

NEWSBRIEFS

Thanksgiving trash schedules

In observance of the upcoming Thanksgiving Holiday, all garbage collections normally scheduled throughout the City of El Paso for Thursday, November, 23, will take place on Saturday, November 26. The Christmas and New Year Holiday schedule will not be affected. For more information, the public can contact Environmental Services at 621-6700.

- Upper Valley residents living in Anthony, Canutillo and Vinton (and others) that normally have a Thursday pick-up will be picked up on Friday. Friday customers will have their trash picked up on Saturday.
- Horizon Regional MUD customers will not have trash service on Thursday. Trash pick-up will occur the following Monday. Friday pick-up will not be affected.
- Lower Valley Water District customers that normally have a Thursday pick-up should put their trash out one day earlier on Wednesday.
- Clint residents that normally have a Thursday pick-up should put their trash out on Wednesday.
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- Fabens residents that normally have a Thursday pick-up will be picked up on Friday. Friday customers will have their trash picked up on Saturday.
- East Montana/Montana Vista residents that normally have a Thursday pick-up will be picked up on Friday. Friday customers will have their trash picked up on Saturday.

Trustee to camp

San Elizario ISD Board member Irene D. Jaquez was selected to “go to boot camp” Nov. 16-19 in Washington, D.C. at the prestigious National Association of Latino Elected and Appointed Officials (NALEO) Institute. Jaquez was given opportunity to learn from experts in the area of public finance, public policy, implementing effective service, maximizing limited resources, public safety, health and more.

In other news

■ The Mountain View High School Lobos prepared and served meals to migrant workers at the Migrant Farm Shelter in El Paso on Nov. 18 in the spirit of Thanksgiving. The students volunteered their own money and time to make this project a reality.

■ Americas High School will have its Annual Christmas Fair on Friday, Dec. 1 from 5 to 9:30 p.m. Over 75 vendors will be available to sell arts and crafts, holiday gifts, toys, jewelry, clothing and more. Additionally, groups from Socorro ISD and the El Paso area schools will be performing throughout the evening. Performances include cheer, dance, flags, choir,

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Thankfulness could well be the finest sentiment of man — and also the rarest.
— Quips & Quotes

Obstacle course to provide long lasting benefits to NJROTC cadets

By Anabel Dominguez
Special to the Courier

HORIZON — Horizon High School JROTC held a much anticipated unveiling Oct. 23, to open their new JROTC obstacle course on the campus grounds. The course, which took 10 months to construct, is the only course of its kind with 13 challenging obstacles.

The effort to build the obstacle course began only as an idea by ISG Randell Danner. With the generous help of the Horizon Regional Water Authority, El Paso Electric Company, and the Horizon Fire Department, this idea became reality. The course was assembled in a combined effort from the cadre, the cadets of the unit, and the Clint ISD maintenance department.

During the unveiling, LTC Ken Osmond, Senior Army Instructor at Horizon High School, gave a warm welcome to many esteemed guests including Clint ISD Superintendent Ricardo Estrada, Horizon City Mayor Raymond Morales, and representatives from Clint ISD, Veterans of Foreign Wars, the

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— Photo courtesy Clint ISD

UP, UP AND AWAY — Cadet Gaby Rivera (left) and Cadet Katherine Donohoe scramble for to reach the top while traversing Horizon High School's new obstacle course.

National recognition goes to Canutillo HS seniors

By Kim Guzman
Special to the Courier

CANUTILLO — Tahlia Leyva and Erik Pavia, Canutillo High School seniors, were recognized recently by the College Board's National Hispanic Recognition Program (NHRP).

The NHRP is a college board program that provides national recognition of the exceptional academic achievements of Hispanic high school seniors. The Board identifies these students for post-secondary institutions that are particularly interested in communicating with



Tahlia Leyva



Erik Pavia

prospective students of Hispanic heritage.

Leyva and Pavia entered the program by taking the Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test as high school juniors. Qualification for recognition is based on the student's combined verbal, math, and writing skill scores on the PSAT/NMSQT.

Leyva has submitted applications to Texas State San Marcos, UTEP, UT-Austin, UT-Dallas, and Texas Christian University. Pavia is applying to MIT (Massachusetts Institute of Technology), UTEP, UT-Austin, California Institute of Technology, and the University of Southern California.

Socorro council will start meeting earlier in the evening

By Arleen Beard
Special to the Courier

SOCORRO — It is common practice for City Council meetings in Socorro to be very lengthy and Council members are committed to staying late in the evening to complete the agenda — one recent meeting went as late as 2 a.m.

Because of the consistent excessive length of City Council meetings, City Representative Mary Perez said she decided to put an item on the agenda to change the time for regularly scheduled City Council meetings.

Some council members suggested meeting early in the day as a council, to discuss the agenda items prior to the regularly scheduled meeting, which they felt would expedite the meeting. However, because some City Council members have other commitments during

the day, it would not be feasible to meet prior to each meeting.

After several minutes of discussion, Council voted to change the meeting time for regularly scheduled meetings to 5 p.m. It is the hope of City Council to also ease the burden of late night meetings on concerned citizens who wish to attend the meetings.

In other council business, an ordinance to ban cigarette smoking in all public buildings in Socorro will be brought up for a public hearing on Dec. 7, according to Socorro Mayor Trini Lopez, who said he has not been approached by anyone who is opposed to the ban.

The smoking ban ordinance was drafted after a presentation from the Texas Department of Health and Texas A&M University officials who recommended Socorro implement tighter restrictions on public smoking due to health hazards created by second-hand smoke.

Horizon City Council rejects proposal to hire special counsel

By Arleen Beard
Special to the Courier

HORIZON CITY — A recent agenda item proposing that the Horizon City council hire a “special counsel” law firm raised numerous questions among members of that council before it was unanimously rejected.

During the regular Nov. 14 council meeting, an agenda item to hire the Austin-based firm of Bovey, Akers and Bojorquez was strongly questioned by several council members.

Attorney Robert Duran has been the attorney of record for Horizon City during the tenure of the past four mayors, including former Mayors Tom Ruiz, Pat Randleel, Diane Whitty, and current Mayor Raymond Morales.

During Whitty's term, she attempted to hire this Austin-based group as special counsel, but did not have the needed support to be successful.

The agenda item in question on Nov. 14 was authored by Whitty's sister, Councilwoman Carol Zimmerman. It again called for discussion and action to hire Bovey, Akers and Bojorquez as special counsel for Horizon City.

City Councilman Keith McClellan said he was disturbed by the fact that information on this law firm was not provided to members of the council until the meeting at which it was to voted on and that the need for special counsel had not been put forth to other members of City Council prior to it being put on the agenda.

City Councilwoman Jennifer Whiskeyman asked if the need for special counsel had been discussed with City Attorney Duran and whether he was ever asked his opinion on the need for special counsel.

Duran stated he was never approached by anyone on City Council regarding this issue.

Former Mayor Diane Whitty was in the audience and spoke on this agenda item. She stated that when she was the mayor, she tried to hire this law firm as special counsel because of their expertise in municipal law. She said there were times during her term as mayor that she would ask Duran a question or request some advice and she would have to wait for several days before receiving an answer.

She also added that there were times when she felt she was “submerged” by Duran.

Council asked Duran if he would like to address this issue and he vehemently denied the accusation that he had “submerged” Whitty. He went on to say he has always been prompt in answering any questions asked of him. He said there were times when he did not have an answer to a question, but said he researched it and promptly returned with an answer.

Duran said he had not been approached regarding a need to hire special counsel to assist him, and he reminded Council that Horizon City is a member of the Texas Municipal League (TML) which affords them the opportunity to contact TML on any legal issue if advice is not readily available from the City Attorney. He said he does not see a need for any special counsel.

Mayor Ray Morales was asked if he has

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One perspective

By Francis Shrum

Precedence and really bad ideas

Apologies to decent lawyers everywhere, if such exist, but members of the bar have been behind a lot of really bad ideas.

As a result of some really bad ideas gaining approval just one time, something called a “precedent” occurs.

Now, precedence is a mighty powerful concept to the folks who sit behind tall benches in black robes and rule on judicial matters. In fact, if a really bad idea has a legal precedent you can pretty much assume that any judge will agree with the lawyerly argument that if it was approved once, it should be again, no matter how bad it was.

It’s called passing the buck. It is the incredibly intelligent method we use to establish law in our system of justice.

It is also how our kids get away with all kinds of misbehavior because, they will argue, “you let so-and-so sibling do it...” It starts early. But that’s a whole other story.

As for the power of precedence, take the classic cases of the Roe v. Wade and the less-famous Doe v. Bolton, which led our legal system to open the door so that nowadays you can snuff out the life of a totally defenseless person — not even strong enough to breathe on his or her own yet — for virtually any reason you want to and it’s perfectly legal.

Now, the woman who was “Roe,” lesser known as Norma McCorvey, many years ago recanted her part in the issue and asked the court to reverse the ruling. Sandra Cano, who was “Doe,” has also asked the courts to revisit, and reverse, their ruling, particularly in light of improved medical treatments.

But, of course they can’t. It has

precedence — no matter how bad this idea is.

There is a really, really bad idea circulating out there right now I want to tell you about — even the guy who proposed didn’t think anyone would actually take it seriously — but this really bad idea is getting some really serious attention.

This is also how, by the way, that Charles Darwin got saddled with being known as the father of the worst idea in history — evolution. The poor guy wasn’t even the one who first thought it up, but because he wrote it down in a convincing sort of way, he got stuck with it.



Anyway, back to this really bad idea I was telling you about. It is the most insane idea I have ever heard as a solution to the problem of global warming. There is a man named Paul J. Crutzen, a fellow of Germany’s Max Planck Institute for Chemistry and a Nobel Prize-winning scientist, who has proposed creating a “shade” between the earth and the sun — a layer of pollution deliberately spewed into the atmosphere to help cool the planet.

Now, Crutzen himself says he is “not enthusiastic” about his idea, and said he proposed it simply as a means to “startle the policy makers” into taking some kind of concrete steps to reduce our use of fossil fuels.


However, because he has conceptualized it and had it published, if it becomes reality, he could join Darwin in having fathered something maybe he didn’t really intend to father.

Unfortunately, the scientific community missed Crutzen’s point altogether. Tom Wigley, a senior U.S.


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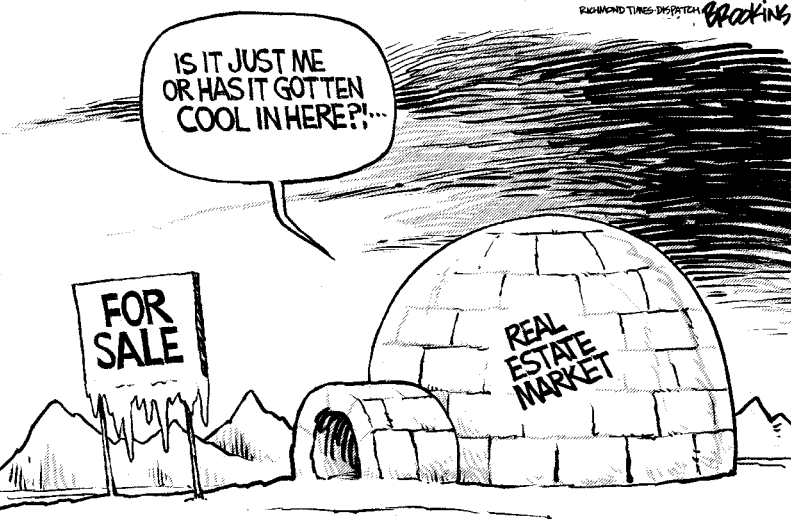
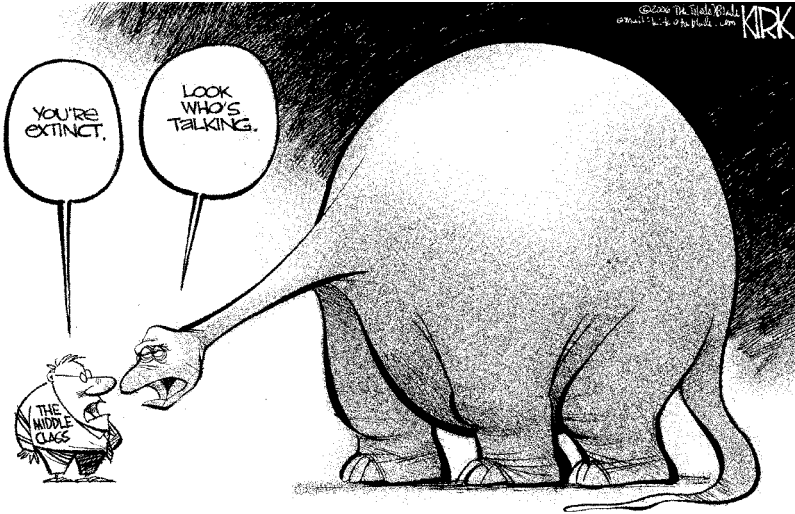
had any problems getting information from Duran. Morales replied that he has always been provided a prompt response and has experienced no problems with Duran’s expertise.

City Councilman Walter Miller brought up the issue of who would be allowed to call or contact this law firm and for how many times. There was no answer for this question, therefore, he suggested this should be researched further before hiring this law firm.

City Councilwoman Whiskeyman asked Councilwoman Zimmerman if the references mentioned on the law firm have been contacted. Zimmerman replied that she had not contacted the references given.

City Councilman Luis Najera said since there would be no actual contract signed committing the city to any length of time or any terms, he didn’t see the harm of hiring this law firm.

After considerable discussion, it was decided by the City Council to reject the agenda item and the vote was unanimous.



Briefs

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orchestra, guitar, jazz and symphonic band. All cheer, dance and flags will be performing in the Blazer Gym. All choir and guitar groups will be in the Americas Gym. Band and Orchestra will be performing in the Rotunda. Admission to the fair is free and the public is invited to attend. Vendors or performing groups or those who would like more information may contact the Student Activities Office at 937-2832. The vendor’s cost per table is \$20, limit two tables.

■ Schools in the Socorro ISD were closed this week for Thanksgiving break. Schools resume on Monday, Nov. 27.

■ Golf courses throughout Texas, Missouri, Oklahoma and Texas have teamed up with the American Cancer Society to help raise money to fight cancer, and it’s just in time for the holidays. For a \$40 contribution, the American Cancer Society Golf Pass provides golfers more than 803 rounds of golf at 300 courses. Golfers now can help in the fight against cancer while enjoying the game they love on many different courses throughout the three of the states in the High Plains Division. The Pass expires December 31, 2007. The American Cancer Society Golf Pass can be ordered by calling 1-800-ACS-2345. Master Card, Visa and American Express accepted. The American Cancer Society is the nationwide, community-based, voluntary health organization dedicated to eliminating cancer as a major health problem.

Happy Thanksgiving

From Congressman Silvestre Reyes



Let’s remember to be thankful for the good gifts of life we enjoy in America as Americans.

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— Congressman Silvestre Reyes

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A PUBLIC HEARING will be held at **6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, December 12, 2006** during the **Regular City Council Meeting** at City Hall, 14999 Darrington Road, Horizon City, Texas. Purpose of the public hearing is to allow any interested persons to appear and comment regarding the proposed rezoning of the following property:

- 1) Rezoning from R-2 Residential to R-GV Zero Side Setbacks, Residential. Being a portion of Section 30, Block 78, Township 3, Tracts 1B, 8, 10 and a portion of Section 31, Block 78, Township 3, Texas and Pacific Railroad Surveys, El Paso County, Horizon City, Texas. Area consists of approximately 20.028 acres.

Those who are unable to attend may submit their views in writing to the City Planner Ed Hamlyn at the above address or call 915-852-1046. Accommodations for handicapped persons will be available; and individuals in need of special assistance for attending the hearings are encouraged to contact the City Clerk (915) 852-1046, forty-eight (48) hours prior to this meeting.

Sandra Sierra
City Clerk

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Notice of Public Hearing
Town of Clint

Texas Community Development Program
Community Development Fund Project

The Town of Clint is considering amending its Texas Community Development Program Contract #725189 with the Office of Rural Community Affairs, to change the locations of some of the proposed water lines, and to revise the project budget.

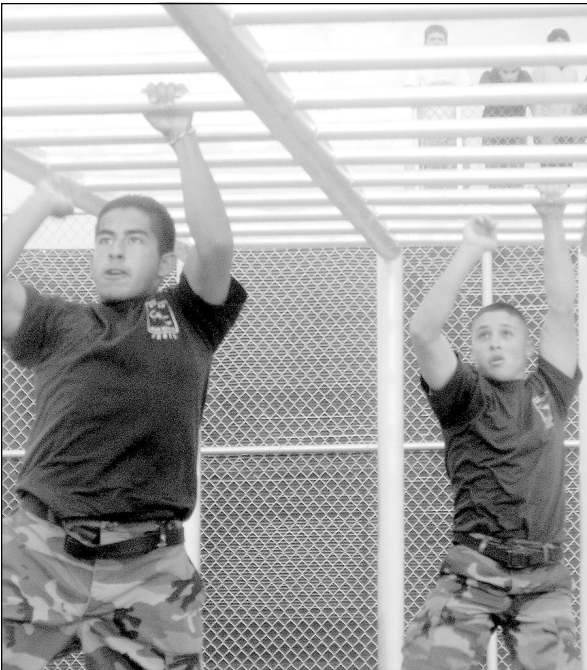
A public hearing will be conducted for the purpose of discussing the proposed amendment and soliciting citizen input on the proposed change in the activities of this grant project.

LOCATION: CLINT COMMUNITY CENTER
200 N. SAN ELIZARIO ROAD
DATE: MONDAY, NOVEMBER 27, 2006
TIME: 5:00 P.M.

All residents are encouraged to attend this public hearing and present their views. The Clint Community Center is accessible to the disabled; disabled individuals who might have difficulty in attending this public hearing should contact the Town Secretary to arrange for special assistance. Residents who are unable to attend this meeting in person may submit written comments. Written comments will be accepted by the town until this public hearing is concluded. A copy of the proposed amendment is available for review at the Clint municipal offices during normal business hours.

El publico en general esta invitado a asistir a esta audiencia. La presentacion y la discusion sobre una enmienda del proyecto financiado por asistencia del Programa de Desarrollo de la Comunidad del Estado de Texas se haran en espanol para aquellas personas que asi las deseen.

Dale Reinhart
Mayor
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— Photo courtesy Clint ISD
HAND OVER HAND — Cadet Erik Najera (left) and Cadet Jose Ramirez cross the vertical ladder at top speed.

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Obstacle

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Horizon Regional Water Authority, and other JROTC units across El Paso, as well as many other respected members of the community. Guests walked through the course while 1SG Gil Kelly and LTC Osmond explained each obstacle. The Horizon High School Band performed as the cadets demonstrated the rigorous course for their guests.

This extraordinary course was developed to test and build confidence and fitness. It not only provides the cadets with physical fitness, but motivation, discipline, and pride as well.



— Photo courtesy Clint ISD
HIP HOP — Horizon High School's obstacle course includes a fast-foot exercise as demonstrated by Cadet Rafael Silva (left) and Cadet Cynthia Wilson.

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Montwood Varsity Cheerleaders take home top prize

By Irma Flores
Special to the Courier

EAST EL PASO COUNTY — Varsity Cheerleaders from Montwood High School took first place at the All City Championship held at Hanks High School on Nov. 5, competing with teams from across El Paso. With more than 2,000 participants, the contest featured freshmen, junior varsity and varsity level groups.

The 14-member varsity group competed against eight other squads including teams from Americas, Ysleta, Riverside, and Franklin high schools.

“Competing against these squads for the top spot in the city was very nerve-racking for the girls. But having family, friends, and fans there eased their spirits and they were able to perform to their highest level of expectations,” says Laura Price, Montwood Cheerleading Coach. “We congratulate all of the other teams around the city that competed.”

The varsity squad consists of Kaleena Roche, Lizette Jauregui, Valerie Cervantes, Pamela Macias, Leighanne Gabaldon, Andrea Urbina,

Tiffany Navarro, Jazmine Aranas, Marisa Diaz de Leon, Alexia Licon, Bryana Porras, Lauren Gutierrez, Audrey Vasquez, and Stephanie Garcia.

“Winning this my senior year meant a lot for me and for the other girls. We hadn’t won a championship since our freshmen year in 2003,” says Senior Valerie Cervantes.

Cervantes says the team practiced for two weeks with morning sessions beginning at 7 a.m. and after school for more than two hours everyday.

The school’s Junior Varsity Cheerleaders also participated in the weekend event and placed second at competition. They beat out six other El Paso teams including Franklin, Americas, Hanks, and Ysleta teams.


“They were very excited and thrilled to receive second place and look forward to moving on varsity level competition next year,” says Price.

The Junior Varsity team is made up of Tiena Candia, Arianna Castillo, Cindy Chavira, Anamaria Giannini, Michelle Gonzalez, Samantha Grajeda, Andrea Lopez, Laura Pellerito, Maribel Rubio, Amanda Veliz, and Bianca Villanueva.



TOP SQUAD — Socorro ISD’s Montwood High School varsity cheerleaders. — Photo courtesy Socorro ISD

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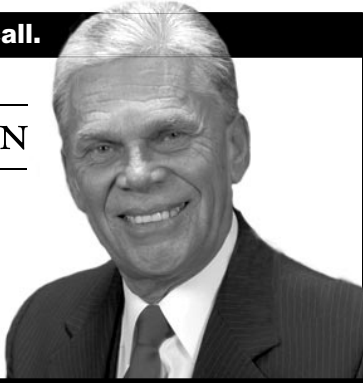
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- El Paso County Roads & Bridges
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- City of Anthony
- US Congressman Silvestre Reyes & his staff
- Texas State Senator Eliot Shapleigh
- County Judge Elect Anthony Cobos

To the following organizations and businesses whose donations of meals, equipment, paper goods, supplies, bottled water and snacks for the residents, workers and volunteers were so very much appreciated:

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• Westside Trucks	• Hinkley & Schmidt	• Circle N
• Salvation Army	• Mi Pueblito Restaurant	

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- Mr. & Mrs. Alfredo Lopez
- Mr. & Mrs. Will Perrien
- Mr. & Mrs. Arturo Jordan

And finally to the numerous volunteers and volunteer organizations who delivered informational flyers, meals, supplies, drove heavy equipment, did traffic control, rescues, phone calls, filled sandbags and assisted with cleanups — there are no words to express the level of our gratitude to each of you.



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Clint, three others try to advance in football playoffs

Four area teams already out of picture

By Steve Escajeda
Special to the Courier

Sometimes you can feel when the momentum is shifting. Sometimes you can tell when what was considered “the norm” is now a thing of the past.

And then again, sometimes you can’t.

Over the last couple of years, El Paso high school football teams had begun to make a dent on that inferiority complex they had developed after years of getting pummeled by those big, bad, out-of-town playoff teams.

After years of losing against those superior programs, local schools like Riverside, Franklin, Montwood and Chapin were proving that El Paso football could compete and even advance past these annual roadblocks by winning some of those tough encounters in recent years.

But the local teams took a gigantic step backward last weekend by losing every game to the out-of-towners, including a couple in which they were favored to win.

Four local Class 1-5A squads, Coronado, Montwood, Hanks and Americas, challenged four Class 2-5A teams last week in the bi-district round of the state playoffs.

Coronado figured to get past a so-so Amarillo Tascosa team who had a 6-4 record and hadn’t won a football play-off game since 1967.

Final score, Tascosa 33, Coronado 23.

Montwood had to feel real good about their chances against San Angelo Central, who came into the game with a rather mediocre 5-5 record.

Final score, Central 14, Montwood 12.

And both games were in El Paso.

Americas and Hanks knew the going would be much tougher in their respective matchups against Lubbock Monterey and Amarillo High. They both went down to defeat as well.

The early playoff exits do not mean El Paso teams cannot compete with their neighbors, but the talk will certainly begin about how far behind the local teams are from the rest of the state.

Before El Paso hangs its head in complete embarrassment, though, the Chapin Huskies, Parkland Matadors, Andress Eagles and Clint Lions all play this weekend in the area round of the playoffs.

I don’t want to put any added pressure on the backs of any of these four teams, but they have to know that the repu-

tation of the entire city of El Paso is at stake.

Other than that, these are just regular football games. To sign or not to sign

I don’t know how many of you watched the World Series between the St. Louis Cardinals and the Detroit Tigers, but I have found the baseball deals after the fall classic so much more interesting.

All the Major League Baseball general managers are busy signing free agents that they hope will impact their teams positively in the future.

The biggest signing of the fall so far was pulled off by the Chicago Cubs, who signed Alfonso Soriano to a whopping 8-year, \$136-million contract.

And while the Soriano signing was impressive, there are two other guys who have hogged up all the free-agent-signing talk.

One is a young guy who has never even played baseball in the United States and the other is an older veteran having trouble finding a team.

Japan’s Daisuke Matsuzaka appears to be the country’s biggest export to the United States since the sushi bar.

Matsuzaka, they say, has about five different pitches he has full command of, including a 97-mph fastball.

But this guy comes with a huge price tag. Seems his team, the Seibu Lions are more than willing to get rid of their great pitcher because they need something even more valuable — cold, hard cash.

And it appears as if the Boston Red Sox are willing to dish it out. The Sox bid an eye-opening \$51-million, just to have first crack at the pitcher.

It’s unclear whether the Red Sox will actually land the Japanese prize, but they’ve got until Dec. 14 to make it happen.

The other free agent giant out there is the former San Francisco Giant, Barry Bonds.

Yes, the chemically-induced superstar is searching for a team to play with — any team, any team at all.

Because Bonds carries such negative baggage, teams aren’t exactly ringing his phone off the hook.

The team showing the most interest lately is the Oakland A’s. This would keep Bonds in the Bay area and it would put him in the American league, where he can play as a designated hitter.

It would also keep him near the same area where he acquired his steroids and human growth hormones — which could come in handy next season.

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Precedence

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government climatologist, picked right up on Crutzen’s idea and followed up with an article in the leading U.S. journal, *Science*, describing

experiments he has done using supercomputer climate models. He also cited — what else? — the “precedent” set by the huge volcanic eruption of Mount Pinatubo in the Philippines in 1991.

All we need, he says, is between five and 10 million tons of sulfates injected into the atmosphere every

two or three years, since this incredible creation we call earth actually manages to clean the pollution out of the atmosphere through rain. Wigley makes this insane proposal in spite of the fact that earlier this year, the World Heath Organization said air pollution is killing about two million people

worldwide yearly.

Well, I’ve got a really bad idea myself, but I won’t tell you unless you promise not to give me credit for it.

How about if we drop a nuclear bomb and create a sort of “nuclear winter” ever so often just to cool things off. And if we study it care-

fully enough we can even make an estimate as to how many lives will have to be sacrificed in the name of global good.

I’d say that makes about as much sense as intentionally creating massive air pollution.

And besides, we have a precedent for it.

Classified Ads

LEGAL

PUBLIC NOTICE

As per Article V, Sec. 5.05(a), all owners and lienholders have ten (10) days from this date to reclaim their vehicles at South West Wrecker, 1401 Darrington Rd., 855-1900, 851-2091-fax, or it will be sold at public auction for charges: VIN - 2HSFHAERSXC064822, 1999 International tractor, grey, no license. VIN - IFMEVI5HIKLB00068, 1989 Ford Bronco, orange, Mexico license 646-SFBJ VIN - IG4HR52L6RH435175, 1994 Buick Le Sabre, brown, no license.

WTCC-11/20/06

SOCORRO INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

Invitation to Bid/Respond:

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

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 1, 2006

FINANCING FOR SCHOOL BUSES

CSP NO. 199-1201-7036
ACCEPTED UNTIL 2:00 P.M.

received at Business Services Dept., 12300 Eastlake Drive, El Paso, Texas 79928 until the specified times. Detailed specifications are available from the above office between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. Mondays through Fridays and on the Socorro ISD website: www.sisd.net. WTCC-11/23/06

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Invitation to Bid/Respond:

Sealed bids/proposals/CSP/RFP to furnish the District with the following products and/or services will be accepted at the fol-

lowing times:

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 14, 2006

LOCAL TELEPHONE SERVICES

CSP NO. 199-1214-7030
ACCEPTED UNTIL 1:00 P.M.

LONG DISTANCE SERVICES

CSP NO. 199-1214-7031
ACCEPTED UNTIL 1:30 P.M.

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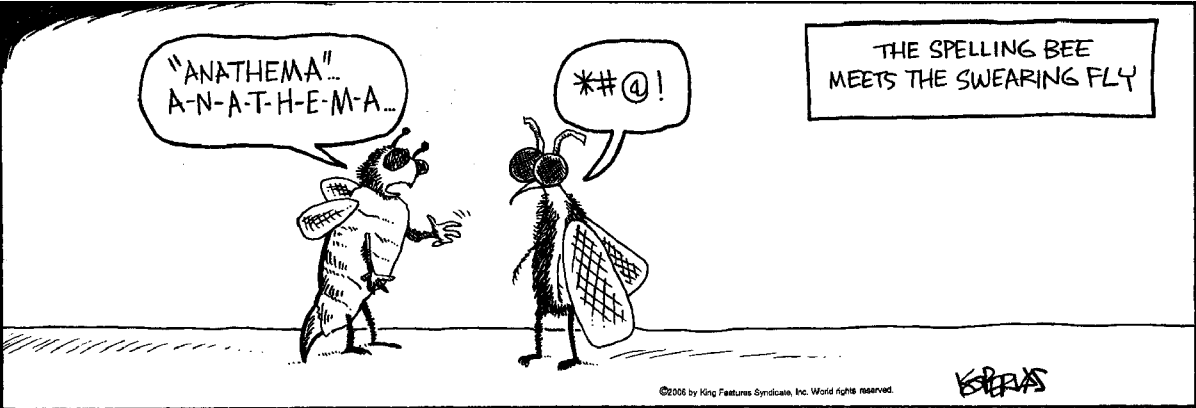
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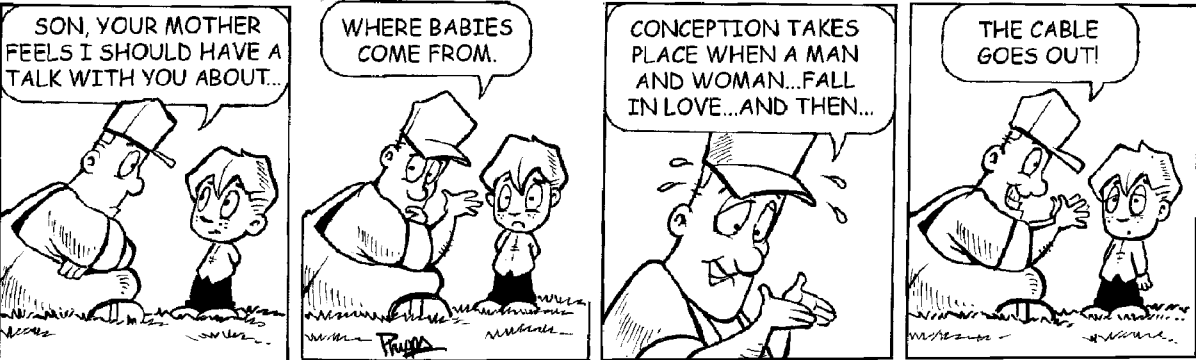
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DOSAGE	PATEN	CLAW	
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AGE	ABATE	SPASM	SAGET
	HOI	RETIRE	RELENT
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	YALE	WALE	SARTRE
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OUT ON A LIMB By Gary Kopervas



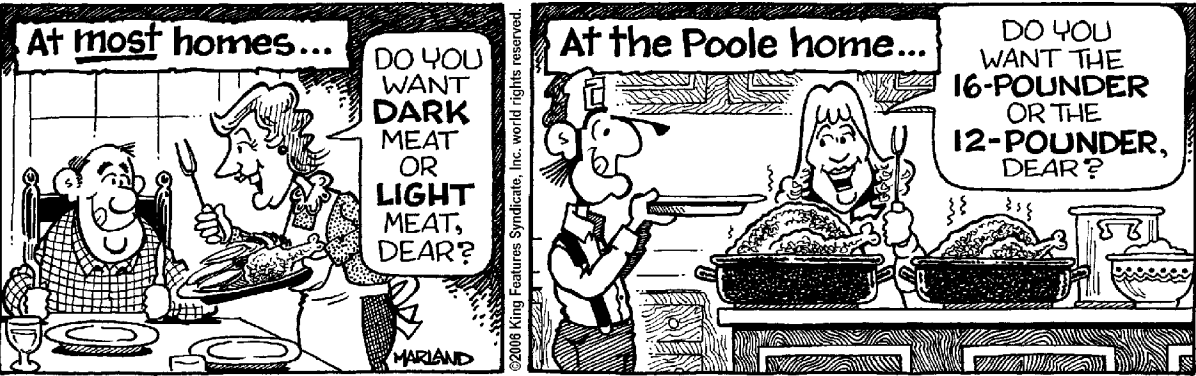
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Winemakers better not whine

By Don Flood

As baby boomers prepare for retirement, it’s comforting to know that these Americans — practical and realistic as always — have taken complete leave of their senses.

What else can one make of what has reportedly become the No. 1 fantasy job after “retirement” — winemaker?

Now I don’t pretend to be an expert on winemaking — my interest has always been more on the consumer end of this business — but I’m reasonably certain it involves farming. (Grapes, for you wine novices out there.)

Farming is a wonderful, rewarding career — unless, of course, you’re actually doing it.

In which case you have to contend with planting and picking and marketing and equipment and soil and weather and on and on.

Winemakers then have to make the stuff, which is also tricky.

Some people wax eloquent about “getting back to the land.” Generally, these people can be found behind a desk.

A few years ago, the big fantasy retirement job was owning a bed and breakfast. Sadly, some people had their dreams come true.

A good B & B owner is able to maintain the fiction that you are all his friends and he’s just thrilled to put you up for a couple of days.

Not everyone can pull this off.

My wife and I went to one such B & B, which was pleasant enough in its way but, somehow, after our stay, we thought the owner might have been happier in a position that took better advantage of his skill set — perhaps deputy warden of a maximum security correctional facility.

This owner, who was not named

Himmler (but somehow that springs to mind), seemed more like a man beset with deadbeat in-laws who unaccountably kept showing up at *his* house.

Yes, he took you in — *he had to* — but that didn’t mean he had to like it.

Upon arrival, we were told in no uncertain terms that there were rooms of the house that we were *not supposed to enter*.

Not to say he was unfriendly, just that the tone was one a parent might use to tell a 2-year-old not to play in the cement mixer.

(Parents, of course, no longer say anything as negative as, “Don’t play in the cement mixer!” It’s usually couched in more careful language: “We need to make good choices, and playing in the cement mixer doesn’t seem like a good choice to me. What do you think?”)

Unfortunately, despite this careful warning, my wife disobeyed. Needing salt and pepper to go with breakfast, she poked her head in the kitchen.

Immediately, the owner barked at my wife, telling her she was in a *restricted area*. Fortunately, a quick exit and apology was able to forestall the attack dogs and a trip to the dungeon, where I believe he punished transgressors using techniques frowned upon by Vice President Dick Cheney.

(He was believed to be among the few B & B owners who didn’t abide by the Geneva Convention.)

But that doesn’t mean your dream can’t come true.

I know of one winemaker who basically bought somebody else’s wine and slapped on a label. I heartily endorse this method, and I might even buy a bottle of your wine.

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King Super Crossword

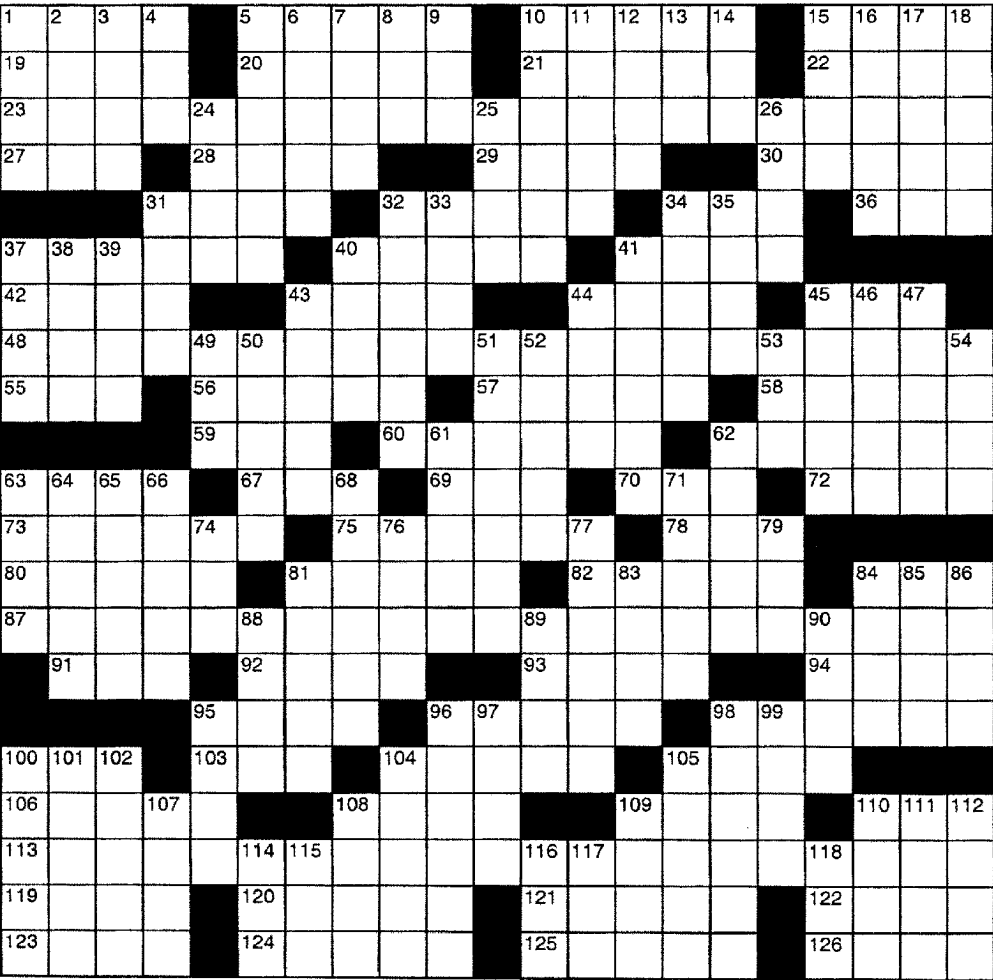
BEFORE AND AFTER

- ACROSS**
- 1 Warts and all
 - 5 Model Beverly
 - 10 Desert growth
 - 15 27th president
 - 19 Comic Carvey
 - 20 Fills the hold
 - 21 TV’s “Full _”
 - 22 Sutherland solo
 - 23 HEAD STARTS
 - 27 Dogpatch’s Daisy
 - 28 Patriot Nathan
 - 29 Sherwood sight
 - 30 Moscow moola
 - 31 Workbench attachment
 - 32 Croce’s Mr. Brown
 - 34 Expert
 - 36 Writer Rand
 - 37 Medical measure
 - 40 Chalice accessory
 - 41 Hammer feature
 - 42 “_ go brag!”
 - 43 Pres. Bush, e.g.
 - 44 Ubiquitous infinitive
 - 45 Loser’s locale
 - 48 PRE SETS
 - 55 Make wine divine
 - 56 Diminish
 - 57 Tic
 - 58 Bob of 21 Across
 - 59 _ polloi
 - 60 Join the leisure class?
 - 62 Let up
 - 63 “SNL” bit
 - 67 “Gross!”
 - 69 “Marathon _” (’76 film)
 - 70 Unduly
 - 72 “Como _ usted?”
 - 73 Most docile
 - 75 Joins forces
 - 78 Lear, to Cordelia
 - 80 Missouri mountain range
 - 81 Jergens or Astaire
 - 82 Intimate
 - 84 _ kwon do
 - 87 HAPPY ENDINGS
 - 91 Long or Peeples
 - 92 Caffeine effect
 - 93 “Trinity” author
 - 94 A speck with wings
 - 95 Connecticut campus
 - 96 Cardiff’s country
 - 98 French philosopher
 - 100 Light touch
 - 103 Silence a squeaker
 - 104 He had a golden touch
 - 105 Insect stage
 - 106 Soothe
 - 108 Welles role
 - 109 Clothing
 - 110 Sound like a hound
 - 113 GRAND FINALES
 - 119 Geraint’s lady
 - 120 Crazy as _
 - 121 Actress Witherspoon
 - 122 At any time
 - 123 Contradict
 - 124 Neon _
 - 125 Mideast nation
 - 126 “Saving Private _” (’98 film)

DOWN

- 1 Eliot’s “_ Bede”
- 2 Writer Paretsky
- 3 Memo start
- 4 _ Tome
- 5 Delight
- 6 Scout rank
- 7 Add fringe
- 8 Aspin or Paul
- 9 Sixth sense
- 10 Rose of _
- 11 Actor Wendell
- 12 Discourteous
- 13 Take advantage of
- 14 “Golden Girl” Arthur
- 15 Forbidden
- 16 Antilles isle
- 17 Stable youngster
- 18 Spoken for
- 24 British pol
- 25 Raison d’_
- 26 Sleuth Nancy
- 31 Delivery trucks
- 32 Cavalry soldier
- 33 Decorate glass
- 34 Philatelist’s purchase
- 35 Columnist Herb
- 37 _ vu
- 38 Northwestern st.
- 39 Location
- 40 Brad of “The Mexican”
- 41 Pamper
- 43 Cook Claiborne
- 44 Obsolete title
- 45 Musty
- 46 Summons electronically
- 47 Actor’s actor?
- 49 _-jongg
- 50 Approximately
- 51 They’re what’s left
- 52 Book part
- 53 Vane dir.
- 54 Sundance’s sweetie
- 61 Post or Dickinson
- 62 Sunday supper
- 63 Stash
- 64 “On the Waterfront” director
- 65 Japanese porcelain
- 66 _ firma
- 68 Act like Vikings?
- 71 Effluvia
- 74 Enjoy the Alps
- 76 Uncluttered
- 77 A great many
- 79 Strauss’ “_ Rosenkavalier”
- 81 On _ (doing great)
- 83 Baseball’s Aparicio
- 84 Add color
- 85 Fruit-tree spray
- 86 Punta del _
- 88 California resort
- 89 A shake in the grass?
- 90 Taj town
- 95 Mr. Ma
- 96 Actress Ryder
- 97 125 Across’ city
- 98 Unexpected
- 99 Lhasa _
- 100 Sealed
- 101 Skirt shape
- 102 Unadorned
- 104 Hardy’s “The _ of Casterbridge”
- 105 Vital sign
- 107 He’s Devine
- 108 It may be square
- 109 See 118 Down
- 110 Bunch of birds
- 111 Bailiwick
- 112 Knitter’s need
- 114 Purrfect pet?
- 115 Barley beverage
- 116 Summon mommy
- 117 Bray beginning
- 118 With 109 Down, a way to pay

Answer Page 6



Social Security Q&A

By Ray Vigil

Q: I plan to start receiving my Social Security retirement benefits in about two years. I have a 13-year-old daughter from a previous marriage who lives with her mother, my ex-wife. Can my daughter get any kind of benefits based on my earnings record? And, if so, would the checks go to her directly, or would I get them on her behalf?

A: Once you start receiving Social Security retirement benefits, your daughter can get benefits as your dependent until she's 18, or 19 if still in secondary school. A child's monthly benefit rate is generally one-half the parent's benefit amount. When you file for Social Security, you may file for benefits on your daughter's behalf and also file to be her representative payee. Generally, we appoint a representative payee for a beneficiary younger than age 18. The Social Security claims representative is required to attempt to contact the custodial parent, who has the option of filing to be payee. Whoever is named representative payee will be required to do an annual accounting of how your daughter's benefits are spent.

Q: What is the average monthly Social Security survivors benefit payment for a widow and two children?

A: In 2006, the average monthly Social Security survivors insurance benefit payment for a widowed mother or father and two children is \$2,074. The amount of the survivors insurance benefit is depended on two factors, number of years the deceased worked under social security covered wages and/or self-employment and the actual amount of his/her earnings.

Q: I have had several unexpected and severe financial setbacks since I retired two years ago. Is it true that if my income has dropped dramatically I can get help paying for my Medicare premiums?

A: Yes. If your monthly income is limited, the state in which you live may help with your Medicare premiums and may also help pay Medicare deductibles and coinsurance amounts. Contact your state or local medical assistance, social services or welfare office, or call the Medicare hotline, 1-800-MEDICARE (1-800-633-4227) and ask about the Medicare Savings Programs. Also, if your income and assets are low enough, you may want to explore the possibility of getting extra help with your Medicare Part D prescription drug premiums, deductibles and co-payments.

For more information visit your local Security office, see www.ssa.gov or call us at 1-800-772-1213. If you have any questions that you would like to have answered, please mail them to the Social Security Office, 1111 Gateway West, Attn: Ray Vigil, El Paso, Texas 79935.

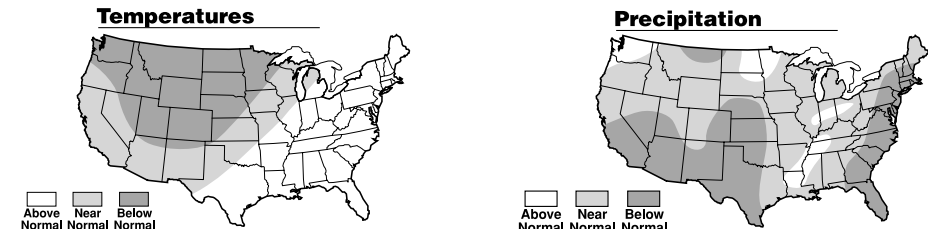
7-DAY FORECAST FOR EL PASO, TX

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WEATHER TRENDS THIS WEEK



IN THE SKY

Sun	Rise	Set	Moon	Rise	Set	New	First
Wed.	6:40 a.m.	5:03 p.m.	Wed.	8:33 a.m.	6:19 p.m.		
Thu.	6:41 a.m.	5:03 p.m.	Thu.	9:31 a.m.	7:18 p.m.	11/20	11/27
Fri.	6:42 a.m.	5:03 p.m.	Fri.	10:24 a.m.	8:22 p.m.	Full	Last
Sat.	6:42 a.m.	5:02 p.m.	Sat.	11:09 a.m.	9:29 p.m.		
Sun.	6:43 a.m.	5:02 p.m.	Sun.	11:48 a.m.	10:37 p.m.	12/4	12/12
Mon.	6:44 a.m.	5:02 p.m.	Mon.	12:23 p.m.	11:43 p.m.		
Tues.	6:45 a.m.	5:02 p.m.	Tues.	12:54 p.m.	none		

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REGIONAL CITIES

	Wednesday			Thursday			Friday			Saturday		
City	HI	LO	W	HI	LO	W	HI	LO	W	HI	LO	W
Abilene, TX	77	52	s	75	51	s	71	47	s	70	49	s
Albuquerque, NM	63	36	s	61	37	s	58	36	pc	58	32	s
Amarillo, TX	78	37	s	73	38	s	58	32	pc	62	33	pc
Austin, TX	77	45	s	76	49	s	79	51	s	75	54	s
Brownsville, TX	79	57	s	81	60	s	82	63	s	83	65	s
Dodge City, KS	70	33	s	64	31	s	56	28	pc	57	27	pc
Jackson, MS	66	35	s	69	39	s	76	47	s	73	49	s
Laredo, TX	82	57	s	81	56	s	80	58	s	80	60	s
Little Rock, AR	68	37	s	65	44	s	73	44	s	61	46	s
Lubbock, TX	78	41	s	76	41	s	66	36	s	67	35	s
Memphis, TN	65	39	s	64	44	s	73	47	s	63	50	s
Midland, TX	74	45	s	71	44	s	70	42	s	66	42	s
Pueblo, CO	72	24	s	67	25	pc	51	21	pc	54	19	pc
Roswell, NM	77	38	s	74	39	s	67	36	s	66	33	s
St. Louis, MO	68	41	s	62	43	s	62	38	pc	55	42	pc
San Antonio, TX	75	51	s	77	53	s	76	56	s	76	57	s
Texarkana, AR	72	43	s	70	51	s	78	49	s	68	52	s
Waco, TX	79	50	s	76	56	s	75	51	s	70	54	s
Wichita, KS	68	40	s	64	40	s	56	33	pc	59	36	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

	Wednesday			Thursday			Friday			Saturday		
City	HI	LO	W	HI	LO	W	HI	LO	W	HI	LO	W
Atlanta	57	42	s	58	46	pc	65	47	s	68	47	s
Boston	51	37	s	55	40	s	51	43	c	52	39	r
Chicago	56	36	s	59	35	s	56	33	pc	49	34	pc
Denver	68	32	s	59	26	pc	48	22	pc	50	23	pc
Detroit	53	35	s	53	36	s	55	36	pc	48	32	pc
Houston	76	46	s	74	54	s	79	57	s	75	59	s
Indianapolis	57	34	s	56	37	s	58	36	pc	52	36	pc
Kansas City	64	39	s	66	37	s	56	33	s	52	33	pc
Los Angeles	71	53	pc	69	49	s	68	48	s	68	50	s
Miami	67	52	c	74	59	pc	78	63	s	81	68	s
Minneapolis	58	36	s	52	34	pc	46	26	c	39	27	pc
New Orleans	67	48	s	73	48	s	76	54	s	75	58	s
New York City	56	41	s	58	46	pc	50	47	r	53	43	pc
Omaha	64	36	s	56	33	s	54	30	s	51	30	pc
Phoenix	84	56	s	81	54	s	77	49	s	73	46	s
San Francisco	58	48	pc	59	46	s	60	48	pc	59	50	pc
Seattle	45	39	sh	46	40	sh	45	39	r	47	39	r
Washington	57	41	s	51	46	r	53	45	r	58	41	pc

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