



NEWSBRIEFS

Mock crisis at AHS

A Mock Crisis Exercise will close down the area surrounding Anthony High School on May 3 from 8 a.m. to noon. The community is alerted that emergency vehicles and SWAT units will be seen and heard in and around the campus during this time, and law enforcement officers will not allow anyone to enter or leave the campus during the exercise. Staff will be involved in the exercise, so phones will not be answered. The exercise is organized by the Governor's Division of the Emergency Management. Law enforcement entities participating include the Anthony Police Dept., the El Paso County Sheriff's Office, La Tuna Federal Correctional Institution, the FBI and the El Paso Fire Dept. Information, except during the exercise, is available at the AHS Administration: 886-6550.

Unique awards

On May 3, Americas High School will recognize over 270 student leaders and 60 sponsors/coaches beginning with dinner at 6:30 p.m. and awards presentations at 7:15 p.m. The purpose of the evening is to gather all the club, organization and sports leaders, officers, captains, co-captains, teacher sponsors and coaches and thank them for their hard work, dedication and commitment to the betterment of Americas High School. All presidents and captain will receive a large "Leader of Americas" medals. All other officers and co-captains will receive a smaller medal. All sponsors and coaches will receive a white long sash which the teachers will wear during the graduation commencement ceremony. Nicholas Moncada, Student Council President, came up with the basic idea, and with the assistance Mary Ross, Principal at Americas High, and the Student Council members they raised over \$5000 for this event.

In other news

■ The Socorro City Council has filled the post of director of Human Resources which has been vacant since the end of 2004. During the regularly scheduled City Council meeting last week, Council approved the hiring of Rene Mendez as the new director. Prior to his approval, there was some discussion as to the make up of the interview panel. City Rep. Mary Perez felt some people appointed to the panel should not have been on it. She said that one of the panelists knew one of the applicants. She also said that in the future, the panel should be made up of people who are not on Council. In other city business, the Socorro City Council welcomed the 314th anniversary celebration by approving the suspension of vendor permit fees for participants in the City of Socorro

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When a conference of diplomats announce they have "agreed in principle," it means nothing has been done.

— Quips & Quotes

City of Socorro will celebrate 134th anniversary this weekend

SOCORRO — Horse drawn carriage, floats, and classics cars are being decorated for the City of Socorro's 134th Anniversary parade on April 30, starting at 10 a.m. at the Socorro Mission and traveling through to Cougar Park on Socorro Rd.

The event will honor the founding of the first permanent Socorro Mission in 1691. The community actually began with celebration of Mass on Oct. 13, 1680, by the Rev. Antonio Guerra, historians said. The first permanent mission was destroyed in 1744, rebuilt and destroyed again in 1829. The present building was rebuilt in 1843 and is being restored.

"We want to transform Socorro into a dynamic tourism city and give something back to the community," said Mayor Gandara. "The majestic architecture of the Socorro Mission, restaurants and other unique buildings, provide a glimpse into an era rich with culture and history."

The celebration will feature hundreds of local school students, floats, horse carriages, classic cars and local civic organizations. Cougar Park will come alive with free children's games, inflatables, rides, displays, arts and crafts, community information booths, and food booths. There will also be a concert at the park with performances by popular local entertainers. The public is encouraged to bring lawn chairs, blankets and plenty of sun-screen to enjoy the day-long entertainment. No glass containers will be allowed at Cougar Park.

For more information call Trini Lopez 422-9107 or the City of Socorro at 858-2915.

— Contributed by Lilia Ruiz

San Elizario ISD names new assistant superintendent

By Phillip Cortez
Special to the Courier

SAN ELIZARIO — The San Elizario ISD board of trustees unanimously approved Borrego Elementary principal Sylvia Hopp to become the district's new Assistant Superintendent for Support Services.

Hopp, completing her 30th year in education, worked 25 years in EPISD and the last five in San Elizario, where she served as principal at Alarcón Elementary before opening up Borrego Elementary in 2001.

She began her teaching career in Special Education working with emotionally disturbed teenage boys and autistic children at Alta Vista Elementary and McArthur Middle School. She taught third grade bilingual and was a reading teacher for Pre-K-5th grades before becoming an assistant principal at Carlos Rivera Elementary for a year and a half.



Sylvia Hopp

Hopp then became an instructional consultant for 45 Pre-K through 6th grade campuses, served as a Staff Development Specialist, was the Director of Human Resources, Elementary Personnel, which meant the hiring of 3,000 teachers at 65 campuses. Hopp served as Executive Director for Region 4, making her responsible for Pre-K through 12th grade curriculum for 17 campuses feeding into Franklin and Coronado High Schools.

HCPD officer selected for regional VFW honor

HORIZON CITY — For the second year in a row, a Horizon City Police Officer has been honored by the members of the Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) Post 10354. It is a regional nomination from which Law Enforcement, Fire Department personnel and EMS workers can be nominated for an outstanding achievement and overall performance.

This year Officer Adrian Flores, a five year veteran with the Horizon City Police Department, was nominated and awarded the Certificate of Commendation at a ceremony held at the Horizon Fire Department on April 12. Officer Flores was nominated by Sgt. Ron Swenson for the actions he and his trainee, Officer Joe Castorena, took on Dec. 12, 2003 when they apprehended a man wanted for causing a head-on collision resulting in a death on I-10 near the Eastlake overpass.

The driver, Juan Benito, was traveling the wrong way on I-10 when he hit another car occupied by three people, killing a 21-year-old woman and seriously injuring the two others. He was unharmed and suspected to be intoxicated. He fled the scene on foot. He was later reported to be in Socorro calling friends for a ride. Officer Flores and his trainee, who were

on a scheduled warrant sweep in Socorro recognized him, from a description put out by the Sheriff's Department, as he was using a pay phone in Moon City. When spotted, he ran but was caught and taken into custody by Officer Flores after a short foot pursuit.

"His quick and decisive action in this matter made it possible to apprehend the suspect while evidence was still fresh and therefore making the prosecution of the suspect much more feasible," said Sgt. Swenson. "No arrest or prosecution will return the deceased woman to her family and friends, yet the arrest and actions taken by Officer Flores on this night sent a message to drunk drivers — they may run and hide but they will eventually be held accountable for their actions thanks to police officers like Flores."

Last year Officer Ruben Garcia was nominated and won for his heroic actions when he saved a woman from a burning car after a head-on car accident occurred on Horizon Blvd. "We are very proud of all our officers; these two in particular, have both gone above and beyond the call of duty and shown that they are willing to risk their lives for others," said Sgt. Swenson.

Community of Canutillo comes together to consider future of Gallegos Park

By Don Woodyard
Courier Staff Writer

UPPER VALLEY — Although the once "sleeping giant" of Canutillo spoke in many voices last Tuesday night, it was clearly a united voice of support for Gallegos Park.

A group of 30-40 concerned citizens came together in the offices of CASA Action for Youth in Canutillo to take the first steps in the process of saving the park. They represented a broad spectrum of people who want to find ways to keep it in operation.

There were past and present members of the board of trustees of the Canutillo ISD, past and present mayors of Vinton, representatives of sports leagues that use the park, a representative of the Greater El Paso Chamber of Commerce as well as County Commissioner Betty Flores.



Carmen Monrreal

Carmen Monrreal, CASA coordinator and executive director, was facilitator for the meeting. She set a positive tone and laid the groundwork for the first of several meetings dealing with resolving the park issue.

"Our objective is to initiate an action plan for use of the park," she said. "We are not here to criticize (others); we are not here to diminish (others). We are all here to put ideas and possible solutions on the table; we are not here to be political."

It was more like a buffet table laden with plentiful ideas presented during the 90-minute meeting. It was the first step forward in identifying sources of revenue and formulating a plan to maintain and operate the park.

Monrreal had an upbeat word Monday to describe the first meeting: progress. "I think we made progress. I felt we moved forward."

She looks for more progress in the second meeting on May 3 when the funding ideas presented will be reviewed and narrowed down to find the best course of action.

Funding possibilities explored:

- Grants: CISD board member Raphael Reyes said he would seek to enlist the grant-writing resources of the school district to find additional revenue. Vinton Mayor Juvenia Rios-Ontiveros said she would look into the possibility of similarly tapping into grant-writing through her municipal office.

- Partnerships: Sam Monrreal, a member of the board of directors of CASA, emphasized the importance of forming partnerships with businesses, political entities, sports leagues and other agencies that would contribute money to support the park. He is Carmen's husband and is a former mayor of Vinton.

- Matching funds: Commissioner Flores said "yes" to the question of possibly receiving matching funds from El Paso County. She also assured people that she would see to it that the pool area would be opened to determine its condition.

"The county needs to change," Carmen Monrreal stressed. "We have to demand change. The county cannot stay the same."



One perspective

By Francis Shrum

Communication gap

I heard a fellow talking the other day about modern technology and how it has affected our everyday lives. He said that fast-food operations are finding new ways they can shave a couple seconds off the amount of time it takes to prepare an order by using the miracle of electronics. He said at one chain restaurant, when you place an order through the talk box, you aren't talking to someone inside the restaurant. Instead, your order is being taken by someone on a phone line in another state, who enters it into their computer and transmits it all the way back to where you are electronically. Now that's fine. Except for one thing. I hope the folks in that other state taking your order are trained to communicate better than the ones inside flipping your burger. The fast-food workers who routinely take our orders every day can

communicate. They just talk so fast their words all run together and they can't be understood. Having to repeat themselves to people like me who simply can't understand what they just said can sure eat up those several seconds they have "saved" in a big hurry.

Things would move a lot faster if they would just slow down.

We used to say fast talking was something people did when they were in big time trouble and had to verbalize a lot of good excuses to get out of it — or at least minimize the consequences. In other words, if you can't dazzle them with brilliance, baffle them with bull.

When I get a call from a telemarketer talking at the approximate speed of light it doesn't bother me one bit. I've long ago given up on trying to treat

them with common courtesy so I just hang up. No problem.

But when I'm hungry for a hamburger and fries, I want to make sure that I'm not going to get a foot-long chili dog with tater tots when I proceed to the window. Clear communication gets a whole lot more important when it involves something I want instead of something I don't, so I have to try harder.

While the grown-ups have attempted to solve the communication problem by devising a menu where you can simply say Number One or Number Two, sometimes I don't want exactly what these menu numbers signify — which creates a super-size problem.

One solution I have employed is to use another young person as an

interpreter. My kids can understand the lightening speed garble coming at them because they can deliver it right back in the same dialect.

The good thing about your own kids is they have learned to drop out of warp speed when addressing the parental unit because otherwise they are going to be soundly ignored.

So when we pull up to the squawk box and I tell one of my kids what I want. They order for me, and themselves, and nod wisely as they listen to the gibberish that comes back which is supposed to make you feel confident that everybody agreed on the menu. Sometimes you even get what you ordered, though I've become a lot more flexible about eating a burger with catsup instead of mustard rather than going back and trying to straighten it out.

It is minimally better when you place an order face-to-face. There isn't much eye contact but at least you can lip-read.

Being the melting pot we are, sometimes native accents come into play. This can be a problem when a young, newly-trained Pakistani telephone representative, who learned to speak English in Boston, Massachusetts is trying to communicate over the phone with a Southern New Mexico sheep-ranch-raised dinosaur like me.

I guess we all could improve our communication skills. I shouldn't be too hard on the young speed-talkers. I've had more than a few occasions when my own speech deficits were pointed out.

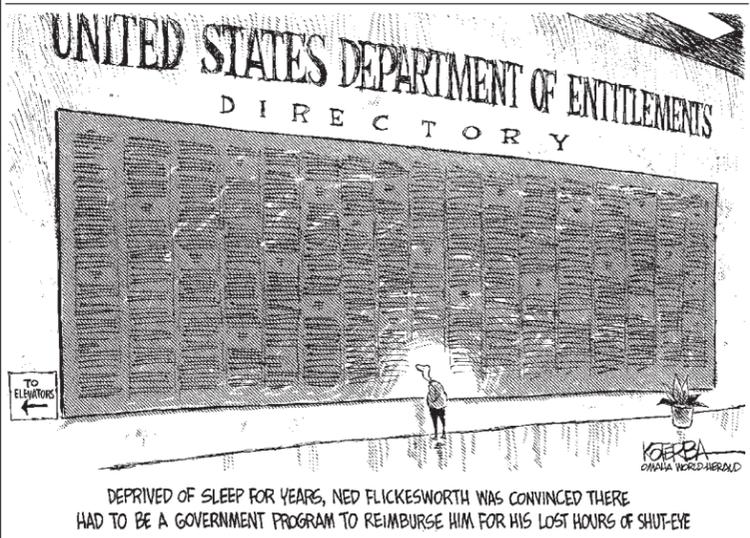
Several years ago we hired a high school girl to work as a receptionist during the summer. After being out of the office for the morning, I returned to find a note that my sister had dropped by.

I asked the girl which sister it was, since I have two.

I don't know, she replied. She didn't leave her name.

Then how do you know she was my sister? I asked.

Well, she said, she must have been your sister. She sounded just like you when she talked — I couldn't understand a word she said.



Raymond Morales wants to be Horizon City's next mayor

HORIZON CITY — Raymond Morales first thought about running for mayor of Horizon City after he spoke to council about a police department issue.

"Two years ago, the mayor and City Council approved employing a third police officer (as part of a grant). Since a new policeman was never hired, the council passed approval again to employ a third officer. The mayor vetoed the approval," Morales explains. So he addressed council on the issue.

"Several people approached me after the meeting encouraging me to run for mayor. After talking to more people about how the city government is being run, it was apparent that everyone wanted a change," Morales said. "That's why I'm seeking the office of mayor."

Morales currently is a businessman in Horizon, coming to El Paso County from the Chicago, Illinois area. He was manager of a division of Sears for 25 years, was 10 years with the Forest Park, Illinois Fire Dept., and was a Training Chief for the Office of Emergency Management for Bellwood, Illinois. He also taught

Electronic Engineering at Triton College before coming to Horizon City to care for his mother. He taught at El Paso Community College for two



Ray Morales

years before going full time into his own business. A member of the Horizon City Community Emergency Response Team, he has also been active with the Boy Scouts of America for many years as Scoutmaster and Lodge Advisor for the Order of Arrow. Hobbies include operating ham radio.

Morales said he feels that volunteers from the community should be utilized to share the burden of city government. Developing and following a long-term plan for the city, especially street maintenance, are high on his agenda. "A city with no plan has no direction for the future," Morales said.

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Por la Gente By State Rep. Chente Quintanilla

Toll roads not a good way to finance road construction

Hola mi gente — your state legislature is once again visiting the idea of building toll roads across the state. Although we fought hard to prevent its passage, it looks like legislation to authorize this might become a reality. And that's not good. Toll roads will hit hard on the people least likely to have the ability to absorb additional costs.

I'm speaking, of course, about House Bill 2650.

HB 2650 would promote the state's use of tolls principally as a strategy to generate revenue while disregarding the potential consequences of setting up toll roads throughout the state. The bill would give incentives to local governments to build toll roads solely in anticipation of receiving a portion of future toll revenue. Transportation policy should be based on the viability and effectiveness of a particular strategy not just its rev-

enue generating capacity.

By supporting new toll projects, HB 2650 would promote an unstable method of highway finance. The ultimate success of any tolling project is directly linked to gasoline prices. Developers have projected that the long-term viability of the toll project currently under construction on U.S. Highway 183 in Central Texas is contingent upon the price of gas remaining under \$3 per gallon for the next four years. If gas prices continue to soar at current rates, it is unlikely that toll roads will generate enough revenue to cover their costs.

HB 2650 would promote the further proliferation of toll roads around the state at the expense of motorists who essentially pay a double tax — once at the pump and again at the tollbooth — yet have experienced scant relief from traffic congestion. Toll roads are likely to worsen congestion problems in Texas, in part because they can lead to increased congestion on so-called "free" roads.

Despite assurances that free roads always will exist as alternatives to toll roads, it is becoming clear that the state has little interest in exploring alternatives, such as raising the motor fuel tax, promoting mass transit, or dedicating other transportation-related taxes and fees. Indeed, the line between tolls as a source of financing and tolls as a source of revenue becomes more blurred with each toll-related proposal.

Although there are problems with any of the alternatives — such as increasing the motor fuel tax — I feel that the higher cost for gasoline will be spread more evenly among all Texans. We know that we are in a budget crunch, and we're doing everything we can to reconcile the lack of money with the peoples' needs. Therefore, the creation of toll-roads is not the answer for solving infrastructure costs.

As ever, I remain your friend and public servant, Chente for la gente. I welcome your comments at chente.quintanilla@house.state.tx.us

Write stuff

Dear Editor:

In response to the letter from Corky P. Corcoran in the April 12 issue, he mentions the Let's Start Right slogan that was the council's motto back in the good old days of 1988. The ideals of the motto live on — however, what was effective in that era may not be as conducive in the Horizon City of today. As much as we'd like to remember the nostalgic days of our community, there is no going back. The Horizon of today requires vision, as well as responsible decision making to address today's issues.

The tripling of population growth has increased the strain on the city's infrastructure. Mr. Corcoran, the paradigm has shifted. The complexities of running city government require prudent fiscal management. Present council members are very dedicated volunteers, whose main goals are to make conscientious decisions that benefit the citizens of Horizon City. Mr. Corcoran, reading between the lines, it makes me wonder, what is your political agenda? As our concerned citizen states, let your voice be heard on May 7.

Ben Garza
Alderman, Horizon City Council

Dear Editor:

Please vote for Mago Arellano (for Canutillo ISD Board of Trustees). Mago has 13 years experience as

a school board member and owns and operates his own business on the main street of Canutillo.

He has an open-door policy when it comes to school-related issues and concerns and pledges to personally address them when he is contacted about it.

Mago appreciates and respects the privilege of being on the school board and wants the voters to feel like they are old friends and welcomes the attitude of "let's talk about it."

He has a vested interest in our community, having grown up in Canutillo, as did his children and now his grandchildren.

Please press Key #3, to put Mago to work for you and your loved ones.

Arturo Hernandez
Canutillo

Dear Editor:

As a former student at the El Paso Community College, Mission del Paso Campus (MDP), I would like to raise my voice and the ones from my fellow students to thank the MDP Student Government Association (SGA) for having recently accomplished many projects they began in the 2004 Spring Semester.

MDP SGA Rep. Norma A. Cepeda, Senator Amir Lozada, Ruben Casas, Carlos Otero and myself have worked hard on these projects. First SGA worked with the PASS (Program for Academic Student Success)

to establish beginner's computer classes.

Then, for nine months, MDP SGA also attended city council meetings, made presentations and collected signatures asking for public transportation to this campus. Bus service to MDP will start its routes on or about August 21, 2005.

The current MDP SGA Administration is also working on paving the rear entrance to the campus off the Eastlake exit. MDP SGA members took this project to the State Capital, to the El Paso MPO (Metropolitan Planning Organization) to the EPCC Directors and even convinced the owner of the land to sell his property to the college and to the county. According to Commissioner Miguel Teran this project will be funded in 80 percent by the state and the other 20 percent by the county, Socorro and EPCC. MDP students will not have to go all the way around to Horizon to exit the campus. The first phase is expected to be completed by December of this year according to Texas Department of Transportation.

No previous SGA has accomplished this much. Many students from Mission Del Paso campus have said they are thankful for the dedication and motivation of these students.

I have been a student at this campus for the past 4 years and I have not seen representatives from any of the five EPCC campuses work as hard.

Gabriel Arellano
Horizon

A sound energy policy

It seems everyone has been talking lately about the energy problems our nation is facing. Every time we head for the gas station or listen to the evening news we're faced with one very certain reality: we have a problem and we need to get to work on a solution.

Our nation's energy problem has been with us for quite some time. This week the House of Representatives passed an important bill that will provide a common-sense balance of increased energy production and attention to environmental matters. It is a clear and comprehensive plan, but most importantly it is achievable.

The Energy Policy Act of 2005 focuses on energy security, stewardship, and independence. It relies on advancing initiatives that speed the development and marketing of renewable and energy efficient technologies, infrastructure, and products. Specifics of the legislation include improving our nation's electricity transmission capacity and reliability; promoting a cleaner environment; promoting clean coal technologies; and providing incentives for renewable energies.

I believe a huge answer to our en-

ergy crisis is lessening our dependence on foreign oil. The bill will also decrease America's dangerous dependence on foreign oil by in-

creasing domestic exploration and development on non-park federal lands and by authorizing expansion of the Strategic Petroleum Reserve to one billion barrels. More than 30-years ago OPEC's oil embargo rattled our economy and triggered mile-long lines at gas pumps. Back then, America was 30 percent dependent on foreign oil. Today, we are nearly 60-percent dependent.

As we prepare for the summer season with air conditioning and more vacation driving, we need to pay serious attention to our energy policy and make some substantial changes. The Energy Policy Act of 2005 is a step in the right direction.

Solving our energy problems will be a long journey, but the future will be a lot brighter if we get started now. We have the ability to diminish America's dependence of foreign energy. It is time that we do the right thing — for our children and for the future of this great land of ours.



Eye on D.C.

By U.S. Rep. Henry Bonilla

Reyes Reports By U.S. Rep. Silvestre Reyes



New buildings, technology celebrated across El Paso

"There will be no class today if the ceiling falls in."

These words were written on a classroom chalkboard at the Air and Missile Defense school at Fort Bliss in 2001 and I'm happy to say that classroom is about to reach the end of its long and useful life.

Along with Fort Bliss Commanding General Michael Vane and Larry Rogers, the Chief of Engineering and Construction at the Fort Worth District of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, I celebrated the groundbreaking of the new \$16.5 million Air and Missile Defense school at Fort Bliss last week.

This groundbreaking marked the end of a long journey. Back in 2001, I escorted Congressman Curt Weldon, the chair of the House Armed Services Committee Subcommittee on Readiness, and others through Fort Bliss as part of a cross-country tour inspecting facilities at our nation's military bases.

The soldiers at Fort Bliss needed — and deserved — better classrooms, and I had been working to

improve the facilities at the post since I first came to Congress in 1997.

When touring the Air and Missile Defense school, we happened to stop by the classroom that not only had that phrase written on the chalkboard, but had tiles hanging precariously from the ceiling. The sad state of this classroom underscored our need, helped prove my point, and left quite an impression on the other Members of Congress. It was quite rewarding that the 2005 Military Construction bill included the funds necessary to build this improved facility, so our soldiers — some of the best air defenders in the military — will soon be able to train in the facilities they need and deserve.

New technology begins testing in El Paso

Speaking of improvements, a new form of cargo inspection called Pulsed Fast Neutron Analysis (PFNA) began testing trucks at the Ysleta bridge last week.

This complex technology is much more accurate than x-rays because it can detect — in a matter of minutes — the chemical composition of articles

deeply buried in a fully-loaded cargo truck or container. With PFNA, we will have the peace of mind that trucks entering the U.S. are carrying safe cargo.

I have been working with the government to test PFNA in Ysleta since 1998. As a former Border Patrol Sector Chief and as a border resident, I know how important it is to speed the flow of legitimate trade and travel through our ports of entry and worked to help secure the federal funding necessary to make this project a reality.

By testing PFNA in a real-world setting, we are taking an important step towards safeguarding the border region — and the country — from terrorism.



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Students accept challenge to 'Be All You Can Be'

By Emily Baker
Special to the Courier

TORNILLO — Tornillo Junior High School 7th and 8th grade students got a taste of life in the United States Army when they were visited in March by a team of Ft. Bliss personnel who came to the school and shared many different aspects of the military experience.

The presentation began indoors. Eighth grader Brenda Peña came on stage and was outfitted as if

TAKING THE PLUNGE — Marisol Flores prepare to rappel down the side of Tornillo High School with the assistance of SSG Martin.

going on duty in Iraq. As she donned each piece of clothing or equipment, SSG Martin explained its use and its importance in the life of a soldier.

Next, the military personnel introduced the students to MREs (Meals Ready to Eat.) MREs are bag lunches that contain freeze-dried or preserved foods that can easily be prepared and eaten. Students opened these meals and sampled them — many students really enjoyed this activity.

Guest speakers spoke about the ASVAB, which is a test taken by high school juniors who want to join the armed forces to determine where their most effective placement would be.

The highlight of the presentation was the rappelling demonstration. Secured by a bungee cord, 8th graders Marisol Flores, Felix Luis and Arnulfo Garcia rappelled off the front of the Tornillo High School building. The Ft. Bliss soldiers then demonstrated the five basic rappels done in the Army. The simple rappels were demonstrated first followed by the Commando and the Australian rappels. These are done head-first and involve the use of a weapon.

The students were intrigued by the demonstration and proceeded to talk about it for the rest of the day. The students gained a renewed respect for our servicemen. No doubt some may consider a career in the military after enjoying the outstanding presentation.

San Eli duo: Waste not, want not

By Phillip Cortez
Special to the Courier

SAN ELIZARIO — When Ana Moctezuma and Adriana Soto first caught wind of a state-wide contest that would allow them to create their own superhero, the two San Elizario High School seniors knew exactly what they were going to do.

"We decided to modify a dress we made out of recycled materials," Moctezuma said.

Add a cape, red accessories, some boots and change that dress to a mini skirt, and the result was Recycle Woman, a tough, no nonsense chick who is ready to save the planet by educating Earthlings on the importance of recycling. The girls have earned the right to present their new planet-saving hero at the Texas Association of Student Councils State Convention, which was held on April 27 in Arlington, Texas.

Although it is Soto who dons the Recycle Woman outfit — it's comprised of plastic trash bags, aluminum tabs, and newspapers — Moctezuma took the lead in presenting a write-up with facts that support the two girls' purpose for creating the Recycle Woman character.

For example, according to their research, Texans between the ages of 16-24 are responsible for the most frequent littering in the state. For this reason, Moctezuma and Soto indicated in their report that Recycle Woman would be in full favor of visiting high schools "around the



SAVING THE WORLD — Ana Moctezuma, left, and Adriana Soto are set to save the world thanks to their creativity and care for the environment.

world showing teenagers how their carelessness affects their futures."

Despite Recycle Woman's tireless efforts to rid the planet of pollutants and pollutants, Moctezuma and Soto say that fighting villains is best left for male superheroes.

"This hero is female because women are known as nurturing and caring," they write.

The girls have been involved with the San Elizario student council throughout high school, according to student activities manager Cookie Laffler. Moctezuma and Soto both served as class president and vice president, respectively, during their sophomore and junior years. Both have participated in Skills USA, with Soto qualifying for the national competition this spring.

Public Notice

Fabens Independent School District

A PUBLIC MEETING will be held at 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, May 4, 2005 at the Fabens ISD Administration Building, 821 NE G Avenue, Fabens, Texas. The purpose of the public meeting is to allow any interested representative of a non-profit private school or non-profit home school operating in the Fabens Independent School District to appear and receive information regarding Title IV, Part A - Safe and Drug-Free Schools and Communities. Representatives will need to provide their school's tax-exempt identification number to the District to confirm eligibility. The Grant Application is available through the "No Child Left Behind Act".

Those that are unable to attend the public meeting may submit their questions in writing to the Fabens Independent School District or contact Pedro Gonzalez (915)764-3711. Accommodations for handicapped persons will be available; handicapped persons in need of special assistance for attending the meeting are encouraged to contact Pedro Gonzalez, twenty four (24) hours prior to this meeting.

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Public Notice Town of Clint

FAIR HOUSING, IT'S THE LAW

This year marks the Thirtieth-seventh (37th) Anniversary of the National Fair Housing Law. To promote Fair Housing Practices, the Town of Clint, El Paso County, encourages potential homeowners and renters to be aware of their rights.

Title VIII of the Civil Rights Acts of 1968, as amended, prohibits discrimination against any person on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, age, handicap, familial status or national origin in the sale or rental of units in the housing market.

For more information on Fair Housing or to report possible Fair Housing discrimination, call the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development's Toll-free Hotline at 1-800-669-9777.

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Public Notice

Fabens Independent School District

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The Grant Applications are available through the "No Child Left Behind Act" and include the following:

- Title I, Part A - Improving Basic Programs
- Title I, Part C - Education of Migratory Children
- Title II, Part A - Teacher and Principal Training and Recruiting
- Title II, Part D - Enhancing Education Through Technology
- Title III Part A - English Language Acquisition, Language Enhancement and Academic Achievement
- Title V, Part A - Innovative Programs.

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Santa Fe opera at Chamizal to present free concert

EL PASO COUNTY — The Santa Fe Opera will present a free public concert at Chamizal National Memorial on Tuesday, May 3 at 7:30 p.m., as part of their 14-city Spring Tour. Three singers — soprano Ariana Wyatt, tenor Gregory Warren, and baritone Sean Anderson — will perform arias and duets from *The Marriage of Figaro*, *The Elixir of Love*, *Turandot*, *La Boheme*, and *Die Fledermaus*. Selections from *Our Town*, *Man of La Mancha*, and *Street Scene* complete the program.

Seating is limited and the public is encouraged to come early since seating will be on a first come, first served basis, Isabel Montes, superintendent said.

The performers, who are part of the Santa Fe Opera's Apprentice Program, "are The Santa Fe Opera's best musical ambassadors," said General Director Richard Gaddes. "They are young, energetic, and enormously talented, and they love traveling throughout the southwest and making new friends for opera. Because we know that not everyone can come to Santa Fe, we feel that this annual tour is one of our most important outreach projects."

The group will also be working with the Chamizal National Memorial to present a five day, 10 performance, opera workshop to regional school children. The opera to be presented for schoolchildren is Donizetti's *The Elixir of Love*. The charming comedy, in a shortened and updated version, tells the story of poor, shy Nemorino who is hopelessly in love with beautiful, clever, rich Adina, and how he eventually wins her love.

Briefs

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Anniversary Parade. City Council also authorized City Manager Lilia Ruiz to sign an agreement with A.M.I. to provide rides for the Socorro Anniversary Celebration. The approximate cost will be \$10,500 per day.

■ U.S. Customs and Border Protection agents in Fabens seized 186 pounds of marijuana and caught four suspected marijuana backpackers April 21 as a result of keen vigilance and use of age-old tracking techniques. During a nighttime pursuit of the suspects near the border through a maze of pecan orchards and irrigation canals using night vision equipment in which they attempted to hide their loads, the agents finally confiscated the drugs at about 4:30 a.m. They were valued at about \$150,000. In another incident, on April 22, agents arrested two males seen crossing the border into the U.S. in the Fabens area. When both suspects were processed, it was found that one was wanted in Colorado for sexual assault on a minor.

■ On Saturday, April 30, all candidates for mayor and alderman for Horizon City have been invited to introduce themselves at 8:30 a.m. at the Oz Glaze Senior Center, 13070 Veny Webb in Horizon City, as guests of the Horizon City Kiwanis Club. Call 434-0033 if you have questions.

■ The U.S. Section of the International Boundary and Water Commission and the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation will host the 2005 Annual Operating Plan and Rio Grande Citizens Forum on May 4 at 5:30 p.m. at the Las Cruces City Hall Council Chambers at 200 North Church Street in Las Cruces. For more information contact Sally Spener at 915-832-4175.

■ The Horizon City Lions Club will deliver a dozen red roses to the mother of your choice on Mother's Day for only \$15, but you must order by April 30 by calling 852-4945.

■ Canutillo Independent School District Teen Pregnancy Prevention Committee has scheduled a series of presentations to inform parents about how they can help their children stay away from risk-taking behaviors such as drugs, alcohol and premature sexual activity. A Parents Educational Session will be held at 6 p.m., Wednesday, May 11, at Canutillo High School (7311 Bosque Road). The program will include sessions that support parents as the primary sex educators for their children. Parents will also be treated to a free dinner. "All of the programs are values based and abstinence focused in an effort to help all students graduate on time," said Rosario Olivera, CISD program facilitator. For more information, contact Olivera, at 877-7583.

Canutillo High HOSA conquer state competition

By Alfredo Vasquez
Special to the Courier

CANUTILLO — Three Canutillo High School students were awarded state champion medals after competing in the 2005 Health Occupations Student Association's (HOSA) State Leadership Conference in Dallas recently.

Winning top honors in the state competition were: Cinthia Gallegos, first place in Pathophysiology; Miriam Garcia, first place in Prepared Speaking; and Ricardo Martinez, first place in Veterinary

Assisting. Also competing were Alfonso Frias, who took fourth place in Rescue Breathing, and Michael Arroyo in Medical Laboratory.

Julie Vinikoff, HOSA advisor and teacher, said that Gallegos, Garcia, and Martinez will represent Canutillo High School and the state at the national HOSA conference, which will be held in Nashville, Tennessee, June 21-25.

Gayla Kessinger, Career & Technology Education coordinator, said that these students competed in Area IV competition in March and placed among the top three in their respective events in order to advance to the state level.



TOP OF THE HEAP — Canutillo High HOSA State Champions are shown from left: Ricardo Martinez, junior; Miriam Garcia, freshman; and Cinthia Gallegos, senior.



CLEAN AND SMOOTH — Patricia Reyes, AVON Beauty Specialist and her partner, Adriana Sustaita, demonstrate skin care for teens.

Scouts

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High School STUDIO 2B club include such things as "It's a place where we can

express ourselves... we can be involved in things that will help us in our future... it's fun focusing on positive influences in our lives!"

For more information on STUDIO 2B clubs, contact Girl Scouts of the Rio Grande at (915) 566-9433.

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Town of Clint**

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The Town of Clint hereby cancels the election scheduled to be held on May 7, 2005, in accordance with Section 2.053(a) of the Texas Election Code. The following candidates have been certified as unopposed and are hereby elected as follows:

Orden de Cancelación

El Pueblo de Clint por la presente cancela la elección que, de lo contrario, se hubiera celebrado el día siete (7) de mayo de conformidad, con la Sección 2.053(a) del Código de Elecciones de Texas. Los siguientes candidatos han sido certificados como candidatos únicos y por la presente quedan elegidos como se haya indicado a continuación:

Candidates (Candidatos)

Evalinda Candelaria and Ricardo Sepulveda

Office Sought (Cargo a que presenta candidatura)

Alderman

A copy of this order will be posted on Election Day at each polling place that would have been used in the election.

El día de las Elecciones se exhibirá una copia de esta orden en todas las mesas electorales que se hubieran utilizado en la elección.

Fabiola Ochoa
Secretary (*Secretario*)

March 29, 2005
Date of Adoption (*Fecha de adopción*)

**Public Notice
Village of Vinton, Texas**

FAIR HOUSING, IT'S THE LAW

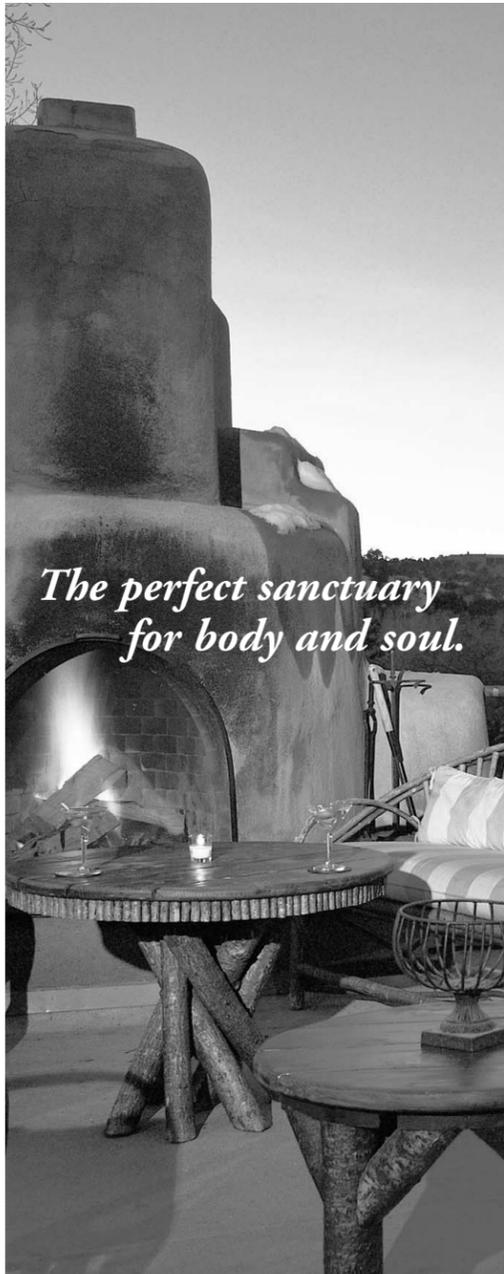
The Village of Vinton hereby declares its support of fair housing practices. It is hereby declared to be the policy of the locality to bring about, through fair, orderly, and lawful procedures, the opportunity of each person to obtain housing without regard to race, color, creed, religion, sex, national origin, physical or mental handicap, martial status, parenthood, or age.

It is further declared that such policy is established upon a recognition of the inalienable rights of each individual to obtain housing and, further, that denial of such rights is detrimental to the health, safety, and welfare of the inhabitants of the locality and constitutes an unjust denial or deprivation of such inalienable rights which is within the power and the proper responsibility of government to prevent.

The Village of Vinton has a Fair Housing Policy that may be examined and copied by interested groups or individuals at the Vinton Village Hall between the hours of 8:30 A.M. and 4:30 P.M., Monday through Friday. The Village of Vinton is an Equal Opportunity and Affirmative Action employer.

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The 'Rocket' can't get a win even with a ERA of 0.32

By Steve Escajeda
Special to the Courier

I don't know much about rocket science but I do know that no matter how strong a rocket is it still needs a little bit of help to get off the ground.

It can't reach any height at all without the help of many other parts working in unison to ignite that spark.

The same thing is true of rockets that stay on the ground, like the Houston Astros' rocket, Roger Clemens.

At the age of 42, Clemens is still considered one of the top five pitchers in the game of professional baseball, but the guy can't do it all by himself.

Clemens has been phenomenal this year, pitching 23 straight scoreless innings. But while holding his opponents scoreless over his past three starts, his accomplishments have earned him zero wins.

While the "Rocket" has pitched seven shut-out innings in each of his last three starts, his teammates have failed to score a single run during that same period.

Three straight times, Clemens has left the

game in the seventh inning tied 0-0, only to see his relievers blow the game in the later innings.

It's enough to make you want to bean Mike Piazza.

He has only allowed one run in his first 28 innings pitched this season for an ERA of 0.32.

Those kinds of numbers aren't put up by 25-year old flame throwers, let alone a 42-year old who retired from the game a couple years ago only to give it one more try.

Of course, Clemens might re-consider retiring if his teammates don't start scoring some runs for him.

Houston's rocket is still flying high, it's the offense that's fizzled.

The Fleeing Four

North Carolina coach Roy Williams had to wait what seemed like forever to finally win his first national championship.

His Tar Heels downed Illinois earlier this month and Williams has been celebrating ever since.

It's just too bad that Williams' celebrating lasted only 18 days.

Not even a month after his long-awaited triumph, Williams' elation has turned to

frustration.

If this year's Tar Heels were something to see, next year's squad was going to be probably one of the best teams ever assembled with returning stars Sean May, Raymond Felton, Rashad McCants and Marvin Williams ready to do it again.

And they will — but not with Roy Williams or North Carolina.

All four have opted to forgo their remaining college eligibility for the greener pastures of the NBA. "Greener" as in a little more walking-around money.

We're talking about four of the team's top five scorers up and leaving the program. To make matters worse the other player in the top five in scoring, Jawad Williams, won't be returning either — he's a senior.

Suddenly, the smile on Roy Williams' face isn't quite as wide as it was last week.

But really, can you blame the guys? If you had just won the top prize in your category and were offered millions of dollars to go to the next level and see what you can do there, wouldn't you go?

Yeah, me too.

I hope you really enjoyed those 18 days, Roy Williams. Look at it this way — 18 days of

fame is a lot longer than just 15 minutes.

Another Jackson

The art of athletes acting in an anti-social way has hit an all-time low.

Stories about athletes breaking the law happen so often that most Americans are immune to them.

But the sick actions of a former University of Missouri football player will make people stand up and notice.

Darrell Jackson, a freshman quarterback who withdrew from Missouri in August, did so after pleading guilty to five counts of statutory sodomy.

Seems the 19-year old molested an 8-year old child five times from 2000 to 2004.

The judge in the case will announce sentencing on June 9. I'm not confident Jackson will get more than a slap on the wrist considering the judge allowed him to remain free on bond and warned him to stay out of trouble.

Oh yeah, I'm sure a convicted child molester will stay out of trouble, after all, he's shown great restraint so far.

No matter what the judge sentences him to, after damaging an 8-year old child's life, no punishment will seem harsh enough.

Three Clint ISD students qualify for state high school rodeo competition

CLINT — The Clint High School Rodeo Team competed at the Regional High School Rodeo in San Angelo in April, and all three team members qualified for the State High School Rodeo competition which will be held in Abilene in June. Junior Jarett Rogers, left in photo, placed first in the team roping competition. Sophomore Kody Engle, far right above, placed second in goat tying, tenth in barrel racing and second in breakaway roping. Junior Bryce Hickman, shown center in photo, placed sixth in the team roping competition.



Baseball field named for SHS coach Chris Forbes

EAST EL PASO COUNTY — A special ceremony hosted by Socorro High School has renamed the Socorro High School baseball field in honor of longtime baseball coach Chris Forbes on Tuesday, April 26 just prior to the SHS vs Hanks game. The field, located at 10150 Alameda, was named for Forbes in honor of his 24 years as a coach of Bulldog baseball. Forbes is also a member of the El Paso Sports Hall of Fame and of the El Paso Baseball Hall of Fame.



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As per Article V, Sec. 5.05(a), all owners and lienholders have ten (10) days from this date to reclaim their vehicles at Southwest Wrecker, 1401 Darrington Rd., 855-1900, 851-2091-fax, or it will be sold at public auction for charges: VIN - IGJJC5443R735I570, 1994 Chevrolet Cavalier, 4-door, red, Missouri license 346TSJ VIN - JH4DA3364HSO22257, 1987 Acura LS,

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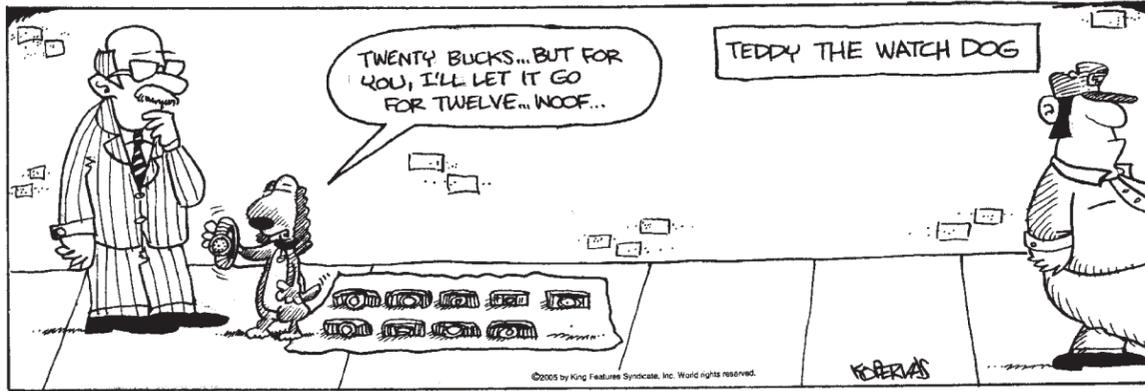
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Hopefully, animals will enjoy this column

By Don Flood

Recent research confirms what scientists who are nutballs have long suspected: Animals have a sense of humor.

(Bulletin to paranoids: Yes, those dogs are laughing at you.)

But let's assume you're an intelligent, thoughtful reader — quite a long shot, considering you're reading this column — and you want to know: How can I tell if my dog has a sense of humor?

Good news! The following actual products will test your dog's sense of humor and your willingness to spend money like a drunken sailor:

- Humunga Tongue Fetch Ball. This is a rubber ball with a huge tongue attached so that when the dog picks up the ball in its mouth, it will appear to have a huge tongue, almost as long as that gross guy in Kiss.

"A crowd pleaser at the dog park," says the ad. I can only imagine.

- Fortune Cookies for Dogs. Here are some actual fortunes.

"Don't judge a book by its cover; the pages may still taste good."

"You're a real a saint, Bernard."
"Confucius say: Shih-Tzu happens."

So let's say you read these to your dog and it actually laughs — what does it mean?

First, it will demonstrate, to a scientific certainty, that your dog has absolutely no sense of humor whatsoever.

Second, it will show that you yourself are a humor-challenged wacko and need to seek professional help immediately.

And you'll be happy to know that the humor-in-animal research is ongoing. Neuroscientist Jaak Panksepp — I didn't even have to

make up that name! — "found in a previous study that when rats are playfully tickled, they chirp and bond socially with their human tickler."

Another myth — that of the lonely scientist toiling away by himself in the lab — blown to smithereens!

He's not alone at all. He's bonding with his good-humored rodent comrades.

After reading about scientists and their "rat pack" pals, I confess I began to regret the path I have chosen in life.

If I could but give up the rat race (I'm sorry) and work in a lab where I could further the advancement of human knowledge by tickling rodents and mammals of all kinds, including marsupials. Alas, for me, it's too late.

But it's not too late for your kids. Turn off the TV and give them some rats for their own "hands-on" science project.

And there's plenty more important research to be done.

"Although no one has investigated the possibility of rat humor," Panksepp said in another real-live quote, "if it exists, it is likely to be heavily laced with slapstick."

This might appear difficult to assess, but once you have successfully bonded with your rats, invite them to watch TV with you.

Test their reaction to Jerry Lewis and the Three Stooges. If you get no reaction try even more primitive humor, such as you might expect to be enjoyed by bacteria, one-celled animals and House Majority Leader Tom Delay.

For that, you need to go to Spike TV — but don't let your dog watch it.

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 - 93 Baby butter
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Answer Page 6

New 'club' approach to Girl Scouting has 'em dancing, driving and fixing it up

By Nena DeArment
Special to the Courier

EL PASO COUNTY — What did Socorro High Schools students Lourdes, Karla, and Eunice do on a recent Saturday? They learned about car care, career options, healthy habits, self-defense and then modeled in a fashion show, all at an event they helped plan for the 200 middle and high school girls who attended.

For several months, the new STUDIO 2B Club at Socorro High School has worked to plan *Take It to the Girls*, an event that would be special for girls their own age. In partnership with Girl

Scouts of the Rio Grande staff and volunteer STUDIO 2B Club advisors, they prepared a conference with workshops focusing on positive topics pertinent for girls their age.

"There are so few opportunities like this for girls our age — especially that are just for girls!" said one of the group.

Held at the Las Cruces Teen Center, Club Fusion, the free "by girls, for girls" conference was open to all girls ages 11 to 18 throughout the eight county area in West Texas and Southern New Mexico which is served by Girl Scouts of the Rio Grande.

Brandy Peterson, a 2005 Reach Award recipient, was the keynote speaker opening the event.

Workshops included nutrition, skin care/makeup, car care, self-defense, and careers in education, medicine and media. A fashion show was modeled by 14 girls from the Socorro STUDIO 2B club. Funding for the event was provided by a grant from Girl Scouts of the USA.

STUDIO 2B is a new approach to Girl Scouts taken by girls in middle school and high school — a club format in which girls take the lead role in designing their Girl Scout experience. With the aid of adult advisors, girls choose topics of interest, plan activities and events, and work within their budget to reach their goals. Comments made by the Socorro



NO LOOSE SCREWS — The girls learned basic auto upkeep from Michael White.

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SEVEN-DAY FORECAST FOR EL PASO

THURSDAY	THUR. NIGHT	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY
Breezy in the morning; partly sunny.	Mainly clear and very windy.	Partly sunny and windy.	Partly sunny with a gusty breeze.	Windy with a good deal of sun.	Mostly sunny and warm.	Sunshine.	Sunny.
▲ 83°	▼ 58°	▲ 80° ▼ 56°	▲ 78° ▼ 54°	▲ 82° ▼ 56°	▲ 85° ▼ 53°	▲ 82° ▼ 51°	▲ 79° ▼ 49°

UV INDEX Statistics for noon.

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

Thursday	9	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 index of effective temperature based on eight weather factors.

Thursday	76°
Friday	72°
Saturday	70°
Sunday	73°
Monday	77°
Tuesday	75°
Wednesday	74°

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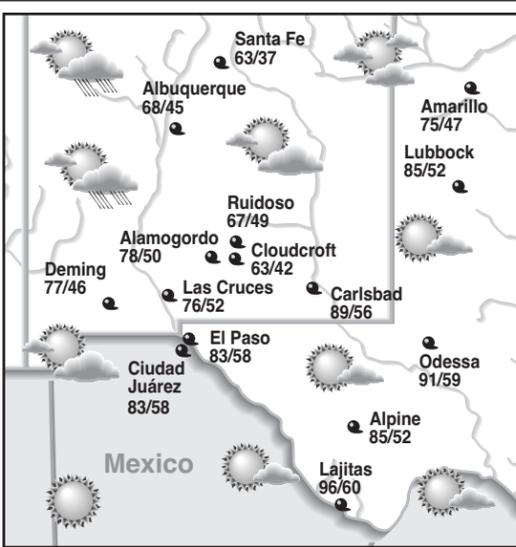
Thursday will be dry with sun and clouds. Good drying conditions will result from moderate winds out of the southwest at 15-25 mph, and relative humidity averaging 30 percent. Dry and sunny weather will continue through the weekend; however, several windy days are expected which may create less favorable drying conditions.

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TEXAS WEATHER

Anthony	80	55
Canutillo	81	56
Clint	82	58
E. Montana	83	58
Fabens	82	58
Horizon	83	59
San Elizario	84	58
Socorro	84	58
Tornillo	82	58
Vinton	81	56

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	68/45/t	70/42/t	68/45/pc	71/46/t	77/42/pc
Atlanta	72/56/s	76/60/pc	74/60/t	72/56/t	74/54/c
Atlantic City	64/44/sh	60/49/r	65/53/r	67/50/sh	63/43/s
Austin/San Antonio	89/64/s	87/62/pc	81/56/pc	83/61/pc	82/59/pc
Baltimore	66/47/sh	62/48/r	71/50/r	71/48/sh	67/45/pc
Boston	60/44/sh	64/46/pc	60/46/r	59/48/sh	64/42/pc
Chicago	54/38/r	56/38/sh	56/40/pc	58/40/pc	58/39/c
Dallas/Ft. Worth	86/66/s	86/62/pc	76/56/pc	70/54/s	77/57/pc
Denver	56/34/c	54/34/c	56/34/sh	57/35/pc	60/31/r
Flagstaff	54/33/sh	46/30/sh	52/33/pc	58/28/t	60/24/c
Houston	86/66/pc	86/68/t	86/64/t	84/62/pc	84/66/pc
Kansas City	61/43/sh	60/43/t	60/43/sh	63/45/s	67/44/sh
Las Vegas	68/53/sh	72/55/sh	76/55/pc	78/58/pc	78/54/pc
Miami	83/74/pc	86/72/pc	85/74/s	85/73/s	86/70/t
Minneapolis	54/34/pc	56/36/pc	56/40/pc	55/39/sh	59/41/c
New Orleans	84/66/s	86/68/pc	84/69/t	84/65/t	82/63/s
New York City	62/46/sh	62/48/r	62/50/r	67/49/sh	64/45/c
Philadelphia	64/48/sh	62/50/r	67/52/r	67/48/sh	64/46/s
Phoenix	78/60/sh	80/58/sh	82/60/s	87/62/s	88/56/pc
Portland	64/40/sh	62/42/sh	64/44/pc	64/46/pc	61/43/r
San Francisco	66/52/r	63/52/pc	64/52/pc	62/52/r	62/47/r
Seattle	62/40/pc	60/42/c	62/46/pc	62/48/pc	59/45/sh
Tucson	78/55/pc	76/50/sh	78/52/s	82/57/s	85/55/s
Washington, DC	66/48/pc	63/50/r	71/52/r	70/53/sh	69/48/c

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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