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NEWSBRIEFS

Benito Martinez Elementary honored

The National Institute for Urban School Improvement has honored the Socorro ISD campus of Benito Martinez Elementary School with the publication of a booklet about the school's efforts to meet the challenges of change and inclusion. The book is titled "Schools on the Move: Stories of Urban Schools Engaged in Inclusive Journeys of Change." Principal Jessie Bombach says authors Dianne Ferguson, Ph.D., and Gwen Meyer of the University of Oregon spent "a couple of days" at the East El Paso County campus, interviewing teachers and students. Out of that research was produced the 18-page booklet describing how the school involves students, staff and parents in coping with change. "Benito Martinez school was selected as one of four campuses in the nation," Bombach said. "The others were in Denver, Boston and Washington, D.C." Bombach said it was a prestigious honor and could enhance the school's ability to access other grants and opportunities. She credited assistant principal Rosemary Carreon, administrative assistant Leslie Thomas and the entire faculty for the honor.

Young artist funds

The Texas Commission on the Arts has announced a new scholarship program to help promising young school-age students in Texas who excel in the arts. Financial assistance will be provided to the 13 most promising young artists in an amount up to \$2,500 per year to further their studies, and once selected, they may reapply yearly. All Texas students who are U.S. citizens participating in a school-based or private lesson from a qualified instructor are eligible, provided they maintain passing grades. Application packets must be postmarked by Nov. 1. For specific application information, visit www.arts.state.tx.us or call (512) 344-2051.

In other news

■ The Farm Service Agency (FSA) has funding available to make loans to individual rural youths to finance small income-producing projects in connection with their participation in 4-H Clubs, FFA and similar organizations. Each project must be planned and operated with the help of the organization supervisor, produce sufficient income to repay the loan, and provide the youth with practical business and educational experience. The FSA loan office is located in Ft. Stockton, Texas and serves a 15-county area including El Paso and Hudspeth counties. For further information, call (915) 352-5206.

■ Marine Corps Pfc. Heriberto Garcia, son of Estelle and Javier Garcia, completed basic training at Marine Corps Recruit Depot in San Diego, California earlier this year. His training included 12 weeks of physically and mentally demanding classes and challenges. He has since

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Conservation is an exercise of the mind, but gossiping is merely an exercise of the tongue.

— Quips and Quotes



HONORING THE LEGEND — Ulysses Davis, shown here with his good friend Lincoln, makes it his personal responsibility to educate the Southwest and the world on the history and contribution of the famed Buffalo Soldiers.

Remember the Buffalo Soldiers: El Pasoan brings story of black army regiment back to life

By Michelle J. Brown
Special to the Courier

EL PASO COUNTY — Written and televised history makes much ado about the courage and bravery demonstrated by the fighting units of the 19th Century U.S. Army. Their efforts to conquer the wild frontier and tame the Old West for settling pioneers made headlines worldwide. Yet, little regard is given to an often forgotten but critical aspect of that protecting force — the Buffalo Soldiers.

Serving for more than 80 years, these Soldiers were highly revered by the Cheyenne, who admired the strength, agility, fighting skills and compassion of the free blacks and former slaves.

Those similarities, combined with the dark curly hair of both, led the Cheyenne to dub them the Buffalo Soldiers in honor of their culture's staple food supply, which was critical to their survival.

Refusing to forget their contributions and determined to generate awareness today, one man has vowed to make sure the people he reaches are told about the Buffalo Soldiers, which were the result of a government experiment to segregate enlisted personnel. The experiment lasted until World War II when the units were disbanded and all soldiers were integrated.

Ulysses Davis of El Paso, Texas, spends much of his free time dedicating his talents and personal resources to the legacy of the Buffalo Soldier. For nearly four years, he has traveled nationwide, from Charlotte, North Carolina to Fort Apache, Arizona and Fort Davis, Texas with many stops in-between.

Often covering his own expenses, and occasionally receiving stipends, Davis and his fam-

ily — accompanied by his thoroughbred horse, Lincoln — caravan to schools, rodeos, parades, fairs and special events spreading the historic "news" about the Buffalo Soldiers.

To honor Davis' efforts to educate people about the Buffalo Soldiers, a New Mexico artist is casting 250 limited editions of bronze maquette statues. Currently in final production, the statue is 24 inches from base to flag tip, and is slated to be available for ordering this fall via the Phoenix Gallery in Ruidoso, N.M. The fine art statues by sculptor Wanda Dansereau will retail for \$2250, with proceeds benefiting the restoration of historic Fort Stanton, about 18 miles north of Ruidoso.

Dansereau plans to eventually create a one and one-half times life-size solid bronze replica to be posted permanently at Fort Stanton's main entrance.

Dansereau first read about Davis in a New Mexico magazine article detailing his participation in state historical reenact-

ment events. His activities struck a chord with Dansereau, who contacted Davis about the art project for Fort Stanton. He readily agreed and has served as model for her creations via photos and posed sessions.

His favorite activity is riding horseback, especially in the parades. Long a fan of western dress, Davis thrives on the parades and the attention he receives because it gives him a chance to explain to people who the Buffalo Soldiers were and what they were about.

"It's so important for people to understand, especially students," he said. "I would've given anything to have known about the Buffalo Soldiers and other seldom-heard facts about blacks

in the Old West when I was a kid.

"During the 1850s, the peak of slavery in the eastern U.S., there were entire black townships in the West. From the politicians and civic leaders on down, there were cities completely populated by blacks. No one tells people that."

Another example of little-known history, Davis says, is that despite the attention given the Pony Express as the most well-known mail service of the 19th century, it really only lasted 18 months. And it wasn't the government — it was subcontracted. The Buffalo Soldiers, however, transported mail cross country for more than 20 years.

"You don't ever hear about these facts in history," said Davis, a 45-year-old former self-employed custom framer who now, ironically, works as a mail handler on the graveyard shift

for the U.S. Postal Service. It was more lucrative and secure than his frame shop. "I visited the Post Office museum in Washington, D.

C. and went through the entire exhibit. Not one word about the Buffalo Soldiers and their contributions is mentioned. I was shocked."

Fraught with inaccuracies and oversights, American history books also usually fail to mention that Buffalo Soldiers comprised the 24th and 25th Infantries (condensed from the former 38th, 39th, 40th and 41st) and the 9th and 10th Cavalries.

From 1866 to World War II, thousands of the soldiers worked to help settle the West, protecting settlers and travelers from war-driven Native Americans and bushwhackers,

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One perspective

By Francis Shrum

Food for thought

HORIZON — It always amazes me the things we humans will eat.

I used to threaten to put peas and beans along the edge of the counter in the kitchen. My toddlers wouldn't eat the vegetables off their plate, but they would happily put any kind of unmentionable off the floor in their mouths.

Grown ups aren't one bit different.

I had a friend that used to make what he called "chemical pie," a head-start version of cheesecake in a box. Instead of the time and effort involved with mixing real cream cheese, powdered sugar and fruit, you just add a little milk and whip this stuff into shape. He would say, tongue in cheek, that it had a "shelf-life of ten million years."

It tasted great but it did little for the nutritional well-being of the human body.

It is equally amazing the things that humans consider delicacies — including oysters, crab, lobster and shrimp, which are all commonly known to be "bottom-feeders" — apparatus that thrive on the sludge of nature's water systems — and they don't even *taste* good.

We visited some friends down in Central Texas one time who had been out doing some "frog-gigging." They cut the legs off, dipped them in batter and deep fried them. When they pulled the frogs' appendages out of the fat they looked for all the world like little men's legs.

They said it tasted like chicken. Muddy chicken.

A few years ago, we were told that butter was bad for us. We should use vegetable oil margarine instead. The slicky stuff, artificially whipped into colorful plastic bowls was, admittedly, easier to spread if you could keep it on the knife. It has since been declared to contain "trans-fats," far

worse for the human body than butter. I happily switched back.

My kids love this candy called "Warheads." Who knows what is in it, but it leaves one awful sensation on the human tongue. The more extreme the sensation the more popular the candy.

Go figure.

I love getting burned by a good, hot jalapeño, but that is, of course, different. I'm the mom.

Some witty person told me once that you should eat foods that were full of preservatives because it would "preserve" your health. I don't think so.

I like to eat out, but not very often. You begin to think about what is happening back there in the kitchen and you remember that documentary you saw recently on TV where the cook drops the meat on the floor, but picks it up and slaps it on the grill anyway. Or the one where the guy sends his food back for some reason and the cook spits on it, heats it up, and sends it back out.

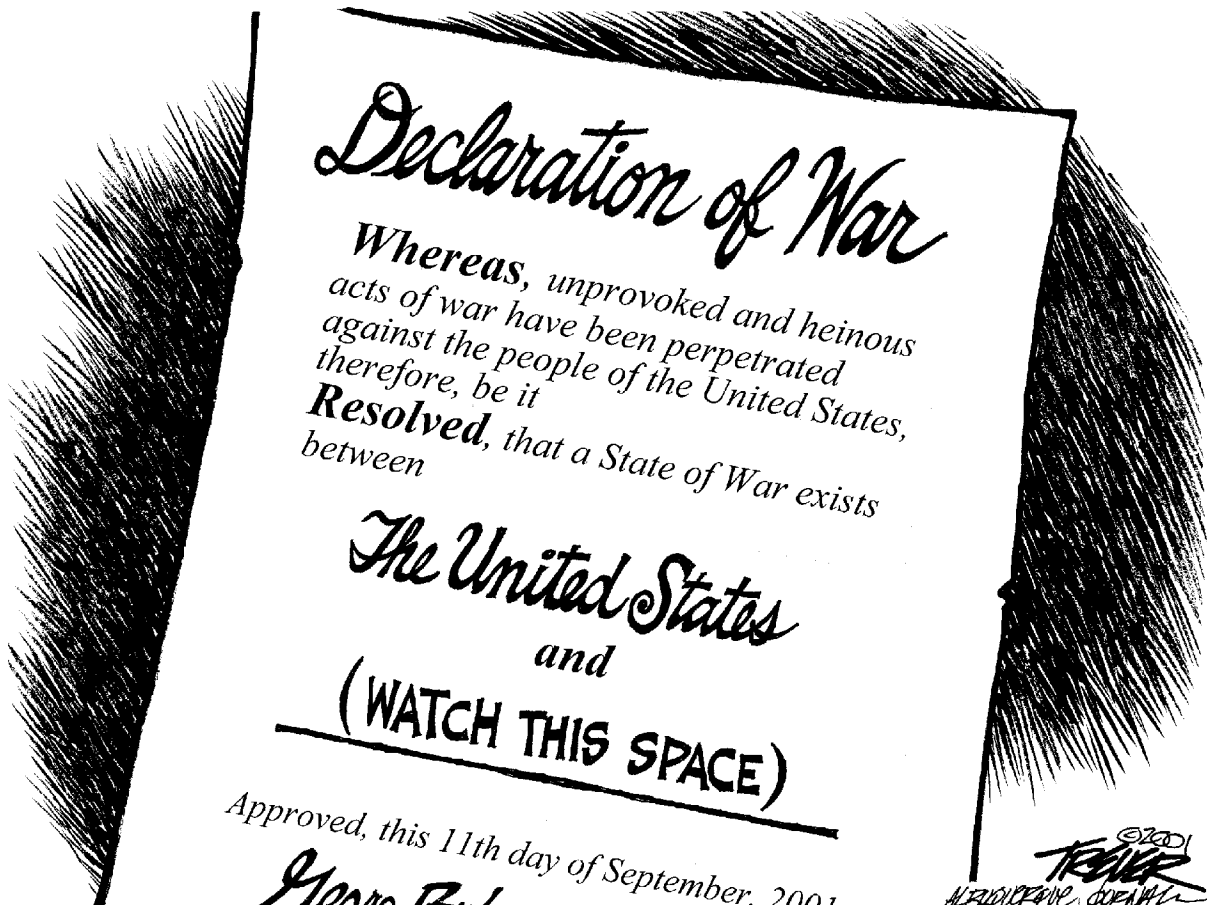
We do all sorts of things to our food to preserve it, dress it up, dress it down, make it look like something it's not, and make it taste like something it isn't. We shape it, mold it, grill it, fry it, freeze it, burn it and eat it raw.

Some of it is good for us and a lot of it isn't. We're just as likely to cook something that would be better for us if we ate it raw, and eat raw the things that would be better cooked.

We use food to tell people we love them and we punish our kids by sending them to bed without any. We write songs and poems about it, including one about a girl and a spider, and something called "curds and whey."

We even have sayings like "I'm

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Terrorism effects may be long term, coping resources offered

AUSTIN — Few will soon forget the trauma and devastation initiated by the Sept. 11 acts of terrorism. As the nation grieves for the victims and the families of the thousands who lost their lives, it's important to recognize that everyone has been affected in some, mental health experts are advising.

"With instantaneous information available through the media, we were all in New York, Washington D.C. and Pennsylvania on Sept. 11," says Karen F. Hale, commissioner of the Texas Department of Mental Health and Mental Retardation, and southern regional representative of the National Association of State Mental Health Program Directors.

"It's important that supervisors, teachers, spouses, and friends recognize that we all suffer and in very different ways. It is essential that the mental health needs of everyone are considered, particularly children and elderly," she said.

Hale advised that Texans struggling to cope check their local phone book for a local Mental Health Authority, or log on to the numerous websites to be listed in this article.

Trauma experts with the National Depressive and Manic-Depressive Association (DMDA) said this week that sharing and caring are the best response to terror, and talking out your feelings in a group setting can be very helpful because each member shares the same terror.

While each person reacts differently there are some basic guidelines that help people deal with trauma, according to Carol Ferguson, Certified Human Relations Profession of the Towhey Consulting Group.

- In addition to talking about the experience, people should not bottle up nor minimize the strength of their feelings about the event.

- Try to maintain as normal a routine as possible to rebuild a sense of security and normalcy.

- Exercise, even if it is only mild, because it will relieve the stress built up from mental anguish.

- Reduce consumption of caffeine and tobacco, and avoid alcohol and drugs. These all are mood altering devices that impair perceptions.

- If you can't sleep, don't lay in bed and worry. Get up and do something productive until you are tired enough to fall asleep.

- Limit media consumption and avoid re-living the trauma in your mind.

- Eat on your regular schedule, even if it is only a few bites, but do not consume candy bars and sweet junk food, as the post-sugar crash will worsen the situation.

Hale said information is available to the public at www.mhmr.state.tx.us/CentralOffice/PublicInformation/DirectoryOfServicesWHAT.html which can provide referral to other online disaster relief resources.

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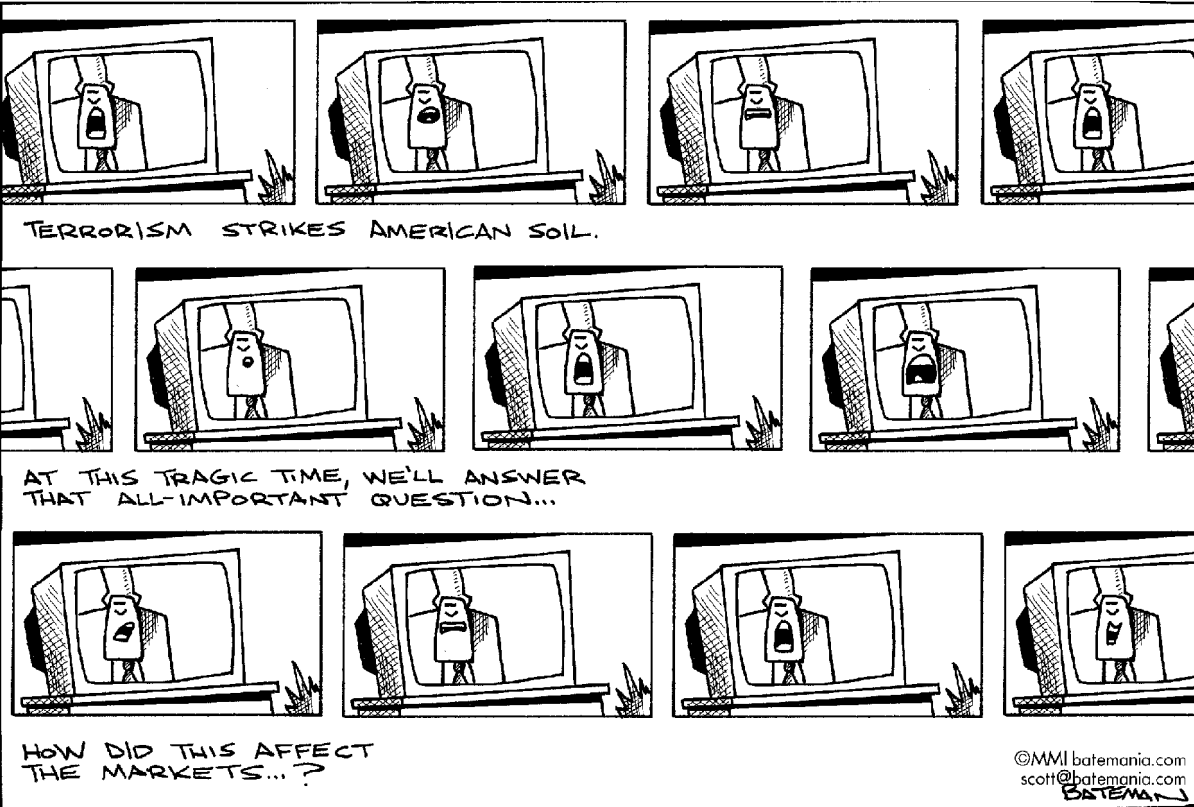
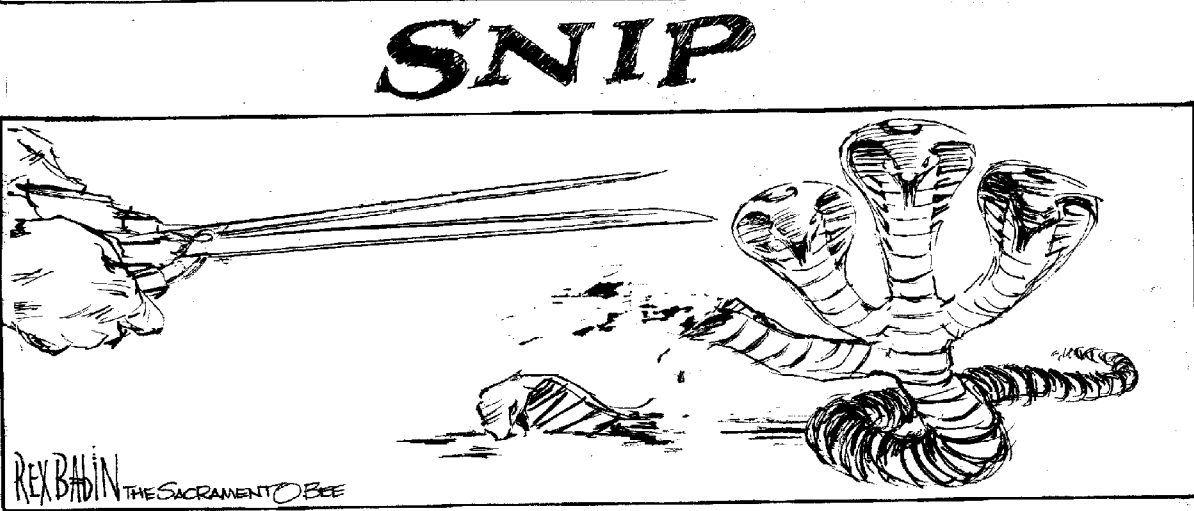
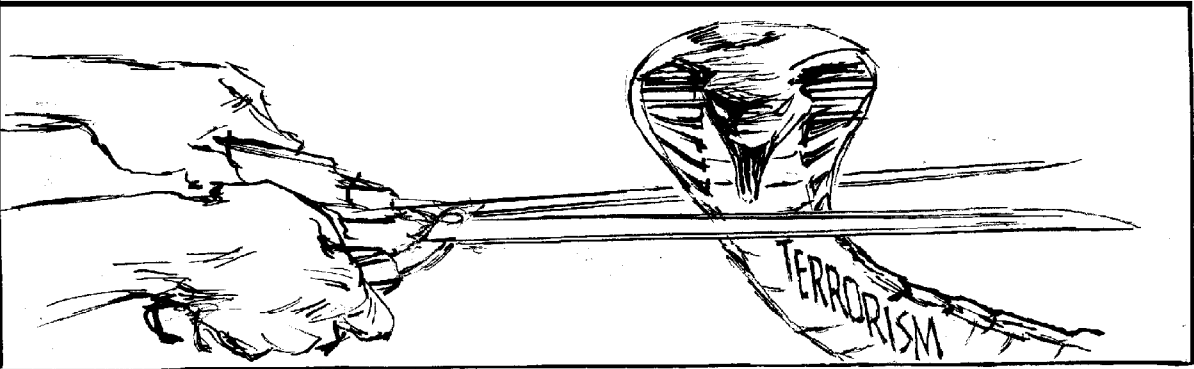
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Write stuff

Dear Editor:

In August of 1997, a group of Korean War veterans and interested citizens met and resolved that the Korean War would no longer be overlooked, ignored or forgotten. The foundation for the Korean War Veterans National Museum and Library was established.

The project, to be located in Tuscola, Illinois, will include a museum, library and convention center. The museum will have several galleries, the research library will provide students and researchers access to documentary and educational materials, and the convention center will provide a gathering place for those affected by the war and its aftermath to come together, share memories and reflect.

The Korean War Veterans National Museum and Library will be a lasting tribute to educate al generations about “the forgotten war” and the contributions that American and United Nations forces made to protect democracy.

We invite everyone to become charter members of our non-profit organization and to take an active role in our project.

For information, call our office at (217) 253-5813, e-mail to kwmuseum@advancenet.net or visit www.theforgottenvictory.org.

Robert H. Kenny
Board President
Tuscola, Illinois

City of Socorro
PUBLIC NOTICE

ORDER OF SPECIAL ELECTION
FOR THE CITY OF SOCORRO

An election is hereby ordered to be held on November 6, 2001 from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. for the purpose of: Adopting a Charter for the City of Socorro.

Early voting in person shall be conducted at Socorro High School, 10150 Alameda Ave., beginning Monday, October 22, 2001, and continue through Friday, November 2, 2001 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
108	Hilley Elementary	693 Rio Vista
109	Socorro High School	10150 Alameda
110	Escontrias Elementary School	205 Buford Rd.
155	Campestre Elementary School	11399 Socorro Rd.

Issued this 16th day of September, 2001.

Amado D. Padilla, Mayor
City of Socorro

ORDEN DE ELECCION ESPECIAL
PARA LA CUIDAD DE SOCORRO

Por la presente se ordena que se llevara a cabo una eleccion el 6 de noviembre, 2001 con el proposito de: Adoptar el Acta Constitutiva para la Cuidad de Socorro.

Votacion temprana en persona se llevara a cabo en Socorro High School, 10150 Alameda Ave., comenzando el lunes, 22 de Octubre de 2001, y continuara hasta el viernes, 2 de Noviembre de 2001 desde las 8 a.m. hasta las 5 p.m. 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 799011.

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Amado D. Padilla, Alcalde
Cuidad de Socorro

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View from the porch By Linda Mussehl

Twyla’s armed but not very dangerous

When Cousin Twyla stopped by last week, she exercised her good country manners by honking and waiting by her truck for me to come out and greet her. We stood by her truck for a minute, giving me time to see her truck gun, a .38 revolver, on the seat on top of the usual scrabble of tally books, pink feed store carbons, Cut-Heal and her knitting.

“Now don’t you go givin’ me a hard time on that,” Twyla said. “I’m upset enough. First time in my life I ever held a gun on a person face-to-face, and then it was a dressed-up town lady to boot. She looked like she was dolled up to go to a ladies’ meetings.”

Twyla was upset, running up and down conversational rabbit trails. I invited her in and made us a fresh pot of coffee.

“Out here, I go for months and forget my little revolver is there under the seat. Remembered it today, though,” Twyla said.

“As long as I was out this way, I stopped in to check on Grandma’s old house. It’s set empty for so long now and is so close to the road, I like to go regular and look things over to make sure nobody’s messin’ with it.

“When I came around that last curve, I saw a new car, a big ol’ fancy Lincoln, in the drive. I pulled up close enough to block it in.

“At first I didn’t see anybody around, so I got scared and dug around under the seat to find my little gun, just in case.

“Then I saw her, that town lady, hunkered down by the house, turnin’ cats out of a pillowcase. A mama

cat and six half-grown kittens. She was a-floppin’ that pillowcase at them, trying to shoo them back farther under the house. The mama was rubbing around her ankles, and just wouldn’t shoo.

“That just made me so mad. If she could afford them clothes and that big car, she could afford to pay the fee at the county pound if she didn’t want the cats around. Or she could kill them herself, quick and clean, rather than let them die slow out here. I just hate to see a dumb critter suffer because somebody is too cheap or lazy to do right by them.

“You know how Grandma’s house is pier-and beam, set up on them blocks? It’s all cool and shady under there. Grandma used to make George and her other boys clear the rattlers out every year or so. That hasn’t been done for a long while, though.

“Anyhow, I told her, real quiet-like, that I’d seen seven cats and she’d just better gather them all up and take them back to town with her. She looked at me, looked at my little gun, and just shimmed right on under that house real slick. I had to ask her to go back under there a second time though, because her first trip was shy one head. Guess she didn’t think I could count that high.

“Lordy, that woman was a mess. She was all cobwebby and dirty, and her nylons were shredded. She hollered ugly things at me and stomped back to her car, carrying her bag of cats. Then she peeled out, slingin’ gravel.

“It ended up okay. She didn’t get snake-bit. Really, I would have felt bad for her if she had. I’ve been wonderin’ ever since if the other ladies at her missionary society or Junior League meeting know that she knows all them words she used.”

Soldier

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escorting cattle drives and keeping the mail service moving. Many also served on crews building forts and bridges as well as telegraph lines.

Born and raised on a farm in Virginia, it was the post-WWII integrated Army that first brought Davis to Fort Bliss, Texas, in El Paso, in 1983. The former U.S. Army sergeant and his wife, Karen, who teaches at an area high school, and 12-year-old daughter, Alyssa, run a two-acre horse farm in El Paso's Lower Valley with equestrian borders, complete with rabbits and pygmy goats raised for shows. He also has a 25-year-old son from a previous marriage.

Alyssa has become so prolific with her riding that she won the 2001 crown of Junior Rodeo Princess for the Southern New Mexico State Fair. With that prize, she makes many of her own horseback appearances and together, father and daughter cover a lot of parades.

Recently, Davis performed with

Lincoln during the Billy the Kid Days' parade in Lincoln, New Mexico, where William "Billy the Kid" Bonney was killed and the site of the infamous Lincoln County Wars of the 1870s. The pair also appeared this year in El Paso's 200-year-old cemetery Concordia for the "Walk Through History."

"Lincoln (his horse) was perfect all day long, so patient and responsive, looking really regal," recalls Davis. "Then he started to tire a bit towards the end and yawned and at that moment, an *El Paso Times* photographer shot the picture picked up by the AP wire service. (It) was published across the country and around the world. I have clips from as far away as *Stars and Stripes* in Korea. It looks like he's laughing but he's really yawning. Of all the photos taken that day, that's the one that made the front page. It was a riot!"

It was during his previous hobby as a regional headliner on the drag race circuit that Davis saw pictures of the Buffalo Soldiers that a client brought him for framing. Having never heard of the Buffalo Soldier,

except for the famous early 1980's Bob Marley tune, he proceeded to research the topic at the public library and was amazed at what he discovered.

"I never knew they existed, much less all they did to help pave the way for the settling of the West," he said. "They were fearless fighters of the Apache and worked in virtually every other aspect of protection and service."

"They're incredibly inspirational," explains Davis. "They had the worst horses, the worst equipment, hand-me-down clothes and boots, yet through all that they succeeded in their missions. Desertion rates were the lowest, re-enlistment was the highest but treatment was the worst among all Army units."

"There's just so much that's important, so much to be proud of," Davis' own grandfather, born in the 1860s, was a slave. "I knew him. I remember. He lived to be over 100. That's a very powerful tie to this time period."

At about the time of Davis' research, his daughter became active in horseback riding and eventually

they bought a horse.

He decided that generating awareness of the Buffalo Soldiers by portraying one, which went along well with the family's new love of horses, was the best way he could tell people about them. Referencing pictures, he had a uniform shop piece together his cavalry uniform.

"It's not truly authentic, but it gets people's attention," said Davis, a one-time performance roller skater. "I take a very low-key approach but people come to me. Veterans often



Davis and his horse, Lincoln

salute as I go by." That all began in 1998 and he's been performing 12-15 times a year since. His current special event show involves galloping at full-speed to staked balloons and shooting them with blanks, which are effective at about 10 feet. This is often followed by a saber charge where he chops the heads off lettuce and picks off posted rings at blinding speeds.

In the first days of Buffalo Soldier reenactments, Davis rode his palomino mare, Mercedes, who captured hearts everywhere they went. After succumbing to colic last year, horse lovers and the community raised and donated hundreds of dollars for Davis, who used the money for Mercedes' vet bills. Then he received four-year-old Lincoln as a gift from Therapeutic Horsemanship of El Paso, which works with emotionally, mentally and physically challenged children and adults using "hippotherapy," the term for using the horse as a physical and emotional rehabilitation tool.

"Mercedes was such a faithful companion and tireless performer," recalls Davis. "It was difficult to adjust without her, but Lincoln and I have developed real respect and affection for each other. Just the other day, we were working on our saber charge and he did it perfectly. It was so exciting, such a thrilling experience to share!"

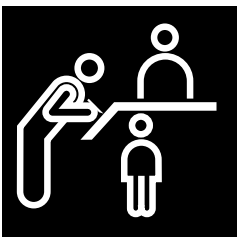
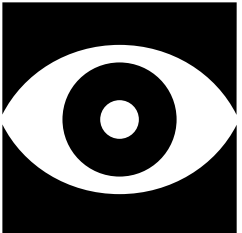
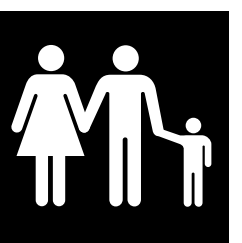
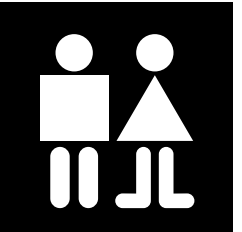
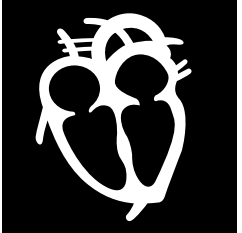
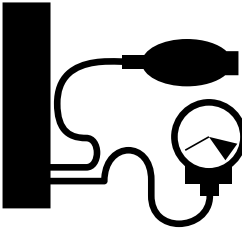
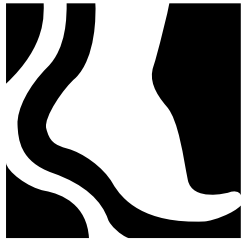
It's this special relationship between man and horse that helped spawn the concept for the Fort Stanton statue. And Davis is not new to the status of model for statues. In 1999, an El Paso artist worked with him to create the life-size Buffalo Soldier monument guarding the Airport Road/Robert E. Lee Gate to Fort Bliss. That statue, coincidentally, was already underway when Davis began his appearances. He caught the artist's attention, prompting him to take advantage of Davis' appearance and expertise in portraying his subject.

While the Ft. Bliss monument honors the Buffalo Soldiers as a whole, the Fort Stanton project recognizes Ulysses Davis himself for his efforts on behalf of the Buffalo Soldiers.

"It's really an incredible honor," said Davis. "This should help generate much more attention for the Buffalo Soldiers. Ideally, it may lead to getting the right company or sponsor to work with me and help finance this historically-driven venture. It could easily be a full-time mission."

"Students are often clueless about history. It's not taught like it used to be. Most haven't even heard of Custer, much less the Buffalo Soldier. I've polled them all over the country and there's so much they don't know. It's shameful. Hopefully Lincoln and I can help rectify that and set the record straight. It's important to our culture, our heritage and to the real history of America."

(Limited Edition Commemorative Bronze Sculpting featuring the Buffalo Soldier, entitled "Respected Warrior" and created by New Mexico Artist Wanda Dansereau, is available by contacting the Phoenix Gallery at 1-866-777-8115 or 1-505-378-1438, fax 1-505-378-1506 or email at classicbr@zianet.com or www.phoenix-classic.com)



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Goodwill opens retail center at Carolina and Yarbrough

By Michelle J. Brown
Special to the Courier

EL PASO COUNTY — Goodwill Industries of El Paso has received so many inquiries about monetary donation support for New York Good-

will affiliates that the local organization is accepting donations that it will directly forward to New York for helping the victims of the largest terrorist attack in U.S. history. Goodwill Industries has operations throughout the New York City area. “El Pasoans are so stunned by (the

recent) turn of events and desperately want to help in any way they can, from giving blood to making monetary donations for short and long-term recovery efforts,” explained Goodwill El Paso Executive Director Linda Saleski. “That’s why we’re accepting moneys in El Paso that will be directly sent to help New York Goodwill to assist with the devastating after effects of this horrific string of events.”

Although not a rescue organization, Goodwill works to assist people with disabilities and other disadvantages. She emphasized that New York is making no requests for clothing or goods at this time, but that monetary needs are significant.

Those seeking to donate in El Paso can make checks out to “Goodwill Industries” and specify “New York” on the memo line at the bottom. For more information or details call Saleski at (915) 778-3371.

Meanwhile, citing high traffic counts, a newly renovated shopping center and proximity to Lowe’s Grocery and Family Dollar Store, Goodwill Industries of El Paso recently opened its 7000 sq. ft. eighth regional retail center at 1001 Carolina at

Yarbrough on Sept. 16. Goodwill Industries of El Paso covers southeastern New Mexico and the Texas counties of El Paso, Hudspeth, Culberson, Jeff Davis and Presidio. Seven retail centers are located throughout El Paso, plus one in Alamogordo, New Mexico.

“We’ve had countless requests for service in this area, plus we have what people want — bargains galore,” said Saleski. Regular store hours are 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday through Saturday and 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sundays.

Many shoppers don’t realize that their purchases provide job training with services to more than 1000 clients from all walks of life, Saleski said. Job programs support the El Paso community with education and career services for people with disabilities and disadvantages such as welfare dependency, homelessness, and lack of education or work experience. Goodwill channels about 84 percent of its revenues directly into these services.

Goodwill provides community-based employment and training programs in a variety of fields, including financial services, computer programming, and health care. The

agency earns revenues for its services through the sale of donated goods in over 1,800 retail stores, and on its Internet auction site, shopgoodwill.com. Goodwill also provides employment and generates revenue through its industrial and contract services.

For more information about Goodwill Industries, call Linda Saleski, executive director of Goodwill Industries of El Paso, at (915) 778-3371.

Sign up now for vendor list at El Paso Convention Center

EL PASO COUNTY — Arts and business vendors from the greater El Paso region seeking exposure and awareness for their goods, services, talents and expertise may contact the El Paso Convention and Performing Arts Center for inclusion in their master vendors exhibiting database.

Center clients, convention coordinators and meeting planners often seek information and contacts for vendors in the region. Interested vendors will be included in the Center’s database for primary consideration for exhibit space during appropriate conventions and meetings.

“It’s a terrific opportunity for El Paso and regional artisans, crafters and businesses to showcase their creations, people and products,” said Donna Yecke, association sales manager for the Center. “Nothing is too big or too small. We work with hundreds of planners and coordinators throughout the year who find this information critical to hosting the most broadbased, inclusive meetings and conventions.”

For inclusion on vendor lists or for more information about exhibit opportunities at the El Paso Convention and Performing Arts Center, contact Association Sales Manager Donna Yecke directly at (915) 534-0614 or email her at dyecke@elpasocvb.com

Food

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just going to go eat worms and die,” or, “What am I, chopped liver?”

Wierd. We have some strange ideas about food and how it relates to us as human beings. We have comfort food, fast food, gourmet food, ethnic food.

The other day my daughter-in-law was typing an essay on my computer. Next to the keyboard was a bag of candy that looked like worms. I asked what they were. Brain food, she said.

Briefs

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reported for duty with the 2nd Transportation Support Battalion in Camp Lejeune, N.C. He is a 2000 graduate of Clint High School.

■ A hiking day at the Guadalupe Peak National Parks has been scheduled for those not faint of heart. A strenuous 8.4 mile trek, with elevation gain of 3,000 feet will be led by Jim Bell, and the view for the top is well worth the effort. Call 581-8864 for details on meeting locations and times.

■ Know how save 40 million gallons of gas a day? According to the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), boosting the occupancy of each car used daily in the U.S. from one to two people would do exactly that. Exhaust from automobiles in Texas contributes as much as half of the harmful air emissions that create air pollution in the state. Both the EPA and the Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission (TNRCC) are encouraging “Commute Solutions” with the following suggestions: carpool, ride the bus, telework, bicycle or walk. For more information visit the www.cleantexasair.org web site.

■ Del Sol Medical Center offers several free health services to the East El Paso County community on a continuing basis. Free foot and wound assessment is held from 2-4 p.m. on Wednesdays at the Wound Management Center, 10525 Vista Del Sol, Ste. 110, information at 593-1887. Free smoking cessation classes are on Thursdays, 6 to 7:30 p.m. at the Del Sol LifeCare Center, 10712 Sam Snead, information at 577-0791 or 820-1381. Free blood sugar testing is held each Tuesday, 2-4 p.m. at the Del Sol Diabetes Treatment Center, 10201 Gateway West, Ste. 200, information at 595-1645.

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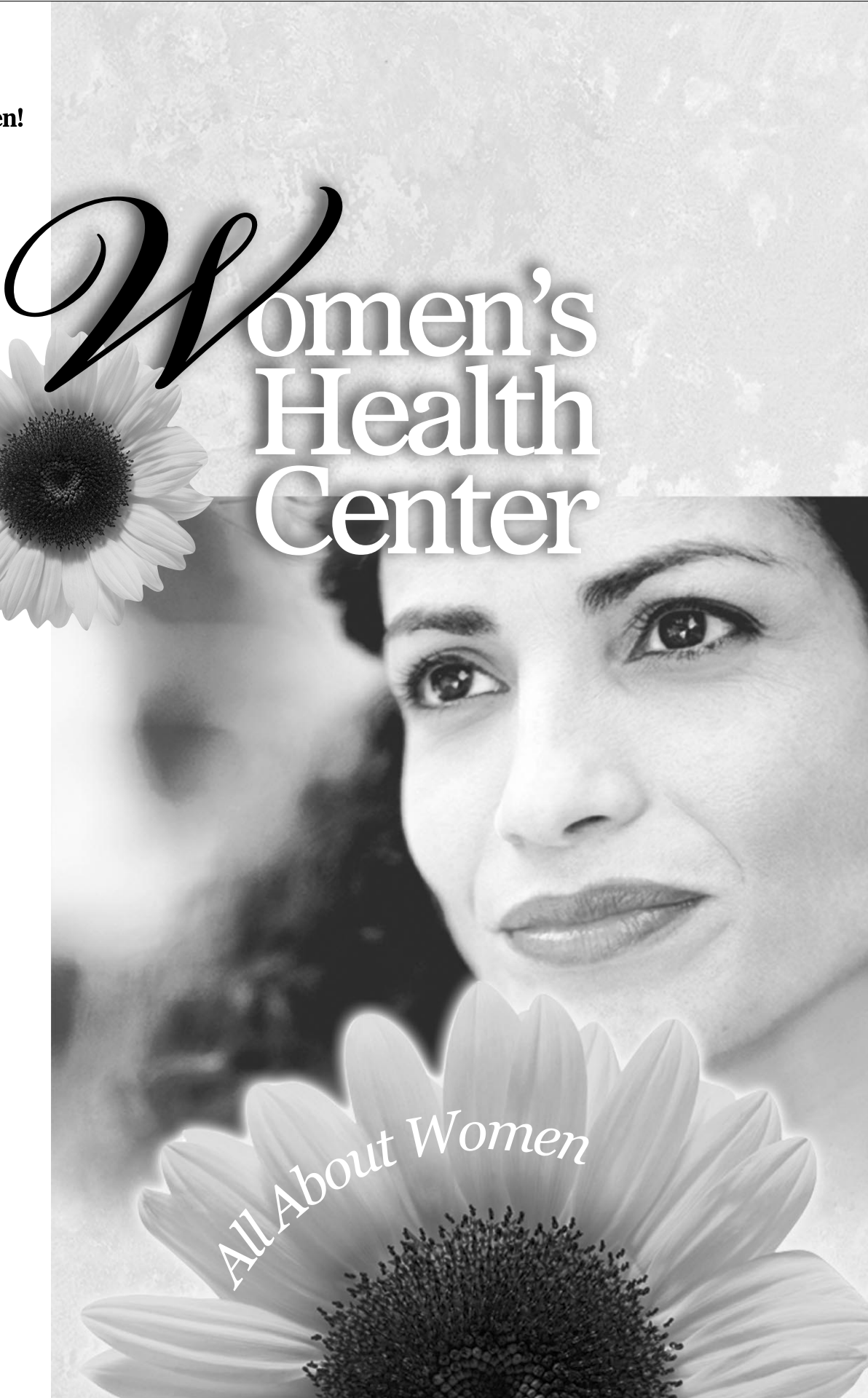
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Now that's entertainment

By Don Flood

Among the big losers in the stock market recently was the entertainment industry.

No big surprise here.

I may be going out on a limb, but I'd guess that fewer Americans are going to pay to see "Independence Day"-style explosions of the White House and other prominent landmarks.

They can watch that at home for free.

The problem is, for years now the film industry has relied on explosions to sell movies.

Here's your basic action movie formula:

Boy meets girl, explosion; boy loses girl, explosion; man gets into car, explosion; car chase with explosions, leading up to REALLY BIG EXPLOSIONS.

And that just takes you to the opening credits.

But cutbacks in movie explosions, say industry analysts, could force studios to take extreme measures.

Some say that movies may resort to such unheard-of gimmicks as plots and character development.

Some are even predicting a return to storylines that make sense!

Note to our younger readers: In the old days, many directors relied

on a quaint and cumbersome approach to filmmaking — one that involved movies that had a beginning, middle and an end.

Even more extraordinary, the ending often followed logically from events that took place earlier in the movie, and an attempt was made to tie up loose ends.

Actors, too, were more experienced. In fact, most leading men were over the age of 15! Often they had to shave regularly.

As the art of filmmaking progressed, it was learned that plot development wasted valuable time that could be better devoted to explosions.

So plots and character development were dispensed with, and loose ends became the hallmark of the superior filmmaking.

Moviemaking has now been refined to the point that characters can exchange random dialogue recycled from earlier movies.

This saves money on writing and ensures that the dialogue doesn't detract from the explosions.

Here's a scene from the still unreleased "The Day of Many Big Explosions."

LEADING WOMAN: May the Force be with you.

(Helicopter explodes.)

LEADING MAN: Frankly, my

dear, I don't give a damn.

(Train explodes.)

LEADING WOMAN: Go ahead, make my day.

(They kiss; buildings explode.)

LEADING MAN: What we have here is a failure to communicate.

(Cars explode.)

LEADING WOMAN: I coulda been a contender.

(Kitchen appliances explode.)

LEADING MAN: Yo, Adrienne! (Movie theater explodes.)

Preview audiences had generated good buzz about the movie, but now the studio fears that a toned-down version without explosions may not work.

There's even some talk of trying to add dialogue that would make sense.

But I wonder, after all these years, will we be able to follow an actual plot?

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Note: Last week's column calling for jokes was written before the terrorist attack. While it may seem odd to joke around at a time like this, I think keeping a sense of humor is important.

So I'm repeating my call: The search for the world's funniest joke is on. Please send jokes — the shorter the better — to dflood@ezol.com. Please include name, hometown and state.

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View from here

By David Dewhurst

Don't mess with Veterans Day

There never seems to be a lack of well-intentioned, but ill-conceived ideas. A case in point is the National Commission on Federal Election Reform proposal to combine Election Day with Veterans Day during even-numbered years. The intent is to make voting more accessible by observing Veterans Day on the Tuesday following the first Monday of November, which is when Election Day is held. By combining Election Day with a national holiday, so the theory goes, voters would have more free time to access their precinct polling places, hence more would vote.

While I'm all for encouraging more citizens to vote, I can't imagine changing the date for honoring those who served in our nation's wars, which has long been Nov. 11. These fine men and women sacrificed so much on our behalf, and often suffered extreme hardship, injury and death. Is it too much to ask for a day dedicated solely to their memory?

I admit I'm biased toward veterans. I happen to be one, my dad was one, and so were my grandfathers and their fathers. I also believe the right to vote is sacred. However, I'm convinced voters — at least those in Texas — have ample opportunities to cast their ballots and don't need a national holiday to make their voices heard.

In Texas, early voting is available from the 17th day before Election Day, to the fourth day beforehand. During this period of about two weeks, registered voters can cast their ballots at any early voting site in their counties, in contrast to Election Day, when they must vote in their precinct polling places. Some communities even have mobile early voting at places like senior activity centers, shopping malls and grocery stores.

It's also possible to vote early by mail in Texas, provided you are either 65 or older, disabled, or will be out of your county on both Election Day and the early voting period. For details on early voting by mail, please contact the early voting clerk in your county, or visit the Texas Secretary of State's Web site at www.sos.state.tx.us.

Surprisingly, only a dozen states offered early voting for their citizens prior to last year's Election Day. As Texans have clearly shown, many would rather have a couple of weeks to vote at their convenience, during normal hours, than to stand in a long line at their precinct polling places on Election Day.

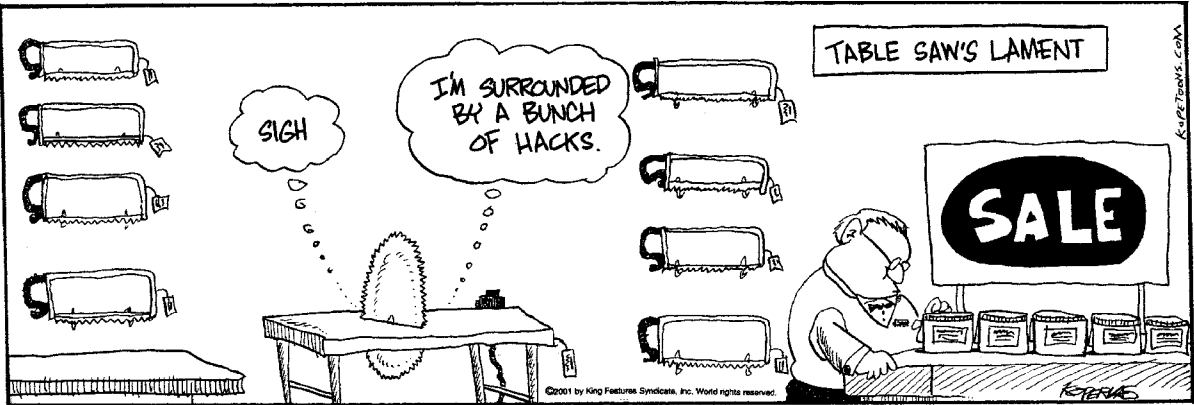
Before we break a time-honored tradition by moving Veterans Day to Election Day, all states should first implement early voting. If that isn't convenient enough, I doubt lumping Election Day with Veterans Day will make any difference either.

On behalf of our men and women in uniform, both past and present, please make your feelings known to Congress. Tell them we want Veterans Day to remain Veterans Day, and Election Day to remain Election Day. Our veterans and elections are both vital and merit their own distinctive special days, which is how it's been for many decades. Let's show our gratitude to America's veterans by continuing to honor them every Nov. 11. It may not seem important to some folks, but it means a lot to those who served in our wars, and to those who honor them.

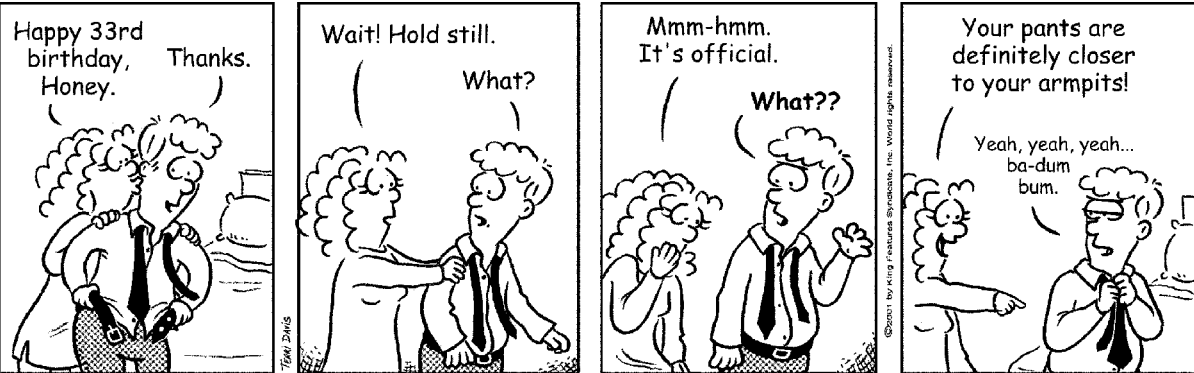
(David Dewhurst is the Texas Land Commissioner and Chairman of the Texas Veterans Land Board.)

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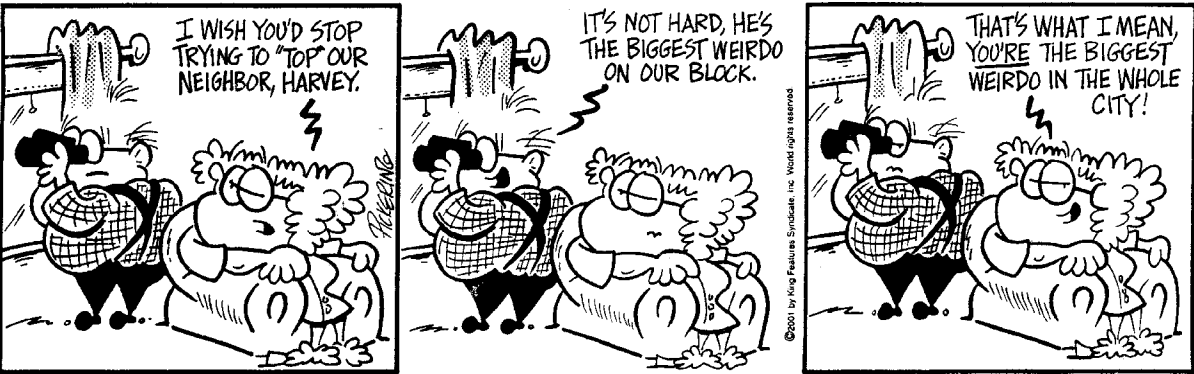
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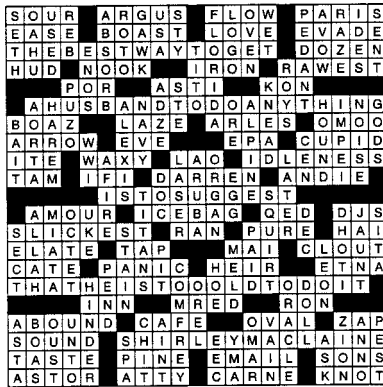
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




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THURSDAY	THUR. NIGHT	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY
							
Sunny.	Mainly clear and cool.	Sunny with a nice afternoon.	Warm with bright sunshine.	Sunshine.	Sunny.	Warm with a blend of sunshine and clouds.	Clouds and sunshine.
▲ 76°	▼ 48°	▲ 78° ▼ 46°	▲ 78° ▼ 48°	▲ 78° ▼ 50°	▲ 76° ▼ 52°	▲ 80° ▼ 54°	▲ 80° ▼ 52°

UV INDEX Statistics for noon.

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

Thursday	7	High
Friday	7	High
Saturday	7	High
Sunday	7	High
Monday	7	High
Tuesday	6	Moderate
Wednesday	6	Moderate

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Thursday	74°
Friday	78°
Saturday	70°
Sunday	74°
Monday	70°
Tuesday	70°
Wednesday	74°

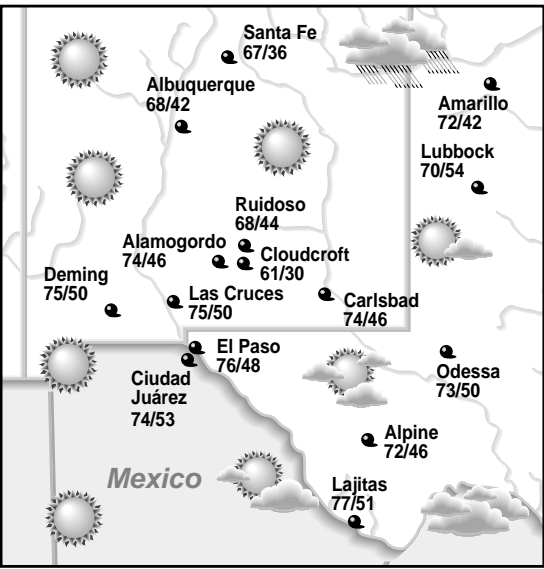
AGRICULTURE

A cool area of high pressure will settle across the region Thursday. Generally dry weather is expected for the next few days with seasonably cool weather. Drying conditions will remain excellent.

TEXAS WEATHER

Anthony	76	48
Canutillo	77	49
Clint	75	54
E. Montana	76	48
Fabens	76	54
Horizon	77	49
San Elizario	74	51
Socorro	75	48
Tornillo	76	54
Vinton	77	49

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	68/42/s	70/40/pc	70/42/s	72/44/s	72/42/s
Atlanta	74/56/pc	72/58/sh	74/58/pc	74/56/sh	72/50/pc
Atlantic City	72/58/s	72/56/pc	72/58/pc	72/60/c	70/54/pc
Austin/San Antonio	80/62/pc	82/64/pc	89/66/pc	88/66/pc	88/64/pc
Baltimore	74/54/s	74/54/pc	78/58/pc	78/60/c	72/48/pc
Boston	74/53/pc	74/56/pc	68/54/pc	68/54/c	63/51/pc
Chicago	64/44/c	66/52/pc	66/44/sh	60/30/c	52/30/pc
Dallas/Ft. Worth	74/56/pc	76/56/pc	80/66/pc	76/58/pc	74/56/s
Denver	66/32/s	50/32/c	66/34/pc	60/32/c	62/34/pc
Flagstaff	63/29/s	61/30/s	65/30/s	62/28/s	64/32/s
Houston	84/70/t	82/70/c	80/68/pc	82/64/pc	78/60/pc
Kansas City	72/46/s	74/50/pc	76/48/pc	68/44/s	66/34/s
Las Vegas	80/57/s	82/59/s	84/59/s	79/55/s	82/55/s
Miami	86/76/pc	86/76/sh	88/76/pc	88/76/pc	87/73/pc
Minneapolis	58/40/pc	60/42/sh	58/38/r	52/34/sh	54/36/pc
New Orleans	80/66/t	82/68/c	82/68/pc	84/66/t	80/62/pc
New York City	74/58/s	72/56/pc	74/60/pc	74/62/c	70/56/pc
Philadelphia	74/56/s	74/56/pc	76/58/pc	76/60/c	72/54/pc
Phoenix	88/64/s	90/62/s	90/64/s	90/66/s	92/66/s
Portland	60/48/pc	64/48/c	66/46/pc	68/48/s	68/48/pc
San Francisco	68/54/pc	74/54/s	84/54/s	82/54/s	74/54/pc
Seattle	58/48/pc	60/44/c	60/44/c	64/44/pc	64/46/pc
Tucson	86/52/s	86/54/s	88/56/s	90/58/s	90/58/s
Washington, DC	76/58/s	74/56/pc	78/60/pc	78/62/c	74/54/pc

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

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