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## NEWSBRIEFS

### Early voting for primary

Early voting for the Democratic and Republican March 12 primary election began on Monday and runs through March 8. Besides the El Paso County Courthouse, East County voters can go to the Montwood Mall at 2200 Yarbrough, the Pavo Real Rec. Center at 9301 Alameda, the Dieter Plaza Shopping Center #306 at 1605 George Dieter or the Rogelio Sanchez Center in Fabens. Upper Valley voters can go to the Festival Crossing Shopping Strip #108 at 5380 N. Mesa, the Mesa Village Shopping Center, next to Luby's, at 3737 N. Mesa, or call the Office of County Elections at 546-2154. In early voting, voters may vote at any location regardless of their place of residence.

### Felons, drugs caught

Border Patrol agents in Ft. Hancock caught an escaped fugitive from San Angelo attempting to smuggle marijuana across the border last Friday. Adan Amaya-Mier, 42, escaped from a detention center in San Angelo. His vehicle was spotted last week by agents about seven miles from the Ft. Hancock Port of Entry on Fm. Rd. 192. As agents approached, he abandoned the vehicle and fled on foot before being captured. In his Chevy Blazer agents found 927 pounds of marijuana. A second smuggler, a 27-year-old Chihuahua national, was also stopped at about the same time in the vicinity and some 717-plus pounds of marijuana were located in the back seat of the Ford Expedition he was driving.

### In other news

Denise Pruitt Salmon, a 1982 Fabens ISD graduate, was recently selected as Computer Specialist of the year in Austin. She received the award Feb. 6 for her work as computer specialist at the Crestview Elementary School near Lubbock where she lives with her husband Ronnie and son Wesley. She is the daughter of W.D. and Joy Pruitt of Fabens, and has both a Bachelor's and Master's Degrees from Texas Tech.

"The Many Faces of Caregiving" will be the topic Tuesday, Feb. 26 in a free seminar on the opportunities and challenges associated with aging. Books and resources, along with refreshments, will be offered beginning at 6:30 p.m. at 15000 Darrington Rd. followed by a presentation by Gloria Lavis of the El Paso Opera Association; Nancy Mosier of the University Presbyterian Church; Sandra Welch of Dance Designs; Rosie Bishop of L&R Supply and Chemical; and Abie Mowad of Mowad Apparel. The seminar will be located in the Church of the Incarnation, corner of Horizon Blvd. and Darrington Rd. Call 852-4171.

The Lorenzo G. Loya Primary School in San Elizario will host their Scholastic Book Fair on March 7-12 with a selection of books from more than 150 publishers. The Fair is open to the public 7:15 a.m. to 3:15 p.m., with a Family Event on Thursday, March 7 at 2:30 p.m. to 7 p.m.

The San Elizario Head Start Center, 13705 Socorro Rd., has been granted full

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No freedom is so outrageously so often abused as the freedom of speech.

— Quips and Quotes

## Horizon's charter advisory committee recommends a complete overhaul

By Arleen Beard  
Special to the Courier

HORIZON CITY — Horizon City has outgrown its five-year-old charter and needs a new one, according to a recommendation from the recently-appointed Charter Advisory Committee.

The Charter Advisory Committee Chair, Jim Munafa, made the recommendation to the Horizon City Town Council during the regularly scheduled Council meeting Feb. 12. Munafa was a member of the commission that drafted the original charter, and he noted that the recommendation to rewrite the document was not being made lightly.

The advisory committee was appointed last month at the recommendation of Mayor Patricia Randleel, who wants changes in the methods by which the town selects its chief of police and municipal court judge. She also recommends a change in the election governance to allow that council seats be selected on a single member district basis to more accurately reflect the makeup of the population in various sections of the town.

Munafa said the charter advisory committee has concerns on several issues regulated by the city charter and recommended the best course of action by Council would be to convene a new City Charter commission and draft a new charter.

"In light of the present and projected growth of our community, it is obvious to most that our concerns extend far beyond the reach of what we envisioned a mere five years ago," Munafa said.

When asked by Alderman Walter Miller to be specific on these issues, Munafa said one of the concerns is about the handling of commercial enterprises and public utility franchises. He said the committee believes these entities should be controlled by the Town of Horizon City and that guidelines should be put in place to regulate these enterprises and franchises.

## Courageous student conducts winning science project from hospital room

SPARKS — Courage is something we try to teach our kids — and some kids teach us by living it.

Jizel Marquez has leukemia.

Diagnosed last fall and unable to attend regular classes, this sixth grade student at Col. John O. Ensor Middle School in Horizon conducted her science experiment while hospitalized for chemotherapy treatments.

She tied for first place in the Science Fair and will compete in the Socorro school district finals on Feb. 23.

Jizel, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jose S. Marquez of Sparks, became eligible for homebound instruction from teacher Jane Alvizo in September of last year through the Socorro ISD program for ill or injured students. Her teachers at Ensor Middle are Mike

Alderman Ralph Padilla asked Munafa about the charter committee's feelings toward single member districts. Munafa said the committee recommends researching the pros and cons of implementing single-member district seats on the Council.

"It is no secret that the larger our community continues its present growth pattern, the more diverse our population will become; the more diverse our population becomes the less our current system of election will adequately represent the community," Munafa said.

"As we examined — not just the document but the emerging 'new' Horizon City — we deliberated and determined that there is really only one way to proceed.

"For Horizon City, conditions dictate the need for a new Charter and it is therefore incumbent upon Council to put our recommendation before the voters," he concluded.

In other business, Council approved an updated 10-year annexation plan as recommended by the Planning and Zoning Commission, presented to Council by Jim Barnett.

During Open Forum, Director of Public Works, John Dixon addressed the high school taxes being paid by commercial businesses located in the Clint Independent School District area of Horizon City. Dixon recommends the town should approach the Clint ISD to develop a free port tax exemption program.

Without this exemption, many businesses in the industrial area could decide to relocate, which would hurt Horizon City's economic development, Dixon said. If the Clint ISD does not exercise the free port tax exemption, Horizon City could have difficulty attracting new commercial and industry growth.

Also during Open Forum, two candidates vying for the position for Justice of the Peace, Precinct 6 addressed members of Council to share their qualifications for the job. Dora H. Aguirre, former Precinct 6 Constable, said she has 26 years of law enforcement experience, making her a qualified candidate. Incumbent

Judge Ruben Lujan emphasized his prior experience as both a member and president of the Fabens ISD Board of Trustees. He also described his advocacy of making truancy and the environment his two top priorities.

Community members Mr. and Mrs. Herb Beard addressed Council to show their appreciation of three of Horizon City's Police Officers — Officer Alvarez, Officer Orneles and Officer Flores — and their diligence in solving a crime of theft that occurred in their home on Dec. 22, 2001.

Items totaling over \$2,500 in value were taken. Mr. and Mrs. Beard told Council that within one month these police officers had solved the case and over 90 percent of their items had been recovered and returned to them.

## Town of Anthony loses Old El Paso food plant

ANTHONY — It won't seem like Old El Paso anymore. Not after the operation that makes Old El Paso food products pulls up stakes and vacates the factory in Anthony, leaving behind about 250 people who worked there.

The plant, operated by General Mills, is expected to close the factory next month following an announcement Monday that cited declining sales of the plant's produce.

Old El Paso Mexican food products have been made at the Anthony plant for many years under several companies including Mountain Pass Canning Co., Pet Inc. and Pillsbury Co. The plant is reportedly about 44 years old.

In addition to the regular employees, the plant provided between 200-300 two-month seasonal jobs during the chile harvesting season.

The plant was among Anthony's largest employers and taxpayers, and the town is expected to take a significant economic hit unless it can attract another large company to fill the void.

Many locals, including Anthony's Mayor Art Franco, expressed frustration and sadness over the General Mills decision. "The brand (Old El Paso) is part of us," Franco said.

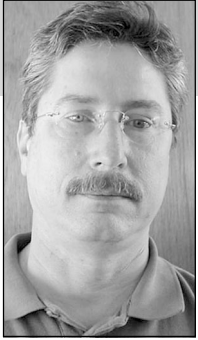
The Anthony plant closure is not the first among recent major employment disasters in smaller El Paso County communities. The town of Fabens is feeling the loss of more than 250 local jobs at the VF Jeanswear factory which makes Wrangler and Lee Jeans. Gilroy Foods in Fabens, which produced spices and chile products, closed several years ago.

Both VF Jeanswear and General Mills offered severance and "transitional" packages to their employees.

The Texas Workforce Commission has information regarding unemployment benefits and training programs. Information about these assistance programs can be obtained by calling TWC Centers in El Paso at 887-2000, 5919 Brook Hollow; or 591-1000 at 1359 Lomaland. The TWC has other satellite offices in El Paso; call for locations. The TWC Center in Alpine can be reached at (915) 837-2108.



Jim Munafa gives indepth details of the charter advisory committee's recommendations in View from here, on page 3.



## One perspective

By Rick Shrum

# Hanging in there

When I moved to El Paso in '84 I had money in the bank, a nice big shiny F-150, a touring motorcycle and a Porsche. I came to join a family business — this newspaper. It was going to be my ticket to a wealthy independent lifestyle. By fall of '88 I was down to the Porsche (the truck fell victim to an 18-wheeler, the motorcycle to a dog in the road). The money was a distant memory. Oh yeah, I was a newlywed to boot.

As the financial situation continued southward bound, it was evident that there wasn't enough to support two families. My "lotto" ticket to wealth didn't hit the jackpot. The paper was going to be sold.

Somewhere in there I was struck by a big case of optimism or stupidity. Take your pick. I convinced my wife that the paper would support us and we should buy out my folks.

BZZZZZ! Wrong plan. It took a small offset print shop, typesetting services for other printers, pre-press work for other publications — basically whatever we could do with our equipment besides putting out the paper — to survive. I even sold the Porsche to pay taxes.

What brought these thoughts back to me was some "housecleaning."

I was going through business cards the other day. I had kept many over the years, discarding many others. The keepers were neatly filed in a 3-ring binder in plastic protector sheets. But over the last couple of years I had become lazy. A pile here, a pile there. It was time to clean up my mess.

I had cards from former council people long gone and banks that had changed names three names back. There were cards from small businesses that didn't make it.

I had Rick Perry's card — from when he was ag commissioner. Any-

body remember Dave Garcia from KDBC 4?

There were fancy cards and plain cards. There were cards that would embarrass people they were so poorly done. Some of the cards I had designed and printed. (Hopefully they didn't embarrass anyone.)

Some cards were unique. I have one from "The Cane Man" who buys and trades "walking-sticks."

Sometimes the people on the card were still there but their number had changed. I called to find out if I wasn't sure.

Out of 400 or so cards only 100 were still valid. I kept a few outdated ones for sentimental value. The rest were filed appropriately, if you know what I mean.

But they all brought back memories.

Shortly after I got in way over my head in this business I met with a man of influence in the area. He had just coordinated a big politico shindig in the Lower Valley — long before the term Mission Valley was adopted — and I sought his advice/help regarding the paper.

He took a look at our business ventures and our finances. He pointed out what we already knew — we made better money with less overhead on printing jobs. In fact *Homesteader News* (as it was called then) was a negative asset. He said, "Stick a knife in it, it's done," referring to the paper. No real help, just brutal, honest advice. He encouraged me to expand the print businesses.

Well, this February marks 29 years of publishing for what started as the *Horizon Homesteader Bulletin* in 1973. We're still in business and plan to stay that way. You can do your part too — come on by and take out an ad. And don't forget to bring your business card.



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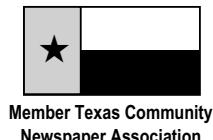
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## Eye on D.C. By U.S. Rep. Henry Bonilla



# American Heart Month

Heart attack, stroke and other cardiovascular diseases remain the number one killer in the United States. On an average day in Texas, 150 Texans die due to cardiovascular diseases and stroke. Heart disease has affected my family and, chances are, it may affect many of yours, too.

Every year since 1963, February has been designated American Heart Month. This month is the time to learn more about cardiovascular disease detection, prevention and treatment. The American Heart Association has designated this year's educational message as "Get in on the Action!," urging Americans to make physical activity a part of their daily lives.

There are a few simple things we can all do to reduce the risk of heart disease. Exercising regularly is an important step. We all enjoy some form of exercise. So, whether it's horseback riding, jogging, walking or bike riding, help keep your heart healthy and "just do it!" Other easy approaches to control heart disease include eating a diet low in fat and high in fiber, and controlling stress.

One of the myths surrounding heart attack and stroke

is that it is a "male disease." Wrong. Heart attack and stroke do not discriminate. In fact, heart attack, stroke and other cardiovascular diseases remain the number one killer of American females.

Research and education are key to battling and preventing heart disease. Today, the chances of saving a life and reducing disability from heart disease and stroke are better than ever because of research done in our lifetime. Important discoveries such as life-extending drugs, bypass surgery and pacemakers, have improved the lives of many heart patients. But the fight against heart disease is far from over.

Hopefully, with more heart disease research and better education, fewer Texans will fall victim to the disease this year. As with any other health problem, please consult a physician immediately if you, or someone you know, shows any sign of a heart problem. For now, as we remember American Heart Awareness Month this February, get in on the action and increase your physical activity!

For more information or questions concerning prevention or treatment of heart disease, please call the Texas chapter of the American Heart Association (AHA) at 512/433-7220 or the San Antonio division of AHA at 210/614-4121.



**FINDING A BETTER WAY** — Childress Elementary School Peer Mediators, shown front row from left, are Fifth Graders Karla Alvarado, Brenda Parra, Josie Talamantes, Alex Robles, Misael Monrreal, Luis Garcia, Josette Delgado, Luis Renovato, Angel Hernandez, and Sonia Chavez; back row from left are Ruben Cadena, counselor; Monica Prieto, teacher; Sixth Graders Jessica Soto, Aaron Diaz, Vanessa De La Peña, Kyle Miller, Ruben Valdivia, Claudia Felix and Danielle.

## Students seek better way to solve problems through peer mediation

By Alfredo Vasquez  
Special to the Courier

UPPER VALLEY — Childress Elementary School, in the Canutillo School District, has implemented a peer mediators program to help students develop problem-solving and leadership skills.

Ten fifth and 10 sixth grade students participated in an nine-hour training session recently to learn how to help fellow students

through activities including peer mediation, peer tutoring, new student orientation, and community service.

"I wanted to be a peer mediator because I think it is good to help other students to solve their problems by talking to someone instead of getting angry and fighting," said Vanessa De La Peña, sixth grader.

To be a peer mediator, students were nominated by a teacher and were interviewed by a committee composed of the principal, counselor and parent. Peer mediation project

is part of the Peer Assistance Leadership (PAL) program.

"We hope to reduce discipline problems and develop leadership skills among our students with our peer mediators project," said Ruben Cadena, Childress ES counselor. Facilitating with the training sessions was Monica Prieto, Childress ES third grade teacher.

"I liked going through this training because I learned about respecting others because I'm not very nice to my sister," said Aaron Diaz, sixth grade student.

## View from here by Jim Munafo, President of the Charter Advisory Committee

### Horizon's charter needs updating to meet challenges of growing community

HORIZON CITY — Impending change of considerable consequence looms in the near future for Horizon City. At their January meeting, the Horizon City Council created a Charter Advisory Committee. The function of the group was to "Review (the) charter for any necessary improvements/amendments, which if (deemed) necessary will be (placed) on the May/November 2002 ballot." Following that action, on Jan. 22, Mayor Patricia Randleel conducted an organizational meeting for the committee.

An informal discussion ensued about the committee's role and the relative ability of an advisory committee to complete the assigned task versus the proficiency with which a full charter commission could operate. It was decided that each member would briefly review the charter for possible changes and that we would reconvene one week later. It was also decided that I would be the group's leader.

Our first regular meeting was held on Jan. 29, 2002, with five of the seven members in attendance. An open discussion centered upon the scope and range of the work upon which we were about to embark.

The first question that arose centered around the interpretation of our appointed tasks. There was general agreement that a review truly seeking improvement and/or amendment could not be done lightly in short order. We could not, in good conscience, take a band-aid approach. The job at hand was much larger.

This position was postulated partially on the latest recommendations for a model home-rule charter from the National Civic League. Note was also taken of the City of Socorro's new charter, which was itself based upon that model.

The committee also agreed that there was a need to expand the size of our group. We also needed to find a way to engage a broad range of citizens in the process. As part of that endeavor, we felt that it would be a positive step to recruit among that number some of our community's

citizens who have both wide knowledge and personal experience in municipal government.

Other topics ranged from whether Horizon City needed to change from a unitary form to a separation of powers form of government and whether or not the amount of revision needed and the additional concerns for the future might actually amount to a full rewriting of the charter. This is a significant question for the committee and the public. Developing a new charter is a much more time and task intensive process than is a review in order to amend the charter. Developing a new charter was something we felt was the more appropriate way to go.

Though several issues still remained unresolved, there was consensus as to our immediate course. The committee's president would address City Council at its meeting on February 12, 2002.

The major concern was that there are a far greater number of questions than Mayor and Council delineated, which had to be considered.

And most important, those issues are not, in the least, trivial. They are, in fact, of historic proportion. For example, questions that consider how council members are elected and the role of the council versus that of the mayor cannot be passed over lightly.

In order to properly handle tasks that are of such great significance, the committee recommended that City Council take those steps necessary to convene a new Charter Commission.

We, the citizens of Horizon City, ought not let this moment pass by without notice. We are your Charter Advisory Committee and we have in our recommendation, recognition to the obvious.

More and more, Horizon City's concerns extend far beyond the reach of what was envisioned when the original charter was enacted five years ago. The committee had the mettle to do the right thing. We recommended a different format for examining how to resolve the problems this community will face both in the immediate future and far into this

new century.

Just how seriously Horizon's City Council will take the Advisory Committee's recommendation remains to be seen. Hopefully, their response will reveal an appreciation for the monumental effort that lies ahead.

It is no secret that the larger our community continues its present growth pattern, the more diverse our population will become. The more diverse our population becomes the less our current system of election will adequately represent the community.

The changing demographics in our city reflect much more than just an increase in numbers and/or ethnicity. The significant shift in the socio-economic makeup of our city foreshadows an inescapable assault on the resources this community is able to provide. This change has accelerated in the five years since our current charter was adopted and it continues, unabated. In that time our city has grown roughly twenty-percent. The full impact of such momentous change upon Horizon City creates a new imperative for our city officials. City Council has taken action by creating the advisory committee. However, if our future needs are given insufficient attention, the resulting drain on our resources over time would be devastating.

The Charter Advisory Committee, in its recommendation to the City Council, foretells the demanding task that lies ahead. Our request that Council begin the process towards convening a full charter commission should be taken as it was offered — it is a plea indicating that a much greater effort needs to be made than can be competently undertaken through a brief review of our charter by an advisory committee.

As we examined, not just the document but the emerging "new" Horizon City, we deliberated and determined that there is really only one way to proceed. For Horizon City, conditions dictate the need for a new charter and it is therefore incumbent upon City Council to put our recommendation before the voters.


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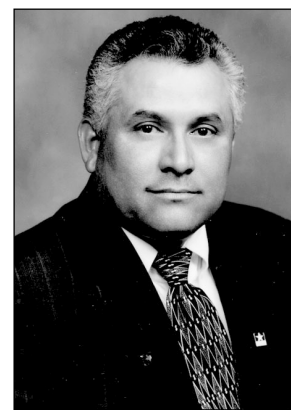
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# Clint High JROTC clears formal inspection with high marks

By Joshua T. Smith  
Special to the Courier



**MARCHING ON** — The Clint High JROTC marched lock-step into high marks during formal inspection this month.

CLINT — Every JROTC unit must, from time to time, undergo "formal inspection," which determines its efficacy and general state of affairs. This year, the Clint High School unit conducted one.

A formal inspection is a serious affair, the results of which determine a unit's status among its peers. A unit may qualify as "Honor Unit" with a blue star, "Honor Unit with Distinction" which wears a gold star, it may be merely "Satisfactory," or it may fail to qualify at all.

Those units that do not hold either designation end up low on the pecking order, while highly achieving units obtain bragging rights, and a little bit more — each of the service academies reserves 20 slots per year for freshmen who graduate from schools marked by the gold star.

Cadets from Honor Units with Distinction have access to a great privilege.

In their first formal inspection several years ago, the Lion Battalion earned the blue star. They qualified for "Honor Unit," but missed the highest ranking by only a small margin.

The freshman cadets that year are now seniors, leading the unit. The memory of their previous inspection made them more determined to succeed.

On Feb. 7, they got the chance to prove their worth, and prove it they did. They not only achieved "Honor Unit with Distinction," they made a near-perfect score, taking 991 points out of a possible 1000, a rare achievement.

This year's staff is going to go into a semi-retirement, training and advising the new staff members, and generally being seniors.

Thus, a four years well-spent is concluded in style.

## Town of Clint PUBLIC NOTICE

A PUBLIC HEARING will be held at 6:00 p.m. on Wednesday, March 6, 2002 during the Regular Town Council Meeting at the Clint Community Center, 200 N. San Elizario Rd., Clint, 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) (second reading) and a zoning appeal:

- 1) An Ordinance granting an exemption for certain local Charitable Organizations by the Town of Clint, Texas;
- 2) An Ordinance requiring the continued taxation of Motor Vehicles leased for personal use by the Town of Clint, Texas;
- 3) An Ordinance subjecting the owners of travel trailers to Ad Valorem Taxation by the Town of Clint, Texas.
- 4) A hearing has been requested before Town Council by Gustavo Urrea to appeal the recommendation of the Planning and Zoning Commission to deny his request for a zoning change for Tract 12-G, Block 24 San Elizario Grant, Clint, El Paso County, Texas, from R-1, Single Family Residential to Commercial.

The public is invited to attend the hearing to make any comments regarding this request. Those that are unable to attend may submit their views to the Town of Clint. Persons in need of assistance to attend are encouraged to contact the Town Clerk at 851-3146.

Jessica Garza  
Town Clerk

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## Town of Clint PUBLIC NOTICE

A PUBLIC HEARING will be held at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, March 5, 2002 during the Planning and Zoning Commission meeting at the Clint Town Hall, 200 N. San Elizario Rd., Clint, Texas. Purpose of the public hearing is to receive public comments on the following:

1. A hearing has been requested for a variance to allow the replacement of a Mobile Home at Tract 28-A, Block 22 San Elizario Grant, Clint, El Paso County, Texas, by Mr. Jesus Rivera.

The public is invited to attend the hearing to make any comments regarding this request. Those that are unable to attend may submit their views to the Town of Clint. Persons in need of assistance to attend are encouraged to contact the Town Clerk at 851-3146.

Jessica Garza  
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##### Invitation for RFP

The City of Horizon City is seeking System Implementation services for the first phase of its Technology Plan. Copies of the RFP may be obtained from the City Clerk at 14999 Darrington Rd., Horizon City, TX 79928. Questions may be directed to Sandra Sierra, (915) 852-1046. WTCC-2/21/02

#### SOCORRO INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT Invitation to Bid/ Respond:

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

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CSP NO. 199-0226-0238  
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 2002, 2:30 P.M.

Proposals will be received at the 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-2/21/02

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

**SHEET MUSIC**  
CSP NO. 199-0301-0241  
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1) A pre-bid conference will be held on Monday, February 25, 2002, at 2:30 p.m. at Socorro High School, located at 10150 Alameda Avenue, El Paso, TX 79927. At this conference all bidders will be afforded the opportunity to survey existing conditions and to ask questions and discuss any aspect of each project. All bidders are responsible for the information discussed, and are strongly urged to attend.

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VIN IG3WHI4W9JD371482, Olds Cutlass, gray.  
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# Surveying in Mexican Texas was a colorful, dangerous occupation

## History of Texas Public Lands - Part Six

TEXAS — As this series on Texas public lands continues to examine the state's foundations, it becomes clear that surveying early settlements was an important function which carried significant consequence.

Surveying the land for each grant was a crucial function in Mexican Texas but being a surveyor in Texas was not an easy occupation. It could, in fact, be fairly dangerous, since surveyors were often the first non-native individuals to enter an area. But the job was desirable enough to be highly sought after. During 1821 and '22, while Austin was trying to get his colony approved, several people approached him asking to be taken on as surveyors.

The first one mentioned in the Austin Papers was a Dr. Robert Andrews. Andrews, an old acquaintance of Austin's, had surveyed for him on another project in 1818-19 at Long Prairie in Arkansas. He started to tag along on Austin's 1822 trip to Mexico City but stopped short of the ultimate destination — by July 8, he was practicing medicine in Saltillo. During 1823 and 1824, Andrews' interest in surveying wavered. First applying to be a surveyor of Texas in May 1823, he later turned down Austin's offer of a surveying position; he wrote from Parras that "I would have to spend money continually without receiving any for some time, and the life of a surveyor is so hard..."

The information gathered by surveyors in the course of their work provided one of the essential sources for maps of Texas. Surveying the land in Mexican Texas followed the metes and bounds system, where natural features of the land, such as trees, are used as landmarks for the corners, with the distances indicated between them. The surveyors equipment was a stick called a "Jacob's staff," a compass for determining direction, and a chain for measuring distances. Each link in the chain was a specified length, making it easier for the surveyor to calculate.

Texas surveyors were required to use the Mexican system of land measurements. The basic unit of linear measurement was the *vara*, which equals 33 and one third inches. The basic unit for measuring area was the league, equal to 25,000,000 square varas (as specified by the state colonization law of 1825), or 4,428.4 acres.

Surveyors would blaze a mark on the trees at the corners of the survey.

If there were no trees, they might hammer a stake into the ground or make a pile of rocks to mark the corner. Most of the early settlers in Texas located their land near a convenient source of water, usually a stream, so surveyors laid out tracts of land along the streams. Mapping the courses of streams — called "meandering" — was a very important part of the job.

A typical surveying crew could consist of several people including the surveyor, chain carriers (usually two), trail blazers, a cook and a guide. Surveyors faced harsh conditions and many dangers — including the possibility of Indian attack. Since they lived as well as worked in the open, they were at the mercy of the weather. But the job had to be done no matter how hot or cold the day. If it rained, the crew could only wait for it to stop. It was a life of isolation and, undoubtedly, long periods of boredom. Diary entries made by John Borden during the last week of April and the first week of May, 1833 tell of windy and rainy weather, a high river and boggy woods. In entries on May 2, he mentioned two events: the discovery of an Indian "line" and the sound

of shooting. He noted on "Tuesday morning five men, two boys and one woman of the Kichie tribe came to our camp — appeared friendly," and added, with apparently equal concern, "Tobacco gave out yesterday, much lamented by all hands..."

The field notes and plats of the Mexican Texas surveyors are almost identical in form to those used in the United States, and would seem to indicate that most surveyors probably got their early training and experience there. The abilities demanded by the job meant that most Texas surveyors — particularly the good ones — were well-educated and literate and probably knew a good deal more than surveying. Horatio Chriesman, Elias Wightman, Francis W. Johnson and brothers John, Thomas and Gail Borden were among the surveyors who became prominent figures and came to play important roles in the revolution and the subsequent Republic of Texas.

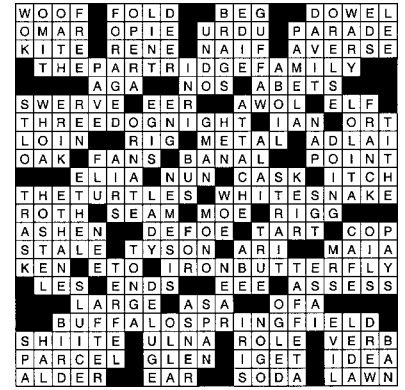
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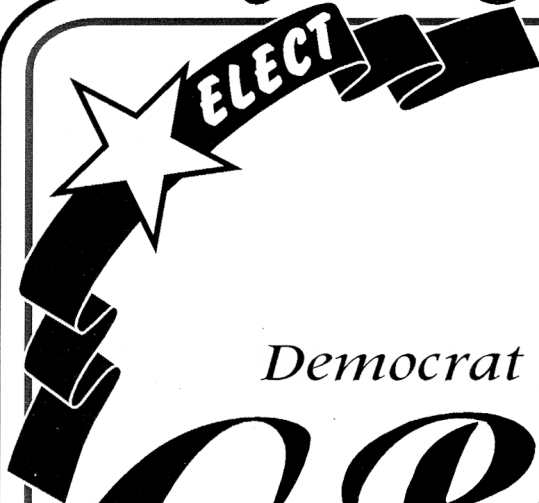
The Transportation Policy Board (TPB) of the El Paso Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) will hold a **PUBLIC MEETING on FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 2002, at 9:00 A.M., at The El Paso MPO Office, c/o The Gateway Business Center, 10767 Gateway Blvd. West, Suite 605, El Paso, Texas 79935**, to discuss the following agenda:

1. Approval of Minutes.
2. Training on the Reauthorization of the Federal Transportation Bill (Transportation Equity Act of the 21<sup>ST</sup> Century).
3. Status Report on the Guadalupe/Tornillo Port of Entry.

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.

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# Olympics controversy is a black eye on an already battered face

By Steve Escajeda  
Special to the Courier

How about that Super Bowl a few weeks ago. What a game. I had my doubts but I was sure relieved when the St. Louis Rams pulled it out in the end.

For a second there, I thought the Rams might lose to the Patriots but the better team always finds a way. I mean the way Kurt Warner led his team down the field in that overtime period was amazing.

And when Marshall Faulk ran it in from three yards out I went crazy. What a game — one of the best I've ever seen.

O.K., O.K., I'm sorry — I admit it — the New England Patriots actually won. They really won the game by doing a better job on the field.

I guess I have to come clean. I've been getting so much pressure to write that the Rams won. Another writer told me that if I wrote that the Rams won he would write that the Cowboys had advanced to the second round of the playoffs. You know, we traded columns.

Oh, come on, if the French figure skating judge can do it then I should be able to get

away with it, too. After all, everybody does it.

Well, I'm not absolutely sure if everybody does it but how about that Winter Olympics controversy? I mean, everyone is talking about it.

Everybody is talking about what a travesty this is. How it will leave an unsightly blemish on the once pristine face of the Olympic games. Please allow me to quote those immortal words of M\*A\*S\*H's Colonel Sherman T. Potter: "Mule Muffins!"

Are you kidding? This is the best thing ever to happen to the Olympics. People all over the world have been tuning in to see what would happen next.

People actually cared whether or not the Canadian pair would be awarded the gold medal they really earned. I mean, when's the last time you got all emotional about pair's figure skating?

And here's another question, how prevalent is the cheating among the Olympic judges?

These Salt Lake City Olympics are the games that were stolen away from every other country bidding for them when Utah officials illegally bought them with funds delivered under the table, if you know what I mean. Now judges are buying votes from each other to ensure cer-

tain victories.

I don't know what you think but I think the recipe that was once the "Olympic Ideal" could use a dose of integrity and a dash of honor.

## My kingdom for a clock

It wasn't much a surprise that the UTEP Miners fell to the Fresno State Bulldogs 72-64 last week. And the fact that the Miners failed to take advantage of Fresno's lack of depth (only playing six players) didn't surprise me either.

What surprised me was the fact that Roy Smallwood sat on the bench and didn't play because he missed a 6:30 a.m. practice session. He overslept!

Now the pieces of the "What's Wrong with the Miners?" puzzle are starting to come together.

Does Smallwood need to subscribe to one of those wake-up services? Does he need one of those new-fangled digital alarm clocks? No, what he needed was a teammate. A teammate to take charge and make sure every player is present and accounted for.

And if a player isn't there, this teammate kicks him out of bed.

That's what a team captain does. That's what

a leader does. The search for a team leader has been going on the entire season and the Miners just don't have a player with the smarts, guts and heart to lead this team.

Now — I wonder how much those alarm clocks cost?

## 220th time's a charm

Like the adage goes, "If at first you don't succeed, try, try, try, try, try, try, try, try, try, try, try, try, try..." Well, you get the idea.

That old saying seems to have been written especially for the winner of last week's Nissan Open golf tournament, Len Mattiace. The victory was his first ever on the PGA tour. Nothing special about that, everybody has to win that first one.

But this was Mattiace's 220th PGA tournament and this is his seventh year with the big boys. Wow, even some UTEP football coaches won at least a game or two during the '70s.

But finally winning wasn't the best part of Mattiace's day. For his effort, he took home a check worth \$666,000. Somehow I feel that made the wait worth it.

At this rate all those PGA golfers better look out for Mattiace, he's already the favorite to win the 2009 Master's.

## Briefs

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accreditation from the National Association for the Education of Young Children. It is one of only two centers among Head Start's 34 in El Paso and Hudspeth Counties to be recognized for their early childhood program. To receive the NAEYC rating, the individual center must undergo a voluntary comprehensive process of internal study. The San Elizario Head Start Center is

currently enrolling children for the 2002-2003. Call 851-1124 for information.

■ About 350 parents attended a sportsmanship class recently as part of the Canutillo ISD Youth Basketball program that started in February and continues through May, according to school district Public Relations Director, Alfredo Vasquez. Over 520 students in kindergarten through sixth grade were signed up to participate in the District's basketball program which is coordinated by the Canutillo Americorps VISTA volunteers. This is the fourth year

that the basketball activity is offered. The mandatory sportsmanship class was held for parents and guardians who registered their children for the basketball league. "The class focused on the importance of showing a positive attitude towards sports. It provided information on how to use sports to teach students responsibility, dedication, and respect towards others," said Jorge Valenzuela, Canutillo VISTA supervisor. Participating as coaches, score and time keepers are more than 120 volunteers including high and middle school students, parents and community members. Games will be held Friday evenings and Saturday mornings at the Canutillo High School gymnasiums. For more information, contact Valenzuela, at 877-7613.

■ Persons considering running for school board can get a little insight during a free public workshop Monday, March 4, 7-9 p.m. at Region 19 Education Service Center, 6611 Boeing in El Paso. Experienced board members will explain key responsibilities and outline quali-

ties needed for effective service. Call 512-467-0222 or 800-580-8272 and ask for ext. 6104.

■ A directory seeking to include as many El Paso area animal health and welfare organizations as possible is requesting organizers to call Janice Nutt at (915) 855-7273 so their information can appear in the El Paso Animal Health and Welfare Organizations Directory. Deadline is Feb. 28. Produced by volunteer members of the El Paso City/County Animal Shelter Advisory Committee (ASAC), the new animal organizations directory will have names, addresses, phone numbers, contact people as well as activity information for all types of animal rescue groups, pet health and welfare organizations and even pet friendly hotels in the area. The directory will also be posted on the ASAC web site at www.epasac.org.

■ Congratulations for Coffee! — "Character Coffee," that is. These gatherings are an integral part of the Character Education Program in the San Elizario Independent School District. San Elizario's elementary counselors — Norma DeKoatz,

Leticia Otero and Mayela Sanchez — have gained national recognition for their hard work in organizing the "Coffees." The National School Board Public Relations Association, located in Rockville, Maryland, will highlight the success of the Character Coffees in the Public Engagement column that appears in one of their national publications. The community is always encouraged to attend these informative meetings. For more information, contact Norma DeKoatz (Alarcón — 872-3930), Leticia Otero (Borrego — 872-3910) or Mayela Sanchez (Sambrano — 872-3950) at their respective campuses.

■ The David G. Burnet Chapter and the Paso del Norte Chapter of the Daughters of the Republic of Texas will hold a combined luncheon meeting on Saturday, March 9, at 11:30. The meeting will be held at the Cliff Inn Hotel, 1600 Cliff Drive. Carol Steakley, District I Representative, will be visiting with the Chapters. The guest speaker will be Dr. James Day. For additional information call 544-8424.

## Phamiliar phrases

"cut-and-dried"

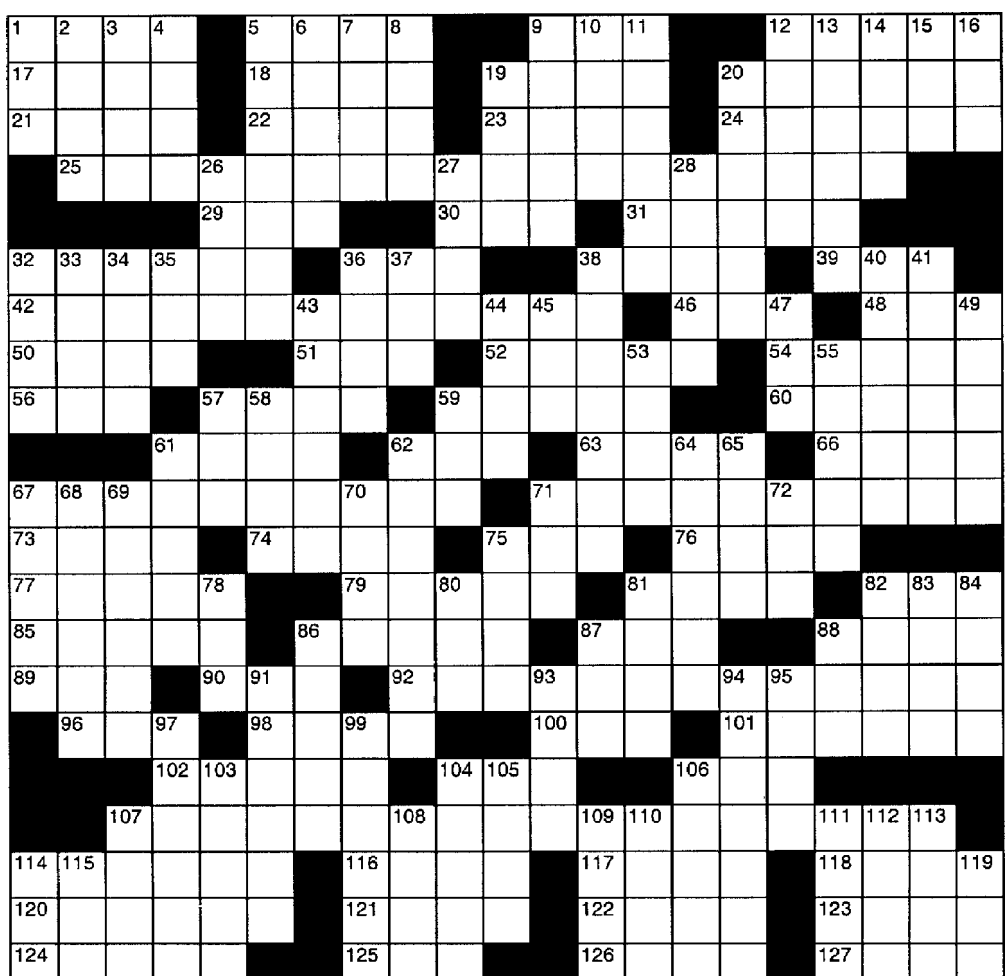
The phrase conveys getting to the point swiftly and simply ("my boss was cut-and-dried about me getting a raise"). The original meaning, "ready for use," came from the timber industry. Logs are cut to size, then allowed to dry completely before using.

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- 12 Wooden pin
- 17 Baseball's Vizquel
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- 19 Pakistani language
- 20 Flaunt
- 21 Small hawk
- 22 Descartes or Levesque
- 23 Trusting sort
- 24 Loath
- 25 "I Think I Love You" group
- 29 Khan opener?
- 30 Figs.
- 31 Fosters a felon
- 32 Avoid an accident
- 36 Poetic contraction
- 38 Way off base?
- 39 Pixie
- 42 "Joy to the World" group
- 46 Swimmer Thorpe
- 48 Supper scrap
- 50 Meat cut
- 51 Fix a fight
- 52 Mercury, for one
- 54 Dwight's competition
- 56 Acorn, eventually
- 57 Enthusiasts
- 59 Trite
- 60 "Break" ('91 film)
- 61 Director Kazan
- 62 Sister
- 63 Amontillado container
- 66 Yen
- 67 "Happy Together" group
- 71 "Here I Go Again" group
- 73 Actress Lillian
- 74 Line of clothing?
- 75 "The Simpsons" bartender
- 76 "The Avengers" star
- 77 Wan
- 79 "Moll Flanders" author
- 81 Sour
- 82 Toody or Muldoon
- 85 Musty
- 86 "Iron Mike"
- 87 Onassis' nickname
- 88 Hermes' mom
- 89 Russell or Wahl
- 90 WWII area
- 92 "In-A-Gadda-Da-Vida" group
- 96 Rocker Claypool
- 98 They may be split
- 100 Shoe width
- 101 Evaluate
- 102 Sweatshirt size
- 104 Botanist Gray
- 106 "Birds" feather
- 107 "For What It's Worth" group
- 114 Imam's subject
- 116 Skeleton part
- 117 Cordelia or Edith
- Bunker
- 118 Sink or swim?
- 120 Bundle
- 121 Valley
- 122 "Around" ('64 hit)
- 123 Notion
- 124 Cabinet wood
- 125 Canal zone?
- 126 Word with biscuit or jerk
- 127 Suburban obsession
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- 3 Inauguration Day event
- 4 Liberate
- 5 Scrounged around
- 6 Beethoven wrote one
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- 8 Mailer's "The Park"
- 9 Better oneself, in a way
- 10 Falco of "The Sopranos"
- 11 Loud laugh
- 12 Cargo crane
- 13 Threat words
- 14 Guarded
- 15 Mag. bigwigs
- 16 Golfer Trevino
- 19 Reverse
- 20 Richardson novel
- 26 Macadamize
- 27 Cross inscription
- 28 Extremely hot
- 32 Normandy site
- 33 "Hold your horses!"
- 34 Palladino of "ER"
- 35 Stimp's pal
- 36 Protection
- 37 Chang's sib
- 38 Lawyer's case?
- 40 '62 Kubrick film
- 41 Composer Cesar
- 43 Rocco
- 44 Fed
- 45 Party animal?
- 47 Doze
- 49 Church offering
- 53 Jai
- 55 "Nothing"
- 57 Winter malady
- 58 Pretension
- 59 Kramden's vehicle
- 61 One of the Barrymores
- 62 Downfall
- 64 Channel
- 65 Actor Dullea
- 67 Country singer Diana
- 68 Inn
- 69 Petroleum component
- 70 Chatterley or Windermere
- 71 "is me!"
- 72 Bilko's rank: abbr.
- 75 Non-stereo
- 78 Born
- 80 In place of
- 81 Real
- 82 Java joint
- 83 Art medium
- 84 Actress Amanda
- 86 Friendly Islands
- 87 Novelist Kobo
- 88 "Doubtfire" ('93 film)
- 91 Bass-baritone Bryn
- 93 Imminent
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- 95 Morales of "La Bamba"
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- 105 Extend across
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- 107 Tweeter
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- 112 A swan was her swain
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- 115 Porter or Prince
- 119 Outlaw



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# Is there a statute of limitations for naked statues?

By Don Flood

While the president, in his recent State of the Union message, addressed many important issues, I was disappointed that he neglected to mention a problem plaguing Washington, D.C., and, indeed, many of our major cities.

I am speaking of course about the problem of naked statues.

Fortunately for Bush, he has an attorney general, John Ashcroft, who is not only aware of the problem but has taken action.

Ashcroft, according to ABC.com, recently arranged to have draperies installed to properly cover the Spirit of Justice statue, and frankly it's about time.

Since the 1930s, this statue has stood in the Justice Department's Great Hall wearing a toga outfit that leaves one breast entirely exposed!

I mean, really, when Miss Spirit of Justice was a young statue didn't someone teach her how to dress like a lady?

She's right out there in a public space, for goodness sakes! Schoolchildren take tours of this building! I don't like to speak ill of statues, particularly those I haven't met, but it's obvious this Spirit of

Justice is a brazen hussy.

The result, much to our country's embarrassment, has been photos in which our nation's highest-ranking law enforcement officer appears in the company of a half-naked statue.

And you know how people in Washington are. You keep getting photographed with a certain naked statue all the time, and people start to talk.

But the fact is, the problem is everywhere — nudity being a popular lifestyle choice for many statues.

You see them lounging about in various states of undress on street corners, plazas, right in the middle of traffic circles!

And these statues aren't just a nuisance for people.

They are also deeply disturbing to the more modestly dressed statues, many of whom are law-abiding sculptures out enjoying a ride on horseback.

Imagine their shock when they ride up to one of their fellow statues — prancing about naked in a fountain like it's private shower!

Where all these naked statues came from, I don't know.

There is even, I'm sad to say, a rather bizarre statue of George Washington wearing a toga.

He's trying to look rather grand and dignified, but the fact is, in many communities, Washington could get arrested for answering the door in this get-up.

This statue is especially odd since most historians agree that Washington never attended a toga party.

(Toga parties were, in fact, introduced to Washington, D.C., society by Abraham Lincoln, who often tried to relieve tension among his Cabinet members with the chant of, "Toga! Toga! Toga!")

The first step in getting this problem under control is to make sure that all new statues have job descriptions carefully outlining appropriate attire.

Statues appearing at busy intersections, for instance, should be dressed in sensible business attire, with female statues wearing the appropriate foundation garments.

These descriptions should be handled by Ashcroft himself or one of his top assistants.

This may seem like piddling work for an attorney general, but unfortunately, he's one of the few who even realizes there's a problem.

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# Works of renowned Mexican filmmaker noted in Chamizal event

By Michelle J. Brown  
Special to the Courier

EL PASO COUNTY — Through the power of the camera, renowned independent documentary filmmaker Paul Espinosa has given audiences around the world a deeper and fuller understanding of the complex U.S.-Mexico Border. To recognize Espinosa's contributions to art, film making, and his career's focus on Mexican-American issues and border culture, the El Paso Community Foundation, in collaboration with Chamizal National Memorial, is hosting a three-day film festival showcasing Espinosa's border-related works.

The Paul Espinosa Film Festival will be screened from March 15-17 at the Chamizal National Memorial, 800 S. San Marcial Street. Free and open to the public, the festival will be inaugurated with an opening reception 5:30 p.m. on Friday, March 15. A screening of *The Hunt For Pancho Villa* — a documentary profiling Gen. Fran-

cisco "Pancho" Villa's dramatic raid on Columbus, N.M. and the U.S. search and capture expedition led by Gen. John "Blackjack" Pershing — will follow at 7 p.m.

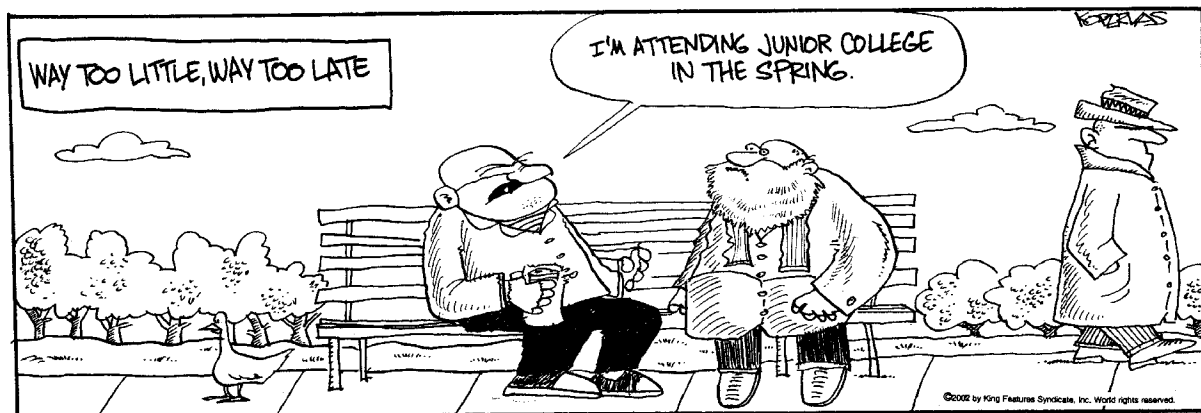
Filmmaker Espinosa will be present at all screenings and will participate in audience discussions after each screening. He will be accompanied by University of Texas at El Paso humanities scholar Yolanda Chavez Leyva, Ph.D. and University of Arizona Regents Professor of History and noted author Oscar Martinez, Ph.D.

Espinosa's films have won eight Emmys, five CINE Golden Eagle awards, two Ohio State Awards, a Golden Mike Award, two Ohio State Awards, Golden Mike Award, two Blue Ribbons and a Best of the Festival Awards at the Santa Barbara, Minneapolis and San Antonio CineFestival. Seating is limited and the public is strongly encouraged to come early.

For more information call Estela Reyes Lopez at (915) 857-2493 or Gary Williams (915) 533-4020.

## Comix

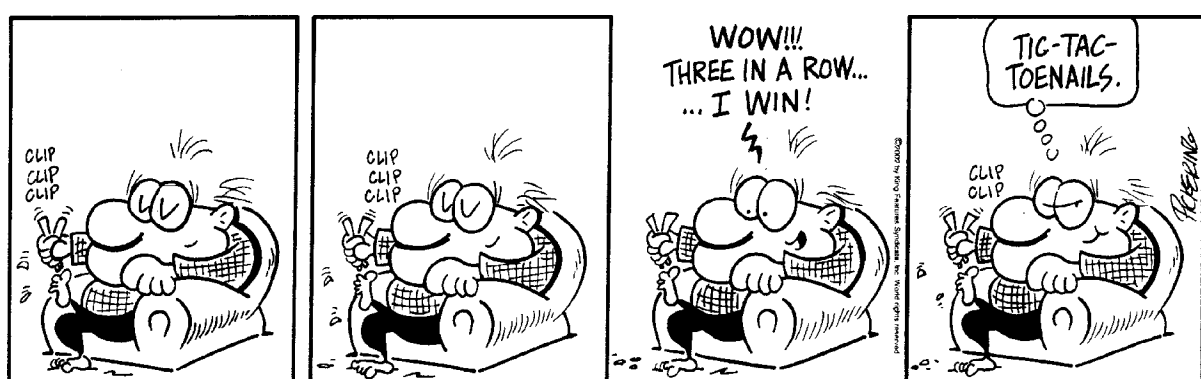
OUT ON A LIMB By Gary Kopervas



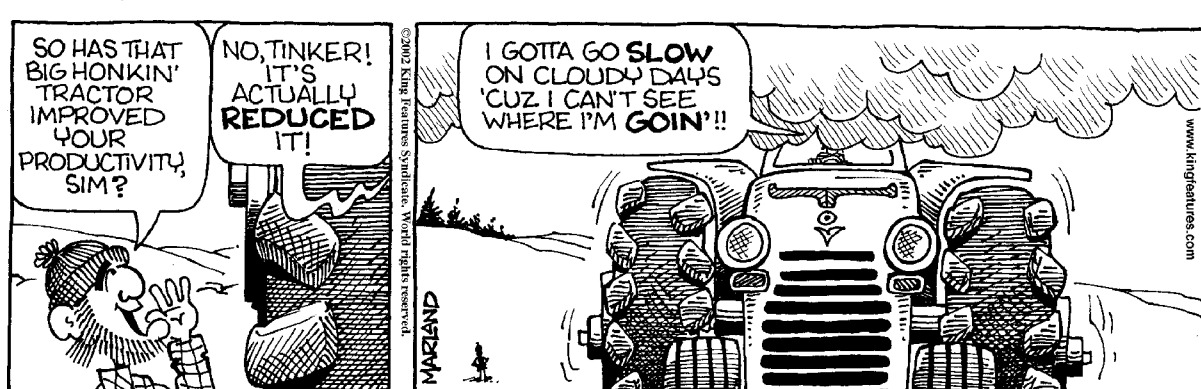
GOT A LIFE By Terri Davis



THE SPATS By Jeff Pickering



R.F.D. By Mike Marland



## Town of Clint, Texas Notice of Municipal Election Aviso de Eleccion Municipal

To the registered voters of the Town of Clint, Texas:  
*A los votantes registrados del Pueblo de Clint, Texas:*

Notice is hereby given that the polling places listed below will be open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Saturday, May 4, 2002 for voting in a Municipal election, to elect one (1) Mayor, two (2) Aldermen for full two-year terms and (1) Alderman to fill an unexpired term.

*Notifiquese, por presente, que las casillas electorales sitadas abajo se abiran desde las 7 de la mañana hasta las 7 de la tarde el sábado 4 de mayo de 2002 para votar en la elección para elegir un (1) Alcalde, dos (2) Regidores para el término completo de dos años y un (1) Regidor para el término no expirar.*

Location of polling places  
*Localidades de las casillas electorales*  
**Clint Middle School Gymnasium**  
**13100 Alameda Avenue, Clint, Texas**

Early voting by personal appearance will be conducted each weekday at:  
*La votación en ausencia en persona se llevará a cabo de lunes a viernes en:*

**Clint Middle School Gymnasium**  
**13100 Alameda Avenue, Clint, Texas**

between the hours of 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. beginning on the April 17, 2002 and ending on April 30, 2002.  
*entre las 8 de la mañana y las 5 de la tarde empezando el día 17 de abril de 2002, y terminando el día 30 de abril de 2002.*

Applications for ballot by mail shall be mailed to:  
*Las solicitudes para boletas para votar en ausencia por correo deberan enviarse a:*

**Helen Jamison**  
**500 E. San Antonio, Rm. 402**  
**El Paso, Texas 79901**

Applications for ballots by mail must be received no later than the close of business on the 16th day of April, 2002.

*Las solicitudes para boletas para votar en ausencia por correo deberan recibirse para el fin de las horas de negocio el día 16 de abril de 2002.*

Issued this 6th day of February, 2002.  
*Emitada esta 6 día de febrero de 2002.*

Charles E. Gonzalez, Mayor

WTCC: 02/21/02

# Social Security: Q & A by Ray Vigil

**Q.** If my full retirement age is 65 and 10 months, do I have to wait until age 62 and 10 months to start getting reduced retirement benefits?

**A.** No. No matter what your full retirement age is, you can still start your benefits at a reduced rate as early as age 62.

**Q.** I heard that you have an electronic newsletter. Can I subscribe?

**A.** Yes, you can and we encourage you to! Social Security's eNews is one of the most popular and critically

acclaimed electronic newsletters out there. And best of all, your subscription is free! You can view our last issue by visiting our website and if you like, you can subscribe to receive newsletter electronically.

**Q.** What is FICA? Why don't they call it what it is — Social Security tax?

**A.** Social Security taxes are collected under the authority of the Federal Insurance Contributions Act. Originally, the law was Title VIII of the 1935 Social Security Act. When the taxing provisions were taken out of

the Social Security Act in 1939 and placed in the Internal Revenue Code, Title VIII was renamed the Federal Insurance Contributions Act.

**Q.** How do I get a copy of my W-2 for a previous year?

**A.** To request a W-2 for a prior year, you need to contact the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) for a copy of your W-2 for Federal tax-related issues. You can direct your questions to the IRS by calling their toll-free telephone number, 1-800-829-1040.

**Q.** I know that the maximum amount of wages subject to the Social Security tax went up for 2002. Did the tax

rate change also?

**A.** No, the Social Security tax rate is unchanged at 6.2 percent.

**Q.** After I sign up for direct deposit, do I have to stay with the same bank?

**A.** No, you can use direct deposit at any federally insured bank, savings and loan or credit union. When you open the new account, make sure your deposits are going to the new account before you close the old one.

**Q.** I no longer work in the U.S., can I have a Social Security tax refund?

**A.** The law does not permit a refund of

Social Security taxes. However, you may be eligible to receive U.S. Social Security benefits as a result of a bilateral agreement between the U.S. and your resident country. These agreements help many people who, without the agreement, would not be eligible for monthly retirement, disability or survivor's benefits under the Social Security systems of one or both countries.

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.

# WEATHER

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## SEVEN-DAY FORECAST FOR EL PASO

THURSDAY	THUR. NIGHT	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY
Bright and sunny.	Clear.	Bright sunshine.	Bright and sunny.	Sunny.	Sunshine.	Partly sunny.	Periods of clouds and sunshine.
▲ 62°	▼ 34°	▲ 64° ▼ 36°	▲ 70° ▼ 40°	▲ 70° ▼ 40°	▲ 70° ▼ 40°	▲ 74° ▼ 44°	▲ 70° ▼ 44°

### UV INDEX Statistics for noon.

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

Thursday	6	Moderate
Friday	6	Moderate
Saturday	6	Moderate
Sunday	6	Moderate
Monday	6	Moderate
Tuesday	6	Moderate
Wednesday	5	Moderate

### REAL FEEL TEMP™

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

Thursday	62°
Friday	58°
Saturday	72°
Sunday	74°
Monday	74°
Tuesday	70°
Wednesday	66°

### AGRICULTURE

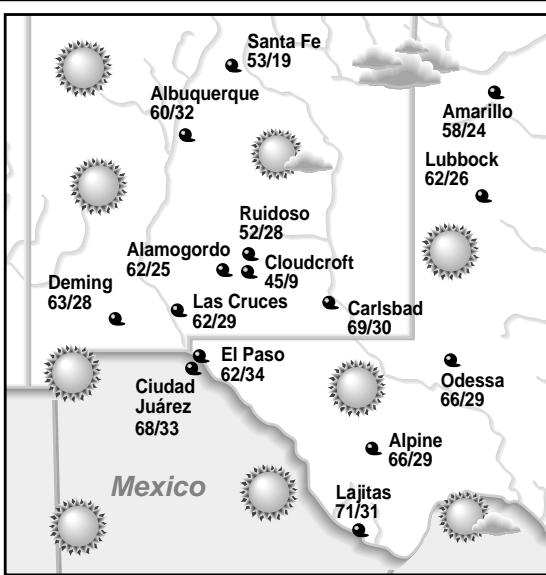
A generally fast flow to the north of Texas will keep the significant storminess away. As a result, there will be plenty of sunshine, little or no precipitation and good drying conditions each day. Temperatures will average near normal.

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### TEXAS WEATHER

Anthony	62	34
Canutillo	63	35
Clint	62	34
E. Montana	62	34
Fabens	62	34
Horizon	63	35
San Elizario	60	31
Socorro	61	33
Tornillo	62	34
Vinton	63	35

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



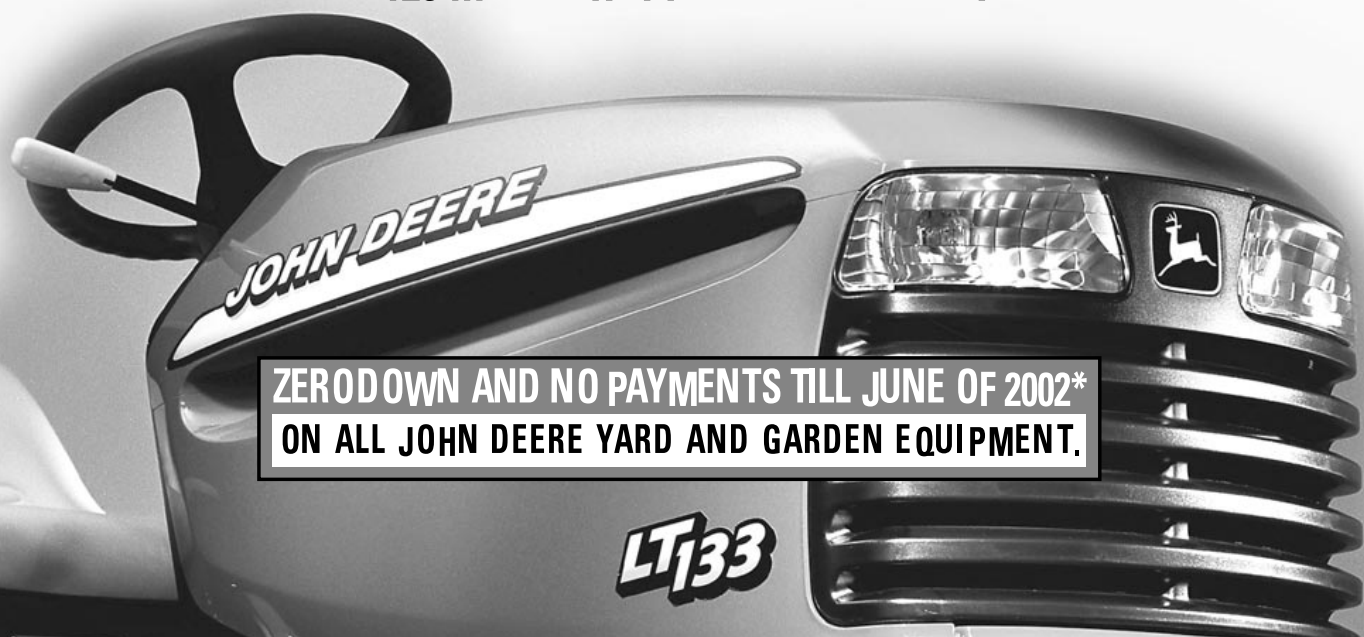
### TRAVELERS CITIES

City	Thur. Hi/Lo/W	Fri. Hi/Lo/W	Sat. Hi/Lo/W	Sun. Hi/Lo/W	Mon. Hi/Lo/W
Albuquerque	60/32/s	66/34/s	68/38/s	66/34/s	60/28/pc
Atlanta	62/44/pc	55/32/c	58/38/s	62/42/s	64/44/s
Atlantic City	56/38/pc	48/34/pc	46/34/pc	46/28/c	44/28/s
Austin/San Antonio	72/38/s	66/36/s	64/42/s	70/50/s	70/54/c
Baltimore	58/36/pc	48/34/pc	46/32/s	46/26/c	46/26/s
Boston	52/36/sh	48/32/pc	46/30/pc	46/27/r	42/25/pc
Chicago	36/22/c	38/30/pc	46/32/c	40/24/pc	36/22/pc
Dallas/Ft. Worth	68/40/pc	62/38/s	64/42/s	66/46/s	66/48/pc
Denver	50/32/s	64/34/s	60/26/pc	38/16/c	34/10/sn
Flagstaff	56/28/s	55/22/s	55/21/s	56/25/s	55/23/pc
Houston	70/44/pc	60/34/s	66/42/s	68/48/pc	64/52/pc
Kansas City	50/22/pc	54/34/pc	58/28/pc	48/28/c	38/22/sn
Las Vegas	71/45/s	73/47/s	71/47/s	71/47/s	71/46/pc
Miami	80/66/c	78/58/sh	72/56/pc	74/60/s	78/52/s
Minneapolis	32/16/pc	36/22/pc	38/18/sn	26/10/pc	20/6/c
New Orleans	74/50/s	62/38/s	62/44/s	68/48/s	66/48/s
New York City	56/38/pc	46/34/pc	42/34/s	42/30/c	42/30/s
Philadelphia	58/38/pc	48/34/pc	46/34/s	46/28/c	44/28/s
Phoenix	82/56/s	86/58/s	84/56/s	80/52/pc	76/50/s
Portland	54/42/r	54/40/r	50/38/c	48/38/pc	48/38/pc
San Francisco	66/48/pc	66/50/s	62/48/pc	60/48/pc	60/48/pc
Seattle	50/40/r	52/38/sh	48/38/pc	46/38/pc	46/38/pc
Tucson	78/48/s	82/50/s	84/48/s	80/46/s	76/42/s
Washington, DC	60/40/pc	50/34/pc	46/34/s	46/30/c	48/30/s

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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