



## NEWSBRIEFS

### SEISD trustee moves

Rick Rednour, longtime San Elizario ISD board member, attended his final SEISD board meeting, Wednesday, Oct. 8, 2003. He has served on the board since 1984. Rednour saw tremendous growth and change, having served on the construction committee as well as the finance committee. An active member in the San Elizario community, Rednour was a member of the El Paso Mission Trail Association. But San Elizario children will remember him most as "Santa Claus" during their annual Christmas pageants. "He's been an asset to this board and community," said Antonio Araujo, SEISD Board President. "I feel that he's always been the anchor, the mediator between opposing views and a reconciler." Rednour and his family will be relocating close to family in Tennessee.

### Same water tax

The Horizon Regional Municipal Utility District — formerly known as the El Paso County Water Authority — has set a tax rate for fiscal year 2003-2004 at 46 cents per \$100 property tax valuation. This is the same rate adopted for the last four years. Information: 852-3917.

### In other news

■ Free computer classes in a variety of fields are being offered by the Socorro ISD Community Services at 313 S. Rio Vista in the Community Learning Center. Registration is continuous and students, ages 18 or older, may begin at any time. Introduction to Microsoft Office, internet, e-mail and keyboarding are offered. Beginning level meets Monday and Wednesday, 1:30 to 2:45 p.m. and intermediate meets Tuesday and Thursday, 1:30 to 2:45. For more information call 937-1700 or 937-1704.

■ The House of Representatives has passed a bill authorizing \$25 million to improve El Paso County's water and wastewater facilities. Congressman Silvestre Reyes said he has secured this authorization in the Water Resources Development Act of 2003 (WRDA) in response to El Paso's need for improved water services and availability, particularly in the colonias. "El Paso is taking many different steps to address the water shortage plaguing our community," said Reyes. "This funding will complement our current water resource management, desalinization and conservation efforts," said Reyes. "This authorization is an important step towards securing desperately needed water infrastructure funds for El Paso. I will do my best to ensure that El Paso receives these funds in future appropriations bills," said Reyes. The WRDA is a multi-year authorization bill for Army Corps of Engineers water projects and programs.

*Wisdom is divided into two parts — having a great deal to say, and not saying it.*

— Quips & Quotes

## Long-time Clint Postmaster, Sepulveda, to begin new job at Fabens

*Courier Staff Reports*

EAST EL PASO COUNTY — Fernando "Fernie" Sepulveda has been a fixture in the U.S. Postal Service in the Valley communities of El Paso County for many years, since November of 1973 when he became a part-time clerk.

Sepulveda begins a new chapter in his long and loving relationship with these communities as he takes the helm as Postmaster in the Fabens Post Office.

"The Postmaster at that time (in 1973) was Moises 'Shorty' Olmos and the other clerk was Bernice Cornwall. I worked as a part time clerk at Fabens until 1981 when I was promoted to Postmaster of Clint," Sepulveda said. "During my last 30 years I have held various positions with the Postal Service. I have been acting Postmaster twice in Canutillo, acting officer-in-charge at San Elizario for former Postmaster

Emma Garcia. I was also at one time the acting Associate Office Coordinator for the 797-798 area. I am now the coach and trainer for the 798 area."

Sepulveda is known for his dedication and loyalty not only to the post office but to the many clients — friends and neighbors — he has served for so many years, and as a consummate community booster.

His wife's name is Norma and they have had two children Adrian and Adrianna. They were married in June of 1986 by Judge Frank Macias, then-Judge of the Peace Pct. 6.

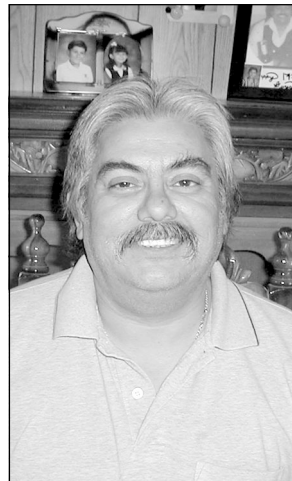
The wedding was supposed to have been an outdoor wedding at Sepulveda's home in Clint but it rained for three days prior to the event and the whole yard was flooded. Sepulveda placed a call to his boss, Emilio Garcia, who was the MSC manager at

that time, requesting permission to have the wedding at the Post Office.

"Mr. Garcia granted me permission and the next day at 5 p.m. the knot was tied. My employees, clerk Jo An Nevarez and carriers Jan Anders, Sidney Hajost and Sue Winter decorated and organized the building. Irma Moreno, Janie Martinez and Beverly Lewis from the Tax Office made banners of congratulations and hung them up," he remembers.

The wedding was well attended by many people of the town as well as relatives of the couple.

"A few days after I started working in Clint in September of 1981, I was invited to dinner by Mrs. Juan Apodaca, which



"Fernie" Sepulveda

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## Canutillo ISD dedicates Four Directions murals

By Alfredo Vasquez  
Special to the Courier

CANUTILLO — The elaborate designs and spectacular colors of the enormous murals that decorate Canutillo Elementary School's atrium and galleria are attracting the attention of art enthusiasts throughout the region.

The public will have an opportunity to view the unique paintings and listen to the history behind these works of art during a special dedication ceremony beginning at 5:30 p.m., Friday, Oct. 17, at Canutillo Elementary School, 651 Canutillo Avenue.

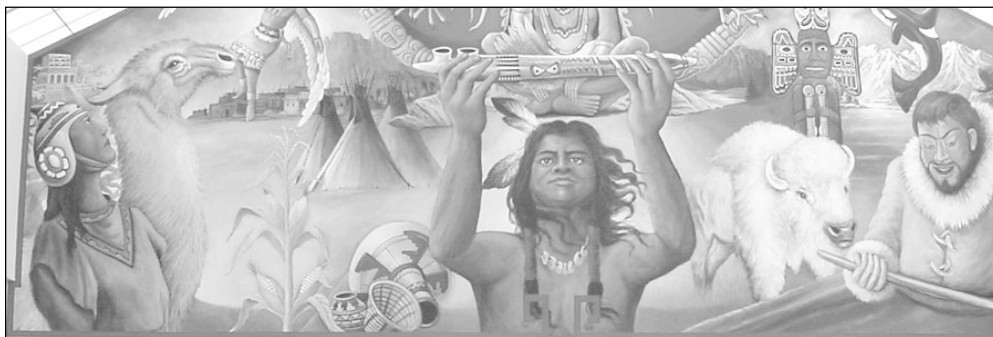
The murals, titled *Four Directions*, are a culmination of almost two years of work by Canutillo High School students and muralist Carlos Callejo, Canutillo ISD Project Link

coordinator and mural projects facilitator.

Through the Project Link program, which is funded by a grant from the Department of Justice, alternatives to drug abuse and gangs have been introduced. One of the most successful approaches has been the mural painting project, according to Callejo.

"Our philosophy is based on the belief that the arts have a unique power to engage and motivate youth," said Callejo. "Students in our program have expanded their personal skills and resources, and have developed self-confidence and self-reliance, thereby assimilating an independent thinker attitude," he said.

The mural dedication ceremony will also include international displays by members of UTEP's International Student Ambassadors organization, music, culturally diverse food preparations, and presentation of honored guests.



**TWO YEARS IN THE MAKING — The *Four Directions*, a mural painted by Canutillo High School students will be unveiled to the public at 5:30 p.m., Friday, Oct. 17, at Canutillo Elementary School, 651 Canutillo Avenue.**

## Outstanding hot checks and traffic tickets will warrant police visit

EL PASO COUNTY — Sheriff Leo Samaniego and County Attorney José R. Rodríguez have announced that there will be a County Wide Hot Check Sweep and Traffic Roundup in October conducted by El Paso County Sheriff Deputies, El Paso County Constables and investigators from the El Paso County Attorney's Office.

These peace officers will be arresting hot check writers and those who have unpaid traffic tickets. This combined effort will be known as Operation "PAIN" (Pay — Avoid Incarceration Now).

County Attorney José R. Rodríguez indicated, "If you have written a hot check, there may be a warrant with your name on it. Now is the time to pay or face criminal prosecution. Even more checks are currently under review for filing," stated Rodríguez, "New warrants are being prepared on a daily basis."

"Citizens of El Paso County have ignored at least 11,000 unpaid traffic tickets and over 5,000 theft-by-check warrants. These offenders can avoid the embarrassment of

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## Meet and greet HCFD on Oct. 11

By Michelle Farley  
Special to the Courier

HORIZON CITY — The Horizon City Fire Department is inviting residents and visitors of all ages to join them on Oct. 11 at Horizon Vista Grocery for the 2003 Fire Prevention Week "Meet and Greet".

Fire Prevention Week is Oct. 5-11 this year. The HCFD is joining forces with other fire departments, schools and safety groups across North America to reinforce a simple, but lifesaving message during Fire Prevention Week: "When Fire Strikes: Get Out! Stay Out!"

"This Meet and Greet is suitable for singles, families and people of all ages," said Allen R. Keys, HCFD Fire Chief. "Our primary objective is to reach out to the public with information they can use to stay safe from fire, but we want them to have fun, too."

Attendees can look forward to fire and life safety information for adults and children, food, emergency equipment displays, and information from other local emergency organizations.

"We know that at least 80 percent of all fire deaths typically take place in the home, so we'll be focusing our outreach on home fire safety," Keys added. "If the public takes away nothing else from this, we want them to remember three things: They need working smoke alarms on every level; they need to plan and practice a home fire drill; and if fire strikes, they need to get out and stay out, until we say it's safe for them to go back inside."

Joining the HCFD and NFPA in the Fire Prevention Week effort are Pella Corporation and the Home Safety Council, organizations that are underwriting an educational outreach program through Weekly Reader reaching more than 9 million students in kindergarten through grade three.

For more information about Fire Prevention Week, log on to the official Web site: <http://www.firepreventionweek.org>.





# One perspective

By Francis Shrum

## Freedom of listening

Last week was not a good one for Rush Limbaugh.

The right-wing political commentator wandered out of the stands and onto the sports field and was run over by a herd of highly offended athletes and broadcasters. The media sensed blood in the water and gathered like

the sharks they are.

Limbaugh made his own bed, so I don't really feel too badly that he's going to have a few sleepless nights.

But he did make a rather telling statement during this whole mess when he spoke to a group of broadcasters. In essence, he said that free speech is an illusion — that a person

in this country may not truly speak his opinion without punitive consequences.

Well, he was right. And like the Dixie Chicks, Trent Lott, and a host of other folks who slipped and spoke their true feelings, Limbaugh is going to have to bear the brunt of it.

So it goes. So has this become the rules of a game so terribly derailed from its original purpose and spirit.

Free speech is a good thing.

When a person speaks his or her mind, you can discern pretty quickly who is wise and who is a fool, who is worth listening to and who is wasting your time.

I'm glad Rush Limbaugh says what he thinks. That's why I quit lis-

tening to him a long time ago and why a whole lot of other people who agree with him can turn their dials to his call number daily.

I'm equally glad that Trent Lott said what he thought. It didn't change my opinion of him one bit.

Even the Chicks' chirping, like a mouse cursing an eagle, didn't bother me. In fact, it confirmed some of my earlier opinions about the trio based simply on their so-called country music and their sense of style, if you could call it that.

Free speech is, yes, a very a good thing.

In fact, I'd much rather a person would say what they really think so I wouldn't have to go around wonder-

ing whether what I see is really what I'm going to get.

Unfortunately, free speech isn't free anymore. When a person speaks their mind these days, all those opposed rise up in righteous indignation and demand an apology.

Political correctness has become the ugly and deceitful stand-in for civility.

Somewhere along the line we replaced common courtesy with this stupid idea that we are supposed to smile and agree with every kind of perverted idea and behavior lest we offend someone.

I know this is not a politically correct statement, but that's a bunch of hogwash.

Now, don't get me wrong. I'm not advocating bad manners. Nothing says that disagreement must be disagreeable.

People who think that today's universities are bastions of free exchange of ideas had better think again. Political correctness has stood in for civility so long now that a person who chooses to voice an idea that flies in the face of current liberal ideology is likely to be booed off the stage in the rudest of manner — and then be accused of rudeness.

Nowadays it's not enough for some people to announce to the world their most private personal preferences. No, advocates of this type of free speech then demand that you *agree* with them. You'd better smile, nod, hire and provide legal protection for them, or else.

Nowadays it's not enough for some people to desire to protect and preserve the earth. No, they want you to *agree* with — and even participate in — some of the most goof-ball ideas about land, vegetation and wildlife management. Otherwise they'll come spray paint ugly slogans on your SUV in the night like a cowardly coyote.

Oops, sorry, Coyote, I hope I didn't offend you.

Freedom of speech was intended to give those who disagree with the

# Bonilla returns from Iraq trip

WASHINGTON, D.C. — U.S. Representative Henry Bonilla returned late Monday night from a weekend trip to Iraq. Bonilla was part of a Congressional delegation led by the Defense Appropriations Subcommittee. It was the largest delegation to visit Iraq since the commencement of Operation Iraqi Freedom.

"This has been an amazing trip and an significant experience," said Bonilla. "I am proud to have been among the first to visit the new 'free Iraq.'"

Bonilla visited with U.S. and Coalition officials, members of the Iraqi Governing Council and made several site visits and tours. Bonilla also met with officials from the Coalition Provisional Authority (CPA) and members of the U.S. military command in Baghdad. CPA officials briefed the members on the status of the security situation in Iraq and the progress of Iraqi self-governance.

Delegation members visited a mass grave site outside of Baghdad in Al Hillah. Coalition forces have found several similar sites in the country where thousands are buried,



**Congressman Bonilla (left) holds a press conference following the tour of an Iraq hospital. Bonilla is joined by Chairman Jerry Lewis and other delegation members.**

including women and children. In Baghdad, the delegation visited the Al Doura power plant where they surveyed the dilapidated conditions of the plant which suffered decades of neglect under the former regime. Coalition forces have been working with Iraqi officials to rehabilitate and increase the electrical production at the plant.

"There are great advances, but it

is important to note that this is a nation devastated from the effects of a ruthless leader. Their hospitals, electrical systems and infrastructure are practically non-existent. It is essential we fund President Bush's request for reconstruction requirements," said Bonilla.

The purpose of the trip was to conduct oversight on the Administration's recent supple-

mental request for \$87 billion to fund military operations and reconstruction activities in Iraq and Afghanistan. Bonilla is a senior member of the Defense and Foreign Operations Appropriations Committees, which will oversee all the military and reconstruction funding.

"Rebuilding Iraq is about eliminating an outlaw government that has served as a haven to terrorism," said Bonilla. "If we can build an Iraq that works we have the ability to destroy the seeds of hatred that have been growing there for years."

The trip also consisted of several visits with military forces on the ground. "Of course, none of this would be possible without the undaunting support of our military. The men and women of our armed services are doing a tremendous job. They are putting their lives on the line every day and we owe them a huge debt of thanks. It was an honor to meet with each of them," said Bonilla.

Bonilla and the Appropriations Committee will begin overseeing the President's reconstruction request immediately.

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## Reyes Reports

By U.S. Rep. Silvestre Reyes

# Disabled veterans tax is unfair to reduction in benefits

Over 5,300 disabled veterans in El Paso are denied the concurrent receipt of their full military retirement benefits and service-connected disability compensation. These veterans are unfairly subject to the Disabled Veterans Tax — the federal government's practice of reducing disabled veterans' retirement pay by the amount they receive in disability pay.

For the disabled veterans in El Paso, the approximately 62,500 eligible veterans in the state of Texas, and the approximately 700,000 disabled veterans across the nation, this is a huge problem.

My Texas Democratic colleagues in Congress and I — along with many other members of Congress on both sides of the aisle — have been fighting for concurrent receipt for years. At our request, the House Committee on Government Reform compiled a congressional report entitled "The

Disabled Veterans Tax Impacts Thousands of Veterans in Texas." The findings of this report are grim:

- The Disabled Veterans Tax costs Texas \$32.1 million each month in lost disability benefits. This is equivalent to \$386 million annually.
- On a per-veteran basis, the Disabled Veterans Tax costs each of the 65,229 impacted veterans in Texas an average of \$5,910 annually.
- The average retired veteran in Texas receives retirement benefits of approximately \$18,250 annually. The Disabled Veterans Tax reduces benefits for affected veterans in the state by an estimated 24-percent.

We have presented these findings to our congressional colleagues and the Bush Administration to illustrate the impact the Disabled Veterans Tax has on our state's veterans. Last year, both the House of Representatives and Senate included elimination of the tax in the fiscal year 2003 Defense Authorization bill. House and Senate conferees — who decide the

final language of the bill — however, abandoned this effort and opted to include "special pay."

"Special pay" is a very limited form of concurrent receipt. It is available to a very select group of veterans. Veterans who were awarded a Purple Heart medal and suffer from at least 10-percent disability, or those who suffer from at least 60-percent disability are eligible for this pay.

Only 35,000 of the 700,000 disabled veterans across the nation receive this "special pay." Clearly, this is unfair.

President Bush has stated that he will veto any legislation Congress passes that ends the Disabled Veterans Tax; however, my colleagues and I are hard at work again this year to deliver to our nation's veterans the benefits they have rightfully earned. I have co-sponsored many pieces of legislation reinstating concurrent receipt since being elected to Congress

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View from here

By Jim Pendell, Clint ISD Board

# Clint superintendent and staff lauded for tax break and financial accountability

Last month marked the first year anniversary of Dr. Donna Smith’s arrival as superintendent of the Clint Independent School District. At the September school board meeting, the Clint Board of Trustees celebrated the occasion by voting unanimously to extend Dr. Smith’s contract through September of 2006.

In citing her outstanding performance as superintendent of schools during her first year, I expressed the board’s appreciation and gratitude for Dr. Smith’s leadership by saying, “If there was a rating available from TEA for Mastery of School Finance, our superintendent would definitely receive an exemplary rating.” Her dedication to fiscal responsibility, along with her keen understanding of school district operations, has benefited Clint ISD tremendously. In one short year, our superintendent and her staff have made giant strides toward restoring our district to financial soundness. For the first year in several years, a deficit budget was not recommended for approval by the board of trustees.

To illustrate the progress that has been made during the past year, consider the following accomplishments:

- To begin with, Dr. Smith has found a way to trim district spending by \$1.2 million for the 2003-2004 school year. This was accomplished by reorganizing the staff, and making strategic changes in program spending based on priorities. She also managed to find a way to give all of our teachers and administrators an average salary increase of six percent. This increase was added on to an already competitive salary schedule within Region 19.
- Besides the pay raise given to our teachers, the Clint District has maintained its insurance premiums while increasing benefits. The district currently pays approximately 89 percent of the premium. This is a huge ac-

complishment in education today, and a benefit that very few districts in Texas can claim to provide. The district is also off-setting the loss of the TRS supplement, by absorbing the difference from local funds in the form of a retention stipend.

- In addition to improving salaries, Dr. Smith will be able to put \$1.5 million in the bank, into the district’s reserve fund balance, which had become inadequate, over the past few years. This \$1.5 million is nearly a \$2 million increase over the previous year’s contribution, and was an important factor contributing to the exceptionnly good bond rating that Clint ISD received earlier this year.
- To add the finishing touch, our superintendent also found a way to give our citizens some much-needed tax relief by recommending to the board a reduction in property taxes fro \$1.79 to \$1.72. This tax rate, although still hefty, is vital in order for our district to continue to maximize the state funding it receives from Austin. The \$1.72 is especially significant however, because it is below the amount that the citizens were told it would be two years ago, before the passage of our historic bond issue.

Way to go, Dr. Smith and staff! What more could the school board have asked for? More has been accomplished financially than the school board or any of the financial analysts thought possible. This was only the first year of a plan that has been put into place to help Clint be proactive, the future light of the financial difficulties that the state of Texas is currently experiencing. Enough cannot be said about the positive financial trends taking place in Clint ISD today.

It is important for the citizens of Clint ISD to understand how fortunate we are to have a superintendent like Dr. Smith, and a board of trustees, who work together without hesi-

tation for the benefit of the students. In an era when student achievement is constantly in the news, it is important to remember the accomplishments of our teachers and administrators. Dr. Smith, in one year, has helped the Clint ISD set a new foundation for financial accountability. She and her staff certainly deserve a lot of credit for their hard work and perseverance. This emphasis on instructional ef-

iciency, along with the high priority that Clint ISD places on attracting highly qualified teachers will undoubtedly make Clint ISD the employer of choice in West Texas, for many years to come.

## NOTICE TO PUBLIC OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT ON THE ENVIRONMENT AND NOTICE OF INTENT TO REQUEST RELEASE OF FUNDS

Village of Vinton

436 E. Vinton Road

Vinton, Texas 79821

West Texas County Courier

October 9, 2003

### TO: All Interested Agencies, Groups and Persons:

Seventeen (17) days after this publication, the Village of Vinton, Texas intends to request the Office of Rural and Community Affairs (ORCA) to release Federal funds under Title 1 of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974 (P.L. 93-383) for Project No. 723-849.

### Environmental Assessment Activities

The Village of Vinton proposes to use TCD funds to finance the proposed water system improvements. Activity to be undertaken is installation of approximately 4,400 LF of 8” PVC line, approximately 11 gate valves, approximately 7 fire hydrants, and approximately 32 meters and service connections. Construction will take place along Kiely Road from Vinton Road 4,400 LF south to the municipal limits. Engineering for design has commenced on July 15, 2003.

### Finding of No Significant Impact

It has been determined that such a request of release of funds will not constitute an action significantly affecting the quality of the human environment and accordingly the Village of Vinton has decided not to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (P.L. 91-190). The reason for such a decision not to prepare such a Statement is based upon the fact that all environmental concerns could either be minimized or mitigated.

An Environmental Review Record for the proposed project has been made by the Village of Vinton which documents the environmental review of the project and more fully sets forth the reasons why such a statement is not required. The Environmental Review Record is on file at the Office of Community Development, Village of Vinton, 436 E. Vinton Road, Vinton, Texas 79821, and is available for public examination and copying upon request between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m., Monday through Thursday; and Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon.

### Public Comments on Findings

All interested agencies, groups and persons, disagreeing with this decision are invited to submit written comments for consideration by the Village of Vinton to the address as set forth above. Such written comments must be received at the addressed specified within sixteen (16) days after this publication. All such comments so received will be considered and the Village will not request the release of funds or take administrative action on the project prior to the date specified in the proceeding sentence.

### Release of Funds

The Village of Vinton will undertake the activities described above the Community Development Block Grant Funds under the Title 1 from its Program Year 2003 under grant numbered 723-849 from the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974. The Village of Vinton is certifying to ORCA that Mr. Antonio Castro, Sr. in his official capacity as Mayor consents to accept the jurisdiction of the Federal Courts if an action is brought to enforce responsibilities in relation to environmental reviews, decision-making and action; and that these responsibilities have been satisfied. The legal effect of the certification is that upon its approval, the Village of Vinton may use the Block Grant funds and it will have satisfied its responsibilities under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969. ORCA will accept an objection to its approval only on one or more of the bases and the procedures described in 24 CFR Part 58.75. Objections are to be addressed to the Office of Rural Community Affairs, P.O. Box 12877 Austin, Texas 78711.

Objections to the release of funds on bases other than those stated above will not be considered by the ORCA. No objections received later than thirty-three (33) days after this publication will be considered by ORCA.

Hon. Antonio Castro, Sr., Mayor

Village of Vinton

436 E. Vinton Road

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# Montwood High student both punctual and lucky

**AWARD FOR BEING THERE** — Montwood High School sophomore Norma Reyes (right) has a perfect school attendance record so far this year, and Principal Phil Hatch congratulated her Sept. 24 for being the lucky winner of a bookshelf stereo sound system. Reyes' name was drawn from a pool of 435 other Montwood students who also achieved perfect attendance during the first six weeks of the 2002-2004 school year. Her secret? "My mom always wakes me up!"



# Telescope funded

Congressman Henry Bonilla has announced \$3.25 million in funding for the McDonald Observatory — known as the CCD Transit Instrument (CTI) — from New Mexico to McDonald Observatory in Ft. Davis. Locating CTI at McDonald Observatory rather than creating a new site for it will be a cost-saver, because it will take advantage of McDonald's infrastructure of skilled personnel, roads, and electricity. At McDonald Observatory, the telescope will also benefit from the darkest night skies in the continental U.S. for astronomical research. The funding will also provide major upgrades to the Hobby-Eberly Telescope (HET), one of the world's largest telescopes. The web site is [www.institutedc.org](http://www.institutedc.org), and the information number is (202) 478-0481.

# Clint celebrates Homecoming this week with parade, game and dance

**By Shanai Stallings**  
*Special to the Courier*

**CLINT** — Clint High School kicked off this year's Homecoming events on Oct. 6, with a western theme entitled "'Til the Cows (Lions) Come Home-Coming." Each day of this week is a different dress up day. The Clint High School Homecoming parade will be on Thursday, Oct. 9, at 5:30 p.m. Various clubs, classes, and organizations from throughout the community will be participating in this annual event. The parade will congregate at the CHS parking lot and continue on to Alameda Avenue, progressing throughout the town. There will also be a pep rally on Friday, Oct. 10 during the school day. Students are encouraged to dress up and show their spirit and pride in Clint High School. On Friday night, the Lions will be playing the San Elizario Eagles for the Homecoming football game at 7:30 p.m. The community is invited to come out and support these teams! The Homecoming court and Outstanding Ex will be presented during half time. The following day, Saturday, Oct. 11, CHS will be dancing the night away at the annual Homecoming dance, from 8 p.m. to midnight. CHS Student Council, band, football team, cheerleaders, and various other organizations have been working tirelessly to make these events possible.

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# Write stuff

**Dear Editor:**

While attending City of Socorro regular council meeting Oct. 2, 2003, as the meeting opened the attorney requested that item 18 be moved from the regular agenda and placed in the executive (closed) session and that the executive session begin at once. This was about 6:40 p.m. Council approved.

Three hours later, the council returned to the regular agenda. I think that action was taken to discourage persons that wanted to speak on various items of the regular agenda and cause them to leave, and most of them did.

I also believe that there is abuse of the executive session by including items that do not qualify.

Some time ago a \$4,000 piece of street department equipment was stolen but it was not reported for some time. Was anyone held accountable for the loss of this large item? This sounds like an inside job to me.

To the mayor, please do everything you can to get the Attorney General or FBI to investigate and/or audit the situation in Socorro.

I feel that there is abuse of power going on and the job can only be done by someone *outside of El Paso County*.

**Don Davisson**  
**Socorro**

# Sepulveda

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was a pleasant welcome. John Eric, son of Alice Apodaca, was seven or eight years old at the time," he remembers. "At the Clint fiesta this year I ran into John Eric, now an adult, and I realized how many years have gone by.

"During these past 20 years in Clint I have met a lot of people and made many friends. Many special moments will be with me forever. Kiddo Fenter and Bobby Jones were daily visitors in my early years with many a story told by both.

"I would like to thank all of those that provided support to us, to my whole family. I will still be residing in Clint. I hope to continue renewing friendships in Fabens and making new friends. I will continue my practice of supporting the community where I work and the community where I live.

"As in Clint I will be active in school functions. My first project for Fabens is to enter a float in this year's Homecoming parade," he said.

The float will be constructed after working hours by friends and family including clerks David Estrada and Maria Lewis. Sue Winter, relief clerk, will also assist.

"Another project I have started is having small classes for the businesses in the area on how to use the Postal Service to help their business grow. In these small classes I will teach how to use certified mail, delivery confirmation. Express Mail, how to use electronic postage, how to use our web site to track shipments and to take advantage of free shipping products.," he said.

The classes will be at the post office and notices will be sent out concerning dates and time classes will be held.

Sepulveda's booster spirit then begins to show through again: "On Fridays, the Fabens Post Office staff will wear blue and gold, the Fabens ISD school colors," he said.

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being arrested in their homes, at their jobs or in the other public places,” said Sheriff Samaniego, “by voluntarily complying with the terms of their outstanding warrants.”

The El Paso County Traffic Task Force, consisting of the El Paso County Sheriff’s Office and the Constables of El Paso County, will target individuals with outstanding warrants by conducting both announced (like Operation PAIN) and unannounced roundups. The Task Force is prepared to conduct major bi-annual warrant roundups. Law enforcement personnel will continue to focus on outstanding warrants throughout the year as a result of an organized plan adopted by the El Paso County Constables, the El Paso County Sheriff’s Office, and the County Attorney’s Office.

Individuals with outstanding warrants are encouraged to avoid arrest by paying tickets, fees and/or restitution immediately. Hot check payments should be made by money order at the County Attorney’s Office on the 5th floor of the El Paso County Courthouse, room 503, 500 East San Antonio. The Hot Check Department windows are open from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. For further information on hot checks call 546-2051. Anyone with an unpaid traffic ticket should immediately contact the court that issued the ticket.

Listening

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status quo the opportunity to say so without being tossed in jail. Period. And as with so many other issues, we only glimpse the middle of the road as we skid from one ditch to the other.

We’d be better off finding a more balanced way to deal with those of different opinion — like walking away, hitting the “off” button, putting down the paper, changing the channel, closing the book — or ejecting the CD.

The best way to handle freedom of speech is to exercise our freedom of listening.

Reyes

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in 1997. The most recent is the Retired Pay Restoration Act of 2003. If voted into law, this Act would fully eliminate the Disabled Veterans Tax for all retired veterans with at least 20 years of service — therefore increasing benefits for all 5,309 El Paso disabled veterans highlighted in our report.

When I was first elected to Congress, I established a “Veterans Citizens Advisory Panel,” or VetCAP, consisting of veterans in the El Paso community. Many of the 5,309 veterans in El Paso are subject to the Disabled Veterans Tax. The VetCAP has remained active to this day and its input has been tremendously valuable when dealing with veterans issues before Congress. On their behalf and on behalf of those across the country who sacrificed their lives for our country, rest assured that I will not give up my fight for concurrent receipt until every veteran receives what he or she has rightfully earned.

Canutillo ISD board recognizes teachers, approves new high school colors

By Don Woodyard  
Courier Staff Writer

CANUTILLO — It was a night of recognitions at a “colorful” Sept. 17 meeting of the board of trustees of the Canutillo Independent School District.

Two district employees, Lorena Salas and Lily Maldonado, were honored for their achievements.

The board recognized Salas, a third-grade teacher at Childress Elementary, for being selected Texas Association of Bilingual Educators (TABE) Teacher of the Year. She will represent the state in upcoming national competition.

Superintendent Charles Hart named Maldonado to receive the Exemplary Employee Award. In presenting the award he said she exemplifies the best in the Canutillo school district. She is a teaching assistant working with the Creative Education Institute. He pointed out that she has a full-time job, is raising a family, actively participates in district activities and is also pursuing a college

degree.

A third teacher, Kyann McMillie, a second-grade teacher and reading specialist at Canutillo Elementary, will be recognized at an upcoming board meeting.

Alfredo Vasquez, the district’s public information officer, said she will be interviewed Oct. 11 for Texas Elementary Teacher of the Year. McMillie is Region 19 Elementary Teacher of the Year.

The board approved the proposed color scheme for the new high school.

When completed, motorists along I-10 will see an off-white exterior surface on the buildings. They will be connected by what architect Sergio Martinez describes as a 12-inch single line orange “spine” along the exterior surface.

Bold, earth colors will mark the interior color scheme. They will be blues, oranges and terra cotta. Martinez said the colors are designed to provide a “learning environment, a sense of cleanliness” for students.

Overall, the new high school, he added, will both blend with its sur-

roundings yet contrast with the mountains.

Grading of the worksite is almost completed and laying the foundations is expected to begin this month. The final design plans are expected to be completed by the end of November.

Dr. John Kessinger, assistant superintendent for operations and planning, reported on the new housing development proposal within the

school district. The plan was presented to the El Paso Development Board Coordinating Committee.

The new development, proposed by the Hunt Corp., is Rancho Las Lomas and would be located east of I-10 along the new Resler Blvd. There would be 712 acres set aside for residential construction and 600 acres for commercial and industrial development.

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

Anthony ISD will hold a public hearing at 6:00 PM, Tuesday, October 21, 2003, in the Board Room located in the Anthony Middle School, 610 Sixth Street, Anthony Texas.

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# Limbaugh was suffering from a bad case of foot in mouth disease

By Steve Escajeda  
Special to the Courier

I've been listening to Rush Limbaugh on and off for the last 15 years and although I don't always agree with him, I've always found him entertaining and thought-provoking.

I do agree with some of what he

says, especially when he says the government should help poor people get back on their feet, and not pay for their existence for the rest of their lives. How does that help anyone?

And all the people that simply refuse to listen to Limbaugh do a dis-service to themselves. Closing one's eyes and ears to differing opinions only helps to make one just that more ignorant.

Anyway, having said that, it seems that Limbaugh, who I truly do not believe is a racist, did something stupid.

During the airing of the Sunday NFL Countdown pre-game show a couple weeks ago, Limbaugh made the assertion that Philadelphia Eagles quarterback Donovan McNabb was overrated.

And Limbaugh is right — McNabb

has been lucky to be on a team with tremendous defense. The Eagles are always able to grind out 17-13 wins because of that "D."

But why Rush had to include any comments about the fact that McNabb is black is incomprehensible. He said the media wants to see a black quarterback succeed. And the media does seem to want McNabb to succeed but I've never even considered that the reason is race.

Why would it be? There are so many black quarterbacks in the league and so many of them are great.

Should Limbaugh have resigned, like he did immediately did after the comment? Probably not.

We have this double-standard in America where a minority, and being Hispanic makes me one, can say whatever they want about a white person. But a white person doesn't get that same pass.

It's wrong, and being Hispanic, I resent it. It says that because I am lesser than someone else, I am allowed more leeway. It's wrong and hypocritical.

All people should be treated the same and the only factor that should be taken into account is their character and ability.

That's why Limbaugh has received so much heat — he crossed the line and blamed things on race.

It's the same as when Johnnie Cochran, or Jessie Jackson or Al Sharpton, take every opportunity to play the race card when it's in their

favor to do so.

Rush Limbaugh did something that he rarely, if ever, does. He didn't think before opening his mouth. And he's paying a hefty price for it.

## Deep pockets

He's your frivolous lawsuit of the day.

Clueless juries in this country are to blame for handing out ridiculous amounts of money to anyone who can think up a reason to sue someone else. Especially if the someone else has a lot of money.

You have to feel for the Ball State University student that was paralyzed when the goal post fell on him after students climbed on them after an upset victory in 2001.

The post snapped under the pressure and fell on Andrew Bourne, breaking his back.

Now Bourne is suing the goal post manufacturer.

I know this is not a laughing matter but it took all my strength not to fall off my chair when I saw what his attorney, Scott Montross, said about the incident.


"All we want for [the manufacturer] to do is build goal posts that don't snap and that don't come crashing down on people," Montross said. "There are all kinds of technological and economical options out there for them."

What a swell guy. He's only considering you and I, or anyone that goes out onto the field and tears down the goal post after an important victory.

It's nice to hear from an attorney that isn't even concerned about his paycheck.




Why doesn't Bourne sue all the people that actually climbed onto the posts and forced them down? Why was Bourne on the field after the game in the first place? Why can't people take responsibility for their own actions?

If you put yourself in a certain situation, then you have to deal with the consequences and stop looking for others to blame — for a quick buck.



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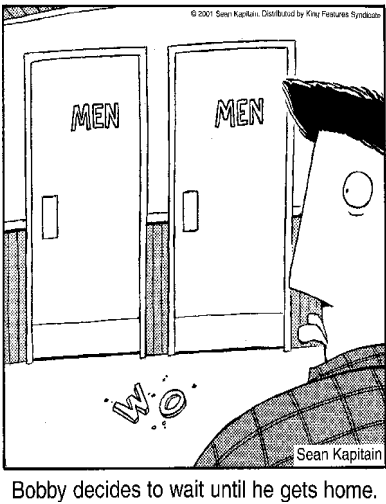
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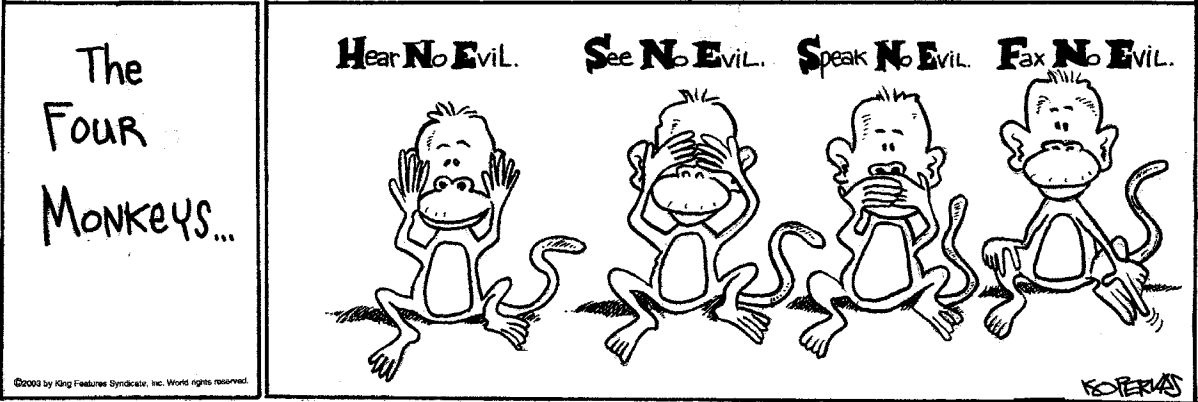
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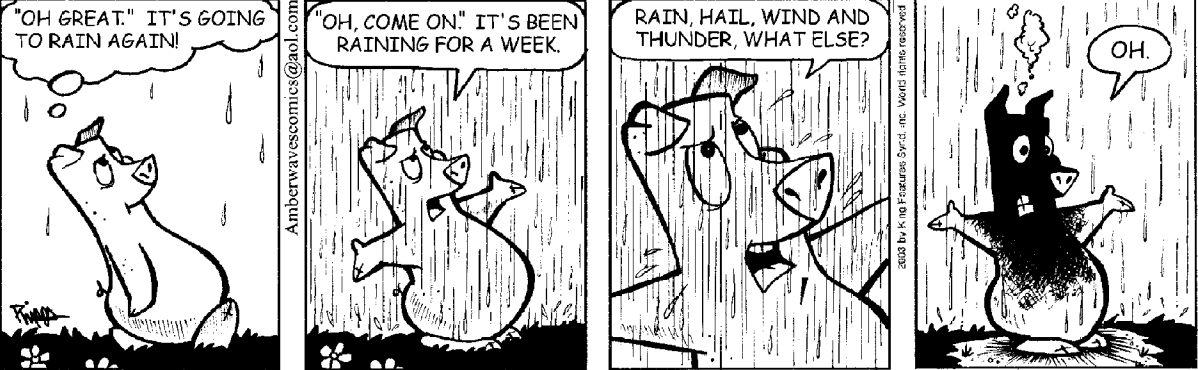
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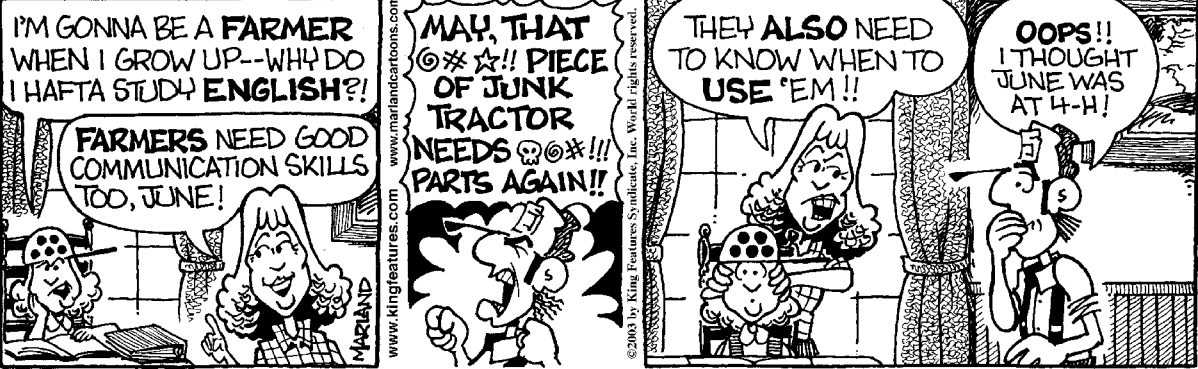
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Know thyself – or not

By Don Flood

What's great about personality tests is that you can learn something about yourself.

Unfortunately, that doesn't make up for what's bad about personality tests — namely that you can learn something about yourself.

You might suddenly discover, for instance, that you have a latent interest in being a mime or an accordion player, leading to one of those ugly scenes where the doctor talks to your wife as if you're not there in the same room:

DOCTOR: Your husband *should* be able to lead a normal life — at least as normal as can be expected considering how seriously ill he is — but you must accept that he will need to be on medication for the rest of his life and he must refrain from social situations where accordions may be present.

WIFE: But, doctor, we've been invited to a wedding, and there's going to be polka music!

DOCTOR: I'm very sorry, but until we see how he responds to the medication, any form of polka dancing or music is out of the question. But consider yourself lucky. We still have no clinically proven way to treat suppressed mimes.

Once I saw a personality test designed to tell if you were happy.

I was tempted to take it, but figured there was no percentage.

I already thought I was happy. What if I took the test and found out I wasn't?

DOCTOR: I'm sorry, but your husband is suffering from a severe case of Personality Test Disorder, brought on by the realization that he wasn't as happy as he thought he was.

WIFE: Is it treatable?

DOCTOR: Of course. In addition to putting the patient on medication for the rest of his life, we often recommend polka music — though, unfortunately, that's not possible considering your husband's other condition.

One recent study purports to assess your personality type by how you sleep.

According to this study, I sleep in the "freefall" position, or on my stomach. People who sleep this way, said the article, tend to be "brash" and "gregarious."

Right off, I didn't like the term "freefall." It conjured up images of jumping out of a plane.

I have occasionally plopped, rolled or even slid into bed, but I have no recollection of skydiving.

I also wasn't sure about "brash" and "gregarious."

The dictionary defines "brash" as "hasty and unthinking" and "lacking in sensitivity or tact."

Well, anybody who thinks I'm "hasty" or lacking in "sensitivity" and "tact" is obviously a complete moron, and I would happily slam him on the head with my unabridged dictionary.

I also wondered about "gregarious," which is defined as "seeking and enjoying the company of others; sociable."

Well, I suppose so, as long as they keep their mouth shut and they're not the kind of nincompoops who think I'm brash.

But then I thought, maybe I'm more gregarious in my sleep.

Perhaps I nod off and in my dreams become the life of the party — at least until I start playing the accordion.

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Social Security Q&A

By Ray Vigil

*Q: I am 70 years old and get a very small Social Security check. I am having a very hard time making ends meet. My arthritis has been so bad lately. I am wondering if I can get extra money through the Social Security disability program.*

A: I'm sorry, but after you're older than 65, there are no extra disability benefits that can be paid. But you should contact your local Social Security office and ask the staff about the Supplemental Security Income program. If

your income and assets are low enough, you might be due some extra monthly income through this program. And you would also get Medicaid benefits. Whether or not you qualify for SSI, the staff can also tell you about other programs in your area that provide help to low-income elderly people, including help with paying some or all of your Medicare expenses.

*Q: I have had a good salary for most of my adult life. I am 59 years old. And now, just as I'm approaching Social*

*Security retirement age, I find myself in a position where my salary will be cut in half. I am wondering what impact this will have on my Social Security checks. Is the estimate in my Social Security Statement still accurate?*

A: Your Social Security benefit will probably be slightly less than we are currently projecting it to be. But it probably won't be significantly less. Your Social Security benefit represents a percentage of your average wage using a 35-year base of earnings. With only a few years of reduced earnings near the end of your career, your average wage will be somewhat less than

it would have been had you kept making a high salary until you retired. But factored over 35 years, those few years of lower earnings probably will not reduce your Social Security benefit as much as you fear.

*Q: I turn 62 in a few years and plan to retire and take my Social Security. But I also will begin getting payments from my 401(k) account at that time. Will that prevent me from getting Social Security?*

A: No. There are restrictions on the amount of money you can "earn," but not on other income you have. If you







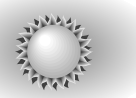
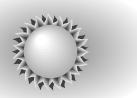
are younger than 65, in 2003, we must withhold \$1 from your Social Security benefits for every \$2 you earn over \$11,520. But that rule applies only to "earned" income (wages or self-employment income). It does not apply to pensions, savings, investments or other non-work income.

For more information visit your local Security office, see [www.ssa.gov](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, 1111 Gateway West, Attn: Ray Vigil, El Paso, Texas 79935.

WEATHER

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SEVEN-DAY FORECAST FOR EL PASO

| THURSDAY   | THUR. NIGHT   | FRIDAY  | SATURDAY  | SUNDAY  | MONDAY  | TUESDAY   | WEDNESDAY   |
|--|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Clouds, limited sun; a shower, thunderstorm.<br>▲ 78°                            | Mostly cloudy; perhaps a shower.<br>▼ 60°   | Clouds and sun; a thunderstorm possible.<br>▲ 80° ▼ 58°                           | Times of clouds and sun with a shower possible.<br>▲ 82° ▼ 56°                    | Clouds and some sun; there may be a shower around.<br>▲ 78° ▼ 52°                   | A mix of clouds and sunshine.<br>▲ 80° ▼ 54°  | Sunny to partly cloudy.<br>▲ 80° ▼ 54°  | Mostly sunny.<br>▲ 82° ▼ 52°  |

UV INDEX

Statistics for noon.

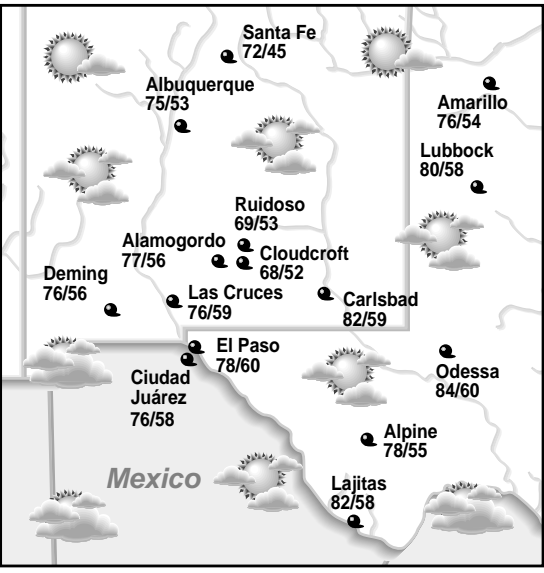
The higher the UV Index, the greater the need for eye and skin protection.

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|-----------|---|----------|
| Thursday  | 4 | Low      |
| Friday    | 5 | Moderate |
| Saturday  | 7 | High     |
| Sunday    | 5 | Moderate |
| Monday    | 7 | High     |
| Tuesday   | 8 | High     |
| Wednesday | 8 | High     |

TEXAS WEATHER

|              |    |    |
|--------------|----|----|
| Anthony      | 76 | 61 |
| Canutillo    | 77 | 62 |
| Clint        | 76 | 61 |
| E. Montana   | 78 | 60 |
| Fabens       | 76 | 61 |
| Horizon      | 77 | 62 |
| San Elizario | 74 | 59 |
| Socorro      | 77 | 59 |
| Tornillo     | 76 | 61 |
| Vinton       | 77 | 62 |

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        | 75/53/pc       | 75/52/c       | 75/52/pc      | 71/50/c       | 71/40/s       |
| Atlanta            | 76/58/pc       | 76/56/pc      | 76/58/pc      | 76/56/pc      | 74/54/s       |
| Atlantic City      | 72/57/c        | 66/57/c       | 67/57/c       | 69/48/c       | 67/46/s       |
| Austin/San Antonio | 83/66/pc       | 85/63/pc      | 87/64/pc      | 86/64/pc      | 85/61/pc      |
| Baltimore          | 71/56/c        | 67/56/c       | 67/56/c       | 67/53/c       | 66/46/s       |
| Boston             | 72/52/s        | 66/54/pc      | 64/56/c       | 64/54/c       | 63/48/s       |
| Chicago            | 79/58/s        | 79/54/s       | 70/46/pc      | 60/44/pc      | 59/39/c       |
| Dallas/Ft. Worth   | 80/67/pc       | 84/64/pc      | 86/64/pc      | 82/65/pc      | 80/59/c       |
| Denver             | 82/49/pc       | 75/45/pc      | 64/43/pc      | 71/45/s       | 67/25/s       |
| Flagstaff          | 72/41/pc       | 72/38/pc      | 70/36/pc      | 63/35/c       | 62/29/s       |
| Houston            | 86/68/pc       | 86/66/pc      | 88/66/pc      | 86/66/pc      | 84/66/pc      |
| Kansas City        | 76/55/c        | 78/57/s       | 74/51/c       | 66/48/s       | 68/44/pc      |
| Las Vegas          | 92/64/s        | 87/62/pc      | 84/62/pc      | 84/60/s       | 84/64/s       |
| Miami              | 88/75/pc       | 86/74/pc      | 87/73/c       | 85/73/pc      | 86/74/s       |
| Minneapolis        | 75/52/pc       | 73/49/pc      | 70/42/pc      | 62/41/s       | 57/33/c       |
| New Orleans        | 84/65/pc       | 82/66/pc      | 83/66/pc      | 83/64/pc      | 81/62/s       |
| New York City      | 73/58/s        | 67/55/c       | 68/55/c       | 69/56/c       | 63/50/s       |
| Philadelphia       | 74/58/pc       | 68/56/c       | 68/58/c       | 68/56/c       | 67/52/s       |
| Phoenix            | 92/71/pc       | 92/70/pc      | 90/70/pc      | 88/68/s       | 87/62/s       |
| Portland           | 60/48/sh       | 62/48/pc      | 62/52/pc      | 62/50/r       | 65/50/pc      |
| San Francisco      | 72/55/pc       | 69/55/pc      | 69/55/pc      | 68/55/s       | 72/59/s       |
| Seattle            | 56/46/r        | 60/46/pc      | 58/50/c       | 59/49/r       | 60/47/pc      |
| Tucson             | 85/66/c        | 88/64/pc      | 88/62/pc      | 86/60/s       | 84/60/s       |
| Washington, DC     | 70/58/c        | 68/56/c       | 66/56/c       | 66/54/c       | 69/53/s       |

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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