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## NEWSBRIEFS

### Calling Curlee's friends

Landis Curlee has given his time and effort to East El Paso County for many years. Now his friends want to give something back. A dinner party for the longtime friend-teacher-mentor-principal-superintendent is in the planning stages. The date will be Saturday, Nov. 17, but further details are pending. Those interested in attending should RSVP to Chuy or Mike Franco at 851-2695 before Nov. 15.

### Clint ISD honored

Clint ISD Superintendent Donna Smith and campus principals from eight of the district's 11 schools were honored Oct. 18 by Region 19 Executive Director Dr. Jimmy Vasquez for recently earning designation as a Recognized or Exemplary campus in the state's accountability system. "The designation is one of great pride to your community and school because it reflects the strong academic work of teachers, students and staff and the strong administrative leadership you provide," Vasquez said. The Region 19 Education Service Center, located at 6611 Boeing Dr., has posted the pictures of campus scenes from several CISD schools in its facility's "Hall of Fame." The photos are available for public viewing. Region 19 unveiled the photos after a reception for attendees. "These pictures best reflect the strength, commitment, and hard work of schools that have earned recognition from the state," Vasquez said. "Congratulations!"

### In other news

■ *Revolución XV*, a musical history of the Mexican revolution, will be performed at 8 p.m., Friday and Saturday, Nov. 15-16; and a matinee performance at 3 p.m., Sunday, Nov. 17, at the Chamizal National Memorial Theater (800 S. Marcial). The musical and theatrical show is performed by an intergenerational cast including elementary, high school, and college students, as well as a choir composed of senior citizens. A professional mariachi group, Mariachi Cuachtemoc, is also part of the entertainment. The cultural production is presented by Sylvia Camañez, El Paso Community College and Canutillo Independent School District. Sunday's performance will be Camañez's final appearance as production director after 15 years and she will be presented a special recognition plaque. Canutillo ISD will officially take charge of the *Revolución* musical production which will become part of the District's Student/Community Services department offerings, said Jorge Valenzuela, Canutillo ISD Student/Community Services staff member and assistant director for *Revolución* production. Tickets for the performances are \$7 per person and are available at Canutillo ISD Administration Building (7965 Arcraft) and at the door at the Chamizal National Memorial Theater.

■ The Native American Alliance of Texas  
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*What makes eating your words so difficult is swallowing your pride at the same time.*

— Quips and Quotes



**A WARRIOR'S HEART** — Santos Hawk's Blood gave a drum lesson to Luis Rodriguez, explaining that the Indian's drum beat was in rhythm with the human heart, not the stylized version popularized in Western movies.

## Chiricahua visitor sheds some light on Native Americans in Tornillo

TORNILLO — He calls it "revisionist history" and he's out to set the record straight. One child at a time.

Santos Hawk's Blood is one of only 186 full-blood Chiricahua Apache Indians still living in North America, a far cry from the 2,000 peak population of his people, but still more than the remaining 50 who were incarcerated as prisoners of war in Florida in 1886.

In a special presentation this week to some 95 Tornillo 5th graders, the authenticity of his message was clearly getting

through to his enthusiastic audience.

An outgoing sense of humor doesn't hurt his cause, either.

"Crazy Horse had to teach some knucklehead called Custard a lesson," he said amid shouts of laughter from the students.

"My story is to set the record straight," Hawk's Blood said. "History is inaccurate regarding native American Indians."

Among those tidbits of truth are that Indians don't say "how" in greeting, the word "okay" is an original Indian word, a bunny dance that was first

danced about 3,000 years ago and the way Indians play the drum in the movies is a total misrepresentation.

"The (authentic) drum beat is to the rhythm of your heart. If your heart sounds like the drums in movies, call 911!"

His credentials go a long way back, with a lineage that includes some of the most notorious warriors in U.S. history — Geronimo, Cochise, Victorio and Masai.

As a traditionalist, Hawk's Blood is committed to telling the true story of the  
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— Photo courtesy of Sam Sanchez

**PROUD HERITAGE, PRECIOUS MEMORIES** — Lorenzo Borrego, now 77, often visits the Los Portales building where much of his past is contained. While there he remembers the young man, his schoolmate Octavio Alarcon, who went to Iwo Jima with him, but did not return.

## Tale of two soldiers whose history is preserved in Los Soldados de San Elizario museum

By Sam Sanchez Sr.  
Special to the Courier

SAN ELIZARIO — Veteran's Day offers the nation an opportunity to honor those men and women who have served our country in the Armed Forces. In these troubled times many young men and women are still willing to put their lives on hold to serve our nation and help to preserve our freedom and our way of life.

In the past several years, San Elizario's veterans have been honored with activities which include ceremonies at the cemetery, a parade and all-day celebration, culminating with fireworks at the Veterans Memorial Placita in front of the San Elcario Presidio Chapel.

The historic Portales building which houses a museum of San Elizario history remains open late on Veterans Day to offer the public an op-

portunity to learn about San Elizario's colorful past and its ties to the military.

One of the rooms is dedicated as a memorial to *Los Soldados de San Elizario* where collections of photographs are on display. Of particular interest are the photographs of World War II veterans. There is a sacred element about that room that holds visitors, causing them to stand in awe as they view those young faces staring at them from a span of 60 years.

All have a story to tell, but some of the young faces, whose voices have been silenced, will never tell their story.

Their remains are beneath the white crosses on the burial grounds in Europe. Others lie in some volcanic island in the Pacific. Yet others remain at the bottom of the sea.

Lorenzo Borrego and Octavio Alarcon are

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## Damian Elementary is among best performing schools in Texas

By Alfredo Vasquez  
Special to the Courier

CANUTILLO — Max Padilla, principal of Jose H. Damian Elementary School in the Canutillo School District, has been invited to share the secrets of his school's success as a high-performing campus during an awards reception sponsored by the Texas Business and Education Coalition (TBEC), Tuesday, Nov. 12, in Austin.

The special invitation is in recognition of Damian Elementary School's recent selection as being among the best 42 elementary schools in Texas by TBEC and Just For the Kids state organizations.

The TBEC/JFTK honor is the most prestigious award for sustained, whole-school academic excellence in Texas, according to TBEC official John H. Stevens. "It recognizes consistent performance from schools rated for three years that have excellent performance in each grade in each subject. It is the next step beyond the current accountability system and the Blue Ribbon school designation," Stevens stated.

Damian ES has earned an "Exemplary" rating in Texas Education Agency's (TEA) accountability rating system for the past two school years, and three years ago it was the first school in the Canutillo district to receive a "Recognized" rating. Damian ES student population is 90 percent Hispanic and over 80 percent economically disadvantaged, with 45 percent classified as limited English proficient.

Damian ES overall results for the TAAS tests taken last spring were: Reading- 98.3 percent; Math- 98.7 percent; and Writing 100 percent. The upper valley school has an enrollment count of 642 students, and the

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## One perspective

By Francis Shrum

# Musing over a dead chicken

Okay, I'll admit that musing over a dead chicken doesn't sound too appetizing. But stay with me here. I've got a point. Really.

It's Monday morning before the election and all the news is about who is ahead and why and what it will mean if this one or that one wins.

And I'm here in the kitchen skinning this chicken for tonight's dinner, listening to the endless speculation.

And thinking about waste.

Now some things are made for disposal. Like chicken fat. It's already done its job by insulating this nice, young chicken. Some people like a little for flavoring and that's okay, too. But mostly, if we consume it instead of tossing it out to the dog or the garbage man, it isn't good for us.

On the other hand, we've become so accustomed to supposedly disposable things — diapers, razors, microwaves and marriages — that we seem to have created a whole generation of people who don't realize there are some things that you cannot replace in that easily.

Like their lives.

There is a world of difference between what we should rightfully dispose of and that which, if carelessly thrown away, is simply wasted.

What was it that flipped the mysterious switch in the hearts and heads of John Allen Muhammed and John Lee Malvo that made them think it was okay to waste not only the lives of an unknown number of hapless victims, but their own lives as well?

Young, good-looking, smart. Wasted.

Here in El Paso we see it all the time. Just this week there was a bunch of kids having a party out here in the desert. The cops busted it up

and in the melee a 17-year-old driving an SUV ran down a policeman.

What a waste — not only of the officer who must now take months, maybe years, to recover but of the young man whose life has been irrevocably damaged by a series of bad choices. I wonder whose SUV it was he wasted.

Over the last few years El Paso has grieved communally over the loss of beautiful young women on both sides of the border. In Juarez we don't know what the faces of most of the victims looked like.

In El Paso we do. And not just the victims like Carly Martinez or Sophia Martinez, but also of the handsome young men who have been convicted of destroying their lives in the very moment they flowered most beautifully.

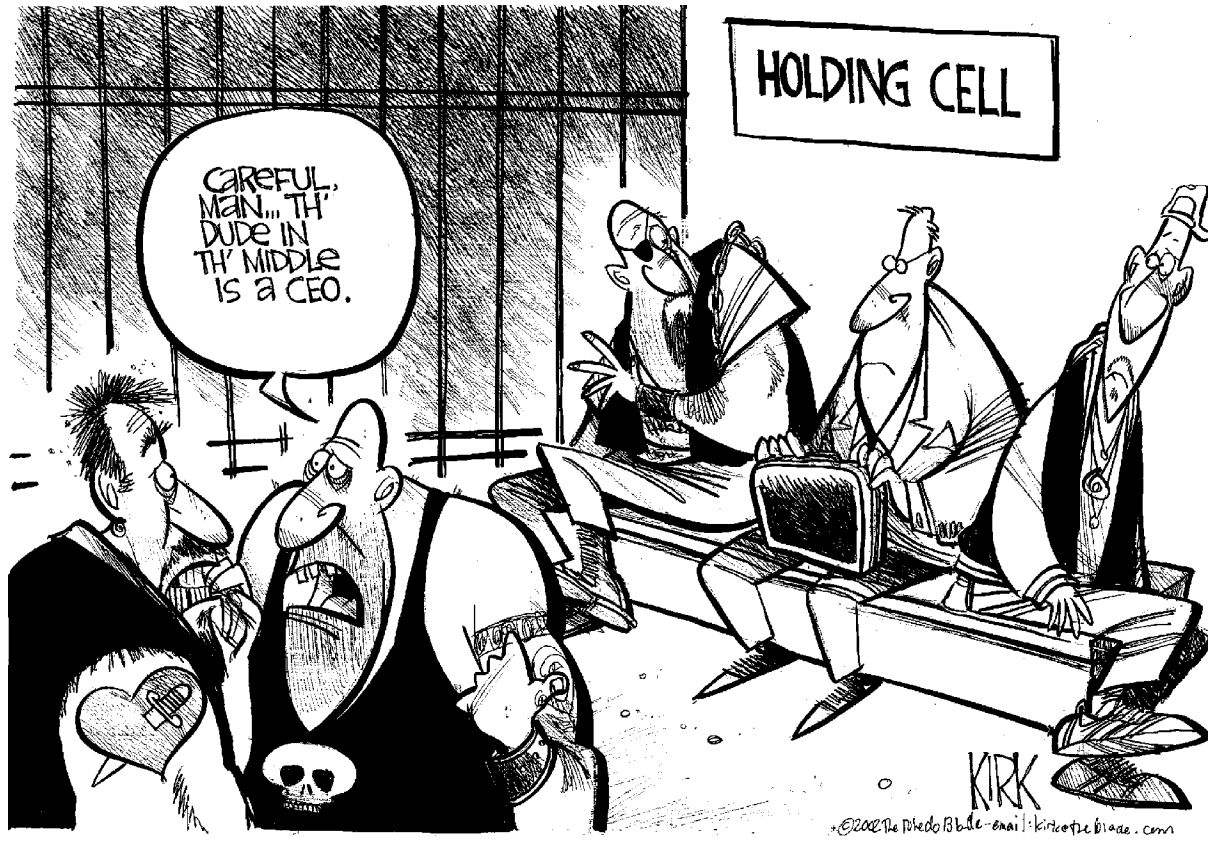
Young, good-looking. Wasted.

Now I'm watching this news broadcaster talk about Tony Sanchez vs. Rick Perry. Both men want to be Texas' next governor — for starters. They both must harbor the haunting realization that former Texas' governors have subsequently occupied the White House.

The stakes are high for men who play high stakes. What a waste.

I met Rick Perry once, a long time ago during a backyard barbecue at a beautiful farm house in the Lower Valley, way back when all he was representing was Texas' agricultural industry. Back then he looked like he could be the teenage brother of my second cousin's best friend. A lot younger and happier and optimistic than he looks today.

The best hope is that he doesn't waste his true resources — family, health, self-respect — in the pursuit of political aspirations which are, in



## ...AND ANOTHER THING...



reality, little more than a most effective way to waste a perfectly good man.

At this writing, I don't know what the outcome of the Texas' governor's race will be, but in all honesty, I hope Tony Sanchez doesn't win for one simple reason: He doesn't know the difference between dispose and waste.

Anybody who can waste that much of his own personal fortune in an attempt to buy himself a governorship doesn't have any business handling the public purse. Period.

It was a pathetic display as the Democratic party wasted the dignity of Senator Paul Wellstone as his memorial service degenerated into a

political free-for-all. That event alone wasted a lot of intangibles that I am so sorry one of our nation's most powerful political bodies cannot recognize anymore.

Like Tony Sanchez' fortune as it gurgles down the drain — even if he wins — all I can do is look at this chicken fat and muse... what a waste.

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## For Sanity's Sake

By Taprina Milburn

# Birdbrain

I've said many prayers as a mother, prayers for my children's health or hurt feelings or their friendships and futures. But lately my prayers have bordered on the absurd.

I've been praying for my kids' duck — a baby duck that ventured under our deck, where tarantulas, and God only knows what else, live. When the duck wasn't able to find its way out, the term birdbrain truly made sense to me.

Lilly is her name. I bought her to keep our other duck, Jill, company. Jill acts like a dog and sits with our dogs at the back door looking in.

Except that I figured out Jill really doesn't want in. She's grown fond of her reflection in the glass and wants to stay as close to it as she can. To get her away from the back door (because ducks make messes wherever they stand) I had to tape newspaper over the glass.

She moped for days, and if you've ever seen a duck mope, you know it's a pitiful sight.

So I shelled out \$3 for another duck. I had hopes Lilly would grow up to be Jill's best friend, and they would play in the yard and not by the back door.

My plan was working just fine until the other day, when I couldn't find Lilly. I discovered she was under the deck,

right by the back door. So Jill resumed her old post, this time not to see her reflection, but to keep company her stuck friend.

The kids called to Lilly. We tap danced on different parts of the deck, hoping she'd follow the sound. I sprinkled food between the cracks, making a trail she could follow out, but was unsuccessful. I even used the water hose and the leaf blower — anything to get her to budge (please don't write to me about how cruel this is; my heart was in the right place).

After five days of praying for Lilly to get a brain, I knew the answer was in the toolbox — except that it wouldn't be easy.

How do you ask a husband to dismantle portions of a \$3,000 deck to retrieve a \$3 duck? With a whole lot of praise and adoration. The kids and I put on our most pitiful faces (hey, it worked for Jill) and buttered up my husband for his help.

Despite his belief that a person's only interaction with poultry should take place using a dinner fork, he went to work removing part of the deck to rescue our dumb pet duck. And he was successful.

As much as I'd like to wrap up this column with a nice, tidy ending, I have to share that Lilly still needs prayers. She wandered back under the deck.

This time, however, my husband says he's going to pray for the birdbrain — and he doesn't mean Lilly.





# Clint ISD teacher Bretado recognized by First Lady for teaching achievements

By Debra Dominguez  
Special to the Courier

EAST EL PASO COUNTY — The year was 1975. And high school student and Mexican immigrant Eusebio Bretado was bored with his high school studies. So he dropped out.

Restless, the 19-year-old joined the U.S. Army and, eventually, received his GED.

It wasn't until 1993, however, that things really started to turn around for Bretado, who by this time had earned a position as an Infantry instructor with the U.S. Army.

In so many words, Bretado, 46, said he "took the advice" of his long-time wife and high school sweetheart, Mireya Bretado, who he credits for getting him to pursue a college education.

"Actually, I didn't choose to go to college," Bretado happily joked. "I'm married. So, my wife kind of did the deciding for me. Honestly though, she told me to go back to school. I owe my success to her. She pushed me to be my best. Without her support, I wouldn't be where I am today."

And where he is today is teaching in Clint ISD — a career that has earned him personal recognition from First Lady Laura Bush as she honored him with the prestigious "Troops to Teachers 'Excellence in Teaching'" award.

The First Lady congratulated Bretado Oct. 16 at Wright Patterson Air Force Base in Ohio. The Clint ISD teacher — recognized for his accomplishments as a former bilingual teacher at Desert Hills Elementary — was one of only three teachers in the nation awarded at the ceremony.

"These teachers have proven that they have the skills we need most...where we need them the most," Mrs. Bush said at the award ceremony. "As a former public school teacher, I know that we need the best teachers we can find. And I know that Troops to Teachers is helping America fill that need."

She thanked the Troops to Teachers Program for helping to meet the nation's urgent requirement for qualified teachers by making it possible for former servicemen and women to move into teaching positions, especially in high needs schools and geographic areas.

"I certainly commend Mr. Bretado's accomplishments," Clint ISD Superintendent Donna Smith said. "I've heard such great things about his teaching style by administrators, students and teachers alike. It's not everyday that one of your own gets national recognition. And I speak on behalf of Clint ISD when I say how proud and fortunate we are to have such a talented teacher with us."

The Troops to Teachers award, sponsored by the Department of Education, was bestowed on the three educators for their positive impact on student achievement, demonstrated effectiveness as role models, and for bringing about significant improvements in their schools.

The other award recipients are William Byrd of Huntsville, AL and Michael S. Glaze of Beaufort, SC. All three became teachers through the Troops to Teachers program, which began in 1994.

Bretado, who has a Master of Science as an Instructional Specialist and is certified to teach bilingual education and social studies, was recognized for his accomplishments while teaching fifth and sixth grade social studies at Desert Hills Elementary School. The school was recognized for the first time last year as an "Exemplary Texas School."

"Bretado received outstanding performance awards for three years, and his students scored 90 percent or higher on Texas achievement tests," Desert Hills Principal Mark Ayala said. "Mr. Bretado takes pride in his ability to serve as a role model for many of the Mexican immigrant children in his classes."

Born in Mexico, he and his family immigrated to California where he grew up in the Pasadena area. Now, he finds satisfaction in being able to influence children from similar backgrounds.

"This is a poor, rural community," he said. "Kids don't know what they are capable of. Parents care, but they are busy just putting food on the table-much the way my own parents were."

Today, his daughter, Donna Bretado, is a teacher with the Tornillo Independent School District, and his son, Mickey Bretado, is in the ROTC Air Force at the UTEP and is studying mechanical engineering.

"Meeting the First Lady was very exciting," Bretado said. "It's almost unbelievable to have someone like her recognize you for being a good teacher. Ms. Bush was really down to earth, and asked me about Clint."

"My advice to teachers is to teach from your heart," Bretado said. "To Clint ISD students, you'll get there if you don't give up. When I was in high school, I had an ESL Social Studies teacher named Oscar Palmer. He told me the importance of an education but I didn't realize the importance. Now I do."

Josie Perez, principal at Carroll T. Welch Middle School, said her campus is fortunate to have an individual who has made "commitment" a priority in his life.

"Mr. Bretado has demonstrated his commitment to his country and now to the children of Clint ISD," she said. "I believe his efforts are heroic."

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



# November is National Diabetes Month

Every November this column announces National Diabetes Month. The goal is to increase awareness of this killer, as well as update you on recent developments.

Blindness, heart attack, stroke, kidney failure and amputations can all result from diabetes, which impairs, or even halts, your body's ability to process food sugar into energy. You may already know this because a friend or family member suffers from this terrible disease. Maybe even you have it. In fact, perhaps the scariest thing is that of the 850,000 Texans who have diabetes, half of them may not even know it.

Could you be at risk for diabetes? You are if you are over 45, overweight, do not exercise regularly or have a family history of diabetes. Keep an eye out for these warning signs of diabetes: fatigue, excessive thirst, rapid weight loss, blurred vision, frequent urination and cuts or bruises that are slow to heal. The best defense against it, though, is prevention. Just by exercising, eating right and controlling your weight now, you can help control or prevent diabetes later.

The medical experts tell us that we are close to curing this killer disease. To that extent, I and sev-

eral members of the House Appropriations Committee have worked to ensure that these researchers have the funds they need to battle diabetes.

While the researchers make progress in the labs, there is other good news for diabetes sufferers.

Recently, the Health Care Financing Administration agreed to provide Medicare coverage of insulin infusion pumps for beneficiaries who have Type I, or juvenile, diabetes. In Type I diabetes, the body can't make any insulin to process blood sugar. The battery-powered insulin pumps are about the size of a beeper. They inject preprogrammed dosages 24 hours a day through a tube to a needle inserted just under the skin. The pump not only provides diabetes patients greater freedom, but also means greater safety and fewer complications from inaccurate dosages.

Let's not forget that it is your tax dollars that help pay for medical research. Hopefully, we agree that these are national priorities that need to be addressed. Diabetes alone costs Texans almost \$3 billion each year in medical costs and lost productivity. More importantly, it is costing the lives of our fellow citizens.

One day, I hope this column can report a cure for diabetes. Until then, best defenses against diabetes are awareness and education. For more information regarding diabetes, please call the American Diabetes Association at 1-800-DIABETES.

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Festival will kickoff on Saturday, Nov. 9 bringing a taste of the past and a glimpse of the future at the Ysleta Student Entrepreneur Center and Fine Arts Complex from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. and again the following day, Sunday, Nov. 10, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Admission to the event is free, festival-goers will see native American dancers, Indian arts and crafts, and art gallery exhibits, as children enjoy jumping balloons, food and entertainment booths. For more information contact Suky Ramos at 422-1700, Lupe Casillas Lowenberg at 434-9721 or Rocio Villalobos at 434-9711.

■ The Hospice of El Paso will present their 2002 Celebrity Waiters Luncheon on Friday, Nov. 8 at 11:30 a.m. at the NCO Centennial Club at Ft. Bliss. Come enjoy a fine meal served by El Paso's most notorious public figures. For information and reservations call 532-5699.

■ The Clint Methodist Church is having an old-fashioned Christmas Craft Fair on Saturday, Nov. 16, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Home-baked goodies, breads, candies and gift items for Christmas will be offered. Enjoy a day in the country at the historic church in Clint. Exit I-10 at the Clint exit and follow the signs to 201 McKinney Street in Clint. Individual crafters are welcome to add their creations to the event — call 851-2702 or 851-8144 for more information.

■ Canutillo Elementary School has been selected for a visit by CAST 2002 (Conference for the Advancement of Science Teachers) participants, from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m., Friday, Nov. 8. Canutillo Elementary is the only school campus in the El Paso area that is opening its doors to CAST conference participants. "We feel that it will be a day well-spent providing CAST participants the oppor-

tunity to view a variety of activities that showcases our state-of-the-art science labs and science curriculum," said Hector Giron, CES principal, which include FOSS, Technology Integration (I-PAQs), Science Camp Program activities used for summer enrichment, and a Mezo-American Math/Science unit which includes an indoor garden. Canutillo Elementary, located at 651 Canutillo Avenue, is a "Recognized Campus" by Texas Education Agency (TEA) with an enrollment of 775 students, pre-kindergarten to sixth grade, of which 93 percent are Hispanic.

■ Americas High School will host its 7th Annual Americas High School Christmas Fair from 5-9 p.m. on Dec. 6. For one night, the entire high school will become a giant shopping mall with 114 vendors selling everything from dolls to food, flags and cosmetics, jewelry and clothing. More than 30 performing groups will entertain the crowd and entertainment for young children will abound. Admission is free. For more information call Miyesser Collins at 856-4366.

■ Lisa Brem, Sharon Bills, Armando Rueda and Irma Zepeda of Clint Jr. High School joined about 30 Texas 8th grade teachers spending six days at NASA Johnson Space Center in Houston this past summer learning new ways to incorporate the wonder of space into their classrooms. The Middle School Aerospace Scholars shares space-age tools with teachers involved with students in this impressionable age-group, including distance learning techniques and how to use the lure of space exploration and technology to inspire their students. As part of Texas Aerospace Scholars, the Middle School Aerospace Scholars program was created through a joint venture between JSC and the State of Texas to encourage students to pursue future careers in science and engineering.

## Soldiers

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just two of the more than 200 servicemen from San Elizario who saw action in World War II. As youngsters they attended school at the Los Portales building where their military pictures are now on display.

Lorenzo enlisted in the Navy and Octavio joined the Marines. After basic training they found themselves in the Pacific — Lorenzo serving aboard the troop transport USS President Adams and Octavio with the 3rd Marine Division.

In early 1945, with Nazi Germany making its last painful struggle, Adm. Chester Himitz was establishing island bases for the final assault on Japan. Contested waters had been reconquered and American naval strength had become superior.

The USS Adams, with Seaman Second Class Borrego on board, picked up elements of the 3rd Marines Division at Guadacanal. Their destination was "Island X," part of a familiar pattern of training, invasion of an island no one had ever heard of, more training, another invasion.

An armada of almost 500 giant American warships with the 3rd, 4th and 5th Marine Divisions churned across the ocean for days before the troops and sailors learned the name of "Island X," where they would land on Feb. 19, 1945, was Iwo Jima.

Assisting marines onto the rope-nets, Lorenzo caught sight of a familiar face in the crowd of Marines. He surprised his old school mate, Octavio Alarcon, with a slap on the back and a handshake. Then he helped him down the net and onto the Amtrac that would carry the marines to the sands of Iwo Jima.

The island was secured on March 26, but the Japanese had put a fearful price on the victory. Over 19,000 Americans were wounded, 7,000 killed. Among the foot Marines, there were 5,900 dead.

Lorenzo came home after the war and raised a family. He is now 77 years old and enjoys visiting the Portales museum. He often spends time alone in the Veterans Room.

Isabel Loya Alarcon is one of 7,000 mothers around the country that received the much-dreaded telegram informing her that Octavio, her marine son, had been killed in the battle for Iwo Jima, Feb. 27, 1945.

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ers within the Towns of Anthony, Clint, and Horizon City, the City of Socorro and the Village of Vinton, Texas.

On September 24, 2002, the City of El Paso approved a revenue increase of \$1,918,230, which represents a 1.72 percent increase in the Company's total adjusted revenues in its El Paso Service Area. While the requested revenue increase is derived for the entire service area, the annual revenue increase for the municipalities of Anthony, Clint, Horizon City, Socorro and Vinton would be approximately \$217,802, which represents a 1.97 percent increase. The rates that the Company is proposing are identical to those approved by the City of El Paso on September 24, 2002. The Company is asking that the rates for the municipalities of Anthony, Clint, Horizon City, Socorro and Vinton become effective on November 21, 2002. The proposed change does not constitute a "major

change" as that term is defined by Section 104.101 of the Texas Utilities Code.

Based on the proposed rate design, the municipalities of Anthony, Clint, Horizon City, Socorro and Vinton average residential bill of 43 Ccf will increase by approximately \$1.36, or 4.7 percent, while the average residential January bill of 109 Ccf will decrease by approximately \$3.67, or 5.6 percent. The Company's last rate case in the municipalities of Anthony, Clint, Horizon City, Socorro and Vinton occurred in 1998. Since then, consumer prices generally have increased by approximately 10 percent on the national level.

A complete copy of the Statement of Intent is available for inspection in the municipalities' offices and in the Company's business office located at 4600 Pollard Street, El Paso, Texas 79930. WTCC-10/17, 10/24, 10/31 & 11/07/02

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### 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 information.

*Tiene problemas con el alcohol? Hay una solucion. 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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## San Elizario celebrates Sixth Annual Veterans Memorial Ceremony on Nov. 11

SAN ELIZARIO — In a special flag ceremony on Monday, Nov. 11, the community of San Elizario will recognize the sacrifice and service of one of their own with the presentation of a flag flown over the Capital Building to Marcelo Lujan by Congressman Silvestre Reyes.

The program will begin at 11 a.m. at the San Elizario Cemetery. As over the past six years, Mrs. Carmen Cruz and the San Elizario Genealogy and Historical Society (SEGHS) have taken care to organize an extensive event.

Following the flag ceremony a mass will be conducted by Father Ed Carpenter, then a parade from the Cemetery will proceed to the San Elizario Placita in the shadow of the historic San Elcario Presidio Chapel.

Dan Cedillos is among the organizers of the event. "Various veterans organizations have been invited and are encouraged to participate with their floats that were used on Saturday (in the) Veterans Day Parade," he said.

The Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter 574, under director of President Lucio Moreno, will present the

colors and conduct the POW/MIA Remembrance Ceremony.

El Paso County Commissioner Miguel Teran and Antonio R. Cassagnol, County Veterans Assistance Officer and others will be special guest speakers.

This years veteran honoree, Marcelo Lujan, entered the U.S. Army in 1952 at the age of 18, two years later than his original attempt when, at age 16, he was thwarted by his mother's refusal to sign the enlistment form.

His original assignment was with the 378th Engineer Combat Battalion, later he became a demolition specialist and explosive mine sweeper. He was ultimately awarded the Bronze Star, and out of some 3000 men in three companies, he was one of only 12 who were noted for outstanding physical performance during the Korean War. He concluded active duty in 1954 but continued with the Army Reserves until November of 1960.

In the invitation to the public to attend the festivities, Cedillos said the SEGHS will open their kitchen following the event to provide food and drinks to the visiting public.

## County library at Fabens gets high-tech hookup to consortium of area libraries

FABENS — The El Paso County Library and El Paso Area Libraries Consortium (EPAL) held a grand opening dedication and ribbon-cutting celebration on Oct. 23 for the Athena Automated Library System.

The goal of this consortium of libraries — those of UTEP, El Paso Community College, EPISD, YISD, Canutillo ISD, City of El Paso, and County of El Paso — is to create accessibility of resources to the public. Users may now go to <http://athena.epcounty.com/athcgi/atweb.pl> and search the Library's collection from any library location throughout the county.

EPAL was awarded the Library Services Technology Act (LSTA) Grant through the Texas State Library and Archives Commission which provided the El Paso County Library the Athena software, server, and 11 computers.

County Commissioner Miguel A. Teran was on hand for the celebration as was El Paso Public Library Director Carol Brey.

— Contributed by Manuela Gandara



Carol Brey explains the library's new system.



Commissioner Miguel Teran cuts the ribbon, officially opening the library's new resources.

## El Paso County Fair serves as showcase for areas best and brightest in agriculture

By Michelle J. Brown  
Special to the Courier

EL PASO COUNTY — More than \$97,000 in prizes and scholarships was recently awarded to regional youth at the 49th Annual El Paso County Fair and Junior Livestock Show held at the El Paso County Coliseum. About 700 exhibits featuring 450 animals from hundreds of young students from dozens of area FFA or 4-H clubs competed this year.

Hailing from El Paso, Hudspeth, Culberson and Dona Ana counties, the students spent months preparing their animals and perfecting their techniques to earn scholarships and prizes earmarked for winners.

The fair and livestock show is one of the oldest in the greater southwest with represented areas that included El Paso, Las Cruces, Sierra Blanca, Van Horn, Ft. Hancock, Dell City, Tornillo, Canutillo, Fabens, Clint, Socorro, San Elizario and Anthony.

The Livestock Auction, a culmination of the five-day long events, included top winners of 125 animals in categories limited to goat, rabbit, poultry, lamb, swine, steer and dairy heifer shows. The top 15 winners are listed in order of award name, entrant's name, agricultural affiliation, auction buyer name and the prize tally.

- Grand Champion Steer - James Sloan, Las Cruces FFA, Walmart, \$4000
- Grand Champion Dairy Heifer -

James Gonzales, Desert Valley 4H, Desert Eagle Distributing, \$2100

- Grand Champion Swine - Kasey Lettunich, Sunset 4H, Farm Bureau Ins., \$1200

- Grand Champion Lamb - Brendon Sullivan, Las Cruces FFA, Casa Ford Farm and Ranch, \$875

- Grand Champion Cabrito - Michelle Bolner, Canutillo FFA, Casa Ford Farm and Ranch, \$800

- Grand Champion Rabbit - Robert Drake, Coronado FFA, Casa Ford, \$500

- Grand Champion Poultry - Jerrad Warhurst, Coronado FFA, Casa Ford, \$400

- Grand Champion Breeding Poultry - Stefanie Grider, Las Cruces FFA, Casa Ford Farm and Ranch, \$350

- Reserve (Res) Grand Champion Steer - Blane Gardner, Dona Ana 4H, Prices Creameries, \$3500

- Res Grand Champ Dairy Heifer - Catherine Paneral, Desert Valley 4H, Desert View Dairy and Southwest Dairy Farmers, \$1200

- Res Grand Champ Swine - Kylie Owen, Coronado FFA, Casa Ford, \$900

- Res Grand Champ Lamb - Adriane Wise, Las Cruces FFA, Walmart, \$600

- Res Grand Champ Cabrito - Brett Rose, Sierra Blanca 4H, Casa Ford Farm and Ranch, \$700

- Res Grand Champ Rabbit - Brandon Diller, Canutillo 4H, DBI Computer Service, \$225

- Res Grand Champ Poultry -

Mary Connor, El Paso 4H Horse Club, n/a.

Students vied for a variety of scholarships geared to specific age/grade levels and abilities.



"George, this new home security system you bought ... how much did it cost?"

## Literacy leaders visit Sambrano Elementary

By Phillip Cortez  
Special to the Courier

SAN ELIZARIO — Sambrano Elementary School in San Elizario will host a meeting of literacy leaders on Nov. 8, 2002, conducted by Michele Wells, Program Director for Literacy for the El Paso Collaborative.

Accompanying Wells will be two special guests, Sally Hampton, a director with the National Center of Education and the Economy and Phil Daro, Executive Director of the National Center on Education and the Economy.

Coordinating the meeting is Connie Loya, Literacy Leader for Sambrano Elementary. Loya is one of roughly 45 literacy leaders throughout the city in five school districts that meet once a week at different campuses, according to Wells. The leaders make up Literacy in Action, a program supported through the El Paso Collaborative in which Wells describes as "school-wide reform through literacy."

"These meetings give literacy leaders from other campuses in El Paso an opportunity to see what other campuses are doing," Wells said. "It helps us to increase the implementation and increase the

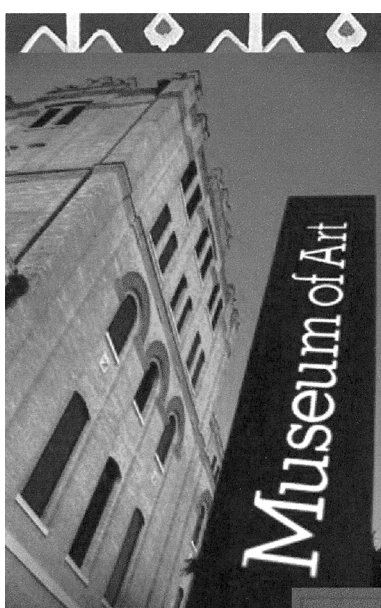
consistency in our implementation of strong literacy practices."

The participants will do classroom observations then debrief. These observations are probably the most important part of the meetings, according to Wells, because this gives literacy leaders an opportunity to see successful literacy practices at campuses other than their own. On Nov. 8, it will be Loya highlighting some of these practices, however, she'll also have an opportunity to get constructive feedback from other literacy leaders during the debriefing, feedback that will be shared with teachers at Sambrano.


"Some of the questions we ask during our debriefing are 'Is there consistency in implementation?' and 'Are the same structures in place?'" Wells said.

Literacy in Action has shown that campuses throughout the city can consistently share successful literacy practices in schools, something Sambrano principal Nancy Swanson finds very important.

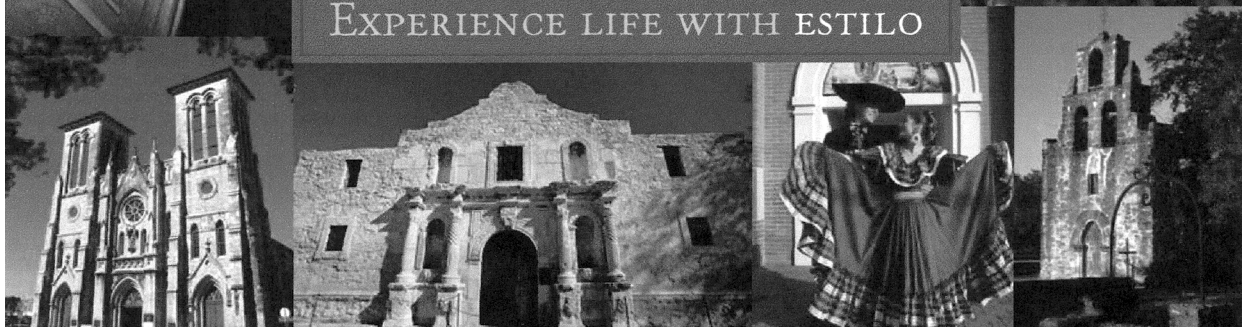
"We are excited to have these national leaders in literacy education visit our campus," Swanson said. "They have had a strong impact in reading and writing across the country...our students will benefit greatly."




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# Which side are you on?

By Don Flood

Our country is facing a great national question, one that threatens to forever divide us into "us" and "them."

I am speaking of course about how we choose to refer to our carbonated beverages.

Do we say "soda" or "pop"?

A recent article about a Caltech student's Web-site survey highlighted the controversy.

"For reasons that are unclear to me," said linguistics professor Bert Vaux in the article, "people feel they have a license to attack those who say 'pop' as stupid or illogical."

I couldn't agree more with the good professor.

I would never describe those who say "pop" as stupid or illogical — merely that they are WRONG.

The professor also says that many Americans are overly passionate about how they refer to soft drinks.

Well, if the professor means that I care too much about our nation's heritage, then I plead guilty.

When the Pilgrims and Indians sat down for the first Thanksgiving to watch the Detroit Lions play the Dallas Cowboys, what did they drink?

Soda.

When the Founding Fathers celebrated the signing of the Declaration of Independence, what got the party started?

Soda (spiked liberally with rum).

According to the article, the usage varies by region, with "soda" used in the Northeast and California and "pop" in the Midwest.

In our office, we once had a young Midwestern woman who, while appearing outwardly normal, brought about untold disruption.

Drawing upon her flawed linguistic heritage, this woman — when going to the *soda* machine — would say, "Would anyone else like some pop?"

This brought down the house!

Work would stop for something like — oh, three days — as we rolled on the floor in hysterics. (OK, that may be a slight exaggeration; there was very little actual rolling.)

But think of the impact of that one word on our office's productivity.

Multiply that by millions of offices in the United States, and I would estimate the losses to our GNP at, conservatively, \$1.8 gazillion billion every single day.

And, actually, the country is even more divided than I've described. In the South many people refer to all soft drinks as Coke.

Doesn't matter if it's Coke, Pepsi, Mountain Dew, Brand X or Sammy Swill's Sugarfied Fizzy Water.

I'm sorry, but that's unacceptable.

Here's how the survey stood recently.

"Pop" was winning with 46,011 votes, with "soda" coming in second with 43,625 votes and "Coke" a strong third at 22,008 votes.

(I am hopeful that if the case goes to the Supreme Court, swing voter Sandra Day O'Connor will tip the balance toward making "soda" the official name for carbonated beverages in the United States.)

Beyond that we have smaller numbers of people admitting to even more peculiar usages, such as:

Sody pop — *Are the Beverly Hillbillies answering this survey?*

Cocola — *Proceed immediately to a speech therapist.*

Fizzy drink — *Grow up!*

Sarsaparilla — *Hey, guys, the 19th century is officially over!*

Bellywasher — *Really hickish, but I have to admit I kind of like it.*

(To check Web site, go to Google and type in "soda vs. pop." Then do your duty and vote SODA!)

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## Socorro board agrees on names for new campuses

EAST EL PASO COUNTY — Meeting in regular session on Oct. 15, the Socorro ISD board of trustees gave names to two schools currently under construction.

The El Paso Hills campus near Horizon City was named Desert Wind. The PK-8 campus of Tierra del Este and Zaragosa will be called Paso del Norte.

Several directorships were filled with the following appointments: Assistant Superintendent for Personnel is Armando Bustamante; Director of Personnel is Rene Chavez; and Barron Edwards, currently principal of Horizon Heights Elementary, is

named Director of Personnel.

The board also agreed to ask five executive search firms to make presentations before selecting a firm to conduct a superintendent search. Hazard, Young, Attes and Associates of Illinois; Office of Field Services of Denton, Texas; Ray and Associates of Iowa; Texas Association of School Boards; and Dr. Bob Thompson, a consultant with the Texas Superintendent's Academy, have all expressed interest.

The phone numbers for the Socorro ISD Education Center were changed as of Oct. 17. The new main number is 937-0000.



Santos Hawk's Blood Indian

From Page 1

Native Americans, past and present. He notes that the term "tribe" was given to the Indians by the invading whites to replace the original Indian term of "nation." This was to remove their status as individual groups with political and national rights, he said.

He wears his hair long in memory of the "Old People." His lessons include the need to respect fathers, mothers, grandparents. His full regalia is entirely authentic as are the dances he performs.

Hawk's Blood is a native of the Southwest region of the U.S. but

his current address is New Jersey where he lives when not on the road presenting seminars as he has done for the past 15 years, or filming a movie — an unexpected side benefit to being the real thing.

"Tornillo was once part of the Apache nation," he told the students, adding that the conquering Spanish took away the Indian names of the indigenous peoples, replacing them with Spanish names. "Most Mexican people have Indian blood running through their veins," he said.

Describing the Apaches as "a dancing, singing, spiritual nation," he said they went to war because their home was in danger. As their way of life dissolved around them, he said, they turned to their leaders for understanding and answers — roughly equating Crazy Horse and Geronimo with Martin Luther King and John F. Kennedy.

A military veteran of the Vietnam era, Hawk's Blood was honorably discharged with the rank of sergeant. His patriotic roots run deep as well. He dances the final war dance in honor of those lost in the Sept. 11 attacks.

*Crazy Horse is gone away  
He'll be back again  
someday*

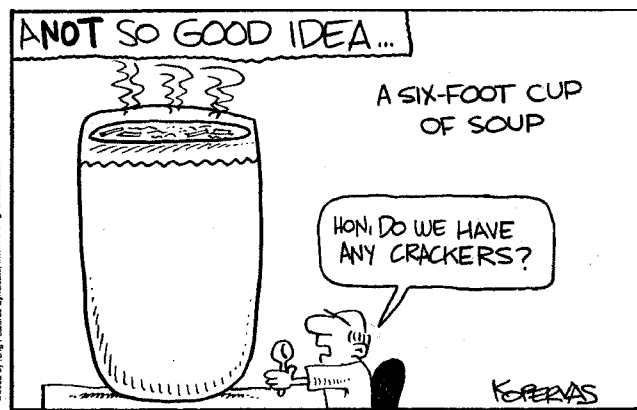
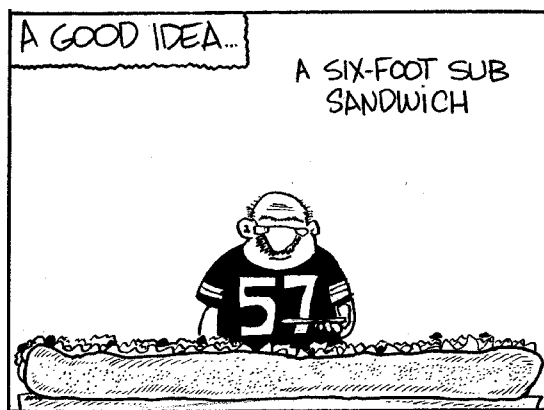
*To find the way...*  
The haunting lyrics of the Indian song effectively communicate to the Tornillo students that the traditions of song and dance are powerful history teachers.



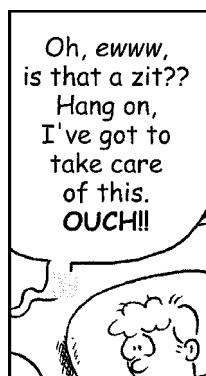
Paul Vranish, Tornillo's new superintendent has known Hawk's Blood for some time and arranged for him to speak to the fifth grade students.

## Comix

### OUT ON A LIMB By Gary Kopervas



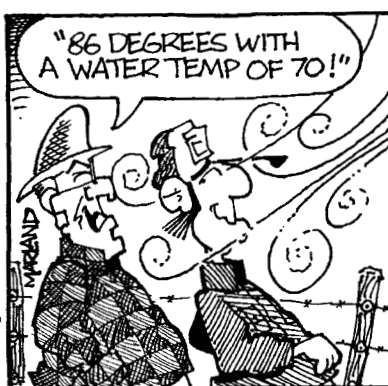
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# Social Security: Q & A By Ray Vigil

## 1.4 percent increase in Social Security announced

EL PASO COUNTY — Monthly Social Security and Supplemental Security Income (SSI) benefits to more than 50 million Americans will increase 1.4 percent in 2003, Jo Anne B. Barnhart, Commissioner of Social Security announced.

"Today's news tells us that inflation continues to be low, which is certainly good news for the elderly and disabled," said Commissioner Barnhart. "Inflation is one of the biggest challenges for people living on

a fixed income. The annual Cost-of-Living Adjustment (COLA) ensures that a person's monthly benefit doesn't drop in value over time."

The 1.4 percent increase will begin with benefits that 46 million Social Security beneficiaries receive in January 2003. Increased payments to seven million SSI beneficiaries will begin on Dec. 31.

Social Security and SSI benefits increase automatically each year based on the rise in the Consumer

Price Index for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers (CPI-W) from the third quarter of the prior year to the corresponding period of the current year. This year's increase in the CPI-W was 1.4 percent.

Some other changes that take effect in January of each year are based on the increase in average wages. Based on that increase, the maximum amount of earnings subject to the Social Security tax (taxable maximum) will increase from \$84,900 in 2002 to \$87,000 in 2003.

As a result of the increase in the taxable maximum in 2003, the maximum yearly Social Security Tax paid by employees and employers will in-

crease by \$130.20 each for a total of \$5394.00. For self-employed workers, it will rise by \$260.40 to a total of \$10,788. Of the approximately 155 million workers who pay Social Security taxes, about 9.7 million are affected by the higher wage base in 2003.

*For more information log onto our website, [www.ssa.gov](http://www.ssa.gov), call our toll-free number at 1-800-772-1213 or visit your local Social Security office. If you have any questions that you would like to have answered, please mail them to the Social Security Office, 1111 Gateway West, Attn: Ray Vigil, Public Affairs Specialist, El Paso, Texas 79935.*

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Saturday	4	Low
Sunday	5	Moderate
Monday	5	Moderate
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Wednesday	5	Moderate

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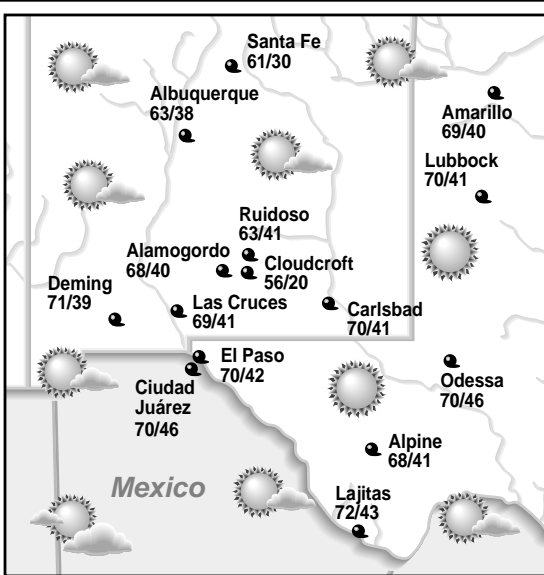
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Thursday	75°
Friday	65°
Saturday	63°
Sunday	59°
Monday	68°
Tuesday	59°
Wednesday	67°

### TEXAS WEATHER

Anthony	70	42
Canutillo	71	43
Clint	70	44
E. Montana	70	42
Fabens	70	44
Horizon	71	43
San Elizario	68	40
Socorro	69	41
Tornillo	70	44
Vinton	71	43

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



### TRAVELERS CITIES

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Albuquerque	63/38/s	62/37/pc	53/35/c	54/33/c	58/26/pc
Atlanta	61/44/s	64/47/s	68/52/pc	68/50/sh	72/46/sh
Atlantic City	56/38/pc	56/38/s	58/42/s	56/46/pc	62/48/r
Austin/San Antonio	67/41/s	71/54/pc	71/52/pc	72/46/pc	68/43/s
Baltimore	54/34/s	56/36/s	60/40/pc	62/44/pc	65/49/r
Boston	47/34/pc	49/32/pc	53/34/pc	57/40/pc	57/50/r
Chicago	50/38/pc	54/38/c	56/40/pc	58/45/sh	51/38/r
Dallas/Ft. Worth	69/48/s	67/53/pc	68/52/pc	67/45/pc	65/37/pc
Denver	60/34/s	58/34/pc	50/28/pc	47/29/c	52/34/c
Flagstaff	58/26/s	54/30/c	48/25/pc	45/24/pc	49/24/s
Houston	70/45/s	73/54/s	75/56/pc	73/54/pc	76/44/pc
Kansas City	66/42/s	66/44/s	62/42/pc	56/38/c	49/27/c
Las Vegas	72/50/pc	68/52/sh	66/48/pc	66/45/pc	68/45/pc
Miami	80/68/pc	82/71/pc	85/74/pc	86/74/pc	85/72/pc
Minneapolis	47/26/pc	51/34/pc	52/36/sh	42/34/r	42/24/c
New Orleans	67/47/s	72/58/s	77/62/pc	75/58/sh	70/46/pc
New York City	52/40/pc	56/40/pc	54/42/pc	58/42/pc	60/48/r
Philadelphia	54/38/pc	56/40/s	58/42/pc	62/48/pc	60/50/r
Phoenix	84/56/s	80/56/pc	76/52/pc	70/51/s	74/46/s
Portland	58/49/r	56/46/r	54/44/r	56/46/r	55/40/r
San Francisco	62/52/r	60/52/r	62/52/c	64/52/pc	64/55/r
Seattle	55/46/r	54/46/r	52/44/r	53/43/r	55/41/r
Tucson	82/50/s	78/48/pc	76/46/pc	70/44/s	70/43/s
Washington, DC	55/38/s	56/38/s	60/42/s	60/46/pc	62/53/c

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

### AGRICULTURE

High pressure will promote 7-10 hours of sunshine and pleasant weather Thursday and Friday. Drying conditions will be excellent both days with relative humidity levels lowering to 20-30 percent each afternoon. A cold front will cross the area Saturday with some clouds, but little if any rain. Cooler Sunday and early next week.

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