



NEWSBRIEFS

Underage drinking

Canutillo, Vinton, and Westway communities in the Upper Valley are among the hundreds of communities nationwide that will hold an *Underage Drinking Prevention: National Town Hall Meeting* to raise awareness about the issue of underage drinking. Canutillo ISD's Drug-Free Communities Coalition-Project Link will hold the town hall meeting at 6 p.m., Thursday, April 6, at Canutillo Middle School, 801 Talbot Ave. in collaboration with the federal government's Interagency Coordination Committee for the Prevention of Underage Drinking. According to coordinator Jose Escobedo, national research data shows that approximately 29 percent of youth ages 12 to 20 have used alcohol illegally. By the time they reach eighth grade, 41 percent of adolescents have had at least one drink, and almost 20 percent report having been drunk. Parents, teachers, officials, youth, and other community members are invited to participate in this important discussion about the impact that underage drinking has on the community. "Through meetings like this one, we hope to develop possible ways to address this issue," said Escobedo. For more information, call 877-5572.

Missing girl

Detectives from the El Paso Police Department's Northeast Regional Command continue efforts in locating 14-year old Erin Scoles who was last seen by her mother at her residence at the 9000 block of Mt. Rushmore at 2:30 p.m. on Thursday, Feb. 23. Scoles' mother left for about 30 minutes to pickup her other children



Erin Scoles

from school, returning to find that Erin Scoles, had gathered some clothing and left the residence. No foul play is suspected in this incident. Scoles is described as being 5'5" in height and weighing 120 pounds, with hazel eyes and long blonde hair. Scoles was last seen wearing a white shirt, blue jeans and white shoes. Anyone with information regarding Scoles' location is asked to contact Police Communications at 832-4400 or 1-800-237-0797.

In other news

■ The National Association of Letter Carriers' (NALC) Food Drive will be held May 13, sponsored by the U.S. Postal Service, United Way of El Paso County, AFL-CIO, Campbell's, Valpack, and America's Second Harvest. This will be El Paso County's 16th Annual NALC Food Drive as letter carriers will not only deliver the

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Doing nothing is the most tiresome job in the world because you can't stop and rest.

— Quips & Quotes

Americas High alum receives Purple Heart Community turns out for Isaac Serna

By Carlos A. Briano
Special to the Courier

SOCORRO — As the crowd filled the Mission Valley Ballroom on Saturday, March 18, the people anxiously awaited the arrival of their wounded hero Spec. Isaac Serna, a native El Pasoan and a 2003 graduate of Americas High School. When Serna walked in, assisted by a pair of crutches and the company of his wife Melissa, more than 100 people gave him a standing ovation.

"Everybody came together during a hard time like this," Serna said. "It was really nice."

Serna formally received the Purple Heart from U.S. Representative Silvestre Reyes. Also at the ceremony were Fort Bliss commander Brig. Gen. Robert P. Lennox, State Rep. Chente Quintanilla, Socorro ISD Board Trustee Raymundo Rodriguez and members of the Military Order of the Purple Heart, who presented Serna with a Purple Heart beret and membership form. Quintanilla presented Serna with a Texas flag flown over the state capitol in Austin.

"It's a real honor for me to take part in this ceremony," Reyes said.

"It's a great honor to be able to do this in front of all of Isaac's family and friends."

Lennox thanked the crowd for attending the Purple Heart pinning ceremony in such large numbers.

"What a great community we have that comes out to support a soldier wounded in combat," he said. "I can't tell you how grateful I am that you all showed up to support Isaac and recognize his sacrifice."



— Photo courtesy Socorro ISD

APPRECIATION RETURNED — Spec. Isaac Serna, accompanied by his wife Melissa, thanked the crowd for attending the Purple Heart pinning ceremony.

Serna was wounded on Dec. 30, 2005 during a routine mission in Iraq. He was serving as the lead gunner, when the vehicle he was riding in struck an Improvised Explosive Device. The explosion threw Serna about 35 feet, causing him to suffer head concussion and loss of consciousness. But his leg suffered the

most serious injury, a leg that was saved through the quick actions of medics on site, at the hospital in Iraq and the medical team at Walter Reed Army Medical Center in Washington, D.C.

"A Purple Heart is something a soldier doesn't really hope to get," Serna says. "But when you get it, it really means a lot to a soldier. I just hope everybody supports the entire military the way they have supported me."

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Emerald Springs golf course bought by FOES group

Courier Staff Reports

HORIZON CITY — Pending final details, the Emerald Springs Golf Course is expected to be purchased this week by FOES (Friends of Emerald Springs) from Bank of America, with anticipated closing on Friday of this week.

FOES is an incorporated group of investors, both large and small, in the Horizon area who committed themselves to rescuing Emerald Springs Golf Course from subdivision into high dollar houses by Bank of America, which took possession of the golf course due to financial default by the previous owner.

A spokesman for the FOES corporation said the group has \$700,000 in hand, expects to receive more funding during a special meeting this week, and has a financial backer committed to make up for whatever difference remains between funds the corporation can raise and the asking price of just under \$2 million.

The group was to meet at Emerald Springs on Tuesday night. The FOES spokesman said

it is expected that a professional management team will be retained to make the club a community success again, with upgrades to the restaurant and the facility as a whole, and pursuit of an advertising campaign to re-acquaint the area with all that Emerald Springs has to offer.

Purchase of the course by the community-based group will alleviate concerns the Horizon City Council has struggled with since Bank of America first took strides to have the course platted as a subdivision. The council voted unanimously on March 14 during the regular council meeting to deny the preliminary plat for Emerald Springs Subdivision, which consisted of the 138.88-acre golf course.

Curtis Jetzel, Chairman of Planning and Zoning Commission, recommended Council deny the plat due to discrepancies, seconded by Ed Hamlyn, City Planner, who said the plat would allow around 400 single-family homes. The proposed subdivision of the course was mired in lawsuits and a declaration from the Horizon Regional Municipal Utility District that it couldn't afford to lose its lease to dispose of treated effluent as irrigation on the course.

Socorro council hires permanent city manager in special meeting

Courier Staff Reports

SOCORRO — A special meeting to settle concerns over the interim status of Socorro's city manager was held on March 21, with several other interim positions left for the next Socorro council to fill.

Interim City Manager Carol Garcia was given permanent status with a three year contract at a yearly salary of \$70,000. She will additionally continue oversight of the office of the municipal court clerk, the position she held prior to appointment to the city manager position.

Council took action in special meeting due to the fact they enter "lame duck" status this week on March 29 — a political condition in which they are disallowed by law to approve contracts or expenditures over \$4,000 until after the upcoming election is held.

The concern over the offices held on an interim basis surfaced during the last regularly scheduled council meeting on March 16, at which time City Representative Jesse Gandara, Jr. said he hoped to resolve the interim status of several department heads before the Council's terms in office would become a "lame." However, no action was taken at that meeting.

Department heads for accounting and director of planning are also occupied on an interim basis. Reyes Fierro, who functioned as director of planning for several years is no longer working in that position following the recent release of an audit of Socorro's financial affairs during his tenure which showed irregularities. Fierro has been terminated by the city and another planning department employee, Monica Lara, remains on suspension pending conclusion of an investigation.

The remaining interim appointments will apparently remain as they are until the new council is seated. City Attorney Richard Contreras told Council on March 16 that it would be "almost impossible" to be effective in hiring people on a fast track schedule.

The following Tuesday, March 21, a council majority of Mary Perez, Gary Gandara and Luis Varela approved the contract for Garcia, with City Rep. Trini Lopez dissenting.

Lopez said approval of Garcia's contract violated requirements in the City Charter which state that "the City Manager shall not be appointed for a definite term, but may be removed at the will and pleasure of the Council by vote of the majority of the full City Council." He also protested lack of a full council to consider Garcia's appointment because Jesse Gandara Jr. was not present.

In a later interview, Garcia said that granting her a contract does not violate the Charter because it does not preclude her being removed at the will of council. But, she said she is entitled to compensation by the contract if there is no cause for dismissal. She also said a "full Council" did not need to be present as long as the majority vote of those present would constitute a majority vote of the "full Council."



One perspective

By Francis Shrum

Car talk

So I honked. Good and loud and long.

And why not? It just makes me crazy, the driving mentality of people who will pull into the intersection knowing full well that the green light isn't going to last long enough for the backed up traffic ahead to clear.

So they just sit there, blocking the intersection, blatantly breaking the law, effectively ruining other drivers' opportunity to move ahead when the light changes. They aren't helping matters any. They are just clogging up the entire process so that it will be even slower and more frustrating than ever.

The same thing occurs at the on ramps to the freeway. If people would just keep an eye on other cars and slow down or speed up accordingly, cars could enter the flow of traffic with relatively little disruption. Do you think this happens?

You bet your sweet life it doesn't. The folks on the freeway feel like they own the road. Unfortunately, so do those coming on. So, instead of melding in a cooperative flow, we attempt to muscle our way on or force the oncoming car into the emergency lane, which effectively slows everything down.

We used to call this process biting off your nose to spite your face.

Okay, so why the tirade? Well, I've been thinking that since Americans practically live in our cars we have to establish working relationships with hundreds, even thousands of other drivers, most of them perfect strangers. The problem is that we don't have any truly effective way to address the folks in the other car.

Brake lights and turn signals were originally designed to meet this need

but they have become increasingly ineffective. These rudimentary signals are so basic that today's "advanced" driver generally chooses to ignore them, considers them a sign of weakness or, if noticed, considers them a warning that it is time to speed up so that whatever maneuver this other driver wants to make doesn't impede our progress. Sort of like a yellow at the stop light.

Honking is the vehicular equivalent of shouting. It wasn't intended that way in the beginning but because we are such a prideful and defensive society, that's the way we interpret it when someone honks at us.

Because the horn on a car usually has only one monotonous sound it is impossible to use different phrases, tones or expressions to soften our communication as we can do when speaking. We can't say please, excuse me, or thank you. All we can do is shout.

This has had some dire results. Not long ago I saw a piece on the news where this man was driving through an unfamiliar city neighborhood when his path was blocked by a group of youths in the street. So he tooted his horn. They promptly dragged him out of the car and beat him insensible. He didn't die but he'll never be the same.

Not every honk evokes this response, obviously, but it does illustrate the need for improved driver communication, since most of us are oblivious to the needs of others unless they are pointed out to us. This is usually because we are involved in other activities while driving, like talking on the cell phone, smoking, eating, watching a video or putting on makeup.

One solution might be that, since we all love to use our cell phones while driving, we should post our cell

phone numbers in a prominent place on our automobiles so that other motorists can call us to negotiate exactly what it will take for us to allow them to enter or exit the freeway efficiently.

Another inventive method is to carry a marker and writing pad in your car. Then you can write your requests or comments in large print and hold it up to the window for the other motorist to read — if you can get his attention, which may require, well... honking. At least this will give you a way to explain why you were so rude as to shout at him.

This method, however, may be ineffective for two-way communication unless the other guy is equally equipped with marker and pad, which is unlikely. But if he's the kind of guy who carries markers and writing pads, he's probably already driving in a fairly courteous manner, so you have nothing you need to discuss.

I've heard of other more direct but less civilized methods of communicating with other drivers which involve things like paint balls, stupid stickers and guns. I don't recommend these. We even watched, aghast, as a young man leaned out the window of a car on the freeway to pass a note to another car.

That could have been a real conversation stopper.



Retired policeman to run for Socorro Council

SOCORRO — A long time Socorro resident and retired City of El Paso police officer has announced his candidacy for an at-large Socorro City Council seat.

Sergio Cox, a resident of Socorro since 1967 and a graduate of Socorro High School's fifth graduating class in 1972, will make his first foray into the political arena with his bid for the council. Cox retired from the El Paso Police Department in 2001 at the rank of sergeant.

Among his accomplishments, Cox cites his successful role in raising not one, but two families. After his father passed away in 1975, Cox helped his mother Alicia raise his four younger siblings. At the same time, he was busy raising his own young family with his wife Marie

Elmore Cox, currently in her 18th year teaching at Socorro High. They raised three children, all of whom are Socorro High and UTEP graduates. Cox also now has eight grandchildren ranging in age from 2 to 9.

Prior to his retirement, Cox spent 26 years as a police officer with tenures as a patrolman, a detective and lastly as a sergeant. During that time he also worked as an elected Director on the Board of the El Paso Municipal Police Officer's Association, and was involved in contract and labor issues for El Paso police officers.

Cox readily admits that he is a political newcomer but is quick to point out that for this reason he has no political ties or relationships with special interest groups. "I will finance my own campaign and I

will not accept contributions from any business that might seek to gain influence with the council."

"My sole interest lies in the betterment of the City of Socorro and its people," Cox said. He added, "If elected, I will sit on council with only the best interests of the community at heart." He also promises to be a diligent and hard worker as a council member.

Cox also added that he has no further political aspirations and states that this bid for office is not designed to further a political career. Cox points toward recent events and issues surrounding the current administration which he says have cast a negative light on the Socorro city government. "I want to bring honesty and integrity back to the forefront," he said.

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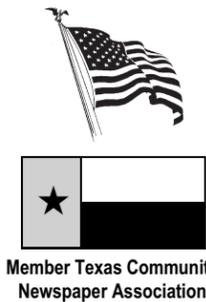
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Reyes Reports By U.S. Rep. Silvestre Reyes

Smithsonian at Chamizal

Over the next few months, the El Paso community will have the opportunity to experience a prominent exhibit by the Smithsonian Institution right here in the border region. Known as *Our Journeys/Our Stories: Portraits of Latino Achievement*, this photographic exhibit opened at the Chamizal National Memorial this Friday and runs through June.

The Smithsonian Center for Latino Initiatives this exhibit, which provides an overview of Latino achievement and influence in the U.S. It features 25 photographic portraits of U.S. Latinos from all walks of life, including Nobel laureates, journalists, artists, athletes, entrepreneurs, politicians, and community activists.

New Mexico Gov. Bill Richardson, athlete Rebecca Lobo, author Sandra Cisneros, and Medal of Honor recipient Alfred Rascon are among those featured in the exhibit, and each photo is accompanied by bilingual biographical highlights and excerpts from oral history interviews.

It has been a multi-year process to bring *Our Journeys* to El Paso, which I toured when it was on display at the National Museum of American History in Washington, DC in 2004. I found the exhibit inspiring. I thought many in El Paso would have the same reaction, and quickly hosted Project Director Evelyn Figueroa of the Smithsonian Institution on my weekly television show, *Congress on the Border*, where I emphasized that El Paso would be a perfect host city for the traveling exhibit.

Since then, I have been working

with the Smithsonian Institution, the Chamizal National Memorial, and the Ford Motor Company Fund, which is funding the traveling exhibit. The Ford Motor Company Fund is also providing a \$60,000 education/outreach grant to the Chamizal to develop education programs for the El Paso community, as well as funding to establish a local Committee of Honor, which has brought together a broad cross-section of local leaders to increase outreach and awareness of the Chamizal and the exhibit.

The Chamizal furthers education and understanding about the cooperation between and cultural values of the United States and Mexico, and is a fitting backdrop for an exhibit featuring Latinos contributions to the United States. The exhibit will run from March 24 to June 11.

View from here By Marc A. Levin

Mandatory animal registration is unnecessary burden

If your cat is going to have kittens, you better take a number. The U.S. Department of Agriculture has hatched the National Animal Identification System (NAIS) in response to fears of mad cow disease and bioterrorism, even though there are at most only three instances of mad cow disease in U.S. history and no documented instances of animals being used for bioterrorism.

This program becomes mandatory this year for 25 percent of premises where animals are kept. Eventually, all premises will be required to register their animals with the government or face criminal penalties, including a fine of \$1,000 per day. Every animal on the premises must be given a radio-frequency identification tag (RFID).

The Texas Legislature has charged the Texas Animal Health Commission with doing so. After an avalanche of protests from small farmers at their last meeting, the Commission will convene again on May 4 to consider whether to begin enforcing mandatory registration.

Each state can determine the definition of a "premise." Texas and most other states will likely exclude private pets, but persons who raise or transfer animals will be covered. Accordingly, if a litter of kittens is born and the owner wishes to sell or give them away, the owner must register his premises and tag the kittens with a 15-digit electronic identification device.

While large agri-business operations may have the wherewithal to implement this scheme, small farmers throughout the nation are bracing

for an unbearable regulatory burden. Even high school 4-H or FFA programs will have to comply with this mandate, although the Commission is considering an amendment to allow them to register each project rather than every animal.

Small ranchers are worried that the compliance costs of registering their premises and animals will make their business an endangered species. Harold Renfro, a Nacogdoches County rancher, told the Lufkin *Daily-News*, "I think that this is an undermining of the small farmers, and ranchers. I believe that this is just another way to get people to quit farming and raising their own livestock. They have already put the small packing houses out of business because of all the red tape."

The red tape associated with the NAIS does not end after a premises owner registers his premises and tags and registers his animals. Rather, the burden continues as the owner must report, within 24 hours, any missing animal, any missing tag, the sale of an animal, the death of an animal, the slaughter of an animal, the purchase of an animal, the movement of an animal off the farm or homestead, or the movement of an animal onto the farm or homestead.

The Texas Organic Farmers and Gardeners Association stated in its comments to the Commission, "Not since Prohibition has any government agency attempted to enshrine in law a system which so thoroughly stigmatizes and burdens common, everyday behavior and is so certain to meet with huge resistance from the citizens it unjustly targets."

Like many burdensome and intrusive government programs, there are likely to be unintended consequences. For instance, a greater percentage of cattle or wild game may be raised in Mexico or Central America where the level of regulation and sanitation is lower than the U.S., even without the NAIS. This net result would be to lessen the safety of the beef and other animal products consumed by Americans.

Finally, why should an honest error in complying with this Orwellian program be a criminal offense? While House Bill 1361 passed last session by the Texas Legislature classifies the offense as only a Class C misdemeanor, that still means a \$500 fine for each day a violation occurs plus court costs, which can add up to thousands of dollars. If the offender does not pay, he can be sent to county jail. If we must have an animal identification program, compliance should be treated as a civil matter, rather than making criminals out of a family whose cat has kittens or a small farmer struggling to navigate this regulatory labyrinth.

For centuries, Texans have lived off the land, raised livestock, and enjoyed the companionship of pets. What has changed to warrant making all of these private activities subject to registration and surveillance? The government has cried wolf and the public outcry has just begun.

Marc Levin is the director of the Center for Effective Justice at the Texas Public Policy Foundation, an Austin-based research institute (www.TexasPolicy.com).



— Photo courtesy Canutillo ISD

STANDING AT ATTENTION — Canutillo High School NJROTC cadets undergo annual inspection. Shown center in photo is Commander Richard L. Moncada as he inspects uniform details. Left is Student Commander Joel Estrada; on the right is Student Executive Officer Joe Rosas.

Canutillo High NJROTC passes annual inspection

By Alfredo Vasquez
Special to the Courier

CANUTILLO — About 100 cadets in Canutillo High School Naval Junior ROTC program stood at attention as the area commander scrutinized their uniforms and asked them questions regarding naval regulations during the annual inspection that was held recently in the CHS auxiliary gym.

Reviewing the cadets was Commander Richard L. Moncada, the Navy Liaison Officer for the U.S. Army 387th CONUS Replacement Center Battalion at Fort Bliss. From 1998 to 2001, Moncada was the Executive Officer of the Naval & Marine Corps Reserve Center in El Paso. He is a native of El Paso and a graduate of Riverside High School and of UTEP.

"I have been charged with heading the annual inspection team for the El Paso area military science programs

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Praino will be candidate for mayor of Vinton

VINTON — Madeleine Praino, a resident of Vinton, Texas, recently announced that she will be a candidate for the office of mayor of this Upper Valley community.

"It is an honor and a pleasure to officially announce my candidacy for the position of mayor of the Village of Vinton," she said. "I consider this post not as a power-

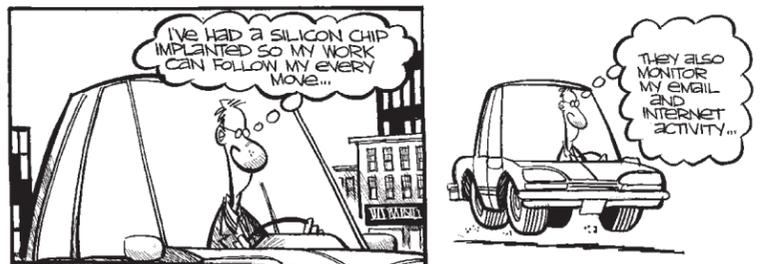
seeking office but as a privilege to serve my community.

"As your mayor, I will be expected to provide leadership to guide our town in a positive direction. I can and I will lead with a clear perception of the important issues that affect us, today.

"I look forward to the opportunity of discussing with you the dif-

ferent concerns and ideas that are vital to the welfare of our Village. See you on the campaign trail!" she concluded.

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Public Hearing San Elizario Independent School District 2006 — 2007 School Year Calendar

The San Elizario Independent School District intends to apply for a waiver of the prohibition concerning the date of the first day of instruction for students for the 2006 — 2007 school year. San Elizario Independent School District intends to begin instruction for students for the 2006 — 2007 school year on August 14, 2006.

A public hearing to discuss the first day of instruction for students for the 2006 — 2007 school year will be held on **Wednesday, April 12, 2006, at 4:30 p.m., at the San Elizario Independent School District Administration Building, 1050 Chicken Ranch Road.**

For further information, please call the Public Information Office at 877-7482.

Junta Publica Distrito Escolar Independiente de San Elizario Calendario Escolar de 2006 — 2007

El Distrito Escolar de San Elizario intenta solicitar un permiso del estado para poder cambiar la fecha del comienzo del año escolar 2006-2007. El distrito tiene intención de comenzar su primer día de instrucción el 14 de agosto 2006.

El miércoles 27 de abril del 2006 en punto de las 4:30 p.m. se efectuará una junta comunitaria para discutir el comienzo del año escolar 2006-2007. El lugar de la junta será en **las oficinas de administración del Distrito Escolar de San Elizario, ubicadas en 1050 Chicken Ranch Road.**

Para mas información se puede comunicar a la Oficina de Información Pública al teléfono 877-7482.

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mail on May 13, but will also collect any nonperishable food items placed by mailboxes. Annual food drive organizers hope to collect 105 tons of nonperishable food along all letter carrier routes and at all Post Office branches. The food donations from customers will stock the Paso del Norte Food Bank, a United Way member agency, which helps feed the less fortunate in our community.

■ The Horizon City Council has authorized Chief of Police Antonio Aguilar to hire police officers under the Dual Commission status. This was an issue that had been tabled several times because members of council wanted further research into the liability to Horizon City should an officer be involved in an incident during his/her off time. Chief Aguilar said this would afford him the opportunity to hire specialized officers such as K-9, Special Traffic Investigator and Juvenile Specialist who already have the needed training. He said he would only exercise this option when the budget would allow, but he would like to have the opportunity to do so.

■ Desert Hills Elementary in the Clint Independent School District will host a Diabetes Walk-a-thon and Wellness Across America Day on April 7 from 8 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at the school. Diabetes screenings for adults will be held from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. for a \$2 donation. Other health screenings will be available from 10 a.m. to noon at no charge, however donations will be accepted. All proceeds will go to the El Paso Diabetes Association. The public is invited. The event is part of the Desert Hills Elementary C.A.T.C.H. (Coordinated Approach to Children's Health) program. The school is located at 300 North Kenazo. For more information, call 926-4500.

■ Carole A. Bauer has been named principal for Bill Sybert School after serving in that capacity on an interim basis since last August. She has worked in Socorro ISD for 11 years as an assistant principal, and been in education for 28 years.

■ Horizon's 31st Annual Community Easter Sunrise Service will be held April 16 at 7 a.m. at the Horizon City Municipal Park, Rodman at Veny Webb. The event is sponsored by the Kiwanis Club of Horizon City. For more infor-

mation call 852-3207

■ National Arbor Day will become a whole week at Lake El Paso, April 24-28. Area schools and children's organizations are invited to come out and help plant trees. A forest ranger will be on hand to proper planting and care for trees. Children participating will receive a certificate and a pass into the Lake for them and a parent so they can come back and check on the tree they helped plant. Make reservations early for your class or organization to have the forest ranger there and to insure plenty of trees to plant. Call 852-2051 or 852-3382.

■ The Clint Independent School District was noted for excellence in school communications, both print and electronic, by the Texas School Public Relations Association at the TSPRA Annual Conference and Star Awards Celebration Feb. 23 in Austin. This year, more than 1000 entries were received. All entries submitted by the Clint ISD were awarded — the district received a Gold Star for the Teacher of the Year announcement and Silver Stars for the internal employee newsletter Clint Connections, the district website www.clintweb.net, and the photo *It's in the Bag*. The Clint ISD communications program, directed by Laura Cade, Coordinator for Community Relations, produces publications throughout the year to keep district employees, parents, students and the community at large informed about district news, events, programs and initiatives. The district's website contains information about district news, policies, programs, departments and operations as well as general information. The design of the site is maintained by Christopher Gonzalez, Web Integration Specialist.

■ High school seniors have the opportunity to win the 2006 Don't Mess with Texas scholarship, this year honoring the legacy of the late Temple physician David D. Barton, M.D. His family is funding the Texas Department of Transportation's (TxDOT) scholarship program, which will award one \$3,000 and two \$1,500 scholarships to graduating Texas high school students who have implemented a creative and sustainable solution to a litter problem in their school or community. Dr. Barton was an advocate of both higher education and litter prevention, having been a member of Keep Brazos Beautiful when he resided in College Station. All Texas high school seniors are invited to apply no later than April 7. Students may obtain an application and information at www.DontMessWithTexas.org or through their guidance counselor.

■ Three young members of the U.S. Navy their fellow shipmates assigned to the aircraft carrier USS Ronald Reagan made a port visit to Jebel Ali, United Arab Emirates while on a scheduled deployment as part of Carrier Strike Group (CSG) 7. The port visit gave the

unit a chance to experience a different culture and strengthen the relationship between the United Arab Emirates and the coalition of maritime forces. CSG-7 has been conducting maritime security operations (MSO) in the 5th Fleet area of operations. Those making the port visit included Navy Petty Officer 1st Class Ramon Torres, son of Rita and Ramon Torres of San Elizario and a 1988 graduate of San Elizario High School of San Elizario who joined the Navy in January 1989; Navy Airman Eric Enriquez, son of Micaela Burciaga and Marco A. Enriquez of El Paso who is a 2005 graduate of Americas High School and who joined the Navy in August of that year; and Navy Seaman Vanessa B. Dehesa, daughter of Sandra and Jesus A. Dehesa of El Paso who is a 2003 graduate of Americas High School and who joined the Navy in July 2003.

■ Time-of-day restrictions for outdoor landscape irrigation will go into effect Saturday for El Paso Water Utilities customers. From April 1 through Sept. 30, watering is permitted before 10 a.m. and after 6 p.m. on designated days. Properties with addresses that end in even numbers may be watered on Tuesdays, Thursdays or Saturdays. Those with addresses that end in odd numbers may be watered on Wednesdays, Fridays or Sundays. The watering days for parks, schools, cemeteries, golf courses and industrial sites are Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. El Paso's watering restrictions are outlined in the City's water conservation ordinance. Failure to comply is a Class C misdemeanor and can lead to fines of up to \$500.

■ The Socorro ISD will honor "an army of volunteers," more than 500 in all, during the Volunteer Appreciation and Awards Banquet on Friday, April 7 at the Mission Valley Ballroom.

■ The Texas Workforce Commission (TWC) is inviting El Paso-area business owners and managers to the Texas Business Conference (TBC) on Friday, March 31, according to Larry Jones. Employers will learn how to avoid costly pitfalls and how to employ techniques to more effectively manage employees. Agency attorneys and staff will discuss employee handbooks, hiring and retention, firing, workplace investigations, Unemployment Insurance (UI), UI tax credits, wage and hour laws, workers' compensation and more. Participants will receive an invaluable TBC handbook, including the latest edition of the popular publication *Especially for Texas Employers*. The conference also offers general professional credit, as well as six hours of continuing education for participating certified public accountants. The TBC will be held at Camino Real Hotel, 101 S. El Paso St., El Paso from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. For more information, visit <http://www.texasworkforce.org/twcinfo/tbcforms/tbcfaq.html> or call (512) 463-6389.

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KICKIN' IT — San Eli's Lady Eagles are champs after beating Chapin.

San Eli Girls take bi-district title

By Phillip Cortez
Special to the Courier

SAN ELIZARIO — In what will go down as one of the more memorable games in school history, the San Elizario High School girls soccer team stunned Chapin High School in winning the District 1 and 2 Bi-District Championship, Friday, March 24.

Still steaming from a controversial call that took away a potential match-tying goal, the Lady Eagles continued to press Chapin's side of the field, sneaking the ball through the zone only to come up short thanks to the

Huskies' speedy defense.

But with less than two minutes remaining in regulation, Chapin was called for a hand touch inside the box, which gave San Elizario new life. Senior goalie Susana Gutierrez trotted out to the other side of the field and swiftly tied the match with the penalty kick. Gutierrez finished the match by stopping all but one of the 13 shots on goal she faced. In the shootout, Gutierrez shut out Chapin while Grisel Esparza and Angie Ramirez converted their penalty kicks to clinch the game.

San Elizario faced Canyon Randall this week in the area playoff round.

Martinez takes helm as athletic director for Fabens

By Ivan Quintero
Special to the Courier

FABENS — Mike Martinez has been selected as the new Fabens ISD Athletic Director. Martinez has been in education for the last eight years both as teacher and coach.

In 1998 he was line coach at a 5-A school in Allen, Texas where he also taught Spanish. A year later he was the head coach for the 8th grade football team in Plainview, Texas. In 2001 he went to McCamey, Texas where he became the offensive line coach and remained there until he came to Fabens to become an assistant head coach and



Mike Martinez

offensive coordinator in 2004.

Martinez has been married to his wife Christina for 14 years and they have two boys, John and Michael. His plans for Fabens are to make it a successful athletic town so that it is known throughout the region and state. He said he wants to bring excitement back to Fabens.

"I am very excited to be given the opportunity to be the Fabens Athletic Director and football coach," Martinez said. "I'm looking forward to working with the great kids at Fabens."

When asked about going to 3-A next year, he stated, "It's going to be good and very competitive, and we plan to be in the playoffs every year."

UTEP and Canutillo ISD host School Board Member Institute for Bilingual Education Conference

By Alfredo Vasquez
Special to the Courier

UPPER VALLEY — A pre-conference institute highlighting cutting edge research that addresses the academic achievement of second language learners will be the inaugural event for the 13th Annual BEEMS (Bilingual Education with Emphasis in Math & Science) Conference, Thursday through Saturday, March 30-April 1.

The special institute, which is designed for school board members and school administrators, will be held from 6-8 p.m., Thursday, March 30, at the Canutillo ISD Administrative Facility, 7965 Arcraft.

The institute will feature renowned researchers Dr. Virginia Collier and Dr. Wayne Thomas from George Mason University. The Collier and Thomas presentation will provide information on "Enrichment for English Learners: Closing the Second Half of the Academic Gap". They

will present data to support the most effective implementation of instructional programs for English learners.

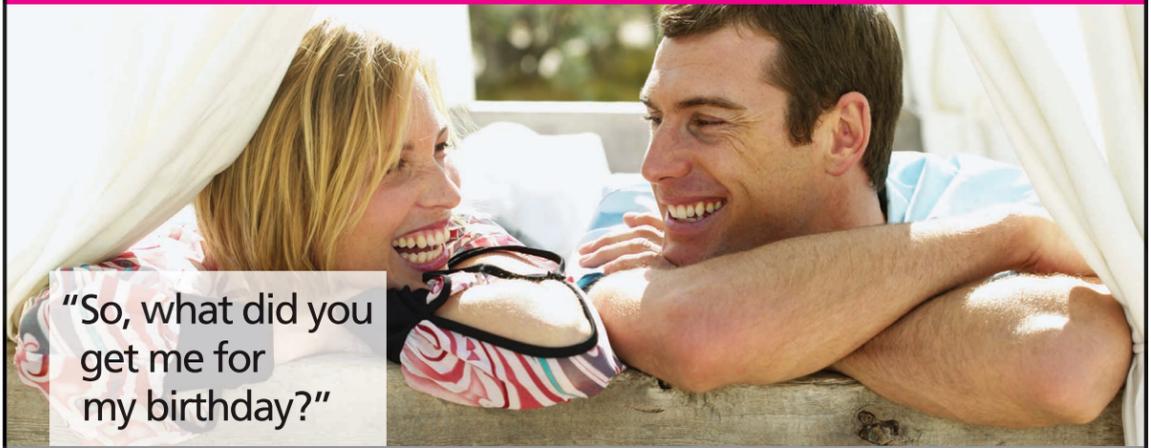
On Friday and Saturday, the BEEMS conference will offer educators and other stakeholders a unique opportunity to enrich their knowledge base in order to provide state-of-the-art teaching and learning opportunities for all students, stated Pauline Dow, CISD Academic Language Services director.

About 1,000 teachers, administrators, school board members, parents, and students from the El Paso-Juarez area, Texas, and across the country are expected to participate in the three-day conference.

Other conference events will include site visits to featured school campuses with outstanding dual language programs, a parents institute that promotes active participation in education, and over 70 concurrent sessions presented by educators and researchers from across the nation that focus on best practices in bilingual education.

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Steeler's brother will have five years to savor his party at the Superbowl

By Steve Escajeda
Special to the Courier

From the "I'm incredibly stupid and I don't care who knows it" department, the brother of Pittsburgh Steelers safety Tyrone Carter was scheduled to report to jail in January to serve a six-month term for driving with a suspended license.

There was only one problem. Brother Tyrone would be playing in the Super Bowl a month later in Detroit.

So what is a brother to do? Report to jail and miss the game, or just disregard what the authorities say and party at the Super Bowl?

Apparently, and literally, this was a no-brainer for Tank Carter.

You guessed it. He decided to stay in Detroit and watch the Super Bowl from the 50-yard line and party the night away afterward with rapper Snoop Dogg.

Unfortunately for Carter, the justice system in Florida where he was supposed to report wasn't amused and added four-and-a-half years to his sentence.

Now Carter will have to spend five years in jail instead of six months.

The obvious question I'm sure you're asking is, "Hey, Tank, was it worth it?"

After his sentencing Carter was quoted as saying, "Even knowing what I know now, I would do it again. It was the greatest game in my life."

Now that kind of stupid doesn't grow on trees.

Not to be outdone on the moron-o-meter, his Steelers' brother was quoted as saying, "I would have done the same thing, winning the Super Bowl meant we finally made it together."

Ahhhhh, there's nothing like brotherly love. I'm sure mama is proud.

Huskies hoodwinked

With the Final Four staring us in the face this weekend it's very apparent to me that one team is missing who should still be playing.

The Huskies — no, not the top-ranked Connecticut Huskies — the Washington Huskies.

Did you happen to catch the Sweet-16 matchup between UConn and Washington?

I'm sure many people who have been keep-

ing up with the tournament can agree that some of these games have been horribly officiated. Even the CBS commentators have alluded on more than one occasion that they didn't see what the referee had just called.

Well, as I watched the UConn-Washington game last Friday it was rather obvious that — for some reason that should be investigated — the three officials were going to do everything in their power to get UConn to the next level.

Now, I'm not one of those conspiracy theorists, although I do love the X-Files. But there was no doubt that Washington outplayed UConn in every phase of the game. But what the referees did to them was almost criminal.

First of all, Washington got off to a double-digit lead in the first half and was up again by eight with 13 minutes left when its best player, Brandon Roy, who only had two fouls at the time, was called for his third foul. Then he got tangled up with a UConn player, the two were just staring at each other, no shoving, no punches, just staring.

The referee gives both players a technical foul, which also counts as a personal foul. Now Washington has to sit one of the best players

in the nation, Roy, with four fouls.

As the game wore on the officials called foul after foul on Washington and let all kinds of physical play go on by the UConn players.

Sound like I'm some kind of sore loser, but let's look at the official stats.

UConn committed 26 turnovers in the game to Washington's 17. Washington made 34 shots to UConn's 27. UConn stole the ball 7 times while Washington recorded 19 steals.

Here's why UConn won. The officials called just 20 fouls on UConn — they called 33 on Washington. Washington went to the free throw line 23 times, UConn went to the free throw line 47 times! Yes, over twice as many times in an NCAA Tournament game.

And remember, Washington led almost throughout the game, so they had no reason to foul UConn. The most telling stat was simply this one. Players fouled out of the game: UConn 0, Washington 5.

No, that's not a mistake — five Washington players fouled out of the game.

I know UConn is a big name and they are a good team but still, what the referees did to Washington last week was reprehensible.

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R.H. Brown, Box 1288, Canutillo, Texas 79835, has submitted an application with the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality to sell facilities and transfer a CCN to provide water utility service in El Paso County to: Bruce Bonestroo, Box 1929, Anthony, N.M. 88021.

The transferee has also requested to amend a CCN in this application. The sale is scheduled to take place as approved by the Executive Director (V.T.C.A., Water Code §13.301). The transaction and the transfer of an CCN include the following subdivisions: Vinton Village Estates, Villa Alegre Estates, Vinton Hills, Rancho Estancias.

The area subject to this transaction is

located approximately 16 miles north northwest of downtown El Paso, Texas and is generally bounded on the north by Valley Chili Rd.; on the east by I-10; on the south by Chicken Farm Rd.; and on the west by SR 20. The total area being requested includes approximately 350 acres and 263 current customers.

This transaction will have the following effect on the current customer's rates and services: There will be no changes in rates or services.

Affected persons may file written protests and/or request a public hearing within 30 days of this notice.

To request a hearing, you must state (1) your name, mailing address and daytime telephone number (2) the applicant's name, application number or another recognizable reference to this application; (3) the statement "I/we request a public hearing"; (4) a brief description of how you, the persons you represent, or the public interest would be adversely affected by the proposed transaction and transfer of the CCN; and (5) your proposed adjustment to the application or

CCN which would satisfy your concerns and cause you to withdraw your request for a hearing. Only those persons who submit a written request to be notified of a hearing will receive notice if a hearing is scheduled. The Executive Director will issue the CCN requested in the referenced application unless a hearing is scheduled to consider the transaction. If no protests or requests for hearing are filed during the comment period, the Executive Director may issue the CCN 30 days after publication of this notice.

Persons who wish to protest or request a hearing on this application should write the: Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, Water Supply Division Utilities and Districts Section, MC-153 P.O. Box 13087, Austin, TX 78711-3087

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032706-051, addressed to Mr. Gilbert Alarcon, Fabens Independent School District, 821 NE "G" Avenue or P.O. Box 697, Fabens, Texas 79838, will be received at the above address until 10 a.m. Thursday, April 13, 2006, at which time they will be publicly opened. Bid forms and specifications may be obtained by calling (915) 764-2025. Proposals are also available at the Fabens ISD website: www.fabensisd.net. 4/6

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A pre-bid conference is scheduled to be held at 9 a.m., Monday, April 3, 2006 at H.D. Hilley Elementary School located at 693 N.

Rio Vista Rd., El Paso, Texas 79927. At this conference, bidders will be afforded the opportunity to ask questions and discuss any aspect of the project. Although attendance at the pre-bid conference is not mandatory, all bidders are responsible for the information discussed at the conference and are strongly urged to attend. It is also highly recommended that all bidders visit and inspect each work site prior to submitting a bid.

Proposals will be received at Business Services Dept., 12300 Eastlake Drive, El Paso, Texas 79928 until the specified times. Detailed specifications are available from the above office between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. Mondays through Fridays and on the Socorro ISD website: www.sisd.net. WTCC-03/30/06

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Gibson continues to break new ground

By Don Flood

Mel Gibson, whose last movie was in Latin and ancient Aramaic, has announced a new project, "Apocalypto," in which the actors will speak Mayan.

"I wanted to shake up the stale action-adventure genre," Gibson told Time Magazine.

Well, it's about time someone shook up the stale action-adventure genre.

Just the other day I was saying to my wife, "You know, it's been a long time since we've seen a good action-adventure movie, with Mayan subtitles, about pre-Columbian America.

"And what has happened to all those great Mayan-speaking actors of yesteryear?"

My wife didn't know either.

The movie centers on, among other things, human sacrifice, so it's sure to be a fun flick for whole family. (And later, of course, a musical on Broadway.)

Still, you have to wonder about Gibson's fascination with obscure languages.

I mean, if he really wants something unintelligible he could present Paula Abdul — speaking English.

On a recent "American Idol," host Ryan Seacrest, who against all odds has become, by default, the show's foremost intellect and source of common sense, asked Abdul why two contestants received the fewest votes. She mumbled, "Simon said because one of them ate pizza and the other ate salad."

Perhaps realizing that her answer might not have been crystal clear to everyone, she later explained:

"What did you tell me, Simon?" she said. "What did you tell me? Simon gave me advice and said on 'The X Factor' he always refers to a fortune cookie and says the moth who finds the melon finds the corn

flake always finds the melon and one of you didn't pick the right fortune."

Since the telecast, linguistic experts have tried to decipher the meaning of that statement — to no avail, though the dialect has been identified as a form of B-List Celebrity Gibberish, which is widely spoken in southern California.

Speakers of the dialect are able to understand each other, apparently, but conversations remain impenetrable to outsiders.

For Gibson, filming an action-adventure in "Abdul-speak" would be the supreme challenge, though providing subtitles could prove an insurmountable problem.

I have some other ideas as well, though the rest of you can stop reading now because this section is for Mel's eyes only.

Picture this, Mel — remakes in obscure languages!

Everybody loves remakes, everybody loves obscure languages, everybody loves to read subtitles.

Put them together and you can't miss:

- "Bill & Ted's Excellent Adventure" would become fresh and funny in ancient Sanskrit.

- "Dude, Where's My Car?" would acquire new layers of meaning if performed in the Eskimo language of Inuit. (If necessary, this could be changed to "Dude, Where's My Igloo?" I could handle rewrite. No problem.)

The other possibility — and you can stop me if you've heard this before, but I know you haven't because it's absolutely brilliant — the "Dirty Harry" movies in Pig Latin!

Instead of "Make my day, punk!" Dirty Harry would say, "Akemay ymay ayday, unkpay!" You could do it in togas for a retro look.

I bet you could even get Paula Abdul for the female lead.

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Clarke Middle teacher is elected president of state association

EAST EL PASO COUNTY — For the first time in the history of the Texas Middle School Association (TMSA) the president of that organization will be a teacher. And that teacher is Socorro ISD's Phyllis T. Wong, a French teacher at Capt. Walter E. Clarke Middle School. Wong was sworn in March 4 at the annual conference held this year in Galveston.

"Of course I'm very proud to be president of TMSA because I've worked in the organization for many years as

a middle school advocate," she says. "But I'm even prouder to be a teacher. After all, TMSA foremost provides professional development for teachers."

As president of TMSA, Wong will head the organization's Board of Directors, consisting of 20 members from each of the state's regions. She will also set the organization's agenda for the 06-07 year, preside over the next annual conference and represent Texas to the national association.



Phyllis T. Wong

Wong has taught at Capt. Walter E. Clarke Middle School for seven years and has been a teacher for 21 years. She is also a cancer survivor. She missed most of the fall semester while undergoing chemotherapy.

"It was so great to get back to class," she says. "I can't tell you how much I really needed to be here with my students, doing what I love, what I do best. Taking the extended leave was the hardest part of dealing with all this. Being with middle school kids keeps you young, it keeps you energized and focused on what's important. It's the best therapy."

— Contributed by Carlos A. Briano

Inspection

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in the local high schools," said Commander Moncada. "In general, I think the students are doing a good job," he added.

CHS Student Commander Joel Estrada, senior, said that he felt that his cadets did well overall. CHS Student Executive Officer Joe Rosas, senior, added that he thinks that the cadets could have done better in their marching drills.

"This was my twenty-seventh annual inspection at CHS, and the

cadets always come through in the crunch for me," said Captain Charles Young, who has been head of the NJROTC program at CHS for the past 27 years.

Capt. Young said that this would be his last inspection, as he announced his plans for retirement at the end of this school year.

The final results of the annual inspection will be received in a written report from the area commander's office, which is located in San Antonio, Texas, in a couple of weeks, stated Petty Officer First Class Pete Soto, CHS military science instructor.

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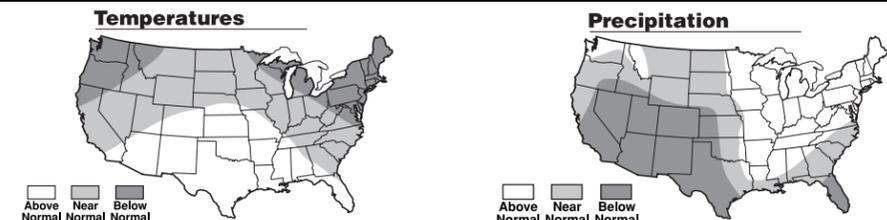
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WEATHER TRENDS THIS WEEK

IN THE SKY



Sun	Rise	Set	Moon	Rise	Set	New	First
Thu.	5:57 a.m.	6:24 p.m.	Thu.	6:38 a.m.	8:14 p.m.		
Fri.	5:56 a.m.	6:24 p.m.	Fri.	7:14 a.m.	9:25 p.m.	3/29	4/5
Sat.	5:54 a.m.	6:25 p.m.	Sat.	7:53 a.m.	10:34 p.m.		
Sun.	6:53 a.m.	7:26 p.m.	Sun.	9:37 a.m.	none	4/13	4/20
Mon.	6:52 a.m.	7:26 p.m.	Mon.	10:28 a.m.	12:39 a.m.		
Tues.	6:51 a.m.	7:27 p.m.	Tues.	11:23 a.m.	1:39 a.m.		
Wed.	6:49 a.m.	7:28 p.m.	Wed.	12:22 p.m.	2:31 a.m.		

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REGIONAL CITIES

U.S. CITIES

City	Thursday			Friday			Saturday			Sunday			City	Thursday			Friday			Saturday			Sunday		
	HI	LO	W	HI	LO	W	HI	LO	W	HI	LO	W		HI	LO	W	HI	LO	W	HI	LO	W	HI	LO	W
Abilene, TX	82	52	pc	79	51	s	78	57	t	80	56	pc	Atlanta	72	54	s	74	51	t	70	52	pc	75	52	s
Albuquerque, NM	60	38	pc	68	41	s	68	42	pc	72	43	s	Boston	64	40	s	64	42	s	60	42	t	52	37	pc
Amarillo, TX	69	39	pc	71	42	s	76	44	t	78	44	s	Chicago	62	46	pc	60	38	t	54	34	pc	56	38	pc
Austin, TX	76	58	t	79	50	pc	77	54	t	79	60	pc	Denver	56	33	c	59	34	s	64	38	pc	63	36	pc
Brownsville, TX	84	70	pc	85	69	pc	84	68	pc	84	69	pc	Detroit	62	47	pc	62	40	t	52	35	pc	52	37	c
Dodge City, KS	60	39	sh	63	36	pc	70	41	s	71	43	pc	Houston	80	66	t	80	63	t	80	65	t	82	64	pc
Jackson, MS	74	60	t	76	53	t	76	52	pc	76	52	pc	Indianapolis	66	52	pc	64	42	t	58	40	pc	61	43	c
Laredo, TX	86	69	pc	89	68	pc	85	69	pc	86	67	pc	Kansas City	68	46	t	58	36	c	65	44	s	66	46	t
Little Rock, AR	73	57	t	70	48	t	74	46	s	72	52	t	Los Angeles	68	52	s	65	54	r	68	52	pc	70	54	pc
Lubbock, TX	76	46	pc	74	48	s	78	49	t	78	47	s	Miami	81	70	pc	81	69	pc	83	71	s	85	70	pc
Memphis, TN	71	60	t	70	53	t	70	51	pc	72	52	pc	Minneapolis	55	38	t	49	34	r	54	35	pc	50	32	pc
Midland, TX	77	46	pc	74	48	s	79	52	pc	81	53	c	New Orleans	80	64	t	81	62	t	77	61	t	76	61	pc
Pueblo, CO	67	33	c	66	35	s	72	38	pc	71	35	pc	New York City	64	47	s	64	47	s	60	44	t	55	40	pc
Roswell, NM	79	43	s	78	44	s	81	46	pc	81	43	pc	Omaha	64	40	t	55	34	sh	62	39	s	62	39	sh
St. Louis, MO	68	52	t	62	43	c	66	44	pc	68	45	c	Phoenix	76	56	s	80	58	s	80	58	pc	85	60	s
San Antonio, TX	80	62	t	83	61	pc	80	63	pc	81	62	pc	San Francisco	60	51	pc	60	49	r	61	48	pc	62	50	pc
Texarkana, AR	74	61	t	76	51	t	76	52	pc	76	56	t	Seattle	56	42	sh	54	42	sh	54	42	sh	54	40	sh
Waco, TX	76	56	t	77	50	pc	74	53	t	79	59	pc	Washington	68	48	pc	72	48	pc	68	48	t	62	45	pc
Wichita, KS	67	44	t	67	39	pc	67	44	s	69	47	t													

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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