

## NEWSBRIEFS

### San Eli jail

Much colorful local lore surrounds the crumbling structure of the San Elizario Jail — it is known historically to have been the first courthouse and jail in El Paso County. Now El Paso County will help in a reconstruction project by administering a \$30,000 grant from the Texas Historical Commission, and by covering the final costs of what is expected to be a \$95,000 project. The funds to cover the difference will come from the hotel-motel tax, county commissioners said. Architect Fred Dalbin of Wright and Dalbin Architects said the project, to begin in May of this year, will take about a year — the adobes that cannot be salvaged will be replaced with those made in the “old way.” The foundation, walls and roof all are in need of repair. The location figures prominently in numerous San Elizario historical events and hosts actors who recreate gunfights — including the one in which Billy the Kid is purported to have busted a gambling friend out of the San Elizario Jail about 125 years ago.

### Cattle drive

The average cowhand in the Old West would have died laughing if he knew people these days will pay good money to ride a mile in his saddle. The 74th Southwestern International Livestock Show and Rodeo will host its sixth annual “real live” cattle drive on Saturday, Jan. 25 along the Rio Grande River to set the mood for the rodeo events to follow. There may be more riders than cattle — organizers said 100 riders participated last year and this year’s herd of cattle is expected to number between 50 and 70 head. Riders bring their own horse and gear, but pony up \$25 a head for a four to five hour Old West experience, lunch, and membership in the Rio Grande Cattle Drive Association. The drive will begin at the Zaragoza Bridge and follow the Rio Grande about six to eight miles. The drive won’t go all the way to the El Paso County Coliseum as in past years, organizers said..

### In other news

El Paso County residents can expect heating bills to increase by about 14 percent this month due to colder than normal weather and heavy demand for natural gas in the Midwest and the Northeast, causing volatile prices in the fourth quarter of 2002. The situation was also complicated by unstable market forces in Venezuela and Iraq. Meanwhile, Southern Union Gas Co. has a new name. “Texas Natural Gas Co. is the new name for Southern Union Gas,” said Richard Fleager, vice president for operations in El Paso. “(But) We are the same employees.” The name change comes as its parent company, ONEOK, Inc. of Tulsa, Oklahoma, completes the

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*A good leader takes a little more than his share of the blame, a little less than his share of the credit.*

— Quips & Quotes

## Young girl honored by Socorro Police



**SURROUNDED BY FRIENDS** — Mia Daniella Labrado, center front, was honored by her friends in the Socorro Police and Fire Departments. Shown are Cecil Melton, Socorro Interim Police Chief Jesus Ortega, Robert Iest, Jeffrie Galindo, Javier Garcia and Bob Messard.

SOCORRO — Mia Daniella Labrado may be small in size but she is far from small in her capacity to learn and to act, according to those who know her.

The 5th grader at H.D. Hilley Elementary learned how to administer CPR from watching health channels on TV and from her Aunt Ana, a former nurse. Her willingness to learn came into good use on Nov. 11, 2002.

On that day, Mia’s mother, Laura Dora Labrado, a longtime diabetic, collapsed. Home alone with her mother at the time, the youngster called 911 and began to administer CPR. By the time the ambulance had arrived, Mia had revived her mother and was “in control of the situation,” said Cindy Yeager, guidance counselor at Hilley.

Her mother was taken to the hospital, and unfortunately died later, but “Mia was very brave and courageous in trying to save her mother,” Yeager said.

The youngster’s courage was recently honored by the Socorro Police Department during a town meeting. On Dec. 19 the SPD presented her with a plaque, a trophy, and many gifts were presented by other police and fire department officials. She will also be recognized by the Socorro school board on Jan. 21.

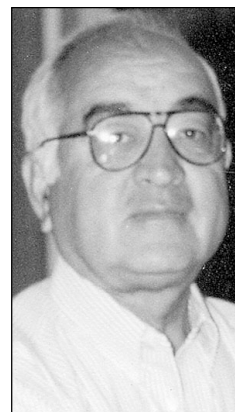
Mia has a brother, Abel, who is in the U.S. Army stationed in Georgia. She now lives with her Aunt Ana.

“Mia is a wonderful student who brightens lives by her beautiful, sweet smile,” Yeager said. “Her friends and family at H.D. Hilley are proud of her heroic efforts and wish her success in all that she sets out to do.”

## Vinton council raises pay, raises eyebrows

By Don Woodyard  
Courier Staff Writer

VINTON — The Vinton Village Council approved \$200-a-month pay raises for itself and Mayor Tony Castro at its Jan. 7 meeting.



**Tony Castro**

She based her objection on a reading of state statutes, dated 1993 and 1994, that prohibit such action for a municipality such as Vinton.

Based on his examination of current state statutes pertaining to this type of action, village attorney Shane English said action by council was legal. He added that neither he nor his partner could find any restrictions or restraints that applied to Vinton and its form of government.

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— Contributed by Phillip Cortez  
**CLEANING ON THE MOUNTAIN** — Members of the San Elizario High School student council gathered on the west side of Transmountain Road on Saturday, Jan. 11 to take part in Gift to the Mountain Day, an effort to help clean up the Franklin Mountains. The second annual event was a collaboration among state Sen. Eliot Shapleigh, Keep El Paso Beautiful and the city of El Paso.





## One perspective

By Francis Shrum

# A house divided

The party gave a party. You could hear it all the way from the Washington Beltway to El Paso County.

In the 1976 presidential election, political war-horse Morris Udall — knowing that the Democratic presidential nomination was not to be his — stepped to the podium during the Democratic Convention and marveled at the unity in his party's nomination of Jimmy Carter.

Afterall, he said, everyone knows that when Democrats form a firing squad, they stand in a circle facing each other.

Many elections have come and gone since 1976 and the Democrats have reverted to their usual circular formation.

Which brings me back to the party. Cause for the celebration was the announcement by Al Gore that he wasn't going to run for president in '04.

More accurately, it was a series of parties, from Missouri to Massachusetts and on down to South Carolina, hosted by every president-wannabe lurking in the Demo wings. The ring overfloweth with tossed hats and the party isn't over yet.

No one in Gore's party seems to remember that he garnered about one half of the votes in the last presidential election — give or take just enough to sway the balance.

I don't support Al Gore for president. In fact, it is almost certain that every time he opens his mouth he will say something I find appalling to varying degrees. The one thing I have admired about him is that the woman he made national headlines for passionately kissing was his wife.

If I were Al Gore, I'd be so demor-

alized at this point I'd slink away and never make another green speech. It appears the only way he will ever get any respect from his party is maybe at his funeral — if Tipper agrees that they may turn the event into a political rah-rah.

Gore's departure from the stage was not accompanied by even one moment of respectful silence before the other guys piled in from the opposite wing, shouting and pushing and falling over one another in their rush for the spotlight.

This group included Gore's former running mate, Joseph Lieberman, who stood proudly at the podium of his former high school this week and cried out: "Two years ago we were promised a better America..." and so forth and so on.

And the Republicans are little better.

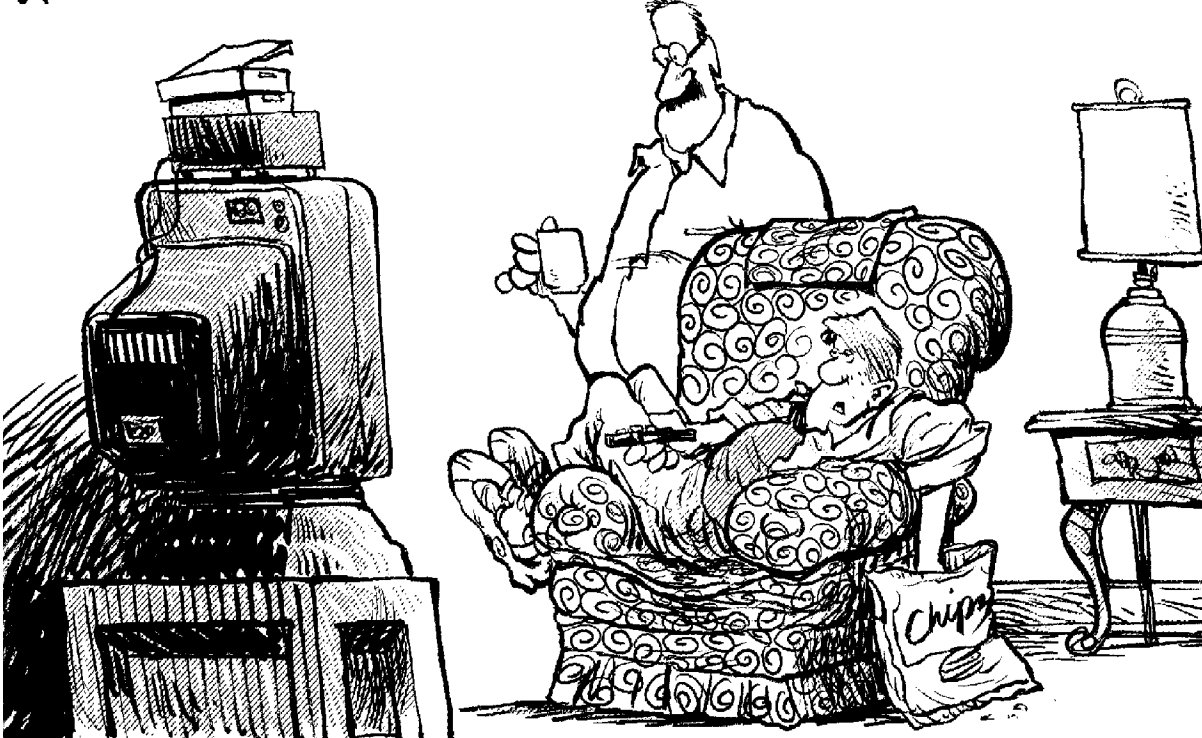
My point in all this is that the Presidential gong has sounded and you and I are in for — thanks to the media in all its varied forms — a barrage of pandering, pious, pettifogging speeches and sanctimonious condemnation from a torrent of people interested only in scrambling to the top of the heap to find...what?...that they are bombarded by the same meaningless attacks they perpetrated on the guy they beat out. They invariably find little or no support to actually get anything done — let alone magically create "a better America."

We are a house divided.

Every person who ever tried to get a group of people moving and working toward a common goal knows

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



# Military base closures to be finalized by May 16, 2005

The new 108th Congress is launched, but behind all the rhetorical sparring over tax cuts and the economy in general, there's a bigger issue on everybody's minds.

Military base closings and realignments are being proposed by "the BRAC" or the Base Realignment and Closure Commission.

Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld is determined that — war with Iraq and/or North Korea or not — it's going to happen in 2005. And that's not very far away.

Because the Fort Bliss/Holloman/White Sands Missile Range tandem is so large, it can't be assumed that it is invulnerable.

El Paso's "new" joint committee to BRAC-proof ourselves is gratifying to see. But that's not enough.

It can't be said any plainer that a full-time, long-overdue lobbyist for the city needs to be working the halls of the Pentagon right now.

A good place to start would be in the office of Rumsfeld's senior aide, Raymond DuBois, who is the deputy undersecretary of defense for installations and environment, who didn't show his hand a few days ago when he candidly announced that no military bases were safe from potential closure.

Want to hear it in his words?

"All installations are on the table...all installations are

going to be judged equally."

Don't you believe it. All bases are going to be judged — period!

A little BRAC history says it best. In the previous four BRAC rounds — 1988, 1991, 1993 and 1995 — the Pentagon tagged 97 major bases inside the U.S. for closure, 55 major bases for reduction, and 235 other installations to be closed or reshuffled.

What the Administration hopes to pocket from the 2005 BRAC is between \$10 billion and \$20 billion over four to six years.

The secretary of defense takes his list to the BRAC by May 16, 2005. El Paso needs to think that today is May 15, 2005, every day for the next two-and-a-half years!

Well, most of us are living with the first ripples of the new federal regulations spawned by the terrorist attack of Sept. 11, 2001.

Communications between inmates and their attorneys are more closely scrutinized. Illegal immigrants can be detained longer. And, there are new fees for air travelers and a lot of standing around while baggage is checked.

But, there are at least 55 other "significant" new federal regulations listed in a report released recently from the Office of Management and Budget. The 162-page

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For Sanity's Sake

By Taprina Milburn

Confessions of an unorganized parent

My favorite part of Family Circle magazine is the back section that lists clever tips on how to be organized — ways to arrange your paperwork so that you can find important documents (permission forms, health records) or ways to shape up your kids’ rooms so they can find their shoes each morning.

In all the years I’ve read the magazine I’ve only incorporated one of those suggestions, buying a basket to put at the foot of my staircase. Our basket never gets emptied, however, but it’s a great place to throw things.

Hello, my name is Taprina, and I’m an unorganized parent. I’ve spent years feeling strongly that there was an organized person inside of me waiting to bust out. In the past few months I’ve had to admit that what I’m feeling is nothing more than a case of indigestion.

At 35 years old, I may never be the type of person who when taking coupons to the grocery store first checks to see if they’ve expired, or the kind of mom who knows where everything is, such as the new laces I bought yesterday for my son’s tennis shoes.

You know you are not a member of the Organized Parents Club and that your life has become unmanageable when:

1. Your kid has to pull blue jeans from the dirty clothes hamper to wear to school on Monday morning because you forgot to do laundry over the weekend.

2. You carry a day planner just so you will look as if you belong in the Organized Parents Club.
3. You have a brain lock-down when you enter a store, forgetting what you were supposed to buy (supplies for your kid’s school project). Instead you purchase toilet paper and panty hose. Neither of which will be useful for the assignment. Therefore, a second trip to the store is necessary.
4. Birthday presents for your kids’ friends are bought on the way to the party and wrapped in the car (if you remembered to bring tape and scissors, that is, otherwise you run back into the store to buy a birthday bag).
5. You could take a friend to lunch with the money you’ve wasted on library and video rental late charges.
6. An invitation with RSVP printed on it usually gets buried under paperwork and leaves you with the haunting feeling of Remembering Something Vaguely Perhaps.
7. You finally remember to put something on your calendar — a meteor shower that happens once every century — but you learn that you marked the wrong date and that you’ve missed the event. “I guess if I live to be 110 I’ll get to see it,” your miffed kid tells you.
8. Burned out light bulbs in your house are changed about once every century.
9. Your kids are scared to open your closets and cabinets. Doing so will result in an avalanche and requires a lot of man-hours to find your children and stuff everything back in.
10. You collect “How To Be Organized” books and dream of the day you will finally make the transformation.

Take two Tums and get over it.

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Divided

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that the adage about a house divided not being able to stand is the absolute truth.

If you are a teacher, an employer, or a parent trying to raise a family, you know that once your “team” degenerates into finger-pointing and infighting, your forward momentum stops dead.

Why, then, do we insist on running our political system this way? We know that our national leaders know better. We saw them practicing a whole different approach on the steps of the Capitol Building as they linked arm-in-arm and sang national hymns of dedication on Sept. 11, 2001.

How soon we forget. How quickly we reverted to a circular firing squad ready to blow one another away with intent to be the last man standing.

I wish we had instead learned the lesson from our ancestors that circling the wagons was intended to fight the enemy without rather than the enemy within.

*Alzheimer’s drug in final stages of development*

WASHINGTON, D.C. — According to a new survey by the Pharmaceutical Research and Manufacturers of America (PhRMA) 17 new drugs for dementias, including Alzheimer’s disease, are currently being developed.

All of the medicines are either in human clinical testing or awaiting approval by the Food and Drug Administration, the report says.

Alzheimer’s Disease, which affects nearly half of all Americans 85 and older, is the most common cause of dementia among people 65 and older — it affects about four million Americans. A new medicine in development is the first in a new class of drugs known as NMDA (N-methyl D-aspartate) receptor antagonists.

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### Raises

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Mayor Sam Monrreal, now a long-haul trucker, said such a raise was “excessive” and not justified. He said the last time the council received a raise was about three or four years ago.

Juvencia Rios-Ontiveros said ethically that it was not right to vote raises at this time. Any action should come after the May elections, she added.

Mayor pro-tem Jose Alarcon said it was important to pass the

raises to serve as an “incentive” to attract candidates to run for office in the upcoming elections.

Alarcon also brought up the issue of a vehicle junkyard located below the village hall off East Vinton Road. “It looks illegal,” he said, adding that he could find no documentation or permits authorizing its operation.

“We need to take action on it. Legal is looking into it.”

In other action, council accepted the letter of resignation from village engineer Gilbert Mesa. The council will be advertising for a replacement.

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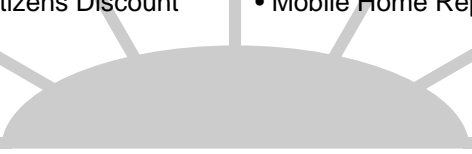
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# Poultry production in California falls prey to bird disease, Texas warned to be on guard

AUSTIN — Texas animal health officials are answering California’s plea for assistance in eradicating an outbreak of Exotic Newcastle Disease (END), a viral disease of poultry and nearly all species of birds.

The outbreak has spread to three commercial poultry operations in Southern California, and if not wiped out, this foreign poultry disease could spread to other states and jeopardize poultry production and international trading opportunities.

“We have two priorities regarding this situation,” commented Dr. James Lenarduzzi, acting executive director for the Texas Animal Health Commission (TAHC), the state’s livestock and poultry regulatory agency.

“The first is to help stop END in California, which ranks first in the nation for egg production and fourth for turkey production. The second is to urge Texas bird and poultry owners to watch for and immediately report signs of disease or unexplained death losses to their veterinarian or the TAHC at 1-800-550-8242. If END is introduced into Texas, we must address it quickly to prevent spread.”

Caused by a highly contagious virus, END does not affect human health or the safety of food products, but it can cause nearly 100 percent death loss in susceptible birds. Sick birds may exhibit respiratory distress, diarrhea, nervousness, or a drop in egg production. Dr. Lenarduzzi said that, in commercial operations, the clinical picture may be less severe, with only moderate death loss and a 10 percent decrease in egg production.

Although a vaccine for END is available, he said it can ‘cover up’ disease, making it more difficult to detect.

“On a conference call earlier this week with the California Department of Agriculture and the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA), we learned more than 400 veterinarians, animal health technicians and others are working on a task force in Southern California. More help is needed from other states to curb this disease outbreak that was initially detected Oct. 1 in a backyard poultry flock,” said Dr. Lenarduzzi.

Dr. Lenarduzzi said task force members are concerned that, without immediate help, this outbreak could mirror California’s 1971-74 outbreak, which cost \$56 million to eradicate and jeopardized international trade of poultry and egg products. Nearly 12 million chickens were destroyed to stop the spread of disease.

“We must not jeopardize animal health operations at home, but this END outbreak must be stopped before it ‘breaks loose’ from its current boundaries in Southern California and threatens the rest of the U.S. Texas is the 6th largest producer of eggs and broilers in the nation, and in 2001, we had turkey production valued at \$170 million. We must protect these and other bird and poultry-related industries,” he said.

The USDA has quarantined an area stretching from Los Angeles to San Diego, including all of Los Angeles, Orange and San Diego Counties, and portions of San Bernadino and Riverside Counties. The quarantine prohibits the movement of birds of any species, poultry and poultry products from the area. Eggs that have been washed, sanitized and packed in new shipping containers are being permitted from the area.

“In addition to at least three infected commercial egg-laying operations, California officials report that 4,300 backyard poultry and bird flocks have been quarantined in the affected counties. More than 143,000 birds have been depopulated and disposed of in landfills, and more than a million more birds will be euthanized as soon as possible,” said Dr. Lenarduzzi.

He explained that the work doesn’t stop there. Premises and poultry houses must be cleaned and disinfected before the farm is released from quarantine. In addition, 20-person teams are being dispatched to targeted counties in Northern California to conduct disease surveillance.

“Several TAHC and USDA-Texas veterinarians are on site, and we will continue to provide whatever support possible to eradicate this outbreak,” said Dr. Lenarduzzi. “For years, we’ve conducted tabletop and simulated exercises for a foreign animal disease outbreak; now we’ll put that training to use.”

### Briefs

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purchase of SUG’s Texas assets. Information: www.ONEOK.com.

■ Canutillo Independent School District parents and community members are invited to view the state approved textbook selections for the current adoption in social studies and pre-k curricula. Each of the six CISD school campuses has samples from which the CISD Textbook Committee will make its recommendations to the Board of Trustees in February. These books are on display at each campus through Jan. 31. “Interested individuals may view the books and fill out a form for comments,” stated Carol Hecker, Canutillo ISD textbook coordinator. “We welcome input from the community regarding the recommendations that the textbook committee will make to the school board,” she said. For more information, call 877-7434.

■ Billed as a “not-so-typical open house,” Clint High School’s Pride Night will be held at the Carroll T. Welch Middle School in Horizon City Jan. 23, 6-7:30 p.m. The change in location is intended to inform parents of students at CTWMS about what Clint High has to offer. School officials say they are striving for a carnival atmosphere with entertainment from the Clint High choir, the Lion Pride Band and folklorico groups, food, and

booths featuring community groups and a mini-wellness fair. These events will occur as parents are picking up their students three-week progress reports. “We wanted to have an event that would attract parents living in the CTWMS area as work and family schedules often make it difficult for families to attend open houses on (the Clint High) campus,” said Clint High Principal Paul Pearson. However, parents from anywhere in the district are welcomed. Information: Hilda James, 851-2344.

■ The Socorro ISD board of trustees, on split vote, has selected Urban and Associates and Banes General Contractors to build two new Lower Valley Schools. Barbara Perez-Peña and Brenda Castaneda voted in opposition. The projects will cost between seven and eight million each. One school will be pre-K through eighth; a second will host pre-K through fifth grade students.

■ The Anthony town council was expected to approve a measure to match a \$50,000 Texas Parks and Wildlife grant during a meeting on Tuesday, Jan. 14. The grant is for a new park on Richard White Road.

■ Register now for children’s Hands on Science Outreach classes on “Mechanical Energy” which will be held Saturdays at the UTEP Centennial Museum. Classes are divided for kindergarten-grade one, grades 2-3, and 4-6. Classes will run eight weeks beginning Jan.

18-March 8. Registration is \$40 per child and is limited to 11 children per class. For information, contact Genevieve Mooser, Museum Educator, at 747-6665.

■ The El Paso East Lions Club is issuing an invitation to the public to “serve in Lionism.” An informational meeting will be held on Jan. 18, 4-6 p.m. at the St. Paul’s Methodist Church at 7900 Edgemere. Information: 821-7822.

■ UTEP’s Centennial Museum’s SunScape program encourages people to learn about using native plants in their landscape. The six-week classes are every Tuesday, Feb. 18-March 25, 2003. Registration is \$40 per person. Classes are limited to 25 first-to-register participants. For more information, call Genny Mooser, Museum Educator, 747-6665.

■ The Esperanza Grant Project, funded by the Texas Cancer Council, will prove a series of caregiver support meetings. The program is held Tuesday nights, 5-7 p.m. through Feb. 11 at 10460 Vista Del Sol, Ste. 101; and Wednesday nights, 5:30-7 p.m. through Feb. 12 at the Hospice of El Paso, 1750 Curie Drive. Information: Cece Torrez, 532-5699.

■ If you drive to Airway in El Paso looking for the Triple A office, you won’t find it. The El Paso District Office has moved to the west side, to 655 Sunland Park Drive, Ste. J-3. Information: 778-9521.

# Water is number one: Vinton mayor has clear-cut goals for his town

By Don Woodyard  
Courier Staff Writer

VINTON — An interview with Vinton Mayor Tony Castro begins with a quick tour of the community. We are joined by Alderperson Dolores Diaz

The ride is both smooth and bumpy, seeing improvements made and locations that Castro sees as a blemish on the Upper Valley community.

It is smooth on the recently paved streets of Iron and Steel and Douglas. “Douglas was a rocky road a month ago,” he points out. It is bumpy and uneven along Quejette near the Village Hall. He points out improvements to the nearby park that now has lights and water and was the site of a picnic last September.

We drive up Vinton Road, and he points out the new businesses that have grown along the main road connecting the interstate with Doniphan. Carrying forward the vision of former Mayor Sam Monrreal, Castro mentions working with the Texas Department of Transportation to widen Vinton Road and change its designation to a three-lane Farm-to-Market Road. “Surveying has been completed. Plans are to start construction in 2003,” the mayor elaborated in a December memorandum/report to the residents of Vinton.

Below the Village Hall, off Vinton Road, he points to an apparently unauthorized and long-standing vehicle junkyard that was discussed at the council meeting the previous Tuesday.

We travel down Valley Chile Road, and Castro points to businesses in operation. He says there is a need for water to attract new commercial ventures to the area. As we near Doniphan, he notes another business whose purpose is unclear.

The mayor, elected last May, praises the work of former village engineer Gilbert Mesa in pushing forward with road and drainage projects funded through Community Development Block Grants.

“We still need a lot more work around here,” he says.

Back in council chambers, the mayor goes over the accomplishments of his administration. Highlights taken from the year-end memorandum/report:

- The major utilities, El Paso Electric, Southern Union Gas, and Southwestern Bell have been contacted regarding their franchise fees. “The franchise tax will increase over the next year.”

- Sales tax revenue has doubled over the past year from \$5,000 to \$10,000.

- “Our proposed budget will be the biggest yet. (And) We are finishing 2002 in the best shape ever.”

Diaz echoes what the mayor said last May in an interview with the *Courier*. “It was time for a change,” she says looking back. “I thought the village was at a standstill, not doing very much.”

Water and its own ZIP code is at the top of the mayor’s priority list.

He says he’s working on a water plan for Vinton whose current water needs are largely met on an individual basis by residents who drill their own wells. He is working with the El Paso Public Service Board to bringing water lines from Canutillo to Vinton. Castro views the water plan as two years down the road.

However, he adds, “Numero uno is water.” Diaz adds: “We are going to get it.”

The mayor is also anxious to have a postal facility of some kind in the community. At the very least to have its own ZIP code and businesses that will identify as being in Vinton rather

than giving business addresses in Canutillo or Anthony.

“We need our own identity,” he states. As to the efforts to attain this

status, “it looks promising.” He is “hopeful” of achieving a ZIP code this year.


Castro ends his December memo-

randum/report on an optimistic note.

“I believe this is the best council and staff that the village has ever had.

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## Texas Monthly touts Clint District as model for professional development

By Debra Dominguez  
Special to the Courier

EL PASO COUNTY — The Clint Independent School District received notable report card marks in an article in the November issue of *Texas Monthly*, based on a study by the National Center for Educational Accountability and the Just for the Kids program.

The NCEA and Just for Kids web site also praised Clint ISD for its professional development practices, which includes “a solid and successful program for administrators to use” in order to evaluate the progress of instructional practices at their campuses.

“The principals being able to determine what constitutes rigorous teaching is a big part of the district’s success,” said Sylvia Garza, Clint ISD Assistant Superintendent for Instructional Services. Her job includes supervising the district’s professional development. “It’s one of the many tools our principals have in their tool kits.”

The recently released study examined more than 1,100 schools statewide only to find that a majority of El Paso County schools sit just as well or better than other Texas schools with similar economics and English proficiencies.


Montana Vista and Red Sands Elementary Schools, both located in the East Montana area of the Clint ISD, received five stars — the highest ranking — on their published report cards.

The study questions the methods of the state’s accountability system, which measures the performance of El Paso’s economically disadvantaged schools against schools in wealthy Texas suburbs.

The *Texas Monthly* article says that the study compared student performance based on TAAS, specifically paying attention to how many students scored a grade of at least 85. The study separates schools into four economic groups and compares scores within the same group.

Clint ISD earned a report card of 3.4 stars, which is the fourth highest score in the region, on a scale based from one to five. Anthony ISD received 4.5 stars, San Elizario ISD received 4 stars and Ysleta ISD received 3.8. Larger districts such as El Paso ISD received 3 stars while Socorro ISD received 3.1 stars.



“The educational accountability center’s decision to judge students based on TAAS proficiency is a more accurate assessment,” Garza said. “It’s a wonderful gauge for teachers and principals to determine how well they’re doing.”




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# It’s a shame when we reward people for their bad behavior

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

O.K., anyone who was truly shocked to hear that Jason Rabedeaux didn’t resign after all and was actually forced out, raise your hand — I didn’t think so.

UTEP athletic director Bob Stull came clean last week and stated that the former UTEP basketball coach was forced to leave the program. However, as reported by my good friend Darren Hunt, Stull originally said on Oct. 21, 2002, that Rabedeaux phoned him and said he wanted to resign.

Now, Stull says that Rabedeaux was never going to resign because he couldn’t afford to. Forced out, resigned, forced out, resigned — the whole thing spins like a prevaricating yo-yo.

As a result of Rabedeaux’s alleged extra-marital dalliances, Stull and UTEP president Diana Natalicio put the squeeze on Rabedeaux to bid adieu to the program.

By now all of you have heard that Rab will receive a severance package of \$124,458 from the college. The money will be issued in 10 convenient installments.

The financially-sound question is, however,

whether UTEP could have gotten rid of the guy without paying him a penny.

Did Rab have any kind of a morals clause in his contract?

I mean it’s one thing to have a team that is constantly outscored on the basketball court but it’s quite another to have a coach who scores more off the court than on it.

Will UTEP save money by paying Rab the \$124,000 rather than paying him the whole amount of the contract? Of course, the school will save about \$500,000. Then why does this deal have such a sleazy feel to it?

Just a thought — how in the world can you say you’re saving money when you pay someone \$124K to do nothing!

What could the basketball program have bought with the extra \$124,000? How many recruiting plane trips, uniforms, basketballs, etc. could have been purchased with the extra dough?

I certainly hope that if I am ever forced to leave my job because I can’t control my hormones better than the average 16-year old that I can receive a severance package basically equivalent to a year’s salary.

Where’s the justice? Where’s the decency? Where’s the integrity?

Heck, even Bill Clinton would bite his up-

per lip and give one of those patented thumbs up to Rab after hearing of his alleged exploits.

What ever happened to the idea that one is not rewarded for bad behavior.

Well, we’re only 10 checks away from closing the book on one of the worst hires the UTEP athletic department has ever made.

And as for Rab’s replacement Billy Gillespie, I believe the wins will eventually come.

And by the way, if you ever see Gillespie out on a date with a member of the opposite sex, don’t get excited — this coach is not married.

### Shut up Shaq

Everybody who knows the game of basketball knows that Shaquille O’Neal is one of the best centers to ever play the game.

His height, his weight and his agility make him almost unstoppable anywhere near the basket.

In fact, Shaq is so good that he has led the Los Angeles Lakers to three straight NBA titles.

Everybody who knows the game of basketball also knows that when it comes to using the powerful forces of the brain, Shaquille O’Neal is one of life’s benchwarmers.

O’Neal, who has a section reserved all to himself in most “Dumbest comments by ath-

letes” articles, is busy trying to add to his list.

Seems the popularity that Houston Rockets’ center Yao Ming is receiving is irritating to the Lakers’ big man.

Recently Shaq was speaking to an *AsianWeek* reporter and he answered a question concerning his derogatory remarks about Ming.

In his own regrettable style, Shaq answered the reporter by saying, “Tell Yao Ming ‘ching-chong-yang-wah-ah-soh.’”

I think my nine-year old son has better sense.

Needless to say, Shaq has offended some people. But Shaq feels he’s done nothing wrong.

“I said it jokingly,” Shaq claims. Shaq said the reporter is just a guy who doesn’t have a sense of humor, like he does.

Shaq said he’s always trying to be a comedian. “Sometimes I make a good joke and sometimes I make a bad joke.”

It seems to me that sometimes Shaquille O’Neal *is* a bad joke.

I think a lot of people are getting a little tired of Shaq’s thick-headed remarks. Yao Ming actually leads O’Neal in the all-star balloting, which is chosen by the fans.

That should tell Shaq something about the way he is being perceived. But I doubt he’ll be able to figure it out.

## Governor says school board trustees deserve recognition

AUSTIN — Gov. Rick Perry has proclaimed January 2003 as School Board Recognition Month. Districts across the state will use this opportunity to show their appreciation and bolster understanding of the crucial role elected boards of education play in their local schools and communities.

“Texas’ public education system is key to the success of its citizens, providing young Texans across this great state with a solid foundation for the future. School boards guide our public education system at the local level. Working without pay, (they) give of their time and expertise,” Perry said.

“For more than 200 years, school boards have served our nation well and helped shape our future leaders. As we look to the future and the challenges ahead, school board members will continue to play an increasingly important role to ensure that young Texans are prepared to excel,” he said.

“The Texas Association of School Boards, created in 1949, represents and serves school board members throughout our great state. To raise awareness of the valuable service that

school board members provide to the schools and children of Texas, TASB conducts an awareness campaign during January.

“At this time, in support of this outstanding effort, I urge all Texans to recognize the contributions that local school boards make to our education system. Through their service, they are building the future of Texas,” Perry said.

“Local trustees work with community leaders, families, and educators to develop sound educational policies in their districts,” said James B. Crow, TASB executive director.

“It is important to recognize the commitment that board service requires of more than 7,000 locally elected trustees in Texas,” Crow said.

“We hope every community will acknowledge the contributions of their local school board members, who share their vision and voice as dedicated advocates for Texas youth.”

TASB is a nonprofit association established in 1949 to serve local Texas school districts. School board members are the largest group of publicl elected officials in the state. The districts they represent have a combined budget of \$26 billion and employ more than 540,000 people.

## Canutillo proposed as Southwest soccer capital

EL PASO COUNTY — Sen. Eliot Shapleigh and a contingent of soccer enthusiasts want to make Canutillo the soccer capital of the Southwest, according to a recent presentation made to the El Paso County Commissioners. The group is seeking a commitment from the County to build an 18-field, \$3.2 million complex at Gallegos Park.

Because El Paso has great weather, is near an international border, and has significant talent here already, the idea seems a natural — except that the area has a shortage of adequate fields and facilities to attract major events, Shapleigh said.

Sun Bowl Association representatives accompanied Shapleigh in his request along with support from the Westside Soccer League, the El Paso Youth Soccer Association, and the Camino Real Soccer Council.

John Folmer of the Sun Bowl Association paraphrased a line from the *Field of Dreams* movie when he said “If we build the fields,

they will come to play.”

Gallegos Park already has seven soccer fields, and was the site of the Cinco de mayo Tournament that fielded some 115 teams, supporters said, but some participants said they would not return because the fields were in poor condition.

The soccer group is hoping to access some \$30 million in bonds sold by the county late last year designated for construction of parks and recreational facilities.

Plans are already on the board to utilize the newly-purchased Sportspark on the Eastside of El Paso for 18 soccer fields.

However, County Commissioner Miguel Teran said he would oppose the proposals unless some tangible plans are made to construct parks and facilities in his Lower Valley district.

Teran said his district doesn’t contain a single soccer field. In the bond sale it was stated that a regional park would be constructed in the Lower Valley.

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# Get rid of your cursed money

**By Don Flood**

They should have seen this coming, but it looks like the psychics of San Francisco may soon be regulated. According to an article in the San Francisco Chronicle, Supervisor Aaron Peskin has introduced an ordinance to protect the citizens from unscrupulous fortunetellers, who “charge \$500 and up for weekly visits.”

That’s right, folks, five hundred smackers! For a weekly visit with a fortuneteller.

They don’t get even get an oil change with that.

But before you dismiss these people as misguided, consider some of the extremely clever real-life tricks that would be banned by the ordinance:

- *The old hair in the grapefruit con* — In this trick, according to the Chronicle, “the client rubs a grapefruit on his body and covers it with money, and the fortuneteller then plants a hair inside the grapefruit to prove the money is cursed, and *keeps the money.*” (My italics.) Well, it’s no wonder they fall for that one! Wouldn’t you?

You have to admit, finding a hair in the grapefruit sounds like pretty convincing evidence that your money is in league with the devil.

But apparently Mr. Peskin feels otherwise, so what appears to be a good way of weeding out cursed money will no longer be available to the public.

- *The old promise-to-bury-your-money-in-the-graveyard scam* — In this one, which would also be banned, the fortune-teller “promises to bury a client’s ‘cursed’ money in a graveyard, *but keeps it instead.*” (My italics, again.) Isn’t that sad?

I mean, if you can’t trust your fortuneteller to handle your money-burying needs, whom can you trust?

Well, me, for one.

Yes, dear readers, I know that many of you out there are living in daily fear that your money is cursed.

And, unfortunately, your suspicions are probably correct. Our nation’s economy is *saturated* with cursed money.

Those innocent-looking bills in your wallet?

They’re probably cursed, as is the money in your checking account, on your dresser and in between the seat cushions of your couch.

Not my money, you say?

Well, ask yourself this question: “Is my money cursed?”

Oops, too late. Just the fact you asked that question *proves* your money is cursed and you better unload it right away.

But where? You certainly can’t hand it over to the fortunetellers. They can’t be trusted to dispose of it properly.

No need to worry. I will take care of it.

And don’t worry about sending cash through the mail. I can dispose of the cursed money just as easily if you send it to me in the form of a cashier’s check or money order.

But back in San Francisco, not all are happy with the city supervisor’s proposed ordinance, including — *and I am not kidding* — Dionysia, Goddess of Light and Direction.

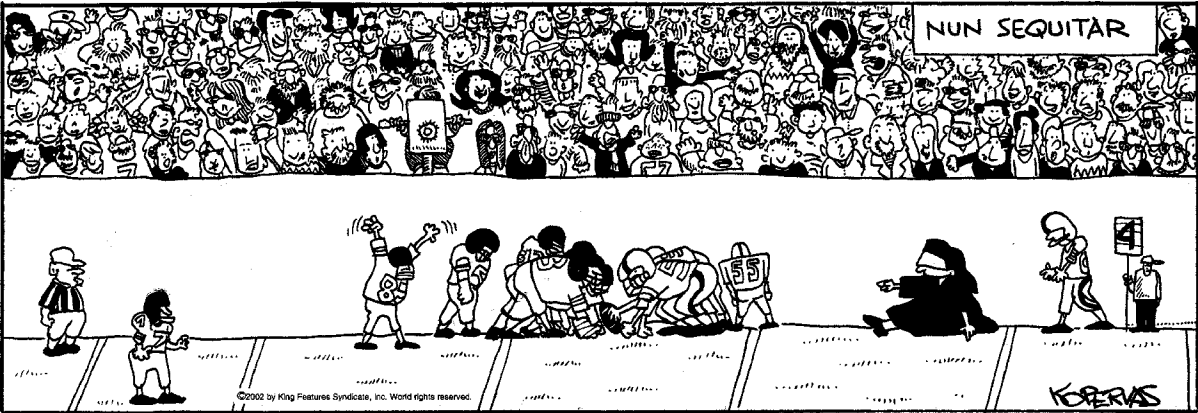
The Chronicle quoted Dionysia — no last name given — as saying, “What a rip-off. It’s the just the city, capitalizing on folks trying to make a living.”

I feel bad for Dionysia, but nobody ever said it was easy being a minor deity, even in California.

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# Lack of education can be harmful to your health, medical group concludes

AUSTIN — A new team of health specialists has been charged with improving the health of all Texans. They’ll likely start with the usual suspects — improving immunization rates and promoting physical activity and good nutrition. But from there these collaborators have expanded their scope to broader, less conventional corners — such as increasing graduation rates.

Seeing more diplomas dispensed is not a typical target of public health professionals, but is one of a series of important goals if the aim is to improve the root causes of health problems as well as treat the symptoms themselves, according to the December issue of Texas Medicine magazine.

The Texas State Strategic Health Partnership is a collaboration of people from the medical profession; state and local governments; and social, advocacy, philanthropic, environmental, and education groups. They will work under the guidance of the Texas Department of Health to name and pursue 12 health goals for Texas.

“The goals are bold,” said Hardy D. Loe, Jr., MD, MPH, director of the Texas Public Health Training Center at the University of Houston. “They begin to recognize the relationship of lack of education and lack of income to health problems.”

He said that goals to improve those conditions, which are not particularly thought of as public health areas, warrant primary attention. Dr. Loe was part of the Strategic Health Partnership steering committee that began mapping the group’s direction in October.

“It goes past the usual ‘let’s raise the immunization rate or let’s reduce the heart disease or sexually transmitted disease rates’ and it begins to get at what are the fundamental causes of those problems,” he added.

“Improving the health of a population is a shared responsibility. Deciding what needs to be done to get there should be a shared responsibility as well,” said Texas Commissioner of Health Eduardo Sanchez, MD, who chaired the October steering committee.

The goals will be part of a Texas Declaration for Health, the need for which was identified in the summer-time release of two TDH reports that assessed Texans’ health status and created a plan of action.

Beyond the collaborative component, the novelty of this approach may be in public health officials squaring off against elements they’ve not addressed before, though they are not new. Health care professionals have recognized a correlation between public health and education levels, income levels, and even mental health, but have generally regarded those external factors as out of bounds or unreachable.

“Public health and mental health have been artificially separated forever,” Patti Patterson, MD, chair of TMA’s Council on Public Health and a steering committee member, noted as one example. “Anyone in practice knows that they’re not separate, they’re very integrated.” She identifies research pointing to depression as a risk factor for heart attacks as evidence.

The stakeholder commitments called for by the plan would ensure methods for the Texas public health goals to be carried out. The idea is to foster cooperation among the various groups within and outside the health arena.

For its share, TMA vows to educate physicians on the issues and goals, as well as to continue existing TMA missions to improve Texas child immunization rates, nutrition, and physical activity, among other commitments.

TMA is the largest state medical society in the nation, representing 38,000 physician and medical student members.

## Reyes

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report is entitled “Stimulating Smarter Regulation” and focuses on 316 federal regs and guidelines that the Administration is mulling over. It was solicited from 1,700 contributors — including industry associations, consumer organizations and individuals — and it even spotlights whether the Food and Drug Administration needs to disclose the caffeine content of foods and beverages, or whether the Environmental Protection Agency should make changes in drinking-water standards and loosen up on reporting of toxic chemicals used by industry. The report also weighs recent regulatory changes and the costs and benefits of major regulations. It was all generated in the aftermath of 9/11 and notably mentions additional screening of non-citizens seeking flight training, the requirement of fees up to \$10 per passenger to pay for airline security measures and greater gathering of in-

formation on foreign visitors.

Predictably, critics complain of infringements on civil liberties and decent treatment toward immigrants.

But, alarm and necessity are beginning to give way, inevitably, to cost-effectiveness. And others smell deeper plays.

One regulatory analyst for the Natural Resources Defense Council claims the report is an outright “hit list” and that the White House wants to roll back health and environmental safeguards to benefit business. But the OMB says it is neutral on the proposals for now.

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| URN           | NASALLY      | REPETITIVE |        |
| AGT           | ARABIA       | EMIT       | SALAD  |
| GEO           | BASSET       | DUPE       | ELAND  |



# ‘Long hard fight’ for new Canutillo High School culminates in groundbreaking

By Don Woodyard  
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CANUTILLO—”This is the start of something big,” said Charles Hart, superintendent of the Canutillo Independent School District. “A whole new era,” he added, “to put us ahead of the growth curve that is coming.”

“This is a moment we all have looked forward to for a long time,” noted Dr. John Kessinger, assistant superintendent of the Canutillo ISD. “I can’t wait to get started with construction. This is something the students and citizens of Canutillo deserve.”

The senior administrators were referring to the groundbreaking held last Friday for the long-awaited high school. The new high school, scheduled for completion in 2005, will be 235,000 square feet and will have the capacity for 2,500 students.

Yvonne Sanchez, president of the Canutillo ISD board of trustees, had a special way of expressing her pleasure for the occasion.

She compared it with opening a package on Christmas morning as a child—taking off the ribbon, opening the box and removing the tissue paper inside. “Totally excited...a Christmas morning ecstasy.”

“Are we planting great seeds? I think so,” she says, answering her own question. “Everybody is helping. We see growth; we see changes.”

Laure Searls, secretary of the board, shared the excitement.

“I am really, really excited ...absolute excitement. This has been a long, hard fight. Now we’ve got a job to produce a first-rate high school where kids will be educated, bloom and grow.”

Actual construction and site preparation is expected to begin in 30-45 days on 50 acres of land located on the west side of I-10, just south of the Northwest Campus of El Paso Community College.

The new facility will replace the current high school that was built in 1975. The present high school will be converted into a middle school.

“The new Canutillo High School is a facility that has been desperately needed and will be a complete campus with state of the art technology for student learning,” according to a fact sheet from Dimensions Architects International which designed the school based on input from the community and educators. “The layout and design encourages community use and participation.

“A complete football field, running track, practice field, baseball field,

softball field, tennis courts, basketball courts and outdoor gathering areas make up the entire campus.”

Ninety-six percent of Canutillo voters approved a \$23 million bond issue for the high school in 1999.



## WEATHER

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### SEVEN-DAY FORECAST FOR EL PASO

| THURSDAY | THUR. NIGHT       | FRIDAY      | SATURDAY    | SUNDAY             | MONDAY      | TUESDAY       | WEDNESDAY           |
|----------|-------------------|-------------|-------------|--------------------|-------------|---------------|---------------------|
|          |                   |             |             |                    |             |               |                     |
| Sunny.   | Clear and colder. | Sunshine.   | Sunny.      | Abundant sunshine. | Sunny.      | Mostly sunny. | Plenty of sunshine. |
| ▲ 54°    | ▼ 25°             | ▲ 54° ▼ 28° | ▲ 56° ▼ 30° | ▲ 60° ▼ 34°        | ▲ 64° ▼ 34° | ▲ 60° ▼ 30°   | ▲ 60° ▼ 32°         |

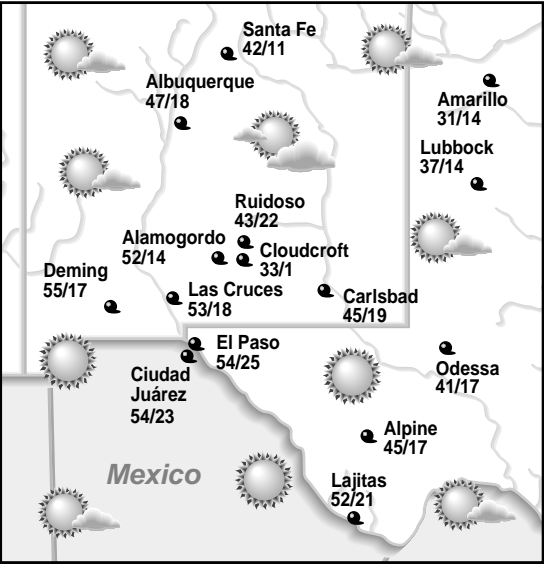
**UV INDEX** Statistics for noon.

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

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|-----------|---|-----|
| Thursday  | 4 | Low |
| Friday    | 4 | Low |
| Saturday  | 4 | Low |
| Sunday    | 4 | Low |
| Monday    | 4 | Low |
| Tuesday   | 4 | Low |
| Wednesday | 4 | Low |

### TEXAS WEATHER

|              |    |    |
|--------------|----|----|
| Anthony      | 54 | 22 |
| Canutillo    | 55 | 23 |
| Clint        | 52 | 23 |
| E. Montana   | 54 | 25 |
| Fabens       | 52 | 23 |
| Horizon      | 55 | 23 |
| San Elizario | 52 | 20 |
| Socorro      | 53 | 23 |
| Tornillo     | 52 | 23 |
| Vinton       | 55 | 23 |



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

### TRAVELERS CITIES

| City               | Thur. Hi/Low | Fri. Hi/Low | Sat. Hi/Low | Sun. Hi/Low | Mon. Hi/Low |
|--------------------|--------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| Albuquerque        | 47/18/s      | 49/24/s     | 51/25/s     | 54/28/s     | 55/21/s     |
| Atlanta            | 46/32/pc     | 38/21/pc    | 41/23/pc    | 41/30/s     | 48/29/s     |
| Atlantic City      | 30/20/pc     | 32/20/pc    | 31/25/pc    | 32/21/pc    | 41/21/c     |
| Austin/San Antonio | 53/22/pc     | 52/21/s     | 59/31/s     | 60/32/s     | 49/27/pc    |
| Baltimore          | 30/20/pc     | 30/16/pc    | 32/18/pc    | 34/20/s     | 42/23/c     |
| Boston             | 20/14/pc     | 20/12/c     | 20/14/pc    | 24/18/c     | 33/20/c     |
| Chicago            | 24/8/sf      | 22/10/sf    | 24/12/sf    | 31/20/c     | 34/10/sn    |
| Dallas/Ft. Worth   | 44/16/pc     | 47/29/s     | 48/29/s     | 54/38/s     | 58/34/s     |
| Denver             | 32/15/pc     | 40/22/pc    | 45/24/s     | 55/24/s     | 47/9/pc     |
| Flagstaff          | 48/18/s      | 50/18/s     | 52/18/s     | 52/20/pc    | 47/17/s     |
| Houston            | 57/32/pc     | 48/28/s     | 58/32/s     | 60/38/s     | 60/39/s     |
| Kansas City        | 25/8/sf      | 28/14/s     | 32/18/sf    | 38/26/pc    | 43/12/pc    |
| Las Vegas          | 63/37/s      | 63/39/s     | 65/39/s     | 64/38/s     | 62/36/s     |
| Miami              | 75/63/pc     | 74/57/pc    | 69/49/pc    | 66/51/s     | 71/51/s     |
| Minneapolis        | 18/-2/s      | 22/6/pc     | 18/6/c      | 32/16/pc    | 25/-8/c     |
| New Orleans        | 66/40/c      | 48/27/pc    | 45/35/s     | 49/30/s     | 53/37/s     |
| New York City      | 28/20/pc     | 28/18/pc    | 30/16/pc    | 28/18/pc    | 36/26/c     |
| Philadelphia       | 30/22/pc     | 28/18/pc    | 28/18/pc    | 32/22/pc    | 40/23/c     |
| Phoenix            | 75/48/s      | 73/46/s     | 73/46/s     | 71/48/pc    | 71/44/s     |
| Portland           | 48/36/pc     | 50/36/s     | 50/38/pc    | 48/38/c     | 49/37/pc    |
| San Francisco      | 66/44/s      | 66/46/s     | 64/46/s     | 64/46/pc    | 57/48/s     |
| Seattle            | 48/38/c      | 50/38/pc    | 50/38/pc    | 49/39/r     | 48/37/c     |
| Tucson             | 72/37/s      | 69/39/s     | 72/40/s     | 71/41/pc    | 67/33/pc    |
| Washington, DC     | 30/22/pc     | 32/20/pc    | 34/22/pc    | 36/24/s     | 43/28/c     |

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



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