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## NEWSBRIEFS

### Citizens Academy

The U.S. Border Patrol is offering a six-week Citizens Academy designed to provide education to area residents about the mission and roles of the Border Patrol; immigration and criminal law; statutory authority; judgment firearms training and other topics. Participants also receive a tour of the U.S./Mexico border and visit the INS Service Processing Center. This is the 15th session of the Academy, and it will begin on Oct. 3. Classes run from 6 to 8 p.m. for six consecutive weeks and registration runs from Sept. 16 to Oct. 1. Enrollees must be at least 18 years of age. Call the Border Patrol Community Relations Office at 915-834-8901 or the Public Affairs Office at 915-834-8912 for enrollment and other information.

### Lee Trevino update

Northbound traffic on Lee Trevino Dr. will be reduced to one lane from Gateway West to Rojas Dr. on Tuesday, Sept. 17 for approximately five weeks. Eastbound traffic on Lee Trevino Dr. will be opened to two lanes from Pellicano Dr. to Gateway West on Tuesday, Sept. 17 for approximately five weeks. Westbound traffic on Rojas Dr. will detour north on Goodyear Dr. to James Watt Dr. Eastbound traffic on Rojas will detour north to James Watt Dr. Local and business traffic along Rojas will have access at all times.

### In other news

■ The Socorro Independent School district hosted numerous activities at numerous campuses Sept. 3 through Sept. 13 to commemorate the anniversary of the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks. Helen Ball Elementary prepared a 9/11 Memorial Wall and display in the entry foyer that will remain in place through Sept. 20.

■ The Region 19 Head Start Program is currently enrolling children into the new Pete Duarte Head Start Center in Horizon City. The Region 19 Head Start Program is a federally funded program that provides educational opportunities and services to enhance the quality of life for economically challenged children and families. It is home to the third largest Head Start Program in the state of Texas serving more than 3,800 children in El Paso and Hudspeth counties. To qualify children must be 3 years of age as of Sept. 1, 2002, must have immunizations current and meet federal household income guidelines. For more information or an appointment call Alfredo Ornelas at 852-6134 or 727-5922. Registration will continue until classrooms reach capacity.

■ Americas High School theater director Mario Maldonado has been given an opportunity to practice the craft he teaches

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*It's true that money talks, but nowadays you can't hold on to it long enough to start a conversation.*

— Quips and Quotes



— Photos submitted by Keri Moe

**COLORFUL SALUTE** — Flanked by the nation's colors and bright balloons that would ultimately float into the sky, Red Sands Elementary Girl Scout members initiated a memorial event in the East Montana Community.

## Girl Scouts use Sept. 11 as day to emphasize patriotism and friendship

By Keri Moe  
Special to the Courier

EAST MONTANA — "In Girl Scouts we help each other out," Kimberly, a 10-year-old Girl Scout said. "We can make a difference in our neighborhood."

Kimberly, like more than 50 other girls in Troop 788 at Red Sands Elementary, in the East Montana community, has seen how her efforts have the power to unite a community.

Last Wednesday Girl Scouts showed their patriotic spirit and organized a special Sept. 11 commemoration for their school and community. More than 1,000 students, teachers and individuals

from the neighborhood participated in this memorial event which included saying the pledge, singing patriotic songs and culminated in a balloon launch.

"This tragedy has helped us become more aware of our country and the community," Angie Donohoe, Troop Leader said. "The girls wanted to do something, so they used troop funds, money they worked hard to raise themselves, to purchase balloons and the supplies to make friendship knots. We wanted to thank and bring the entire community together."

And they succeeded. The girls made more than 1,000 friendship knots. These tied pieces of ribbon

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**UP, UP AND AWAY** — Balloons bearing the national colors floated into the bright fall sky over Red Sands Elementary.

## 9/11 Observances



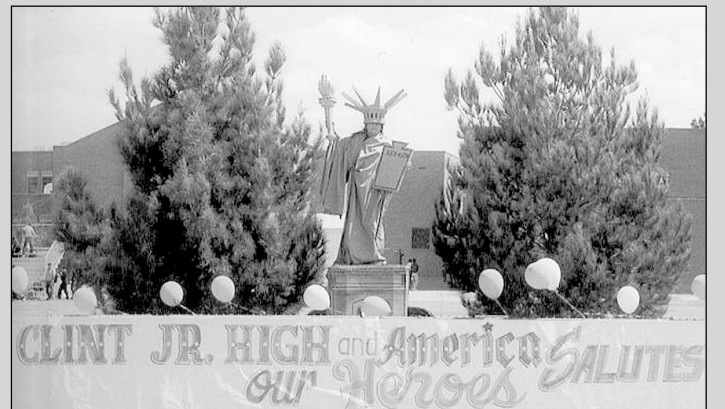
**SANELI** — Students at Excel Academy in San Elizario ISD helped plant two desert palm trees in front of the school, symbolizing the twin towers, during 9/11 ceremonies. This was one of many district-wide activities throughout the day. (Story Page 5)



**HORIZON CITY** — Officers from Horizon City Police Department hoist the colors at the opening of a ceremony commemorating 9/11 that included the HCPD, the Horizon Fire Department (from EPESD#1), the El Paso County Sheriff's Department, Horizon City officials and citizens.



**CANUTILLO** — Damian Elementary School Students plant their "Liberty" Tree to commemorate September 11 events. (Shown in photo, l. to r.)- Dakota Mason, first grader; Eileen Baker, third grader; Emecole Arzola, fourth grader; Erica Terrazas, second grader; Naomi Baker, sixth grader; Principal Max Padilla; and Steve Sigella, kindergartener.



— Photo by David Macias

**CLINT** — If you saw Lady Liberty wave back as you passed Clint Jr. High School last week, you weren't dreaming. In fact, it was one of 15 very alive girls representing the national monument. (Story Page 4)



## One perspective

By Francis Shrum

# Proper observance required

I saw the Horizon Police Department in ceremony on Sept. 11.

My throat thickened a little and I felt again the gut-wrenching shock of that moment a year ago.

Then I drove on down the street. There were needs to be met, jobs to be done.

I've heard discussions on several occasions about Sept. 11 becoming a national holiday, a day of remembrance and mourning, so that people will have time off from work to stop and reflect.

Personally, I think we had better straighten our shoulders and get on with it before this very real and heart-breaking event falls through the cracks in the all-too-thin veneer of America's corporate conscience.

Sept. 11 specials on furniture, anyone? That's what we've already done on Memorial Day and Veterans Day.

Do we spend these other national holidays reflecting on the sacrifice of those who gave up life and limb in defense of this nation?

Hardly. Those have become big days to fill up the sports stadium and the shopping malls.

We've already seen one local newspaper publish a special "anniversary edition," replete with Sept. 11 advertising. They didn't give those ads away free.

The ceremonies held by most police and firefighter organizations in this nation to honor their own were very appropriate. National ceremonies in New York, Washington and Pennsylvania were equally in good taste — necessary events to help those directly involved heal.

But around the nation many mass-attended memorials took place at

sporting events where people had already gathered to be entertained. Most of them stopped talking during the moments of silence — then began screaming for their team to destroy their opponent.

I hope we are careful how we teach our kids about Sept. 11 — that we don't trivialize it with a patriotic smiley face.

The hard truth is that Sept. 11 was bloody, and terrifying, and horrible. If it "woke us up" to the need to teach our kids more about our national heritage, we should be doing that quietly and sincerely on a daily basis, not in one big event on the anniversary of an enemy's successful strike.

It's not exactly something that can be recreated in Crayon.

Anyone who believes that a terrorist attack isn't going to happen again is living in a dream world. Prior to Sept. 11, 2001, most of America's inhabitants lived in an artificial bubble of security, confident that because it hadn't happened here it wasn't going to.

Well, it had — remember Oklahoma City? — and it will again.

There are nations around the world who go through experiences like Sept. 11 on a relative scale with sickening regularity. The nation of Israel must daily acclimate to the knowledge that any number of their citizens, from child to trained military combatant, may die at the hands of a terrorist.

Once it happens that many times I expect you become a little more selective about which ones will become

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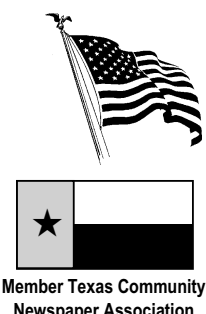
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## For Sanity's Sake

By Taprina Milburn

# Happy camper

Dear Honey,

I'm not the person I led you to believe you married 13 years ago.

Roughing it — not washing my hair, swatting mosquitoes and wearing the same clothes for more than a week — is not, well ... my idea of fun.

It's taken me so long to admit this, and I feel as if I owe you one big apology.

Don't get me wrong. I've always believed that you would transform me into your long-dreamed-of outdoors girl. That someday I'd roll over in our tent and feel at ease with the rocks poking my ribs and enjoy the serene sounds of nature — or was that the sound of the people in the next campsite banging pots and pans to scare away the bear that happened to drop in and check out their food supply? Anyway, that outdoors girl you hoped for still isn't here. I'm afraid she may never be.

All these years I've not wanted to disappoint you. So when you propose camping trips where there's no running water, no bathrooms and only the freeze-dried food we can pack in, what did you expect me to do but smile and say, "Sure, Honey. Sounds like a blast."

But then last Christmas you handed me Euell Gibbons' book on roughing it in the wild. You looked so hopeful and giddy, as if you had just converted me to some fantastic religion, and I knew that I needed to admit I was an imposter.

As I entertained some of his suggestions, such as

foraging for acorns, cattails and wild berries to cook over a campfire, I felt defeated. I have a hard enough time roasting marshmallows without burning them. Nor can I ever picture myself doing things you admire, like plucking a fish out of a stream or shooting a squirrel for our dinner.

I will never be your happy camper.

There.

It's out.

Some guys think of camping as a simple vacation. Just throw a tent in the back of the car and go, they say. I guess I always tend to complicate things because I like to bring sleeping bags, flashlights, real food, cookware, my first-aid kit, a book, and, of course, the kids need clothes.

Before I know it, the car is packed to the top and it takes three hours to unload and set up camp. Then there are meals to cook and dishes to wash, and all that dirt. When we get home it takes three days to unpack and do laundry. Perhaps I can't see the forest for the trees, but I fail to see the simplicity.

And, plus, I really like hot, running water.

I know what you're thinking — that I take my grooming a little too seriously. Yes. Bathing and brushing my teeth regularly are important to me, as is drinking water without the fear of contracting giardia. I also like eating food I don't have to forage for. I'm picky that way.

I never meant to disappoint you. But honesty is the best policy, right? So the next time you're geared up for a week of roughing it in the woods, what would you expect me to do but smile and say, "Have fun, Honey. I'll see you in a week."

Yours Truly...

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"MARK MY WORDS, MILDRED!... IF WE DON'T GET SOME BETTER ELECTED OFFICIALS SOON, I SWEAR I'M GONNA GO DOWN TO THE POLLS AND VOTE MYSELF!..."



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



**Celebrating Hispanic Heritage Month**

Every year an entire month is dedicated to remembering the sacrifices and saluting the achievements Hispanic Americans have made for our country. Hispanic Heritage Month is Sept. 15-Oct.15. It is a time for us to reflect on the sense of pride we share as Hispanics in our contributions, culture and accomplishments throughout history.

Hispanic Heritage Month, which Congress passed into law in 1988, provides a backdrop to recognize the many achievements Hispanics have made to our nation. In a country whose history is intertwined with Spain, Mexico and Latin America, and where diversity is what makes our nation great, Hispanics are an important group whose story tells of struggle, perseverance and triumph.

Many Americans, regardless of their ethnicity, have relatives who came to this country with little more than the clothes on their back. Like their fellow immigrants, Hispanics' pride and ambition has been woven into the fabric of America, from the days when cattle riders drove herds across the vast Southwest frontier, to today's world in which bilingual business leaders participate in the global marketplace.

Hispanics have figured prominently in every aspect of our country's history, including business, science, the armed forces, medicine, the performing arts, government, sports and entertainment. The Hispanic business community is the fastest growing sector of the small-business economy. There are nearly one million Hispanic veterans in the United States. There is no greater ex-

ample of the love Hispanics have for America than the 38 Congressional Medals of Honor that have been awarded to Hispanic Americans. These achievements and sacrifices are an integral part of the rich mosaic that makes up America.

Today, Hispanics are the fastest growing population group in America, totaling almost 30 million across the nation. By the year 2010, Hispanics will be the largest and youngest minority group in the United States. We should be optimistic about the tremendous potential the future holds for us.

Hispanics historically have placed emphasis on the value and importance of solid education. It is part of our culture. In order to remain competitive, Hispanic parents realize that education is the key to success. That's why many parents make tremendous sacrifices to provide their children with the best education possible. We must continue to strive to teach our children so they will be prepared to lead our great nation in the next century.

As Americans, in order to move forward on the right path, we should look back and take stock of our rich and varied past. By knowing where we have come from, we will be better prepared for our common destiny. That is why I am proud to celebrate the influential role Hispanics have played and will continue to play in the growth of the United States of America. *Adelante!*

**Perspective**

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national holidays.

Acclimation does not equal apathy, however. I don't expect you can become too apathetic when the next bus you board may explode.

I'm afraid that America's outward emotionalism will lead to greater commercialism which will only cheapen the true heroism and the magnitude of the loss. I fear it will cloud the understanding that this kind of terror can and does and will happen all over the earth, all the time — that life comes with a price and the price is sometimes death.

Like the survivors of that horrific day in Oklahoma City, I've sometimes wondered why that event didn't evoke the same kind of national response when the horror came at the hand of one of our own. But maybe we as a nation can learn from their grace.

They remember every year, not with parades or celebrations of patriotism and national greatness, but with tears.

Then they straighten their shoulders and go on.

**Phamiliar phrases**

"small fry"

This phrase is often used when referring to children, usually with affection.

The word "fry" has several meanings, one as a term for the young of fish or of frogs.

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The Clint Independent School District is fully committed to meeting its responsibilities as specified by Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended; Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972; prohibiting sex discrimination, Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended; the Age Discrimination Act of 1975, as amended; and the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA).

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## Clint Junior High School commemorates 9/11 heroes

CLINT — Lady Liberty made a live appearance in Clint last week. Students from Al Barcena's art classes have been studying patriotism and had a chance to show just what they have learned on Sept. 11, 2002.

The students helped create a banner that was displayed on the outside fence of the campus for all community members to see from Alameda Ave. that proudly displayed the

words "Clint Jr. High and America Salute our Heroes."

Students also assisted in the creation of the platform and costume for a live Statue of Liberty. About 15 different students had the opportunity to stand on the platform during school hours Sept. 11 and portray the Statue of Liberty.

"It was a great experience to see the kids show their pride and patri-

tism to the Clint community," said Barcena. "We had cars drive by honking their horns and waving with pride at our Statue of Liberty."

Eighth grade student Jodie Najera, who is pictured above as one of the 15 girls, said: "I had pride in myself because I got to be one of the Statue of Liberty girls and the freedom that the real Statue of Liberty represents makes me proud to be an American."

## Longtime Horizon community booster, Karl Schairer, dies

EL PASO COUNTY — Karl G. Schairer Jr., Major retired, 83, of Horizon City, passed away on Friday, Sept. 13, 2002. He was a long time resident of El Paso and Horizon City and was a retired World War II and Korean War veteran.

His wife, Margaret O'Very Schairer, survives him. His daughter, Karla, and his parents Karl G. Schairer and Persis Martin Schairer preceded him in death.

Schairer was born in Detroit, Michigan on April 21, 1919. He attended the University of Michigan before enlisting in the United States Army. He served with the 67th AAA (Anti Aircraft Artillery) during World War II and in the North African Campaign against Rommel, as well as battles in Italy, France, and Germany. He served with the 865th AAA in Korea. He

was awarded numerous commendations and battle participation awards for his meritorious service.

After retiring from the United States Army, he served as Business Manager for Providence Hospital.

Schairer also worked with the El Paso Chamber of Commerce. He was active in the community having served on the Board of Commissioners for the El Paso County Emergency Services District #1 and the Town of Horizon City Charter Commission.

Karl Schairer was a well-known and respected member of the community and his memory will be honored by all that knew him at a memorial Wednesday, Sept. 25, 2002 at 1:00 p.m. at the Church of the Incarnation in Horizon City. Interment will follow the memorial services at Ft. Bliss National Cemetery.



## Scouts

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symbolize their Girl Scout beliefs to honor and serve the country and to unite and help people at all times. Not only did each student and teacher at Red Sands receive a friendship knot, they were also distributed to stores, churches and law enforcement throughout the community.

Richard Lopez, principal of this Texas Education Agency "Recognized" school said he is proud of the Girl Scout initiated effort that brought everyone together in the school's parking lot for the ceremony.

"I'll do anything for our kids," Lopez said. "Efforts like these connect our school and our community. It is important for kids to be involved."

The same sentiments were shared by many who participated in the memorial.

"Sept. 11 was a sad day for our country, but seeing these children come together with so much hope reminds us of how much love is in America," Rosa Martinez said.

As the Pledge of Allegiance was read followed by little voices singing the final bars to "God Bless America" there were few adults without a teary eye.

"Seeing the Girl Scouts and the rest of the children stand so proudly and solemnly was a sad reflection about the past, but at the same time it reminded our community about the hope of the future." Jacqueline Gonzales said.

And then, small hands opened, sending 1,000 balloons floating into the sky.

## Classified Ads

### LEGAL

As per Article V, Sec. 5.05(a), all owners and lienholders have ten (10) days from this date to reclaim their vehicles at Southwest Wrecker, 1401 Darrington Rd., 855-1900, 851-2091-fax, or it will be sold at public auction for charges: VIN - F5Y89A89956F, white 2-door Lincoln WTCC-9/12/02

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### PETS

WE HAVE LOST A MEMBER OF OUR FAMILY: "Punkin" is a miniature red

dachshund wearing a red collar. Lost from Armington Drive in Horizon City. If seen please call 852-7239. Reward!

### SELF-HELP OPPORTUNITIES

Alcoholics Anonymous Group Paso Del Norte meets at 8501 Kingsway in Westway, Monday-Saturday, 8 p.m. Call 886-4948 for information.

Alcohólicos Anónimos Grupo Paso Del Norte sesiones lunes a sábado, a 8-9 de la tarde, 8501 Kingsway, Westway. 886-4948 para informacion.

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

Tiene problemas con el alcohol? Hay una solución. Visitemos. Alcohólicos Anónimos, Grupo 8 de Enero, 15360 Horizon Blvd., Horizon City, sesiones lunes a sábado a 8 de la tarde. Informacion: 859-0484.

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### Texas Community Development Program

The City of Socorro is giving notice of the city's intent to submit a Community Development Fund application for a grant from the Texas Community Development Program. The grant application request is \$263,000 for street improvements in the Country Green, Grijalva Gardens, and Mary Lou Park subdivisions. The application is available for review at City Hall during regular business hours.

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## Town of Horizon City Public Notice

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN TO: Persons interested in applying for a place on the special election ballot for the Charter Commission. The purpose of the special election to be held on Nov. 5, 2002, is for qualified voters to vote on: Whether a New City Charter for the Town of Horizon City should be formulated. If the voter elects to have a New City Charter then a committee of fifteen (15) members must be elected from the municipality-at-large and shall draft a New City Charter. The New Charter will be submitted to the qualified voters of the Town of Horizon City for their approval. Applications may be obtained at Town Hall, 14999 Darrington Road, Horizon City, Texas between the hours of 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. Monday-Friday. Filing deadline is Sept. 23, 2002 at 5 p.m.

## Briefs

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by playing the roles of Antonio in *Much Ado About Nothing* and Mardian in *Antony and Cleopatra* in the El Paso Association of the Performing Arts *Shakespeare on the Rocks* series in the McKelligon Canyon Amphitheater. This will be the fifth season he has participated in the series, which will continue this year through Sept. 29. Call 565-6900 for more information.

■ The All-Star Scorpions cheerleading squad is recruiting both boys and girls for their pee-wee to high-school age teams. The award-winning squad performs at community functions including half-time at the Sun Bowl and parades, and participates in out-of-town competition. For more information call 852-4235 or 858-1769.

# San Elizario ISD Remembers 9/11

SANELIZARIO — September 11, 2001 was a day in American history that will not soon be forgotten, the day terror held a nation captive under a blanket of tragedy and shock. It was the day the unthinkable happened, when two hijacked jets struck the World Trade Center towers, reducing them to nothing more than rubble and ash.

From that moment on Americans have worked hard to rebuild, not only the disastrous wreckage, but our psyches as well — one fragment at a time.

It was a day when we needed to, more than ever, be there for our children, especially our children in the San Elizario Independent School District, and we were.

And we are.

District-wide, schools in San Elizario took part in special assemblies in remembrance of that terrible day in our country's history.

• Sambrano Elementary held a Patriot Day assembly on September 11, 2002 that included a presentation of colors from the San Elizario High School Color Guard, the Sambrano Choir's rendition of "God Bless America," a moment of silence and a special patriotic video produced by

Ms. Rebecca Calderon, the school's computer lab teacher.

• San Elizario High School students created posters in remembrance of 9/11 with the theme *Reaching Across Borders*. The posters were prominently displayed in the school cafeteria. The National Honor Society handed out ribbons to all students, who were encouraged to wear red, white and blue on 9/11. A special poem was read on the morning announcements.

• Students at Borrego Elementary took part in an American Character contest and each grade level had a special activity to do.

1st grade - Coloring contest

2nd grade - A magazine/newspaper collage of "Why I am proud of my country"

3rd grade - Hand Print Wreath

4th grade - Essay: "My Responsibility to my country, what it means to me"

5th grade - A poem about your country

• San Elizario Middle School had a red, white and blue dress day, where students were able to bypass the dress code in order to show their patriotic pride. A moment of silence was observed from after the announcements for roughly two minutes and from 8 - 8:06 a.m., students took part in some reflective writing. At the end of the day, the best writing from

students was read over the intercom before the final bell rung. The hallways and bulletin boards were decorated in red, white and blue and the students were treated to an "All-American" lunch of cheeseburgers, fries and, of course, apple pie. Classroom activities focused on 9/11 throughout the day.

• Loya Primary students heard patriotic songs in the morning and gathered around the flagpole outside to say the Pledge of Allegiance.

• Alarcón Elementary School held a poster contest portraying the events of 9/11. Region 19 sponsored the contest. Students collected teddy bears and donated half of them to the San Elizario Fire Department and half of them to the El Paso Police Department to be used for emergency situations. The name of the project is called "I can't Bear to See You Cry" and runs through the month of September. The teddy bear collections are a tribute to the heroes of 9/11.

• Students at ExceAcademy wrote essays on what 9/11 meant to them and what they learned from the whole event. The essays were displayed near the front office. Two palm trees were planted at the campus, symbolizing the World Trade Center towers. Finally, the San Elizario Fire Department set up a display in the main hall that honored the heroes and victims of 9/11.

## Notification of Nondiscrimination in Career and Technology Education Programs for Clint Independent School District

1) The Clint Independent School District offers Career and Technology education programs in Homemaking, Business, Agriculture and Auto Mechanics. Admission to these programs is based on course pre-requisite and grade level classifications.

2) It is the policy of the Clint Independent School District not to discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex or disability in its vocational programs, services, or activities as required by Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972; and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended.

3) It is the policy of the Clint Independent School District not to discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, disability or age in its employment practices as required by Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended, Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, the Age Discrimination Act of 1975, as amended, and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended.

4) The Clint Independent School District will take steps to assure that lack of English skills will not be a barrier to admission and participation in all educational and vocational programs.

5) For information about your rights or grievance procedures, contact Section 504 Coordinator Sue Gray or Title IX Coordinator Alfredo Solis, 14490 Greg Dr., El Paso, Texas 79938, (915) 849-6403.

## Notificación de no Discriminar en los Programas Carrera y Tecnología Educativos del Distrito Escolar de Clint

1) El distrito escolar de Clint está ofreciendo programas de que hacer en el Hogar, Agricultura, y Mecánica. Para poderse admitir en estos programas tienen que estar registrados en el distrito de Clint y completar los requisitos necesarios.

2) Es la póliza del distrito de Clint de no discriminar por causa de raza, color, origen nacional, sexo, o deshabilidad en estos programas vocacionales, servicios, o actividades requeridos por el Título IV del Acta de Derechos Civiles de 1964, que fue enmendada, Título IX de las Enmiendas Educativas de 1972, y la Sección 504 de la Acta de Rehabilitación de 1973, como enmendada.

3) Es la póliza del distrito de Clint de no discriminar por causa de raza, color, origen nacional, sexo, deshabilidad, o la edad en sus metodos de empleo exigido por el Título VI del Acta de Derechos Civiles de 1964, enmendada por las Enmiendas Educativas de 1972, la Ley de Discriminación por Edad de 1975, según enmienda, y la Sección 504 de la Acta de Rehabilitación de 1973, según enmienda.

4) El distrito escolar de Clint tomará pasos para asegurar que la falta de inglés no sea obstáculo para la admisión y participación en todos los programas vocacionales y educativos.

5) Para más información de sus derechos y procedimiento de agravios, puede ponerse en contacto con la Coordinadora Sección 504: Sue Gray o Coordinador del Título IX: Alfredo Solis. 14490 Greg Dr., El Paso, Texas 79938, (915) 849-6403.

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## Clint Independent School District SPECIAL EDUCATION SERVICES

Clint Independent School District provides the following educational program/services to identified disabled children who reside within the district beginning on the third birthday through age twenty-one.

1) Instructional Program: including Early Childhood (beginning on the third birthday through age five), Resource (grades K-12) and Self-Contained (grades K-12)

2) Diagnostic Services

3) Transportation Services

4) Speech Therapy

5) Counseling Services

6) Adaptive Equipment Services

7) Physical Therapy

8) Occupational Therapy

9) School Health Services

10) Homebound Services

Services are provided to identified auditorial and visually impaired children who reside within the district from birth through age twenty-one and to private/home school students who qualify for special education services, .

In compliance with the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974 and Public Law 105-17, parents and adult students have the right to inspect educational records. District policies FL and FL-E provide for record access, confidentiality, and complaint procedures.

If you would like more information or know of a disabled child who is not receiving educational services, please contact: Sue Gray, Special Education Director, 14490 Greg Dr., El Paso, Texas 79938, (915) 849-6403.

## SERVICIOS DE EDUCACION ESPECIAL

*El distrito escolar de Clint provee los siguientes programas/ servicios educacionales a niños que son identificados como deshabilitados que viven dentro del distrito comenzando con el tercer cumpleaños hasta los 21 años.*

1) programa de instrucción: infancia temprana (comenzando con el tercer cumpleaños hasta la edad de cinco años), cuarto de recurso (K-12), y clases contenidas (K-12)

2) servicios diagnósticos

3) servicios de transportación

4) terepia de habla

5) servicios de consejo

6) servicios de equipaje adaptivo

7) terapia fisica

8) terapia ocupacional

9) servicios de salud escolar

10) servicios de clases en el hogar

*Se provee servicios a niños identificados como deshabilitados audible y visualmente que viven dentro del distrito desde nacimiento hasta la edad de 21 años y para estudiantes en clases privadas/en el hogar que califican para servicios de educación especial.*

*Conforme al Acto de Derechos y Confidencia Educativos de Familia de 1974 y Ley Publica 105-17, padres y alumnos adultos tienen el derechos de ver los archivos educativos. Polizas FL y FL-E explican los derechos, la confidencialidad, y el proceso para quejarse.*

*Si usted desea mas información o sabe de un niño/niña deshabilitado que vive en el distrito escolar de Clint que no esta recibiendo servicios educacionales, favor de comunicarse con: Sue Gray, Directora de Educación Especial, 14490 Greg Dr., El Paso, Texas 79938, (915) 849-6403.*

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# A-Rod is a no-brainer for MVP despite Rangers' losing record

By Steve Escajeda  
Special to the Courier

The Major League Baseball season will be coming to an end very soon and the season awards will be given out — but a bit of a controversy is brewing.

It's not as important as winning the World Series but it still has national significance and possible monetary significance.

The award is the Most Valuable Player. And the question is who should get it and why.

The "why" is whether the award should go to the best player of the year or to the best player on a winning team?

The controversy is in the American League where the overwhelming choice as the best player is the Texas Rangers' Alex Rodriguez. The problem is that the Rangers have a losing record.

Some voters for the award say that the MVP should only go to a player from a winning team regardless of how good any other guy is.

So who are the best players on winning teams

in the American League? Let's see, the Yankees have Alfonso Soriano and Jason Giambi. The Oakland A's have Miguel Tejada, the Minnesota Twins have Torii Hunter and the California Angels have Garrett Anderson.

All are having good seasons but Rodriguez will finish the season with close to 60 home runs, 200 hits, 130 RBIs and will hit well over .300.

How do you vote for anybody else?

Personally, I like for the player who had the best season to win the award. Why should the best player be penalized just because his teammates don't hold up their end of the deal?

And why should a player on a winning team automatically get the nod just because he's surrounded with talented teammates?

I say A-Rod should win the award hands-down. If someone else feels they deserve it more because of their team's success, just be happy you're on a winning team — look at it this way, you could be stuck playing for the Texas Rangers.

## Show me the money

There's no secret that the world of sports has

gone totally corporate.

Everything connected to a professional franchise has a corporate tag on it. After all, with all that money connected to it, it's hard to say no.

I mean whether it's the Coca-Cola half-time show, or the Walmart locker room report, or the new Whataburger campus weight room.

Heck, if I could I'd wear my CitiCorp T-shirt to work everyday.

But just how far will a corporation go to get their name in the public eye? Evidently the sky's the limit.

Take the *St. Petersburg Times* for instance. This is a company that wants its name out there and nothing is going to get in the way — not even \$33 million.

Yes, the *St. Petersburg Times* is paying \$33 million to put its name on a hockey arena. And I bet you think you overpaid for that special buy you made last week.

Seems the *St. Petersburg Times* wanted to rename the home of the NHL's Tampa Bay Lightning, the Ice Palace, to the St. Pete Times Forum.

The paper will pay \$2.1 million the first year with three percent increases over the next 12 years.

I don't know if the added exposure of having its name on the stadium's facade will help the newspaper but I'd sure hate to pay their advertising rates over the next 10 years.

## Moss the mouth

Randy Moss had the audacity to say last week that if he were the team leader over the last four years that his Vikings would have won a Super Bowl by now.

This comes from the guy who admitted that he doesn't always go all out during the game and that he takes curtain plays "off" during a game.

That sure sounds like a leader to me. I sure want to be part of an organization that puts out their best only about half the time.

Randy Moss is a great receiver, he's just not one of the greatest thinkers of our time.

Randy, just open your hands and shut your mouth.

# Clint ISD students receive backpacks and supplies Sept. 11

By Debra Dominguez  
Special to the Courier

EAST MONTANA — AT&T Pioneers, a telecommunication help group, gave economically disadvantaged students in the Clint Independent School District 200 free backpacks at 8:30 a.m. on Sept. 11 at Montana Vista Elementary in East Montana.

The gesture, which occurred the morning of the first anniversary of the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks on America, is one effort to teach children we can fight evil by doing good and that character counts in our nation.

The six pillars of the "Character Counts" program — morals instilled in Clint ISD children — are respect, trustworthiness, caring, responsibility, fairness and good citizenship.

The AT&T Pioneers will donate the backpacks with school supplies to fourth graders in a "high need" area based on the district's Academic Excellence Indicator System Economically Disadvantaged numbers. The latest AEIS report indicates that 76.5 percent of third graders, 81.7 percent of the fourth graders, 83.5 percent of fifth graders and 74.9 percent of the sixth graders in the district passed the state mandated Texas As-

sessment of Academic Skills.

Many Clint ISD children live in rural areas that lack city services. Many have never visited a public library nor do they have reading materials at home.

The Clint Independent School District serves a student population of 94 percent Hispanic, 85.5 percent of which are economically disadvantaged, and 46.6 percent of which are limited English proficient (LEP). Of the LEP children, 39 percent are enrolled in Bilingual or English-as-a-Second Language programs according to the October 2001 Academic Excellence Indicator System.

"There could not be a better time for our students to be shown the best of human character and kindness," said Clint ISD Interim Superintendent Ken George. "These children can only benefit from what they are receiving to help them study at home and in the classroom, and even more so, by learning what they have about good, human character from the AT&T Pioneers."

The entire 4th grade will receive backpacks, approximately 140 students.

The remainder of the backpacks will be divided between the rest of Clint ISD's elementary campuses. They will be given to the campus counselors for distribution to "high need" students.

# Canutillo ISD approves budget for 2002-2003

By Alfredo Vasquez  
Special to the Courier

UPPER VALLEY — Canutillo Independent School District Board of Trustees approved a \$35 million budget for the 2002-2003 school year during a special board meeting Aug. 27.

The new budget includes \$31.5 million for maintenance and operation and \$3.5 for debt service. It is approximately \$1.2 million more than last year's total budget.

"The increase is necessary to fund the district's salary compensation plan for teachers and auxiliary personnel. The District also budgeted an additional \$340,000 for health care and new faculty and staff positions to accommodate student population growth," said Tony Reza, CISD comptroller.

The Board's next move is to determine the property tax rate for the coming year. Plans are to hold a special board meeting to adopt the proposed property tax rate, at 6 p.m., Thursday, Sept. 12, at the Canutillo ISD Administration Building, 7965 Artcraft Road.

According to Reza, the administration will propose a 10 cent increase to \$1.71 for every \$100 of property value. If the proposed tax rate is approved by the Board, the district tax bill for the owner of an average value home of \$55,879, minus a \$15,000 Homestead Exemption, would be \$699 a year, compared with \$626 under the previous rate.

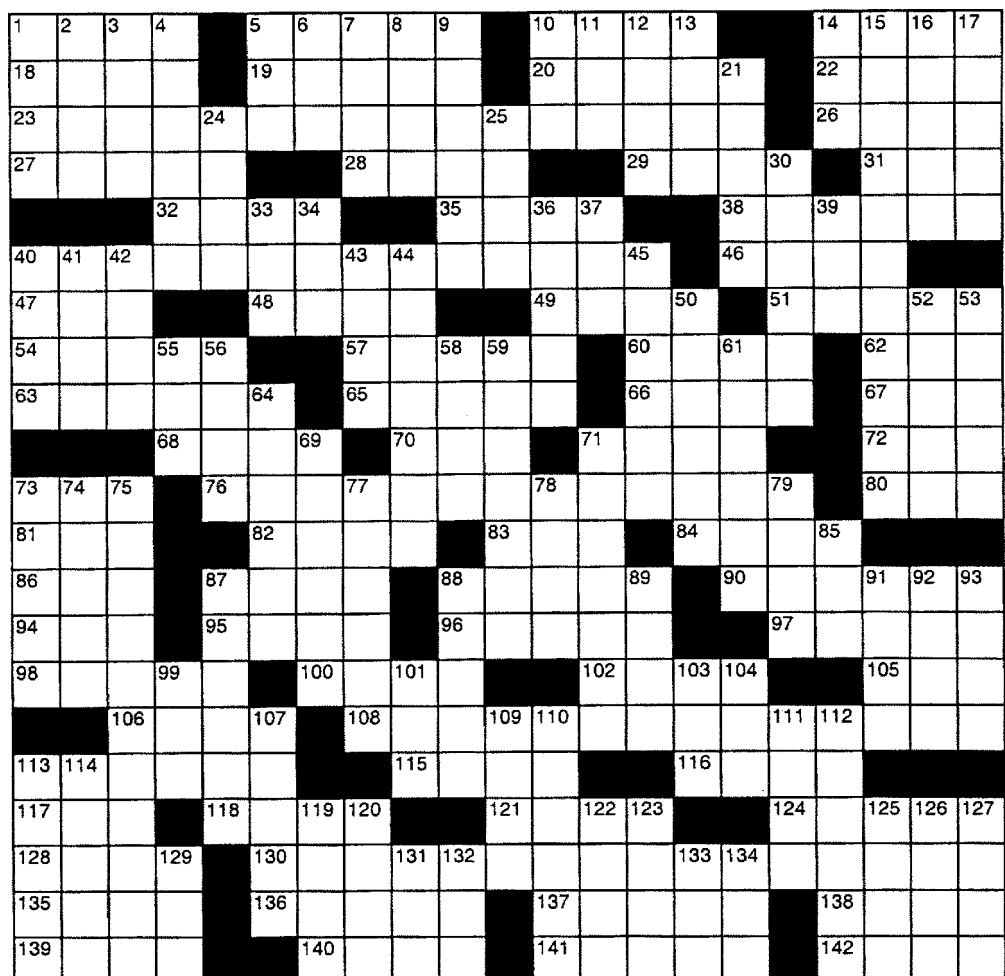
"The majority of the tax rate increase would be for maintenance and operation," said Reza. "The effective tax rate went up to \$1.59, but the most a school district can go up to is \$1.50, which is the state maximum. The District in a sense is losing nine cents. Furthermore, by setting the tax rate at \$1.50, Canutillo ISD will be able to generate \$920,000 in additional state funds, called Tier II state funding," Reza explained.

"Under the current state funding formula, the tax collection generated by a school district has a direct bearing on the amount of state funding it will receive for the next two years. As such, if a district doesn't adopt a \$1.50 tax rate, the district risks leaving state monies on the table," Reza added.

*The ornament of a house is the friends who frequent it.*  
— Ralph Waldo Emerson

## King Super Crossword

- GENERIC ZOO**
- ACROSS**
- 1 "It Must Be Him" singer
  - 5 Summoned electronically
  - 10 Svelte
  - 14 " \_ Said" ('61 hit)
  - 18 Gallimaufry
  - 19 Madrid month
  - 20 Famed fabulist
  - 22 Word with history or hygiene
  - 23 Kids' TV show?
  - 26 Move like a mouse
  - 27 Studio sign
  - 28 Bouillabaisse or burgoo
  - 29 Clarinetist Artie
  - 31 Security grp.
  - 32 Tidy
  - 35 Put together
  - 38 Author Willa
  - 40 Marx Brothers film?
  - 46 " \_ go brag!"
  - 47 Southern constellation
  - 48 O'Hara
  - 49 Datebook abbr.
  - 51 Corn color
  - 54 Director Zoltan
  - 57 Knot
  - 60 "The \_ Time" ('65 hit)
  - 62 Cub Scout group
  - 63 Offend
  - 65 Certain heron
  - 66 Prankish
- DOWN**
- 1 James of "Murder by Death"
  - 2 One of the Osmonds
  - 3 Philbin's co-host
  - 4 Pasta type
  - 5 JFK Library architect
  - 6 Magnuson or Dvorak
  - 7 Tiffany treasures
  - 8 Part of Q.E.D.
  - 9 Sounds of music
  - 10 Kind of cross
  - 11 Sophisticated
  - 12 Egyptian deity
  - 13 Japheth's father
  - 14 TV's "The \_ Squad"
  - 15 Comic book hero?
  - 16 One of the Osmonds
  - 17 Hitching post?
  - 21 Locale
  - 24 Locale
  - 25 Long-necked bird
  - 30 Cordiality
  - 33 Pangolin's morsel
  - 34 TV-listing abbr.
  - 36 Worked in Vegas
  - 37 Kreskin's letters
  - 39 Carrere or Mowry
  - 40 Scottish storyteller
  - 41 Blood component
  - 42 "Invaders from \_" ('53 film)
  - 43 Press
  - 44 Malaga quaff
  - 45 '84 Daryl Hannah film
  - 50 Kilt material
  - 52 African equine
  - 53 Pass into law
  - 55 Couple
  - 56 Utah resort
  - 58 Fine steed
  - 59 Cortege
  - 61 Libra's symbol
  - 64 Lumberjack's cry
  - 69 Peanut butter or jelly
  - 71 38 Across heroine
  - 73 Couturier Jean
  - 74 "It's \_ time!"
  - 75 Elton John hit?
  - 77 Loner
  - 78 Atmosphere
  - 79 They're often glossed over
  - 85 Actor Herbert
  - 87 Sissy of "In the Bedroom"
  - 88 Host
  - 89 Out of \_ (incompatible)
  - 91 Soprano Te Kanawa
  - 92 007's school
  - 93 Be a farrier
  - 99 Bull's beloved
  - 101 "Quiet!"
  - 103 Overhead item?
  - 104 "Birds \_ feather . . ."
  - 107 Colleague of Shelley
  - 109 Coll. hotshot
  - 110 Whitman's bloomers
  - 111 Panache
  - 112 Multitude
  - 113 "GoodFellas" Oscar winner
  - 114 De Valera of Ireland
  - 119 Heavy blow
  - 120 As a result
  - 122 Aerial annoyance
  - 123 "O patria mia" singer
  - 125 Taj town
  - 126 Comparative word
  - 127 Sicilian volcano
  - 129 Merry
  - 131 \_ Claire, WI
  - 132 Unit of work
  - 133 Lepidopterist's need
  - 134 When Satie sweltered
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# Thumb people are our future

By Don Flood

When it comes to using my thumbs, I'm all thumbs. I dial the phone with my index finger, I work the calculator with my index finger.

I have become, in short, a Man of a Certain Age. Recent studies show that our society is facing a "digital divide."

Those under the age of 25 operate gadgets with their thumbs.

Those over 25, a milestone I passed just recently about two decades ago, use their fingers.

Yes, my friends, using your index finger dates you. You can get your facelifts, your tummy-tucks, your Botox treatments, but if you still operate your cellphone with your index finger, *people will know.*

This divide began millions of years ago, when tree-dwelling apes first began using hand-held calculators.

Soon after, they began developing opposable thumbs, which they also found useful for tasks such as: blowing up and tying party balloons — those apes were real swingers (Hah! Hah!) — picking up paperclips and, of course, closing zip-lock bags.

Later, some apes began using the index finger for rotary phones and from this line evolved the modern man of today, with his huge brain and highly developed interest in the "Anna Nicole Show."

This species, called homo sapiens (which means "ape who uses index finger for everything, including cleaning his ear"), comprises the bulk of my readers, though I like to think that mammals of all kinds may find these writings helpful and enlightening.

For the most part, these readers have been index-finger users, and this column, albeit unconsciously,

has been written to appeal to their sensibilities.

But I realize that that the Young Thumb People are our future, and I will do my best to write for them as well.

Elsewhere on the science front, our busy scientists have released yet more studies, including one that answers one of the Questions of the Ages: who enjoys eating more, men or women?

(What would we do without these dedicated men and women?)

Hold on to your seats, folks: Men do!

According to the New York Observer, "The researchers also found evidence that men derive greater pleasure from feeling full after a meal than women do."

*Stop the presses!*

If a woman feels full after a meal, she thinks: I ate too much. I am fat. I am a cow. Now I will have to starve myself for the next 18 years.

These are not thoughts that lead to a restful digestion. A man who is full thinks: Thanksgiving.

Yes, Thanksgiving, when a man stuffs himself and then gets to watch football on TV — in others words, heaven on earth.

Which brings me to a happy thought. I am not as thumb-challenged as I thought.

Despite my advanced age, I have learned to operate the TV remote control using my thumb — it's amazing what you can accomplish when you set your mind to it — so perhaps there's still hope I can join the "with-it" Thumb Crowd.

But I wish I hadn't mentioned Thanksgiving, now I'm getting hungry.

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## PUBLIC NOTICE Town of Anthony, Texas

Texas Community Development Program  
FY 2003/2004

The Town of Anthony is giving notice of the city's intent to submit a Community Development Fund application for a grant from the Texas Community Development Program. The grant application request is \$263,000 for sanitary sewer system improvements to serve the entire community. The application will be available for review at the Town Hall in Anthony after September 21, 2002 during regular business hours.

Art Franco, Mayor  
Town of Anthony, Texas

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## PUBLIC NOTICE

### Village of Vinton, Texas

Texas Community Development Program  
FY 2003/2004

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Tony Castro, Mayor  
Village of Vinton, Texas

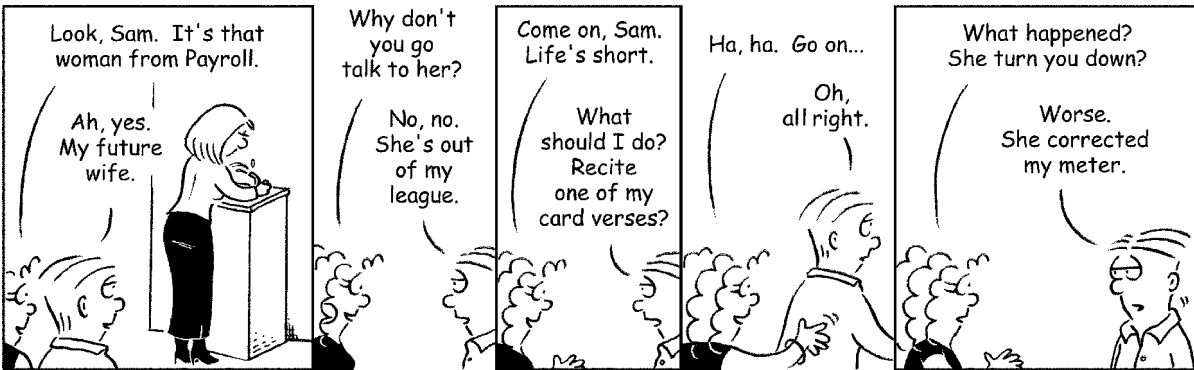
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# Social Security: Q & A

By Ray Vigil

**Q:** Why do I keep hearing different ages for Social Security retirement? I always thought the retirement age was 65, but a friend told me he will have to be age 66 for full retirement benefits. Please clear this up for me.

tinue rising until it reaches age 67 for people born in 1960 and later.

**Q:** I received my Social Security Statement in the mail, and it showed an estimate of my Social Security retirement benefit. Once I retire, will my benefit amount stay the same forever?

**A:** Once you begin receiving Social Security, your benefits will increase automatically in January, if the cost-of-living has increased. Also, if you work after retirement, your earnings

also could increase your benefit entitlement.

**Q:** I disagree with the decision I received in the mail after my disability hearing. What is the next level to appeal my claim?

**A:** If you disagree with your hearing decision, you may ask for a review by the Social Security's Appeals Council. The Appeals Council looks at all requests for review, but it may deny a request if it believes the hearing decision was correct.

**Q:** Where can I get a list of disabling

impairments for Social Security disability?

**A:** Disability Evaluation Under Social Security, SSA Publication No. 64-039, contains the medical criteria that Social Security uses to determine disability. It is intended primarily for physicians and other health professionals. This 205-page book can be obtained free of charge by visiting our website.

**Q:** I have multiple sclerosis. I applied for Social Security disability benefits about five years ago and was denied benefits because I was able to work.

My condition has deteriorated. Can I reapply for disability benefits?

**A:** Yes, you may reapply for benefits. Sometimes a person's condition changes after being denied benefits and the change may mean the person now qualifies for benefits.

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, 1111 Gateway West, Attn: Ray Vigil, El Paso, Texas 79935.

# WEATHER

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## SEVEN-DAY FORECAST FOR EL PASO

THURSDAY	THUR. NIGHT	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY
▲ 84°	▼ 54°	▲ 88° ▼ 56°	▲ 88° ▼ 58°	▲ 88° ▼ 58°	▲ 86° ▼ 60°	▲ 86° ▼ 58°	▲ 84° ▼ 56°

### UV INDEX

Statistics for noon.

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

Thursday	9	Very High
Friday	9	Very High
Saturday	8	High
Sunday	8	High
Monday	8	High
Tuesday	8	High
Wednesday	7	High

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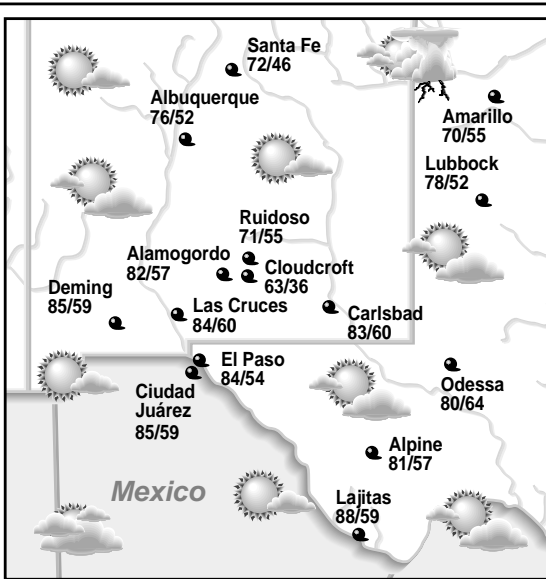
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Thursday	80°
Friday	83°
Saturday	83°
Sunday	84°
Monday	84°
Tuesday	84°
Wednesday	82°

### TEXAS WEATHER

Anthony	85	62
Canutillo	86	63
Clint	85	63
E. Montana	84	54
Fabens	85	63
Horizon	86	63
San Elizario	82	60
Socorro	83	55
Tornillo	85	63
Vinton	86	63

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	76/52/s	80/52/s	82/52/s	80/56/pc	78/53/pc
Atlanta	86/68/t	86/68/t	86/68/pc	86/68/pc	84/65/pc
Atlantic City	77/66/pc	76/66/pc	78/62/c	79/60/pc	77/63/pc
Austin/San Antonio	86/69/t	88/69/pc	92/66/pc	89/67/pc	91/71/pc
Baltimore	82/66/pc	80/66/pc	80/64/t	78/62/pc	77/65/r
Boston	72/59/s	72/61/pc	74/59/t	74/60/pc	73/65/r
Chicago	76/55/t	74/54/pc	70/46/sh	70/51/s	69/61/pc
Dallas/Ft. Worth	83/68/sh	86/69/s	85/65/pc	85/67/pc	87/70/pc
Denver	70/42/pc	79/42/s	68/39/pc	71/47/s	70/38/pc
Flagstaff	72/36/s	76/44/s	74/42/s	70/42/t	69/36/pc
Houston	90/76/t	90/70/pc	88/70/pc	88/68/pc	89/67/pc
Kansas City	68/56/c	78/55/s	68/51/sh	72/54/s	74/62/r
Las Vegas	90/64/s	92/66/s	94/68/s	92/66/s	92/66/s
Miami	88/77/t	89/76/t	89/77/t	90/78/pc	90/75/pc
Minneapolis	66/49/c	66/48/pc	63/46/pc	64/45/c	62/46/r
New Orleans	89/74/pc	89/74/pc	88/73/pc	88/72/pc	88/71/s
New York City	78/66/pc	78/66/pc	78/64/pc	78/64/pc	76/68/sh
Philadelphia	82/66/pc	80/66/pc	80/64/c	78/62/pc	77/66/c
Phoenix	96/73/s	98/75/s	100/77/s	95/75/c	96/66/pc
Portland	74/50/pc	76/50/s	78/50/pc	70/51/s	75/40/s
San Francisco	92/60/s	90/58/s	72/57/pc	72/54/s	70/52/s
Seattle	66/52/c	70/50/s	70/50/pc	67/48/s	68/39/s
Tucson	92/66/s	94/66/s	96/68/pc	94/68/pc	93/62/pc
Washington, DC	82/66/pc	82/66/pc	82/64/t	80/62/pc	78/70/r

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

### AGRICULTURE

Temperatures should average close to normal for the week ahead and most days will bring at least 8-10 hours of sunshine. Little or no rainfall is expected through the upcoming weekend. There may be a few showers or thunderstorms toward the middle of next week. Rainfall for the coming week should be near to slightly below normal.

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