



## NEWSBRIEFS

### Temporary closure

The *West Texas County Courier* business offices is temporarily closed. The *Courier* office will re-open on Monday, Oct. 23.

### Tee it up

Canutillo Alumni Foundation for Education (CAF) has scheduled its Third Annual Golf Tournament for Friday, October 27 at the Lone Star Golf Course with a shotgun start at 1 p.m. Proceeds are for Canutillo High School Scholarships. For information, call 740-8366 or 276-2073.

### Restrictions lifted

El Pasoans served by the El Paso Water Utilities can water their lawns at any time on designated days beginning Sunday, Oct. 1, when time-of-day watering limits end. The Water Conservation Ordinance allows outdoor watering at any time on scheduled watering days between Oct. 1 and March 31. Residential customers with even-numbered addresses may water on Tuesdays, Thursdays, or Saturdays. Those with odd-numbered addresses may water on Wednesdays, Fridays, or Sundays. The designated watering days for parks, schools, cemeteries, golf courses, and industrial sites are Mondays, Wednesdays, or Fridays. El Paso Water Utilities offers free indoor and outdoor water use reviews to residential and business customers who want advice on how to use water more efficiently. Appointments are scheduled through the Water Conservation Department by calling 594-5508.

### Fall festival

- Capt. Walter E. Clarke Middle School will be hosting their annual Fall Festival on Friday Oct. 20 from 6-9 p.m. The festival will be held in the commons area and will have a haunted house, concession stands, crafts and a cake walk. Some booths are still available for \$12. The booths are open to any community club or organization that would like to raise money. Anyone interested in renting a booth should contact Marina Tarango at 937-5600 or 873-2696.
- Hurshel Antwine School will be hosting its Annual Fall Festival on Thursday, October 26, 2006 from 4:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. There will be choir concerts, crafts and food booths. Kids can have some fun on the jumping balloon as parents try their singing skills at the karaoke sessions. Booths are still available for vendors. The fee is \$20. For information, contact either Coach Erica Armijo or Coach Carlos M. Puertas at 937-6481.

### In other news

■ A formal dedication of John Drugan School will be held on Wednesday, Oct. 11, 2006. John Drugan family members along with faculty and staff will join school and community officials

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— Photo by Alfredo Vasquez

**REBUILDING** — Rachel Quintana stands in front of her mobile home that sustained substantial damage to the foundation and to the electrical, gas, and plumbing systems. Her FEMA check totalled \$192.

## Helping hands Clean up in Vinton will be long and expensive

By Don Woodyard  
*Courier Staff Writer*

VINTON — Flood victim helping fellow flood victims.

“Go home; take care of your own family; you have enough to do there.”

These were the considerate comments made to Rachel Quintana, herself a victim, who came to the Village of Vinton’s offices after work, offering her time and talents in flood relief efforts.

Jessica Garza, Vinton’s city secretary, remembers how Quintana would selflessly come in for an hour or two to make up flyers or distribute food that had come into the village’s offices.

Quintana is the daughter of Yolanda Lucero, alderperson on the Village Council. Quintana is an administrative assistant in the School Resources Department of the Canutillo ISD.

Martha Veale, executive director of the department, remembers the day of the heavy rains when waters went surging down the arroyos

sweeping everything in its path. She comes into the room where Quintana is being interviewed and gives her a hug.

Veale also remembers urging her employee to go home and take care of her family. Quintana had just received a call at work from her sons, frantic with panic in their voices, to tell of the floods and the damage it was doing to her double-wide trailer home. Seeing traffic backed up on the roads because of the floods and the difficulty of travel, Quintana elected to stay at work despite a suggestion from Veale that she go home to take care of family.

She says she was comforted by the fact that family members would rally around when she wasn’t there and help each other. In addition to her mother, there is her sisters Rhena and Bonnie who live nearby.

Asked how this tragedy has changed her life, she answers surprisingly that it has been a positive experience.

“Beautiful things coming out of beautiful

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## Del Sol, Lions, sponsor health fair

*Courier Staff Reports*

The Horizon City Health Fair is back and is packed with a healthy dose of screenings, immunizations and information. It is set for October 28th from 8 a.m. to 12 noon at the Oz Glaze Senior Center, 13969 Veny Webb. The Health Fair is sponsored by the Horizon City Lion’s Club, Socorro Lions Club, Oz Glaze Senior Center and Del Sol Medical Center.

The free screenings will include blood sugar, cholesterol, blood pressure, vision, hearing, speech and much more. Flu and pneumonia shots will be offered at a cost of \$20, and Medicare is accepted. Participants are encouraged to wait two hours after eating before they have their blood sugar tested.

Wallace (Wally) Thompson, chairman of the Horizon City Lions Health Committee is looking forward to the event. “The Health Fair allows us to bring information on health services and provide screenings to the Horizon com-

munity,” he said.

Dolores Acosta, Director of Community Relations for Del Sol Medical Center, has been involved in planning and presenting the fair since its inception in 2000. “It’s a great event, and Del Sol enjoys the strong partnership we have with the Horizon community”. Remember, it is open to everyone, so we really invite the entire community to attend.”

Thompson emphasized the importance of the screenings, and shared his own personal experience and recommendation. “After my first cholesterol test at the Health Fair, I gave up French fries! Everyone really should get tested, just to set their psyche correct.”

Organizers have reserved the front parking lot for handicapped parking, and ask that others please part in back of the Center or on the street. About 250 people attended last year’s Health Fair, and it is expected that more will take advantage of the offerings this year.

For more information, call the Horizon Health Fair Committee, Wally Thompson at (915) 852-3538.

## Canutillo ISD breaks ground on Alderete Middle School Addition

By Alfredo Vasquez  
*Special to the Courier*

CANUTILLO — Groundbreaking ceremony for the library and classroom wing with science labs addition to Jose J. Alderete Middle School (AMS) will be held at 10:30 a.m., Wednesday, Oct. 11, at 801 Talbot Road.

Plans call for the construction of a two-story building to house a new library, science labs, and classrooms. The \$3.3 million construction project will continue throughout the school year and should be finalized for the beginning of school next year.

Wright and Dalbin Architects Inc. designed the addition to the AMS campus. VEMAC is the construction company that will build the addition.

The project is funded through the \$39.03 million bond issue passed in February 2006. Included in this bond issue are the construction of two new elementary schools, renovation work to both middle school campuses, upgrades to existing elementary schools, and a field house for the new CHS athletic stadium.

Construction of the first new elementary school, which will alleviate over-crowding at Jose H. Damian ES, is scheduled to begin in October 2006 and should be completed for the 2007-08 school year. Construction of the second elementary school should start around January 2008 and be completed by April 2009.

Various renovation projects are also scheduled for all existing campuses through 2009 as part of the district’s five-year plan and as outlined in the 2006 Bond Issue presentations. CISD maintenance crews with the assistance of different subcontractor companies have been working steadfastly to complete the renovation projects at both middle school facilities. Roof replacement, asbestos abatement, painting, flooring, and electrical and mechanical work, among other projects already have been completed at both campuses.

In funding the construction and renovation projects, Tony Reza, Executive Director for Business Services, said, “The bonds to pay for the various projects are being sold on a yearly basis to ensure that the tax rate does not increase by more than six cents per year.”

To help communicate the progress of the bond projects to the community at large, CISD School Board and administration established a Community Bond Accountability Committee (CBAC). The committee is working in partnership with school officials to strengthen communication with resources in the community and ensure that factual information is going out in a timely manner.

For more information, call Annette Brigham, AMS principal, at 877-6603.



— Image courtesy Canutillo ISD

**NEW DIGS** — An artist’s rendering shows what Jose J. Alderete Middle School will look like when completed.

*The big question before the country today is: “How much is the down-payment?”*

— Quips & Quotes



## One perspective

By Francis Shrum

# Letters not from home

It makes me both humble and proud. These may be contradictory terms but that's exactly how I feel about some of the letters that I receive, especially when they come from folks of age and experience greater than mine.

This one fellow, from Indiana, wrote to me in September about his life on four acres that he takes care of himself. He'll be 84 in January of 2007.

It's a letter not from home but it feels like home, with the kind of depth and caring and solid perspective on life that we all hope to find when we go there. A few lucky ones among us still do.

This man hasn't been in the military since 1947, but he still identifies himself with his five years of service to his country in the South Pacific during WWII.

Such is the mark that war can leave.

He wrote to me after reading my tirade about the way people treat shopping carts. His biggest gripe is litter and disrespect for one's environment. He said they put in a new road project near his home and within weeks it was littered with trash thrown from passing cars. He said he

put up signs and even provided a litter barrel but trash was thrown on the ground right next to it.

"Don't these people care about their environment anymore and why do they have such a 'don't-give-a-damn' attitude?" he wrote. "(These) individuals probably lost their mothers who picked up behind them and were never taught to pick up their own messes. So now they leave the responsibility to others."

In spite of the fact he's more than a little disillusioned with our litter-minded society, his letter was full of thought-provoking comments and left me with a good feeling about the future and life in general.

He said he sometimes gets defensive when a young person asks him what people of his generation think about, like they don't have much on their minds. So he told me. It's worth repeating.

"In fond memories, I think about people. Family and friends and people I meet everyday in stores, in church and my neighborhood. People in the news, in my hometown and in far traveled lands. Ordinary people and people higher up in life.

"I think about good times. Maybe jumping rope or playing marbles as I

did at 7, or playing on the high school teams at 17.

"I think about work! I have learned that 'life is so daily' and many of my mundane tasks need to be done for myself and also for others.

"I think about the beauty of nature around me! Older people are more aware of the preciousness of all life around them. That has been my experience and now I see every blooming flower, bird, tree, and animal with a greater appreciation than I did in my younger days.

"I think about my precious memories! They add richness to my life, as I think of many people and experiences I have had through the years. Some of the happenings have not been victories and lessons learned, I'll agree. I have lived and seen life and all was for the best.

"I think about a Supreme Being or God! Most of us senior citizens have a deeper faith than we did earlier in life. Faith moves in a marvelous way through the years of age. Have faith and think positive. All things are possible.

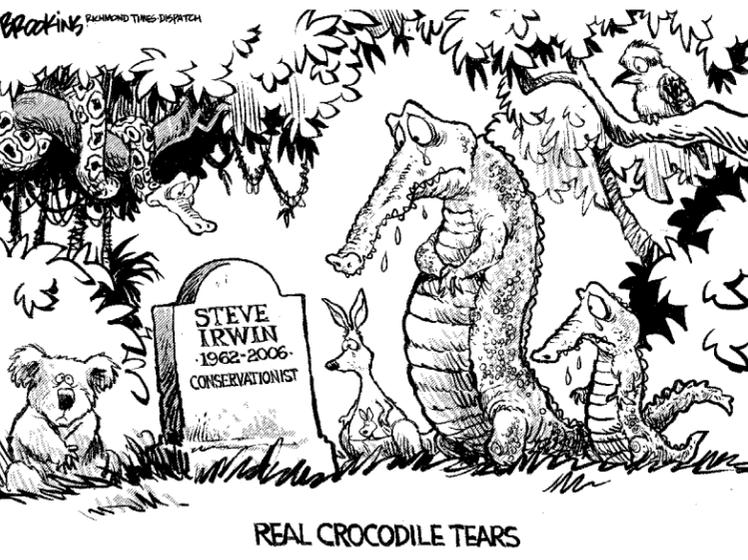
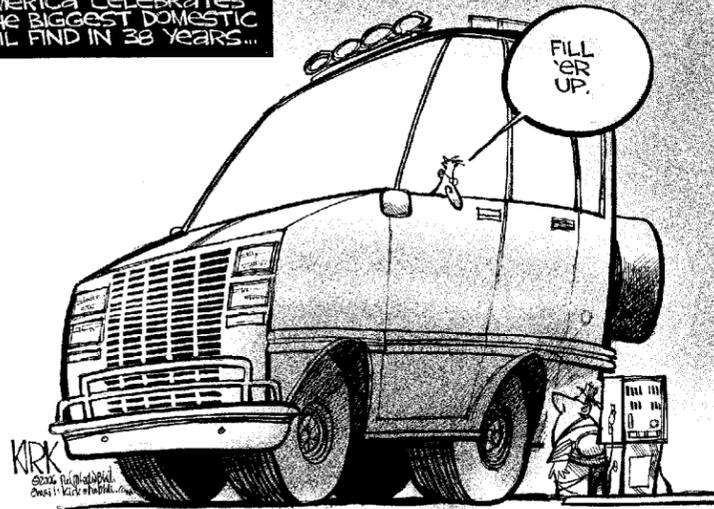
"What does my generation think about? We think about meaningful activity and the need to be involved in everyday life. We are no different than we were at any age. However, we do have the precious advantage of years of experiences, memories and a lot of learning that adds a richness we could not have known when we were young."

I've wondered since if the young among us today are learning these same lessons as we travel in a world that doesn't value too highly things of quality but rather quantity — always surging toward the bigger, better, newer, faster, latest.

I wondered what prompted this man to put out the time and effort to sit down and write, in carefully measured long hand, the kinds of words that one would expect from a dear relative but not necessarily from a stranger in a letter not from home. I'm truly glad he did.

He concluded his letter with the words: "So be it."  
I felt like saying: "Amen."

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## Por la Gente By State Rep. Chente Quintanilla



# Halloween and elections looming on horizon

Hola, mi gente. It is very hard to believe that we are already in October. This year is just about behind us. It is the time of year when we celebrate many of our cherished and fun occasions. I hope that everyone will keep safety in mind as you enjoy your holidays.

Halloween is a favorite of school children throughout the county. I personally enjoy seeing the many different costumes that our children wear. If you are shopping for costumes, remember some very important safety features. Since the kids are out in the darkness of night, make sure the costume has reflective material. It would be a shame if a trick or treater was hit by a car

because the costume was so dark the child could not be seen.

Also, keep in mind that costumes can possibly be a fire hazard. Keep the little pirates or princesses away from open flames like candles or fireplaces. Please look for costumes which give the children the best possible vision available. The masks sometime make it difficult for children to see potential hazards.

Lastly, look at any candy that is in their bag and discard any that you feel may not be good. I know that most of the people who give candy are just as careful to give out safe candy. We can never be too careful so looking at the candy before it is eaten is a good thing to do.

This year we also have elections coming up very soon. Early voting starts on Oct. 23 this year. The gen-

eral election day is Nov. 7.

I hope all of you who read this will exercise your right to vote. There are too many important issues confronting us today for any of our El Paso residents to ignore the ballot box. Listen and watch TV about the candidates and the issues; read the newspaper for more information; call the candidates headquarters for answers to questions; and attend any of the many candidate forums which are sure to be held.

If you vote, your voice will be heard. If you don't vote, your voice will also be heard. But what people will hear is that you don't care.

Let's all show Austin that we do care: VOTE!

Gracias, mi gente, and I remain your friend and public servant, Chente por la gente.

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**Eye on D.C.** By U.S. Rep. Henry Bonilla

# Hispanic Heritage Month



From Sept. 15 through Oct. 15 our nation celebrates "National Hispanic Heritage Month." As a Hispanic American, I join my fellow Hispanic Americans during this time to reflect upon our rich, cultured past, our present achievements and challenges, and our future hopes and dreams.

I am proud of my Hispanic heritage. My family taught me the same values that countless Hispanic American families teach their children each and every day: that the path to success is paved by hard work and determination, there is no substitution for an unwavering devotion to family and there is nothing more important than a deeply rooted faith in God. These are the values that have shaped my life. These are the principles that I seek to instill in my children. And these are the standards that shape my decisions as your United States Representative.

Once considered an insulated community in the United States, Hispanic Americans have crossed cultural boundaries to successfully assimilate into all aspects of American society and economy. In fact, today Hispanic Americans contribute to the booming national economy in record numbers. According to the *Latino Labor Report 2006: Strong Gains in Employment* released by the Pew Hispanic Center, Hispanic American unemployment rate reached a historic low of 5.2 percent in the second quarter of 2006, the lowest level since 1973, when employment data on Hispanics first became available. The average wage for Hispanic workers

also increased and at a faster rate than for other workers. And these remarkable unemployment statistics coincided with continuing demographic growth for Hispanic Americans. The Hispanic American employment rate grew faster than any other ethnic group. An increasing number of Hispanic Americans are now homeowners and the number of Hispanic-owned businesses is growing at three times the national rate.

While these statistics are eye-opening to many, they are not surprising to my fellow Hispanic Americans. The Hispanic community has always embodied self-initiative, ingenuity, and innovation. As avenues of access are constructed and doors of discrimination are knocked down, Hispanic Americans will continue to help our nation prosper.

While much progress has been made, I acknowledge that many challenges remain. As someone who grew up in the Southside of San Antonio in a poor housing project, I know the difficulty in overcoming circumstantial obstacles. As a high school student, I knew that the quickest path to success is receiving a first-class education. A program called Talent Search helped me to make this dream a reality. Talent Search is one of the eight TRIO programs, which provides counseling to youths from disadvantaged backgrounds and encourages them to graduate from high school and pursue college educations. As a result of my participation in TRIO, I enrolled and later graduated from the University of Texas at

Austin, making me the first of my family to receive a college education.

Education is one of the foundations of our nation's strength and prosperity. Two of my greatest accomplishments since my first election to Congress are the attention and funding increases I have brought to both the Hispanic Serving Institutions and the TRIO programs. I have fought to strengthen Hispanic Serving Institutions by increasing their funding from \$12 million in 1995 to \$94 million in 2006. And I fought hard to increase funding for the TRIO program to a record level of \$828 million in 2006. As a result of these accomplishments, countless Americans have had the opportunity to receive a higher education and play a pivotal role in our nation.

I am very proud to be a Hispanic American. I am thankful for the strong moral values that my family taught me and for the sacrifices of the numerous Hispanic Americans who paved the way for me to succeed in this country. And I am proud of the many Hispanic American men and women in this country who work every day in the halls of our government, in our schools and classrooms, in our small business and boardrooms, in our hospitals and operating rooms, and who serve in our Armed Forces to make the United States a better place to live. Together, we will continue turning our dreams into realities.

# Two Clint ISD administrators honored

By Laura Cade  
Special to the Courier

EAST MONTANA — East Montana Middle School Assistant Principal, Heather Hinojosa, was selected the Texas Association of Secondary School Principals Region 19 Middle School Assistant Principal of the Year for 2006-2007.

"I am extremely grateful for the support, encouragement, and advice that I have received these past two years from my mentors, colleagues and Robert Mendoza, the former Principal of East Montana Middle," says Hinojosa. She has

been the Assistant Principal at East Montana Middle since 2004. "I am honored and I want to thank the students at East Montana Middle and their parents for holding dreams and expectations that motivate me to give my 100 percent effort each and every day," says Hinojosa.



Heather Hinojosa

Holly Fields, former Principal at Horizon High School was selected the Texas Association of Secondary School Principals Region 19 Principal of the Year for her work at Horizon High School.

Both Hinojosa and Fields were nominated by their peers and were selected by a panel based on essay response.



**Reyes Reports** By U.S. Rep. Silvestre Reyes

# Passport issue resolved

Border residents will not be required to present passports at land ports of entry until June 1, 2009, thanks to legislation passed in Congress last week.

The passport requirement is known as the Western Hemisphere Travel Initiative (WHTI). The Intelligence Reform and Terrorism Prevention Act of 2004 called for the creation of a system that verified the identification and proof of citizenship for U.S. citizens entering the United States, and the Departments of State and Homeland Security developed the WHTI. The proposal originally required all persons, including U.S. citizens, who enter the United States at land ports to present a passport or passport-type document beginning January 1, 2008.

Recognizing the burden the WHTI would place on El Paso families and on commerce in the border region, and concerned about the Department of Homeland Security's lack of preparation for implementation of the WHTI in a way that will not harm border communities, I introduced legislation (HR 5435) in May to delay implementation of the program until June 1, 2009.

I applaud my colleagues in the Senate for including this language extending the deadline in the Homeland Security funding bill. The language would allow the Homeland Security

and State Departments to implement the program earlier, but only if they receive certification from the National Institute of Standards and Technology, the federal agency that develops and promotes measurement, standards, and technology, that the WHTI will not interrupt trade and travel. Some members in the House, including House Speaker Dennis Hastert (R-IL), tried to remove the WHTI provision, but thanks to the hard work of several of my colleagues and me, the June 1, 2009 extension remained.

The Homeland Security and State Departments must make several decisions regarding the WHTI before June 1, 2009. First, they must gain an understanding of what it means to live along the U.S.-Mexico border and recognize the financial burden this would place on individuals and families. For instance, an El Paso family with two children would pay \$358 in fees for passports. If a similar family needed passports on short notice, the fees would increase to \$598. Many working families cannot afford this "passport tax," and low-income Americans who cannot pay for a passport may simply be unable to go to Mexico without risking being denied re-entry into the United States.

Denying El Paso families ready access to Juárez — where they go for everyday things most Americans take for granted, such as shopping, going to the doctor, or visiting friends and relatives — is not an option. The Departments of State and Homeland

Security must consider every alternative that might meet the necessary criteria, in particular existing forms of documentation such as Border Crossing Cards, Secure Electronic Network for Travelers Rapid Inspection (SENTRI), and Free and Secure Trade (FAST) program cards.

Without proper preparations, these new requirements may also add to wait times at border crossings, which would be devastating for trade and commerce here in El Paso, especially as our community has already suffered in part due to heightened homeland security measures.

As a 26-year veteran of the U.S. Border Patrol, as a senior member of the House Armed Services Committee and the House Intelligence Committee, and as a resident of El Paso, the security of our ports of entry — and our country as a whole — is extremely important to me. Throughout my career in both the Border Patrol and in Congress, I've always fought for increased technology and infrastructure along the border. It is critical that we constantly strive for new ways to secure ourselves against terrorism. However, it is equally important that any new homeland security measures do not disrupt our daily lives or jeopardize the economic well-being of our community or other border communities. If we make it difficult for our own citizens to live their daily lives, then we have failed to protect ourselves from the threats of terrorism.

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## Vinton

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people," she says of help she and others have received.

"This has changed my outlook on life. I have to be a better person to everyone because they were so good to me."

"It shows how unpredictable life can be. It has brought out all the good and the best in people. This has been very humbling. It's good to be

humbled."

Humbling, she adds, because she sees that material things mean nothing. What is important is the health and welfare of others. "The elderly and sick come first."

At one point, in the midst of the rains, she recalls suggesting to her sons, Larry, 17; Marcus, 14; and Demi, 13; that they go and see what they can do to help others who are in greater need. There is also a married son, Amador, 27. "The boys haven't complained at all."

This she suggests knowing that she

had suffered great loss. Her trailer suffered an estimated \$81,000 in structural damage from the relentless pounding of the waters. Porch, deck, air conditioner and poles anchored in concrete were swept away. The foundation was weakened by debris crashing into it.

A representative from FEMA came and spent 45 minutes inspecting the damage to her home. Taking into account insurance coverage, he told her she would be receiving a check from FEMA. It was for \$192. A spokesman for FEMA was unavailable for comment.

Layers of mud were finally cleaned from her house. For a time she and her sons swept in the one bedroom kept cool by a donated air condi-

tioner. In time as the weather has cooled, her sons have been able to reclaim their own rooms.

Makeshift repairs have been made to bolster the foundation of her trailer. New cinder blocks and pieces of wood from her old outside deck now shore up the foundation until more permanent repairs can be made.

"We will rebuild little by little," Quintana says. "Little by little things are getting done."

She adds, "I hope God helps all of those people who don't have a home."

She speaks of the floods and people who build around the arroyos. "People have moved God's waterways."

Quintana's mobile home was one

of 40 damaged by the floods, Garza says. There were 120 other homes damaged.

Garza and Mayor pro-tem Jose Alarcon say the floods damaged every road in the Upper Valley community to a greater or lesser extent.

An example is the damage to Ledbetter Road. It is estimated that it would cost \$40,000 to repair the roadway. This, Alarcon points out, would be enhanced and improved repairs, not just restoring it to pre-flood conditions. Alarcon figures FEMA's contribution would only be about \$11,000 — in the 20-25 percent range. Enhanced repairs would, hopefully, reduce damage from future storms.

The village engineer gives a preliminary estimate of \$1.57 million in infrastructure damage. However, the cost of enhanced repairs comes to an estimated \$12.41 million which would cover road, drainage and sewer system.

"We are exploring other funding sources," Alarcon says. "We can't rely on grants alone."

Noting that current circumstances are "overwhelming," Alarcon observes, "We are not immune from Mother Nature."

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### Anthony Independent School District 2006-2007 Meal Policy

The Anthony Independent School District serves breakfast and lunch every school day. All children in the District will receive a reimbursable meal at no charge through the academic year of 2006-2007. All children will receive a free breakfast and a free lunch regardless of income. In the operation of the child feeding program no child will be discriminated against because of race, color, religion, sex, handicap, age or national origin. For information about your rights or grievance procedures, contact Mr. Vernon Butler, Superintendent, and/or, the Director of School Support, Ann Geyer, at 610 Sixth Street, Anthony Texas 79821, or call (915) 886-6500.

### El Distrito Escolar Independiente de Anthony Regla de Alimentos Año 2006-2007

El Distrito Escolar Independiente de Anthony ofrece desayuno y comida todos los días escolares. A todos los estudiantes del distrito se les servirán alimentos a ningún costo durante el año académico de 2006-2007. Todo estudiante recibirá almuerzo y comida gratis no tomando en cuenta ingresos. En el funcionamiento del programa de alimentación ningún niño ó estudiante será discriminando contra su raza, color, religión, sexo, incapacidad, edad ó origen nacional. Para más información de sus derechos y procedimiento de agravios, puede ponerse en contacto con el Sr. Vernon Butler, Superintendente, ó, el Director de su Escuelas, Ann Geyer, a 610 Sixth Street, Anthony Texas 79821, ó llame al (915) 886-6500.

WTCC: 10/05/06

### Notice of Public Meeting to Discuss Clint Independent School District's State Financial Accountability Rating

Clint Independent School District will hold a public meeting at 5:30 PM, Wednesday, October 18, 2006, in the Board Room of the Clint Central Administration Building, 14521 Horizon Blvd., El Paso, Texas 79928.

The purpose of this meeting is to discuss Clint Independent School District's rating on the state's financial accountability system.

WTCC: 09/28/06 & 10/05/06

### Anthony Independent School District SPECIAL EDUCATION SERVICES

Anthony Independent School District provides the following educational programs/services to identified children with disabilities who reside within the district beginning on the third birthday through age twenty-one.

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## Customer Service Pilot Program tested at Socorro ISD

By Irma Flores  
Special to the Courier

EAST EL PASO COUNTY — Nine women were the first in El Paso to test a new pilot program aimed at developing customer service skills. Funded through TEA and assisted by Texas LEARNS, the pilot program places displaced workers who can dedicate 200 hours in customer orientated businesses to develop experience. Offered through the Community Education Program at Socorro Independent School District and in conjunction with El Paso Community College, the program helps with internships at area companies such as Coca-Cola, JC Penney's and Pep Boys.

Initially, the group consisted of 16 individuals but due to time constraints and program obligations, only nine finished the course, which ran from June 5 to Aug. 25, 2006. After completing the 200 hours working at the businesses, the women were recognized at a ceremony in September. In addition, two were offered employment while a third was offered a job pending her GED completion.

"They are role models for doing this project especially during the summer when kids are out of schools. They would come in Monday

through Friday so they can learn and improve their lives," says Martha Serna, Community Education director. "It's a good example to set for their children. They prove that education will get you ahead."

After completing the program, the women felt they had learned not only about being a good employee but also what they are capable of. They improved their English and saw what they could accomplish with the support of their families. Serna added that the companies that participated were impressed with the workers and their work ethic.

"They were impressed with the students' participation, they showed up on time and had great interactions with customers," says Serna. "The students appreciated the opportunity and find out what is necessary to get a job and be successful."

The pilot program will now evaluate the first session and revamp depending on the students' input. Serna hopes the program will be offered again.

"We would like to collaborate again with El Paso Community College because we share the same goal of transitioning our students into higher education," she says. "We also want to like more business partners to step up and offer management and supervisory training."

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to celebrate the event. The ceremony will consist of music and a presentation inside the school and a tree planting in honor of John Drugan, the late SISD Board Trustee for whom the school is named. The school opened its doors in January 2006 and serves students from pre-kindergarten through the eighth grades. The facility was named after John Drugan who farmed in the Socorro valley for 59 years and served on the SISD Board of Trustees for 11 years during the late 1970s and early 1980s. Drugan's six children are all graduates of Socorro High School.

■ Insights El Paso Science Museum will host its annual fundraising dinner, *A Night to Remember*, at 7 p.m. Oct. 13 at Club Blu, 209 South El Paso Street in downtown El Paso. The club will be transformed into a reception and dining room reminiscent of the interior of the Titanic, with a menu served in the manner of the ship's first-class

dining. Actual recipes used on the historic voyage will be utilized. Tickets are \$150 per person. Call Michelle Wright at 534-0000, ext. #818 for more information.

■ The University of Texas at El Paso has been awarded \$1 million to establish a Center for Defense Systems Research. The funding was included in the recently approved 2007 Department of Defense appropriations bill. "We are thrilled to have this opportunity," said Roberto Osegueda, vice president for research at UTEP. "Our border location and strength in academic disciplines related to defense and security make us very well suited to take on this challenge." Researchers at the center will study defense systems and border issues. The research will draw from a number of academic

disciplines in science, engineering and liberal arts. "Many thanks should go to Senator Kay Bailey Hutchison for her assistance in obtaining the funding for this research," Osegueda said. "She and Congressman Silvestre Reyes continue to support and advocate for our university." UTEP's location, research centers and active collaboration with Mexican institutions place the university in a position of leadership for border security and defense. UTEP continues to build capacity in academic disciplines, like engineering and policy studies, which have security and defense applications. The university recently named a vice president for strategic initiatives, Brig. Gen Jose Riojas (Ret.), who will oversee research opportunities in border security and defense systems.

## Notice of Public Meeting to Discuss Anthony Independent School District's State Financial Accountability Rating

The Anthony Independent School District will hold a public meeting at 6:30 P.M. on Tuesday October 17, 2006 in the Board Room, Anthony Middle School Cafeteria, 610 Sixth Street, Anthony, Texas. The purpose of the meeting is to discuss and distribute a financial management report that explains the district's performance under each of the 21 indicators and the resultant District's Financial Accountability Rating.

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# T.O. has 25 million reasons to stay alive

By Steve Escajeda  
Special to the Courier

Shakespeare said it so eloquently a long time ago: "To actually attempt suicide or to only experience an accidental overdose, that is the question."

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In the continuing saga that is the life of Terrell Owens, this past week ranks as one of the most bizarre. And this is a guy who tops himself in the bizarre category almost weekly.

Though T.O. did perform well in the Cowboys' 45-14 shellacking of the Tennessee Not-So-Titans last Sunday, the week leading up to the victory has to fall somewhere between just plain weird and completely insane.

The life and times of Owens have been discussed as often as that of Paris Hilton. And I'm fairly sure that people are getting tired of each.

But this time, Owens had an accomplice. A publicist that may actually rival T.O. in the "please notice me" department. But she falls way below even Owens in the "got brains" department.

Kim Etheredge, amazingly in charge of improving the image of Owens, did a great job of worsening it last week. And then when she tried to explain it she got her stylish pumps stuck in her mouth.

Etheredge is the female who called police when she said Owens became incoherent after taking pain killers for his broken finger. Her voice on the 911 tape sounded like there was a definite emergency and the police and ambulance personnel responded quickly.

Only during a time in America when emergency responders have been bashed for not responding quickly enough, are they criticized for doing their job too well.

Once it was determined that T.O. did not try to take his own life, his now infamous publicist accused the police of overreacting.

Needless to say, this did not sit well with the boys in blue, who said they were just doing their job and made the point of reminding Etheredge that it was she who started all this by calling the authorities in the first place.

During her press conference after the incident, Etheredge said T.O. never tried to kill himself and she resented the police report that suggested it. But it was Owens himself who told police that he had taken the pills and was trying to harm himself.

And in a unique display of class the Philadelphia Eagles head coach Andy Reid and quarterback Donovan McNabb each expressed their concern for Owens.

Now if there are two guys who don't owe T.O. anything for the way Owens treated them, it's Reid and McNabb, which made their concern even more impressive.

Now that all the hoopla surrounding the alleged suicide-accidental overdose is behind us, we can all sit back and wait for T.O.'s next outrageous escapade.

And I don't care how tired you are of the subject, or the man, it is coming.

Oh, and in the "stupid comment of the week" department, when trying to explain how ridiculous the idea of suicide was, Etheredge was quoted as saying, "Terrell Owens has \$25-million reasons not to kill himself."

Now, there's a heartwarming spin on why to stay alive. At least we all know what's on her mind.

## What's up, doc?

By Albert Balesh, M.D.

### Primary Dare

War, taxes, unemployment, an energy shortage, natural disasters, a polluted environment, general discontent, and, if that were not enough, now a decline in the number of primary care physicians to go along with the decay of health care coverage. I dare you to get sick!

When you do, a 10-cent packet of dried chicken broth is going to have to sustain you in lieu of the antibiotics you can't afford. The money you put away for that well-deserved vacation must now be redirected to an emergency room, where a "short" visit is tantamount to a loss of diurnal wages and a counting of pennies or a credit extension. Whatever happened to the understanding family physician who held your hand, asked how the family was doing, cracked a few off-color jokes with a glint in the eye, and sent you on your merry way, feeling better even before your trip to the pharmacy? The fact is, the primary care physician or family practitioner is going the way of the dinosaur, and low relative salary, poor job satisfaction, and a 13-plus hour workday are the viruses corroding the heretofore protected inner sanctum of that hallowed profession.

Patients are just plain fed up, and medical students are choosing more lucrative specialties of medicine. With primary care physicians unable to master the skills required to exercise the profession competently in the limited time available to them daily, with the potpourri of languages currently spoken in the U.S. hindering effective communication, and with reimbursement to physicians for services rendered based on quantity rather than quality, it is no wonder that medical shingles are getting tarnished or pulled down entirely, for that matter. If the average primary care physician were to provide all the recommended care and preventive measures currently mandated by professional medical associations for the average 2,300 patients in each physician's medical practice, the workday would amount to a ponderous 18 hours. That's hardly what an experienced physician would call lifestyle medicine, especially in those golden years of established practice free of professional debt.

Depression, diabetes, headache, heart failure, hypertension, osteoarthritis, and other chronic conditions have become inadequately treated, not only because harried, overworked medical practitioners are rushed for time but also because half of all patients leave the office without having understood what the physician said. Add to this mix the fact that brief diagnostic, surgical, or imaging procedures often pay as much as three times more than an average office visit, and one begins to understand why it is becoming extremely difficult to replenish the primary care ranks. Internists, pediatricians, and family practitioners are at the bottom end of the financial totem pole, giving a shoulder up to the diagnostic radiologists, orthopedic surgeons, gastroenterologists, and anesthesiologists looking down. With inflation taking a larger chunk of the lower salaries of primary care physicians than specialists, the sinking ship is being abandoned for more lucrative specialty practices. Even nurse practitioners and physician assistants are opting out of the primary care workforce.

Optimism is low and tedium high among family doctors at a time when studies have shown that primary care is the answer to rising medical costs and quality degradation. When the proportion of generalist physicians to specialists rises in a given population, overall Medicare expenditures are seen to decrease as general health improves. So, perhaps there is nothing "special" about specialists, after all.

Long waiting room times are no fun for anyone, and they contribute to patient frustration with a broken medical mechanism. A clock's monotonous ticking may be easily dismissed, however, when a continuing relationship of trust has been established between physician and patient. That pat on the back or gentle squeeze of an arm goes a long way to smooth ruffled feathers and patch up worn psyches, contributing in some intangible yet significant way to the power of pills, potions, and prods.

It would be a mistake to banish primary care physicians to the locomotive graveyard, leaving the tracks ruled by streamlined specialists. Both are needed, and both have their place, although, contrary to misguided conventional wisdom, it is the former not the latter who safeguard the crown jewels, i.e., the health of a nation. Much like a sultan who selects the largest eunuch to protect that which he holds most dear, we, too, must dare to choose the largest links in the protective chain of our health care system, relegating the "small" to the specialists who must learn to seat themselves farther from the host at the dinner table.

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# Getting a leg up on the news

By Don Flood

Brad Pitt, who along with Angelina Jolie makes up one half of Brangelina — OK, maybe one third — recently threw down the gauntlet.

In a magazine interview, Pitt said, "Angie and I will consider tying the knot when everyone in the world who wants to be married is legally able."

Wow, that's it, folks. Either the rest of the world gives in or he and Angie won't be getting married.

Of course, it could have been worse. He could have refused to get married until we began eating our vegetables.

But should we give in to celebrities' demands? Imagine the power Tom Cruise could wield by withholding his daughter's baby pictures. He could make us promise to go see "Mission: Impossible IV."

Elsewhere in the news, Katie Couric recently debuted her evening show, and as might be expected with the beginning of such an important journalistic undertaking, much of the attention was focused on her legs.

"Katie Couric shows off her gorgeous gams!" the Wall Street Journal screamed across the top of page one.

"Hubba, hubba!" crowed The New York Times.

OK, the preceding headlines may not be technically accurate, in the sense they are fabrications, but sometimes you have to tell a big whopper in order to reveal a deeper truth.

I read several stories about Couric's debut; all mentioned her legs, which apparently are something of a national fixation. If you Google "Couric" and "legs" you'll get thousands of results, including something called the Celebrity Legs Hall of Fame.

But here's a surprising fact: Most historians and media experts agree that Katie Couric is not the first anchorperson to have legs.

Walter Cronkite has legs, as does Dan Rather. Wolf Blitzer claims he has better legs than Couric and has threatened to start wearing a kilt to prove it.

Couric is simply the first to solo anchorperson to wear a skirt.

(This is not completely true either. Dan Rather wore a skirt for one week, but chickened out by remaining behind his desk, depriving the world of what he liked to call "Gunga Dan's World Famous Gams.")

And for any network brass who might be reading: I would be willing to deliver the news while wearing running shorts for the same \$15 million that Katie gets.

One mathematically adept journalist figured out this came out to \$7.5 million per leg, which I consider a reasonable compensation package, given my and Katie's legs. (Unlike Blitzer, I'm not so vain to say my legs are better.)

In still further Celebrity Leg news, it was reported that, according to a scientific study, "Jennifer Aniston has the most perfect legs in showbiz."

I'm glad it was a "scientific" study.

If there's one thing I can't abide, it's a study of female movie stars' body parts that is conducted with anything less than scientific rigor, by which I mean one not accompanied by the necessary photographic evidence.

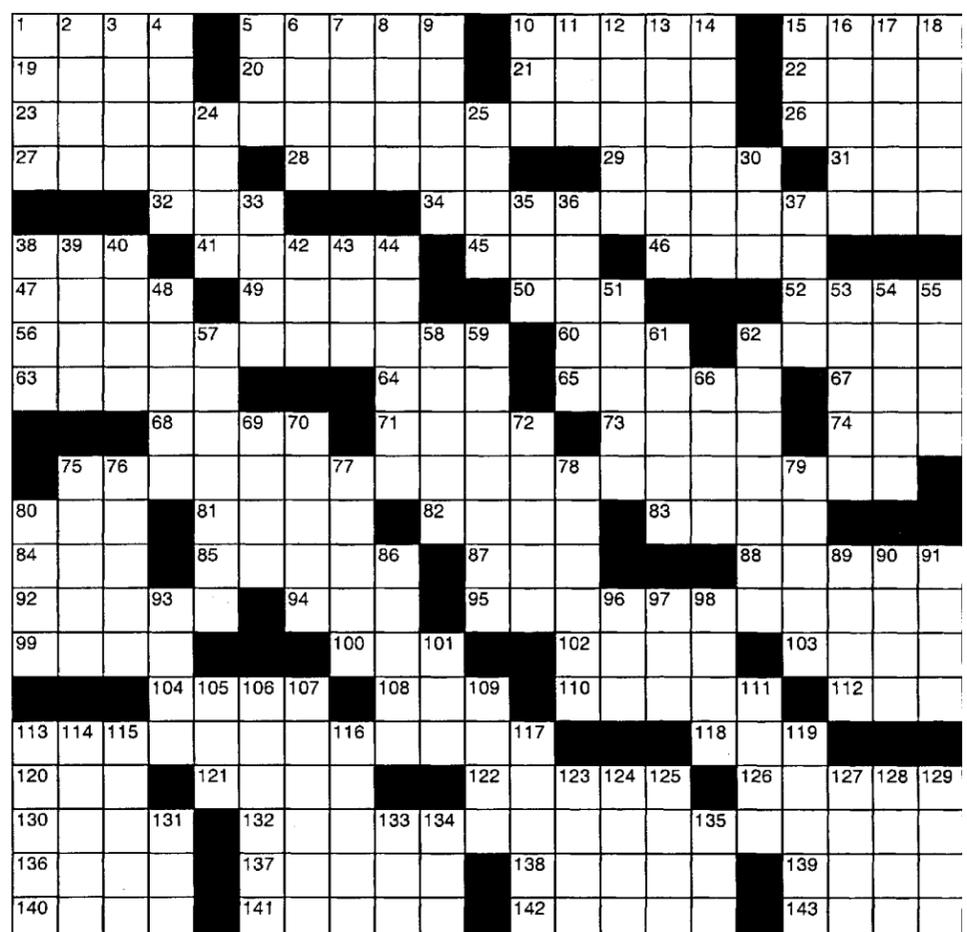
But this story begs the question, if she's got the best legs, why wasn't Jennifer Aniston picked to be new anchorperson?

I bet even Brad Pitt would watch. If Angie would let him.

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# Social Security Q&A By Ray Vigil

**Q:** I have just found out that I am pregnant and my husband and I are starting to look at baby names. A friend said that Social Security has a large list of popular baby names online, and that it is available for free. Is this true?

**A:** Yes. In fact, Social Security has just released the most popular baby names for 2005. The Social Security website not only lists the top 1,000 names for 2005, but can also provide a listing of popular baby names dat-

ing back to 1880.

**Q:** Later this year, as soon as I reach age 62, I would like to take an early retirement. However, I have a 17-year-old son with Down Syndrome and wondered if he would be eligible for any Social Security benefits once I am retired and he is over 18?

**A:** If you are getting Social Security retirement benefits, some members of your family also can receive benefits. They include disabled children,

even if they are age 18 or older, if they have a disability which began before age 22.

**Q:** I am 50 years old and have always planned on retiring at age 65. My brother-in-law says that retiring at age 65 is no longer possible, and that I will have to work another year or more in order to get Social Security benefits. Is this true?

**A:** No. You can get Social Security retirement benefits as early as age 62, but if you retire before your "full retirement age," your benefits will be permanently reduced, based on your age. The full retirement age for people

born in 1956, for example, is 66 years and 4 months. You can find out how retirement between age 62 and your full retirement age would affect your monthly benefit payments by visiting the Social Security website [mwww.ba.ssa.gov/pubs/10026.html](http://mwww.ba.ssa.gov/pubs/10026.html).

**Q:** I lost my Medicare card. How can I get a new one?

**A:** You can get one without leaving your home. Just go online to [www.socialsecurity.gov/onlineservices](http://www.socialsecurity.gov/onlineservices) and select "Request for Medicare Replacement Card," which is the first option on the page. You will then need to answer a few

questions, and a new card will be mailed to your address in about 30 days. If you need proof of coverage sooner, you can also request a verification letter, which you will receive in the mail in about 10 days. If you do not have access to the Internet, you can apply for a replacement card by calling Social Security.

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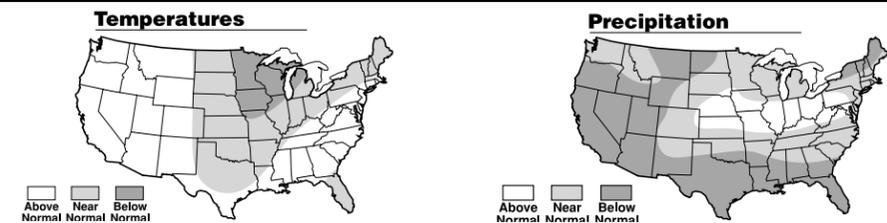
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### WEATHER TRENDS THIS WEEK



### IN THE SKY

Sun	Rise	Set	Moon	Rise	Set	Full	Last
Thu.	7:02 a.m.	6:46 p.m.	Thu.	5:57 p.m.	5:12 a.m.		
Fri.	7:03 a.m.	6:44 p.m.	Fri.	6:30 p.m.	6:23 a.m.	10/6	10/13
Sat.	7:03 a.m.	6:43 p.m.	Sat.	7:04 p.m.	7:35 a.m.	New	First
Sun.	7:04 a.m.	6:42 p.m.	Sun.	7:41 p.m.	8:48 a.m.		
Mon.	7:05 a.m.	6:41 p.m.	Mon.	8:24 p.m.	10:02 a.m.	10/21	10/29
Tues.	7:05 a.m.	6:40 p.m.	Tues.	9:13 p.m.	11:14 a.m.		
Wed.	7:06 a.m.	6:38 p.m.	Wed.	10:08 p.m.	12:21 p.m.		

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### REGIONAL CITIES

City	Thursday			Friday			Saturday			Sunday		
	HI	LO	W	HI	LO	W	HI	LO	W	HI	LO	W
Abilene, TX	90	65	pc	90	65	pc	90	62	pc	82	63	pc
Albuquerque, NM	81	57	pc	80	54	pc	80	53	pc	78	52	pc
Amarillo, TX	84	56	pc	85	56	pc	87	55	pc	78	55	pc
Austin, TX	93	67	pc	92	65	pc	92	63	pc	85	65	pc
Brownsville, TX	92	73	pc	88	71	pc	90	72	pc	90	73	pc
Dodge City, KS	82	59	pc	88	59	s	82	53	s	77	54	s
Jackson, MS	91	65	s	85	62	s	86	63	s	86	60	s
Laredo, TX	92	72	pc	92	70	pc	94	72	pc	90	69	pc
Little Rock, AR	81	63	s	80	62	s	82	63	s	84	60	pc
Lubbock, TX	86	56	pc	86	58	pc	86	58	pc	80	57	pc
Memphis, TN	76	62	pc	80	63	s	84	66	s	84	63	s
Midland, TX	87	63	pc	87	63	pc	88	61	pc	82	61	pc
Pueblo, CO	82	48	pc	82	44	pc	76	42	c	75	39	s
Roswell, NM	83	58	pc	85	58	pc	87	56	pc	81	55	pc
St. Louis, MO	64	53	pc	73	59	pc	80	61	s	77	59	s
San Antonio, TX	91	70	pc	91	70	pc	91	66	pc	84	68	pc
Texarkana, AR	88	68	pc	85	65	s	86	66	pc	86	63	pc
Waco, TX	94	66	pc	95	67	s	91	66	pc	86	66	pc
Wichita, KS	77	65	s	87	63	s	83	61	s	81	61	pc

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

### U.S. CITIES

City	Thursday			Friday			Saturday			Sunday		
	HI	LO	W	HI	LO	W	HI	LO	W	HI	LO	W
Atlanta	84	63	s	77	59	pc	74	59	s	76	57	s
Boston	58	43	pc	56	44	pc	60	48	pc	64	52	pc
Chicago	62	46	pc	68	49	s	72	54	s	72	52	pc
Denver	77	49	pc	77	43	pc	71	40	c	68	40	pc
Detroit	61	44	s	65	48	s	68	53	s	72	52	pc
Houston	92	70	pc	92	70	s	90	70	pc	90	68	pc
Indianapolis	64	47	pc	67	51	pc	74	55	s	73	55	pc
Kansas City	72	60	pc	80	63	s	80	59	s	76	56	pc
Los Angeles	71	54	c	73	57	s	77	58	s	79	59	s
Miami	88	77	t	87	77	t	87	77	t	88	77	pc
Minneapolis	64	48	pc	68	56	pc	72	53	pc	67	48	pc
New Orleans	93	72	s	89	73	s	87	71	s	86	68	pc
New York City	64	48	pc	62	48	pc	64	50	pc	69	58	pc
Omaha	67	50	pc	83	61	s	83	52	pc	77	51	pc
Phoenix	96	71	pc	92	68	s	92	68	s	94	70	s
San Francisco	64	52	pc	66	52	s	70	53	s	69	53	s
Seattle	64	49	pc	60	50	c	60	48	pc	64	48	s
Washington	66	52	c	62	50	pc	64	54	c	70	57	c

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