



NEWSBRIEFS

School dedication

The Canutillo Independent School District will host a dedication ceremony for the long-anticipated new high school. Beginning at 2 p.m. campus tours will be conducted, followed by a reception and dedication program at 6 p.m. The event will be at 6675 South Desert Blvd. on Wednesday, Dec. 21. The public is invited to attend.

Principal honored

Ernesto Serna Elementary School honored its first principal with a surprise celebration on Tuesday, Dec. 13. Ignacio Solis is no longer at the campus but his contributions are not forgotten. "Mr. Solis had a vision that students at Ernesto Serna could be successful in both English and Spanish," said current principal Ricardo Damian. "As the first principal of this school he was able to set that foundation and implement a solid base for future administrators." Solis also secured a grant to implement the Dual Language Program at the school. During the recognition ceremony, Solis was to be presented a plaque to mark his achievements, with choir, band and orchestra to perform.

Special events

The Mission Valley's historical missions will host special events in conjunction with the Mission Trail Association's 13th Annual Luminaria/Posada Festival along the Mission Trail on Socorro Rd. with the lighting of some 30,000 luminarias. The San Elizario Genealogy and Historical Society will host Posadas in the Placita beginning with holiday music performances at 6 p.m. followed by the lighting of the Placita. Other performances will follow and refreshments served. The Genealogical Museum will remain open late. A Christmas play will be held at the Socorro Mission at 6:15 p.m. and special events will also be held at the Tigua Cultural Center with tribal dances and other performances. Call 422-1700 for more information.

In other news

■ The San Elizario High School library is near completion, but the community still has a unique opportunity to contribute to student growth and success by donating a new, gift-wrapped book for the library. Those making a book donation are encouraged to select a book that is of personal meaning to them, something that will make their donation that more special. For more information on how you can give a book gift, contact SEHS at 872-3960.

■ The ESL students of Ann Marie Garcia-Enriquez Middle School held their Second Annual Senior Citizen's Christmas Celebration this week at the Sun Plaza

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A good lawyer knows the law, a clever one takes the judge to lunch.
— Quips & Quotes

Padilla takes helm at Canutillo, recommends curriculum changes

By Don Woodyard
Courier Staff Writer

CANUTILLO — The Canutillo Independent School District board of trustees shifted educational gears in taking two far-reaching actions at a special meeting Dec. 6.

It unanimously named Dr. Pam Padilla, its assistant superintendent for student performance, as the only finalist for position of superintendent of the Upper Valley district.

The board accepted Padilla's recommendation to drop previously announced plans for a fifth- and sixth-grade school in favor of a



NEW SUPER — Dr. Pam Padilla is the new superintendent in the Canutillo Independent School District.

second middle school of sixth-, seventh- and eighth-grade students.

Residents of the district have 21 days to give their input on her selection before it becomes final. Padilla, who has 31 years in education, will take over from Charles Hart who retires Jan. 1, 2006.

"We feel Dr. Padilla is very qualified to lead our district," said Sergio Coronado, CISD board president. "We are proud to have such an individual within the school district, and we have the utmost confidence in her."

Before the board went into closed session to select Padilla, she was center stage in a detailed analysis as to the reasons the administration was recommending a major curriculum turn-around.

The original plan to handle growth in student population called for converting the present Canutillo High School into a middle school when the new high school opens after Christmas holidays. The present Canutillo Middle School would become Alderete Intermediate School and take in all of the fifth- and sixth-grade students in the district. The

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When it comes to friendly visits, Fabens fellowship delivers

By Julio Montes Sr.
Special to the Courier

FABENS — On Nov. 23 several members of the Fabens Fellowship of Christian Youth took some of their personal time to deliver turkey dinners to needy families in the Fabens area. The list of families was provided to the FCY by Margarita Rodriguez who is a social worker in the area. The Sheriff's Department and the Fabens Lions Club were also involved in this worthwhile project.

After delivering the food, the students were invited into the house and were led in prayer by different individuals who thanked God for the opportunity to help others. The families were very thankful, especially the children who were eagerly eyeing the food, especially the pies. After the food deliveries, the group visited with a homeless man known to many in

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— Photo courtesy Fabens ISD

ROUNDS OF ASSISTANCE — Members of the Fabens Fellowship of Christian Youth made rounds of food deliveries last month, enjoying and being enjoyed. From left are Nallely Sotelo, Daisy Dominguez, Angelica Hildabrant, Amanda Hildabrant, Brenda Bravo and Jason Quinn

State sponsors hazardous waste collection day in Fabens

By Maru Barua,
Special to the Courier

EL PASO COUNTY — Texas Cooperative Extension in El Paso in collaboration with Texas Commission on Environmental Quality and Texas Department of Agriculture are sponsoring a hazardous waste collection for all Texas residents on Friday, Dec. 16 at the Fabens Transfer Station, 1550 Fabens Street, 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.

People can take all their unwanted pesticides and other hazardous material to a collection site for safe disposal. This program is free of charge and it is voluntary and confidential.

- Items that can be accepted:
- Agricultural chemicals (banned or un-

wanted pesticides); and

- Home chemicals (pesticides, paints and thinners, anti-freeze, household batteries, aerosol cans, photographic chemicals, mercury thermometers, herbicides, gasoline, cleaners, pool chemicals, fluorescent bulbs, motor oil and oil filters, lead acid batteries.

Items that CANNOT be accepted:

- Tires, radioactive materials, explosives, compressed gas cylinders, biomedical wastes, ammunition, fertilizers, pesticides containing pentachlorophenol, herbicides containing 2,4,5-TP (Silvex).

For more information, contact the Texas Cooperative Extension office at 915-859-7725, Dr. Jaime Iglesias at Ext. 232 or Kim Greenlee at Ext. 238.

Pct. 6 Justice of Peace Court sees changes, growth

Courier Staff Reports

EAST EL PASO COUNTY — The Justice of the Peace Court, Pct. 6, in Clint will soon relocate from its longtime location to a new



Ruben Lujan

facility nearby which will better serve the growing number utilizing this court, according to Judge Ruben Lujan.

"Commissioners Court bought the Texas Human Resources building (also in Clint) with 130 parking spaces," Lujan said. "My court will be relocating as soon as it is remodeled. It will also house a County Collections Dept. to help people who need to pay their fines in monthly payments."

With continued and rapid growth of the population of East El Paso County, the services of the Pct. 6 court will further be expanded, he said, with a second location, JP Court Pct. 6-B, to be located in the East Montana community in March of 2006.

"The residents of Pct. 6 will have an opportunity to elect a Justice of the Peace Place B," Lujan said. His court will continue in Clint as Place A.

Lujan said a recent amnesty period which his court sponsored in October was very successful, giving residents with outstanding warrants an opportunity to straighten out their records by paying their fines. "We were also able to set up payments plans. I have opened our office during lunch to accommodate people on their lunch hour," he said, adding that other improvements include "going paperless" with the installation of an \$85,000 state-of-the-art scanning system, with 10 scanners and printers to move filing and "paperwork" along smoothly.

Another program is continuing which Lujan began about five years ago which makes students with truancy violations responsible for their actions rather than simply fining their parents. Students who don't go to school and appear in Lujan's court are now frequently paying off their own citations through community service.

"With the help of my volunteers, my community service programs in which I put students to work (picking up trash) was very successful," Lujan said. "We cleaned in Moon City, Campestre, Fabens, Clint, San Eli, Montana Vista and Horizon City. This is the fifth year we did this and pledge to continue court-ordering students to work so that parents do not have to pay their fines. It is a lot of work, but the results are rewarding. Students learn responsibility and respect and parents do not go to jail."

"I have worked hard to make my court accessible and friendly to the public," Lujan continued. "I have earned your vote, by being a full time JP and making failure to attend school and juvenile offenses our number one priority. Attendance in our schools are at an all time high."



One perspective

By Francis Shrum

'Tis the season to be sickly

Our society just loves giving gifts this time of year. It's a time for sharing and it's done with gusto. Especially if it means not missing a paycheck.

We give the gift of a germ here, a germ there, transported on this sneeze, that cough, until we've shared everything we have.

It's the kind of gift, though, that others don't really enjoy getting. Maybe we'd be better off if we were just a wee bit more selfish.

A recent poll by a specialized administrative staffing company, OfficeTeam, contacted 594 people age 18 years or older who work in office environments. They were asked: How frequently do you go to work when you're feeling sick?

Who says Americans aren't committed to anything? Apparently they are to their jobs — fully 49 percent of those polled said they make it to work even if they can feel those all-too-familiar twinges of cold or flu.

And this *is* the season sharing, you know. This is the time of year touted for "closeness" — and not just because the weather is cold outside and we're cooped up in close quarters with other human beings as frail as we are.

It's the season that mandates we get together in large groups, with people of all ages, and with greater frequency than ever. Whoever thought this up wasn't planning too well.

Unlike the Fourth of July which happens during the time when no

germ can survive the 100-plus degree temperature during an outdoor picnic, we somehow got saddled with a holiday season that admonishes weird stuff like office parties, school parties, family parties — all involving the ingesting of common food and the touching of common surfaces, mostly within confined spaces where germs love to germinate.

It also involves a number of other factors that increase our susceptibility to illness, even more so than the rest of the year.

Dr. Carol Rice, a health specialist with the Texas Cooperative Extension of Texas A&M University, said during the holidays people are at greater risk of getting sick. She had several good reasons to support her statement.

Primary among these were stress, fatigue and disruption.

Think about it. I do. Everytime I try to drive down the freeway, drop by the store to pickup a few groceries. People, people, everywhere and nary a place to park.

Nobody seems to stay at home during this time of year. And our system of commerce is doing everything it can to see to it no one does, while the TV news pleads with America to get out there and support your local merchant because our economic welfare depends on it.

Is it worth sacrificing your health? Apparently, because Americans in general will run themselves ragged trying to get the best deal, the latest deal, any deal at all to get something,

anything, for anybody we may have forgotten. And in the meantime host at least one party, attend who knows how many, have in at least one family member from out of town, and travel at least a little further than usual — maybe a lot further — because we have "time off."

After spending hours in a crowded airport with no sure bet of getting your flight or traveling white-knuckled for long hours during bad weather, we're really going to be rested up afterward, right?

Now, Dr. Rice has some good advice on how to keep from accepting all the good little gifty germs we are busily spreading around to our fellow man.

One of those is to get plenty of rest. Will do.

Another is to get a flu shot, if it's available. Okay.

Wash your hands often with soap and water or hand sanitizer since cold and flu germs can survive up to two hours on surfaces like doorknobs or phones. Check.

Cover your mouth when you cough or sneeze. Gotcha.

Don't get too cold. Right.

And get enough exercise — ideally a brisk half-hour walk once a day. Apparently power shopping doesn't count. Sure thing.

But, Dr. Rice says, the most important thing is to exercise "a little common sense, as well as practical wisdom."

Given the nature of the season, that suggestion is unlikely to be widespread.



Por la Gente By State Rep. Chente Quintanilla

Supreme Court June 1 deadline calls for quick action on education issue



Hola mi gente — After months of anticipation, the Texas Supreme Court has finally issued its ruling in the most recent school finance case, Neeley v. West Orange-Cove Consolidated Independent School District, et al. Last month, the court announced a 7-1 decision that affirmed in part and reversed in part the ruling of the Honorable John Dietz of the 250th District Court. Dietz's decision held that the state's system of school finance violates Article VII, Section 1 and Article VIII, Section 1-e of the Texas Constitution.

The fact that the Supreme Court stipulated that the Legislature has a constitutional duty to change Texas' system of school finance simply emphasizes the fact that we have had and continue to have a moral duty to our children to provide them the education they need to succeed. The Court acknowledged what is already well known — the status quo is unacceptable because our schoolchildren are being shortchanged and our property taxpayers are being overburdened.

The Supreme Court reversed Judge Dietz's decision, ruling that the state is not yet in violation of Article VII, Section 1 of the Texas Constitution.

Article VII, Section 1 states, "A general diffusion of knowledge being essential to the preservation of the liberties and rights of the people, it shall be the duty of the Legislature of the State to establish and make suitable provision for the support and maintenance of an efficient system of public free schools."

The school district appellees in the case argued that the current school finance system violates Article VII, Section 1 because many of the school districts do not have sufficient financing to provide all of their students with a meaningful opportunity for a constitutionally adequate education. Though the Court did not find this to be true, they warned of an impending constitutional violation and recognized that the system is "drifting toward constitutional inadequacy." It is important to note that constitutional adequacy constitutes far less than what our children deserve. The following is an enlightening quote from the Court's decision:

"Our responsibility in this case is limited to determining whether the public education system is 'adequate' in the constitutional sense, not in the dictionary sense. That is, we must decide only whether public education is achieving the general diffusion of knowledge the Constitution requires. Whether public education is achieving all it should — that is, whether public education is a sufficient and fitting preparation of Texas children for the future — involves political and policy considerations properly directed to the Legislature. Deficiencies and disparities in public education that fall short of a constitutional violation find remedy not through the judicial process, but through the political processes of legislation and elections." (Majority opinion, at 7-8, emphasis added)

Though the Court did not rule the state in violation of Article VII, Section 1, it is clear that Texas school districts are not getting the resources

they need to truly educate Texas children. The Legislature has a moral duty to ensure that "public education is a sufficient and fitting preparation of Texas children for the future." Nothing in the Court's ruling should be used as an excuse to do anything less. The Court's ruling indicates that if we do not fix school finance soon, then the system will again be open to a constitutional challenge under Article VII, Section 1.

The Supreme Court found that the state is clearly in violation of Article VIII, Section 1-e, noting that local governments do not have meaningful discretion to administer local property taxes because the state has de facto control of the levy, assessment and disbursement of local property taxes. The Court held that meaningful discretion, though an "admittedly imprecise standard," in this case is not a close question.

It is nothing new to say that rising property taxes are a burden on the hard working families we represent. Our schools and property taxpayers are treading water in a sea of failure while the Legislature sits inactive. The Governor needs to call us back into special session today so we can pass a school finance plan that fully funds our schools and provides real property tax relief for all our families.

I believe we must introduce a bipartisan plan to fully fund our public schools and cut property taxes immediately. The Court's June 1, 2006 deadline just makes the need for the Legislature to come together without delay and address this issue. Your friend and public servant, Chente for la gente.

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Write stuff

Dear Editor:
The 2005 football season has come to an end. Congratulations to the Clint Lions for their great season. This team from their small school achieved this goal under the guidance of Coach Martinez and his entire staff. They played as a unit, each

player an important part. Coach Martinez was not only the coach but also a leader. He gave the team what they needed to believe in themselves. They played the larger schools with “Lion Pride.”
They won some, lost some but after each game they stood together as a team, showed the Lions “L” sign while the band played and the fans joined in. They left the field

with their heads held high knowing that they played hard and gave their best. Isn’t that what sports is all about? This team represented their school with good sportsmanship and fair play.
Their last game was at Fabens where they won the “Cotton Bowl Trophy” and were not even mentioned on the sports page.
So to the Clint Lions, the small school with the big heart, you are to all of us who attended your games our “Champions.” Thanks to all the coaches and players of this 2005 team.

Barbara Kusserow
Westside El Paso

Dear Editor:
History plays a tremendous role in future growth. There is both aggressive and passive growth. History also identifies and educates everyone about one’s identity and culture. On Dec. 7, 2005, the rededication of Nuestra Senor de la Purisima Concepcion de los Piro de Socorro del Sur in Socorro, Texas took place. Bishop Ochoa offered mass. Durable, passive historical fulfillment also took place. For the first time in many, many years Socorro history has been presented, the Piro/Manso Native American descendants were present to take part of their most deserved role. They played their most scared drum beat, and danced to it. Truthful history cannot, should not and will not disappear. The Piro’s imprint is the Socorro Mission, and it stands out in the heart of the town. How can only a few know about this tribe? More needs to be written about these Natives, so people can be educated. Piro Natives are agricultural people who choose to be passive and resilient, but they are very much alive and here to stay. They are part of Socorro and New Mexico history, and deserve acknowledgments like any other tribe in the United States.

Martha Trujillo
Mission Valley

What happens when Santa doesn’t come?

When I was growing up, my parents didn’t have a lot of money. I was nearly twelve before I realized that not all moms and dads hold down two or three jobs a piece.
I know my parents must have dreaded Christmas. When you’re little, everybody’s quick to tell you that Santa Claus brings toys only to good little boys and girls. If you don’t get much under the tree on Christmas morning, you must have done something to get on the wrong side of Santa.

A tree was a luxury we couldn’t always afford at Christmas. But, until the year I turned ten, there were always presents.

That year, 1964, things were harder than usual. By then our family had grown to include five children, including me. My dad would stay up late at night, adding, subtracting, and dividing the bills in a crazy kind of math that never gave him the answers he wanted. About two weeks before Christmas, my mom took me aside. “Henry,” she said, “you’re the oldest, so you should know what’s happening. It looks like we’re not going to be able to buy any presents this year. I need you to help your brothers and sisters understand.” I nodded, but inside I was worried. How do you tell a five year old that Santa won’t be coming this year?

The next two weeks went faster than I would have wanted. Suddenly, it was Christmas Eve. That evening, my mom made her famous tamales and bunellas. Dad read the Christmas story, and we sang a few songs. But I noticed my brothers and sisters weren’t as excited as usual. They’d been warned days before that there were lots of kids in the world, and the North Pole toy factory was having a hard time making all of the toys.

The next morning, as I was just waking up, I heard my brother Nate shout. I ran into the next room. There, in the corner, was a Christmas tree, standing about four feet tall with shiny red, blue and yellow balls on it. But that wasn’t what surprised me the most. Under the tree were presents! There were new coats, games, and dolls

for my sisters. Somehow, my parents had found the money for Santa to come. My throat tightened as I thought about the extra shifts mom must have taken, and the nights when dad could barely sleep before heading off to the next job.

Now, 37 Christmases later, my son and daughter have never gone to sleep on Christmas Eve afraid that Santa’s forgotten them. But that doesn’t mean we haven’t tried to show them what it’s like for other children who aren’t as lucky as they

are. Every year, Project “Any Baby Can” here in San Antonio matches us with a family that doesn’t have enough money to give their kids the Christmas they deserve. The families that Project ABC

helps all have children with expensive medical problems. One year, our family was matched with a family that had a boy my son’s age who had muscular dystrophy. Our family goes out and buys presents we think the children (and their parents) will like. We also bring them everyday things like canned food or pots and pans.

We’re not the only family who plays Santa. Today, there are dozens of charities that try to make sure that “all” good girls and boys have a Merry Christmas. They do it not because of some rule or regulation the government has passed. They do it because they care about their fellow Americans. They are what Christmas and our country are all about.



By U.S. Rep. Henry Bonilla

Eye on D.C.



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Reyes Reports By U.S. Rep. Silvestre Reyes

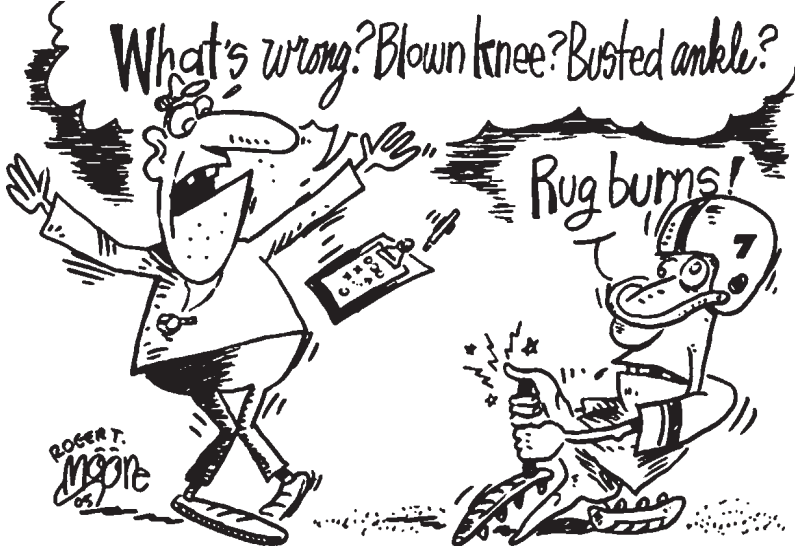
Federal funding keeps El Paso moving



is on its way to El Paso, thanks to three bills the House of Representatives recently passed.
This funding will help meet existing needs and prepare our community for the influx of soldiers and families who will soon move to El Paso as a result of the 2005 Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC) round.
Due to BRAC, Fort Bliss will grow by 11,500 troops, making it the largest gainer of any base in military personnel, and the Army has announced that they will move additional troops to Fort Bliss over the next several years as we close bases in Germany. In the end, Fort Bliss is expected to grow by over 20,000 new troops, which means about 60,000 soldiers and family members in all. These troops and their families will have a huge positive impact on our community. New jobs will be created to support these new families, and it is estimated that the potential boost to our economy is over \$4 billion annually.
We have already begun preparing

for these families to ensure a seamless transition into our community. I worked to include \$12.8 million in the Transportation Equity Act that passed earlier this year to improve traffic and mobility around Fort Bliss. This funding will allow us to construct a new section of highway and interchanges on the Inner Loop from Global Reach to Loop 375, as well as three other interchanges in the area.
I also worked to include \$5 million in the Military Quality of Life and Veterans Affairs Appropriations Act bill to construct a vehicle bridge between Fort Bliss and Biggs Army Airfield. This bridge will complement an existing overpass for which I secured funding in 1999 and will help ease traffic congestion that will result when new troops assigned to Fort Bliss begin moving onto Biggs Airfield. Not only will this project improve security at Fort Bliss by allowing military members to move throughout the post without entering and exiting secured areas, it will also improve public safety by keeping traffic and military vehicles off El Paso streets.
Another recently-passed bill, the Transportation, Treasury, HUD, Judiciary, and District of Columbia

Appropriations Act bill, includes:
• \$2 million to Sun Metro to purchase additional buses.
Many El Pasoans rely on Sun Metro buses to travel throughout our community; in fact, El Paso’s transit system provides over 12 million trips per year. This continued funding will ensure that the city is able to purchase the additional buses it needs to serve our citizens. The new buses will be easier to maintain, more reliable, and more environmentally friendly, and will complement the \$3 million for Sun Metro earlier in the Transportation Equity Act earlier this year.
• \$1 million for the widening of I-10. This project will add two inside travel lanes from the Texas-New Mexico state line to Transmountain Road. Widening the highway from the state line to Transmountain Road will reduce congestion in a particularly high-volume section, and ensure that it will not become a traffic bottleneck.
Our community will grow in many ways in the years to come. Through projects such as these, we will ensure that both life-long El Pasoans and those new to our community have a quality infrastructure and transportation system upon which they can rely.



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Americas High School NHS makes national semifinals of Young Scholars Bowl

By Andrew Benitez
Special to the Courier

Six members of the Americas High School National Honor Society attended a national conference in Washington D.C. from Nov. 11-13. Officers Jennifer Rea, Fredrick Rojas, Andrew Benitez, Michael Pelech, Samantha Carreon, and Gabriel Mendoza joined NHS Sponsor Denise Robles for the gathering of NHS chapters from around the world. Chapters from Puerto Rico, Dominican Republic, Cuba, and Columbia were also in attendance. During the three-day conference, members attended lectures and enrichment seminars by leading public

speakers and educators and also participated in two competitions. Before attending, members prepared a description of their annual service project for the 2005-2006 school year for the Outstanding Service Project Award. They also competed in the Young Scholars Bowl, a fast-paced trivia game touted as the “ultimate academic challenge.” In order to compete, teams first had to take preliminary written exams, with each member testing in a separate academic subject. After scores were tallied, qualifying teams were invited to participate in “Jeopardy” styled matches, in which four teams (16 players) played at once in 60-question rounds. Only

the highest scoring teams advanced to the next round of play. Members Gabriel Mendoza, Andrew Benitez, Michael Pelech, and Samantha Carreon dominated in the first round, advancing with a first-place finish. Fredrick Rojas joined the team for the semifinals, in which the team suffered a narrow loss to high-scoring finalists. During their stay, they were also afforded the opportunity to experience the wonders of Washington D.C. Students visited the Smithsonian Museum of American History, the Capitol, and the White House. These icons of hope and freedom served as the perfect backdrop for these future leaders’ experiences in the nation’s capitol.



— Photo courtesy Socorro ISD
The Americas High School National Honor Society from left to right: Jennifer Rea, President; Samantha Carreon, Ways & Means; Michael Pelech, Treasurer; Gabriel Mendoza, Historian, (Scholar’s Bowl Team Captain); Andrew Benitez, Secretary; Fredrick Rojas, Vice President.

San Eli Skills USA catch the Christmas spirit

By Phillip Cortez
Special to the Courier

SAN ELIZARIO — It’s the season to be jolly, to get some much needed rest from a first half of the

school year, to put on winter clothes, and see smiling children on Christmas day. In San Elizario, it’s the season of giving along with the receiving. But that doesn’t necessarily mean giving money or presents. For the San Elizario High School chap-

ter of Skills USA, it means giving of time and talent. This is the time of year when students in the Building Trades and Advertising & Graphic Design classes shine, making Christmas a little more special to the less fortunate in the San

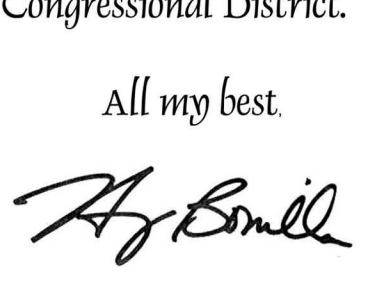
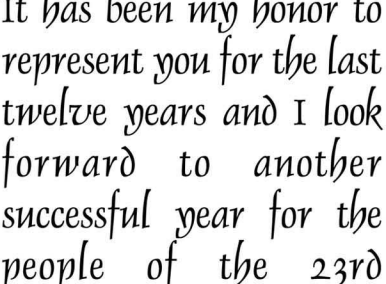
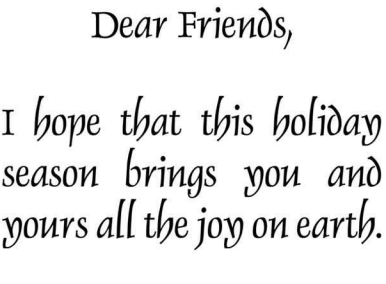
Elizario community. By utilizing their creative talents, students in Jose Olivas’ Advertising and Graphic Design class have been selling calendars, cards, and t-shirts in order to raise money to buy Christmas gifts. But the items they have sold can’t be found at your local Hallmark. These items are all designed and produced by San Elizario High School students. “The objective is for us to teach these students to learn to give and share a part of themselves,” Olivas said. “It’s not only about money, it’s the time they put in and the talent they use.” There are numerous ways to spend a weekend, whether it’s watching football, hanging out with friends or spending time with family or simply catching up on homework, yet it’ll be San Elizario students in the Skills USA program who are spending their weekend spreading holiday cheer in

San Elizario. On Saturday, Dec. 17, they will be decorating the San Elizario Presidio Chapel. On Sunday, Dec. 18, it’s off to the Lee Moor Children’s Home in San Elizario, making sure residents have a little holiday cheer. Later in the week, these same students will be making sure that elementary students in San Elizario get a gift for Christmas this year, as well. And what better way to deliver holiday cheer than on a special sleigh made especially for Santa Claus himself? Thanks to the students in Rafael Cardoza’s Building Trades class, a large sled big enough for the Big Elf was constructed. Estimated at eight feet long, the sled will more than likely be placed atop a trailer so that a truck could pull it en route to deliver toys to families in San Elizario. Adorning the side of the truck will be reindeer constructed out of plywood, according to Olivas, complete with antlers. The Advertising and Graphic Design class will be painting both the reindeer and sled. Olivas said that although Skills USA is typically for competition, “we still want to teach them strong social and community service skills.” And with their latest effort, it’s safe to say that they will most certainly make the grade.



A holiday greeting from Congressman Henry Bonilla





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BIG RED RIDE — These students are assisting Rafael Cardoza, background, prepare a flightless version of the fictional North Pole transport.

Fabens

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Fabens and he was given blankets, food and money by the group. The adventure did not stop there, as the group traveled on to New Life Home, a foster home that is run by Ralph and Judi Wright in nearby Tornillo. The group took a turkey dinner as well as coke and pizza to share with the 12 children that reside there. At first the kids were apprehensive

about meeting this group from Fabens but they soon warmed up. The groups mingled and talked and seemed to enjoy each others company. Ms. Wright said that seeing other youngsters and communicating with them was very special to her charges. The Fabens group enjoyed the trip so much that they want to go back as soon as possible. Fabens Senior Nallely Sotelo said it felt so good to help others “that we need to make this an ongoing year round thing, not just for Thanksgiving and Christmas.”

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Housing Authority. With an attendance of over 350 seniors, each was given gifts and cards prepared by the students, who also sang and performed for the honorees.

■ Canutillo residents will vote Feb. 4 on a \$39 million bond issue to build two new elementary schools and upgrade existing campuses. Early voting will begin at two locations Wednesday, Jan. 18 and end Tuesday, Jan. 31. They are: Canutillo Elementary School, 651 Canutillo Ave., from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and the Vinton fire station, 510 Vinton Road, from 3-6 p.m.

■ The Presidential Challenge to middle school students to lead healthy and active lifestyles has the Sanchez Middle School students stepping lively — at least 10,000 steps a day during the “Live It, Step With-It, Fit It In” program, which encourages the low-impact form of exercise and wise food choices. At a pep rally on Dec. 15 the students will receive prizes and certificates of participation.

■ The First Baptist Church of Horizon City will host their Annual Christmas Banquet on Sunday, Dec. 10 at 17018 Darrington Rd. The event will have a western theme and is open to the public with tickets available for \$6 per adult, \$3 for children 10 and under. RSVP to 852-3027 or 852-2820.

■ The 2005 Horizon City Christmas Parade will be held Dec. 17 at 10 a.m. The 2.5 mile route will begin on Ryderwood, eastbound to Darrington, then south to Horizon Blvd., where the procession will turn east and eventually conclude at Carroll T. Welch Middle School on McMahon. Spectators are asked not to approach parade participants while the parade is on-going. All participants are asked to be at the staging area no later than 8 a.m., on Ryderwood Ave. between Horizon Heights Elementary School and Col. John O. Ensor Middle School, and along Ashford Street. Traffic control and security will be provided by the Horizon City Police Department, and the street department personnel will secure the route with traffic barricades, barrels, and cones. Contact Edwin Quiñones, Horizon City Director of Public Works at 852-1046 for information.

■ A pancake breakfast will be served at the St. Brendan’s Episcopal Church, corner of Horizon Blvd. and Darrington, on Saturday, Dec. 17, 7:30 to 10 a.m. Organizers said they welcome the community for breakfast before the Horizon City Christmas Parade that morning. Cost is \$3 per plate.

■ Navy Petty Officer 3rd Class Roberto E. Acevedo, son of

Enriqueta and Fernando Acevedo of El Paso County and his fellow shipmates entered the U.S. 5th Fleet area of operations to conduct maritime security operations (MSO) during a scheduled deployment while assigned to the amphibious transport dock USS Austin, homeported in Norfolk, Va. Marines and Sailors of Expeditionary Strike Group Eight conducted MSO in the Suez Canal. MSO denies international terrorists use of the maritime environment as a venue for attack or to transport personnel, weapons or other materials. USS Austin is a warship that embarks, transports and lands elements of a landing force for expeditionary warfare missions. Acevedo is a 2000 graduate of Americas High School and joined the Navy in July 2000.

■ A Christ-centered recovery program will be established in Horizon City in the next few months. Persons in the community with twelve-step experience are invited to help establish and participate in the program. For more information call 433-7727.

■ The Mountain View High School Lobo student council, assisted by the homecoming court candidates, the National Honor Society and the Dan Team made it a memorable holiday season for many residents of their community. During their annual Christmas Colonias on Dec. 10, 62 families were provided food and toys, 31 senior citizens received food and blankets, and drawings were held for turkeys and new heaters for East Montana residents. Student Council Advisor Elva L. Chavez said all this community service project was all student-led and that preparations began early in November.

■ About 100 families with students attending Hilley Elementary will be enjoying breakfast compliments of Kiki Almanza, chef at Carino’s Italian Restaurant and Loretta Ortiz, Communities in Schools coordinator, on Dec. 20. Children of the families will also receive gifts. Ortiz said.

■ The 14th Annual Navidad de La Fe Luminaria Event and Canned Food Drive will be 6 p.m. to 10 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 17 on Scenic Drive, at the entrance at Richmond Street and exit at Rim Road. About 4,000 luminarias will be lighted and volunteers will collect canned or non-perishable food items, or cash donations, to help El Paso families in need. The event is free and open to the public. Vehicles may enter Scenic Drive at Richmond on the eastside of the mountain at 6 p.m.

■ Detectives from the El Paso Police Department’s Mission Valley Regional Command Center are asking for the public’s assistance in locating a missing man. On Nov. 30, 2005, 68-year old Eloy Saenz was last seen leaving his home at 804 Chapala Ct. as he went out for a walk. Family members have not seen or heard from Saenz since that day. He is

described as a Hispanic male, about five feet tall, 120 pounds, medium complexion, with short gray or partially gray hair. Saenz was last seen wearing a brown sweater and blue jeans. Anyone with information on the whereabouts of Saenz is asked to call Police Communications at 832-4400 or 1-800-237-0797.

■ Detectives from the El Paso Police Department’s Westside Regional Command Juvenile Investigative Section are asking for the public’s assistance in locating a missing juvenile. Beatriz Susana Sanchez was reported missing from her residence on Nov. 8, 2005. She was last seen leaving her residence located at the 300 block of Graphite Dr. in West El Paso. Sanchez is described as five feet, one inch tall, 140 pounds, with brown hair and brown eyes. She may be in the El Paso/Juarez area. Anyone that may have seen Beatriz Susana Sanchez is asked to call Police Communications immediately at 832-4400 or 1-800-237-0797.

Beatriz Sanchez



Eloy Saenz

CES principal Giron selected for program to help him help others

CANUTILLO — Hector Giron, principal at Canutillo Elementary School, has been accepted into the Leaders for Teacher Preparing Schools (LTPS) project, a program for experienced principals that will teach administrators to facilitate, guide, and improve their role as a Professional Development School.

The LTPS project will be held throughout the coming year in Seattle, Washington, with the first session in December at the Institute for



Hector Giron

Educational Inquiry. Leaders will then meet for subsequent sessions in February and April 2006, with the culminating conference held in June. “It is important for principals to engage in projects such as this one to help with the professional growth of beginning teachers so that they can become strong, knowledgeable educators and remain in the profession,” said Giron. The National Network for Educational Renewal is the sponsor for this project to support principals of “teacher-preparing schools” — also called partner schools or professional development schools. Funded by the U. S. Department of Education, the grant will provide year-long leadership sessions for partner school principals and teacher leaders nationwide.

— Contributed by Kim Guzman

Canutillo

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purpose of the change would be to alleviate overcrowding in the four elementary schools. This assumption, Padilla explained in her presentation, was based on information about projected new housing additions from residential developers and observations. New data on development in the area and new observations and projections showed the intermediate school concept was flawed and showing overcrowding in a few years. “Growth is not occurring as we expected,” Padilla said. The revised plan calls for the two middle schools, the second one being Alderete Middle. Padilla also mentioned the concerns of some parents at a recent community meeting who asked the

district to “please reconsider” the fifth- and sixth-grade plan. They were concerned about the impact it would have on their children. Another factor favoring the two middle school concept was that fact that three years provides more stability and offers a better time frame for youth to develop relationships with others and pursue various school activities. Board members were concerned about parity of facilities for the two middle schools that would begin operation for the 2006-07 school year. It was pointed out that they couldn’t be equal, but could be “comparable and equitable.” Money to make them comparable would come from money approved by voters in the 2003 bond election. The middle schools and the new high school are only part of the answer to providing for student growth. Voters will be asked to approve a \$39 million bond issue Feb. 4, 2006 to build two new elementary schools and upgrade current facilities.

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Williams' sucker-punch knocks Jackson out of lineup

By Steve Escajeda
Special to the Courier

Somebody out there please help me out, I'm a little confused about something.

I thought we were supposed to get smarter as we got older.

I thought our knowledge increased as a result of the years of education and life experiences.

But I guess some people still have a difficult time making that transition to the next level.

Take UTEP star basketball player Jason Williams. He leads the team in scoring and is the unquestioned leader of the team.

So a little more is expected from him. As a leader, it kind of goes with the territory.

Being a leader is a test of manhood and maturity — a test Williams failed miserably last week.

I'm sure you've all heard of the incident. Williams was involved in a four-on-four drill during practice and freshman sensation Stefon Jackson was running through the lane when the senior took leave of his senses for a split second and clocked Jackson — the old Detroit Pistons-Indiana Pacers style — with a punch he never saw coming.

Williams punched him so hard that Jackson's jaw was broken in two places. Now Jackson is scheduled to miss six to eight weeks of action.

Man — I've heard of taking one on the chin for the team but this is ridiculous.

For his monumentally moronic moment, Williams was suspended from the team for an undetermined amount of time by coach Doc Sadler.

However, that undetermined amount of time was later determined to be about a week.

Sadler announced on Monday that Williams would rejoin the team immediately and would play in this Saturday's game against NMSU.

Now, people in El Paso are going to have mixed emotions about the length of Williams' suspension, which I have to admit, surprised me.

I see Sadler as a strict disciplinarian and I thought Williams would be held out for at least a couple games but after the Miners horrendous performance against Louisiana-Lafayette, I guess Doc's decision was made a lot easier.

This was Sadler's second personnel action with a team member this year. He kept Tremaine Fuqua home when the Miners visited NMSU because of Fuqua's work ethic and attitude — or rather, his lack of it.

So what does this mean for the team? The Miners are already without the injured Kelvin Davis. Vernon Carr played some for the first time against Louisiana-Lafayette but it'll take him time to get back into playing shape.

With Jackson out the Miners are hurting in the depth department, but with both he and Williams out, UTEP is a mere shell of what it was at the start of the season.

Like Doc said about his tough schedule before the season started — it doesn't matter who you beat, it matters how many wins you can put up.

It remains to be seen exactly how devastating Williams' punch will be. But that one right hand could cost the Miners dearly when it comes to pick-and-choose time in March.

It will be interesting what kind of reception Williams and Sadler will receive this Saturday night. Most callers on the local talk-show circuit, the day Sadler reinstated Williams, were heavily against the decision.

Most El Pasoans voiced their disapproval. They thought the suspension of six days and just one game was way too short to send any kind of a message and was not fair to Jackson — even though Jackson himself thought one game was enough.

Even NMSU coach Reggie Theus, on Steve Kaplowitz's radio talk show, said if a player on his team had done that he would have been kicked off the team — end of story.

Theus said that Williams "sucker-punched" Jackson and there was no room on his team for anyone who would do that.

In Sadler's defense, Jason Williams has been a model citizen since he joined the Miners. He showed remorse the instant it happened. Stefon Jackson has forgiven Williams and I'm sure Doc would not have made his decision without Jackson's blessing.

Did Sadler do the right thing? Did Williams learn anything from his actions? Will this en-

tire incident be forgotten a couple big victories from now? We will soon find out.

Oh, and just one more thing... Jason, do me this one personal favor. Next time you want to react to a player's rough play under the basket — make sure he's at least wearing a different colored jersey than your own!

Horizon youth runs in snow during Rhode Island championship race

HORIZON — Amilcar Galindo, a 7th grader at Carroll Welch Middle School, experienced a drastic change in the weather from his native El Paso County on Dec. 11 when he took the field in a group of almost 250 runners during 2005 USATF Cross Country National Championship Midget Boys Division in Smithfield, Rhode Island.

There was more than a foot of snow on the ground and the temperature well below freezing at racetime at Bryant University.

As the 246 runners gathered at the starting line, they faced a 150-meter course, about 25-feet wide, that had been defined by three previous races.

"(Amilcar) soon realized that the snow packed up on the sides restricted his ability to pass because of the large numbers of runners," said coach Dick Harshberger.

Still he finished in a very respectable 71st place out of 246.

A longtime competitor in Junior Olympics, even at age 12, Galindo is looking forward to the 2006 season. He wants to thank Team Bliss for making it possible for him to compete in Rhode Island, Harshberger said.



Amilcar Galindo

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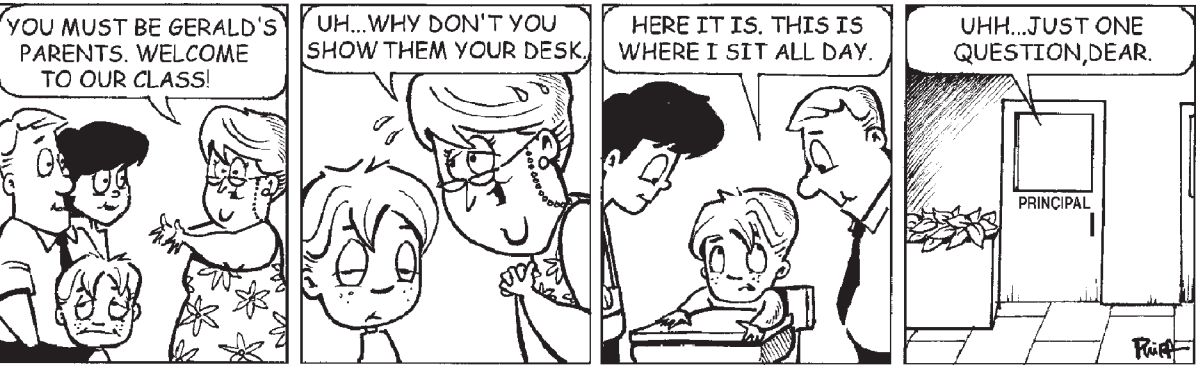
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Sometimes, President needs a pony

By Don Flood

You may have seen that story recently about Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld receiving a pony.

True story. During a recent visit, the Mongolians presented Rumsfeld with his very own pony. And it wasn't even Christmas. (Discussion questions: Should a secretary of defense look a gift pony in the mouth? Should he be aware of Mongolians bearing gifts?)

This, naturally, was treated as one of those cutesy stories, with newscasters laughing it up in between their stories about the usual mayhem.

But then I heard President Bush was going to visit Mongolia and I thought: Whoa! This is a train wreck.

Bush, I learned, would be the first U.S. president to visit Mongolia, and he would be doing so shortly after Rumsfeld received his pony.

Coincidence?

I think not.

I mean, I don't recall any campaign promises where Bush announced, "And I vow to go to Mongolia and report back to the American people about whether there is in fact such a country."

(You may have also seen the news conference in China where Bush tried to leave the stage but couldn't open the door. *Further proof that President Bush lacks a clear exit strategy.*)

I couldn't help thinking: What if Bush didn't get *his* pony?

I began imagining how the protocol officer would have to handle this problem.

"Mr. President, I wanted to go over the ceremonial exchange of gifts."

"Way ahead of you, pardner. Got my saddle right here."

"Um, Mr. President, you're not going to need a saddle."

"They're giving me a saddle too? Well, these are some fine free-

dom-loving folks here. Make sure we invite them to the ranch. They can watch me cut brush and ride my pony."

"I'm sorry, Mr. President, but you're not getting a pony."

"Of course I'm getting a pony. They gave Rummy a pony. They have to give me a pony. They should give me a whole herd of ponies."

"No sir, since you are the president, the Mongolian government wanted to give you something more in keeping with your status as world leader."

"Well, that sounds OK. What is it?"

"A tea set."

"A tea set? Why a tea set?"

"Because it's a very great honor, and you're the first president to visit Mongolia."

"And I'm going to be the last one if all they give out are lousy tea sets."

"Mr. President, this is a genuine Mongolian tea set, very beautiful. A very high honor."

"But I've got more tea sets around the White House than I can shake a stick at."

"But none so beautiful, sir."

"But you can't ride a tea set. You can't talk to a tea set."

"There is much truth to what you say, sir."

"I was really looking forward to having my own pony, someone I could talk to about national and international affairs, someone I could trust. Talk to anyone else in Washington and it winds up in the papers."

"I understand, Mr. President, but look on the bright side."

"What's that?"

"You can talk to Secretary Rumsfeld's pony."

I am happy to report, though, that the president's Mongolian visit went just fine, and if Bush was disappointed about not getting a pony, he was too much of an old cowboy to show it.

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Social Security Q&A

By Ray Vigil

Q: My husband died four years ago and my three young children and I have been receiving Social Security survivors benefits. I am thinking of getting married again. Will my children continue to get Social Security benefit payments if I remarry?

A: Yes. If you remarry, your minor children will continue to get survivors benefits based on their father's work record until they are 18 (or 19 if still in high school). But if you are receiving survivors benefits because you are caring for children, you will not receive survivors benefits if you remarry.

Q: I will be retiring next month. Can you tell me about Direct Deposit?

A: Direct deposit is a fast, safe and easy way to get your benefit payments. There is no worry about checks being lost in the mail or stolen. You don't have to take your payment to the bank to deposit it — the payment is already there.

Q: Will I get an increase in my Social Security benefit payments in January 2006?

A: Each year, Social Security and Supplemental Security Income payments are adjusted for inflation. The adjustments are called cost-of-living adjustments, or COLAs. For 2006, the COLA is 4.1 percent.

Q: I will be 66 years old next February and am planning to retire on my birthday. Can you tell me what the maximum Social Security retirement benefit will be in 2006?

A: The maximum amount for 2006 for a person retiring at full retirement age (65 years and 8 months for those born in 1941) is \$2,053. This is based on earnings at the maximum taxable amount for every year after age 21. However, the average retirement benefit amount in 2006 for all workers is estimated to be \$1,002.

Q: What is the absolute earliest age that I can begin receiving Social Security retirement benefits?

A: The earliest age at which a worker can begin getting Social Security retirement benefits is 62. The 1983 Social Security Amendments included a provision for raising the retirement age beginning with persons born in 1938 or later, but do not affect the minimum age for retirement, still age 62. However, you would receive a reduced benefit if you elect benefits prior to your full retirement age.

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.

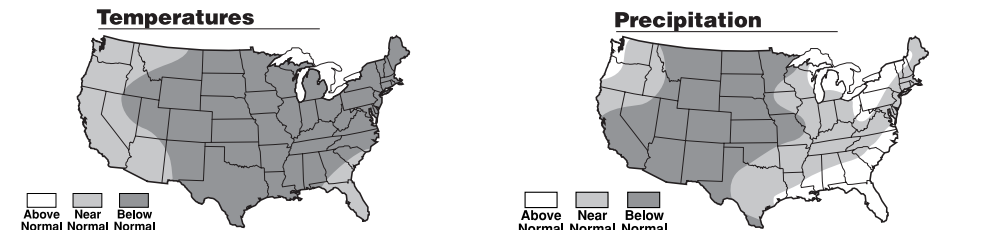
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Thu.	6:58 a.m.	5:03 p.m.	Thu.	4:59 p.m.	7:11 a.m.		
Fri.	6:59 a.m.	5:04 p.m.	Fri.	5:55 p.m.	8:08 a.m.	12/15	12/23
Sat.	6:59 a.m.	5:04 p.m.	Sat.	6:54 p.m.	8:57 a.m.	New	First
Sun.	7:00 a.m.	5:05 p.m.	Sun.	7:53 p.m.	9:39 a.m.		
Mon.	7:01 a.m.	5:05 p.m.	Mon.	8:51 p.m.	10:15 a.m.	12/30	1/6
Tues.	7:01 a.m.	5:05 p.m.	Tues.	9:48 p.m.	10:46 a.m.		
Wed.	7:02 a.m.	5:06 p.m.	Wed.	10:43 p.m.	11:13 a.m.		

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Abilene, TX	57	32	s	48	31	r	42	34	s	54	33	pc
Albuquerque, NM	45	22	pc	45	26	pc	47	26	pc	49	25	pc
Amarillo, TX	40	19	s	36	26	pc	44	26	s	50	24	s
Austin, TX	62	34	pc	52	36	r	47	36	c	51	36	pc
Brownsville, TX	67	50	pc	66	52	sh	66	52	r	62	53	sh
Dodge City, KS	41	17	pc	40	19	pc	40	21	s	45	19	pc
Jackson, MS	53	32	pc	54	33	pc	49	34	r	50	38	r
Laredo, TX	65	42	pc	54	42	r	55	46	s	63	48	c
Little Rock, AR	53	29	pc	51	27	pc	45	31	sh	50	31	pc
Lubbock, TX	48	24	s	48	32	r	46	28	pc	42	20	s
Memphis, TN	48	31	pc	52	30	pc	48	35	pc	50	33	pc
Midland, TX	50	30	s	48	32	r	50	33	s	60	29	pc
Pueblo, CO	40	5	pc	35	8	pc	40	12	pc	45	12	s
Roswell, NM	52	25	pc	46	26	r	50	26	s	61	26	pc
St. Louis, MO	40	28	pc	34	23	pc	32	22	pc	43	26	i
San Antonio, TX	60	34	pc	55	38	r	50	42	c	54	40	pc
Texarkana, AR	59	31	pc	44	31	pc	35	35	sn	47	35	s
Waco, TX	64	36	pc	50	33	r	44	36	r	53	38	s
Wichita, KS	44	20	pc	42	21	pc	42	26	s	38	22	c

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

U.S. CITIES

City	HI	LO	W	HI	LO	W	HI	LO	W	HI	LO	W
Atlanta	42	33	r	52	34	pc	49	34	pc	44	36	r
Boston	34	28	pc	36	31	sn	40	28	pc	39	27	pc
Chicago	32	24	sf	28	18	sf	28	14	sf	24	12	pc
Denver	33	5	pc	28	7	pc	33	12	pc	44	17	s
Detroit	32	26	sn	30	22	sf	30	18	sf	32	20	c
Houston	64	38	pc	60	45	c	52	38	r	54	36	pc
Indianapolis	39	24	sf	30	23	sf	35	21	pc	34	21	r
Kansas City	38	20	pc	32	20	pc	30	18	pc	39	21	c
Los Angeles	64	48	pc	66	48	pc	66	50	pc	67	48	pc
Miami	80	65	t	78	66	sh	77	68	pc	81	68	pc
Minneapolis	26	16	sf	21	11	sf	19	7	sf	20	7	c
New Orleans	59	40	c	57	43	pc	57	45	r	59	46	r
New York City	34	30	sn	41	32	sn	40	24	pc	41	31	pc
Omaha	34	18	sf	30	16	pc	36	18	pc	35	15	pc
Phoenix	67	43	pc	67	43	pc	66	42	s	70	44	pc
San Francisco	56	44	pc	56	46	pc	56	47	pc	58	48	pc
Seattle	40	28	c	42	30	pc	44	34	c	47	39	pc
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