



NEWSBRIEFS

Portion distortion

America is no stranger to the words “super size,” and as the portions keep getting bigger, so do we. A special presentation on the distortion of portions will be presented on May 19, 1:30 to 3 p.m. at 1440 Miracle Way, second floor, in El Paso by the El Paso Diabetes Association, with special speaker Chester Bryant with the Texas Dept. of State Health Services Office of Border Health.

New ring member

Montwood High School inducted a new “Ring of Honor” honoree last week. Jason Mendoza was the valedictorian of the graduating class of 1998 and is currently a student at UT-Southwestern Medical School, where he is working towards his doctorate in Medical Research on the role of “CD8+T” cells in therapeutic modulation of autoimmune demyelination. He is the third person to be inducted into the Ring which honors people associated with Montwood that have made contributions toward the welfare of their community. The ceremony was held in the Student Commons on May 4.

Boys of summer

Two seniors from Clint High School have accepted baseball scholarships to Western Texas Junior College, with a recent signing ceremony in the Clint High School Public Library. Bryce Hickman and Willie Patti are longtime friends who shared the common goal to play baseball after high school. Another Clint High School senior, Ryan Brem, will also go on to play college baseball, on an academic scholarship to Southwestern University in Georgetown, Texas.

In other news

■ Fabens ISD is sponsoring the Fourth Annual Healthy Kids Fair on Saturday, May 20, 2006 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Fabens High School. Health information, screenings, entertainment and prizes will be provided, along with fun exhibitions including basketball and wrestling.

■ Drew Norris, a sophomore at Canutillo High School, placed third in the District 1-4A Golf Tournament held recently at Painted Dunes Golf Course in Northeast El Paso, qualifying him to compete in the Regional Golf Tournament that was held in San Angelo, Texas recently. “This is Norris’ second consecutive year participating in the Regional



Drew Norris

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Everybody should at least get a high school education — even if they already know everything.

— Quips & Quotes



— Photo courtesy Socorro ISD

Montwood HS renames gymnasium in honor of Coach Tony Harper

By Carlos A. Briano
Special to the Courier

EAST EL PASO COUNTY — Montwood High Principal Juni Mathews says she was ecstatic when the Socorro ISD Board of Trustees extolled the work of basketball coach Tony Harper.

“I was so proud for Tony when the members of the Board, one by one, spoke about him in such a positive way and told individual stories about their relationships with him,” she says.

Mathews was referring to the Socorro ISD Board of Trustees meeting April 18 when trustees voted unanimously to name the Montwood High School Green Gym the Tony Harper Gymnasium Complex. Harper has been the Montwood boy’s basketball coach since the school opened in 1990. This year he led the

RENAMED IN HONOR — The Socorro ISD Board of Trustees unanimously voted on April 18 to name the Montwood High School gym the Tony Harper Gymnasium Complex. Harper has amassed 729 career wins as Montwood’s only boy’s basketball coach.

Rams to a record-setting 31-1 season, a perfect 14-0 in District 1-5A and a regional championship game.

“This is all overwhelming, I was dumbfounded,” Harper says. “I really think I need to thank my family. They are such great people that have backed me and have been so interested in what I’m doing. And I really don’t do much of anything else. But what we accomplished here this year, that’s what we do here at Montwood High School.”

Former Andress High coach Phil Hilliard, who came all the way from Beaumont, Texas for the naming ceremony says the perfect district record is a phenomenal feat.

“I have coached in many several different places, lived in many different places and have seen a lot of high school basketball,” he says. “And I have always felt that the very best coached high school basketball in the whole state of Texas is in the city of El Paso. There is never a breather game in this town. Every team is going to be well-prepared for their games. But on top of that list is Tony Harper.”

Principal Mathews says Harper’s 729 career

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Horizon family celebrates each new tomorrow during CF fundraising walk

By Don Woodyard
Courier Staff Writer

HORIZON CITY — Seana Lofton’s family, especially her 13-year-old daughter



— Courier staff photo

LADY EAGLE — Courtney Lofton doesn’t let CF stop her from playing left field for the Ensor Eagles.

Courtney, have learned to take cystic fibrosis (CF) in stride.

Courtney suffers from this genetic disease that affects the lungs and digestive system. But that doesn’t entitle her to a Get-Out-of-Chores card. While the disease is an indisputable fact of life in this family’s life, but it doesn’t rule their lives.

The CF in cystic fibrosis for them doesn’t mean “controlling force,” rather they prefer to look at it as meaning “cure found.”

The Lofton’s family will be joined by others taking this disease in stride during a fund-raising walk on Saturday, May 20 to help fight CF. The walk will be held in Ponder Park, 3500 W.H. Burges Drive — registration starts at 8 a.m. This is the fourth year for the El Paso walk which will cover three to four miles.

Courtney, a seventh-grader at Ensor Middle School in Horizon City, also literally takes it in stride by running cross country and track at school, as well as playing softball. She admits that it “affects her a little,” but it is not something that controls her life. However, she confesses that “sometimes I wish I didn’t have it.”

“Will you take a step today to give us more tomorrows?” a walk brochure asks. “Us” refers to an estimated 30,000 who suffer from CF in the United States. An estimated 60 are in El Paso.

Seana underscores that upbeat outlook by pointing out that while CF is not a controlling force, she recognizes the reality of her daughter’s condition.

“If you look at Courtney you would think that other than her being very thin, that she is a very healthy child,” Seana writes. “She takes up to 50 pills a day and other treatments for her lungs,” she continues. “She also has to eat at least 3,000 to 4,000 calories a day to keep her weight up.”

The disease, caused by a defective gene, “produces an abnormally thick, sticky mucus that clogs the lungs and leads to life-threatening infections,” according to a Cystic Fibrosis

Foundation fact sheet. “These thick secretions also obstruct the pancreas, preventing

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San Elizario NJROTC cadet receives award



— Photo courtesy San Elizario ISD

EL PASO COUNTY — San Elizario High School senior Jorge Ortiz was recognized as one of the top Naval Junior ROTC cadets in the county on May 8. U.S. Congressman Silvestre Reyes (left) was on hand to present the award to Ortiz as well as bestow the Theodore Roosevelt Medal to all recognized cadets. “He has been with me for four years now,” said Col. Roy Gray, head of the NJROTC program at San Elizario High School. “He has earned this prestigious award.” The Navy League of El Paso sponsored the award ceremony during their luncheon held at the Curry Adkins Center on El Paso’s Westside. Last year, San Elizario’s Eddie Antunez received the honor.

— Contributed by Phillip Cortez



One perspective

By Francis Shrum

What makes horse sense

You know, it seems like people will eat almost anything.

There's been a storm a-brewing for some time over the slaughter of horses in the U.S. for export to Europeans who consider horse meat a delicacy.

Americans don't blink at sucking down raw oysters, chomping shrimp or consuming pigs by the bazillions — all of which are known to be the garbage disposals of the animal world — but we don't eat horses.

In fact, our distaste for eating equine flesh gave us one more good reason, back in our formative years, to slaughter human beings who did because it proved on one more level how barbaric they were, but that's a whole other story.

No, it's the Frenchmen these days who have an unabated taste for horseflesh, and they are willing to pay for it.

The squeeze has come down to where there are only three horse-slaughtering plants left in the U.S. — two in Texas, one in Illinois — and between the three it is estimated they killed about 88,000 horses last year, selling about 1,750 tons of meat to U.S. zoos, and exporting another 17,000 tons or so for human consumption.

A recent poll of Americans revealed that 70 to 90 percent of us are opposed to killing horses period, according to *E-The Environmental Magazine*, and it has posted an indepth treatment of the issue in its May/June issue.

Special interest folks are a real special breed. I think one of the requirements to be one is the inability to raise one's head above the tide of emotional dogmatism and take in a breath of fresh common sense.

Now, I don't eat horse meat. I don't

eat a lot of other things either for the same reason — some of the creatures we are surrounded by simply were not intended for human consumption.

But if we are going to allow slaughterhouses to process and dispose of jillions of other animals for food and other by-products they produce, why would we not provide the same sort of common sense disposal for horses when they have reached the end of their trail, so to speak?

The breeding and raising of horses for the purpose of slaughter for food is simply not an issue — it's too hard and expensive and there's not enough demand, so it won't happen. But we do have a real issue of what to do with horses who have been born, fulfilled their purpose or been discarded, and must be disposed of.

During a push last year to shut down the slaughterhouses, some congressional offices reported receiving more calls in favor of the proposal than they did about recent Supreme Court nominations or Hurricane Katrina.

But oddly enough, the folks who live and work with horses on a common sense level are saying that horse slaughterhouses may be the best option horses have that are no longer healthy and need to be put down, or are never going to live long, healthy lives, anyway.

Apparently, America has too much unused horse meat still on the hoof, due to over-breeding for hobbyists who initially loved the idea of having a horse but can't adequately handle the reality of a huge eating machine that costs an estimated \$3,000 a year just to maintain.

Remember the old term, "horse poor?"

All animals, either because they have fulfilled their practical purpose or due to failing health, are destined to

die, one way or another. Addressing this on a humane basis uninfluenced by emotional "special interest" seems to present us with a tough challenge.

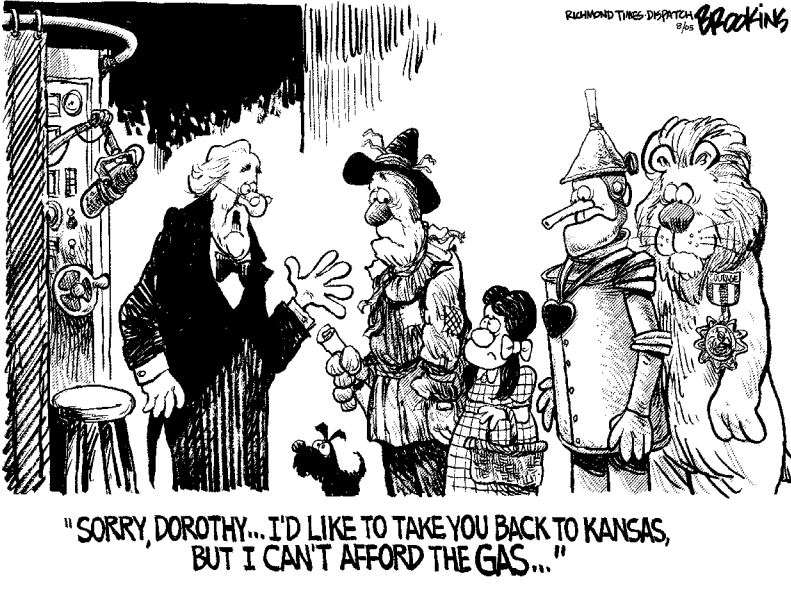
The American Quarterhorse Association, the American Veterinary Medical Association and even the nation's oldest horse rescue group, the Illinois-based Hooved Animal Humane Society don't oppose horse slaughterhouses. The 71-year-old founder of the HAHS, Donna Ewing, says she's more concerned with the quality of life the living horse has than what happens to it after it dies. She said that the humane killing and the subsequent disposal of the body — no small matter in itself — are generally better handled by professionals than by individual veterinarians or horse owners.


Ewing told *E-The Environmental Magazine* writer Josh Harkinson that without the slaughterhouse option, owners are more likely to turn their unwanted horses loose in the wild or leave them to die slow, agonizing deaths at pasture rather than pony up the considerable costs of veterinary services to humanely dispose of the animal.

As for individual euthanasia, not everybody is equipped with the skills to painlessly take the life of their horse. The American Veterinary Medical Association's 2002 panel on euthanasia found that the "captive bolt" technology used by slaughterhouses and a blast to the brain with a .45 are essentially the same — both kill a horse instantly. Panel chair Bonnie Beaver added that the chances of a trained slaughterhouse worker delivering a quick and humane death on the first try were probably much better than the average owner with a handgun.

Ewing suggested that a better idea is to build more horse slaughterhouses so that the pain endured by horses on the often long and arduous transport getting there would be lessened. After death, she said, the horse can no longer think and feel — it doesn't matter whether it is worms or Frenchmen who consume the leavings.

But America doesn't listen very well to what makes horse sense.





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Reyes Reports

By U.S. Rep. Silvestre Reyes

Promoting education during Teacher Appreciation Week

El Pasoans and the country as a whole will recognize Teacher Appreciation Week May 7-13. Sponsored by the National PTA, this week gives us the opportunity to honor the hard-working men and women who educate and inspire our children. To commemorate this week, the National Education Association recently asked me to name one of my favorite teachers. Mr. Ralph Chavez, my journalism teacher and debate coach at Canutillo High, quickly came to mind. He was a mentor, a teacher, a counselor, and a friend. His lessons went beyond the classroom, and his high expectations pushed me to excel and taught me to believe in myself.

This week, as I reflect upon the positive role Mr. Chavez and other outstanding teachers like Julius Lowenberg and Emily Outwater played in my life, I also recognize how important it is to empower today's teachers so they can play a

similar role in the life of today's students. As a Member of Congress, one of the best ways I can observe Teacher Appreciation Week is to work to provide El Paso teachers with resources they need to inspire their students. Today's teachers are working under challenging conditions: funding is tight, yet requirements to receive federal funding are high.

As Congress shapes the fiscal year 2007 budget, I am working with my colleagues to increase funding for the many education programs under the 2002 federal No Child Left Behind (NCLB) law. The Administration provided \$15.4 billion less for education than promised by NCLB in their 2007 budget request. I have joined with my colleagues in contacting the leadership of the House Budget Committee to urge them to act in the best interest of our nation's students - and our nation's future - and fully fund NCLB at \$39.4 billion.

Federal education funds are sorely needed in schools in El Paso and across the country. Last year's edu-

cation budget cut many important programs. The Administration eliminated funding for TRIO programs such as Upward Bound and Talent Search. My colleagues and I saved these programs to help students in El Paso and across the country realize their potential and attend college, but the Administration again eliminated these programs in the President's budget request for this year.

Upward Bound, Talent Search and many other education programs contribute to success in the classroom, and as we continue to push forward with the fiscal year 2007 budget, I will continue to work with my colleagues to improve education funding. I also serve as a co-sponsor of legislation that will help students excel: the Graduation for All Act, H.R. 547, which authorizes the Secretary of Education to establish a program to provide grants to state and local educational agencies to create reading and writing programs, and

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Write stuff

Dear Editor:

A week ago I was witness to another heroic action by our City of Socorro Volunteer Fire Dept. On Wednesday, May 3, at about 1:40 p.m. an apartment building complex caught fire in the area of Haynes and Carreta neighborhood. I noticed a black dense smog in the air and followed to investigate the cause and origin of that odorous cloud.

I arrived at the fire a few minutes prior to the first group of Socorro Fire Dept. volunteers. There I was impressed by their strong capabilities to control a destructive fire and protect residents who lived 10 feet from the ongoing incident. With the help of nearby volunteer stations, our volunteers absolved the fire, saved life-long properties nearby from damage, and provided immediate medical assistance to families affected by the ongoing blaze.

On behalf of the residents in Socorro, I thank and commend the Socorro Volunteer Fire Dept. and surrounding volunteer fire departments for their unselfish dedication to duty and saving lives.

Trini Lopez
Mayor Pro-tem
City of Socorro

Socorro ISD names ‘Teachers of the Year’

By Carlos A. Briano
Special to the Courier

EAST EL PASO COUNTY — The Socorro Independent School District recently announced the 2006 Elementary and Secondary Teachers of the Year during the SISD Teacher of the Year Banquet on Friday, May 5 at the Centennial NCO Club at Biggs Field.

The Secondary Teacher of the Year is Carole Heflin from Montwood Middle and Elementary Teacher of the Year is Michele A. Sanchez from Campestre Elementary. Heflin and Sanchez will now move on to repre-

sent Socorro ISD at the Region 19 Teacher of the Year competition.

Heflin graduated from the University of Central Oklahoma in 1983 with a B.A. in Learning Disabilities and holds teaching certificates in Special Education, English and Reading. She has taught in Socorro ISD for 11 years and is currently an eighth grade inclusion teacher at Montwood Middle. She says she was somewhat taken by surprise to be named the winner.

“I didn’t prepare a speech because I didn’t think I would be standing up here,” she told the crowd. “But I want to thank my family and my fellow teachers for supporting me as their campus Teacher of the Year.”



Carole Heflin

Sanchez graduated from UTEP in 1996 with a B.A. in Criminal Justice and a minor in Psychology. She also obtained her Master’s of Education degree in 2001. She has taught at Socorro ISD for nine years as a Bilingual Teacher and is a certified Master Reading Teacher for the state of Texas. She is currently the Reading First Local Campus Coach at Campestre Elementary. Sanchez, a self-proclaimed notorious crier, joked about the advice given about how she should cry if she won. But she also took a moment to convey a message to the crowd of educators.

“Our children are important and our priority,” she said. “And one way to build a relationship as a parent is to read to them every day. Reading to our children shows them that they are important and that education is important.”



Michele A. Sanchez

Por la Gente **By State Rep. Chente Quintanilla**



Texas Senate melts down over HB 1

Hola Mi Gente — With less than a week to resolve our special call to reduce public school property tax burden in Texas, our Senate chamber has become deeply divided over House Bill 1 which is our proposal that can satisfy the Texas Supreme court’s order and change our tax structure by June 1.

House Bill 1 is part of the Governor’s plan to cut school property tax rates by one third over two years and replace the money with an expanded business tax, higher cigarette taxes and money from the state’s \$8.2 billion surplus. The governor offered the tax swap to satisfy the Supreme Court’s order.

The Senate has met some challenges when Senator Shapiro, Senate Education Committee Chair-

woman, waged the war against HB 1 she is carrying in the Senate. Senator Shapiro has threatened to block the bill from coming up for a vote on the Senate floor, due to language alterations to her version of HB 1.

The senators who changed the bill took some of the money that Shapiro wants to spend directly on high schools and used it to increase the amount that the state guarantees for schools, giving districts more leeway in how they spend it.

The new proposal will include the bill to distribute money through its usual school finance formulas, which give schools extra money for students who may need extra help, for example, those who speak limited English or are poor. Shapiro’s plan did not take this into account and gives all schools the same amount per student.

Therefore, Senator Shapiro op-

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

Keeping our seaports safe

The tragic events of Sept. 11 provided a shocking wake-up call for Americans. Since the attacks, the federal government has spent billions increasing airport security, but let seaport security remain relaxed. Only about five percent of the approximately six million cargo containers that arrive at U.S. seaports each year are inspected. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) employs a “multi-layered” security system to identify suspicious containers. When U.S.-bound goods are loaded onto ships at the foreign seaports, information provided by the shippers is relayed to U.S. Customs and Border Protection. However, only a small percentage of cargo is actually inspected and few port employees are subjected to criminal background reviews.

I believe that ensuring the integrity and safety of our harbors is paramount to our national security. I was concerned the sale of our ports to Dubai Ports World lessened our national security. On March 8, the House Appropriations Committee, of which I am a member, attached an amendment to an emergency supplemental funding measure that prohibited Dubai Ports World from follow-

ing through on a deal to manage U.S. port operations. I voted with the majority of my colleagues on the Appropriations Committee to stop Dubai Ports World from managing ports in the U.S. This measure passed with a vote of 62-2. Shortly after, Dubai Ports World announced that it would sell all of its U.S. port operations within four to six months to an unrelated American buyer.

You may be certain that Congress will meet its responsibilities in maintaining our nation’s security. Last week I voted for the “Security and Accountability For Every (SAFE) Port” Act. This comprehensive port security legislation will enhance security at U.S. ports, track and protect containers en route to American ports, and prevent threats from reaching U.S. soil. The bipartisan legislation passed the House of Representatives overwhelmingly and will now be sent to the Senate for consideration.

The SAFE Port Act improves cargo security in three main areas:

1) The legislation requires the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) to improve technology, training, and communications systems. The legislation also requires en-



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Tornillo ISD gives community a close-up of trustee candidates



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MEET THE PUBLIC — Tornillo ISD School Board candidates Alonzo Delgado, Inez Delgado and Ofelia Bosquez.

Tornillo Independent School District Notice of 2006 Summer Food Services Program

The Tornillo Independent School District announces the sponsorship of the Summer Food Service Program. Meals will be provided free of charge to children 1 year to 18 years of age at the Tornillo I.S.D. Elementary School Cafeteria, 19200 Cobb Ave., Tornillo, Texas. The program will begin June 6, 2006 through June 26, 2006, with breakfast being served from 7:15 A.M. to 8:15 A.M. and lunch being served from 10:45 A.M. to 12:45 P.M., Mondays through Fridays. Daily menus for the Summer Food Service Program will be available on May 22, 2006. People who are eligible to participate in the program must not be discriminated against because of race, color, national origin, sex, age, disability, religion, or political belief. Anyone who believes that they have been discriminated against should write immediately to: Director, Civil Rights Division, Texas Department of Human Services, P.O. Box 13247, Austin, Texas 78711 or the Secretary of Agriculture, USDA, Director, Office of Civil Rights, Room 326-W, Whitten Building, 1400 Independence Avenue SW, Washington D.C. 20250-9410. NOTE: Discrimination complaints based on religion or political beliefs must be referred only to the Director, Civil Rights Division, Texas Department of Human Services.

Aviso da Programa de Servicios para Comida en el Verano 2006 para el Distrito Escolar Independiente de Tornillo

El Distrito Escolar Independiente de Tornillo anuncia el patrocinio del programa de servicios para comida en el verano. Almuerzo y comida de mediodia se va servir en la cafeteria de le escolar elementario del distrito de Tornillo, 19200 Cobb Ave., Tornillo, Texas. Es gratis para todos los niños de 1 año a 18 años de edad. El programa de servicios para comida en el verano empieza el 6 de Junio hasta el 26 de Junio, 2006, Lunes a Viernes. Almuerzo se va servir de 7:15 A.M. hasta las 8:15 A.M. y comida se va servir de las 10:45 A.M. hasta la 12:45 P.M. Los menus van estar listos el 22 de Mayo, 2006. Gente que califiquen para participar en el programa no deberan ser descriminadas por su raza, color, nacionalidad, sexo, edad, incapacitacion, religion, o creencia politica. Cualquier persona que pienze que lo han tratado mal injustamente puede escribir inmediatamente al: Director, Civil Rights Division, Texas Department of Human Services, P.O. Box 13247, Austin, Texas 78711 o el Secretary of Agriculture, USDA, Director, Office of Civil Rights, Room 326-W, Whitten Building, 1400 Independence Avenue SW, Washington D.C. 20250-9410. Aviso: Quejas de discriminacion bajo de religion o creencia de politica tienen que dirigir no mas al: Director, Civil Rights Division, Texas Department of Human Services.

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TORNILLO — For the third year in a row, the community of Tornillo had the opportunity to meet and listen to the candidates running for the position of school board trustee during a district-sponsored debate, held April 26 at the Tornillo High School cafeteria. The debate was moderated by UTEP Professor Dr. Gary Brooks, who has served as moderator for each of the debates.

A crowd of over 100 heard opening statements and responses to questions posed by the public and district employees. Incumbent Ofelia Bosquez is running for place #6, along with challengers Inez Delgado and Bruno Silva. Incumbent Hector Luna is running against Alonzo Delgado for place #7.

Luna and Silva did not attend. School Board President Joe Tittle thanked the three candidates who did attend for participating in the debate, noting that it showed respect for the community on the part of the three candidates who participated.

Dr. Brooks and Tornillo Superintendent Paul Vranish developed the format of the debate, which provided a forum for candidates to discuss school district issues and bring their message directly to the public. Candidates answered questions submitted in writing by school employees and members of the audience. The randomly selected

questions were screened to ensure their appropriateness and legality.

The candidates also wrote a response to a question posed at the start of the debate, which was later read aloud by Vranish. District employee

Estela Pacheco provided translations for questions and candidate responses.

Early voting, which began May 1, continues through May 9. Election Day is Saturday, May 13.

— Contributed by Rudy Barreda

Clint teachers to learn at NASA

By Laura Cade
Special to the Courier

EAST EL PASO COUNTY — Four teachers from East Montana Middle School in the Clint Independent School District are among 80 Texas Middle School teachers who will take a seat at NASA Johnson Space Center (JSC) this summer to learn new ways to incorporate the wonder of space in their classrooms. Gordon Bulger, Jim Cooper, Raul Salas and Hilda Segura will travel to Houston for this opportunity.

As part of Middle School Aerospace Scholars (MAS), the teachers were chosen to participate in one of three, one-week summer sessions at JSC during June and July. The program gives the educators access to JSC education specialists, flight directors, scientists and engineers who will talk about the latest technology being used in the space program.

MAS is a one-year professional development program for teachers and includes an opportunity for their students to participate in a series of distance learning events in their own schools. During the summer workshop, teachers develop an action plan outlining various ways to integrate NASA resources in to the middle school curriculum throughout the school year.

Part of Texas Aerospace scholars, the MAS program was created through a joint venture between JSC and the state of Texas to inspire students to pursue careers in science, technology and engineering and mathematics. The students of these teachers are also encouraged to participate in future high school and community college aerospace scholars' programs. Additional funding for the program is received in part by other educational institutions, Rotary NASA, and the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo.

Harper

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wins represent so much more than just wins on the basketball court.


"They represent years of dedication and commitment to young men on the court and so many more students in the classroom, kids upon who he never gave up," she says.

Montwood senior Roman Martinez is one of those young men he molded, often with tough love. Martinez is the first SISD basketball player to be named to the All-State team and be invited to two Texas All-Star games. He will play for the University of New Mexico Lobos next year and had his #30 jersey retired by Harper.

"Coach was intimidating, serious and always in your face," Martinez says. "I really thought he hated me

my freshman year. He once told me, 'Remember, the man on the top of the mountain didn't fall there.' I looked at him with a glaze because I had no idea what he was talking about. But a few days later it hit me. He was trying to tell me that in order to be on top, you have to work hard every day. He taught me to never give up and work hard and be responsible on and off the field. These lessons I will use all my life."


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MAY 12

4:30 pm - Field Events

5:30 pm - Running Events (Trials)

MAY 13

1:00 pm - Field Events

5:00 pm - Running Events (Finals)

* ALL EVENTS HELD AT KIDD FIELD *

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"I hope and pray for a cure," she says. "I have to believe we will find a cure." She points to a hopeful sign. The foundation, whose motto is "adding tomorrows every day," has recently reported the average life expectancy of those with CF is now 36.8 years, up from 33. Some suffer-

For more information about CF or taking part in the walk, call 852-7711.

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■ The Flamenco Dance team of Escontrias Elementary and

■ Congressman Henry Bonilla announced that \$2.4 million has been secured for the West Texas Telecommunications Project. This funding will support increased development and use of new technologies by the Natural Resource Conservation Service (NRCS) in West Texas. Today's funding announcement brings the total funding to \$11.7 million over the last five years. "Today's announcement marks the fifth year in a row that I've secured funding for the West Texas Telecommunications Project," said Bonilla. "Not too long ago, I visited West Texas to review progress made on this project. While visiting I was given insight into what an amazing and special project we have on our hands. I'm especially proud of this funding and the progress it will make for West Texas farmers and ranchers." A senior member of the House Appropriations Committee, Bonilla is chairman of the subcommittee that oversees all agriculture funding.

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Bryant’s driving skills have left the Lakers in a ditch

By Steve Escajeda
Special to the Courier

A couple years ago the Los Angeles Lakers made a decision. It was a decision they knew would make or break them. And now — the Lakers are broken.

Jerry Buss and the Lakers had to choose between Shaq O’Neal and Kobe Bryant.

One is the most dominating center in the game today and one of the greatest big men of all time, and the other is the best scorer in the league and one of the best offensive players of all time.

But Shaq is older and couldn’t hit a free throw at gunpoint. Kobe carries a ton of personality flaws and wouldn’t pass the ball at gunpoint.

After winning three NBA titles with Shaq as their main man, the Lakers decided to take the keys from the big guy and let Kobe Bryant take the wheel.

Only problem is, Kobe can’t drive. Well, he can drive, just not in the right direction.

And while Shaq has made the Miami Heat one of the best teams in the league since the trade, Bryant has led the once-proud Lakers to

mediocrity.

In his two seasons as the Lakers’ main man, Kobe has led his team to a lack-luster 79-85 record. While his scoring average keeps going up, he does absolutely nothing to help his teammates win games.

In a rare display of unselfishness, Kobe actually included his teammates in the first four games (a 3-1 Lakers lead) of their first-round playoff series against the Phoenix Suns. Then Kobe reverted to his old self over the final three games, all Los Angeles losses.

But Kobe’s actions during game seven were even more despicable.

Bryant hit 8 of 13 shots in the first half, scoring 23 points. After falling behind by as much as 20 points in the third quarter, Kobe just quit on his team.

Kobe, the guy who loves taking on all five opposing players by himself, took only three shots in the entire second half.

Kobe hasn’t taken that few shots since second grade.

This came on the heels of taking 35 shots in game six, which the Lakers lost 126-118 in overtime.

While the rest of the Lakers team — though not as talented — were at least playing their

hearts out. Kobe had already checked out mentally and emotionally. It was obvious he didn’t care anymore. His pride had been bruised and his true spirit revealed itself.

He acted like a little boy who didn’t get what he wanted so he picked up his basketball skills and went home.

And the embarrassing display didn’t go unnoticed by the TNT studio announcers after the game.

One thing you can always rely on is for Charles Barkley to speak his mind. After the game, Barkley called Kobe selfish. He said Kobe decided to quit on his team so that he could say, “These guys can’t do it without me.”

While most of the TV guys make excuses for most of the whiny NBA players, it was refreshing for Barkley to call the way it was.

But then again, this is what the Lakers wanted. They didn’t care that Kobe ran off Shaq. They didn’t care that he ran off their coach (before Phil Jackson inexplicably rejoined the team). They didn’t care that Kobe had already shown that his character was as questionable as his ability to pass the basketball.

But they chose him anyway. And the Lakers got what they deserved. A selfish, arrogant,

ball-hog who is enjoying the rest of the playoffs the same way I am — from the living room sofa.

De La Hoya does it again

As fighters go, Oscar De La Hoya doesn’t exactly fit the modern mold of a pungent pugilist.

You know what I’m talking about. One of those nasty foul-mouthed boxers who would enjoy fighting someone in a gas station restroom for free as much as he would someone in the ring for \$1 million.

One such fighter is Ricardo Mayorga, whom the Golden Boy took on last weekend. Just going by each person’s demeanor and manners, you would have thought the vulgar Mayorga would have killed the choir boy-like De La Hoya.

But much to my delight, De La Hoya proved once again that you don’t have to act like an unruly, uneducated brute to punch like one.

Oscar knocked out Mayorga in the sixth round, taking his championship belt away.

Unlike Mayorga, I’m sure De La Hoya will wear it with class, humility and dignity.

Oh, and thanks again, Oscar, for proving Leo Durocher wrong again — look it up.



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I was there... De La Hoya golden again after victory over Mayorga

By Jan Engels
Special to the Courier

I was there... as always, at the MGM Grand during Oscar De La Hoya’s comeback against “El Matador” Ricardo Mayorga. What hype — insults and all. What a crowd — 18,000 in the Grand arena. What an entrance — both fighters trying to outdo each other in their colorful walk to the ring.

It was good, gutsy fight, but De La Hoya showed why he is the Golden Boy of boxing. His 20-month absence from the ring wasn’t apparent

as he knocked down Mayorga in the first round. De La Hoya kept up the assault throughout the following rounds — finishing Mayorga off in the 6th.

The final apology from the Mayorga — “You’re a great champion and fighter. I apologize for all those things I said to you” — and the “I forgive you,” from De La Hoya may have been a little too much for some of the fans, however.

What follows now for Oscar? He has been busy business wise during his absence from the ring with his acquisitions in LA and in New York plus his own Golden Boy Productions.

But De La Hoya fought not so much for the money or even the title, he said. He fought to erase the memories of his defeat at the gloves of Bernard Hopkins in June of 2004. Now he can retire and his fans will understand, he says. But in a true warrior’s mind there is always that next mountain to climb or champion to beat — will he fight Floyd Mayweather, Jr.? That is a pending question and one that will be answered by Del La Hoya and, ironically, his trainer Floyd Mayweather, Sr.

An online poll favored De La Hoya retiring by 2-1. Only time will tell.

Reyes

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the Next Generation Hispanic-Serving Institutions Act, H.R. 761, which establishes a program of competitive grants to eligible Hispanic Serving Institutions that offer post-baccalaureate certifications or degrees.

Education is one of the fundamental building blocks of our nation, and our teachers and students deserve the best we can provide for them. During this year’s Teacher Appreciation Week, all Members of Congress should reflect on the important role their teachers have played in their lives, and fully fund educational programs this year.

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Sealed bids for Mexican Food Products, Full Line Food Service, Beverage & Snack, Bakery Products and School Milk and Dairy Products, Bid No. 050106-035, addressed to Leticia Perez, Fabens Independent School District, 821 NE “G” Avenue or P O Box 697, Fabens, Texas 79838, will be received at the above address until 10:00 a.m., Wednesday, May 31, 2006, at which time they will be publicly opened. Bid forms and specifications may be obtained by calling (915) 764-2025. WTCC: 05/11/06

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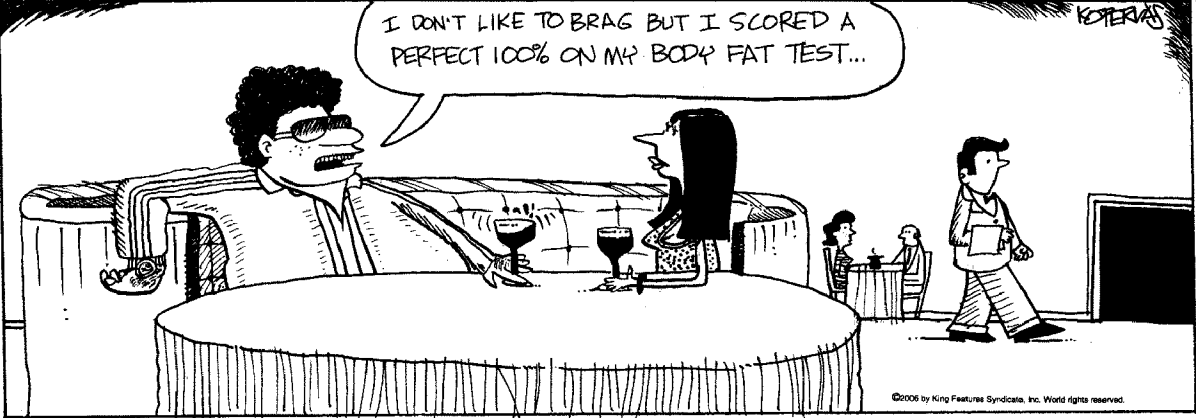
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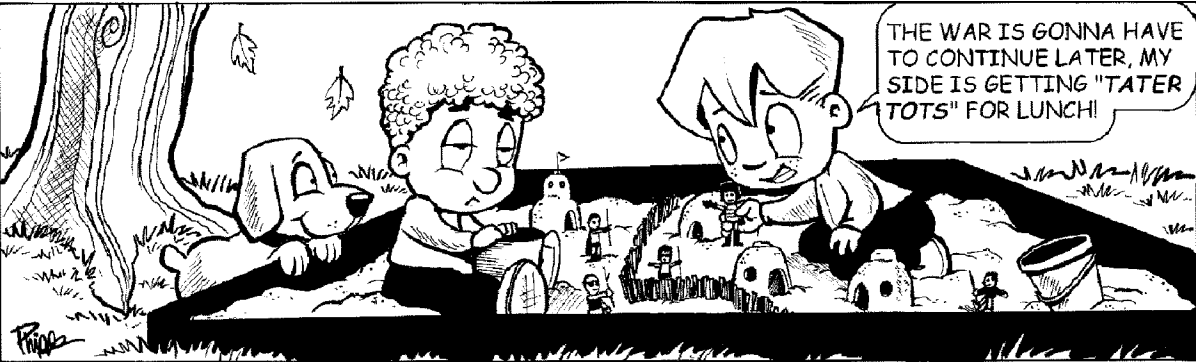
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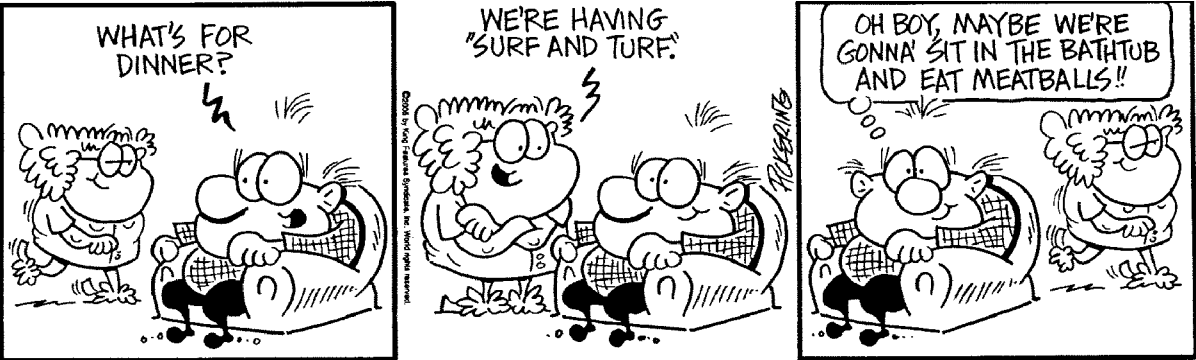
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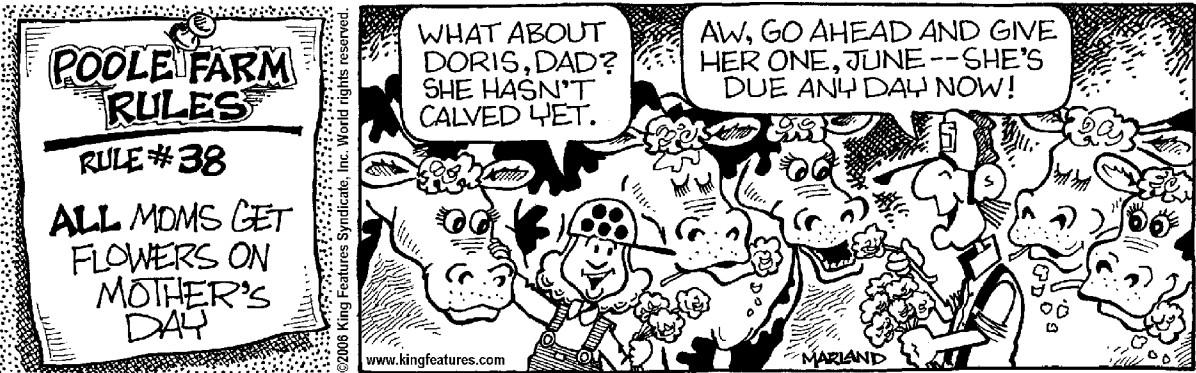
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Popping the question . . . and your budget

By Don Flood

A company in France called ApoteoSurprise — that’s a French term meaning “surprise apoteo” — is now offering “themed experiences” for couples “who wish to declare their burning love in a magically original way.”

(Health note: A burning love sensation, if it continues too long, could also be a sign of an infection. Get it checked out.)

The company arranges extraordinary marriage proposals and declarations of love in the City of Frogs: Paris, France.

These include (and I’m not kidding):

- Projection of the declaration of love on the walls of Notre-Dame while the happy couple floats by on a dinner cruise.
- Ninety-foot message written at the foot of a castle and visible from a helicopter.
- Wax statue of St. Valentine’s coming to life and delivering the message.

• Parchment delivered by a prince in an “enchanted forest.”

But before you run out and sign up for one of these — hopefully, you’ll at least wait until the end of the column — consider the problems.

The Notre Dame one, for example, is a little showy. Also, there’s always a chance that the Hunchback will be scampering around up there and your intended will think the message of love is from him and be impressed because he’s so romantic, and then, boy, do you look like a loser.

And while you may think you’re better looking — though you’re probably not — don’t forget, he’s a Celebrity.

And of course all these potential marriage proposals face the same *major* drawback, which is:

What if you line up this hopelessly romantic, ridiculously expensive proposal and she says:

“Look, I meant to tell you. I’m getting married next weekend. But I’m still hoping you’ll come because you’re my bestest friend ever!”

Now, if you’re up in the helicopter, you’re in luck. You can gracefully exit the aircraft and end the embarrassment right there.

(Your death, however, would come with a touch of irony if, in your final moments, she leaned out and yelled, “JUST KIDDING!”)

But if you’ve chosen the statue-come-to-life to deliver the proposal, you’d be stuck in an awkward threesome, with “St. Valentine” snickering like an idiot.

And whatever you do, don’t go for the prince scenario. Sure, he’s just some drunk in a costume, but HE’S A DRUNK IN A COSTUME WITH A FRENCH ACCENT and your intended may well go for the prince.

After all, she always dreamed her prince would come and, let’s face it, you ain’t it.

If you were, you wouldn’t have had to spring for a trip to Paris just to pop the question.

You would propose the way most modern romantic guys do, during halftime of the Super Bowl, especially if the music group stinks and no wardrobe malfunction has been scheduled.

Among the many advantages to a Super Bowl proposal is that if you get married soon after, you’ll be able to use the leftovers — there’s always *some* dip no one eats — for your wedding reception.

You might even save enough money to take your bride to Paris — Kentucky, that is.

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King Super Crossword

- GENERIC ZOO ACROSS**

1 "It Must Be Him" singer

5 Summoned electronically

10 Svelte

14 " _ Said" ('61 hit)

18 Gallimaufry

19 Madrid month

20 Famed fabulist

22 Word with history or hygiene

23 Kids' TV show?

26 Move like a mouse

27 Studio sign

28 Bouillabaisse or burgoo

29 Clarinetist Artie

31 Security grp.

32 Tidy

35 Put together

38 Author Willa

40 Marx Brothers film?

46 " _ go brag!"

47 Southern constellation

48 O'Hara homestead

49 Datebook abbr.

51 Corn color

54 Director Zoltan

57 Knot

60 "The _ Time" ('65 hit)

62 Cub Scout group

63 Offend

65 Certain heron

66 Prankish

67 Exec's deg.

68 Model Carre

70 Snitch

71 Dog star?

72 Eyebrow shape

73 Norm

76 "The Wind in the Willows" setting?

80 Boxing expert

83 Squirrel's snack

84 Astronaut

86 Apex

87 Cassandra or Merlin

88 Continental currency

90 Wheel features

94 Absent

95 Bloomsbury buggy

96 Labor leader

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97 Chef Jeff

98 City on the Mohawk

100 Compact _

102 Not _ many words

105 Milne creature

106 Canal feature

108 Poe short story?

113 Shortstop Reese

115 Sphere starter

116 Connecticut campus

117 Where to find an incus

118 Moss or Mulgrew

121 "Eugene Onegin" character

124 Striped stone

128 Urban problem

130 "Joy to the World" rockers?

135 Caesar's cohort

136 It makes candy dandy

137 Future officer

138 Algerian port

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140 Actor McClure

141 Declare

142 "Peter Pan" pooch

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1 James of "Murder by Death"

2 One of the Osmonds

3 Philbin's co-host

4 Pasta type

5 JFK Library architect

6 Magnuson or Dvorak

7 Tiffany treasures

8 Part of Q.E.D.

9 Sounds of music

10 Kind of cross

11 Sophisticated

12 Egyptian deity

13 Japheth's father

14 TV's "The _ Squad"

15 Comic book hero?

16 One of the Osmonds

17 Hitching post?

21 Locale

24 Locale

25 Long-necked bird

30 Cordiality

33 Pangolin's morsel

34 TV-listing abbr.

36 Worked in Vegas

37 Kreskin's letters

39 Carrere or Mowry

40 Scottish storyteller

41 Blood component

42 "Invaders from _" ('53 film)

43 Press

44 Malaga quaff

45 '84 Daryl Hannah film

50 Kilt material

52 African equine

53 Pass into law

55 Couple

56 Utah resort

58 Fine steed

59 Cortège

61 Libra's symbol

64 Lumberjack's cry

69 Peanut butter or jelly

71 38 Across heroine

73 Couturier Jean

74 "It's _ time!"

75 Elton John hit?

77 Loner

78 Atmosphere

79 They're often glossed over

85 Actor Herbert

87 Sissy of "In the Bedroom"

88 Host

89 Out of _ (incompatible)

91 Soprano Te Kanawa

92 007's school

93 Be a farrier

99 Bull's beloved

101 "Quiet!"

103 Overhead item?

104 "Birds _ feather..."

107 Colleague of Shelley

109 Coll. hotshot

110 Whitman's bloomers

111 Panache

112 Multitude

113 "GoodFellas" Oscar winner

114 De Valera of Ireland

119 Heavy blow

120 As a result

122 Aerial annoyance

123 "O patria mia" singer

125 Taj town

126 Comparative word

127 Sicilian volcano

129 Merry

131 _ Claire, WI

132 Unit of work

133 Lepidopterist's need

134 When Satie sweltered
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Police seek thief in Anthony robbery

ANTHONY — The Anthony Police Department is asking for public assistance as investigation continues into a robbery on Tuesday, May 9 at about 9:45 a.m.

Police responded to a report at 101 N. First St. in Anthony that a Hispanic male had robbed the female store clerk by threatening her with a weapon. She gave him an undisclosed amount of money and he fled on foot toward Franklin St.

The suspect is described as weighing 180-200 pounds, about five feet tall, wearing a baseball cap, dark sunglasses, a white sports jersey with dark colored pin stripes and khaki pants.

Anyone with information is asked to contact Chief of Police Ed Miranda at 726-8944, or 886-3838.

Canutillo High School trackster qualifies for state

By Kim Guzman
Special to the Courier

UPPER VALLEY — Ana Lisa Alvarado, a senior at Canutillo High School placed second in the Track and Field Regional Meet held recently in San Angelo, Texas, with a shot put throw of 36' 2", qualifying her to compete in the Texas 4A Track and Field State Championship in Austin, Texas. The state meet will be held from May 12-13, at the University of Texas at Austin.

“This is the first time in many years that a Canutillo student makes it to the state level in a track event. This will give other students the confidence that they can compete with the best athletes in the state,” said Roberto Herrera, track coach and teacher with the Canutillo Independent School District.

WORK IT OUT — Ana Lisa Alvarado works out in the Canutillo High School’s Conditioning Room on the single arm drive machine, in preparation for the Texas Track & Field State Championship.



— Photo courtesy Canutillo ISD

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Albuquerque, NM	81	54	s	83	54	s	85	56	s	86	54	s
Amarillo, TX	70	49	pc	80	54	s	84	52	s	79	49	t
Austin, TX	82	57	s	88	61	s	87	68	s	88	68	t
Brownsville, TX	90	73	t	88	73	pc	90	74	pc	92	74	pc
Dodge City, KS	72	47	s	79	53	s	82	54	pc	74	47	pc
Jackson, MS	83	53	s	80	52	s	81	59	pc	84	63	t
Laredo, TX	94	70	t	96	73	pc	100	75	pc	102	74	pc
Little Rock, AR	76	51	pc	77	55	s	79	59	pc	77	58	t
Lubbock, TX	75	50	pc	83	58	s	90	56	s	86	55	pc
Memphis, TN	73	54	s	75	53	s	78	59	pc	77	61	t
Midland, TX	73	55	s	88	63	pc	97	65	s	91	64	s
Pueblo, CO	72	40	s	79	46	s	86	48	pc	74	43	c
Roswell, NM	79	53	s	88	57	s	96	57	s	92	54	s
St. Louis, MO	68	46	pc	64	50	pc	72	55	pc	71	52	pc
San Antonio, TX	86	59	s	86	65	s	89	69	s	88	70	pc
Texarkana, AR	79	53	pc	80	58	s	82	64	pc	79	62	t
Waco, TX	85	55	pc	85	63	s	88	64	s	84	65	t
Wichita, KS	70	47	s	72	54	s	74	56	pc	75	52	pc

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												
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Boston	58	50	c	58	48	r	52	46	r	60	48	r
Chicago	56	41	c	56	41	pc	58	43	pc	60	44	pc
Denver	64	42	s	75	49	s	78	49	pc	68	41	pc
Detroit	64	42	c	58	41	pc	62	44	c	66	48	r
Houston	86	58	pc	86	60	s	88	66	pc	86	64	t
Indianapolis	61	44	c	61	43	pc	64	46	pc	65	45	c
Kansas City	62	44	s	69	49	s	72	54	pc	68	51	pc
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