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## NEWSBRIEFS

### Old and young graduate

El Paso Community College held commencement exercises on May 10 at the Don Haskins Center, awarding about 700 Associate degrees. The designation of youngest graduate goes to 18-year-old Angelica M. Primero who will go on to UT-Arlington to major in architecture. The oldest graduate this year is 69-year-old Antonio Rodriguez, whose other vocation is a 29-year career at Phelps Dodge Refinery, where he was instrumental in helping the Copper Rod Mill become automated. Rodriguez was challenged in the reverse of many graduates — he had to adjust from the workplace to school environment — but he said mental discipline helped him make the transition. He received an Associates in Applied Science.

### Memorial Day caution

Texas Department of Public Safety troopers and many other police agencies, including the Socorro and Horizon City Police Departments are increasing patrols over the weekend to stop drunk drivers, speeders and seat belt violators. Through a statewide campaign, Click It or Ticket, law enforcement agencies are urging motorists to buckle up or face a fine. Another nationwide effort designed to reduce fatalities is the C.A.R.E. - Combined Accident Reduction Effort - program. State police across the nation participate in C.A.R.E., maximizing enforcement on major interstate highways to reduce fatalities commonly associated with holiday weekends. Statistically, the most deadly time on the road during Memorial Day weekend is between 9 p.m. and 6 a.m. — a time frame when alcohol and fatigue often are cited as factors.

### In other news

Over 19 gallons of soda can tabs were collected and donated by Peggy Beltran's 6th grade class at Carroll T. Welch Middle School, to benefit sick children in the community. The program, coordinated by the Lion's Club and the Hanks High School Interact Club, makes free chemotherapy and dialysis treatments available to local community children at Las Palmas Medical Center.

The University Interscholastic League Scholar Award is presented to senior who graduate in the top 10 percent of their class who have participated in at least one UIL category. On May 20, the following students at Clint High School will receive scholarships: Corina Avila, Collanne Bramblett, Kit Bramblett, Alvaro Chacon, Amber Fitzgerald, Elisa Gallegos, Lori Godoy, Patricia Hernandez, Teresa Herring, Amanda James, Dinee Jauregui, Vickisue Payne, Raymond Pierce, Maria Rivera and Jacob Varela.

For the 13th consecutive year, the Mountain View High School in East Montana will offer a Family Life Consumerism project during the summer break, a 13-day project-oriented program which

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Things bought on convenient terms  
always fall due at inconvenient times.

— Quips and Quotes

## New Socorro mayor holds first meeting, considers traffic concerns

By Arleen Beard  
Special to the Courier

SOCORRO — Newly elected Socorro Mayor Irma Sanchez conducted her first meeting with a smooth transition and she projected a confident sense of operation during the regularly scheduled Socorro City Council meeting on May 16.

Council elected City Representative Sam Brewster as Mayor Pro-tem and Gary Gandara will serve as the alternate.

A public hearing was held regarding the installation of a traffic light at the intersection of Old Hueco Tanks and Moon Road. There was some public input from concerned citizens wondering what a traffic light would do to increase the congestion of traffic. One suggestion from a citizen was to have police officers direct traffic rather than installing a traffic light. A Socorro



Irma Sanchez

Police Department spokesman stated this would cause strain on the police force due to not having the necessary manpower to assign to traffic control.

After further discussion, the public hearing was closed but Council took into consideration the concerns the citizens had voiced and decided to table the item to allow time to investigate alternate methods of addressing the traffic concerns.

Action was also taken on accepting the recommendation from Moreno, Cardenas, Inc. to award the contract for TCDP Contract No. 721751 Street Improvement Project to Silverton Construction for \$275,270. Council approved the recommendation.

Council also accepted and approved the recommendation from Moreno, Cardenas, Inc. on the awarding of the contract for the City of Socorro C.O. Street Improvement Project to Camino Contractors for \$78,000.

## Moore steps down as Clint coach after 25 years

By Don Woodyard  
Courier Staff Writer

CLINT — Basketball has been a large part of David Moore's life.

He started playing basketball when he was eight years old. He went to his father's games when he was head basketball coach at Ysleta High School.

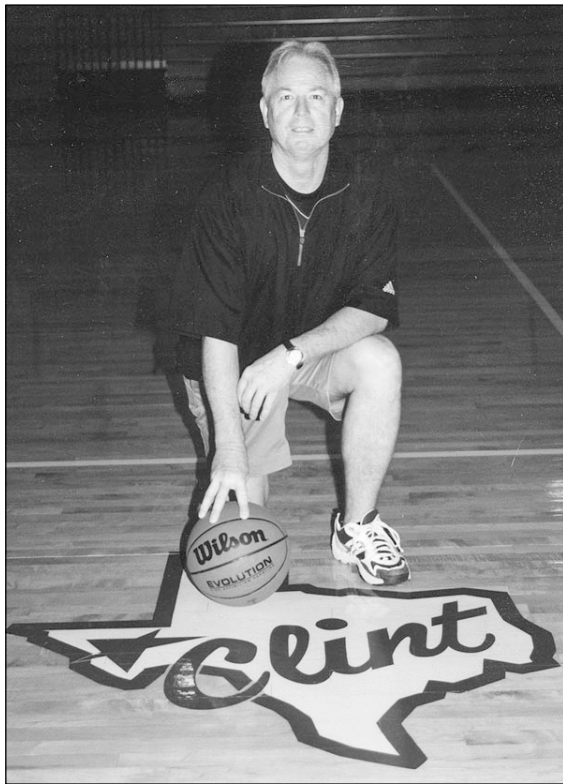
Following in his father's footsteps, Moore went on to carve an impressive record in 25 years as head basketball coach of the Clint High School Lions. From the fall of 1977 to the spring of 2002, his varsity teams:

- Have won 148 games and lost only 64, a 70 percent winning percentage.
- Have never finished lower than third in 22 of the 25 years.
- Have made the state playoffs 19 times out of the last 21 years.
- Have been district champions 11 times.
- Have been bi-district champions eight times.
- Have been area champions twice.
- Have been regional champions once.

Nevertheless, after a quarter-century of coaching, Moore has decided to step down. "I've been thinking about it for last few years," he says, remembering all of basketball tournaments that kept him away from family and friends during the Christmas holidays.

Moore, 53, is not going into a retirement mode, however. He will still be around and will remain very much a part of the academic and athletic picture at Clint. He is staying on as a social studies teacher.

He has been a teacher for 29 years altogether.



David Moore

The sports venue will change for him, switching from the basketball court to the fairways as he takes over as coach of the high school golf team.

"It's been fun, a lot of fun," he says with a smile. "A lot of good memories. Now it will be just as enjoyable to watch. Now it is an opportunity of a lifetime for someone else."

Moore says it is difficult to pick out highlights of his career. "Every year was different. Every year was special. Every year was a challenge."

In his coaching career Moore says he has emphasized more than just playing the game. Rather, he has striven to instill in his teams the importance of learning the game, learning what it is all about and also appreciating the game. Learning entails discipline and working as a unit — "if not,

success won't be there."

He points out that teams won't always be successful. "You learn from losing. Sometimes our winners are those who lose. I try to teach the kids how to handle themselves with class... (and) "to make sure the kids look good, and feel good about themselves."

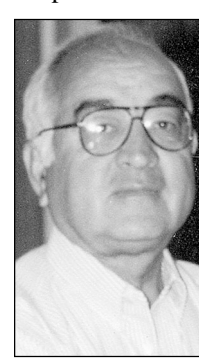
A large measure of his own success, Moore attributes to his wife Jan who has been teaching business classes at Clint High for 24 years. He praises the support of his wife, whom he met while attending Western New Mexico University, for keeping the statistics and helping out at the games and tournaments. "She makes me look good."

Like her husband, Jan has a sports background. In addition to teaching she has coached volleyball, track, golf and tennis at various schools. "She has been a deluxe coach."

## New mayor of Vinton has hands on approach

By Don Woodyard  
Courier Staff Writer

VINTON — The people of the Village of Vinton have spoken, and the mayoral torch has passed from Sam Monrreal to Tony Castro.



Tony Castro

He defeated Monrreal, a six-term mayor of this small Upper Valley community who had carried the torch for a total of 13 years.

"Sam did a good job," Castro says, sitting in council chambers where he has also served as alderman. "He wanted the best for the village, and so do I."

Asked why he ran, Castro said simply that he felt it was "time for a change, (and) I thought I could do just as good or better. I want to bring accountability to the job."

While saying it is time for a change, he is continuing to push on projects Monrreal had initiated. These projects, which he describes as priorities, include street repairs and drainage and the designation of Vinton Road as a state farm-to-market, three-lane road. To relieve traffic pressure on Vinton Road, Castro wants the Texas Department of Transportation to build another feeder road into I-10.

As he moves forward with old projects, he emphasizes bringing new technology to Village operations. He sees a need to get more automated and eliminate some of the paperwork. It may go so far as to include a website. "We need to get with the 21st century."

The new mayor, a retired facilities management specialist from White Sands, says he is in both a transition mode and a learning mode in the early stages of his administration. He is making a complete inventory of Village property. "People have been very cooperative in the transition," he said.

In the learning process, he asks questions. Where do we stand financially — how much money is in the bank? What can we afford to do? What do we have? What condition is it in?

"I am just here to serve. I am learning the job of mayor." He adds, "It is their (the people's) Village hall. We will make mistakes, but they will be honest mistakes."

As he learns the job of mayor, Castro, 65, is also looking to the future. He says he'll be talking with the El Paso Water Utilities Public Service Board about bringing water and sewer lines into the community. With water and sewer lines, he hopes to attract new industry to Vinton.

"To involve the community more," he is forming a citizens' advisory committee. A part of his long-term plan is forming a chamber of commerce.

However, at his first council meeting Tuesday evening, he dealt with issues of the present. According to the agenda, the council was:

- To discuss and take action on finding a person to complete his term as alderman, place three.
- To consider nominating Jose Alarcon as mayor pro-tem.
- To accept a letter of resignation from Richard Contreras as legal counsel for the Village and take action on hiring a new attorney. "I wish Richard the best. He served the community well," Castro says.
- To consider a "Tire Amnesty Day" in June in which discarded tires could be turned in — no questions asked.

"I want to work together with the people to make this a better place in which to live," adds Castro. "That's our motto."





## One perspective

By Francis Shrum

# Big people

We all grew up with big people. I want to be one.

I'm not talking about being big physically. I mean people who are big in their nature, their behavior, their activity.

For most of us the big people include our parents. There is no other way to explain all the things they did to bring us from birth to adulthood — parenting is a job done by big people and my folks are the biggest of all.

But there are other people in our lives who, by their actions or by their words, gave us encouragement, pride and hope.

Sometimes these are people we meet only once, or see infrequently, but something they do makes an impression and leaves an indelible mark in our minds.

For some it is a coach, a teacher, a storekeeper, a librarian, a maintenance worker, a neighbor, an aunt or uncle, a sibling or a cousin. The person we grow up to be is the combined result of the input of hundreds of such people.

When you talk to anyone in a reflective mood, they invariably refer to something this person or that person did or said at some pivotal point in their lives.

I remember a funeral I attended as a child. I became separated from my parents in the crowd and I was crying. Suddenly this woman came up to me, taking my hand and holding me close. I've known this woman all my life, and a lot of the time I haven't liked her much, but for that one moment, she was a really big person, and I'll never forget what she did for me.

The first year I attended school we had a teacher who came to the moun-

tains to teach at a tiny school of only 12 kids from grades one to six. He had a shiny bald head with a big brown mole on it and his ears seemed to be as long as my arm. This man taught me to tell time on his wrist watch, with plain black numerals and a worn leather band. It took him several weeks, a few minutes a day, before I got it down pat. When I began teaching my own kids how to tell time, he came sharply to mind.

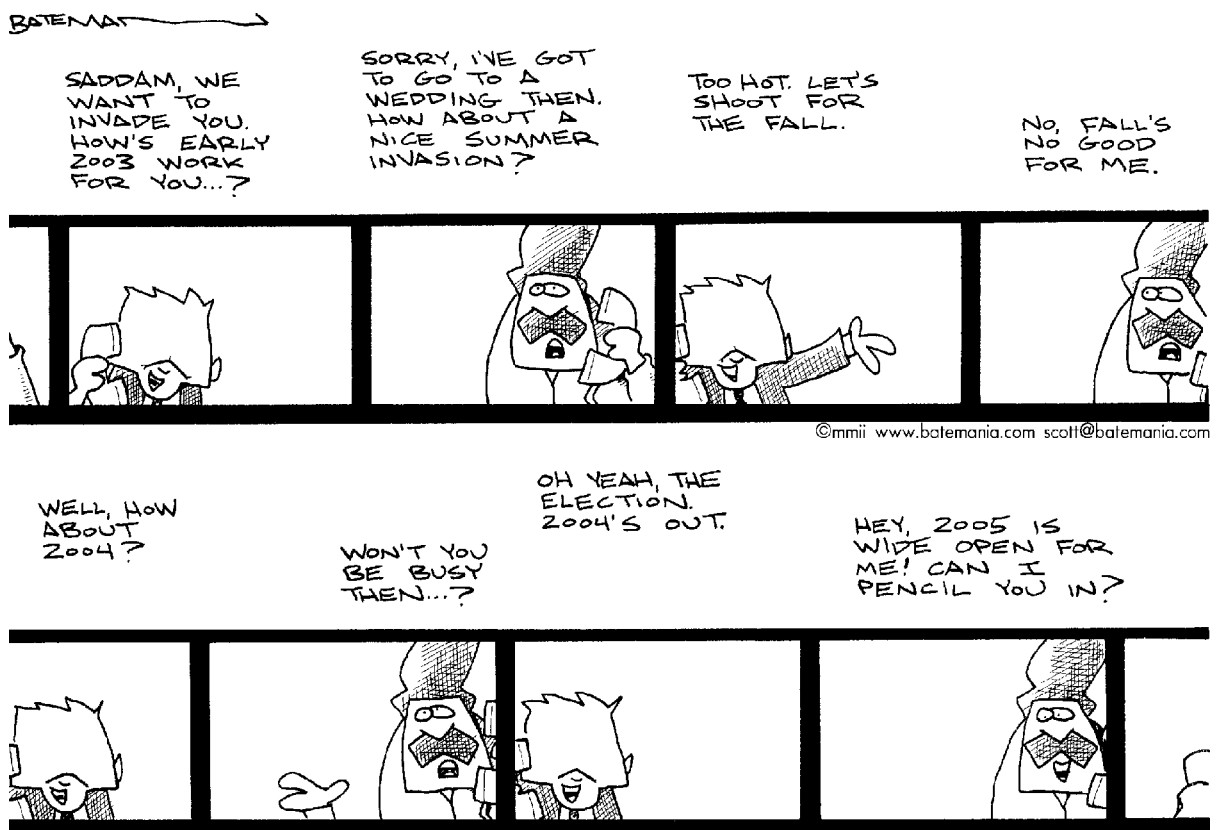
My oldest sister is a really big person. My mother jokes that when I was born, my sister took one look at me and said: "Oh, look, a student!"

She taught me all the basics long before I ever went to school. I remember walking along with her and she would have me stop and write a number or the letter of the alphabet on the ground every few steps. I read long before school, too, not because I was a gifted student but because she was a gifted teacher while still in elementary school.

Needless to say, she grew up to become first a mother, then a teacher, then a principal, now a regional school administrator. Starting with me, there's no telling how many students will remember her.

There was a woman we used to visit when I was little, a friend of my parents, who would gather me up in a big, soft hug made possible by her considerable feminine endowments. I'll never forget her.

I want to be a big person, too. I want somebody to remember something I did when I didn't even know that I was doing it. Maybe a cookie I gave to a neighborhood child or a door I opened for an elderly person. Maybe a thank you note or a get well card I sent. Maybe a smile to a tired mother in the store instead of a glance of irritation because her rowdy kids were in my way.



It doesn't really matter what our professional accomplishments are, how many buildings we build or the number of awards that hang in our offices. Our lives are made up of the multiple billions of interactions we have with other people. Our most important choices are whether those actions will be big or small. There is a bumper sticker I saw recently that said "Practice random acts of kindness." Maybe there is something to that. You never know when you might make a big difference in someone's life.

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

# Remembering the price of freedom

As we approach the Memorial Day weekend, let us step back from the usual festivities associated with the kick-off of the summer season and reflect on the service that many an American has given our nation to make us free.

Our other national holidays would have no meaning if it were not for the sacrifices made for freedom that we honor on Memorial Day. It may seem cliché, but it is true: Freedom does not come without a price. We may sometimes take for granted the many liberties we enjoy in America, but they have all been earned through the ultimate gift given by so many of the members of our armed forces. So many soldiers, sailors, airmen and marines have died for our liberty and prosperity, for peace and stability. They knew when they put on their uniform that there was no guarantee of safety and went off to follow orders without questioning and acted obediently with patriotism and commitment to their country. We owe them a huge debt of gratitude. We can make another payment on that debt this Memorial Day.

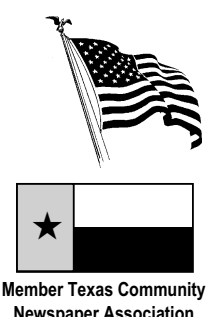
Memorial Day touches the hearts and memories of Americans like no other national holiday. The Fourth of

July celebrates our independence. Thanksgiving expresses gratitude for our blessings. Veterans' Day honors those who served. But Memorial Day honors those who made the ultimate sacrifice to preserve that independence and those blessings.

Memorial Day combines the meaning of every other national holiday. It is on this day that we remember and pay tribute to the brave men and women who throughout history gave their lives upholding our freedom.

No other country in the world has sacrificed so many of its sons and daughters to secure not only its own freedom, but that of other nations. Foes after foe have thought Americans were too soft and too selfish to sacrifice their lives. More than a million heroes have proven them wrong.

This Memorial Day, I hope we will all take some time to remember the meaning of that day. Our freedom was earned by that heroic multitude who fought with unrivaled courage and gave their lives for their country. Memorial Day is a time to reflect on those sacrifices and remember them in our prayers. It is a time for us to show those who gave their lives that their country loves them as much as they loved it.







**Youthful school board trustee's example of success may inspire others**

**By Don Woodyard**  
Courier Staff Writer

CANUTILLO—The world of Linda Samples is changing. Her world is presently that of a soon-to-be UT El Paso graduate — and a trustee in the Canutillo Independent School District. This summer Samples' world will expand beyond the boundaries of Canutillo and take on a new dimension in a new location when she becomes a student in the University of Michigan School of Law in Ann Arbor. Samples, 22, is the first member of her family to attend college and is graduating this month with a Bachelor of Arts degree in psychology with Honors and University Honors. She earned a 3.6 grade point average and was recently named a UTEP Top 10 Senior. She was also named to Who's Who in American Colleges and Universities. As the first member of her family to attend college, she apparently isn't the last. She indicated that it is now assumed that her two younger sisters, Christina and Lorraine, and brother,



Linda Samples

Richie, will eventually attend college. The 1997 graduate of Canutillo High School didn't spend all of her university time studying. Her resume reflects a variety of work which included English and psychology tutor, lab assistant, legal assistant and note taker for disabled students. Some how sandwiched in with campus projects was a two-year period when she worked 25 to 35 hours a week in a pizza establishment. "I was always on the go," Samples says. However, she has stopped briefly for a soft drink to discuss the direction her life has taken. After the interview, she headed for State Sen. Eliot Shapleigh's office where she is an intern researching school issues. "I was like that since I was a little girl," she remembers. "My mom (Maria) said I always had a quick pace." She says the first legal "seed" was planted in high school when she took part in a mock trial with teacher Gary Berglund. She credits all of her teachers, especially Berglund, for much of the academic success she has achieved. What really tipped the legal scales toward a law career for her was a

UTEP Law School Preparation Institute that she attended two years ago. It was designed for minority students who plan to attend law school. It was also two years ago that Samples decided to run for a trustee position in the Canutillo ISD. She was elected to a three-year term on the school board. She was one of six running for two seats. Why did she run for the school board? "I felt it was important to give young people a voice, and that we should be taken seriously." "She was a very attentive student of the trustee position," says board president Joe Villarreal. "She learned a lot in a short time. She was a very dedicated and hard-working person." Adds Canutillo ISD superintendent Charles Hart. "She was a real asset to the board. She is very intelligent — thinks things through. I am going to miss her." Samples seems undaunted by attending a major university. "I feel so well prepared. I feel I can compete with people from Stanford and Yale," she says confidently. "I am more nervous about making the move than the academics." She made an orientation visit in April and plans to make the move in early August. After completing law school in three years, she plans eventually, but not immediately, to come back to the El Paso/Canutillo area. She is interested in school law and in becoming a trial lawyer.

**Write stuff**

**Dear Editor:**  
I would like to congratulate the new mayor of Socorro, Mrs. Irma Sanchez, for having a well-organized council meeting. For being her first meeting, she took the reins and showed her leadership right off the bat. That was the first time there was actually professional dialogue between the constituents and the mayor and council, which has not been done in years. From what I saw, this mayor means business. It is about time that someone has taken the reins and is restructuring the City in order to run it like a major Texas city, which should have been done a long time ago. I am glad to see that the citizens of Socorro have finally elected a true leader that is ready to take the bull by the horns. The simple fact that after assigning each council member to their department, she appointed herself to a department also, proves that she is ready to work and be a full time mayor. It is nice to see a political official keep her word and be a full time mayor. Like the saying goes, before you paint your house, you need to clean it, and that is what this new mayor has started to do for Socorro. Keep up the good work!

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Socorro

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# Texas' downgrade for cattle TB status due around June 1

TEXAS — Texas livestock health officials are alerting cattle producers, veterinarians and livestock markets that the US Department of Agriculture (USDA) will strip Texas of its "Free" status for cattle tuberculosis (TB) eradication on or around June 1.

El Paso and Hudspeth counties were excluded from the TB-free status because of dairy cattle herds being infected within the last two years.

The TB status downgrade will mean that the 150,000 or more breeding cattle hauled out of Texas each year must have a negative tuberculosis skin test prior to being moved. The USDA has placed a moratorium on additional restrictions until at least January 2003, when the state's feeder cattle must be identified with official ear tags before being transported out of state.

"Since late February, we have worked with the USDA and cattle industry groups to prepare for the loss of Texas' TB-free status, which we initially thought would occur as early as April," explained Dr. Linda Logan, Texas' state veterinarian and executive director of the Texas Animal Health Commission (TAHC), the state's livestock health regulatory agency.

"This loss of status will have a great impact on the Texas livestock industry and, until producers are familiar with the process, it could slow the movement of breeding cattle out of the state," Dr. Logan said.

"The downgrade in TB status comes as a result of the diagnosis and subsequent depopulation of two TB-in-

fectured cattle herds during 2001," she said. "Both infected herds were detected by slaughter plant inspectors, who found carcasses with internal lesions indicative of TB. Lesion samples were submitted to the National Veterinary Services Laboratory (NVSL) for examination, and we began skin-testing the herds where the animals originated. We closely examined the carcasses of test-positive animals from the herds and submitted lesions to the NVSL for examination and confirmation of TB."

Dr. Logan said the two infected herds, found in South Central Texas in summer 2001, and in Southwest Texas in fall 2001, have been depopulated. More than 130 other herds have been tested, as TAHC and USDA officials search for the origin of the disease outbreak, and where it may have spread. No other infected herds have been detected, and veterinary epidemiologists have been unable to pinpoint the source of infection.

Dr. Logan said it will take at least two years without an infected herd for Texas to regain its coveted TB-free status enjoyed by all other states except Michigan.

The loss of status will immediately impact producers who move or sell breeding cattle out of state.

"If sellers arrive at the livestock market with untested breeding cattle, the market management will need to designate the untested animals as 'Texas-only' cattle, restrict the cattle to slaughter only, or they will have to make arrangements for having the animals tested so they can move interstate," explained Dr. Logan.

# Help available for residents with graffiti on their property

HORIZON CITY — The Horizon City Police Department is working with the Graffiti Wipe Out program to keep the town clear of graffiti, and has active programs working to stop the unsightly practice at its source.

A recent case, on April 14, left portions of Horizon Manor with an ugly mess after a several individuals went on a graffiti spree. One juvenile was arrested in the case and other arrests are pending, a HCPD spokesman said, and the Graffiti Wipe Out program helped in restoring the property.

Graffiti Wipe Out is a county-wide effort which removes gang-related spray-painted slogans and pictures from homes and businesses. And the work is done by persons sentenced to community service for various crimes, working under the oversight of the West Texas Community Supervision and Corrections Department.

The program accepts tax-deductible donations but otherwise is without charge. Clean up teams will return as many times as requested for "continual removal" of graffiti at single-family residences, apartment buildings with four or fewer units, and neighborhood commercial or retail buildings no

larger than 2,000 square feet.

Limited removal is offered for apartment buildings of five or more units, and commercial or retail buildings larger than 2,000 square feet must provide their own paint.

To access the program, property owners or tenants should call the Graffiti Wipe Out Hotline at 533-3434. A consent form will then be mailed, authorizing the team to enter the property and remove the graffiti. Once the consent form is received, graffiti removal is scheduled as soon as possible.

Graffiti is removed only from portions of the property which are visible from the street. In alleys, graffiti is removed within 100 feet of the entrance to the alley.

If a property qualifies for continual removal, program teams will return to remove new graffiti each time it is reported. If the property qualifies for limited removal, the program offers two removal service calls — thereafter, the teams will provide the labor as long as the property owner provides paint for the purpose of graffiti removal.

Meanwhile, HCPD Sergeant Ron Swenson said plain-clothes operations and investigations are continuing into drug and gang-related incidents.

# Sons and daughters going to work

EAST EL PASO COUNTY — The Clint Independent School District celebrated Take Your Daughter/Son to Work Day April 25 as part of a nationwide initiative to provide awareness of career availability and opportunity for young girls and boys. "We encourage our children to learn and explore the opportunities available to them through the mod-

eling by the individuals most influential in their lives," Clint ISD Superintendent Sylvester Perez said. "It was fascinating to see children walk through our halls and learn just what it is that mom or dad do all day at work. It was a great experience for the children and parents."

Take Your Daughter/Son to Work Day is also an effort to encourage

children to take an active role in their parent's place of employment.

"The day also assists in developing a strong foundation for social growth, a positive self-esteem and encourages the development of positive goals," Perez said. "We hoped the day would foster pride, encouragement and contribute significantly to the future strength of Clint."

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# Canutillo High names top ten for 2002



UPPER VALLEY — Canutillo High School Class of 2002 Valedictorian is Alejandra Marquez and Salutatorian is Dalila Salazar. They will lead CHS seniors through commencement ceremony at 7:30 p.m., Friday, May 24, at the El Paso Civic Center, Hall A and B. The rest of the top ten graduating seniors in ranking order are: Ruben Vogt, Jaime Trejo, Carolina Trejo, Isai F. Romero, Omar Hernandez, Linda Jarrell, Princess C. Trillo, and Yanette Montiel. About 240 students are expected to be graduated during the eve-

nings event. Featured speaker for the commencement ceremony will be brothers Humberto and Andres Alvarez, 1984 CHS graduates. Humberto is an attorney, and Andres is a doctor. Shown above are Canutillo High School's Top Ten Graduating Seniors for Class of 2002. Seated from left, Dalila Salazar, Yanette Montiel, Isai Romero, Alejandra Marquez, Carolina Trejo; standing from left is Ruben Vogt, Omar Hernandez, Linda Jarrell, Jaime Trejo, and Princess Trillo.

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allows students to learn new craft skills. Available to students, both boys and girls, who will be in the 10th through 12th grade at the beginning of next school term, the instruction is free, however, there is a small fee for materials. The program, June 3-29, will earn one half an elective credit.

■ **CORRECTION:** Eric Diaz was incorrectly identified in a photo showing students from Alarcon Elementary School that made a trip to Washington, D.C. earlier this month.



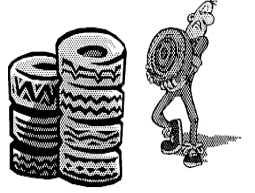
■ Childress Elementary School, in Canutillo Independent School District, will hold two more Campus Beautification Workdays, from 7 to 11 a.m., Saturdays, May 25, and June 15, at Childress Elementary School, 7700 Cap Carter Road (off Doniphan Drive in the Town of Vinton). Parents, students, teachers, and community members are invited to volunteer their time to lay bricks along the campus walking path as part of Childress El-

ementary School's Campus Beautification Project. "The Saturday morning events are headed by David Cornett, who is helping complete the walking path project to satisfy requirements for his Eagle Scout obligations," said Carroll De La O, Childress ES teacher and project coordinator. Information: 877-7700 or (505) 541-4374.

■ Canutillo Independent School District will hold a pre-kindergarten/ kindergarten summer school program from June 3 to June 28 at Canutillo Elementary School. Teddy Martinez, lead teacher for the Canutillo ISD department of student services, is planning for an enrollment of 250 students, including new students from Head Start and new students in the district who will be entering kindergarten or first grade in the fall. The pre-k/kinder summer school program will be offered for all students who are in regular and bilingual classes. The Accelerated Reading Initiative (ARI) program will be available for all the kinder students who qualify for the ARI services. Martinez said, "We will be doing many activities, lessons and games to enhance and develop oral language in the student's native language. We will be incorporating lessons through units of study, such as the ocean, insects and other topics that children find exciting and interesting. For enrollment and activity information, contact Martinez, at 877-7454.



## HOMESTEAD MEADOWS PUBLIC NOTICE



A **THIRD TIRE RECYCLING DAY** will be held on Sunday, June 2, 2002 from 11:00 AM to 3:00 PM at **Tres Pesetas Inc. 14636 Montana**. The line will form at the dirt road entrance behind the Family Dollar Store off Desert Meadows near Montana. **You will be expected to unload tires from your vehicle, so bring someone who can do this or you will be turned away.** The purpose of this tire amnesty day is to bring the Homestead Meadows and surrounding community areas together to reach two common goals. The goals are the removal of waste tires and the control of mosquitoes. Mosquitoes can transmit diseases such as **Encephalitis, Malaria, Dengue, and Yellow Fever. Encephalitis infected mosquitoes have been found around the El Paso County Area.** The disease can be fatal especially among children, the elderly or people with a low immune system. Ideal mosquito breeding areas are tires, which we all know are found in abundance throughout El Paso County. We can find tires on the rooftops of mobile homes, yards, roadsides, vacant lots, irrigation ditches, canals, the desert, or any other location where some people manage to dump them illegally.

During this Tire Recycling day we will only accept passenger vehicle tires (**car and pickup tires 15 inches or smaller**) with or without rims. **NO tractor, semi, aircraft, large, oversized or commercial vehicle tires will be accepted.** This service will be **FREE OF CHARGE** and there is a **20 tire per delivery vehicle limit**, unless you call us and make other arrangements first, not later than 3:30 pm Tuesday May 28, 2002. **THIS IS A ONE DAY EVENT, ANYONE DROPPING OFF TIRES AFTERWARDS MAY FACE CRIMINAL PROSECUTION.** Local tire businesses and alike will not be allowed to use this day to drop off their waste tires. This is a not for profit Community Service, and we reserve the right to accept/reject tires at our discretion. **NOTE:** There will also be a fourth Tire Recycling Day held in the Canutillo area. The date will be announced at a later time. Please watch for further information, announcements, changes, and locations through this publication, flyers, or by contacting Juan Garcia at Environmental General, 594-1568. **ARRIVE EARLY, THE WAIT MAY BE LONG AND THE GATES WILL CLOSE PROMPTLY AT 2:45 PM! LETS ALL COME TOGETHER AS A PROUD COMMUNITY AND MAKE A DIFFERENCE!**

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# EPCC's Tejanos made history with little local attention

By Steve Escajeda  
Special to the Courier

With all the heat the UTEP football and basketball teams had to endure last season one would think there wasn't any good sports news to report about our local college.

Well there is, but it doesn't come out of UTEP.

In fact, it involves a sport that UTEP doesn't even compete in anymore.

The El Paso Community College baseball team surpassed all imaginable expectation last week by winning the junior college regional baseball tournament.

The Tejanos advanced to the district round of the tourney, which they lost in two straight games to Lamar Community College of Lamar Colo., but that didn't take away from what they accomplished.

The unfortunate thing about the district play-off was that EPCC had to play the series on Lamar's home field. Just the way the annually alternating home field advantage fell this year.

If the Tejanos had beaten Lamar, it would have advanced to the 10-team Junior College World Series in Grand Junction Colo.

The Tejanos, who ended their season with a 39-19 record, finished third in their conference and weren't realistically expected to do much in the regional tourney.

But they did. And more amazing was not what they did but how they did it.

In an extraordinary four-game sweep of the event, the Tejanos appeared as if they were on the way to losing all four victories.

In game one, the Tejanos had to take on none other than the defending national champions, North Central Texas College.

With the game tied 4-4, the Tejanos' Jorge Chacon belted a three-run homer in the top of the ninth inning for an improbable 7-4 win.

In game two, EPCC had to go extra frames with Midland College before Efrain Barraza's game-winning hit in the bottom of the 11th inning gave the Tejanos a 4-3 victory.

Talk about biting off the old fingernails.

In game three the Tejanos got a Herculean effort from pitcher Javy Lopez, who went 11 innings (yes, I said 11 innings) against Grayson Community College. Although he allowed just two runs, he left the game with the score tied 2-2.

In the top of the 13th, Grayson took a 3-2 lead and you'd figure the Tejanos were just too

exhausted to compete by then, let alone having any more tricks up their collective sleeves.

But just like those El Pasoans who witnessed David Copperfield's show last week, the Grayson squad was about find that their apparent victory was an illusion.

In the bottom of the inning, the Tejanos had a runner on first base with two outs when the hero of game one, Jorge Chacon, came to the plate.

Chacon couldn't possibly come through with a monumental blast again, could he? I mean that's the kind of Hollywood script writing that gets you kicked out of town for being too unrealistic.

Well, sometimes life is weirder than the warped mind of Tim Burton.

Chacon belted a one-ball, two-strike pitch high above the left field wall to give the Tejanos a 4-3 win. I mean this was *Field Of Dreams* kind of stuff.

In the fourth and tournament-clinching game the Tejanos fell behind 5-1 in a rematch with Grayson. But EPCC rallied for a run in the fifth, four runs in the seventh and three more in the eighth for a 9-5 win.

What the Tejanos accomplished went fairly unnoticed by the local media until after it had already happened and that's a shame.

After all the negative pub that dominated El Paso sports over the last year it's good to have a group of guys to feel good about.

Way to go EPCC. O.K., UTEP, autumn will be here pretty soon, now it's your turn.

## Whole new BALL game

The one constant in the world of sports is its eventual need for change.

Whether your talking about wooden tennis rackets to metal, wood baseball bats to aluminum or wooden golf clubs to titanium.

Now, the days of the leather basketball are numbered.

Seems the makers of basketballs are going to something called composite leather, which has nothing to do with real leather. In fact, the NCAA tournament will soon require the fake leather balls for all its games.

Before anybody freaks out, the balls look, feel and bounce the same as the leather balls and are cheaper and last longer.

So although the change may be a defeat to basketball purists it is seen as a victory to all crows that used to give their hides for the game.

I can see the new slogan around basketball arenas in America changing from "I love this game" to "Got Composite Leather?"

## Special Olympians given rousing support at Clint ISD pep rally

EAST EL PASO COUNTY — A sea of red, white and blue balloons waved as much as they possibly could despite the fact that more than 100 little student hands anchored them down.

The students were cheering on their friends — the Clint ISD Special Olympians — with shouts of encouragement, whistles and the waving of bright-blue and white class-made pom-poms.

## No Limits Track Club ready to run

EAST EL PASO COUNTY — The No Limits Track Club will be offering applications and information for the Summer Junior Olympics track season on Saturday, May 25, at the following locations:

- San Elizario Post Office from 9 to 10 a.m.
- Horizon City at the Pepperoni's Restaurant parking lot from 11 a.m. to noon. Information is at 852-9082.

With the support of the many students at Desert Hills Elementary April 24, the Clint Independent School District had a Special Olympics Pep Assembly at the elementary, located at 300 Eastlake in Horizon City.

"I learned today that these kids want to bring home the gold medal for our school district," said Abigail Felix, a DHE fifth-grade cheerleader who performed for the athletes at the pep assembly.

"And I learned that they (Special Olympians) can do almost anything they want," she said. "You just have to try."

The pep assembly was had to motivate Clint ISD's 21 athletes and to rally up the support of their families, friends, coaches, volunteers and teachers before the region's Special Olympics Opening Games April 26-27 at Riverside High School.

The keynote speaker was UTEP Assistant Men's Basketball Coach Ryan Carr, who gave the athletes a top-notch motivational speech.

"I tried to talk to these kids about courage," Carr said. "These Special

Olympians really show a lot of it. And they should be proud. They need to be able to work together and be the best they can be.

"This is such an accomplishment for them all," Carr said. "It's exciting to see the proud expressions on their parents' faces and the Clint ISD athletes ready to do the best that they can. That's really what it's all about."

James Pendell, president of the CISD Board of Trustees, said that the Special Olympians have a lesson to teach to all.

"And that is that on top of everything they have enthusiasm," he said. "And that's very moving. Very touching. It's great to see how much they want to bring home the gold."

Special Olympics is an international organization dedicated to empowering mentally challenged individuals to become physically fit, productive and respected members of society through sports training and competition. Special Olympics offers children and adults year-round training and competition in 26 Olympic-type summer and winter sports.

It also serves more than one million mentally challenged individuals in more than 160 countries. That number is expected to double by the year 2005.

"It's been said that Special Olympians who participate in Special Olympics develop improved physical fitness and motor skills, greater self-confidence and a more positive self image," Clint ISD Superintendent Sylvester Perez said. "They also enjoy the rewards of friendship and discover new abilities and talents. I'm very proud of them, and thank the Clint ISD event organizers for giving these kids an athletic forum."

Lori Pinedo, Desert Hills Elementary Special Education teacher and organizer of the pep assembly, said the Special Olympics give Clint ISD athletes a chance to showcase their ability.

"They have an opportunity to show me, everyone else and themselves what they can do," Pinedo said. "Just to see them run. Just to see them smile. Just to see them get excited about the opportunity to win medals. That's wonderful."



**Kicking up new turf**  
SAN ELIZARIO — Nydia Chavez was named to the District 3A/4A All-Region and 3A/4A All-State soccer teams for her tremendous efforts in 2002-2002. If she accepts an offer from Northern Iowa Community College, Chavez could become the first San Elizario girls soccer player to earn a soccer scholarship, according to Lady Eagles coach George Miller.

## King Super Crossword

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# Are you man enough to pluck knuckles?

By Don Flood

Playing in pain.  
All sports have their legends — heroes who despite intense agony continue to play football, baseball, Pong. OK, Pong hasn't had many heroes yet, but that could be changing.

Some weird dudes in Germany have invented what they call PainStation, a souped-up version of Pong that adds a whole new element of fun: excruciating pain!

Pong, in case your idea of ancient history is watching "That '70s Show," was the first video game.

Yes, Virginia, there was a time when there were no video games.

It was a strange, primitive world where kids were forced to play outside.

That's right, moms actually kicked kids out into the cruel, cruel world!

Fortunately, modern technology has made it possible to bring cruelty indoors, where it belongs.

Here's a verbatim description of the PainStation, as explained by the inventor: "There's a heat lamp, which burns your hand, and an electrical circuit, which shocks the hand, and a whip, which rapidly whips the same part of your hand over and over very fast, with a wire."

I know the question you're all asking: WHERE CAN I BUY ONE?

Yes, it was that little whip that sold me!

As an Official Old Fogey, I have to admit my first reaction was, What has happened to our young people that they want to play a game whose sole purpose is to inflict pain?

But then I remembered, we had our macho games too, though — this being prehistoric times — we had to inflict pain without the aid of electricity.

But we persevered!

In junior high we used to pass the time — we had some annoying teachers who wasted valuable class time by lecturing — with a game called Pluck Knuckles.

It wasn't a game that required a lot of mental strategy. One guy — I never saw a girl play this — would who put out his fist and the other guy would use his middle finger to pluck his opponent's knuckles.

Then it would be the first guy's turn, with the game continuing until one person couldn't stand the pain.

This was how we built character back then.

The word "pluck" sounds a little dainty, like plucking the strings of a harp.

It wasn't.

Some guys with big hands could deliver a surprisingly hard wallop with their middle finger.

Me, I had small hands, so the only way I could win was to withstand more pain.

While it's true one pluck didn't hurt that much, a sustained assault delivered precisely to the same spot on the knuckles produced a deep, throbbing pain.

Fortunately, the teacher usually took the intense look on my face as evidence that I was following her lecture, when actually I was struggling to keep from howling out.

But at least I wasn't asleep, so I got better grades than most.

So let that be a lesson for you, young whippersnappers, if you want to improve your standing in school, consider taking up Pluck Knuckles.

Just make sure you pick somebody with smaller hands.

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# Spelldown produces winner in Spanish spelling bee

UPPER VALLEY — Maria Flores, Canutillo Elementary School fifth grade student, was declared District champion during the Canutillo Independent School District Second Annual Spanish Spelling Bee recently.

Coming in second was Cynthia Estrada, fifth grader at Bill Childress Elementary School, and Jessica Cano, fifth grader at Damian Elementary School, was third.

The District Spelling Bee brought together the top four winners of the Spanish spelling bees held at each of the four Canutillo ISD elementary school campuses. The contest was open to fourth through sixth grade students.



**BEE WINNER** — Maria Flores was presented the Canutillo ISD Spanish Spelling Bee Award by Judith Valle, Canutillo ES teacher and Spanish Spelling Bee coordinator.

## The History of Texas Lands will continue next week.

### City of Socorro PUBLIC NOTICE

A PUBLIC HEARING will be held at 6:00 p.m. on June 11, 2002 during the Planning Commission meeting at City Hall, 124 S. Horizon Blvd., Socorro, Texas. Purpose of the public hearing is to receive public comments on the following proposed rezoning(s):

1. Lots 11 Block 6 Gurdev Subdivision, 10349 North Loop from R-1, Single Family Residential to C-1, Light Commercial by Manuel Baquera.

TERE RODRIGUEZ  
Interim City Clerk

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### City of Socorro PUBLIC NOTICE

A PUBLIC HEARING will be held at 6:30 p.m. during the City Council Meeting of Thursday, June 6, 2002 at City Hall, 124 S. Horizon Blvd., Socorro, Texas. Purpose of the public hearing is to allow any interested person to appear and testify at the hearing regarding the following proposed ordinance(s):

- 1) An ordinance defining and regulating the disorderly conduct of persons within the municipal limits of the City of Socorro, Texas.

Those that are unable to attend the public hearing may submit their views to the City of Socorro. Accommodations for handicapped persons will be available; handicapped persons in need of special assistance for attending the hearings are encouraged to contact the City Secretary (915) 858-2915, forty-eight (48) hours prior to this meeting. Ordinances are too extensive to print. Copies of ordinances are posted in City Hall and are available upon request.

TERE RODRIGUEZ  
City Secretary

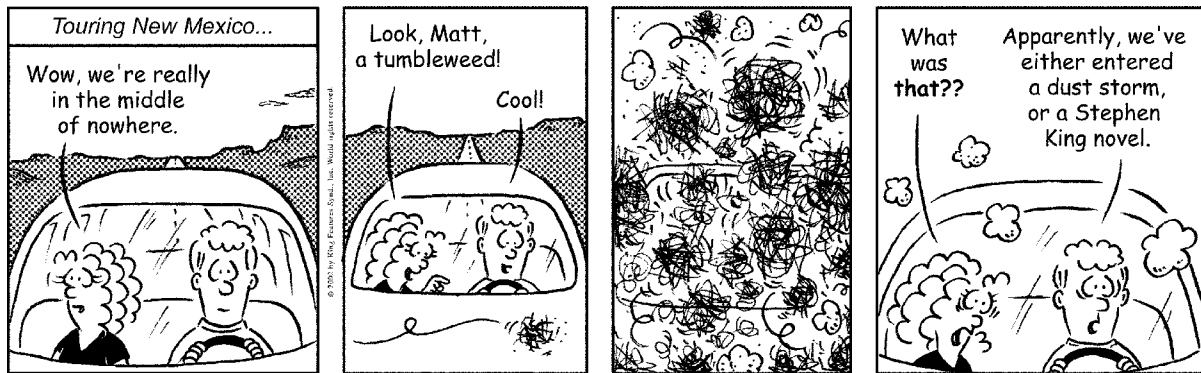
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### OUT ON A LIMB By Gary Kopervas



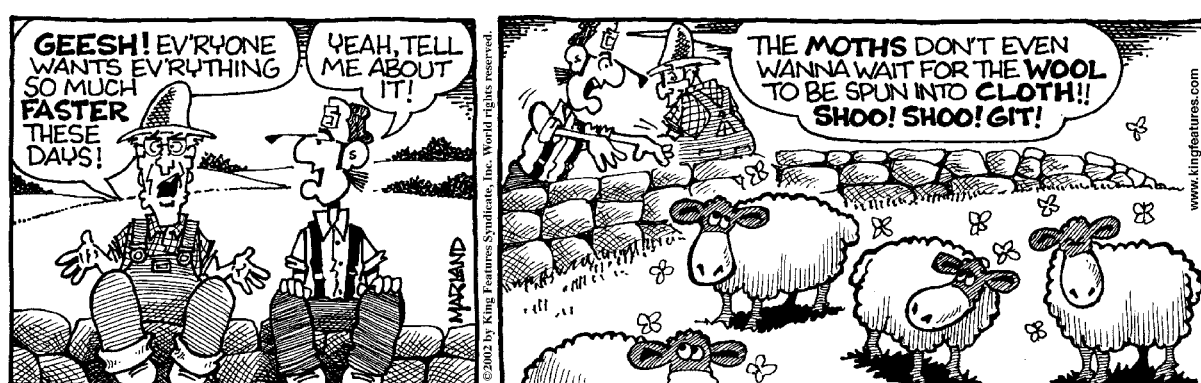
### GOT A LIFE By Terri Davis



### THE SPATS By Jeff Pickering



### R.F.D. By Mike Marland



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GIRL	AMOUR	EMCEE	ULNA
TEDIUM	USA	ASSASSIN	
ROMY	ABOUTS	ABS	
PETULA	ASARULE	WEIGHS	
AROMA	ALS	RAMP	LARUE
PUPS	FLOES	EMBER	NULL
APE	SALUTED	MEDEA	BAA
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### Phamiliar phrases "poker face"

When playing poker, it is to your advantage not to reveal any information about your cards by reacting in any way. Anyone whose face is free of expression is said to have on their "poker face."

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# Social Security: Q & A By Ray Vigil

## What happens when Social Security overpays me, then wants it back?

**Q:** I have been receiving social security benefits for three years and I recently received a notice advising me that I owe \$3,400. Do I have to repay my debt in one lump sum? I have also heard of a process by which Social Security can waive the overpayment. How does this work?

**A:** No, if you have received notice from social security that you owe money, you do not have to repay the

monies all at once. You are automatically allowed 36 months to refund the balance in monthly installments. If you feel that you need more than 36 months, social security will work with you but first, they must review your financial status. That is, you will be asked to furnish information as to the monthly income available to the household and a complete breakdown of all your financial obligations.

The Social Security Administra-

tion will afford due process whenever they send out a notice of an overpayment. We will ask that you refund the overpaid funds within 30 days. We will also inform you that if we do not hear from you within 30 days, we will withhold all social security benefits until the entire balance is recovered. On the same notice we will advise you of your right to request waiver of recovery of your overpayment.

There are two conditions and both must be met before we can waive an overpayment. First, it must be determined that the party receiving the social security benefits was not at fault in causing the overpayment. Did they fail to report a change in income? Did they fail to report they had returned to work when they were receiving dis-

ability benefits? If they were receiving benefits because they had a minor living at home and the child is no longer living at home or change in child's marital status. These and other situations like these can cause an overpayment. Second, repayment would prevent you from meeting your necessary living expenses; or repayment would be unfair for some other reason. For this process, we would have to examine your financial status as described above. If you request a waiver, we will not withhold any benefits until a decision on your request for waiver is reached.

For more information log onto our website, [www.ssa.gov](http://www.ssa.gov), call our toll-free number at 1-800-772-1213 or

visit your local Social Security office. If you have any questions that you would like to have answered, please mail them to the Social Security Office, 11111 Gateway West, Attn: Ray Vigil, El Paso, Texas 79935.



# WEATHER

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## SEVEN-DAY FORECAST FOR EL PASO

THURSDAY	THUR. NIGHT	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY
Plenty of sunshine.	Clear and pleasant.	Sunshine and patchy clouds.	Partly to mostly sunny.	Some sunshine; there could be a shower or t-storm.	Mostly sunny and hot.	Hot with plenty of sunshine.	Mostly sunny and hot.
▲ 86°	▼ 58°	▲ 88° ▼ 60°	▲ 88° ▼ 62°	▲ 90° ▼ 62°	▲ 92° ▼ 64°	▲ 92° ▼ 64°	▲ 92° ▼ 66°

### UV INDEX Statistics for noon.

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

Thursday	10	Very High
Friday	10	Very High
Saturday	9	Very High
Sunday	8	High
Monday	9	Very High
Tuesday	10	Very High
Wednesday	10	Very High

### REAL FEEL TEMP™

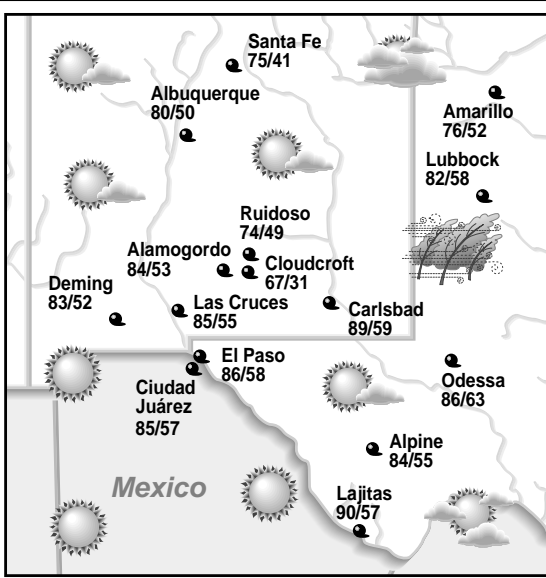
A composite of the effects of temperature, wind, humidity, sunshine intensity, cloudiness, precipitation, and elevation on the human body.

Thursday	85°
Friday	86°
Saturday	88°
Sunday	88°
Monday	91°
Tuesday	92°
Wednesday	91°

### TEXAS WEATHER

Anthony	86	58
Canutillo	87	59
Clint	86	58
E. Montana	86	58
Fabens	86	58
Horizon	87	59
San Elizario	82	55
Socorro	85	57
Tornillo	86	58
Vinton	87	59

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	80/50/s	82/50/s	84/52/s	86/54/pc	84/54/s
Atlanta	80/60/s	82/62/s	84/64/s	84/64/pc	84/64/c
Atlantic City	76/52/s	79/58/s	76/58/pc	74/54/pc	72/52/pc
Austin/San Antonio	84/64/pc	86/64/c	86/66/pc	88/67/pc	88/67/pc
Baltimore	78/54/s	82/58/s	80/56/c	78/56/pc	76/56/pc
Boston	78/55/s	82/57/s	72/52/pc	70/55/pc	70/49/pc
Chicago	74/54/c	68/48/c	68/48/c	72/52/pc	82/56/pc
Dallas/Ft. Worth	80/68/pc	82/68/c	82/66/pc	86/67/pc	86/66/pc
Denver	66/40/pc	68/42/pc	76/48/pc	82/48/s	76/48/pc
Flagstaff	66/28/s	71/32/s	73/36/s	73/37/s	76/35/pc
Houston	86/72/pc	86/74/pc	88/74/pc	88/74/pc	88/74/pc
Kansas City	78/54/t	68/48/t	74/54/c	76/58/pc	82/64/c
Las Vegas	84/61/s	90/65/s	92/67/s	94/70/s	94/61/s
Miami	86/74/pc	86/74/pc	86/74/t	86/74/pc	86/75/sh
Minneapolis	68/46/sh	64/42/pc	68/46/s	72/50/pc	76/52/pc
New Orleans	84/68/s	86/69/s	86/69/t	86/70/pc	88/67/pc
New York City	76/58/s	80/62/s	78/60/pc	76/60/pc	74/52/s
Philadelphia	78/56/s	84/60/s	80/58/pc	78/58/pc	74/54/pc
Phoenix	93/66/s	96/70/s	98/72/s	98/72/s	96/72/s
Portland	68/48/pc	68/50/c	66/52/sh	64/52/c	66/52/pc
San Francisco	66/50/s	62/52/s	60/52/pc	60/52/pc	62/50/pc
Seattle	64/48/pc	62/48/c	62/46/sh	60/46/c	62/48/pc
Tucson	92/56/s	96/58/s	98/60/s	98/60/s	96/62/s
Washington, DC	80/58/s	84/60/s	80/60/pc	78/58/pc	78/62/pc

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

### AGRICULTURE

Typical of this time of year, dry weather will continue to prevail across the region Thursday. There will be excellent drying conditions and between 9 and 13 hours of sunshine Friday and Saturday. Little change in the overall weather pattern is expected. A slight chance for thunderstorms exists on Sunday.

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