



NEWSBRIEFS

Prescription help

A new online database will help patients without prescription drug coverage access user-friendly information about more than 1,400 medicines offered free through patient assistance programs sponsored by the pharmaceutical industry and others. The website was announced by the Pharmaceutical Research and Manufacturers of America (PhRMA). People who need help in obtaining medicines can log on to <http://www.helpingpatients.org>, fill out an online form and receive a list of programs for which they may qualify. "The pharmaceutical industry has a long practice of providing prescription medicines free of charge to patients who might not be able to afford them. In 2002 alone, our companies have helped more than five million patients get the medicines they need," said PhRMA President Alan F. Holmer. "We are also committed to a long-term solution to ensure seniors and the disabled have access to the medicines they need. That's why we strongly support meaningful prescription drug coverage under Medicare."

Miss Cheerleader

Cherity Pierce, of East El Paso County, has been selected as a State Finalist in the Miss Cheerleader of America competition to be held on March 29-30 in Austin. Cherity, the daughter of Sandra and Raymond Pierce, is a 10th grader at Clint High School. The Miss Cheerleader of America program is offered to high school girls, grades nine through 12, and winners will be awarded cash scholarships and awards to be used at the college, university or trade school of her choice. "This is not a beauty, bathing suit, cheer skill or talent competition," said Pageant Coordinator Lucy Wiesend. "The judges are trained to look for the all-American girl who normally would not even think about being in a pageant." The competition includes short interviews and an elegant pageant-styled evening gown event, and special weight is given to an essay each girl must write. The state-level competition will determine the winner as there is not national

In other news

■ In recent weeks the Horizon area has experienced 11 cases of burglaries involving unknown persons breaking into homes under construction and taking home appliances such as furnaces, dishwashers, stoves, and construction materials, according to the Horizon City Police Department. The majority of the break-ins have occurred during the nighttime, but some have taken place during the day. In some cases the thieves are pretending to be construction workers and drive up to the homes under construction, break in, and load up

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Can you remember way back when a revenue agent chased moonshiners instead of checking your income?

— Quips & Quotes



— File photos April 2002

MARKED — Rio Vista's Texas Historical Marker, in English and Spanish, were dedicated in April of 2002. The Rio Vista Farm was officially recognized by the Texas Historical Commission as having historic significance. The Socorro Community Center is housed in the building to the rear of the marker.



MAKEOVER — Original construction on the farm spanned from 1915 to the early 1930s. The barracks buildings are in the process of renovation, other buildings have been refurbished. The original owners, the O'Shea family, ran a poor farm that served over 4,000 children and the neglected elderly until 1964. The facility has housed the Civilian Conservation Corps, the Bracero Program and more recently the Socorro Community Center and Texas Tech University. More information about the site's historic past can be found in the April 4, 2002 issue of the Courier, available by download at wtccourier.com, in the archives section.

Trip to County Commissioners Court turns out well for Socorro reps

EL PASO COUNTY — The El Paso County Commissioners Court agreed in principal to deed the 37-acre Rio Vista Farm Historical District to the City of Socorro following an appearance by Socorro representatives on Monday, March 23.

Mayor Irma Sanchez, accompanied by Council Representatives Sam Brewster and Gloria Rodriguez, gave a presentation to the Court, explaining that Socorro has already made expenditures of about \$653,738 in local and grant funding to improve the property.

Under a interlocal leasing agreement with the County, Socorro already operates a community/senior center in one of the restored structures and has made other significant im-

provements to the property.

However, future plans are being stymied because the City of Socorro does not hold the deed to the property. Sanchez said the Texas Historical Commission is unwilling to provide Foundation funds to help with renovation costs if Socorro is not the sole owner.

She said estimated costs to complete repairs and renovations to the structures' exterior alone is expected to cost over \$1,111,955 in additional funds.

"The Texas Historical Commission staff was very excited when they saw our project. However, once we told them that the city was leasing the property from El Paso County they right away stated that no Foundation will fund our

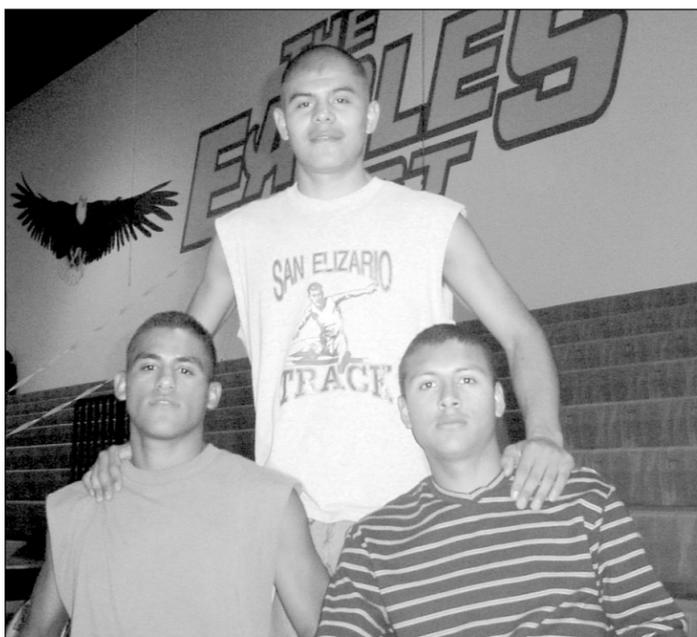
project because we do not have the deed to the site," Sanchez told commissioners.

Sanchez reviewed the history of the location and invited members of the Court to visit the site and see the improvements already underway.

Brewster said that negotiations can now begin between the City of Socorro and Commissioners Court to acquire the deed.

He said staff members Yolanda Rodela, Alex Magallanes, Mary Campos and Reyes Fierro prepared the background information for the presentation.

"The City of Socorro wishes to thank Commissioners Court and especially Commissioner Miguel Teran for placing the Socorro request on the agenda," Brewster said.



— Photo Courtesy San Elizario ISD

CHAMPS — From left, Victor Montoya, Jesse Arellano and Luis Gutierrez.

San Elizario coach 'hates' losing many of his champions to graduation

By Don Woodyard
Courier Staff Writer

SAN ELIZARIO — "You really hate to lose a team like this," said head basketball Coach Spanky Sanchez, speaking of his San

Elizario High Eagles, bi-district champions.

At the March 12 school board meeting, Athletic Director Bernie del Hierro bragged on the team's accomplishments in winning its fourth bi-district title in five years. The Eagles beat the 1-4A Bowie Bears in a 37-25 defensive battle to claim the title.

Overall the Eagles were 18-14 for the season with a 10-4 record

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County third graders prove predictions wrong on TAKS test

EL PASO COUNTY — Results of the mandated Texas Assessment of Knowledge and Skills (TAKS) have been released for several county school districts, dispelling state predictions and early reports that as many as 2000 students in the region would fail to meet the passing standard. TAKS has been described as being more difficult than previous assessment tests.

As a district, San Elizario ISD 3rd graders taking the English reading portion of the test had a 91 percent passing rate, two percent above the state average of 89 percent. Third graders taking the Spanish reading portion of the test had a 87 percent passing rate, five percent above the state average of 82 percent.

TAKS reading test results for Clint ISD 3rd graders show that

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City of El Paso offering ticket amnesty until Friday

EL PASO COUNTY — Do you owe El Paso for a long-forgotten traffic ticket? Now is a good time to clear up that little matter if you are among those for whom El Paso has 166,166 outstanding warrants for traffic and city ordinance violations.

El Paso's delinquent tally is running in the \$25 million range on outstanding warrants and an additional almost-\$26 million for outstanding delinquent parking citations. In an effort to clear the books, the El Paso Municipal Court judges are waiving the imposition of arrest warrant fees and the City Council is waiving parking ticket citation late fees for one week, ending March 30.

"By taking advantage of Amnesty Week, people can save money and avoid the embarrassment of arrest and of vehicle impoundment," said Richarda Duffy Momsen, El Paso Municipal Court Clerk. "The El Paso Police Dept. will follow up Amnesty Week with a concerted warrant round-up campaign to arrest warrant holders and a campaign to book and impound cars with delinquent parking citations."

To find out if you have a warrant or delinquent parking citation, method of payment and location where these payments can be made, call the Municipal Court at 546-2901.



One perspective

By Francis Shrum

Teachers

F u n n y thing about teachers. You seldom forget

every teacher I had.

But I found that I learned more from those teachers I believed were sincere people who cared about whether I was actually learning something.

Since those years, life and circumstance have been my primary teachers. I've learned from where I've been, what I've done.

I figured they would be my last teachers.

Then I was given an opportunity to learn from Jim. He teaches art.

I've drawn awkward little pictures all my life, always knowing that I didn't know how. Jim knows how, and he has actually been able to teach me a little of what he knows.

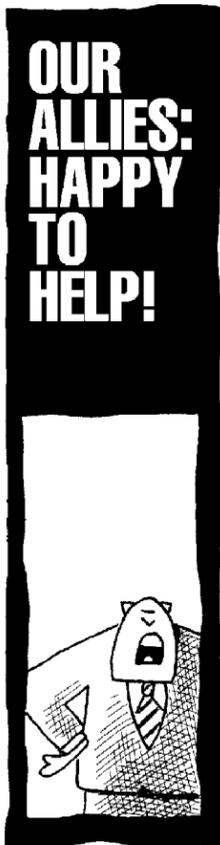
He's teaching because he can't help himself. He wants to share what is inside his head, his heart and his big talented hands. He can create something out of nothing on a blank sheet of paper faster than you can blink.

He retired from teaching in a school system a few years ago. Since then he has been side-lined with life-threatening health problems that would have taken out lesser mortals. But not Jim. He's bigger than open-heart surgery and cancer.

But he wasn't bigger than retirement. So he started teaching again, only this time he's teaching something he loved before he loved his beautiful red-headed wife, something that has had to take a second seat to earning a living. Paired with all his customary gusto for life and people, his love of true art has flared again after lying dormant for years. He says students fan the flame.

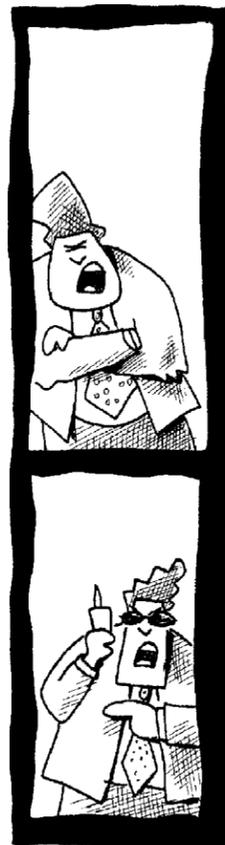
The best thing about being Jim's student, though, is that he is one of those teachers who will go to any length to make sure you understand what he is trying to teach you. He will

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View from here By Brooke Leslie Rollins

Truck-only lanes would reduce congestion and save lives

It is a scene all too familiar in Texas' metropolitan regions. Rush-hour is at its peak, and tensions are high. The traffic report notes an accident ahead involving an 18-wheeler and a passenger car. All around cars and big trucks jockey for position as frustrated commuters dart between slow-starting trucks.

Everyone just wants to get where they are going. Now.

In what might be one of the more rational pieces of legislation filed in the 78th Session of the Texas Legislature, State Rep. Glenn Lewis (D-Fort Worth) has come up with a solution notable for its simplicity. In tight fiscal times, it has the added appeal of posing no cost to the state.

Quite simply, Rep. Lewis' legislation would allow the Texas Department of Transportation and the Texas Transportation Commission, working with local governments, to designate lanes of roadway exclusively for, or restricted to, the use of large trucks.

Indeed, these lanes have been proven — when used in regions around the nation including a stretch of I-10 in Houston — to reduce congestion and improve travel times while decreasing accidents.

Trucks take up 3.8 times the road space of automobiles, but have less maneuverability and take longer to both accelerate and brake. In the 1990s, Texas' truck traffic increased 48.7 percent, while other traffic rose only 26.9 percent. In the next 20 years, truck traffic could well double.

The Texas Public Policy Foundation's transportation expert, Wendell Cox, has suggested for many years that a low-cost way to reduce traffic congestion is for TxDOT and municipalities to reexamine the interaction between cars and freight trucks on our highways and major thoroughfares. He found in a 2001 study that the creation of a truck highway around Austin would remove almost 400 million annual truck miles from Interstate 35 in the capitol city.

While Lewis' legislation doesn't take that large of a step, it does pave the way for a great number of innovative, low-cost solutions to the state's future transportation infrastructure needs. His legislation has already passed out of the House Transportation Committee and will soon head to the House floor for a vote. A Senate version of the bill is in the works.

By simply shifting large freight trucks to a certain lane, or prohibiting them from entering other lanes, traffic flow could well improve overnight. Average commuters will benefit by seeing their travel times improved, as slow-moving trucks are moved out of the way. Truckers will give a sigh of relief as they are separated from the often-frustrating, sometimes-dangerous, driving habits of commuters trying to get home or to work.

Everyone benefits as the number of motor vehicle-truck accidents are reduced simply by virtue of limiting the interaction between the two.

Rep. Lewis has found a way to do what is very rare in the legislative arena: seeing a vexing public problem, he has proposed a solution that costs almost no money, does no damage and provides almost immediate relief. That's the kind of thinking Texas needs.

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"IT LOOKS LIKE JUST ABOUT EVERY DEMOCRAT IS RUNNING FOR PRESIDENT..."

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

Our most serious responsibility

The most serious responsibility we have as a government is the power to wage war. It is not a responsibility to be taken lightly. There is only ONE reason to put Americans in harm's way. That reason is to remain a secure and free nation. Saddam Hussein is a real and present threat to our nation. The danger he poses increases every day. We have no other responsible choice but to act.

For the last Decade, Saddam Hussein has amassed weapons of mass destruction against UN restrictions, buried thousands of Iraqis alive, wiped out entire villages with mustard gas and nerve agents, "cleansed" the country of its Kurdish population in methods eerily similar to the concentration camps of WWII. Saddam Hussein has shown little regard to the rule of law and absolutely no thought for human life. He is actively trying to acquire the means to threaten our nation.

Hussein refuses to fully open his country to UN weapons inspectors and fully disclose to the rest of the world a complete list of his weapons of mass instructions. Large stockpiles of chemical and biological weapons-capable of killing millions-known to be in existence, have yet to be acknowledged. Just a sampling of the list: 26,500 artillery rockets used for delivering nerve gas; 5,000 artillery shells filled with mustard gas; 3,000 tons of chemicals used for weapons; 26,000 liters of anthrax, 3 times the amount declared; and 1,200 liters of botulinum toxin, a toxin

that poses a serious threat because of its extreme potency and lethality.

President Bush explored diplomatic avenues and regarded the use of military force as a last option. Hussein was given a path to peace. He has chosen a path of conflict and destruction. And now force has become necessary to secure the safety of our citizens and to keep the peace.

The bottom line is Saddam Hussein is a threat who can not to be trusted. His history of reckless aggression, creation of weapons of mass destruction, and aid to terrorists is a lethal combination. Hussein is a constant threat to our security and well being. Today our nation can feel confident that we are going to war for the right reason: to protect our homeland. We are acting now because the risks of inaction would be far greater.

Sir Winston Churchill once said, "The price of greatness is responsibility." Very true. When the stakes are high and greatness is required, there is no half-commitment or half action.

The stakes are high. The security of the our nation and of our world hangs in the balance.

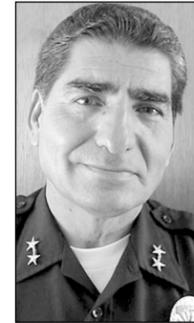
America has chosen the right path and is fully committed. America will act deliberately, America will act decisively, America will act responsibly, and America will prevail.

May God bless each of you and continue to bless America.



Horizon police chief makes report on racial profiling status

HORIZON CITY — The Horizon City Police Department (HCPD) has been compiling police contact data on traffic stops for one year, from Jan. 1 through Dec. 31, 2002, as required by the Texas Racial Profiling Law, Senate Bill No. 1074, to identify and



Chief Tony Aguilar

respond, if necessary, to concerns regarding racial profiling practices. During the March 11 regular monthly meeting of the Horizon City Council, HCPD Chief Tony Aguilar updated city representatives with the results. After collecting the data for one year and analyzing the results by making a comparison with the data available with the Department of Public Safety, Aguilar said the HCPD was found to be in compliance with the Racial Profiling Law.

The findings suggest that the HCPD does not currently experience a problem regarding racial profiling practices, a conclusion supported by the fact that it has not received any complaints from its citizens regard-

ing officer misconduct associated with racial profiling practices.

The HCPD has now, as in the past, operated under specific guidelines of professionalism and fairness to all persons regardless of race, ethnicity, or national origin, Aguilar said.

"The HCPD will always strive to provide the highest quality police service, preserving human rights, lives, and property, while attempting to achieve the mission goals of the department, the city, and the community," he said. "We re-committed to the highest professional standards in partnership with our citizens to solve problems and meet the challenges of reducing crime, creating a safer environment, and improving the community's quality of life."

Any person who believes that a peace officer employed by the Horizon City Police Department has engaged in racial profiling, with respect to that person, may file a complaint at the City Town Hall or at the Horizon City Police Department, in person or by phone, 852-1047. All citizens' complaints are accepted for investigation, and no person will be discouraged, intimidated, or coerced from filing such a complaint, or be discriminated against because they have filed such a complaint, Aguilar said.

Socorro rep recounts city's accomplishments

By Gloria M. Rodriguez
Special to the Courier

SOCORRO — I represent District 2 in Socorro which is located between North Loop and Alameda. I can be found at City Hall, at 858-2915, during the day if I am not at meetings or looking at streets, etc. I would like to give a brief account of what has been happening in Socorro since our election.

We have a new judge, his name is Eduardo Flores. We have a new city attorney, his name is Francisco Dominguez. We are in the process of hiring a city secretary and have hired a payroll clerk and a human resources person.

We have an interim chief of police and will be hiring a permanent chief in the near future. We are in the process of hiring more police officers and will be buying five new police units. The police now have five complete new uniforms.

Parker, Spur and Sparks roads are being paved. The Special Projects Dept. is busy finding grants for Socorro. We are in the process of acquiring the deed for the Rio Vista (Historical District), and if we get it, it will be due to the efforts of past councils, also.

There will be new lights installed

on North Loop, Alameda, and Socorro Road, as well as about 75 other lights throughout the city. There is also a new park being developed in the Campestre area at the end of Peters Rd.

There are several areas of Socorro that have new houses being built. Negotiations are being made to provide water and sewer for the pockets in Socorro that do not have these services. We don't know how long it will take for this to be accomplished.

We have volunteers that come and clean some of the parks. We are also in the process of buying a pothole patcher that can keep the hot mix hot for a longer period of time.

In the future we may have presentations from the American Cancer Society come to Socorro.

We have a director at the Rio Vista Center. His name is Juan Avila. We also have VISTA volunteers who help families in need with jackets, toys, etc. There is also a program that provides hot meals for senior citizens — if you know of someone who needs this service please call 860-8615. The senior citizens are also provided recreation at the Center after the meals. In the past we have also had citizenship classes there.

If you need more information, please call me at 858-2915.

TAKS

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district-wide, 88 percent of the students met the passing standard. Clint schools tested a total of 606 students in five campuses.

Canutillo ISD 3rd graders topped the state average handily with 94 percent passing the English reading test and 84 percent the Spanish test.

In Socorro ISD, 90 percent passed the English, 84 percent passed the Spanish version.

All Texas 3rd graders will need to pass the TAKS test in reading in order to be promoted to the 4th grade. TEA will provide two more opportunities for students in the state to take the test — in April and again in the summer months of June or July.

A Clint ISD spokesman said a Placement Committee at each campus will meet to develop academic plans to insure that their students receive all the academic and tutorial support in order to demonstrate success in subsequent test administrations.



— Aerial photo courtesy of Bill Morson

Great big flag

BLOOMING PATRIOTISM — Between the field where this 6.65-acre flag is planted in Lompoc, California near Vandenberg Air Force Base there are nine-plus miles of flower fields grown by seed companies that go all the way to the ocean. This massive floral flag maintains the proper dimensions as described in Executive Order #10834, and is 740 feet long and 390 feet wide. It is the first floral flag to be planted with five pointed stars comprised of White Larkspur. Each star is 24 feet in diameter; each stripe is 30 feet wide. This flag is estimated to contain more than 400,000 Larkspur plants with 4-5 flower stems each for a total of more than two million flowers. You can drive by this flag on V Street south of Ocean Ave. in Lompoc.

PUBLIC MEETING

The Transportation Policy Board (TPB) of the El Paso Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) will hold a **PUBLIC MEETING on FRIDAY, MARCH 28, 2003, 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:

1. Approval of Minutes for January 24, 2003.
2. Comments from the Office of Congressman Silvestre Reyes.
3. Presentation on the Use of New Technology to Monitor and Expedite Movement of Cargo through the International Ports-of-Entry.
4. Discussion and Action on the Bid Award for the MPO Office Lease.
5. Discussion and Action to Approve the MPO's Public Involvement Program.
6. Discussion and Action to Approve Functional Classification Recommendation in Sunland Park, NM.
7. Discussion and Action to Approve Changes to the Urban Area Boundary located within New Mexico.
8. Discussion and Action to Accept the Recommendations from the Project Selection Committee on the following:
 - a. To Approve Amending the 2025 Metropolitan Transportation Plan and the 2002-2006 Transportation Improvement Program to Utilize Congestion Mitigation Air Quality Funds for the Advance Travel Center Electrification (ATE) to build 250 spaces in the amount of \$2,500,000 for FY 2003;
 - b. To Approve Amending the 2002-2006 Transportation Improvement Program to Utilize Surface Transportation Program — Metro Mobility Funds (MPO Office Supplemental Funds) for the City of El Paso to Provide Three Year Funding of a Transportation Planner II at the City of El Paso Planning, Research and Development Department in the amount of \$180,000 for FY 2003, 2004, and 2005.
9. Discussion and Action to Amend the 2002-2006 Transportation Improvement Program by Adding the Courchesne Bridge Project.
10. Executive Director's Report:
 - a. Status Report on Amendments to the MTP 2025, the 2002-2006 TIP and Air Quality Conformity Determination;
 - b. Status Report on the Metropolitan Transportation Plan 2030;
 - c. Status Report on the Transportation Improvement Program 2004-2008;
 - d. FY 2002 Annual Performance and Expenditure Report.
11. Status Report on the Camino Real Corridor-Border Improvement Plan.

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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DPS narcotics teams increases number of meth lab seizures in 2002

Texas DPS Narcotics teams have seized 122 methamphetamine labs in 2002 compared to 19 in 1998, a 542 percent increase. A growing demand and easy accessibility to the chemicals used to make methamphetamine have led to an increase in its production and use.

The growing meth problem is a threat to the public, law enforcement and hazardous-materials teams. The production of methamphetamines involves the use of explosive, flammable and cancer-causing chemicals. Anyone who comes in contact with these chemicals can face a variety of life-threatening symptoms, including chest pains, shortness of breath, dizziness and burns.

"The production of meth is dangerous to those who cook it and use it, but the danger is not limited only to them," said Col. Thomas A. Davis, Jr., director of the DPS. "Anyone who comes in contact with these labs is exposed to dangers that can produce life-threatening injury, death and destruction of property."

A growing number of meth labs are found all over Texas. These danger-

ous labs may be located next door, or because of their increasing transportability, manufacturers are even placing them in vehicles.

Meth may be cooking next door if a building or residence exhibits the following signs:

- Blacked out or taped up windows
- Increased activity, especially at night
- Strong ammonia odor that smells similar to fingernail polish remover or cat urine
- Excessive trash, possibly including unusually large amounts of empty chemical bottles or cans (such as paint thinner and alcohol)
- Hoses and pressurized cylinders (for example, modified propane tanks or fire extinguishers)
- Bottles or containers, with hoses taped to the neck, that contain sludge
- Matchbook packages
- Antihistamine packages
- Engine starter-fluid cans

If a person suspects that someone they know is producing meth, they should contact their local police department or sheriff's office. They can also contact DPS at 1-800-868-6274.

Teachers

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do it this way, then that way, then try something else until you can grasp the concept.

You see, he is one of those sincere people who care if you are actually learning something.

Jim has had a lot of teachers, too, human as well as circumstantial — prom parochial school in Rhode Island where he learned Latin to the halls of the prestigious university where he helped form the first student government. The account of his

experiences would make a great book. He's been a judge, a barkeep, holds a degree in art and education, worked in a meat packing plant, raised parakeets and still owns his farm in upstate New York where he once operated a dairy — not necessarily in that order. He grew up training horses on the East Coast for the likes of Jackie Kennedy long before she became a Kennedy.

But for me the greatest thing about Jim is that he has given me back the belief that — no matter how old I get — I can still learn a new trick or two. He's one of those teachers I will never forget.

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Write stuff

Dear Editor:

I am a retired police officer with over 22 years of law enforcement experience, 16 years as a Chief of Police. I am puzzled about the action of the Horizon City Mayor and City Council during a *special* meeting on Friday, March 21, at 5 p.m.

The Chief of Police was given an unprecedented three-year contract at the recommendation of the Mayor. As you know, the Mayor's term expires May 3. I question as to why this action was taken during a special meeting and not at a regular town meeting. The contract was discussed in executive session (not opened to the public); therefore, the public was not afforded an opportunity to participate or listen to the reasoning/justification. In effect, this action has removed the (next) Mayor and Aldermen from contractual control for the Police Chief since this new contract is longer than the term of the Mayor and the Aldermen.

There are many reasons for not giving lengthy contracts (such as) costs associated with a town having to buy out a contract to replace a Chief of Police. A Mayor must have control of the Police Department and one tool is the Chief's contract.

A special meeting to award (this) contract at the eleventh hour is not in the best interest of the town.

Charles Strange
Former Horizon City
Alderman
Horizon City

Briefs

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the appliances in pickup trucks and drive off without being detected, said HCPD Chief Tony Aguilar. "Call the HCPD if you have any information that can put a stop to these burglaries and bring those responsible to justice," Aguilar said. "Anyone who has any information on who may be involved in these crimes of burglary is asked to call the HCPD at 546-2280 or 852-1047. If the crime is in progress, call 911 immediately. All information will be treated as confidential and you do not have to leave your name or identify yourself."

■ In collaboration with the Don't Mess With Texas Trash-Off Campaign, the Carroll T. Welch Intermediate School Environmental Club will host a community clean-up on Saturday, April 5, from 8 to 11 a.m. Students, parents, teachers and other members of the community will work to clean up the school's adopted area along Horizon Blvd. The public is invited. Information: Denise Brewster at 852-4744.

■ Fabens ISD will again host the Culpepper and Merriweather Circus with a free endangered species show on the grounds of the Risinger Primary on March 28-29. The walking tour presentation will begin at 10 a.m. on Friday and will feature the African elephants Barbara and Connie. The 45-minute program focuses on problems facing African elephants and how the circus staff meets the needs of each animal in the troupe. Circus showtimes are 5 and 7:30 p.m. on both days. For information contact Fabens ISD or call 1-866-BIG TOP 6.

■ Two young people from East El Paso County have recently completed basic training at Marine Corps Recruit Depot in San Diego. Marine Corps Pfc. Cristobal L. Trevizo, son of Cecilia Amaya of Fabens; and Marine Corps Pvt. Ricardo Hernandez, son of Rose and Ricardo Hernandez of San Elizario successfully completed 12 weeks of training designed to prepare Marine recruits physically and mentally for the rigors of battle as well as other duties. Trevizo graduated from Fabens High School in 2002 and Hernandez from Socorro High School also in 2002. Meanwhile, another Fabenite, Navy Hospitalman Apprentice Samir M. Ihmud, son of Alicia and George Talavera, graduated from Basic Hospital Corps School in Great Lakes, Illinois. The 14-week course covered a wide range of medical procedures needed by navy doctors and nurses. Ihmud graduated from Fabens High School in 2002 and joined the Navy that summer.

■ Socorro's history will come alive March 29, when the UT El Paso History Department's Juan Garcia, Dr. Yolanda Chávez Leyva, and Socorro High School

Advanced Placement history students unveil their Joint Oral History project from 10 a.m. to 12 noon. The program is titled, "Oral Histories of the High School" and is sponsored by the National Endowment for the Humanities through the Institute of Oral History at U.T. El Paso. "The point is to establish a stronger sense of community," said Garcia. "The 30 students in the AP-U.S. history survey course processed and conducted the oral histories, and became active participants as question developers, interviewers, photographers and researchers of historical knowledge." Garcia is both the students' history teacher and is enrolled in graduate studies at UT El Paso. The project is Garcia's senior thesis. The project is a book containing interviews, photographs, and articles about the area.

UT El Paso representatives will attend the program to view Power Point presentations of the interview process and stories told by residents.

■ Star Fireworks, Inc. will award its third annual essay contest scholarship for graduating seniors from Socorro, San Elizario, Clint and Fabens high schools, and is encouraging school counselors to accept essays on the subject: "National Security versus Individual Freedom: Where do we draw the line?" The essays, of 1,000 words or less, may be submitted to the appropriate high school counselor or directly to Star Fireworks before April 15. Officers at Star Fireworks will review the essays and select the winner. A \$500 one-time gift to attend a four-year university of

his or her choice will be awarded to the overall winner, and the finalist from each school will receive a \$25 gift certificate. Last year's scholarship recipient was Cathy Reyes of San Elizario High School. She is currently attending Prescott College, a liberal arts school in Arizona. Star Fireworks, Inc. was founded in 1995 by Navin and Wes Navidomskis, and Ray Sanchez, all graduates of Clint High School. Call 920-1095 for more information.

■ The Horizon City Police Department has free gunlocks for the public to secure personal weapons at home. The gunlocks are provided free of charge to any person over the age of 21, are easy to install. Call 852-1047 and ask for any HCPD supervisor to get your free gunlocks.

■ The International Library of Photography has announced the annual Open Amateur Photography Contest in which over \$60,000 in prizes will be awarded. Deadline is June 30. It is open to everyone and entry is free. Further details and online entry is available at www.picture.com, or by calling 410-363-4800.

■ On April 1, 2003, Chamizal National Memorial will begin accepting booking applications for use of the facilities for calendar year 2004. All booking requests must be submitted using a form that is available daily at the Memorial's Visitor Center that is located at 800 S. San Marcial. All applications must be returned by May 31. For more information call (915) 532-7273.

**NOTICE
Public Hearing**

A Public Hearing will be held at 6:00 PM on Thursday, April 3rd, 2003, at the Community Center, 200 N. San Elizario Rd., Clint, Texas.

The purpose of this meeting is to hear public comments regarding the FY 2002 STEP Project for Burbridge Acres and Eubank Subdivision in the Town of Clint, Texas, which has been awarded by the Office of Rural Community Affairs.

This project is for first time water service and connections for Burbridge Acres and Eubank Subdivision and includes sewer connections for Burbridge Acres.

For more information contact: Jessica Garza, Town of Clint, 851-3146.

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It is anticipated that these restrictions may be lifted and we will return to voluntary water use reduction in approximately 2 1/2 months. Announcements will be made when restrictions are changed or you may call 594-5500.

Outdoor Watering Restrictions

- + One day per week only on specified day.
 - + Watering Schedule (based on last number of street address)
- | Day of Week | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat | Sun |
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| Last # of Address | - | 0 | 1,3 | 2,4 | 5 | 6,8 | 7,9 |
- + Water only before 9:00 a.m. or after 7:00 p.m.
 - + Watering limited to no more than 2 hours on specified day.
 - + Watering with a drip irrigation system, subsurface irrigation or reclaimed water (from purple pipes) is exempt. You may water your flowers, trees or shrubs more frequently using a bucket. The use of household gray water (dish water, etc.) is encouraged.

No new landscaping may be planted *except* for Xeriscapes (water-smart plants) with a drip irrigation system. New landscape permits will be issued for a 7 day period for landscape that incorporates 5 cubic yards of compost per 1000 square feet of turf.

Evaporative cooler bleed-off lines must be restricted or replaced with an automatic water drainage system (evacuation pump).

Existing swimming pools cannot be drained and re-filled after April 1, but they can be "topped off" to replace water lost to evaporation. Residential pools must be covered when not in use. For pools under repair, call 594-5508.

Apartment complexes and large housing complexes with large landscaped areas that cannot physically apply water through their systems in 2 hours may apply for additional time through a permit. However, they will remain limited to one day a week watering.

Ornamental fountains and pools require a special permit.

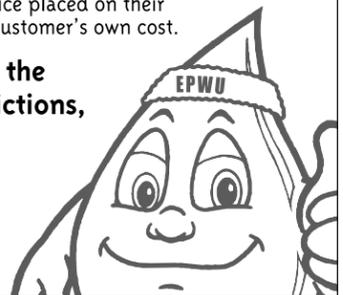
Golf courses, nurseries, parks and schools will water with a special permit that fulfills their goals for water use reduction. Those using reclaimed water are exempt.

Restaurants will serve water only on request. Hotels and motels must implement water conservation measures. Misters may only be operated with a special permit.

Those who receive a 2nd violation (ticket) of the Drought Restrictions may have a restriction device placed on their meter by El Paso Water Utilities at the customer's own cost.

For more information about the drought and watering restrictions, call 594-5500.

www.epwu.org



I love sports — but I love America more

By Steve Escajeda
Special to the Courier

How about that March Madness? Did you catch that great game between Arizona and Gonzaga? Did you see Tulsa's last-second one-point loss to Wisconsin? How about Butler's upsets over Mississippi State and Louisville — did you catch all that on the tube?

As for me, to tell you the truth — I've missed every single game.

I had a choice of either watching college basketball teams do battle on the court or watch my country's military do battle against Iraq on foreign soil.

It was no contest.

I've been waiting for the NCAA basketball tournament for months now but by the time it finally began last weekend, with the 24-hour-a-day coverage of the war, basketball suddenly became insignificant.

Ever since the initial bombardment of Saddam Hussein's bunker an hour-and-a-half after president Bush's 48-hour deadline expired, I've been stuck to the TV watching the wall-to-wall coverage of the war.

The whole idea of Sports has turned into an afterthought...a kind of inconsequential blip on the radar screen of what's really important in life.

Hey, I heard Tiger Woods won the Bay Hill Invitational, and \$810,000, by a whopping 11 strokes last Sunday — I heard because I didn't watch.

Hey, I heard the San Antonio Spurs beat the Los Angeles Lakers for the fourth straight time this year last Sunday — I heard because I didn't watch.

Hey, I heard Kurt Busch won the Food City 500 NASCAR race last Sunday — again, I heard because I didn't watch.

How the heck could I? Instead of the usual ESPN, I had to stick to the likes of FOX, CNN, MSNBC, ABC and CBS so I wouldn't miss anything.

The TV was on all weekend at my home but instead of the words, "double dribble, 3-point shot, buzzer beater, slam dunk, overtime, Cinderella, Gonzaga, diaper dandy and final four" my TV uttered the words "weapons of mass destruction, sorties, scud missiles, Baghdad, tomahawk cruise missiles, night vision goggles, al Jazeera, and Donald Rumsfeld."

It's not what I expected to be doing last

weekend but I feel if those young men and women were out in the desert with bullets and bombs flying over their heads, the very least I could do was pay them some attention.

So I watched.

My Sunday's are usually reserved for sports watching but I was glued to my set watching reporters talk about American POW's being paraded on Iraqi television, along with dead troops.

I watched the news about a 101st Airborne soldier rolling grenades into the tents of his own superiors. I watched as newsmen and women informed us of a couple friendly fire incidents.

The news wasn't always good but it was necessary.

But of all the ugliness I saw on TV over the weekend, what got to me the most was the anti-war protests going on throughout this country.

Don't get me wrong, I don't wish for war. No correct-thinking American does. But I believe that when the United States troops are engaged in combat, carrying a sign against the USA is rather cowardly and disrespectful.

I don't deny anyone the right to voice their opinion, but I do wish for more common sense and gratitude by Americans for being born in the greatest nation on the planet.

So don't feel bad for taking a back seat to the war, all you sporting events out there. If it makes you feel any better, I didn't watch the Academy Awards either.

If you think it was easy to put sports on the back burner, you can imagine what I thought about missing a bunch of self-important, tree-hugging, America-bashing, military-hating Hollywood types.

It was my privilege to ignore it. If I hear Susan Sarandon or Martin Sheen or George Clooney or Barbara Streisand or Richard Gere put down this country one more time I don't know what I'll do.

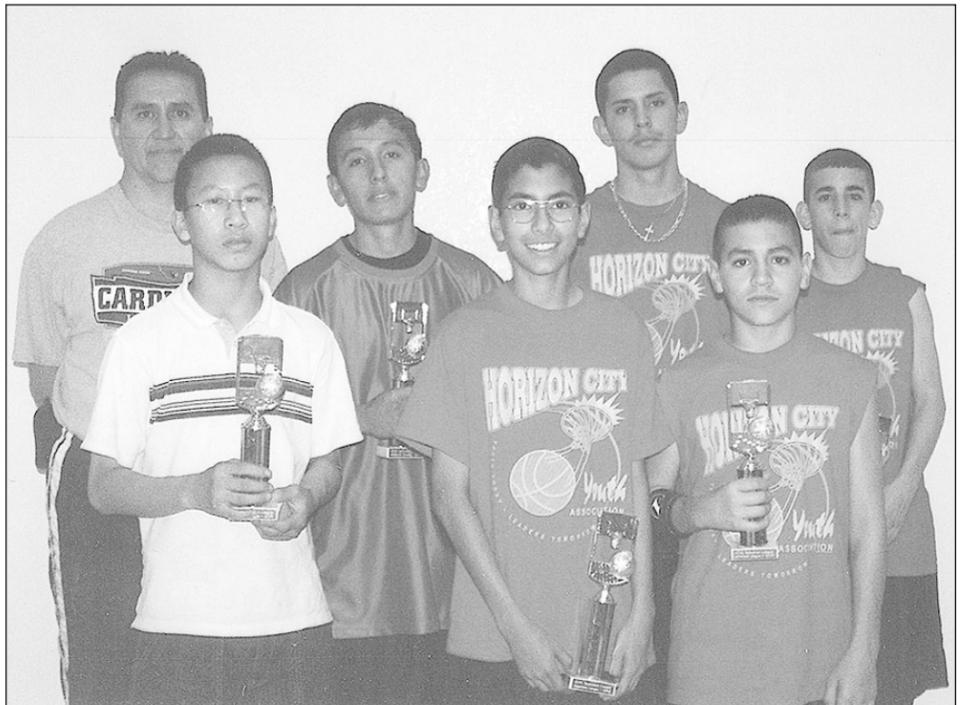
And I haven't forgotten you Dixie Cheeks either.

I wrote this column early on Monday so I don't know what will happen in Iraq by the time you read this. My only hope is that the war ends soon and the United States accomplishes all it has set out to do.

And then we can focus on the fun and frivolity of sports again.

Maybe I can shout out at least one sports chant: USA! — USA! — USA! — USA!

You can join in if you want — it's alright to love your country.



League's best

HORIZON CITY — The Horizon City Youth Association got into March Madness with the first Advanced Youth Basketball League for boys and girls ages 13-16, giving youth a chance to play at an advanced level in a local setting. Ensor Middle School students Leslie Munoz and Gabriel Mendoza were named All-Star Players even though they competed against freshmen and sophomore players in high school. Above, Coach Munoz and Cardinals team member Fredrick Tan, left in front row, are shown with the All Star Team: back row from left are Diego Sanchez, Adrian Munoz and Steven Arrieta; front row, second from left is Gabriel Mendoza and Leslie Munoz. Appreciation was extended to the HCYA and Pepparoni's Pizza of Horizon City.

— Submitted by Kelly Mosby

Boll-weevil eradication zone retained by cotton producers

EL PASO COUNTY — Cotton producers in the 15 counties of the El Paso/Trans Pecos Boll Weevil Eradication Zone have voted by a more than eight to one margin to continue a boll weevil eradication program. Final results were 113 for, 14 against. The Texas Department of Agriculture issued 214 ballots, 127 were returned by the March 17 deadline. As a result of the ballot, producers also elected Reeves County cotton producer Larry Turnbough to represent their zone. Growers in the El Paso/Trans Pecos area, which includes El Paso and Hudspeth Counties, approved the eradication zone in March of 1999, with an assessment of \$20 per acre to fund it. The current rate remains the same.

cotton acreage planted when they certify their crop with FSA.

Growers with failed acres are eligible to receive a credit on those acres completely destroyed prior to the final certification date. Qualifying failed acres must remain free of all hostable cotton until a killing freeze to receive the credit.

Assessment notices will be mailed by Aug. 12, and payment is due Sept. 16. Growers who pay by Sept. 1 are eligible to receive a 2 percent discount on their assessment.

The Texas Boll Weevil Eradication Foundation is a nonprofit, grower-initiated and funded organization dedicated to eliminating the cotton boll weevil from the state in the most cost-effective and environmentally responsible manner possible.

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Henry VIII could have used dating service

By Don Flood

We recently spent a week in London, and while I don't like to complain, it's obvious that the English of yesteryear spent entirely too much time conducting Important Historical Events.

This king was crowned here, and that queen was beheaded there, and don't get me started on the famous writers. It all gets to be a little much.

Not that I wasn't able to absorb some knowledge.

Henry VIII, for instance, wasn't nearly the bad guy some people think.

You hear about The Six Wives of Henry VIII and heads being chopped off, and it's easy to get the impression they were all beheaded.

Not true. In fact, only two went to the chopping block.

But that's what happens. You have a couple of wives beheaded and suddenly you're the Poster Boy for Insensitive Husbands.

Still, after wife No. 5's execution, Henry VIII did find a drying up of the dating pool, resulting in this little-known historical exchange, which I am relaying to the best of my memory:

HENRY: I detect a certain coolness among the women of the court. Perhaps our Royal Breath offends them.

COURTIER: No chance, Your Majesty, your breath is minty fresh as always. I have, however, invited a producer to the Royal Court.

HENRY: A producer?

COUTIER: Yes, a producer, and he has an idea to help you meet beautiful — if somewhat stupid — young women.

PRODUCER: That's right, Your Majesty! We have arranged for 20 young girls who never watch the

news to stay at one your castles. Next, we told them that you're the King of England and...

HENRY: But I am the King of England!

PRODUCER:...Look, Hank, work with me here.

We told them you're the King of England and that you want to get married but we haven't told them that two of your wives have been beheaded. That's the hook, you see, that's what'll get people to watch the show.

HENRY: The show?

PRODUCER: Don't worry, Hank. Your job is to have fun. You take the girls out, show them a good time and then at the end of each show you pick the ones you want to keep going out with, until there's only one left.

HENRY: And the ones I don't pick, do I have them beheaded?

PRODUCER: Don't get ahead of me, Hank! You don't behead any of the women until you marry them. And even then you don't have to! It's up to you how you pursue your relationship — with or without the chopping block. That's what makes it a reality show.

HENRY: And the winner gets to marry me?

PRODUCER: Well, actually she's the loser, but don't you worry about that. Here's the deal. For the final show, you ask the girl to marry you and after she says yes — trust me, she will — we'll get a tight shot as you tell her she's wife No. 6 and that wives No. 2 and No. 5 were beheaded. It'll be a ratings blockbuster!

At least I think that's what the tour guide told us.

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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

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Tiene problemas con el alcohol? Hay una solucion. 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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San Eli

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in 2-4A action. It was a struggle in the first half of the season, Sanchez recalls, but in a second-half surge, the Eagles pulled themselves together and won 11 of their last 12 games.

What was the key? It was a "defensive surge," says 5-11 senior small guard Victor Montoya. "We started playing team defense. We jelled; we grew as a team."

Montoya and other members of the team gathered in Sanchez' office to discuss the past season. A sign on the wall proclaims: "Basketball Spoken Here."

The turning point in the season, players agree, came with a 70-66 victory over the Parkland Matadors, a team they had lost to earlier in the season. "We needed to find that chemistry. We realized we had to work together as a team; it was a team effort," affirms Montoya who was named defensive Most Valuable Player for the district.

In addition to the Parkland victory, senior Jesse Arrellano also savors the 44-38 victory over Fabens after losing to them 54-53 in double overtime earlier in the season. A point guard/shooting guard, he was named first team all district.

"These are great kids," Sanchez says proudly. "They are a family team. They like each other; they like to practice."

The players are equally high in their praise of their coach.

"He's a great guy, he's a great coach," says 5-11 junior Luis Gutierrez. "He helps us in real-life situations. He really knows his job. We'd give him coach of the year."

Arrellano agrees. "He's excellent. He has believed in us when others haven't. He understands us."

The coach's relationship to the team, he believes, is more that of a father or uncle, Arrellano points out. "He is interested in us more than just as players."

Sanchez sees next year as a rebuilding year. Seven of the 10 players listed on this year's squad are seniors, with two juniors and one sophomore. In addition to Arrellano and Montoya, the other seniors are Luis Soto, Omar Cordero, James O'Neal, Ruben Ruiz and Mike Rivas.

The only other junior besides Gutierrez is Raul Muela. Jerry Cruz is the one sophomore on the team.

Working with Sanchez in the championship season were assistant coaches Gary Gardner and David Desrosiers.

For Sanity's Sake By Taprina Milburn

What counts?

There's a conversation going on in the back of my van among children 10 and under. If I close my eyes — and I can't because I'm driving — the conversation sounds like the kind you and I had as kids.

It's a what-I-want-to-be-when-I-grow-up talk.

The phrase "rich and famous" is tossed around; the all-American kids I'm carting already seem to use this as a measure of success.

Among my passengers, some want

to be actors, there's one who wants to be a best-selling author, one illustrator, a doctor, and a boy who wants to be a well-known preacher.

The kid who wants to be a writer asks me, "How much money do you make as a writer?"

I tell her.

She hangs her head and thinks up another profession, one that she imagines will bring in more money.

Everything in me wants to stop the car and pull out my soapbox and tell

the kids the one about, "There's more to life than being famous or rich."

But I know as driver my job is only to eavesdrop...err, I mean, drive.

Later in the week, however, my daughter asks:

"Doesn't everyone want to be rich and famous?"

I have to think about this one. Wouldn't it be great to be known for *and* paid lots of money to do whatever it is that we do best? *Yes. Yes.*

Before I can open my mouth, though, she says it wouldn't be right if a person's only thoughts were about being rich and famous. It would be OK, too, she adds, if she doesn't grow up to be rich and famous.

"What do you think?" my daughter asks.

ter asks.

"I'm with you on that," I say.

"But what do you *think* about it?"

Where did I put that soapbox?

I tell my daughter I think we are here simply to do a good work, to do our best in whatever role we're in — child, mom, dad, preacher, teacher. That each day we have 24 hours to help better the lives of others. Which led to questions about doing our best and "Do some people get paid for doing meaningful stuff?"

I told her about an elementary-school principal I had, Mr. Lincoln, who made children who didn't feel so special feel important while in his presence. And we all can think of friends who truly show up for us during our

struggles and who laugh with us during the good times. I also shared a story about a woman with cancer who tutors at-risk children in reading.

Mr. Lincoln, although he was paid for his job, I'm sure was not a rich man. The tutor will never see her name in lights, nor would she want to. The look in the students' eyes when they learn to read is fame enough. And the most our friends are likely to receive from us is friendship returned, and possibly an occasional dinner invite. We will not erect a sign on Main Street to honor them.

Time is ticking. Go out and do your best.

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Sunday	9	Very High
Monday	9	Very High
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Thursday	80°
Friday	64°
Saturday	63°
Sunday	67°
Monday	74°
Tuesday	77°
Wednesday	69°

AGRICULTURE

There will be 8-10 hours of sunshine Thursday with highs in the 80s. Winds will be southwest to west at 15-30 mph with gusts past 35 mph. Areas of blowing dust are likely. Breezy and cooler Friday with plenty of sunshine. Sunny skies this weekend with a day-to-day warming trend. Mainly dry and warm early next week.

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TEXAS WEATHER

Anthony	81	47
Canutillo	82	48
Clint	81	45
E. Montana	82	48
Fabens	81	45
Horizon	82	48
San Elizario	78	45
Socorro	81	47
Tornillo	81	45
Vinton	82	48

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



TRAVELERS CITIES

City	Thur. Hi/Lo/W	Fri. Hi/Lo/W	Sat. Hi/Lo/W	Sun. Hi/Lo/W	Mon. Hi/Lo/W
Albuquerque	66/35/pc	51/30/pc	58/35/s	66/41/s	68/39/s
Atlanta	70/45/pc	70/52/pc	66/42/c	56/38/pc	65/40/pc
Atlantic City	56/40/s	58/44/pc	58/44/c	53/30/r	50/25/pc
Austin/San Antonio	80/57/s	68/40/c	63/40/s	68/45/s	77/54/s
Baltimore	58/36/s	60/42/pc	62/46/c	56/38/r	53/31/s
Boston	52/36/s	54/38/s	56/44/pc	52/36/r	48/23/s
Chicago	54/36/sh	52/34/r	40/24/c	40/27/pc	45/31/c
Dallas/Ft. Worth	79/57/pc	67/38/c	54/39/s	66/49/s	73/52/s
Denver	46/22/c	40/25/pc	52/32/pc	62/35/c	57/23/c
Flagstaff	52/23/pc	48/18/s	56/22/s	60/26/s	58/21/s
Houston	80/59/pc	74/44/c	66/42/s	73/50/s	77/51/s
Kansas City	70/42/pc	46/30/r	44/28/pc	58/40/s	60/35/c
Las Vegas	72/50/s	70/46/s	76/52/s	80/54/s	80/52/s
Miami	84/70/t	84/72/pc	85/70/pc	78/60/c	78/59/s
Minneapolis	44/32/r	36/26/sn	36/20/pc	44/26/pc	46/25/c
New Orleans	77/62/pc	76/56/c	66/44/pc	64/51/s	72/50/s
New York City	56/40/s	56/45/s	59/41/c	53/38/r	50/29/pc
Philadelphia	57/39/s	59/43/s	61/46/c	56/39/r	53/27/pc
Phoenix	80/54/s	76/52/s	80/53/s	82/56/s	82/46/s
Portland	56/40/pc	58/42/pc	60/44/pc	56/41/pc	58/32/pc
San Francisco	64/48/s	66/50/s	68/50/s	64/50/c	65/51/s
Seattle	52/40/c	54/42/pc	56/42/pc	53/38/pc	53/31/pc
Tucson	78/46/s	74/42/s	77/46/s	80/49/s	82/47/s
Washington, DC	60/42/s	62/46/pc	66/48/c	58/40/r	56/37/s

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

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