



NEWSBRIEFS

Fatal crash

Speed may have been a contributing factor to a fatal automobile accident on Thursday, July 18 in the 7860 block of Doniphan near the McKnight intersection. Arturo Vasquez, 26, of Anthony was declared dead at the scene after his 2002 red Chevrolet Camaro Z28 crossed into the southbound lane as it traveled north on Doniphan, and struck a maroon Ford F-150 truck head-on. The driver of the truck, Lorenzo Valdez, 53, walked away with no injuries, however, his unidentified passenger, a 48-year-old male, was airlifted to Thomason Hospital with head and upper body injuries. Law enforcement officials said a toxicology report has been ordered in the investigation. A possible report was also made that the Camaro was involved in a race with a dark-colored sedan at the time of the accident.

Help in crisis

The El Paso Police Department's Victim Services Response Team is looking for volunteers willing to be trained as victim service providers. The volunteers will receive 80 hours of training and join more than 150 volunteers that are already part of the team. The training will begin on July 18 and end on Sept. 14 with a special graduation and certificate presentation. The training location will be 911 N. Raynor at Police Headquarters in the 2nd floor conference room. The class will meet Tuesdays and Thursday evenings from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. The training topics include Domestic Violence, Crime Scenes, Protective Orders, Death Notifications along with other important issues. VSRT volunteers advocate and deliver services such as immediate crisis intervention, guidance, death notification, transport, education and referrals to local agencies. All applicants must pass a background check and be able to volunteer at least four hours a month. Those interested in making a difference are asked to call Leticia Trejo at (915) 564-7368.

In other news

■ The Socorro ISD Educator's Professional Advisory Committee (EPAC) is seeking members to volunteer time to evaluate the District's educational goals, objectives and major Districtwide classroom instructional programs. The District is seeking two representatives who are parents of students currently enrolled in the District, two community members, and two representatives of local businesses. The committee meets at least six times a year and its primary function is to review the district instructional program and to act in an advisory role in decision making. Those interested may call Guadalupe Lopez at 937-0316 or e-mail gulopez@sisd.net no later than Aug. 1.

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Controlling water is high priority on Vinton's to-do list

By Don Woodyard
Courier Staff Writer

VINTON — Water is a major issue and concern for members of the Vinton Village Council.

The concern about water is expressed in an unofficial mission and vision statement that represents a general consensus of council members. An excerpt from that document:

"Our village flood management problems, water issues and economic stagnation have evolved over a period of time and it will take both time and a solid capital improvement plan to accomplish the desires of our council and the residents we represent."

There are two primary aspects to the overall water issue in Vinton.

- The uncontrolled flow of water through arroyos from runoffs from recent heavy rains and from downpours which have plagued the area for many years.

- The controlled flow of drinkable water to approximately 1,900 village residents.

In regards to part one, Vinton Mayor Madeleine Praino feels the time is long past for a "band-aid" approach for patching up problems with runoffs from heavy downpours, such as the ones which inundated the area about two weeks ago.

Water wasn't the only thing seen in the waters surging through any of the five major arroyos coursing through the Upper Valley community. Praino and Joe Alarcon, mayor pro-tem, saw refrigerators, mattresses, couches and bed springs swept along in the runoff.

"There is an urgency for dialogue with and a study by the Corps of Engineers," said the mayor who is working with other members of the council to bring county, state and federal agencies and individuals into the battle to find real, solutions to the water problem. "I'm tired of band-aids."

Praino adds, "We insist on being heard."

It is not all bad news about water. Alarcon and the mayor says the residents along

Ledbetter Road, which was hardest hit during the recent flooding, are not sitting and waiting for assistance. They are coming forward with ideas about "hands-on" solutions and offers to pitch in with real help to improve conditions. Part of the paving along Ledbetter was washed away when waters rose after the culvert was clogged with debris.

Alarcon said village maintenance crews are working this week on Ledbetter to rebuild it to again accommodate two-way traffic. Also work is under way to clear away debris which had clogged the culvert under the road.

In regards to part two, the long-term goal for the village is to phase out the few, small "mom and pop" water system operations and bring community water service under the management umbrella of El Paso Water Utilities and the Public Service Board.

However, the work on improving water service to the community is not unique to the new administration of Mayor Praino. It goes back to previous administrations.

"We are getting out of the water business," proclaimed then Mayor Antonio Castro two years ago. "We will finally be getting municipal water." The occasion was Vinton receiving a check for \$263,000 from the Office of Rural Community Affairs. The money was for pumping, storage and transmission line improvements.

That first phase of water service improvements was for approximately 50 households along Kiely Road which are under PSB management.

Residents along Holguin and Danny Boy roads will similarly benefit. Alarcon said a contract is expected to be awarded in September from another Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), this time for \$266,000.

The plan is eventually for all of Vinton to be under the management of the PSB, Alarcon points out.

Long-awaited improvements to Vinton Road

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Help available to improve your address visibility

EL PASO COUNTY — A fire engine, ambulance, Sheriff's patrol car or other emergency assistance vehicle can be delayed several life saving seconds trying to locate a correct address. Such time delays can mean the difference between life and death. Property owners and those calling for help can make a difference in shortening that response and the El Paso County Sheriff's office is offering a special program through Aug. 31 to help.

Residents are responsible for two items that largely determine the ability of an emergency vehicle to find an address:

- The person reporting the emergency must provide the correct address. Your address should be written on every phone in your house so that in an emergency, anyone calling for help knows the address.

- Large, legible address numbers should be displayed prominently on each building.

- Condominium complexes, condominium

developments, and oddly-addressed streets can pose problems for emergency vehicles. An address may be shared by several living units in some complexes. Residents in such complexes should prearrange a guide to help emergency vehicles find the correct address.

Next time you drive home, pretend you are a firefighter or Sheriff's Deputy. How hard is it to find your address? You won't get help if you can't be found.

Deputies from the Community Service Section are prepared go out to individual residences and properly paint the address where it can be seen by emergency personnel. If your address is not visible contact Sgt. Louie Medina with the El Paso County Sheriff's Office Community Service Section at 915-886-2724 to schedule an appointment.

The program is currently being offered in in El Paso County — in areas outside the city limits of El Paso.

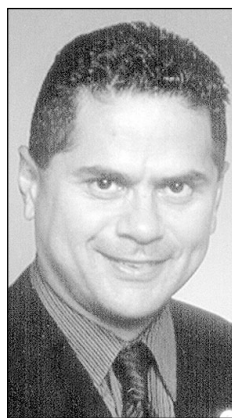
SISD's superintendent to take San Antonio job

By Irma Flores
Special to the Courier

EAST EL PASO COUNTY — After three years as superintendent of the Socorro Independent School District, Dr. Robert J. Durón will move to San Antonio. He was named superintendent of San

Antonio ISD at a special board meeting there on July 11.

Durón says the move is bitter-sweet. "The emotions I feel are mixed. On one hand, leaving SISD is a very difficult thing for me. It's difficult because of the relationships I have



Robert J. Durón

established with students, parents and staff. On the other hand, I'm very excited about the opportunity of leading the San Antonio Independent School District. Leading a major urban school district is a challenge I feel I am ready to take on."

SISD Board President Craig Patton agrees Dr. Durón is ready to take on the challenge. "It's not unexpected. He's a very talented man and an up and coming superintendent in this state. We wish him the best of luck. He's done a good job here in Socorro and he'll do a good job in San Antonio."

Patton says the board will be diligent in the process of selecting an interim superintendent as soon as possible. The Board has already made a start on searching for a permanent superintendent. On July 10 the SISD Board of Trustees unanimously approved a move to send out the request for proposals from superintendent search firms. Selecting a search firm is expected to take several weeks.

In the meantime, both Dr. Durón and Patton agree SISD is in good hands. "I am confident the leadership team I have assembled will continue to serve in a very professional, competent manner," says Durón. "Everyone should rest assured that this team will continue to provide outstanding leadership for this district and will assist a new superintendent in continuing a culture of excellence."

"I have the utmost confidence the district will continue to run smoothly," Patton said. "The back bone of our district is our teachers. Excellent teachers, principals, department heads and Assistant Superintendents are doing a great job of running the district and will continue to do so. I have no hesitancy in leaving the district in the hands of the Assistant Superintendents until we appoint an interim superintendent."

Durón had been an Assistant Superintendent with the Clear Creek Independent School District in the Houston area prior to joining Socorro ISD in June 2003 to become a superintendent for the first time. Durón's last day with Socorro ISD was to be July 19. He is expected to begin his new duties in San Antonio on Aug. 1.

A popular song is the licensed medium for bawling things in public too silly to be uttered in ordinary speech.

— Quips & Quotes



One perspective

By Francis Shrum

Fast food education

I'm no Einstein.

I'm not a real dedicated scholar, either, and half of what I learned in school went in one ear and out the other so that if I need it today, I have to review. Especially if it has to do with math.

It is unfortunate that I didn't really get serious about it back when my brain circuits were a little more pliable. I should have learned a second language, or mastered a musical instrument. But I told myself that I wasn't going to need "this stuff" when it came to "real life," and I hurried on through school so I could go out and start living it.

I made the excuse for myself that I wasn't going to be a doctor or engage in any profession where heavy-duty book learning really mattered.

Well, apparently there's a whole generation of Americans who don't figure heavy-duty learning is important even if they *are* going to become doctors. And apparently the educational community is not holding up a stop sign and directing them back to the starting gate.

There was recently a study done by the New Assets Institute in Orlando, Florida which contends that the proliferation of equivalency and accelerated-degree programs are providing us with a wide spectrum of "professionals" who are hanging out their shingle a wee bit on the premature side.

Chancellor Michael Berns contends in the study — entitled *Fast Food Education: Adult Learners' Steady Diet of (and Increasing Appetite for) Junk Education in America and Abroad* — that as many as half the degrees carried by people in education-sensitive professions such as

health care, finance and the building trades are "bogus."

Thanks to internet courses, satellite campuses, and accelerated and equivalency degrees, folks can get a master's degree without having to pay their dues at a traditional two or four-year "bricks and mortar" graduate or undergraduate school.

Now, I'm one of those who contends that some folks just flat don't belong inside a school house much longer than it takes to learn those old standbys that everyone needs — reading, writing and 'rithmetic.

By middle school, certainly by the time they head on into high school, it become pretty evident where a young person's aptitude lies. Forcing an outdoorsy, active type into a highly structured "cerebral" career path ends up in nothing but frustration.

That's why I think trade schools are a good deal — to prepare people to do the jobs they will enjoy and be good at. But we shouldn't make it too easy for someone to become an architect, dentist or doctor if he or she doesn't have the aptitude nor the dedication to immerse themselves in a craft that requires truly indepth study.

On the surface, it looks like Americans are getting educated-er by the minute.

Between 1970 and 2001, statistics say, the proportion of the adult population 25 years of age and over who had completed high school or more rose from 55 percent to 84 percent. At the same time, the proportion of adults with at least four years of college increased from 11 percent to 26 percent.

But the U.S. National Center for Education Statistics, only one in four adult students attended a conven-

tional college or university full-time. The remaining three adult students, by default, were papered via a non-traditional degree program. Therefore, of the 52 million or so Americans having a Bachelor's, Master's or Doctoral degree in 2001, New Assets contends it can be conservatively estimated that fewer than half graduated from accredited, conventional colleges or universities and more than half were awarded alternative-type equivalency or accelerated degrees.

Now, I'm not saying that talented, dedicated people can't take materials provided via an accelerated course and prepare themselves to take on the challenges of many careers. However, in some professions, you simply can't rush the education process — the risks are just too high. The amount of material covered in accelerated courses leave experience in the dust — something to be caught up on once a person begins working in

his or her chosen field.

Traditionally, a Master's or Doctoral degree indicated that the time had been spent, the lessons learned, the bricks laid and the surgeries attended to justify it — not just that a person had "covered" that subject.

Next time doc flexes his scalpel over you or a family member, maybe someone should ask how much time he actually spent studying anatomy or if this surgery is going to be considered "lab."

Parks and lights can lead to bigger, better things

By sergio Cox
Special to the Courier

I have given myself several goals since I have become your at-large representative, some of them may be a little unrealistic but I am going to try and I am going to give it my best shot. Before I tell you about one of my goals just let me say that the response, for what Mr. Chente Quintanilla calls the "big party" has been very positive. The party I am referring to is the reception and appreciation shindig we're going to have on Aug. 25 at the El Campanario ballroom located at 649 Apodaca, for Coach Chris Forbes and retired teacher Sandra Reinhardt. Come join us and let's have some fun. Call me at 858-2915 for more information.

There, I got my plug in again.

Now let's talk about one of my goals or one of my dreams that I have for the community of Socorro. I know that we need streets and sidewalks and every effort is being made to reach that goal. We have had a little set back on getting our grant writers in line, but that will be corrected soon and I hope we will have a team working for us in the very near future to help us reach

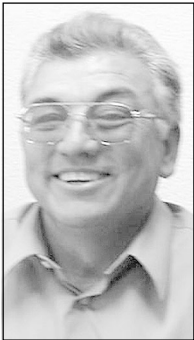
that goal. Once we have the grant writers on board, I will ask them for help in finding grant money for placing lights in at least two of our baseball parks.

I would like to see field lights on Cougar Park for the older kids and at Rio Vista Park on both of our little league fields. The lights would, of course, be for night games so that we could play our games out of the heat of the day.

I know that there is a movement afloat right now for a skate park and believe me when I say that I will do everything possible to make that come true, but let's talk about why parks with lights are important.

With lights an area could be set aside for the skaters and those same lights would benefit them. The baseball diamonds would bring a large portion of our families together for cookouts and gathering of extended families coming out to watch the younger members play and learn how to play. These are activities that bring communities together, make friends of strangers, and unite the community even more.

With Socorro growing in leaps and bounds it becomes even more impor-



Sergio Cox

tant for our young people to have a way of finding themselves and in a small way stay out of trouble and mischief. I know that Coach Forbes would agree with me on this because from these little league teams of Socorro comes the talent that feeds Socorro High School and keeps them in their winning ways. I will look for a way, either through grants or programs. The answer is out there. I just have to find it. If you have any ideas on how to help me reach this goal, contact me.

While we're on the subject of baseball, I want to congratulate Horizon City for their baseball efforts for their young kids. They have through the efforts of Keenan Gresegh, my older son David Cox, and all of those unnamed coaches who volunteered their time for the kids, pulled off another successful season. Thanks guys, we need more like you. Let's get that right dugout light problem corrected, okay, Keenan? A curve ball pitcher would thrive under those kinds of lighting conditions.

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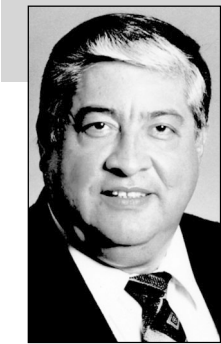
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Por la Gente By State Rep. Chente Quintanilla

Debate continues over toll roads

Hola, mi gente — this is your friend and public servant here to give you an up date on the toll road issues in El Paso County

You have probably heard that the local Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) which is the transportation policy board for the region, voted at the last monthly meeting not to support the City of El Paso creating a Regional Mobility Authority (RMA). The City then went to the Texas Department of Transportation's Commissioners where they "over rode" our local decision.

Those in support of the RMA and toll plan — that includes lanes on I-10 going out to the New Mexico line — were members of the Paso Del Norte Group and Greater El Paso Chamber of Commerce. Not all the members of the Chamber were there, just the special interest members that sell asphalt, concrete, and aggregate, sell and lease road equipment, consulting engineers and other construction material suppliers.

Congressman Reyes has entered a letter into the record against the El Paso RMA. County Judge-elect, Anthony Cobos, has publicly come out against it.

The RMA is an appointed body on which no local elected officials would sit. It has the power of eminent domain, taxation, construction, right-of-way acquisition, engineering and initiation of environmental studies and more. These boards are not, by creation of law, a bad thing. I supported and still do support their limited use as a possible mechanism for some projects in some communities. The RMA would decide the cost of tolls, bid out construction contracts, but would not have to respond directly to the general public.

You have been told that if you did not want to use an express toll lane that there will be a choice of a free alternative. True, but there is more to the story. In order to make this RMA and toll plan work in El Paso, TxDOT has moved millions of dollars out of other El Paso projects to pump into their toll plan. So, if you think you will not be affected by a toll somewhere else in the area, which you choose not to use, think again. The congestion where you do drive will not be improved for a long time. Money has been diverted out of the Northeast truck by pass, which was at one time our number one priority project. Money for widening I-10 on the west side has been removed

and we have no money to complete the outer loop as a free road. It will also cost millions of dollars to start an RMA. Who will pay for it? It is probably figured into the City's proposed tax increase. An RMA needs money to live on and if there is not toll revenue for several years, the new bureaucracy (RMA) that is created will need a lot of funding. At a public hearing in Austin, before the House Appropriation Committee, TxDOT admitted that they would be signing, "Non Compete" agreements with operators of the toll facilities. What this means is TxDOT would not compete with them on the free roads and would not do improvements or add capacity for more traffic on free lanes..

Their plan is to extend the Border Highway through downtown and connect back to I-10 near Resler for \$466 million. The cost reflects the expense for building, in essence, two roads, one as a toll and the other not. Phase II of their plan is, instead of improving I-10 on the west side going toward New Mexico, they would add new lines with tolls, again at a higher cost than just improving I-10. Phase III of their plan calls for express tolls on the entire Border Highway going out to the

Socorro ISD hires new communications specialist

EAST EL PASO COUNTY — The Socorro Independent School District has hired a new Communication Specialist. Irma Flores comes to Socorro from Sierra Providence Health Network where she was served in a similar position.

A graduate of UTEP in Communications, Flores also has a background in television news, working for five years at two local television stations. Flores also holds



Irma Flores

a Master's Degree in Business Administration from the University of Phoenix. "It's a privilege to be working with this growing district," says Flores. "Socorro is well known for being one of the most innovative school districts in the state and I am excited to be a part of it."

As the District's Communication Specialist, Flores will write press releases, create brochures, newsletters and vari-

ous other informational materials about the District as well as assist with media relations, web information and the district's video programs. "As the District's Communication Specialist, I'll be able to tell all the wonderful stories about our unique and talented students and staff."

"We're very fortunate to have her on board," says Minerva Baumman, Sisd's Director of Communication Services. "Irma has a wealth of experience. Her talents and skills will be a great benefit to our students, parents and staff."



Eye on D.C.

By U.S. Rep. Henry Bonilla

Parents should have education options

This month, while kids across the country are headed to camp or on a family vacation, parents are turning their attention back to the school year ahead — reading lists and school supplies. Congress is also focused on our children's future as we continue to work with President Bush to ensure that no child is left behind in our country's educational system.

Congress has made tremendous progress in improving education in America. We've approved measures to strengthen special education, help states and schools recruit highly-qualified teachers, and help states and communities meet the President's call for high standards and accountability in our schools.

While significant progress has been made to strengthen America's schools, more work remains. Next week the America's Opportunity Scholarships for Kids Act of 2006 will be submitted to the House of Representatives for consideration. This proposal would allow certain students from low-income households who currently attend schools that have been identified for restructuring under the No Child Left Behind Act to attend a private school or

to receive tutoring assistance as well as after-school and summer programs. This legislation authorizes scholarships of up to \$4,000 to students to apply towards the cost of tuition at a private school of their parent's choice as well as supplemental educational services such as after school programs or tutoring.

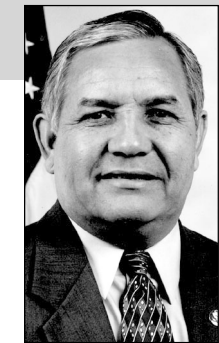
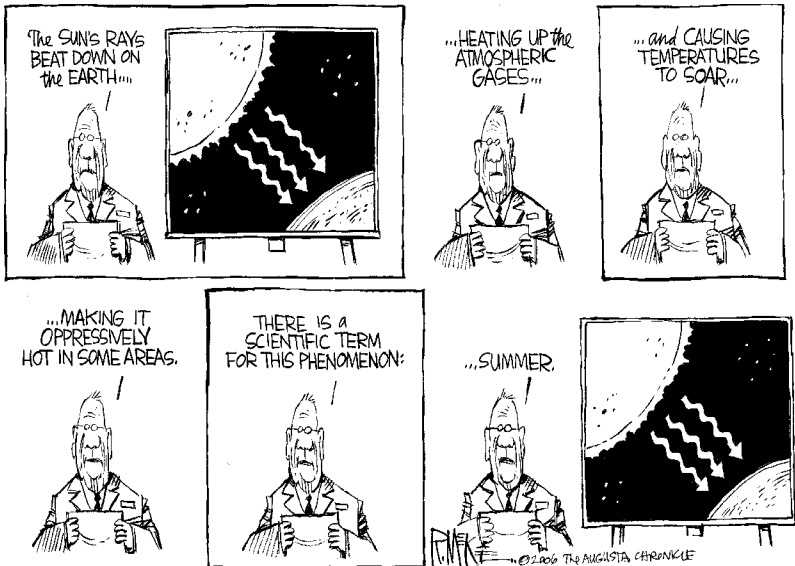
The legislation would grant competitive awards to states, local educational agencies, and public or private nonprofit organizations including community and faith-based organizations. This bill is designed to give parents more options for the education of their children. Studies have shown that providing students with more educational options benefits both their academic performance and the performance of schools at risk of losing students. Perhaps the most important aspect of this legislation is that we're giving the freedom of choice to parents. Parents should choose the best educational options for their children, not bureaucrats.

To succeed both in the classroom and out in the world, our children need a strong educational foundation. They need to develop the skills necessary to achieve including sound listening ca-

pabilities, persuasive speaking abilities, solid reading comprehension aptitude, and the ability to write clearly and effectively. In order to accomplish this goal, our nation must focus on accountability. I will continue my work to increase access to higher education for low and middle income students, expand school choice, improve vocational and technical education, and strengthen special education and support school teachers.

Flexibility and choice are imperative to attaining the quality education our children deserve. Congress is committed to supporting President Bush's No Child Left Behind program to help provide every child in America with access to the academic resources they need, while providing parents with educational options they deserve as hard working taxpayers.

The new school year brings with it the promise of new beginnings. I'm proud that the education initiatives we are considering in Congress are focused on keeping Washington bureaucracy out of the classroom.



Reyes Reports

By U.S. Rep. Silvestre Reyes

Bill would maximize border resources

Here in the Southwest border region, we face unique challenges when it comes to improving our economy and infrastructure. In El Paso we are working in a community that straddles two U.S. states and an international border. To facilitate true progress, our geographic location requires that we move beyond the boundaries of our community and work together in a regional manner to improve our economy and empower our citizens.

Legislation I introduced in Congress would help facilitate these efforts. Known as the Southwest Regional Border Authority Act, this bill (H.R. 5742), would create an independent joint federal-state agency that would unite leaders from throughout the region to coordinate our long-term development projects and ultimately help bring more federal grant dollars to the Southwest. One Senate-confirmed federal representative and the governors of Texas, New Mexico, Arizona, and California, would lead the SWRBA, which would:

- Serve as an independent fast-track for obtaining federal grants to help fund economic development plans designed at the local level and approved at the state level.
 - Conduct research on the resources available to the region.
 - Sponsor demonstration projects in the Southwest border region.
 - Coordinate new federal border programs.
 - Focus on water, sewer, telecommunications, technology and transportation infrastructure.
 - Establish a development planning process to ensure that projects funded by the Authority represent local and regional development priorities.
 - Prioritize projects leading to the creation of a diversified regional economy, as states and counties are often forced to compete against each other for federal funding.
- The House Transportation Subcommittee on Economic Development, Public Buildings, and Emergency Management held a hearing on my bill this past week. Testifying before the subcommittee, I told them, "For too long, the needs of the Southwest border region have been ig-

nored, overlooked, and underfunded. It is time for Congress to recognize all of the challenges facing the border, and to help the region make the most of its many assets."

I emphasized to the subcommittee that, according to the Interagency Task Force on the Economic Development of the Southwest Border, 20 percent of the residents in the Southwest live below the poverty level, unemployment rates often reach as high as five times the national unemployment rate, and a lack of adequate access to capital has created economic disparities and made it difficult for businesses to start up in the region.

Our economic challenges partly stem from our position on the border, and the SWRBA recognizes that the people who live in the border region know best what works for them. This authority would help coordinate planning to address these issues and turn these statistics around. Access to technology, workforce development and a 'regional approach' are at the heart of this bill and would allow regional leaders to learn from our different perspectives, accomplishments, and challenges.



Moore Texas by Roger T. Moore July 6, 1883: Yankee army officers stationed in San Antone give Texans their first look at Polo.



Anthony receives grant to fight dumping

ANTHONY — The Town of Anthony, Texas has been awarded a grant for enforcement of illegal dumping in the Anthony area. The \$25,515 grant will pay for an officer to patrol the community and enforce illegal dumping and issue citations.

The grant will also include informational and educational material to inform the public about illegal dumping and how and where to report illegal dumping activity. The grant was awarded to the town by the Rio Grande Council of Governments under TECQ's Solid Waste Grant Program.

The Town of Anthony will provide a vehicle for use in the program and an officer will be

trained to enforce state laws dealing with illegal dumping.

According to Mayor Art Franco the grant will aid the town in establishing a program to eliminate illegal dumping and make it a permanent part of the police department's goals and continue the program after the grant is completed.

The Anthony Police Department has been instrumental in working to clean up and

eliminate illegal dumping sites in the arroyos such as the one that runs through the Anthony Municipal Park. A fence has been erected along Stateline Road to help curb illegal dumping and the additional officer will make it easier to patrol the area and other arroyos within the community.



Art Franco

Socorro ISD's early college high school program welcomes first class

By Irma Flores
Special to the Courier

EAST EL PASO COUNTY — When school starts in the Socorro ISD on July 20, 125 high school freshmen will start years ahead of most other freshmen in the district. They will already be enrolled in college.

Gloria Michaud and Jonathan Fernandez were two of the pioneers who spent the summer preparing to be the first at SISD's Mission Early College High School. They spent the day in EPCC orientation on July 13 in preparation for attending classes at the Mission Del Paso campus.

"At first, I wasn't going to enroll," says Michaud. "But after learning more about this school, I decided that it was a pretty good deal to finish high school and already have an Associate's degree."

She acknowledges the discipline that is required, but with the support for friends and family she says she knows she will make it through and succeed. She plans to pursue a law degree.

The Mission Early College High School is a collaboration between the SISD and the EPCC under a \$400,000 grant from the Texas High School Project, funded by the Michael and Susan Dell Foundation, Bill and Melissa Gates Foundation, and the Communities Foundation of Texas. The goals are to lower dropout rates and improve the college readiness of graduating high school students.

This unique school will afford students the opportunity to simultaneously earn a two-year college degree while also earning a high school diploma. It is intended



— Photo courtesy Socorro ISD

GETTING READY — Mission ECHS freshmen arrive for their orientation session at the El Paso Community College Administrative Offices off Viscount.

to motivate low-income, minority students by providing two years of college without cost.

Dr. Armando Aguirre is the Mission principal. He said he talked to 8th graders throughout the district to find a class of individuals who are not only good students but have maturity and the right attitude to see this through.

One of only three such projects in Texas, students are required to stretch themselves intellectually while foregoing extracurricular activities such as band and athletics. The get a jump-start on college with the assistance of counselors, teachers and families.

The first graduates with double degrees are expected to complete the program in 2010.

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It is the policy of Clint ISD not to discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, handicap or age in its vocational programs, services or activities as required by Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended; Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972; and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended.

Clint ISD will take steps to ensure that lack of English language skills will not be a barrier to admission and participation in vocational programs.

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Horizon Councilwoman Sellers resigns post

By Arleen Beard
Special to the Courier

HORIZON CITY — During the regularly scheduled Horizon City Council meeting on July 11, 2006, Mayor Raymond Morales announced the resignation of City Councilwoman Bethany Shillady Sellers.

Mayor Morales presented Sellers with a plaque reflecting the Council’s appreciation for her hard work and dedication towards Horizon City.

Sellers resigned in order to relocate to Myrtle Beach, Florida. She was serving her third term as a City Council Representative. She had served four years,



Bethani Sellers

then was off of City Council due to losing a re-election bid to Jackie Rutledge.

When Sellers decided to run for office again in May 2005 she was successful in being elected. She said she has enjoyed serving her constituents and always had their best interest in mind.

Efforts to replace Sellers on the council have already begun. Qualified Horizon City residents who may be interested in serving on City Council are asked to submit a letter of interest and a brief resume about themselves.

A committee will be formed in order to review all the letters of interest and select the proper replacement. For more information call 852-1046.

Vinton

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were also discussed by Praino, Alarcon and council member Yolanda Lucero.

Vinton Road will be widened from two to four lanes and have a median. There will also be safety lighting along the state route which will be called Spur 37. Alarcon said work is expected to begin in the first quarter

of 2007 and take about two years to complete.

“We are working so hard to get the town going,” Praino said.

That work is reflected in the combined mission/vision statement.

“The village of Vinton needs to work on improving its identity and to promote its uniqueness and develop strong, sound strategies to expand our economic base and improve village services.”

“The future is bright; we are optimistic,” Praino says.

Briefs

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■ Cosme Ochoa, 36, of Canutillo was arrested last week and charged with an accident involving injury or death, relating to an incident on Dec. 10, 2005, when the driver of a blue (late 90’s) Ford Escort allegedly struck a 42-year-old male walking near the 700 block of Westway. The driver of the Escort fled the scene, and the investigation has continued since that time. The injured party is identified as Francisco Javier Ramirez, 42, of Apple Valley, California — a truck driver who was passing through the area when the incident occurred. He sustained serious bodily injuries and is confined to a wheel chair. Ochoa’s bond is set at \$100,000. “It takes time to develop leads in a case like this one,” said Assistant Chief Ralph Mitchell, Law Enforcement Bureau, El Paso County Sheriff’s Office. “The investigators recovered the vehicle about three weeks after the incident and have worked very hard to get us to the point we could make an arrest.”

■ The Westside Branch Library, 125 Belvidere, welcomes the 312th Army Band Brass Quintet on Wednesday, July 26 at 6:30 p.m. for a patriotic concert. The band from Fort Leavenworth, Kansas, has been featured at hundreds of concerts throughout the United States including the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Museum dedication in Springfield, Illinois as well as perfor-

mances at games for the Kansas City Chiefs and Royals. The band was also named an official “Bi-centennial of the United States Constitution” band and an official “Eisenhower Centennial” band. The concert is free and open to the public. For more information call 581-2024 or visit www.elpasolibrary.org.

■ The El Paso County Sheriff’s Citizens Academy is a free nine-week program — days and times determined by the attendees — that will give citizens a background and working knowledge of the Sheriff’s Office and how it serves the community. To participate, an application may be obtained from the Citizens Academy Coordinator at the Sheriff’s Office, 800 E Overland, third floor and returned there by Aug. 2, 2006, or by mail to: Citizens Academy Coordinator, El Paso County Sheriff’s Office, P.O. Box 125, El Paso, Texas 79941-0125. For information, call Assistant Chief Ralph Mitchell at 546-2285.

■ The San Lorenzo Church will host Clint’s First Annual Family Fun Bike Ride on Aug. 5, with registration at 7 a.m. for a day of fun. There will be three categories of participation: 5-mile, 12-mile and 25-mile rides at a cost of \$10 per rider which includes a T-shirt and breakfast. Youngsters can take part in separate races for boys and girls, ages 11-12 and 13-14, at \$5 per entry. Trophies and medals will be awarded. Join the fun at 611 Avenida De San Lorenzo in Clint. Call 852-3810 or 851-2255 for information.

Chente

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eastern parts of the County. They have already deleted the money that was set aside to help with the construction of the Northeast Bypass and I-10 on the west side. They want to create a new bureaucracy not accountable to the public, and let those who have the most to profit from highway construction, decide our transportation infrastructure.

Why not support the extension of the Border Highway as a non toll project for millions of dollars less, as well as the completion of the en-

tire outer-loop? Why not support the inter-loop project financed by private contractors? This would qualify us for the funding TxDOT says they will withhold if we don’t toll. Put the money back to improve I-10 on the west side. Bring back the North-east Bypass as an alternative route around El Paso and develop it as a toll project. Do not create added bureaucracy in the form of an RMA but let the people of this region decide what future tolls might be possible after the entire outer and inter loop system is complete. We should leverage the dollars available for expediting projects sooner and keep tolls to a minimum. Gracias, mi gente, Chente por la gente.

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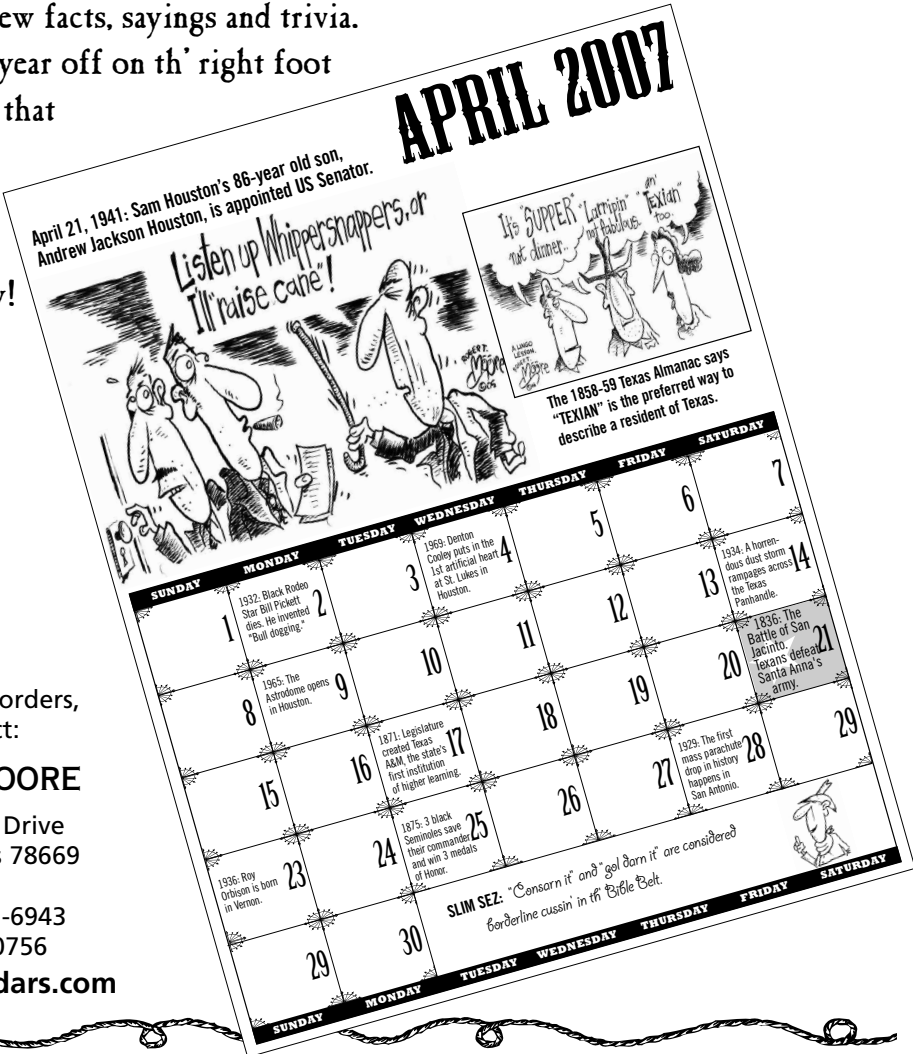


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Bonds, Davis draw all the wrong kind of attention

By Steve Escajeda
Special to the Courier

After what feels like years of speculation, years of anticipation and years of frustration, it may finally be here.

What am I talking about? I’m talking about the final few chapters of the whole sordid Barry Bonds saga, of course.

It appears that (and it may happen by the time you read this) Barry’s days of sneaking his way past any responsibility for his disgusting actions, are numbered.

Seems the grand jury, which is hearing the testimony supplied by Bond’s friends, associates and ex-lovers, is about to indict him on charges of perjury and tax evasion and maybe even money laundering.

All that and not a single mention about his using steroids. Well, it’s not so much that he’s in trouble for using steroids, the problem is that he’s appeared to have lied about using steroids.

And he’s lied to the wrong people.

Just like with former president Clinton. Whether or not he played “footsie” with an

intern in the oval office, may be more of a moral issue than a legal one. But once he lied to a grand jury about it that changed everything — that made it criminal.

Bonds, who probably would have been very comfortable working at that “jerk store” George Costanza always raved about, will not have a whole lot of supporters when all this hits the fan.

After a lifetime of belittling teammates, the media, the fans and the game itself, Bonds has got to look far and wide for any friends outside his legal team.

Word is that if he is convicted on perjury charges, and also for money laundering, he could see a jail term as high as 10 years.

But let’s be reasonable. Barry Bonds is a filthy rich, high-profile athlete. The chances of him spending a minute in jail is about the same as him winning the league’s *Miss Congeniality* award.

And an even bigger question is — if Bonds is indicted and it’s proven that he did use steroids, lied to a grand jury, laundered money and evaded paying taxes — what to do when his name comes up for Hall of Fame voting.

I don’t have a vote, but if I did I’d ask Barry Bonds to go over and wait next to Pete Rose.

A shot in the dark

As a reporter I am probably more skeptical than most. There’s a saying in journalistic circles, “if your mother says she love you — check it out!”

Now I believe in coincidences about as much as Oliver Stone does. Well, I shouldn’t go that far, but I like to inject a little common sense into everything I write.

And something is bugging me about this story.

It seems that Dallas Cowboys safety Keith Davis has some pretty rotten luck.

Like that guy you hear about on the Discovery Channel that has been struck by lightning about seven times, Davis can’t seem to go to the neighborhood 7-11 without being shot at.

Davis was hit twice by an apparent drive-by shooter over the weekend at 5:30 in the morning while driving on the interstate.

Wow, I remember getting the single-finger salute once when I cut someone off. But never has anyone ever pulled up beside me for no

reason and just started shooting into my car window.

Of course, I don’t usually stay out until 5:30 in the morning, either.

Anyway, Davis went through surgery and is in stable condition. In other words, he’s going to be okay and, according to his lawyer, if the Cowboys opened training camp was today Davis would probably be there.

That story is bizarre enough, but it gets a little stranger.

Amazingly, this was not the first time Davis has — accidentally? — been shot. Three years ago, Davis was shot in the hip and elbow while picking up a friend at a topless bar.

Again, according to his lawyer, it was just the case of being in the wrong place at the wrong time. Or is it being in the right place at the wrong time?

Either way, I would not be surprised at all if it turns out that Davis is involved in something that has apparently made him a target.

Being fired upon by accident once is about a million-to-one shot — pardon the pun — but being shot at twice is a pattern.

A very dangerous pattern.

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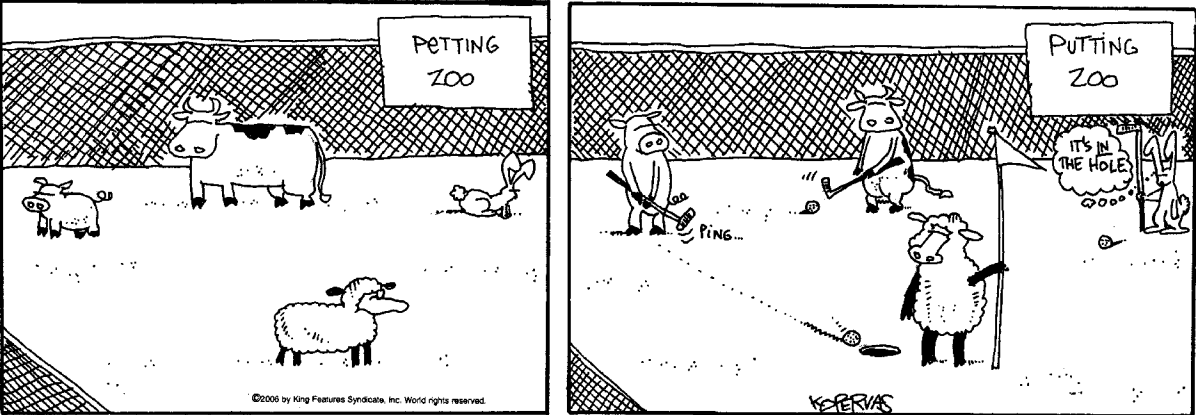
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Snakes in a column

By Don Flood

One of this summer’s monster movie hits is “Snakes on a Plane.”

Oh, wait a minute, that movie hasn’t been released yet. It just seems like it has because it has generated more buzz than any production since the creation of the solar system.

In fact, it already has — before it’s even been released! — one of the most famous lines in movie history, which I can’t possibly slip by the censor, because it’s goes something like:

“I’ve had it with these blankety-blank snakes on this blankety-blank plane.”

Here’s the plot, taken from a movie Web site:

“On board a flight over the Pacific Ocean, an assassin, bent on killing a passenger who’s a witness in protective custody, lets loose a crate full of deadly snakes.”

Right away you know this is an over-the-top fantasy.

A real assassin, a paid professional killer, would never use such an indiscriminate weapon as a snake. He’d choose a method that would ensure death, such as an in-flight Keanu Reeves film festival.

But that doesn’t matter, because the appeal is in the truth-in-advertising title.

I mean, when you hear “Snakes on a Plane,” you’ve pretty much got the whole picture.

I can think of movies that would have been more accurately titled “A Sequel for Suckers” or “Two Whiney People in Search of a Plot.”

With titles like these, you’d know going in they were just an excuse to scarf popcorn.

So even though I haven’t, in the technical sense, actually seen the movie, I give “Snakes” two Big

Thumbs Way, Way Up.

(I realize the general rule is for critics to get one vote per two thumbs, but *both* my thumbs are really excited about this movie.)

And there’s lots more news on the snake front.

Recently, a woman in India married a snake. Absolutely true.

Now, some women will say, “Big deal, my first husband was a snake too.” But this woman married a real snake, a creepy crawly snake, the kind that that assassins let loose on airplanes. (Oops! That was just a movie.)

Not that this was an ordinary snake. It was, apparently, the Brad Pitt of Snake World, with a set of abs to die for.

Come to think of it, all snakes have abs to die for. How do they do it?

Get ready for the next exercise fad: the Complete Snake Workout!

I can see it now: gyms crowded with people crawling on their bellies, Jane Fonda back with snake-exercise videos, that boring Tae-Bo guy finally onto something else.

But interested women should remember that not all snake/woman relationships work out. Pythons, for example, are known to be a little clingy.

But a recently discovered snake species has an ability that many women would appreciate — it can change colors.

Just think, no more trying to get your doofus, color-blind husband to wear clothes that match your outfit. This snake could change to match whatever you’re wearing.

There’s just one problem. You wouldn’t be able to take him on planes.

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Social Security Q&A

By Ray Vigil

Q: My brother is 39 years old and has congestive heart failure and diabetes. Because he has not worked for several years, he could not qualify for Social Security disability benefits but has just been told that he is eligible for SSI disability benefits. Can you tell me what other types of assistance he would qualify for since he will be getting SSI?

A: In most states, SSI recipients also get Medicaid. You should contact your state medical assistance office for more information. SSI recipients

are also generally eligible for social services provided by the state, city or county where they live. These may include homemaker services, arrangements for meals or transportation. More information on these types of services is available at the local public assistance office. And SSI recipients may also qualify for food stamps.

Q: My brother-in-law and I both get Supplemental Security Income (SSI) because of disabilities. His amount went up to \$603 a month this year but mine is a lot less. My disability

A: The severity of your disability is considered when determining whether you are disabled for SSI purposes, but it is not a factor in calculating the benefit amount you receive. SSI benefits are reduced when you receive other income or support from another person. Also, if you live in a household where you're not paying your share of the rent and bills, your amount will be reduced. This is because SSI is a needs-based program. For more information about the SSI program, visit the Social Security website at www.socialsecurity.gov,

or call 1-800-772-1213 (TTY 1-800-325-0778) and ask for the publication Supplemental Security Income.

Q: My husband became a legal permanent resident two years ago. Prior to this he had worked under social security but earned about 23 quarters of coverage on his record. Can he qualify for benefits once he becomes 65 years of age in July 2007? Will he be able to qualify on my record when I turned 62 years of age?

A: In order to qualify for social security benefits, an individual must have earned 40 quarters of coverage. Therefore at age 65 it appears he would not have enough quarters to qualify for benefits but when he has completes 5 years of having been a legal resident, he should file for Medicare benefits. If you acquire 40 quarters of coverage and if you file for social security at age 62, then he can also file for social security benefits as your dependent spouse.

For more information visit your local Security office, see 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.

7-DAY FORECAST FOR EL PASO, TX

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<div>Thursday</div> <div></div> <div>Partly sunny and hot</div> <div>96°</div> <div>RealFeel 102°</div>	<div>Thu. night</div> <div></div> <div>Rather cloudy</div> <div>73°</div> <div>RealFeel 70°</div>	<div>Friday</div> <div></div> <div>A blend of sun and clouds</div> <div>94° 71°</div> <div>RealFeel 91° 69°</div>	<div>Saturday</div> <div></div> <div>Clouds and sun</div> <div>93° 71°</div> <div>RealFeel 91° 68°</div>	<div>Sunday</div> <div></div> <div>Mostly cloudy</div> <div>95° 72°</div> <div>RealFeel 92° 69°</div>	<div>Monday</div> <div></div> <div>Mostly cloudy</div> <div>95° 72°</div> <div>RealFeel 98° 72°</div>	<div>Tuesday</div> <div></div> <div>Mostly sunny</div> <div>95° 71°</div> <div>RealFeel 97° 70°</div>	<div>Wednesday</div> <div></div> <div>Sunshine and some clouds</div> <div>94° 69°</div> <div>RealFeel 95° 66°</div>
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WEATHER TRENDS THIS WEEK

IN THE SKY

Temperatures

Precipitation

Sun	Rise	Set	Moon	Rise	Set	New	First
Thu.	6:13 a.m.	8:10 p.m.	Thu.	1:54 a.m.	4:42 p.m.		
Fri.	6:14 a.m.	8:10 p.m.	Fri.	2:40 a.m.	5:45 p.m.	7/24	8/2
Sat.	6:15 a.m.	8:09 p.m.	Sat.	3:33 a.m.	6:43 p.m.		
Sun.	6:15 a.m.	8:09 p.m.	Sun.	4:30 a.m.	7:33 p.m.	8/9	8/15
Mon.	6:16 a.m.	8:08 p.m.	Mon.	5:31 a.m.	8:15 p.m.		
Tues.	6:17 a.m.	8:07 p.m.	Tues.	6:32 a.m.	8:51 p.m.		
Wed.	6:17 a.m.	8:07 p.m.	Wed.	7:32 a.m.	9:22 p.m.		

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REGIONAL CITIES													U.S. CITIES														
	Thursday			Friday			Saturday			Sunday				Thursday			Friday			Saturday			Sunday				
CITY	HI	LO	W	HI	LO	W	HI	LO	W	HI	LO	W	CITY	HI	LO	W	HI	LO	W	HI	LO	W	HI	LO	W		
Abilene, TX	100	70	s	97	70	s	95	70	s	95	72	s	Atlanta	92	73	pc	92	73	pc	89	73	t	88	71	t		
Albuquerque, NM	94	69	t	93	68	t	92	67	t	90	67	s	Boston	84	69	pc	86	68	t	80	63	s	82	66	pc		
Amarillo, TX	99	68	s	96	67	s	96	66	pc	95	67	t	Chicago	90	68	t	82	63	pc	78	60	pc	82	62	pc		
Austin, TX	98	71	s	97	71	s	98	71	pc	96	73	pc	Denver	91	58	t	78	54	t	72	52	t	89	61	s		
Brownsville, TX	93	75	pc	93	76	t	94	76	pc	95	77	pc	Detroit	86	68	t	84	61	pc	80	63	pc	84	67	sh		
Dodge City, KS	104	68	s	97	68	s	85	68	s	98	68	s	Houston	94	74	t	94	74	t	94	76	t	94	76	t		
Jackson, MS	94	72	pc	94	73	pc	94	73	t	93	72	t	Indianapolis	92	70	t	84	63	t	81	62	t	85	68	pc		
Laredo, TX	100	76	pc	100	78	pc	100	79	pc	102	79	pc	Kansas City	100	70	s	86	67	t	83	70	pc	92	69	s		
Little Rock, AR	100	72	pc	96	74	s	92	73	pc	92	75	t	Los Angeles	85	68	t	85	66	pc	85	66	pc	86	66	pc		
Lubbock, TX	101	70	s	101	70	s	101	66	s	96	70	pc	Miami	88	79	pc	88	79	t	91	79	pc	89	78	t		
Memphis, TN	100	77	pc	97	75	s	89	75	t	91	75	t	Minneapolis	86	66	pc	86	65	t	86	70	pc	90	71	pc		
Midland, TX	98	70	s	92	69	s	96	71	s	96	71	pc	New Orleans	95	78	t	92	77	t	92	76	t	91	76	t		
Pueblo, CO	97	60	pc	90	58	t	80	54	t	96	61	s	New York City	86	72	pc	87	72	t	84	68	pc	84	72	pc		
Roswell, NM	100	68	s	92	68	pc	94	67	s	96	68	t	Omaha	92	67	s	83	65	t	81	69	s	93	70	s		
St. Louis, MO	101	77	pc	87	68	t	87	70	t	88	74	pc	Phoenix	106	88	t	108	87	t	108	87	t	108	85	t		
San Antonio, TX	98	73	s	98	75	s	98	75	pc	95	75	pc	San Francisco	78	59	s	80	58	s	78	57	s	76	59	s		
Texarkana, AR	100	73	s	97	75	t	97	73	pc	97	74	t	Seattle	84	60	s	94	62	s	96	64	s	94	62	s		
Waco, TX	100	73	s	96	73	s	96	75	pc	97	75	s	Washington	88	74	t	92	71	t	87	67	pc	87	71	pc		
Wichita, KS	105	74	s	94	70	s	83	70	pc	96	71	s															
Weather (W): s-sunny, pc-partly cloudy, c-cloudy, sh-showers, t-thunderstorms, r-rain, sf-snow flurries, sn-snow, i-ice.																											

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