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NEWSBRIEFS

INS dismantled

Calling the Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS) a "dysfunctional" agency, Congressman Silvestre Reyes said he was grateful that legislation to abolish the agency was approved by the House of Representatives by a 405-9 margin. "The 2,114 people in El Paso who are waiting to be naturalized may receive speedier service now," he said. Two independent bureaus will be created, combined under the Agency for Immigration Affairs. One will be the Bureau of Immigration Enforcement and the second will be the Bureau of Citizenship and Services. "This bill is not the cure all of the INS problems, but we are moving in the right direction," Reyes said.

He's uplifting

About 500 pounds, that is. Socorro ISD strongman and Instructional Specialist Ben Causey is at it again, attempting to lift 500 pounds to benefit the fundraising effort to place a garrison-sized flag atop a 100-foot flagpole at the Socorro ISD Student Activities Complex off Loop 375. Causey lifted 420 pounds in a fundraiser on April 16 — now spectators and student of the Campestre Elementary School in Socorro have pledged pennies for each pound he lifts.

In other news

■ The Town of Horizon City will have four places on the ballot on May 4, however, only one of those positions is contested. For the two-year term of Alderman Place 2, Mason Gray and Ronald Baerbock are candidates. Mary E. Beasley will fill Alderman Place 1; Walter L. Miller, Alderman Place 4; and Bethani C. Sellers, Alderman Place 6. All are two-year terms.

■ The Village of Vinton will hold a general election on May 4, with three positions on the ballot. The position of mayor is sought by incumbent Samuel Monrreal, Antonio Castro and Juvencia Rios Ontiveros. Candidates for Councilman Place 1 are Cesar Gonzalez and Dolores Diaz; and for Councilman Place 2 are Cecilia Avila and Yolanda Lucero.

■ San Elizario ISD has three places on the May 4 ballot for school board trustee. For Place 1, candidates are Rick Rednour and Paul Johnson Jr.; for Place 2, Armando Martinez and Raymond Johnson; and for Place 3, Fernie Madrid and John Johnson.

■ The Horizon City Community Chapel will observe the National Day of Prayer on Thursday, May 2. The Sanctuary will be open from 8 a.m. to 9 p.m. for all who want to come there to pray, according to Pastor Dean Pinney and Pastor Pablo Gonzales. Information: 852-3154.

■ The regular meeting date for the Town of Horizon City council has been changed for May. Instead of the second Tuesday of the month, it will instead be on the first one, Tuesday, May 7 at 6:30 p.m. at the

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The taxpayer who thinks his money doesn't go very far should brush up on his geography.

— Quips and Quotes



VOLUNTEERS RECOGNIZED — Board member Martha Contreras (right) congratulates members of the Campestre school volunteer team, Marcie Dominguez and James Holley, as they receive the District's award for being named the District's outstanding volunteer group this year. The District honored all of its parent volunteer groups during a luncheon April 19 at the Vista Del Sol Conference Center. More than 400 volunteers from throughout the District attended the luncheon.

City of Socorro annexation proposal may have far-reaching effects for the East County

Analysis

By Francis D. Shrum
Courier Staff Writer

SOCORRO — The City of Socorro took further steps last week in an ambitious proposal to annex a significant area in the I-10 corridor, a tale of three cities and two water districts.

The area under consideration for annexation is encompassed in the "Leigh Clark" survey and includes all four corners of the intersection of Horizon Blvd. and Interstate 10.

Three major truck stops and a fast-food restaurant are located on the four respective corners of that intersection, which is heavily traveled by I-10 truck traffic as well as local traffic to both Horizon City and Socorro.

The proposed annexation lies within the ETJ (extraterritorial jurisdiction) of three municipalities — the City of El Paso, the City of Socorro and the Town of Horizon City.

Pecking order to claim jurisdiction over the property in the tax-rich corridor is determined by which municipality has the largest population — therefore, the City of El Paso has first right of refusal. However, in overruling Socorro's claim, it must also exercise that right to annex — and it may be a right El Paso is currently not prepared to take.

Socorro and Horizon City have both cast a longing eye on the I-10 area that lies between the townships, well recognizing what a boost in the tax base would be experienced by either community. Socorro, however, has long been hampered in annexation plans by its failure to pass a home-rule Charter, and Horizon City has been limited by size and population.

With the recent passage of a home-rule Charter, however, Socorro removed that barrier and has wasted little time in flexing new-found muscle.

The area proposed for annexation is also subject to a jurisdictional conflict by two water districts — the El Paso Water Utilities Public Service Board (PSB) and the Lower Valley Water District (LVWD).

The LVWD currently serves most of the Lower Valley (Mission Valley) communities below the freeway, including City of Socorro, San Elizario and Clint.

However, LVWD's jurisdiction also crosses I-10 in the proposed annexation area to encompass the *colonia* community of Sparks, which, in the late 80's and early 90's gained national attention for its third-world living conditions — no community water or sewer service and lack of paved roads.

Since then, utilizing state and federal grants and low-interest loans, the LVWD installed water and sewer service lines in the Sparks area. Most major intersecting roadways were paved courtesy of the state and county.

The City of Socorro participated with the LVWD on several levels on water and sewer projects in the proposed annexation area and are claiming a heightened interest because of it.

The PSB has made overtures to consolidate with the smaller LVWD, overtures that have not been accepted, ostensibly because they do not include providing a position for an elected representative from the Lower Valley to sit as one of the directors on the PSB.

The City of El Paso, faced with rapid-fire development on practically all sides, is having to decide when and where to absorb the growth sprouting along its limits. Annexation along the corridor of I-10 East has not been a high-profile issue for some years — one major development on the Horizon side of I-10 was denied annexation privileges of water and sewer service several years ago because PSB representatives said the City was not yet prepared to expend the resources to service additional growth in that area.

In moving to annex at this time, Socorro is essentially forcing El Paso's hand — take it now or allow the fast-growing Lower Valley municipality to do so.

The third and smallest city in this tale, Horizon City is unlikely to influence Socorro's decision. Currently undergoing an internal upheaval to rewrite its own Charter and keeping abreast of major housing developments along its own borders, Horizon's city fathers may find their plate is already full.

Rural towns of Fabens, Tornillo to see big changes

Bridge contract approved by County

Courier Staff Reports

EAST EL PASO COUNTY —

Anyone who has lived in East El Paso County for more than five years cannot avoid noticing the changes brought about by population growth and development. But like the saying goes, "You ain't seen nothin' yet."

An \$835,450 contract with a San Antonio engineering and consulting firm approved this week by the County Commissioners Court moves the comparatively sleepy towns of Fabens and Tornillo one step closer to becoming a major international trucking intersection with Mexico.

The contract is one more phase of a \$20 million to \$27 million project already well underway to abandon the 60-plus-year-old narrow wooden bridge that currently connects Fabens to Mexico and

replace it with a major six-lane toll bridge, intended to absorb heavy truck traffic from the congested Zaragoza and Americas Ports of Entry.

The proposed bridge would be about 500 yards upstream from the old bridge. Plans are to purchase about 260 acres around it and to construct a new seven-mile, two-lane highway from the new bridge to Interstate 10.

Tentative ground-breaking is expected sometime in 2003. The County has applied for state and presidential permits to begin.

Because of weight limitations, the existing bridge only carries passenger vehicles, an estimated 700,000 of which cross over a year.

Questions unanswered as yet are how much the surrounding communities of Fabens, Tornillo and their sister Mexican town of Caseta will change as a result of the

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San Elizario fire department's fire suppression rating upgraded

SAN ELIZARIO — The San Elizario Volunteer Fire Department, part of El Paso County Emergency Services District #2, now has it in writing that the department is successfully meeting the challenges of serving a growing community. Chief Lee Murati received confirmation in an April 1, 2002 letter. And it wasn't an April fool's joke.

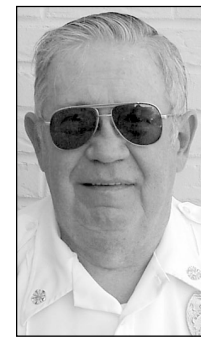
"Homeowners should automatically receive a lower rate on the fire portion of their insurance policies," said Murati, "but they still may want to check with their agents."

Murati credits his volunteers' effort and tax dollars well spent as the two most significant reasons for the rating. "Without the dedicated volunteers that give freely of their time to attend classes and training sessions this would not have happened. And we can't overlook the taxpayers who provided the dollars necessary to purchase good equipment."

The letter notified ESD#2 that their Public Protection Classification on the Fire Suppression Rating Schedule (FSRS) has been upgraded to four — with the best possible rating being one — for properties located within five road miles of a fire station and within 1,000 feet of a fire hydrant, placing it within the top 8.9 percent of fire stations in the nation.

A secondary FSRS classification of nine, out of a possible ten, was given regarding properties beyond 1000 feet of a hydrant but within the defined distance of a fire station.

The rating was given by the Insurance Services Office, Inc. in Austin, which examined criteria including the fire alarm and communication systems; the department's staffing, training, equipment, reserve apparatus and distribution of stations; and the water supply system.



Lee Murati



One perspective

By Francis Shrum

Skin deep

I've never been what we used to call a "looker."

I've never turned heads in public, was never voted Most Beautiful in high school, was never invited to model fashion creations.

In short, I look a lot like a lot of other people — not too good, not too bad, just a regular person.

But it seems there is no torment, no torture nor expense that a whole lot of regular folks will not put themselves through to "improve" the way they look.

My parents taught me to wash my face and comb my hair in the morning, take a bath regularly, and wear cleans clothes that covered me up and were in reasonably good repair. Period.

It was all so simple. Then I grew up.

I discovered, with some trepidation, that there was this mysterious Fashion Force out there in society dictating how I should look. And without fail, the Fashion Force says each person should strive to appear diametrically opposite of their natural appearance.

If you are short, you're supposed to try to look taller. If tall, then shorter. If your hair is brown, make it blonde — if red, then black. If your eyes are green, buy contacts to make them blue. Never be satisfied with yourself.

Nowadays, the Fashion Force says if your eyes appear to be those of a human being, a quick trip to the optometrist can provide you with contacts that make your eyes look like a vampire's, a cat's, or the eight ball.

We have a generation of young men and women who kill themselves trying to appear malnourished or mutilate their bodies by forcing metal strips through their tongues, lips, eyebrows and stomachs — all in the name of Fashion.

It used to be that plastic surgery was only performed on movie stars,

and it was all very hush-hush. Not so anymore.

For as little as \$50, you can get some form of alteration performed on your person in an attempt to please the Fashion Force. According to the national news, it is one of the most common reasons that the average American — both male and female — seeks the services of a medical "professional."

Liposuction, eye jobs, nose jobs, lip enhancement, tummy tucks, wrinkle reduction, procedures to enhance your figure, procedures to de-enhance your figure — you name it, they've got it.

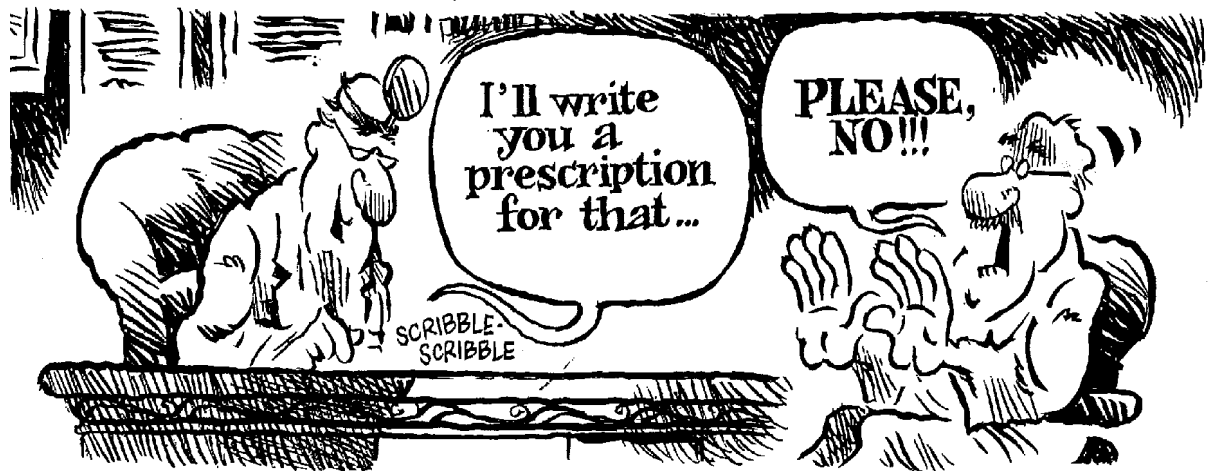
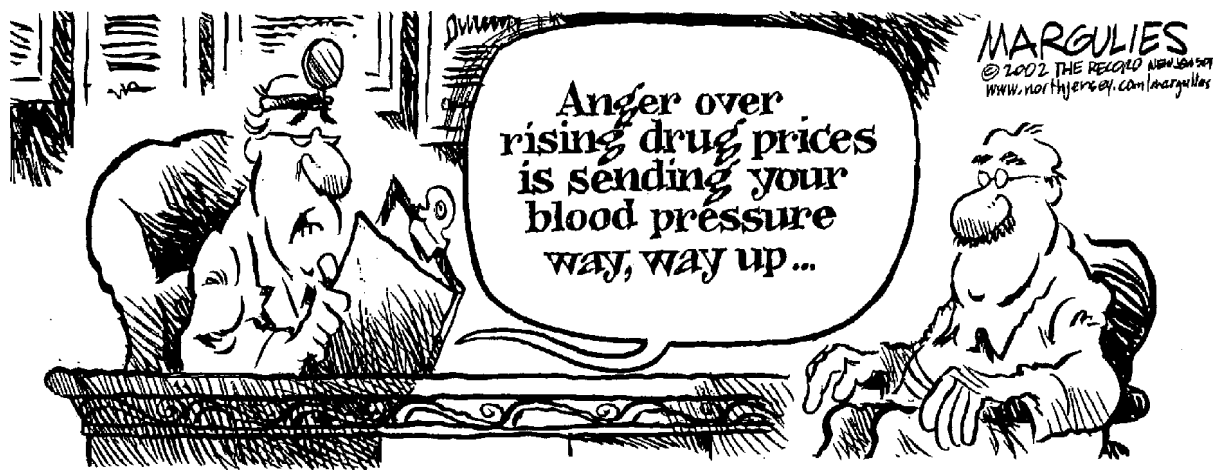
One thing the Fashion Force never mentions is that the end result is not always "new and improved." Sometimes it is death.

At best, we can witness the story of the young woman from the midwest who has attempted to transform herself from a healthy, wholesome, ordinary-looking young woman into the literal image of Barbie. Except she hasn't. She still doesn't look like Barbie. She never will because she's made of flesh and blood, not plastic.

I read a piece in the paper this week about how medical science has discovered that injecting botulism into the wrinkles on a person's face can temporarily reduce wrinkling. Yes, I did say botulism, the very source that can cause terrible disease. The side effects are pretty awful-sounding, but they say it works.

Some of the most beautiful faces I have ever seen have been a tapestry of lines drawn by the experiences of a life, long and well-lived. What a loss it would have been if they'd erased that creation with an injection of poison.

I don't believe the saying that beauty is only skin deep. I think beauty is rooted a whole lot deeper than that.



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Budget cuts should not include job training programs

The administration is turning its back once again on those who are most in need by proposing to cut grants for employment training. President Bush proposes to cut funds for job training programs in his fiscal year 2003 budget.

Federal job training programs being cut, such as Trade Adjustment Assistance (TAA), are important to border areas like El Paso, because they provide assistance to manufacturers who are affected by import competition.

La Mujer Obrera, an organization working to improve the quality of life of unemployed and displaced woman workers in El Paso, is a prime example of an organization that benefits directly from TAA.

La Mujer Obrera helps displaced low-income woman workers find new jobs and improve their living standards, and like so many other organizations, they will be negatively affected if job training funds are cut.

The North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA)-TAA program is another training program that provides assistance to displaced workers. This federally funded program offers employment services that trains workers who have lost jobs due to increase of trade with Canada and Mexico.

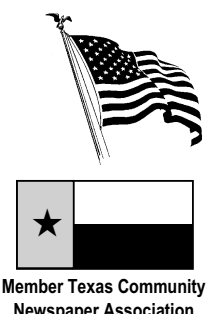
We need to provide our displaced workers with the opportunity to pursue education and training, and it should be one of the President's highest priorities.

Investment in worker training programs is critical to El Paso's economy.

While I realize that we must pay for the war against terrorism, we do not have to cut funding to millions of Americans who are out of work. TAA is truly a worthwhile program and offers services to those who suffer the most during periods of economic hardship.

The Bureau of Labor Statistics estimates that the total number of unemployed people in the U.S. rose 40 percent last year to 8.3 million. El Paso's unemployment rate is 8.4 percent, and there are currently about 23,742 people unemployed in El Paso. There are many parts of the country that are suffering with similar situations. Despite these problems, the Administration is still proposing to cut funding for employment training.

I hope that the President will reconsider his proposal to cut these important programs. Job training programs help those who are in need of assistance acquire the tools that are necessary to get back to work, and these programs should not be cut from the budget.





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



Don't call me!
Hang up on bothersome telemarketing scams and calls

It never fails, the entire family gathers at the table for dinner together, and the phone rings. You try to ignore the persistent wailing, but at last, you give in and answer it. You recognize the silent pause, it's the tell-tale sign of a telemarketer. Before you can politely decline their offer, they drop into a perfectly rehearsed sales pitch. As you unsuccessfully try interrupting the person, you begin to wonder: do these people ever pause — even to take a breath? You just want to scream “no thank you,” and hang up the phone. You don't though, you are trying to be polite.

Congress recently drafted legislation that lets you decide whether or not you want to be called. By simply asking to be placed on the “do not call list,” you can live your life without these calls. You can finally have your cake and eat it too, without any annoying interruptions.

Many states, including Texas, already have “do not call lists” that required telemarketers to remove your name from their lists upon your request. Once your number was placed on the “do not call” list, these companies had to stop calling you. The lists make these calls more than just a nuisance, it makes the calls illegal. However these lists were only limited to in-state callers. Before Congress took action against unwanted callers, out of state telemarketers could continue calling you without

many restrictions.

In an effort to help rid you of haggling nation-wide solicitors, I co-sponsored the Telemarketing Relief Act of 2002. Through a national “do not call” registry, you can remove your number from the lists of all telemarketers within the Federal Trade Commission's jurisdiction.

This legislation not only limits the daily inconvenience of these calls, but also helps protect you and your family. Each year, telemarketers swindle away billions of American dollars. As if that fact was not reason enough to put a stop to unsolicited telemarketers, people over fifty account for more than half of the names found on lists maintained by unscrupulous telemarketing companies. These fraudulent companies successfully target our senior citizens, and steal their money.

Not all calls will be stopped. Charities and collection agencies will still be able to call. And if you agree it is okay for them to contact you, telemarketers can continue to sell you products and services over the phone. The difference is that you are finally able to choose whether you want to sit down and have a nice dinner with your family, or listen to empty promises about free trips and great vacations. It really is that simple.

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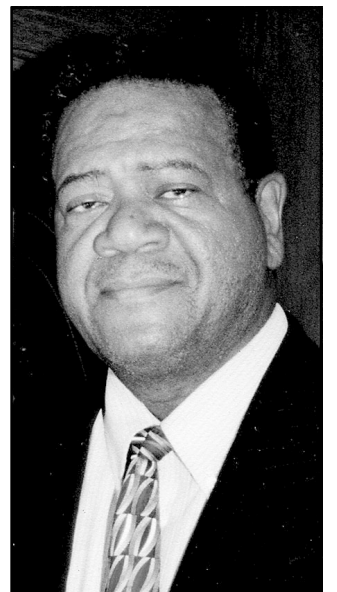
TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS AND PARTIES:

Starrfoam Manufacturing, Inc. has applied to the Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission (TNRCC) for an amendment to Air Quality Permit No. 45016 which would authorize modifications to the Expanded Polystyrene Foam Manufacturing Facility located at 1004 Omar Drive, Anthony, El Paso County, Texas. Additional information concerning this application is contained in the public notice section of this newspaper.

WTCC: 05/02/02

Vote For A Full Time Mayor

Elect Steven T. Cheatum, Sr.
for **MAYOR** of Clint



“Our town needs a full time mayor. Our growth demands that we seek out all funding available to us. That means we must have an official presence, at the meetings, on the decision making boards in El Paso County.”

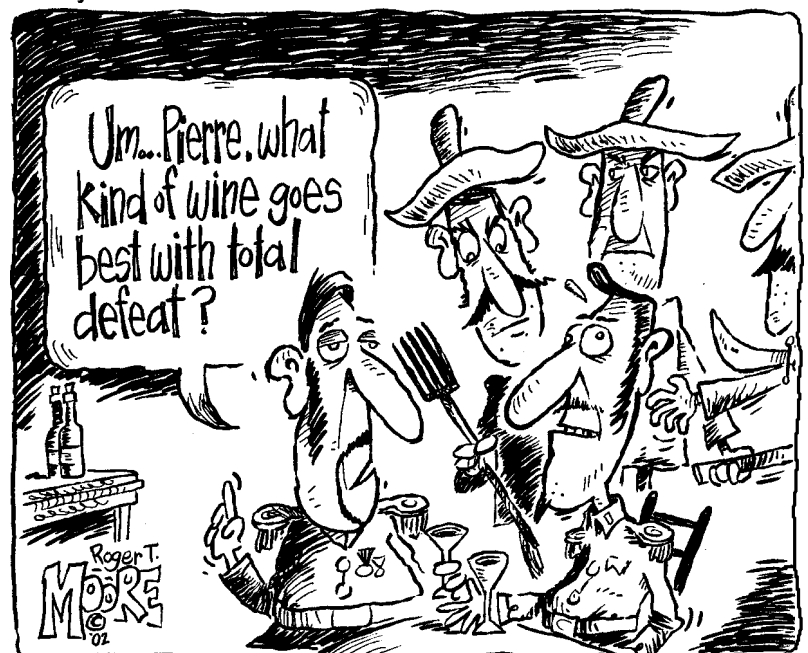
Meetings I attend and organizations I belong to:

- Texas Department of Transportation - East Corridor Study Committee
- El Paso Metropolitan Planning Organization • Transportation Policy Board
- Rio Grande Council of Governments • Mission Valley Steering Committee

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TRUE TEXAS FACTS by Roger Moore May 5, 1862, the Mexicans defeat the French at Puebla... Cinco de Mayo is born.



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Socorro political forum short on candidates due to annexation hearing

By Arleen Beard
Special to the Courier

SOCORRO — With election day closing in, the citizens of Socorro, Texas were given an opportunity on Thursday, April 25 to familiarize themselves with the candidates vying for several positions in the upcoming city elections May 4. The candidate forum was held at Socorro High School's cafeteria at 6:00 p.m.

Martha Trujillo and Bernardo Frescas, two involved community members, hosted what became a low turnout of candidates, who spoke to an also small turn-out of community members.

It was determined that one cause for the low turnout of candidates was because it was scheduled in conflict with a previously posted public hearing by the Socorro Council regarding recently proposed annexation. Several sitting council members are also candidates for reelection to council.

Lack of notification may have also been a factor. Mayoral candidate, Irma S. Sanchez, told the *Courier* that she had not received an invitation to the forum, and was attending the annexation hearing when they became aware that the forum was occurring.

Candidates in attendance were:

- Ricardo Ortiz — candidate for Councilman at Large
- George Carrillo — candidate for Councilman District #1
- Nena Serna Pena — candidate for City Council District #4
- Raymundo Rodriguez — candidate for Mayor
- Joseph Griffin — candidate for City Council District #4

Trini Lopez, an incumbent councilman, is also a candidate for mayor. Lopez was at the forum, but left before he was able to share his political views due to his responsibility to attend the public hearing.

Each candidate was asked the same three questions:

- Why are you qualified to run for the elected office you are seeking for the City of Socorro?
- How do you think the City of Socorro ought to develop economically in the next five years?
- What are the three worst civic problems in the City of Socorro and what are your solutions?

Ortiz said his main objective would be to enforce the new City Charter

and to work on improving the Police Department.

Carrillo felt his management skills learned through his employment make him a qualified candidate. He would like to see City Council work together as a team and with the community. Carrillo said the lack of teamwork is one of the biggest problems the City of Socorro is currently experiencing.

Ms. Pena said her involvement with the community for over 20 years makes her a qualified candidate for City Council. She is actively involved in the Campestre area and is a former Socorro ISD school board member where she was a part of the financial committee. Ms. Pena said she envisions that growth will be tremendous in Socorro and feels the tax base will need to be raised by attracting big industry. The three civic problems she currently recognizes are the police department, the current City Council and the lack of basic needs such as sewage and water connections, and paved roads.

Ray Rodriguez, a former mayor of Socorro, feels his experience and dedication make him the best candidate. He was involved in the 1986 incorporation of the City of Socorro and served

as mayor from 1998-2000. He feels the City of Socorro should be careful and make sure infrastructure is well planned. Improvements must be made in the police and fire departments. Rodriguez identified public safety — streets and police and fire protection — as the three worst civic problems. He feels these departments need improvement.

Griffin feels his experience on the College Democrats for Texas committee taught him the process on how state government works and how to utilize funding and grants and this qualifies him as a strong candidate. He believes people should quit thinking of Socorro as a small town, but rather a large town and Council must

learn to improve roads and lighting and do more for the police department. His views on the three worst civic problems include public roads, parks and recreation, lighting in general and sewage connections.

Other candidates not at the forum and not listed above include: For Mayor, Irma S. Sanchez, Jesus "Chuy" Hernandez, and Trini Lopez; for Councilman at Large, Gary Gandara; Councilman District 1, Joe L. Ramirez; Councilman District 2, Gloria Macias Rodriguez, Javier Hernandez; Councilman District 3, Arnulfo Salazar and Jose "Joe" Hernandez; Councilman District 4, Marco Teran, Chito Bowling, and Jesus "Jesse" Gandara.

Getting rid of unwelcome guests

Sooner or later nearly every home will have some kind of insect infestation. There are two kinds of household insects likely to be found in the home. First are insects that feed on plant material. They are usually found in kitchens and pantries. Second are insects that feed on products that contain animal proteins, such as wool, leather, feathers, and even some pet foods.

With a little effort and some common sense, bugs won't become permanent residents. One way to combat infestation is to control the points of entry. Locate and eliminate infested foods. Shake or beat rugs and blankets, and expose them to bright sunlight. Thoroughly vacuum storage areas and rugs. Store susceptible clothing in airtight boxes or garment

bags and use cold storage to protect furs and other items.

Now scorpions...

While scorpions are feared by many people, only about 20 to 25 of the 1,500 species worldwide are dangerous. Texas is home to 18 of the 90 U.S. species of scorpions.

The sting of a scorpion can range from painful to deadly, depending on the species doing the stinging. Fortunately, stings from scorpion species in Texas are only about as painful as a bee or wasp sting. The severity of the sting depends on the individual scorpion and the person's reaction to the venom. Allergic reactions are possible and should be treated with immediate medical attention.

To prevent scorpion stings: keep

trash, logs and boards, rocks, bricks, or other such items away from the house. Keep grass mowed closely. Place garbage containers on a frame or skid off the ground. Don't bring firewood into the house until you are ready to put it in the fire. And never keep scorpions as pets.

If scorpions do get into your home, synthetic pyrethroid pesticides seem to work well.

(Educational programs of the Texas Agricultural Extension Service are open to all citizens without regard to race, color, sex, disability, religion, age or national origin. The Texas A&M University System, U.S. Department of Agriculture, and the County Commissioners Courts of Texas Cooperating.)

Bridge

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project and how prepared these communities are for such change.

County Commissioner Miguel Teran, who represents that portion of the county, has been a driving force to move the project forward, contending that the new bridge will increase the area's tax base, provide jobs, and improve the quality of life for residents whose median income is less than \$20,000 per year.

But others are not so sure.

Among those are residents who say they moved to these quiet rural towns because they liked them that way.

Still others voice concern because Tornillo and Fabens — both unincorporated communities with an estimated population of about 3000 and 6000 respectively — do not have the infrastructure, such as streets, schools, and other community services necessary to support major increases in traffic and population.

These concerns were voiced during the Commissioners' meeting this week by Bill Addington of Sierra Blanca, who, along with others, helped halt the construction of a nuclear waste dump in his tiny hometown in neighboring Hudspeth County.

Addington, identifying himself as a member of Friends of the Frontera, a carry-over group from that effort, said he knows from experience the trauma such a project can inflict on the quality of life in small communities.

Addington said that too few people in Fabens and Tornillo are aware of the project, let alone the ramification of thousands of trucks suddenly moving through the heart of their communities.

Teran replied that two public meetings have already been held and a third is scheduled for May.

Teran and the other Commission-

ers were undaunted by Addington's caution, saying they felt it was more important to relieve congestion in the City of El Paso — that it makes sense "for the good of the whole."

"I appreciate your concern, but I have to say El Paso needs a new bridge now," said Commissioner Charlie Scruggs.



Elect Craig PATTON FOR TRUSTEE

Socorro Independent School District

Experience:
SISD Trustee, 1996 - 1999.
School Board Vice-Pres., 1997 - 1998.
Chairman of Board of Directors;
Central Appraisal District, 2000 - Present.

Education:
Law degree, University of Houston, 1977.
Bachelor's degree, UTEP, 1973.

Personal:
Attorney.
My wife, Terry, teaches at Helen Ball.
My children attend SISD schools.

"Class sizes are crucial. I want to eliminate overcrowded classes and limit class sizes in the middle and high schools.

If Socorro ISD is the best school district in El Paso County, we should have the best teacher and employee pay scales."

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Elect IRMA S. SANCHEZ FOR MAYOR City of Socorro

Punch #62

Vote for a proven leader on May 4TH.

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KEEP JIM PENDELL for School Board Trustee

Punch #4

Clint Independent School District

Serving the Clint, East Montana and Horizon Communities

- Clint School Board Secretary: 1993 - 1998
- Clint School Board President: 1998 - Present
- Owner/Operator Fabens S & S Big 8 Food Store
- My children attend Clint schools

Election Day: May 4, 2002

Early Voting: April 17 - 30, 2002

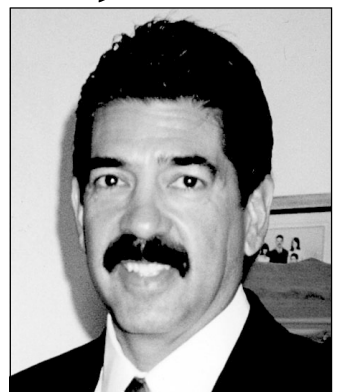
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KEEP Barbara



Perez-Peña

ELECT John



Guerrero

for S.I.S.D. School Board at Large

Pol. adv. paid Yolie Diaz, Campaign Treasurer, 11252 James Grant, El Paso, TX 79936

View from here By Michael Quinn Sullivan

Taxes never provide prosperity — good economics must drive Texas' tax policy

With Texas facing a potential budget shortfall measured in the billions of dollars, and a growing dissatisfaction with the state's "Robin Hood" school finance system compounded by the political season, everyone seems to have adopted a favored method to tax Texans.

Indeed, in coffee shops and cafes from Dallas to Dalhart, San Antonio to Sherman, Texans find themselves debating the merits of various taxing tools the legislature could implement.

But in the arguments over income taxes, regressive and progressive taxes, hidden taxes, loopholes, and all the technical details that become hot political issues, it is easy to lose

sight of two fundamental questions: How does any particular tax, or level of taxation, improve the material welfare of the citizenry? Does taxation spur or impede economic growth for everyone?

No one denies that some government is essential for prosperity; the chaos of anarchy is as dismal a place to start a business as one with heavy government intervention — the former Soviet economy providing a case in point. But the overwhelming weight of the evidence clearly demonstrates that in most industrialized countries, government has reached the point where it is a serious drag on economic growth.

For example, studies have shown that for each one percent of increased tax burden, worker output is lowered by about two percent. That finding has been confirmed by state-by-state comparisons between high-tax and low-tax states, according to work for the Texas Public Policy Foundation by internationally acclaimed economist Richard Vedder.

Martin Feldstein of Harvard concluded in 1997 that "the deadweight burden caused by incremental taxation... may exceed one dollar per dollar of revenue raised, making the cost of incremental government spending more than two dollars for each dollar of government spending."

How, again, does government spending help the economy?

Other studies have shown that high taxes actually discourage business entrepreneurs from locating in a given area; reduce the inflow of new residents into a region and increase the outflow of residents out of a re-

gion; and reduce job opportunities and sometimes lead to higher unemployment.

In fact, during the 1990s more Americans moved from high-tax burden states to low tax-burden states such as Texas, than fled East Germany during the entire period of the Cold war.

Dr. Vedder has previously found that income taxes represent the most detrimental of all taxes for economic growth, followed closely by property taxes. Heavy reliance on either should be avoided, if the goal is sustained economic growth for all people.

But beyond questions of specific taxes, what would a growth-oriented fiscal policy look like?

It would stress general tax relief for the entire citizenry rather than targeted tax abatements or other subsidies for specific individual businesses or groups of people. It would emphasize public investment in highways and parks rather than entitle-

ment or income maintenance programs. Finally, it would minimize business governmental regulation and keep a rein on unemployment and worker compensation costs.

Fortunately, Texas, with its low tax burden, has all of these things — for now.

Remembering the discomfiting greeting "I'm from the government and I'm here to help you," let's hope that irrational campaign-year pronouncements, prompted by concerns of bleak budget forecasts, do not lead politicians to saddle us with more taxes while claiming to help us with more spending.

(Michael Quinn Sullivan is director of media and government relations for the Texas Public Policy Foundation. TPPF's new study, "The Effect of Taxes on Economic Growth," is available at www.tppf.org. The Texas Public Policy Foundation is a non-profit research institute.)

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PUBLIC NOTICE

The Rio Grande Council of Governments, on behalf of the Far West Texas Water Planning Group, is seeking nominations to fill one position on the Planning Group, representing Electric Generating Utilities. Nominees must submit a brief resume summarizing their experience, represent the interest group for which a member is sought, be willing to participate in the regional water planning process, and abide by the Bylaws of the Far West Texas WPG. Written nominations (including a resume) must be filed with the Rio Grande Council of Governments at the address below on or before June 10, 2002.

To file nominations or for further information, contact: Ms. Barbara Kauffman, Environmental Services/Special Projects Director, Rio Grande Council of Governments, 1100 North Stanton, Suite 610, El Paso, Texas 79902. Phone: 915-533-0998 ext. 121; Fax: 915-532-9385
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NOTICE OF RECEIPT OF APPLICATION AND INTENT TO OBTAIN AIR PERMIT

AIR QUALITY PERMIT NO. 45016

APPLICATION
Starrfoam Manufacturing, Inc., 1012 North Commerce Street, Fort Worth, Texas, 76106-9306, has applied to the Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission (TNRCC) for an amendment to Air Quality Permit No. 45016 which would authorize modifications to the Expanded Polystyrene Foam Manufacturing Facility located at 1004 Omar Drive, Anthony, El Paso County, Texas. The following air contaminants will be evaluated for authorization: organic compounds, nitrogen oxides, sulfur dioxide, particulate matter and carbon monoxide.

This application was submitted to the TNRCC on March 8, 2002. The

application is available for viewing and copying at the TNRCC central office, the TNRCC El Paso regional office, and the Anthony City Hall, 401 Oak Street, Anthony, El Paso County, Texas. The facility's compliance file, if any exists, is available for public review in the El Paso regional office of the TNRCC.

The TNRCC executive director has determined the application is administratively complete and will conduct a technical review of the application.

PUBLIC COMMENT/PUBLIC MEETING
You may submit public comments, a request for a public meeting, or request a contested case hearing to the Office of the Chief Clerk at the address below.

The TNRCC will consider all public comments in developing a final decision on the application. **The deadline to submit public comments is 30 days after newspaper notice is published.** After the deadline for public comments, the executive director will prepare a response to all relevant and material or significant public comments.

The purpose of a public meeting is to provide the opportunity to submit comments or ask questions about the application. A public meeting about the application may be held if the executive director determines that there is a significant degree of public interest in the application or if requested by a local legislator. A public meeting is not a contested case hearing.

If only comments are received on the application, the response to comments, along with notice of the executive director's action on the application, will be mailed to everyone who submitted comments or is on the mailing list for this application.

If a hearing request is timely filed, the executive director will complete the technical review, issue a preliminary decision on the application, and a Notice of Application and Prelimi-

nary Decision will be published and mailed to those who are on the mailing list for this application. That notice will contain the final deadline for submitting public comments.

After the final deadline for public comments following any required Notice of Application and Preliminary Decision, the executive director will consider the comments and prepare a response to all relevant and material, or significant public comments. If comments are received, the response to comments, along with the executive director's decision on the application, will then be mailed to everyone who submitted public comments or is on a mailing list for this application.

OPPORTUNITY FOR A CONTESTED CASE HEARING

You may request a contested case hearing. A contested case hearing is a legal proceeding similar to a civil trial in state district court.

Unless a written request for a contested case hearing is filed within 30 days from this notice, the executive director may approve the application. **If no hearing request is received within this 30-day period, no further opportunity for hearing will be provided.** A contested case hearing will only be granted based on disputed issues of fact that are relevant and material to the Commission's decision on the application. Further, the Commission will only grant a hearing on those issues raised during the public comment period and not withdrawn.

A person who may be affected by emissions from the facility is entitled to request a hearing. If requesting a contested case hearing, you must submit the following: (1) your name (or for a group or association, an official representative), mailing address, daytime phone number, and fax number, if any; (2) applicant's name and permit number; (3) the statement "[I/we]

request a contested case hearing;" (4) a specific description of how you would be adversely affected by the application and air emissions from the facility in a way not common to the general public; (5) the location and distance of your property relative to the facility; and (6) a description of how you use the property which may be impacted by the facility. If the request is made by a group or an association, the one or more members who have standing to request a hearing, and the interests which the group or association seeks to protect, must also be identified. You may also submit your proposed adjustments to the application/permit which would satisfy your concerns. Requests for a contested case hearing must be submitted in writing within 30 days following this notice to the Office of the Chief Clerk, at the address below.

If a hearing request is timely filed, additional notice may be provided. Following the close of all applicable comment and request periods, the executive director will forward the application and any requests for contested case hearing to the TNRCC Commissioners for their consideration at a scheduled Commission meeting. If a hearing is granted, the subject of a hearing will be limited to disputed issues of fact relating to relevant and material air quality concerns raised during the comment period. Issues such as property values, noise, traffic safety, and zoning are outside of the Commission's jurisdiction to address in this proceeding.

MAILING LIST

In addition to submitting public comments, you may ask to be placed on a mailing list to receive future public notices for this specific application mailed by the Office of the Chief Clerk by sending a written request to the TNRCC Office of the Chief Clerk at the address below.

INFORMATION

Written public comments or requests for a public meeting or contested case hearing should be submitted to the Office of the Chief Clerk, MC-105, TNRCC, P.O. Box 13087, Austin, Texas 78711-3087. For more information about this permit application or the permitting process, please call the Office of Public Assistance, Toll Free, at 1-800-687-4040. General information regarding the TNRCC can be found at www.tnrcc.state.tx.us.

Further information may also be obtained from Starrfoam Manufacturing, Inc. at the address stated above or by calling Mr. Gene Stanley, Chairman at (817) 654-4688.
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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:

KINDER FURNITURE CSP NO. 199-0507-0263 TUESDAY, MAY 7, 2002, 2:30 P.M.

Proposals will be received at Business Services Dept., 12300 Eastlake Drive, until the specified times. Detailed specifications are available from the above office between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. Mondays through Fridays.
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SOCORRO INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT Invitation to Bid/Respond:

Competitive sealed proposals for providing all labor and materials for the construction of the SISD Ranchos Del Sol New High School CSP Packages: 03A Concrete, 04A Masonry, 05A Structural/Misc. Steel-Furnish will be received at Socorro Independent School District, 12300 Eastlake Drive, El Paso, Texas 79927 until 2 p.m.,

local time, May 10, 2002, at which time the identity of the respondents will be publicly read out loud.

CSP's shall be addressed to Socorro Independent School District, all submittals MUST be sealed and clearly marked as follows:

• SISD Ranchos Del Sol New High School - 03A Concrete

• SISD Ranchos Del Sol New High School - 04A Masonry

• SISD Ranchos Del Sol New High School - 05A Structural/ Miscellaneous Steel-Furnish

Those interested may obtain CSP Documents by contacting Gilbane ECM beginning April 30, 2002.

Gilbane ECM
414 Executive Center Blvd., Suite 200
El Paso, Texas 79902
Attn: David Kessinger
Phone (915) 351-1900
Fax (915) 351-1908

Bid Deposit is refundable \$200 per set in the form of a cashiers check or certified check payable to Socorro Independent School District.

A pre-bid meeting will be held on Monday, May 6, 2002, beginning at 10 a.m. The location of the pre-bid conference is 12400 Tierra Nogal, El Paso, Texas 79938, attention Dan Wahle.
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GARAGE SALES

GARAGE SALE: Furniture, appliances, tools, clothing. Friday through Saturday, May 3-5, 14012 Tuckey Lane in Horizon City, 7 a.m.-4 p.m.

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HORIZON COUNTRY CLUB TOWNHOUSE: 2-bedroom, 2-bath, 1,250 square-feet, with covered patio, refrigerated A/C, central gas. Ceramic tile, carpeted bedrooms, dishwasher, disposal, stove, gas water heater. Washer, dryer and large refrigerator available. Oversized and insulated one-car garage. Located on Emerald Springs Golf Course, must see to appreciate. Available in July. \$59,500. 852-4532.

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RENTALS RESIDENTIAL

FOUR BEDROOM TRAILER for rent in Fabens area. \$100 deposit, \$325/month. 565-6677.
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SELF-HELP OPPORTUNITIES

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

Persons who have a problem with alcohol are offered a free source of help locally. Alcoholics Anonymous Group 8 de Enero meets at 15360 Horizon Blvd. in Horizon City on Mondays through Saturdays at 8 p.m. Call 859-0484 for information.

Tiene problemas con el alcohol? Hay una

solución. Visitemos. Alcoholicos 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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Improvements for border colonia roads approved, four in El Paso County

AUSTIN — More than \$25 million to fund 71 road projects in the Border Colonia Access Program were approved Thursday, April 25, by the Texas Transportation Commission, four of which are in El Paso County (see chart).

The funds will pay for roadway improvements connecting colonias to other public roads. The improvements include paving dirt roads, re-paving deteriorating roads, and con-

structing drainage structures.

The projects competed against other colonia road projects previously submitted for funding. Project evaluation was based on the colonia population, condition of existing roads, whether a project was on an existing or planned school bus route and access to other parts of the region.

The funds approved are part of the \$50 million available in the first program call. Earlier

this year, approximately \$25 million was distributed to counties in proportion to their border colonia population.

All projects are expected to begin construction this summer.

The Border Colonia Access Program was created to fund road improvements in 21 counties along the Texas/Mexico border.

Program rules require counties to place se-

lected projects on the county road system and complete water and wastewater services prior to construction. Allowable costs include design, right-of-way purchase, road or drainage construction, materials or administration.

Funding for the program was approved by a constitutional amendment, passed by voters on Nov. 6, 2001, authorizing the issuance of general obligation bonds not to exceed \$175 million.

BORDER COLONIA ACCESS PROGRAM

El Paso County
April 25, 2002

Project No.	County	Colonia name	Project description	Project cost	Project length (miles)	Colonia pop.	Total score	Project cost approved for program
291	EL PASO	Canutillo Townsite and Southside Addition	drainage and repaving	\$640,810	1.9	3880	76.59	\$640,810
290	EL PASO	Westway 1,2,3 and 4	drainage and repaving	\$1,000,020	2.8	3322	73.58	\$1,000,020
292	EL PASO	Desert Glen, Deerfield Park, Homestead Meadows South and Montana Vista Estates	drainage and repaving	\$1,079,370	2.8	3720	72.62	\$1,079,370
289	EL PASO	Colonia De Las Azaleas, Glorietta Addition and Glorietta Road	paving, drainage and repaving	\$1,501,854	6.0	1563	69.73	\$1,501,854
County Total:							\$4,222,054	

Fabens O'Donnell Elementary on top after five-school academic matchup

HORIZON — Over 500 students from across El Paso County came to strut their UIL Academic skills in math, reading, writing, spelling, social studies, music and art during an invitational meet on April 26 at the Frank Macias Elementary in Horizon City.

Students from Fabens, Clint and Canutillo school districts competed from Desert Hills Elementary, Surratt Elementary, O'Donnell Elementary and Canutillo Elementary, as well as Macias Elementary.

When the dust settled, O'Donnell Elementary, representing Fabens, came out in first, followed by Surratt in second, Macias in third, Canutillo in fourth and Desert Hills, fifth.

The meet featured some 22 events for ages kinder through fifth grade. Coordinators were Bill and Angela Patti from Frank Macias.

Anthony Independent School District PUBLIC NOTICE

To Anthony Independent School District Residents:
In accordance with Texas education Code (TEC), 28.021, a school district may issue a high school diploma to a person who:

- 1) is an honorably discharged member of the armed forces of the United States;
- 2) was scheduled to graduate from high school after 1940 and before 1951; and
- 3) left high school before graduation to serve in World War II.

A school district may issue a diploma to an eligible veteran notwithstanding the fact that the person holds a high school equivalency certificate or is deceased. Please help us identify and contact any Anthony, Texas citizen that falls under these conditions.

Acceptable evidence of eligibility for a diploma under TEC, 28.0251, is:

- 1) a completed, signed, and dated application form; and
- 2) a copy of the discharged notification (DD form 214, enlisted record and report of separation, or discharged certificate, from the appropriate branch of the United States Armed Forces indicating dates of military service during World War II.

The acceptable evidence of eligibility described must be submitted to the school district where the veteran was enrolled in high school. If the veteran's school district no longer exists (e.g., the district was consolidated into another district), the acceptable evidence must be submitted to the consolidated district, which will be responsible for issuing the high school diploma.

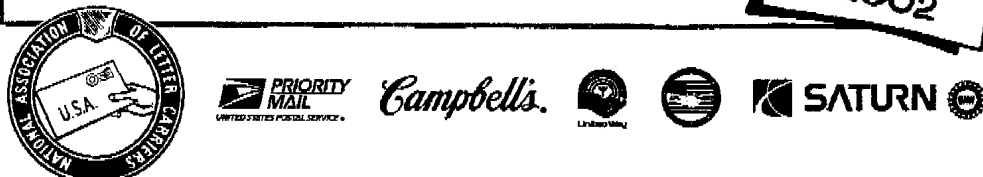
Help us identify any veterans that deserve to be honored at graduation for their service to our country. Please have them contact Anthony ISD as soon as possible so that they may receive the proper form. We sincerely appreciate your help.

Please call Anthony ISD at (915) 886-6500.

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11TH ANNUAL LETTER CARRIERS' FOOD DRIVE
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Land was money in Texas and Austin guarded the land office jealously

History of Texas Public Lands - Part Thirteen

TEXAS — The establishment of the Texas Land Office and the guarding of its precious archives is one of those stories in which truth is more fascinating — and colorful — than fiction, as is recorded in this continuing series on Texas public lands.

Because it had no money, the fledgling Texas government depended on land to finance its operations, so land records were a significant part of the government. The land commissioner, who was responsible for keeping the records and managing the distribution of the public domain, occupied an important position.

John Borden, the first land commissioner, was appointed by President Houston in June 1837. Only 24 at the time, Borden had been a surveyor in Austin's colony and, in 1836, had laid out the town of Houston with his brother Gail. The commissioner had been directed by Congress to gather all land records, which was not an easy task: Borden had neither money, supplies nor employees. In fact, it was three months before he even had an office; he had to store the records in the homes of his friends.

Some of the local land commissioners who had operated the land offices under Mexico were reluctant to give Borden their records. However, he reported in November 1837 that he had received records from all but three East Texas colonies. In December of the same year, Congress appropriated \$500 for stationery; the supplies Borden received from New Orleans were of poor quality. When the capital

was moved to Austin, Borden transported by wagon the 5,000 pounds of land records he had gathered. His salary as land commissioner was paid in nearly worthless promissory notes, which may have been one reason for his resignation in 1840.

Borden was replaced by Thomas Ward, who served until 1848. Ward had to work with conflicting surveys, untrained surveyors, and "a set of greedy and avaricious land speculators." He was also the commissioner when the Archive War began. This event, which interrupted the land grant system, illustrates the importance of the land records.

The Archive War

Austin became the capital of Texas in 1839. After Sam Houston was again elected president in 1841, he attempted several times to have the government returned to Houston, his namesake city and the previous capital. When the Mexican army invaded and captured San Antonio in 1842, he saw an opportunity to achieve his goal. Enacting presidential emergency powers, he ordered the government and archives temporarily moved to the town of Washington-on-the-Brazos. Residents of Austin, protective of their city, were outraged; they feared that the president's final destination for the government was Houston.

In October 1842, the government moved to Washington-on-the-Brazos. In December, President Houston, stating that "the destruction of the national archives would entail immediate injury upon the whole people of Texas," sent a company of Texas Rangers to Austin to secretly remove the archives from the Land Office. These archives were primarily land records, but also included maps, treaties and congressional papers. During the night, the Rangers, under direction of Thomas Ward, loaded the archives onto three wagons. Angelina Eberly, a woman who ran a nearby boarding house, noticed the activity and hurried outside to shoot off a cannon kept for ceremonial purposes.

Hearing the cannon, residents of Austin swarmed into the streets. Ward later wrote that "much excitement prevailed here. A howitzer loaded with grape was discharged at my residence. After I heard the cry of 'blow the old house to pieces,' eight shots perforated the building." The Rangers quickly drove the

wagons out of town, with a vigilante committee in pursuit. The vigilantes overtook the Rangers the next day at Kenney's Fort in Williamson County. Because President Houston had ordered them to avoid bloodshed, the Rangers surrendered the archives, which were returned to Austin. However, it was two years before the residents returned the records to the General Land Office.

Commissioner Ward closed the General Land Office for a year because the land records were essential to the Land Office and the land grant system. Without them, it was impossible to determine if land was vacant and available to be granted. And to survive, the government of the Republic had to be able to grant land — land supplied revenue to pay the Republic's debts, financed its operations and attracted the population vital to the Republic's survival.

A unique statehood

In 1844, Texas submitted a treaty of annexation to the United States Congress. Under its terms, Texas would have given 175,000,000 acres of public land to the United States government and the United States would have assumed Texas's debts of \$10,000,000. The United States Congress rejected the treaty on grounds that Texas public domain was not worth \$10,000,000.

When Texas was annexed to the United States in 1845 by a joint resolution of Congress, Texas retained both its debts and its public land. Texas was the only state, other than the original 13 colonies, to enter the Union with control over its public land.

The state Constitution of 1845 recognized all valid land titles that had been issued by Spain, Mexico and the Republic of Texas and made no changes in the administration of the public domain. The state of Texas continued to use land as its primary resource. It conveyed titles to land in order to settle a boundary dispute, attract settlers, encourage internal improvements, support public education and reward settlers. Texas also sold land at low prices to pay its debts. When all land had been disposed of, the state began to develop resources on land which had been appropriated for public schools.

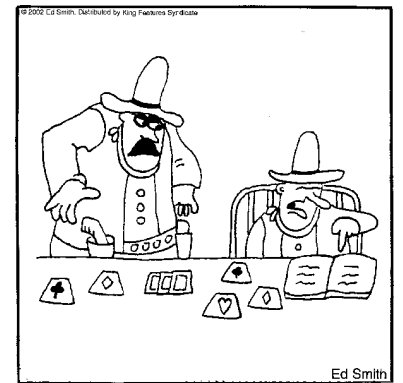
The Treaty of Guadalupe Hidalgo, which ended the Mexican War in 1848, confirmed Texas' southern boundary at the Rio Grande. The western boundary remained unclear until the Com-

promise of 1850 ceded Texas' claim to 67,000,000 acres of land in what is now New Mexico, Colorado, Wyoming, Kansas and Oklahoma to the United States in exchange for \$10,000,000 in federal bonds. This enabled Texas to pay its debts and retain 98,000,000 acres of public land.

Texas continued to grant land to settlers; more than 4,800,000 acres were granted through pre-emption acts. The first pre-emption act was passed by the Republic of Texas in 1845. Under this act, anyone who settled, lived on and made improvements on up to 320 acres of land could buy title to it at 50 cents an acre after three years. The state passed a similar pre-emption act in 1853. In an effort to ensure that the public domain was distributed to small landholders rather than to corporations or speculators, a new act the following year reduced the amount one person could obtain to 160 acres. The pre-emption act was repealed in 1856, reinstated in 1866, and continued until the public domain was depleted in 1898.

During the 1850s, land was granted as a way to encourage internal improvements and so aid the state's economic development. More than 5 million acres were appropriated for river and harbor improvements, irrigation canals and ditches, ship construction, overland roads and industries. Any land grant for an internal improvement required the recipient to have an equal amount of land surveyed and reserved for the state. But some grantees chose to receive only half of the land they were allowed rather than pay to survey land for the state.

(The information contained in this historical series can be accessed at www.glo.state.tx.us, and is reprinted with permission of the Texas General Land Office.)



"Not only are you a cheat, the dictionary equally terms you duplicitous, mendacious, disingenuous ..."

EL PASO COUNTY, TEXAS 2002 GRANT APPLICATION PUBLIC NOTICE

The County of El Paso, Texas is giving notice of the County's intent to submit a grant application to the Office of Rural Community Affairs under the 2002 Texas Community Development Program Colonia Construction Fund. The grant application is for \$500,000 to provide residential water service to the Leisure Valley Addition located in the San Elizario Block Grant Area in east El Paso County. Interested persons are invited to review the application Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. - 5 p.m., El Paso County Courthouse, 500 E. San Antonio Avenue, Suite 313, El Paso, Texas 79901. For more information, please contact Rodrigo Mercado, Director, Community Development Department (915) 543-3845.

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City of Horizon City PUBLIC NOTICE

The **Regular City Council Meeting** will be held one week early at **6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, May 7, 2002**. A **PUBLIC HEARING** will be held during the **Meeting** at City Hall, 14999 Darrington Road, Horizon City, Texas. Purpose of the public hearing is to allow any interested persons to appear and testify regarding the following proposed ordinances:

- 1) An ordinance ORDERING AN ELECTION of the REGISTERED VOTERS of HORIZON CITY to decide whether or not a NEW CITY CHARTER shall be drafted for the Town of Horizon City, Texas and to ELECT a CHARTER COMMISSION to draft the NEW CHARTER.

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

Sandra Sierra
City Clerk

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Canutillo Middle School holds Rocket Festival

By Alfredo Vasquez
Special to the Courier

UPPER VALLEY — Canutillo Middle School will hold its Third Annual Rocket Festival, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Friday, May 3, at Canutillo High School Eagle Stadium, 7311 Bosque Road.

One hundred rockets will be launched to see which one reaches

the highest altitude and stays in the air the longest. About 360 eighth grade students are expected to participate.

“Student teams have designed and constructed their space crafts using two-liter plastic bottles, cardboard, paper towel rolls and other household materials. The rockets will be launched using hydro-power,” said Todd Martin, CMS science teacher and rocket fair coordinator.

“The rocket festival makes science fun for students; at the same time, they learn to apply Newton’s laws of motion, identify variables associated with flight, generate hypotheses, organize and analyze data, and formulate conclusions using experimental design,” said Martin.

This year, the top ten finishing groups will be invited to an exclusive preview of the Amigo Air Show, Friday, May 10.

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Town Hall, 14999 Darrington Rd. The agenda includes ordering an election to revamp the Town’s Charter. Information: 852-1046.

■ Canutillo community teenagers, grandparents, neighbors, families, friends, and co-workers will meet at Canutillo High School Football and Track field, to celebrate the Relay For Life overnight festivity sponsored by the American Cancer Society. The 15-hour celebration begins at 6 p.m., Friday, May 3, and will continue through 10 a.m., Saturday, May 4. The event is to raise money to provide programs and services for cancer patients and their families. Cancer survivors will begin the Relay with a Survivor’s Lap. Then, different teams will walk in relay style with one member on the track at all times. Other members will be on the field dancing to live music, playing games, grilling, and visiting other campsites. An awards ceremony will be held on Saturday morning. For more information, contact Martha Najera, ACS representative, at 544-4425.

■ Several Socorro High School students are making significant achievements. Media Technology student Nidia Moreno will represent SHS in the National Skills USA-VICA competition in Kansas City in June after finishing first in job interview at state competition. Ivette Navaro won top honors at state competition in the

SkillsUSA Texas pin design contest. In the National Spanish Exam, Jessica Oropeza took a first in Level 3 Regular and Maria Velarde took third in Level 3 Bilingual.

■ Mildred Ruiz, a Canutillo High School junior, advanced to national competition after coming out on top in the Business Professionals of America (BPA) regional and state meets recently. Ruiz will compete at the national level May 7 — 12, in Chicago, Illinois. Accompanying her will be Carol Sherman, CHS computer teacher and BPA sponsor. Ruiz finished among the top three students in Java Development during the state contest that was held in Dallas in April. She qualified for state by coming in first at the regional level. The CHS junior will go up against state winners throughout the country in Java Development, which is a computer programming language used extensively in building web pages.

■ Problems with hearing aids will be subject of discussion at the next meeting of Self Help for Hard of Hearing People (SHHH) on Saturday, May 4 at 10 a.m. at the El Paso Center of the Deaf and Hard of Hearing, 511 Executive Center Blvd. Audiologist Matt Lyon, MA, CC-A, will speak. The meeting is free to the public. Call 544-6032 for information.

■ Canutillo Independent School District will hold early registration for three, four, and five year old children for the 2002-2003 school year, from 2:30 to 6 p.m., on the following dates and locations:

- Monday, May 6, at Jose H.

Damian Elementary School (877-7655), 6300 Strahan;

- Tuesday, May 7, at Canutillo Elementary School (877-7600), 651 Canutillo Ave.;

- Wednesday, May 8, at Davenport Elementary (886-6400), 8401 Remington;


- Thursday, May 9, at Childress Elementary (877-7700), 7700 Cap Carter Road.

To register a child, parent or guardian must bring the child’s birth certificate, shot record, child’s social security card, proof of residence, income verification, and parent or guardian identification. Classes for 2002-2003 school year begin Monday, Aug. 19. Information: 877-7440.

■ “The rough cattle country of northern Chihuahua in Mexico seems hardly the place to find an artistic movement. Yet a few dozen miles south of the rugged San Luis Mountains, the residents of a small village produce a thin-walled, finely painted ceramic ware rivaling any handmade pottery in the world. It’s originator, Juan Quezada, was discovered in 1976.” This is an excerpt from foreward by Walter Parks of *The Many Faces of Mata Ortiz, an exhibit* scheduled to run through Friday, May 24, 2002 at the Chamizal National Memorial. Presented by the Las Guacamayas Gallery, it will feature rarely seen graphic prints by Juan Quezada in addition to a wide variety of carefully selected ceramic pieces, including some early works. Over 25 works will be on display, most will be available for purchase. For more information, call 532-7273.

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City of Socorro PUBLIC NOTICE

ORDER OF ELECTION FOR CITY OF SOCORRO

An election is hereby ordered to be held on May 4, 2002 from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. for the purpose of: Electing a Mayor and five Council persons from Districts 1, 2, 3, 4 and one at-large for the City of Socorro, Texas.

Early voting in person shall be conducted at Socorro High School, 10150 Alameda Ave., beginning Wednesday, April 17, 2002, and continue through Tuesday, April 30, 2002 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. on each day which is not a Saturday, Sunday, or an official state holiday.

The early voting ballot applications and ballots by mail may be sent to Helen Jamison, County Elections Department, 500 E. San Antonio, Room 402, El Paso, Texas 79901.

Precincts	Polling Place	Address
149	Hilley Elementary	693 Rio Vista
150 & 152	Rojas Elementary School	500 Bauman Rd.
151	Socorro High School	10150 Alameda
153	Escontrias Elementary School	205 Buford Rd.
154	Campestre Elementary School	11399 Socorro Rd.

Issued this 8th day of February, 2002.

Amado D. Padilla, Mayor
City of Socorro

ORDEN DE ELECCION PARA CIUDAD DE SOCORRO

Por la presente se ordena que se llevara a cabo una eleccion el 4 de Mayo 2002 con el proposito de: Elejir el Alcalde y cinco Regidores de los Distritos 1,2, 3, 4 y un en general para la Ciudad de Socorro, Texas.

Votacion temprana en persona se llevara a cabo en Socorro High School, 10150 Alameda Ave., comenzando el Miercoles, 17 de Abril de 2002, y continuara hasta el Martes, 30 de Abril de 2002 desde las 8 a.m. hasta las 5 p.m. en todos los dias que no sean Sábado, Domingo, o dia oficial de vacaciones estatales.

La direccion postal de la secretaria de votacion de antemano para votar por correo y a donde se puedan enviar solicitudes para balotas y enviar las balotas con votos es: Helen Jamison, County Elections Department, 500 E. San Antonio, Room 402, El Paso, Texas 79901.

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The arrest of Buzzards coach hangs over team like a vulture

By Steve Escajeda
Special to the Courier

Their season came to a crashing halt three weeks ago — but people are still talking about the El Paso Buzzards.

Unfortunately, people are not talking about how well the Buzzards did attendance-wise or how they scared the heck out of the Austin Ice Bats in the second round of the playoffs.

The only thing people are talking about is the trouble that faces former coach Trent Eigner.

Remember the night the Buzzards were to go to fight for their playoff lives down three games to two against Austin? The Buzzards lost...they couldn't get things together mentally after their coach, Eigner, was arrested earlier that same day on drug-related charges.

How in the world could the team perform after that?

It's like the New York Yankees going out to play learning that Joe Torre had just been arrested for cocaine possession. It's like Penn State going out to play having just heard that Joe Paterno had been arrested for child abuse, or like the old Cincinnati Reds going out to play having heard that Pete Rose had just

gambled on...O.K., bad example, but I think you know what I mean.

But the question still remains, who is this guy?

Is he Trent Eigner, good hockey coach? Trent Eigner, good hockey coach/drug dealer? Or Trent Eigner, good hockey coach/innocent guy who married into a drug-dealing family?

Whoever he is, he is no longer coach of the team — the boss Buzzards made sure of that a day after the arrest.

I know we'll learn the truth soon enough but something just doesn't add up.

First of all, police say they set up surveillance on an acquaintance of his wife's father. Police say they received a tip that the pot (96.5 pounds) was in Rudy Alarcon's car and that the car would be delivering the stash at a certain home.

Sure enough, the vehicle made the stop at the home and parked in the garage of the home. The home happened to belong to Trent Eigner.

The former Buzzards' coach said that Alarcon drove to his house only because his car was overheating. You mean to tell me that Alarcon's car decided to overheat exactly where tipsters told police the marijuana would end up?

C'mon, I don't want to convict the guy to-

day, but the explanation sounds almost Clinton-like.

First Eigner's wife is arrested, a week later Alarcon is arrested, then after two months, Eigner himself is arrested.

Why would police investigate, and investigate, and investigate for two months and then arrest Eigner? Could they spend that much time following leads and checking out witnesses and then arrest the wrong guy?

Eigner has one version of what the truth is and the police have another.

Meanwhile the Buzzards are without a coach and in financial disarray. The boss Buzzards have said that if Eigner is cleared they might take him back as head coach.

Oh yeah, that's going to happen. There's also a chance that the WNBA could catch on.

Consistently bad 'Blazers

They say that consistency is one of the most important components a sports team can have.

If that's the case, the Portland Trailblazers are the most complete team in the sports universe. They implode more consistently than any team ever has and should be broken up.

Last Sunday the Blazers blew a 5-point lead with less than 20 seconds left and were swept out of the playoffs by the Los Angeles

Lakers...again.

But what is even more disheartening is the consistently embarrassing behavior of this collection of boys-in-men's-bodies.

This team collects technicals as often as Allan Iverson collects tattoos.

Sean Kemp, Bonzie Wells, Scottie Pippen and above all, Rasheed Wallace, act like I teach my eight-year old son not to.

Why is this team so gosh darn disrespectful? They acted this way under former coach Rick Adelman and they act this way under new coach Maurice Cheeks.

But my real question is, do they act this way with their moms?

Good Draft

On draft day NFL organizations can only hope that they choose the right man for their team.

Well, I don't know if he can play football but the Atlanta Falcons certainly chose the right man.

Seems Falcons linebacker-to-be Chris Draft and a friend stopped alongside the Georgia road they were driving on and pulled a man from his burning car last weekend.

Draft called 9-1-1, an ambulance was dispatched and took the man to a hospital.

Way to go, Chris Draft. Hey, Portland Trailblazers, that's called being a man.



Tornillo Coyote baseball leaves competition howling in the distance

By Steve Escajeda
Special to the Courier

TORNILLO — The Tornillo Coyotes climbed to the top of the high school baseball ladder this season, but there are still a few more rungs they want to scale.

The Coyotes (13-4-1 overall) claimed the District 1-2A crown with a gaudy 10-0 record and have earned a bye into the area round of the state playoffs where they will meet the winner of the Tahoka vs. Plains series.

The area round begins on May 11 at a site and time to be determined. The fact that Tornillo finished

four games ahead of its nearest league competitor didn't come as a complete shock to head coach Fabian Martinez.

"Our goal this year was to get to the state finals," said Martinez. "The kids really believe they can get to the final four and I believe we can get there too but we'll also need a little luck."

Martinez, who has guided the Coyotes to three playoff appearances in his three years at the school, feels the key to his team's success this season goes beyond athletic ability.

"We aren't the biggest team in

See COYOTES, Page 11

King Super Crossword

HOP TILL YOU DROP ACROSS

- 1 Move swiftly
- 5 Oates' partner
- 9 Learns fast?
- 14 Spill the beans
- 18 Art deco designer
- 19 Concept
- 20 Spartan serf
- 21 "Train" ('71 hit)
- 22 Marsh duck
- 23 Family
- 24 Cremona craftsman
- 25 Kickoff
- 26 Riddle: Part 1
- 30 Elf
- 31 "A mouse!"
- 32 Slippery
- 33 Paris, to Helen
- 37 -de-lance
- 39 Take the honey and run
- 43 _ghanouj
- 47 On a whale watch
- 48 Holler
- 50 Pay up
- 52 Actor McKellen
- 53 Wise guy
- 55 Retreats
- 58 _standstill
- 59 Heavyweight
- Holmes
- 61 Riddle: Part 2
- 64 With hands on hips
- 65 Activist Hoffman
- 66 Misjudge

- 67 Went jogging
- 69 Sew a toe
- 70 Beaver or boater
- 73 Figs.
- 74 By means of
- 75 Alphabet
- sequence
- 77 Duncan's denial
- 78 Singer Tori
- 80 "Waking _ Devine" ('98 film)
- 82 Part of SASE
- 83 Coral outcrop
- 85 Cruise
- 87 Riddle: Part 3
- 93 Luncheonette lure
- 94 Every last bit
- 95 Distort
- 96 Bryant or Ekberg
- 97 "Unforgettable" name
- 98 Socked a shuttlecock
- 101 Sharp
- 103 Thicken
- 104 Sitka's st.
- 106 Take the reins
- 107 _ diem
- 108 On the beach
- 110 Torrid
- 112 Beame or Burrows
- 114 Soup Sales' dessert?
- 115 Answer to riddle
- 124 Serengeti group
- 126 Dunk it!
- 127 Clinton Cabinet member

- 128 Deride
 - 130 Seasonal song
 - 131 "Gay"
 - 132 Riyadh resident
 - 133 " _ -Ca-Dabra" ('74 song)
 - 134 Fret
 - 135 Barrett and Jaffe
 - 136 Spanish surrealist
 - 137 Bog, for short
- DOWN**
- 1 Matching pieces
 - 2 Hands
 - 3 Bountiful setting
 - 4 Oscar _ Renta
 - 5 Handle wood
 - 6 Improvise
 - 7 Slender
 - 8 Polaroid inventor
 - 9 Rub the wrong way
 - 10 Some movies
 - 11 Be _ unto oneself
 - 12 Lorre role
 - 13 Tend the sauce
 - 14 Stupefy
 - 15 Endure
 - 16 Mr. Lucky's card
 - 17 Wager
 - 21 Shooting match?
 - 27 Even if, informally
 - 28 Above, to Arnold
 - 29 Boat bottom
 - 33 Credit alternative
 - 34 " _ forgive those ..."
 - 35 Belfry sound
 - 36 Buccaneers'

- headquarters
- 37 Cereal bit
- 38 Nobelist Wiesel
- 40 Remini of "The King of Queens"
- 41 Furry fisherman
- 42 Child welfare org.
- 44 Flier
- 45 Ms. Streisand
- 46 "Tennis, _?"
- 49 Plaza Hotel kid
- 51 Lodge brother
- 54 Library abbr.
- 56 Keanu of "Hardball"
- 57 Short races
- 60 Lend a hand
- 62 Porterhouse alternative
- 63 TV's "Have Gun Will _"
- 64 Composer Bruckner
- 68 Perceptive
- 70 Cigar city
- 71 Lacking principles
- 72 Honda competitor
- 76 Skeleton part
- 79 Snead or Shepard
- 81 Investigate
- 83 Capp character
- 84 "The Elephant Man" director
- 86 Vapor
- 88 Nautical adverb
- 89 Gardener's tool
- 90 Mideastern dough
- 91 "Ripley's Believe -

- Not"
- 92 Conductor Jeffrey
- 94 Collectibles, collectively
- 99 Tivoli's Villa d'
- 100 Blood count?
- 102 "Out of Africa" setting
- 105 " _ of a Doubt" ('43 film)
- 107 Cello part
- 109 Wine word
- 111 Hurler Hershiser
- 113 Greek consonants
- 114 Correctional
- 115 Employ
- 116 _ -Neisse Line
- 117 Singer Sonny
- 118 Aware of
- 119 Gowned figure
- 120 Blood components
- 121 Gulf country
- 122 "A Tiger Walks" actor
- 123 Philanthropist Cornell
- 124 Off. equipment
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Americans are in for a rude awakening

By Don Flood

Americans are in for a rude awakening.

Or maybe they're just awakening rude.

According to a recent poll, Americans are getting ruder and ruder.

Or as Jar Jar Binks would say, "wuder and wuder."

(Jar Jar himself was the victim of much rude behavior following his debut in "Star Wars: Episode I," which led to a billion very "wude" Web sites dedicated to the vilification of all things Jar Jar. And who says the Net is filled with junk!)

The poll wasn't about table manners, but loud and obnoxious behavior.

WHICH I AM NEVER GUILTY OF!

NOT NOW, NOT EVER!

I'm sorry; I'll try to calm down. It just burns me up when people are rude.

Especially on the highways.

The problem, unfortunately, is that too many people act as if roads belong to them, which is ludicrous, when everyone knows — or should know! — that the roads belong to me.

And so if I forget to signal a lane

change, too bad.

(Editor's note: The writer is, at this moment, sticking his tongue out at you.)

But the problem of rudeness extends beyond my personal roadways.

The item most frequently mentioned in connection with rudeness was — be prepared for a big surprise here — the cell phone!

According to the poll, people are tired of being subjected to "loud and annoying" conversations.

Well, DUH!

If people weren't loud and annoying, others might not realize they have cell phones!

I'm convinced that most of these people are talking to themselves.

You might recall the news story from a South American country, where police began pulling people over for talking on the cell phone while driving. Many of the drivers — this is true — were talking into wooden phones.

Wooden phones! ("Speak up, dear! I must be in a dead zone!")

On other hand, you wouldn't have to worry about figuring out those stupid calling plans.

Wooden phone plans offer zero cents a minute, all day, every day!

(Of course, I'd probably get stuck

with one of those wooden phone plans where you can only call between midnight and 3 a.m.)

But the question is, are people ruder than they used to be, and not just to Jar Jar Binks?

It's interesting to note that reports of cell phone rudeness are quite rare in history.

Attila the Hun, for instance, rather rudely looted and pillaged his way across Europe, slaughtering tens of thousands of people.

Experts in good manners expressed disappointment at his behavior, and Attila found himself the recipient of few dinner party invitations.

And yet, history records not a single instance of Attila leaving his cell phone on in a movie theater or making crude hand gestures at fellow motorists.

From this we may safely deduce that Attila, while often criticized for being a little rough around the edges, was in fact a stickler for good manners.

Alas! The good ol' days are gone!

But all is not lost. We just need to listen to our inner Jar Jar.

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San Eli Eagles' new head football coach undaunted by novice team

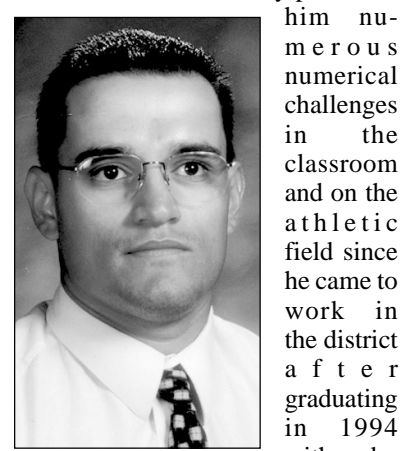
By Don Woodyard
Courier Staff Writer

SAN ELIZARIO—Mario Alvarez deals a lot with numbers.

He teaches math at San Elizario High School.

Alvarez also is the recently-named head football coach at the Lower Valley school.

Both have undoubtedly presented



Mario Alvarez

education from Western New Mexico University.

Perhaps the greatest challenge facing Alvarez, who replaces Joe Carrillo, is turning around the football program in San Elizario.

The numbers tell a story and some of the numbers are not so good. The team, which had ball-control difficulties, was 0-9 last year. Losing four to five starters to graduation, Alvarez says the team will be short on seniors this year. In addition, the team also lacks size and playing experience.

Undaunted by these numbers, the 31-year-old coach is optimistic about the coming season which he terms a rebuilding year for the Eagles. One of the positive numbers is that he has more than 140 students, from freshman to varsity, who have signed up for football. This compares to 75-80 last year. Of the current number, 49 are freshmen.

He acknowledges the obvious. "This year will be tough." At the same time he sees a turnaround in Eagle football fortunes with the real possibility of a 4-6 or 5-5 season. Sophomore Jerry Cruz will quarterback the squad whose chief asset, Alvarez says, will be team speed.

Alvarez' optimism was one of the factors that led to his selection over more experienced coaches, said San Elizario athletic director Bernie del Hierro. Del Hierro said main reasons for choosing Alvarez were his enthusiasm, his loyalty to the program and his innovative ideas.

"We felt the continuity would also help," he elaborated. "He knows the program. We are not going to put pressure on him." The athletic director pointed out that it was important to build self esteem in the kids and having them feel good about themselves.

While he sees a much improved football season, that is not his top priority. "Grades and academics are first," he says. He told school board trustees at the April meeting that he is instituting mandatory tutorials on Monday and Thursday for his players.

One of the intangibles he wants to instill in his players is a sense of commitment, of giving 100 percent, a personal philosophy that he hopes they will carry with them for the rest of their lives.

Alvarez is putting together his new coaching staff. So far it is comprised of Fred Carter, offensive coordinator; Charlie Keller, varsity assistant; and Edgar Hernandez, junior varsity coach.

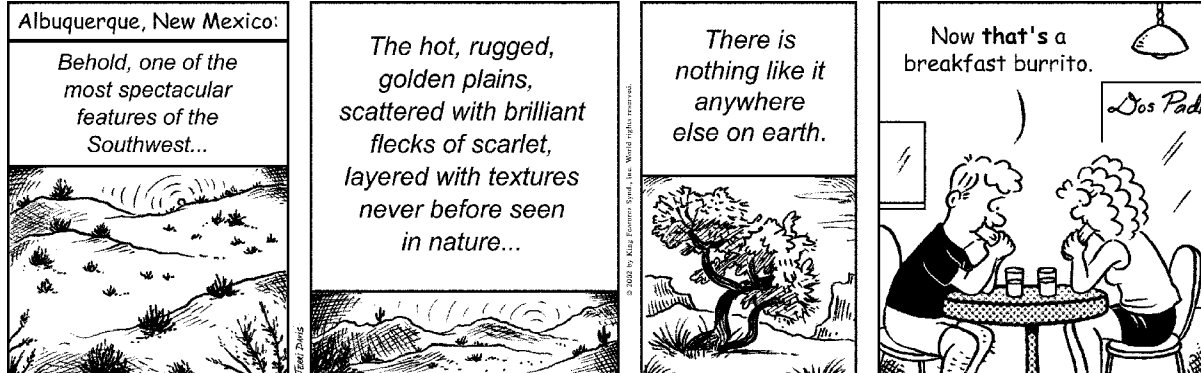
Alvarez was born in East Los Angeles. His family moved to El Paso in 1983 where he graduated from Socorro High School in 1988. He played football in high school and later at WNMU where he met his future wife Veronica. They married in 1989 and have three children, Adriana, 11; Mario, 8; and Veronica, 2.

Comix

OUT ON A LIMB By Gary Kopervas



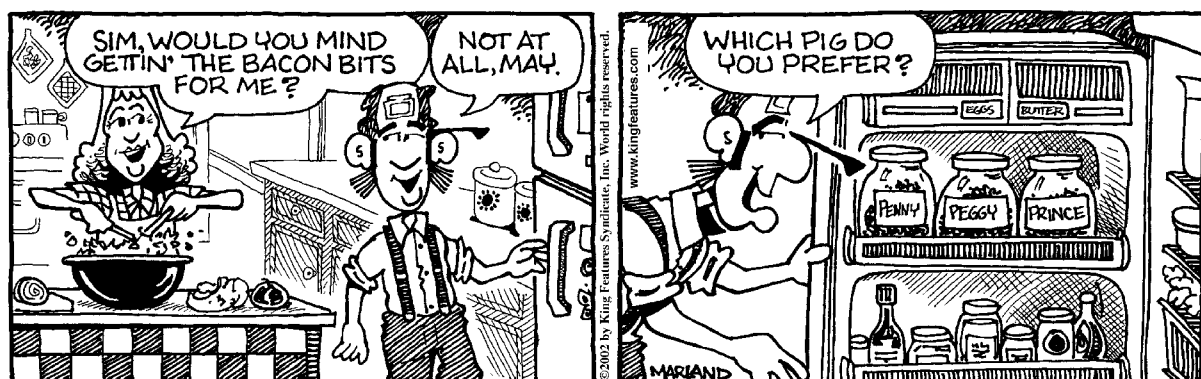
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R.F.D. By Mike Marland



Coyotes

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the world and we don't crush the ball all over the field so we go to our strength. We have good pitching, good defense and we preach playing smart baseball," Martinez said.

"We rely more on timely hitting," added Martinez. "We're always going to be the smallest team out there so we depend on solid play and smart play."

Martinez may be understating his team's hitting ability just a bit. Tornillo outscored its 1-2A opposition 131-29 during the regular season.

Pacing the way defensively for the Coyotes' have been junior pitchers Harvey Cardiel (6-2) and Ever Munoz (4-2). Cardiel carries a 2.83 ERA while Munoz' is at 3.60.

Another standout is catcher Aldo Montes. The senior is batting .420 and amazingly, has thrown out every

runner attempting to steal on him this season.

Up until now Martinez' says his only claim to fame was playing on an Eastwood Troopers team which included major leaguers Butch Henry and Frank Castillo.

If things keep going the way they have been at Tornillo, Fabian Martinez' will soon become a household name when it comes to El Paso area baseball.

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Social Security: Q & A By Ray Vigil

Does everyone qualify for assistance from Social Security for funeral expenses?

Q. I was told that Social Security helps out all families with funeral home expenses if they assumed responsibility for all the expenses. Is this true? Also, under what circumstances does one qualify for this assistance? Why does Social Security pay so little, \$255?

A. First of all, before the Lump Sum Death Payment (LSDP) can be paid, the deceased worker must have worked and paid 10 years into the

social security system, less if the death involves a younger worker. The 1981 Amendments redefined who may qualify for the LSDP. Prior to September 1981, the LSDP could be paid to the funeral homes or equitably entitled persons; that is, individuals who assumed responsibility of funeral home expenses up to the maximum of \$255. Under the present law, the LSDP can only be paid to a living-in-the-same-household spouse

or child who is entitled to, or was eligible for, benefits on the deceased's earnings record for the month the worker died.

There are often times individuals who are eligible for benefits but do not receive benefits because they have not filed a timely application.

If the deceased worker and the spouse were separated at the time of the death and the surviving spouse is eligible for a monthly social security benefit, they could still be eligible to receive the LSDP — provided, that is, that the relationship has not been terminated by divorce. The surviving spouse must be either 60 years of age, 50 to 59 and disabled, or they must have children

under the age of 16 or children who became disabled before the age of 22 for whom they are caring.

Before we pay the LSDP to the eligible children, we must determine if there is an eligible surviving spouse. If no spouse exists, the LSDP is payable to a child or children of the deceased worker. If more than one child exists, the children receive equal shares of the LSDP amount that is payable.

If you are eligible for the LSDP, an application must be filed within two years of the worker's death. There are situations in which an application is not necessary if families are already receiving a monthly social security benefit.

The LSDP is limited to \$255, which is the amount established by our legislature. Like any other social security issue, if the amounts are to change, it would have to be determined by your representatives from the Senate and House of Representatives.

For more information on how Social Security protects younger and older Americans alike, log onto our website, www.ssa.gov, call our toll-free number at 1-800-772-1213 or visit your local Social Security office. 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
Sunshine.	Clear.	Sunny and warm.	Sunny to partly cloudy and warm.	Sunny and warm.	Sunshine; warm.	Sunny and hot.	Hot with sunshine.
▲ 80°	▼ 52°	▲ 82° ▼ 60°	▲ 84° ▼ 60°	▲ 86° ▼ 58°	▲ 86° ▼ 50°	▲ 90° ▼ 50°	▲ 90° ▼ 50°

UV INDEX

Statistics for noon.

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

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

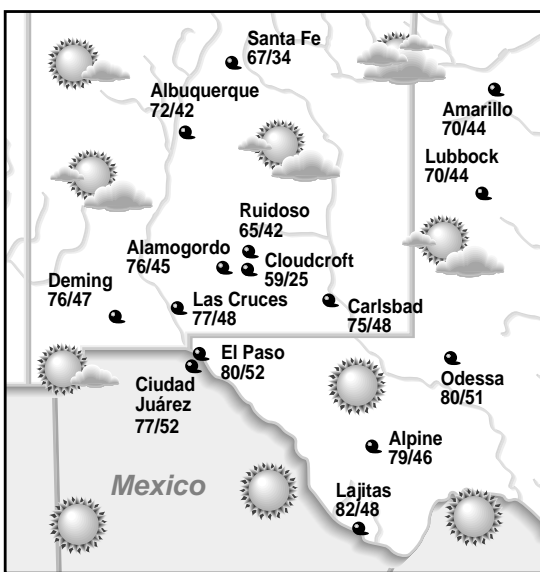
REAL FEEL TEMP™

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

Thursday	86°
Friday	82°
Saturday	82°
Sunday	84°
Monday	86°
Tuesday	82°
Wednesday	80°

TEXAS WEATHER

Anthony	80	52
Canutillo	81	53
Clint	77	52
E. Montana	80	52
Fabens	76	52
Horizon	81	53
San Elizario	75	49
Socorro	78	51
Tornillo	76	52
Vinton	81	53



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	72/42/s	78/46/s	80/48/s	80/48/s	82/48/s
Atlanta	84/60/t	78/56/pc	80/60/s	82/62/s	84/66/s
Atlantic City	62/54/c	66/46/pc	68/48/s	66/52/s	68/54/sh
Austin/San Antonio	86/56/s	86/62/s	86/68/pc	88/68/c	88/70/c
Baltimore	78/52/pc	66/44/pc	70/48/s	74/50/s	74/56/c
Boston	59/51/r	56/40/c	62/46/s	64/49/s	60/40/s
Chicago	52/38/c	62/44/pc	72/48/pc	68/52/c	76/54/pc
Dallas/Ft. Worth	76/56/pc	82/58/s	86/64/pc	86/66/c	84/70/c
Denver	64/38/s	72/42/s	74/42/pc	68/40/pc	72/42/s
Flagstaff	62/28/s	62/30/s	64/31/s	63/31/s	62/22/pc
Houston	88/70/c	88/72/pc	88/72/pc	90/72/c	92/72/c
Kansas City	58/38/s	66/48/s	72/50/pc	72/52/pc	76/50/pc
Las Vegas	80/58/s	83/61/s	86/60/s	83/58/s	82/46/s
Miami	90/76/s	90/76/s	88/76/s	90/76/s	87/71/s
Minneapolis	46/32/pc	60/40/pc	60/38/sh	64/40/pc	62/38/r
New Orleans	90/68/t	78/68/pc	86/70/pc	90/70/s	90/70/s
New York City	66/54/c	64/48/pc	64/50/s	70/54/s	70/54/c
Philadelphia	74/54/c	66/46/pc	68/48/s	72/52/s	72/54/c
Phoenix	86/62/s	90/64/s	92/66/s	94/66/s	94/66/s
Portland	64/44/pc	56/42/c	58/42/sh	58/42/sh	60/42/pc
San Francisco	64/50/pc	66/50/s	66/50/pc	64/50/pc	60/48/c
Seattle	60/42/pc	56/42/c	56/42/c	58/44/sh	60/42/pc
Tucson	84/52/s	88/54/s	90/56/s	92/56/s	92/58/s
Washington, DC	80/54/pc	66/48/pc	70/50/s	76/54/s	74/58/c

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

AGRICULTURE

Very warm and dry weather will continue to persist throughout the region as high pressure aloft dominates the weather. Look for good drying conditions and between 8 and 12 hours of sunshine each day. Little change in the overall pattern is expected.

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