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## NEWSBRIEFS

### Socorro Mission award

The historic Socorro Mission preservation project that has been ongoing for several years was recently awarded the Texas Historical Commission Award of Excellence for the quality and authenticity of work performed on the structure. Pat Taylor, project coordinator for Cornerstones Community Partnerships which had oversight of the restoration, accepted the award during a presentation on Mission grounds in Socorro on May 28.

### Agriculture aid

Applications are being accepted for emergency agricultural loans for damages and losses attributed to drought that occurred on Jan. 1, 2001 and since by the Farm Service Agency (FSA), the credit agency of the U.S. Department of Agriculture. El Paso County has been recently named by USDA Secretary Ann M. Veneman to be eligible for loans to cover part of actual production and physical losses resulting from drought conditions. "As a general rule, a producer must have suffered at least a 30 percent loss of production to be eligible for an FSA emergency loan," said Farm Loan Manager William H. McNally. Deadline for application is Sept. 8. Information: (915) 336-5206, ext. 2.

### In other news

Michelle Farley, a lifelong resident of Horizon City, has been accepted to attend the U.S. Fire Administration's National Fire Academy in Emmittsburg, Maryland, June 15-28. The National Fire Academy is open to any persons with substantial involvement in fire prevention and control, emergency medical services, fire-related emergency management activities, or allied professions.

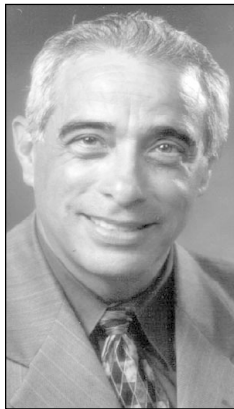


Horizon residents should not be too concerned if they hear people running about the streets blowing whistles this weekend. The El Paso Hash House Harriers announced they will be holding their weekly run in Horizon this Sunday evening. The run is a "hounds and hare" event, with the "hounds" trying to pick up a trail of chalk and flour laid by the "hare." The group started in Malaysia just prior to World War II and there are now thousands of Hash clubs worldwide.

The Texas Department of Mental Health and Mental Retardation (TDMHMR) has announced plans to operate the El Paso Psychiatric Center, a 52-bed facility housed in a state-owned building located adjacent to Thomason Hospital, 4615 Alameda Ave. In May of 2000, the state assumed control of the local community center, Life Management Center, because of the lack of a duly appointed board. The local legislative delegation appointed a local 17-member task force

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## Clint superintendent expected to 'move home'



Sylvester Perez

EAST EL PASO COUNTY — Odds are the Clint Independent School District will be in search of a new superintendent for the upcoming school year. Current Superintendent Dr. Sylvester Perez is expected to accept the head job with the San Marcos, Texas school district.

Dr. Perez, who has been with Clint ISD for three years, said he had "five good reasons" for accepting the San Marcos offer: his mother, his father and his three grown children, all of whom live in that area of the state.

Dr. Perez is the lone finalist for the San Marcos superintendency and is expected to be confirmed within the next 21 days, according to Berry Breed, San Marcos ISD school board president.

Known for crediting his staff and school board, Dr. Perez' tenure at Clint ISD saw the district pass a bond issue for the first time in many years and achieve Texas Education Agency "Recognized" status.

## Heroes honored, new stamp unveiled

By Jim Munafa  
Special to the Courier

CLINT — "When I grow up, I want to be a fireman. Do kids still say that? If they do and if they mean it, they will grow taller, stronger, and more impressive than any building or any tree."

Thus, Roger Rosenblatt of the PBS Online News Hour summed up his tribute to our nation's finest, the men and women of our fire, police, emergency medical and support services back in April, 1996.

June 1, 2002, seemed a typical morning for Far West Texas. Bright sunshine greeted all who ventured outside their homes, listening for the exuberant sounds of the parade. Its appearance would mark the start of a unique event, the Heroes Honoring Heroes ceremony, set to begin at 9:30 at the Clint Fire Station.

Nine o'clock came and went and still no sign. After what seemed an interminable wait, it finally happened. Well, let's change that to, "it finally happened, er...sort of".

The unmistakable sounds of the sirens flooded across the soft breeze and it was not long before almost anyone could look southeast from the Clint Fire Station and actually

see the flashing lights of the patrol cars.

Gleaming police cars with their multicolored lights ablaze and highly polished fire engines of every hue and color joined horses and marchers, their gently flapping flags held high.

But as they began the turn from Alameda Street, it suddenly ended. The whole shebang ground to a halt as bells clanged and the cross bars of the Southern Pacific Railroad crossing lowered, blocking the roadway. Within minutes, however, even before the echo of the mournful whistle from the now retreating train had died, the tempo on both sides of the barrier quickened and it was, once again, a very special day in Clint.

A horse-drawn hay wagon carrying many local dignitaries joined Fire Chiefs or their



This stamp is just the second ever semi-postal to be issued by the U.S. Postal Service.

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— Photo by Jessica Garza

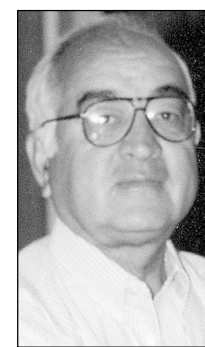
Federal, state and local dignitaries attended the celebration honoring heroes in Clint. From left to right: Clint Alderman Frank Montes, Clint Alderman Henry Franco, Clint Alderman Steven Cheatum, State Rep. Elect Innocente Quintanilla, Mayor of Clint Charles Gonzalez, Mayor of Socorro Irma Sanchez, JP Pct. No. 6 Judge Ruben Lujan, Fr. Edilberto Lopez of the San Lorenzo Church, Sal Payan from US Congressman Reyes' Office, Fernando Sepulveda Postmaster Clint, and Socorro Councilperson Gloria Ramirez.

## Emergency meeting in Vinton causes stir

By Don Woodyard  
Courier Staff Writer

VINTON — Controversy marks Vinton Mayor Tony Castro's first month in office. The controversy swirls around the legality of a May 24 meeting of some council members at the village hall.

He says he called council members about the sudden resignations on that day of long-time village clerk Irma



Tony Castro

Rodriguez and assistant clerk Isela Cuevas. However, he contends he really did not have an official council meeting because council members were not gathered together in a quorum at the same time at Village Hall. "They were not together; they were in and out," he explains.

"No policies were discussed. We had an emergency. We were in shock. (over the two resignations)." He says quick action was necessary to insure that village operations would continue and that someone would be there in village hall to answer the phones and take care of other necessary business.

It is reported that four council members came at Castro's request. They were Dolores Diaz, Yolanda Lucero, Jose Alarcon and newly-appointed council member Yassu Greer who takes Castro's place on the council.

Council member Maggie Deragowski says she was available at home that Friday afternoon, but was not contacted by Castro. She is not sure why she wasn't contacted Friday.

Castro says he did indeed try to reach Deragowski by phone Friday afternoon, but was unable to get in touch with her. She acknowledges that he did call her on Saturday and told her about the events of the previous day.

Richard Contreras, former legal counsel for Vinton, dismisses Castro's reasons as insufficient as to why it wasn't a real council meeting. Contreras says the fact that the council members were there in the building constitutes a meeting.

"It was a clear violation of the Texas Open Meetings Act." To be legal and proper, he points out that the agenda has to be posted 72 hours prior to the meeting to allow public an opportunity to attend.

The only exception to that requirement, notes Contreras, is in the event of an emergency situation that suddenly arises that requires more immediate attention by the council. In that case, only three hours advance notice is required by posting the meeting agenda. Contreras says the fact that they were called to come to the village hall constitutes a meeting, regardless of the fact they were in and out.

Rodriguez says her resignation was triggered by Castro who withheld a paycheck from her husband, Nicholas, an employee of the village. At issue was the number of hours of sick leave for which her husband was being paid. Citing accountability, the mayor

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No man has a good enough memory to be a successful liar.

— Quips and Quotes



View from here By Jeff Judson

# Texas' economic growth threatened by proposed tax

Politicians: Don't mess with Texas' taxes

Hold on to your wallet if you ever hear someone tell you that a new state income tax will cost you less money than your current taxes.

A lot of people, including those at the liberal Center for Public Policy Priorities, are running around the state promoting a state income tax for Texas — telling us we will pay less taxes if we can deduct income taxes on our federal tax form.

Don't take the bait. Their claim has a nice ring to it; we all instinctively like the idea of a magic fix to our budgetary woes. But academic research the world over makes one thing absolutely, crystal clear: implementing an income tax is a prescription for economic disaster.

Want proof? Just compare the economies of states with income taxes with the nine U.S. states without one. You'll quickly notice that the no-income-tax states like Florida, Texas, and Nevada have much stronger economies and people moving into those states than those with income taxes.

In fact, according to Dr. Richard Vedder of Ohio University, over the past 10 years, almost 3 million American citizens moved from income tax states into non-income tax states like Texas. This is one of the great migrations in human history that has gone unnoticed by the liberal tax experts. It is equivalent to 1,000 people fleeing high tax states every day of the week except Sunday for the past 10 years.

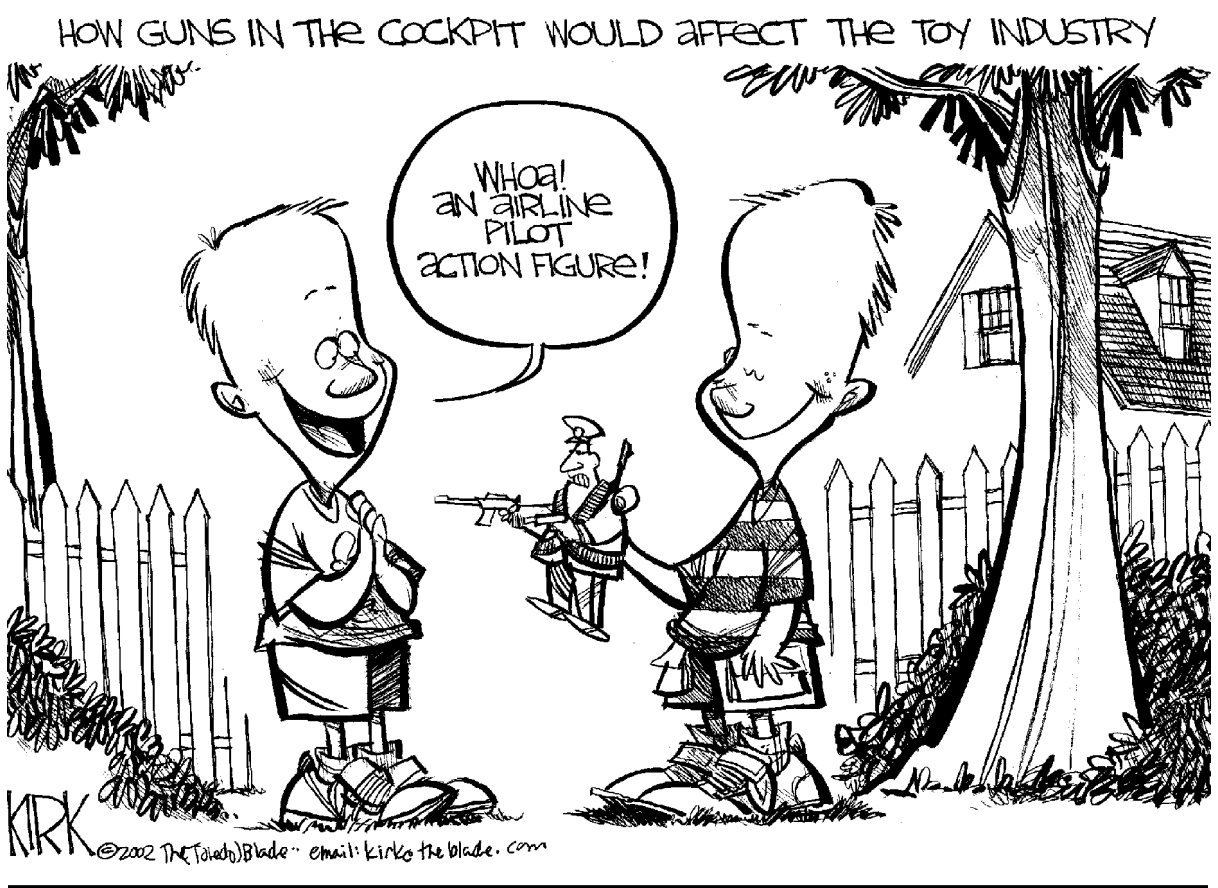
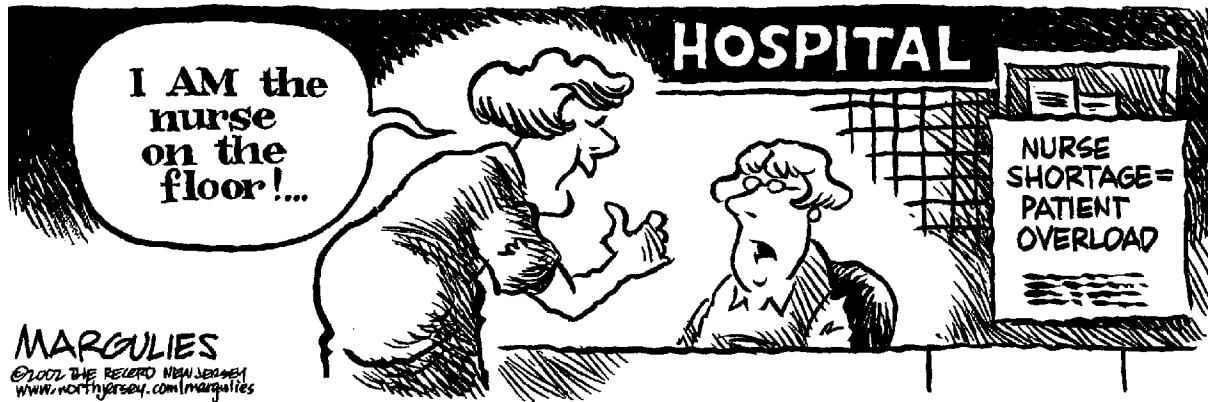
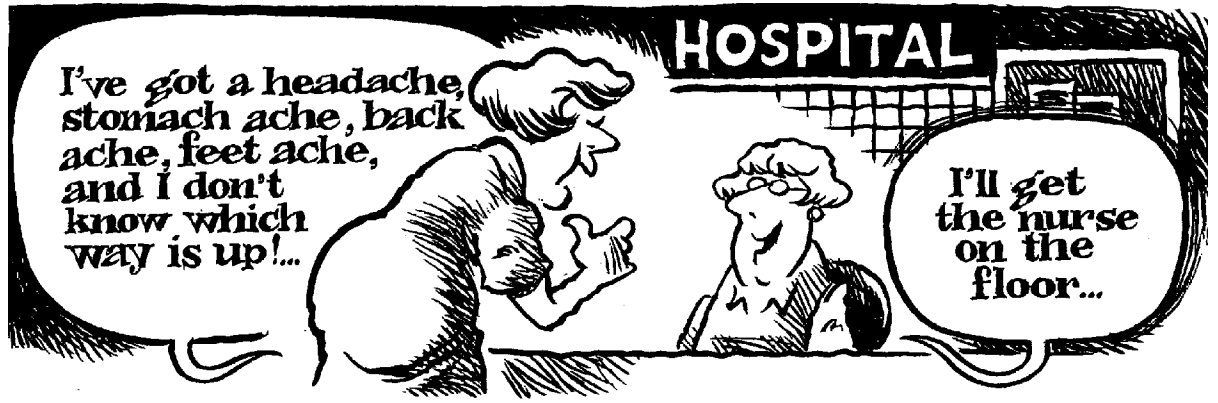
These people and the companies that employ them moved into the Lone Star State to escape high taxes. Business after business certainly didn't go to the expense of relocating to get higher-quality TexMex food and see better football. They moved because Texas is a better place to do business.

Few people would consider New York to have much in common with Texas. Surprisingly, however, New York has an almost identical tax system as Texas. It is roughly the same size in terms of population, has generally the same property and sales tax rates. Yet Texas is in far better shape fiscally, has higher job growth, less unemployment, lower poverty, and our population is growing, not shrinking like New York. The difference? New York has an income tax that makes its tax burden much, much greater. Apparently, people in New York don't feel that government is worth what they are paying for it.

Right now, Texas has a relatively low tax burden. Study after study shows that lower taxes are associated with higher rates of economic growth. What's more, income taxes are closely associated with increased government spending, higher tax rates and larger deficits.

The dirty little secret about the income tax that you are not being told by progressive liberals is that it produces much more money for the government to spend than any other type of tax. Comparing the tax burdens of the various states over the past 40 years, Dr. Vedder found that states without an income tax saw their real tax burden increase by 10 percent over the period whereas states that implemented an income tax during that period saw their tax burden increase a whopping 37 percent.

No one can argue that a progressive income tax generates more revenue for the government than any other type of tax. This means less money earned by private citizens can be used for investing in their children's education, their health, their homes, their businesses, or to make capital available for others to



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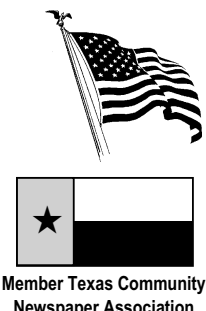
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invest. Instead, their hard earned dollars will be given to the government to spend on the latest political fad or program of dubious value.

Sadly, state legislatures of either political party are likely to spend whatever revenues are available. And more will be available from an income tax.

It is interesting to note that for Texas' neighbor to the north, the major fiscal debate is whether Okla-

homa should reject their income tax and adopt a Texas-like tax system.

In order to stimulate growth, many there are saying, "Let's copy Texas!"

Nothing is worth the economic harm an income tax will do to our economy.

I hope for the sake of the Lone Star State that the people and legislature turn a deaf ear to those who advocate income taxes, and instead work to reign in spending. Keep the tax

system that has led to Texas' job growth and economic boom. Keep Texas in the forefront of economic advancement by keeping taxes low.

Put simply, there is no need for Texans to mess with income taxes.

*(Jeff Judson is the president & CEO of the Texas Public Policy Foundation, a non-profit, free-market think tank with offices in San Antonio and Austin.)*

# Bonilla announces \$4.6 million grant for Texas homeland security

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Representative Henry Bonilla announced funding today to strengthen homeland security in the state of Texas.

"Our nation changed dramatically on September 11th. The events of that fateful day have opened our eyes to new threats and new opportunities for terrorist activity. There's no doubt about it, our nation's food supply is a serious target. This funding will make a tremendous difference in keeping our food supply safe and keeping our agriculture industry strong," said Bonilla.

At a press conference this morning, Bonilla announced that the US Department of Agriculture (USDA) is releasing more than \$43 million in state grants to bolster food and agricultural homeland security. This funding is part of \$328 million ap-

proved by President Bush and the Congress earlier this year to strengthen USDA's homeland security preparedness.

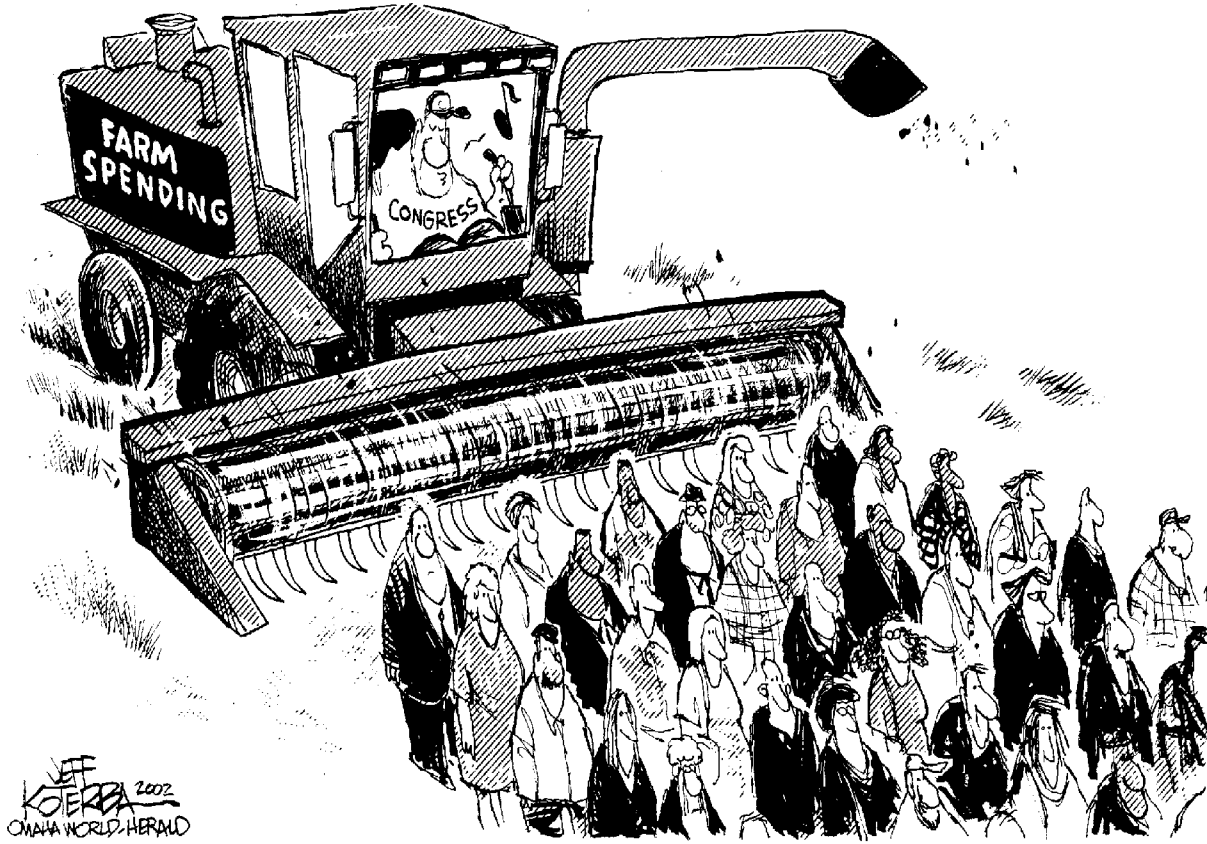
Of the total \$43.4 million allocated by the USDA, the state of Texas will receive \$4.6 million. This funding will be used for a rapid detection and diagnostics network, which will help identify and respond to high risk biological pathogens in food and the agriculture system. The funding is also allocated for plant, pest and disease detection, animal disease response and animal disease surveillance.

"The USDA recognizes that states have the ability to help secure one of the most valuable resources in our country — agriculture. By setting aside a specific amount for each state, the USDA is giving us the opportunity to target terrorism at the ground-

level," said Bonilla. "Giving some power to the states is a smart way of doing business. I have just four words for the terrorists: Don't Mess With Texas!"

Bonilla is chairman of the Agriculture Appropriations Subcommittee, which oversees funding for the USDA. He worked with colleagues on his subcommittee and in the Senate to secure funding that would reduce the risk of a terrorist attack in agriculture. He was joined at today's ceremony by USDA Undersecretary Bill Hawks and Deputy Commissioner of Texas Agriculture Martin Hubert.

"The benefits of this funding are too far-reaching to be measured today. But I can assure you, in the months and years to come, we will be grateful for the protection and preparedness this funding will supply," said Bonilla.



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"IT WOULD BE PERFECT FOR HIM . . . HE'D BE IN THE PUBLIC EYE, GET PAID BIG BUCKS, AND GET TO MEET TRASHY WOMEN."

## A brief history of Flag Day

By Fred Arthur  
Special to the Courier

On or about June 1, 1776, Betsy Ross, a widowed Philadelphia upholsterer and seamstress, was visited by three members of a secret committee from the Continental Congress — George Washington, Robert Morris and George Ross, her late husband's uncle. They came to ask her to sew the first flag of the new nation that would soon declare its independence from England.

Washington — for whom Betsy often embroidered his shirt and cuff ruffles — showed her the design the committee had approved and told her that they needed to have the finished flag by mid-June.

Betsy recommended one change: Instead of the 13 six-pointed stars shown on the design sketch, she suggested five points, because she would then be able to make each star with just one snip of her scissors.

On June 14, 1776, Betsy Ross presented George Washington with the finished flag, which some reports say he hoisted over one of his battlefield encampments soon after the Declaration of Independence was signed as a way of "showing the colors" of the new United States.

One year later, on June 14, 1777, John Adams stood before the Second Continental Congress in Philadelphia and made an historical pronouncement with these words: "Resolved, that the flag of the thirteen United States shall be thirteen stripes, alternate red and white; that the Union be thirteen stars, white on a blue field, representing a new constellation."

The design of the flag would change many times over the years, with a star added on July 4 of the year in which a state was admitted into the Union. The last change was July 4, 1960 when Hawaii was admitted as the 50th state.

In the mid-19th century, schools across the country marked June 14 as Flag Day or Flag Birthday. Patriotic organizations soon followed suit, as did a number of governors who ordered the flag to be displayed in all state buildings on June 14. In 1949, President Harry Truman signed an Act of Congress designating June 14 as national Flag Day.

It is also notable that anyone can request that a flag be flown over the United States Capitol Building on a certain date to mark an event in that person's life. That flag can then be purchased, and will be sent within three to four weeks after it was flown. It will be accompanied by a Certifi-

cate from "The Architect of the Capitol" certifying that your flag flew as you requested. You can also ask that the certificate cite the specific occasion. To place an order, write to your senator at the United States Senate Office, Washington, D.C., 20510.

### How to display the flag with honor

According to the United States Flag Code, adopted by Congress, there are rules for displaying the flag properly, which means according it the same honor and respect one would show an honored and respected human being.

As the Code states: "The flag represents a living country and is itself considered a living thing."

The following 10 rules governing basic flag use are taken from the Flag Code:

1. The flag must be unfurled before raising.
2. The flag must always be raised and lowered slowly by hand.
3. When displayed over the middle of the street, it should be suspended vertically with the union (blue field) to the north in an east and west street, or to the east in a north and south street.

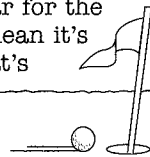
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### Phamiliar phrases

#### "par for the course"

In golf, "par" is the number of strokes set as a standard for a hole or for the entire course. If someone says, "that's par for the course," they mean it's average or what's expected.

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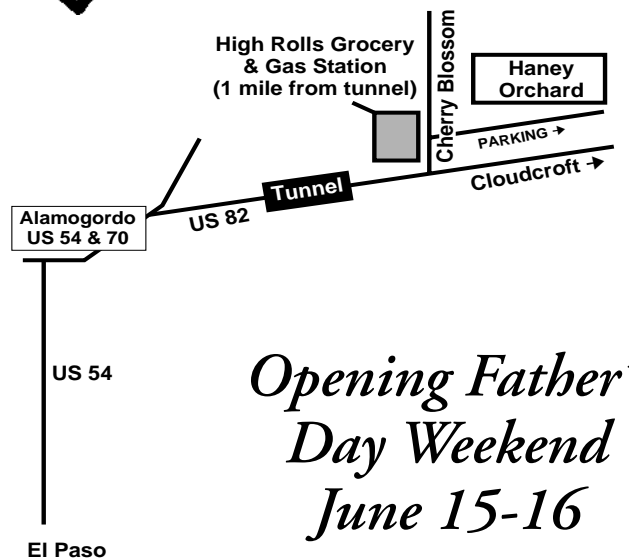
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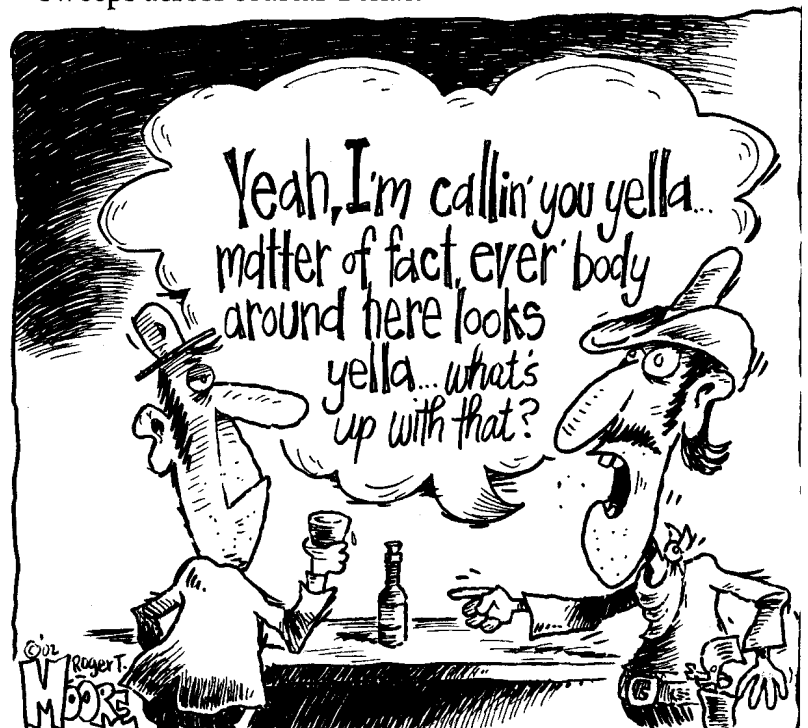


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**TRUE TEXAS FACTS** by Roger Moore June 2, 1867, this is the worst single day of a yellow fever epidemic that sweeps across coastal Texas.





## City of Horizon City PUBLIC NOTICE

A PUBLIC HEARING will be held at **6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, June 11, 2002** during the **Regular City Council Meeting** at City Hall, 14999 Darrington Road, Horizon City, Texas. Purpose of the public hearing is to allow any interested persons to appear and testify regarding the following proposed ordinance(s):

- 1) Proposed Amendment No. 001 to Budget Ordinance No. 0096 - Various Accounts for the Town of Horizon City.

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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— Photo by Jessica Garza

**Clint Mayor Charles Gonzalez presented a plaque to the Clint Volunteer Fire Department in appreciation for their service to the community. The Mayor also presented plaques to Fire Chief Armando Terrazas and Mrs. Rebecca Terrazas for 25 years of service to the volunteer fire department, and to the fire departments from San Elizario, Fabens, Socorro, Montana Vista/East Montana and West Valley. Each member, current and retired, of the Clint Fire Department was given a certificate of appreciation.**

## Heroes

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designated representatives from all across Far West Texas as citizens of Clint and neighboring communities came out in force to enjoy the festivities, pay tribute to their own and the 9-11 heroes and to learn what they could about the aftermath of the World Trade Center collapse.

Clint Mayor Charles Gonzalez welcomed the crowd followed by the spit and polish of the Benavides/Patterson Airborne Association's color guard and W.D. Surratt Elementary School's "Wee Deliver" students leading the crowd in the Pledge of Allegiance. The crowd was stunned into silence when young Zach Fields — only a third grader from Surratt Elementary School — stepped up to the mike, stretched up from his tip-toes and delivered the National Anthem in an incredible voice.

Clint Postmaster Fernando Sepulveda, serving as Master of Ceremonies, asked: "Why are we all here, today? Well, we're here to honor the brave men and women who gave their lives, doing what they were trained to do — to save lives.

"Firemen, police and EMS personnel went into those buildings with one purpose in mind, to help and to rescue those (trapped) inside and around the Twin Towers. Did they fear for their lives? I'm sure that they did. But they went in anyway, putting their lives on the line. So, this ceremony is dedicated in memory of those men and women who put their lives in harm's way on September 11, 2001, in order to help their fellow man. And, this observance is also for

our own, local, unsung heroes, the volunteer firemen and our local sheriff and police departments.

"Each time you answer a call, it is done with one purpose in mind. Your purpose is to help those in need. You never put your own well being first; it simply is not a question. You sacrifice your own safety to protect others."

Other speakers provided a wide range of issues, all related to providing emergency response to the area, including State Representative Elect Chente Quintanilla.

"There are so many beautiful things that happen in this valley," he imparted. "It is only natural that in such a place as this we could unveil a stamp that depicts the occurrence of a beautiful moment amid the devastation and chaos of the leveling of the World Trade Center. Just look around at the beautiful equipment we have, equipment that is readily available to protect us when the need arises. Look at folks like Fernando (Sepulveda) here, who do so much for the community."

Mayor of the City of Socorro, Irma Sanchez, took the opportunity to recognize her city's emergency personnel and to present a plaque to Clint Fire Chief, Armando Terrazas. Justice of the Peace Ruben Lujan complimented the fire departments for providing the opportunity for the young people who come through his court the chance to redeem some of their debt by spending time in public service.

Clint ISD Superintendent Sylvester Perez also applauded the learning opportunity afforded to area young people. "...They are learning important lessons," he declared. "They are learning how to say 'thanks'. This is a lesson that in our world often seems to be forgotten.

When we talk about heroes, young people, just look around you. These people are the real heroes."

Clint Police Chief Klaus Mansion spoke of the importance of efforts to provide assistance to the victims and survivors of tragedies like the World Trade Center bombing.

Viet Nam War hero Ike Camacho, pointing out that being the last speaker, he was free to say whatever he pleased as everything had already been said. He did, however, discuss the impact that the incidents of September 11, 2001 had on children.

Clint Fire Chief Terrazas presented certificates and plaques to the members, and others who serve, in the Clint Fire Department. They ranged from "the kids to the retired and include several who have served for more than 20 years".

Sepulveda, along with area fire chiefs, conducted the unveiling of the "Semipostal Heroes", the stamp authorized by President Bush on February 25 of this year.

"This is a historic stamp, as this is only the second time in American history that a semipostal has been issued," Sepulveda explained. "A semipostal is just like any other stamp, except that a part of the money collected from the sale of a semipostal goes to support a special cause. The first semipostal was the breast cancer stamp and it raised more than \$26,000,000. In this case, the funds will go to the families and children of the firemen, police and EMS that lost their lives on 9-11. It features the actual photograph of the American flag being raised by firefighters at Ground Zero. This stamp will be issued across the United States on June 7th."

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- 1) Amendment No. 029 to Zoning Ordinance No. 0006 to rezoning a parcel of Section 42, Block 78, Township 3, Texas and Pacific Railroad Company Surveys, County of El Paso, Texas containing 10.7699 acres from M-1, Light Industrial to R-9, Single Detached Residential Dwellings (a minimum of 1000 sq. ft. of living area on a minimum of 6000 sq. ft. lots) for the Town of Horizon City.

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Sandra Sierra  
City Clerk

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#### TOWN OF HORIZON CITY HORIZON CITY, TEXAS Invitation to Bid

Sealed bids for the paving of streets in Horizon City will be accepted 14999 Darrington Road, Horizon City, Texas 79928 until Friday, June 14, 2002 at 5 p.m. Detailed specifications are available from the above address between 8 a.m. through 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. For additional information call (915) 852-1046.  
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ucts and/or services will be accepted at the following times:

**CAFETERIA SUPPLIES**  
CSP NO.199-0612-0265  
**WEDNESDAY, JUNE 12, 2002, 2:00 P.M.**

Proposals will be received at Business Services Dept., 12300 Eastlake Drive, El Paso, Texas 79928 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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**WEDNESDAY, JUNE 12, 2002, 2:30 P.M.**

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# Land, mineral rights and veterans

## History of Texas Public Lands - Part Sixteen

TEXAS — This historical overview of Texas public land heritage continues with a look at land, minerals and vets

One consequence of the Civil War was Texas' relinquishment of mineral rights over land it had previously granted. When the Republic adopted English common law in 1840, it retained the Mexican legal principle that the government owned all mineral rights. In 1847, the state validated a patent on land in Hidalgo County containing a salt lake. During the war, salt was scarce in Texas and the legislature attempted to void the patent and take control of the salt deposit. As a result of the controversy this caused, the Constitution of 1869 (and, later, the Constitution of 1876) released subsoil mineral rights on unsold land. But in 1901, the Texas Supreme Court held that, unless land classification documents contained the word "mineral," the state did not retain mineral rights. In other words, the state lost the mineral rights to all school land sold before 1901 — that is, 91.4 percent of state land.

Land commissioner Charles Rogan immediately suspended the further sale of school land until it was reclassified as mineral land, saving the state mineral rights to 7,400,000 acres of school land. Between 1901 and 1919, the state sold land with and without mineral rights; it also leased large tracts for mineral production. In the Relinquishment Act of 1919, Texas regained control of mineral rights on all unsold land and made new purchasers of land partners with the state in royalties, as long as the state was given at least a one-sixteenth royalty interest.

Texas continued to give land to veterans of the Texas Revolution and, after the Civil War, also began to reward Confederate veterans. After statehood, bounty warrants and donation certificates were issued to veterans of the Texas Revolution by the state Adjutant General until 1855. That year, a fire destroyed the records of warrant recipients and the muster rolls needed to prove the claims of soldiers and their heirs who had not yet received land. No more bounty or donation certificates were issued until 1857, when the legislature es-

tablished a Court of Claims to check unpatented land certificates for fraud and to issue certificates to those who deserved but had not received them.

After the Court of Claims expired in 1861, no more headright, scrip, bounty or donation certificates were issued except by special act of the legislature. In 1879, many veterans of the Texas Revolution were destitute and the legislature passed a 640-acre veteran donation act to give land to veterans or their widows. Applicants had to swear before a county judge that they did not own \$500 in cash or property and that they were physically incapable of self-support. Applications were then sent to Austin, where they had to be approved by the Comptroller and a Veterans Board before the land commissioner could issue land certificates. In 1881, the donation was increased to 1,280 acres and the indigence requirement was dropped; applicants had only to furnish proof of three months' service to the Republic. Texas issued 1,278 veteran donation land certificates for 1,377,920 acres under the acts of 1879 and 1881, before the grant was repealed in 1887 due the near exhaustion of the public domain.

The legislature began rewarding Civil War veterans in 1881 when it granted 1,280 acres of land to disabled or indigent Confederate veterans or to widows of men who had died in service during the war. To receive a scrip land certificate, applicants had to present two credible witnesses of war service to the county court, and prove they possessed no more than \$1,000 in property. Because half the public domain was reserved for the PSF, the act required that, for each certificate, an equal amount of land be surveyed for the schools. When the act was repealed in 1883 due to the shortage of public domain, many of the recipients hadn't been able to afford to locate and survey the land. Most recipients sold their certificates, sometimes at prices as low as \$5.

### Land buys a capitol building

The Constitution of 1876 authorized setting aside 3 million acres

of land for a new capitol building. In 1879, the state legislature appropriated 3,050,000 acres and created a Capitol Building Board, consisting of the governor, comptroller, treasurer, attorney general, and land commissioner. The Capitol Reservation land was located in Bailey, Castro, Dallam, Deaf Smith, Hartley, Hockley, Lamb, Oldham and Parmer counties. The Capitol Board was to contract for a survey, sell the extra 50,000 acres of land that had been set aside to pay for the survey, approve architectural plans for the building, and contract for construction.

Surveying was completed by 1880, and the land to pay for the survey was sold at 55 cents an acre, for a total of \$27,750. Half of this amount was used to pay the surveyor and half was deposited in the PSF. Only two contractors bid on the project and, in 1882, the Capitol Board contracted with Matthias Schnell of Illinois to build the capitol.

Schnell then sold 75 percent of his interest in the contract to a Chicago syndicate of investors. Payment of the 3 million acres was made to the contractors in installments as the building progressed through 19 stages.

Construction was completed in April 1888; at that time, it was the seventh largest building in the world. Built of pink granite from Burnet County, it was 309 feet tall, seven feet taller than the dome of the national capitol, contained 409 rooms and 924 windows. It had cost the builders \$3,744,630, or about a dollar for every acre they received. Because land in the Panhandle was worth about \$.50 an acre, the syndicate didn't profit from the enterprise; the state, on the other hand, received a grand statehouse without paying a penny. The syndicate established a huge ranch, the XIT Ranch, on the 3 million acres it was given. The XIT, though, was not a financial success and by the end of the century it was subdivided and sold to farmers.

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## Space Shuttle mission to Space Station to carry Texas Ranger badge to mark 180th anniversary

NASA mission STS-111 to the International Space Station will carry along a piece of history — the world-famous Texas Ranger badge.

Lt. Col. Paul Lockhart, pilot of STS-111 and a native of Amarillo, is a fan of Texas history and the legendary law enforcement agency. In January, Col. Lockhart called the Texas Ranger Hall of Fame and Museum in Waco, Official Museum of the Texas Rangers, with an offer to fly a symbol of the Rangers to the International Space Station to celebrate their 180th anniversary.

"The Texas Ranger badge immediately came to mind," said Byron Johnson, Director of the Hall of Fame and Museum. "It is a universally recognized symbol of Texas and American law enforcement. Col. Lockhart's tribute recognizes the contribution the Texas Rangers have made to the People and the State of Texas."

Texas Rangers Senior Capt. C.J. Havrda provided three badges, one for each rank of Captain, Lieutenant and Sergeant. How many will be carried is governed by weight restrictions. "The Texas Rangers have spanned three centuries. We're honored to have ranged from horseback to automobiles and now, the space shuttle and the International Space Station," Capt. Havrda said.

By tradition, Texas Ranger badges are made from Mexican silver five peso coins (sergeant and lieutenant) and fifty peso gold coins (captains). The custom began more than 120 years ago when Mexican coins were rec-

ognized as a worldwide standard for purity of metal and true weight. The oldest authenticated Ranger badge, made in the 1880s, is on display at the Texas Ranger Hall of Fame.

After mission debriefing, Col. Lockhart will present the badge(s) to the Texas Rangers at a ceremony at the Texas Ranger Hall of Fame and Museum. He will be honored for his contribution to the 180th anniversary of the Texas Rangers. The badges will be added to the permanent collections of the museum and displayed for the enjoyment of the public.

The Texas Rangers are an investigative and enforcement division of the Texas Department of Public Safety. Stephen F. Austin founded the Texas Rangers in 1823 as a home guard to protect against Indian raids and pursue criminals. Over the next 180 years they served as frontier lawmen, State Police officers and an elite investigative force. Since 1935 they have been a division of the Texas Department of Public Safety.

The Texas Ranger Hall of Fame and Museum, founded in 1968, is a cooperative project of the City of Waco, Texas and the Texas Department of Public Safety. It is legislatively sanctioned as the official museum, repository and hall of fame for the Texas Rangers. Texas Highways magazine has ranked it as the #3 museum in Texas. Its Internet web site at [www.texasranger.org](http://www.texasranger.org) is visited by almost a half million persons a year.

## Canutillo ISD Public Notice Summer Meal Program

Canutillo Independent School District is offering a free Summer School Food Service program to children between the ages of 1-18. The Summer Food program, which includes breakfast and lunch, will run June 3, 2002 through August 2, 2002.

Breakfast is served from 7 to 8 a.m. and lunch is served from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at four school campuses — Canutillo High School, 7311 Bosque, June 3 - July 12; Canutillo Middle School, 800 Talbot, June 3 - June 28; Canutillo Elementary School, 651 Central Ave., June 3 - August 2; and Davenport Elementary School, 8401 Remington, June 3 - August 2.

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For more information, call Adele Balesh, at (915) 877-7740.

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## NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS

The Rio Grande Council of Governments (RGCOG) will conduct two public hearings to receive comments on an Amendment to the Regional Municipal Solid Waste Management Plan and an Inventory of Closed and Abandoned Landfills. These documents address municipal solid waste planning in the counties of Brewster, Culberson, El Paso, Jeff Davis, Hudspeth and Presidio.

Public hearings will be held at the RGCOG, 6th Floor Conference Room, 1100 N. Stanton, El Paso, Texas, on Tuesday, June 25, 2002, at 6:30 p.m. (MDT); and at the Sul Ross State University, University Center Conference Rooms A & B, East Highway 90, Alpine, Texas on Thursday, June 27, at 6:30 p.m. (CDT). Oral and written comments will be accepted at these hearings, and written comments will also be accepted until Wednesday, July 3, 2002 at the Rio Grande Council of Governments offices.

Copies of the Amendment to the Regional Municipal Solid Waste Management Plan and the Inventory of Closed and Abandoned Landfills will be available for public review by June 10, 2002 in the County Clerk's offices of Brewster, Culberson, Hudspeth, Jeff Davis and Presidio Counties, and in the following locations: Rio Grande Council of Governments, 1100 N. Stanton, Ste. 801, El Paso; Van Horn City Hall, 1801 W. Broadway; Marfa City Hall, 113 S. Highland; Presidio City Hall, O'Reilly Street; Alpine City Hall, 100 N. 13th Street.

Written comments and requests for additional information should be directed to:

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# Former Eastwood star pitcher tosses a yankee doodle dandy against NY

By Steve Escajeda  
Special to the Courier

Over the years visiting pitchers have stood atop the New York Yankee Stadium mound in utter fear awaiting the potent Yankees lineup.

And one by one, pitchers have been pounded by the Yanks, many already mentally defeated before they threw their first pitch.

This year is much the same. The Yankees lead the majors in home runs and are having another stellar season. They have cast their spell over all their opposing pitchers...except one.

El Paso's Frank Castillo has treated the New York Yankees like his own personal play toy this season and throughout his career for that matter.

Last week Castillo pitched the first-place Red Sox to a 7-1 win over the Yanks at Yankee Stadium. Castillo allowed only one run and four hits in his eight innings of work, totally baffling the Yankee hitters with off-speed pitches and precise placement.

In fact, Castillo, who has had a mediocre

career at best with an 83-98 lifetime record, is 3-0 lifetime against the Yankees. The Bronx Bombers have only seven earned runs in 27 total innings when facing Castillo.

Last week's win kept the Boston Red Sox in first place, just ahead of the Yankees. Even more impressive was the fact that Castillo was pitching in place of Red Sox' ace Pedro Martinez, who needed a day of rest.

Castillo came through big time and can be a huge part of Boston's playoff puzzle if he continues to pitch to every other American League team like he does the Yankees.

Wow, most pitchers cringe at the site of the Yankees. Not Frank Castillo. Hey maybe some Yankee hitters will start to cringe at the site of him.

## Do the bump

You see it at almost every Major League Baseball game, the manager of one team or another gets upset at an umpire's call and races to the field to discuss it.

He begins by asking for an explanation of the offending call. Then the coach eventually questions the umpire's ability to see 10 feet in

front of him. And finally, the coach may utter the kind of word that got George Carlin in trouble 30 years ago.

And in extreme cases, the already hot-under-and-over-the-collar coach will get so fumed that he does the ump-bump with his body. This gesture will earn him a hefty fine and suspension.

Well that happened last week but with a little role reversal.

Seems umpire Ed Rapuano went a little Bobby Knight against the New York Mets' Bobby Valentine.

Valentine and Rapuano were already in a heated argument when the umpire bumped Valentine with his shoulder causing the Mets manager to use one of those infamous words earning him an ejection.

I've never heard of an umpire bumping a coach before. I can see it now...a new tough-guy television series on FOX about an umpire who plays by his own rules.

Any way, Rapuano claims the bump was totally incidental. He says that he and Valentine turned in the same direction at the same time causing them to collide.

Good one Rapuano, if only Latrell Sprewell could have thought up that one. "My hands and Carlesimo's throat got tangled up together...really."

## Five and counting

And you thought the UTEP Miners basketball team had problems.

One of the Miners' old rivals is having a tough time of it too, especially since the end of the season.

Old El Paso pal Rick Majarus is having an unusual problem keeping players. Seems Utah has had five players leave the team since March.

The Utes are down to 11 scholarship athletes instead of the customary 13.

At this rate Utah will have to suit up the water boy and two game-program sales guys.

Boy, when you see what kind of off-season Majarus is having, makes you wonder what's going on in Salt Lake City. Maybe it's the salt water.

C'mon coach, put the twinkies down and take care of business. O.K., at least put one twinkie down.



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## Briefs

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to develop a plan. Since then, an interlocal agreement has been signed by the county, city and hospital district, reorganizing the center and a new board of trustees has been appointed. Texas Tech University Regional Medical Center, which currently provides medical care at the hospital, will fully operate the psychiatric hospital at its current capacity, with a staff of about 150 persons and a budget that includes over \$7 million in state funds.

■ The Visiting Nurse Association of El Paso has received a \$90,000 grant to assist family caregivers in finding appropriate services for their loved ones. The Community Caregiver Outreach Program and Resource Center is funded by the Area Agency on Aging with funds from the Texas Department of Aging. Interested

families can call 533-CARE to receive initial screening and a Social Worker will be scheduled to talk to the family in person. A Resource Library and Community Caregiver and Community Caregiver Outreach Program was launched last month, at 2211 E. Missouri Ave., Suite S-200.

■ El Paso law enforcement agencies are asking for community assistance to solve the murder of 26-year-old Gabriel Carrillo, who was found shot to death in the early morning hours of April 26 in his maroon 1995 Chevrolet Camaro, parked at the California Car Wash at 9002 Betel, near Zaragosa. A two-tone, full-size Ford Bronco, with tinted windows, shiny wheels with large tires, and unknown white license plate was seen leaving the area shortly after gunshots were reported. A cash reward of up to \$1,000 is offered for information leading to an arrest, and informants may remain anonymous by calling 566-8477 (TIPS).

## King Super Crossword

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# What's wrong with this picture?

By Don Flood

To err is human. To err 77 times in one movie, apparently, is to have made "Spider-Man."

According to one story, fans have counted as many as 77 continuity errors in "Spider-Man" — things like windows appearing broken one minute but unbroken the next.

My idea of a continuity error is when I come back from the bathroom and the popcorn's gone.

The current record holder for continuity errors is "The Matrix," a truly groundbreaking movie that later influenced many important TV commercials.

Supposedly, it has 147 mistakes!

I haven't seen the movie — what was I DOING during the '90s? — but from what I understand, the most peculiar scene is one with Keanu Reeves wearing — for a split second — what APPEARS to be an intelligent look on his face.

Obviously, only a freakish combination of lighting and camera angle could achieve such a result, but nevertheless the scene made it into the movie, where it will forever surprise and confuse people.

"Titanic" follows with 135 continuity errors, the most serious being one where — long after the Titanic sinks — Leonardo DiCaprio is seen in the ship's dining room begging his agent to line up more deals before his career tanks.

The scene doesn't belong, of course, but cutting it would have meant chopping the movie to less than 81 hours and 47 minutes.

The most glaring continuity error I ever saw was in — yes, this is hard to admit — "The Brady Bunch."

In an otherwise tightly constructed script, two of

the Brady girls abruptly discover something is missing and begin searching their bedroom.

Despite no commercial break and no conversation with anyone else, two Brady boys suddenly walk in on the scene and announce they've searched the entire house and couldn't find it either!

Find what? I yelled at the TV. You guys didn't even know it was missing!

(I was, at that time, perhaps a little too emotionally involved in the lives of "The Brady Bunch" characters.)

Another memorable continuity problem was the time the Lone Ranger took a bullet in his gut, right before a commercial break.

(The minute just before commercials tended to be extremely dangerous for TV's Old West heroes. Tonto could have helped the Lone Ranger by reminding him of this but apparently didn't feel it was part of his job description.)

From the way blood oozed from his side you'd have thought the Lone Ranger was getting ready to saddle up for the Big Masked Ball in the Sky.

Worse — since he was a rather finicky dresser — his shirt was badly stained and sported a bullet hole.

Being young and naive, I actually believed he and his shirt were in real trouble.

But he came back from the commercial break as good as new.

And so did his shirt. In fact, the hole had magically disappeared and the shirt appeared freshly laundered, if a little heavy on the starch.

But back then I didn't think of it as a "continuity error," it was just TV.

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# Canutillo ISD receives \$175,000 grant

By Alfredo Vasquez  
Special to the Courier

The Canutillo Independent School District was awarded recently \$175,000 grant from the Telecommunications Infrastructure Fund (TIF) Board. A portion of the grant funds will be used to provide Canutillo High School and Canutillo Middle School with staff development for teachers to integrate technology into the curriculum.

This non-competitive TIF grant focuses on supporting teacher training so that Texas teachers become skilled in using technology and integrating technology into all phases of their lessons. Canutillo ISD allocated 33% of the awarded funds to offer staff development in technology. The TIF grant will assist the district in meeting the Texas Education Agency requirement that schools provide Technology Application courses. (The Remaining funds will be budgeted for continued

staff development and/or equipment necessary to carry out what has been learned.) Not only will the teachers gain an advantage from this training and funding, the students will be the ultimate beneficiaries. Students will be offered a curriculum that has technology integrated within it, making the technology an integral learning tool in preparing for the digital era.

"We are excited about receiving this grant award for our teachers, and ultimately for the students they instruct," said Martha Veale, Director of Technology & Career Education. "This additional funding will help our district meet the needs of our teachers and students in the 21st Century."

Since its creation by the 74th Legislature in 1995, TIF has awarded approximately \$1 billion in grants to its four constituent groups-public schools, libraries, institutions of higher education, and public, not-for-profit healthcare facilities.

# Flag

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north and south street.

4. When the flag is displayed from a staff projecting horizontally or at any angle from the windowsill, balcony or front of a building, the union (blue field) of the flag should go to the peak of the staff (unless the flag is to be displayed at half-mast). When the flag is suspended over a sidewalk from a rope extending from the house to a pole at the edge of the sidewalk, the flag should be hoisted out from the building, toward the pole, with union (blue field) first.

5. When an order is given to fly the flag half-mast, it should be hoisted to the peak for an instant, then lowered to the half-mast position. When lowering the flag at sunset, it should again be raised to the peak, then lowered. (Note: Half-mast is defined as one-half the distance between the top and the bottom of the staff. On Memorial Day, the flag is displayed at half-mast until noon, then raised to the top of the staff.)

6. When the flag is used to cover a casket, it should be placed so that the

union (blue field) is at the head and over the left shoulder. The flag should not be lowered into the grave or allowed to touch the ground.

7. When the flag is displayed in a manner other than being flown from a staff, it should be shown flat, whether indoors or out, with the union (blue field) upper-most and to the left of the observer. (Note: After Sept. 11, many Americans pasted paper or cardboard flags on their windows. When properly done, the blue field was to the left of the observer outside.)

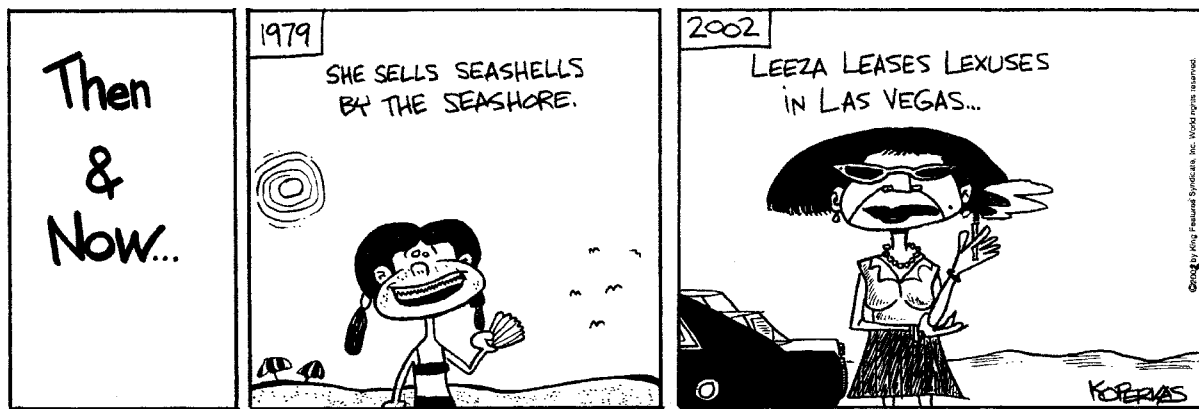
8. When carried in a procession with any other flag or flags, the American flag should be either on the right of the parade or centered in front of the line. Care must be taken to make sure the flag is carried at the correct angle and never touches the ground.

9. When placed on a staff in front of an audience, the flag is properly on the speaker's right, which is the observer's left.

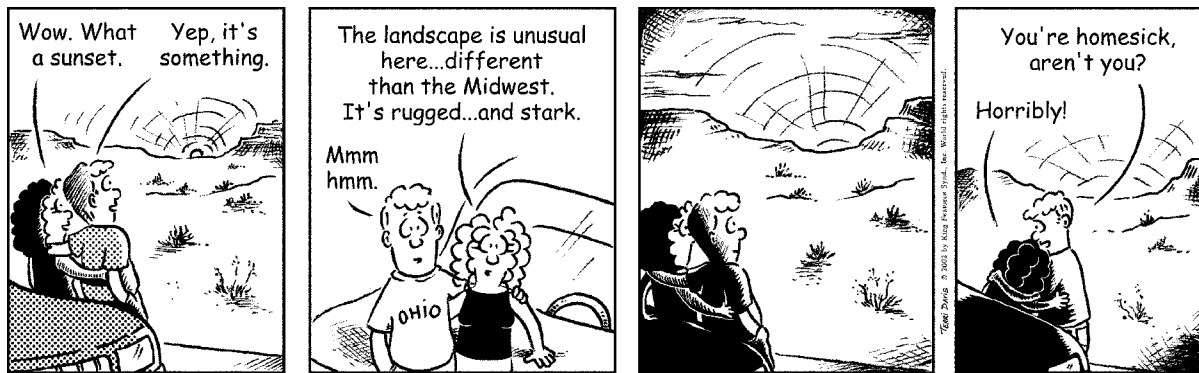
10. When the flying edge of a flag becomes slightly worn, it may be mended by hemming or stitching. But when it becomes too worn to be displayed, it should be destroyed with dignity, preferably by burning it privately.

# Comix

## OUT ON A LIMB By Gary Kopervas



## GOT A LIFE By Terri Davis



## THE SPATS By Jeff Pickering



## R.F.D. By Mike Marland



# Vinton

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admits he did withhold the pay, but did so only until he got approval of council before issuing the check. "I have to be careful."

Castro says he signed the paycheck and gave it to Rodriguez' husband the following Tuesday. "We shook hands," the mayor says. "It (the paycheck issue) was resolved to everybody's satisfaction," he notes.

Rodriguez claims the mayor's action was "in retaliation" for her filing charges of sexual harassment against him back in April. She says the matter

with the check was the last straw. "I just couldn't take it anymore, the bad vibes," says Rodriguez who adds she has been under medical care because of this. "It has affected my health."

Castro is upbeat and assures the residents of Vinton that things "will be back on track as soon as possible." Right now, he says, village auditor Irene Keith "is the glue that is holding the village together." He explains that she is working as temporary help in the village office until a permanent office staff can be hired.

At its May 21 meeting the council approved hiring Shane English as the new legal counsel for Vinton, replacing Contreras.



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# Social Security: Q & A By Ray Vigil

## SSA responds to identity theft

Effective June 1, 2002, Social Security Administration is taking steps to make it more difficult for someone else to get or use your social security number (SSN). If you are applying for a social security number for the first time or if you are requesting a change in the date of birth reflected on your existing social security record, you can expect an additional delay. The new process will help protect the integrity of your so-

cial security number. It is also expected that the new process will prevent those with criminal intent from using false or stolen birth records to get an SSN.

Social Security is now verifying the birth record for all U.S.-born applicants age one and older with the custodian of the record, usually the local bureau of vital statistics, before issuing a social security number.

Individuals applying for a Social

Security card must furnish at least two documents to establish age, identity and U.S. citizenship or lawful alien status. The new process could possibly delay receipt of the SSN an additional three to twelve weeks. Previously, it took about two weeks for Social Security to assign a number. New policy is expected to affect about 100,000 applicants for an SSN nationwide.

Social Security is highly recommending that parents applying for a baby's SSN should take advantage of the Enumeration at Birth process. This service enables parents to apply for an SSN at the same time they fill out the birth certificate information at the hospital. Last year, approximately four

million babies received their SSN through this process.

SSA is strengthening the integrity in response to the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001 and to deal with the problem of identity theft.

Social Security is also working with other agencies in detecting and safeguarding your identity.

For more information log onto our website, [www.ssa.gov](http://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.

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## SEVEN-DAY FORECAST FOR EL PASO

THURSDAY	THUR. NIGHT	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY
Partly to mostly sunny.	Mainly clear.	Partly sunny.	Partly sunny and hot.	Partial sunshine and hot.	Clouds and sun.	Times of sun and clouds.	Clouds and sun.
▲ 88°	▼ 62°	▲ 94° ▼ 66°	▲ 98° ▼ 68°	▲ 98° ▼ 68°	▲ 96° ▼ 66°	▲ 96° ▼ 64°	▲ 92° ▼ 64°

### 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	10	Very High
Sunday	10	Very High
Monday	10	Very High
Tuesday	7	High
Wednesday	9	Very High

### REAL FEEL TEMP™

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Thursday	96°
Friday	92°
Saturday	97°
Sunday	92°
Monday	88°
Tuesday	90°
Wednesday	92°

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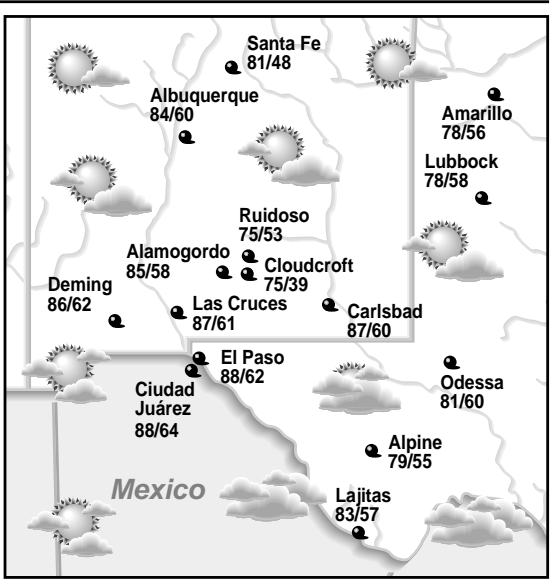
Eight to twelve hours of sunshine are expected each of the next three days. Winds on Thursday will be out of the southeast at 4-8 mph. Friday's winds will be light and variable. Winds on Saturday are expected to be out of the northeast at 8-16 mph. Dew point temperatures will average in the middle 40s all three days.

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

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



### TRAVELERS CITIES

City	Thur.	Fri.	Sat.	Sun.	Mon.
	Hi/Lo/W	Hi/Lo/W	Hi/Lo/W	Hi/Lo/W	Hi/Lo/W
Albuquerque	84/60/pc	88/62/s	90/62/s	88/58/s	82/54/s
Atlanta	84/66/t	82/66/pc	84/68/pc	84/68/c	82/62/t
Atlantic City	72/58/c	76/58/s	80/60/s	80/60/s	80/62/pc
Austin/San Antonio	90/60/pc	92/66/pc	94/68/pc	94/68/pc	90/60/pc
Baltimore	78/56/c	78/58/s	82/62/s	82/62/s	82/64/pc
Boston	70/54/sh	74/58/s	78/60/pc	76/59/pc	74/59/c
Chicago	74/54/s	80/60/s	82/62/pc	90/64/pc	86/64/t
Dallas/Ft. Worth	82/64/pc	86/70/s	90/72/s	90/66/t	86/56/pc
Denver	85/57/s	86/57/s	80/51/pc	74/45/pc	65/43/c
Flagstaff	80/42/s	80/45/s	80/43/s	80/43/s	79/45/s
Houston	86/68/t	88/70/pc	90/70/pc	90/70/s	90/68/s
Kansas City	80/59/s	80/63/s	82/65/s	86/57/t	86/51/c
Las Vegas	104/79/s	106/79/s	100/72/s	98/72/s	102/66/s
Miami	88/76/pc	88/76/c	88/76/c	88/76/c	89/77/c
Minneapolis	78/58/pc	78/60/t	76/58/t	74/56/r	74/54/t
New Orleans	90/74/pc	88/74/t	88/74/pc	90/74/pc	90/62/pc
New York City	74/58/c	78/60/s	80/62/s	80/62/s	78/62/pc
Philadelphia	76/56/c	78/58/s	82/62/s	82/62/s	80/62/pc
Phoenix	106/81/s	107/81/s	105/79/pc	102/79/pc	100/74/s
Portland	68/50/pc	66/46/c	72/50/s	76/52/s	78/54/pc
San Francisco	62/52/s	60/52/pc	62/52/pc	70/54/s	74/54/s
Seattle	64/48/pc	62/48/c	66/50/s	70/52/s	72/54/pc
Tucson	104/70/s	102/71/s	100/71/s	100/70/s	95/68/pc
Washington, DC	78/58/c	78/60/s	84/64/s	84/64/s	81/71/s

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