



NEWSBRIEFS

Virtual parking

It's not often that a trip to Wyoming, Montana, Idaho and the world's first National Park, Yellowstone, can be made in little more than an hour. On Wednesday, April 20 from 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m., participants in Chamizal National Memorial's monthly Armchair Explorer Series can enjoy the ride by video in the theater. Yellowstone National Park itself, which is 96 percent in Wyoming, three percent in Montana and one percent in Idaho covers 3,472 square miles. It is larger than a combined Delaware and Rhode Island. The advantage of a video tour for such a large park is that the viewer has the opportunity to get a strong overview of this incredible place. Viewers will witness spectacular geyser eruptions, bubbling hot pools and paint pods, roaring rivers, thundering waterfalls and an incredible menagerie of wildlife in a variety of seasons, Montes said. This video tour is part of an ongoing series offered by the Memorial on the third Wednesday of each month. May's video will be on the 18th and will feature National Parks of Hawaii. Chamizal National Memorial is located between Bowie High School and the Bridge of the Americas at 800 S. San Marcial, El Paso. For additional information on this and future Armchair programming, call 915 532-7273.

Hummers spotted

Hummers are home again, spotted in La Union this week by a *Courier* reader, who encourages area residents to enjoy the tiny birds and their antics by providing sustenance — mix one cup sugar per two cups of water, boil and let cool. Place in a colorful feeder — don't mix color in with the water since that's not good for the hummingbirds.

In other news

■ The 2005 ExxonMobil Texas Science and Engineering Fair was held March 31 at the Henry B. Gonzalez Convention Center in San Antonio, Texas. Nicole Ann Gonzales, 15, and Lauren Eveler, 16, both sophomore students at Clint High School, won fourth place in the team competition with their physical science project which dealt with viscosity. Nicole (Nikki) is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lupe C. Gonzales and Lauren is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Eveler, all residents of Clint. There were hundreds of students in the state competition representing school districts throughout the state. Clint ISD transported 30 of their top students to the competition this year. These two students advanced to the state level by placing high in their high school, district, and regional science fairs. Project sponsor was John Wilson, science teacher at Clint High School. Both students are actively

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Our income-tax forms this year have been simplified beyond all understanding.
 — Quips & Quotes

Rising Artists forum showcases works by Horizon's Jim Munafa

UPPER VALLEY — The Rising Artists of the Valley invited the public to a formal reception for Horizon City artist Jim Munafa on Thursday, March 31, at the art gallery sponsored by the Anthony Water and Sanitation District.

Those attending the reception were about to view 28 of Munafa's works and discuss them with the artist. The exhibit consisted of works in pen and ink on ceramics, pencil



Curator Sharon Aggie Rhine.

drawings, colored pencil and watercolors. Subjects included still life, horses, flora, human portraits and landscape features.

"The commentary was very supportive and highly positive," Munafa said. "Considering the wide range of subject matter, I was pleasantly surprised at the level of interest that was expressed throughout."

The reception kicked off what will be a month-long exhibition of Munafa's works which will be available for viewing through April 23. The Rising Artists program, co-sponsored by the Anthony Water and Sanitation District, the Anthony Community

Awareness Committee and curator Sharon Aggie Rhine, features a local artist each month.

Rhine said the high regard displayed by visitors to the show and reception made it a refreshing undertaking. "Our mission is to

add to the cultural dimension of our community," she said. "We furnish space for artists to share their creative visions with the public."

Aspiring artists wishing to display their works and those wanting information on upcoming events can call 505-882-9419.



SHARING THE VISION — Artist Jim Munafa with two works from the Anthony exhibition. Top is his interpretation — on ceramic tile — of a study of a horse by Leonard Da Vinci. The bottom art work is an Arabian stallion.

Gallegos Park needs new owner

By Don Woodyard
Courier Staff Writer

CANUTILLO — There is a "white elephant" tethered in Canutillo. It goes by the name of Gallegos Park.

There are similar unwanted pachyderms "park(ed)" at Ascarate and in Fabens, says County Commissioner Dan Haggerty.

Commissioners Court would like to have a white elephant sale to rid itself of these financially burdensome mammals.

Under the aegis of Haggerty, the Commissioners Court Monday gave Haggerty the authority to work out arrangements with the Public Service Board that owns 35 of the 45 acres of the park land. The other 10 acres are owned by the Canutillo school district — which includes the swimming pool and community building. The Gallegos Park complex is adjacent to Canutillo High School on Bosque Road.

Hector Gonzalez, business manager and spokesman for the PSB, said Tuesday they could not comment on Monday's Commissioners Court action because the utility had not received any official notice from the county.

A public hearing will be held before any termination action might be taken.

"We are not mandated to run parks," Haggerty pointed out Tuesday in a telephone interview. "Parks are (financial) losers."

His remarks echo comments he has made on two occasions addressing the board of trustees of the Canutillo ISD. He candidly admitted the county didn't do a good job of running the park and urged Canutillo ISD to take over its operation.

Both times, in September of 2004 and January of this year, trustees declined the county's offer that was sweetened with \$1.8 million in bond issue and state grant money. "Somebody

has to take it over; we can't do it anymore," Haggerty said in his Jan. 11 appeal to the trustees.

The board turned a deaf ear to these requests, saying it was in the business of educating students, not running a park. The board also cited the additional expense of operating and maintaining the park.

Despite these early refusals, Haggerty still believes Canutillo ISD will eventually take over the entire park.

The Upper Valley white elephant will go unfed this year, the commissioner indicated. He said Commissioners Court voted last year to "defund" the park that had cost the county between \$100,000 and \$200,000 to maintain annually. He said exact costs were hard to determine because money for its operation and maintenance comes out of several different county departments' budgets.

By comparison, Ascarate's costs, he added, were around \$1.75 million a year.

Underscoring the county's financial plight, Haggerty said park operations is only part of more than \$26 million in non-mandated, quality of life matters with which the county has been saddled over the years. He said the county first got into the parks business back in the 1940s.

"If we have to take back the 10 acres, we will," said Alfredo Vasquez, public information officer for the school district. He said Haggerty had met recently with Canutillo superintendent Charles Hart along with the district's attorney, Larry Baskind.

Baskind said the school district purchased the 10-acre parcel back in the 1970s for possible expansion of the high school that is adjacent to the park, but it was never used for that purpose. Back in the early 1990s, he said, a small part of that land was used as a high school baseball field.

Agencies team up to clean up illegal dump on state land near Tornillo

EL PASO COUNTY — An illegal dump on state land near Tornillo has been cleaned up, and steps taken to safeguard the property, according to a recent announcement by Jerry Patterson, Commissioner of the Texas General Land Office.

The 257-acre tract, located on O.T. Smith Road between I-10 and the community Tornillo, had been used to illegally dispose of household garbage and construction debris for about 15 years, Patterson said. Additionally, large amounts of valuable sand were stolen from the 257-acre tract belonging to the Permanent School Fund.

The Land Office, through cooperative agreements with the Texas Department of Criminal Justice, the El Paso County Road and Bridge Department and the City of El Paso Solid Waste Management Department, began the cleanup Oct. 24, 2004 and finished nine weeks later.

"You get more bang for your tax buck when agencies work together," Patterson said. "The results in this case are a cleaner environment and restored property value for the PSF, which helps fund every public school in Texas."

A total of 5,617 tons of material were hauled from the site, requiring 505 separate loads with a combined volume of 6,456 cubic yards.

The TDCJ's Rogelio Sanchez State Jail Facility provided an inmate crew — supervised by two officers — to pick up waste at the site. The Road and Bridge Department furnished heavy equipment and trucks to handle heavy debris, and the Solid Waste Management Department supplied roll-off containers to dispose of material at the Clint landfill.

The project cost, including fencing, was \$35,300, and would have been much higher without in-kind services from partnering agencies and inter-local agreements, Patterson said. A barbed wire fence encloses the entire tract now and "no trespassing" signs have been posted.

El Paso County Attorney José Rodríguez is pleased with the results.

"Having seen the photos before the cleanup, I know you undertook a monumental task," Rodríguez wrote in a letter to the Land Office. "I will ask the Sheriff's Department to patrol the area and arrest anyone who illegally dumps on this property."

The General Land Office manages land dedicated to the Permanent School Fund. The agency oversees approximately 13 million acres of mineral classified and surface estate. Revenues generated from the lease or sale of PSF land help fund public education in Texas.

One perspective

By Francis Shrum



A public death

Some days I wake up with a profound sense of relief that there are decisions that I don't have to make. I don't have to decide when that invisible line between war and peace has been violated and thousands of young, strong lives are dedicated for sacrifice on the ruthless altar of armed conflict. I don't have to try to see into the heart and mind of a killer or sort through the murky depths of our legal system to determine whether or not he should die for his crimes. I didn't have to decide whether or not to remove the feeding tube of a beautiful, dark-eyed woman named Terri Schiavo.

You've seen the pictures — we all have — of a stunning young woman with a sweet, sensitive smile. Equally familiar to most Americans, probably most people in the world, are those that followed. The sweetness is still there in her face, but the cognizance is gone.

Some things that happen to us in life seem almost too hard to bear. So it must seem, also, when something like this happens to someone you love. One day they are there, the next they are not.

Sometimes the whole thing is over right away and healing can begin. Sometimes it isn't.

And people have to make deci-

sions. Was the woman in the latter pictures still Mrs. Schiavo? Was she still seeing, hearing, capable of feeling love, fear and pain, striving to communicate? Or was she gone forever, with only the shell of her being left behind, a mere physical vestige of a child her parents were loathe to let go?

There are so many questions that cannot be answered, but there is one thing I can say without reservation. I don't believe Terri Schiavo wanted to die in public.

I think it could be safely assumed that she never dreamed her name would become a household word

around the world, her life and death situation the cause for global debate about the rights and wrongs of life sustained by forces outside one's control.

This week her parents held a memorial for her, with no physical remains of their daughter as part of the proceedings. Her cremated body are with a husband who believed that was all that remained of the woman who was his wife, anyway. He will bury her later in a private ceremony, the news reports say.

As this most terrible, tragic situation comes to a close, I can't help but marvel once again at this era of human history in which we are given such extraordinarily intrusive powers. We witnessed the step-by-step agony of a family torn apart by opposing views of what should be done for this helpless, hapless young woman.

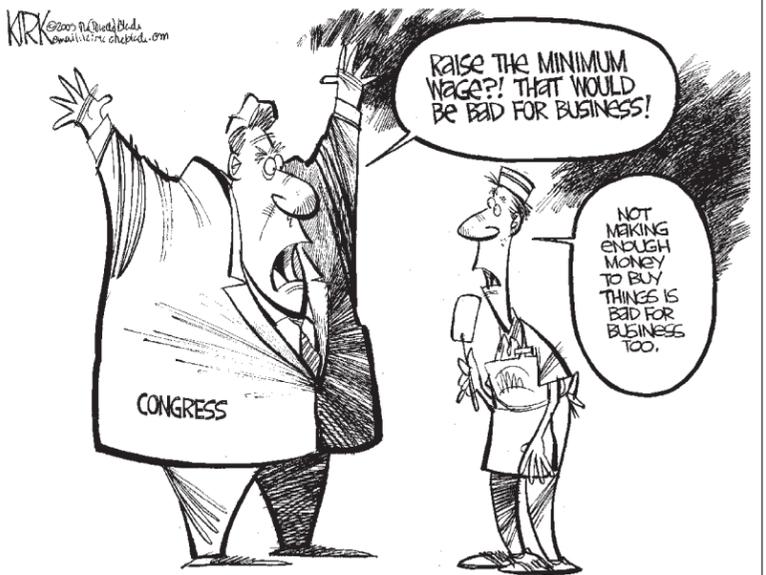
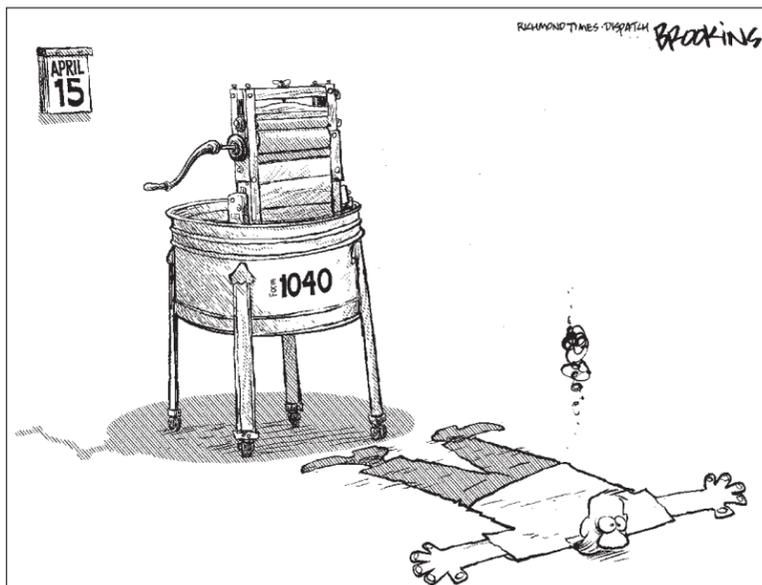
The final irony is that not only was her ultimate fate decided by the coldest of arbitrators — a court of law — but a judicial ruling was also issued to ensure that her parents can attend whatever funeral arrangements her husband may make.

News reports say there has been a huge surge in the number of people who are executing living wills and directives to physicians defining what their personal wishes are should a similar event occur in their own lives. I can't help but think that's a good thing. Far from being a selfish act, it seems one of the most loving things a person can do for their families, so that someday those left behind won't have to face the kind of decision that no one wants to make for someone else.

That's the kind of decision I can make. It lets my family off the hook. Whether they ultimately follow my wishes or not, it becomes a decision they can choose to making voluntarily, not because they have to.

It is a terrible thing when families are torn apart over the death or disability of a loved one — and it happens all the time. I've been around

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Strengthening Medicare

This week, April 4-10, is National Public Health Week. Federal data reports that Americans are living longer, however, many older Americans — here in El Paso and across the country — suffer from preventable health problems, such as diabetes, that diminish the quality of their older life. For example, it is estimated that over 80,000 El Pasoans suffer from Type 2, or “adult-onset” diabetes.

To combat these dismal — and preventable — statistics, the American Public Health Association is urging older Americans and their families to assess their current health status and take steps towards improvement in celebration of National Public Health Week. Information from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention shows that one in three older Americans does not get all recommended screenings and follow-up treatment and 60 percent of Americans over age 65 have not had the two recommended screenings for colorectal cancer, although Medicare covers both services.

I know there are many who are resigned to the label “older American;” however, it's important to keep our health and well-being in perspective. For instance, in addition to finding time for extra exercise this week, I'm also going to attend to the “health” of one of our most important federal healthcare programs — Medicare.

The Medicare Prescription Drug and Modernization Act of 2003 that Congress passed in November 2003 has left Medicare too weak. I have long been a strong advocate for providing America's senior citizens with an affordable, comprehensive prescription drug benefit under Medicare; however, I could not support this bill, as it created an extremely expensive program for the nation's taxpayers that will harm rather than help most of the 77,500 Medicare beneficiaries in El Paso County.

Rather than empowering Medicare to use its purchasing power to negotiate better drug prices, as the Veterans Administration currently does, the new law prohibits Medicare from doing so. As a result, pharmaceutical companies benefit, but taxpayers have to pay for the higher costs.

I'm a co-sponsor of the Medicare Prescription Drugs Savings Act, which will strengthen Medicare and lower costs for seniors. This bill will allow Medicare beneficiaries to receive their drugs through a Medicare-administered benefit rather than a private entity, using Medicare's power to negotiate directly with drug companies on their behalf to lower prices. The laws of economics dictate if one buys in bulk, prices will decrease and through this bill, we use good old-fashioned negotiating power to achieve savings. The Medicare Prescription Drugs Savings Act — as opposed to the Medicare Prescription Drug law of November 2003 — ensures that Medicare beneficiaries receive the benefits of their purchasing power.

Whether it's making an extra effort to visit your doctor, getting more exercise, or working in Congress to

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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."

Vaccinating your children may sound like an obvious step in raising a healthy child, but life is hectic and this step is too often forgotten or put-off for far too long. Vaccinations offer the single best protection for the health of our children and our future.

In today's society, immunization is no longer a luxury, it's a necessity. We all know the old adage, "you're only as strong as your weakest link." In this case, the weakest link is the unvaccinated child.

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 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 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 90 percent of infants today receive the most critical vaccines by age two. These efforts have translated into a 95 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.

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.



By U.S. Rep. Henry Bonilla

Eye on D.C.

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promote legislation that will strengthen federal programs like Medicare, we should all set aside time for our health this week. While I admit I'm someone who puts off medical appointments as long as possible, weaknesses in our own health or in our federal health programs are simply too important to ignore.

Fabens Independent School District Notice of Board Election Aviso de Eleccion Regentes

To the Registered Voters of Fabens Independent School District:

A los votantes registrados del distrito independiente escolar de Fabens:

Notice is hereby given that the polling places listed below will be open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Saturday, May 7, 2005 for voting in a School Board Trustee election, to elect Trustees, Places 5, 6 and 7.

Notifiquese, por presente, que las casillas electorales sitadas abajo se abrirán desde las 7 a.m. hasta las 7 p.m. de el sabado 7 de mayo de 2005 para votar en la elección para Regentes, Lugar 5, 6 y 7.

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entre las 9:00 de la mañana y las 5:00 de la tarde empezando el día 20 de abril de 2005, y terminando el día 3 de mayo de 2005.

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 the April 20, 2005 and ending on May 3, 2005.

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 día 20 de abril de 2005, y terminando el día 3 de mayo de 2005.

Applications for ballot by mail shall be mailed to:
Las solicitudes para boletas que se votaran en ausencia por correo deberán enviarse a:

Helen Jamison, Office of the County Elections
500 E. San Antonio
El Paso, Texas 79901

Applications for ballots by mail must be received no later than the close of business on the 29th day of April, 2005.
Las solicitudes para boletas que se votarán en ausencia por correo deberán recibirse para el fin de las horas de negocio el día 29 de abril de 2005.

Issued this 18th day of March, 2005.
Emitada esta 18 día de marzo de 2005.

Maureen Graham
Presiding Officer/Oficial que Preside

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Longtime Horizon resident Era Thompson, 84, dies

HORIZON CITY — Era Sharpely Thompson, a longtime resident of Horizon City, died April 1, 2005. She was 84.

She was born Nov. 12, 1920 in Emhouse, Texas to Ellen and Will "Sweet" Sharpely. She was preceded in death by her brothers Dan and Lloyd Sharpely; a sister, Willie Sue Poarch; and her first husband Robert H. Sprecher.

She is survived by her husband Lillard S. Thompson of Horizon City; son Robert H. Sprecher II and his wife Sharon; daughter Sara Sprecher of Dallas, Texas; sisters Ruth Pritchard, and Betty Knighton and her husband Bill; brothers Bill Sharpely and his wife Jessie Lee, and Ben Sharpely and

his wife Sue; and grandson Robert H. Sprecher III; and many nieces and nephews.

Mrs. Thompson was an active force in the early Horizon area real estate market, affiliated with Oz Glaze and Prestige Realty for many years. Prior to moving to Horizon, she and Lillard resided in Alpine, Texas and Silver City, N.M. where she taught in the public schools.

Memorial services were held Monday, April 4, at St. Brendan's Episcopal Church in Horizon City. In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorials be made to St. Jude's Hospital for Children, St. Brendan's Episcopal Church or Clinica Guadalupe in Horizon City.

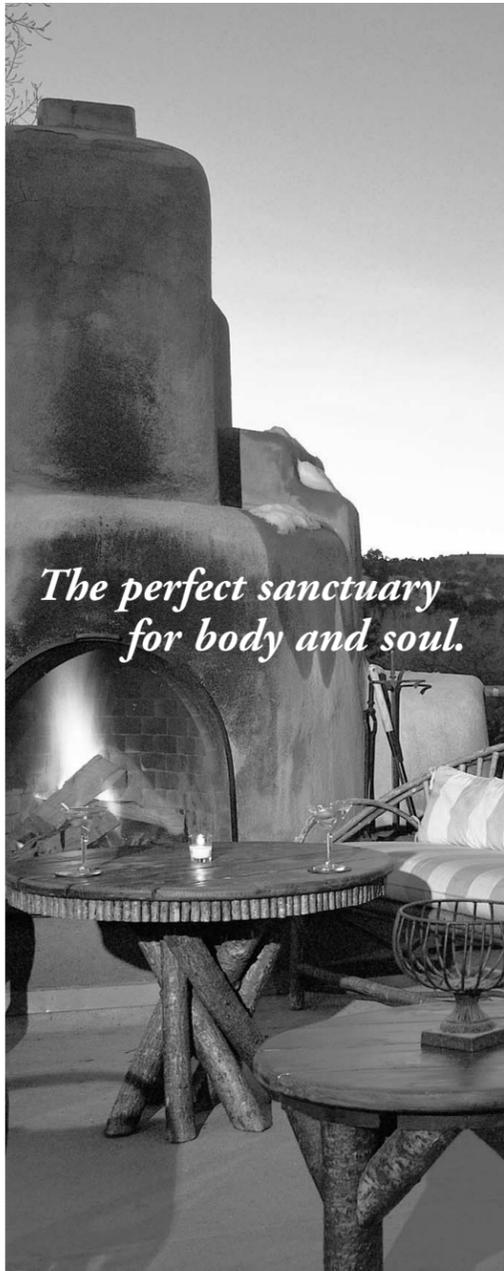
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TEXAS****A LOS VOTANTES REGISTRADOS DE VINTON,
TEXAS**

1. A General Election for the Village of Vinton shall be held on Saturday, May 7, 2005.

La eleccion general del Pueblo de Vinton se llevara acabo el dia sabado 7, de mayo, 2007.

2. The polling place for said election shall be the West Valley Fire Department, 510 E. Vinton Road, El Paso County, Texas.

El sitio de las urnas electorales para dichas elecciones sera el edificio del West Valley Fire Department, 510 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 7, 2005.

Las urnas electorales se abriran dentro las horas de las 7 de la mañana y las 7 de la tarde 7 de mayo, 2005.

4. The offices to be voted on May 7, 2005 General Election are Aldermanic Place #3, #4 and #5.

Los puestos de oficina para elejirse son los siguientes puestos: Regidores para los lugares #3, #4 y #5.

5. Early voting will begin on April 20, 2005.

Votacion por absentia empezara el dia 20, de abril, 2005.

6. Early voting will be conducted on April 20, 2005 through May 3, 2005, 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 West Valley Fire Department, 510 E. Vinton Road, El Paso County, Texas.

Votacion por absentia se llevara acabo el 20 de abril 2005, hasta el 3 de mayo 2005, 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 West Valley Fire Department, 510 E. Vinton Road, El Condado de El Paso, Texas.

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Signed this 1st day of February, 2005

Firmado este 1 dia de febrero, 2005

Juvencia Rios-Ontiveros, Mayor

Village of Vinton, Texas

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involved in school, community and church activities and are members of the National Honor Society.

■ Yamaliz Hernandez received generous support from the Fabens Cotton Valley Lions Club following her selection to attend the Congressional Student Leadership Conference. The Fabens Cotton Valley Lions Club provided her with a donation to help offset the cost of tuition, travel

and other expenses related to the leadership conference. Individual members of the Club generously also contributed to her trip fund. Hernandez, a freshman at Horizon High School, is an active member of numerous school activities, including president of the National Junior Honor Society, and a member of the marching band and jazz band. She has a 99.9 grade point average, and is ranked first in her class. Individuals interested in assisting her are asked to contact Shannon Kirkpatrick of Horizon High School at 926-4200.

■ Something for everyone — join

the El Paso County Library in Fabens and McGruff in celebrating National Library Week Thursday, April 14 at 1331 N. Fabens St. Entertainment and refreshment will be provided. Call 764-3635 for further information. Libraries provide access to knowledge for all people, no matter their age, ethnicity, physical ability, income, or language. National Library Week is celebrated April 10-16, 2005.

■ Chamizal National Memorial is now accepting applications for use of the facilities for the calendar year 2006. This annual application process opens the use of the theatre at Chamizal National Memorial to individuals, organizations and performers for a \$100 booking fee. Application forms may be obtained at the Memorial's Visitor Center, 800 South San Marcial. Theatrical groups, performers and organizations are urged to apply. A free, mandatory two-hour workshop to assist applicants for appropriate usage of the theatre in 2006 will be held at the Memorial to support the process. Applications must be accompanied by a \$50 non-refundable processing fee. If selected, the fee will be applied towards the booking fee. For additional information, call 915 532-7273.

■ Anyone who has ever been told that they have "a little sugar in the blood" or "borderline diabetes" are encouraged to attend a class entitled *Preventing Diabetes: Identifying People with Pre-diabetes*. A session in Spanish will be Wednesday, April 13, 6-8 p.m. at the East Police Command Center Conference Room, 9011 Escobar. An English version will be Wednesday, April 27, 6-8 p.m., at the Northeast Police Command Center Conference Room, 9600 Dyer. Cost of the class is \$10 per person. One blood glucose meter will be provided per family. The classes are open to the public, however, space is limited so call 595-1645 to register or for further information. The class is conducted by the Del Sol Diabetes Treatment Center.

■ Vista Hills Optimist Club, a charitable organization, will host its 9th Annual Casino Night Fundraiser on Friday, April 8. Funds received will be used for the club's local youth development programs and community support. Tickets for the event are \$25 for which the donor receives \$10,000 in "funny" money for games. The winnings can be used to buy some truly outstanding prizes donated by local merchants and anonymous donors. There will be food, setups, and lots of fun. A silent auction will be held along with door prizes. The event will be in the Garibaldi Ballroom in Pebble Village Shopping Center, 10780 Pebble Hills at 7 p.m. and will end with bidding on the prizes. Tickets and donations are considered charitable. For tickets call Rosalie Moniz at 591-9751.

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**Public Hearing
San Elizario Independent
School District****2005 — 2006 School Year Calendar**

The San Elizario Independent School District, pursuant to TEC Section 25.0811, is publishing notice of its intent of requesting a waiver from TEA to begin the 2005-2006 school year prior to the week of August 21, 2005. The San Elizario Independent School District will request the beginning of the 2005-2006 school year to be August 15, 2005.

A public meeting to discuss the first day of instruction for students for the 2005-2006 school year will be held as follows:

Date: May 11, 2005**Time: 4:30 p.m.****Site: San Elizario ISD**

**Administration Building
1050 Chicken Ranch Rd.
San Elizario, Texas 79849**

For further information, please call the Communications Office at 872-3900 ext. 3511.

**Junta Publica
Distrito Escolar Independiente
de San Elizario
Calendario Escolar de 2005 — 2006**

El distrito de San Elizario está propocionando de aplicar para un permiso del estado para poder cambiar la fecha del comienzo del año escolar 2005-2006. El distrito tiene intención de comenzar el primer día de instrucción el 15 de agosto 2005.

Una junta para la comunidad para discutir este propósito para el año escolar de 2005-2006 se llevará a cabo el 11 de mayo 2005 a las 4:30 p.m. en las oficinas administrativas del distrito escolar San Elizario en 1050 Chicken Ranch Road.

Para mas información pueden llamar al Oficina de Información Publico al numero 872-3900 ext. 3511.

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Public

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when someone dies unexpectedly and the emotional turmoil this creates sometimes causes rifts between people that cannot be healed in this life.

I can only imagine how distressing it must be when the final reminder of a past life is not just the physical property of the dearly departed, but his or her living, breathing body which can no longer control or direct their affairs.

Terri Schiavo was a strong woman — she lived almost two weeks without nutritional sustenance. Maybe a feeding tube is artificial life, but I personally could never have deprived a living being of their life source unless I was absolutely sure that was their personal desire — as Michael Schiavo seemed to be.

Should a decision like that ever have been made for me, I, like Terri Schiavo, will no longer have a choice. But my greatest wish is this.

I hope I don't have to die in public.

Medicare

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user friendly and easy to complete. It is very important that original applications are completed and not photocopied. Once completed, the application must be returned in the enclosed return envelope to Baltimore, Maryland.

Some individuals might qualify for full help and others might qualify for partial help, depending on their income and resources. If there is any doubt about qualifying for "Extra Help," individuals receiving these applications should go ahead and submit the application for a formal decision. If for some reason you should require assistance in completing the form, Social Security has been contacting different organizations within the community asking them to assist any individuals who might need assistance in completing and returning application forms.

The Social Security Administration's goal is to have at least 90 percent of these applications processed by end of the year. Individuals should recognize that this process will only determine if they qualify for "Extra Help" in paying Medicare Part D cost, and they still need to enroll for Medicare Part D coverage during the initial open enrollment period through a Prescription Drug Provider.

For more information visit your local social security office, visit the Medicare website www.medicare.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, 11111 Gateway West, Attn: Ray Vigil, El Paso, Texas 79935.



**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 seventh day of May, 2005 for the purpose of electing the following officials:

**MAYOR
ALDERMAN, PLACE ONE
ALDERMAN, PLACE TWO**

In accordance with an order adopted by the Town Council of Anthony, Texas on February 8, 2005 with the election to be held at the Anthony Town Office, 401 Oak, Anthony, Texas. Voting hours on election day, May 7, 2005 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 20, 2005 through May 3, 2005.

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 20, 2005 and ending on May 3, 2005.

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 April 29, 2005.

Mayor Art Franco

ALOS VOTANTES DE LA CIUDAD DE ANTHONY, TEXAS

Se llevara acabo una eleccion general el dia 7 de mayo 2005 con el proposito de elegir a los siguientes funcionarios para dicha ciudad.

**ALCALDE
MIEMBRO DEL CONCILIO, POSICION UNO
MIEMBRO DEL CONCILIO, POSICION DOS**

En acuerdo con la orden adoptada por el concilio de la ciudad de Anthony el 8 de febrero, 2005 se llevara acabo en el siguiente lugar:

La oficina de la Ciudad de Anthony, Texas, 401 Oak, Anthony, Texas. El horario para votar en el día de la eleccion sera de las siete de la manana 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 día, de las 8:30 a.m. a 4:30 p.m., menos el sabado, domingo, o dias festivos del estado comensando el 20 de abril, 2005 y continuando hasta el día 3 de mayo, 2005.

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 20 de abril de 2005 y terminando el 3 de mayo de 2005.

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 29 de abril 2005.

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Alcalde Art Franco

**Clint Independent School District
Notice of Trustee Election
Aviso de Elección 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 7, 2005 for the election of two candidates for the term of three (3) years.

Notifiquese, por presente, que las casillas electorales sitadas abajo se abriran desde las 7 de la mañana hasta las 7 de la tarde el sábado 7 de mayo de 2005 para votar en la elección para elegir dos candidatos para el término completo de tres (3) 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 North Kenazo, 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 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, closed on Saturday and Sunday, beginning on April 20, 2005 and ending on May 3, 2005.

entre las 8:30 de la mañana y las 4:30 de la tarde, lunes a viernes, cerrado sábado y domingo, empezando el día 20 de abril de 2005, y terminando el día 3 de mayo de 2005.

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Applications for ballot by mail shall be mailed to:

Las solicitudes para boletas para votar en ausencia por correo deberan enviarse a:

**Helen Jamison, El Paso County Department of Elections,
500 E. San Antonio, El Paso, Texas 79901**

Applications for ballots by mail must be received no later than the close of the business day on the 29th day of April, 2005.

Las solicitudes para boletas para votar en ausencia por correo deberan recibirse antes de el fin de las horas de negocio el día 29 de abril de 2005.

Issued this 25th day of February, 2005.

Emitada esta 25 día de febrero de 2005.

James R. Pendell

Presiding Officer / Oficial que Preside

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Baseball will have to hook a bigger fish to reel in a little credibility

By Steve Escajeda
Special to the Courier

Did you happen to catch the Elliott Ness-like job Major League Baseball did last week in apprehending a growth hormone-induced bad guy.

Baseball proudly proclaimed that it unveiled its new get-even-tougher steroid testing program last week and it worked like a gem.

It actually nabbed a cheater.

The name of the player is Alex something-or-other. I mean I think his name is Sanchez or something. Oh yeah, it was Alex Sanchez of the Tampa Bay Devil Rays.

Who? That's why it took me a while to remember his name. Who's ever heard of this guy?

Hey, slow down, fellas. This is the way I look at it: Bud Selig and the baseball big wigs can boast about having a new tougher drug standard when they actually catch a player who is known by more people than just his own family.

Baseball is actually claiming a victory here. Boy, talk about your delusions of grandeur.

The now famous Alex Sanchez will receive a whopping 10-day suspension.

This is the same muscle bound Alex Sanchez who has hit a whop-

ping four home runs in his four-year career. Are you kidding me?

Are you going to tell me that this is the only guy that tested positive? This no-name is the best baseball can do? Of course, MLB will say that this is proof that its new policy is working.

Excuse me for a second, I just got a little dizzy.

How stupid does baseball think the public is?

The current punishment of 10 days is hardly a deterrent. Players will continue to mask what they do and get around the test like they always have.

But if you're going to announce a major league bust, make sure the bustee is a household name.

Not — what's his name again? — oh yeah, 180-pound Alex Sanchez.

Little bitty man

People have been saying that the wealthier and famous among us get away with murder. Well, in the case of St. Louis Rams defensive end Leonard Little, it may not have been murder but he certainly was the cause of someone's death.

Little pleaded guilty to involuntary manslaughter when he killed a 47-year old woman in a drunk driving accident.

What did Little receive for taking

a woman's life while driving drunk? A whole three months in jail, 1000 hours of community service, and four years probation.

You would think Little would have thanked his lucky stars and never touched another drink again — if for no other reason than the memory of the person he killed.

But evidently Little is not one prone to think, and he did indulge in adult beverages once again, and once again he got in trouble with the law.

Little was arrested — guess what for? That's right, drunk driving.

He was caught going 78 mph in a 55 mph zone a year ago. Police said Little appeared drunk and failed several sobriety tests at the scene but failed to take any chemical tests.

True to form, the jury which heard his case last week found the football

star not guilty of being drunk.

They did find that he was guilty of speeding, but that's all. If Little had been found guilty of drunk driving he would have been declared a persistent offender and that would have meant a much harsher punishment.

So now Little will get another slap on the wrist that will undoubtedly allow him to go out on the town again in no time.

He'll be able to go out and drink to his liver's content and drive at a speed limit that only he feels comfortable at.

Let's just hope that the next time Leonard Little paints the town red — again — it isn't with anyone else's blood.

The monkey's off

For years now people in the sporting world have been saying that Roy

Williams was the best coach who would never win a national championship.

No one is saying that any more. Williams finally reached the mountain top when his North Carolina Tar Heels beat Illinois 75-70 Monday in the national championship game.

I must admit I was rooting heavily for Illinois. They were a much better story and North Carolina is college basketball equivalent of that nasty old Goliath.

But you always have to feel good about someone who has worked so hard for so long and finally gets the monkey off his back.

What a last year this has been for sports — first Phil Mickelson, then the Red Sox and now Roy Williams — can this be the year of the Cubs?

Canutillo's annual Wellness Walk celebrates tenth anniversary

UPPER VALLEY — Canutillo Independent School District Wellness Program will host its tenth annual Wellness Walk, from 7 to 11 a.m., Saturday, April 16, at the Franklin

Mountains State Park.

This free walk/run event allows all participants to begin at any time during the Saturday morning event. Numerous free door prizes, water bottles,

merchant coupons and give-a-ways, and healthy food snacks will be provided. Also, free t-shirts will be presented to the first 500 participants.

This walk culminates the yearlong efforts of the wellness program, directed by Karen Judd, district-wide coordinator. The wellness program promotes a healthy lifestyle to employees, students and parents throughout the year, by providing education and supporting participation in various activities including exercise programs, nutritional promotions, and stress relieving measures.

The ongoing wellness program is sponsored by coordinators at each campus that include Carol Sherman and Sharon Schadler, Canutillo HS; Michelle Moreno and Aurora Davis, Canutillo MS; Cecilia Schmitz and Lura Beets, Canutillo ES; Virginia Fiske and Lupe Armijo, Davenport ES; Brandy Rundell and Angie Guzman, Damian ES; Lupe Perez and Karen Salas, Childress ES; and Vicky Ludwig and Lisa Pavia, Central Office.

"Last year's walk was a huge success with over 400 participants. In celebration of our tenth year, we hope to have more than 500 participants this year," said Judd.

For information, call 877-7433.

WALKING TO WELLNESS — Canutillo ISD wellness coordinators in the t-shirts given at each of the nine previous annual walks. Shown bottom row from left: Karen Judd, District coordinator; Vicky Ludwig, Lupe Perez, and Carol Sherman, campus coordinators. Top row from left: Angie Guzman, Brandy Rundell, Virginia Fiske, Aurora Davis, and Cecilia Schmitz, all campus coordinators.



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Election Day: May 7, 2005
Early Voting: April 20 - May 3, 2005 (8:00 am - 4:30 pm)

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Social Security Q&A By Ray Vigil

Recent Medicare legislation introduced more than a drug prescription program

EL PASO COUNTY — The Medicare Prescription Drug, Improvement, and Modernization Act of 2003 will offer individuals on Medicare the opportunity to sign up for the new Medicare Part D prescription drug coverage which begins on Jan. 1, 2006. Individuals will be able to enroll during the Initial Open Enrollment Period, Nov. 15, 2005 through May 15, 2006, through Prescription Drug Providers which presently administer the Medicare Discount Card.

The Prescription Program is completely voluntary. Some individuals might already have prescription drug coverage through a medigap or employer group health plan and they

might not find it necessary to subscribe to Medicare Part D. Subscribing to this program means individuals will have to pay a separate premium of \$35 a month. The premium can be deducted from their monthly Social Security, Railroad or Civil Service Retirement Benefits or paid directly to their Prescription Drug Providers. Aside from a monthly premium, there is an annual deductible of \$250, plus a coinsurance of 25 percent of prescription cost from \$250 to \$2,250. Individuals will pay 100 percent of all drug costs between \$2,250 and \$3,600. If an individual has prescription cost of over \$3600 a

year, Medicare will pay about 95 percent of all additional prescription costs. Some Prescription Drug Providers may have additional options to help individuals pay the out of pocket costs.

The Medicare Modernization Act of 2003 also introduced the Prescription Drug Subsidy Program called "Extra Help" to assist individuals pay for their prescription drugs. Individuals with limited income and resources will receive extra help in paying the premiums, deductibles and coinsurances. Individuals currently receiving Supplemental Security Income, Medicaid Beneficiaries, Qualified

Medicare Beneficiaries (QMB), Specified Low Income Medicare Beneficiaries (SLMB) or Qualifying Individuals (QI-1) will be deemed eligible for this extra help. The good news is that the "Extra Help" is also being offered to individuals who are not eligible for any of the assistance type of benefits listed above but are also limited in income and resources. The Social Security Administration will be sending out a letter introducing the "Extra Help" program along with a scannable application to these individuals. These applications are

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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.	Sun and high clouds; turning windy in the p.m.	Partly sunny and windy.	Sunny and windy.	Brilliant sunshine.	Sun and some clouds.	Mostly sunny.
▲ 78°	▼ 52°	▲ 86° ▼ 54°	▲ 82° ▼ 52°	▲ 78° ▼ 48°	▲ 76° ▼ 50°	▲ 80° ▼ 52°	▲ 82° ▼ 52°

UV INDEX Statistics for noon.

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Thursday	9	Very High
Friday	9	Very High
Saturday	9	Very High
Sunday	9	Very High
Monday	9	Very High
Tuesday	9	Very High
Wednesday	9	Very High

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Thursday	74°
Friday	73°
Saturday	71°
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Tuesday	77°
Wednesday	76°

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Anthony	78	50
Canutillo	78	51
Clint	76	52
E. Montana	78	52
Fabens	76	52
Horizon	78	53
San Elizario	74	50
Socorro	76	51
Tornillo	76	52
Vinton	78	50

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



TRAVELERS CITIES

City	Thur. Hi/Lo/W	Fri. Hi/Lo/W	Sat. Hi/Lo/W	Sun. Hi/Lo/W	Mon. Hi/Lo/W
Albuquerque	75/45/s	74/45/pc	69/41/sh	64/39/pc	71/46/s
Atlanta	68/48/r	64/46/t	70/50/pc	72/52/s	70/45/c
Atlantic City	66/51/t	59/45/r	56/38/pc	57/38/pc	60/41/pc
Austin/San Antonio	77/46/s	80/52/s	78/56/pc	76/55/t	79/54/s
Baltimore	70/52/r	60/46/r	60/40/pc	64/42/s	64/44/c
Boston	60/45/sh	55/40/r	52/40/r	56/40/pc	57/44/pc
Chicago	50/40/r	56/38/pc	62/42/s	66/44/s	63/45/pc
Dallas/Ft. Worth	72/49/s	72/57/s	75/56/s	76/57/t	72/53/r
Denver	68/36/s	70/39/pc	59/33/sh	54/33/r	62/37/pc
Flagstaff	68/34/s	60/32/pc	55/30/pc	53/25/c	62/31/c
Houston	76/52/s	80/56/s	80/60/pc	80/63/t	76/54/t
Kansas City	58/40/sh	66/47/s	68/47/s	68/46/t	67/45/r
Las Vegas	86/60/s	78/54/pc	72/52/s	72/54/s	79/53/pc
Miami	84/70/pc	86/66/t	82/66/t	80/68/t	84/66/pc
Minneapolis	59/36/pc	63/40/s	65/42/s	62/41/t	61/42/sh
New Orleans	74/55/pc	76/57/s	76/61/pc	78/64/pc	80/58/r
New York City	69/48/r	54/42/r	53/42/pc	60/45/pc	60/47/c
Philadelphia	70/52/t	60/46/r	60/42/pc	64/45/s	63/46/pc
Phoenix	94/66/s	85/57/s	82/56/s	79/58/s	87/60/s
Portland	58/44/sh	56/42/r	58/42/pc	60/44/pc	57/37/r
San Francisco	60/48/sh	62/50/sh	64/50/s	63/50/s	64/44/pc
Seattle	54/42/sh	54/40/r	56/42/pc	54/44/r	55/36/r
Tucson	92/56/s	84/51/s	78/50/s	79/51/s	87/55/s
Washington, DC	72/55/t	62/46/r	60/46/pc	64/46/s	65/47/c

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

AGRICULTURE

High pressure over the Rockies will provide dry weather on Thursday with a good deal of sunshine. A cold front will approach Friday afternoon and it will turn windy. Saturday may be quite windy with gusts over 40 mph possible. The wind will begin to diminish early next week.

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