



NEWSBRIEFS

Drought continues

Despite the recent welcome rains the river drought remains and the supply forecast has been reduced again, according to the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation El Paso Field Office. March was dry with above normal temperatures. The result was that on April 1 the overall snowpack in Northern New Mexico and Southern Colorado, which provides the majority of our river supply, was 45 percent of the long-term average for this date. This is less than half of the snowpack we had at this time last year. Runoff (river inflow) to Elephant Butte Reservoir for the year, adjusted for upstream diversions and evaporation, has been reduced and is now forecast to be 46 percent of the 30 year average. The amount of water stored in Elephant Butte and Caballo Reservoirs is lower than last year's levels and water allocated for use by Rio Grande Project water right owners is now 29.9 percent of a full water supply for the year. New supply projections indicate the total allocation of Rio Grande water for the year will be only 45-50 percent of a full supply. Reservoir releases which began on March 12 for New Mexico, Texas and Mexican agricultural water right owners were stopped April 19 to conserve water for the rest of the season.

Too much contraband

The cab of the 1984 GMC pickup was so crowded with bundles of marijuana there was hardly room for the driver, Border Patrol Agents said Friday, describing how that some 2,773.87 pounds of the drug, valued at about \$2.2 million, was ultimately removed from the engine compartment, cab and truck bed of the vehicle. It began on Wednesday last week near the Fabens Port of Entry when agents watched several subjects carry bundles across the road and load them into the pickup. When agents approached, the driver attempted to flee but was arrested, a 23-year-old Mexican national named Ricardo Camacho Covarrubias. The other suspects returned across the border to Mexico.

In other news

You can get that old junker hauled out of your back yard for free by donating it to the National Kidney Foundation. Call 1-800-488-CARS (2277) to arrange for delivery. The cars are auctioned off and the proceeds used to further research on kidney disease — and you will probably get a tax deduction along with a nice clean yard.

■ Canutillo Independent School District voters will have an opportunity to meet the candidates for a position on the Canutillo ISD Board of Trustees during a Candidates' Forum scheduled from 6 to 7:30 p.m., Wednesday, April 28, at the

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Hard work is usually an accumulation of easy things that should have been done last week.

— Quips & Quotes



EFFORT PAYS OFF — The El Paso Athletic Hall of Fame chose Luis Gutierrez from San Elizario High School as its 2004 Small Schools Male Athlete of the Year.

San Elizario student makes history when named Male Athlete of the Year

By Phillip Cortez
Special to the Courier

SAN ELIZARIO — Luis Gutierrez, a senior at San Elizario High School has accomplished many goals since he entered high school. Taking a look at the 18-year-old's list of accomplishments, one would find that he is in the top

10 percent of his class; has lettered in basketball as a shooting guard; lettered in track in the 200m, 4x2, 4x1, triple jump, long jump; and is Company Commander for the school's NJROTC.

These are just a few of the reasons that the El Paso Athletic Hall of Fame chose Gutierrez

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NOTED FOR CONSERVING — Canutillo ISD School Board is presented with a special recognition award for its energy conservation efforts by Texas Energy Conservation Office. From left: George Head, Enlink Geoenergy Services CEO; Charles Hart, CISD Superintendent; Pam Groce, Texas Energy Conservation Office director; Yvonne S. Sanchez, CISD School Board president with CISD School Board members Joe Villarreal, Margarito (Mago) Arellano, and Gonzalo (Chalo) Garcia.

Innovative system at new high school uses resources from deep in the earth

By Don Woodyard
Courier Staff Writer

CANUTILLO — "Canutillo Geothermal High School" is the new appellation given the new high school under construction in the Canutillo Independent School District.

The new name isn't the result of an official action of the Canutillo ISD board of trustees, rather it is an unofficial name imprinted on T-shirts given out to approximately 50 people who attended the groundbreaking April 14 for an environmentally-friendly, energy-efficient

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Horizon council opposes school funding proposals that cut tax base

By Arleen Beard
Special to the Courier

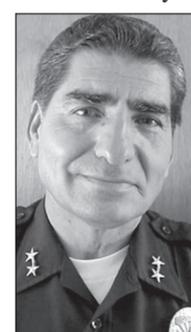
HORIZON CITY — One of the first agenda items up for action at the regularly scheduled Horizon City council meeting on Tuesday, April 13, was a resolution opposing any school finance or tax system reforms that would negatively affect city revenues and economic development efforts.

In an effort to protect Horizon City's tax base, Mayor Diane Whitty and City Council approved a resolution to oppose all school finance or tax reform efforts by the Texas Legislature that negatively impact the ability of the city to provide basic essential services, conduct economic development activities, and ensure public safety by limiting its ability, beyond the provisions of current law, to collect property tax or sales tax revenues.

The "Distribution of Property Tax Collections" has changed tremendously since 1985, when the distribution of property tax collections included 15.9 percent by counties, 11.8 percent by special districts, 52 percent by schools and 20.3 percent by cities. In 2002, the distribution included 14.1 percent going to counties, 10.5 percent to special districts, 60.1 percent to schools and 15.3 percent to cities.

According to council discussion, it appears the cities are feeling the most negative impact on the collection of property taxes. If the percentage being distributed to cities continues to drop, the city would be forced to cut back on public services that include emergency services such as the police department, fire department and ambulance services. Maintaining the city and securing a safe haven would be jeopardized by any loss of revenue, it was stated.

In other business, City Council approved to allow Horizon City Police Dept. Corporal Manuel Rico to attend one session of the FBI National Academy, either on June 27 through Sept. 23, 2004 or Sept. 26 through Dec. 1, 2004; to allow \$600 to cover the cost for uniform and student assessment fees; and to continue his salary during his attendance at the academy. As part of the attendance



Antonio Aguilar

agreement, Cpl. Rico pledges to remain in law enforcement for a period of at least three years after graduating from the Academy.

HCPD Police Chief Antonio Aguilar informed council that it is an exceptional opportunity to send another officer to the FBI Academy after Sgt. Ron Swenson successfully attended the FBI Academy last year and represented Horizon City in a proud manner. He said it is uncommon for a small department to get another opportunity to send officers within such a close time frame. Chief Aguilar said he is confident in his selection of Officer Rico to represent Horizon City, and he is sure Officer Rico will be as successful as Sgt. Swenson.



One perspective

By Francis Shrum

No way to go

I knew it was a problem. I just didn't know

wasn't long until she just started giving me a list of what she needed, and she only went along on trips that required her bodily presence, like an eye exam.

She said she couldn't find anything, anyway, and she hated getting pushed around and hurried along. I'm afraid her situation is a lot more common that we care to think about.

A recent nationwide study by the AARP says that our communities and states are ill equipped to meet the transportation needs of the growing number of seniors, particularly as they become less willing and/or able to drive themselves around.

And now we've got the me-first, baby-boomers coming along toward retirement age. You remember them, the ones who had kids but were too busy making lots of money and themselves feel good to raise them.

The kids grew up, alright, but they aren't real interested in finding out whether mom or dad needs a ride somewhere. When they do phone home, it is usually to ask their parents to do something for *them*.

Many of my rural kin grew old out on the ranch. That meant few trips to town anyway, since it was almost 200 miles round trip and the roads weren't very good for much of the way. But somehow, young people tended to think differently about their aging parents, or aunts and uncles, or even the elderly neighbor up the road. When somebody was going to make the trip to town, they usually let those nearby know so they could pick something up if needed. They left the house early in the morning and got home late in the evening.

If somebody got seriously ill, it didn't matter who it was. Somebody — neighbor or relative — got them

how widespread.

We've got tons of old people stranded in their homes with no way to get to the grocery store.

I guess I better be nicer to my kids, at least the ones who can drive. That's probably going to be me one of these days. Or you.

Life isn't simple anymore. There is no more corner grocery where we can totter to and fro safely. Nowadays, we have to travel halfway across town for our milk and eggs at the Super Walmart, which is the main reason there is no more corner grocery.

The traffic inside the store is just about as scary as the traffic outside on the street. Nobody slows down for the old folks, they just get irritated and shove past.

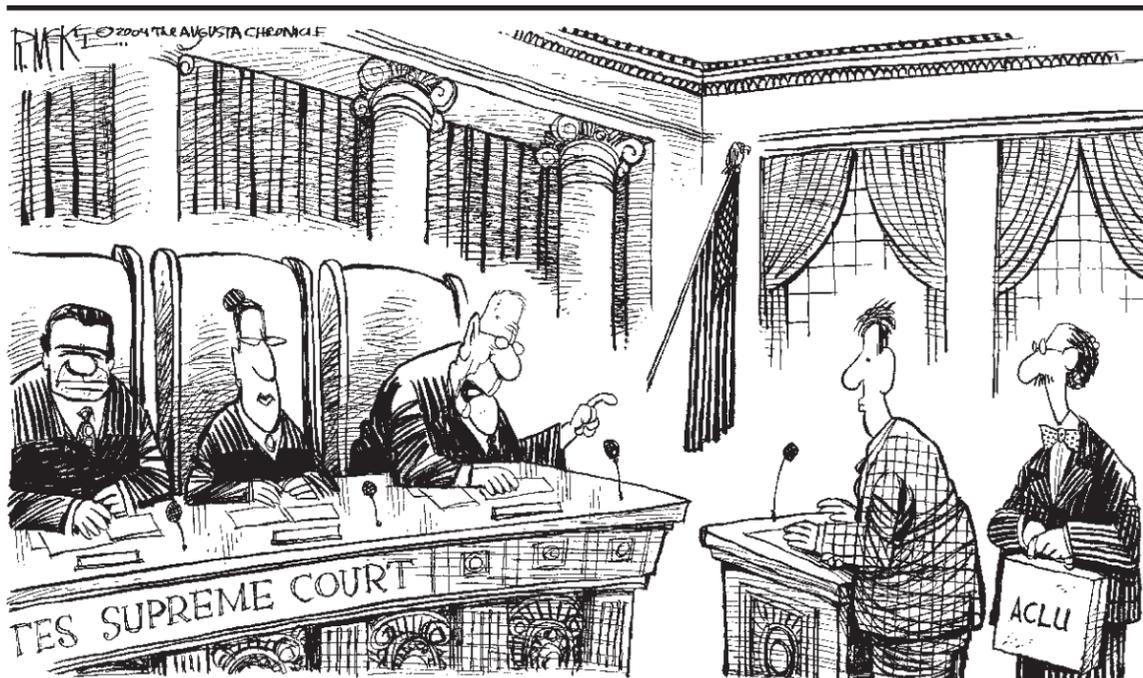
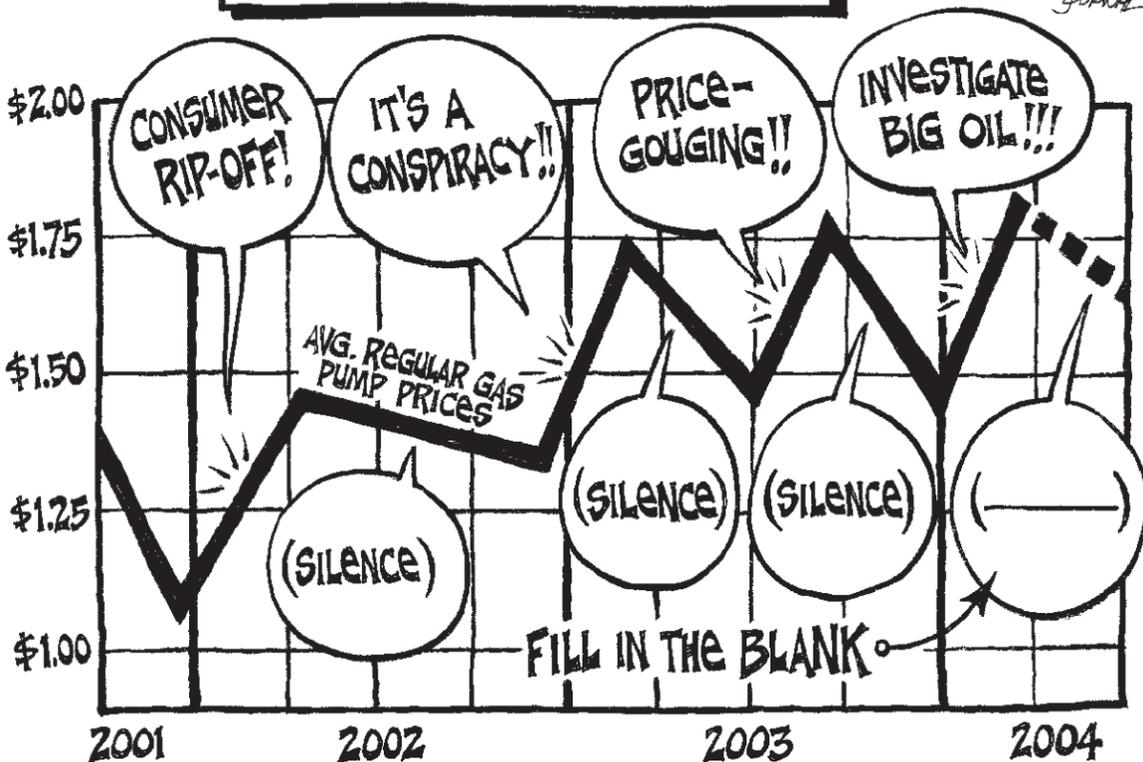
My kids say that shopping carts should be equipped with blinkers so we can signal other shoppers before we turn into their path. One of those reverse warning beepers like they install on large trucks isn't a bad idea, either. I figure about half the people in the stores must have learned to drive from a foreign video game, anyway, because nobody drives on the right side of the road in the Walmart aisle, and the age at which too many parents entrust their offspring with a shopping cart gets younger everyday.

I used to take an elderly friend of mine to the store. She never took a list. Instead she would walk the entire place, leaning on her cart, just enjoying being out of her house and "shopping." She'd meander all the aisles and pick and choose at her leisure.

Then "her store" closed down. I took her to several other stores but it

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THE GASOLINE PRICE CYCLE



"LET ME GET THIS STRAIGHT: YOU DON'T THINK YOUR KID SHOULD HAVE TO SAY THE WORD 'GOD' IN THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE... BUT IT'S HER FIRST AMENDMENT RIGHT TO USE IT AS PART OF A PROFANITY?!"

Reyes Reports By U.S. Rep. Silvestre Reyes



Reform needed for safety, security

For over two years, the House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence has studied and scrutinized the events leading up to the Sept. 11 attacks and the failure to find weapons of mass destruction in Iraq. We undertook these inquiries to improve our country's intelligence gathering processes and help ensure our security and safety.

The men and women of the United States intelligence community (which consists of 15 intelligence agencies including the CIA, FBI and DIA) are hard-working and dedicated to the security of our nation. However, through our inquiries, it became apparent that there are institutional problems that exist within the intelligence community that hamper the important efforts intelligence personnel are taking to defend our country against terrorist threats.

My Democratic colleagues on the House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence and I recently introduced H.R. 4104, the Intelligence Transformation Act, that modernizes and reforms the intelligence commu-

nity. We wrote this legislation to ensure that intelligence community personnel have the institutional framework and resources they need to succeed in their jobs.

The Intelligence Transformation Act proposes the following:

- The creation of a Director of National Intelligence (DNI), who will serve as the leader of the 15 intelligence agencies. He or she will serve as the principle intelligence adviser to the President, separate from the CIA Director, and will have greater budgetary and statutory control over the entire intelligence community that the CIA Director currently has now.

- Integration of the collection, analysis and dissemination of information among the agencies that make up the intelligence community. This change is modeled after the successful Goldwater-Nichols Act of 1986, which reformed the Department of Defense following a series of operational failures.

- Improvement of the analysis and collaboration of information by establishing the WMD Proliferation Threat Integration Center. We also propose an Alternative Analysis "red team" unit at the

National Intelligence Council, which will constantly question the status quo and foster critical thinking among our personnel.

This legislation also addresses the need for increased diversity in our intelligence community, a very serious concern of mine. The intelligence community has an abysmal record in terms of diversity. This bill requires the DNI to ensure diversity in the intelligence community and builds on diversity initiatives in the fiscal year 2004 Intelligence Authorization Act. It is essential that the intelligence workforce includes people who understand the cultures and speak the languages of critical countries and groups. We are only going to make progress if we have the agents who can assimilate and blend into a culture, forming critical relationships and bonds of trust.

As we unfortunately know, the terrorist threats that our country face are real. Intelligence is an effective tool against these threats, and by instituting the positive, long-term changes laid out in this legislation, we will empower our intelligence community and the country as a whole to fight the war against terror.

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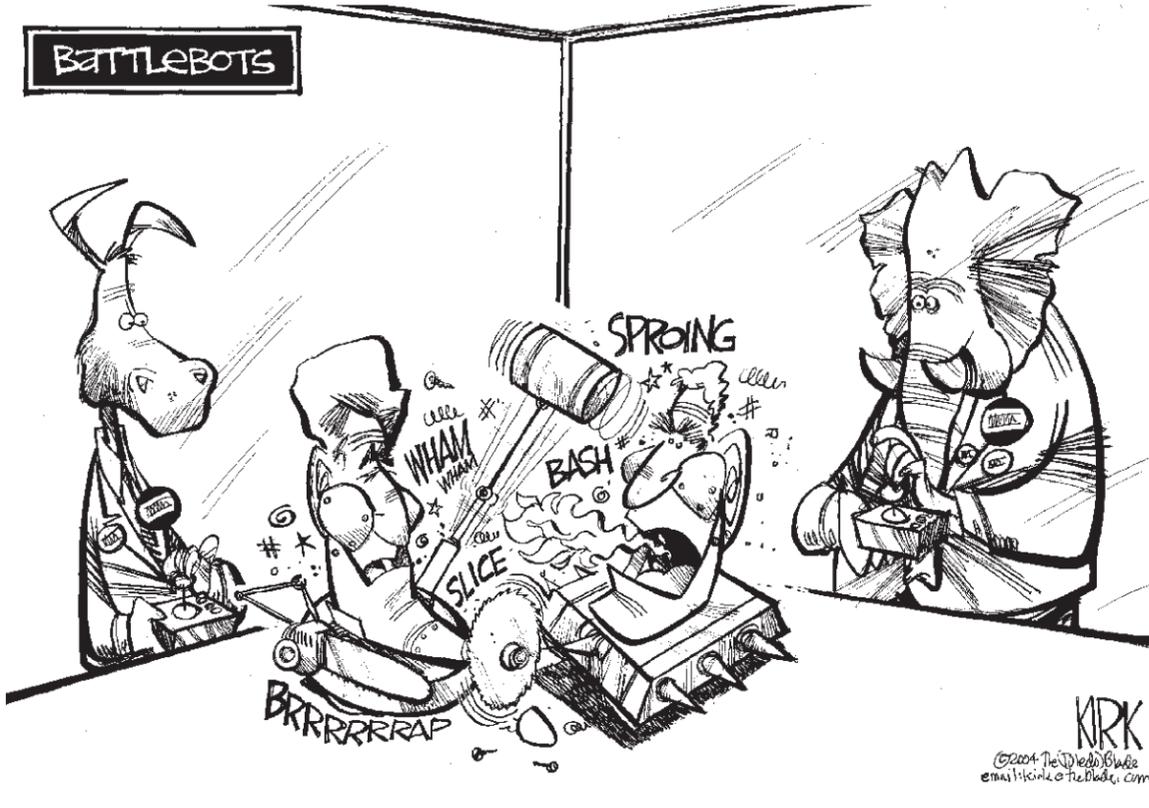
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Vaccinate your infants today

Would you be surprised to learn that there is one simple step you can take to keep your children healthy? It's not a magic drug. And it won't cost you thousands of dollars. It's a very simple task and one that we all should follow: get your child vaccinated and do it on schedule.

This week marks the ninth annual National Infant Immunization Week (NIIW). Across the nation, efforts are being made to immunize more precious infants. In Texas, you will see this campaign in full swing as little red boots scoot their way across the state to promote "Shots Across Texas."

oversee funding for the Food and Drug Administration (FDA). This important administration approves, regulates and monitors all vaccines. I have diligently worked to increase funding for the FDA. I understand that too many families are without



By U.S. Rep. Henry Bonilla

Eye on D.C.

health insurance. This is unfortunate in itself. But as we work to increase healthcare coverage, let's remember that vaccinations are still one of the best and cheapest ways to protect our

children's health. They could mean the difference between life and death - especially if adequate health care is not available.

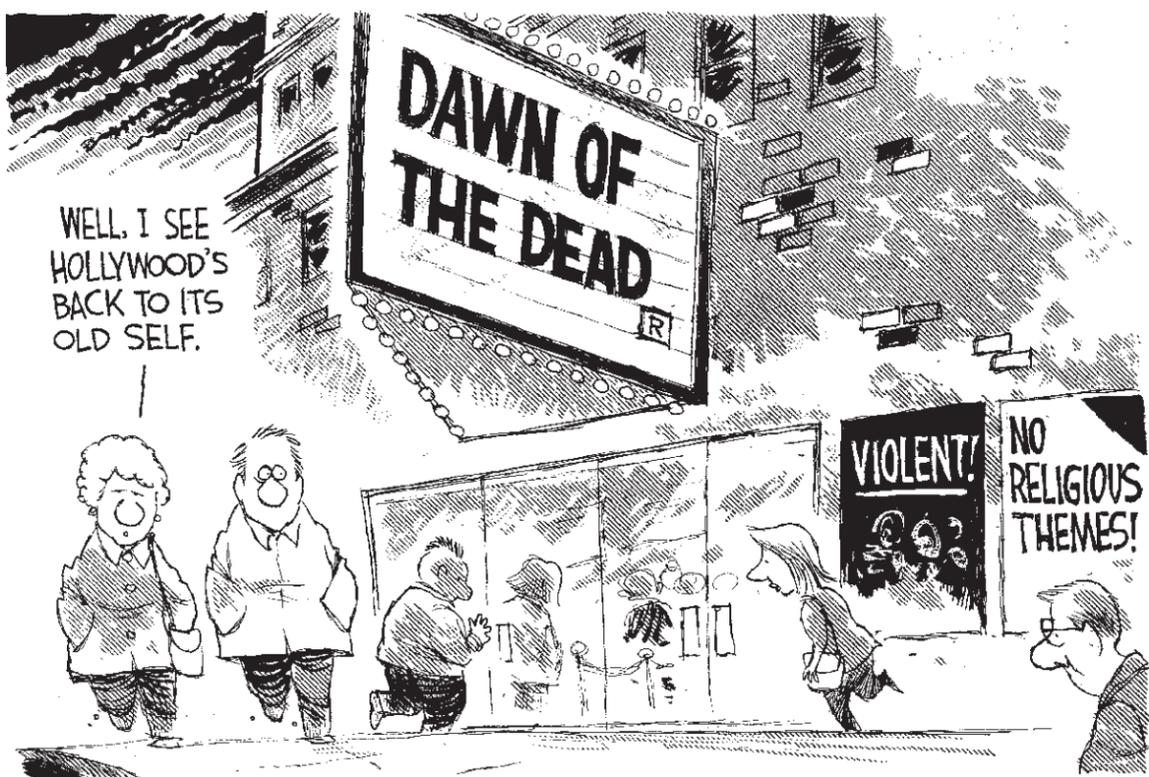
I am proud of the many parents who have helped increase immunization coverage among children in the United States. Over ninety percent of infants today receive the most critical vaccines by age two. These efforts have translated into a ninety-five percent reduction in vaccine-preventable deaths. This is tremendous progress, but we must work to stop any child from remaining unvaccinated. There's just no excuse.

We often forget how fortunate we are to have access to vaccinations. I have first-hand appreciation of vaccinations. You see, I grew up in a public housing complex in South San Antonio. The people living there were poor, but they provided a hard-working, labor force for the city's factories and military bases. In those days, many of today's vaccinations did not exist. Far too many children suffered serious illnesses that today can be avoided by a simple vaccination.

As Chairman of the Agriculture Appropriations Subcommittee, I

There is no reason for any parent to delay having their children vaccinated. If cost is a concern, there are a host of resources to help. Public Health Policy wisely picks up the tab for vaccinating anyone who can not afford to pay. Parents can get more information on vaccines, by asking a local physician or calling the National Immunization Hotline at 1-800-232-2522.

Remember, there is no better way for you to protect your children from disease than by immunizing them. Protect the littlest Texans by vaccinating your infants on schedule.



Por la Gente By State Rep. Chente Quintanilla



Teachers harmed by pay proposal

Hola mi gente. As you may be aware Gov. Perry has called the

Texas House and Senate to a fourth special session to address public school finance which began April 20. Rep. Wollens was bold enough to question why we were called into special session if there is no consensus for a public education plan. As expected, no one answered. Our first day in session lasted a mere 45 minutes and we adjourned until Tuesday, April 27.

This week I want to provide you with discussions points the incentives proposal plan will have upon our teachers. Be advised the following information was compiled by Texas State Teacher Association (TSTA).

Individual Teacher Performance Incentives are part of the Governor's proposal. The proposal would be punitive to the majority of teachers because the program would distribute limited funds based on student per-

formance on standardized tests, even though test performance cannot be attributed to just one teacher.

To the extent standardized tests become the basis for the incentives, teachers who do not teach "core subjects" but teach music, art or serve as librarians and counselors would get no benefit from this plan.

The smaller, separate "Campus Performance Incentive Program" would contain meager awards, but 60 percent of the teachers would not be eligible and would not get additional salary.

Texas teacher pay already lags far behind the national average, contributing to a critical shortage of qualified, certified teachers:

Texas has again fallen far behind the national average in teacher salaries, ranking 31st among the states, \$5,035 below the national average. Texas teachers have not had a state salary increase since 1999 when the legislature passed a \$3,000 increase. In 2001, the state provided teachers a \$1,000 health insurance stipend, but

in 2003, the state took away \$500 of that stipend to subsidized the state budget.

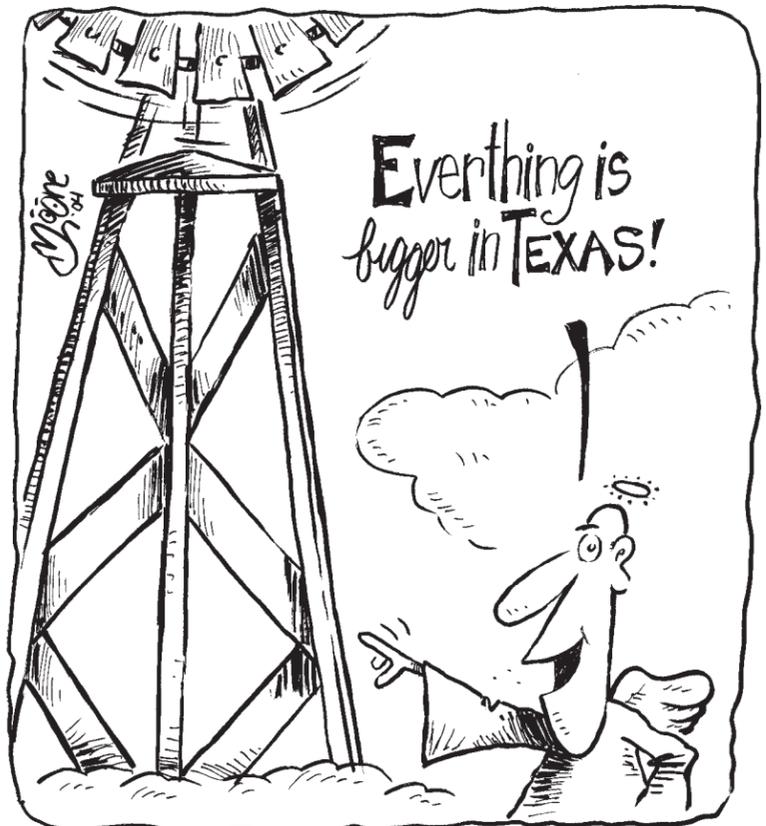
Incentive pay plans should only be discussed after all teachers are adequately paid and health insurance is fully funded.

If adequate compensation is realized, incentive pay should be addressed by individual local school districts through programs that bring teachers and administrators together to develop a collaborative formal agreement on a plan that would not be full of loopholes and be available to more than a select few.

I feel TSTA's analysis and assessment of the Incentive Plan provides us with a wealth of information regarding the true "Disincentive Plan" for our Texas educators. I encourage you to share this information with educators, family and friends. Therefore, let us beware of the wolf in sheep's clothing.

Until then I remain your friend and public servant, Chente for La Gente.

TRUE TEXAS FACTS by Roger T. Moore. The World's tallest windmill - 132 ft. - was built in Littlefield in 1887.



CANUTILLO INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

Notice of Election

Aviso de Eleccion General

To the Registered Voters of Canutillo, Texas:

Notice is hereby given that the polling places listed below will be open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. on May 15, 2004, for voting in a General Election, to elect 2 (two) School Board Members at Large (each position is a 3 year term).

Positions held by Margarito Arellano and Gonzalo M. Garcia.

A los votantes registrados de Canutillo, Texas:

Notifiquese por la presente, que las casillas electorales citadas abajo se abiran desde las 7 a.m. hasta 7 p.m. el 15 de mayo de 2004 para votar en la Eleccion para 2 (dos) Miembros de la Mesa Directiva de las Escuelas en representacion de todo el distrito (cada puesto con plazo de tres (3) años).

Puestos ocupados por Margarito Arellano y Gonzalo M. Garcia.

LOCATION OF POLLING PLACES FOR ELECTION DAY VOTING:

Vinton Village Hall, 436 Vinton — For voters residing in the portion of County Voting Precinct No. 2 located within the Canutillo Independent School District.

Canutillo High School, Canutillo, Texas (7311 Bosque Rd.) — For voters residing in those portions of County Voting Precinct No. 3 located within the Canutillo School District.

Canutillo Elementary School, Canutillo, Texas (651 Canutillo Ave.) — For voters residing in those portions of County Voting Precinct No. 4 located within the Canutillo School District.

Fire Station #2, 111 E. Borderland Rd. — For voters residing in those portions of County Voting Precinct No. 5 and County Voting Precinct No. 11 located within the Canutillo Independent School District.

SECCION DE LOCACIONES PARA EL DÍA DE ELECCIONES:

Vinton Village Hall, 436 Vinton — Para votantes residentes en la porcion del precinto de votacion del condado 2, localizados en el Distrito Escolar Independiente de Canutillo.

Escuela Secundaria de Canutillo, Canutillo, Texas (7311 Bosque Rd.) — Para votantes residentes en la porcion del precinto de votacion del condado 3, localizados en el Distrito Escolar Independiente de Canutillo.

Escuela Primaria de Canutillo, Canutillo, Texas (651 Canutillo Ave.) — Para votantes residentes en la porcion del precinto de votacion del condado 4, localizados en el Distrito Escolar Independiente de Canutillo.

Estacion de Bomberos #2, 111 E. Borderland Rd. — Para votantes residentes en la porcion del precinto de votacion del condado 5, y precinto de votacion del condado 11 localizados en el Distrito Escolar Independiente de Canutillo.

1. Early voting by personal appearance will be conducted each weekday at Canutillo Elementary School, Principal's Office, Canutillo, Texas (651 Canutillo Ave.) between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m beginning on April 28, 2004 and ending on May 11, 2004.

2. Early voting by personal appearance will be conducted each weekday at Vinton Town Hall, Vinton, Texas, 436 Vinton between the hours of 3 p.m. and 6 p.m. beginning on April 28, 2004 and ending on May 11, 2004.

3. Early voting by personal appearance will be conducted at all locations within El Paso County, at which Early Voting is conducted by the County Elections Department beginning on April 28, 2004 and ending on May 11, 2004.

1. La votacion anticipo en persona se llevara a cabo de lunes a viernes en la Escuela Primaria, Oficina del Director, Canutillo, Texas, 651 Canutillo Ave., entre las 8:30 de la mañana y las 4:30 de la tarde empezando el 28 de abril de 2004 y terminando el 11 de mayo de 2004.

2. La votacion anticipo en persona se llevara a cabo de lunes a viernes en Vinton Town Hall, 436 Vinton, entre las 3:00 de la tarde y las 6 de la tarde empezando el 28 de abril de 2004 y terminando el 11 de mayo de 2004.

3. La votacion anticipo en persona se llevara a cabo en todos locaciones en el Condado de El Paso, en donde se lleva a cabo votaciones tempranas manejadas por el Departamento de Elecciones del condado empezando el 28 de abril de 2004 y terminando el 11 de mayo de 2004.

Applications for ballot by mail should be mailed to:

Las solicitudes para boletas que se votaran en ausencia por correo deberan enviarse a:

Helen Jamison, 500 E. San Antonio-Room 402, El Paso, Texas 79901

Applications for ballots by mail must be received no later than the close of business on May 7, 2004.

Las solicitudes para boletas que se votaran en ausencia por correo deberan recibirse para el fin de las horas de negocio del 7 de mayo 2004.

Issued this 13th day of April, 2004.

Emitada este 13 dia de abril, 2004.

Yvonne Sapien-Sanchez

Presiding Officer, Oficial que Preside

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Write stuff

Dear Editor:

I have been on the Board of Directors of the Horizon Regional MUD for seven and a half years. I have watched the district grow from poor quality water to "superior," from a moratorium for lack of supply to enough water to meet current demands and future growth.

The Board of Directors had the courage and conviction to seek and find the means to provide the quality and supply this community needed. The building of a reverse osmosis water treatment plant was controversial. The bridge financing supplied by the management company gave the water district a way to guarantee a good water supply without a rate or tax increase.

We have growth — residential and commercial. The district encompasses 91,000 acres; approximately five square miles is in the Town of Horizon City. Growth stimulated by a good supply of water has been beneficial to the town. Growth means additional tax dollars in property and sales.

The growth in the area has brought developers who cost-share in major infrastructure which benefits the district and promotes development. This gives the district opportunities to rehabilitate time-worn facilities.

I have been lucky enough to be part of a great episode in the history of the Town and Horizon Regional MUD. I am on the May 15 ballot for reelection. I ask the people I have served to support me for the future.

Bonnie Moorhouse
Horizon City

Dear Editor:

For everyone that has children and has had the honor of paying for a lost school book, you will appreciate my letter.

I am a parent of four. I have a full-time job during the day working as a teacher's aid from 7:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. These are the hours for which I get paid, but I am unsure how many hours I actually work helping with fundraisers, tutoring a child, or running a concession stand. Since I am an aid I also attend college four nights a week in hopes of some day obtaining a degree in teaching. With all of this, I have little to no time left over for myself.

Last week while I was attending night class at EPCC, my youngest daughter, Victoria, left her back pack at the Mission De El Paso campus. Wednesday morning was when she discovered her mistake; Wednesday was also a holiday at the college so there was no way for me to retrieve the bag. I did, however, call and report it lost. On Thursday night when I went to class, she told the school police where she had left her bag and gave a description along with her name and phone number. She was really upset to not have had it turned in, as was I since she had three books inside that I could now consider lost. As any parent with children knows, books are expensive, and I was not looking forward to paying for three.

Then a real miracle happened. Vicky came home from school the next Monday with her bag! I was not only surprised to see the bag, but rejoiced for not having to shell out a bundle of money. I asked her where she had found it, and what she told

me was unbelievable! Someone had indeed turned in her bag to the college that day and the nice police officer went out of his way to not only return it to her but to bring it to her school so she would not be without her books any longer. Now I ask, what kind of a person that doesn't even know my child will go to all that trouble?

I may never meet this wonderful man, but I did find out that his name is Joe. So Joe, if you are reading this letter, know that not only are we grateful for the return of Vicky's back pack, but we are moved by your show of kindness. Most people would have just waited for us to inquire about the bag and left it up to us to see if it was turned in. Not you; you went that extra mile for us and for that I feel that you are a hero. It takes a really great person to look out for others and that is just what you did for my little girl. Saying thank you is by no means enough, but unfortunately that is all I have. So from Vicky's mom, a million thanks. I hope that other people treat you with the same warmth and understanding as you did us. I hope that you never lose anything yourself, but if you do, I hope that you are treated as kindly as you treated us. Thanks a million, Joe!

Linda Soto
Fabens

Dear Editor:

On April 15, 2004, I attended a meeting at the Socorro City Hall where several independent truck owners had expressed their complaints regarding the treatment they were receiving from a city inspector and the interim director of the Planning and Zoning Commission.

The truck owners complained that the inspector and director were issuing citations to them in the amount of \$500 for parking their trucks on their own property.

When these truck owners brought their complaints in front of the adjustment board they, too, disregarded them. These individuals have filed a petition with the Mayor of Socorro regarding the treatment which they have been receiving. These individuals are not violating any laws as they all have been in business since 1980 and fall under the "grandfather" clause.

Also, the subject of the lost steamroller was brought up to council and Mr. (Reyes) Fierro by Mr. (Don) Davison. He inquired into the investigation, if any, by the city and still to this date they have no answer whatsoever. The council is attempting to replace this lost piece of machinery.

I had also inquired as to when the city was going to have an election to elect the new council and they said that it would not be until September, 2004. I advised them that after May 4, 2004, this council is an illegal council and they can no longer conduct any business or even draw any pay for these positions. It is clear that the city council continues to ignore the City Charter which is the law for this city. The council members are doing what they please with no regard to the Charter. At this meeting, council person Gloria Rodriguez summed it up with the statement that they "do not have to follow the Charter."

Ricardo F. Ortiz
Socorro

Socorro truckers give council an ear full over treatment by city inspectors

SOCORRO — There was extensive discussion regarding traffic citations against truck drivers during the regularly scheduled Socorro City Council meeting on Thursday, April 15, 2004.

According to several truck drivers who are residents of Socorro, city inspectors have been "harassing" truck drivers for parking their road tractors at their place of residence.

Several of the truck drivers who voiced their complaints have been fined for parking their trucks (road tractors) at their residence. While these truck drivers are not happy about being fined, their main complaint was the unfair and unprofessional treatment they have experienced from the city inspectors.

One truck driver went as far as to say that one inspector asked him to go back to Mexico during an issue at a Board of Adjustment meeting. One other truck driver said he was almost in a physical altercation instigated by an inspector. Discussion on this issue went on for about two hours. The truck drivers feel as if they are being

singled out by these inspectors and harassed on a regular basis.

City Representative Joseph "Chito" Bowling said he would like to remedy this situation and asked the rest of council to try and come up with a solution. He also asked Interim City Manager Reyes Fierro if the complaints against these city inspectors have been addressed and how many more complaints are required before any action is taken against them. Fierro responded that he has met with the inspectors, and that they are only enforcing the ordinance.

Bowling asked if maybe the current ordinance addressing the trucks could be amended. City Attorney Chris Borunda said amending the ordinance would do no good since State Transportation Code 5.45.307 supersedes any city ordinance.

Bowling also asked if San Elizario, Fabens, Clint and Horizon City are experiencing the same problem. After hours of discussion, it was determined that Mayor Irma Sanchez will contact the surrounding cities to ask how they

are currently handling the issue of road tractors parking on residential property.

In other business, council approved the selection of an employment service to fill the current vacancies at City Hall. The selection made by council was RM Personnel. The employment firm will fill all four vacancies that include Chief of Police, Human Resource Specialist, City Clerk and a payroll clerk.

Another controversial item addressed was the amendment of an ordinance authorizing the issuance and sale of Combination Tax and Museum Revenue Certificates of Obligation and enacting other provisions relating to the subject. This amendment would change the interest rates for the Certificates of Obligation. The Certificates of Obligation are for the amount of \$2 million to improve streets and street lighting. After considerable discussion, it was decided to table the agenda item to allow for further investigation on what exactly the proceeds of the certificates are to be spent on.

Fabens places second in District UIL

FABENS — Twelve Wildcats will be advancing to Regional UIL Literary Competition on April 23-24 in San Angelo. A total of 52 students competed in District UIL on April 3 at Del Valle High School.

Overall Fabens took second with Del Valle scoring first. At total of 10 high schools competed in the meet.

Fabens began the competition ahead of Del Valle by 42 points for the One-Act Play advancing to Area. The play, *The Girl in the Mirror*,

competed for Area on Wednesday, April 7, at Chamizal. "Although they presented a wonderful performance," said Director Renee King, "the Cats came away empty-handed."

Robert Sepulveda, principal, says he is very proud of the performance of the students. He also expressed thanks to Ms. Penny Jones, UIL coordinator and coach, and to coaches Renee King, Susan Fisher, Alexis Berta, Rosa Garcia, Sol Noriega, Carol Silver and Manuel Cobos, Larry Bujanda, and

Candelario Barragan.

Those placing in their respective events include Gilbert Rodriguez, Laural Joslin, Michael Esparza, Joel Maes, Sarah Sepulveda, Adrian Hernandez, and Marissa Flores.

Others include Orlando Perez, Claudia Ochoa, Carla Ochoa, Krystal Ortega, Jerry Walker, Dyana Garcia, Adrian Bandu, and Maria Garcia.

The top threeschools were: Del Valle, 362; Fabens, 244; and Riverside, 225.

Town of Anthony, Texas Public Notice

TO THE REGISTERED VOTERS OF ANTHONY

A general election will be held in the Town of Anthony, Texas on the fifteenth day of May, 2003 for the purpose of electing the following officials:

- ALDERMAN, PLACE THREE
- ALDERMAN, PLACE FOUR
- ALDERMAN, PLACE FIVE

In accordance with an order adopted by the Town Council of Anthony, Texas on February 10, 2004 with the election to be held at the Anthony Town Office, 401 Oak, Anthony, Texas. Voting hours on election day, May 15, 2004 shall be from 7 a.m. until 7 p.m.

The early voting for the above will be held at the Anthony Town Office, 401 Oak, Anthony, Texas and said place for early voting shall remain open from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. weekdays, which is not a Saturday or Sunday, or an official state holiday, beginning April 28, 2004 through May 11, 2004.

Early voting by personal appearance will be conducted at all locations within El Paso County, at which Early Voting is conducted by the County Elections Department beginning on April 28, 2004 and ending on May 11, 2004.

The early voting clerk's mailing address to which ballot applications and ballots voted by mail may be sent to:

Helen Jamison
County Elections Department
500 E. San Antonio Rm 402
El Paso, Texas 79901

Applications for ballots by mail must be received no later than the close of business on May 7, 2004.

Mayor Art Franco

A LOS VOTANTES DE LA CIUDAD DE ANTHONY, TEXAS

Se llevara acabo una eleccion general el dia 15 de mayo 2003 con el proposito de elegir a los siguientes funcionarios para dicha ciudad.

- MIEMBRO DEL CONCILIO, POSICION TRES
- MIEMBRO DEL CONCILIO, POSICION CUATRO
- MIEMBRO DEL CONCILIO, POSICION CINCO

En acuerdo con la orden adoptada por el concilio de la ciudad de Anthony el 10 de febrero, 2004 se llevara acabo en el siguiente lugar:

La officina de la Ciudad de Anthony, Texas, 401 Oak, Anthony, Texas. El horario para votar en el dia de la eleccion sera de las siete de la mañana hasta las siete de la noche.

La votacion de antemano para dicha eleccion se llevara acabo en la oficina de la Ciudad de Anthony, 401 Oak, Anthony, Texas. Dicho sitio para la votacion de antemano se mantendra abierto por lo minimo ocho horas cada dia, de las 8:30 a.m. a 4:30 p.m., menos el sabado, domingo, o dias festivos del estado comensando el 28 de abril, 2004 y continuando hasta el dia 11 de mayo, 2004.

La votacion anticipo en persona se llevara a cabo en todos locaciones en el Condado de El Paso, en donde se lleva a cabo votaciones tempranas manejadas por el Departamento de Elecciones del condado empezando el 28 de abril de 2004 y terminando el 11 de mayo de 2004.

La direccion postal de la secretaria de votacion de antemano para votar por correo y a donde se pueden enviar solicitudes para balotas y enviar las balotas con votos es:

Helen Jamison
County Elections Department
500 E. San Antonio Rm 402
El Paso, Texas 79901

Las solicitudes para boletas que se votaran en ausencia por correo deberan recibirse para el fin de las horas de negocio del 7 de mayo 2004.

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& BLUE GAME

San Elizario unveils historical exhibits that include Peace Camps, Salt War

By Michelle J. Brown
Special to the Courier

SAN ELIZARIO — From the Presidio days to the Peace Camps and Salt War, San Elizario's history in

essay, photographs and art will be unveiled at a special ribbon cutting ceremony Saturday, April 24, 2004, at 1 p.m. at the Los Portales Visitors Center, 1521 San Elizario Rd.

The public is welcome to attend the free event, which is part of the 13th Annual San Elizario Genealogy and Historical Society Conference. The conference also helps to kick-off activities for El Paso's Heritage Week.

The attractive exhibits tell the dramatic story of the San Elizario historical legacies, highlighting the mili-

tary era and Spanish contributions, as well as the Apache Peace Camps and Salt War. It features recently discovered historical images, the art of José Cisneros and Tom Lea and photography of Wyman Meinzer, Robert H. Schmidt and Jody Schwartz.

The San Elizario Genealogy and Historical Society and the El Paso Community Foundation collaborated to spearhead the project. Exhibits were funded by The Meadows Foundation, The County of El Paso, the Joe B. & Louise P. Cook Foundation,

The Cimarron Foundation and the El Paso Community Foundation.

Iconographical resources include the Arizona Historical Society, John Carter Brown Library, Skip Clark, El Paso County Historical Society, El Paso Public Library, Frederick Remington, University of Texas at El Paso, Texas State Archives, Texas Western Press (El Paso), University of Texas at Austin, and the U.S. National Archives.

For more information call Gary Williams, Program Officer of the El Paso Community Foundation, at 533-4020.

City of Socorro PUBLIC NOTICE

ORDER OF ELECTION FOR CITY OF SOCORRO

An election is hereby ordered to be held on May 15, 2004 from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. for the purpose of: Amending the City of Socorro charter to allow for Election District Population Change for the City of Socorro, Texas.

Early voting in person shall be conducted at Socorro High School, 10150 Alameda Ave., beginning Wednesday, April 28, 2004, and continue through Tuesday, May 11, 2004 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. on each day which is not a Saturday, Sunday, or an official state holiday.

Early voting by personal appearance will be conducted at all locations within El Paso County, at which Early Voting is conducted by the County Elections Department beginning on April 28, 2004 and ending on May 11, 2004.

The early voting ballot applications and ballots by mail may be sent to Helen Jamison, County Elections Department, 500 E. San Antonio, Room 402, El Paso, Texas 79901. Applications for ballots by mail must be received no later than the close of the business day on the 7th day of May, 2004.

Precincts	Polling Place	Address
149	Hilley Elementary	693 Rio Vista
150 & 152	Rojas Elementary School	500 Bauman Rd.
151	Socorro High School	10150 Alameda
153	Escontrias Elementary School	205 Buford Rd.
154	Campestre Elementary School	11399 Socorro Rd.

Issued this 12th day of March, 2004.

Gary Gandara, Mayor Pro-Tem
City of Socorro

ORDEN DE ELECCION PARA CIUDAD DE SOCORRO

Por la presente se ordena que se llevara a cabo una eleccion el 15 de Mayo 2004 con el proposito de: Enmendar la Acta Constitutiva del Municipio de Socorro para permitir que se cambie la poblacion de los Distritos Electorales de la Ciudad de Socorro, Texas.

Votacion temprana en persona se llevara a cabo en Socorro High School, 10150 Alameda Ave., comenzando el Miercoles, 28 de abril de 2004, y continuara hasta el Martes, 11 de mayo de 2004 desde las 8 a.m. hasta las 5 p.m. en todos los dias que no sean Sábado, Domingo, o dia oficial de vacaciones estatales.

La votacion anticipo en persona se llevara a cabo en todos locaciones en el Condado de El Paso, en donde se lleva a cabo votaciones tempranas manejadas por el Departamento de Elecciones del condado empezando el 28 de abril de 2004 y terminando el 11 de mayo de 2004.

La direccion postal de la secretaria de votacion de antemano para votar por correo y a donde se puedan enviar solicitudes para balotas y enviar las balotas con votos es: Helen Jamison, County Elections Department, 500 E. San Antonio, Room 402, El Paso, Texas 79901. Las solicitudes para boletas para votar en ausencia por correo deberan recibirse antes de el fin de las horas de negocio el día 7 de mayo de 2004.

Precincto	Lugar de Votacion	Domicilio
149	Hilley Elementary	693 Rio Vista
150 & 152	Rojas Elementary School	500 Bauman Rd.
151	Socorro High School	10150 Alameda
153	Escontrias Elementary School	205 Buford Rd.
154	Campestre Elementary School	11399 Socorro Rd.

Emitada este dia 12 de marzo, 2004

Gary Gandara, Mayor Pro-Tem
Ciudad de Socorro

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San Elizario historical conference brings past to life on April 24

By Guadalupe Silva
Special to the Courier

SAN ELIZARIO — San Elizario is one of the most historical places in the nation, yet few El Pasoans know about it, said Commissioner Miguel Terán, who represents El Paso's Mission Valley for Commissioner's Court Precinct 3.

To underscore the value of the area's history, the San Elizario Genealogy and Historical Society is featuring its 13th Annual Conference titled "El Camino Real: From Mexico to Northern Mexico." The conference will start at 8 a.m. and end at 4 p.m. Saturday, April 24 in the Adobe Horseshoe Theater and the San Elizario Veteran's Memorial Plaza. The County of El Paso is sponsoring the conference.

The first Thanksgiving in the nation took place in San Elizario, when Juan de Oñate's expedition stopped by the banks of the Rio Grande in

1598, Terán explained. It is part of the Camino Real, the trail opened by Spanish colonizers from Mexico to the north. San Elizario was the first El Paso County seat in 1850. It had the first Courthouse and first jail in the region.

"The City of El Paso did not even exist in 1850," he said, adding that what is now El Paso was called Franklin then and had only 250 people. "San Elizario had 2,500. That's why it's important that everybody here know the history of the area."

George Torok, a history professor at El Paso Community College who specializes in the Camino Real, and Roy B. Brown, archeology professor at Mexico's National Institute of History and Archeology, will be the keynote speakers at the conference. Sam Roman, a family research and consultant on genealogy with the Latter Day Saints also will be a speaker.

The seminars will be followed by a ribbon-cutting ceremony of new

exhibits at the Los Portales Museum and by historical reenactments. One of those reenactments will feature the lifestyle of old El Paso County performed by *Los Desperados de San Elizario*. The other will be of the First Thanksgiving by the El Paso Mission Trail Association under the direction of Hector Serrano.

Ben Sanchez, curator of Los Portales Museum in San Elizario and the conference's project director, said the conference also serves as a kick-off point for El Paso's Heritage Week, which ends May 2.

"The conference has two main goals," Sanchez said. "To highlight the Camino Real's historical importance and to explore its economic possibilities. The Camino Real has been identified as a National Trailway. We're hoping to attract some grants that will help us develop the area into a major tourist attraction."

For more information on the conference call Sanchez, 851-1682.

San Eli HOSA duo qualify for nationals

By Phillip Cortez
Special to the Courier

SAN ELIZARIO — What a difference a year makes.

Last year this time, Jonathan Grijalva didn't quite know what to expect during the Health Occupation Student Association (HOSA) competitions last year. The further into qualifying he got, the more nervous he became as the then-junior made it through the Area, Regional, State and eventually a top 10 finish at the National competition in Atlanta, Georgia.

This year is different. This time around, Grijalva became the seasoned veteran that other HOSA students could look to for advice, especially for Bianca Prignano, Grijalva's partner in the Career Health Display category. The two are headed to Orlando, Florida for the National HOSA competition in June.

"I felt pressure because he had been successful last year and I didn't want to mess him up," Prignano said shortly after the pair qualified for state earlier this spring.

According to Mathilda Mirabal, San Elizario's HOSA instructor, Grijalva's and Prignano's success thus far is a credit to their compatibility and communication. Because the pair does not have classes together during the school day, getting the two to find the time to work together was a challenge.

"If you're not comfortable with a person it's hard to work with them," Prignano said. "If I'm not comfort-

able, I freeze."

It was Grijalva's experience that helped the two qualify for nationals, according to Prignano.

"We'd be studying and he'd see that I was nervous and just tell me, 'don't worry about it.' He's already been there so he was calming me down," she said.

Perhaps even more nerve racking than the night before a competition is the way San Elizario students found out the results from the state competition. Because their flight was

scheduled before the awards ceremony, San Elizario students didn't find out their fates until the following Monday, which called for a long weekend, Prignano said.

"I wanted to come home with news but couldn't," Prignano said. "Not knowing was really hard."

When HOSA students got back to school, they found out that Grijalva and Prignano scored 199 out of a possible 200 points, which left the rest of the competition a healthy distance behind. They also found out, according to Mirabal, that fellow students Jennifer Garcia earned a fifth place,

Eddie Alvarado and Cecy Martinez advanced to the second round in their skill category. They finished the

competitor with a final placing of tenth and thirteenth, respectively.

"I know that we did very well because this is only our second year of competing and we are once again sending some to nationals," Mirabal said. "In fact, we doubled our state and national competitors in comparison to last year which was our first year of competing. We are a new

HST Program and are showing some success and strength in our program with our students who are representing our district."



GOING BACK — Bianca Prignano and Jonathan Grijalva will represent San Elizario at the HOSA competition. This is Grijalva's second time at nationals.



Canutillo High's one-act play advances to regional

By Kim Guzman
Special to the Courier

UPPER VALLEY — Canutillo High School Stage Players' rendition of *The Diviners*, by Jim Leonard Jr., was one of two selected to advance to Regional competition recently. The CHS stage players, under the direction of Richard Jeffery, speech and drama teacher at Canutillo High School, competed at the Chamizal National Memorial Theatre, against other District 4A area high schools. Burges High School is the other school that was selected to advance.

The play takes place in Zion, Indiana, during the depression and cast members include Joel Johnson, Cynthia Rede, Sigi Andujo, Kyle Melton, Arlynn Garcia, Celeste Moreno, Jesus Castillo, Michelle Bolner, Ivonne Cardenas, Kelcie Cooper, Ryan Blevins, Hector Lara, Emma Escobar, Saul Monroy, and Gloria Estrada.

Crew members are: Samuel Gonzalez, Jason Duran, Hugo Rivera, and Marcos Rios. Assisting as co-directors are Carmen Zimmerman, CHS teacher; and Alex Corona, Canutillo Middle teacher.

The CHS stage players have advanced in district competition for the past 11 consecutive years, and advanced in area competition a total of nine times. They vied for state honors in 2000. Regional competition will be held April 23 in San Angelo, Texas.

Canutillo students advance to HOSA nationals

By Kim Guzman
Special to the Courier

Canutillo High School students Cinthia Gallegos, junior, and Ruby Albidres, sophomore, advanced to national competition after recently placing among the top three finishers in the state Health Occupations Students of America (HOSA) competition.

Gallegos earned second place in Pathophysiology in the state meet. Albidres earned a third place finish in Speaking Skills. The two students will go on to compete at the national level in Orlando, Florida, June 23-26.

Julie Vinikoff and Marc Wilson, Canutillo HS teachers and HOSA sponsors, along with seven Canutillo HS student state qualifiers participated in HOSA annual State Leadership Conference in April in Houston, Texas.

After returning from the state competition, Vinikoff stated, "We will rely on these students who will return next year to pass on the excitement of joining HOSA, the level of competition to expect at state, the commitment it takes to advance, as well as the professionalism they saw, to our future HOSA members."



TOUGH ACT TO FOLLOW — Canutillo High School stage players, from left, are Cynthia Rede, Joel Johnson, and Kyle Melton.

TORNILLO INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT NOTICE OF ELECTION

On February 25, 2004, at their regular meeting, the Board of Trustees of the Tornillo ISD ordered an election to be held on Saturday May 15, 2004, between the hours of 7:00 A.M. and 7:00 P.M., at the Tornillo ISD Central Office, 19200 Cobb Street, Tornillo, Texas, for the purpose of electing four (4) trustees. Positions are open for Place 1, Place 2 and Place 5 and are for full (3) three-year terms. Place 7 is for a (2) two-year term.

Absentee voting by personal appearance will be conducted at the Tornillo ISD Central Office, 19200 Cobb Avenue, Tornillo, Texas, beginning April 28, 2004 through May 11, 2004, each weekday from 8:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M. Applications for ballot by mail shall be mailed to the Presiding Judge, Emma Davis, C/O P.O. Box 170, Tornillo, Texas, 79853. Applications for ballots by mail may be received beginning March 16, 2004 and must be received no later than 4:00 P.M. on May 7, 2004. Ballots by mail will be mailed by the presiding judge beginning March 31, 2004 and must be received by the presiding judge, by 7:00 P.M. on May 15, 2004.

Only duly qualified, registered voters of the Tornillo Independent School District.

DISTRITO DE LA ESCUELA DE TORNILLO AVISO DE ELECCION

El dia 25 de Febrero, 2004, en la junta de la mesa directiva del distrito escolar de Tornillo dio aviso que se llevara a cabo una eleccion de regentes para la mesa directiva el sabado , 15 de Mayo, 2004, de 7:00 A.M. a 7:00 P.M. en la oficina centrales de Tornillo ISD, 19200 Cobb St., Tornillo, Texas, con el proposito de elegir cuatro (4) directores. Las posiciones abiertos por un termino de (3) tres años son puesto 1, puesto 2, y puesto 5. Puesto 7 es por un termino de (2) dos años.

Votacion de ausencia en persona empieza el 28 de Abril, 2004 hasta el 11 de Mayo, 2004 de las 8:00 A.M. a las 5:00 P.M., de lunes a viernes, en la oficina centrales de Tornillo ISD, P.M., 19200 Cobb Street, Tornillo, Texas . Boletos para votar en ausencia por correo se pueden conseguir con el juez que preside, ser enviadas a Emma Davis, C/O P.O. Box 170, Tornillo, Texas 79853. Aplicaciones para boletos por correo se deberan recibirse comenzando 16, de Marzo 2004, y recibirse para el fin de 7 de Mayo, 2004 antes de las 4:00 P.M. Boletos por correo se comenzaran enviar por el juez que preside, comenzando el 31 de Marzo, 2004 y recibirse antes de las 7:00 P.M. el dia 15 de Mayo, 2004.

Unicamente votantes registrados del distrito de la escuela de Tornillo.

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Fabens High School student council honored

By Carol Silver
Special to the Courier

FABENS — Fabens High School Student Council was named Outstanding Student Council at the Spring Convention held March 30 at Andreas High School.

The group also received "Excellent" on their Scrap Book and Second Place on Name Tags.

Marilu Lopez, senior, was named as the scholarship recipient for a \$500 scholarship. "I was surprised, yet thankful," said Lopez. "... and I felt very special because it was my last Stu-Co meeting.

The council is sponsored by English teacher Renee King. "The Student Council here at FHS is an extremely hard-working group.

They should be as proud as I am for all they have accomplished," she said.

Lopez, who is also president of the group, said, "In the entire six years of being involved with Stu-Co, I have never seen a group of individuals so dedicated to achieve their goals, and I am glad to be a part of it."

A total of 15 of the 24 members attended the convention whose theme was "Dive Into Leadership."

Officers include, Lopez, president; Naomi Magallanes, vice-president; Krystel Ortega, treasurer; Jennifer Ramos, secretary; Krista Popham, community service; Joe Castro, pride and patriotism; Gabriel Lopez, TEED (energy); and Patty Olivas, DASH.

SAN ELIZARIO I.S.D.

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE ELECTION

The San Elizario Independent School District, Board of Trustees, hereby gives notice of an election to be held on Saturday, May 15, 2004 for the purpose of electing trustees for two (2) positions, for a three-year term each; and one (1) position for a one-year term.

Early voting by personal appearance will be from April 28, through May 11, 2004 from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on each day which is not a Saturday, Sunday or official State holiday.

Early voting by personal appearance will be conducted at all locations within El Paso County, at which Early Voting is conducted by the County Elections Department beginning on April 28, 2004 and ending on May 11, 2004.

Early voting will be conducted at Alfonso Borrego Elementary School located at 13300 Chicken Ranch Road. Applications for early voting by mail should be mailed to: El Paso County Elections Office, 500 E. San Antonio, Room 402, El Paso, Texas 79901.

The designated polling place is Alfonso Borrego Elementary School (Pct. 159) located at 13300 Chicken Ranch Road, which will be open from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. the day of the election.

AVISO DE ELECCION DE REGENTES

El distrito escolar de San Elizario da aviso que se llevará a cabo una elección de regentes para la mesa directiva el sábado 15 de mayo, 2004 con el proposito de elegir regentes para dos (2) posiciones de terminos de tres años, y una posicion de termino de un año.

Votación anticipada se efectuará desde el 28 de abril hasta el 11 de mayo, 2004 de las 8:00 a.m. a las 5:00 p.m. todos los días que no sean sábado, domingo, o día festivo del estado.

La votacion anticipo en persona se llevara a cabo en todos locaciones en el Condado de El Paso, en donde se lleva a cabo votaciones tempranas manejadas por el Departamento de Elecciones del condado empezando el 28 de abril de 2004 y terminando el 11 de mayo de 2004.

Votación anticipada se conducirá en la escuela primaria Alfonso Borrego Elementary School en 13300 Chicken Ranch Road. Aplicaciones para votar por correo deben ser enviadas al condado de El Paso, Elections Office, 500 E. San Antonio, Room 402, El Paso, Texas 79901.

El sitio de votación será en la escuela primaria Alfonso Borrego Elementary School (Pct. 159), 13300 Chicken Ranch Road y se abrirá desde las 7:00 a.m. a las 7:00 p.m. el día de la elección.

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TAKING IT TO THE TOP — Canutillo High School Health Occupations national qualifiers are Ruby Albidres, left, and Cinthia Gallegos.

Geothermal

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geothermal heating and cooling system which is being incorporated into the construction of the high school.

It is groundbreaking in more than

the traditional sense of turning shovels full of earth to mark the start of a construction project. It is also groundbreaking in the literal sense.

Geo-thermal (geo for earth and thermal for heat) technology requires that a series of pipes, called a loop, are laid 200-400 feet into the ground. This taps into the earth's natural heat, which is

collected in winter through fluid circulating in the pipes and distributed throughout the school with compressors and heat exchangers. In summer, the process is reversed to draw heat out of the classroom and expelled into the ground. The ceremony was held at the construction site, 6675 South Desert Blvd., adjacent to the North-

west campus of El Paso Community College. Highlight of the ceremony was the presentation of the state's Renewable Energy Leadership Recognition award to the board of trustees by Pam Groce, from the Renewable Energy Demonstration Project.

"Today is April 14 — this is history, people," she pointed out in pre-

sending the award to Yvonne Sapien-Sanchez, president of the board.

"Some people might say we're crazy, of being dreamers and of taking risks (with the geothermal project)," Sapien-Sanchez said. "We have faith in the decision we have made. This is a very good investment. I accept this award graciously."

Echoing the board president was board member Joe Villareal. "It took a lot of courage to do what we did, but we did the right thing. We are innovators."

Emphasizing the innovative nature of the Canutillo project was Rose Dowdy, director of sales for Houston-based EnLink Geoenery Services, Inc., the company selected to install the new system. She said the initiative is the largest school campus project in a seven-state Southwest area. It is largest in terms of the total square footage that will be entirely heated and cooled by geothermal technology which, EnLink indicates, dates back more than 50 years. It is reported that more than half a million buildings in the U.S. use this technology.

Dowdy says Canutillo ISD has made a total commitment, relying solely on the geothermal process. It is not a hybrid with the more traditional heating and cooling systems in other schools and businesses.

"In addition to saving energy and money," Dowdy points out in press release, "the geothermal systems substantially reduce pollution and can save hundreds of thousands of gallons of water used for cooling in the summer, an increasingly important benefit to the El Paso area."

Superintendent Charles Hart praised the board that committed to the geothermal concept after a three-year investigation.

"This is a board that looks past today to the future. We will be a green school."

In a press release, Hart adds, "this project is a powerful example to all school districts that solutions do exist to rising energy costs, increasingly tight budgets and environmental concerns."

The cost of the system was budgeted at \$3.5 million, according to Dr. John Kessinger, assistant CISD superintendent. EnLink originally estimated the cost at \$3.9 million, but pared it down by \$400,000 to meet budget constraints. Through energy savings over long-term maintenance of evaporative coolers and boilers, it is estimated that the system will pay for itself in seven years.

"The efficiencies achieved by these systems are impressive and allow commercial users to save up to 50 percent over conventional heating and cooling, plus they reduce maintenance costs," says Ward Huffman, of the Department of Energy's Denver regional office.

NOTICE OF ELECTION AVISO DE ELECCIONES VILLAGE OF VINTON, TEXAS

TO THE REGISTERED VOTERS OF VINTON, TEXAS

A LOS VOTANTES REGISTRADOS DE VINTON, TEXAS

1. A General Election for the Village of Vinton shall be held on Saturday, May 15, 2004.

La eleccion general del Pueblo de Vinton se llevara acabo el dia sabado 15, de mayo, 2004.

2. The polling place for said election shall be the Vinton Village Hall, 436 E. Vinton Road, El Paso County, Texas. *El sitio de las urnas electorales para dichas elecciones sera el edificio del Pueblo de Vinton, 436 Vinton Road, Condado de El Paso, Texas.*

3. The polls will be open between the hours of 7 a.m. and 7 p.m. on May 15, 2004.

Las urnas electorales se abriran dentro las horas de las 7 de la mañana y las 7 de la tarde 15 de mayo, 2004.

4. The offices to be voted on May 15, 2004 General Election are Mayor and Aldermanic Place #1 and #2.

Los puestos de oficina para elejirse son los siguientes puestos: Alcalde y Regidores para los lugares #1 y #2.

5. Early voting will begin on April 28, 2004.

Votacion por absentia empezara el dia 28, de abril, 2004.

6. Early voting will be conducted on April 28, 2004 through May 11, 2004, between the hours of 3 p.m. and 6 p.m. each day on each day which is not a Saturday, Sunday, or an official state holiday. The main absentee polling place will be the Vinton Village Hall, 436 E. Vinton Road, El Paso County, Texas.

Votacion por absentia se llevara acabo el 28 de abril 2004, hasta el 11 de mayo 2004, dentro las horas de 3 p.m. a 6 p.m. en los dias aqui nombrados en todos los dias que no sean sabado, domingo, o dia oficial de vacaciones estatales. El sitio principal donde se llevaran acabo las votaciones por absentia sera el edificio del Pueblo de Vinton, 436 E. Vinton Road, El Condado de El Paso, Texas.

Early voting by personal appearance will also be conducted at all locations within El Paso County, at which Early Voting is conducted by the County Elections Department beginning on April 28, 2004 and ending on May 11, 2004.

La votacion anticipo en persona se llevara a cabo en todos locaciones en el Condado de El Paso, en donde se lleva a cabo votaciones tempranas manejadas por el Departamento de Elecciones del condado empezando el 28 de abril de 2004 y terminando el 11 de mayo de 2004.

7. Applications for ballot by mail should be mailed to:

Las solicitudes para boletas que se votaran en ausencia por correo deberan enviarse a:

Helen Jamison

500 E. San Antonio, Room 402

El Paso, Texas 79901

Applications for ballots by mail must be received no later than the close of business on May 7, 2004.

Las solicitudes para boletas que se votaran en ausencia por correo deberan recibirse para el fin de las horas de negocio del 7 de mayo 2004.

Signed this 14th day of April, 2004

Firmado este 14 dia de abril, 2004

Antonio Castro, Mayor

Village of Vinton, Texas

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Public Notice LOWER VALLEY WATER DISTRICT

ELECTION CANCELLATION NOTICE

Pursuant to Section 2.053(a) of the Texas Election Code, the Lower Valley Water District Board of Directors has approved an Order of Cancellation declaring the following unopposed candidates elected to the positions of Directors on the LVWD Board of Directors:

Board of Director Place 4: David Carrasco

Board of Director Place 5: Alice L. Fresquez

Furthermore, notice is given that based on the absence of any opposed candidates or any District proposition, the Board has ordered that the previously called District election to be held on May 15, 2004 is cancelled.

WTCC: 04/22/04 & 04/29/04

City of Socorro PUBLIC NOTICE

A PUBLIC HEARING will be held at 6:30 p.m. during a **Special City Council Meeting** of Thursday, April 29, 2004 at City Hall, 124 S. Horizon Blvd., Socorro, Texas. Purpose of the public hearing is to allow any interested person to appear and testify at the hearing regarding the following:

- 1) Determine as nearly as practicable, the population of the respective single-member districts and revise the boundaries of all or any said districts to maintain a substantial equality of population within each district in the City of Socorro, Texas.

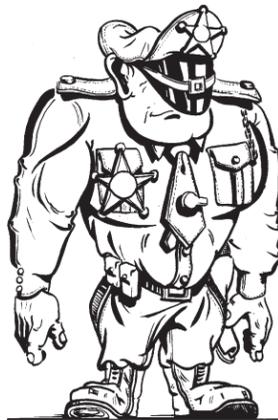
Those that are unable to attend the public hearing may submit their views to the City of Socorro. Accommodations for handicapped persons will be available; handicapped persons in need of special assistance for attending the hearings are encouraged to contact the City Secretary (915) 858-2915, forty-eight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

The City of Socorro promotes Fair Housing/Affirmative Action and is an Equal Opportunity Employer and does not discriminate against race, color, creed, or national origin.

YOLANDA RODELA

City Secretary

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Gutierrez

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as its 2004 Small Schools Male Athlete of the Year, the first time a San Elizario student has earned such an award. But if you were to ask Gutierrez which accomplishment was his biggest, there'd be no hesitation.

"When I arrived as a freshman from Mexico, one of my biggest challenges was to come here and learn English," said the native of Delicias, Chihuahua, about half an hour south of Cd. Chihuahua.

According to Gutierrez, he was able to take his biggest challenge and turn it into his greatest accomplishment so far. On his list of schools to attend are UTEP, New Mexico State and Sul Ross, the latter of which has expressed interest in basketball skills. But what Gutierrez really wants to do is become an industrial engineer, one of the reasons he has had to remain focused in the class-

room as well as on the basketball court or the track.

"I always try to pay attention in class so I can concentrate on the field," Gutierrez said. "Then there's homework every night after practice."

Even though he already had the required credits for graduation, Gutierrez signed up for AP Calculus and Pre-AP Physics in order to enhance his education at the next level, according to Dickey Garza, lead counselor at San Elizario High School.

Kathy Harper, an assistant principal at San Elizario High, describes Gutierrez as a well-balanced individual.

"He's a good example of what the right attitude and the right idea can do," Harper said.

According to Gutierrez, he's been fortunate to have some good examples to follow as a student at San Elizario High. Former athletic and academic standout Irving Alvidrez, who was born in Cuauhtemoc, Chihuahua, was a perennial state quali-

fier in track and was a top five graduate in 2003. Victor Montoya, a Juarez native and a 2003 San Eli graduate, was named the 2-4A Defensive Player of the Year. Both, says, Gutierrez, are friends who are still willing to offer their support and encouragement.

Col. Roy Gray, San Elizario's NJROTC instructor, is also someone whom Gutierrez credits for playing a big role in his success.

"He's always telling me to be my best and that school always comes first," Gutierrez said.

Gutierrez, whose academic, athletic and civic achievements were compared against students from schools such as Bethel Temple, Cathedral, Clint, Canutillo, Fabens, Faith Christian, Father Yermo, Immanuel Baptist, Jesus Chapel, Loretto, Lydia Patterson, Northeast Christian Academy, Mountain View and Tornillo, will be recognized along with El Paso Athletic Hall of Fame inductees on May 5, 2004 at the Tomas Rivera Conference Room, UTEP Union East at 6 p.m.

Briefs

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CISD Administration Facility, 7965 Aircraft. Six candidates are vying for the two at-large seats up for election May 15. Incumbents running for re-election are Margarito (Mago) Arellano and Gonzalo (Chalo) Garcia. Also running are Carl Frieze, David Guzman Garcia, Frank Lerma, and Laure Searls. The Forum is presented by Canutillo High School and Deanna Davenport Elementary School students. Teacher advisors are Teresita Ballard, CHS social studies teacher, and Jesus Hernandez, Davenport ES third grade teacher. Moderator for the forum will be Alan Stephens, Region 19 administrator. The public is invited, for more information, call 877-7482.

■ Clint Independent School District is currently enrolling students for Pre-Kindergarten classes at their five elementary campuses (Surratt, Frank Macias, Desert Hills, Montana Vista, and Red Sands). Students living within the district who have reached their fourth birthday by Sept. 1, 2004 may enroll. Proof of residence, a birth certificate and immunization record are required for registration. Parents who enroll their children will also be asked to complete a free and reduced lunch application.

■ Magdalena Gomez, a senior at Tornillo High School, is one of 100 students to receive a scholarship from Ford Salute to Education. The amount of the scholarship is \$1,000. As an added reward to the scholarship, Maggie will also have the opportunity to win a brand new 2004 Ford Focus the evening of the Scholarship Announcement Ceremony. Magdalena is the daughter of Hector and Maria Gomez.

■ Clint Independent School District will hold a Public Hearing on April 22, 2004 at 5 p.m. in the board room of the Central Admin-

istration Building, 14521 Horizon Blvd in order to receive input from the community on redrawing the attendance boundaries in the Horizon area.

■ The First Baptist Church of Horizon City, 17018 Darrington, is sponsoring a yard sale on Saturday, April 24, beginning at 7 a.m. to fund activities for local youth. A large variety of items will be available for sale.

■ The Second Annual Battle of the Band will be held Friday, April 30, 6 a.m. - 1 a.m. in the Americas High School Blazer Gym. About 16 bands are expected to perform and admission is \$5 pre-date; \$6 at the door. Only 700 tickets are available so call early at 937-2832.

■ Socorro's Loma Verde Elementary School is getting some financial help during Earth Day 2004 from the Sam's Wholesale Club on Pellicano Drive. The area wholesaler has responded to an environmental awareness grant request, and will present \$500 to the school at 10:30 a.m. April 22 at the school. Assistant Principal Susan Cook says the school has two main uses for the money. "We'll use the money to buy environmental awareness materials for the students, and we'll also continue our project of putting trees on the boulevard next to our school." Cook added that the school was also awarded the grant last year.

■ Come to the El Paso County Library in Fabens on Friday, April 23, 2004 to celebrate National Library Week, April 19-23. Celebrate our nation's libraries, as well as those who bring them to life. Children can listen to stories and finger plays from 4-5 p.m. and punch and cookies will be provided. At the El Paso County Library, 1331 N. Fabens St., Fabens, TX 79838. For more information call (915) 764-3635.

■ Socorro students are preparing for the annual statewide Texas Assessment of Knowledge and Skills examinations April 27-29. Students from the third through the eleventh grades will join others

from throughout to be tested on their progress in reading, math, science, writing and social studies in either English or Spanish. About 22,000 students from the District's 33 campuses will answer multiple-choice, short answer and essay questions on the various tests. Campuses such as Loma Verde Elementary School, 12150 Ted Houghton, are planning TAKS rallies to help relieve tensions associated with taking tests. The rally is planned for 2 p.m. April 26 at the campus. Once compiled, the test scores offer a measure of students' progress in their studies against statewide benchmark standards.

■ The El Paso Convention & Visitors Bureau announced the hiring of Pifas Silva as the bureau's Communications & Sales Development Manager. Silva will plan, coordinate and manage advertising, public relations and marketing activity to support the sales of meetings, conventions, tradeshows and special events for the El Paso Convention & Visitors Bureau, El Paso Convention & Performing Arts Centers and the City of El Paso's lodging and hospitality industry. Additionally, Silva will serve as the liaison between the news media and the CVB. He will also serve as the editor of the Official El Paso Visitors Guide. Silva was a Community Relations representative with United Blood Services for one year before joining the Convention & Visitors Bureau staff. Prior to that, he worked as assignment editor at KVIA-TV for two years and as Communications Officer for the San Elizario Independent School District from 1994-2000. He started his professional career as a newsroom assistant with the *El Paso Times* in 1992. Throughout his career, he has won several state and national public relations awards and has served on several local and state association boards and has been recognized for his outstanding community service. Silva is a native El Pasoan and attended Bel Air High School, El Paso Community College and the University of Texas at El Paso.

Clint Independent School District Notice of Trustee Election *Aviso de Eleccion Para Regentes*

To the Registered Voters of Clint Independent School District:

A los votantes registrados del distrito independiente escolar de Clint:

Notice is hereby given that the polling places listed below will be open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Saturday, May 15, 2004 for the election of three candidates for the term of three years.

Notifíquese, por presente, que las casillas electorales sitadas abajo se abrirán desde las 7 de la mañana hasta las 7 de la tarde el sábado 15 de mayo de 2004 para votar en la elección para elegir tres candidatos para el término completo de tres años.

LOCATION OF POLLING PLACES

LOCALIDADES DE LAS CASILLAS ELECTORALES

Montana Vista Elementary School, Precinct #156

3550 Mark Jason Drive, El Paso, Texas 79938

Red Sands Elementary School, Precinct #155

4250 O'Shea Blvd., El Paso, Texas 79938

Desert Hills Elementary School, Precinct #157, #167 & #168

300 Eastlake Dr., Horizon City, Texas 79928

Clint Junior High School, Precinct #158 & #163

13100 Alameda Avenue, Clint, Texas 79836

Eligible Rancho Viejo residents in Precinct #150 & #152 may vote in Precinct #150, #152, #158 & #163.

Residentes de Rancho Viejo en el Distrito Electoral de #150 y #152 pueden votar en el Distrito Electoral #150, #152, #158 y #163.

Early voting by personal appearance will be conducted each weekday at:

La votación en ausencia en persona se llevará a cabo de lunes a viernes en:

Montana Vista Elementary School, Precinct #155 & #156

3550 Mark Jason Drive, El Paso, Texas 79938

Oz Glaze Senior Center, Precinct #157, #167 & #168

13969 Veny Webb, Horizon City, Texas 79938

Clint Junior High School, Precinct #158 & #163

13100 Alameda Avenue, Clint, Texas 79836

between the hours of 8 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, closed on Saturday and Sunday, beginning on the April 28, 2004 and ending on May 11, 2004.

entre las 8 de la mañana y las 5 de la tarde, lunes a viernes, cerrado sábado y domingo, empezando el día 28 de abril de 2004, y terminando el día 11 de mayo de 2004.

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Helen Jamison, El Paso County Department of Elections,

500 E. San Antonio, Room 402, El Paso, Texas 79901

Applications for ballots by mail must be received no later than the close of the business day on the 7th day of May, 2004.

Las solicitudes para boletas para votar en ausencia por correo deberán recibirse antes de el fin de las horas de negocio el día 7 de mayo de 2004.

Issued this 9th day of February, 2004.

Emitada esta 9 día de febrero de 2004.

James R. Pendell

Presiding Officer / Oficial que Preside

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DJ turns family night out into parental nightmare

By Steve Escajeda
Special to the Courier

Have you ever had the idea of getting the whole family together to take them to a professional sporting event? How much fun is that?

A chance to let junior watch the players he's idolized for years. A chance to get the wife out of the house and let people wait on her for a change. A chance to do a little something for Grandma for all she's done for you.

You pack everyone — except the family dog — in the station wagon and you head off to the old arena. In this case, the basketball arena. In this case, to watch the Atlanta Hawks.

A couple weeks ago the Atlanta Hawks took on the Boston Celtics in one of the final NBA games of the season. And the Hawks, as many of the other NBA teams do, played glaring music during time outs. On this particular evening, the Hawks' DJ decided to place a piece from rapper DMX. The selection on this evening was called "Party Up."

"Party Up" has two versions. One is a watered-down PG version that all of our sons and daughters can enjoy without being emotionally-damaged-for-life. The other, the original version, has so many expletives and sexually suggestive lyrics that it would make a sailor's tattoo blush.

In the second quarter of the game against

the Celtics, DMX's Party Up was played for the fans over the loud speakers. Just one problem/ The DJ mistakenly — or not — played the wrong version of the song. The version loaded with degrading words and vulgar actions was played for the fans.

And if that wasn't bad enough, this happened to be "Family Night" at the old ball game. There were more kids at the arena than usual because families received a special discount to get into the game. Heck, this night was so family oriented that gospel singer Smokie Norful gave a concert after the game. I think it's safe to say all of his songs were rated PG and that he didn't experience a "wardrobe malfunction."

What a fiasco. It's one thing to do something stupid, but to have an even worse sense of timing is especially unfortunate. There was no clear word on exactly how many Grandmothers fainted into their popcorn or how many times a child asked "what does that word mean, Daddy?"

The Atlanta Hawks had a great excuse for the incident, they said the regular DJ was not at the game and this was a replacement. Maybe I'm not as sharp as I used to be, but wouldn't you be even more careful to be sure the new guy gets it right? Especially since this is his first time providing the musical entertainment for thousands of young ears.

Hawks spokesperson Arthur Triche said the mistake was unfortunate, "Obscenities and

other inappropriate graphic language were clearly audible to our fans, and as a result of this, we are deeply sorry. This was a serious error in judgment."

No, an error in judgment is when you charge \$20 for parking. This went way beyond a simple oops! But the real problem is the fact that anyone would even want to hear this song by DMX says a lot about the climate of our country today. And that's the truly sad statement about this story.

Sox make a statement

There are still about 150 games on everyone's Major League Baseball schedule, but last weekend was significant, at least for two teams. The New York Yankees and the Boston Red Sox played a four-game series at Fenway Park and after last year's tremen-

dous American League Final, it was a statement series.

And it was the Red Sox, who made the early statement. The Sox took 3-of-4 games from the hated Yankees in this first clash of American League titans.

The series didn't do very much in the standings for either team but that was not the point. The Red Sox, whom some say secretly fear the Yankees, looked the kings of baseball in the eye and made them blink... and strike out... and make errors... and (you get the idea).

The Yankees may eventually show the baseball world who the best of the two teams really is, as they do every year, but for now — for this week — the Red Sox can say they are the equal, or maybe even a little better, than the Yankees. And they better say it now, before Alex Rodriguez gets hot with the bat.



TOPS IN TENNIS — Pictured are Coach Alex Macias, Alma Duran, Mayra Estrada, Perla Sotelo, and Lupe Espinoza. Not pictured is Crystal Trejo.

Tornillo tennis team takes district titles in Van Horn slamfest

HUDSPETH COUNTY — The Tornillo High School Tennis Team competed at the district meet in Van Horn on April 5-6. Tornillo player Mayra Estrada defeated fellow teammate Crystal Trejo 6-4, 5-7, 6-4 in the girls' finals to become district champion. Perla Sotelo and Alma Duran defeated up and coming freshmen Vianney Olivias and Marina Soto 6-2, 6-2 to place second.

defeated Van Horn's number one player John Means by a score of 6-1, 6-3. Espinoza was defeated by Fort Hancock's Trey Alcorn in the finals, 6-1, 6-3. Espinoza will be making his first trip to the regional tournament.

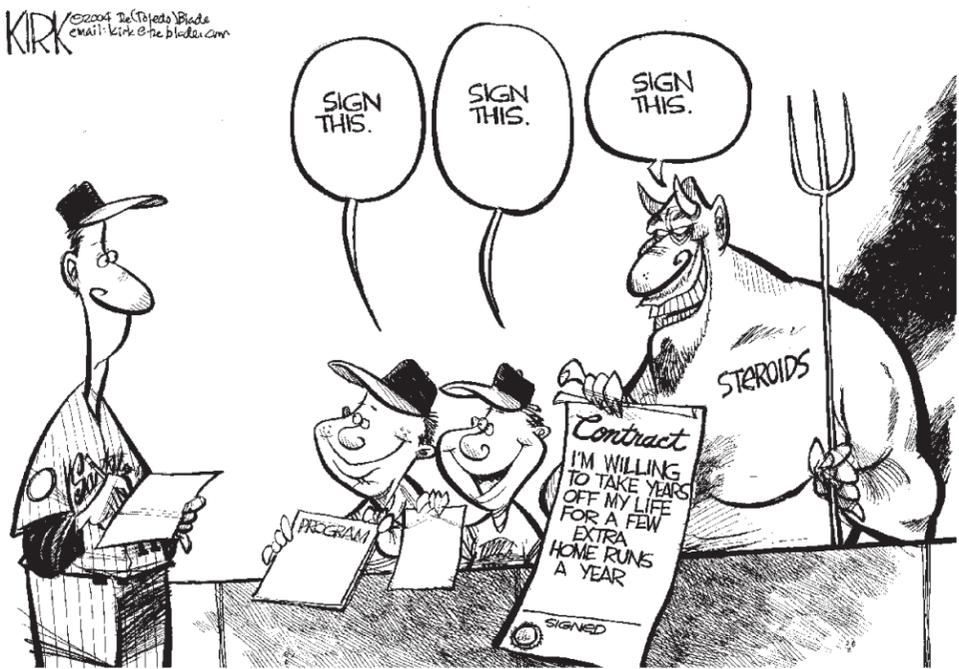
Sotelo and Duran lost in the finals to Fort Hancock's Gabby Garcia and Monique Garcia 6-2, 6-4. The Tornillo Girls' Team won the district championship with a total of 52 points. Fort Hancock came in second with 27 points, and Van Horn third with 5.

Out of the seven Tornillo players that competed in the tournament, five of them qualified for the regional tournament in Abilene on April 30, 2004.

"The team has really worked hard this year and I cannot wait to see them in regionals. I am so proud of them all," said first year tennis Coach Alex Macias.

"Coach Macias is a big reason we have improved this year," said Perla, who will be making her second trip to regionals.

On the boy's side, Tornillo's Lupe Espinoza



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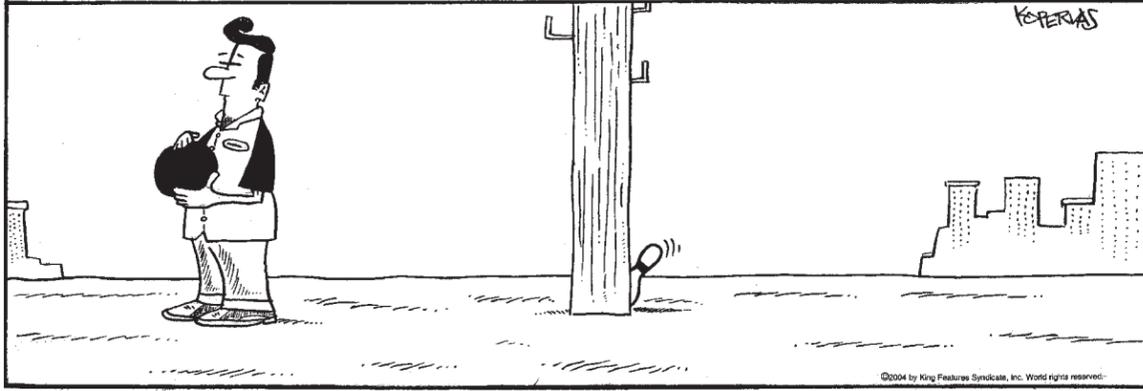
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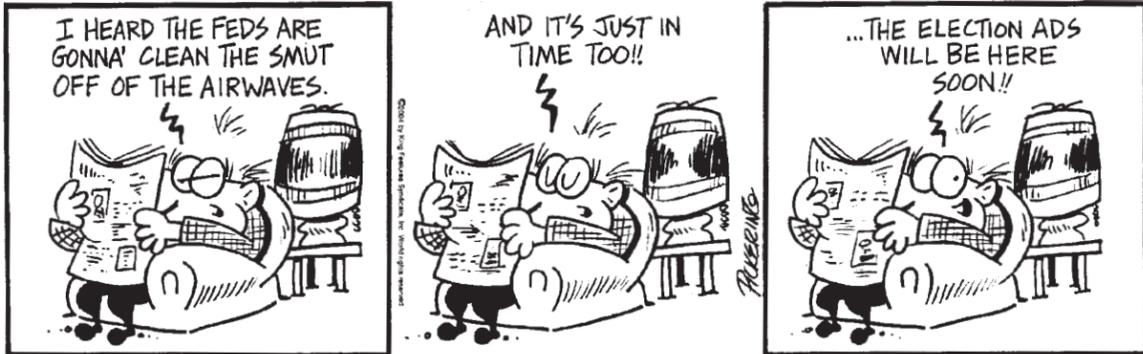
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Scientists should take movie break

By Don Flood

Maybe it's just the caffeine, but we Americans are getting just a little too jumpy.

Consider the following absolutely true news release: Awaiting a flight at the Phoenix Sky Harbor International Airport, a man spied sweaty dance exercise menace Richard Simmons and made what seemed like a fairly innocuous remark.

According to the police, he said, "Hey, everybody. It's Richard Simmons. Let's drop our bags and rock to the '50s."

This, apparently, was a big mistake.

"Mr. Simmons took exception to it and walked over to the other passenger and apparently slapped him in the face."

It was said, perhaps unnecessarily, that the man was uninjured, but still — slapped by Richard Simmons!

It's bad enough we have to worry about terrorists at our nation's airports, but I had always assumed we were safe from Richard Simmons.

Here's what security experts recommend:

- If you see Richard Simmons at the airport, walk calmly but quickly in the other direction, especially if he is wearing those tight little shorts and tank top. If you have children with you, cover their eyes.

- Do not under any circumstances make any comment alluding to his "Sweatin' to the Oldies" exercise videos. If someone else makes that mistake, call Homeland Security immediately so that officials can make appropriate adjustments to the nation's Threat Level.

But perhaps it's no surprise Americans are on edge: Science is on the march. Specifically, they're trying to create new forms of life.

(If they want to save themselves some trouble, they could check underneath my son's bed.)

I don't want to be a worrywart here, but these guys need to stop and watch some low-budget Japanese horror movies pronto.

Check this comment from David W. Deamer, a bio-molecular engineer with the University of California at Santa Cruz.

Deamer said the risk that artificially created life could get out of hand is "infinitesimally small."

Oh great, isn't that just about the most un-reassuring thing you've ever heard?

In the movies, that's what they always say just before things go really bad.

SCIENTIST: Don't worry. There's only a one-in-three-trillion chance this experiment would result in a huge Godzilla-like creature that could destroy the world.

ASSISTANT: The aliens have landed, and they're taking our women and our peanut butter!

SCIENTIST: You fool! You've let someone dub in lines from another movie!

NEWLY CREATED MONSTER: I'm going to keep eating people until they promise me a sequel! AAAAAA!

SCIENTIST: And now the monster sounds like a pirate!

Sure, laugh it off, but what if they accidentally created some new super predator that could terrorize the planet — like Richard Simmons?

Imagine, if you dare, a colossal Hulk-like Richard Simmons, wearing those little shorts and a tank top — forcing everybody in the world to sweat to the oldies and slapping anyone who dared to stop.

Sorry, I know that's not a pretty thought. That last jolt of caffeine got the better of me.

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SOCORRO INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT Invitation to Bid/Respond:

Sealed bids/proposals/CSP to furnish the District with the following products and/or services will be accepted at the following times:

ACCELERATED LEARNING CURRICULUM CSP NO. 199-0504-0476 MAY 04, 2004, UNTIL 2 P.M.

BAND CABINETS CSP NO. 199-0505-0475 MAY 04, 2004, UNTIL 2 P.M.

Proposals will be received at Business Services Dept., 12300 Eastlake Drive, El Paso, Texas 79928 until the specified times. Detailed specifications are available from the above office between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. Mondays through Fridays. WTCC-04/22/04

SOCORRO INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT Invitation to Bid/Respond:

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IRRIGATION SUPPLIES CSP NO. 199-0429-0474 APRIL 29, 2004, UNTIL 2 P.M.

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BARGAINS

Drum set, great quality, condition. Call 852-2610 for details.

GARAGE SALES

The First Baptist Church of Horizon City, 17018 Darrington, is sponsoring a yard sale on Saturday, April 24, beginning at 7 a.m. to fund activities for local youth. A large variety of items will be available for sale. 4/22

HELP WANTED

New pecan internet business one mile south of Fabens seeking employee that is computer skilled (spread sheet, word processing, Quick Books accounting), bilingual, and

speaks fluent English with good telephone skills. Must be reliable and references required (include all employment for past five years). Packaging of pecans, some simple cooking, and packaging-shipping are also required until sale volume rises requiring additional help. Looking for qualified individual with long-term employment in mind. Must have drivers license and transportation to Fabens. Starting salary is \$9/hour. Send resume to Secretary, P.O. Box 777, Fabens, TX 79838.

SELF-HELP

Persons who have

a problem with alcohol are offered a free source of help locally. Alcoholics Anonymous - call 562-4081 for information.

Tiene problemas con el alcohol? Hay una solucion. Informacion: 838-6264.

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to the doctor.

With the loosening of community bonds and the ever-changing nature of our neighborhoods, we frequently don't even know who our neighbors are, let alone be concerned whether the little old lady next door makes her doctor's appointment or has food in the house.

So we look to our government agencies — our departments of transportation to provide seniors a ride; nutrition programs to make sure they get at least five meals a week; and adult protective services to take responsibility when they no longer can.

With the number of young, productive people willing to shoulder responsibility for their aging relatives declining steadily, way out of balance with the growing number of seniors, the problem isn't going to go away.

Ignoring it is no way to go.

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Social Security Q&A By Ray Vigil

Q: I was married to a man for about 15 years before we divorced. He died two years ago. I understand I can get widow's benefits on his Social Security earnings record when I turn 60. During the time we were married, he was unemployed a lot. But before we got married, and after we got divorced, he made good money. Will my widow's benefit be based on all his earnings, or just the money he made while we were married?

A: Your divorced widow's benefits

will be based on his entire earnings history, not just on the years you were married..

Q: I get monthly Supplemental Security Income (SSI) payments because of my disability. I was told I cannot use any of my SSI money to buy a lottery ticket. Is this true?

A: SSI benefits are intended to pay for basic needs such as food, clothing, and shelter. But if, after paying all the monthly bills, you have some

money left over, you can spend it any way you want, including the purchase of lottery tickets.

Q: I get disability payments from the Supplemental Security Income (SSI) program, and also have Medicaid coverage. But a neighbor who gets SSI said she has Medicaid and Medicare coverage. Can I get Medicare, too?

A: People who receive SSI benefits generally qualify for Medicaid coverage automatically. Your neighbor probably has Medicare coverage because she also qualifies for Social Security

benefits. You should call us at 1-800-772-1213 to see if you might also qualify for Social Security benefits.

Q: I was born in 1940, and I know that my Social Security full retirement age is 65 years and six months. But does that mean I have to be 62 and six months to qualify for early retirement benefits? Also, I was told my benefits will be reduced more than for people born before 1938. Why?

A: The earliest age at which you can get Social Security retirement benefits is still 62, even for people who must be older than 65 to qualify for

full retirement benefits. However, because benefits are permanently reduced based on the number of months you will receive checks before you reach your "full retirement age," you will have a greater reduction than retirees born in 1937 or earlier whose full retirement age is 65.

For more information visit your local Social Security office, see www.ssa.gov or call us at 1-800-772-1213. If you have any questions that you would like to have answered, please mail them to the Social Security Office, 1111 Gateway West, Attn: Ray Vigil, El Paso, Texas 79935.

WEATHER

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SEVEN-DAY FORECAST FOR EL PASO

THURSDAY	THUR. NIGHT	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY
Plenty of sunshine.	Mainly clear and windy.	Partly sunny and windy.	Sunny to partly cloudy.	Partial sunshine.	A mix of sun and clouds.	Sun and some clouds.	Mostly sunny.
▲ 84°	▼ 59°	▲ 84° ▼ 53°	▲ 78° ▼ 55°	▲ 83° ▼ 58°	▲ 84° ▼ 52°	▲ 82° ▼ 53°	▲ 81° ▼ 51°

UV INDEX Statistics for noon.

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

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

REAL FEEL TEMP™

The exclusive AccuWeather composite of the effects of temperature, wind, humidity, sunshine, precipitation, and elevation on the human body.

Thursday	80°
Friday	76°
Saturday	71°
Sunday	74°
Monday	78°
Tuesday	78°
Wednesday	78°

AGRICULTURE

Conditions will be dry for the next few days and it will not be as warm Thursday. Sunshine will be plentiful, allowing for excellent drying conditions. Temperatures will begin to climb again this weekend as warm air moves in from the south.

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TEXAS WEATHER

Anthony	83	57
Canutillo	84	57
Clint	84	59
E. Montana	84	59
Fabens	84	59
Horizon	85	60
San Elizario	81	57
Socorro	83	58
Tornillo	84	59
Vinton	83	57



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

TRAVELERS CITIES

City	Thur.	Fri.	Sat.	Sun.	Mon.
	Hi/Lo/W	Hi/Lo/W	Hi/Lo/W	Hi/Lo/W	Hi/Lo/W
Albuquerque	72/48/pc	68/43/sh	72/47/pc	75/48/pc	75/49/s
Atlanta	82/58/pc	82/60/pc	80/58/pc	76/56/t	72/48/t
Atlantic City	70/45/t	60/43/sh	61/44/pc	59/41/r	62/42/r
Austin/San Antonio	85/68/pc	85/60/r	75/56/t	77/56/t	80/56/c
Baltimore	78/52/t	66/48/sh	64/46/pc	62/46/r	65/44/sh
Boston	68/46/t	58/42/sh	58/44/pc	58/44/r	54/46/r
Chicago	58/40/pc	56/40/sh	58/42/c	60/42/r	64/40/r
Dallas/Ft. Worth	78/68/t	76/58/t	72/54/t	74/58/pc	76/57/c
Denver	52/34/sh	48/34/r	62/36/pc	66/38/pc	68/45/s
Flagstaff	57/27/pc	60/27/s	66/29/s	69/34/pc	68/37/s
Houston	84/70/pc	82/68/c	78/66/t	76/64/t	80/62/t
Kansas City	63/47/t	60/44/t	62/43/r	67/48/c	68/48/c
Las Vegas	75/54/s	77/58/s	84/60/s	84/60/s	88/64/s
Miami	84/74/pc	84/74/pc	84/72/pc	84/75/pc	85/72/t
Minneapolis	60/40/pc	61/41/pc	62/43/pc	58/44/c	63/45/r
New Orleans	82/67/pc	83/66/pc	82/65/t	81/64/t	78/58/r
New York City	72/52/t	66/49/sh	62/46/pc	57/45/r	61/48/r
Philadelphia	74/50/t	64/46/sh	64/46/pc	60/46/r	64/46/r
Phoenix	90/64/s	87/63/s	92/64/s	91/65/s	91/66/s
Portland	67/45/pc	61/44/sh	61/45/pc	65/47/c	68/54/s
San Francisco	70/50/s	69/51/s	69/51/s	69/51/pc	66/59/s
Seattle	64/45/pc	58/43/r	56/44/sh	60/45/c	61/51/c
Tucson	86/59/s	88/57/s	88/57/s	90/59/s	88/57/s
Washington, DC	80/54/t	66/52/sh	64/50/pc	62/50/r	67/48/sh

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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