



## NEWSBRIEFS

### Flag dedication

Students from Socorro ISD's 33 campuses, 250 student performers in band, orchestra and choir, plus faculty, administrators, board members and guests will dedicate the district's Freedom Flag Memorial on Sept. 10. The memorial includes a 100-foot flagpole and 20-foot-by-38-foot, garrison-sized flag. The ceremony will honor past, present and future defenders of freedom as well as first responders, survivors and victims of the terrorist attacks of Sept. 11, 2001. The ceremony is planned for 9 a.m. at the northwest corner of the Student Activities Complex, 1300 Joe Battle at Loop 375. SISD band musicians from Socorro's campuses will perform along with choir and orchestra students. Socorro students, employees, area businesses and individuals donated funds for the purchase and installation of the pole and flags, and for the creation of a lighted and landscaped memorial area.

### Heroes remembered

First responders who gave the ultimate sacrifice during the September 11 tragedy will be among those honored during ceremonies at Robert Rojas Elementary, 500 Bauman Rd., on Thursday, Sept. 9 at 8:30 a.m. Students have been studying the events of three years ago and the impact it has had on the nation. During the assembly they will also honor everyday heroes who do extraordinary things every day in the community. Additionally, a 9/11 Hero Celebration will be held 9:45 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the El Paso Specialty Hospital, 1755 Curie in El Paso, hosted by United Blood Services, the U.S. Army and Border Patrol, Customs and Border Protection, Immigration and Customs Enforcement, El Paso Police and Sheriff's Office and the El Paso Firefighters. The Ft. Bliss 62nd Army Band will perform, and an awards ceremony will be held at noon. Other activities include food, entertainment, and an opportunity to donate blood.

### Enrollment milestone

Last week, Clint ISD welcomed its 9000th student. Johan Hernandez, a first grader at Montana Vista Elementary was presented with a bag of books and goodies to celebrate this milestone. The district welcomed 8,883 students back the first week of school and since Johan registered, an additional 10 students have enrolled, bringing the total to 9,010 in eleven campuses. The student growth rate of the district, especially in the Horizon area, is exceeding projections. To keep up with the increasing student population, groundbreaking for a new Horizon Middle School was recently held. This new campus will have the capacity to accommodate 1,500 students and is scheduled to

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*Those who ignore health in the pursuit of wealth usually wind up losing both.*

— Quips & Quotes



**DANCING HISTORY** — Canutillo ISD Grupo Folklorico Cuauhtli Dancers are shown in photo, front from left, Claudia Guerra, Claudia Holguin, Judith Chaidez, Carmen Hernandez, Diana Herrera; second row, Kayla Hinson, Xochitl Garcia, Alejandrina Hinson, Teresa Herrera, Brenda Meraz, Miguel Hernandez, Denise Martinez, Lucy Ramos, Ana Giner, Jamaysa Ricci; third row, Lorenzo Soto, Jorge Valenzuela; and top row, from left, Lidia Lopez, Marlene Rodriguez, Susan Lopez, and Flor Rodriguez.

## Canutillo ISD's folklorico dancers prepare for season

By Alfredo Vasquez  
*Special to the Courier*

UPPER VALLEY — Canutillo Independent School District's Ballet Folklorico program is providing individuals of all ages with the opportunity to learn new dances and costume making.

The Grupo Folklorico Cuauhtli, an organization made up of students and community members from Canutillo and the El Paso area, participated in dance workshops this summer that focused on the cultural richness of this region's Mexican heritage.

During the workshops, the Cuauhtli Folklorico members learned fourteen new dances from various provinces of Mexico and how to make the different dance costumes. In-

structor for the workshop sessions was Ambrosio Hernandez, who directs the Folklorico Mexica dance troupe of Tucson, Arizona.

Hernandez is a member of the Mexican Folklorico Teachers' Association of Mexico City. He and his assistant, Norma Sotomayor, travel throughout Texas, Arizona, and New Mexico to present dance workshops for high school and community folklorico programs.

"During a workshop, I usually don't teach more than three dances, but this group was different; as the hours passed they kept learning, so I kept teaching," Hernandez said.

With support from Canutillo ISD assistant superintendent, Dr. Pam Padilla, and director of Student/Community Services Department,

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## SISD teacher honored

El Paso State Sen. Eliot Shapleigh surprised Montwood High School Student Activities Director Laura Price with the first Adelante Con Ganas award Sept. 2. "In my Senate office, this is the highest award we can give, and you deserve it," Shapleigh said, citing her community involvement and that of her students as the reason she is the first recipient of the award. SISD Superintendent Dr. Robert J. Durón said she is an outstanding role model for SISD students. "I hear about you constantly," he added, "and we're all really blessed to be around Mrs. Price. And Senator, we appreciate your love for the District and your recognition of Mrs. Price." She has been student activities director for the high school for 14 years and is responsible for student council activities and student clubs, plans the annual homecoming and Light Up the Night



celebrations and other major school events. The school's enrollment now tops 3,000 students, and the schools' projects during the past year have included painting Paisano Drive's Rescue Mission and the collection of personal hygiene items for Fort Bliss soldiers returning from deployment.

## County welcomes budget-related public comment on website

EL PASO COUNTY — El Paso County Commissioners Court wants comments from the community on its budgetary efforts for fiscal year 2004/2005. An On-line Public Forum has been installed on the County's web page specifically for that purpose.

To voice their opinion, all El Paso County residents have to do is access the County's web page and link on to the "It's Budget Time, Speak Out!" site on the right, said Ray Sanchez, the County's web master. Entries can be posed as questions to individual members of Commissioners Court, to the auditor or any other department head, or they can simply be commentary on current issues. Participants can submit their questions or comments anonymously."

"The forum is designed to receive commentary and to respond to any question," Sanchez said. "The responses can be either from the public or from a member of the court, depending on the request. Either way, it is a means for the public to voice their opinion on the County's budget, which is the issue of the moment, or on any other County-related subject."

The El Paso County's web page can be accessed at [epcounty.com](http://epcounty.com).

## Canutillo High School students participate in River Cleanup Project

By Kim Guzman  
*Special to the Courier*

UPPER VALLEY — Canutillo High School students will participate in a community service project on Saturday, Sept. 11, to help clean up trash along the Rio Grande in the Upper Valley. Keep El Paso Beautiful sponsors the Gift to the River Cleanup project and recruits volunteers, such as the CHS students to pitch in.

CHS students from Health Occupations Students of America (HOSA), sponsored by advisors Julie Vinikoff and Marc Wilson; Naval Junior Reserve Officers Training Core (NJROTC), sponsored by instructors Captain Charles Young and Petty Officer Pete Soto; and the student council sponsored by social studies teacher Gary DeLeon are all scheduled to participate in the clean up.

Keep El Paso Beautiful is an affiliate of Keep Texas Beautiful, a nonprofit organization that strives to empower Texans, through education to take responsibility for enhancing their communities' environment. The outstanding volunteer spirit of the students at Canutillo contributes to litter prevention, environmental education, and community beautification.

Volunteers will be provided trash bags, gloves, and water for the project. Registration is scheduled for 7:30 a.m. at Arroyo, which is located at 6400 Doniphan Drive next to the TxDot Facility. Participants are asked to bring hats, sunscreen, and long sleeve shirts for sun protection.





# One perspective

By Francis Shrum

## Yes, fear

We see these two words everywhere: No fear. It is the motto of a generation that has known neither oppression nor want.

The sentiment is emblazoned on clothing, automobiles, jewelry, the notebooks our kids carry to school. There's even a Jeff Foxworthy version for rednecks that says "Ain't skeered."

Unfortunately, it isn't meant as encouragement for the average person to put aside anxious thought and useless worry and live a more happy and contented life, to enjoy the multitude of blessings we enjoy as Americans.

No way.

No fear, as we know it, is a call to rebellion, the battle cry of rejection of authority and regulation, the dismissal of the need to conform to basic societal requirements. It's an updated, edgy interpretation of what earlier generations called "doing your own thing."

It challenges each individual to do their own thing without fear of the consequences.

Mr. Webster's definition of fear comes in three basic parts. Loosely interpreted they are: 1) the heart pounding, terrifying sensation you get when you know you are most definitely in harm's way; 2) anxious concern about things you can't control; and 3) simple and profound respect and/or reverence for powers bigger and badder than you.

Since the no fear philosophy doesn't care diddly about anxious worry, it must be addressing either the first or the third definition of fear, and in that case, you can't help but conclude that rejection of these kinds of fear is nothing short of lunacy.

What? You mean surrender to a

thought process that might keep us from being all we can be, an Army of One who is true to none, looks only after self and risks life and limb engaging in all sorts of dangerous behavior just to prove to ourselves — and probably other people, like parents and peers — that no price is too high to pay to not grow up?

I would submit that fear is another of the healthier emotions our young people are failing to develop. I think we need to start a counter-campaign that says: "Yes, fear."

We're unlikely to do that, though, because it would take too much effort, too much explanation. Corporate sponsors aren't interested in ideas that take much time or attention to detail. That doesn't sell well to folks with short attention spans like ours.

But I wonder what it would take to sell these concepts:

Yes, fear the might and power of the automobile, tons of metal traveling at high rates of speed, capable of incredible destruction if we get careless for just a second. Yes, learn to drive, use it for good — just understand this isn't a toy.

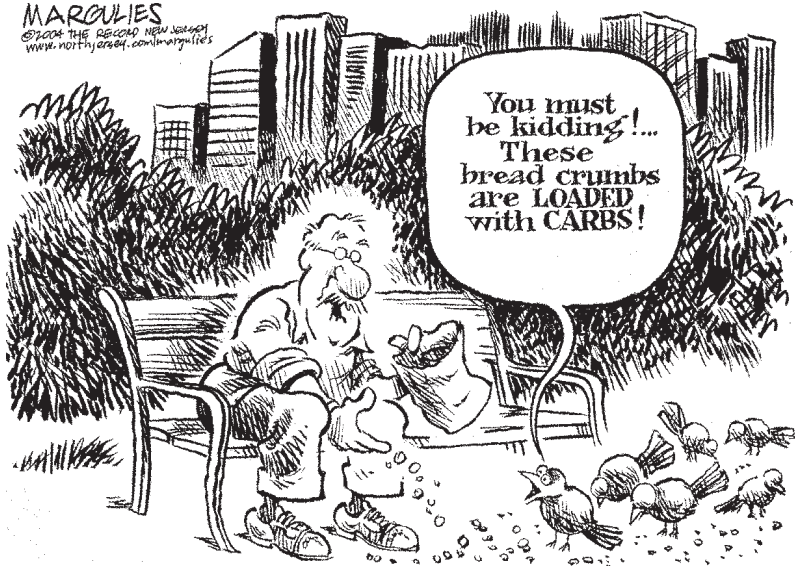
Yes, fear the power of emotions that rise up inside your body as a result of your hormones. Understand that just as these urges can be a powerful force for good, they are equally a force for destruction and misery if you don't control them. And just like a car crash, it is unlikely that you will be the only one to get hurt. There are thousands of babies killed everyday because someone didn't fear the consequence of following their animal instincts — and thousands more are born, into sorrow.

Yes, fear the police officer with his gun and his authority. Fear the consequence of breaking the law. Be aware of the time, money and effort that will be required to work your

way back out of a crime — and sometimes you *can't* resolve what you did. Consider these resources that will be uselessly squandered because it doesn't have to happen at all if you have a little respect for the force and power the law of the land holds over you. Instead of listening to some rapster tell you to kill a cop and beat up a woman, listen to a recording of *I Fought the Law and the Law Won*.

Yes, fear the consequences of allowing your God-given power to think and make choices to be influenced by drugs and alcohol. Fear what can happen when you are not

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# Por la Gente

By State Rep. Chente Quintanilla

## Axing the Fabens Library is not the way to balance the county budget

It's so sad to realize that the public library in Fabens will be shut down due to the budget crunch facing El Paso County. We all realize that in these tough economic times we must make sacrifices. But to take away something that is so vital to our people's future, something that will help our children forge a stronger, more solid educational base, well, what can I say? It's a tragedy.

Although Commissioners Court and the County Judge have tried to find other ways to balance their budget, a \$20 million shortfall looks like a done deal. In other words, eliminating the library and other positive programs that are meant to help people are going to suffer the budget axe come the new year.

What concerns me the most is this: Where are our children are going to go to continue their reading after school, to finish a class assignment? Where are they going to go when they need to use a computer to do research? The library is one of the few places where working families can get access to the internet.

Do our County Commissioners think that every person in Fabens, Tornillo, San Elizario, or Clint already has access to the internet? Many families in rural areas don't — and DSL lines don't reach our far-flung communities. Even cable television doesn't reach this far!

Some people might say they can always go to the main library in El Paso, or even another library that's closest to them. But what about transportation? Are the Commissioners going to improve our transportation service so that people can make that lengthy trek? I don't think so. Not with the budget that's currently being promoted.

Yes, these are tough economic times, and tough times


call for tough measures. But, isn't there something else that can be cut? Isn't there some obscure program out there that can be cut? The budget axe will cut the library to save \$250,000. But, that's a mere pittance when compared to the millions that the County has designated for its next year budget.

Besides, doesn't the County have a surplus? I understand that they do have millions of dollars in reserve. So, why must the library be cut? Rural areas, especially, need to be able to access books, information, research, computer time, and many other elements offered by these wonderful institutions of higher learning.

A library is the life-blood of a community. As a longtime educator, I have grown to love libraries. They helped me out when I was a youngster, on my road to higher education. Without the library I doubt that I could've become a superintendent for a large school district in El Paso. I doubt that I would've been able to pass all my college courses. The library was my salvation, and I relied on the many wonders it contained to keep me focused on my quest to become a better person. What's to become of our children now?

Where can our children go to access children's books? Where can our monolingual Spanish-speakers go now to find books in their language of choice? Our elderly can't travel long distances to access literary services. So, what's next on the horizon?

I know what the County Commissioners and the County Judge are going through, but a balanced budget should not come at the expense of the learning process. Surely there is money out there to save our most precious resource. Come on, County leaders, help save our library.



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# Reyes Reports

By U.S. Rep. Silvestre Reyes

## Reflecting on September 11

This Saturday, citizens across the country will pause to reflect upon the Sept. 11, 2001 terrorist attacks. It is hard to believe three years have passed since that fateful day. Like the attack on Pearl Harbor on Dec. 7, 1941 and the D-Day invasion of Normandy on June 6, 1944, Sept. 11, 2001 was a turning point in our history and will forever remain part of our national consciousness.

Our lives were changed forever by those horrific events. Rather than paralyzing our government and weakening our resolve, our nation responded with strength and purpose. In the three years since the attacks, we have been working as a nation not only to find meaning in such a tragedy, but to protect our country against further attack.

As you know, firefighters, police officers and medical personnel re-

sponded heroically to the attacks. In the days and weeks following, volunteers from across the country arrived to assist in the heart-wrenching and dangerous duty of clearing the debris in search of victims or survivors.

Congress acted quickly, providing \$40 billion in emergency funds for our heroic first responders and for military purposes. We authorized the use of force against those responsible for the terrorist attacks. We created the Department of Homeland Security to consolidate our law enforcement agencies under one roof. I met with first responders and leaders in El Paso to ensure that the unique needs of the border region were well-represented in this new agency. I advocated — and continue to advocate — for increased federal funding to assist law enforcement personnel in the border region.

Congress is also working to protect our country from further attack

by improving our intelligence gathering capabilities. As a member of the House Intelligence Committee, I have focused on this topic for years. My Democratic colleagues and I on the Intelligence Committee introduced major legislation in April of this year that creates a Director of National Intelligence with full budget authority and breaks down the "stove pipes" between intelligence agencies to ensure that crucial information does not fall through the cracks. Our legislation is quite similar to the recently released 9/11 Commission Report and I will work enact these changes in a timely manner.

For the victims and heroes of Sept. 11, the first responders working hard in El Paso and across the country, and for our nation as a whole, we are working hard and will pause this Saturday, the third anniversary of Sept. 11. We honor your efforts and your memories — and we will never forget.





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

September 11 remembered

It's hard to believe three years have passed since the attacks on the World Trade Center and Pentagon. We will all remember where we were that morning. Whether you were near ground zero or in Castroville, Texas we all had the same fears racing through our heads.

What was happening? Who was behind it? Would my city be next? We prayed together, we stood together side by side, not as Republicans or Democrats, but as Americans ready to do what was necessary to get through this crisis.

People across the country asked what they could do to help. Phone calls poured into New York, Washington and Pennsylvania with offers to help and send money. America was facing it's ultimate modern day challenge and meeting it.

In the following days, we committed ourselves to doing whatever it took to respond. The President focused like a laser beam on the effort to eliminate those on the other side of the world who were responsible.

This tragedy showed our nation how strong we are. Our nation's leaders told us to go on with our lives and we did. We resumed our regular schedules as best we could... tending to our children, shopping, going to football games... and becoming reacquainted with our friends and family to once again understand what's really important.

Here in Washington there are many of us who remain focused on the fundamentals that preserve our way of life. Strengthening our military, our intelligence operations our federal agencies that watch our ports of entry for killers trying to enter our country.

In the days since Sept. 11, 2001 we have created a Department of Homeland Security to ensure that all of our agencies... the FBI, Customs, the Border Patrol, the DEA... operate in synch.

This year alone we funded billions of dollars to strengthen our homeland. This funding will assist firefighters, emergency management and law enforcement officials. It will also implement passenger and baggage screening, highway and air security, and training, as well as modernizing our nation's borders.

Our nation has made great strides since Sept. 11, 2001. On this important date, I encourage everyone to remember the past so as to make us stronger in the future. We will never forget Sept. 11. Today we should feel proud that this generation, like those past, is every bit as committed to doing whatever it takes to preserve freedom, justice and the American Way.



CORRECTED NOTICE

El Paso County Tornillo Water Improvement District  
Notice of Public Hearing on Tax Rate

The El Paso County Tornillo Water Improvement District will hold a public hearing on a proposed tax rate for the tax year 2004 on September 16, 2004, 6:00 pm, at 19211 Cobb St., Tornillo, Texas 79853. Your individual taxes may increase or decrease, depending on the change in the taxable value of your property in relation to the change in taxable value of all other property and the tax rate that is adopted.

- FOR the proposal: Soria, Ivey, Escalante, Bosquez, Vega
- AGAINST the proposal: NONE
- PRESENT and not voting: NONE
- ABSENT: Bochmeyer, Luna

The following table compares taxes on an average residence homestead in this taxing unit last year to taxes proposed on the average residence homestead this year.

	Last Year		This Year
Total tax rate (per \$100 value)	\$ 0.0627		\$0.066343
Difference in rates per \$100 of value		+ \$0.003643	
Percentage increase / decrease in rates (+/-)		+ 5.81%	
Average appraised value	\$ 30,153		\$ 30,779
General exemptions available (excluding senior citizen's or disabled persons exemptions)	0		0
Average taxable value	\$ 30,110		\$ 30,746
Tax on average residence homestead	\$ 18.88		\$ 20.40
Annual increase / decrease in taxes if proposed tax rate is adopted (+/-)		+ \$1.52	
and percentage of increase (+/-)		+ 8%	

NOTICE OF TAXPAYERS' RIGHT TO ROLLBACK ELECTION

If taxes on the average residence homestead increase by more than eight percent, the qualified voters of the district by petition may require that an election be held to determine whether to reduce the operation and maintenance tax rate to the rollback tax rate under Section 49.236(d), Water Code.

NOTICE  
OF VOTE ON  
TAX RATE

The Town of Horizon City conducted a public hearing on a proposal to increase the total tax revenues of the

**Town of Horizon City**

from properties on the tax roll in the preceeding year by 23.95 percent on Tuesday, August 31, 2004 at 6:30 p.m.

The City Council is scheduled to vote on the tax rate that will result in that tax increase at a public meeting to be held on Tuesday, September 14, 2004 at 6:30 p.m. at 14999 Darrington Road, Horizon City, TX 79928.



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### TOWN OF ANTHONY NOTICE OF REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS FOR ENGINEERING SERVICES AND MANAGEMENT SERVICES

**Texas Community Development Program**

The Town of Anthony is seeking to contract with:

- (1) registered firms or individuals to provide engineering services required by the locality for the procurement and implementation of projects anticipated to be carried out with grant assistance from any of the fund categories of the Texas Community Development Program; and
- (2) qualified firms or individuals to provide management services required by the locality for the procurement and implementation of projects anticipated to be carried out with grant assistance from any of the fund categories of the Texas Community Development Program.

The projects are to be financed with federal funds from grants administered by the Office of Rural Community Affairs (ORCA) under its Texas Community Development Program. In order to be considered, all proposals must be submitted prior to 4:30 P.M. on September 21, 2004.

A complete Request for Proposals, outlining services required by the locality, submission requirements, and evaluation criteria, has been prepared. Interested parties may obtain copies of this Request for Proposals by contacting:

**The Office of the Mayor  
Town of Anthony  
P. O. Box 1269  
Anthony, TX 79821  
(915) 886-3944**

The locality reserves the right to negotiate with any and all individuals or firms submitting proposals, in accordance with the Texas Professional Services Procurement Act and the Uniform Grant and Contract Management Standards Act. The locality reserves the right to reject any and all proposals.

The Town of Anthony is an Affirmative Action/Equal Opportunity Employer.

**Art Franco  
Mayor**

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**Fear**  
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in control, when something else is driving your body, making your decisions, talking with your mouth, using up your life. If you give that power over to mind-altering substances, it sure won't be you doing the deeds but it is guaranteed to be you who pays the price.

Wisdom isn't one of the big selling words these days, but I wish we could somehow successfully market the concept that people who have wisdom are those who are sought out

in times of distress and decision, are those who can truly make a difference in the lives of others while living their own lives well, are people who can lead a family or a nation.

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### NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING Town of Anthony, Texas Texas Community Development Program FY 2005 - 2006

The Town of Anthony, Texas, will hold a public hearing concerning the submission of an application(s) to the **Office of Rural Community Affairs** for grant assistance from the **Texas Community Development Program** (TCDP). The purpose of this hearing is to allow residents an opportunity to discuss the citizen participation plan, the development of local housing and community development needs statements, the amount of TCDP funding available, all eligible TCDP activities, and the use of past TCDP funds. The Town of Anthony encourages its residents to participate in the development of the application(s) and to make their views known at this public hearing; those unable to attend this meeting may submit their views and proposals to the Mayor at the Anthony Town Hall. Individuals who require auxiliary aids or services for this meeting should contact the municipal offices at least two days before the hearing, so that appropriate arrangements can be made.

**Date and Time: Tuesday, September 14, 2004, at 7 p.m.**  
**Location: Anthony Town Hall**

A notice will be published in the newspaper at a later date, and no later than five (5) days before the submission of the applications, describing the proposed TCDP project, locations of proposed improvements, costs, and benefits to residents of Low and Moderate Income. At that time, a copy of the application will be available for review at the Anthony Town Hall during regular business hours.

*El público en general está invitado a asistir a esta audiencia sobre el programa de Desarrollo de la Comunidad del Estado de Texas y participar en las discusiones sobre los diferentes fondos y proyectos que son elegibles en este programa. La presentación y las discusiones sobre este programa se harán en español para aquellas persons que así lo deseen.*

**Fecha y hora: martes, el 14 de septiembre, 2004, a las 7 p.m.**  
**Lugar: Anthony Town Hall**

**Art Franco, Mayor  
Town of Anthony, Texas**

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### Briefs

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open in August of 2005. The construction of the new school will be funded by the last of the money from the 2001 Bond and Maintenance Tax.

### In other news

■ The San Elizario High School Student Council is currently accepting letters of nomination for the Outstanding Ex Student to be recognized during Homecoming Week Festivities. The Outstanding Ex needs to have graduated from SEHS prior to 1995 and will have made a significant contribution either in our community or elsewhere, through his/her work or community service endeavors. Letters of nomination should be sent to the SEHS Student Council, attn Cookie Laffler, P.O. Box 920, San Elizario, TX 79849 no later than September 17. Letters should contain information including graduation year, activities while in high school, activities since high school, why you believe this person deserves to be the honored ex student, and contact information for both the nominee and the person submitting the nomination.

■ Former Socorro ISD assistant superintendent of administration and present District 75 State Rep. Innocent “Chente” Quintanilla will be the keynote speaker at the Socorro ISD Community Services’ 11th annual recognition ceremony for GED graduates. The event will be Thursday, Sept. 16, 2004 at 6:30 p.m. at the SISD poolside Aquatic Center at 1300 Joe Battle Blvd. Nearly 70 graduates will participate, from a variety of SISD program such as: Job Retraining, Adult Basic Education and Family Literacy. Many of the graduates are night students after holding down a full time job during the day. They range in age 20 to 55 years. Several students earned their diplomas while their children were also attending classes in SISD schools. The public is invited. For information call SISD Community Services Department.

■ Montwood High School students plan to dazzle their peers and thrill their parents Oct. 2 during the Montwood Science Club's first Science Extravaganza in the school's “Blue” gymnasium, 12000 Montwood Drive. Scheduled for 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., the aspiring astrophysicists and emerging engineers aged from four to 14 will demonstrate roller coasters, rockets, racing cars, and bridge construction, among other projects. Early registration is \$15, payable by Sept. 15. For information, call John Murrillo, 937-2537.



Transportation funding will improve access to jobs, education for low-income residents

WASHINGTON, D.C. — The U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT) has awarded \$497,668 to the City of El Paso for Sun Metro’s Job Access Reverse Commute (JARC) program. Congressman Silvestre Reyes secured \$247,668 through the congressional appropriations process and the City of El Paso secured \$250,000 through DOT’s competitive grant program.

Sun Metro’s JARC program, known as the Job Express Plan, helps homeless and low-income El Pasoans obtain employment by providing transportation to and from jobs, vocational and education training. Sun Metro will use this funding for operating assistance, scheduling purposes and administrative costs.

“Those without access to transportation in El Paso face serious challenges in seeking employment and successfully performing their jobs,” said Reyes. “By providing individuals with the mobility they need to gain access to education and employment, Sun Metro and the federal JARC program are not only improving the well-being of El Pasoans, but strengthening El Paso’s overall economy,” said Reyes.

Folklorico

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Margarita Armendariz, the Cuauhtli Group has also had the opportunity to attend dance workshops in Los Angeles, California, as well as in El Paso.

“Because of the members’ attitude and willingness to learn while participating in after school and weekend activities, the group’s accomplishments and tremendous efforts are now recognized in the community of Canutillo,” Armendariz stated.

The members of Cuauhtli have demonstrated a high level of professionalism in both small and large productions including the popular musical production, Revolución, which is presented annually at the Chamizal National Memorial Theatre.

This year, the Revolución performances are scheduled for 8 p.m., Friday and Saturday, Nov. 19-20, and at 3 p.m., Sunday, Nov. 21.

The Revolución production was under the direction of founder Sylvia Camañez, well-known ballet folklorico dancer in the region, for 16 years. After her retirement in 2002, she passed the baton to Canutillo ISD.

Coordinating the Folklorico Cuauhtli program for the Canutillo schools is Jorge Valenzuela. He said that his primary focus is to keep the students motivated by providing them with the opportunity to learn and perform in front of an audience, as well as immerse the young people in cultural experiences that will challenge them and sensitize them to multi-culturalism.

“I want to involve them in the learning process for orchestrating a folklorico dance group, so that if in the future, any of them chooses to be a ballet folklorico instructor for other young people, they will feel prepared to do so,” Valenzuela said.

If you would like more information, or would like to join the group, please call Valenzuela, at 877-7427.

Lower Valley Water District  
Notice of Public Hearing on Tax Rate

The Lower Vallet District will hold a public hearing on a proposed tax rate for the tax year 2004 on September 16, 2004, 6:00 pm, at 1557 FM 1110, Clint, Texas 79836. Your individual taxes may increase or decrease, depending on the change in the taxable value of your property in relation to the change in taxable value of all other property and the tax rate that is adopted.

FOR the proposal:	Rosalinda Vigil, David Carrasco and Raul Diaz	
AGAINST the proposal:	NONE	
PRESENT and not voting:	NONE	
ABSENT:	Alicia L. Fresquez and Henry Trujillo	

The following table compares taxes on an average residence homestead in this taxing unit last year to taxes proposed on the average residence homestead this year.

	Last Year	This Year
Total tax rate (per \$100 value)	0.27044/\$100	0.256775/\$100
	Adopted	Proposed
Difference in rates per \$100 of value	\$(0.013665)/\$100	
Percentage increase / decrease in rates (+/-)	(5.05)%	
Average appraised value	\$ 45,048	\$ 48,801
General exemptions available	0.00	0.00
(excluding senior citizen’s or disabled persons exemptions)		
Average taxable value	\$ 44,981	\$ 48,647
Tax on average residence homestead	\$ 121.65	\$ 124.91
Annual increase / decrease in taxes if proposed tax rate is adopted (+/-)	\$ 3.26	
and percentage of increase (+/-)	2.68 %	

NOTICE OF TAXPAYERS’ RIGHT TO ROLLBACK ELECTION

If taxes on the average residence homestead increase by more than eight percent, the qualified voters of the district by petition may require that an election be held to determine whether to reduce the operation and maintenance tax rate to the rollback tax rate under Section 49.236(d), Water Code.

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

Clint Independent School District will hold a public meeting at 5:30 PM, Wednesday, September 15, 2004, in the Board Room, in the Clint Central Administration Office, 14521 Horizon Blvd., El Paso, Texas 79928.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING  
Town of Anthony, Texas  
Project Competition and Closeout  
Texas Community Development Program

The Town of Anthony will conduct a public hearing to solicit input and participation of its residents in its Texas Community Development Program project. Please attend this meeting an voice your opinion concerning the completion and closeout of the community park facilities project carried out with assistance from TCDP Community Development Fund grant contract #722019.

**Date and Time:** Tuesday, September 14, 2004, at 7 p.m.  
**Location:** Anthony Town Hall

At this hearing, there will be discussions regarding the completed activities of the project funded by TCDP and the town’s performance in implementing the porject, including location, general cost, and project benefits.

The town has a Citizen Participation Plan that provides for and encourages citizen participation at all stages of the Community Development Program project; copies can be made available upon request. Persons unable to attend this public hearing may submit their views regarding completion of this project at the Anthony Town Hall.

Accommodations for handicapped persons will be available. Handiapped persons in need of special assistance for attending the hearing are encouraged to contact the Town Clerk at (915) 886-3944.

*El publico en general esta invitado a asistir a esta audiencia. La presentacion y la discussion del Programa de Desarrollo de la Comunidad del Estado de Texas se haran en espanol para aquellas personas que asi lo deseen.*

**Fecha y hora:** martes, el 14 de septiembre, 2004, a las 7 p.m.  
**Lugar:** Anthony Town Hall

**Art Franco, Mayor** **Date Published:**  
**Town of Anthony, Texas** **September 9, 2004**

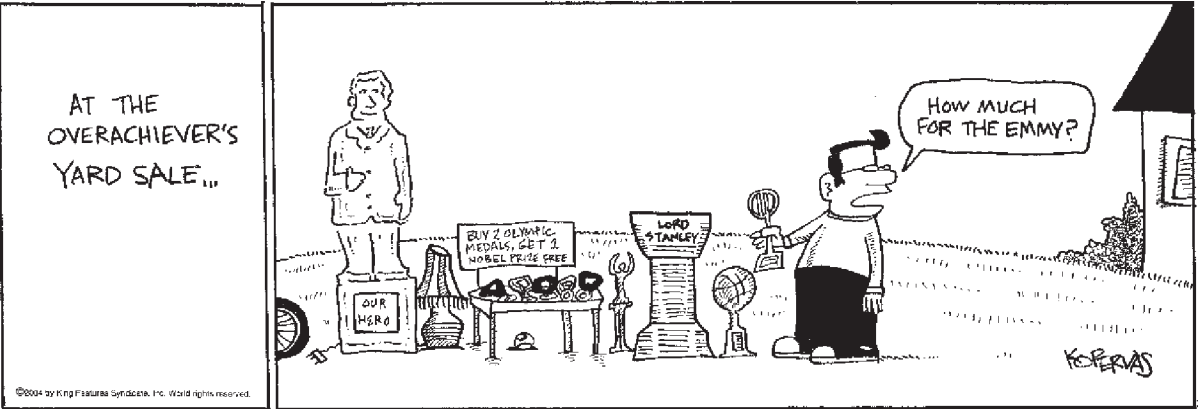




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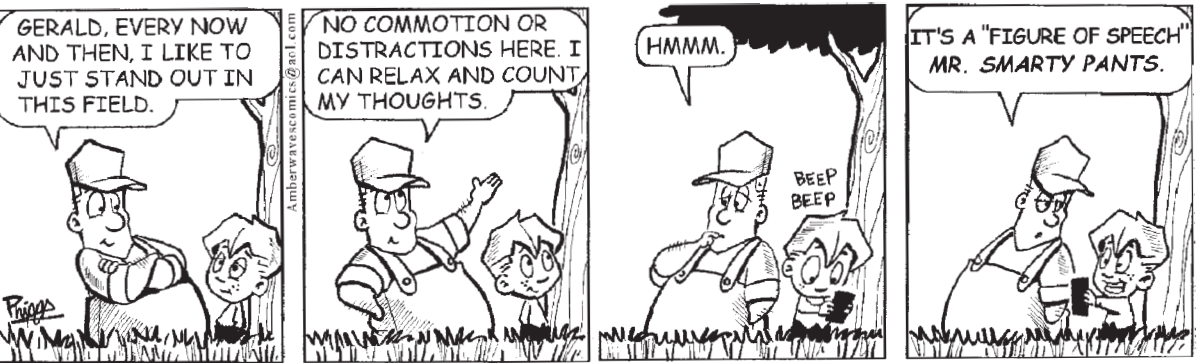
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By Dave T. Phipps



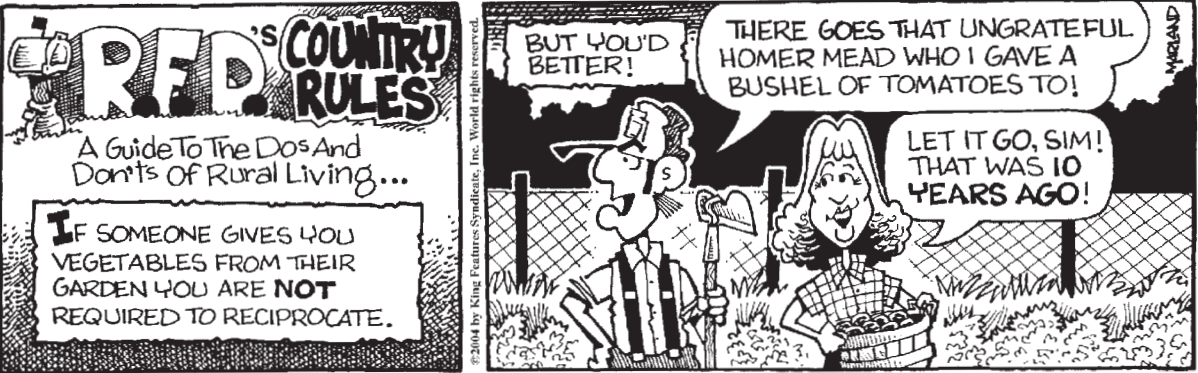
THE SPATS

By Jeff Pickering



R.F.D.

By Mike Marland



Monkey see, monkey do

By Don Flood

There's good news for people who, like myself, have long been concerned with the issue of monkey productivity in the United States.

According to Reuters news service, scientists have discovered a form of gene therapy that turns lazy, procrastinating monkeys into workaholics.

All they have to do is prevent brain cells from receiving a chemical messenger called dopamine and monkeys not only stay on task, they make fewer mistakes.

And they work without expecting rewards!

(Indeed, this experiment has been so successful that scientists have turned over much of the research to gene-altered monkeys while they head to the beach.)

It doesn't take much imagination to see how this gene-therapy might also apply to humans.

In fact, this research has led to what I call: The Don Flood Let's-Outsource-All-Our-Work-to-Monkeys Plan.

(Note: Both presidential campaigns are trying to pretend this is their idea. It's all mine.)

Take this column. You may have read it and thought: Hey, monkeys could write this stuff. Well, they can't.

And neither can cats, dogs or even squirrels. One species may be lacking in originality (cats); another seems unable to grasp the concept of irony (dogs); and still others are unable to resist turning every column into a long-winded rant (squirrels).

Monkeys seemed the best bet — fairly original, fairly creative — but try sitting one at a computer and keeping it on task. Good luck!

But let's look at a gene-altered monkey:

ME: Hey, I need you to crank

out a couple of humor columns. Pronto.

GENE-ALTERED MONKEY: I'm on it, boss.

ME: And try to make them a little funnier this time. I've got a reputation to uphold.

MONKEY: No problem, boss, I've got some real knee-slappers on the way. Anything else? You know me, I like to keep busy with no hope of reward.

See how great that would be?

Instead of outsourcing jobs to other countries, where workers — you know how humans are — would expect a paycheck, we would outsource work to other species, and we would keep the paycheck.

It's what I call a win-win-win situation.

I don't know why, it just sounds good, and since I feel some dopamine kicking in it's extremely unlikely that I'm going to take the time to figure out what I meant.

Theoretically, I suppose, I could undergo gene therapy myself, but I've been hooked on this dopamine too long to give it up. (Why do you think they call it dope, kid?)

In fact, the world of work is just the beginning. We live in a democracy, but who has time to pay attention and vote?

It's gotten to the point that journalists such as myself are the only ones really paying attention to the race between John So-and-So and President what's-his-face.

And sometimes it seems even journalists are nodding off.

(Dopamine too strong... must... stay... on... task... must... finish... column.)

You wouldn't have that problem with gene-altered monkeys. Heck, they'd be able to pay attention to Al Gore.

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**SOCORRO INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
**Invitation to Bid/Respond:**

Sealed bids/proposals/CSP to furnish the District with the following products and/or services will be accepted at the following times:

**ATHLETIC EQUIPMENT, SUPPLIES AND APPAREL**  
**CSP NO.**  
**199-0811-0491RB**  
**TUESDAY, SEPT. 14, 2004**  
**UNTIL 2 P.M.**

Proposals will be received at Business Services Dept., 12300 Eastlake Drive, El Paso, Texas 79928 until the specified times. Detailed specifications are available from the above office between 8 a.m. and 4

p.m. Mondays through Fridays.  
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**Invitation to Bid/Respond:**

Sealed bids/proposals/CSP to furnish the District with the following products and/or services will be accepted at the following times:

**INSURANCE COVERAGE**  
**RFP NO.**  
**199-0915-0511**  
**WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 15, 2004**  
**UNTIL 10 A.M.**

Proposals will be received at Business Services Dept., 12300 Eastlake Drive, El Paso, Texas 79928 until the specified times. Detailed specifications are available from the above office be-

tween 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. Mondays through Fridays.  
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PUBLIC NOTICE

As per Article V, Sec. 5.05(a), all owners and lienholders have ten (10) days from this date to reclaim their vehicles at Southwest Wrecker, 1401 Darrington Rd., 855-1900, 851-2091-fax, or it will be sold at public auction for charges: VIN - IFUJA6CG03LLI1985, 2003 Freightliner Tractor, white, New Mexico license IR-13609 VIN - AOC385C241056, 1970 AMC Eagle, maroon, Colorado license WRP 1980 VIN - FI0BPEC7942, Ford F-150, red, Minnesota license 510 MYB  
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SISD students bank on Broadway's best

EAST EL PASO COUNTY — This year's first production by Americas High School drama students will be Rodgers and Hammerstein's *The King and I*, scheduled for Sept. 9 and 11 at 6:30 p.m., and at 2:30 p.m. Sept. 12.

Mario Maldonado directs the students as they perform the famed musical based on the story of an English governess who falls in love with the King of Siam. Performances are scheduled for the AHS Theater, 12101 Pellicano Drive. Tickets are \$5 at the door, \$3 in advance with group discounts. For more information, call 937-2800.

Neil Simon's plays almost always fill the theater and that's what Montwood High School's Emerald Players are hoping for with their production of the female version of *The Odd Couple*.

Performances are planned for Sept. 16, 17 and 18 in the Montwood High School Theater, 12000 Montwood Drive. Kate Keyser is directing the 1984 adaptation of the male version of the original plot, written in the 1960s, which later became a success-

ful film and television series. Admission for the Emerald Players production is \$5 for adults, \$3 for students. For more information, call 937-2400.

When's the last time you staged a dinner party for a few friends? Chances are it wasn't as quirky or funny as Neil Simon's play *Rumors*. Troy Herbolt's Socorro High School theater students are presenting the comedy on the stage of the Performing Arts Theater. Three performance of *Rumors* are scheduled — Sept. 23, 24 and 25, with all shows starting at 7 p.m. Admission is \$5 for adults, \$3 for students. For more information, call 937-2000.

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Social Security Q&A

By Ray Vigil

*Q: I have worked all of my life, and recently took a disability retirement from my company. But my Social Security disability claim was denied. I have severe arthritis, back problems, and foot trouble. How many disabilities must I have to be eligible for benefits?*

A: It is not a question of how many impairments you have. You may be eligible for benefits if one or more of your disabilities is severe enough to prevent you from doing substan-

tial work for at least a year.  
*Q: I am 63 years old. My husband is 70 and getting Social Security. We have been married for about eight years. Someone told me I have to be married more than 10 years to claim a wife's benefit based on my husband's earnings record. Is this true?*

A: Since you are married, you are eligible for benefits now. The 10-year rule applies only to divorced spouses

who might potentially be eligible for benefits based on their former spouse's Social Security earnings record. Remember that you can apply for those benefits online from the comfort of your home, worksite or public library.

*Q: I am a 23-year-old woman who is disabled and receiving monthly Supplemental Security Income (SSI) payments. I currently have my own apartment. Can I keep my SSI check if I move back into my mother's house?*

A: It depends on the financial ar-

rangements you make with your mother. If you pay rent to her (at the prevailing rental rates for your area), or if you pay your share of the household expenses, then your SSI payment rate will probably remain the same. You are required to report this to Social Security. A representative at your local Social Security office can tell you if your payment will be affected.

*Q: My mother gets Supplemental Security Income (SSI) payments each month. But for some reason, she is not getting any extra benefits for my 16-year-old sister, who still lives at*





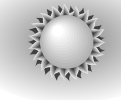

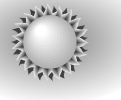

*home. Why is this?*  
A: The SSI program pays benefits to individuals who are 65 or older or disabled. There are no provisions for dependent's or family benefits. Your sister would qualify for SSI payments herself only if she were disabled.

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
							
Mostly sunny.	Mainly clear.	Lots of sunshine.	Sunshine and patchy clouds.	Abundant sunshine.	Warm with a good deal of sun.	Sunshine.	Partly sunny and warm.
▲ 89°	▼ 62°	▲ 88° ▼ 63°	▲ 89° ▼ 65°	▲ 91° ▼ 65°	▲ 93° ▼ 67°	▲ 91° ▼ 66°	▲ 89° ▼ 61°

UV INDEX

Statistics for noon.

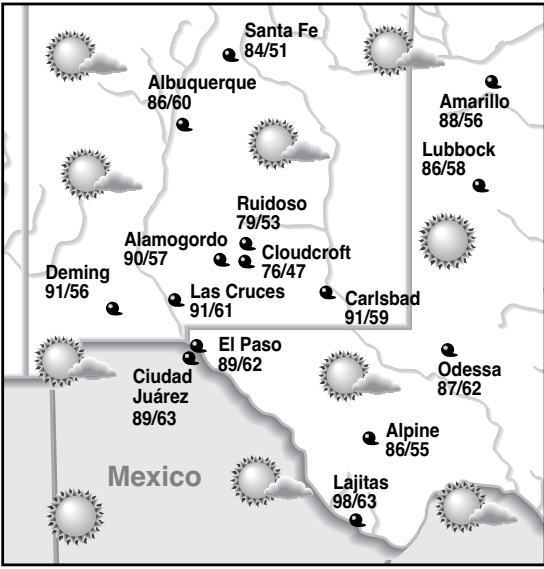
The higher the UV Index, the greater the need for eye and skin protection.

Thursday	10	Very High
Friday	10	Very High
Saturday	9	Very High
Sunday	10	Very High
Monday	10	Very High
Tuesday	10	Very High
Wednesday	9	Very High

TEXAS WEATHER

Anthony	91	62
Canutillo	91	63
Clint	89	62
E. Montana	89	62
Fabens	89	62
Horizon	90	63
San Elizario	87	60
Socorro	88	61
Tornillo	89	62
Vinton	91	63

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	86/60/s	85/60/s	84/60/pc	84/60/s	86/61/s
Atlanta	82/66/pc	84/66/s	84/66/pc	84/64/s	82/64/pc
Atlantic City	80/68/t	82/65/sh	78/63/pc	76/61/pc	79/62/s
Austin/San Antonio	89/61/s	89/62/s	92/66/s	91/67/s	92/68/s
Baltimore	82/68/t	80/62/pc	80/60/pc	82/64/s	81/63/pc
Boston	74/68/t	82/62/sh	76/60/s	76/60/s	75/62/c
Chicago	74/54/s	76/58/s	80/60/pc	78/58/sh	79/61/s
Dallas/Ft. Worth	86/65/s	90/68/s	90/69/s	91/69/s	91/68/s
Denver	88/55/s	82/54/t	84/55/pc	85/55/s	78/47/s
Flagstaff	78/46/s	78/44/s	80/44/s	80/46/s	75/45/s
Houston	88/66/s	90/68/s	90/70/s	92/70/s	92/70/s
Kansas City	82/58/s	82/61/s	85/63/t	84/62/s	82/62/s
Las Vegas	102/76/s	101/78/s	100/77/s	98/73/s	95/68/s
Miami	90/78/t	90/78/t	90/76/t	88/76/t	88/76/t
Minneapolis	75/56/pc	77/59/pc	78/59/t	79/57/s	76/58/s
New Orleans	88/72/s	87/72/s	88/73/s	89/73/s	89/73/s
New York City	80/68/t	83/66/sh	78/64/s	78/67/s	80/67/pc
Philadelphia	84/70/t	80/64/sh	80/64/s	82/66/s	81/65/pc
Phoenix	106/80/s	105/81/s	104/80/s	104/80/s	102/76/s
Portland	72/54/sh	70/54/pc	70/56/r	70/54/sh	74/52/c
San Francisco	78/56/pc	68/57/pc	68/58/pc	75/57/pc	79/55/s
Seattle	66/50/sh	66/54/pc	66/52/r	66/50/sh	67/47/r
Tucson	99/70/s	98/72/s	98/72/s	98/71/s	99/70/s
Washington, DC	82/70/t	80/66/pc	80/64/pc	82/66/s	81/66/pc

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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