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# **NEWSBRIEFS**

#### Not closed for business

"The doors of my Washington, DC office may be closed for a few days, but that does not mean we're closed for business," said U.S. Rep. Henry Bonilla last week in the wake of staff members in Senate Majority Leader Tom Daschle's office testing positive for exposure to anthrax. "All of my (23rd) district offices will remain open. We'll continue answering our phones, checking our email and responding to constituent correspondence. Many members of my staff will work from home and other non-government offices. And I'll continue my work from a satellite location before returning home to San Antonio. The bottom line is that the terrorists will not slow us down!" All House office buildings were closed until Tuesday, Oct. 23 while all House offices were be "swept" for a precautionary environmental assessment. Bonilla said the Congressional leadership had "made a wise and prudent decision. They understand that it's time to let the health professionals conduct their business and alleviate any threat to the thousands of people who work here."

#### Watch your herd

It's 8 p.m. Do you know where — or how your cattle (or sheep, goats, horses or other livestock) are? Livestock health officials are asking farmers and ranchers to check their livestock regularly and immediately report signs of disease, suspicious activities, intruders or circumstances to local police or sheriff's department. License plate numbers and descriptions of trespassers, should be recorded. "We're urging producers to keep a closer watch on their animals, in light of recent events in our country," said Dr. Linda Logan, Texas' state veterinarian and head of the Texas Animal Health Commission (TAHC), the state's livestock health regulatory agency. "As always, individual livestock producers and private veterinary practitioners are our first line of defense if — or when — a livestock disease is accidentally or intentionally introduced into the state. To report suspicious signs of disease, call 1-800-550-8242."

#### In other news

- Americas High School will have its 6th Annual Christmas Fair on Friday, Dec. 7, 2001 at 5-9 p.m. Vendors can reserve a table by contacting the student activities office at 856-4366. The cost is \$5 per table and deadline is Dec. 4. Over 35 groups will be performing throughout the evening. Public is invited and admission is free. For information call 856-4300.
- Canutillo community's Recreation Center will host a Halloween Carnival from 5 to 10 p.m., Saturday, Oct. 27, at the Old Canutillo Elementary Cafeteria, 7000 Fifth Street. The public is invited to enjoy the food, games, music, jumping balloons, and Haunted House. Proceeds are to support the Rec Center's programs. For more information, call 877-7962.
- The El Paso County Library in Fabens

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Why is the virus that causes the common cold so hard to find, when it is so easy to catch?

— Quips and Quotes

# Socorro's Chief of Police agrees to resign

City of Socorro prepares for Charter vote decision was announced Council received a lot tion for termination."

By Arleen Beard Special to the Courier

SOCORRO — After several regular and special Socorro City Council meetings, the City of Socorro and Chief of Police Buryl Canuteson have come to an agreement.

Following the regular scheduled meeting of Oct. 3, during Executive Session, members of City Council decided to follow severance procedures due to a thorough investigation of poor performance of duty by Canuteson, handled by City Attorney Richard Contreras. After the of vocal dissatisfaction from the community members present.

Mayor Amado Padilla was approached by several community members to object to Council's decision, but Padilla said simply that it was a decision made strictly by the Council, adding he had no say in the matter.

He added this choice was made in order to avoid any possible litigation that may be brought against the City of Socorro if the proper procedures were not followed.

Mayor Padilla said, "He wants to resolve the situation as soon as possible. That is why a special meeting for Oct. 10, 2001 (was) called...the Chief of Police is under investiga-

During the Oct. 3 meeting, City Attorney Contreras informed Council and members of the community of Chief Canuteson's decision to resign.

This decision was made only after the City Attorney (representing the City of Socorro) and Chief Canuteson agreed on a severance package. His resignation became effective

Council has initiated an emergency hire procedure to fill vacancies on the Socorro Police Department force. To date they have hired three new officers which brings them to 13 — which is still short 9 officers of the approved number for the force. The SPD is currently recruiting for full time officers and reserve officers.

Mayor ProTem Jesus S. Hernandez spoke proudly of the police force. He stated the Department is functioning effectively in spite of the issues that were at hand. It was also noted by Council that plans for any possible emergencies, considering the close proximity of the Mexico border, should be made. This concern comes due to the terroristic threats currently made on the United States.

Meanwhile, during the regular Council meeting on Oct. 18, City Representative Sam Brewster reminded Socorro residents early voting begins Monday, Oct. 22 on the Socorro Charter. He strongly urged everyone to go out and vote. Brewster voiced his stance on the need for the Charter and how it would improve the quality of life for the residents of Socorro.

With the Charter, the city would be allowed to annex much-needed land and also increase the tax base," he said.

In other business Oct. 8, Council approved an event permit to hold a Haunted House for children and teenagers of the Socorro community and authorization to use one of the Rio Vista Complex Buildings. City Rep. Jesse Gandara informed the public of the Halloween festivities to be held on Oct. 26-27 at the Rio Vista Complex. The festivities on Oct. 26 will be for the younger children and will be from 5-10 p.m. On Oct. 27, the festivities will be for teenagers from 5-8 p.m. There will be a Haunted House and price of admission is 50 cents.

All other festivities will be free and there will be plenty of treats for the children to enjoy. Gandara stressed that the event will an exciting but safe event.

Council also approved Mayor Amado Padilla, Mayor Pro-Tem Jesus Hernandez and tion to seek monies through NAD Band and Texas Water Development Board for sewage tation and colonias in Texas would be among Much new information becomes readily extensions and water connections and authoriprinciple beneficiaries if 19 proposed amend- available online, at www.co.el-paso.tx.us, in- zation. They will travel to San Antonio and Austin on the first or second week of Novem-

> Other business that was handled during the Being studied is the feasibility of also putting Oct. 3 meeting included a presentation by Park . Ms. Perez presented several businesses with certificates in appreciation for their unselfish donations to make Paradise Park a reality. Some of these businesses include: Jobe Concrete, River Bend Crane, Walmart, Gandara Recycling, Odum Inv., I&J Construction and MTI Concrete. These businesses donated supplies and some even volunteered their own time to work at the park. Ms. Perez expressed her gratitude for their commitment in contributing to a much need park.

There was also a public hearing held during the October 3, meeting regarding an ordinance adopting the speed zone maps prepared and proposed by the State Department of Highways and Public Transportation. There was no public and Council approved the Ordinance unanimously.

Council also recently made appointments to the Planning and Zoning Commission. The new members are: Delia Munoz, Laura Alvizo, Manny Ortega, Raul Vaquera and Marco Teran.



#### Grads don cap and gown for GED ceremony

EAST EL PASO COUNTY — Socorro ISD Community Services presented 76 graduates with their GED certificates on Sept. 7. Many of these grads earned this honor in the evenings after putting in a full day at work. Socorro ISD board members Martha Contreras and Willie Gandara made the presentations. Estela Casas, KVIA/Channel 7 anchorwomn, center above, w as keynote speaker.

— Contributed by Jan Engels

# Colonias could get paving if Prop. 2 passes

By Marjorie F. Graham Courier Staff Writer

EL PASO COUNTY — Veterans, transporthe internet. ments to the state's constitution pass in the Nov. 6 election.

Early voting began Monday and will continue through Nov. 2, except for weekends, throughout the County.

Of particular interest in El Paso county is Proposition 2, being urged by El Paso Interreligious Sponsoring Organization (EPISO), because it would approve \$175 million in bonds to pave dirt roads in the state's colonias, including some 200 miles' worth in El Paso.

According to County Elections Administrator Helen Jamison, only three to five percent of El Paso's 345,000 registered voters typically will go to the polls.

for veterans' benefits and upon a "mobility fund" which would allow bonds to build twice as many transportation projects as there are now in the state.

Polls will be opened from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., Monday through Friday, except in the County Courthouse, where voting is scheduled from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sites are at Bassett Center, Burges Library, Montwood Mall, Rogelio Shopping Strip, Socorro High School and the courthouse. Elizario and Clint.

Hours are 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. Nov. 1-2.

With last week's action, access to public information became easier and less expensive as City Rep. Trini Lopez to be part of the delega-Commissioners Court put its new website on

cluding vital records, property deeds, job openings, bidding opportunities, agendas and meeting minutes of the court.

civil and criminal courts data into the system that Margie Perez, regarding the Socorro Paradise could include civil suits, misdemeanor and felony charges, along with the status of each.

An appointed committee will report its recommendations on Oct. 31, taking into account that some of the judges are reluctant to see criminal court case filings become more public before their final disposition — innocent or guilty. The information is available upon request at any time in the courthouse.

Commissioners accepted the resignation of Those who do will decide on \$500 million Parks and Recreation Director Sally Gavlik, who will go to UTEP to lead its Student Union and Conference Center. She was responsible during her two and a half year tenure for garnering nearly \$2 million in new grants. A nationwide search for a new director has been launched.

Also scheduled Monday was a meeting between commissioners and the City of El Paso's Mass Transit Department board to approve Sun Metro bus route extensions into Socorro, San



#### One perspective **By Francis Shrum**

# How Poca Agua grew up to be Agua Mucho Grande

HORIZON — Once upon a time it will be so. there was a kingdom called Poca Agua. It was ruled by a good prince.

The good prince knew that there was enough agua to last his people for awhile but that in the long run they really were pretty poco. So he set out to make alliance with the kingdom of Agua Grande so that his people would always have agua.

But there were others in Poca Agua who wanted to be prince. One wanted to be king of the whole state of Agua de Tejas and he thought that being prince of the Poca Agua would be a good start. Others wanted to seem big and important in the community. They liked the power. Some wanted a little extra money. Some had all these reasons. So they managed to drive away the good prince.

After awhile the people began to see that the new princes were not really very good leaders, so they tried to vote them out — but, alas, it was too late. The good prince had already gone away to do other good things and the only ones they could find to replace the new princes were no different.

When they did find a good prince he didn't last long.

After many years of despair and mismanagement, there were some princes chosen to rule Poca Agua who really wanted to do good things. They wanted to straighten up the mess and look after the interest of their people.

So they hired some traveling magicians who said they knew how to make Poca Agua even better than the kingdom of Agua Grande. They said they knew a magic formula that would make Poca Agua into Agua Mucho Grande!

The good princes liked the sound of this.

But still they wanted to know: "How could this be made to happen?"

It is simple, said the magicians. All you have to do is to say that the Poca Agua is the Agua Mucho Grande, and

Besides, they said, we have friends in really cool, sophisticated places that know how to do this magic.

The good princes didn't understand all of this but they still liked the way it sounded. So they hired the magicians to make mucho agua.

The magicians began to chant over and over that Poca Agua really was Agua Mucho Grande. They sang that the people had been fooled by those who said the agua was poco. And they brought in their cool friends to help them.

They assured the good princes that the price to make magic would be poca, too.

The good princes began to believe the magic. They were bedazzled by the chants and by the really cool friends from sophisticated places. They begin to feel very wise in their own eyes and forgot that they were responsible to the people. They made agreements with the magicians that indebted the people far into the future without asking the people if they wanted to do this.

At first the people were happy about the magic. Then they found out that the princes had committed them and many subsequent generations to paying mucho dolares for magic that was yet unproved.

Sometimes even the princes had doubts when it was plain that the magicians were using potions of inferior quality, or that they built towers without knowing where they were, or that the cool friends were carrying away big pieces of the treasury, or that the time in which the magicians had promised the magic would happen was long past.

The princes were afraid to question the magicians or their cool friends — that wasn't cool. If the faith of one of the princes faltered, friends of the magicians would rush to the rescue, flattering the princes by saying they was "visionary" and





"courageous." They arranged for the was doing and they were glad because princes to be given important-sounding awards and used liberally from the treasury to send them on nice trips and make them feel important.

So the princes kept repeating to themselves that Poca Agua really is Agua Mucho Grande.

Besides, everyone knows that the story about the emperor's new clothes is just a fairy tale, right?

Many of the other kingdoms de agua watched what the Agua Dolares Grande — I mean, the Poca Agua —

the Poca Agua was trying out the magic first. After all, they realized that all their agua was poco, too, and they wanted to see what would happen.

Would the magic really work? Would it provide sovereignty for the kingdom of Poca Agua forever so that it would not have to make treaties with neighboring kingdoms? Would the promise of dolares poco come true or would the price of the magic grow and grow? Would the magic damage the environment? Would the

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

apparatus the magicians created last a long time or would it break down and cost mucho dolares to fix it?

The end of this story is yet to be written. The people are really hoping the

princes were right. The princes hope they really are

wearing clothes.

The magicians don't care.

They've secured more than a healthy share of the Poca Agua treasury, and are out busily striking a deal with the princes of the Agua de Tejas.



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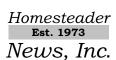
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# forward

The tragic events of Sept. 11, 2001 have taken a huge toll on our nation and our world. Thou-

sands of Americans lost their lives and countless more have been affected with pain, suffering and economic hardship. As our nation continues to rebuild, your government stands ready to assist in whatever way possible.

The United States Congress has been working overtime since the terrorist attacks. And we're not slowing down until our goals are accomplished. We're working in a bi-partisan fashion to strengthen the transportation industry, the stock market and other components of our country's economy. We understand that action must be taken. And we're doing everything possible to move our nation back to a state of normalcy.

But the federal government can reach only so far. When it comes to help in the heartland, it's time to turn to the numerous state and local programs that are waiting to

Thousands of Americans have lost their jobs because of the collapse or near-collapse of a number of indus- trying times.

tries. If you, your family or your friends have been affected, you should know that unemployment insurance is available. Temporary income, administered through the State of Texas, can be obtained as you seek to find a new job. Also consider that the U.S. Department of Labor has job training and career centers that can help you get back on your feet.

Healthcare can be provided to those who are no longer covered after losing their jobs. About six million Americas purchase COBRA benefits (named after the 1985 Consolidated Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act) that give employees and their families extended health coverage for up to eighteen months after a layoff.

Beyond these programs and services, I want each of you to know that I am here to help. My staff is here to help. If you, your family or your friends have, sadly, experienced some type of loss as a result of the terrorist attack on our country, please come to me. I have district offices located in San Antonio, Laredo, Del Rio and Midland. My office phone number in San Antonio is 210/697.9055 and in Washington it is 202/225.4511. Please also try my website for more information and assistance services www.house.gov/bonilla/

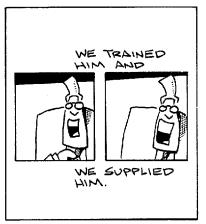
Rest assured that America is strong and will remain the land of the free and the home of the brave.

May God bless you and your neighbors during these

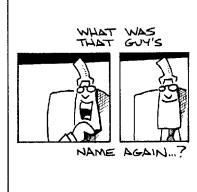
# PATRIOTIC EXERCISE WORKOUT GIVE BLOOD MACKLE













# View from the porch By Linda Mussehl

# Little cuts

ready planning our cool weather

campaign. We've been spraying the thick algarita that keeps us away from the base of the old mesquites and tying flagging tape on the "absolutely must go" trees.

Last spring we made a good dent in our long-range clearing plan. Along with routine fence line clearing, we also wiped out a dense thicket behind the barn so Pardner could expand his pens. It was one of those thorny mixed-brush plant communities where you have to stand on the edge of it and slowly, painfully hack your way into it branch by branch, foot by foot.

By the time we knocked off for the summer, my hands were becoming just tough enough to be useful. Now I'll have to start all over again.

For years I've been too cheap to buy myself some really good work gloves. I've always done heavy work wearing an extra pair of Pardner's. It was foolish, because although they did give me some protection from the worst of the thorns, they actually added to my blister crop. The over-large gloves of stiff leather slid around on my hands and rubbed big ol' blisters on top of my knuckles and the backs of my hands. Kinda misses the whole point of wearing gloves, doesn't it?

So last winter I splurged at the welding supply store and bought myself some really good gloves: nice soft

leather, tough tops that extended up over my wrists, and small enough to almost fit.

Even though the new gloves reduced the number of blisters, they didn't work any better than the old ones when it came to thorn cuts and punctures. Much of the nameless, nasty brush we clear has long brittle It's just been too darn hot to thorns with little curved tips that penetrate any glove lear brush lately, but we're al- on through to the human hide beneath.

> Every five minutes or so, whenever the glove looked like I'd lost a battle with a porcupine, I'd stop and pull out the thorns. Some came away clean; others left their little tips in my hands. At the end of the day, my hands would have fifty or so little ouchies.

> At first it's hard to tell the difference between a little cut that will heal on it's own and a splinter or imbedded piece of thorn. They look and feel the same. Rather than attacking all the sore spots with tweezers or razor blade, I just wash well, sluice peroxide over my hands and arms, and let them go for a couple of days.

> By day three, the nicks and cuts have taken care of themselves, while the thorn splinters have festered, so they can be identified and dealt with.

As I dig them out with needle and tweezers, I ruminate on how close an analogy it is to everyday life.

Life has its little nicks, cuts and problems, whether it is supervising people at work, teaching school, wrangling teenagers or keeping your customers happy. At first it's hard to know which problems will resolve themselves without action. Or are they going to be nasty little infections that can cause big problems later? It takes time and basic hygiene to tell the difference.

Developing tough, thick, useful skin takes work. And

## Write stuff

#### Dear Editor:

I would like to take this opportunity to express my views on the proposed Home Rule Charter for the City of Socorro, Texas. The new Home Rule Charter will give the City annexing powers that will improve our tax base, which will help keep our taxes low. It will also improve our bond and credit rating. I urge the citizens of Socorro to vote for the proposed Home Rule Charter for the City of Socorro on Nov. 6, 2001.

#### Sam Brewster **City Representative** Socorro

(Editor's Note: Mr. Brewster also submitted this letter in Spanish. Because Socorro has a high Spanishspeaking population, we are also publishing his Spanish translation.)

#### Al editor:

gustaria tomar esta oportunidad para expresar mi opinion y apoyo a la Acta Constitutiva que esta en propuesta en la Ciudad de Socorro, Texas. Esta nueva Acta Constitutiva le dara a la ciudad el poder de anexar y al mismo tiempo beneficiara nuestra base de impuesto, la cual ayudara a mantener nuestros impuestos en un nivel bajo. Tambien ayudara a los bonos y benificiara a la solvencia de la ciudad. Yo propongo a los ciudadanos de Socorro que voten por la Acta Constitutiva de la Ciudad de Socorro este 6 de Noviembre del

> Sam Brewster Representante de la Ciudad Socorro

#### Dear Editor:

On Monday, Oct. 22, early voting started for a Charter for the City of

Socorro and will continue until Friday, Nov. 2 at the Socorro High School. Then on Nov. 6 voting will be held at Pct. 108, 109, 110 and 155 for all eligible voters.

This Charter is what Socorro needs for the residents of the City and is a guide for our elected officials to follow.

I urge every voter to go to the polls and vote for this Charter.

It would be nice if we could set a record for voter turnout on this Charter. Please vote!

> **Don Davisson** Socorro

#### **Dear Editor:**

On Aug. 12, 2000, you, the registered voters of Socorro elected 15 members to the Charter Commission in an effort to draft a Charter for the City of Socorro.

As president of the Charter Commission, along with the 15 elected members we have drafted what we consider an appropriate Charter for the City of Socorro to operate under.

The City of Socorro has mailed copies of the proposed charter in English and in Spanish for you to read and be aware of what the it stands for.

I urge you to read the document completely, and to vote on Nov. 6, 2001 for the Charter to be accepted.

If this Charter fails, the City of Socorro will continue to run under an outdated Charter which has been in place since 1871. Without this Charter the citizens will be exposed to higher taxes, and less government

If you have any questions, or if you would like to meet personally with any of the members of the Charter Commission, please contact me at 915-859-6465.

Again, I cannot stress the importance of this document and ask that you take the time to read it thor-

> Ricardo F. Ortiz, President **Socorro Charter Commission**

## **Citizens of Socorro**

Vote FOR the CHARTER

November 6, 2001 Early Voting: Oct. 22 - Nov. 2

Punch #8

# **Ciudadanos de Socorro**

Votan a FAVOR el ACTA CONSTITUTIVA 6 de Noviembre 2001

Votacion Temprano: Oct. 22 - Nov. 2

Marca #8

TRUE TEXAS FACTS: Oct. 27,1902, construction of the Galveston seawall begins.



#### **Public Notice**

### Clint Independent School District

#### Parent Textbook Advisory Committee

A Parent Textbook Advisory Committee shall be formed to serve in an advisory capacity to the Teacher Textbook Committees.

- 1. Members shall include parents or legal guardians of <u>currently enrolled District</u> <u>middle and high school students.</u>
- **2.** A committee shall be formed to address the options for each level (middle, and/or high). Each committee shall consider all subjects for that level that are up for adoption.
- 3. Each committee shall have no fewer than five and no more than 15 members. Should fewer than five parents/legal guardians volunteer, the committee shall not form for that level.

#### 4. Selection Process

- **A)** The District shall publicize the intent to form a Parent Advisory Committee.
- B) Interested parents/legal guardians shall complete the Parent Textbook Advisory Committee Self-Nomination Form to declare their desire to be considered for selection on the committee prior to November 8, 2001 as well as their commitment to devote time to the committee. The form must include the name(s), grade level(s), and school(s) of currently enrolled children. Forms should be obtained from and returned to the campus principal.
- **C)** The Office of Curriculum & Instruction shall sort the letters by level (middle, and/or high) and geographic area.
- **D)** The Office of Curriculum & Instruction shall randomly draw members.
- **E)** Selected members shall receive notification of their selection and date and time of the first meeting.
- **5.** Scheduled meeting activities include reviewing textbooks up for adoption, reviewing feedback forms, discussing rubric and scoring with appropriate Curriculum & Instruction staff members, and giving input to the Teacher Textbook Committee.
- **6.** In order to give input to the Teacher Textbook Committee, **members shall attend at least 80% all scheduled meetings.**

#### Aviso Publico

#### Distrito Escolar de Clint

#### Comité Asesor de Padres de Familia para los Libros de Texto

Se formara un comité asesor de padres de familia para los libros en la capacidad de ser consejadores al comité de maestros.

- 1. Miembros serán padres o guardiánes legales <u>de estudiantes en escuelas intermedia y secundarias matriculados en el distrito.</u>
- **2.** El comité se formará para evaluar los libros de cada nivel (intermedia y secundaria). Cada comité considerá todas las areas de cada nivel que sea considerado.
- 3. Cada comité tendra lo mínimo de cinco miembros y lo máximo de quince. Si hay menos de cinco padres el comité no se formará.

#### 4. Proceso de Selección

- A) El distrito hará el intento de publicar la intención de formar el comité asesor de padres de familia para libros de texto.
- B) Padres/guardianes legales interesados completarán la forma Comité Asesor de Padres de Familia para los Libros de Texto de Auto-nominación para declarar su deseo de ser considerados para el comité antes de la fecha 8 de noviembre de 2001 y con su intención de dedicar tiempo para el comité. La aplicación tiene que incluir nombre(s), nivele(s), y escuela(s) de sus hijos matriculados en el distrito. Formas pueden ser obtenidas y regresadas con el director de la escuela.
- C) La Oficina de Plan de Estudios clasificará las aplicaciones por los niveles de escuelas intermedias, y escuelas secundarias y por la area geográfica.
- D) La Oficina de Plan de Estudios escogerá variablemente los miembros del comité.
- E) Los miembros elijidos recibirán notificación de la fecha y tiempo sobre la primera junta.
- **5.** La agenda de las juntas se llevara acabo como sigue: evaluando textos de consideración por el estado, repasando información escrita, discutiendo diferentes pruebas apropiadas con los miembros del Plan de Estudios y disponer apoyo al comité de asesor de libros.
- 6. Para poder proveer información al comité asesor de Padres de Familia para los Libros de texto los miembros deben de asistir a lo menos el 80% de todas las juntas.

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### City of Socorro PUBLIC NOTICE

# ORDER OF SPECIAL ELECTION FOR THE CITY OF SOCORRO

An election is hereby ordered to be held on November 6, 2001 from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. for the purpose of: Adopting a Charter for the City of Socorro.

Early voting in person shall be conducted at Socorro High School, 10150 Alameda Ave., beginning Monday, October 22, 2001, and continue through Friday, November 2, 2001 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. on each day which is not a Saturday, Sunday, or an official state holiday.

The early voting ballot applications and ballots by mail may be sent to Helen Jamison, County Elections Department, 500 E. San Antonio, Room 402, El Paso, Texas 79901.

<b>Precincts</b>	Polling Place	Address
108	Hilley Elementary	693 Rio Vista
109	Socorro High School	10150 Alameda
110	<b>Escontrias Elementary School</b>	205 Buford Rd.
155	Campestre Elementary School	11399 Socorro Rd.

Issued this 16th day of September, 2001.

Amado D. Padilla, Mayor City of Socorro

# ORDEN DE ELECCION ESPECIAL PARA LA CUIDAD DE SOCORRO

Por la presente se ordena que se llevara a cabo una eleccion el 6 de noviembre, 2001 con el propositio de: Adoptar el Acta Constitutiva para la Cuidad de Socorro.

Votacion temprana en persona se llevara a cabo en Socorro High School, 10150 Alameda Ave., comenzando el lunes, 22 de Octobre de 2001, y continuara hasta el viernes, 2 de Noviembre de 2001 desde las 8 a.m. hasta las 5 p.m. todos los dias que no sean sábado, domingo, o dia oficial de vacaciones estatales.

La direccion postal de la secretaria de votacion de antemano para votar por correro y a donde se puedan enviar solicitudes para balotas y enviar las balotas con votos es: Helen Jamison, County Elections Department, 500 E. San Antonio, Room 402, El Paso, Texas 799011.

Precincto	Lugar de Votacion	Domicilio
108	Hilley Elementary	693 Rio Vista
109	Socorro High School	10150 Alameda
110	<b>Escontrias Elementary School</b>	205 Buford Rd.
155	Campestre Elementary School	11399 Socorro Rd.

Emitada este dia 16 de Septiembre, 2001.

Amado D. Padilla, Alcalde Cuidad de Socorro

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#### **Briefs**

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will host a Costume Contest on Oct. 31 at 3:45 p.m. There is no entry fee, and winners will receive \$10 in three age groups. There will also be more fun and prizes at the Library, located at 1331 N. Fabens. For information call 764-3635.

- Socorro High School Varsity Cheer and Yell Leaders won grand championship honors during the Western Playland Fall City Cheerleading Competition on Oct. 14. They also were awarded for outstanding exhibition. Lisa Padilla won first in jump; and Adriana Zamudio, Ernie Tellez, David Veloz and Manny Parra also won first place in stunt competition.
- The second Border Learning Conference, sponsored by El Paso Community College and Dona Ana Branch Community College will be held Nov. 2-3 at the Transmountain Campus. Educators and community leaders will meet to examine, define and consider solutions to issues associated with education on the border. For registration contact Peter Maas at 831-2403 or Jeanne Foskett, 831-2411.
- Texas Land Commissioner David Dewhurst has announced that almost \$3.5 million was paid by oil and gas firms at the Oct. 2 lease sale for 19,655 acres of Permanent School Fund (PSF) lands dedicated to help fund public education. "This bonus is a welcome addition to the Permanent School Fund, which benefits the public schoolchildren of Texas," Dewhurst said. The PSF has about \$20 billion in assets, and about \$700 million of income generated by the PSF went to Texas public schools last year. The Oct. 2 sale also generated \$8,525 for the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department.
- U.S. Rep. Henry Bonilla is encouraging high school seniors interested in attending one of the nations military academies to apply for a nomination through his office for the class of 2006, entering the summer of 2002. Applicants must live in the 23rd Congressional District of Texas. Interested young men and women may apply for a nomination to any of the following academies: The U.S. Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs, Colorado; The U.S. Military Academy in West Point, New York; The U.S. Naval Academy in Annapolis, Maryland; The U.S. Merchant Marine Academy in Kings Point, New York. Candidates must be nominated by their U.S. Representatives, U.S. Senator or by the Vice President of the United States. Selection is based on character, scholarship, extracurricular activities. physical aptitude, medical fitness, as well as demonstrated motivation and leadership potential. Applications may be obtained by writing Bonilla's San Antonio office at 11120 Wurzbach, Suite 300, San Antonio, Texas 78230 or by calling (210) 697-9055. This year's application deadline is Oct. 31.

# Social security benefits to increase by 2.6 percent

WASHINGTON — Monthly Social Security and Supplemental Security Income (SSI) benefits to more than 50 million Americans will increase 2.6 percent in 2002, Larry G. Massanari, Acting Commissioner of Social Security announced today.

"Today's news tells us that inflation continues to be low which is certainly good news for the elderly and disabled," said Acting Commissioner Massanari. "Inflation is one of the biggest challenges for people living on a fixed income."

The 2.6 percent increase will begin with benefits that 45 million Social Security beneficiaries receive in January 2002. Increased payments to more than 6 million SSI beneficiaries will begin on Dec. 31.

For Social Security beneficiaries, the average monthly benefit amount for all retired workers will rise from \$852 to \$874. The maximum federal SSI monthly payment to an individual will rise from \$531 to \$545. For a couple, the maximum federal SSI payment will rise from \$796 to \$817.

"The annual Cost-of-Living Adjustment (COLA) is one of the most critically important features of the Social Security program," stated Acting Commissioner Massanari. "For the

WASHINGTON — Monthly Soal Security and Supplemental Sedation of retirement income will remain strong for as long as they live."

Social Security and SSI benefits increase automatically each year based on the rise in the Consumer Price Index for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers (CPI-W) from the third quarter of one year through the corresponding period of the next. This year's increase in the

CPI-W was 2.6 percent. Based on the increase in the CPI-W from the third quarter of 2000 through the third quarter of 2001, Social Security and SSI beneficiaries will receive a 2.6 percent COLA for 2002.

Some other changes that take affect in January of each year are based on the increase in average wages. Based on that increase, the maximum amount of earnings subject to the Social Security tax (taxable maximum) will increase to \$84,900 from \$80,400 in 2002.

As a result of the increase in the taxable maximum in 2002, the maximum yearly Social Security tax paid by employees and employers will increase by \$279 each. For self-employed workers, it will rise by \$558.

See BENEFIT, Page 8

# City of Socorro PUBLIC NOTICE

A PUBLIC HEARING will be held at 6:00 p.m. on November 13, 2001 during the Planning Commission meeting at City Hall, 124 S. Horizon Blvd., Socorro, Texas. Purpose of the public hearing is to receive public comments on the following plats and/or rezonings:

- 1. Proposed rezoning of Lot 6, Block 8 Mary Lou Park, 640 Maxine from R-1, Single Family Residential to R-2, Medium Density Residential by Humberto Muñoz, Jr.
- 2. Proposed rezoning of Tracts 4D2K and 4D2D, Block 3 Socorro Grant, 10651 North Loop Rd. from R-1, Single Family Residential to C-2, General Commercial by Victor Villanueva.
- 3. Proposed rezoning of Tracts 1F, 1F1 and 1E1, Block 6 Socorro Grant, corner of North Loop Rd. and Old Hueco Tanks Rd., from C-1, Light Commercial to C-2, General Commercial by Hagan Children Trust.

TERE RODRIGUEZ
Interim City Secretary

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# There can be no doubt that the Miners are back to normal

By Steve Escajeda Special to the Courier

Well, if the 56-7 loss to Alabama didn't convince you, and the 66-7 loss to Hawaii still left you wondering, last weekend's embarrassing home display against San Jose State left absolutely no doubt.

The UTEP Miners officially have returned to normal.

And anyone who has lived in El Paso for any amount of time knows what normal means bad.

And I don't mean that new-school "bad" means "good" kind of bad. I mean that oldschool "bad" means "stinks" kind of bad.

San Jose State came into the Sun Bowl last Saturday without a single victory in the win column this season. And like in the past ñ the Sun Bowl is quickly returning to the place where bad teams go to get well.

In the first half against the lowly Spartans, much-criticized UTEP quarterback Wesley Phillips threw for a career-best 300 yards and three touchdowns to give the Miners a 21-10 lead. Seven of those passes went to preseason

But the Miners had a strange idea in the second half. It's as if they decided, "hey, let's stop throwing the ball to Mays and see what hap-

The Miners saw what happened, and the Sun Bowl crowd of 30,048 saw what happened.

Amid a loud chorus of boos, UTEP just failed to accomplish anything on offense. Phillips just seemed to forget that he had one of the best receivers in the nation at his disposal.

After his 300 yards in the first half, Phillips threw for just 54 in the second — ugly.

Oh, and it just got uglier. Seems UTEP officials tried to take a page from Jim Paul's handbook and get fans to attend the game via promotion.

The promotion was to set a world record by getting largest group of people — 30,048 in the Sun Bowl — to blow bubbles at the same time for a certain length of time...

Both the promotion and the game blew up in their faces.

#### Finally

seen him walk off the field in victorious fashion about nine out of every ten games he coaches.

And I have to admit, it's been tough seeing his team struggle the past two seasons but it sure felt good to see him finally gain a win last weekend over Northwestern.

It wasn't only Penn State's first win of the season, it was Paterno's 323rd of his career which tied him with former Alabama legend Bear Bryant for the most wins in Division-1 history.

The 74-year old Paterno, as is his norm, down-played the accomplishment saying that it was his enjoyment of coaching and not the records, as to why he has coached for 36 years.

I'm a huge Joe Paterno fan and I wouldn't be surprised if he gets that Penn State program back in the national championship spotlight in a year or two.

#### Little big men

In the world of major League Baseball, October is usually reserved for the big boys.

October has always been Babe Ruth time. A time when the Carlton Fisk's, Joe Carter's, and I've been watching Joe Paterno coach the Penn Kirk Gibson's make history with their giant

all-American candidate Lee Mays for 184 State Nitany Lions since I was a kid and I've clouts. Heck, even Reggie Jackson is known as Mr. October.

> But this year the two players that have outshined all others in the post season are known more for their speed, heart and savvy than for their power.

> The Seattle Mariners' Ichiro Suzuki and the New York Yankees' Derek Jeter have put on a show so far this year and it's a shame they can't play each other in the World Series.

> Ichiro and Jeter, who are facing each other in the American League Championship Series are not your vintage home run hitters, but who

> Ichiro, who led the league with a .350 average during the regular season, was hitting .500 during the first eight playoff games with 15 hits. He has also made some great defensive plays and has shown off that great arm of his.

> In the same number of games, Jeter was hitting .357 with 10 hits but his spectacular defensive plays have made even more of an impact for the Yankees.

> This season the playoffs will be decided less by the power hitters' big bombs and more by the legs, arms and brains of the little guys.

And a more exciting brand of baseball it is.

# **Classified Ads**

#### **LEGALS**

#### TOWN OF CLINT, **TEXAS BIDS WANTED TOWN DEPOSITORY**

Sealed bids addressed to the Mayor and Town Council of the Town of Clint, Texas, for designation as Town Depository will be received in the office of the Town Clerk, in the Town Offices located at 200 N. San Elizario Rd. in Clint, Texas, until 5 p.m. MDT, Nov. 14, 2001.

All bids will be publicly opened on the above date at 7 p.m. and read in the Town Council Chambers

The town reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids and waive formalities. In case of ambiguity in stating the price in bids, the Town reserves the right to consider the most advantaconstruction thereof or reject any bids.

Instructions to bidders. bid proposals forms and contract document in blank are on file in the office of the Town Clerk and may be obtained by prospective bidders from the Town Clerk

Town of Clint Jessica Garza Town Clerk WTCC-10/25/01

#### **BIDS WANTED OFFICIAL** NEWSPAPER

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Jessica Garza Town Clerk WTCC-10/25/01

**TOWN OF HORIZON** CITY, TEXAS

14999 DARRINGTON RD. HORIZON CITY, **TEXAS 79928** 

**Horizon City Police** Dept. **Invitation to Bid** 

BID: 2002 Police Patrol Vehicle

Sealed bids will be received at the Town of Horizon City, 14999 Darrington Rd., Horizon City, Texas 79928, until 5 p.m. Nov. 8, 2001. Bids will be opened on Nov. 8 at 5:05 p.m. at the Town of Horizon City Town Hall.

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Specifications may be obtained at the Horizon City Police Dept. at 915-852-1046 both located at 14999 Darrington Rd., Horizon City, Texas 79928

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- 5 Recede
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- 18 "L'-. c'est moi"
- 19 Abandon 21 Cobra kin
- 22 Jug band instrument
- 23 Shipboard story?
- 25 Release the hogs 26 Cugat consort
- 27 Photo tint 28 Actress Copley
- 30 Radius' neighbor 32 Pan for Yan 33 Southern st.
- 35 Shipboard headgear?
- 40 Implore
- 44 "SNL" bits 45 - gin fizz
- 46 \$ dispenser
- 47 Bon (witticism) 49 Playwright Coward
- 51 "Songs of Innocence" poet 55 Shipboard cure-all?
- 60 Outshone
- 63 "Greetings!"
- 64 Groan producer 65 Aphrodite's boy-
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- 141 Belief
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- 8 Big bird 9 Actress Grey 10 Urge
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- 13 Canine grp. 14 Team scream 15 Conductor Seiji 16 French landscape
- painter 17 Eccentric types 20 Shimon of Israel 24 Connecticut cam-
- pus 29 Squid's squirt 31 Internet acronym 34 Pinnacle
- 36 Marchetti or Vannelli 37 Perched on
- 38 "Ora pro -" 39 '65 Beatles' hit 40 Big name in Baroque 41 Lucy's landlady

Town of Clint

ALL BIDS MUST BE

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Family-size electric BBQ

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- ina 114 Berle bits
- 116 Find fault
- 59 See 76 Down 61 Pack peppers 62 Tanglewood town 68 Boxer Griffith 69 Actress Sheppard
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42 Show one's teeth

43 Attila, to his wife?

54 Gouda alternative

57 Hawaiian coffee

58 Like jungle foliage

48 Recipe abbr.

50 Find out

56 Tribe

52 Dog star?

53 Actor Dullea

- 78 Exclude 79 Comic Crosby 80 Splinter group 81 Burn remedy 82 It may be common
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- 110 Operetta composer
- 115 Writer Rogers St.
- 117 Minos' realm 118 Disprove 123 Postcard message 125 Poi base
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Hair Slingers in Horizon City is seeking experienced cosmotologist. Apply in person after 2 p.m. at 13899 Horizon Blvd., Ste. 4, Horizon City.

#### **SELF-HELP OPPORTUNITIES**

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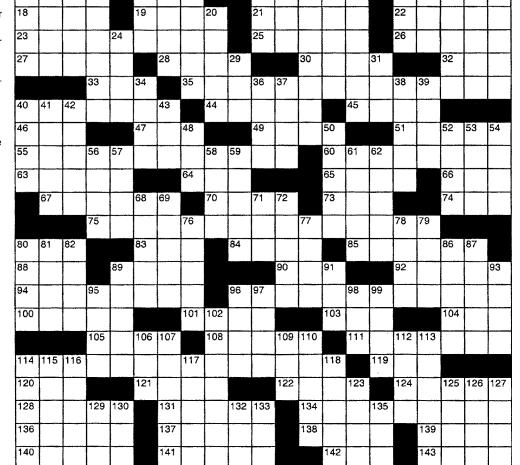
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# To boldly go

By Don Flood

It's back to the future: Another "Star Trek" is saddled up and ready to ride.

The original series, which first aired during the Grant administration, lasted just three seasons but became the basis for what astronomers now estimate are 45 billion TV shows and movies.

And because of the expanding universe, there is no end in sight.

As in the original series, the First Officer is a Vulcan. Only this time they made her a babe.

But, man, is she frosty.

Which begs the question, will Capt. Jonathan Archer be up to the job of melting this Ice Queen?

If it were Capt. Kirk, you'd know.

Kirk was the biggest babe magnet in the galaxy and was constantly on the lookout for fresh conquests.

That's why Kirk was always so eager to "boldly go where no man had gone before."

He figured this gave him an even better shot with the alien hotties.

Of course, they could turn the new First Officer into another Spock.

Supposedly, Spock showed no emotion either, but in reality half the shows revolved around him blubbering about one thing or another.

There was the Spock-is-attacked-by-spores episode and the Spock-goes-on-a-crying-jag episode.

It was like the guy never heard the expression: "Keep a stiff upper lip, pal." I mean, he cried at Tribble weddings.

But the worst emotional bender was when Spock

invited the Captain and McCoy to his own wedding.

At first it sounded like a nice break from saving solar systems, but then Kirk got there and found not only was there no sit-down dinner, but that he was expected to provide the entertainment — a battle to the death with the groom!

(Note to non-"Star Trek" viewers: Vulcans are big on logic but light on the social graces. Instead of "tossing the garter" they prefer butchering members of the wedding party. Which makes me wonder: Should we really be spending this much money to go into space?)

And this was after Kirk had arranged for Spock's bachelor party, with that alien dancing girl everybody liked

But what I never understood was why Spock, when he sent out the invitations, didn't just say at the bottom, "As we begin our new life together, we ask that our guests refrain from dancing and instead join the groom in a battle to the death."

Problem solved!

This is the same advice that Martha Stewart offers in her chapter on alien customs entitled "Ten Tips for Making Your Wedding Day Death Battle a Smashing Success."

Kirk would have received the invitation, seen that it included a battle to the death but no open bar, and sent his regrets.

Instead, Spock makes what I consider a serious breach of manners; he attempts to murder his best man.

Now, I don't know if the new First Officer is going to be as much trouble as Spock.

But I'd feel better if Capt. Kirk were around just in case.

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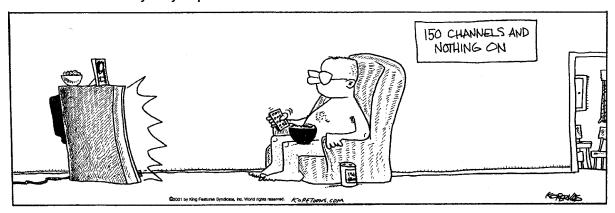
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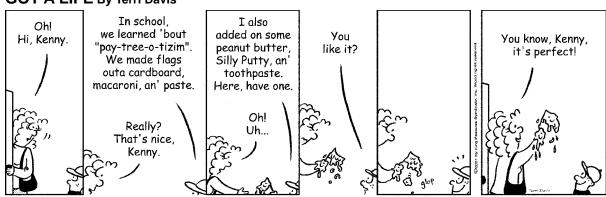
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### **Comix**

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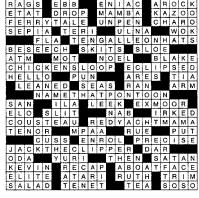
#### **PUBLIC MEETING**

The Transportation Policy Board (TPB) of the El Paso Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) will hold a **PUBLIC MEETING** on **FRIDAY**, **OCTOBER 26**, **2001**, at **9:00 A.M.**, at **The El Paso MPO Office**, c/o **The Gateway Business Center**, **10767 Gateway Blvd. West**, **Suite 605**, **El Paso**, **Texas 79935**, to discuss the following agenda:

- 1. Approval of Minutes.
- Discussion and Action to Approve the TPB Chairman Signing Resolutions in Support of Passage by the Voters of Texas of Constitutional Amendments 2 and 15.
- Discussion and Action to Authorize the MPO to Develop the May 30, 2002 El Paso Region Presentation to the Texas Transportation Commission.
- 4. Discussion and Action to Approve the Scope of Work for the Camino Real Corridor-Border Improvement Plan.
- Discussion and Action to Amend the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) 2002-2006:
  - Approve Funding Request for CMAQ (5) Projects by Renewing the Ozone Action Days Program and the Integrated Mobile Source Outreach in the EPUTS Area and Ciudad Juarez Through the Paso Del Norte Clean Cities Coalition;
  - Request by the City of Sunland Park, NM to Use STP 4C Funds to Extend Sunland Park Drive from NM 273 (McNutt Rd.) to US/Mexico Border.
- Status Report on the Extension of Lee Trevino Drive from FM 76 (North Loop Dr.) to Loop 375 (Border Highway).

Under federal legislation, the MPO, through the TPB has an expanded role in transportation project selection and programming in El Paso County and the City of Sunland Park, New Mexico. For more information call the MPO Office at (915) 591-9735.

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West Texas County COURIER 1

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# Canutillo ISD making plans to move into new facility

By Don Woodyard Courier Staff Writer

CANUTILLO — Canutillo ISD Superintendent Charles Hart thanked district employees and the board of trustees for their efforts that contributed to his being named the No. 1 school district superintendent in the state of Texas.

His comments came at the Oct. 9 board of trustees' meeting, his first since being honored. "It is a recognition for Canutillo, not just for myself," he said.

Assistant superintendent Dr. John education bus is expected soon. Kessinger updated the board on construction projects in the district. This includes the new high school band room and renovation of the new central administration facility, formerly the Sahara building. Work on the administration building and the band room is scheduled for completion by mid-November. When completed, Kessinger says, the school board meetings will be moved to the new building.

Kessinger also reported that the three new school buses, approved by the board in September at a cost of \$149,000, have arrived. A special

In a related action, the board approved a lease-purchase agreement with Casa Ford for five pickup trucks proved: for the Maintenance Department.

nology and career education director, presented an overview of the Children's Internet Protection Act that is in place throughout the district. The program offers technology that blocks students' access to inappropriate websites.

Hart presented the Superintendent's Exemplary Employee Award to Robert Rivas for his central administration building.

"tireless efforts" as maintenance crew supervisor.

In other action, the board ap-

- · Selection of Desert Communica-Martha Veale, Canutillo ISD tech- tions for telecommunications infrastructure cabling in the new administration building.
  - A contract with Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center to provide orthopedic services for handicapped students.
  - Dantex Construction Company as construction manager at risk for the Food Services Department addition to the new

#### Benefit

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Of the approximately 154 million workers who pay Social Security taxes, only about 10.5 million are affected by the higher wage base in 2002.

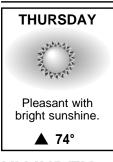
Also based on the increase in average wages, the amount of earnings required to earn a quarter of coverage will increase to \$870 in 2002, up from \$830 this year.

Information about Medicare changes for 2002 can be found at www.hhs.gov which is the Internet site for the Department of Health and Human Services.

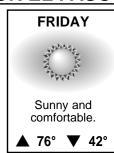
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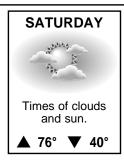
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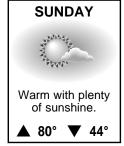
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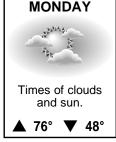


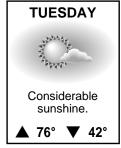














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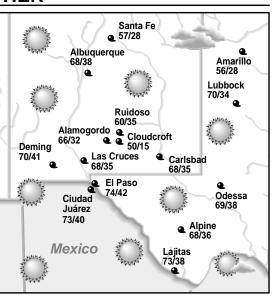
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Tornillo	70	39	
Vinton	75	43	
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Shown is Thursday's weather. Temperatures are Thursday's highs and Thursday night's lows.



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	Thur.	Fri.	Sat.	Sun.	Mon.
City	Hi/Lo/W	Hi/Lo/W	Hi/Lo/W	Hi/Lo/W	Hi/Lo/W
Albuquerque	68/38/s	70/38/s	66/38/s	66/40/pc	70/40/pc
Atlanta	70/48/c	62/36/s	54/32/s	54/32/pc	56/36/s
Atlantic City	72/46/c	58/40/pc	54/34/pc	52/36/pc	54/32/s
Austin/San Antonio	76/46/s	74/46/s	70/40/s	70/46/s	70/48/pc
Baltimore	72/44/c	58/36/pc	52/32/pc	52/34/pc	52/36/s
Boston	70/48/r	56/38/pc	48/30/pc	46/30/pc	45/31/c
Chicago	48/32/sh	44/28/c	44/22/s	50/34/s	58/42/pc
Dallas/Ft. Worth	70/42/s	68/40/pc	66/36/s	70/42/s	72/44/s
Denver	62/32/s	56/30/pc	62/34/s	68/34/s	68/36/pc
Flagstaff	64/26/s	63/26/s	61/36/pc	61/33/pc	53/26/c
Houston	76/46/s	74/44/s	70/42/s	76/52/s	82/56/s
Kansas City	60/28/s	54/32/s	54/32/s	56/36/pc	62/42/pc
Las Vegas	75/52/s	79/55/s	79/55/s	83/53/pc	75/47/pc
Miami	88/74/c	82/64/t	76/58/pc	72/56/pc	70/59/s
Minneapolis	38/26/c	42/26/pc	44/30/s	50/38/pc	54/40/sh
New Orleans	78/52/pc	72/52/s	66/36/s	64/42/s	64/44/s
New York City	71/48/pc	56/42/pc	52/39/pc	52/42/pc	50/36/s
Philadelphia	72/46/c	56/38/pc	52/36/pc	52/36/pc	54/32/s
Phoenix	92/62/s	94/64/s	90/64/s	86/62/s	84/60/s
Portland	58/46/pc	60/46/pc	56/44/r	52/42/sh	56/44/pc
San Francisco	78/54/s	72/54/pc	68/54/pc	66/54/pc	66/54/pc
Seattle	54/46/sh	60/46/pc	56/44/r	52/44/sh	54/44/pc
Tucson	88/54/s	90/56/s	88/56/s	86/54/s	84/54/pc
Washington, DC	72/46/c	58/36/pc	54/36/pc	54/36/pc	56/34/s

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

#### **AGRICULTURE**

A large area of high pressure will build into and over the region for the next few days. Temperatures will run a couple of degrees below normal. Sunshine will average 6-10 hours a day and drying conditions will be good. A slow moderating trend can be expected

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