



NEWSBRIEFS

Tech difficulties

Due to technical difficulties, the e-mail and fax lines of the *West Texas County Courier* have recently been inconsistent in receiving information. We apologize for any inconvenience this may have caused. Call 852-3235 for information.

Foundation fixer

The foundation of the historic old County Jail in San Elizario will be renovated soon, thanks to a dedication of \$115,000 in El Paso County funds to remove the existing concrete foundation and stabilize the footing around the 155-year-old structure. The Commissioners' Court authorized the funding in late October to begin work on the years-long plan. The historic building suffered from several threats to its adobe-construction frame — the concrete foundation was actually damaging the lower adobes by holding moisture in. There is also water seeping under the foundation from a nearby irrigation ditch. Pat Taylor, of Cornerstone Community Partnerships, will be retained as a consultant on adobe preservation, having recently completed work on the Socorro Mission restoration project. The rest of the building is in generally good shape for its age, organizers said. The building is especially popular with tourists, due to its connection with the infamous Billy the Kid, who broke into the jail to free a friend. The jail was built in 1850 as the first jail for El Paso County, and continued in use until the 1940s.

Renovations complete

A special ceremony to honor completion of extensive renovations to the historic Socorro Mission — also known as Nuestra Señora de la Limpia Concepción de los Pinos de Socorro del Sur — will be held on Dec. 7 at 7 p.m. The Catholic Diocese of El Paso, the Historic Missions Restoration, Inc., the La Purísima Restoration Committee and the Cornerstones Community Partnerships invite the community to join them for a special mass conducted by Rev. Armando X Ochoa, Bishop of El Paso, followed by a community potluck in the new parish hall adjacent to the Mission, at 328 Nevarez Rd., Socorro. Information: 858-4655.

In other news

■ The Anthony Police Dept. is asking for community assistance to solve an aggravated robbery incident which occurred on Nov. 7 at about 7:50 p.m. at the Fiesta Cleaners, 309 South Main. Officers said a Hispanic male walked into the business with a weapon and demanded money from the female clerk. The clerk gave him an undisclosed amount of money and he fled. He is described as being 20-30 years old, light complected with a black mustache,

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More people worry about the future than prepare for it.

— Quips & Quotes

Flood damage database is an anti-fraud resource

TEXAS — Insurance industry estimates of Hurricane Katrina and Rita-damaged vehicles range from 200,000 to 700,000. Documenting vehicle damage of this scope is a monumental undertaking and to assist with this, the National Insurance Crime Bureau (NICB) has launched a free online database for the public at www.nicb.org.

A vehicle identification number (VIN) entered in www.nicb.org will potentially reveal if a vehicle has or has not been affected by Hurricanes Katrina or Rita. A "hit" is a good reason to investigate further. It does not mean a salvage title has issued, or that the vehicle has been flood damaged, only that the VIN was collected for one of three reasons:

- An insurance claim has been initiated;
- A NICB inspector has looked at the vehicle; or
- The vehicle is in a holding area or storage facility for towed cars.

"It is crucial that consumers protect themselves by thoroughly investigating a vehicle

prior to buying" said Mike Craig, interim director, Vehicle Titles and Registration Division of TxDOT. "The number of damaged vehicles is historic, as is the potential for fraud. Fortunately, information is being gathered quickly using the latest technology by the insurance industry and law enforcement. Public and private groups are cooperating in a united response to prevent future fraud."

Several for-profit online vehicle information sites are also offering free VIN searches to the public. Because it may be months before hundreds of thousands of vehicle titles will be issued reflecting salvage or flood brands, consumers are once again reminded of the adage "Buyer Beware." While database research provides valuable instant snapshots, a physical examination is still the best way to avoid buying a flood damaged vehicle. Key signs of water damage are listed on the TxDOT Web site at www.dot.state.tx.us/vtr/flood/flddamg.htm.

— Contributed by Bill Powell

Special Veterans' Day ceremony set for Nov. 12 in Clint

CLINT — VICTORY, an acronym for Veterans In Clint, Texas Thinking Of and Remembering You, will conduct Veterans Day and dedication ceremonies on Nov. 12, with an open invitation to the Mission Valley community to attend.

The VICTORY veterans organization will celebrate its Second Annual Veterans Day Ceremony at the San Lorenzo Catholic Church Courtyard at 10 a.m. on Saturday, Nov. 12, with the dedication of a third Veterans Memorial listing names of veterans, to honor all those who have served in the U.S. Armed Forces from the Clint, Texas area.

All veterans, active duty military personnel,

family members, and the general public are encouraged to take part in this special dedication. Guest speaker will be Lt. Col. (R) Ruben A. Candia Ph.D formerly of Clint.

Following the dedication ceremony, at about 11 a.m. hamburgers, hot dogs and beverages will be served and music provided at the San Lorenzo Fair Grounds. The community is welcome to bring any pot luck dish you wish to share with fellow veterans and family members.

To arrive at the event, take the Clint exit from Interstate 10, go south, to North Loop, make a right to Fenter Rd. and follow the signs to the San Lorenzo Catholic Church. President of the VICTORY group is Henry Franco.

San Elizario will celebrate Veterans' Day, invites public

SAN ELIZARIO — The Ninth Annual San Elizario Genealogy and Historical Veterans' Day events will be held in two locations on Friday, Nov. 11 beginning at 11 a.m. at the San Elcario Catholic Cemetery, and then at the San Elizario Veterans' Memorial Placita.

Chaplin Major Armando Reyes will give the invocation at the Cemetery, followed by a memorial service from Father Ed Carpenter. The U.S. and Texas flags will be introduced, honoring those now serving in Iraq; the San Elizario Veterans' flag will honor those veterans that have died this year; and the POW/MIA flag will be hoisted to remember those held captive and still missing in action.

Lighting of the candles will precede a POW/MIA presentation from Post 10354 Past District Commander Manny Navarrete, followed by the flag folding ceremony conducted by the San Elizario High School Naval ROTC for presentation to this year's World War II honoree. A Cemetery service will conclude by playing Taps by Specialist Steven Mosack from the 62nd Army Band from Ft. Bliss.

The focus will then move to the San Elizario Veterans' Memorial Placita, with a parade from the cemetery to the plaza area in front of the historic San Elcario Mission.

Performances will be given by the San Elizario High School and Middle School bands, under the direction of Ms. Hittle. Readings by some of the surrounding area veterans will be given with a special message from Commissioner Miguel A. Teran and State Rep. Chente Quintanilla.

Refreshments and traditional hot dogs will be served. The public is invited.

Canutillo holds meeting to elicit nominations for new CHS athletic facility

UPPER VALLEY — Canutillo Independent School District will hold the second and last Town Hall meeting to discuss the naming of athletic facilities at the new Canutillo High School, which will be finished in December.

The meeting will be held at 7 p.m., Tuesday, Nov. 15, at the CISD Administration Facility, 7965 Artcraft. All interested parties are invited.

CISD will be naming five facilities situated in the new high school campus including football stadium, gymnasium complex, tennis complex, baseball field, and softball field.

According to District policy, the name assigned to the facility should reflect: (1) the name of a residential community or communities that the facility serves, (2) a local geographic area or feature or a local municipalities, or (3) an outstanding individual.

Nominations of the name of a person must be accompanied by biographical data of the person including contributions made by the individual and a statement of why the school facility should be named after that person.

Nominations may be presented at Tuesday's meeting or submitted in writing to the Public Information Office (located at the Administration Facility, 7965 Artcraft) or mailed to P.O. Box 100, Canutillo, Texas 79835.

— Contributed by Alfredo Vasquez



— Photo courtesy Clint ISD

Horizon ladies volleyball team brings campus first district title

HORIZON — Holding their District trophy and framed newspaper clippings after a win against Del Valle, members of the first place Horizon High School Scorpion varsity volleyball team, celebrated the conclusion of the regular season with an 18-0 District record. Overall, the Lady Scorpions earned a 27-1 record, losing only to El Paso High School in a pre-season tournament. Team members include, front row from left: Lace Sierra, Christy Garcia, Amanda Cortez, Claudia Chavez and Cassie Huerta. Back row includes Joann Pineda, Adriana Alvarez, Jenny Nolasco, Ida Arvelo and Denise Estrada. Behind the team is head volleyball coach Al Rosen. The Lady Scorpions have had only two years as a varsity team and they earned the distinction of being the first Horizon team to bring home a District crown.



One perspective

By Francis Shrum

Tweety for president

The smartest thing I've ever heard a celebrity politician say was when Jerry Springer told talk show host Rita Cosby that he thought his own show was "stupid."

It is a fun job to do, he said, but "I wouldn't watch it."

So why has the Jerry Springer Show enjoyed 15-plus years on the air? That's a record respectable in any circle.

Well, Springer explains this in the simple terms of supply and demand. It keeps getting renewed contracts because people watch it. Like all products, he said, as long as it sells it will stay on the market.

I can't say I'd argue with the stupidity of wasting upwards of half a hour of perfectly good time watching people make fools of themselves by airing their most personal dirty laundry on national television, but I've known some pretty intelligent people to do just that.

But Springer's point is well taken. We get what we ask for — and we ask for trash. While it's a dirty job, *somebody* has to provide the trash we're demanding. He might as well get paid for it as the next guy, right?

Springer's comments came during an interview addressing the current controversy out in California in which Warren Beatty and Annette Bening are threatening to beat up Arnold Schwarzenegger because he's spending too much money on special elections or some such.

I'll bet the governor is really losing sleep over that one.

I listened to an interview with Beatty but all Cosby wanted to do was get him to admit he wanted to run for governor of California himself. The real issues didn't really get

addressed.

All Beatty would say was that he didn't want to. He said he liked making movies and playing with his kids. He said he'd rather his wife did it. But Cosby kept on until he finally said that — being a person dedicated to the good of his community — he would never say never to seeking public office. Whew! Such enthusiasm, such heart-pumping fervor!

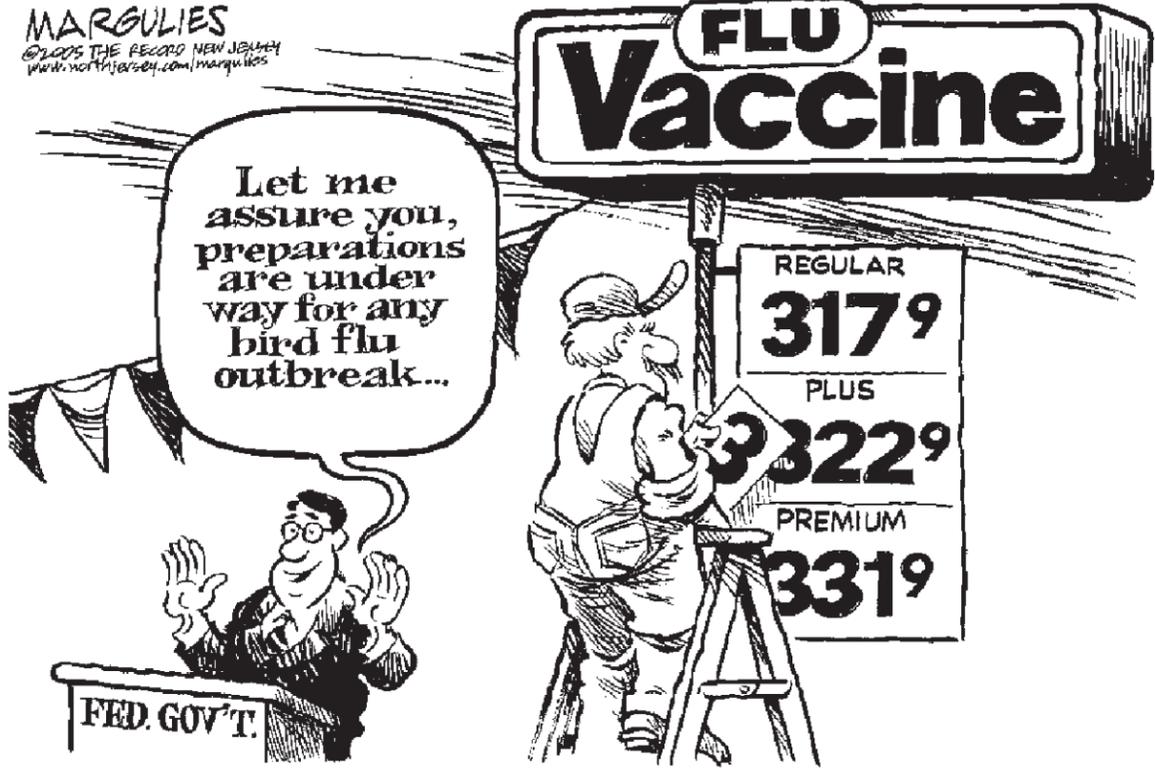
I got the feeling Beatty knows that it's a whole lot easier to look noble while throwing eggs from the audience than it is if you are wiping yolk and shells off your face and tie while sitting in the hotseat of actual responsibility.

The worst thing about celebrity politics is that just because we recognize the name or the face of some person due to exposure in the entertainment industry, we pay more attention to what they are saying than we would the average Joe on the sidewalk.

Why on earth *anyone* would care what Sean Penn thought about *anything* is beyond me, but our media will lap around after him like hungry puppies when he makes widely publicized tours into places he has little or no business going.

There's nothing that says being a celebrity automatically makes you a bad elected public official. If a man wants to step up to bat, throw his hat into the ring and take the punches, I can respect that.

But most candidates find that it's lonely at the top once the flag-waving is over and reality sets in. Budgets, constituency demands, political activists and special interest groups make it quickly evident that you are unlikely to please anyone and by virtue of having actually received what



you asked for, you are suddenly The Bad Guy.

Ronald Reagan was one of the few celebs who managed to carry the role

all the way to the end of his movie — opps, I mean, his term in office.

The day he walked out he waved just as merrily as he did on the way in,

even with a few bullet holes in his hide he didn't have before.

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America's military veterans deserve the best we can offer

From the time Veterans Day was officially recognized in 1954, our country has come together to remember our veterans who have answered the call to duty in the name of freedom. On Nov. 11 we must all take the opportunity to reaffirm our nation's promise of caring for our veterans and their families.

As a soldier who served 13 months in Vietnam, I understand the hardship experienced by the men and women serving in our nation's armed forces. As a current member of the House Veterans Affairs and Armed Services Committees, I have and continue to be a strong advocate for strengthening our nation's commitment to ensuring our service members are provided the best available resources after their service to our country.

In doing so, I have joined my colleagues in co-sponsoring important legislation such as the New G.I. Bill of Rights for the 21st Century. This

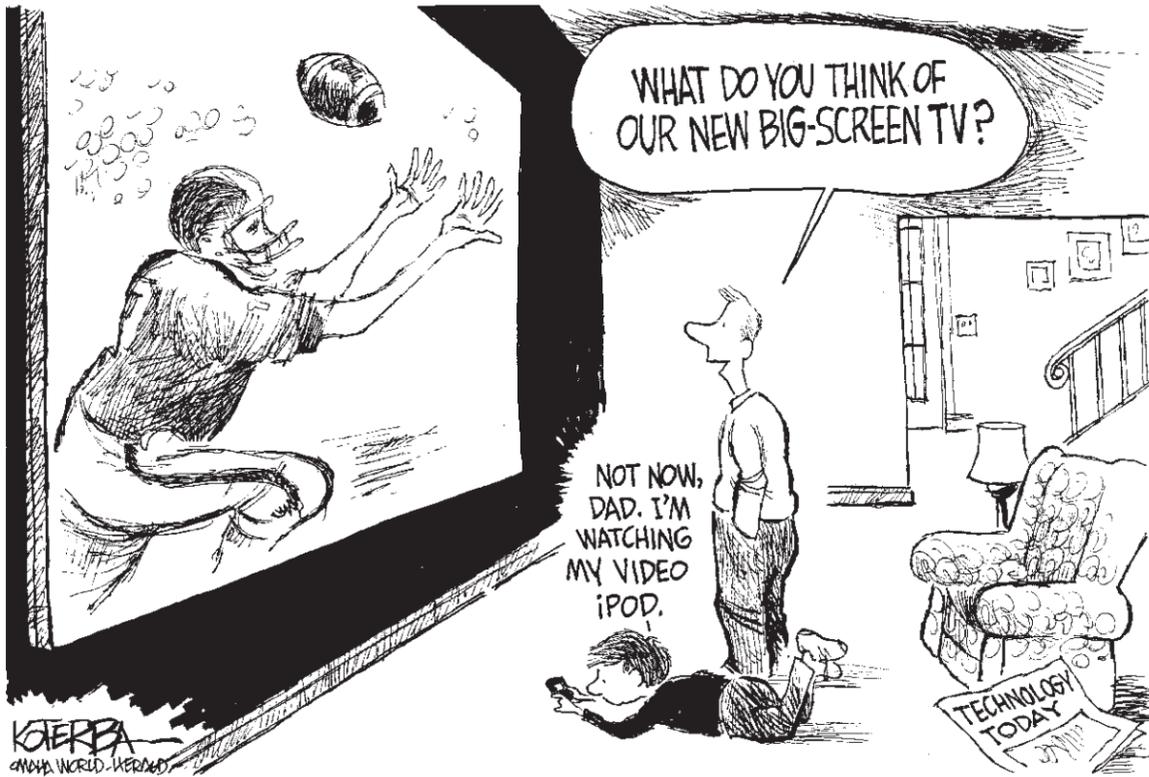
investment in our veterans would guarantee educational benefits, medical assistance, and opportunity for good jobs. This comprehensive plan would block attempts to increase prescription drug co-payments and enrollment fees, end the Disability Veteran's Tax, improve military pay for senior enlisted personnel and warrant officers, enhance the G.I. Bill and job training programs, and expand military health care for National Guard, and Reserves.

While our country continues to make significant strides in the services provided to our veterans, we can and must do better. Unfortunately, today we have thousands of veterans on a waiting list for at least six months for medical attention. You might recall that as early as March, I urged my colleagues to include an additional \$1.3 billion for veterans healthcare only to have my amendment fall on deaf ears. It was not until June that the Secretary of the Veterans Administration informed Congress of the shortfalls for veterans

healthcare for fiscal year 2005. While I would have preferred that my colleagues supported my efforts earlier, I am glad that both chambers of Congress included the \$1.5 billion needed for veterans healthcare.

I also raised the issue of veterans healthcare when I recently hosted Department of Veterans Affairs Secretary James Nicholson at this year's Veterans Town Hall in El Paso. We also discussed Post Traumatic Stress Disorder case reviews and the expected arrival of new troops to Fort Bliss. I will continue to work with my colleagues in Congress and the Secretary to ensure we never short-change our veterans.

On the battlefield, the military pledge is to leave no soldier behind. As a nation, let it be our pledge that when they return home, we leave no veteran behind. This Veterans Day, join me in celebrating, honoring, and remembering our men and women who have selflessly sacrificed so that we could all experience the freedoms we enjoy today.



Encouraging veterans to share their stories

This week our nation will celebrate Veteran's Day. The day reminds us that throughout America, and particularly in the Lone Star State, there are thousands of veterans with a wealth of unique memories and perspectives from their years of service in the U.S. Armed Forces.



Eye on D.C.

By U.S. Rep. Henry Bonilla

To gather and preserve those memories for future generations, the Library of Congress has launched the Veterans History Project. I strongly encourage all veterans of all wars to participate in this exciting effort to capture first-person accounts of wartime experiences that helped make America great. Created by Congress in 2000, the Veterans History Project coordinates and expands a national collection of veterans' oral histories and writings. Part of the Library of Congress' American Folklife Center, the Project honors those who served in the military and those civilians who have worked in dedicated support of our armed forces.

tainty of waiting on the home front for a loved one to return. So many men and women from World War I to Operation Enduring Freedom have

powerful stories that must be recorded for future generations.

Oral history brings history down from a lofty distance. While many histories of war capture the perspective of the generals and admirals, much can also be learned from the letters of a young man in combat and his young bride and mother of his children.

The Veterans History Project recruits Americans of all ages, veterans and non-veterans, to be part of this process. The project also serves as a tremendous outlet for veterans' sons and daughters, many of whom have long been curious about their father or mother's wartime stories but never heard them. By sitting down with audio or video recorders and guiding veterans through their military and civilian exploits, these volunteers add rich details to our nation's great history.

The Project builds on our nation's ever-evolving collective memory. The Veterans History Project has an important contribution to make because war, with more force now in light of the current war against terrorism, can radically transform not just the men and women who fought, but also the people and society they are fighting for.

Almost 19 million war veterans live in America now, according to the Project. Tragically, more than 1,500 die every day. The time to record these oral histories is now!

For more information on how you and your family may contribute to the Veterans History Project, please visit the Project's web site at www.loc.gov/veterans or simply call the Project at (202) 707-4916. The staff at the Project will send you a starter kit and put you in touch with local volunteers to assist you in your efforts to contribute to this important collection.

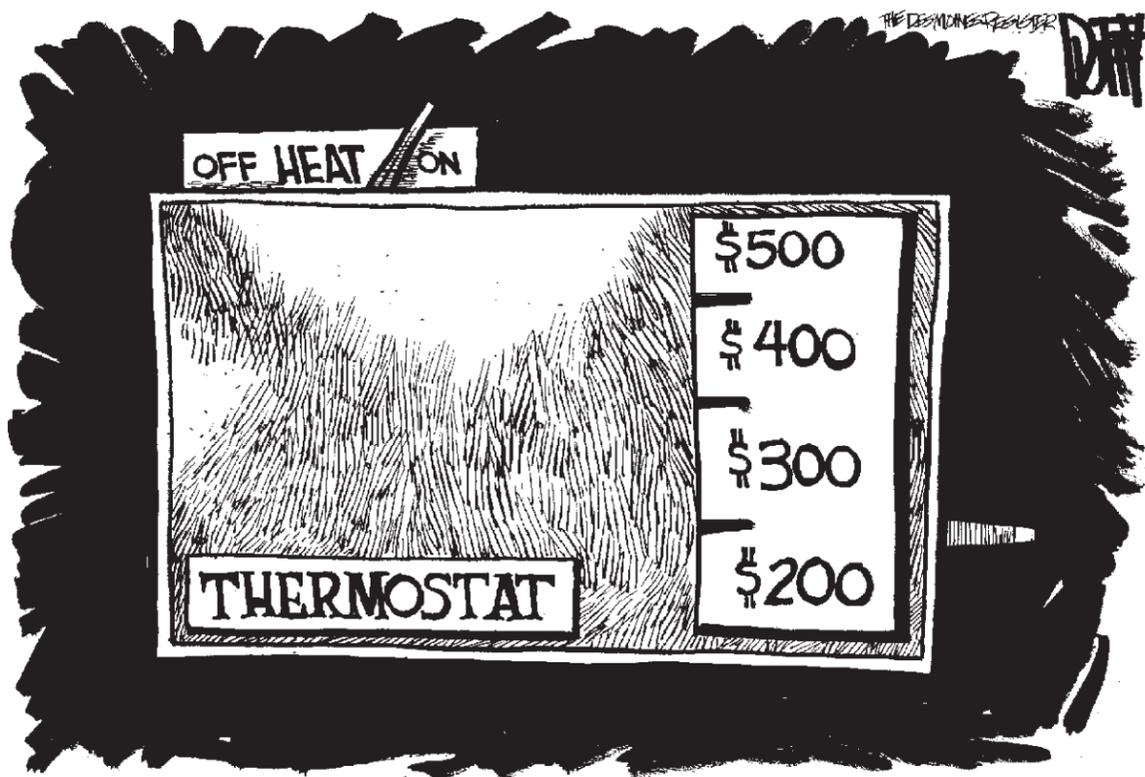
Honoring our past plays a key element for understanding our shared identity, and the Library of Congress — America's library — is the principal steward of America's memory. Oral history can bring us close to the experience of the intense camaraderie with others upon whom your life literally depends; the fear that comes with being under siege; or the uncer-

It is up to those who served to share with America exactly why freedom isn't free.

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Tweety

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Schwarzenegger may be able hold character — he keeps smiling with the same combative enthusiasm he displayed as an action-movie hero. Sonny Bono may have managed as

well if he hadn't been done in on a ski slope by a poorly located tree.

But I think folks like Susan Sarandon, Tim Robbins, Alec Baldwin, Martin Sheen and all the other pseudo-community-interest types know deep down that they don't have what it takes to survive in the editing room of reality. Springer, at least, put his fears honestly when

asked if he wanted to run for a high public office.

"What if I won and it didn't make a difference?" he said.

One of my young 'uns was watching all the carrying-ons with me and she was equally honest.

"When celebrities run for public office it's like asking people to vote for Tweety Bird," she said.

Por la Gente By State Rep. Chente Quintanilla



On Veterans' Day, we must honor both the living and the dead

Hola, mi gente — this is your friend and public

servant reminding you that we must honor our military veterans on this most auspicious day. Nov. 11 is the date designated by Congress for us to thank those warriors who fought and struggled mightily to keep our nation free and secure under very difficult conditions.

Millions of American GIs have paid the ultimate price by sacrificing their lives so that our great nation might continue being the great power that it is. Millions more have been wounded, or have lost a limb, fighting for our freedom. While we remember those who died fighting for our beliefs, we must also remember those who were not killed,

but who were maimed, injured, or incapacitated.

These men and women gave their ultimate. They went into war knowing that they might never return home. There are not too many survivors left from World War I, and those of World War II are dwindling too quickly. However, veterans of the Korean War, Vietnam and the Gulf War are still going strong. But no matter which conflict they fought, they've earned our concern, accolades and respect because they fought so that we could be free.

And, let's not forget those GIs who are still fighting in that horrendous war in Iraq. We're told that at least 2,000 American GIs have been killed in that far-flung land. However, there are still more than 167,000 — give or take a few thousand — who are

still engaging enemy terrorists in efforts to bring freedom and Democracy to a land that has only had despots and tyrants as their leaders. It's important that we honor those 2,000 who have lost their lives in Iraq.

If you are a military veteran and you fought in any of our wars, my hat is off to you. If you are a military veteran, but you never fought in a war, I salute you because you, too, are my heroes. I'm proud to call myself an American, and I'm even prouder to say that I support our men and women in uniform.

I stand tall and proud as an American, because our military veterans have made it possible for me to be free. Let's not forget to pay them honor. As always, I remain your friend and public servant, Chente for la gente



Moore Texas by Roger T. Moore: Nov. 10, 1991: Texas' most beloved cartoonist, ACE REID, dies. But his art lives on. His famous strip "Cowpokes" still creates smiles all over the Lone Star State and beyond.

Write stuff

Dear Editor:

When my husband and I served in the Diplomatic Service around the world, we visited many interesting places. One such place was in Russia.

Historically, about the time when the conquistadors were trekking in the southwest, Russians were also moving from one place to another. Because of immense snow, the mode of travel was by troika, a sled pulled by three horses. It is documented that it so happened that on one occasion, all of a sudden, a team of horses would not budge an inch. The Russian settlers took it as a sign from heaven that God wanted them to settle in that spot and they proceeded to build one of the biggest monasteries in Russia.

Legend has it that when conquistadors were traveling from Chihuahua to Santa Fe, New Mexico, a similar event occurred here in Socorro. The oxen which were pulling the carretas, long narrow wagons, carrying a statue of San Miguel would not move an inch. The conquistadors also took it as a sign that God wanted San Miguel to stay in Socorro at La Purisma.

The church, which was built of adobe, is one of the gems in the Mission Valley. Amazingly, the church does not have a foundation. However, because water got in between the walls and stucco, it deteriorated.

Please come and visit our now beautifully restored Mission, and the statue of San Miguel.

Mary Perez
City Representative
Socorro

Briefs

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wearing a green shirt, blue jeans, and a dark-colored baseball cap. Anyone with information is encouraged to call the Wildcat Community Crime Stoppers with information. A reward is offered is information provided leads to an arrest and informants may remain anonymous. Call 915-726-2038, 24 hours.

■ Frank Macias Elementary has invited over 100 veterans and their families from the community to participate in a Veterans Day Parade on Nov. 11 at 8:30 a.m. to honor those who have served to protect our country. The pre-Kindergarten through third grade students have worked hard to make elaborate floats, prepare chants and songs to honor our veterans. The Horizon High School Drum Corp, ROTC drill team and Flag honor guard will also perform during the parade. It is expected to be a very festive and exciting morning with students, staff, community, and family participating.

■ Benito Martinez was a machine gunner with Company A, and he gave his life for his country in Korea in 1952. Now the elementary school named in his honor will remember him and other veterans with a parade and ceremony on Thursday, Nov. 10, 9-11 a.m. The Montwood High School color guard will present colors, Army Major Chaplain Bill Goodwin will open and close the ceremony with prayer and stu-

dents will recite poems and sing songs.

■ Clint High School (CHS) Library and CAPS (Clint Academy of Pedagogical Studies)/TAFE (Texas Association of Future Educators) students this month hosted a Hawaiian Lúau themed program for 120 fourth grade students from Surratt Elementary, according to Laura Cade. The CAPS students prepared a Clint High School Alma Mater slide show and the football players talked to each group about the importance of reading. Araceli Lara, CHS Librarian, and the library staff were on hand to help. Leís and a Aloha greeting were handed out to each student participating and the fourth grade students were given their Hawaiian name. Several band members played the fight song as children marched out and were handed a Clint cup filled with bookmarks and goodies. CHS students in the CAPS program are learning about the teaching profession through hands-on experience. They explore the scholarship and career opportunities for education majors and gain leadership skills. The CAPS program and the CHS Library will host more events like this during the year, including a Jammie Jamboree every Wednesday from 6:30-7:30 p.m. in which children come dressed in their pajamas, read and do small projects.

■ The Anthony Berino Economic Development has announced their first business placement with the grand opening of Curves in Anthony, N.M. held Oct. 24 at 880 Anthony Drive, Ste. 13. Dignitaries from the offices of Dona Ana County Commissioners, Gov.

Richardson's office and that of other Congressmen. The ABED provides technical assistance to entrepreneurs and existing businesses. Information: 882-3999

■ Four administrators in the Socorro ISD have been named as Administrators of the Year in Region 19. Oscar Troncoso, SHS principal was named Principal of the Year, and his assistant principal, Miguel Serrano was named Assistant Principal of the Year for the region. Ellen Brewer, of Slider Middle, was named Intermediate Assistant Principal of the Year. Dr. Armando Aguirre, recently named as principal for the SISD Early College High School, was named Middle School Principal of the Year and is a finalist for Texas Principal of the Year.

■ The Sparks Housing Development Corporation at Centro Socorro Ramirez, 106 Peyton Road, hosted a fund-raiser Halloween dance on Oct. 28, with over 200 people attending. Local families and friends of the Sparks community were on hand along with their kids for food and costume contests and music for the adults. The Sparks Housing Development Corporation would like to thank Texas A&M, State Rep. Chente Quintanilla and the numerous local businesses for all their support and donations, and to Jesus Delgadillo for providing a jumping balloon and music free of charge. All proceeds from this event will go to educational programs, medical and housing services currently being provided by SHDC to the residents of the colonia of Sparks.

■ The Clint district is participating in a Rural Utilities Services grant program in collaboration with eight other rural school districts in both the Region 19 ESC and the El Paso County. This grant has the potential to fund up to \$50,000 for distance learning equipment and services. The purpose and targeted area for these services will be outreach educational content for students, teachers, parents and other community members in each feeder pattern area within the districts. As part of the needs assessment portion of the grant, the district is requesting community assistance in providing input for a survey. Survey input is being sought from both students, teachers, parents and community members and is available in two formats, online at the Clint ISD web site, www.clintweb.net, under the heading *Popular Links*, or in paper format. The district has printed and is distributing packets of 100 surveys to each campus today. The district requests the completed surveys be returned to your campus by end of day Monday, Nov. 14.

■ Navy Seaman Nikule E. Stewart, daughter of Velma E. Stewart and Derek Stewart; and Navy Seaman Recruit Daniel R. Gutierrez, son of Cecilia P. and Rafael J. Gutierrez, recently completed U.S. Navy basic training at Recruit Training Command, Great Lakes, Ill. During the eight-

week program, these young recruits completed a variety of training which included classroom study and practical instruction on naval customs, first aid, firefighting, water safety and survival, and shipboard and aircraft safety with an emphasis on physical fitness. Stewart is a 2005 graduate of Montwood High School and Gutierrez is a 2005 graduate of Americas High School.

■ The Socorro High NJROTC will receive annual military inspection on Thursday, Nov. 10 at 10:45 a.m. at the school's athletic field. Several dignitaries are expected to attend, including State Rep. Chente Quintanilla and SISD Supt. Dr. Robert Durón. "We put on a pretty good show," said Gerald Mangrum, Lt. Commander, USN (Ret.) Socorro's NJROTC has qualified to compete in the State Drill Meet at Texas A&M for the third year in a row, after placing first in a Nov. 5 competition.

■ The Americas High School Christmas Fair will be Friday, Dec. 2, 5-9:30 p.m. with as many as 3,000 people expected to drop by to shop and enjoy live entertainment with band, choir, cheer and dance groups, orchestra and guitar players to showcase their talent. For more information call 937-2832.

■ The Montwood Emerald dancers will host their annual Dance Camp on Saturday, Nov. 19, 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the gymnasium, for both boys and girls ages 5-16 years of age. To register and for more information contact Margie Dykes at 937-2569 or e-mail mdykes@sisd.net.

■ With the approach of the holiday season, the Texas Cooperative Extension Service is cautioning gift-givers and receivers to exercise extreme care with perishable food items shipped through the mail. Meat, poultry, fish, cheese and other perishable foods — whether store-bought or homemade — must be kept cold and handled in a timely manner to avoid food-borne illness. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, about 76 million cases are reported each year, with 325,000 people hospitalized and as many as 5,000 dying. Economically, the CDC estimates such illnesses cost \$6.9 billion each year. If unsure about a food's safety, it's better to be safe than sorry.

■ The Café Quetzalcoatl will host an evening with noted Southwest poets and authors at the La Fe Cultural and Technology Center, 721 S. Ochoa in the rear building, from 6-8:30 p.m. Friday, Nov. 11. Readings will be given by acclaimed playwright and poet Denise Chávez; veteran Chicano social-justice activist John Estrada; and Amalió Madueño, one of Taos, N.M.'s best-known poets and activists. Limited open mic slots are available for amateur presentations. The event is free, refreshments are provided but seating is limited. Call 545-7190 for more information.



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San Eli fourth graders have the write stuff

SAN ELIZARIO — Borrego Elementary students in Ms. Celia Vela's fourth grade class learned that sometimes, good writing really does pay off. As part of a KVIA-sponsored essay contest, students needed to write about why they and their parents deserved a night out on the town. While the lucky winner received four tickets to last week's Ron Lucas puppet show at the Abraham Chavez Theatre, a ride in a PT Cruiser and \$75 to spend, Ms. Vela's class was recognized for being the only classroom in the city to make the contest a class project. According to Caren Galanter, who works for the Abraham Chavez Theatre. "We decided to give everyone in the class tickets to the show, too," Galanter said. Each student was given four tickets along with the opportunity to go backstage and meet Ron Lucas as a result of their hard work in writing their essays.

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GIFT FROM A GOOD NEIGHBOR — ExxonMobil is contributing to Clint High educational programs. Shown from left are Jan Moore, Lisa Maker, Clint Principal Morris Aldridge, Jim Whitlatch, David Moore and Stephanie Petrie

Grants to enhance educational areas at Clint High School

CLINT — Clint High school was presented with five ExxonMobil Educational Alliance Grants on Oct. 19, made possible by Jim Whitlatch, owner of several local Ultra Marts, Super Stop, and Exxon Super Stop stations. The funds will be used to enhance activities for students, in the UIL drama play, the Career & Technology educational programs, the boy's and girl's golf teams and the Clint Academy of Pedagogical Studies for future teachers.

"Clint High School works hard to make learning interesting and fun," said Jim Whitlatch, Exxon Manager. "I am proud to

help young people of the Clint community."

The ExxonMobil Education Alliance program is designed to provide Exxon and Mobil retailers with an opportunity to invest in the future of their communities through educational grants to neighborhood schools. As members of the community, local retailers are best qualified to work with local educators to help identify schools and programs most in need of support.

"We here at Clint High School greatly appreciate the support of Jim Whitlatch and his Exxon businesses," said Jan Moore, CAPS sponsor.

Lujan-Chavez assistant principal helps others parent via technology

By Carlos A. Briano
Special to the Courier

EAST EL PASO COUNTY — The group members seemed a little nervous to show their PowerPoint presentation to the entire class. And the fact that the PowerPoint presentation was about their personal lives added to the nervousness. But in the end, they were quite proud of their hard work. And with that presentation, the 15 students completed their "Parenting with Technology" class.

The course, developed and taught by Lujan-Chavez Elementary Assistant Principal Jaime Hernandez, empowers parents to become more involved in their children's lives through technology. Parents learned Microsoft Word, Access, Excel, PowerPoint, email and the Internet. This is the third year Hernandez has offered the class to the community.

Hernandez believes parents often want to be involved in their children's education, but are sometimes intimidated by the technology.

"Parents leave the class with a new skill in technology that empowers

them to become more involved," he says. "Their children also come and work side-by-side with their parents using technology."

Hernandez says that lack of involvement is sometimes due to unresolved personal issues. He says the course also uses therapeutic teaching to help parents with those issues.

"Therapeutic teaching basically integrates and weaves a skill with pressing issues that prevent parents from becoming involved in education," he says. "For example, we talk about components of a family and our identity using Microsoft Word. We integrate features such as size, text, font, etc. to make it more appealing, just like we do with our own lives through rituals. Also, when we learn Excel, we talk about setting financial priorities for our families."

Lucy Marquez, who has a child at Socorro High School, a child at Socorro Middle and a child at Campestre Elementary, says she benefited from the course.

"I took advantage of the class to help my children with their schoolwork," she says. "This will definitely help me."



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Jaime Hernandez, assistant principal at Lujan-Chavez Elementary, has been helping teach "Parenting with Technology" for three years.

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At the Intermediate School Gym; 19200 Cobb Avenue

Cost: \$12.00 if paid on the registration dates

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(Cost includes T-Shirt)

Important Dates: December 3: Skills Camp 8:30 a.m. Grades 3 & 4

10:00 a.m. Grades 5 & 6

December 10: Skills Camp and Team Organization

8:30 a.m. Grades 3 & 4

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Philadelphia Eagles finally take Owens out of their game-plan

By Steve Escajeda
Special to the Courier

If most people were given an opportunity to have just one question answered in their lives, I assume most would want to know what the true meaning of life is.

Some might ask what happens after we die and others might want to know if there really is a God.

Me, if I had one question to ask, it would be to the Philadelphia Eagles organization and the question would simply be: "What took you so long?"

Finally, after all the abuse, all the whining, all the back-stabbing, all the complaining, all the name-calling and all the childish behavior, the Eagles finally said enough was enough and suspended all-disgruntled-all-the-time Terrell Owens.

What in the world took the Eagles so long to get rid of this walking cancer? Terrell Owens has spent his entire time with the Eagles criticizing them and promoting himself.

Where did this guy learn his values? He complains when he makes millions of dollars, he

complains when he plays on a winning team and he complains when he plays with one of the best quarterbacks in the NFL.

Owens finally broke the Eagles' back last week when he told a reporter that he agreed with Michael Irvin's assessment that the Eagles might be undefeated if they had Brett Favre as their quarterback instead of Donovan McNabb.

T.O. also said Favre had the skills and knowledge to lead a team, implying McNabb did not. Owens added that Favre plays through injuries — what does he think McNabb has been doing all this season?

And in one of the most remarkable comments by Owens, he claimed he was upset that the Eagles didn't do anything to celebrate his 100th career touchdown. Excuse me? Since when does T.O. need any help celebrating a touchdown?

And by the way, how is the 100th touchdown catch any kind of special event at all, when you make a fool out of yourself celebrating every touchdown you score?

Owens has been a constant thorn in the Eagles' side ever since he came over to the team after being a constant thorn in the San Francisco 49ers side.

And another big question — will any other NFL team take him? He has alienated the two quarterbacks he's worked with the most and it won't end there.

He questioned Jeff Garcia's manhood in San Francisco, hinting that he was gay. Then he goes out and questions McNabb ability to lead a team. Hello! Who was that led the Eagles to four straight NFC title games? All without T.O. I might add — remember, Owens missed last year's NFC title with an injury.

I applaud the Eagles for suspending Owens. I don't feel sorry for them because they were dumb enough to take a chance on this baby with good hands.

What I would like to see is Owens traded to a team like the Detroit Lions or the Houston Texans who have all kinds of quarterback troubles. But would T.O. care if he never got the ball thrown to him?

T.O. doesn't care about that or what color uniform he puts on. All he cares about is the color green in his pocket.

Where's the respect

I don't know about you all but I'm pretty ticked that the Miners aren't in any of the Top

25 polls this week.

I mean, at 7-1 the Miners should absolutely be in there.

It's true, the Miners don't play the toughest schedule in the world but they are still winning week after week and they deserve the recognition.

There are eight teams in this week's poll with two losses and two teams with three losses.

The Miners are currently ranked 27th in this week's USA Today poll and didn't garner a single vote from the blind Associated Press voters — odd.

UTEP will certainly improve to 8-1 after this weekend's pasting of Texas Southern — and then what will the polls do?

The Miners aren't blowing away their opponents but they always find a way to win. And that is what the voters should look at. Stop giving the traditional powers — who are having tough years — more credit than they deserve.

When a new team comes on the horizon, fans around the country take notice and ask "I wonder how good that team is?"

C'mon, pollsters, give the country a chance to wonder about UTEP.



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GEMS 8th grade girls take district volleyball title

volleyball title

SAN ELIZARIO — The Garcia-Enriquez Middle School 8th grade girl's volleyball team passed, set, and spiked their way to become district champions, according to coach Frank Flores. The team finished 4-1 in district and had an overall record of 10-4. After defeating MacArthur Middle School in the first round of the City Tournament, the Lady Eagles ended up finishing 4th. Top row from left: Coach Raul Hernandez, Bianca Reyes, Erica Acosta, Alexis Telles, Victoria Valencia, Sandra Martinez, Merlyn Cintron, Nidia Ponce, Zulema Mendoza, Mireya Arredondo, Juan Flores (Mgr.), Pamela Trevizo and Coach Frank Flores. Second row from left: Dannelly Ruez, Lizette Rubio, Ashley Hernandez, Perla De La Torre, Lucero Martinez and Christina Alvina.

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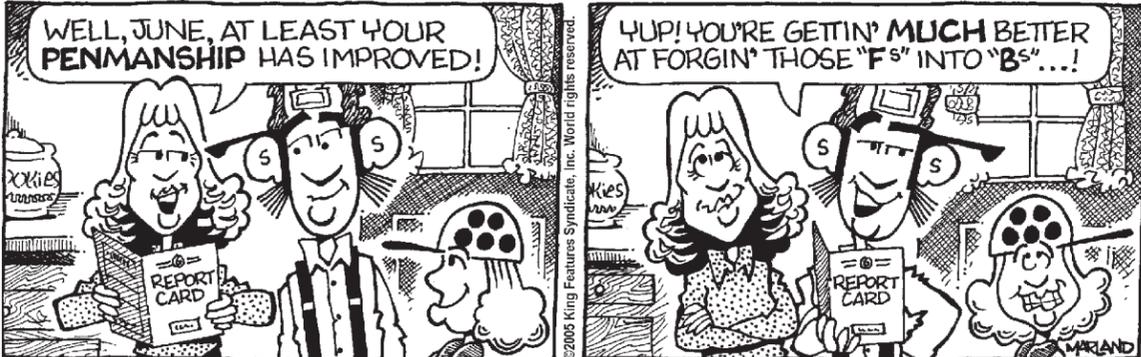
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China's space breakthrough

By Don Flood

Anyone else out there a little, um, overwhelmed about President Bush's announcement that we're going back to the moon? In 2018?

That would be just one year shy of a half-century after the first moon landing.

What's next — a multi-billion dollar program to see if air travel is possible?

Of course, some would say this is but a first step, part of man's continuing quest to seek out and explore new ways of creating jobs in the aerospace industry.

But why go back to the moon at all?

Let's just go to Mars or, better yet, one of those interesting planets we've seen so often in the movies.

(A while back Mars seemed to be a pretty fun place, populated by various monsters and villains and sometimes babes, but recent photographs from the planet's surface have destroyed this image. Now it looks like a red version of the moon.)

However, there is good news on the space front. The Chinese are now exploring space and already they have made the most spectacular breakthrough since the age of modern rocketry began: Chinese food.

That's right, their astronauts are eating hot Chinese food in space, the only drawback being — this is true — that chopsticks don't work well in a zero-gravity environment.

(Of course, for me, they don't work in a full-gravity environment either.)

The best Americans did in the food department was Tang, an alleged beverage that people drank as a show of patriotism.

The following is an actual ques-

tion and answer from the Kraft Foods Web site:

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So there you have it, folks: Tang — delicious breakfast beverage or dishwasher cleansing agent? The choice is yours!

According to many leading astronomers, one of the chief drawbacks of space in general and the moon in particular is the lack of good restaurants.

(In fact, space seems to lack restaurants period, though one scientist claims to have observed what appear to be golden arches on a planet circling Altair, a star located just off Exit 11 on the Intergalactic Wormhole. His colleagues, however, discounted his discovery, pointing out he was a longtime sufferer of Big Mac Attacks.)

You would think a nation that can put a man on the moon would be able to follow up shortly afterward with a Pizza Hut.

But we didn't, and so Americans lost interest.

As one astronaut put it, "If it wasn't for the great golf, I wouldn't have come at all."

But once the Chinese make it to the moon, you know Chinese restaurants will soon follow.

Where will they get the food? The same place those little fruit markets in New York City get theirs.

If they can stock stands full of beautiful fruit in New York City, they'll do just fine on the moon — and they'll enjoy much lower rental rates.

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- 100 "Bhagavad _"
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 - 5 Word with hat or hand
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 - 7 Social climber
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 - 10 "Stroker _" ('83 film)
 - 11 Take five
 - 12 Tuna concoction
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Canutillo High School's Eagle Pride band is a winner

By Laura Cade
Special to the Courier

UPPER VALLEY — Canutillo High School Eagle Pride Band earned a first division superior rating for their outstanding performance in the "Marching Along The Rio Grande Marching Contest" held recently at the Canutillo Eagle Stadium.

CHS's marching band participated with other area high schools including Bowie, Cobre, and Anthony. CHS won awards for Outstanding Drum Majors, Outstanding Percussion, and Outstanding Woodwind Line.

"This was a positive experience for the directors and their band students. The bands performed well, and the judges' clinics were very helpful. The critiques will help us improve our performances for the upcoming contests," said Peter Main, Canutillo HS Band director.

Judges for the contest were: Dr. Bill Clark, director of bands from New Mexico State University; Jim Young, former band director from Alamogordo High School and Western New Mexico University in Silver City; and John Schutz, former band director from Mayfield High School in Las Cruces and currently music coordinator for Las Cruces Municipal Schools.



— Photo courtesy Canutillo ISD

HITTING THE RIGHT NOTES — Canutillo High School's Marching Band received several awards recently, including Outstanding Drum Majors. Shown in photo, from left, are CHS Drum Majors Carmen Hernandez, senior; Nathaniel Deragowski, junior; and Gloria Estrada, senior.

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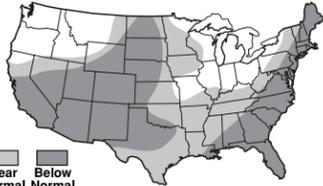
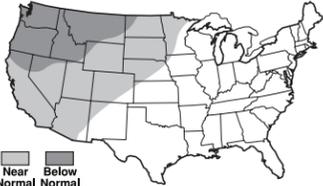
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Amarillo, TX	71	39	s	74	43	s	71	42	t	70	41	t
Austin, TX	75	48	sh	76	51	pc	82	58	pc	77	54	pc
Brownsville, TX	83	65	pc	81	65	t	83	67	t	84	67	t
Dodge City, KS	61	41	s	72	43	s	68	40	sh	69	39	s
Jackson, MS	65	43	t	70	43	s	73	47	s	75	49	t
Laredo, TX	80	63	t	81	62	t	84	63	t	80	63	pc
Little Rock, AR	68	41	s	68	44	s	69	49	s	71	50	t
Lubbock, TX	66	40	s	74	46	s	76	48	t	70	44	t
Memphis, TN	63	41	s	67	49	s	71	52	s	69	51	t
Midland, TX	67	47	pc	74	53	pc	76	49	t	73	49	t
Pueblo, CO	73	28	s	75	32	pc	70	34	pc	66	25	s
Roswell, NM	71	40	s	75	45	pc	75	38	t	72	40	pc
St. Louis, MO	58	39	s	65	47	s	66	47	s	64	48	r
San Antonio, TX	75	51	t	76	56	pc	77	59	pc	78	59	pc
Texarkana, AR	68	43	pc	70	49	s	70	55	pc	70	54	t
Waco, TX	72	47	pc	74	54	s	77	58	pc	75	55	pc
Wichita, KS	60	41	s	70	47	s	66	45	sh	65	46	pc

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Chicago	50	34	pc	58	42	s	62	40	pc	56	40	sh
Denver	68	36	s	71	35	s	64	32	pc	63	32	s
Detroit	48	34	pc	52	40	pc	56	40	s	56	40	sh
Houston	78	50	t	76	56	pc	78	60	pc	77	62	t
Indianapolis	55	32	pc	59	41	s	61	42	s	65	43	sh
Kansas City	62	42	s	65	45	s	63	48	pc	65	48	pc
Los Angeles	72	56	sh	72	54	sh	76	54	s	75	55	s
Miami	85	68	sh	82	67	sh	81	67	s	82	71	s
Minneapolis	52	34	s	58	38	s	55	34	pc	47	36	pc
New Orleans	75	54	t	73	54	s	76	58	s	78	61	t
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Omaha	61	37	s	69	41	s	63	39	t	59	37	sh
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