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NEWSBRIEFS

Casino stays open

Speaking Rock Casino received a stay by the Fifth Circuit Court in New Orleans so they can continue operations, overturning Judge Eisle's order of the shutdown of the Tigua-owned gaming facility. The Tigua Community must give their first brief to the state by Dec. 7, and the state must answer back to the Tigua's brief by Dec. 17. The Tiguas must reply by Dec. 24. Both sides will give their oral arguments to the Fifth Circuit Court on Jan. 9.

Program honored

The Fabens Independent School District's Migrant Education Program, was awarded All-State Honors at the Texas State Migrant Conference in Houston No. 6-9. Aurora Al Villar was selected as an All-state Recruiter for the 2000-2001 school year for her efforts to recruit and serve additional families. Both were recognized for recruiting eligible migrant agricultural families to participate in the program services designed the negative educational effects experienced by students by moving from one school to another.

In other news

■ The El Paso Museum of History invites the public to share in the holiday color of "Saints Preserve Us," a photographic exhibit of Texas-made retablos from the Institute of Texan Cultures. The images of saints, usually painted on wooden altarpieces, depict the patrons of many Texas towns, as well as taking a look at an interesting glimpse at early Texas history. The exhibit is free and open to the public, and runs through Dec. 31.

■ The Socorro Independent School District's Operational Services Department will be again collecting and distributing canned and non-perishable food, clothing or toys in good condition to Socorro families. More than 1,000 families are expected to visit the store after students receive a referral from a school counselor. Contributions are always welcomed and may be delivered to the store at 201 Tanton Rd. The Holiday store is open from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. from Dec. 3 through 21. Call 851-0709 for more information.

■ Nubia Salas Elguea, a 2001 graduate of Socorro High School, has been recognized as one of 77 Blue Chip Recruits by the Texas A&M University System for the 2001-2002 Academic Year. The Blue Chip program encourages students to go into teaching.

■ Shelby Lopez, first grade student at Childress Elementary School in Canutillo Independent School District, is the winner of "The Tallest Deputy In West Texas" naming contest, sponsored by the El Paso County Sheriff Department. Lopez winning entry, "Tall N' Proud", was selected by a panel of El Paso County Sheriff's Department employees. Over 600 entries from students of elementary schools

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Football stadiums are usually filled to capacity — and so are some of the fans.
— Quips and Quotes

Luminarias to honor Sept. 11 victims

Mission Trail seeks help to get names of victims

By Michelle J. Brown
Special to the Courier

EAST EL PASO COUNTY — As the 9th Annual Luminaria Holiday Festival approaches Dec. 15, 2001, organizers at El Paso Mission Trail Association are desperately seeking a

complete list of the Sept. 11 terrorist attack victims' names to honor each of the 6,000-plus on individual luminarias, which are candle-lit brown paper lanterns.

Although half of the victims' names have been obtained from web sites, the rest are needed for the remembrance project.

Specially designated with red, white and blue

ribbons, the victims' luminarias will be scattered among the 30,000 lit annually and placed along El Paso County's historic Mission Trail from Ysleta to San Elizario.

Dedicating the 2001 event to the Sept. 11 tragedy victims, organizers encourage residents and visitors to walk or ride along this Socorro Road route on Dec. 15 from 6 to 9 p.m. to pay tribute to those who perished.

Every December, the luminarias line 8.5 miles of this trail in El Paso's Mission Valley, home of two missions and a presidio chapel dating back to the 1680's.

"We still need a confirmed, complete victims' list to make sure we have included everyone from the World Trade Center, Pentagon and Pennsylvania hijacking attacks," said Mary Davis, executive director of the non-profit El Paso Mission Trail Association, founded in 1988 to preserve, promote and educate people about the 300-year-old missions and chapel.

Several thousand elementary and high school students from Ysleta, Socorro, San Elizario and Clint school districts are writing the names of each victim on a luminaria including, when possible, something reflecting that person's life. For instance, firefighters' luminarias will feature variations of the Maltese Cross, the international firefighters symbol.

A commemorative poster commissioned by University of Texas at El Paso graphic arts student Mark Ponce will be presented to New York City Mayor Rudy Guiliani on Nov. 30 by Connie Vasquez, a Mission Trail board member and employee of the State Department who was already slated to be there on business at that time. Featuring a four-color rendition of the three missions in the background with the luminarias in the front, the poster reads: "The 9th Annual El Paso Mission Trail Luminaria Festival/Posada. Dedicated to the memory of the Sept. 11th Tragedy."

With an initial run of 500, the posters will be sold for \$10 to help offset production costs. They are available from the El Paso Mission Trail Association, galleries, hotels, museums and the El Paso Convention & Visitors Bureau. To order, call (915) 534-0630.

For more information about the 9th Annual Luminaria Festival, or to offer information on a complete victims' names list, call Mary Davis at the El Paso Mission Trail Association, (915) 534-0630.



This piece of artwork called "Freedom" is currently on exhibit at the Chamizal Memorial, and will continue to be on display through Dec. 7. Hector Bernal is the artist whose work will be on display.

'Freedom' art exhibit runs through Dec. 7

The provocative meeting of imagination and perceived reality is encapsulated in this most recent exhibition of Juarez born local artist and Bowie High School graduate Hector Bernal, which opened at the Chamizal National Memorial, 800 South San Marcial, in the Los Paisanos Gallery on Nov. 15.

The artist will discuss his work during the opening reception, which is open to the public without charge.

Entitled "A process of freedom," this most recent one man showing for the artist is a reflection of his dreams. The collection of work, which includes landscapes and portrait work in oil on canvas is at once haunting and captivating, according to Virginia Ness, Arts Director.

"Both style and subject matter contribute to the intensity of the artist's work," Ness added.

"In Freedom, for example, the artist depicts

the simplest act of a child flying a kite on a stormy day. But the brush work intensifies the power of the approaching storm, as the white of the kite is highlighted and the child fights against the wind," Ness said.

In describing the work, Bernal explains, "I craved freedom as a child. Being in contact with nature made me feel free. It was like being very much in contact with my own spirit. As I matured I wanted to free myself from the tight restrictions of my youth."

Those restrictions found Bernal growing up in a family where art was not understood, much less a subject for conversation. But undaunted, the artist said that "I must consider myself a pioneer. As I continued my education at Bowie, I received recognition and various awards. In 1968, I won a first place award, which was a

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Study says urban sprawl is a significant health hazard

AUSTIN — A new report given by the Federal Centers for Disease Control (CDC) links sprawling development to a host of public health problems.

The report, "Creating A Healthy Environment: The Impact of the Built Environment on Public Health," found that sprawl increased air pollution leading to respiratory disease, discouraged walking thereby increasing obesity, inhibits seniors and people with disabilities from seeking medical attention and other important services, and increased pedestrian-auto traffic accidents.

"Sprawling development is bad for public health," said Dr. Richard Jackson, Director of the National Center for Environmental Health of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and report co-author. "Our research found connections between sprawl and public health problems such as asthma, obesity and even increased traffic deaths. Our urban and suburban planners can improve America's health by making choices that decrease car trips and increase walking."

The physicians who wrote the report evaluated data from multiple sources and examined the effects on health from factors such as housing, urban development, and transportation. The Centers for Disease Control reports that land development that increased the number of miles traveled to get to work, school and services increased air pollution resulting in elevated incidences of asthma and respiratory diseases. The CDC found that communities that discourage walking increased the incidence of people being overweight or obese. Also, pedestrian unfriendly designs increased pedestrian-auto traffic accidents.

"Sprawl is not just an environmental problem, but a public health threat. That means air quality is not just a regulatory issue. It harms our most fragile populations such as children, seniors the disabled and the poor. Well planned community development that allows Americans to take public transportation or walk to work, school, the doctor, and other services isn't just nice, it's healthier," said Luis Enrique Chew, the Executive Director with Volar Center for Independent

Living located in El Paso, Texas.

The Centers for Disease control recommends designing communities around people, not automobiles. If planners make it possible for people to work, shop and go to school within walking distance of their homes, there should be reduced incidents of asthma, obesity, and automobile-pedestrian accidents.

"With the continuous problem with traffic on the international bridges, access to the colonias, and the lack of public transportation", says Eric Reed, Advocacy Coordinator for Volar, "sprawl is becoming a critical health issue for seniors, children and individual with disabilities

"El Paso must start looking at innovative solutions to the situation," continued Eric Reed. "Mayor Ray Caballero should be applauded for thinking outside the box and talking about a light rail system that would connect the international bridges, the colonias and other communities around El Paso with other transportation options like Sun Metro and El Paso

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One perspective

By Francis Shrum

What are you afraid of?

HORIZON — Sometimes

I shake my head in wonderment at this community, this El Paso county.

A front-page headline in the *El Paso Times* this morning says a panel of experts is meeting to “seek to allay El Pasoans’ terror fears.”

The article further states that the two-day panel discussions are meant to “diffuse fears stemming from the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks.”

If I knew who to do it to, I’d shake them until their teeth rattled.

I’m not scare of terrorists. I’m scared of us.

We live in a huge international city that grows by leaps and bounds yearly, yet we don’t have the foresight nor the fortitude to address the needs of our own citizens.

There is not one single pediatric surgeon living and working in El Paso.

Does that statement rattle anybody but me? We have thousands of children here, many suffering desperate and life-threatening health conditions everyday but they have to go to distant, sometimes smaller, communities to get the care they need.

When our last hold-out left town not long ago he said the reason he was going was because a promise by local pooh-bahs to build a pediatric hospital had been continually postponed and he couldn’t get anybody else to come in and work with him.

I don’t think he left because he wasn’t making enough money. I think he left because he was too tired to carry the burden anymore.

He performed a “routine” operation on my oldest grandson several years ago, which, if left undone another day, could have cost the baby’s life. He visited my grandson several times post-op, with a string of stu-

dents in his wake, eager to learn, eager to practice.

There is no shortage of doctors willing to work. There is a shortage of the “build it and they will come” mentality.

One of the most visionary groups among us is the Mission Valley Steering Committee, sided by the Mission Trail Association, who have challenged the El Paso powers-that-be to build the ever-elusive Border Health Institute in the East County and the Lower Valley to change its name to the Mission Valley.

Now that’s vision. But it won’t happen without some kind of community support, some kind of cohesion that can visualize beyond the edge of their next contract or the next election.

This county is legendary for majoring in the minors. We can get so excited over the most minute of controversies, or, on the contrary, the kind of issues that are unlikely to affect us — like foreign terrorism.

We’ve got plenty of local terrorism to worry about without spending our time and energies wondering why the lunatic fringe in a tiny nation half-way round the world bombed New York.

Why don’t we expend those resources and brain power examining why we can’t stem the corruption associated with the flow of illegal drugs across the border right here on our own doorstep, why those expensive electronic signs along the freeway that are supposed to warn us about accidents ahead never do, why we haven’t solved the violent crime of two young men found shot to death near the Socorro Activities Complex, why it is still so easy to rob El Paso banks, why we can’t find

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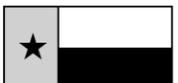
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Eye on D.C. By U.S. Rep. Henry Bonilla



The silent killer

There is a silent killer lurking in the shadows. A killer that claims the life of one American every three minutes. A killer that is especially dangerous because the people most at risk often don’t know it until it’s too late. And sometimes, even if they are aware of it, they ignore the warning signs. This killer is diabetes, and unfortunately there is no known cure.

November is National Diabetes Awareness month. As we forge ahead into the holiday season, with pumpkin pies and candy canes, this is a fitting time to get a better understanding of diabetes — and raise awareness of the warning signs.

Diabetes impairs the body’s ability to process food sugar into energy. You should know that some of the warning signs include fatigue, unusual thirst or weight loss, blurred vision and cuts or bruises that are slow to heal. Since diabetes can be deadly, it is critical to pay attention to the warning signs and get yourself checked if you think you may have the disease.

When the warning signs go ignored or undetected, horrible complications can result — complications like blindness, stroke, heart disease, kidney failure, and leg or foot amputations. Fortu-

nately, modern medicine has shown that the afflictions of diabetes can be controlled with routine preventative care. Maintaining a good diet, exercising regularly and stabilizing blood sugar levels to as close as normal as possible, can dramatically reduce the chances of developing the harsh complications associated with diabetes.

However, without proper attention and treatment, diabetes can take over and control a person’s life. Without proper awareness about diabetes, it will continue to be a silent killer lurking in the shadows.

Searching for cures to deadly diseases like diabetes is important for every American. Diabetes costs Texas alone an estimated \$3 billion each year, taking into account medical costs and lost productivity. Investing in research saves tax dollars and more importantly, it saves the lives of our fellow citizens.

One day, I hope this column will report a cure for diabetes. Until then, the best defenses against diabetes are awareness and education. By shining a spotlight on diabetes and educating ourselves and others, we can help prevent our friends and family from suffering from this heartbreaking disease. For more information regarding diabetes, please call the American Diabetes Association at 1-800-DIABETES.

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View from here By Bill Hammond

A ready source of talent goes unnoticed

As children load their backpacks, yellow buses roll and stadiums fill with Friday night football fans, a real problem looms in classrooms across the Lone Star State. According to some education experts, we are some 40,000 teachers short in Texas public schools.

Teacher associations hammered this point across during the last legislative session as they lobbied for a statewide teacher health insurance program. Their theory was and remains that we can't find people willing to enter the classroom because the pay is low and benefits are inadequate.

The irony is that while we have this "crisis" in education, the solution lies in a mechanism already in place but seldom utilized. Alternative certification is the method of putting teachers in the classroom who have not gone through coursework in the traditional colleges of education.

And maybe one of the reasons we are short is because prospective teachers don't find the subject matter in colleges of education very appealing. Instead of listening to lectures on pedagogy and didacticism that one would find in the education curriculum, students might find anthropology or political science more useful and interesting.

Alternative certification allows men and women to be certified to teach in their areas of proficiency as long as they hold a bachelor's degree, take a six-week "teaching" course and pass the ExCET exam prior to entering the classroom. There is a built-in talent pool for new teachers right now in Texas. Retirees from the military and private sector as well as men and women ready for a career change are often in search of new challenges and would be eager to teach if they could bypass the colleges of education. Recent high-tech layoffs make new math and technology teachers readily available.

So, why aren't more teachers brought into the teaching profession who possess these qualities? After all, statistics show that these people

make good teachers. The reluctance comes from local school district personnel who assert they don't have the manpower to administer such a program or that implementing one is not in their budgets. In fact, only four school districts offer an alternative certification program.

Some teacher associations make the "quality over quantity" argument against alternative certification. But when you peel away the layers of rhetoric on this issue, you get to the heart of the matter — alternative certification is maligned because a teaching shortage gives teacher unions more leverage to lobby for additional pay and increased benefits.

We all agree that teachers should be paid well, but we also want vacancies filled with qualified teachers who are not currently being utilized by the system.

As teachers swarmed the Capitol last session advocating health insurance to help attract new teachers, a bill granting more flexibility to local districts to provide a mechanism for alternative certification miraculously passed the House. Unfortunately, its life was cut short by a "tag" by one senator and never again saw the light of day.

We have a practice in Texas public education of furnishing the carrot and hiding the stick. The recent health insurance program for teachers is evidence of that where we funded a billion dollar program and asked for nothing in return.

If our current system isn't producing enough teachers, it's time to make some changes. And the alternative certification program will do just that. It will allow new people to enter the classroom and may even stimulate some competition among those already in the system. The winners are likely to be the children for whom education was intended in the first place.

(Bill Hammond is president of the Austin-based Texas Association of Business and Chambers of Commerce.)

View from the porch By Linda Mussehl

Business as usual



There was a brief moment of relief amidst the horrors immediately following September 11. In a news report about the grounding of all civilian airplanes, it was noted that the total flight prohibition was successful, with very few exceptions.

In the remote ranch-country Southwest, however, two private planes were forced down by military jets. The TV reporter expressed disbelief that, more than 36 hours after the attack, there were at least two people in this country that didn't know about it or that our airspace was temporarily closed.

"All right," I thought at the time. "All will be well. Somebody out there has work to do, cows to find, calves to ship, coyotes to shoot."

Whether the TV twinkies know it or not, there are still people in the country whose lives don't revolve around daily television watching. And there are those of us who prefer to go days without talking to anyone except the dog.

I'd like to meet those two ol' boys. I bet they have quite a story to tell about flying along minding their own business, only to be buzzed by the Air Force. I promise not to ask about any resultant laundry problems.

Given the nasty games the fly boys have played with ranchers over the years, how did the ranch pilots know that the mid-air harassment was just not business as usual, that it wasn't just a bored U.S. or German pilot out cruising, looking for a herd to scatter?

Allan Sloan wrote in the 10/29/01 edition of

Newsweek that "something largely unnoticed could be happening in much of the United States: life getting back to normal." Sloan used the anthrax obsession as an example. "'News' is something that happens to an editor," Sloan said. "Large parts of the country aren't prone to panic over anthrax, because they know what cows are, and people who deal with cows and soil are used to thinking about anthrax. But there aren't many cows in newsrooms. Or in New York City or Washington."

Anthrax is endemic in six Texas counties. It has been, and it will be. It's been in the soil for at least 150 years, flares up every couple of years when the weather is right, and culls the white-tail deer herds. A few unvaccinated cows and horses died this year, as did a dog that ate from a deer carcass. One man contracted anthrax this summer from doctoring a sick animal. He was treated with antibiotics and recovered. It got a little local news coverage, but was no big deal. For the region, it was just business as usual.

There are verities in life, fundamental truths. One is "life goes on. Shut up and get to work."

The majority of our "talking class" experts in the media and government were born after the Vietnam war. The feeling of daily threat is new to them: "the sky is falling, the sky is falling."

The holiday season is approaching, when family gatherings give a great opportunity to ask the senior members of your family about daily life during the Great Depression, World War II and the Cold War. We need to learn from their resiliency, experience and common sense. It just could be that their advice boils down to "Life goes on. Shut up and get to work."

TRUE TEXAS FACTS by Roger Moore Nov. 20, 1815, State reserves 3 million acres, the sale of which would be used for building the state capitol.

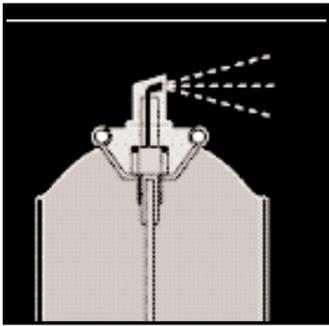




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essential. Yet they must understand that trust comes with responsibilities. That's why you need to talk to them about drugs and give them clear, consistent rules. **Monitoring your kids' activities doesn't mean you don't trust them.** It means that you care

about them enough to be involved. Between 4 and 6 p.m. is when kids are most likely to try drugs. So keep them busy. Encourage them to try out for the basketball team. Or the school play. Or band. **What matters is your involvement.**

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Global warming project links Canutillo students with New York

By Alfredo Vasquez
Special to the Courier

UPPER VALLEY — Fifth grade students at Childress Elementary School in the Canutillo Independent School District teamed up with fifth grade students at Public School 108 and 153 in New York City to work on a project designed to focus on the challenges of global warming.

The two schools initiated their collaboration recently through the technological marvel of video-conferencing. Childress students used the video-conference facilities at El Paso Community College's Northwest Campus, and the students in New York City used the video-con-



Students at Childress Elementary in Canutillo work on a global warming project with kids from the 108th and 153rd Public Schools in New York. Both schools worked on the project through video-conferencing.

ference lab at Lehman College in the Bronx.

During the video-conferencing session, students from Canutillo shared information they gathered in researching the effects of global warming on farming (effects on crops, economy, animals, etc.) Students in New York talked about the possible effects of global warming on life in a city like New York.

"Through this project Childress students will learn more about life in New York City, New York students will learn more about life in a rural community, and all will learn about global warming," said Carroll De La O, Childress fifth grade teacher and project facilitator.

The joint effort came about because Childress students in De La O and Grace Hadrous's classes are participating this semester in an interactive computer program titled Amazon Quest. This educational program, offered by Classroom Connect, is bringing to schools live audio-visual images of a team of scientists who are traveling down the Amazon River in South America and studying the wonders of the rain forests throughout the world via the internet.

For more information, contact De La O at 877-7700.

Canutillo school board praises attendance, participation

By Don Woodyard
Courier Staff Writer

CANUTILLO—Campus accomplishments were in the spotlight at the Nov. 15 meeting of the board of trustees of the Canutillo Independent School Districts.

The board praised the efforts of school principals, staff members, students and parents for their efforts to improve daily school attendance.

With a rate of 97.8 percent, Davenport Elementary had the best attendance record in the district for the past school year. Only two-tenths of a percentage point behind was Childress Elementary at 97.6.

Other school attendance rates were Canutillo and Damian Elementary at 96.7; Canutillo Middle, 96.1; and the high school at 95 percent.

In other news:

Superintendent Charles Hart presented certificates from the Texas Edu-

cation Agency to principals recognizing their schools' academic achievement. Exemplary Campus Certificate went to Damian Elementary. Recognized Campus Certificates went to the principals of Canutillo Elementary, Canutillo Middle and Davenport Elementary schools.

Dr. John Kessinger, assistant superintendent, reported that five portable classrooms have been installed, two at Davenport and three at Childress. He added that the new spe-

cial education bus and arrived and was already in service. The move of central office personnel to the new administration building on Artcraft Road would begin the week of Nov. 19. The board approved the purchase of a public address system for the renovated building.

The board scheduled a special work session Jan. 8, 2002 to explore possible academic advantages of collaborative efforts with El Paso Community College.

Social Security: Q & A by Ray Vigil

Q. There's a lot of talk about identity theft. What's being done to stop it?

A. The best way to prevent identity theft is to protect your Social Security number and card. Don't give out your number when you don't have to, and don't carry your card with you unless you know it is needed. Also remember that if your social security card is stolen, it is very important to check your record at least every 2 to 3 years. This will disclose any additional earnings being credited to your record, which might not belong to you.

Q. My wife and I both started receiving retirement benefits on my earnings record at age 65. (She never worked outside the home to earn Social Security credits.) If I die, will my wife continue to receive the same amount of benefits? If not, how much will she receive?

A. If you were to die, your wife's amount would be different. Presently, you are getting 100 percent of your retirement benefit because you began

receiving benefits at your full retirement age of 65. Since your wife is receiving retirement benefits on your record, she is presently receiving one-half of your full benefit. If you die, she would no longer get your retirement, but she would receive widow's benefits. Since she's 65 years old, she would be eligible for 100 percent of your benefit.

Q. I am a widower and I am thinking about getting married in Las Vegas Nevada. Will my marriage be valid in Texas? If I should die, will my wife be eligible to receive Social Security benefits?

A. For Social Security purposes, if your marriage is recognized as valid in the state of Nevada, it should also be valid in the State of Texas unless there is a legal impediment that would prevent the ceremony from being valid. If the relationship has existed for 9 months or if your wife gave birth to your child, she should be potentially eligible. Your wife must meet one of the following requirements; she is 60 years of age,

disabled between the ages of 50 and 59 or she must have minor children, ages 16 or younger, in her care.

Q. I'm thinking about getting disability protection from a private insurance company. If I become disabled and have a private policy, would it reduce my disability benefit from Social Security?

A. No. Your eligibility for Social Security disability payments is not affected by any private insurance you may have. But, you may be interested to know that worker's compensation and certain other public disability payments could affect your Social Security benefit.

For more information visit your local Security office, see <http://www.ssa.gov>, or call us at 1-800-772-1213. If you have any questions that you would like to have answered, please mail them to the Social Security Office, 11111 Gateway West, Attn: Ray Vigil, El Paso, Texas 79935.

City of Horizon City PUBLIC NOTICE

A PUBLIC HEARING will be held at **6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, December 11, 2001** 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 ordinances:

- 1) Ordinance No. 0098, Continued Taxation on Leased Auto Taxing pursuant to the Texas Tax Code, Section 11.252, for the Town of Horizon City, Texas.

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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Anonymous Group 8 de Enero meets at 15360 Horizon Blvd. in Horizon City on Mondays through Saturdays at 8 p.m. Call 859-0484 for information.
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El Paso high school football no laughing matter now thanks to Del Valle

By Steve Escajeda
Special to the Courier

If you had told me just five short years ago that El Paso's most successful high school football program in 2001 would be the Del Valle Conquistadores, I would have laughed at you. In fact, everyone would have laughed at you. But I don't hear anybody laughing now.

Del Valle, which won only one game in 1997, stunned the state of Texas last Saturday with a shocking 14-10 win over Abilene in the area round of the state playoffs.

Let's put this win in perspective. This is the same Abilene team that beat Midland Lee (the same Lee team that whipped Franklin in the playoffs 25-0), and held the three-time defending state champs to just 46 total yards in the process.

This is the same Abilene team that had spent almost the entire season somewhere in the state's top ten rankings.

Who is the most valuable player for this Del Valle team you might ask? That's an easy one — nobody. Del Valle doesn't have a most valuable player. What they have is a most valuable

coach. Chuck Veliz took over this team after ten years of utter football failure. You could have called the Conquistadores the "Miners" of El Paso prep football.

In fact, Del Valle had two different coaches the two years before Veliz came on the scene. The former Riverside Rangers defensive coordinator wasted no time leading Del Valle to a 5-5 record his first year and hasn't looked back since.

In recording a 36-9 record in just four years at the lower valley school, the job Veliz has done has been simply astonishing. Del Valle is 10-1 this season and will try to advance to the state's quarterfinals this weekend.

Del Valle will now take on DeSoto (9-3) in the next round of the playoffs. Let's hope that the Conquistadores go into the game firing on all cylinders and that DeSoto stalls.

Big 12 ambush

Since I was a little boy you could always rely on certain things every week of the autumn months.

The leaves on the trees will change colors everywhere in America except El Paso, snow

can always be expected to fall everywhere except El Paso, and either Oklahoma or Nebraska will win a football game.

The news of both the Cornhuskers and the Sooners losing this past weekend both stunned the experts and more importantly, put a twist in the BCS standings.

And the big news of last weekend was not just that both Nebraska and Oklahoma got beat, but more how they got beat.

When's the last time you saw any team score 40 points on Nebraska? 50 points? How about the 62 points Colorado put on the 'Huskies defense?

And how about Oklahoma State beating Oklahoma 16-13 at Norman? The Oklahoma State Cowboys had one less win (1) than the Dallas Cowboys going into the game last Saturday.

All this weird unusual stuff means only one thing, maybe El Paso will get a little snow this year. Maybe not, for that to happen UTEP would have had to have a winning season.

Priceless

Filling your car up with gas to drive to a Major League Baseball game — \$15, tickets

for you and your buddy to attend the game — \$80, having someone steal your ideal and use it in a commercial so that you can now sue them for everything they've got — potentially priceless.

I'm sure you all saw those commercials during the World Series and liked the idea. Evidently the executives at MasterCard, who put out the spots, liked the idea too. But there is some question as to whether or not they stole the idea.

Two Minnesota Twins fans who made the actual trek to all 30 MLB parks and documented it in 1998 are suing MasterCard for using the same idea without compensating them.

Seems the two drove the same kind of orange and white Volkswagen van used in the spots, some shots and music the two used in their documentary were also duplicated in the commercials.

MasterCard officials have refused to answer any questions about the incident.

I guess they are too busy plotting their newest series of commercials about a boy who uses his parent's credit card to attend a sorcerer's academy to obtain an important stone.

Horizon City Optimist Club to host Sixth Annual Christmas Parade

By Arleen Beard
Special to the Courier

HORIZON CITY - Plans are underway for the 6th Annual Horizon City Christmas Parade hosted by the Horizon City Optimist Club.

Mayor Pat Randleel and members of Town council approved the route for the parade during the regularly scheduled Town council meeting on November 13, 2001.

The parade will take place on the morning of December 1, 2001. The

parade will begin over by Carroll T. Welch Middle School and continue on Horizon Blvd, towards Darrington, then continue on Darrington towards Eastlake Drive and end at John Ensor Middle School on Ryderwood. John Dixon, Director of Public Works stated,

"This route was designed to run through the residential area, allowing for more Horizon City residents be a part of the parade," said John Dixon, Director of Public Works. "This parade is about getting the community involved."

This year's Grand Marshal will be Channel 7's meteorologist Robert Bettes.

In other news:

Two public meetings were held at the Horizon Town Council. The first hearing was for the second reading on revisions to sign Ordinance No. 0091. There was no public input, therefore, Mayor Randleel closed the hearing and Town Council proceeded and approved the second reading. The other hearing was regarding the second reading on Budget Amendment No. 0004 - Fiscal

Year 2001 for office furniture for the Police Department. There was no public input and Mayor Randleel closed the meeting. The council approved the second reading on the Budget Amendment No. 0004 - Fiscal Year 2001.

Also, Town council approved a resolution regarding adoption of a Racial profiling policy for the Town of Horizon City Police Department.

Also, Town Council also approved a request for the developer of Horizon Manor 9A to name a street after Thayer Pease. The developer agreed.

Art

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scholarship to further my education."

Although Bernal worked as a commercial artist for 25 years his passion remained painting.

"Painting to me has always been the language of my inner being. It is my gift, not my profession," he said. "Modernism and technology dazzles

everyone. But we remain to say who we are with our hands, our imagination and with our vision."

Scheduled to run through December 7, the exhibition is open to the public without charge.

Chamizal National Memorial, El Paso's National Park, is located at 800 South San Marcial between Bowie High School and the Bridge of the Americas. The Memorial is open daily 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. and during scheduled events.

Sprawl

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International Airport. This idea to create an interconnected web of options that don't force people to drive everywhere would start reducing many of the health risks outlined in the CDC report."

"Public priority is being given to the traffic itself, not to protecting and

improving the communities through which traffic moves," said Glenn Gadbois, Director of Transportation Programs at the Just Transportation Alliances. "The CDC report should be a wake up call to Texas transportation officials and planners."

A copy of the report can be found at <http://www.sprawlwatch.org/health.pdf> or by contacting the Just Transportation Alliances or Volar Center for Independent Living.

Fear

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the demented person who savagely tore away the life and future of a tiny five-year-old from San Elizario, why people like crime victims who need assistance from those high-sounding grant fund sources can't seem to get it, and why that — even though the state of Texas says some of our school districts deserve to be "Recognized" — there is such an incredibly high statistic among us who are functionally illiterate in English, and why Texas Tech, UTEP and the County of El Paso would rather fight than accomplish.

What we need is a way to garner all the wasted time and energy spent on panel discussions, committee meetings, state-mandated teacher "work" sessions and news conferences and turn it into meaningful action.

We should stop punishing one another by ignoring the real issues and dallying around in things that don't apply to us and that we can't solve anyway.

I've seen the terrorist, and it is us.

King Super Crossword

CIRCLE OF FRIENDS

ACROSS

- 1 Harpo or Karl
- 5 Crazy
- 9 Pat down
- 13 Tend the turkey
- 18 _ about (approximately)
- 19 Mayberry moppet
- 20 Epps of "Love & Basketball"
- 21 Leopard kin
- 22 _ carotene
- 23 Singer Home
- 24 "Educating _" ('83 film)
- 25 Verdi opus
- 26 Riddle: Part 1
- 30 Big _ CA
- 31 _ Cruces, NM
- 32 Kind of casserole
- 33 Halloween decoration
- 36 Gumshoe
- 38 Silly Skelton
- 39 Canonized Mlle.
- 40 TV's "My Two _"
- 44 Riddle: Part 2
- 49 Summon mommy
- 51 Sneaky sort
- 52 Emcee's site
- 53 Rug type
- 54 Fabric belt
- 56 "Dracula" prop
- 58 '21 Nobel
- 61 Profit from tickets
- 63 Pub vessel
- 64 Rocky pinnacles

- 65 Susan of 80 Across
- 66 Come in second
- 68 Coll. cadets
- 69 Corporate VIP
- 72 Riddle: Part 3
- 76 Uh-uh
- 77 Enjoy a Popsicle
- 79 Prepare pasta
- 80 TV's "L.A. _"
- 81 Temptation location
- 83 Canada's capital
- 85 _ down (reduced)
- 87 Extinct mammal
- 91 Author Alexander
- 92 _ monster
- 93 Elevator unit
- 94 "Gladiator" setting
- 95 Browning's bedtime?
- 96 _ es Salaam
- 98 Answer to riddle: Part 1
- 103 Word with farm or frog
- 105 Legal matter
- 107 Herriot title start
- 108 Fam. member
- 109 Cambridge univ.
- 110 Saudi city
- 112 Presidential nickname
- 113 "Mazel _"
- 115 Answer to riddle: Part 2
- 124 Join the leisure class?
- 125 Actress Talbot
- 126 Reid of "American

DOWN

- 1 Crowd
- 2 From the top
- 3 Tim of "Planet of the Apes"
- 4 Very revealing photos?
- 5 Costello or Del Rio
- 6 Did a Little bit?
- 7 Stooze Larry
- 8 Jets, Mets, or Nets
- 9 Twister
- 10 Out of kilter
- 11 _ Hari
- 12 Halloween happenings
- 13 Enjoy the beach
- 14 Immemorial
- 15 "Star Trek" navigator
- 16 Like Magic?
- 17 Cupid, in Corinth
- 21 Park figure
- 27 Obligation
- 28 Couturier Cassini

- 29 Hailing from The Hague
- 33 Commanded
- 34 Jai _
- 35 Pollux or Bert Baldwin
- 37 Theological word form
- 38 Genetic info
- 41 Spanish region
- 42 Sioux
- 43 It's nothing to sniff at
- 45 Guy Fri.
- 46 Writer Rand
- 47 "Born in the _" ('85 hit)
- 48 Fat stuff
- 50 Fashion monogram
- 55 Detect
- 57 Pitch
- 59 Haul a heap
- 60 Author Jong
- 61 Where the buoys are
- 62 Wash or rinse, e.g.
- 63 Nourishes
- 65 Illinois city
- 67 Moira of "The Red Shoes"
- 69 TV's "Veronica's -"
- 70 Choice word
- 71 Anti-knock stuff
- 73 Kachina craftsman
- 74 "I've _ it!"
- 75 Postal abbr.
- 78 Topeka's st.
- 82 Standard

- 84 Gum gob
- 86 _ Dawn Chong
- 87 Bell and Barker
- 88 Tragic fate
- 89 Bus starter?
- 90 Heron's home
- 92 Dancer Jose
- 93 _ de-sac
- 97 Hood or Tell
- 99 Slaw stuff
- 100 Away from the wind
- 101 Belittle
- 102 Morlocks' prey
- 104 Communicates by computer
- 106 Steamy spots
- 111 Marsh sight
- 112 Mary of "The Maltese Falcon"
- 114 Poison
- 115 Spirited steed
- 116 Auberjonois or Clair
- 117 Wonder Woman's pal
- 118 Leslie Caron role
- 119 Use a poniard
- 120 Yarn
- 121 Emancipate
- 122 "Quo Vadis" character
- 123 Plato or Delany
- 128 Clink

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Low fat is so 20th Century

By Don Flood

Embrace your inner pork chop!
That's the new message Americans are taking to heart. It's time to get back to "normalcy," and for Americans that means second helpings.

And no more low fat!
About 10 years ago, the mantra for Americans was low fat, low fat, low fat.

Ministers attacked fat from the pulpit, schools beefed up security to prevent fat from entering our classrooms and politicians ran on low-fat platforms.

Enter Snackwells, a low fat cookie from Nabisco that became so popular it had to be delivered in armored vehicles. (Even so, they were regularly hijacked by roving bands of sugar-starved mothers.)

Because Americans took low fat foods seriously and made them a part of our daily lives, we were able to make a huge difference in our national weight: We loaded on the pounds as never before!

That's right, Americans, our Great National Experiment proved the low fat diet is a waste of time!

And it's not like we didn't give it a fair chance. Many volunteers would eat as many as 51 low calorie cookies at a sitting, just to make sure they got a full measure of the low fat ingredients.

And they still didn't lose weight!

Now the watchword is "comfort foods," with people enjoying meals of meat loaf, mashed potatoes, candied yams, macaroni and cheese, ice cream and apple pie — and that's just for breakfast.

Best bet on new fashion trend: "comfort pants," specially designed pants that can stretch as wide as the Hoover Dam.

(Interestingly enough, we're also seeing a change in entertainment, where the success of Chinese actor Chow Yun-Fat has resulted in a higher fat content in our movies ... OK, that was bad.)

While we've seen improvement on the diet front, there's still bad news about America's breath, believed to be among the worst in our solar system.

Fortunately, Robert Urich, better known as TV's Spenser, has been busy investigating our nation's halitosis crisis.

Urich, who reports directly to Director of Homeland Security Tom Ridge, has a fancy gadget, a Halimeter, that he uses to measure bad breath.

(Because of the recently expanded security powers, people who refuse to submit voluntarily to a bad breath test may now be handcuffed and detained.)

The results of Urich's study are, frankly, shocking. Of the four people Urich rounded up, all had bad breath!

Using these figures and extrapolating them to include the entire country, we can safely assume that everybody in the United States has bad breath!

How bad? A good score, as measured by breath scientists, is 100 or less.

One of the women stopped by Urich scored over 400, meaning, basically, that her breath could — at a distance of three miles — drop a buffalo dead in its tracks.

Fortunately, some highly trained HazMat people were nearby, and they sealed her in a concrete vault used to dispose of nuclear waste.

Not that she'll starve. They also included a lifetime supply of leftover Snackwells.

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Roads, solid waste work intact with El Paso County

By Marjorie F. Graham
Courier Staff Writer

Substantial work has been done on roads and bridges in El Paso County during 2001.

With completion of the paving program, 18.3 miles of shoulder, 11.4 miles of new roads and 23 miles of chip seals were surfaced.

The Canutillo crew prepared the road bed for the second phase of the Ascarate Park Trail Project and for the barn adjacent to the Equestrian Center at the Coliseum. It also has been doing regular road maintenance in the Upper Valley, as has the Fabens crew in the Lower Valley.

Director Robert Rivera said that both solid waste collection stations in Fabens and the Northwest were operated without major problems.

"In this fiscal year, our operating budget for landfill cost ran very low in funds he budget has been increased to cover the extra cost," he added. "The City and Numex landfills increased their price from \$8 to \$10 per cubic yard."

He also reported that new distribution lines are being installed in East Montana and that six people have been caught stealing water by connecting to the system themselves. Their service contracts were pulled and they are not being served in accordance with policy.

At this time, work continues in trying to obtain 28 right-of-way deeds so that Pellicano Drive can be extended.

In other fiscal year-end reports, the County's Wage and Salary Advisory Committee reviewed grade reclassifications and changes in job titles, affecting 1,027 employees. In all, 92 new positions and 796 employee regrades were recommended for the 2001-2002 fiscal year. Serving on the

committee were Terri Almonre, Wallace Hardgrove, Jose Lopez, Jr., Sally Gavlik, Michael Izquicardo, Renslar Keagle, Karen Larose and Norma Palacios.

The Human Resource Department also employed Robert Gallegos, formerly with Levi Strauss and the City Housing Authority, as new director of its Risk Management Section.

The new director of the Office of the Medical Examiner, Dr. Corinne Stern, told Commissioners Court that she believes that the biggest improvements have been in training.

"The investigative staff received much needed training in specific areas of death investigation, both through outside conferences but, more importantly, through continuing education classes offered right here in our office," she said. "We share this instruction with other members of the health professional community and law enforcement agencies, which allows us to develop strong working relations."

She added that the department performed over 150 more autopsies during the fiscal year than it did in the previous one. Despite the increased workload, transport and scene response times were "consistently good."

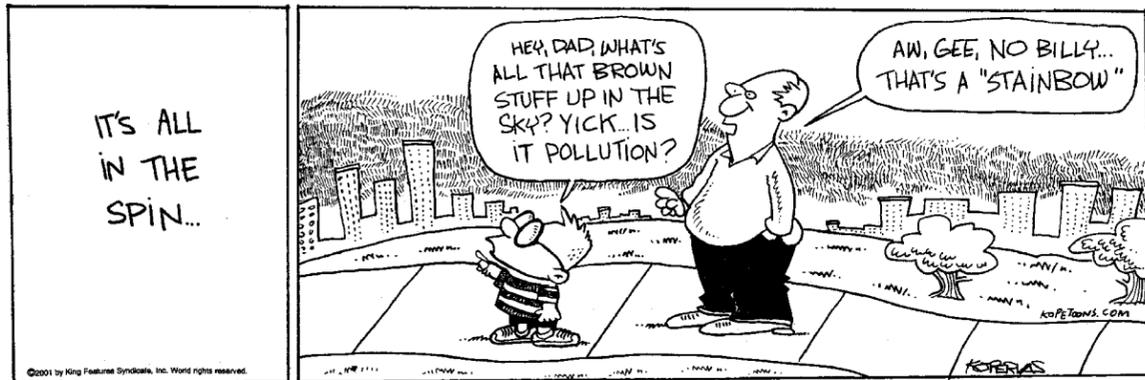
A major advance in the department has been in its toxicology services. It is now using an in-state forensic laboratory and turn-around time for results has gone from six to eight weeks to three to five days with "much higher quality analysis for much lesser price."

As a result, and despite a 40 percent increase in autopsies, less has been budgeted for toxicology in 2002.

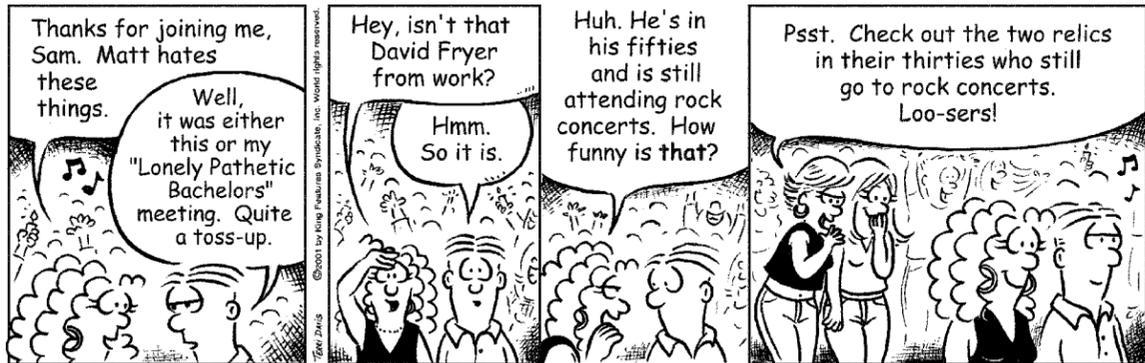
Finally, Texas Tech will occupy the long-vacant second floor of the Medical Examiner's Office, paying \$4000 a month.

Comix

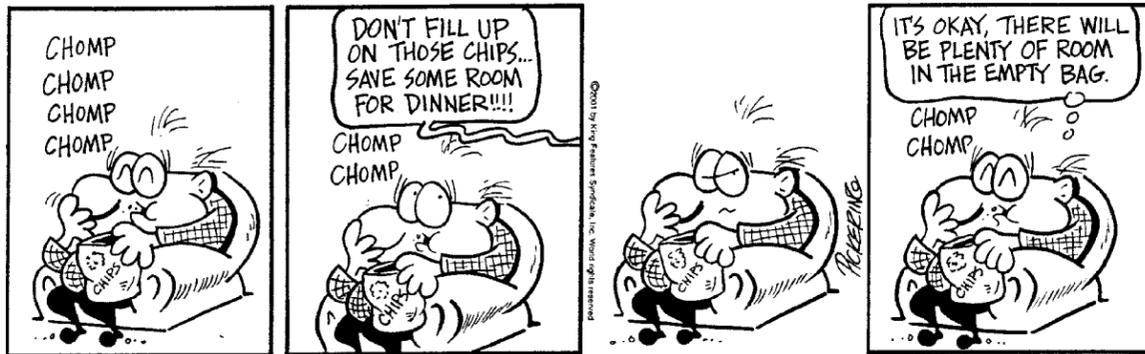
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Briefs

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throughout the county were submitted. Shelby was sworn-in as an honorary deputy by Sheriff Leo Samaniego, who was on-hand for the presentation. She also was awarded a child's mountain bike and a year's supply of Blue Bunny ice cream.

■ Seven masters of the Hispanic heritage of color, otherwise known as *herencia de color*, are on display through Dec. 19 at the

Centennial Museum at UTEP, co-sponsored by Chicano Studies with support from the Hispanic Heritage Committee. Legendary works by Marta Arat, Carlos Callejo, Antonio Castro, Gabriel S Gaytán, Lupe Casillas-Lowenberg, Ernesto Martínez and Paul Huereque are featured. Hispanic art is the result of the influences from many different periods in Latino history: pre-Columbian, colonial, and contemporary.

■ Clint Independent School District officials will have three community meetings to discuss proposed 2002-2003 campus grade

level configurations and the impact they will have on existing campuses. Parents and educators are encouraged to attend the meetings, which will be at 6 p.m., Dec. 3 at Desert Hills Elementary, 300 Eastlake Dr; 6 p.m., Dec. 4 at Frank Macias Elementary, 14400 Golden Eagle Dr.; and at 6 p.m. Dec. 5 at Carroll T. Welch Middle School, 14510 McMahon Dr. For more information, call 851-2877, ext. 253.

■ The El Paso County Democratic Party's monthly meeting for December is cancelled because of the holidays. The Chair wishes ev-

eryone a blessed and happy Christmas. The January meeting date has not been announced.

■ The El Paso Community College Student Activities department will present the movie "Dr. Seuss: How the Grinch Stole Christmas" at the Cafeteria Annex of the Valle Verde Campus on Friday, Dec. 7 at 6 p.m. The first 200 children will receive a Christmas Bag filled with candy and other surprises. There will also be door prizes and a free photo with the Grinch after the movie.

■ The SHARE High School Exchange Program is seeking host

families for international exchange students for the 2002 spring semester. The students hope to arrive by early January. The host family will provide bed, meals, as well as understanding, friendship and a genuine desire to share the American experience and way of life to the student. The students are between the ages of 15-1, speak English, are covered by medical insurance, and have money for their personal expenses. To participate, contact the Educational Resource Development Trust Southwest Regional Office at 1(800) 941-3738.

WEATHER

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SEVEN-DAY FORECAST FOR EL PASO

THURSDAY	THUR. NIGHT	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY
Cool with sunshine and patchy clouds.	A moonlit sky.	Bright sunshine.	Plenty of sunshine.	Sunshine.	Sunshine and just a few clouds.	Partly to mostly sunny and mild.	Sunshine mixing with some clouds.
▲ 54°	▼ 36°	▲ 62° ▼ 36°	▲ 62° ▼ 36°	▲ 66° ▼ 38°	▲ 66° ▼ 38°	▲ 70° ▼ 42°	▲ 62° ▼ 32°

UV INDEX Statistics for noon.

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

Thursday	4	Low
Friday	5	Moderate
Saturday	5	Moderate
Sunday	5	Moderate
Monday	5	Moderate
Tuesday	4	Low
Wednesday	4	Low

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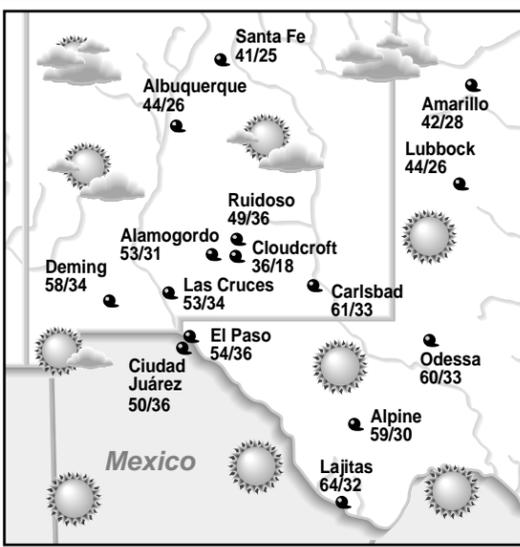
A composite of the effects of temperature, wind, humidity, sunshine intensity, cloudiness, precipitation, and elevation on the human body.

Thursday	50°
Friday	64°
Saturday	60°
Sunday	62°
Monday	68°
Tuesday	65°
Wednesday	64°

TEXAS WEATHER

Anthony	54	36
Canutillo	54	37
Clint	54	38
E. Montana	54	36
Fabens	54	38
Horizon	55	37
San Elizario	51	34
Socorro	53	35
Tornillo	54	38
Vinton	55	37

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	44/26/pc	50/28/c	48/28/pc	52/30/s	54/30/pc
Atlanta	62/40/t	58/38/pc	62/40/pc	60/38/s	58/36/s
Atlantic City	60/50/pc	58/42/c	55/38/s	58/40/s	55/32/pc
Austin/San Antonio	50/36/s	64/42/s	66/42/s	66/46/s	68/48/pc
Baltimore	68/46/pc	58/38/pc	54/32/s	58/36/s	54/28/pc
Boston	48/46/c	60/44/sh	54/40/pc	48/34/pc	44/22/s
Chicago	40/28/c	42/34/pc	44/28/c	40/26/pc	44/36/pc
Dallas/Ft. Worth	46/36/pc	58/42/s	58/40/s	58/44/s	60/46/pc
Denver	46/22/pc	44/20/pc	50/22/s	54/26/s	56/26/pc
Flagstaff	43/22/s	44/17/pc	49/19/pc	51/23/pc	49/22/pc
Houston	58/36/pc	64/48/s	70/44/c	68/48/s	70/44/pc
Kansas City	42/26/pc	48/30/pc	50/28/s	52/30/s	54/36/pc
Las Vegas	58/41/c	54/36/pc	56/36/pc	60/43/pc	62/43/pc
Miami	82/68/s	80/66/s	78/64/pc	78/64/s	75/56/s
Minneapolis	30/22/pc	34/24/sn	34/20/sn	36/22/c	36/24/c
New Orleans	62/38/c	64/50/s	66/48/s	66/48/s	68/44/s
New York City	58/50/pc	56/44/c	52/38/s	56/42/s	52/34/pc
Philadelphia	66/48/pc	58/42/c	54/36/s	58/40/s	54/32/pc
Phoenix	62/44/s	62/44/pc	66/46/s	68/48/s	70/48/pc
Portland	50/38/r	46/40/sh	48/40/r	44/42/sh	44/38/r
San Francisco	60/44/r	56/46/pc	58/50/c	60/46/r	56/44/pc
Seattle	48/38/r	46/40/sh	46/40/r	44/38/sh	44/38/r
Tucson	62/38/s	64/40/pc	66/42/s	72/44/s	70/42/s
Washington, DC	68/48/pc	58/42/pc	56/38/s	58/40/s	56/34/pc

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

AGRICULTURE

Dry and cool weather will prevail on Thursday. Morning temperatures will flirt with freezing, but will rise up into the 50s. Winds will be out of the southeast at 5-10 mph and the relative humidity will average 40 percent. The weekend will feature more sunshine and no rain is expected through the middle of next week.

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