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## NEWSBRIEFS

### Enviro info available

Want to know more about El Paso County's environmental status? A new website which debuted Dec. 4, gives detailed information about this sixth most populated county in Texas including:

- Our projected water use will increase by 36 percent by 2020
  - We rank seventh in the state in the amount of hazardous waste we generate
  - We rank fifth in the number of state superfund sites
  - We also rank seventh in the number of leaking underground storage tanks
- The site, found at [www.texasep.org](http://www.texasep.org), is produced by the Texas Environmental Profiles to provide a resource for anyone interested in important everyday information such as local air pollution levels, which is updated hourly, according to Molly Stevens of Environmental Defense Texas. In addition to the provision of environmental information — air and water quality, land use, wildlife and more — the site also allows visitors to enter discussion forums, report local pollution problems, volunteer in their communities, contact elected officials and obtain access to public records.

### Stranger danger

The students of Escontrias Early Childhood Center in the Socorro school district will be given much-needed information during a program to be presented Dec. 13-14 in each classroom by law enforcement officers including Socorro City Marshal Joe Ramirez. Entitled "Stranger Danger," all 450 students will learn what to do when approached by strangers, according to Counselor Mary Harder.

### No dog voodoo

The Clint police department said a dog-killing incident in Clint on Nov. 25 did not have any relation to Satanic rituals as hinted by subsequent El Paso media reports. It was related, however, to agriculture economics. Officials said the dogs were killed by the owner of the property on whose fence they were found hanging because the owner had already suffered some \$2,500 loss due to loose dogs killing his pigs.

### In other news

■ The El Paso City-County Nutrition Program, which has locations in Canutillo, Clint, Fabens, Montana Vista, San Elizario and Socorro as well as numerous centers in the city of El Paso, has announced their holiday closure dates. Nutrition Program Director Rafael Reyes said the centers will close on Dec. 24, 25 and 31 in 2001 and Jan. 1 of 2002. He said the Centers will resume their regular schedules on Jan. 2.

■ The Alta Vista Club, assisted by Mr. and Mrs. Joe Alvarado, Chuy Alvarado and the West Texas Council on Alcohol and Drug Abuse, provided some 22 migrant families residing in the Clint area with a complete turkey dinner on Thanksgiving. The Clint High School Student Council and the National Honor Society

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*No one can grow by allowing others to make their decisions.*

— Quips and Quotes

## Canutillo ISD marks 'beginning of new era'

By Don Woodyard  
Courier Staff Writer

CANUTILLO — Yesterday, today and tomorrow came together last Friday as the Canutillo ISD held an open house to showcase its new central administration building and mark the "beginning of a new era" for the district.

The spacious administrative complex, formerly the Sahara sportswear building at 7965 Arcraft Road, that consolidates various support services under one roof. District offices were previously located on Bosque Road and later in the old Canutillo Elementary School.

"This is a new era of academic achievement and facilities planning," says Alfredo Vasquez, Canutillo ISD's public

information officer. He points out that the district enters the new era with "lots of firsts" — a new building with a new boardroom, a Recognized School District and also with the state's Superintendent of the Year, Charles Hart.

Hart's honor was marked in a Congressional Record entry from the office of U.S. Rep. Silvestre Reyes and a state legislative resolu-

tion from Rep. Joe Pickett.

Pickett said he can now go around and brag about Hart whom he said was referred to as the "Hart of Canutillo," in a play on words. He told the 150 gathered for the event not to be silent, not to be afraid to proclaim the district's achievement. Along the line of not being quiet, he jokingly suggested the board might pull the

fire alarm located directly behind the board members' seats.

Pickett pointed out he had two copies of the state resolution. One is for the district and the other is for Hart to place on the dashboard of his car.

The open house that featured staff presentations and campus displays on the yesterday, today and tomorrow theme.

"We are here to celebrate the academic achievements

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— Photo by Alfredo Vasquez

**CUT THE RIBBON** — Canutillo ISD Board of Trustees do the honors. Shown from left Linda Samples, Yvonne S. Sanchez, Mago Arellano, Joe Villarreal, Jose H. Damian, Laure Searls, Superintendent Charles Hart, and Carl Fietze.

## Men honored for community contributions County educator recognized

HORIZON — His long, friendly shadow was first cast over the educational systems in the El Paso area in 1951, as Landis M. Curlee began a career in education that spanned 35 years, seven area school districts, and three superintendencies.

The veteran educator has since been honored with his own day by the Horizon City Town Council, and a prominent street in a new Horizon development has been named in his honor.

Dec. 13 this year is the one-year anniversary of the proclamation of "Landis Curlee Day" in Horizon, honoring the years of community service by Curlee.

Born in Ben Hur, Texas in June

of 1924, he graduated from Ben Hur High School in 1942 and obtained a BS degree from Abilene Christian College before heading for El Paso County. He later earned a Masters at UTEP.

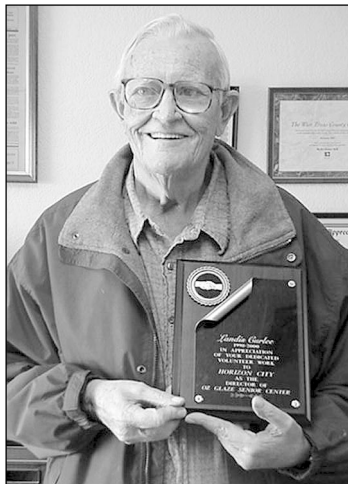
He started teaching at Clint

High School in 1951. Since then he has also either taught or been an administrator in the Tornillo, Ft. Hancock, Socorro, San Elizario and Ysleta school districts.

He is a past superintendent of Socorro ISD, Ft. Hancock ISD, and San Elizario ISD.

Over the years he taught

everything in high school from



**Landis Curlee, with his award for community service.**

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## First annual Bill Newkirk award presented by El Paso Hotel/Motel Association

EL PASO COUNTY — The contributions of the late Bill Newkirk will not soon be forgotten, she said.

Cane recounted many of the good times he shared with his friend, who was formerly Executive Director of the EPHMA for a number of years. Cane said Newkirk served "with his usual mixture of political savvy, great wit and humor that would always make others smile and laugh."

In addition to his WWII military service in the pacific theater, his swimming accomplishments and his service to the community of Horizon City where he lived in his later years, Newkirk was also co-founder with historian Leon Metz of the popular promotional program Discover El Paso.

The award was presented by Richard Cane, EPHMA vice-president, with special guest of honor, Mrs. Vickie Newkirk.

"I am very honored to be here, and that Bill's spirit is with all of



**Bill Newkirk**

## Names of 9-11 victims personalize luminarias along Mission Trail

By Michelle J. Brown  
Special to the Courier

EL PASO COUNTY — As the 9th Annual Luminaria Holiday Festival approaches on Saturday, Dec. 15, organizers at El Paso Mission Trail Association are completing the personalized luminarias for the 9-11 terrorist attack.

About 3,565 of the more than 30,000 candlelit brown paper lanterns will have victims' names, when available, and be specially designated with red, white and blue ribbons.

Dedicating the 2001 event to the September

11 tragedy victims, organizers encourage residents and visitors to walk or ride along this Socorro Road route on Dec. 15 from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. to pay tribute to those who perished.

Visitors are encouraged to attend the posadas and candle-lighting ceremonies at the following locations:

- Senor Nacho's restaurant, 9173 Socorro Road, 6 p.m.
- San Elizario Placita, 6 p.m.
- Mission Socorro, 328 S. Nevarez, 7 p.m.

Each December, the luminarias line 8.5 miles of historic trail in El Paso's Mission Valley, home of two missions and a presidio chapel

dating back to the 1680s.

"We have made every effort to include as many victim names as possible from the World Trade Center, Pentagon and Pennsylvania hijacking attacks," said Mary Davis, executive director of the non-profit El Paso Mission Trail Association, founded in 1988 to preserve, promote and educate people about the 300-year-old missions and chapel. She presented the idea of listing the attack victims on the luminarias to her board of directors, who believes the remembrance project is a way for the El Paso community to

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# One perspective

By Francis Shrum

## The evil that men do

The face plastered almost as large as life on the front page of the paper is so benign. He looks like he could be anybody's uncle, cousin, brother.

In a recent article I blasted away at our inability to find the "demented person" who stole the life and future of five-year-old Alexandra Flores. Then we did, apparently, find him. And he looks like us.

A face that could easily beguile a child to follow.

There are reportedly almost 600 or so registered sex offenders living in the El Paso area. They have to register with local law enforcement because of "Megan's Law," which was prompted by the horrible demise of a young girl at the hands of a convicted sex criminal.

There are more than a few such offenders residing within rock-throwing distance of Horizon City, at the El Paso Intermediate Sanctions facility. According to published reports, David Renteria was one of them for half a year.

According to the local news, he is 32 years old. He worked at Lowe's Home Improvement Center. He has a van.

He also has a conviction for molesting a six-year-old in 1992. He has had three drunk-driving convictions since then, each of which violated terms of his probation and could have sent him back to prison — but didn't.

Law enforcement makes an attempt to oversee these sex offenders who have either "paid their debt to society" — a contradiction in terms in this context — or have managed to get released on parole or probation. The officers have an impossible job. News reports say a probation officer visited Renteria at his home the day after Alexandra disappeared, reporting everything appeared as usual.

The officer said there were no visible signs in Renteria to connect him

to the horror that had been perpetrated a scant few hours before.

Incredibly, the Probation Department did recommend that Renteria's probation be revoked and that he go to prison for 20 years following his third DWI incident — but their request never made it to the presiding judge, David Guaderrama. The District Attorney's prosecutor felt the court would have turned it down, published reports say.

The violation of a child is not a crime for which society can ever be "paid." And it has, regrettably, been proven again — and again — that people who violate children do so repeatedly, with increasing ferocity, and there is apparently no remedy for their behavior.

At best it can be "managed."

The mindset that allowed Renteria to defy all the laws of civilization and moral conscience by violating a child was clearly illustrated by his willingness to violate drunk-driving laws. Driving drunk means he was willing to endanger innocent lives on the road.

I have to wonder why the law didn't step in.

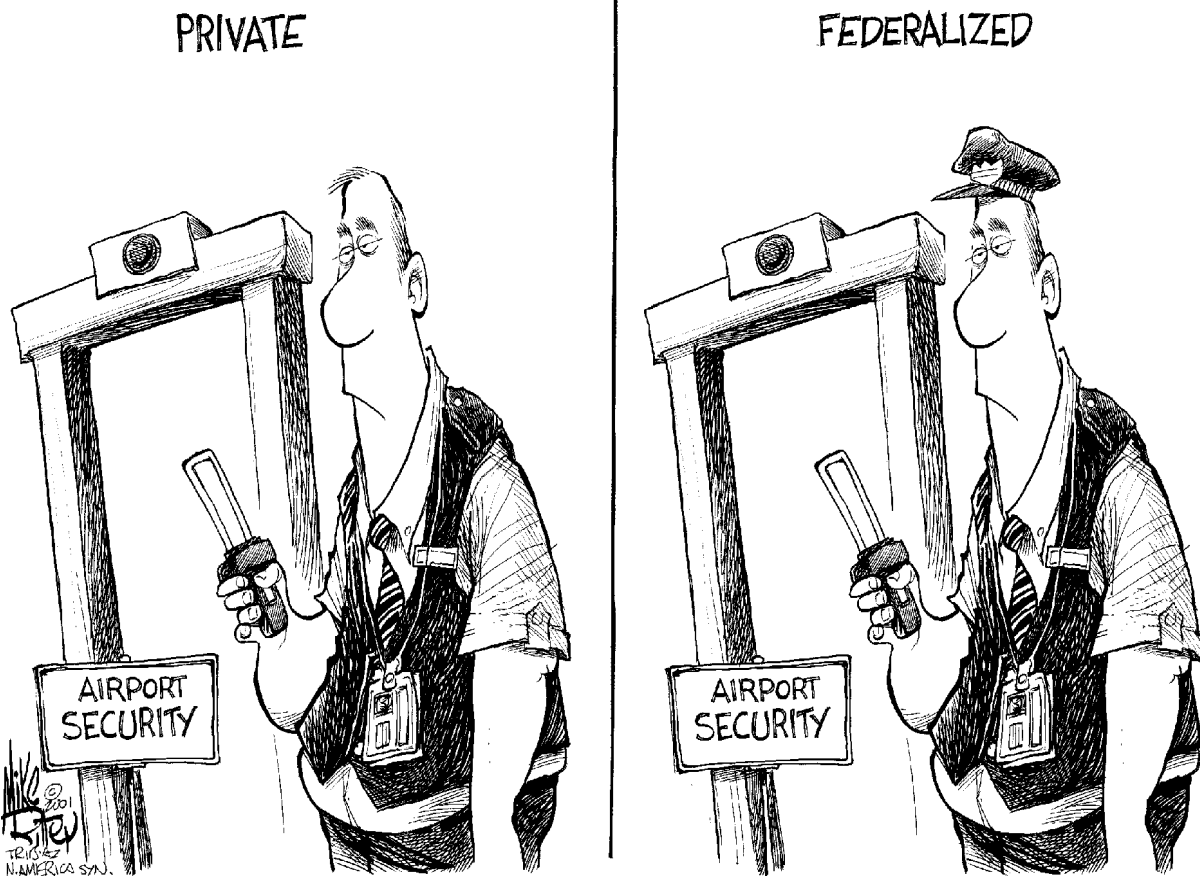
I know that the carriage of human justice is far from an exact science, but the victims of countless other such incidents — including Megan Kanka, Dena Lynn Gore, and Adam Walsh — bear witness that those who would violate children should be quarantined like a deadly disease.

What I am going to say next is not an indictment of the family of Alexandra Flores. My heart goes out to them and I am so dreadfully sorry for the terrible loss with which they must now live.

What I am going to say next is for the rest of us, for those whose daughters and sons are still healthy, whole and in our care.

Please watch them. Know where they are every minute. Teach them to stay near, to stay in the light.

Because the evil is out there. The evil that men do.



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

## A letter from home



As our nation fights the War on Terrorism, we place our lives and liberties in the hands of the brave men and women fighting on the front lines. These individuals risk

their lives every day to preserve our freedom and safety. While we attend holiday parties and decorate our trees, our troops find themselves alone in foreign territory. Now, more than ever, it is paramount that we rally behind our troops and show our support.

When I think of our troops away from home over the holiday season, I am reminded of a story I heard many years ago. During the Vietnam War, Sgt. Billy Thompson sent a simple holiday request to news columnist Abigail Van Buren. He suggested that "just a letter from home" would make a wonderful Christmas present. This resulted in the holiday letter writing campaign called "Operation Dear Abby."

For 17 years, American citizens sent letters and cards to servicemen deployed away from home. These cards served to boost morale and spread holiday cheer to thousands of military personnel.

Many years later, during Operation Desert Storm, a new letter-writing campaign was born. Rather than focus only on the holiday season, "Any Servicemember" aimed to promote troops morale year round. During operations in Bosnia, the campaign continued to grow and brought joy to many members of armed services.

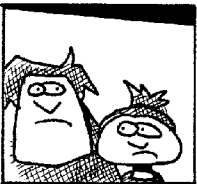
Unfortunately, recent threats of Anthrax and biological warfare, have made delivering large amounts of mail to our troops unsafe. The Department of Defense was forced to announce that both of these highly successful campaigns would be indefinitely suspended. In the midst of a new kind of war, we must find new means of supporting our servicemen and women.

In light of these events, the Navy created a web-based alternative to traditional letter-writing campaigns. The new "Any Servicemember" web site, provides a simple system to send e-mail greetings to our troops. Anyone wishing a reply to their message, need only to include a return e-mail address. This simple process allows those sending the message to chose any branch of the military to send their greetings. While our troops will miss the brightly-colored envelopes and picturesque cards, they are excited about the convenience of e-mail.

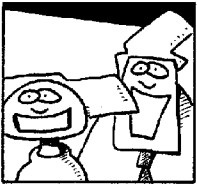
As our troops face new challenges, we must demonstrate the true conviction for our armed services. Each person must do their part to help boost the morale of those who will not be home for the holidays. I urge each of you to participate in this thoughtful and patriotic campaign. It will take only a few minutes, but think of the joy it will bring to these very special and admirable men and women.

For more information about the Navy's "Any Servicemember" campaign visit [www.anyservicemember.navy.mil](http://www.anyservicemember.navy.mil).



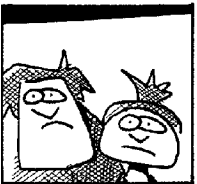


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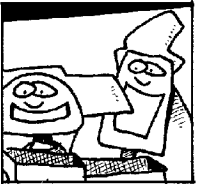


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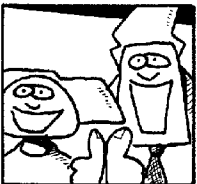
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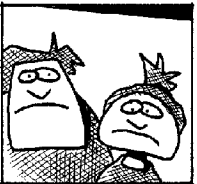
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BAD CITIZENS USED TO BE CONSIDERED GOOD CITIZENS.



GOOD CITIZENS USED TO BE CONSIDERED BAD CITIZENS.





## View from the porch

By Linda Mussehl

# Tip's tips

Hey, can I help it if I'm just a little guy?

I try, I really do. Really.

I mean, come on now, that woman is always on my case. Isn't she? Even when I'm off minding my own business, she's always checking up on me. She even had Pardner tie a bell on my collar. She says I'm too quiet when I'm getting into the most fun stuff.

Like, I'm just helping. Fer sure. All those sticks outside, just rotten enough to be good and chewy and crumbly, and she completely ignored that wonderful resource. So, I bring them inside to dine in comfort. And then she goes, like, "again!" and throws them away. Perfectly good sticks and guaranteed scorpion-free. Almost scorpion-free, anyway. Most of the time.

(Here's a tip from Tip: old prickly pear pads aren't worth the effort to haul inside. The risk-reward ratio doesn't pencil out in a pup's favor. Just thought you'd want to know.)

Anyhow, that woman thought she'd taught me all I needed to know about manure. She caught me with my head inside the covered cat box, and went and slapped the top of the box with a big ol' wet dish towel. Man, that was just like dining inside a bass drum. My ears rang for a week.

I got her back, though. If she thought those punky sticks and the cat box were bad, she just hadn't checked out all the fine, aged, vintage manure around here. So, I brought a selection inside to show her. Spread 'em out on the dining room rug just as nice as you

please. Yep, cow pats and horse biscuits both. I didn't think she'd get so excited. Geez, what's a little coprophagia among friends?

Hey, can I help it if I'm just a little guy? I try, I really do.

Is it my fault I learn really fast? And then get bored doing the same old stuff over and over and over and over again?

I mean, like, a guy likes a little variety in life. She goes, "Sit," and I do. Well, then what? So then I go through my whole repertoire — really fast. Jump up, turn around, lie down, find my squeaky toy, speak, the whole schmeer. You know, I'm thinking I can get all this training stuff over in three minutes so life can get back to normal.

And what does she do? She starts all over again and says "Sit." Dumb. And we have to go through this every day. I mean, come on, she should get over it. I've got work to do, important stuff.

There's the Ghost in the Shower that needs checked on. Every time she washes dishes, the Ghost wakes up and burps and whispers to me. I've been trying to dig him out, but he just hides down in that drain hole and growls at me. I'll get him someday, mark my words.

A guy's got to know his limitations though. I'm brave, but there's no way I'm going to tackle the Puppy-Eating Monster out by the barn. When Pardner wants to stick two pieces of metal together, "weld" he says, the Monster wakes up and roars. Man, that's when it's time for me to go to the house.

(Here's a tip from Tip: Watch out for that woman in the house. She cusses. It hurts my feelings, really it does. It was just a little puddle, and she went around waving the paper towels and cussing. She even says the worst cuss of all, the B-word: "bad-bad-bad-bad.")

Hey, can I help it if I'm just a little guy?

## View from here

by State Rep. Manny Najera

# A tribute to the veterans of Texas

I am overjoyed to be able to announce that the State of Texas will soon give something back to the many Texas veterans who have selflessly served our state and country. On Nov. 6, 2001 Texas veterans were honored by the passage of Proposition 7. By passing Proposition 7 Texas voters have said thank you to our veterans.

I am extremely proud to serve as Vice-Chairman of the State Veteran's Caucus as well a member of the State, Federal and International Relations Committee which passed Proposition 7, during the 77th Legislative Session.

Proposition 7 authorizes the Veterans' Land Board (VLB) to issue up to \$500 million in general obligation bonds to benefit the Veteran's Housing Assistance Fund II. This amendment would also allow the use of funds from veterans' land and housing assistance programs for veterans' cemeteries and help meet the rising demands for veterans' home mortgage loans. The loans that will be offered through these bonds will be below market value. This program complements the land loans and home improvement loans currently being offered by the VLB.

This milestone is a tremendous extension in the Texan tradition of caring for our veterans. Proposition 7 will allow the State to provide peaceful, dignified, and honorable resting grounds for Texas veterans. Under this act, the VLB will be provided with a funding mechanism that will allow them to utilize monies from certain veteran land and housing assistance funds for the future operation and maintenance of a state veterans cemetery program. While there are national cemeteries in major cities of Texas, we are working toward establishing the long overdue

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## City of Socorro

# PUBLIC NOTICE

A PUBLIC HEARING will be held at 6:30 p.m. during the City Council Meeting of Thursday, December 20, 2001 at City Hall, 124 S. Horizon Blvd., Socorro, Texas. Purpose of the public hearing is to allow any interested person to appear and testify at the hearing regarding the following proposed ordinance(s):

- 1) An Ordinance granting an exemption for certain local Charitable Organizations by the City of Socorro, Texas;
- 2) An Ordinance requiring the continued taxation of Motor Vehicles leased for personal use by the City of Socorro, Texas.

Those that are unable to attend the public hearing may submit their views to the City of Socorro. Accommodations for handicapped persons will be available; handicapped persons in need of special assistance for attending the hearings are encouraged to contact the City Secretary (915) 858-2915, forty-eight (48) hours prior to this meeting. Ordinances are too extensive to print. Copies of ordinances are posted in City Hall and are available upon request.

TERE RODRIGUEZ  
City Secretary

WTCC: 12/13/01

## TRUE TEXAS FACTS

by Roger Moore December 12, 1872,

"Texas Jack" Omohundro goes to Chicago to star in Buffalo Bill's Wild West Show.



## Curlee

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math, algebra and geometry to business law, speech, drama, social studies, and typing. His short-lived retirement ended in 1985 when he began teaching 5th grade in Ysleta.

He also taught adult ESL (English as a Second Language) classes at night, developing his own textbook for conversational Spanish — an off shoot of his extensive travels in Mexico.

In 1966, Curlee and his wife, Maria Teresa, built a house on Homestead Drive in the new development under-way by Horizon Corp. They have maintained a residence there ever since.

A licensed “ham” radio operator, Curlee was an ever-present force in Horizon’s early years. He wrote the

charter for and was the first elected president of the Horizon City Homeowner’s Association, which served as the unofficial “town council” before the town incorporated in 1988. He flipped more pancakes than anyone cares to count during fund-raising events for the Horizon City Kiwanis Club, of which he is a past president.

Curlee was asked by then-Mayor Walt Lee to serve as the volunteer director of the Oz Glaze Senior Citizen Center following its opening in 1998. He did so with gusto until his health interfered in 2000.

Another former Horizon City Mayor, Tom Ruiz, whose signature

graces the proclamation of Curlee’s own day in Horizon City, said when a subdivision by Hanson Development along Eastlake Loop was proposed it became apparent that an extension street leading into the upscale residential neighborhood would have to be a separate roadway, with a new name.

Landis Curlee seemed the logical choice, he said.

“Landis Curlee will likely be remembered as a bristly sort of fellow. That’s because he is always concerned with taking action rather than taking credit,” Ruiz said. “I’ll always remember him as driven to make things better for everyone.”



Street sign honors Curlee.

## Classified Ads

### LEGAL

As per Article V, Sec. 5.05(a), all owners and lienholders have ten (10) days from this date to reclaim their vehicles at Southwest Wrecker, 1401 Darrington Rd., 855-1900, 851-2091-fax, or it will be sold at public auction for charges:

VIN - IFTCRI14A3TPA25434, Ford Ranger, green, CO - 06350WS

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### NOTICE OF INTENT

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 one 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, Lawrence F. Thoenen at (915) 543-5811 or Martha A. Velasco at (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 January 14, 2002, 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/Zaragosa intersection. The proposed 7.8-mile line 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 at the northwest corner of Marvin and Krag in Section 5, 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 1 mile west of Ascension Street. 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 at the northwest corner of Marvin and Krag in Section 5, 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 at the northwest corner of Marvin and Krag in Section 5, 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 F. 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, deberán comunicarse a la oficina de EPE, Lawrence F. Thoenen al (915) 543-5811 o Martha A. Velasco al (915) 543-4025. Las personas que deseen intervenir en este procedimiento o que deseen hacer algún comentario sobre esta acción, deberán 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 ultimo día para intervenir en este procedimiento es el día 14 de Enero del 2002, enviando una carta solicitando intervención que deberá 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/Zaragosa. 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 Ascencion. A partir de este punto, la línea corre hacia el Norte y paralela con la calle Ascencion a una distancia de aproximadamente 1.2 millas, continuando 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 Ascencion. 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 continuará 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 al lugar de la futura subestación en la calle Ascencion. A partir de este punto, la línea se dirige hacia el Norte y paralela con la calle Ascencion 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 F. Thoenen, EPE, número de teléfono (915) 543-5811 o Martha A. Velasco, EPE, número de teléfono (915) 543-4025.

WTCC: 12/06 & 12/13/01

**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:

**WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 09, 2002 3 P.M.**

**LOCAL TELEPHONE SERVICES, 199-0109-0220**

**PBX FOR NEWS SCHOOLS, 199-0109-0221**

**TELECOMMUNICATION NETWORK CABLING, VARIOUS CAMPUSES, 199-0109-0222**

**TELECOMMUNICATION SYSTEM NETWORKING, 199-0109-0223**

**LONG DISTANCE SERVICES, 199-0109-0224**

**PBX MAINTENANCE, 199-0109-0225**

**PBX SOFTWARE UPGRADE, 199-0109-0226**

**NOTE: The District Offices will be closed during December 21, 2001, to January 07, 2002. Voicemail, inquiries, faxes, etc. will be checked as regularly. The District will attempt to be as responsive as possible during this**

## View

### From Page 3

local cemeteries that honor veterans all across this great state.

As one of your State Representatives from El Paso, I am proud to relay my personal congratulations to all the Texas Veterans and my thanks to the voters for passing Proposition 7. The legislation will help to improve the quality of life for Texas veterans.

More information regarding veterans benefits and recent legislation can be found on the website of the Texas General Land Office at [www.glo.state.tx.us/vlb](http://www.glo.state.tx.us/vlb). To inquire on this or any other issue, I encourage those interested to call my District office at (915) 592-7757 or my Capitol office at (512) 463-0954.

### time.

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.

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### BARGAINS

Two good pianos, by Gulbranson, for sale, \$500 each OBO by Dec. 20. Contact the First Baptist Church of Horizon City, 852-3027.

### HELP WANTED

Applications will be received for Paid VISTA Volunteers. VISTA volunteer is paid a small stipend of \$700 a month and may not have another job or be attending school. The program is a 24-7 program; on call 24 hours a day seven days a week. If you like helping people, young and old and are interested, applications are available with the City of Socorro, 124 S. Horizon Blvd., Socorro, Texas up until 4:00 p.m. Wednesday, December 19, 2001.

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Hair Slingers in Horizon City is seeking experienced cosmetologist. Apply in person after 2 p.m. at 13899 Horizon Blvd., Ste. 4, Horizon City.

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### OFFICE SPACE

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 sabado, 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 solucion. 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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**Free Estimates on New Installations**

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From Page 1

and successes of the district,” said Board President Joe Villarreal who praised the efforts of the faculty and staff to make it all possible. “The future of our children and our community is our fundamental responsibility.” Charter board member Gonzalo “Chalo” Garcia recounted the early days of the district, going back to 1958 when he first became a trustee. He spoke of the “sleepy, farming community” and district that faced “huge,

complicated problems” in getting started. More classrooms were needed; a high school was needed. He spoke of signing a note to borrow money for the district. “My heart bursts with pride, Eagle pride,” he said in conclusion. “You have done well; thank you.” Vicki Davis, assistant superintendent for student performance, took the audience on a quick tour of the district’s campuses. “We are dynamic. There is nothing static about us,” she said. “We are growing, changing and progressive.” Dr. John Kessinger, assistant superintendent for operations and plan-

ning, spoke of the high-tech changes that enhance students’ learning such as a wireless technology and a science class where you can dissect a frog on the computer. “Today is the tomorrow we dreamed about yesterday,” he added. Underscoring Kessinger was Pauline Dow, director of student services. “The children are the future. The children are really what we are all about. Knowledge is power. Education has never been more important than it is today.

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NOTICE TO PUBLIC OF NO SIGNIFICANT  
IMPACT ON THE ENVIRONMENT AND NOTICE  
OF INTENT TO REQUEST RELEASE OF FUNDS

City of Socorro  
124 S. Horizon Blvd.  
Socorro, Texas 79927

West Texas County Courier  
December 13, 2001

TO: All Interested Agencies, Groups and Persons:

Seventeen (17) days after this publication, the City of Socorro, Texas intended to request the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs (TDHCA) to release Federal funds under Title 1 of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974 (P.L. 93-383) for Project No. 721751.

Environmental Assessment Activities

Construction activities will take place along Alameda Estates, Grijalva Gardens, Melissa Circle, and Moon Addition and will include the installation of approximately twenty one thousand seven hundred and fifty linear feet (21,750 l.f.) of hot mix asphalt cement paving.

Finding of No Significant Impact

It has been determined that such a request of release of funds will not constitute an action significantly affecting the quality of the human environment and accordingly the City of Socorro has decided not to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (P.L. 91-190). The reason for such a decision not to prepare such a Statement is based upon the fact that all environmental concerns could either be minimized or mitigated.

An Environmental Review Record for the proposed project has been made by the City of Socorro which documents the environmental review of the project and more fully sets forth the reasons why such a statement is not required. The Environmental Review Record is on file at the Office of Community Development, City of Socorro, 124 S. Horizon Blvd., Socorro, Texas 79927, and is available for public examination and copying upon request between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Public Comments on Findings

All interested agencies, groups and persons, disagreeing with this decision are invited to submit written comments for consideration by the city to the address as set forth above. Such written comments must be received at the addressed specified within sixteen (16) days after this publication. All such comments so received will be considered and the City will not request the release of funds or take administrative action on the project prior to the date specified in the proceeding sentence.

Release of Funds

The City of Socorro will undertake the activities described above the Community Development Block Grant Funds under the Title 1 from its Program Year 2001 under grant numbered 721751 from the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974. The City of Socorro is certifying to TDHCA that Mr. Amado D. Padilla in his official capacity as Mayor consents to accept the jurisdiction of the Federal Courts if an action is brought to enforce responsibilities in relation to environmental reviews, decision-making and action; and that these responsibilities have been satisfied. The legal effect of the certification is that upon its approval, the City of Socorro may use the Block Grant funds and it will have satisfied its responsibilities under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969. THDCA will accept an objection to its approval only on one or more of the bases and the procedures described in 24 CFR Part 58.75. Objections are to be addressed to the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs, P.O. Box 13941 Austin, Texas 78711.

Objections to the release of funds on bases other than those stated above will not be considered by the TDHCA. No objections received later than thirty-three (33) days after this publication will be considered by TDHCA.

Amado D. Padilla, Mayor  
City of Socorro  
124 S. Horizon Blvd.  
Socorro, Texas 79927

PUBLIC MEETING

The Transportation Policy Board (TPB) of the El Paso Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) will hold a **PUBLIC MEETING on FRIDAY, DECEMBER 21, 2001, at 9:00 A.M., at The El Paso MPO Office, c/o The Gateway Business Center, 10767 Gateway Blvd. West, Suite 605, El Paso, Texas 79935**, to discuss the following agenda:

1. Approval of Minutes.
2. Discussion and Action on the Report by Executive Committee Chairman on the following items:
  - a. To Recommend Transportation Projects and Request Funding from the Texas Transportation Commission on May 30, 2002;
  - b. To Submit Transportation Projects to the Transportation Policy Board for Consideration for Special Congressional Funding;
  - c. To Review and Revise the TPB Process to Request Project Level Funding (Engineering and/or Construction) from State and Federal Sources.
3. Discussion and Action to Amend the Metropolitan Transportation Plan 2025:
  - a. Darrington Road Project No. A403X-05A — Revise project limits to start from Homestead Drive and end at Horizon City Limits;
  - b. Darrington Road Project No. P420A-15A — Revise project limits to start from Homestead Drive and end at Eastlake Dr.; and Discuss Effects on the Air Quality Document;
  - c. Add the “Job Express” Job Access Reverse Commute (JARC) Grant Project;
  - d. Add the El Paso Starter Light-Rail (tentatively named Sun Metro Area Rail Transit Starter Line) Project Preliminary Engineering, Final Design and Construction.
4. Discussion and Action to Amend the Transportation Improvement Program 2002-2006:
  - a. Add the “Job Express” Job Access Reverse Commute (JARC) Project;
  - b. Add the El Paso Starter Light-Rail (Tentatively Named the Sun Metro Rail Starter Line) Project Preliminary Engineering, Final Design and Construction;
  - c. Add the El Paso Starter Light-Rail (Tentatively Named the Sun Metro Rail Starter Line) Project Preliminary Engineering, Final Design and Construction;
  - d. Request to Reprogram \$602,330 of CMAQ Funding to the Union Plaza Transit Terminal (Project #T308X), \$427,016 from the Oregon St. Pedestrian Mall and \$175,314 from the San Antonio Ave. Transit Plaza Projects;
  - e. Request to Reprogram \$550,759 of CMAQ Funds from the Commuter Vanpool Project, \$132,139 in FY 1995 and \$418,620 in FY 1996, to Provide Public Transportation Service in El Paso County.
5. Discussion and Action to Amend the Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) FY 2002 by Adding the El Paso Starter Light-Rail )Tentatively Named the Sun Metro Rail Starter Line) Project Preliminary Engineering, Final Design and Construction.
6. Discussion and Action on TxDOT’s Policy and Proposed Rules Regarding Frontage Roads.
7. Discussion and Action to Approve Additional Surface Transportation Program (STP) 4C Funds for the George Dieter Project (R411X).
8. Status of Annual Listing of Projects Obligated in FY 2001.

Under federal legislation, the MPO, through the TPB has an expanded role in transportation project selection and programming in El Paso County and the City of Sunland Park, New Mexico. For more information call the MPO Office at (915) 591-9735.

WTCC: 12/13/01



# Baseball owners need remedial course in Business 101

By Steve Escajeda  
Special to the Courier

Wealthy baseball owners claim welfare is right around the corner.

I've never been quick to pick the players' side during a collective bargaining dispute in any sport. I've always felt that the players were greedy and would never be satisfied until they broke the bank.

Professional football, basketball and baseball players have held a financial pistol to the heads of the owners for years.

They threaten to sit out the season refusing to play another game until they get the amount they want. Players want the owner to re-negotiate the contract they originally signed because he now feels he deserves more money.

Funny how players never want to re-negotiate for less money during a lousy season.

Baseball owners gathered in Boston this week for Major League Baseball meetings. The owners had the gall to announce — and I'm not kidding here — that they were losing money. Tons of it.

I haven't heard one that good since I was asked to buy Enron stock.

The owners, who said they were losing money last year, went out and paid Alex Rodriguez \$252-million and Manny Ramirez \$160-million.

O.K., that was only two players but in all, baseball owners committed \$739-million to just 25 players last season. Sounds like an awful lot of money to dish out by men who claim they don't have it.

Now if my wife and I go out looking for a car and we don't have enough money for a particularly expensive car, we buy the type of car we can afford.

If I go out and commit to a vehicle that is too expensive and eventually find out that I can't keep up with the payments — guess what — it's my fault. I can't go out and blame the car dealer who talked me into the deal. As convincing as he might have been, he never held a gun to my head.

The owners are saying that they are going broke. Yet every year they throw ridiculous amounts of cash at top athletes. It's getting to the point that even the most mediocre ball player can stick around for about five years and then retire for life.

Case in point, the New York Yankees are just minutes away from giving Jason Giambi a whopping \$120-million. Heck, they've already signed Steve Karsay for just \$21-million. The St. Louis Cardinals just inked Jason Irsinghausen for \$27-million. The Atlanta Braves just signed three guys, Vinny Castilla for \$8-million, Javy Lopez for \$6-million and John Smoltz for a cool \$30-million.

And it doesn't end there. How about the slumping Baltimore Orioles — they just signed Marty Cordova for a paltry \$9-million. The Texas Rangers just inked Todd Van Poppel for \$7.5-million. The San Francisco Giants just

bought Jason Christiansen for \$6.8-million, and the Seattle Mariners just paid Mark McLemore \$6-million.

The signing season just started!

How the heck are we supposed to believe these poor owners who have many other business interests on the side? To most of them baseball is just a hobby. Think about it. They didn't make all their millions or billions by being stupid businessmen.

Heck, today's baseball owners are getting in the neighborhood of \$300 or 400-million for the sale of their teams. Not a bad investment for a club that was originally bought for well under \$100-million just 10 years ago.

I don't buy it. That's the owners' problem — they did. They went out and overspent. They paid a lot of players way more than they were worth.

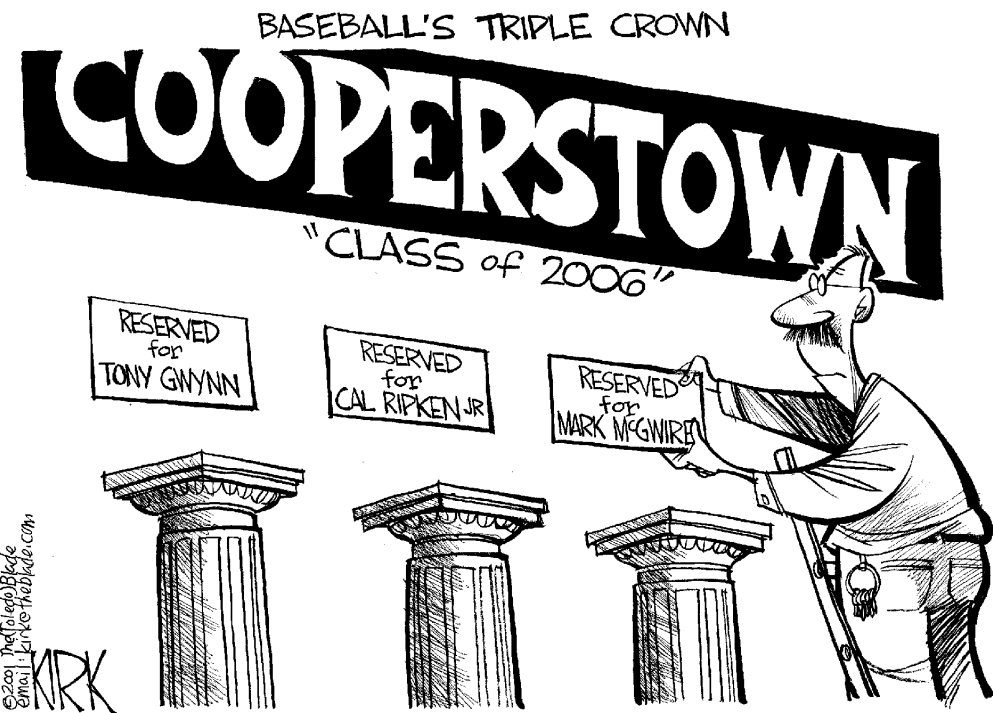
And they don't care what it does to the game. They care about the game as much as the players do — nada — not at all. They all say they do, but all they really care about is the money. Are you telling me that a guy couldn't make a living making \$80,000 (expenses paid, of course) a year playing baseball?

Heck, if given the opportunity, I'd do it.

Are you telling me that an owner couldn't pay a \$3-million salary to a team and charge an average of \$20 per ticket per game and still make money? Of course it would work — but that wouldn't be greedy enough now, would it?

So all you owners and players, give me and all of the fans a break. All of you are richer than 95 percent of us will ever be.

Quit your complaining and act like men. Just once, just one time I'd like to hear a professional athlete say "no thanks, I already have enough money" or an owner announce that because of the fans' unwavering support "ticket prices will go down next season."



## Social Security: Q & A by Ray Vigil

**Q:** When a person applies for disability, do benefits begin the date the person applies for these benefits?

**A:** If Social Security determines a person to be disabled, monthly benefits begin with the sixth full month of disability. If the six-month period is prior to the date you filed your application, you could be eligible for benefits the month you apply for them.

**Q:** If I retire at age 62 will I be eligible for Medicare at that time?

**A:** No. Medicare benefits do not be-

gin until a person is age 65. If you retire at age 62, you may be able to continue to have medical insurance coverage through your employer, or, if not, you can purchase coverage from a private insurance company until you turn age 65 and become eligible for Medicare.

**Q:** Is it true that a person can own a home and still may be eligible for Supplemental Security Income benefits?

**A:** Yes. Under the Supplemental Security Income (SSI) program, a per-

son can own a home and a few assets and get SSI benefits.

**Q:** I've always kept my Social Security card in my wallet, right with my driver's license and other identification cards. A co-worker told me that I should not carry it with me. Is this true?

**A:** With the growing concern about identity theft, we now advise individuals to keep their Social Security cards in a safe place to prevent loss or theft. We recommend keeping your card with your other valuable documents, rather than carrying it in your purse or wallet. Take your card with you only when you are going

somewhere that the card will be needed, like to a job interview. Then return it to a secure place.

**Q:** I am self-employed working for a nonprofit organization (my church). Do I need to report my earnings to Social Security?

**A:** Yes. You must report earnings of \$100 or more if you are self-employed working for your church or church-controlled organization.

**Q:** I am a diabetic and my eyesight is failing. Should I become blind, would I be entitled to any Social Security benefits? Can I receive Social Security information in large print or Braille?

**A:** Yes, if you were to become blind, you may be eligible for disability benefits. Disability benefits are awarded under two programs: under the Supplemental Security Income (SSI) program or Social Security disability program. And there are many special services for the visually-impaired such as talking books, publications on tape, Braille publications, etc.

For more information visit your local Security office, see <http://www.ssa.gov>, or call us at 1-800-772-1213. If you have any questions that you would like to have answered, please mail them to the Social Security Office, 1111 Gateway West, Attn: Ray Vigil, El Paso, Texas 79935.

## King Super Crossword

### DELAYED REACTION ACROSS

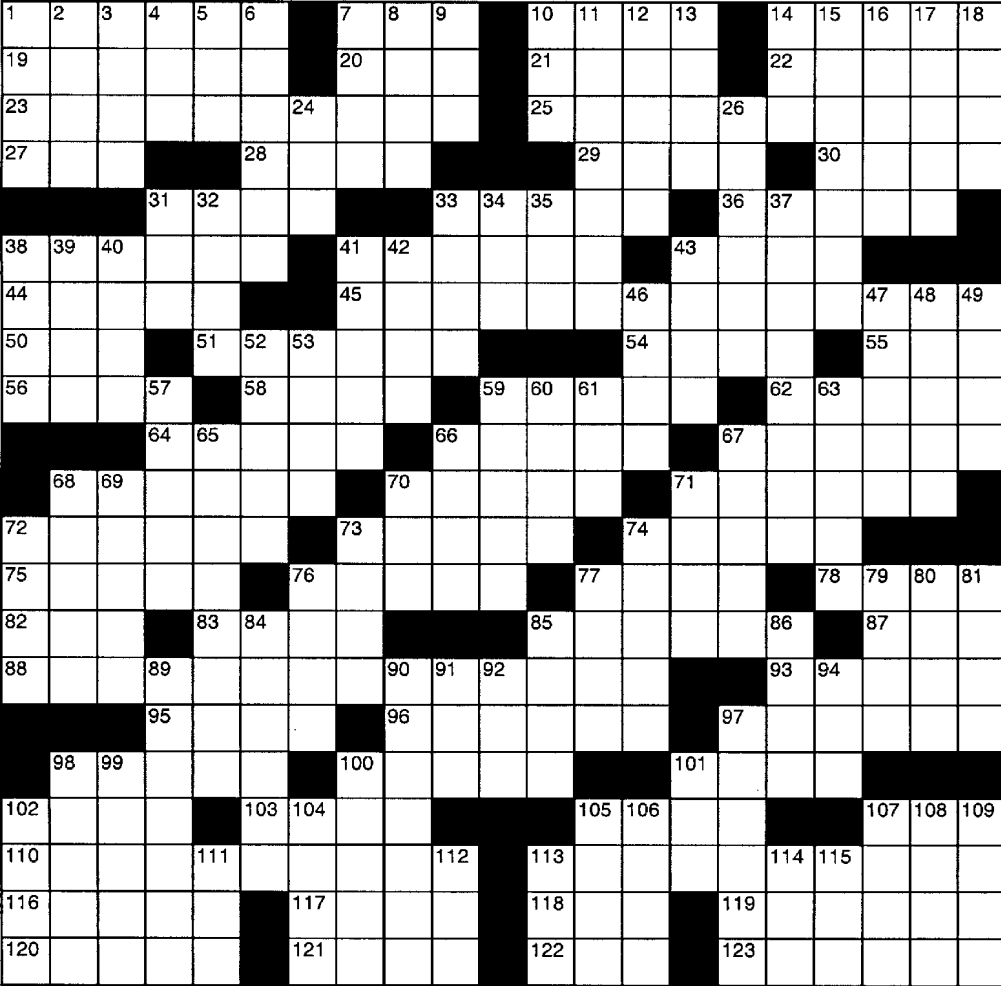
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- 74 Glee
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- 76 Submarine finder
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- 93 Over
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- 100 Bar hop?
- 101 Dr. Scholl's concern
- 102 Source
- 103 Cardinal
- 105 \_ Flynn Boyle
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- 110 African capital
- 113 End of remark
- 116 Jazzman Chick
- 117 Forehead
- 118 Organ of equilibrium
- 119 Steak or lobster
- 120 Abrasive substance
- 121 " \_ forgive those . . ."

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- 2 Hot spot?
- 3 Frog's kin
- 4 Singing syllable
- 5 They may be personal
- 6 Mahalia's music
- 7 Pixie and Dixie
- 8 " \_ Breaky Heart" ('92 hit)
- 9 Princess bruiser
- 10 Orthodontists' org.
- 11 With 44 Across, salad veggie
- 12 "Silas Marner" author
- 13 Endure
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- 15 Kansas city
- 16 "The Lady \_" ('79 film)
- 17 Gawk
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- 38 Fountain order
- 39 Component
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- 41 Book part
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- 47 Defer
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- 70 Barnyard belle
- 71 Mottled
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- 80 Roof part
- 81 Playing card
- 84 TV's " \_ & Greg"
- 85 "Comin' \_ the Rye"
- 86 Half-baked?
- 89 More squalid
- 90 Heavenly sight
- 91 Alphabet sequence
- 92 Network

- 94 Try for a hit
- 97 Provoked
- 98 Biblical city
- 99 Pianist Watts
- 100 Fishermen, frequently
- 101 Auber's " \_ Diavolo"
- 102 Confront
- 104 Swedish rockers
- 105 Last name in limericks
- 106 Crooked
- 107 Grimm creature
- 108 "Moonstruck" star
- 109 Dele a dele
- 111 Utter
- 112 Blow away
- 113 Drill sergeant's shout
- 114 Compass pt.
- 115 " \_ Not Unusual" ('65 hit)

ANSWER PAGE 7





Write stuff

Dear Editor:

Texas state law requires that state agencies and offices afford preference in employment to Veterans of our state. The law goes on to provide mandatory percentages of employment for Veterans within these organizations.

Unfortunately, our state agencies have neither approached nor maintained these percentages and tend to ignore the law completely. Research into these violations of the law has indicated that the law

is without enforcement or penalty. The result is that countless Texas Veterans are denied employment and state agencies are in violation of the law.

Veterans who have been denied employment by an agency stating Texas Veterans Employment Preference should contact their State Representative and the Governor of Texas requesting that the legislature rectify this injustice and disservice to our state and its Veterans.

Ron Roberts  
Texas Veteran

Briefs

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also held a canned food drive with the proceeds delivered to several other migrant families in the Clint school district by Ana Maria Telles, the Clint ISD Migrant Clerk/Recruiter.

■ El Paso County's Thomason Hospital Family Planning Health Services is currently offering reproductive health services for men. A confidential yearly health screening and counseling is offered with charges made on ability-to-pay. Health Services for men are provided each Wednesday evening 4:30 to 7:30 p.m. at 4824 Alberta, Suite 403 behind Thomason Hospital.

■ More than 700 El Paso County Community College students will receive their degrees during the 2001 Fall Commencement Ceremony on Friday, Dec. 14 at 6 p.m. at the Don Haskins Center at UTEP. The ceremonies will have a patriotic theme to honor the men and women in uniform currently fighting terrorism. Information: 831-2262.

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WEATHER

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SEVEN-DAY FORECAST FOR EL PASO

THURSDAY	THUR. NIGHT	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY
Cool with sun and clouds; shower possible.	Perhaps a shower with patchy clouds; cold.	Sunshine and patchy clouds.	Partly sunny.	Sunshine.	Sunny.	Abundant sunshine.	Mostly sunny.
▲ 48°	▼ 26°	▲ 58° ▼ 36°	▲ 60° ▼ 32°	▲ 56° ▼ 26°	▲ 58° ▼ 30°	▲ 60° ▼ 26°	▲ 51° ▼ 20°

UV INDEX

Statistics for noon.

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

Thursday	2	Minimal
Friday	2	Minimal
Saturday	3	Low
Sunday	3	Low
Monday	3	Low
Tuesday	3	Low
Wednesday	3	Low

REAL FEEL TEMP™

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

Thursday	44°
Friday	55°
Saturday	56°
Sunday	52°
Monday	55°
Tuesday	57°
Wednesday	48°

TEXAS WEATHER

Anthony	48	26
Canutillo	49	27
Clint	49	31
E. Montana	48	26
Fabens	49	31
Horizon	49	27
San Elizario	48	27
Socorro	47	26
Tornillo	49	31
Vinton	49	27

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

TRAVELERS CITIES

City	Thur. Hi/Low/W	Fri. Hi/Low/W	Sat. Hi/Low/W	Sun. Hi/Low/W	Mon. Hi/Low/W
Albuquerque	38/18/s	46/24/pc	48/24/c	44/16/pc	46/22/s
Atlanta	60/40/sh	60/40/pc	62/46/c	60/44/r	56/38/c
Atlantic City	54/48/c	52/36/pc	50/34/s	52/38/s	54/40/c
Austin/San Antonio	63/38/s	62/48/s	70/48/c	60/33/s	57/40/s
Baltimore	60/46/c	54/34/pc	50/32/s	52/36/s	54/32/c
Boston	54/44/r	54/34/c	46/30/pc	48/39/pc	47/36/r
Chicago	40/26/c	40/36/pc	44/40/c	46/40/sh	42/20/c
Dallas/Ft. Worth	52/38/s	60/46/pc	64/46/pc	53/34/sh	53/40/s
Denver	40/20/pc	48/20/pc	42/14/pc	42/16/pc	50/18/s
Flagstaff	38/19/s	41/22/pc	37/13/pc	39/12/s	49/15/s
Houston	60/40/pc	64/50/pc	68/56/c	66/38/c	61/40/s
Kansas City	40/26/pc	45/32/pc	48/29/c	37/21/c	40/35/pc
Las Vegas	56/34/pc	58/38/pc	52/32/pc	54/32/s	62/30/s
Miami	82/70/s	82/70/pc	82/70/pc	80/68/s	79/63/c
Minneapolis	30/16/sf	32/26/pc	36/26/sn	34/22/c	30/20/sf
New Orleans	70/45/c	66/53/s	70/58/c	69/49/sh	59/42/pc
New York City	58/46/c	52/36/pc	48/36/s	50/40/s	52/40/c
Philadelphia	58/46/c	54/34/pc	50/34/s	52/38/s	54/40/c
Phoenix	59/38/s	59/44/pc	62/42/pc	59/42/s	64/46/s
Portland	48/40/r	42/36/sh	44/36/r	46/38/r	46/36/sh
San Francisco	58/50/pc	56/44/sh	56/44/s	58/48/pc	56/44/pc
Seattle	46/40/r	42/36/sh	44/36/r	44/36/r	44/38/sh
Tucson	54/32/s	60/40/s	62/38/pc	66/40/s	68/42/s
Washington, DC	60/48/c	56/36/pc	50/36/s	52/40/s	56/32/c

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

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