



NEWSBRIEFS

Early presstime

The West Texas County Courier went to press early this week with an abbreviated issue due to the Thanksgiving holiday. We will return to our regular schedule next week.

Early release

More than 34,000 Socorro ISD students will be released early from classes Nov. 24 for the Thanksgiving holiday, and will return to regular school hours Nov. 29. According to SISD's Transportation Department, early release begins at 11:30 a.m. for regular elementary and regular middle school campuses. Combo schools serving elementary and middle school grades and Socorro's high schools will release students at 12:15 p.m. Early release times are scheduled to allow timely pickup of students from the schools by school buses. For more information, contact your child's school.

In other news

■ Paso del Norte School's Girls' Choir is scheduled to sing for Del Sol Medical Center's Christmas Tree Lighting ceremony Dec. 2. About 40 middle school students will sing favorite holiday tunes. The choir's performance, led by choir director Monica Gutierrez, is scheduled for 5 p.m. to 5:20 p.m. in the hospital's main foyer located at 10301 Gateway Boulevard West.

■ The El Paso County Library in Fabens invites the community with stay-at-home children to participate in the Story Hour Program, every Tuesday and Thursday from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. The activities presented are designed to foster a healthy child, develop a positive self-image and instill a love of learning. For information call 764-3635.

■ Jane A. Hambric school is collecting nonperishable canned goods through Nov. 30 for distribution to needy families during the holiday season. For donation information contact Sandra Cervantes at 937-4600.

■ The 9th Annual Americas High School Christmas Fair will be on Saturday, Dec. 4, 2004 from 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. All 104 vendors will be located in the Blazer Gym selling arts and crafts, clothing, toys, jewelry, gift baskets and more. Entertainment will be provided by 35 groups from all over El Paso area. The public is invited, admission is free. Information: 937-2832.

■ The City of Socorro and the Fiesta Mercado Shopping Center will host the Second Annual Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony on Nov. 26. Socorro and the entire Lower Valley community is invited to attend and children will receive special gift surprises. Entertainment will be provided by multiple area schools. For information contact Margie Perez at 859-6424.

If you think you haven't much to be thankful for, why not be thankful for some of the things you don't have?

— Quips & Quotes

Care van dedicated in SISD

EAST EL PASO COUNTY — Health care is closer to home and is now on wheels in the Socorro School District, thanks to the new Care Mobile Unit dedicated Nov. 17.

"Improving lives is why we are in the education business," said SISD Superintendent Dr. Robert J. Durón. "Healthy children are better equipped to learn. We are grateful to have the



CLOWN WITH A SERIOUS SIDE — Socorro ISD Superintendent Dr. Robert J. Durón greets Ronald McDonald during ceremonies for the new Ronald McDonald Care Mobile November 17.

Ronald McDonald Care Mobile Unit in our school district."

Durón was among the speakers at a dedication ceremony at Sierra Vista Elementary School — one of five campuses in the district, which will house the unit. The ribbon cutting featured the Clarke Middle School Band and cheerleaders as well as officials from Texas Tech Medical School, the Children's Miracle Network and even an appearance by Ronald McDonald.

Dr. Gilbert Handal, chairman of the Department of Pediatrics for Texas Tech, spearheaded the effort to obtain a Care Mobile for El Paso. "This is phenomenal. The Care Mobile's concept is an extension of the Montwood Wellness Center. There are many people that don't have access to care. So if we go where the children are, the Care Mobile will become their medical home."

El Paso's Care Mobile is one of 20 such vans

in cities across the United States. The Care Mobile is a 40-foot-long, eight-foot-wide custom-built body mated to a Mack truck chassis. It houses two examination rooms, a lab, a reception area and storage for medical records. The Texas Tech School of Medicine will provide a rotating staff of pediatricians, pediatric nurses, dentists and dental hygienists. Texas

Tech, the Children's Miracle Network and Ronald McDonald House Charities and the Socorro schools are partners in the project in which the centerpiece is the \$300,000 vehicle.

The Care Mobile now visits five Socorro schools each week to provide medical care to both insured and uninsured children. Services are covered by Medicaid, CHIP and most commercial insurance plans. After about a month in service, it has served more than 30 children.

The Care Mobile Unit is available 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. at the following locations:

- Mondays - Horizon Heights Elementary School, 13601 Ryderwood Drive in Horizon City
- Tuesdays - Sierra Vista Elementary School, 1501 Bob Hope Drive
- Wednesdays - Lujan-Chavez Elementary School, 2200 Sun Country Drive
- Thursdays - Elvida P. Chavez Elementary School, 11720 Pebble Hills Drive
- Fridays - Ernesto Serna School, 11471 Alameda Avenue

Ronald McDonald posed for photos with students and employees at the dedication ceremony. And while the mood was light hearted, Ronald's message was sincere. "Wellness is like the fire department. You don't want the fire department to be so busy putting out fires that they don't have time for fire prevention. That's what this is all about."



Art Borst in an official military photo from circa 1972.

Art Borst, longtime community servant, dies

Courier Staff Reports

HORIZON CITY — Arson "Art" Woodrow Borst, 75, a longtime resident and avid community servant of Horizon City, died Wednesday, Nov. 17, 2004.

He was preceded in death by his son, Steve. He is survived by his wife, Jackie; daughter-in-law Paula Borst and two grandchildren, Marlana and Stephanie.

He was born on July 6, 1929 in Bald Knob, Arkansas. He retired from U.S. Army after a 25-year distinguished military career, serving last with the 3rd Armored Division holding the rank of Lt. Colonel. He moved to the Horizon community in 1973, the beginning of many years of public service.

He served as councilman on the Horizon City town council for two terms, was a member and past president of the Horizon City Kiwanis Club, and served as officer and member of VFW Post #598, the

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New Socorro council makes some sweeping changes in first meeting

By Arleen Beard
 Special to the Courier

SOCORRO — As audience members entered Socorro City Hall on Thursday, Nov. 18, for the council meeting, they found notices had been placed in the chairs which appeared to serve as a warning to anyone who might consider speaking out of turn.

The letter-sized sheet of paper contained an explanation of Penal Code Sec 42.05 which defines what constitutes disruption of a meeting and the consequences for anyone doing so.

Prior to opening the meeting, newly elected Mayor Guillermo Gandara, Jr. informed the audience of the consequences for disrupting the meeting, and asked Police Chief Charles Mansion to escort anyone who did so out of the room.

The newly seated council proceeded to make

several key changes, including moving Interim City Manager Reyes Fierro back to his previous position of Director of Planning and Zoning and the Interim Director of Planning and Zoning, Mario Modesto, back to Supervisor of Planning and Zoning.

Fierro was to continue as Interim City Manager, but only for five days, allowing Council time to find an alternate so as not to be in violation of the City Charter. These changes were due to campaign promises made by the elected officials to reform the operation of the City of Socorro.

Another key change made by Council involved where City Council meetings are to take place. The Rio Vista building was designated as the new City Hall effective immediately. The rationale for the move was lack of room in the current hall. Mayor Gandara expressed his concern about the number of people having to stand in the lobby because the capacity for the current meeting room is only 54 people. A map

will be placed outside of the old City Hall giving people directions to the Rio Vista building.

Newly elected City Representative Luis Varela was elected as Mayor Pro-Tem.

City Council also discussed the contract with the current City Attorney. City Representative Gary Gandara expressed his satisfaction on the job done by City Attorney Chris Borunda. Former City Representative Gloria Rodriguez addressed City Council and also expressed her appreciation on all the hard work she felt Borunda has done. Borunda's contract was not terminated, following a vote of 2-3. The two City Representatives who voted to terminate the contract were City Representatives Trini Lopez and Jesus Gandara, Jr. Chris Borunda will continue as the City Attorney.

One other item of interest was that of Municipal Court Judge, with a decision to come

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One perspective

By Francis Shrum

Know it all

We think we're pretty smart.

Just ask any of the multitude of opinionators that take to the airwaves daily. They have knowledge, so-called, on any given subject and can give you a long laundry list of the facts, equally so-called, to support their conclusions. The one thing they all know for sure is that the guy with a differing opinion is dead wrong.

For them it is all a game. It's their career, spending their time running off their mouths and expounding on weighty matters, perfectly comfortable in the knowledge that no major decision is going to be made based on their blather, no policy instituted, life lost, or verdict rendered.

Or is it? How many of us are living our lives, making our decisions, spending our resources and raising our kids based on opinions and ideas that have no more substance than hot air?

When I was a young adult, I was a lot smarter than I am now. I used to

know a lot, I was real wise. They say you know all about child-rearing until you have one of your own. Life is like that. You think you know all about handling the curve balls life can throw until one lands in your lap and you realize exactly how much you *don't* know.

It can really shake your foundations when you find yourself in foreign territory — a problem child, a major illness, the death of someone close to you, a significant financial setback — and suddenly you find all the rules have changed.

I got started reading kids' books several years ago. Not the "see Spot run" versions, but those for kids about 11 or 12 years old, where the average human mind starts thinking about something besides what's for dinner and when we are going to get there, but before it hits teenage. Writing a book for readers that age requires a distinct talent — they have an unerring ability to sniff out baloney and they'll reject anything that smells funny.

I ran across this little book recently

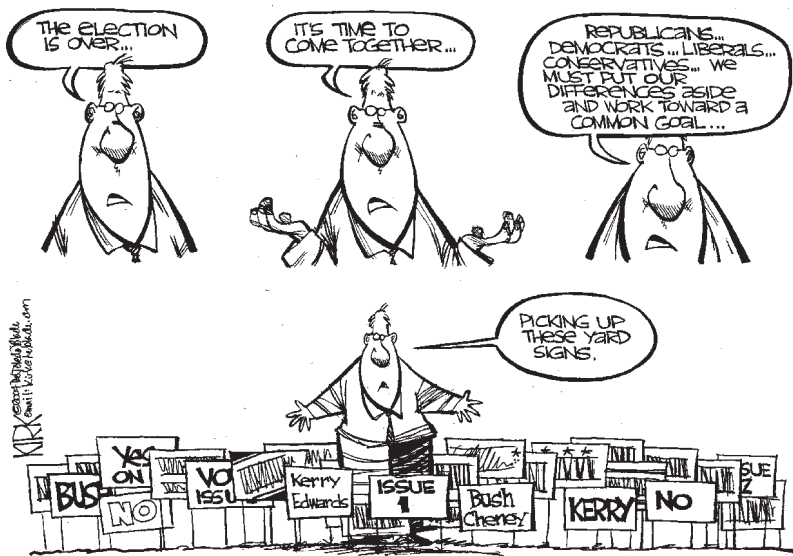
about a kid growing up on a sheep ranch in Northern New Mexico entitled *...And Now Miguel*. He wants to be big and strong and important like the older men in his family and go with the herd to summer pasture in the Sangre de Cristo Mountains.

So he asks a favor of his patron saint, San Ysidro, that he should arrange this. And it happens, but the reason it does is because his older brother gets drafted into the military and must go away for several years. Miguel can now take his place. Only he finds he'd rather have his brother at home and regrets making his wish known to higher powers.

Written in a captivatingly simple text, the book explores how the boy comes to the point that he accepts the consequences of his decisions, takes responsibility when due, and learns to simply roll with the flow of life when it comes to things over which he has no control.

It is those parts of life which simply happen that we humans have the most problem with. We want to be in the driver's seat at all times, directing our own lives, unwilling to acknowledge that it is simply the nature of human existence to be at the whim of forces outside our control.

And when we can't control it, then we're going to explain it — and define it, and describe it, and beat the details down until it fits our own im-



age, one we created, no matter how faulty it might be. Some of us explain these variable forces with science, others with religion, and within these categories are endless chapters and subchapters, sects and sub-sects. But we've all got an explanation, don't we?

I envied Miguel Chavez, the boy in the book, for his lifestyle. He lived close to the earth, in an agricultural environment, with plenty of family members and common sense ideas to help him through. In the end he concludes that a successful man practices a combination of hardwork, making responsible choices, and looking after the needs of the whole before

seeking his own personal desire — and leaving the big things like wars, floods and when a boy gets to go to the mountains to the wisdom and discretion of a community of over-worked saints.

Acceptance is a big pill for human beings — especially Americans — to swallow. Acceptance that we, as arm-chair quarterbacks, are woefully under qualified to make the big decisions and pass judgment on those who do. Acceptance that we will be doing our best if we can live our individual lives with peace, honor and humility.

In essence, we need to know that we will never know it all.

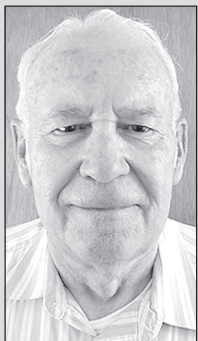
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American Legion, the Lions Club and Optimist Club as well. He was also active as board member and president of the Horizon Communities Improvement Association (HCIA).

Viewing and visitation will be 10 a.m. on Wednesday, Nov. 24, at Martin Funeral Home,

1460 George Dieter. A memorial service will follow at the same location at 11:30 a.m. Internment is scheduled for 1 p.m. at the Fort Bliss National Cemetery.



Borst, in a 2001 photo.

A reception for friends and family is also scheduled for 4 p.m. on the same date at the Oz Glaze Senior Center, located on 13969 Veny Webb in Horizon City.

Donations may be made to the local VFW in his memory.

Canutillo ISD Initiates Big Brothers Big Sisters Program

By Kim Guzman
Special to the Courier

UPPER VALLEY — Canutillo Independent School District has partnered with the Big Brothers Big Sisters (BBBS) of El Paso to bring the program into the Canutillo community for the benefit of students.

BBBS's purpose is to provide successful mentoring relationships for children, ages 6 to 17, who need and want them. A strong mentoring program contributes to brighter futures, better schools, and stronger communities. Its

mission is to help children reach their potential through professionally supported, one-to-one relationships.

The new Canutillo program is made possible through the Mentoring Program Grant from the U.S. Department of Education. Plans are to collaborate with teachers, parents, mentors, and other school personnel to benefit Canutillo youth. Volunteers throughout the El Paso area are invited to participate in Canutillo's Big Brothers Big Sisters Program.

Big Brothers Big Sisters volunteers provide Littles with one-on-one attention in their schools, typically

once a week during the academic year. As their friendships evolve, volunteers and children discover ways to make school and learning fun.

"National research shows that Littles are more likely to show positive behaviors in school and at home. Our matches are effective because professional staff ensure that the relationships are safe and rewarding for everyone involved," said Rosario Olivera, CISD district coordinator for the program.

For more information contact BBBS of El Paso, at 544-4203, or Olivera, at 877-7583.

Clint ISD counselors take part in the "Counselor Connection"

By Laura Cade
Special to the Courier

The counselors in Clint ISD are taking an active part in the "Counselor Connection", a unique collaboration between counselors from area school districts, local agencies, Region 19 and UTEP.

The goal of the collaboration is to combine resources to benefit all counselors by coordinating and planning seminars and training. The collaboration also prepares experienced counselors to help those who are new

to the profession. In early November, at the 2004 Texas Counseling Association Conference in Ft. Worth the members presented a seminar on the creation and implementation of this unique collaboration. Clint ISD's Director of Special Projects, Bessie Leroy, was among those who presented.

The members of the Connection are also coordinating the 2005 Texas Counseling Association Conference here in El Paso Nov. 2-5, 2005. Over 1400 counselors from the region are expected to visit the sun city for this event. Leroy is serving as the con-

ference director of the Social Services Committee which hosted a 2005 conference "Kick Off" in Ft. Worth on Nov. 5 with a "Mananitas Breakfast" complete with mariachis. Clint ISD counselors Rosa Salcido, Juanita Gandara, Helen Rojas, and Socorro ISD Counselor Hilda Lopez are working with Leroy. The committee also set up a conference promotion booth at the conference exhibit hall with help from the El Paso Convention and Visitors Bureau, decorated with the flare of the El Paso border region and offering information about the community.

San Eli NJROTC to stand for inspection early next month

By Phillip Cortez
Special to the Courier

EAST EL PASO COUNTY — The San Elizario High School NJROTC looks to add to its impressive resume on Wednesday, Dec. 1, 2004 during its Annual Military Inspection, which begins at 8:00 a.m. in the school's auxiliary gym.

"For some of these young men and women this will be the first time

someone has looked at them and inspected them on appearance," said Col. Roy Gray (USM ret.), who is in charge of the NJROTC program in San Elizario. "They'll be looked at from their high and tight haircuts to their spit-shined shoes."

San Elizario cadets have fared extremely well the past two years, according to Gray, including an outstanding evaluation last year from Major General John McCarthy. This year, Commander Mike Hale will

lead the inspection. Approximately 106 cadets will be inspected.

Officers in the program will give their speeches to the Commander and answer questions about the program and discuss their motivations for being in the program.

The public is invited to attend the inspection, as the drill team will perform for the Commander at approximately 10:00 a.m.

For more information, contact San Elizario High School at 872-3970.



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NBA brawl no surprise

By Steve Escajeda
Special to the Courier

It's funny how quickly your perception of the world can change.

Last Friday I was driving home after having just broadcast the Riverside Rangers' 35-20 playoff victory over Canyon Randall on the radio. I felt so good about these El Paso high school athletes who had just advanced to the round of 16 at Texas Stadium.

An hour later that optimism came cashing down in utter disgust as I witnessed the replay of the Detroit Pistons-Indiana Pacers basketball game on every channel.

The ideals of innocence, hard work and family were quickly replaced by those of greed, disrespect and violence.

Was anybody really surprised about last week's brawl? The only thing I was surprised about was that it took this long to happen.

Undoubtedly, you've seen the pictures of the horrific brawl. In fact, I'm sure you've seen the images over and over and over again. The disappointing images of beer flying and punches thrown and chairs hurled and people trampled and children crying were quite difficult to take.

We've been talking about the

changing face of the NBA for some time now. How the league is turning into a childish battle for "street cred."

The league has gone from the grace of Bird, Magic and Jordan to the league of the gun-happy Jayson Williams, the woman-hungry Kobe Bryant, the coach-choking Latrell Sprewell.

It's so bad now that along with scoring average, assists and rebounds, NBA players battle each other for additional stats like drug arrests, wife and girlfriend beatings and DUIs.

Anyway, four players were singled out for last week's mini-riot: Detroit's Ben Wallace and Indiana's Ron Artest, Stephen Jackson and Jermaine O'Neal.

Some in the media have actually made the argument that all Artest was doing was defending himself when he went into the crowd to attack a fan.

No, sorry, not even close. Let's take an intelligent look at what really happened.

First of all, Artest fouled Detroit's Ben Wallace fairly hard on a dunk attempt in the last minute of the game. Clearly, Wallace overreacted by going right at Artest and almost taking his head off, pushing him back about 10 feet.

Then Artest, who is a notorious hot

head, made a rational decision *not* to defend himself against the much larger Wallace. But as soon as he was hit by an empty plastic glass, Artest was brave enough to run into the stands to take on a much smaller fan. And to make matters worse, he went after the wrong fan.

So to say that Artest just snapped or was defending himself is ridiculous.

Let's break this down. About "snapping," Artest knew enough to stay away from Wallace so he obviously was in control of his faculties.

And as far as "defending himself," who do you think posed the greater threat to Artest, the little fan with the plastic cup or the 6-9, 240-pound muscle-bound monster that tried to decapitate him?

Before NBA commissioner David Stern made his ruling against the players involved, I honestly couldn't think of a punishment that was appropriate without including jail time.

But I have to commend Stern for the fines he levied on these basketball playing morons.

Artest will miss the rest of the season. Now he'll have all the time he wanted to make that rap album.

Jackson will be suspended for 30 days without pay and O'Neal will miss the next 25 games.

And what a surprise — the NBA players association is planning to appeal. It's funny, this organization always talks about what's best for the

players — but all this organization does is make it more difficult to prosecute players for their stupid behavior thus keeping the league from deterring other players from doing the same thing.

You can't allow this kind of stuff to continue to happen. The United States tends to wait until a catastrophe occurs before doing something mean-

ingful about a dangerous situation.

An ugly fight occurred but it could have been much worse. Nobody was badly injured, but imagine what could have happened.

Stern had to be tough. He had to send a message to the entire league on this one. And he did.

Next, let's hope the police are as bold as David Stern.

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up with recommendations for that

office within 30 days. Council voted to seek Requests for Qualifications (RFQs) in order to find a qualified replacement.

A special presentation was made to Mrs. Sam Brewster, wife of the late

City Representative Sam Brewster who died in office earlier this year. Mrs. Brewster was presented with a plaque containing Mr. Brewster's name tag, in recognition of his service to the City of Socorro.

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To: To whom it may concern
From: Antonio Araujo, Executive Director
Subject: Job announcement, Self-Help Program construction supervisor
Date: Nov. 19, 2004

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Write stuff

Dear Editor:

The alliance of Germany, France, Russia and Arab countries want Iraq to pay back money that Sadaam and his thugs borrowed to pay for weapons guns, bombs and rockets that are killing both American servicemen and Iraqi citizens.

Why is the U.S. getting involved in this deal? If this alliance wants these terrorists to repay the money, they should send troops to fight them.

The alliance wants money but do not want any of their citizens to fight. They want the U.S. to renegotiate the terms of loans given to terrorists. The Americans and the freedom fighters of Iraq should not pay for the terrorists' weapons.

Why should the U.S. get involved? We should tell the alliance to find the terrorists to send them the bill. They should also pay back the money stolen in the Oil for Food program. Let

these international money-grabbers take a loss (for selling) anything to terrorists, and charge them for damages done with these weapons.

**Mark Connolly
Horizon City**

Dear Editor:

I am writing this letter in an effort to unify our wonderful nation. I first wrote the newspaper stating that this election would be a defining moment in our history. And the American people came through loud and clear

that they wanted to participate in the outcome. Never have so many people voted, for both parties.

The United States of America is the most compassionate, helpful nation in the world. What other nation has been there for so many distressed places? America was there for Europe in the first and second world wars. America was there to break down the Berlin Wall and end the cold war. America has helped so many others. And now we must all pull together to get back to being supportive of each other. Together we

can achieve such great things, but divided we will surely fall.

It is our responsibility as citizens of America and the world to do all we can to insure that we come together. I feel that President Bush is the man who can bring us together, but it will take a concerted effort on our part to continue to pray and encourage others to do this also. Let's all work together to make America the Land of the Free and the Home of the Brave.

**Meredith Kelley
El Paso**

WEATHER

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SEVEN-DAY FORECAST FOR EL PASO

WEDNESDAY	WED. NIGHT	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY
Sunshine and some clouds.	A moonlit sky and chilly.	A good deal of sunshine.	Mild with sunshine and patchy clouds.	Mostly cloudy with a possible shower.	Rather cloudy with a few showers possible.	Clouds and some sunshine.	A mixture of clouds and sunshine.
▲ 54°	▼ 32°	▲ 59° ▼ 38°	▲ 64° ▼ 42°	▲ 66° ▼ 40°	▲ 56° ▼ 34°	▲ 56° ▼ 33°	▲ 58° ▼ 32°

UV INDEX Statistics for noon.

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

Wednesday	4	Low
Thursday	5	Moderate
Friday	5	Moderate
Saturday	3	Low
Sunday	3	Low
Monday	4	Low
Tuesday	4	Low

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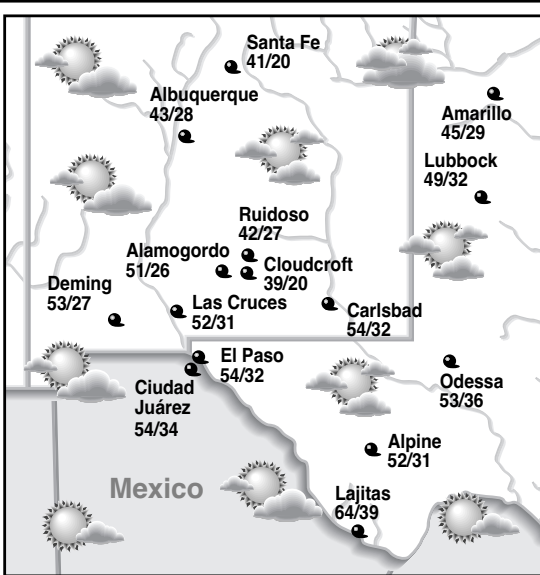
The exclusive AccuWeather composite index of effective temperature based on eight weather factors.

Wednesday	46°
Thursday	49°
Friday	56°
Saturday	53°
Sunday	49°
Monday	47°
Tuesday	53°

TEXAS WEATHER

Anthony	53	33
Canutillo	53	33
Clint	53	34
E. Montana	54	32
Fabens	53	34
Horizon	55	33
San Elizario	52	30
Socorro	53	31
Tornillo	53	34
Vinton	53	33

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



TRAVELERS CITIES

City	Wed. Hi/Lo/W	Thur. Hi/Lo/W	Fri. Hi/Lo/W	Sat. Hi/Lo/W	Sun. Hi/Lo/W
Albuquerque	43/28/pc	49/31/pc	53/32/pc	49/29/pc	44/25/c
Atlanta	66/44/t	55/38/pc	57/40/s	59/45/pc	63/42/sh
Atlantic City	60/48/r	54/28/r	46/30/pc	50/36/pc	50/34/c
Austin/San Antonio	60/36/pc	63/39/s	69/47/s	72/53/pc	68/42/c
Baltimore	60/47/r	59/33/r	48/31/pc	50/34/pc	49/33/c
Boston	52/50/r	54/38/r	44/32/pc	44/36/c	46/34/r
Chicago	38/26/sn	36/24/pc	38/28/sn	42/28/pc	37/24/sn
Dallas/Ft. Worth	53/36/pc	58/42/s	66/47/s	62/45/pc	58/38/c
Denver	38/21/pc	50/30/pc	47/21/c	34/17/sn	38/13/sf
Flagstaff	44/18/s	48/20/s	46/22/pc	47/15/pc	42/15/s
Houston	64/40/pc	62/40/s	68/52/s	74/56/sh	74/50/t
Kansas City	39/23/sn	43/31/c	48/31/sh	44/26/c	41/23/i
Las Vegas	62/42/s	64/44/s	64/44/s	60/42/pc	56/40/pc
Miami	84/71/pc	83/68/t	78/69/pc	81/69/sh	82/68/r
Minneapolis	29/11/pc	26/16/pc	30/21/sf	34/22/c	33/15/c
New Orleans	77/48/t	62/42/s	67/53/s	72/56/pc	71/50/r
New York City	56/50/r	55/38/r	46/36/pc	48/40/c	50/38/r
Philadelphia	60/49/r	59/36/r	47/33/pc	50/36/pc	50/37/r
Phoenix	65/46/s	70/48/s	72/50/s	69/47/pc	62/42/c
Portland	52/44/r	52/40/r	46/38/sh	46/38/c	47/38/pc
San Francisco	60/48/s	61/50/pc	61/47/sh	61/45/pc	60/43/s
Seattle	50/44/r	50/40/pc	46/38/sh	48/38/c	46/37/c
Tucson	61/37/s	65/40/s	71/44/s	67/40/pc	61/37/pc
Washington, DC	61/49/r	60/35/r	46/35/pc	51/39/pc	49/38/c

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

AGRICULTURE

Sunshine will mix with some clouds on Wednesday with winds west-northwest at 6-12 mph. Thanksgiving Day will feature dry weather under plenty of sun with temperatures returning to seasonable values. Winds will generally be west at 6-12 mph. Rain-free conditions will persist until Saturday.

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