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NEWSBRIEFS

Courier to reopen

The business offices of the *Courier* will reopen on Tuesday, Oct. 1 following a brief closure.

Housing grant

The Organization Progresiva of San Elizario was recently awarded a grant of \$235,080 through the Single Family Housing, Self-Help Housing Technical assistance program of the USDA Rural Development. Bryan Daniel, state director of Texas' branch of USDA Rural Development, said he was pleased to award the grant. "The funds will be used to provide technical assistance required to construct 15 homes in San Elizario during a two-year period," he said. To be eligible for the funding, the construction site must be in a rural community of less than 20,000 population, or on a farm or in open country not closely associated with an urban area, and the applicant must meet basic eligibility requirements. For more information call (915) 855-1229, ext. 4.

Roots and wings

Region 19 Head Start is hosting its Annual Parent Training Conference entitled "Parents Give Their Children Roots and Wings." The conference begins Saturday, March 9, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Bowie High School, 801 San Marcial. Topics of discussion include the roles parents play in the community and at home. Several parenting sessions will be offered. For more information call 790-4600.

In other news

Idol of the Moderns: Pierre-Auguste Renoir and American masters will premier at the El Paso Museum of Art (EPMA) in downtown El Paso on Sunday, Nov. 3, running through Sunday, Feb. 16, 2003. As the only Southwest U.S. venue outside San Diego, where the touring exhibition originated, the El Paso Museum of Art is expecting record crowds. The exhibition includes masterpieces by Renoir and works by American masters such as George Bellows, John Sloan, Marsden Hartley, Guy Pène duBois and Kenneth Hayes Miller. "The Renoir exhibition offers up-close views of the actual masterpieces to many of us who may never otherwise get the chance to see a Renoir — or even a Sloan — except in reproductions. That is a treasure for us all," said Becky Duval Reese, EPMA director. The EPMA staff is preparing for more than 100,000 visitors during the show's four-month run. In addition, area school districts have booked 15,000-plus students for group tours during Idol of the Moderns. While the Museum admission is free to the public, for Idol of the Moderns a fee — \$4.50 for children 6-12 years old, \$7.50 for adults — will provide the Museum seed money for the next "blockbuster" exhibition. Children five and under are free; prearranged school tours of students kindergarten through 12th grade are free; and all visitors are free on Thursdays, 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. For more information, phone the

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There will be no peace as long as God remains unseated at the conference table.

— Quips and Quotes

Horizon's Head Start pioneers partnership with Texas Tech

EAST EL PASO COUNTY — Low-income children living in the Horizon area will get a head start with their education following completion by the Region 19 Head Start program of a 12-classroom pre-school and wellness center. The new Pete Duarte Head Start and Child Wellness Center is expected to be completed by November 2002. It is a collaborative effort between Region 19, the Clint Independent School District and Texas Tech Health Science Center.

The partnership between Texas Tech and Head Start is the first such partnership for a Head Start Center. The Child Wellness Center being built adjacent to the preschool center offers a unique opportunity to serve the wellness needs of the Horizon community, officials said. Health services such as immunizations, physical and dental examinations and other primary health care will be available to the children and families through the collaboration.

"This center is a reality for the whole community, that is to see that every child has its own medical home," said Dr. Gilbert Handal, Pediatrics Regional Chairman for Texas Tech.

"Linked with education and health we should have better children tomorrow."

The Region 19 Head Start Program is currently enrolling children into the center. The



The center will accommodate more than 250 children in 12 classrooms and will offer morning and afternoon sessions as well as a full-day session.

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For Head Start Director, Blanca Enriquez, the center fulfills a much-needed service for the Horizon City community. "This site will meet the growing need for a preschool center in the area," she said. "We have found that the population in this community will bring forth a lot of families with children that will need

the services a Head Start program provides."

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 throughout El Paso and Hudspeth counties.

29th Annual Chamizal Festival opens Oct. 11 with art, music

EL PASO COUNTY — Featuring the iconography-rich work of El Paso-raised artist Pedro Rios Martinez, the Chamizal National Memorial Los Paisanos Gallery will officially open the Twenty-Ninth Chamizal Festival on Friday, Oct. 11 with a reception for the artist at 5:30 - 7:30 p.m.

Immediately following the reception at 8 p.m., the festivities will move to the theatre where audiences can enjoy the driving rhythm of Lulu's Fate with their original instrumental and vocals, including four-part harmony influenced by old-time, chamber music and Caribbean styles. The six piece ensemble is primarily from the Washington, D.C. area. It is centered around the two composers and multi-instrumentalists of the group, Tom Espinola and Steve Smith of Las Cruces, N.M. Both perform on mandolin, guitars, mandolas, mandocellos and vocals. Other group members are: Joellen Perry, Christen Jones, James McLaughlin and Ira Gitlin.

The rhythmic high of Nosotros begins at 9

p.m. with their signature Afro-Cuban, Latin Jazz with Randy Sanchez, Shane Derk, Gene Watkins, John Lucero and Felipe Roybal. Nosotros, now based in Albuquerque, has strong links to the El Paso community.

"It will be quite a night," Arts Director Virginia Ness, said. "It's always fun when a community can come together and celebrate itself — it's even better when the art and the music are simply fantastic."

All events for the opening festivities are open to the public without charge.

The Chamizal Festival will run through the weekend of Oct. 12-13 and will feature over 30 presentations including music, dance, workshops and storytelling. Nineteen traditional artisans are also participating. Festival hours are 1 - 7 p.m.

Chamizal National Memorial, El Paso's National Park, is located at 800 South San Marcial between Bowie High School and the Bridge of the Americas. For additional information call 915 532-7273.

Canutillo ISD school board selects attorney to fill vacant seat

By Alfredo Vasquez
Special to the Courier

UPPER VALLEY — By unanimous vote, Canutillo Independent School District Board of Trustees appointed Sergio Coronado, an attorney, to fill the Board's vacant position that was held previously by Linda Samples who resigned in July to attend law school at the University of Michigan.

Coronado, 42, has a private law practice in El Paso. He has lived in the Canutillo District

since 1969. He graduated from Canutillo High School in 1978. He earned a Bachelor of Science degree from the University of Texas at El Paso in 1982 and a law degree from the University of Texas at Austin in 1988.

"I was raised in the Canutillo area, and I am aware of the challenges that our district faces. Now, I am in a position and I have the experience to be able to give back to my community," Coronado said.

Coronado is married to Kathy, a 1983 graduate of Canutillo High School. They have three children: Katherine, Elizabeth, and Christopher.

Horizon citizens noted for efforts to save lives of others

By Arleen Beard
Special to the Courier

HORIZON CITY — The Town of Horizon City Police Department has concentrated its efforts on getting the community involved in assisting the Police Department in making Horizon City a safe place for its residents. At the most recent Town Hall meeting held on Sept. 10, Police Chief Antonio Aguilar recognized three community members for their quick action in saving the lives of people who had been involved in an accident.

On Aug. 29, 2002, there was a motor vehicle accident involving two pick-up trucks that crashed head-on on Darrington Road. Before any emergency vehicles arrived at the scene, Rosalie Apodaca and her dad, Ray Apodaca, quickly rendered assistance to the people involved in the accident. They also notified authorities of the accident and waited until the victims of the accident received medical attention from the emergency medical personnel. Chief Aguilar presented Ms. Apodaca, who is 16 years old, and her father, Ray Apodaca with certificates of appreciation for their assistance at the scene of the accident.

In another incident, a young community member was recognized for her efforts. On Aug. 12, 2002, nine-year-old Alexis Frescas, along with her younger brother, Michael, had just been brought home from school by their grandmother. Alexis' grandmother had an epileptic seizure causing her to injure herself. Due to Alexis' quick thinking and action, she alerted the necessary authorities of the injury to her grandmother and they quickly arrived on the scene to render aid. Chief Aguilar expressed his gratitude to Ms. Frescas for her courage. He presented her with a Certificate of Appreciation for getting involved and making a difference.

In other Town business:

- A Public Hearing was held regarding the 2nd Reading on Ordinance No. 0101 - Authorizing the Collection of Property Taxes and Setting the Tax Rate FY2002-2003. There was no public input therefore, Mayor Pat Randleel closed the meeting and

City Council approved a tax rate of .258900 for the fiscal year of 2002-2003 which would be 25.89 cents per \$100 value of the tax payer's property. City Councilman Keith McClellan was the one nay vote for the tax rate and Councilwomen Beasley and Sellers were not present at the meeting.

- Council considered and took action regarding a Memorandum of Understanding for a School Resource Officer Program with the Clint Independent School District. Police Chief Aguilar explained to City Council this would be a combined effort with the Clint ISD where the school district would be responsible for the salaries and the Town of Horizon City would provide the officer and the vehicle. The officer would most likely be concentrating his efforts at the new Horizon Middle School but would also be available to assist at the other Horizon City/Clint Schools and even possibly assist at the Mountain View High School in East Montana.



One perspective

By Francis Shrum

Wait until it happens

Crisis management is a tough way to live. That makes America a pretty tough place.

We don't quit smoking until we get seriously ill.

We don't believe our kids could do drugs until they get arrested.

Preventive maintenance or our cars? Couldn't prove it by me as I drive down the highway breathing in the poisonous exhaust of a real smoking doozy.

There was a saying a long time ago that an ounce of prevention was worth a pound of cure. Ah, how I long for the day when that actually meant something.

For a nation with so many laws, we are among the most lawless — because no one wants to accept being told what to do, especially when "nobody got hurt."

Laws are fine as long as they don't apply to us individually.

We've become a society so inundated with rules, regulations and laws that they no longer mean anything and law enforcement doesn't routinely enforce them.

Whatever you can get away with is not subject to punishment. In other words, human misbehavior doesn't count until something bad happens. And then it only matters so that blame may be assessed and there is an address to which the bill may be sent.

On any given day in El Paso I can watch a police cruiser sit in plain sight of a flagrant traffic violation and not do a thing about it because, well, nobody got hurt.

And you can't really blame the police. They are there to serve society, and we've become a society of no harm, no foul, because that is the way we want it.

We had an elected official in El

Paso recently screaming to high heaven because he got a traffic ticket. Did he do it? Sure he did, he admits, but he blames the police officer for being over zealous and politically motivated in writing him up instead of just giving him a warning.

With all the road construction going on in East El Paso, I was at first glad to see the police cars with flashing lights sitting at major intersections that had their lanes re-configured with orange barrels.

Then I was aghast, frustrated, and finally resigned to the fact they are there as little more than official witnesses who can testify after the accident occurs, because they sure aren't going to give anybody a ticket for not following the rules.

But they can't give out a bunch of tickets for violations because then there would be an outcry from the public against a "police state."

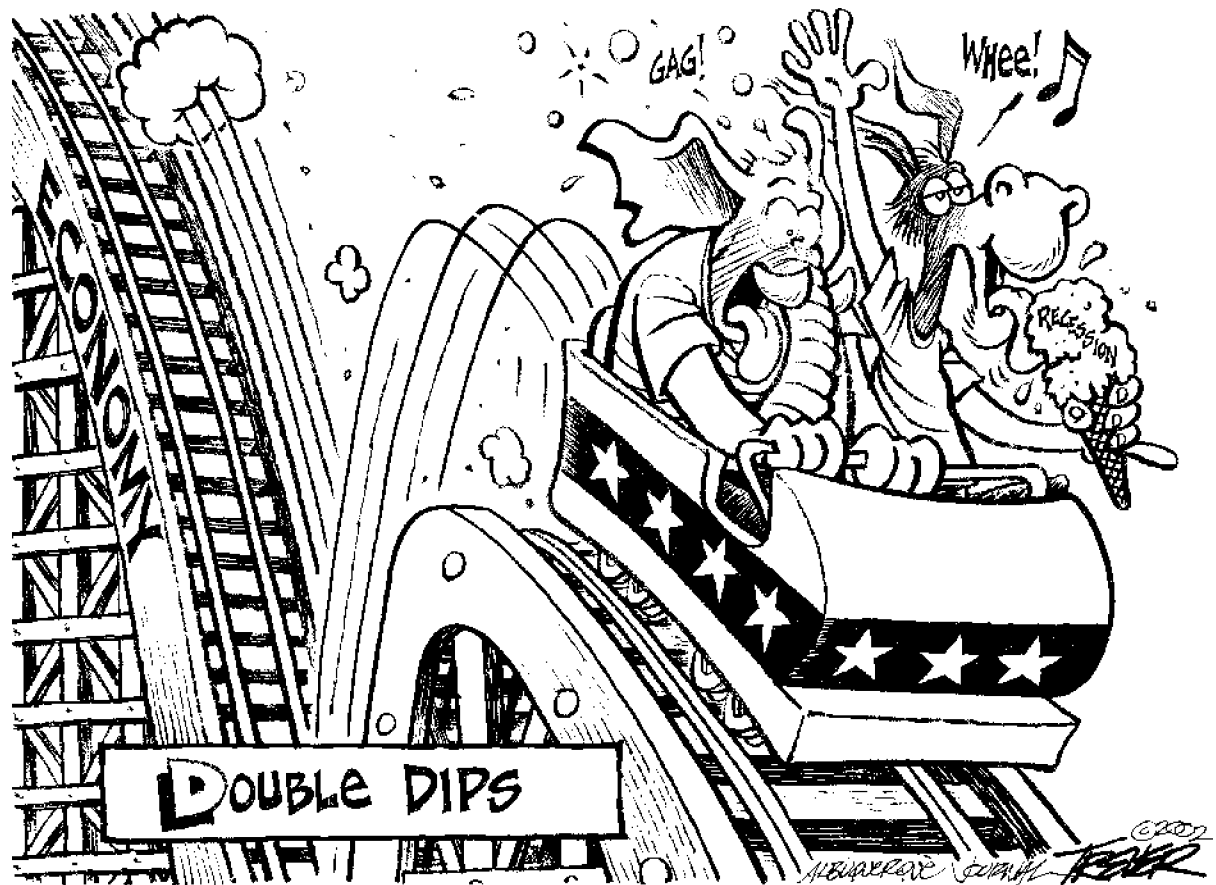
Our school boards, our city and county officials, our water board directors, right on up the ladder — practically every group of elected humans have flagrantly broken the law in some fashion without even a slap on the hand.

And sometimes harm actually has been done.

Justice has been diagnosed as being blind, but I'm afraid it is more serious than that. I think she's already dead and her ashes scattered at sea, leaving us at the mercy of a monster that no longer looks at the intent of the heart but rewards the most aggressive of cheaters.

Instead of trying to decipher and understand all of the millions of un-enforced rules on our books, let's clean them all out and write in just one.

Some say it's the golden one.



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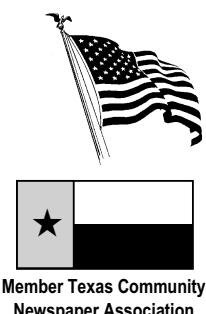
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For Sanity's Sake

By Taprina Milburn

Mommy-the-Great

We all know her.

She's the woman who has it together 24-7, or so it seems. Her kids are well behaved, at least when people are looking. She carools, works, volunteers at church, smiles all the time, sits on several boards, takes in orphaned critters, and wouldn't be caught dead in a fast-food lane for dinner.

Did I mention that her house is always clean and she throws the greatest birthday parties for her kids?

This woman can handle anything — at least she wants you to think that.

She's Mommy-the-Great. TaaaaaaaDaaaaaaa.

I know what you're thinking. You have someone in mind — a neighbor, sister or friend, some obsessive-compulsive person who you think fits this description.

Don't let your mind wander that far. It's someone near and dear to you. Here's a hint: look in the mirror.

But I fed my kids peanut butter and jelly sandwiches last night for dinner and sent my husband to work this morning wearing holey underwear, you say. I'm not an overachieving, sleep-deprived mother and wife who moves from one project to the next fueled only by Folgers and the fear that my mother-in-law will drop in and inspect my showers, you reason.

Think again.

Mommy-the-Greats are different from moms who truly want to do a good job taking care of their families. MTGs don't understand the concept that a nurtured mama equals a nurtured family. They're always on the move, have little time for themselves, and are motivated predominantly by what other people might think of them.

Not convinced that you're running yourself ragged for

the sake of putting up a good front? Take this quiz.

You're a Mommy-the-Great if ...

— you spent a week designing and stuffing your kid's birthday party treat bags only to redesign them the night before the party.

— when your child shows up at the breakfast table wearing an outfit that doesn't match, you march him back to his room to change. My Lord, what would people think of you if he were seen looking like that?

— you've worked so hard on such joyous occasions as family get-togethers, wedding parties and school festivals that you have a permanent "Are we having fun yet?" look on your face.

— when you sit down to watch a television program you're asleep within 10 minutes.

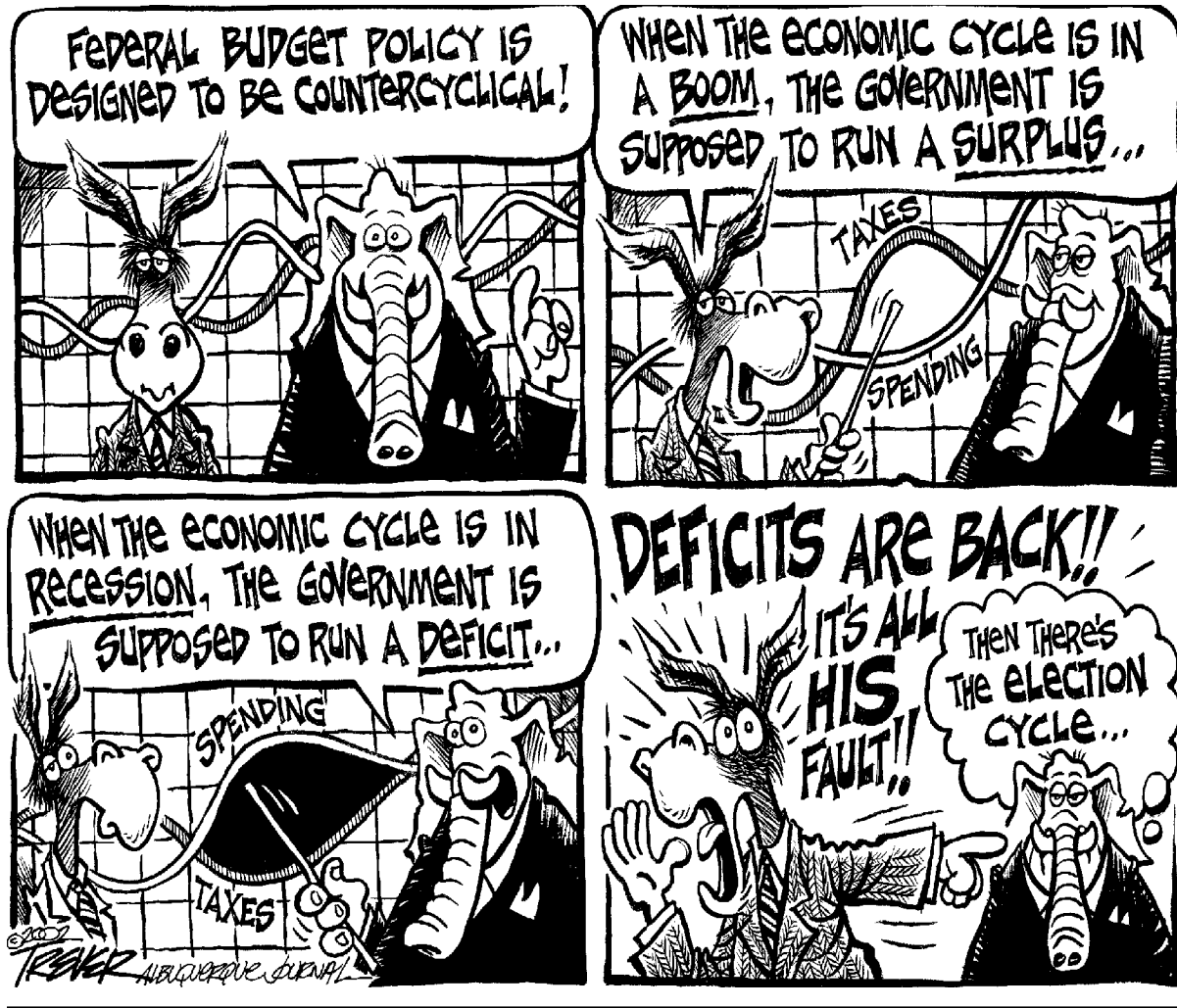
— when the doorbell rings you shove the dirty dishes into the cabinets because your dishwasher is already full of last night's dirty dishes.

— you feel guilty for taking the time to talk to other moms and regret admitting to them that you don't have it all together.

The biggest problem I see with moms today, myself included, is that we try to outdo each other, worry entirely too much about whether or not our houses are clean enough for company, and rarely do we sit down with other women — free of our crown, scepter and regal robe — to open up and share our struggles and imperfections.

I don't think we need to stop going the extra mile or refuse to clean our houses. Nor should we resign from our roles as community leaders or cease to add the special touches to our family celebrations. But we have to stop being motivated by guilt and what THEY, whoever THEY are, think.

So take off that crown and lose the scepter. Call another MTG and allow her to do the same. Drop the Mommy-the-Great title so you can get down to the business of truly being a good mom and wife.



Department on Aging reports tell how well the state can and will deal with aging Texans

AUSTIN — If Texans were to vote on an official state color, silver would be the odds-on favorite. It adorns the helmets of the Dallas Cowboys, reflects from the facades of our big-city skyscrapers and dazzles the eyes on starlit West Texas nights.

And, in the near future, it will symbolize the graying of our population as the Baby Boom generation moves en masse into older adulthood.

In two recently issued reports the Texas Department on Aging (TDoA) looks at the ability of state government to serve a 60-and-older age group that will, in the next 30 years, nearly double as a percentage of the overall population.

“Survey Responses on the Readiness of State Government to Meet the Challenges of an Aging Texas” presents self-reported information from 152 state agencies on their preparedness for aging-related change.

“Gaps and Coordination of Services for Older Texans: Survey Results” compiles the responses of 160 state agencies to questions about gaps in aging-related services and efforts to coordinate efforts with other agencies.

Both reports seek to raise awareness of the urgent need to prepare now for rapid and profound demographic changes that will affect — just for starters — our state’s economy, tax base, political culture, educational system and workforce.

“We’re trying to get good information in the hands of the decision-makers who’ll need it the most in the coming decades,” said TDoA Executive Director Mary Sapp. “This includes everyone from elected officials to academic researchers, businesses, policymakers and governmental agencies. We like to think of these reports both as snapshots of our current aging services system and as the inspiration for a blueprint of future systems.”

In concrete terms this means adopt-

ing a cross-agency perspective for agencies seeking to close the holes in the delivery system for services for older Texans. The Gaps report, for example, outlines the programs in many different agencies that are all responsible for helping older Texans with service access, assistance and support services. The Readiness report describes how state agencies are looking for innovative ways to deliver services to a growing population even as they prepare for a potential retirement wave among their own senior management.

For state leaders the Gaps and Readiness reports are a credible source of information for aging-related legislation and policy development. For businesses trying to adapt to new demographic realities, the publications offer insight into relevant issues such as unmet need in housing, health services, long-term care and senior-friendly workplaces.

“These reports don’t try to prescribe what every business, public agency and academic research program needs to do for the next half-century,” Sapp said. “Our purpose is to spotlight some of the major developing aging issues and show where we currently are in dealing with them and how we can more effectively work together to get the job done.”

“Survey Responses on the Readiness of State Government to Meet the Challenges of an Aging Texas” and “Gaps and Coordination of Services for Older Texans: Survey Results” are both available for download from the Texas Department on Aging’s website: www.tdoa.state.tx.us. Limited numbers of copies are also available in printed format.

For further information on the reports’ content and possible applications, contact Karl Urban at (512) 424-6855. Mr. Urban can be reached by email at karl.urban@tdoa.state.tx.us.

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



The meaning, significance of our Constitution

“We the People of the United States, in Order to form a more perfect Union, establish Justice, insure domestic Tranquility, provide for the common defense, promote the general Welfare, and secure the Blessings of Liberty to ourselves and our Posterity, do ordain and establish this Constitution for the United States of America.”

These famous words, written more than 200 years ago, constitute the opening paragraph of one of the most profound and influential documents in history. As we celebrate the anniversary of our Constitution during the month of September, we should take a few minutes to think about the meaning and significance of that incredible document.

The U.S. Constitution is the world’s oldest written constitution still in effect. Ever since its completion on Sept. 17, 1787, it has been debated, interpreted and amended. In spite of the changes our nation has gone through during the last two centuries, our Constitution

has continued to provide a stable framework for America. The writers of the Constitution believed that government should come from the people, not from kings, and that a legitimate government is one that derives its powers from the people it governs. They provided for a system of checks and balances that prevent the government from becoming too powerful. They divided the federal government into three separate branches — the executive branch, the legislative branch and the judicial branch. In addition, the Constitution provided a national structure which sought to protect the self-determination of state and local governments.

The framers of the U.S. Constitution accomplished what no other nation had achieved before that time: a national charter which defined and incorporated the principles of a government formed and run by the people. Since that time, it has been a model for other nations trying to emulate our great country.

In this day and age, it seems that some politicians in Washington are willing to jeopardize the strength of our Constitution for political gains. Our Constitution has worked well for more than 200 years; we should protect it today so we can enjoy the same level of freedom and prosperity in the United States for the next 200 years.

Briefs

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El Paso Museum of Art, 915/532-1707 or check out its web page: www.elpasoartmuseum.org.

■ 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.

TRUE TEXAS FACTS by Roger Moore Sept. 26, 1927, Lindbergh lands at Abilene and Ft. Worth during a cross country publicity tour after his historic Atlantic flight.



San Elizario celebrates new administration building and two TEA recognized schools

By Don Woodyard
Courier Staff Writer

SAN ELIZARIO — The Sept. 11 board meeting of the San Elizario school district marked the official ribbon-cutting ceremony and open-

ing of its new central administration building.

School board trustees as well as representatives of the architectural firm and the construction company were on hand for the brief ceremonies held in the dark-paneled boardroom. Superintendent Mike Quatrini

praised their efforts and said the new building culminates seven years of work that includes a new high school, two educational gyms, a vocational wing on the high school and a new elementary school.

Quatrini also officially recognized the principals and staff of two of the district's elementary schools for achieving "Recognized" status from the Texas Education Agency (TEA). Large banners in the boardroom proclaimed the honor for Sambrano and Alarcon Elementary schools.

The superintendent pointed out that this was the first time that elementary schools had earned the honor from TEA. Previously the high school was a Recognized campus.

In other action:

- The board approved increases in stipends for athletic coaches in the middle and high schools. The increases, which would take effect in the 2002-03 school year, range from a \$300-a-year boost for wrestling, baseball and softball head coaches up to \$3,000 annually for the head football coach. Other increases: Head track coach, \$2,800; and varsity volleyball coach, \$1,600. Total cost of

the increases will come to \$39,800.

In recommending approval, along with athletic director Bernie del Hierro, Quatrini said he felt the raises were necessary to keep SEISD competitive with other school districts. He also said the administration was looking into stipends for academic teachers.

- The board approved the acceptance of two donations to the school district, the total value of which is more than \$1,400.

The first was a gift of more than 300 dictionaries for third-grade students and teachers from an anonymous group of community members. According to a district paper, "these donors hope this contribution will help the students of the district realize their potential and reach their goals." It is planned that this will be an annual event.

The second was a donation of 17 folding chairs and a chair truck from the PTO at Sambrano Elementary.



Mike Quatrini

- The board approved an underground easement for Southwestern Bell to install a network/telephone connection in the middle school control room.

- Isela Rosales, the district's director of bilingual education, reported that a subgrant of \$164,276 has been approved by TEA. The money will go to help students with limited English skills in the bilingual and ESL programs.

- High school registrar Olga Perez was named District Employee of the Month. Middle school teacher Ysabel Castaneda was named Teacher of the Month.

- Excel Academy administrator Luis Meraz told the *Courier* during the board meeting that his science class students had planted two palm trees in front of the school in remembrance of and symbolizing the twin World Trade Center Towers destroyed by terrorists last year.

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HORIZON PROPERTIES

Texas DPS officers serious about open-container law, issue 9,079 citations in first nine months

AUSTIN — Texas DPS officers issued 9,079 tickets for possession of open containers of alcohol in

motor vehicles during the first nine months that the open container law was in effect. House Bill 5 went

into effect on Sept. 1, 2001, making it a class C misdemeanor to have open containers of alcohol in the passenger compartment of a motor vehicle.

Before HB 5 went into effect, DPS could only issue tickets if a trooper observed a person consuming an alcoholic beverage while operating a motor vehicle in a public place. From Sept. 1, 2000, to June 30, 2001, the actual DPS trooper observation of a person consuming an alcoholic beverage in a vehicle resulted in 980 tickets. During the same time period of the previous years, 1999 to 2000, troopers issued 836 tickets for the same offense.

"We take open containers of alcohol in vehicles very seriously," said DPS Traffic Law Enforcement Chief Randall Elliston. "The open container law is an asset to our effort to reduce incidents of driving while intoxicated.

This law provides us with a valuable tool to prevent motorists from drinking while driving."

PUBLIC MEETING

The Transportation Policy Board (TPB) of the El Paso Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) will hold a **PUBLIC MEETING on FRIDAY, September 27, 2002, at 9:00 A.M., at The El Paso MPO Office, c/o The Gateway Business Center, 10767 Gateway Blvd. West, Suite 605, El Paso, Texas 79935**, to discuss the following agenda:

Due to the early publishing date of this newspaper, a final agenda was not available. A complete agenda will be posted and available 72 hours prior to the meeting.

Under federal legislation, the MPO, through the TPB has an expanded role in transportation project selection and programming in El Paso County and the City of Sunland Park, New Mexico. For more information call the MPO Office at (915) 591-9735.

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WANTED - GENERAL MANAGER: The El Paso County Water Control & Improvement District #4 in Fabens, Texas, is currently seeking a qualified individual for the position of General Manager. The position is under the direction of the Board of Directors. Extensive knowledge of office management and field operations needed. Position requires extended days and/or weekend duty, with some out-of-town travel on an as-needed basis. The individual will be responsible for organizing and attending Board meetings and handling public relations. The position requires at least five (5) years supervisory experience and should

be knowledgeable in water and wastewater operations. Certification is a plus, or will need to be able to obtain at least a "C" Certification as soon as possible. The position may require relocation to the Fabens area. Salary starting at \$28K, negotiable with certification and experience. Benefits available. Equal Opportunity Employer. Mail resume to El Paso County WCID #4, P.O. Box 3880, Fabens, Texas 79838 or deliver to 117 East Main St., Fabens, TX (915) 764-2212. Position open until successfully filled.
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Alcoholicos Anónimos Grupo Paso Del Norte

sesiones lunes a sabado, a 8-9 de la tarde, 8501 Kingsway, Westway. 886-4948 para informacion.

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Tiene problemas con el alcohol? Hay una solución. Visitemos. Alcoholicos 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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Leadership academy will provide Canutillo ISD with potential administrators

By Alfredo Vasquez
Special to the Courier

UPPER VALLEY — Canutillo Independent School District has initiated a leadership academy with the help of the ADC Foundation to assist aspiring educators to become school principals. The partnership was officially consummated during the Canutillo ISD School Board meeting held Tuesday, Sept. 10.

The leadership academy project, titled Preparing Aspiring Staff Leaders (PASL), will provide Canutillo with assistant principals and teachers training to become school principals. ADC Foundation, through its local office in Santa Teresa, N.M., awarded the district a \$5,000 grant to help support the innovative program.

“The establishment of the leadership academy will address the need of improving student achievement through the cultivation of a strong pool of prospective administrators and through the development of emerging talent in the ranks of professional educators for positions that will emerge in the fu-



ADC Foundation representatives present grant award to Canutillo ISD. Shown from left is Velia Frey, ADC Human Resources manager; Edith Villigan, ADC Human Resources Assistant Administrator; Ariel Garcia, ADC Foundation Committee member; Fernie Ramirez, ADC Manufacturing Supervisor; and Dr. Pam Padilla, Canutillo ISD Assistant Superintendent for Student Performance.

ture,” stated Dr. Pam Padilla, Canutillo ISD Assistant Superintendent for Student Performance.

The initiative is composed of training sessions year-round for participants to have a strong foundation of the concepts involved in school principal leadership. The academy members will be responsible for developing the best possible campus improvement plans and budgets to meet the needs of the community.

“The ADC Foundation is interested in supporting programs that promote the teaching, or improvement of teaching, in the areas of math, science, technology, engineering and programs that encourage under-represented groups to study these disciplines,” stated Velia Frey, Human Resources manager for the local ADC Office.

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high speed Internet, data, video and voice services to consumers and businesses worldwide.



A HEALING TOUCH — Christine Garcia, school nurse at Davenport Elementary School in Canutillo School District, is this year's Canutillo ISD Nurse of the Year. She was presented the Wanda Fisher Award by the Canutillo Board of Trustees.

Garcia selected as Canutillo ISD School Nurse of the Year

By Paul Efau
Special to the Courier

UPPER VALLEY — A school nurse's job is more than patching up playground cuts and bruises and sending sick kids home.

Just ask Christine Garcia, the school nurse at Davenport Elementary School, who was recently named Nurse of the Year for Canutillo Independent School District and was presented the Wanda Fisher Award by the CISD Board of Trustees.

The Canutillo ISD board annually presents the Wanda Fisher Award to recognize the District's school nurse of the year. The Canutillo School Health Advisory Council initiated the special award two years ago.

Fisher, the school nurse for the entire district at one time in a career that spanned the 60's through the 80's, was involved in all facets of student life from early morning to late at night. She saw children at home before they enrolled in school for the first time, was a chaperone (with her husband) at school dances, sponsored high school classes and organizations, and initiated a breakfast program, in addition to being the school nurse.

In receiving the award, Garcia said, “I hope to demonstrate the same qualities as Wanda Fisher and strive to someday have the same effect on our school children and community as she did.”

Garcia, who graduated from Canutillo High School in 1980, said that she remembers Fisher as a very caring person with everyone. “I re-

member she would drive us home in her Cadillac when we were sick, as children we thought her car was a limousine,” Garcia recalled.

Garcia said that she became a school nurse in 1990 when she “needed a career change from a stressful and demanding job to an environment which would allow me to spend quality time with my family and yet allow me to continue to work with children, parents, staff and community.” She worked as a staff nurse in the pediatric/orthopedic unit at Thomason General Hospital before becoming a school nurse.

Garcia explained that present day school nurses are health education consultants to teachers, staff, children and parents. They ensure students have immunizations as required by law, act as a liaison between medical and school personnel, and administer prescribed medications, tube feedings and catheterizations.

Garcia said that she not only gives first aid to students and school personnel who have been hurt or summon emergency medical personnel in the event of a serious illness or accident, but also she performs health screenings, such as diabetes type II, vision, hearing, dental, and scoliosis. She added that she even makes referrals for follow-up health care to private practitioners or community health resources.

“Being a school nurse has provided me with the opportunity to work independently and use my background and experience. I try to be a role model for our school children, while being empathetic, nurturing and caring,” she said.



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Trip could jeopardize alien-earthling relations

By Don Flood

Even on a good morning, scanning the news can be a little depressing, but I recently found a particularly disturbing headline: 'N Sync star promises to sing in space. The story was about boy-band singer Lance Bass and his planned trip into space.

I wasn't sure if "promises" was quite the right word. How about "threatens"?

Not that I have anything against sending boy-band members into space.

Far from it. In fact, if NASA is looking for a mission, I think sending boy-band members into space is a darned good one. While it's true the shuttle wasn't originally designed for boy-band space disposal, most experts agree that its large cargo bay is well-suited for this purpose.

You know in space movies where one of the astronauts floats away into the emptiness of space and nobody can help him and it's just the saddest thing?

Well, this would be just like that, only it wouldn't be sad.

In fact, boy-band members could make it a Great Exit, by choreographing some groovy new zero-gravity dance numbers for their final drift into the infinite.

Unfortunately, for some reason, the plans call for Lance Bass to come back to Earth.

But my real concern is this: Shouldn't we at least consult with neighboring aliens before allowing boy-band members to sing in space? Do we really want to make them mad?

People who watched the movie "Signs," for example, know that aliens are already planning an attack.

Those mysterious crop circles? They're alien navigational aids.

Yup, while we humans have GPS and other advanced navigational aids, aliens — despite being advanced enough to travel across the galaxy without using OnStar — rely on a corn-based system.

They land on a planet, look for cornfields and then knock down some of the stalks — very carefully

The resulting crop circles transmit a very important message to Alien High Command: This planet has cornfields!

And while the aliens in "Signs" were major wimps (Bonus alien-fighting tip: Keep a loaded squirt gun handy), the next group may be strong enough to overcome mankind's most advanced weapons, including baseball bats.

Warning: The following scenario may be too disturbing for those readers under the age of 2 months:

ALIEN LEADER: You know, Earth is shaping up to be a nice planet. Let's give them the benefit of our advanced knowledge so that all human beings may live in peace and abundance.

ALIEN ADVISOR: Did you realize they're sending boy-band members into space and that they have threatened to commence singing?

ALIEN LEADER: Why wasn't I informed? We will destroy Earth tomorrow, right after "The Sopranos."

At press time, there were reports that Bass' trip had been called off, prompting speculation that the Russian space agency had responded to pressure from aliens.

That could be, but I still think it's important that we send an ambassador who can understand and reach out to aliens, someone who has actually spent much of his life on other planets.

I nominate: Michael Jackson.

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Canutillo ISD accountability ratings show steady improvement

By Alfredo Vasquez
Special to the Courier

CANUTILLO — Texas Education Agency's (TEA) 2002 accountability ratings for Canutillo Independent School District campuses show steady improvements as they strive for "Exemplary" status.

Leading the way is Jose H. Damian Elementary School. For the second year in a row, Damian Elementary School earned the top rating of Exemplary, which means at least 90 percent of the students tested passed all three TAAS tests last spring. TAAS results for the Damian ES campus are: Reading - 98.3%; Math - 98.7%; and Writing - 100%.

"My faculty and staff in partnership with our parents have been doing a tremendous job in establishing a curriculum that works for every student; as they say, it takes a whole village to educate a child," said Max Padilla, Damian Elementary School principal.

Canutillo Elementary School received the second highest rating, Recognized, that is 80 percent or more of the tested students passed all three exams. This was the second consecutive year that Canutillo ES earned the Recognized status. Canutillo ES TAAS results are: Reading - 88.1%; Math - 96.1%; Writing - 96.3%.

Childress Elementary School received the Recognized rating for the first time. Childress ES results are: Reading - 83.2%; Math - 93.9%; and Writing - 89.2%.

Davenport Elementary School received an Acceptable rating for 2002. Davenport ES was a Recognized campus in 2001. Davenport ES re-

sults are: Reading - 79.9%; Math - 93.3%; Writing - 76.4%.

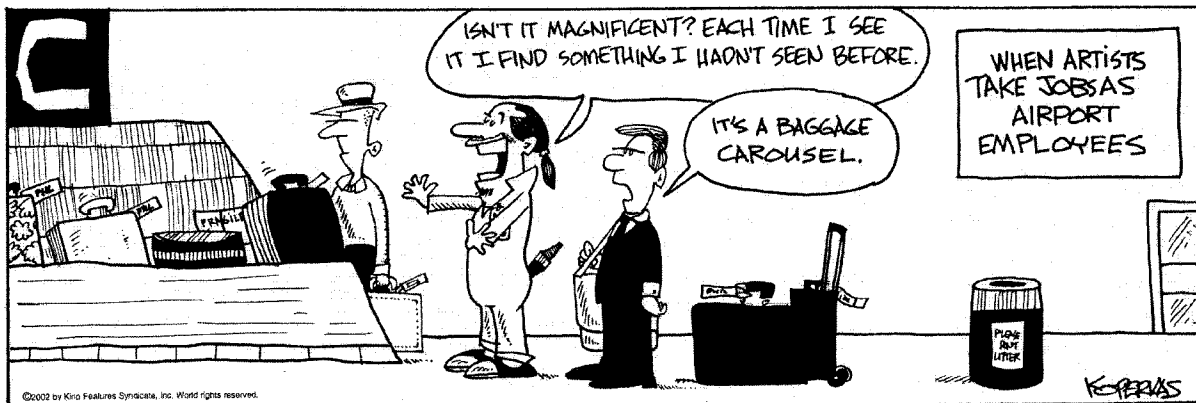
Canutillo Middle School and Canutillo High School also received Acceptable ratings. The Middle School eighth grade results are: Reading - 88%; Math - 87.8%; Writing - 79.9%; and Social Studies - 64.5%. This was the first year that the social studies scores were included in the accountability ratings for eighth graders.

Canutillo High School results are: Reading - 90.2%; Math - 81.3%; Writing - 82.5%. CHS missed being a Recognized campus by four-tenths of a percentage point in one of the determining subgroups.

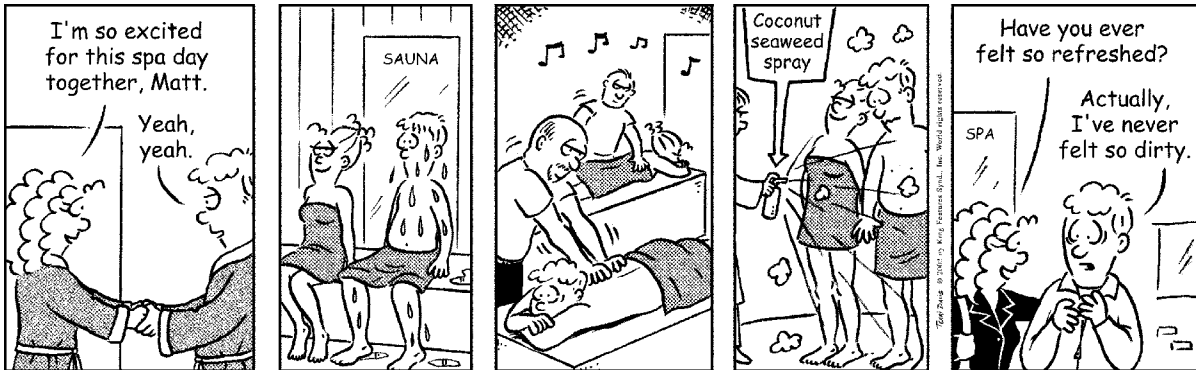
"Canutillo ISD overall accountability rating earned in 2002 is Acceptable and will be held for two years, 2002-03 and 2003-04, due to a direct mandate in state law as we switch to the new TAKS (Texas Assessment of Knowledge and Skills) tests," said Dr. Pam Padilla, CISD Assistant Superintendent for Student Performance. "There is no mandate for campuses, so they will not be rated in 2003-04. The ratings in 2004-05 will be based primarily on the new TAKS tests," Dr. Padilla said.

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Social Security: Q & A By Ray Vigil

Q: I receive Social Security disability benefits. I know that my case will be reviewed to make sure I'm still disabled. How often can I expect to be reviewed?

A: The law says from time to time we need to review everybody's case to see if he or she is still eligible for disability benefits. If improvement is possible but not expected, your case will be reviewed about once every three years. If improvement is not expected, your case will be reviewed once every five to seven years. Gen-

erally, if your health has not improved, or if your disability still keeps you from working, you will continue to receive your benefits.

Q: Is it true that if you have low income that you can get help paying Medicare premiums?

A: Yes. If your monthly income is less than \$1,238 (\$1,661 for a couple), your state may help with some Medicare expenses, such as your premiums, deductibles and co-

insurance amounts. Contact your state or local medical assistance, social services or welfare office, or call the Medicare hotline, 1-800-MEDICARE (TTY 1-800-633-4227).

Q: I am 68 years old and am having difficulty making ends meet on my small Social Security retirement benefit. Are there any other Social Security programs that could help me?

A: You might be eligible for Supplemental Security Income (SSI), a program run by Social Security but funded by general tax revenues. SSI pays monthly checks to the elderly,

the blind and people with disabilities who don't own many things or have much income. The rules for getting SSI are explained in the booklet, Supplemental Security Income, Publication No. 05-11000.

Q: My dad, who is receiving SSI benefits, will be coming to live with me. Since his SSI check goes directly to the bank, does he have to report the move to Social Security?

A: Yes. An SSI beneficiary must report any change in living arrangements within 10 days after the change occurs. If he doesn't, he could end

up receiving an incorrect payment and have to pay it back. Failure to report or filing false reports could result in a fine, imprisonment or both. Also, your father needs to report his new address to Social Security so that he can continue to receive mail from Social Security when necessary.

For more information visit your local Social 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
Mostly sunny and hot.	Clear.	Mostly sunny and rather hot.	Abundant sunshine and quite warm.	Mostly sunny.	Plenty of sunshine.	Sunshine.	A good deal of sunshine.
▲ 92°	▼ 58°	▲ 90° ▼ 54°	▲ 88° ▼ 54°	▲ 86° ▼ 54°	▲ 86° ▼ 56°	▲ 84° ▼ 58°	▲ 84° ▼ 58°

UV INDEX Statistics for noon.

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

Thursday	8	High
Friday	8	High
Saturday	8	High
Sunday	8	High
Monday	8	High
Tuesday	8	High
Wednesday	8	High

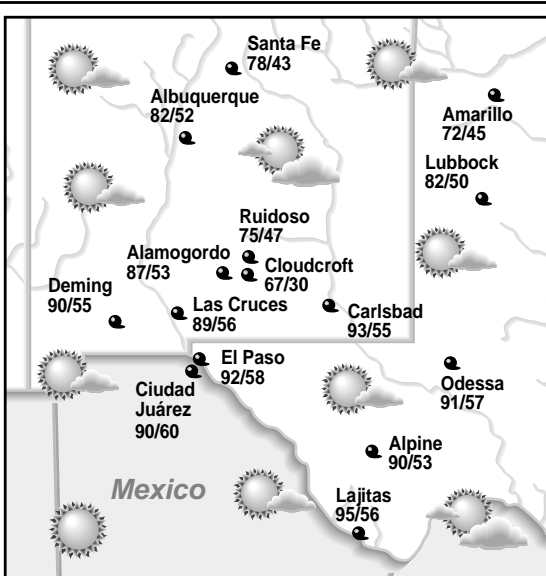
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Thursday	94°
Friday	80°
Saturday	78°
Sunday	75°
Monday	82°
Tuesday	76°
Wednesday	84°

TEXAS WEATHER

Anthony	90	59
Canutillo	91	60
Clint	92	58
E. Montana	92	58
Fabens	92	58
Horizon	93	60
San Elizario	90	57
Socorro	91	57
Tornillo	91	58
Vinton	91	60



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

TRAVELERS CITIES

City	Thur. Hi/Low/W	Fri. Hi/Low/W	Sat. Hi/Low/W	Sun. Hi/Low/W	Mon. Hi/Low/W
Albuquerque	82/52/s	80/52/pc	80/53/s	78/54/s	80/49/s
Atlanta	80/67/r	80/65/t	74/53/pc	72/54/s	74/46/s
Atlantic City	75/62/sh	76/64/c	70/52/r	67/46/pc	68/39/s
Austin/San Antonio	93/64/s	84/52/s	80/51/s	81/53/s	78/55/c
Baltimore	72/60/c	74/56/c	69/50/pc	69/47/s	69/42/s
Boston	69/56/pc	70/55/pc	64/48/r	60/49/pc	64/43/s
Chicago	70/46/sh	66/40/c	64/42/pc	61/49/pc	69/48/pc
Dallas/Ft. Worth	88/61/pc	79/56/s	78/58/s	80/59/s	80/53/s
Denver	66/38/pc	74/42/pc	66/40/pc	75/48/s	75/43/s
Flagstaff	74/38/s	74/38/s	72/39/s	71/38/s	71/33/s
Houston	86/72/pc	82/60/s	80/56/s	84/58/s	86/59/s
Kansas City	63/43/c	65/43/pc	65/48/s	74/53/pc	62/41/s
Las Vegas	94/66/s	94/66/s	92/64/s	90/62/s	90/62/s
Miami	89/79/pc	90/78/pc	89/75/pc	87/74/pc	86/72/pc
Minneapolis	58/38/pc	54/34/pc	54/38/pc	65/46/pc	67/54/s
New Orleans	82/77/r	82/68/t	77/62/s	78/61/s	84/63/c
New York City	75/64/pc	73/64/pc	71/58/r	68/55/pc	67/47/s
Philadelphia	76/60/pc	76/58/c	70/49/r	68/49/pc	70/44/s
Phoenix	102/76/s	102/75/s	100/74/s	99/73/s	98/63/s
Portland	82/47/s	76/49/s	78/49/s	69/51/pc	70/43/pc
San Francisco	70/56/pc	68/56/pc	68/56/pc	70/54/pc	72/50/s
Seattle	73/46/s	68/46/s	68/48/s	65/50/pc	65/40/pc
Tucson	96/66/s	98/66/s	96/66/s	95/66/s	92/58/s
Washington, DC	72/62/c	74/58/c	70/52/pc	70/53/s	71/47/s

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

AGRICULTURE

An upper-level ridge will bring very warm to hot and dry weather Thursday and Friday. Both day will feature 8-10 hours of sunshine with afternoon highs within a few degrees of 90. Winds light and southwesterly each day. The dry weather pattern will continue this weekend and early next week with temperatures near seasonable levels.

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