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# **NEWSBRIEFS**

### Washington bound

With the end of the school year behind him, Americas High School student Aaron Villarreal isn't quite used to saying he's a

"junior" in high school yet but there's another reason he won't forget the summer of 2004. Villarreal is one of 350 students from around the country selected to participate in the National Young Leaders Conference, sponsored



by the Congressional Youth Leadership Council June 21-July 1 in Washington, D.C. "I am really excited about seeing how government works from the inside," Villarreal says, "And I'm eager to be in that environment the monuments, the historic buildings. It's an honor to be chosen to be part of the group." During the 10day seminar, Villarreal will meet with members of the executive, legislative and judicial branches of government and journalists at the National Press Club. He'll also participate in role-playing activities such as If I Were President and Model Congress. CYLC a nonprofit, nonpartisan educational organization founded in 1985 to foster leadership in young people.

### Going to Salt Lake City

Richard Jeffery, speech and drama teacher at Canutillo High School has been named

a Diamond Key Coach through the National Forensic League. Jeffery will receive special recognition at the National Speech Tournament, which will be held June 13-18, in Salt Lake City, Utah. Diamond Key Coaches earn their



distinction by receiving points through their students' achievements. On attaining a total of 1,500 points, coaches are entitled to wear a diamond-set NFL key or pin; additional diamonds accrue at 3,000, 6,000, 10,000, and each 3,000 points thereafter. Jeffery's students earned over 15,000 credit points, thereby earning Jeffery the 1,500 points needed to earn his first diamond. Jeffery has taught at CHS for the past 14 years. He teaches speech and drama, as well as theatre arts classes. His students have received numerous awards throughout his stay at CHS. As advisor for the One Act Play troupe, his students' have advanced in district competition for the past eleven consecutive years, as well as advancing in area competition a total of nine times. The National Forensic League

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Having a big car doesn't always mean you money — it may mean you once had money.

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# Horizon passes residential building moratorium

By Rick Shrum Courier Staff Writer

Horizon City's council passed a 120 day residential building moratorium on June 8. Tuesday evening's decision passed by a vote of five to two, with Art Borst and Walter Miller voting no. The item again sparked debate among council members and had seven people voice opposition to the moratorium. Lawsuits were again suggested against the town.

The issue surfaced publicly last week after some city officials decided the existing ordinance controlling residential building had a loophole in it and that developers were exploiting it. Horizon mayor, Diane Whittey, and others believed that developers were and would continue to sell off land along section lines to avoid footing the cost off building major thorough fares as required by code. Put simply, if a proposed subdivision includes one of these section lines or abuts it where a road is to be

built, the developer is responsible for the building the road.

During a Planning and Zoning Commission meeting in May, the Land of Texas — an Italy based development company with Chicago offices — applied for preliminary approval of phase one of a project in Horizon City. Some discussion ensued involving road access in and out of the proposed community, specifically who would build Antwerp Rd. Antwerp Rd., along with Eastlake Blvd., would serve as one of two access arteries for the eventual 1,177 lot subdivision and any other development around it. A conservative estimate puts construction costs of Antwerp at \$600,000.

Yolanda Genier, lawyer representing Land of Texas, explained to the commission that El Paso Electric owned the land and her client could not legally plat or develop it. Furthermore, it was her understanding that the electric company did not want traffic on Antwerp and only wanted to use it as an access road for its transmission lines. Her client's plan did in-

clude right-of-way roads across Antwerp to allow for connection to any future development in the next section.

The commission voted unanimously, on the recommendation of Horizon's attorney Robert Duron, to recommend that Horizon's council turn down the plat. Genier indicated that her client would keep their legal options open. Land of Texas' position was reconsidered and in a special meeting a week later, the plat passed to Horizon's council with a recommendation for approval.

Jeffrey Wright, a representative for Land of Texas, told the Courier unequivocally that his client did seek to exploit the existing ordinance. He said the Land of Texas did not begin planning their project until June of 2001 and that El Paso Electric approached them in 2000 to purchase the land for transmission lines.

Research of back issues of the Courier produced public notices published in the June 1 and June 8 issues of 2000 placed by El Paso Electric. In the notices, the land in question is clearly described as a proposed route for power

This incident prompted city officials to look at the ordinance regulating residential building. Horizon's attorney made a presentation to the council and the public during a special meeting on June 2. A document was presented to council and the public outlining the town's position. It cited §212.135(a) of Local Government Code which says a moratorium is justified by demonstrating a need to prevent a shortage of essential public facilities. In this instance street improvements (the need for new roads and road repair), according to Duron, is Horizon's justification.

However the document did not just cite roads. It listed water and wastewater facilities, police, the fire department and more. Also mentioned was an impact fee. Each of the entities mentioned told the Courier in public and/ or privately that they had ample facilities and personnel for the immediate future.

Horizon Regional MUD (water) had representatives tell the public in both the June 2 and 8 meetings that they were well funded and prepared to meet growth. Linda Troncoso told council, "We have \$45 million in bonds to upgrade the system. We're not hiding anything — don't use water/wastewater as an excuse." Board member Ken Osmond said the district could "meet needs for 20 years at a growth rate of 14-percent each year. Our system is rated superior by the state."

Steve Hambric, representing the Horizon Volunteer Fire Department, said, "We have one of the best departments in Texas - men and equipment. Don't use us as an excuse for a moratorium."

Every person that spoke, except former mayor Walt Lee, spoke against a moratorium. Speakers cited lawsuits, future bond ratings and interest rates, scaring off potential development, investors and business as reasons to vote no. Some went so far as to say the backers of the moratorium were not being straightforward.

Lee, speaking at the June 2 meeting said, "I commend whoever is responsible for this. All these guys have a profit motive for being here - you have to protect the people." He added, "Sometimes you have to stop. The guy creating the need should pay for it. You protect the

# Hero teacher honored by police

EAST EL PASO COUNTY — A Montwood Middle School teacher's quick thinking May 24 saved a group of students from an uncaring juvenile driver. As a result, the El Paso Police Department's Pebble Hills interim regional commander, Jerome Johnson, honored Carmenita Littlejohn with a coffee mug and a nomination for an award from the city's Chief of Police Richard Wiles.

"It takes a decent and honorable person to put their lives in jeopardy in order to save the lives of others," Johnson told Littlejohn and a crowd of students during a presentation in Littlejohn's classroom. "I don't know too many people who would have done what you did."

Littlejohn — coincidentally, the school's 2004 Teacher of the Year — and fellow sixthgrade teacher Christina Tapia were walking their sixth-grade students back from a field trip May 24. They had just crossed the intersection of Saul Kleinfeld and Rufus Brijalba streets.

"We had just entered the park," Littlejohn says. "She (the female driver) was coming toward us at high speed and she decided to turn right. Her car started skidding sideways, towards us. The front tire jumped the curb and the wheel rim came off and hit some of our students, and that's when I just started pushing our kids out of the way. I fell and hit my head. The driver's car came within about two feet of us, and then just took off.'

Student Armando Reves heard Tapia vell, "Get the license number!" and did so, writing it on his forearm. "And the sad thing about it



**LOOKING AFTER OTHERS — EPPD Interim Regional Commander-Pebble Hills Jerome Johnson thanks Montwood Middle School** teacher Carmenita Littlejohn.

was the two people in the car were laughing about it," Littlejohn says, adding that while some students were shaken, the incident could have been much worse. The police received the license plate number via the 911 emergency system and arrested a juvenile female driver shortly after the incident.

# Candy tested for lead

TDH releases test results on Mexican candy

AUSTIN — Texas Department of Health States Food and Drug Administration (FDA). (TDH) laboratory tests for lead in 38 candy and snack products imported from Mexico that contain powdered chili found no lead levels that exceeded federally established regulatory

Of 38 products tested, small amounts of lead were found in 11, but all were below a 0.5 partsper-million (or milligrams-per-kilogram) maximum acceptable level established by the United

No lead was detected in the other 27 prod-

ucts, though TDH officials said trace amounts could have been present at levels too low to register in the laboratory tests.

Small amounts of lead were detected in: Paletas Elchavo with chili powder (0.0856 parts per million), Rebanaditas (0.0630), Lollipops

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# View from here By Michael K. Powell, Federal Communications Commission

# Your phone number: Your digital identity

we drive, consumers now demand personalization. This is no less true of our communications tools. From space age headsets to funky ring tones, wireless phones have become fashion accessories. But perhaps most personal of all is our phone number the key to our digital identity.

Last fall the Federal Communications Commission freed consumers in the nation's 100 largest markets to keep their phone numbers—and their digital identity—when switching wireless companies. We said, in effect, that your phone number belongs

Since Monday, May 24, this right has applied nationwide.

This is a great deal for consumers. When you control your number, you're no longer artificially "locked in" to a particular wireless company. If you choose to take advantage of a deal offered by a competing provider, you can do so without losing a number already etched in the memory of family, friends and business associates.

When you're free to move to the carrier that best meets your needs, companies will have to provide the best price, service quality, and features to attract and keep your business. These improvements help everyone, including those already satisfied with their current provider.

Over three million Americans have already exercised their right to switch carriers while bringing their phone number in tow. If our early experience is any indication, the 70 million consumers in rural and smaller markets will be as eager to exercise their

Whether it's what we wear or what new found freedoms as their family and friends in the nation's largest cit-

> Most of the activity to date has involved movement between wireless companies, but movement has occurred in all directions. Approximately 229,000 consumers "cut the cord" entirely by taking their landline number to a wireless carrier. Another 7,000 people took the opposite approach and moved their number from wireless service to a landline phone -the choice is up to you.

A few practical tips will ensure that your experience is a good one:

A contract is still a contract. Many of the wireless plans that offer the best deals require you to sign up for a one or two-year commitment to a particular carrier. Once you sign on the dotted line, you may be on the hook for an early termination fee if you elect to switch carriers. Review the terms of your contract to avoid surprises.

Hold off on canceling your service. Let your new provider handle the details of the switching process. Don't cancel service with your existing wireless provider until your number has been successfully transferred - otherwise you could lose your number.

Bring your bill. We learned from the early roll-out of number portability in the country's largest markets that bad data is the biggest cause of delay or inability to switch.

The best thing you can do to ensure your old and new carrier can identify you is to bring a copy of your wireless bill.

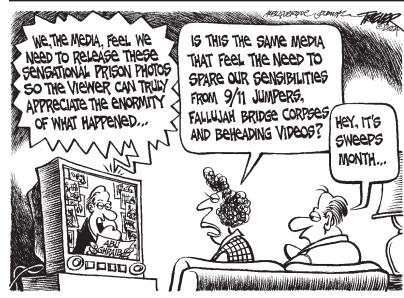
Be patient. Especially in these early days after May 24, be ready for some bumps in the road due to possible high volumes of number transfer requests and some carriers road testing new systems. When everything is running smoothly, the switch should be a relatively quick process, taking around 2 1/2 hours to transfer between wireless carriers and 4 days between wireless and wireline carriers. Over time, the goal is for both types of transfers to occur within the shorter timeframe that applies to wireless-to-wireless transfers.

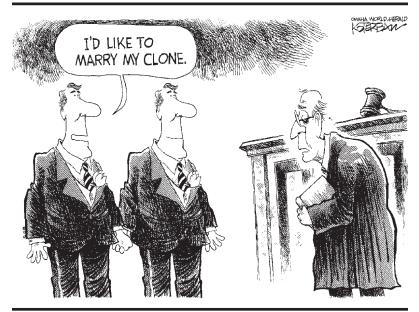
This advice is borne of experience. I transferred my number earlier this year and am happy to report a quick and painless experience. The early statistics the FCC has collected suggests other consumers are having a pleasant experience as well. The time to successfully complete the process has decreased and consumer complaints have tapered downward.

We have all experienced the power of technology to vex and isolate usfrom electronic phone menus that never lead to a human voice to everchanging and multiplying PIN numbers that prevent us from accessing our bank accounts and PCs. The ability to keep a telephone number when switching wireless carriers injects some welcome simplicity into this environment of increasing complexity and confusion. By empowering consumers to control their digital identity, number portability helps us stay connected.

Michael K. Powell is chairman of the Federal Communications Commission.

### CLASS of 2004: I'M HERE TO TELLYOU .YOU MIGHT BE ABLE THAT & YOU WORK to FILL UP YOUR CAR.... LIARD, PLAY by the RUI Es and SAVE YOUR **MONEY**... SOME DAY, WAYBE NOT TOMORROWOR the NEXT DAY, but GOME DAY PIFE ...







# I was there... Lazcano loss was disappointing

By Jan Engels Special to the Courier

LAS VEGAS, NEVADA — The stars were in their place but the dream was not to be. Ernie 'Juan' Lozano



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had done everything in his power to follow his course. But unfortuanately human limits override the best of plans and dreams. He fought the good fight. He was



holding his own Jan Engels

and winning up to the last three rounds. But not even the crowd, which clearly favored Lazcano could raise his energy level up enough to fulfill the elusive dream.

The last three rounds were his demise. He tried... oh how hard he tried... but he was unable to keep  $himself\ pumped\ up-not\ even\ for\ a$ draw. Jose Luis Castillo was tough. So Lazcano's dream of the WBC Lightweight Title dims and fades for now. But another dream will emerge and another opportunity will come forth and another chance to be the Lightweight Title holder will present itself.

Boxing is *boxing* and people love the underdog. Ernie will fight again and he will be the victorious one.

The Bernard Hopkins/Robert Allen fight was not a fight at all. One could have enjoyed an amateur fight better. Allen played the clown and Hopkins played the jester in the under card leading up to the main event. All 13,014 spectators booed the card for the farce it was.

become the top venue of the boxing world and grossing a gate of \$4.5 million without giving the action the public demands.

Oscar de la Hoya and Germany's Felix Sturm gave the crowd their monies' worth. The fight was a good one. Oscar came out the winner but he had to work for it. Time after time, pound after pound Oscar de la Hoya shows the boxing world why his is the champion he is by entering another weight class and defeating his But the MGM and Top Rank didn't the scheduled September 18th card Lazcano fan.

between he and Bernard Hopkins. One wonders after seeing the Hopkins/Allen fight if the trip to Las Vegas will be worth it.

An interesting side note. As this writer sat in the post fight media room waiting for de la Hoya, Michael Tyson appeared. Promoter Bob Arum of Top Rank didn't even acknowledge him. Who said there's no politics in boxing?

Jan Engels works for the Socorro Independent School District. She is an opponent thus opening the way for avid boxing, and unequivocal,

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# Collision at Eastlake and Horizon may finally bring traffic light

HORIZON CITY — Just before Horizon Blvd. A Horizon City Police noon two weeks ago, a school bus from the Clint Independent School District, transporting four Pre-K children from Desert Hills Elementary School, was involved in a traffic accident at the intersection of Eastlake Drive and Horizon Blvd.

GMC Jimmy SUV when the school

Dept. spokesman said apparently, the SUV driver, who was headed west on Horizon Blvd., attempted to avoid the accident by swerving to the left on the roadway, but still collided with

The SUV driver, the bus driver, and The school bus collided with a a school monitor in the bus, reported injuries at the scene. All three were bus failed to yield attempting to cross transported to local hospitals for fur-

ther observation and treatment. None four lanes of Eastlake intersect with Blvd. and lacks traffic control lights. of the children, ages 4-6, reported any injuries at the scene and were transported to their homes by Clint ISD. The HCPD said the bus driver failed to yield the right of way causing an accident.

The intersection of Horizon Blvd. and Eastlake is a very busy one, especially when school is taking up or letting out. At that intersection, the

Horizon Blvd., and become the twolane street of Kenazo. The intersection has numerous facilities that are accessed by it, including an elementary school, a gas station/convenience store, Horizon City's main grocery store, bank, auto parts store, and other eating and shopping facilities. An intermediate school is also located nearby. However, it is controlled only by stop signs for traffic and pedestrians crossing Horizon

Tentatively, the Texas Dept. of Transportation has approved traffic control lights for this intersection, and plans are in progress to install the traffic lights in the very near future, said HCPD Chief Tony Aguilar.

In the meantime, Chief Aguilar urges all drivers in the Horizon area to be extra careful at this intersection, especially during school hours when children are walking to schools in the area, or riding in school buses.

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

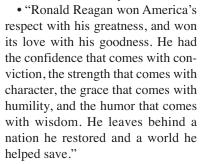
# 'Thank you for changing the world' A Tribute to Ronald Reagan

This week our nation mourns the loss of an amazing man.

President Ronald Reagan will be remembered for many accomplishments. Some will remember him for ushering in economic growth with his popular 1981 tax cuts. Others will remember his commitment to our men and women in uniform. His commitment brought down communism all around the world and spawned the idea for a missile defense system. And even some others, like myself, will remember him as "The Great Communicator." I'll remember how his vision and convictions brought ALL Americans together, raised our morale and once again made us the proudest citizens in the world. It is my belief that this was President Reagan's greatest gift to America.

It's not often that politicians have the opportunity to read positive stories about themselves in the newspapers. The fantastic articles written over the last week are a testament to what an outstanding life Ronald Reagan led. I wish he were here today to enjoy his accolades.

I'd like to share some of these ac- end to the colades with each of you:



- President George W. Bush • "President Reagan personified the indomitable optimism of the American people. He kept America in the forefront of the fight for freedom for people everywhere."

President Bill Clinton

- "What made Reagan special was his kindness, his decency, his sense of humor — unbelievable — and he had a wonderful way where you could disagree with him ... and yet he was never disagreeable about it himself."
  - President George H.W. Bush
- "Ronald traveled his life journey with dignity... I shall always remember the years of working together with President Reagan, putting an

confrontation between our two coun-

tries... He has earned a place in history and in people's hearts."

- President Mikhail Gorbachev

• "We often disagreed on issues of the day, but I had immense respect and admiration for his leadership and his extraordinary ability to inspire the nation to live up to its high ideals."

- Sen. Edward Kennedy, D-

• "Not only did he use his grace, charm, wit and indomitable optimism, he used his strength of character to convey the greatness of America,"

 Former Senator Bob Dole • "Thank you for changing the

- Handwritten note among the tokens of remembrance at Reagan's funeral home

Ronald Reagan made a difference. He made the nation stronger, he made the nation freer, and he left her in good hands. All in all, not bad, not



# TDH issues measles advisory for U.S./Mexico border region

ment of Health (TDH) has issued an years old. advisory asking Texas doctors and others to be alert for possible cases of measles, especially along the state's border with Mexico.

Mexico has recorded 64 measles cases this year, including a recent case in Ciudad Acuña across the border from Del Rio, and 44 cases last year. There have been no confirmed cases of measles in Texas since 2002 when one case contracted in China was recorded.

The TDH advisory recommends that some adults and all unvaccinated children 6 months old or older who will be visiting Mexico be vaccinated against measles if they have not had the illness. Vaccination is not recommended for adults who have had the measles, have received two doses of the vaccine or were born before 1957. People born before 1957 when measles was widespread in the United States generally are considered immune.

Standard measles vaccination recommendations call for one dose of the vaccine at 12 to 15 months of age and a second dose at 4 to 6 years of age. But the advisory recommends that children who will be visiting Mexico receive the second dose 28 or more days after the first dose.

The advisory also recommends that children 6 to 11 months old who will be visiting Mexico receive the first dose of vaccine now and a second dose at 12 to 15 months of age.

A third dose is recommended for cine to become effective.

AUSTIN — The Texas Depart- these children when they are 4 to 6

Measles is a highly contagious viral illness that usually begins with a fever of 100 degrees or higher followed by a cough, runny nose and sometimes watery eyes.

A flat red rash usually begins two to four days after the onset of the fever. The rash usually first appears on the face and upper neck before spreading to the back, trunk, arms, legs, hands and feet.

Anyone with these symptoms should receive medical attention. Physicians are required to immediately report suspected cases of measles to public health authorities.

TDH officials said the special recommendations are precautionary and that measles outbreaks in the United States in recent decades usually have been small. But they said complications from measles can include diarrhea, ear infections, pneumonia, seizures, infections of the brain and nervous system and, on rare occasion, death.

Measles is an airborne illness. The virus is usually spread in nose and throat droplets expelled when an infected person sneezes or coughs. Standard disease control measures include frequent hand washing and covering coughs and sneezes. People with fever should not go to work, school or child care facilities.

The measles vaccine is usually given in a form that also includes protection against mumps and rubella. It takes about two weeks for the vac-

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

# America needs a cure for Alzheimer's disease

and the na-

tion mourn the loss of President Ronald Reagan, who lost his battle against Alzheimer's last Saturday. Here in El Paso, 14,000 senior citizens are fighting similar battles against the disease. The Alzheimer's Association, the world leader in Alzheimer's research and advocacy, recently predicted that the Hispanic population will experience a 600-percent increase in Alzheimer's over the next 45 years. Without a doubt, the time is now to find a cure for this devastating disease.

Why the drastic increase of Alzheimer's in the Hispanic community?

• Cardiovascular disease risk factors — including diabetes — may be risk factors for Alzheimer's and dementia. Hispanics suffer from high rates of cardiovascular disease and in El Paso alone, 88,000 people suffer from diabetes. Hispanics are also less likely to seek or receive medical care for those diseases and have less health insurance than non-Hispanics.

• Hispanics have the lowest education levels of any ethnic group. Re-

Paso some protective effects against Alzheimer's. One in ten Hispanic elders have no formal education. Over half have eight years of schooling or less.

> • Hispanics have the greatest life expectancy of any ethnic group. Age is the single greatest risk factor for Alzheimer's disease. By 2050, Hispanics will increase as a proportion of the total elderly population from 5-percent today to 16-percent in 2050. The life expectancy of Hispanics will surpass all other ethnic groups by 2050.

> Not only is Alzheimer's devastating for those for those who are robbed of their memory, it is extremely difficult, emotionally and physically, for those who care for their loved ones with the disease. Throughout the years in which she cared for President Reagan, the nation learned of the heart-wrenching trials both Nancy Reagan and her husband endured.

> In Congress, we have consistently increased federal funding for Alzheimer's research, with \$679 million set aside for Alzheimer's this year. The Alzheimer's Association is urging Congress to provide an addi-

search shows that education may have tional \$40 million for the National Institutes of Health to support underfunded areas of research that can accelerate the discovery of a cure or prevention. I will continue to support funding for Alzheimer's research and will urge my colleagues on Capitol Hill to do the same.

> In this week's episode of Congress on the Border, my weekly television show, I welcome Dr. Stephen McConnell, the Vice President for Public Policy of the Alzheimer's Association. Dr. McConnell provides information and guidance on how both patients and families can best cope with the disease. Dr. McConnell also provides insight into the Alzheimer's Association's Hispanic report and latest treatment for the disease. Be sure to tune in on Thursday at 6:30 p.m. on Time Warner channel 7 to learn more.

> With increased knowledge, funding and research of Alzheimer's, we can put an end to this disease that is robbing both the Hispanic community and the nation as a whole of their memories and livelihood. For both the victims of Alzheimer's and their care-givers, it is the least we can do.

### TRIE TEXAS FACTS by Roger 7. Moore, The fierce and huge Karankawa Indians are first reported by Spanish settlers in the late 1600's.



### Moratorium

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taxpayers."

Duron strongly urged the council to push through with the moratorium. Even with the threat of a lawsuit he said the town was on firm ground according to §245 of the Local Government Code. He said, "Our subdivision ordinance doesn't meet these new issues. We're backed into a corner and the taxpayer will bear the brunt. It's a complex legal issue." He told council that even though there are other issues mentioned in the document, the town only needs one for a morato-

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rium and the roads are it. "We operate on a budget of \$1.3 million and one major road" can wipe that out. He said Horizon needed to address off-site improvements.

The developers may yet file suit. David Ballard of B&G Land Management told council he was disappointed in the leadership. "You've been misled." He said B&G had tried to cooperate with Horizon and has paid \$193,000 over the years in park fees to the town. His attorney told council the ordinance was illegal. "The primary reason is an impact fee. If you pass this, legal action will be taken." He cited §395.076 which says a moratorium may not be placed on new development for the purpose of awaiting the completion of all or any part of the process necessary to develop, adopt, or update land use assumptions, a capital improvements plan, or an impact fee.

Just prior to the vote Councilman Keenan Greseth addressed the issue. He said it was a tough issue and that he was elected to do what he thought was best for the town. He felt the moratorium was needed. He said he didn't have any problem with the water department or the fire department... "they do a good job. I drink water out of tap."

Those voting for the moratorium were Councilmen Taylor, Blobner, Reyes, Rutledge and Greseth.

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### **Town of Clint** PUBLIC NOTICE

A PUBLIC HEARING will be held at 5:30 p.m. on Tuesday, June 15, 2004 during the Planning and Zoning Commission meeting at the Clint Town Hall, 200 N. San Elizario Rd., Clint, Texas. Purpose of the public hearing is to receive public comments on the following:

1. A hearing has requested to rezone a portion of Block 11 San Elizario TR 5-A from agricultural to commercial in Clint, El Paso County, Texas.

The public is invited to attend the hearing to make any comments regarding this request. Those that are unable to attend may submit their reviews in writing to the Town of Clint, PO Box 350, Clint, Texas.Persons in need of assistance to attend are encouraged to contact the Town Clerk at 851-3146.

> Jessica Garza Town Clerk

### WTCC: 06/10/04

# Canutillo High announces Valedictorian, Salutatorian for Class of 2004

By Alfredo Vasquez Special to the Courier

CANUTILLO - Valedictorian Iris Leony and Salutatorian Michelle Bolner led Canutillo High School's graduating seniors through the Class of 2004 commencement ceremony, June 2, at the El Paso Convention

Rounding out the top ten seniors in ranking order were: Roberto Piña, Kellum Stephens, Samuel Gonzalez, Cynthia Rede, Raul Martinez, Joseph Sanchez, Diana Hernandez, and two students tied for tenth — Jesus Gallegos and Ruby Palacios.

wo hundred and sixty seniors were graduated and over \$2 million in scholarships and grants were announced during the evening event. The Class of 2004 garnered 66 scholarships and 50 grants with more expected through June.

Leony said that she plans to accept the Outstanding Scholars scholarship awarded to her by the University of Texas at Dallas. Bolner said that she was awarded a scholarship by Baylor

**CRIMESTOPPERS HONORS** 

MHS — Two Montwood High

School students and two

teachers were honored by the

El Paso Crime Stoppers tip in-

centive program during the

program's annual banquet

April 30. Career and Technol-

ogy teacher Rudy Tabbutt was

selected as sponsor of the

Year, and student Art Villa re-

ceived Crime Stoppers' Leo

Samaniego Award for his ser-

vice to the program during the

Crimestoppers Video of The

Week award went to students

Matt Estrada, Crystle Lopez

and Career and Technology

teacher Pat Arellano for their

work in creating and videotap-

ing a fictious Montwood High

School crime, intended to curb

the incidence of crime on the

campus, and the entry now

goes to the Texas Crime Stop-

pers competition. Pictured

here, from left, are Pat Arellano

and Rudy Tabbutt, seated;

Crystle Lopez and Matt

Estrada, standing.

past four years.



MAKING THE CUT — When does ten equal 11? When it's Canutillo High's top "ten." Shown seated from left, are Michelle Bolner, Cynthia Rede, Diana Hernandez, Kellum Stephens, Iris Leony, Ruby Palacios; standing, from left, are Raul Martinez, Joseph Sanchez, Roberto Piña, Jesus Gallegos, and Samuel Gonzalez. Ruby Palacios and Jesus Gallegos tied for the tenth spot.

Piña, Martinez, and Gallegos were awarded the Presidential scholarship to UT El Paso; Stephens, Sanchez, Hernandez will attend UT Austin on scholarships; Gonzalez and Rede plan to enroll at the University of North Texas, in Denton; and Palacios

said that she will attend UT San An-

Senior class co-presidents Claudia Iglesias and Zigifredo Andujo delivered the welcome speech during the graduation ceremony. Iglesias plans to attend Rice University, and Andujo will enroll at UT Arlington.

# SISD seniors awarded Barber scholarships

EAST EL COUNTY Three Socorro ISD senior students have been awarded the District's 2004 Dr. W.G. Barber Scholarship for Teacher Training.

Jacqueline Cornelius is a student at Americas High School. Carla Padilla is about to graduate from Montwood High School, and Nancy Chavira is a senior at Socorro High School.

The scholarship committee is awarding \$4,000 to each of the winners, which should pay fulltime tuition for the student's first two semesters at UT El Paso. The committee includes counselors Carol McKinney; Sonia Ugarte-Gil, Phil Thornberry

and Donna Liner, parent Rachel cas; Erika Ortega from Montwood Tarango, volunteer Susan Hill and Director of Student Services Ken Mearns.

include Brian Gameros from Ameri-



TEACHING ASSISTANCE - Nancy Chavira, Jacqueline Cornelius and Carla Padilla received certificates representing their Barber scholarships from SISD May 18.

and Silvia Rodriguez from Socorro High.

The scholarship is named after the The winner must attend UT El father of former Socorro Superinten-Paso with the intent of becoming a dent Dr. R. Jerry Barber, a longtime public school teacher, and an alter- professor of education at the Univernate student is chosen in case the first sity of Texas at El Paso. The recipi recipient does not attend UT El Paso ents were introduced to the Board of during the freshman year. Alternates Trustees during the board's regular meeting May 18.

# Candy

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Vero Rebanaditas (0.180), Chirris Pinaletas (0.164), Serpentinas (0.204), Alago Cacahuates Sartido (0.242), Deliciosos Caramelos (0.466), Rielito Chaca Chaca (0.111), Tama Roca in yellow wrapper (0.116), Mango Enchilado Slices (0.0629) and Rebanaditas Vero (0.0603).

will be taken based on the laboratory findings.

No lead was detected in Palerindas, 50 Mango Enchilado, Paletas

Elchavo, Chamoy Miguelito, Paletas ing children to put any candy wrap-Pina Loca, Vero Elotes, Rellerindos, Pica Gomas Tamarind Flavor, Pulparindo, Pulpa Vero Sabor Sandia, Hormigas, Vero Mango, Vero Elotes, Bomba Tamarindo, Pico, Portico Perigurto, Zumba Pica Tiliko, Cisne, Pulparindo, Barrilitos Chilito, Ragolero, Super Palerindas, Tama Roca in green wrapper, Lucas Gusano Chamoy, Marimbas 3 in 1, Pulpa Vero Mango or Pelon Pelo

TDH also tested product wrappers TDH said no regulatory action for lead content and found that some wrappers had elevated levels of lead that did not appear to affect the lead levels in the products themselves.

Officials cautioned against allow-

pers in their mouths.

TDH collected the product samples from Laredo, McAllen, Houston, San Antonio, Austin and El Paso.

No additional tests of imported Mexican candies are planned, but officials said more testing could be done if new information or concerns arise. TDH is forwarding the test results to the FDA, which is doing a broader investigation of lead levels in some imported Mexican candies.

Too much lead intake can result in delayed mental and physical development and learning deficiencies.

Excessive amounts of lead can cause kidney and reproductive system damage and other serious health problems.

# CMS students complete high school Spanish credit by exam

use audio recorders to prepare for

the Advanced Placement Spanish

By Alfredo Vasquez Special to the Courier

CANUTILLO — A pilot program,

enth and eighth grade students the opportunity to earn high school and college credits while still in middle school.

Canutillo Independent School District received a \$20,000 grant from the Texas GETTING AHEAD - Selma course and suc-E d u c a t i o n Holguin, left, and Paola Esquivel Agency (TEA) last year to implement Advanced

Placement (AP) Spanish Language classes at the middle school level.

Exam.

to aid middle school students to obtain high school credits in Spanish while still at the middle school and also work toward obtaining college credit by taking the AP Spanish Language Exam," stated Maria Reyes, interest in AP classes and motivate CMS Spanish teacher.

successful as all 33 Canutillo Middle capable of successfully completing School students who participated in the Advanced Placement Spanish Language classes recently passed the credit-by-exam test offered by Texas other students because it is very chal-Tech University.

Fifteen seventh grade Pre-AP students and eighteen eighth grade AP students successfully completed the Cervantes, CMS eighth grader and exam for high school Spanish level I AP Spanish student.

and II and have earned two high school credits.

The eighth grade students are now preparing for the four-hour AP Spanish exam, which includes tests on lisintroduced at Canutillo Middle tening, speaking, reading, and writ-School this school year, is giving seving skills. If they pass the exam in

> May, they will receive college credit.

"These students will also be eligible to receive credit for Spanish III and IV upon completion of a high school literature cessfully taking the Spanish literature exam," stated Reyes.

"By successfully completing the AP Spanish Language and AP Span-"These classes were implemented ish Literature exams, students will be eligible to present scores to the college or university of their choice and receive either credit or advanced placement," Reyes said.

This grant is seeking to promote students to continue with other AP The pilot project proved to be quite classes once they learn that they are such courses," said Jan Massie, CISD curriculum coordinator.

> "I would recommend this class to lenging and I learned a lot, such as the proper use of accent marks when writing in Spanish," said Luis

# Borrego hosts health fair

**By Phillip Cortez** Special to the Courier

SAN ELIZARIO — There was even a conga line.

So it would be an understatement to say that everyone had fun at the San Elizario Health Fair and Walka-thon, hosted by Borrego Elementary School.

Whether community members were getting their teeth checked for cavities, getting their faces painted, learning how to avoid mosquito problems or just dancing, there was plenty of important information learned in a healthy and fun way during the fair, which started with a morning walk that began and ended at the Borrego gymnasium.

"I feel good because I know I'm getting stronger and healthier," said 11-year-old Javier Martinez, a Borrego student. Martinez sat and watched the activities before him as he clutched a complimentary first aid book. He said that it was important to eat good foods such as fruit and vegetables.

Another student, Felina Joiner, says she tries to practice healthy eating habits because she knows the downfalls of not staying healthy.

"It's very important because if you're not healthy you can hurt yourself," Joiner said. "If you don't eat healthy foods, you can hurt your stomach."

Joiner, 10, tries to stay active by taking part on the Borrego cheerleading team and says that if she weren't healthy, she would not be able to have the energy needed to be on the team.



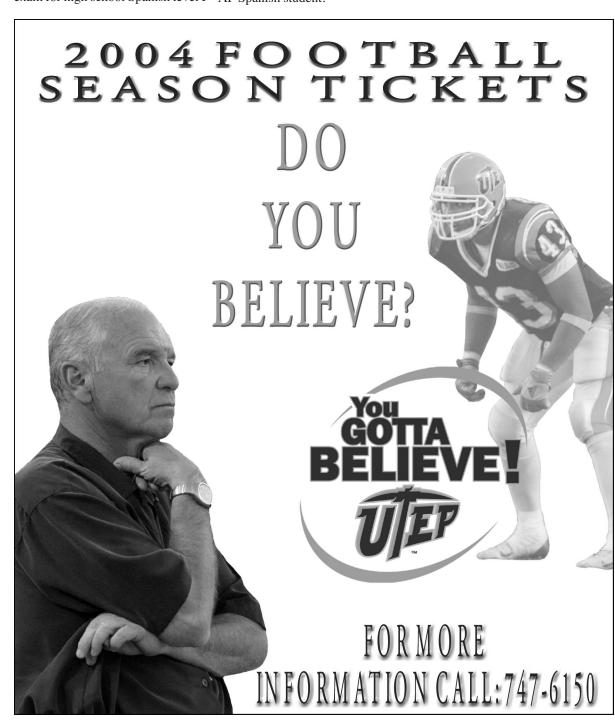
JUST SAY AAAH — An unidentified student opens wide for inspection.

Various health professionals and organizations were in attendance such as Cuidado Caseros, Prevent Blindness, WIC, San Vicente, Superior Health Plan, Sun City Chiropractic, Vector Control, CDT Wellness, Recycling Division, Community Health, Western Tech, The El Paso City-County Health Department, Alzheimer's Association and ARMA Velasquez to name a few.

Dr. Tony Islas from the Kellogg made every day."

San Elizario Health Clinic was also in attendance and emphasized the importance of having such a health fair for the San Elizario community.

"It's very important because it serves as a reminder to people to think about their health," Islas said. "Not only does it give the community a variety of information, it enables us to remind them that healthy decisions need to be





# The answer my friend, is blowing in the wind, the anwer is blowing...

By Steve Escajeda Special to the Courier

Throughout the years, various Major League Baseball players and teams have been accused of cheating over one thing or another.

There was the time that Joe Niekro was caught with a file in his pocket during a game. He would file down the baseball a bit to give some extra movement to his pitches. (Niekro, of course, insisted the file was for his manicure. He had no idea how it got on the field during a game.)

Sammy Sosa was caught with cork in his bat last season when it broke during one of his at bats. Sosa would have cork inserted into his bat to make the ball jump off of it quicker. (Sosa claimed the bat was only used for batting practice to give the fans a long-ball show. He had no idea how it got on the field during

And of course there are all those allegations flying around about the steroids scandal involving power hitter Barry Bonds. (If the allegations prove true, Bonds will have no idea how the steroids got into his body.)

maintenance guy being accused of cheating.

Seems Detroit Tigers skipper Alan Trammell on offense. doesn't like the weather inside the Minnesota Twins baseball park one bit.

Wait a sec... the Twins play indoors... at the Minneapolis Metrodome. How can there be any weather?

Trammell claims that there is, at least in the form of wind.

Trammell accused the Twins staff of turning on the air conditioning (blowing from the outfield toward the infield) when his Tigers were batting in the ninth inning of their game last Sunday.

The Tigers cut the Twins lead to 6-5, when the next batter, Rondell White hit a deep blast to left field. The ball was caught at the warning track in front of the wall, ending the game.

Trammell claims the Twins turned the air conditioner on to help push any potential home runs back into the field of play.

Now I've got to admit, I've heard some guys gripe about some of the most absurd things before but this one really blows me away.

I guess stranger things have happened.

But it doesn't end there. Trammell also said But this is the first time I've ever heard of a that the flags were blowing toward the outfield

when the Twins were batting — helping them their biggest problem right now.

Does all this sound like a lot of hot air to you too?

The Minnesota Twins announced that the reason for the change in ventilation was a simple one. Matt Hoy, the team's vice president of operations, said that during the ninth inning the Metrodome staff opens some doors so fans can exit the building. More air pressure must be pumped into the building to keep the Teflon roof inflated.

But the Tigers are not the only team to complain about the air. Former St. Louis Cardinals' manager Whitey Herzog and Bobby Valentine, former Texas Rangers boss, also thought the Twins manipulated the air flow during vital moments of the game.

Now I don't know if the Twins are really smart enough to use the air conditioning to stop opposing team's balls from flying out of the park, but they are getting managers to talk about it.

And as long as they're talking about it, they're distracted.

As for the Tigers, they almost set a record for the most losses in a season a year ago. To be really honest, I don't think thermostats are

### Don't Seau anything

The Miami Dolphins improved their defense last season when they picked up former San Diego Chargers linebacker Junior Seau.

Seau has always been one of the most respected players in the league, on and off the field. But something has happened to him since he arrived on the East coast.

Seau got into a little trouble last season when he was asked how to stop Chargers running back LaDainian Tomlinson. He answered all you had to do was feed him some fried chicken and watermelon.

Tomlinson, Seau's former teammate, said he knew his friend was only kidding and laughed

Now Seau has upset another group. Seau apologized for describing his teammates this way, "We are a unit that cares... I would say love and everybody would say, 'You're a faggot,' but I'm not."

I'm still trying to figure that one out.

It seems to me that Seau is quickly becoming the John Rocker of professional football.

I don't know who he'll offend next, but I don't think it will take long.

### **Briefs**

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(NFL) is an educational honor society. Its purpose is to encourage and motivate high school students to participate in the forensic arts including debate, public speaking, and interpretation.

### **Disease detected**

The country's first case of Vesicular Stomatitis (VS) since 1998 was confirmed Wednesday, May 19, on a premise with nine horses and eight head of cattle near Balmorhea, in Reeves County in west Texas. VS is a viral disease that occurs sporadically in the U.S., usually in southwestern states. The disease can affect horses, cattle and pigs, and occasionally sheep, goats and deer, causing blisters to form in the animal's mouth, on teats or along the hooves, resulting in excessive salivation, lameness or oozing sores. The clinical signs of VS can cause concern because they

mimic those of a highly contagious foreign animal infection-foot-and-mouth disease (FMD)-which has been eradicated in the U.S. since 1929. Laboratory tests must be run to differentiate between the two diseases, when cattle, pigs, sheep or other clovenhooved animals develop signs of the disease. Unlike FMD, VS also can affect horses and other members of the equine family. "If you plan to ship horses or other livestock out of state, contact the state of destination prior to transporting the animals," said Dr. Max Coats, deputy director for Animal Health Programs for the Texas Animal Health Commission (TAHC). "Because VS has been confirmed in Texas, some states may require our shipments of livestock to undergo additional inspections or testing. Producers and veterinarians may contact the TAHC at 1-800-550-8242, if they need contact information for animal health officials in other states."

### Art contest

Three Canutillo Middle School Visual Arts students were recognized recently for their outstanding art work/poster design in the "Create a Brighter Tomorrow" poster contest, sponsored by the Upper Valley Lion's Club. Winning entries from Canutillo Middle School students included Lorenzo Castro, eighth grader, second place; Zayra Olvera, seventh grader, third place; and Mario Lopez, eighth grader, received an honorable mention. Local Lion's Club President, Aubrey Cherry, presented each student with a medal and a certificate for a \$50 savings bond. The International Lion's Club started the poster contest in 1988 to promote peace throughout the world (1.9 million children from 65 countries have participated thus far). The contest is open to young people throughout the world as a means of promoting understanding among people, and is open to students ages 11-13.

### **New prez**

Bohn D. Allen, MD, FACS, was installed as president of the Texas Medical Association May 13, 2004 during ceremonies at TexMed 2004, the statewide physician

organization's annual conference. Dr. Allen is a general surgeon who has been in private practice in Arlington, Texas, since 1971. "The goal of my presidency is to re-energize and strengthen the pride, the professionalism, and the hope of physicians," Dr. Allen said. "They've been beaten down so badly over the past 15 years. I'm realistic enough to know that in a year I'm not going to change the reimbursement system, but I want to open the dialogue to point out the restraints that physicians have to operate under, and at the same time provide charity care, provide care to the uninsured and underinsured, and Medicaid and Medicare patients, all of which don't even pay the cost of doing the business," he said. "Yet they step up every day and do it because they're physicians. Physicians are honorable people. They do what's best for their patients in spite of the hardships they have to endure. I want the public to understand what physicians are doing for the citizens of Texas and the people of this country."

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# **King Super Crossword**

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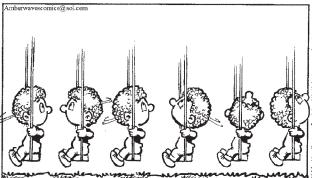
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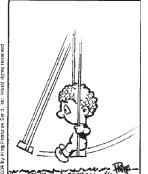
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# Get 'em while you can!

### **By Don Flood**

fered a severe allergic reaction after eating 30 cicadas that he had sautéed "in butter with crushed garlic and basil."

As you might expect, this story had many people asking, "Is this really the best way to eat cicadas?"

And what is the maximum recommended number of cicadas for a single meal?

(Cicadas, for the non-"foodies" out there, are huge bugs with bright red eyes.)

For our poor bug-eating gourmand, sadly, the result was a headto-toe case of hives — yet one more example of the ancient rule: The key to enjoying enormous locust-like creatures is moderation.

But the man's overindulgence is understandable. After all, these cicadas are a delicacy that come but once every 17 years.

Tastier than cockroaches, more versatile than spiders, cicadas are the true stars of the connoisseur's dinner table, perfect for any occasion from an impromptu bug-eating get-together to fancy dinner party.

Unfortunately, they don't freeze well. (Some have claimed success with pickled cicadas, but they are an acquired taste.) So if you enjoy noshing on big ugly bugs — and, really, who doesn't? — now is the time to enjoy them.

Despite their culinary popularity, cicadas remain something of a mystery, particularly their habit of emerging from the ground only once every 17 years, a cycle thought by some scientists to be related to the real estate market.

Still others have theorized that cicadas come out once every 17 years to make sure Alan Greenspan is still in charge of the Federal Reserve Board, as he has been for millions of years.

Appearing to bolster their argu-An Indiana man recently suf- ments is the widespread belief that Greenspan himself is a giant cicada, a theory supported by Congressional hearings where the Fed chief does little but utter incomprehensible buzzing sounds.

> (For the record, Fed officials refused to "confirm or deny" reports that their boss is a cicada, though one offered his opinion that the issue is irrelevant since Greenspan's qualifications "are what's important and not whether he happens to be a giant bug.")

> But for most people, what really matters is that cicadas taste good and — because of their rarity lend themselves to special occasions, such as "cicada parties" where people dress up like cicadas (or Alan Greenspan).

> Most grocery stores offer "cicada trays," but check the "Joy of Cooking" for fun and easy ways of preparing the delectable longwinged insect.

> While picking a recipe is easy, many party-givers stumble when choosing a wine.

> Because of the cicada's black head and bright red eyes, novices often match their cicada entrees with a deep cabernet or hearty bur-

> This can be a mistake. Despite their appearance, cicadas have a rather mild, delicate flavor and don't stand up to some of the richer, more complex wines.

> Instead, for a nice accompaniment, try a fruity chardonnay or one of the sweeter Rieslings.

> And don't forget what may be the best way to enjoy cicadas, a simple but elegant Cicadas & Champagne party with your closest friends.

> Especially if they happen to be birds.

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### **PUBLIC** NOTICE

The Rio Grande Council of Governments (RGCOG), in cooperation with the TCEQ, announces the availability of Municipal Solid Waste Grant Funding for FY

Local units of government including cities, counties, public schools and school districts, and special districts with municipal solid waste responsibility, may apply for funding for projects and activities including: waste reduction/recycling; local enforcement; litter and illegal dumping cleanup; educational and training projects; household hazardous waste events; citizens' collection stations. small transfer stations, and community collection events; and technical studies.

Activities funded under this program must promote cooperation between public and private entities; must not otherwise readily available; and must not create a competitive advantage over a private business that provides a recycling or solid waste ser-

Applications for grant funding will be available on June 10th and are due by

and the application form may be obtained from the RGCOG at 1100 N. Stanton Street. Ste. 610, El Paso, TX 79902.

Application may also be downloaded from the RGCOG website in MS Word, visit www.riocog.org for more information: call Evaristo Cruz at (915) 533-0998, ext. 138.

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As per Article V, Sec. 5.05(a), all owners and lienholders have July 14th. Copies of ten (10) days from this date to reclaim the request for

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# Social Security Q&A By Ray Vigil

### Social security recipients warned of potential scams

O'Carroll, Jr., Acting Inspector General of Social Security issued a warning today about a number of scams most vulnerable citizens are being that have surfaced recently throughout the U.S. They noted that the Agency has received numerous reports about telephone calls or visits from people alleging to be Social Security employees. In each case, the

Jo Anne Barnhart, Commissioner information, such as a Social Secuof Social Security and Patrick rity or bank account number, from the Social Security recipient.

> "I find it very troubling that our targeted by these unscrupulous people," Commissioner Barnhart stated. "I caution everyone to be extremely careful about releasing personal information.'

The perpetrators, who identify person attempted to obtain personal themselves as Social Security em-

ployees, have used a variety of tactics to obtain personal information. In one instance, the caller said the Agency was experiencing a power outage and needed to verify the person's information. In another, the caller posed as an employee who needed to verify the recipient's direct deposit information.

because they have inherited a house from a relative; an event that would not result in a reduction of their Social Security benefit according to Commissioner Barnhart. To help per-

places the recipient on hold and plays the same on-hold recordings used by Social Security. When the caller gets back on the line, the recipient is then told proceeds from the sale of the house will be sent to them if they pay the back taxes.

Acting Inspector General O'Carroll recommends people al-In a third, the recipient is told their ways take precautions when giving Social Security benefits are being cut out personal information. "You should never provide your Social Security number or other personal information over the telephone unless you initiated the contact, or are confident of the person to whom you

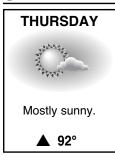
doubt, do not release information without first verifying the validity of the call." Barnhart and O'Carroll recommend contacting the local Social Security office or Social Security's toll-free number at 1-800-772-1213 to verify the legitimacy of the call.

Acting Inspector General O'Carroll notes that the Office of Inspector General (OIG) is working closely with the Agency to investigate all reports of suspicious activity. To report suspicious activity, please call the OIG Hotline at 1-800-269-0271. A Public Fraud Reporting form is also available online at OIG's website:

petrate the fraud, the caller then are speaking," O'Carroll said. "If in http://www.socialsecurity.gov/oig/

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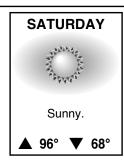
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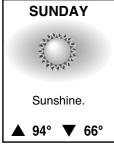
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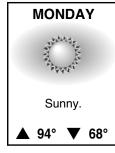
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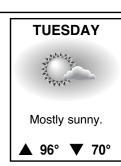
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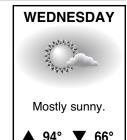
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### **UV INDEX** Statistics for noon.

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

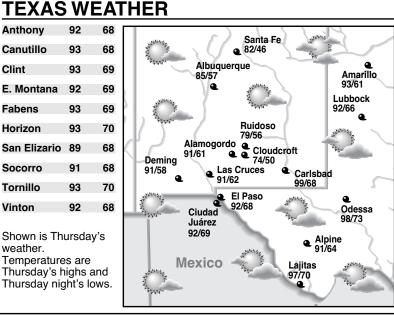
Thursday		Very High
Friday	10 .	Very High
Saturday	10 .	Very High
Sunday	10 .	Very High
Monday	10 .	Very High
Tuesday	10 .	Very High
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Thursday			89°
Friday		;	87°
Saturday			87°
Sunday			
Monday			93°
Tuesday			
Wednesday		9	98
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Thursday night's lows



### TRAVELERS CITIES

	Thur.	Fri.	Sat.	Sun.	Mon.
City	Hi/Lo/W	Hi/Lo/W	Hi/Lo/W	Hi/Lo/W	Hi/Lo/W
Albuquerque	85/57/s	86/57/s	90/60/s	88/61/s	88/60/s
Atlanta	86/68/t	86/69/t	84/70/t	88/68/t	86/70/t
Atlantic City	85/60/t	72/56/pc	75/58/s	78/64/t	79/66/sh
Austin/San Antonio	90/73/t	90/72/pc	92/71/pc	92/71/s	93/76/c
Baltimore	88/66/t	78/60/pc	78/60/s	80/62/t	82/68/sh
Boston	69/52/t	67/52/s	69/55/s	72/58/t	74/63/c
Chicago	72/60/sh	82/64/t	84/62/t	78/60/t	79/62/c
Dallas/Ft. Worth	92/74/pc	92/74/pc	92/74/pc	94/74/s	92/75/s
Denver	75/48/t	78/46/pc	82/52/pc	80/51/t	77/45/t
Flagstaff	70/36/s	75/39/s	77/42/s	78/41/s	75/42/s
Houston	88/74/t	88/74/t	90/74/t	92/76/t	92/76/c
Kansas City	88/69/t	87/69/t	83/67/t	82/65/t	81/65/r
Las Vegas	88/66/s	90/72/s	96/74/s	98/74/s	98/76/s
Miami	86/77/t	89/77/t	89/77/t	89/77/t	89/81/t
Minneapolis	74/60/t	78/64/t	76/58/t	76/58/pc	78/65/c
New Orleans	90/75/t	89/75/t	89/75/t	89/74/t	89/79/t
New York City	80/62/t	75/58/s	75/62/s	75/67/t	80/68/sh
Philadelphia	86/64/t	78/60/pc	76/60/s	80/62/t	83/69/sh
Phoenix	96/73/s	100/75/s	102/78/s	101/76/s	103/77/s
Portland	62/50/sh	66/51/pc	70/53/pc	72/53/c	74/64/s
San Francisco	66/54/s	68/54/s	70/54/s	70/54/s	71/61/s
Seattle	62/52/sh	64/50/pc	66/50/pc	70/51/c	69/62/c
Tucson	94/66/s	96/68/s	98/70/s	98/69/s	100/70/s
Washington, DC	88/68/t	76/62/pc	76/62/s	80/64/t	82/73/t

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

### AGRICULTURE

A dry flow of air will allow for a good deal of sunshine Thursday with seasonable temperatures. It will turn windy again Friday. Dry weather will persist through the weekend with slightly-above-normal temperatures.

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