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## NEWSBRIEFS

### Rewrite rejected

The proposal to rewrite the home rule Charter for the town of Horizon City was defeated by a solid majority in voting on Nov. 6. Votes against framing a new Charter numbered 729, those voting in favor of the new Charter numbered 287. The ballot had also included selection for a possible 15 candidates to serve on the proposed Charter commission. However, only three candidates had applied to appear on the ballot. They were Howard Buck, Mary Lou Connolly and Mark Connolly. The proposal to rewrite the Charter had been approved and placed on the ballot by the sitting Horizon City council and Mayor Pat Randleel, who had said personnel issues needed to be addressed. Significant opposition to the proposal was mounted by a citizen's group who maintained the personnel changes would cost Horizon City residents dearly on their tax bill.

### Macias honors vets

As the country braces itself for the possibility of going to war once again, the staff at Frank Macias Elementary honored area veterans on Nov. 11 with a school assembly. School Counselor Joe Solis coordinated the event. Principal Pam Howard expressed her gratitude to the heroes who were present. Along with the entire staff and student body, there were 60 additional guests, 12 of whom were area veterans. Retired Col. John Ensor was the honored guest speaker. His message to everyone was the remembrance of how Veterans Day came to be. This occurred back in 1775 and has been celebrated ever since. "Veterans day is to honor those who served in the military to protect our freedom and preserve our rights," said Ensor. He has been an active member of the Horizon City community area for many years and continues to be a pillar of society. The guests were entertained by the Clint High School Band and Choir. The Color Guard from Horizon Middle/High School presented the colors to begin the ceremony. Several third grade students shared their thoughts of gratitude to the veterans present.

### Courier move

The *West Texas County Courier* has evacuated the 13899 Horizon Blvd. office for renovation, and is temporarily re-located to the corporate office address at 15344 Werling Court in Horizon City until other suitable office space is located. The telephone and fax numbers remain the same. Anyone having difficulty finding the location is encouraged to call for directions at 852-3235. Apologies are extended for any inconvenience this may cause.

### In other news

■ Canutillo Independent School District Wellness program will hold a No Frills Fun Walk, from 7 to 10 a.m., Saturday, Nov. 23, at Sunland Park Mall. The morning walk is free and open to the public. For more information, call 877-7433.

■ The El Paso Veterinary Medical  
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*A man is getting along the road to wisdom when he begins to realize that his opinion is just an opinion.*

— Quips and Quotes



**WINGED ESCORT** — Ever-present seagulls provide a winged escort to the Galveston Ferry vessel named for Ray Stoker Jr., from which this photo was taken of a passing cruiser. (See Perspective, Page 2)

## Horizon City may get opportunity to sponsor and control nearby prison

By Arleen Beard  
*Special to the Courier*

**HORIZON CITY** — Horizon City may be given a win-win offer if negotiations are successful on an agreement between the city, the Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS) and Avalon Corrections which operates the Intermediate Sanction Facility (ISF) on Horizon Blvd.

Located just outside Horizon City limits, the prison facility has been controversial among area citizens, particularly over the past several years due to the housing of convicted sexual offenders and state-designated "sexual predators."

During open forum at the regularly scheduled Horizon City council meeting on Nov. 12, the issue was brought up by James C. Schueman, from San Angelo. Schueman, who identified himself as a former mayor of Edin, Texas, located in Concho county, said that in

1985 Concho county became the first rural county to enter into an intergovernmental agreement to house inmates for the Federal Bureau of Prisons.

Schueman, now a consultant for Avalon Corrections, said Concho county agreed to act as a sponsor for the detention facility and was therefore given some control over the type of inmates to be housed in the facility.

He said a similar agreement might be possible between Horizon City, the INS and Avalon Corrections which would allow the ISF to house federal prisoners, would allow Horizon City limited control over the types of prisons to be housed there, and would pay Horizon City for its sponsorship.

Currently the ISF only houses state prisoners.

City Attorney Robert Duran addressed Council and informed them the proposal was for the town to enter into a contract which would make Avalon Corrections the subcontractor of the

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## Westside Rotary Club makes donation to Canutillo ISD

By Alfredo Vasquez  
*Special to the Courier*

**UPPER VALLEY** — Canutillo Independent School District was awarded \$10,600 by the Westside Rotary Club of El Paso to fund a literacy program that targets third grade teachers and students. Westside Rotary Club President Kaz Swier presented the check to the Canutillo ISD School Board during the board's regular monthly meeting Nov. 12.

The Rotary Club chose to give it to Canutillo ISD because "we did not want the money to get lost and because Canutillo ISD is a smaller district, we know the money will be used for what it is intended for," said Barbara Brey, Westside Rotary Club board member.

The Westside Rotary Club donation will help fund a literacy program that will provide Canutillo third grade teachers with professional

development training in teaching reading strategies as recommended by the National Reading Panel, an advisory group formed under the Education Act signed into law by President George W. Bush last January.

"I am very excited about the opportunities this money will create in regards to literacy and building capacity among our teachers to ensure the highest quality of professionalism," said Maria Descamps, Canutillo ISD curriculum alignment lead teacher.

According to Descamps, President Bush signed the Education Act on Jan. 8, 2002, which states that no child will be left behind. In response to his vision, the Texas Education Agency (TEA) is now requiring that all third grade students pass the reading portion of the state standardized test, Texas Assessment of Knowledge and Skills (TAKS), or be retained. This new initiative will go into effect in February of 2003 and is known as the Student Success Initiative.



Eunice Rascon

## Enthusiasm and hard work earn San Elizario senior academic recognition

By Don Woodyard  
*Courier Staff Writer*

**SAN ELIZARIO** — "Eunice is a beautiful bundle of energy — as attractive on the inside as she is on the outside," says Jeralyn DeFrank, principal of San Elizario High School.

The reference is to senior Eunice Rascon, 17, who went into the fall term with a 3.8 grade point average which earned her the No. 1 academic ranking at the end of her junior year. Rascon and other students were honored for their scholastic achievements at the Nov. 13 meeting of the San Elizario ISD board of trustees.

Athletic director Bernie Del Hierro named the top five students from last year's ninth, 10th and 11th-grade classes. This is the sixth year that the SEISD has honored the top academic achievers. Each honoree receives a Lamp of Learning emblem for his or her district letter jacket.

"She is one of those all around students," DeFrank adds. "Good in academics and good in athletics."

Rascon credits her older sister, Angelica Nunez, for getting her started on the right academic path. She said it became the regular routine as Angelica would sit her down and help her do her homework.

With a grin, Rascon feels that she may have strayed slightly from that path this year with a case of "senioritis" and allowing herself to "go with the flow." She says she is working "to regroup" now and has set a goal of a 3.9 average for this year.

That 3.9 average will have to be achieved in a tough academic schedule that includes calculus, physics and English. All are the more challenging AP (Advanced Placement) classes.

Rascon's letter jacket bears an "Academics" bar. She first earned her jacket as a freshman and says she has been in the top five of her class since. It also has a journalism pin, signifying her work on the high school yearbook.

Her interest outside of the classroom shows up in athletics where she has been an outside hitter on the varsity girls' volleyball team for two years. She has also run three

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One perspective

By Francis Shrum

The great equalizer

I've been asked why someone like me, who cannot swim, loves the ocean so much. That's a thought-provoking question.

I love going to the sea, any sea, any coast, any chance I get. But I go to be with the water, not in it, and to watch with unabated amazement all the variations, the moods, and the produce of ever-changing water.

Sort of like watching storm clouds on the ground.

You don't find big seashells anymore. That's okay with me. They are just bigger versions of the tiny ones that always wind up filling my pockets and the stray Wal-mart bag I found in our vehicle. Besides, they transport more sand than what the kids and I already have ground into our clothes, our skin, and the carpet on the floorboard.

Being the off-season, the coast of Galveston on Thursday afternoon last week was occupied by little more

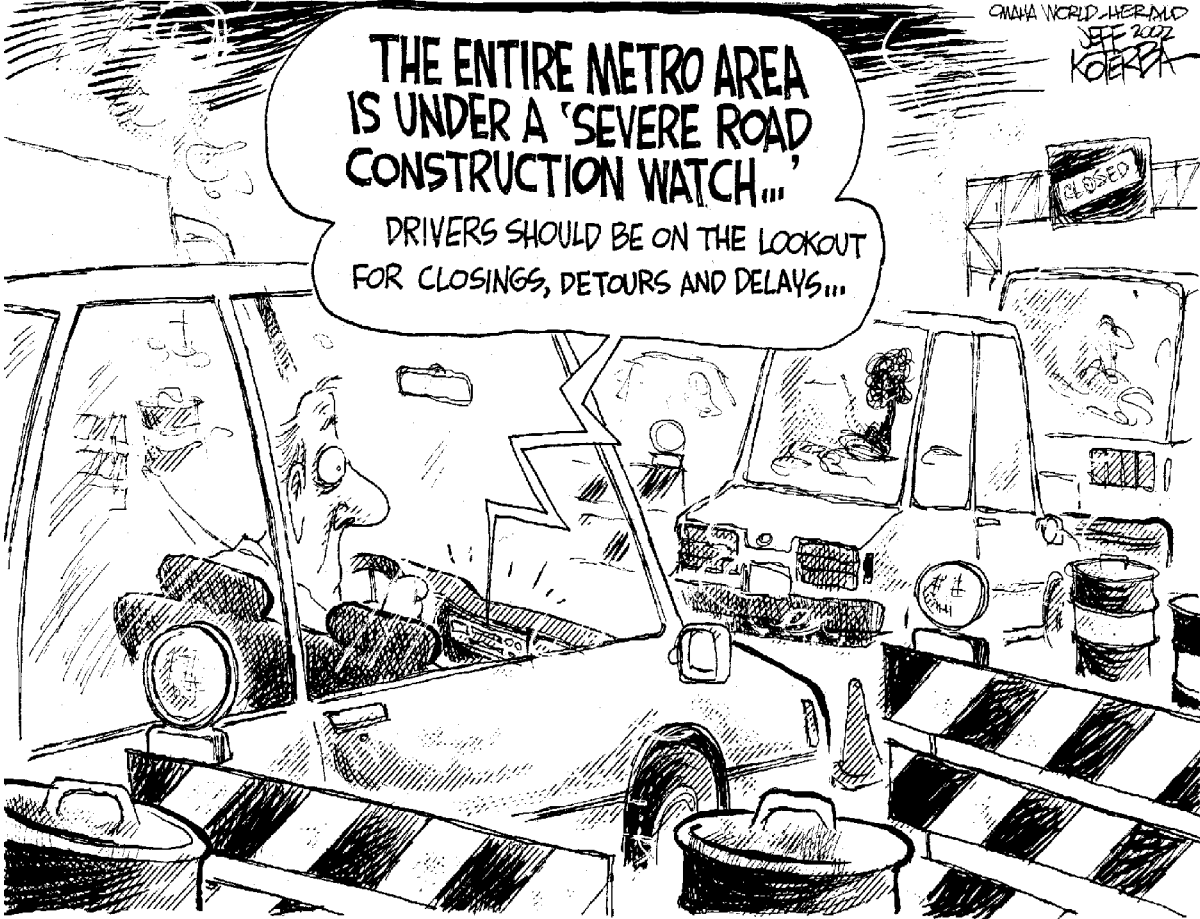
than sea birds, a few stray tourists and beachwalkers, and us.

The clouds hung low in an empty threat but the wind was warm and salty, smashing the waves against the jetties as I practiced my usual bravado and scooped out far enough for the incoming waves to spray all over my glasses — but no further.

The girls were going to go "wading" and promised Dad they wouldn't get wet above the knee. A few minutes later, of course, they were soaked from stem to stern and he drove off to the nearest shop where towels are sold.

I love sea birds. They've lived by the water long enough to know that if they can survive it, there's not much to fear from people.

There was a bunch of crusty old seagulls sniping at one another as they waded in the wake of each retreating wave to see if anything edible had been left behind. A few sand-



pipers were gliding in and out amongst their legs. They looked us over and found our prospects less than promising until we pulled out the ice chest. Then they got so friendly we finally retreated to the car lest we be decorated with unwanted somethings falling from overhead.

Seagulls are the most brazen and shameless of beggars — as likely to splat on you as to say thank you after they eat what you have to offer. Folks around the coast complain incessantly about them but since I don't live there I enjoy the luxury of finding them amusing.

We spent most of our time poking around for shells and breaking our promises that we wouldn't get wet before heading over to the Galveston Ferry. It is always a favorite destination because where else can you get as many free boat rides as you want and keep your eye on your vehicle all at the same time?

A brief stroll along the Strand, once known as the "Wall Street of the Southwest," was enough. They say that Galveston used to be a funky, affordable place for Houstonians to bum it on the weekend. Not so anymore. The Strand has wisely preserved much of its old-world history and quaint atmosphere but has also surrendered the cavernous aisles of Col. Bubbies Army Surplus to tourist pricing.



NO FREE LUNCH — The sea birds search the wake of each wave for a few tidbits but there is no free lunch — working the waves is not a job for the faint-hearted.

The shore line is peppered with high-priced housing and glitzy entertainment facilities and the traffic is approaching Houston-pushy. So much for laid back.

But the ocean is a great equalizer. No matter how impressive the biggest, most expensive, grandest structure along its shores may be, the sea can still level it with as much ease if it were a beach shack.

Galveston has been inhabited since at least the early 1500's, first by Indians. Bernardo de Galvez, the Spanish colonial governor and general, came close but never actually set foot on the island that bears his name. Later came pirates such as Jean Lafitte, who left behind colorful legends of buried treasure and excess.

Lafitte was forced to evacuate his extensive community of slave markets, gambling houses and shipping yards on Galveston in 1821 for attacking an American ship after Texas won independence from Mexico.

Local history is that he held a big-going away party in which the whole bunch got drunk and burned everything including his mansion, the "Maison Rouge."

Perched on the forefront of Texas

settlement, Galveston was part of the original Austin Colony, and claims many firsts for Texas including the birth of the first Anglo-Saxon Texas citizen to Gen. James and Mary Jane Long. Gen. Long was killed in Mexico without seeing his child.

Galveston hosted some important and useful firsts like the first Texas post office, bakery and grocery store, railroad locomotive, telegraph, gas lights, electric lights, opera house, orphanage, telephone, black high school, and medical college — which stills stands.

Other firsts I wonder why they brag about include the first golf course, country club, insurance company, bank, jewelry store, real estate firm, and law firm west of the Mississippi.

Galveston's budding importance was overshadowed by another kind of national prominence on Sept. 8, 1900, when it was visited by the deadliest natural disaster in U.S. history.

Winds over 120 miles per hour, driving a huge tidal surge, smashed

into the island. At that time Galveston had a population of almost 38,000 and ranked fourth in the state. The storm wiped out one-third of the city and the dead were uncovered at a rate of 70 per day for at least a month until the total reached 6,000.

By the 1920's Galveston had overcome the devastation and taken up a reputation as a resort town. The restoration was due in part to a massive seawall project that runs seven miles long and 17 feet high, extending along one-third of Galveston's ocean front.

It stands 16 to 20 feet wide at the base and at the top ranges from three to five feet in width and is composed of granite, sandstone and concrete.

Walking along the Galveston shoreline, feeling the massive sandstone blocks under your feet holding solid against the smashing waves, you could get a false sense of security.

Until you remember that in every stand-off between man and the sea, the sea always wins.

It is, after all, the great equalizer.



WET ABOVE THE KNEE — You can't go to the coast of Galveston and not get a little wet, either by accident or design, as these youngsters soon found out.

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

Celebrate our freedom on Veteran’s Day and everyday

This month, Americans everywhere celebrated Veterans’ Day.

Nov. 11 has always been a day to honor the living and deceased veterans of our armed services. But let’s not select just one day to honor the brave men and women who have served our country. The veterans of American should be honored and remembered every day of the year.

As America continues the war on terrorism, we remember the brave soldiers who died for our freedom. We remember the men and women of our armed forces who secured the liberties we enjoy today. Most importantly we remember the peace, freedom and democracy our military has fought to fasten for more than 225 years.

The legacy of America’s veterans is the highest example of patriotism. These men and women are true leaders who have been a shining example of responsibility, accountability and loyalty. Those who serve in America’s armed forces are our nation’s guardians. They protect

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For hundreds of years, the men and women of our military have left their families and friends to fight for our freedom and our flag. They make great sacrifices to protect our American way of life. These sacrifices and examples of bravery continue today as we fight the malicious forces of terrorism.

Today and every day, let’s reflect on the many great Americans who wore the uniform and made our country safe and strong. Veterans’ Day is reserved for reflection upon and respect for our nation’s most enduring heroes. Their service will never be forgotten. Their legacy will endure forever.

As the young wife of a Desert Strom veteran wrote in a letter to TIME magazine, “We would not be the land of the free if we were not also the home of the brave.” That says it all.



Rascon

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events in track in her sophomore and junior years and has competed in the high jump and long jump.

She has set her sights on a medical career — becoming a doctor — and is looking at attending Texas Tech or Brown University. She is confident she can get into one of the two universities.

Why medicine? “I’m inclined that I have to help people — to show that I care,” she explains. “I’m just expressing myself.”

To help prepare for that medical career she is involved in HOSA (Health Occupations Student Association) where students gain practical experience by working in area medical facilities.

Other students who were honored for academic achievement along with

Rascon at the school board meeting:

- Seniors, ranked two through five, are Elvia Jaso, Valerie Barraza, Irving Alvidrez and Obed Lira.
- Juniors, ranked one through five, are Clarisa Garza, Itza Beltran, Angelica Dominguez, Andy Talamantes and Crystal Martinez.
- Sophomores, ranked one through five, are Melissa Almeida, Ana Moctezuma, Jackie Villegas, Rafael Cobos and Angelica Ceballos.

For Sanity’s Sake By Taprina Milburn

Once-in-a-lifetime

No one told me jet lag could make you feel as if you’ve had a hefty dose of Benadryl and a lengthy ride on a merry-go-round.

That’s how I felt for most of the whirlwind tour of Europe my husband and I took the summer after we were married. We saw 11 countries in nine days, or was it nine countries in seven days?

I’d taken a college class the spring before our trip in which I studied some of the architecture and art we would see — the Eiffel Tower, the Notre Dame Cathedral, Michelangelo’s painting on the Sistine Chapel’s ceiling, the Mona Lisa, to name a few. We talked and dreamed about the trip for months. A friend gave us a book: “How to explore Europe on \$30 a day.” That was about all the money we had to our name at the time. We were set.

Giuseppe, our Italian travel guide, made our bus tour throughout Europe memorable. He talked of his love for mazzarratis and stopped often for espressos, looked at pretty girls and enjoyed his red wine. Many mornings he’d step on the bus looking as if he’d tied one on and the party had only ended moments before. But his narration was colorful, marked by a lot of hand gestures and an occasional paragraph in his native tongue.

There were many laughs, and some frustrations (we literally had to jog through the Louvre, the world’s largest museum, because we were scheduled only 30 minutes in the place) and many times we had to pinch ourselves to make sure the long-thought-about trip was real.

But remember the jet lag I spoke of? When I look back at the pictures — I’m the sleepy blonde with dark circles under her eyes — I think our trip really was a hint of how our personalities would yield to one another, often collide, and merge in the years we’ve been married.

By about the fourth day I needed Giuseppe’s espresso to keep my eyes open. I didn’t care about the planning and dreaming we’d put into the trip. I just wanted to sleep.

“Let’s get out for a picture,” my husband said, shaking me awake in Paris at the Arc de Triomphe.

“I can see it from the bus,” I snapped at him.

My head felt heavy and all I wanted to do was lie down in the seat. Today I have a picture of my husband, taken by a stranger, standing with two women at the great landmark.

We arrived in Brussels near midnight and were scheduled to take off at 8 a.m. the next day. (Giuseppe was fun, but his scheduling was bizarre.) I needed a good night’s rest.

“We’re going to explore,” my husband insisted as I crawled into bed. “We may never be in this place again.”

I became petulant: “I’m going to sleep.”

Instead of leaving me behind, my husband grabbed my hand, pulled me to my feet and sternly told me there was no time for a temper tantrum because we were going to see Brussels.

“And we’re going to have fun,” he said with gritted teeth.

We walked to the historic square called La Grand’ Place and saw a parade of young girls wearing white dresses. They were singing and skipping along the stone streets. I remember the twinkle of all the lights. We ate mussels, Belgian chocolate and French fries with mayonnaise — all for under \$30.

Honestly, it’s my favorite memory. But most of all, I remember being dragged out of bed by my husband, who insisted I appreciate our once-in-a-lifetime opportunity.

I’m reminded of that on days when I don’t feel like participating in the celebration of life; when I want to stay beneath the covers for whatever reason or sit back and watch from a window as life happens to other people.

My husband’s right (he likes to hear me say that). Many of the experiences we have are once-in-a-lifetime — raising kids, growing old together, sprinting past the Mona Lisa.

Now’s the time to be awake because we may never be here again.

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Parents learning, too, thanks to the **PIECES Program**

By Phillip Cortez  
Special to the Courier

SAN ELIZARIO — Learning never stops. This is what many parents in the San Elizario

Independent School District are finding out thanks to a brand new program at Lorenzo G. Loya Primary School called PIECES — Parents In Educational Classrooms Experiencing Success. What makes the PIECES program so unique

is the important foundation of strong communication between teachers and campus administrators, giving parents a better understanding of what their children are learning in the classroom by completing assignments of their own.

Once a month, different planning groups — a group of three to four teachers who get together and lesson plan throughout the school year — are given the liberty to decide what kind of activities will be on the agenda for the parents. This is important because teachers are able to identify areas that students have trouble in from their classroom experiences and then brainstorm to create activities for their agenda. These learning activities can center on a variety of subjects, including math, science, social studies and reading, according to Esther Gonzales, principal at Loya Primary School.

“Sometimes we encounter problems in our lesson planning,” Gonzales said. “Teachers are sharing resources, they can focus on individuality and they know what the needs are in the classroom; they’ve really taken ownership of this.”

Once an agenda is made at the teacher level, it is then submitted to Gonzales where she approves the learning activities and makes sure the right supplies and materials are available.

“It’s everything that will help the kids at home,” said kindergarten teacher Eileen Armour said. “The things we do at the meetings are what can carry over to the home.”

Because there is such a strong parental component to the PIECES program, Title 3 funds are used, according to Gonzales.

“We need to involve parents in school,” said Loya Primary School principal Esther Gonzales. “We need to give them something useful so that they can come home and do something useful with their children.”



The PIECES program brings parents together with their children in the classroom.

Write stuff

Dear Editor:

Here are some thoughts on the recent attempt to have the Horizon Charter rewritten:

- Voters were asked to sign a “blank check.”
- The rewrite was not explained or justified.
- The special election, at a cost of \$3,000, was not explained or justified.
- The Mayor’s 11th hour letter during early voting to registered voters at taxpayers expense did not explain or justify a rewrite or the special election.
- None of the members of the Mayor’s advisory committee signed up to be on the Charter Rewrite Commission.

Bottom line — a lot of doubt was created with too many unanswered questions. I hope that our elected officials will now look at the amendment process of Charter change, enabling voters to see a “filled out check” before they sign it.

Walt Lee  
Horizon City

Dear Editor:

I attended a Horizon City council meeting on Nov. 12 when Bob Hewgley from the Texas General Land Office wanted Horizon City to annex almost worthless land, that is, land without water. He claimed that this land was serviced by Municipal Utility Districts #1 and #2.

These MUD districts only exist on paper. If this land is annexed, Horizon City will be required to furnish water to this property which it does not have the ability to do. The developer who will own the land will get rich. Horizon City taxpayers will pay the bill.

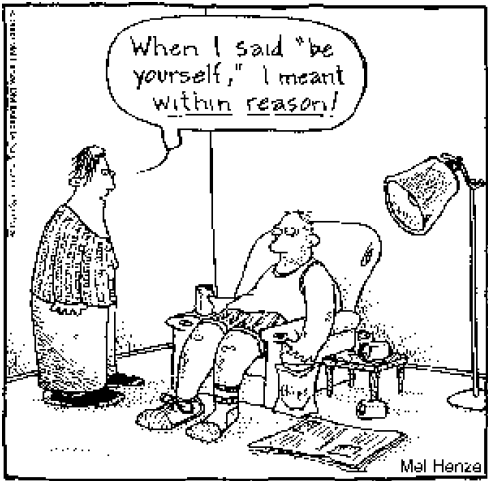
Mr. Hewgley acted as if he was the agent for a local developer and not as an agent for the state of Texas.

He claims he is only doing it for the children of Texas. He tried to give this land to the City of El Paso almost six years ago but El Paso did not want it.

He claimed it will help Horizon City, but there was no master plan to show what the developer would do with the land. The council seemed to think it was a good idea.

Anything to spend money and raise taxes.

Mark Connolly  
Horizon City



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Persons who have a problem with alcohol are offered a free source of help locally. Alcoholics Anonymous Group 8 de Enero meets at 15360 Horizon Blvd. in Horizon City on Mondays through Saturdays at 8 p.m. Call 859-0484 for information.

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## South Texas traffic stop yields \$3.2 million in cash

AUSTIN — DPS Highway Patrol troopers seized \$3,227,604 during a traffic stop Friday on U.S. 77 six miles north of Sinton in San Patricio County. This seizure is the largest ever during a DPS traffic stop.

Troopers stopped a rental truck for speeding. After the driver and passenger gave conflicting stories about their travels, they granted permission for a search of the truck. The cash was found in three large duffel bags in the back of the truck.

Two men, Michael David Meier, 40, of Brownsville and James Lee Meier, 38, of Los Fresnos, were arrested and charged with money laundering, a first-degree felony. The punishment range for a first-degree felony is 5 to 99 years in jail and up to a \$10,000 fine.

# Canutillo ISD considers new facilities – and how to pay for them

By Don Woodyard  
Courier Staff Writer

CANUTILLO — Financial proposals for funding additional facilities in the Canutillo ISD were laid out for trustees of the Canutillo Independent School District at their Nov. 12 meeting.

“Building for the Future” was the topic of the capital plan presentation by Dan Roseveare with First Southwest Co. The district’s financial advisor, Roseveare presented timelines for a possible 2003 bond election to pay for suggested changes in the new high school as well as funding for additions to the elementary schools.

Roseveare presented three possible bond election scenarios. One would be for \$5.1 million; the second for \$7.5 million, the third was for \$10 million.

Dr. John Kessinger, assistant superintendent for operations and planning, emphasized that proposed changes to the new high school were just in the discussion stage. The board took no action on Roseveare’s proposals.

“We had better start moving some dirt (referring to the new high school) before we go back to the taxpayers,” interjected district superintendent Charles Hart.

The board approved an increase in the floor space of the new high school by approximately 20 percent, going from the present floor plan of 177,232 square feet and not to exceed 235,000 square feet. This would allow for increasing the capacity of the school from 1,600 to 1,800 students. The changes were based on input from district teachers and staff, Kessinger pointed out.

Trustees also approved a construction sign at the site of the new high

school.

In addition to changes in plans for the high school, Kessinger said funding would also go for electrical and mechanical upgrades and additions to the elementary schools as well as new playground equipment.

“We are entering a new phase of construction,” said board member Joe Villarreal. Pointing out a need for more portable classrooms, he added, “We really need to consider serious proposals.”

New board member Gonzalo Garcia said, “We have to get our house in order; we have to establish priorities.”

Kessinger said he is looking at the official groundbreaking for the new high school in early December.

After lengthy discussion, the board adopted a resolution opposing El Paso Electric running high-voltage transmission lines through residen-

tial and farming areas in the district. Opposition was based on environmental, quality of life and safety issues.

In an effort to stay competitive with other school district, the board approved increasing to \$15 the hourly rate for degreed long-term substitute teachers who may be lacking qualifying exams or placement in an alternative certification program. It was emphasized that this was a “stop-gap” effort to retain those teachers whom the district would like to hire.

The board postponed action to provide supplementary pay for campus-based assistants who have attained college credits.

Kaz Swier and Barbara Brey from Westside Rotary were recognized for their club’s donation of \$10,600 to help fund the district’s third-grade literacy program.

## Horizon

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ISF. Federal prisoners would be housed for a certain cost, part of which would go to Horizon City and the remaining amount to Avalon. This would become a source of income for the town.

Schueman told council the ISF is expandable to become a 600 bed facility, however, an assistant warden of the facility told council that Avalon had no intentions of expanding the facility.

Horizon City Police Chief Antonio Aguilar said in a later interview that in order to house federal prisoners, a facility must have a sponsoring political entity, such as the town or the county. He said the intent is for the ISF to “lose the high risk prisoners” it is receiving from the state of Texas and to begin housing detainees for the INS and Border Patrol who would require minimum security.

Mayor Pat Randleel stated the reason for this discussion came about due to various concerns about the prison facility and “would be a way for the Town of Horizon to find some security.”

In other business, Chief Aguilar told council that the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) has extended an invitation to Sgt Ron Swenson of the HCPD to attend the 212th Session of the FBI National Academy.

This academy is a vital element

in the continuing improvement of law enforcement standards, knowledge, and cooperation throughout the world, Aguilar said. The academy will run from Jan. 12 through March 21, 2003. Chief Aguilar asked council to approve his attendance and also to sponsor the \$600 cost for the uniform and student assessment fee, and to continue his salary during his attendance at the academy. Council approved the request.

Council received presentations from several entities including Texas Tech University Health Science Center Department of Pediatrics. The presentation was to inform Council of the Clint School District’s Wellness Center opening in January of 2003. It will be located on 12583 Darrington Road, next to the Region 19 Head Start and Frank Macias Elementary School. The center will provide continuing health care to infants, children and adolescents, ages newborn through 18 years of age. Hours of operation are scheduled to be Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and will accept both appointments and walk-ins.

Council also received a presentation from the Metropolitan Planning Organization regarding amendments to the 2025 Transportation Improvement Plan. Sun Metro is included in the long range plan to provide service to Horizon City at a cost to the city. The MPO is also pushing to get Pellicano Drive completed all the way to Horizon City.



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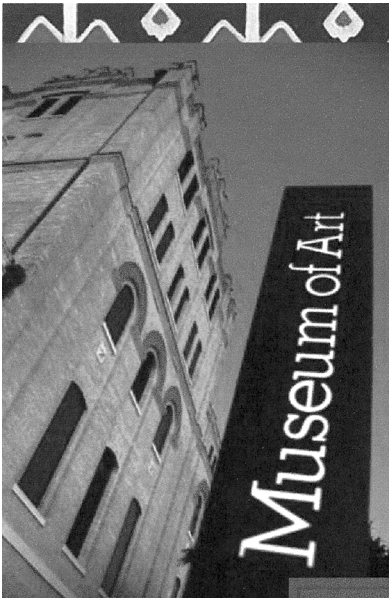
## Briefs

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Spay/Neuter Project in Texas. El Paso is one of only four regions selected for the program in the state. More than five million dogs and cats are euthanized in animal shelters in the U.S. each year due to the pet overpopulation problem. Maddie’s Spay/Neuter Project in aims to spay/neuter 80,000 dogs and cats statewide in the next two years. El Paso euthanizes more than twice as many animals as the national average. The Project in El Paso provides for \$10 owner-paid cat/kitten; \$20 owner-paid dog/puppy spays; and neuters for low-income pet owners receiving Medicaid — Medicaid card must be shown at vet offices. There is a six-pet limit per household. Dozens of El Paso VMA vets countywide, who must also be TVMA members to participate, are providing services under the program. For more information call your El Paso veterinarian or Dr. Guy Johnsen at (915) 592-6200 or log-on to [www.epvma.org](http://www.epvma.org).

■ The Lee and Beulah Moor Children’s Home is sponsoring a “Christmas Village Display” in the auditorium of the Home’s MacGuire Administration Building at 1100 Cliff Drive from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekdays beginning Dec. 2. Hundreds of figurines make up one of El Paso’s most elaborate holiday displays. The exhibit was donated by Dorothea Purvis and admission is free. Call 544-08777 for information.



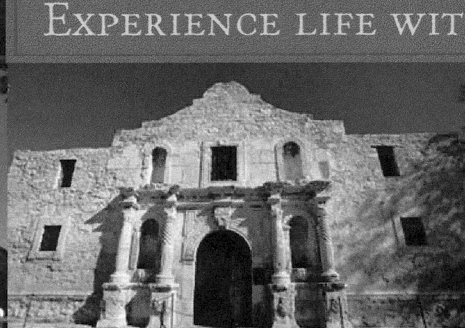
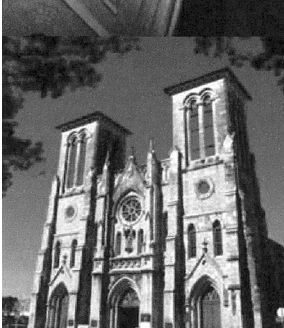
Association (EPVMA) has received a \$50,000 low-cost spaying/neutering grant from the Texas Veterinary Medical Association (TVMA), via Maddie’s




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# Every coach would like to have this quarterback problem

**By Steve Escajeda**  
*Special to the Courier*

Who the heck was that I saw quarterbacking the UTEP Miners against SMU last week?

I know Gary Nord said he wouldn't use red-shirt standout Jordan Palmer. And as far as I know Jon Schaper and Orlando Cruz are still injured.

That couldn't have been...no, no

way. This guy completed 18 of his 34 pass attempts, for goodness sake! This guy threw three touchdown passes without a single interception. This guy threw for an incredible 347 passing yards.

After the game I finally saw him take his helmet off and low and behold — it was Omar Duarte.

The same Omar Duarte that has impressed us about as much as any Dallas Cowboys' quarterback has this

season.

In fact, Duarte wasted no time deciding that this game would be considerably different than his past efforts, completing his first toss of the game for a 71-yard touchdown to Sherman Austin.

So what does Duarte's coming-out party mean for next season?

The Miners have five quarterbacks and amazingly, they're all expected back next year. Schaper, Cruz,

Palmer, Duarte and Phillip Moss will battle for the starting spot next year and Duarte has just complicated things even further.

No one really expects the other four to beat out the much-heralded Palmer next season but Duarte looked very much like a real Division-1 college signal caller.

And that's good news, especially if Palmer pans out. Four backup quarterbacks to choose from — and all with game experience.

Choosing from so many quarterbacks next year could be a problem for Nord...but it's a good problem to have.

and strained a hip flexor muscle when he jumped off the bench during the game.

Ouch! Seems Krzyzewski hurt himself so bad that he will be on crutches over the weekend. Man, the worst I saw Rab do while cheerleading on the sideline was split his pants.

No surgery will be needed but I think they may equip an assistant coach with a tranquilizer dart the next time Coach K gets excited.

**No pills please**

Everyone knows that NFL organizations do whatever it takes to get an edge on their opponents.

They scout their opponents left and right. They exercise their players until they've got muscles on top of their muscles. They let their players take anabolic steroids so that their bodies...wait a sec, I'm sorry, no, they can't take steroids...but they can take certain vitamin supplements for their diet.


Not so fast, pigskin breath, it turns out that the NFL is issuing an all-out assault on controlled supplements. There is a list of substances as long as the St. Louis Rams' playbook that are now banned by the league.

And many of those substances are found in diet supplements many teams supply their players.


Sources say that the first team to be fined under the new rules will be the Oakland Raiders. And last week the league suspended the Carolina Panthers' Julius Peppers for having one of those banned substances in his system.

Many of the supplements can be bought over the counter at your neighborhood drug store.

Is the league going a little too far? Probably, but there's nothing wrong with developing your mind and your body naturally...just ask former Baltimore Ravens tackle Tony Siragusa.



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TV training pays off in Capture the Flag

By Don Flood

It was quiet. Too quiet.

Out there in the dark, we knew, the enemy was lurking.

The game, if you could call it a game, was Capture the Flag: The Mighty Dads vs. The Pre-Teen and Early Teen Kids, aka The Enemy.

We had been sitting around the fire enjoying Nature, but that only goes so far, even with cold, refreshing beverages for Dad.

It was time for a game.

Just the name Capture the Flag brought back boyhood memories of, well, nothing.

I had never played the game before and wasn't sure now was a good time to start.

It was dark, moonless night, and the campground management had carelessly left many trees standing where one could easily run into them.

Also, The Enemy appeared to hold many advantages. They had youth, speed, agility, non-creaky bones, better night vision, etc.

All we had was the ability and mental toughness to do nothing.

The first three games we hid and waited for them to make their move. Eventually, they *cracked*.

They broke into the open and ran for our flag, at which time we ambushed them, allowing another Mighty Dad to capture their flag.

"It's not fair! You guys can sit for a long time!" complained one of the enemy soldiers.

It was true.

All those years of training and discipline — sitting on the couch like a giant zucchini in front of the TV

for hours on end — were finally paying off.

But the kids did finally win a game, and I think I can speak for all the Dads when I say, in the spirit of good sportsmanship, "So what!"

By the way, since my chief motive for writing this column is the never-ending quest for truth, allow me to spike an old wives' tale.

I'm talking about the one where the man's wife supposedly left him in October, but he didn't notice until after the Super Bowl. This is a gross exaggeration.

In fact, the man started to suspect something was wrong as early as late *November*, when he distinctly recalls asking his wife if she would mind bringing him a beer since she was probably already up.

He got no response but decided not to make an issue of it since it was third down on the 2-yard line and his team was making a terrific goal-line stand.

At Christmastime he thought it odd his wife wasn't bugging him about getting a tree, but he decided not to question his good fortune.

On New Year's Day, while watching the Rose Bowl — a full four weeks before the Super Bowl — it occurred to him that his wife had left him.

Only two weeks later — and still two weeks before the Super Bowl — he called his mother-in-law, only to be told the disturbing news that his wife had up and left him the first weekend in October, right after the pre-game show.

Poor man. His wife obviously didn't appreciate the fact he was in training for Capture the Flag.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

A PUBLIC HEARING will be held at 6:00 p.m. on December 10, 2002 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 proposed rezoning(s):

- 1) Lot 8, Block 7 Country Green Addition, 707 Supima from R-1, Single Family Residential to R-2, Medium Density Residential by Alicia Terrazas.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING  
COUNTY OF EL PASO

RENEWAL COMMUNITY COMMERCIAL  
REVITALIZATION DEDUCTION CREDITS

A public hearing concerning the proposed Commercial Revitalization Deduction is scheduled for 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, November 26, 2002, at the Clint Community Center, 200 N. San Elizario Road, Clint, Texas. The purpose of this public hearing will be to discuss the proposed State and Local plan for the acceptance of applications for the disbursement of the Commercial Revitalization Deduction federal tax credits and solicit citizen input on the State and Local Plan.

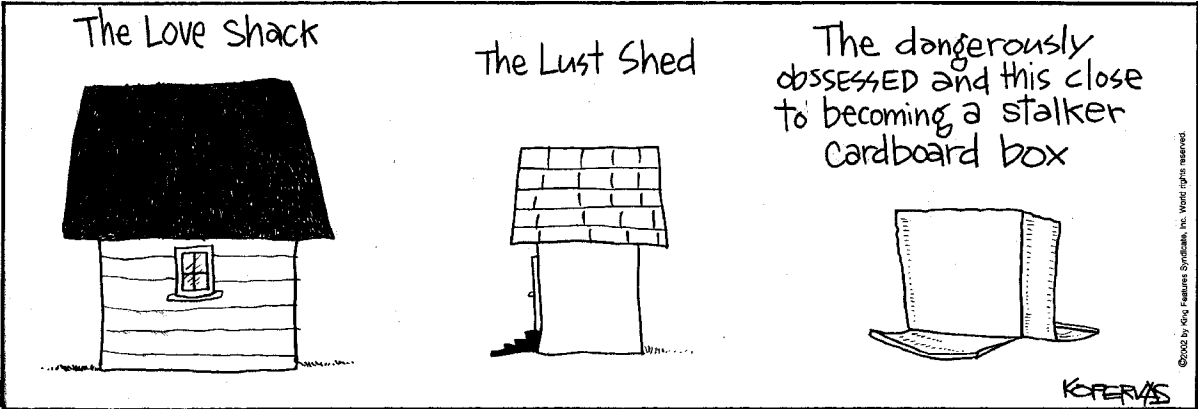
All citizens are encouraged to attend this public hearing and present their views to the County. The County Courthouse is accessible to the disabled; individuals should contact Planning & Development to arrange for special assistance or a translator. If you cannot attend in person, written comments may be submitted and will be accepted by the County until 5:00 p.m. November 30, 2003.

A copy of the proposed Commercial Revitalization Deduction credits application process is available for review during normal business hours at the El Paso County Courthouse, 500 E. San Antonio, Suite 404, El Paso, Texas, 79901. For further information concerning the County's Renewal Community project and/or this proposed Commercial Revitalization Deduction plan, please contact John Torres at (915) 834-8242 ext. 4074; fax: 834-8277.

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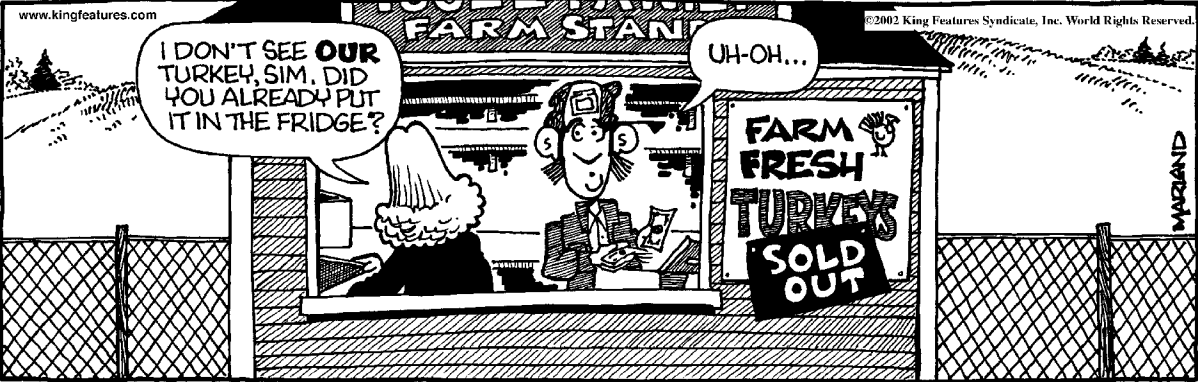
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**Phamiliar phrases**  
"pulling my leg"

Thieves often employed the use of a helper called a "tripper-up," who would tug on the leg of a passing pedestrian, causing him to fall. While he was down, the thieves moved in to steal any valuables. The use of the phrase today still refers to some kind of trick or deception.

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Social Security: Q & A

By Ray Vigil

How does a divorced spouse qualify for Social Security benefits?

EL PASO COUNTY — There are three different situations or categories of Social Security benefits payable to a divorced spouse. A person who is divorced after at least 10 years of marriage keeps certain benefit rights on the former spouse's Social Security record. In this situation to receive benefits, the divorced spouse must be at least age 62 and his/her former spouse must be receiving benefits.

Independently divorced spouse's benefits are payable regardless of whether the former spouse has applied for benefits or has benefits withheld because he/she is working. However, he or she must be eligible for retirement benefits. To receive benefits, the divorced wife or husband must be at least age 62. The divorced wife or husband also must have been married to the former spouse for at least 10 years and divorced for at least two years. The two-year divorce requirement can be waived if the former spouse was entitled to benefits in the month before

the month of divorce, but was not receiving the benefits because of work deductions. Benefits usually cannot be paid to a remarried divorced spouse on the former spouse's record unless the latter marriage ends (whether by death, divorce, or annulment).

On the other hand, benefits can be paid to a remarried divorced widow(er) if:

- He/she remarries at age 60 or later; or
- He/she remarries at age 50 and after becoming disabled. (If he/she is already entitled to disabled widow(er's) benefits and remarries, benefits can continue regardless of age.)

In situations in which the surviving divorced spouse is a young parent with minor children in care, we can also pay benefits on the deceased former spouse's record. Benefits can be paid to the young divorced parent provided he/she meets the following requirements:

- He/she is unmarried and;
- He/she must have children under 16 years of age or disabled for whom they are caring.

A divorced spouse or widow(er) who is entitled to benefits other than those on their former spouse's record cannot receive both benefits in full. For example, if a divorced spouse worked under Social Security and is entitled to higher benefits based on their own earnings, they would receive benefits based on their record only. Also, the benefits paid to a divorced spouse will have no affect on the benefit amount paid to other beneficiaries on the record.

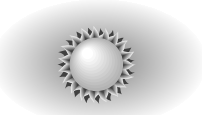






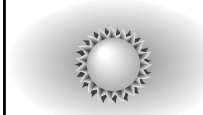
I must also mention that all benefits are subject to the social security earnings test if you are under full retirement age. If you are under age 65, you are allowed to earn \$11,280 in calendar year 2002 (\$11,520 in 2003). If you are 65 or full retirement age you can earn \$30,000 (\$30,720 in 2003) for those months before your full retirement age. Once you are full retirement age there is no more limit to the wages you can earn.

For more information visit your local Security office, see <http://www.ssa.gov> or call us at 1-800-772-1213. If you have any questions that you would like to have answered, please mail them to the Social Security Office, 11111 Gateway West, Attn: Ray Vigil, El Paso, Texas 79935

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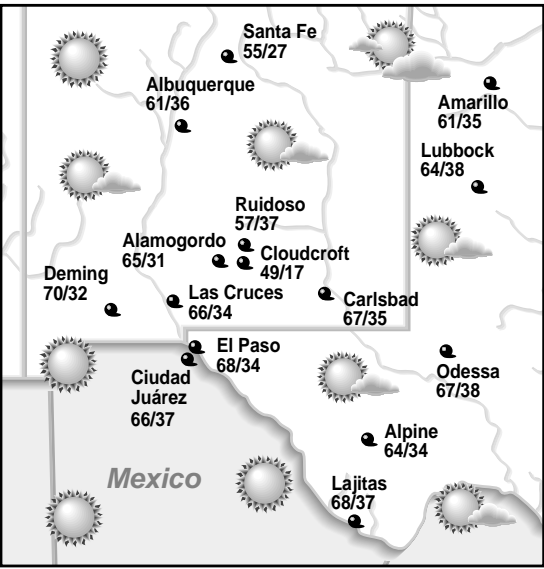
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The higher the UV Index, the greater the need for eye and skin protection.

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Monday	4	Low
Tuesday	5	Moderate
Wednesday	5	Moderate

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Fabens	65	38
Horizon	67	38
San Elizario	64	35
Socorro	66	34
Tornillo	65	38
Vinton	67	38



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

TRAVELERS CITIES

City	Thur. Hi/Low/W	Fri. Hi/Low/W	Sat. Hi/Low/W	Sun. Hi/Low/W	Mon. Hi/Low/W
Albuquerque	61/36/s	58/35/s	56/33/pc	51/30/s	52/28/s
Atlanta	59/36/pc	51/32/pc	54/39/s	56/35/pc	50/29/pc
Atlantic City	60/40/r	50/34/pc	48/34/pc	52/38/pc	53/43/r
Austin/San Antonio	71/48/pc	69/44/s	70/47/s	66/31/pc	61/37/s
Baltimore	56/38/c	48/32/pc	46/30/s	48/32/pc	52/36/r
Boston	52/40/r	46/34/c	44/32/pc	46/36/pc	50/45/c
Chicago	40/26/sn	38/26/sf	40/28/pc	42/30/pc	42/16/c
Dallas/Ft. Worth	66/44/pc	67/46/s	68/46/s	57/34/pc	59/31/s
Denver	58/32/pc	62/32/s	54/24/pc	48/30/pc	50/24/s
Flagstaff	61/24/s	58/25/s	56/22/pc	52/21/s	48/18/s
Houston	70/48/pc	70/48/s	72/48/s	70/40/pc	62/40/s
Kansas City	52/28/s	50/34/s	54/32/pc	38/24/c	43/24/pc
Las Vegas	74/46/s	72/44/s	70/42/s	64/40/s	66/40/s
Miami	82/61/pc	74/57/pc	76/63/s	78/65/pc	79/63/c
Minneapolis	38/28/pc	42/30/s	40/28/c	34/24/c	29/23/c
New Orleans	67/48/pc	62/44/s	63/47/s	64/43/pc	55/38/s
New York City	54/42/r	48/38/pc	46/36/pc	48/40/pc	50/44/c
Philadelphia	56/40/r	48/34/pc	46/32/pc	48/38/pc	52/45/r
Phoenix	84/54/s	82/54/s	78/52/s	78/49/s	76/45/s
Portland	56/42/pc	56/38/pc	54/38/s	50/38/s	51/44/pc
San Francisco	66/50/pc	64/52/s	64/52/s	64/52/s	61/48/s
Seattle	56/42/c	54/40/pc	52/38/s	50/38/s	49/43/pc
Tucson	80/48/s	83/48/s	76/46/s	75/43/s	74/41/s
Washington, DC	56/40/c	48/34/pc	48/36/s	50/38/pc	52/40/r

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

AGRICULTURE

Ridging aloft will promote dry and rather warm weather Thursday into Saturday with 6-9 hours of sunshine each day. Drying conditions will be very good to excellent each day. A weak cold front will bring some clouds and cooling to the area Sunday and Monday; however, little or no rain is expected with this front.

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