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NEWSBRIEFS

Clint bond meetings revised

The Clint Independent School District has revised some of the dates of its school campus meetings regarding the \$67 million school bond election scheduled for Oct. 6. The meetings, which will be in conjunction with PTA, PTO, Athletic Booster and Band Booster meetings, are officially set for:

- 6 p.m. Aug. 30 at Frank Macias Elementary School Library
- 7:30 p.m. Aug. 30 at Desert Hills Elementary School Library
- 6 p.m. Sept. 5 at Carroll T. Welch Middle School Library
- 6 p.m. Sept. 6 at East Montana Middle School Library
- 7:30 p.m. Sept. 6 at Mountain View High School Library
- 6 p.m. Sept. 11 at Montana Vista Elementary School Library
- 7:30 p.m. Sept. 11 at Red Sands Elementary School Library

Early voting for the School Bond Election will be from Sept. 19 - Oct. 2 at Montana Vista Elementary School, Desert Hills Elementary School, and Clint Junior High School. Branch voting will take place from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. Sept. 27 at all 10 CISD campuses during the district's Open House. Election Day is from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. Oct. 6. Call 851-2877 for information.

Murders unsolved

El Paso area law enforcement agencies are seeking community assistance to solve a capital murder case involving the Aug. 21 discovery of two young men dead near the Socorro ISD Activity Complex. SISD security agents patrolling an area near the Complex discovered Jorge Jimenez, 20, and Juan Cristobal Jimenez, 21, shot to death. Both men, found inside their 1997 Ford Expedition, had suffered multiple gunshot wounds. The exact time of death is unknown, and officials say they have few leads in the case. Persons with information are asked to call Crime Stoppers at 566-8477, with potential for a \$1,000 reward for that information.

In other news

■ Agriculture Commissioner Susan Combs said that the Texas Department of Agriculture will host a El Paso County town hall meeting at 5:30 p.m. (MST) on Thursday, Sept. 6 at the Texas A&M Research & Extension Center, 1380 A&M Circle, at IH-10, Exit 34 and Loop 375. The meeting is free and open to the public from El Paso County and surrounding counties. "I want to hear firsthand what's on the minds of the farmers, ranchers, citizens and leaders of our communities," Combs said. "I want to know about issues affecting them, their families and their community and to hear their ideas and solutions for the future. Rural Texas and agriculture are vital to the entire state, and by working together we can address issues

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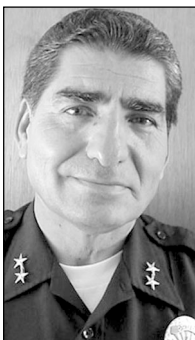
Many a public speaker who rises to the occasion stands too long.

— Quips and Quotes

Law enforcement agencies to crackdown on traffic violations during Labor Day break

HORIZON — The Horizon City Police Department will join a multi-state law enforcement crackdown to make Texas roadways safer during the Labor Day Weekend, according to Horizon City Police Chief Tony Aguilar.

"Our officers and more than 74,000 other law enforcement officers will be patrolling and ticketing drivers who ignore traffic laws for occupant protection use, drinking and driving, aggressive driving, and



Tony Aguilar

exceeding the speed limits," he said.

Dubbed "Operation Blue TALON 3: Crash Crackdown," the multi-state cooperative law enforcement effort will unite more than 1,600 agencies. It will begin at 6 p.m. Friday, Aug. 31 through midnight on Monday, Sept. 3, along Interstates 10, 30, 35 and 40 and their feeder routes in Texas, Arkansas, Louisiana, Oklahoma and New Mexico, as well as many Indian Nation law enforcement agencies.

"With this multi-state crackdown on violations that annually account for many injuries and deaths, we hope to make the roadways in our area safer for all holiday travelers," Aguilar said.

"Last year during Operation Blue TALON 2 in Region VI, Labor Day holiday fatalities decreased from 85 in 1999 to 55 in 2000, a 35-percent reduction. This agency is pleased to be involved in such an effort to save lives.

"The chances of getting stopped for

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— Photo courtesy of S.P.A.L.

SPAL boxing team makes its mark

MIDLAND — The Socorro Peoples Athletic League (SPAL) boxing team took second place honors out of some 32 teams competing here Aug. 3-6. The team, which represents the City of Socorro, expressed appreciation to the Kiwanis Club of Horizon City and Ubaldo Torres Sr. for their support which made the success possible. Medal

winners, from left, front row, are Ubaldo Torres Jr. (silver medalist), David Medina (gold medalist), Ramon Castro (bronze medalist), Enrique Escobedo (gold medalist) and Joe Gutierrez (gold medalist). Not shown is Chris Ontiveros, who won a silver medal. Coaches for the team are Joe Hernandez, Fred Fabela, and Jesus Medina.

Socorro ISD passes budget, tax rate

EAST EL PASO COUNTY — Trustees in the Socorro ISD voted unanimously this week to approve a \$234.5 million budget, supported by a tax rate of just under \$1.56 per \$100 of property valuation, which is an increase of just under three cents from last year.

The increase will support debt service for bonds issued to build new schools in the Socorro District — three new schools were opened in 2000, two more will open by the end of this year, and five more are anticipated to open next year.

The average home in the district is valued at \$72,602, and with a \$15,000 homestead exemption, the yearly SISD tax bill on that house will run about \$896.28. Even so, local tax revenue will provide only about 22 percent of SISD's total revenues. The majority will come from the state — 71 percent; and federal funds will account for seven percent.

Canutillo ISD drops tax rate by nine and a half cents

By Alfredo Vasquez
Special to the Courier

UPPER VALLEY — Canutillo Independent School District Board of Trustees approved a 9.5-cent decrease to its tax rate for the 2001-2002 school year during a special board meeting Monday night.

The decrease sent the tax rate down from \$1.70 last year to \$1.606 per \$100 property valuation this year. Canutillo ISD's total budget for the new school year is \$33.6 million.

For a \$53,998 home, the average home value in the district this

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Najera stresses education during San Elizario address

By Don Woodyard
Courier Staff Writer

SAN ELIZARIO — "Muy importante, muy importante."

Speaking in Spanish to the parents of immigrant students in the San Elizario Independent School District, State Rep. Manny Najera emphasized repeatedly how important it was for the parents to be educated, as well as their children.

Najera, who represents District 75, spoke to about 50 parents Aug. 22 in the sixth-grade conference room of the San Elizario Middle School. His presentation was part of a series of informational talks that are part of the district's outreach immigrant program.

According to a brochure, the broad-based federally-funded

program stresses "family literacy, outreach to immigrant parents and training activities designed to assist parents to become more active participants in the education of their children."

"Parents have to be educated,"

Najera said in English prior to his presentation. "They have to be role models for their children. They have to set the example."

Josie Campos, immigrant clerk and the home and school community liaison for the program, translated Najera's later remarks to the parents.

"Don't permit age to be a barrier; you are never too old to learn. You must never stop learning." He



Manny Najera

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One perspective

By Francis Shrum

Be careful what you ask for...

HORIZON — What a nightmare — to be a regular guy one day and a multi-millionaire the next — and not a clue how to handle it.

I truly believe winning the lottery is worse than being comfortably in debt. After all, that paycheck-to-pay-check drill is one that we're all pretty good at.

Think about your regular day — do you have room in it for one more complication? Winning the lottery jackpot would be the granddaddy of all complications.

There was much ado on TV this week about a 46-year-old Kentucky man who was recently laid off from his job and needing back surgery. He has an ex-wife to whom he pays child support, a fiancé, and a colorful history in which he did a decade in the slammer for robbery.

Then he goes and wins the Powerball jackpot. He took the cash option of \$41.4 million. After taxes, he'll get about half of that.

He is sure God answered his prayers by letting him win. I'm not so sure. It sounds like his already-complicated life is fixing to get a whole lot more challenging.

Unless he really beats the odds, his chances of success with his big winnings are pretty slim.

According to statistics, seven out of 10 major lottery winners are broke within three years — the reasons are as varied as the personalities involved, but there is some pretty consistent behavior involved.

Most don't work their way into being rich by gradually upgrading their standard of living through investment and wise money management. Instead they jump off the deep end — the big house, fine cars, exotic pets, long vacations.

They no longer take the time to comparison shop or exercise caution to make sure they aren't getting taken when they make major purchases.

Most don't consider that those big-ticket items require maintenance. The more it cost to buy it, the more it is going to cost to keep it in good condition. A big house has to be furnished, cleaned and repaired, the pool filled and maintained, the lawn and garden groomed, the trees pruned, the cars cleaned and serviced, the hired help paid.

Do you have any idea how hard it is to find good help these days? Somebody has to be trusted to look after all your new responsibilities while you take that extended trip overseas. And right off the bat, you'd have to find a good lawyer and money manager *you could trust*. Know any?

What about insurance and liability? What if Yo-Yo, your new Manchurian white tiger, devours Marvin the gardener, who was the only good help you had? Marvin's family knows you are loaded because they saw you on the evening news. Now they want their cut.

Meanwhile, all those people you are related to but don't have to see very often suddenly become fixtures in your life. Just think what kind of a person you would have to become to make them all leave or — worse yet — let them all stay.

The telephone would no longer be a simple tool of convenience. It would become your worst enemy.

Good luck sleeping at night.

If you are born into money, your parents probably teach you a thing or



two about managing the family estate as you grow up. If you are rich because you earned and saved it, I guarantee you're going to be good at managing it. But if it suddenly falls into your lap, without preparation or warning, it could be like having a millstone around your neck in deep water.

I read this cartoon once about a guy who would drive by a convenience store and throw two dollars on the sidewalk. He said it was his weekly donation to the lottery — throwing it on the sidewalk did him as much good as taking time to go in and actually buy the ticket.

I've wondered sometimes why people would waste their money on something so unlikely as a chance on the lottery when everyone knows the only true big winner is the tax collector.

Who knows? Maybe the losers are the really lucky ones.



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

Community health centers Neighbors helping neighbors

Last week, I had the honor of touring a new building at the Gateway Community Health Center in Laredo, Texas. I hold this building especially close to my heart because it was named in my honor. I was in Laredo last October when Gateway broke ground on the building and was proud to be there again last week for a tour of the new facility.

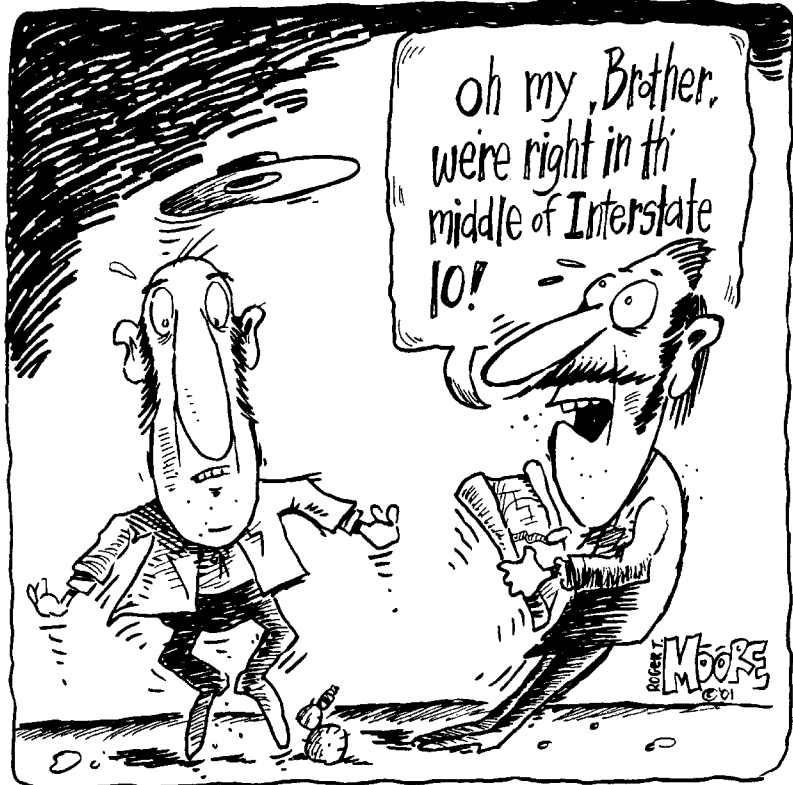
As I walked from room to room, I was reminded of the miracles that take place every day in centers just like this one. Community health centers — like the ones in Laredo and Uvalde — serve the millions of people who choose to live in rural America. They fill a critical role in health care and should not be taken for granted.

For over 30 years, community health centers have provided community-based care to patients who otherwise may not have received necessary medical treatment. Whether it's because the only doctor is too far away or is too expensive, receiving proper medical care is just not an option for some folks. This is where community health centers step in.

We all know that being healthy is important to being a productive member of your family and the larger community. But too often in poor and rural regions of Texas, parents and children are forced to go without proper health care. Community health centers are able to provide important health services for rural America. Whether it's preventive prenatal care or early detection of diseases like diabetes or breast cancer, community health centers increase access to much needed care.

But community health centers do much more than just treat illness. They also help prevent disease and strengthen entire communities. Community health centers improve citizens' health, but they also provide jobs, strengthen schools, stabilize neighborhoods and enhance community pride. Workers are able to be more productive, children are able to stay in school, and mothers are able to care for their newborn babies. Community health centers work because they are neighbors helping neighbors to keep their community healthy and happy.

True Texas Facts by Roger Moore August 26, 1836 - The Allen Brothers buy the site for Houston.



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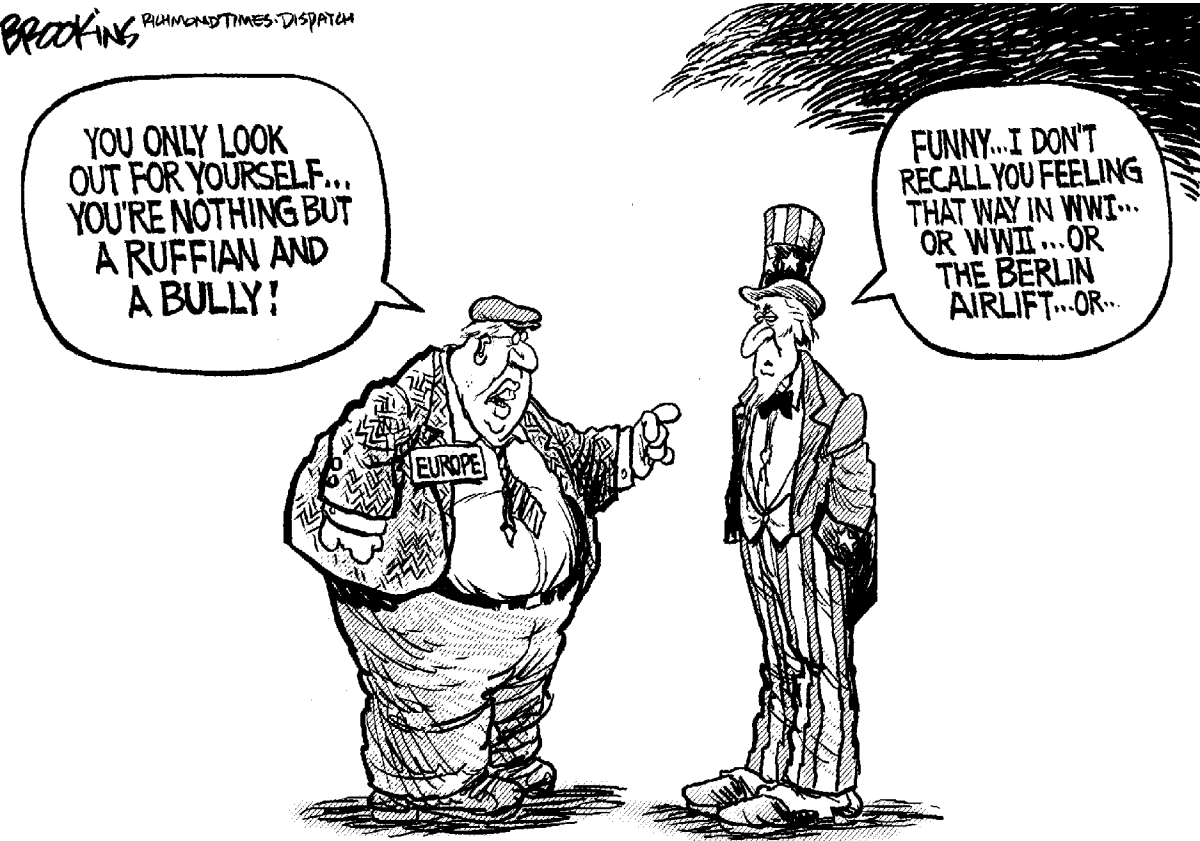
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View from the porch By Linda Mussehl

Knot a dying art

When it comes to traditional women’s skills, the “domestic arts,” I somehow missed the boat. It certainly isn’t the fault of the women in my family. They tried. And tried. And then they tried again. Early on, they taught me the basics of sewing, knitting, crochet and embroidery. What they failed to pass down was even a minor sustainable interest in any of the crafts. I still shudder to recall my grandmother’s project for me in the summer of my ninth year: a grubby, wrinkled handkerchief with lumpy purple loops crocheted around two-thirds of its edge. (I also recall whining, “May I please go weed the garden? Shovel out the chicken coop? Pleezee?”) Now, years later and still handicraft-impaired, I can better appreciate others’ handwork. I look at complex quilts or handwork made of tatting or bobbin lace and admire, wondering how the heck they did that. The same goes for fine braiding — horsehair bosals and mecates, and leather quirts. (On the other hand, I look at some other so-called crafts and wonder not “how,” but “why.” Sweatshirts — decorated with glitter, ribbons, and pink puff-paint pigs, usually worn by porky women at fairs — come to mind.) It would be a shame if the old crafts were lost. I admire those dedicated few who keep alive the old skills and pass them along to others, those who spend their weekends traveling to reenactments or folk life gatherings to demonstrate and teach the skills.

My friend, Virginia, is one. Her craft is tatting. An art that reached its zenith in the Victorian Age, tatting is akin to lace making, but not quite the same. It is reminiscent of elaborate crochet work, but that’s not exactly it either. Worked with a small shuttle and the fingers, tatting is usually done with thread, making patterns of interlacing rings and semicircles to form a fabric. She’s made all sorts of pretties like Christmas tree decorations and wall hangings. But my favorite are little multicolored thread “harnesses” she made for colored duck eggs, wrapping them in a web of fragile designs. They look like Fabergé jeweled eggs. Virginia researched tatting and found someone to teach her. Later she developed her own teaching techniques and passes the craft along to others through adult-education classes and folk craft demonstrations. “I can teach a rock to tat,” she says modestly. She keeps threatening to teach me, but instead I readily acknowledge my rockhood and spare us both the frustration. It makes my hands knot, cramp and twitch just to watch her work. I tell her I first must finish a project I began a while back, a knitted crib blanket for a grandbaby. I started it when I learned my daughter was pregnant, and put about six inches on the needles before the kid was born. I plan on finishing the baby blanket someday, even though he’s in first grade this year. Maybe it’ll be done before his college graduation. As a handicraft-impaired adult, my handicap has been really only a minor inconvenience. After all, if Pardner needs a button sewn on, he knows where to find the needle and thread.

Town of Clint PUBLIC NOTICE

A PUBLIC HEARING will be held at 5:30 p.m. on Thursday, August 30, 2001 during the Planning and Zoning Commission meeting at the Clint Town Hall, 200 N. San Elizario Rd., Clint, Texas.

- 1) Approve the proposed subdivision of Tract 20 B, Block 20 of San Elizario Grant located within the corporate limits of the Town of Clint;
- 2) Approve the re-zoning and a variance for M. Cobos, Lot 9, also within the corporate limits of the Town of Clint

The public is invited to attend the hearing to make any comments regarding this request. Those that are unable to attend may submit their views to the Town of Clint. Persons in need of assistance to attend are encouraged to contact the Town Clerk at 851-3146.

Jessica Garza
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The *West Texas County Courier* will publish two editions early. The October 4 and October 11, 2001 issues will go to press on September 25, 2001. All material for publication October 4 and October 11, 2001 must be submitted to the *West Texas County Courier* no later than Friday, September 21, 2001. The *West Texas County Courier* office will close beginning Wednesday, September 26, 2001. The office will open again on Monday, October 15, 2001.

Najera

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pointed out that they should never be afraid to take initiative to learn through various educational programs that benefit both themselves and their families.

Najera urged them to read to their children every day — to learn the English language and become bilingual.

The state legislator particularly wants parents to become computer literate so they can guard against children accessing pornographic websites and inappropriate chat rooms.

He also told the parents that funding for community projects is available from Austin, but he said it was important for the community to come together to tell legislators just where the money should be used.

With Campos translating, Rosa Conde, an SEISD parent who attended the meeting, said she wanted

to be better educated so she could be a better achiever. Conde praised Najera, saying she was glad there was someone like him they could count on to help them.

Maria Gutierrez, another attendee, said the information Najera presented was valuable to her. Gutierrez, who has her GED, says she wants to continue her education and become a school teacher.

Campos says she is happy to be a part of the San Elizario team — to make a positive difference in the lives of people like Conde and Gutierrez.

There are 125 parents taking part in the district program which will be three years old in December, Campos said.

Other concerns and issues brought out at the meeting included the importance of having adequate bus transportation so parents can access school district libraries, and of having schools open after hours for community members to further their education.

Fabens designated ‘acceptable’ overall by TEA

FABENS — The Fabens ISD school board met in regular session Aug. 16, greeted with the news that the Texas Education Agency (TEA) has found the district “Academically Acceptable” overall, with some special acknowledgments.

Fabens High School was noted for percentage of students completing recommended high school program at 49.6; Fabens Middle school for its attendance record of 96.5 percent; and O’Donnell Elementary for its attendance record of 97.1 percent, according to Poncho Garcia’s report to the board. Overall, TAAS scores improved over last year, he said.

Garcia also reported that the district has completed preparation for the upcoming District Effectiveness and Compliance evaluation. The DEC teams have worked hard to prepare and gather the information needed, he said.

Representatives of the El Paso Leadership and Research Council also made presentation to the board regarding their Student Success Ini-

tiative. The organization consists of senior and chief executives of leading corporations in the El Paso area. Their main points of concern include education, transportation and regulatory infrastructure.

The group gathers and publishes “non-threatening” information about local schools, based on self-reported data given to the TEA by the school districts.

In other business, a parent expressed concern over the lack of time for girls to eat lunch and shower after the fourth period sports class. The board said the situation will be reviewed.

The board also approved the Teacher Appraisal Calendar (PDAS) to begin on Sept. 10, 2001 and end on May 3, 2002.

New staff members for the 2001-2002 include Pedro Gonzalez, who was named assistant principal at O’Donnell Elementary. Jesus Anchondo, Veronica Gallegos and Brandi Laird also joined the staff.

The next regular meeting will be Thursday, Sept. 20.

Girls can sign up to be Girl Scouts now

EL PASO COUNTY — School has started and the Girl Scouts of the Rio Grande is seeking interested girls and adult volunteers to sign up for the 2001-2002 Girl Scouting year at recruitment nights held in the community in August and September.

Deborah Zuloaga, Executive Director, said “Girl Scouting emphasizes leadership, values, diversity and community service. (It is) a great way for girls to make friends, develop leadership and other lifelong skills.”

Membership is for girls ages five to 17, willing to abide by the Girl Scout Promise and the Girl Scout Law. For adults it is an opportunity to contribute an hour, a day, or more to a worthy cause.

In El Paso County, contact Keri Moe, 566-9433.

Texas health officials concerned about mosquito-borne infections

WEST TEXAS — By day, the hovering needle-nosed pests attack silently, evidenced only by a bloody “splat” or ugly welt. In darkness the mosquitoes dive bomb, their high-pitched drone cutting a swath through slumber. In late summer 2001, however Texas health officials are the ones losing sleep because of mosquitoes. While most of the time, the pests are just unpleasant and troublesome, this year mosquitoes are threatening the health of humans and livestock.

Staff members from the Texas Department of Health (TDH) and Texas Animal Health Commission (TAHC), the state’s livestock health regulatory agency, are pooling resources to prevent, track and alert Texas about cases of mosquito-borne viruses.

West Nile Virus

In mid-August, West Nile Virus (WNV) was detected in a dead bird in a suburb of New Orleans, meaning this virus, first discovered in the US in 1999 in New York City, has made significant progress in its migration toward Texas. The disease, common in Africa, Middle East and West Asia, was not documented in humans or animals in the Western Hemisphere until 1999.

This year, a dozen states and the District of Columbia have detected WNV in mosquitoes or birds: New York, Maryland, Massachusetts, New Jersey, Connecticut, Rhode Island, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Virginia, Florida, Georgia, and Louisiana.

“WNV will eventually come to Texas,” said Dr. Joe Garrett, veterinary epidemiologist for the Texas Department of Health’s Zoonosis Control Division, which tracks animal diseases which can affect humans. “As soon as it is detected in Texas, state agencies will alert veterinarians and physicians so they can be prepared to recognize the disease in their patients.”

“WNV is carried by at least 54 species of wild birds that die from the disease,” explained Dr. Garrett, who is also a former TAHC epidemiologist.

“After mosquitoes feed on affected birds, they’re then able to transmit the virus to people or other animals.”

He said most WNV-infected humans will have no symptoms of illness.

However, a small number of victims develop fever, head and body aches, skin rashes and swollen lymph glands. Fewer than one in a hundred infected persons may develop inflammation of the spinal cord, known as meningitis, or encephalitis, a swelling of the brain. Symptoms may involve coma, tremors, convulsions, muscle weakness and paralysis.

Since 1999, 85 persons in the US have been diagnosed with West Nile Fever; nine have died. This summer two persons hospitalized in

Florida and another in New York were diagnosed with the disease.

“Anyone experiencing symptoms compatible with West Nile Fever should see their physician as soon as possible,” advised Dr. Garrett. “Good supportive medical care is needed to assist patients in recovering from the illness. Those persons over 50 years of age, or suffering from other medical problems are at highest risk for illness if they are exposed to the virus.”

West Nile Fever is not spread by human or animal contact. And, although there is no evidence that dead birds can transmit infection, Dr. Garrett urges that gloves be worn when handling wild dead birds or animals that may have been exposed to the virus.

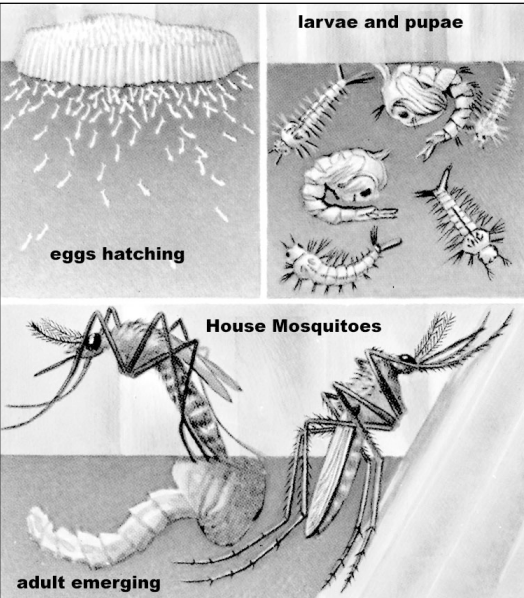
“Horses affected by WNV usually don’t have signs of illness. Like human victims, however, a few may develop acute illness, and may stagger, become weak, be unable to rise and eventually, could die,” he said.

Twenty-four horses have tested positive for the disease in 2001; 23 in Florida and one in Georgia.

Dr. John Irby, the TAHC’s equine issues specialist and director for counties in northeast Texas, noted that the US Department of Agriculture’s Center for Veterinary Biologics has issued a conditional one-year license to Fort Dodge Laboratories for a West Nile vaccine for horses. He said the product will require two doses, administered three to six weeks apart. Final approval for the vaccine may be granted after information on the effectiveness and potency of the drug is reviewed.

“The drawback is that Texas may be down the list on receiving supplies of the vaccine, as it will be issued first to states that have experienced the disease. Furthermore, anyone shipping animals internationally should be aware that this vaccine could cause false-positive blood tests, hindering the ability to export horses,” he noted.

Through a grant from the Centers for Disease Control, TDH staff is conducting surveillance on mosquitoes, dead crows, bluejays and



As illustrated above, a female mosquito lays a raft of several hundred eggs which, in a few short weeks, produce adult mosquitoes. The male mosquito feeds only on nectar but the female feeds on blood and hence can carry disease. Draining standing water and using insecticide can help control the mosquito population, which is a food source for fish, birds and dragonflies.

hawks. To submit a bird for laboratory examination, call your regional Texas Department of Health office or the Texas Department of Health in Austin at 1-512-458-7255,

The TAHC and TDH are testing equids, such as horses, mules, donkeys and asses. TAHC field personnel are collecting an extra blood sample for WNV when they draw specimens from equids suspected of being infected or exposed to equine infectious anemia (EIA), an unrelated viral disease that does not affect humans. (The extra blood sample will be tested for WNV in the TDH laboratory.) The owner’s names will remain confidential, and only the county names will be reported as part of the federally funded study.

Encephalitis or “Sleeping Sickness”

Also being diagnosed are various other forms of encephalitis, also known as “sleeping sickness.”

Dr. Garrett said at least nine persons in Louisiana have been hospitalized with encephalitis, or inflammation of the brain, caused by a virus carried from birds to humans by mosquitoes. Doctors have not yet determined the virus which has caused this outbreak. In 1998, said Dr. Garrett, one person died in Louisiana from ailment that causes fever, nausea, vomiting, confusion and speech and vision impairment.

“Physicians provide supportive care, but there is no treatment, only prevention,” he said. “Thank goodness the disease is rare.”

TAHC officials are urging Texas equine owners to have their animals vaccinated for “sleeping sickness,” after a horse in Henderson County and another in Jasper County tested positive for Eastern Equine Encephalitis (EEE). Also two horses in northwest Louisiana have tested positive for the disease. A horse in Titus County, in northeast Texas, has tested positive for Western Equine Encephalitis (WEE).

“Both forms of this virus are seen sporadically in the U.S.,” said Dr. Logan. “We encourage owners to have their horses, donkeys, mules and asses vaccinated if they are in, or

are traveling to, an area where mosquitoes are a problem.”

Dr. Logan said private veterinary practitioners can administer an effective “two-way” vaccine that protects equine against both Eastern and Western Encephalitis. She suggested that producers in South Texas consult with their private practitioners about using a “three-way” vaccine that also will protect the animals from a foreign form of the disease, known as “Venezuelan Equine Encephalitis,” or “VEE.” In 1971, VEE jumped from Mexico to Texas, and an “all out” effort was undertaken by federal, state and private entities to save horses and keep the illness from spreading.

More than 2.8 million horses in 19 states were vaccinated against the disease in two years.

“VEE has been diagnosed in Colombia, South America, and on occasion, there have been cases reported in Mexico. “

Protecting equine in South Texas against VEE makes good sense,” said Dr. Irby. “On the other hand, if an equine is destined for international shipment, use only the ‘two-way’ vaccine, as the animal could have a ‘false-positive’ result on VEE tests that may be required prior to movement.”

Encephalitis vaccines for horses require two injections, 30 days apart. To remain effective, a ‘booster shot’ is needed annually or biannually. He said some veterinarians also employ the vaccines in an off-label use to protect rathes, such as emus, rheas and ostriches.

Protecting Human and Livestock Health

“Whenever we see encephalitis diagnosed in equine, it is an indication that infected mosquitoes are in the vicinity,” said Dr. Garrett. “To protect human and animal health, destroy breeding grounds for mosquitoes and protect yourself and your animals with insect repellent.”

“Be sure to use only insect repellents and insecticides that are approved for use on and around animals, and follow label instructions,” said Dr. Irby. “A product containing synthetic pyrethroid compound, such as permethrin, may offer the best protection. Consider reapplying repellent on the animal after it has been exercised or ridden, as sweat can dilute the effectiveness of a product.”

Dr. Garrett said birdbaths and troughs should have fresh water, and optimal chlorination should be maintained in pools. Flowerpots and other containers that hold stagnant water should be drained, and roof gutters should be cleaned yearly. Control stagnant puddles that collect around stables.

Both health officials reminded equine owners to seek appropriate medical care if they or their animals develop illness compatible with either West Nile Virus or encephalitis.

Woods, Furyk thrill fans with dramatic shootout

By Steve Escajeda
Special to the Courier

For any of you out there who think golf is boring I hope you were watching the final round of last weeks NEC Invitational in Akron, Ohio.

Did you enjoy Ali-Frazier? How about Hearn-Hagler? Heck, did you like the knock-down drag-out between Bush and Gore? Well, you would have loved Woods-Furyk.

Tiger Woods and Jim Furyk finished tied after four rounds and had to play seven dramatic sudden death holes before the winner was finally crowned.

The winner? Who else — Tiger Woods. But not before some of the most dramatic golf I've seen in a long time. First of all, I was only watching because Tiger was in contention. And am I glad I was.

It seemed like one of the two golfers was left for dead during every playoff hole but managed to make some kind of miraculous shot to come back and tie the hole.

First it was Furyk nailing a do-or-die shot from the bunker, then it was Tiger draining a 30-footer to keep the tournament going. One

guy would hit his tee shot into the woods, behind the scoreboard or in deep rough, but always managed to hit the shot that got him back in the match.

Furyk finally caved in the seventh extra hole but he had absolutely nothing to be ashamed of.

It was exciting golf. Two guys who were physically and emotionally drained at the end of it all and I must admit I wiped a little sweat off my brow when it was finally over.

Time will tell

Well, the time is finally here. For one long year, UTEP football fans have been waiting to see if last year's Miners' bowl team was a fluke or a hint of what was to be the new norm for El Paso.

We all know the Miners lost a few talented footballers from last season. Rocky Perez, Brian Natkin, Menson Holloway, Trey Merkins and Ricky Bishop quickly come to mind, but the orange and blue return some great names for 2001.

Starting with All-American wide receiver candidate Lee Mays. Now for Mays to be effective this season he will need someone to get him the football and that someone is Wesley Phillips.

Name sound familiar? It should, he is the son of former Buffalo Bills coach Wade Phillips and the grandson of former NFL coach Bum Phillips.

When it comes to a name, Wesley can't miss. When it comes to hitting Mays in stride, it still remains to be seen if the inexperienced fifth-year senior has what it takes.

On the ground the Miners return three backs who showed signs of breaking out of the so-so ranks last year but never did. Rovann Cleveland, Sherman Austin and Chris Porter will be looked upon to carry the load but coaches would really like Porter to take control.

Another target for Phillips will be All-American tight end candidate Joey Knapp. Just like Natkin (Tennessee Titans) before him, Knapp has very good speed and great hands.

On defense the Miners will count on a defensive front which returns seven of the eight top pass rushers from last season. A good crop of linebackers and an experienced secondary should help UTEP be even better defensively than last season.

UTEP opens its season Saturday at New Mexico before returning home next week for games against Texas Southern and Texas Tech (ESPN 2).

Do the Miners have a chance to repeat as WAC champs? I believe it all depends on the arm of new quarterback Wesley Phillips.

For a guy that's never started a college football game, that's pressure.

'Boys snookered

Of course, it would happen to the Cowboys.

Do you remember how awful Tony Banks looked in a Dallas Cowboys uniform? I mean, he didn't even come close to hitting any receiver with the football.

He looked tentative, lackadaisical and totally lost out there. So the Cowboys promptly cut the poor soul, who last year was benched by the Baltimore Ravens in favor of... (gulp) Trent Dilfer.

The paint on his locker nameplate wasn't even totally dry yet when Banks left town.

So Banks is out of football, right? Wrong. He landed with the Washington Redskins and quarterbacked the team last week against the Cleveland Browns.

What did the poor over-rated sap do? He only completed 12 of his 15 passes for 177 yards and two touchdowns in leading the 'Skins to come-from-behind 27-25 win.

All this, while Dallas remains mired in quarterback purgatory.

San Eli football raises anticipation in athletes, fans

By Cynthia Hernandez

The crowd yells with excitement, the players are motivated by a pep talk from the coach, the cheerleaders yell loudly with school pride — it's football time, a most popular and long-awaited season.

At San Elizario High School, the football squad waits anxiously to start their 2001 season. San Elizario will face Parkland in their first home game on Aug. 31, with kick-off set for 7 p.m.

Joe Carrillo, head football coach, is in his fifth year of coaching at San Elizario. In 1999, he and his staff led

the players in winning the 2-4A Championship; however, this year there are more underclassmen versus senior players on the varsity team.

"We are trying to find our identity right now," Carrillo said.

Each and every athlete plays with dedication and heart, but the seniors of ten play with more determination, given that this will be their last year playing football in an Eagle jersey.

As varsity quarterback Rene "Bo" Solis said, "The past three years have been very fun and exciting and my last year as a senior I want to leave behind a district championship trophy."

San Elizario ISD board holds line on tax rate, gives superintendnet good marks

By Don Woodyard
Courier Staff Writer

SAN ELIZARIO — San Elizario Independent School District trustees were busy last week — meeting four times — to establish a tax rate, adopt a budget, and evaluate their superintendent.

Action on the first two items came last Friday at two meetings held back-to-back. A public hearing on the tax rate and budget was followed by a second meeting that provided good news for San Elizario taxpayers.

The good news was that the school board approved a tax rate of \$1.50 per \$100 of property valuation, unchanged from last year, said Superintendent Mike Quatrini.

At the second meeting, a budget of \$26.7 million was approved for the 2001-02 school year — less than a percentage point (0.58 percent) increase over last year's budget. The superintendent said 54 percent of the new budget goes into instruction and other student-related services.

The board had met in a budget workshop on Thursday, Aug. 23.

Quatrini received a vote of confidence for his work from trustees in his mid-evaluation at an Aug. 22 meeting. They rated him as "exceeding expectations" with a score of 2.81 out of a possible 3.

"He is taking us where we want to go," Board president Anthony Araujo said. "The board and the commu-



Mike Quatrini

nity are pleased with his performance. We are confident we are going higher; it's just a matter of time. He'll do it."

The board also moved forward with construction of a \$1.9 million administration building which will be located on two acres of land on the north side of Socorro Road at the intersection with Chicken Ranch Road. Urban Associates Inc., which has been in charge of several previous district projects, will be the general contractor and construction manager for the new 18,959-square-foot administration building.


Impacting district projects was approval Friday of a generally higher hourly wage rate paid various construction workers. The rate was the same as that used by the El Paso school district. Araujo said the higher rate was approved so as to attract more highly skilled workers to work in SEISD.

Quatrini says bids are going out, and construction is expected to start by the end of September. Estimated completion date is May of 2002. The present central administrative offices on FM 1110, near the intersection with Socorro Road, will be used to consolidate support services under one roof and provide improved staff development facilities.

Araujo sees the action by the board as an expression of confidence in the future growth of the district. "It (population growth) is stable now, but it will grow."

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Coming clean

By Don Flood

I don't ask much of soap. I like white soap, cut into square bars — the kind Granny used to make down by the cement pond. (Cultural reference for younger readers: "Granny" was a character in "The Beverly Hillbillies," a seminal 1960s sit-com based on a pilot by William "Bill" Shakespeare, who later became famous for his autobiographical film "Shakespeare in Love.") But the other day I entered the shower and was confronted by a strange and horrible sight — a stall equipped not with bars of soap but with things called body washes and body scrubs and, yes, something called a Vanilla Moisturizing Shower Gele'e. (Yeah, it's even got that weird accent mark in the middle. What is that about?) Now if you're a normal person — by which I mean a man — you're probably asking yourself: a what!? Yes, men, BEWARE! The next time you take a shower with a normal bar of soap may be your last! Hoard your soap! Take to the hills! I'm sorry, but I don't particu-

larly like washing myself with something that sounds like the dessert special at CafZ' La Foofy. ("Could I tempt either of you with a very special Vanilla Gele'e?") By the way, did you hear that the Dial Soap Co. is on the market? Remember them? They were great! Granny herself would have been proud of their soap. No wonder they're going down the drain. Poor fools, they made soap! They need to get on the stick and start making gele'e! And gele'e is just the beginning. My wife bought a Healing Garden product that described itself as a "soul cleansing bath and shower gel." Soul-cleansing! Does the FDA know about this? How about the Pope? And how come Consumer Reports hasn't checked this out? ("While Healing Garden shower gel did show a minimal efficacy in treating venial sins, its 'green tea therapy' soap technology proved wholly insufficient in treating mortal sins — even after repeated washings.") There's more. Elizabeth Arden sells something called a Green Tea Energizing Shampoo. I found this in my shower but, frankly, was afraid to try it. (I already

had some coffee that morning.) But perhaps this is some kind of "smart shampoo" that soaks into your brain and makes you smarter. (Sort of the opposite of what happened to Jethro after he used Granny's soap.) As you know, Americans need "smart shampoo" technology if we are to remain competitive with the top students in other countries. In fact, we need "smart shampoo" to remain competitive with the top sheep in other countries. And in case the phrase "Energizing Shampoo" seems confusing, there is a helpful clarifier underneath. It says "Shampooing Energisant." There, that makes sense, doesn't it? "Energizing Shampoo" works because it contains a "Shampooing Energisant," which I assume is a special formula like "platformate" or "retsyn." Cultural reference for younger readers: "Platformate" helps people get better gas mileage; "retsyn" promises fresher breath. Or maybe it's the other way around. I can't remember. I think I'll try that energizing shampoo.

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Canutillo ISD

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year, the district property tax bill will be \$626, a decrease of about \$21 for the owner of an average-value home. "I feel very good that the District is solvent, that it is meeting all of its financial commitments and still is able to reduce the tax rate. It is a tribute to the school board, superintendent and his staff," said Gonzalo Garcia Sr., a Canutillo resident. According to Tony Reza, Canutillo ISD comptroller, the tax cut was made possible by an increase in the district's assessed property values coupled with additional state funding. "I think that Canutillo ISD is the only District in the region to pass a tax decrease for this coming school year," Reza stated. "Last year we made a difficult decision to raise the tax rate, but it was essential for generating the new funding that we are experiencing this year. However, we cannot lose sight of the fact that inflation and cost of goods increase every year. Our needs are getting greater in facilities, curriculum, and personnel, and we have to be willing to bear the cost of educating our children," said Canutillo ISD Board President Joe Villarreal. Canutillo began the school year with more than 4,620 students enrolled at its six campuses. The was recently named a "Recognized" district based on the 2000-2001 Texas Education Agency (TEA) performance indicators.

Fondly remembered regional artists to be featured at Chamizal

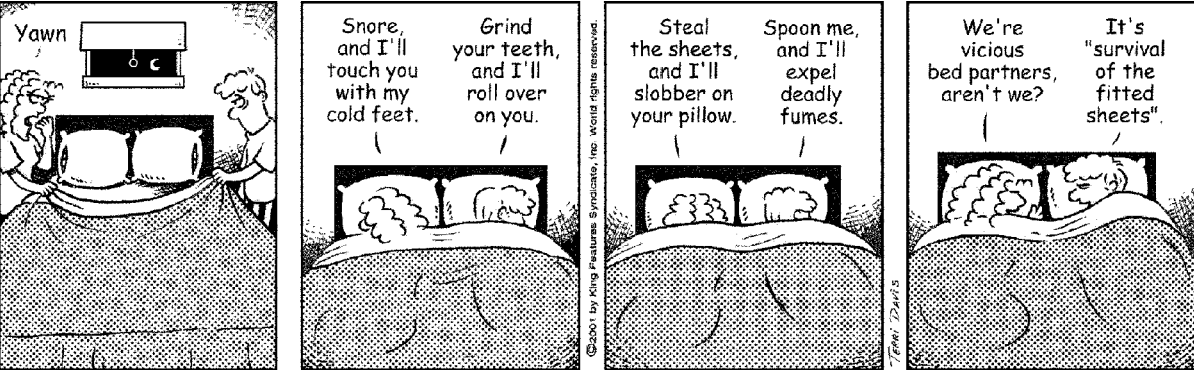
EL PASO COUNTY — The *Chamizal Connection*, a retrospective of the works of regional artists Manual Acosta, Rudy Montoya and Gene Wilson, opens to the public with a reception Thursday, Aug. 30 in the Chamizal National Memorial Los Paisanos Gallery. The exhibition runs through Friday, Sept. 21. "In putting the show together our friends group discovered that memories and stories about the artists are still strong in the community," said Virginia Ness, gallery director. "Many of the works, like the signature hats by Manuel Acosta used for the exhibition's invitation, are still widely recognized. "Significantly, there are numerous works by all the artists that have been out of public view for some time," she said. Many of the works will be for sale, including Estate Certified prints by Rudy Montoya, during the opening reception. Prints of work by Gene Wilson will also be available. A percentage of all painting sales is earmarked to support Memorial gallery projects. The reception will run from 5-7 p.m. at 800 South San Marcial between Bowie High School and the Cordova Bridge. The public is invited to the reception and there is no fee. For additional information, call 915-532-7273.

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Clint ISD

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the New Mexico line, Clint ISD is the “gateway” district for Mexico.

As such, the district carries a diverse student population with an overall 87 percent economically disadvantaged ratio. It is comprised of three separate and distinct communities: the Town of Clint, the Town of Horizon City and the unincorporated area known as Far East Montana.

Ray Saenz, principal of the East Montana campus of Mountain View

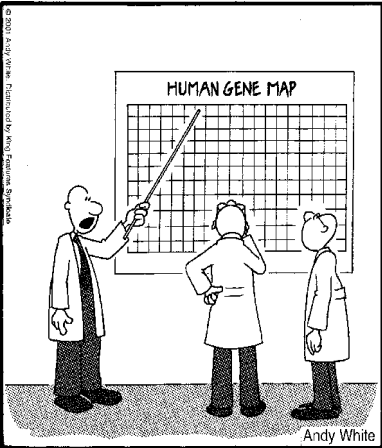
High School, said he not only attributes the district’s notable success to the teachers and students, but to every member of the district, including custodians and cafeteria staff, who “work for the students.”

“I know how hard it was for me growing up as a child with economic obstacles,” he said. “Sometimes I didn’t know if I was going to have light to study, or if I’d have heat or cool air to keep me comfortable, nor did I ever know what sort of transportation or if I’d have transportation to get to school. Despite these types of obstacles though, our kids have made academics a priority.”

Olivia Campos, Clint’s Assistant Superintendent for Research, Evaluation, Accountability and Administration, said the newly released and official TEA Recognized status is a direct result of dedicated employees.

“We are very excited and pleased with the official results,” Campos said. “And we are very proud of our teachers, students, staff and administrators for making this happen. Thank you!”

The Clint District will officially celebrate its new TEA Recognized status Sept. 27 with outdoor recreational events, a donated lunch for all employees and a District Open House.



Write stuff

Dear Editor:

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Coca Cola Co., Southwest Airlines and VIVA El Paso! for their donation of passes to the VIVA El Paso! show for the Socorro senior citizens. The seniors truly enjoyed the show.

I would also like to thank the Socorro ISD and Mr. Chente Quintanilla for their support in providing a bus to take the senior citizens. Also, a sincere thank you to Rachel, the bus driver, who was very helpful and courteous.

Sam Brewster
Councilman, City of Socorro

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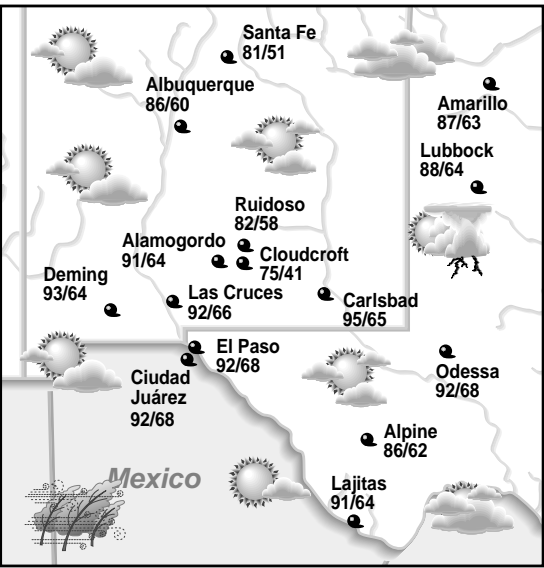
The higher the UV Index, the greater the need for eye and skin protection.

Thursday	8	High
Friday	8	High
Saturday	8	High
Sunday	6	Moderate
Monday	6	Moderate
Tuesday	8	High
Wednesday	8	High

TEXAS WEATHER

Anthony	92	68
Canutillo	93	69
Clint	92	69
E. Montana	92	68
Fabens	92	68
Horizon	93	69
San Elizario	89	66
Socorro	91	67
Tornillo	92	69
Vinton	93	69

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



TRAVELERS CITIES

City	Thur. Hi/Low	Fri. Hi/Low	Sat. Hi/Low	Sun. Hi/Low	Mon. Hi/Low
Albuquerque	86/60/s	86/60/s	84/58/pc	82/58/pc	84/60/pc
Atlanta	89/70/pc	87/68/pc	87/68/pc	87/66/pc	85/71/t
Atlantic City	80/66/s	84/68/pc	82/64/pc	80/60/pc	78/58/s
Austin/San Antonio	90/72/t	91/73/t	92/73/t	91/74/t	94/67/s
Baltimore	86/66/s	88/68/pc	84/64/pc	82/62/s	80/58/s
Boston	78/62/s	82/64/t	78/62/pc	75/59/s	71/53/s
Chicago	82/62/pc	74/56/sh	72/54/s	74/54/s	78/58/pc
Dallas/Ft. Worth	86/70/t	88/72/t	90/72/t	92/72/s	92/61/pc
Denver	80/54/pc	80/52/pc	78/52/pc	80/54/pc	82/54/pc
Flagstaff	72/44/s	74/47/pc	72/46/c	73/47/c	71/39/pc
Houston	88/72/t	90/72/t	92/74/t	91/69/pc	92/67/t
Kansas City	86/62/t	80/58/t	78/58/pc	80/60/s	80/58/pc
Las Vegas	102/74/s	100/72/s	100/72/s	97/74/s	97/74/s
Miami	90/80/pc	90/78/pc	90/78/pc	90/78/pc	90/76/c
Minneapolis	78/56/sh	74/52/s	74/54/pc	76/56/t	74/54/pc
New Orleans	89/75/t	89/77/t	89/75/t	91/75/t	91/75/t
New York City	82/66/s	86/70/pc	80/64/pc	78/64/s	76/60/s
Philadelphia	84/66/s	88/68/pc	82/64/pc	80/62/s	78/58/s
Phoenix	102/78/s	100/80/pc	102/80/pc	102/82/pc	102/80/pc
Portland	82/58/s	76/56/pc	78/56/pc	82/54/s	82/54/pc
San Francisco	64/54/pc	66/54/pc	68/54/pc	72/56/pc	72/56/pc
Seattle	76/56/pc	72/54/c	74/54/pc	76/56/s	78/56/pc
Tucson	98/72/s	96/72/pc	96/72/pc	98/70/pc	96/70/pc
Washington, DC	86/68/s	88/70/pc	84/66/pc	82/64/s	82/62/s

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

AGRICULTURE

There will be a lot of sun on Thursday, about 8-12 hours worth, with hot and dry conditions. It looks like the next best chance of some showers or thunderstorms will be on Sunday and Monday when some moisture moves into the area. Otherwise, hot and mainly sunny.

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