565. Elevator access is available through the glass doors off

University Avenue.

Master Classes in guitar, mandolin, harmony, songwriting and traditional Mexican music will be offered for the first time during the upcoming Chamizal Festival in early October to area students, professionals and festival participants, according to Virginia Ness, Festival Coordinator for Chamizal National Memorial.

While the classes will be presented free-of-charge, pre-registration is required and space is limited. Students should plan on bringing their own instruments to class. Individuals or groups may register at the Memorial, 800 South San Marcial, El Paso, in person or by calling 915 532-7273.

Teacher

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going to learn that first year," Saenz said. "I just soaked up everything that came along."

Emi Gonzalez, Director of Special Education for the district, was ecstatic after hearing the news.

"He's (Saenz) got all the skills to be successful," Gonzalez said. "He's got the respect of his students, the parents and fellow teachers. Not only are we improving as a district, but to have this honor is a wonderful compliment to our district."

Saenz was given \$500 cash for his accomplishment and will now have a shot at being a finalist for the state Teacher of the Year competition.

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SEVEN-DAY FORECAST FOR EL PASO

WEDNESDAY	WED. NIGHT	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY
							
Mostly sunny and warm; a breezy p.m.	Clear.	Sunny and warm; a breezy p.m.	Sunny and warm.	Sunny to partly cloudy.	Sun and some clouds.	Sun and some clouds.	Sun and some clouds.
▲ 88°	▼ 62°	▲ 90° ▼ 62°	▲ 88° ▼ 62°	▲ 86° ▼ 62°	▲ 86° ▼ 60°	▲ 88° ▼ 62°	▲ 82° ▼ 56°

UV INDEX Statistics for noon.

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

Wednesday	9	Very High
Thursday	9	Very High
Friday	9	Very High
Saturday	8	High
Sunday	8	High
Monday	8	High
Tuesday	8	High

REAL FEEL TEMP™

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

Wednesday	85°
Thursday	85°
Friday	83°
Saturday	83°
Sunday	83°
Monday	81°
Tuesday	80°

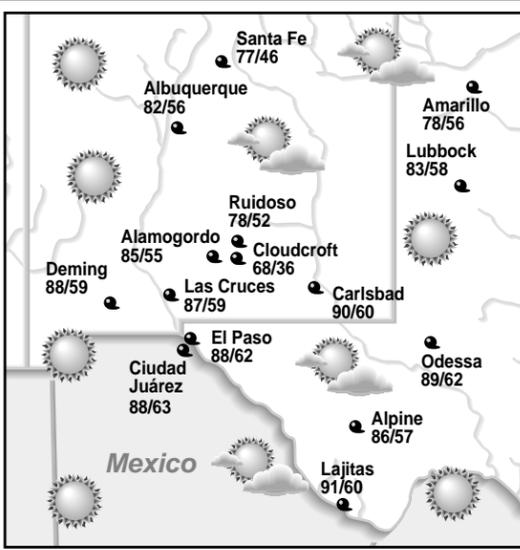
AGRICULTURE

A drier, westerly flow will kick in today and remain in place for a few days. This will lower the humidity and keep West Texas warm. Sunshine will average nearly 8 hours during the next few days with an afternoon breeze kicking in.

TEXAS WEATHER

Anthony	88	62
Canutillo	89	63
Clint	87	63
E. Montana	88	62
Fabens	87	63
Horizon	89	63
San Elizario	86	60
Socorro	87	61
Tornillo	87	62
Vinton	89	63

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



TRAVELERS CITIES

City	Wed. Hi/Lo/W	Thur. Hi/Lo/W	Fri. Hi/Lo/W	Sat. Hi/Lo/W	Sun. Hi/Lo/W
Albuquerque	82/56/s	82/57/s	80/57/pc	80/55/pc	78/56/s
Atlanta	82/65/pc	79/63/r	80/63/pc	80/63/s	81/63/s
Atlantic City	78/61/s	77/62/c	76/60/sh	75/60/c	75/59/sh
Austin/San Antonio	92/70/s	89/68/pc	88/67/pc	89/68/pc	87/68/s
Baltimore	78/62/pc	80/62/c	80/60/sh	80/60/pc	76/57/sh
Boston	66/57/pc	70/59/c	73/59/sh	73/58/c	72/57/c
Chicago	66/56/r	70/54/c	72/54/pc	70/50/pc	71/54/c
Dallas/Ft. Worth	88/70/t	88/68/s	88/67/s	85/66/pc	87/66/s
Denver	80/46/s	80/46/s	78/44/s	73/55/c	77/54/pc
Flagstaff	70/40/s	71/41/pc	72/42/pc	69/39/pc	69/39/s
Houston	92/71/pc	90/69/pc	88/66/pc	87/65/s	89/65/s
Kansas City	70/53/c	78/58/s	78/58/s	75/56/pc	77/57/c
Las Vegas	97/68/s	97/68/s	95/68/s	95/68/s	91/68/s
Miami	89/76/pc	88/76/r	87/75/r	87/76/sh	87/76/sh
Minneapolis	66/54/c	70/52/pc	70/50/sh	66/46/c	66/52/s
New Orleans	86/72/pc	89/70/s	88/69/s	87/71/s	88/72/s
New York City	76/62/pc	76/64/c	76/62/sh	78/60/pc	75/61/sh
Philadelphia	78/62/pc	80/62/c	78/60/sh	80/60/pc	77/60/sh
Phoenix	100/75/s	102/75/s	102/75/s	100/73/s	97/75/s
Portland	74/51/s	76/53/s	76/55/pc	69/53/r	70/52/c
San Francisco	72/56/pc	70/56/pc	68/54/pc	68/54/pc	75/57/s
Seattle	68/51/pc	70/53/pc	68/55/sh	64/51/r	63/51/sh
Tucson	96/68/s	95/68/s	93/68/s	94/67/s	93/66/s
Washington, DC	78/64/pc	80/64/c	80/62/r	80/62/pc	76/62/sh

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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