



## NEWSBRIEFS

### CATCH some good

W.D. Surratt Elementary in the Clint Independent School District will be holding their annual CATCH the Spirit of Giving Health Fair on Dec. 8, from 8 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. As part of their CATCH (Coordinated Approach to Children's Health) program, the school will have vision, blood pressure, blood sugar, hearing and cholesterol screening available for adults. Vaccinations and immunizations for students will also be available. At 12:30 p.m. following the health fair, each grade level will be presenting donations they have collected to invited representatives of the charity they have chosen to give to. Agencies included are Lee Moor Home, Saint Vincent De Paul, Child Crisis Center, Shelter for Battered Women, Rescue Mission, Ronald McDonald House, Salvation Army, and Candlelighters.

### \$4 million grant

The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) has awarded El Paso's Centro de Salud Familiar La Fe \$4,079,190 in federal funding, Congressman Silvestre Reyes has announced. This funding, which is awarded through the Health Resources Services Administration at HHS, will help La Fe continue to provide comprehensive primary and preventive health care services. The \$4,079,190 award is renewable on a non-competitive basis until 2010. "Without La Fe, many families in El Paso would not receive the fundamental health care they need and deserve," said Reyes. "This infusion of federal funding will help continue these services for El Pasoans who need help most, therefore improving the overall quality of life of our community."

### In other news

■ The El Paso Mission Trail Association will sponsor the Annual Luminaria/Posada Festival along the Mission Trail on Socorro Road as it has done for the past 13 years. On Dec. 17, 30,000 luminarias will be lit along the trail and at the three historical missions of Ysleta, Socorro and San Elizario. A play will be enacted at the newly restored Socorro Mission at 6:15 p.m. The Tigua Cultural Center will feature a special presentation including tribal dances and the San Elizario Genealogy Museum will be open after hours. The Mission Trail shops and restaurants will remain open after hours as well. Information available from Suky Ramos at 422-1700.

■ The City of El Paso Museums and Cultural Affairs Dept. is sponsoring a presentation by renowned social theorist and author Richard Florida. His book, *The Rise of the Creative Class* (<http://www.creativeclass.org/>), was named one

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*There's always something to be thankful for. If you can't pay your bills, you can be thankful your not one of your creditors.*

— Quips & Quotes

## San Eli's Que Sabrosa Vida holds reunion Program teaches healthy lifestyle to participants

By Phillip Cortez  
*Special to the Courier*

SAN ELIZARIO — San Elizario ISD held its Que Sabrosa Vida program annual reunion,



— Photos courtesy San Elizario ISD

### KEEPING FIT — Que Sabrosa Vida participants moved to the beat...

Friday, December 2, 2005, in a fun filled morning that included fast moving beats and healthy eats for the almost 80 participants involved.

According to Ernesto Rodriguez, the goal for the reunion was to bring back past participants of the program as well as to invite new members of the community so that they could see firsthand how healthy eating habits coincide with physical activity.

"It's a celebration of what has been

learned over the past year," Rodriguez said.

The Que Sabrosa Vida (What a delicious life) program is funded through the Paso del Norte Health Foundation and promotes healthier eating habits by teaching basic nutrition and cooking skills that people can easily incorporate into their daily lives. In fact, all cafeteria managers and some of their kitchen staff members were required to take the course. And because the major goal of the Que Sabrosa Vida program is to increase local public awareness to a lifestyle that includes healthy nutrition and physical activity, while keeping within the rich tradition and cultural aspects of the Mexican-American border diet, it was imperative that the reunion have at least 40 to 60 participants in accordance with the grant, Rodriguez said. Seventy-four people participated

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... and enjoyed a healthy bite to eat at the groups' annual reunion.

## Canutillo ISD and Big Brothers/Big Sisters luncheon honors BIGS

By Kim Guzman  
*Special to the Courier*

UPPER VALLEY — Texas Railroad Commissioner, Michael Williams, the honorary chair for the state of Texas Big Brothers Big Sisters (BBBS) program, and local superintendents and administrators attended a special luncheon to celebrate the "BIGS" who have made a difference for children in the Canutillo Independent School District.

Canutillo ISD hosted a luncheon Dec. 1, at its administrative facility to showcase the BBBS program and Canutillo High School's mentoring program.

"Canutillo ISD is a pioneer in the high school-based mentoring initiative in the El Paso area. Having BBBS in the school district was a huge success last year for the teachers, students, and administration who were involved. This year has shown continued success and involvement in the very beneficial mentoring relationships between high school kids and elementary kids," said Rebecca Reynolds, BBBS representative.

Canutillo ISD and BBBS of El Paso formed the partnership a year ago. Through the partnership, CISD was able to attain almost 100 mentoring matches that provided social and



— Photo courtesy Canutillo ISD

**MY SHINING STAR — Michael Williams, Texas Railroad Commissioner and honorary chair for Texas BBBS presenting Dr. Pam Padilla, interim superintendent for Canutillo ISD with a Star Award in recognition for supporting Big Brothers Big Sisters of El Paso.**

emotional support for the most at-risk children in its elementary schools.

## Texas Border Sheriff's Coalition will help counties administer security grants

By Kathy Walt  
*Special to the Courier*

AUSTIN — Gov. Rick Perry has announced the award of \$6 million in grants to strengthen security along the Texas-



**SECURITY BUCKS — Rick Perry, wanting to tighten up security on the border, puts \$367,500 grants in 16 border counties.**

Mexico border. The funds will support Operation Linebacker, an initiative developed by the 16-member Texas Border Sheriff's Association to deter illegal immigration and prevent border-related crime. The grants will provide manpower, specialized equipment and planning resources to border-area law enforcement.

Counties to receive the funds include El Paso and Hudspeth Counties. Others included are Brewster, Cameron, Culberson, Dimmit, Hidalgo, Jeff Davis, Kinney, Maverick, Presidio, Starr, Terrell, Val Verde, Webb, and Zapata. Each county will receive \$367,500 once each county's Commissioners Court approves a grant contract.

"There can be no homeland security without border security," Perry said. "Operation Linebacker makes sense because it gives new tools and resources to local law enforcement, the experts in the unique security challenges of the border."

The Texas Border Sheriff's Coalition, which will receive \$120,000 in grant, will coordinate the effort and develop specialized security plans for the unique needs of each county. The funds will also support Citizen Police Academies to train local volunteers and strengthen community awareness and involvement in border protection.

"(This) border security plan will lead to a safer Texas — and a safer America — because it not only focuses on what happens at the ports of entry, but what happens between them, too," Perry added.

In October, Perry released a comprehensive, six-point border security plan that featured Operation Linebacker and also called for expedited efforts to achieve radio communications interoperability in the region, improved information technology, bilateral emergency response exercises, and legislative measures to enhance border security.

The Linebacker funds will be distributed in the coming weeks through the federal Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program, which is administered by the Governor's Criminal Justice Division (CJD). Each year, CJD provides more than \$130 million in grants to help reduce crime. CJD funds a variety of juvenile justice, criminal justice, and victim services programs.



## One perspective

By Francis Shrum

# Civilized warfare

He was the last known surviving soldier fighting for the Allied Forces in World War I to witness a remarkable day-long cease fire in the depths of winter in 1914.

He died on Nov. 21, 2005 at the age of 109. For this man — Alfred Anderson by name — life ended with the distinction of being the oldest man in Scotland, the last known surviving Scottish veteran of WWI.

Over the lengthy span of years given him, he witnessed incredible events — the relentless march of change and so-called progress — but his memory remained most vivid when recalling the day when, on a bitter battlefield of blood and death, the killing ceased. The guns lay silent. Young men from opposing sides in a struggle to the death put aside their weapons and spoke, for an-ever-so-brief time, the language of friendship and common human-kindness.

Writing for Reuters out of London, Peter Graf recalls that Anderson, at the ripe young age of 108, told how German soldiers began singing carols on that morning. The British soldiers responded in kind.

Then: "I remember the silence, the eerie sound of silence... All I'd heard for two months in the trenches was the hissing, cracking and whining of bullets in flight, machine gun fire and distant German voices," Graf quotes Anderson. "But there was a dead silence that morning across the land as far as you could see."

The extraordinary episode began spontaneously. When they realized they wouldn't get their heads blown off for exposing them, soldiers from both sides emerged from their death traps. They traded cigarettes, addresses, even

uniform buttons. They left their rifles laying and played football.

But, Anderson recalls, "The silence ended early in the afternoon and the killing started again."

Anderson died in his sleep, survived by a big family. According to Parish priest Neil Gardner of Anderson's Alyth Parish Church in Scotland: "He was a wonderful old man: he was gracious, gentle, he had a great sense of humor and a fine sense of wisdom from his experience spanning three centuries."

A civilized man who survived uncivilized events.

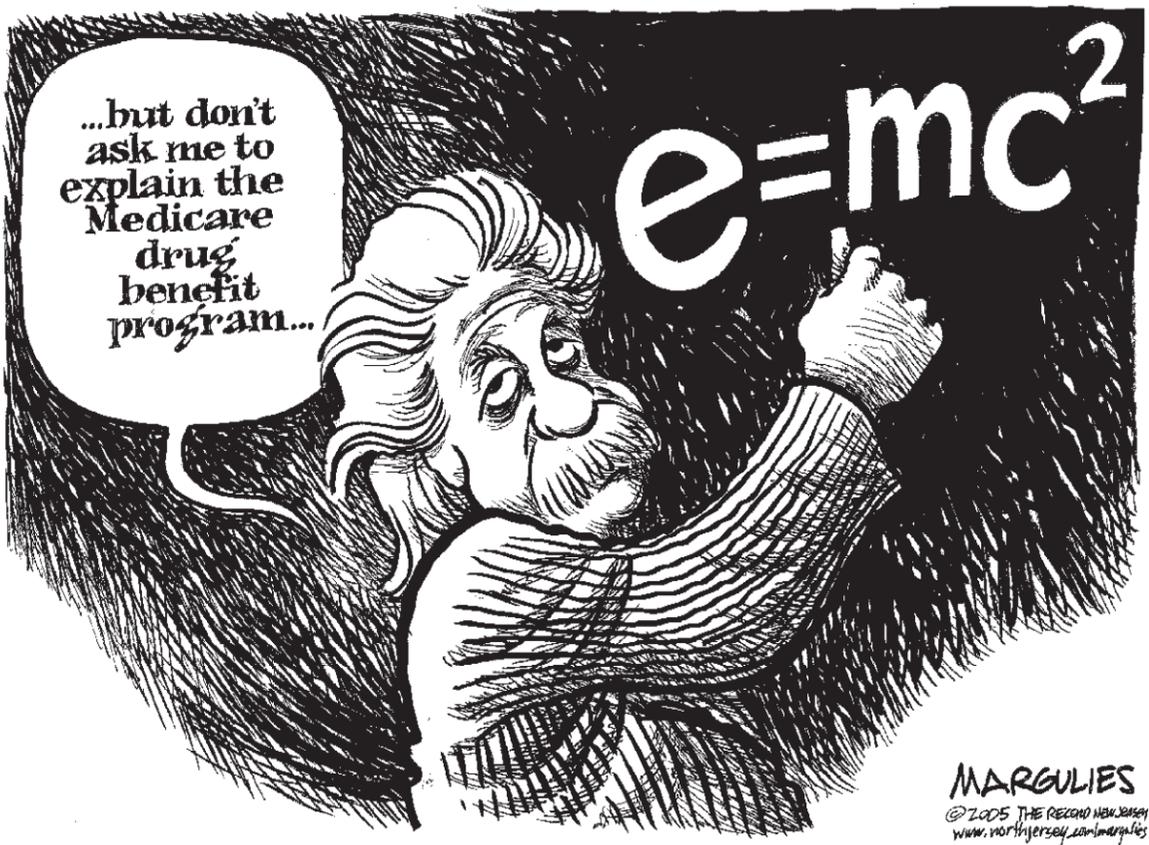
The contradictions that lie in the heart of human beings is a mystery to contemplate. Such occurrences of peace in wartime between opposing sides is not as rare as one might imagine, though rare on a scale of the one in which Anderson took part.

They were particularly common during the Civil War when the sides killing one another were of common language, culture, even family. There are documented events where men — some mere boys — on night watch for opposing forces camped closer than a mile apart would converse, trade supplies like tobacco, coffee or some such, and swap news and gossip. Their brief truces ended when, in the light of day, they would once again strive to take the other's life.

In essence, men at war haven't always been in it for hatred — though some were, of course. Some who marched into it not hating have limped out the other side hating deeply as a natural result of the terrible things done in the name of waging peace.

I read a book once called A

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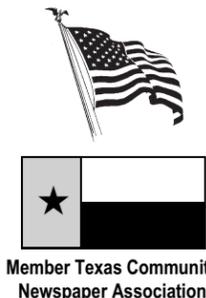
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## Reyes Reports By U.S. Rep. Silvestre Reyes

# New program makes it easier for El Pasoans to apply for benefits

The federal government has created many programs, such as the Earned Income Tax Credit, the Low-Income Heating and Energy Assistance Program, food stamps, and the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP), to help low-income families improve their quality of life, achieve self-sufficiency and lift themselves out of poverty. In El Paso, however, only 6.6-percent of our low-income families actually benefit from these and other federal programs, even though many more are entitled to do so.

Why this disparity between those eligible and those who actually receive assistance? One of the main contributing factors is the seemingly insurmountable hurdle of navigating one's way through the complex world of the federal government. However, El Paso will soon be home to a forward-thinking new tool that creates partnerships within our community to help families learn about federal

programs and apply with ease.

This program is known as the Benefit Bank, and I am proud to partner with the La Fe clinic, UTEP, area school districts, churches, and community organizations across the city, to introduce this program in El Paso.

The Benefit Bank is a web-based, counselor-assisted computer program that is accessible free of charge via any modern computer with an internet connection of any speed. Participants will sit down with El Pasoans trained to use the Benefit Bank software at partner computer labs across the city located in multiple schools, churches, and La Fe branches. The counselors will ask a series of simple interview questions and input the data into the software. The completed forms can be reviewed by the applicant on the site and can even be submitted to the government on-line. Through neighbors helping neighbors, we will create a one-stop shop for accessing government money meant for El Pasoans' pockets.

The benefits received through the

Benefit Bank will raise incomes and generate a significant economic impact in El Paso. Low and moderate-income families can increase their incomes by \$6,000 to \$10,000. In Texas, if 25 percent of those eligible for tax credits and social programs participate, economic impact would exceed \$1 billion within the state. Financially empowering low-income families will improve the economy of our community as a whole.

Education is the key to opportunity and advancement. Especially in the 21st century, education increasingly relies on technology, and the Benefit Bank software program uses the power of technology to educate families about valuable government programs that exist to assist them. Combined with financial literacy and advocacy for public programs, the Benefit Bank has the potential to improve El Paso's quality of life in a major way.

A pilot Benefit Bank program is scheduled to begin in early 2006. Contact my office at 534-4400 or visit [www.house.gov/reyes](http://www.house.gov/reyes) to learn more.



**Write stuff**

homeowners responsible for keeping the sidewalks unobstructed.

Diane Graves  
Horizon City

Dear Editor:

My husband and I live in Horizon Heights Subdivision. We walk one mile each morning. Every day we are faced with dangerous obstacles — not from people or animals but from the “stuff” homeowners plant between the curb and sidewalk, as well as the “stuff” homeowners allow to hang over their fences. We have taken different routes; however, the problem is everywhere in Horizon. We dodge overgrown bushes and trees. We have to duck under low-hanging branches. Often we have to walk on the road because there is no safe sidewalk space on which to walk.

This week, while dodging an overhanging bush, my husband fell into an overgrown cactus. The situation was dangerous as he has a heart condition and is susceptible to infection. We had to seek medical attention. As a result, I have called our attorney and asked about the liability concerning accidents involving landscaping. As absurd as it seems, I am assured by him that the homeowner is responsible for maintaining a safe and clear public walkway. The solution is simple: If you plant it, take care of it! The sidewalk belongs to all of us. You can bet, from now on, we will be holding

Dear Editor:

Now that the restoration of the Socorro Mission has been completed, I'm very excited that the next project is the restoration of the jail, in San Elizario.

The aim is to attract tourists to the Mission Trail. There are signs on I-10 announcing the Mission Trail, however, the tourists are not showing too much interest.

In Tombstone, Arizona, I understand there are also signs on I-10 announcing Tombstone, and the O.K. Corral which thousands of visitors go to see. With signs on I-10 announcing the jail that Billy the Kid broke into, I'm sure tourists would come and not only visit the jail but also the Missions, which are our gems.

We need tourism, especially in the Mission Valley and with signs announcing the jail, and beautification efforts of merchants and residents along the Mission Trail, the tourists will flock to the area. The restoration of the jail will certainly be a boost to tourism of the Mission Trail and Mission Valley.

Mary Perez  
City Representative  
City of Socorro



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



*Letters from home*

As our nation fights the War on Terrorism, we place our lives and liberties in the hands of the brave men and women fighting on the front lines. These individuals risk their lives every day to preserve our freedom and safety. While we attend holiday parties and decorate our trees, our troops find themselves alone in foreign territory. Now, more than ever, it is paramount that we rally behind our troops and show our support.

When I think of our troops away from home over the holiday season, I am reminded of a story I heard many years ago. During the Vietnam War, Sgt. Billy Thompson sent a simple holiday request to news columnist Abigail Van Buren. He suggested that “just a letter from home” would make a wonderful Christmas present. This resulted in the holiday letter writing campaign called “Operation Dear Abby.”

For 17 years, American citizens sent letters and cards to servicemen deployed away from home. These cards served to boost morale and

spread holiday cheer to thousands of military personnel.

Many years later, during Operation Desert Storm, a new letter-writing campaign was born. Rather than focus only on the holiday season, “Any Servicemember” aimed to promote troops morale year round. During operations in Bosnia, the campaign continued to grow and brought joy to many members of armed services.

Unfortunately, recent threats of Anthrax and biological warfare, have made delivering large amounts of mail to our troops unsafe. The Department of Defense was forced to announce that both of these highly successful campaigns would be indefinitely suspended. In the midst of a new kind of war, we must find new means of supporting our servicemen and women.

In light of these events, the Navy created a web-based alternative to traditional letter-writing campaigns. The new “Any Servicemember” web site, provides a simple system to send e-mail greetings to our troops. Any-

one wishing a reply to their message, need only to include a return e-mail address. This simple process allows those sending the message to chose any branch of the military to send their greetings. While our troops will miss the brightly-colored envelopes and picturesque cards, they are excited about the convenience of e-mail.

As our troops face new challenges, we must demonstrate the true conviction for our armed services. Each person must do their part to help boost the morale of those who will not be home for the holidays. I urge each of you to participate in this thoughtful and patriotic campaign. It will take only a few minutes, but think of the joy it will bring to these very special and admirable men and women.

For more information about the Navy’s “Any Servicemember” campaign visit <http://anyservicemember.navy.mil/>

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an... a place to bury you!

**Moore Texas** by Roger T. Moore Dec. 11, 1835: With cash short, the new Texas Government authorizes 640 acres for each war volunteer.

## Buying a horse? Get a bill of health

By Carla Everett  
Special to the Courier

TEXAS — Planning to put a horse, donkey, mule or other domestic equine animal under the tree this year? Make certain you buy, trade for or are given an animal that has been tested negative for equine infectious anemia (EIA).

Texas law requires that equine animals eight months of age or older have a negative blood test for EIA, an incurable viral disease, within 12 months prior to a change of ownership. Nursing foals, transferred with their tested dams, are exempt from the test. The EIA test document, also known as a VS 10-11, is sufficient proof of testing.

EIA can cause equine animals to develop severe anemia. Although some infected animals exhibit no obvious clinical signs, others may become depressed, exhausted, lose weight, or be unable to exercise or work. In acute cases, the animal will die.

No EIA vaccine is approved in the

U.S., so animals must be protected from exposure to the virus. The disease is spread through blood-to-blood contact, an event that can occur when biting flies feed on an infected equine animal, then move to a nearby uninfected horse. Blood transfusions or reusing contaminated needles or veterinary medical instruments also can mechanically carry the virus from infected to clean animals.

The Texas Animal Health Commission (TAHC), the state's livestock and poultry health regulatory agency, requires EIA-positive equine animals to be euthanized, provided to a research facility, sold only for slaughter, or maintained under quarantine for life, at least 200 yards from other horses. Increased testing, movement controls for infected equine animals, and greater disease awareness has helped control EIA in Texas. In 1997, 750 EIA-infected animals were detected in the state; in 2005, as of early December, about 40 EIA infected equine animals had been detected.

## Goin' wild hog huntin'?

### There's danger in handling the animal — dead or alive

By Carla Everett  
Special to the Courier

TEXAS — Texas is a sportsman's paradise for hunting wild hogs. With an estimated population of more than three million of the prolific feral (wild) animals roaming across the state, many ranchers welcome hunters to help with population control.

"Today, almost all feral hogs are actually domestic hogs that have escaped or were released from pens. With each generation in the wild, the pigs refine the traits needed to survive," explained Dr. Bob Hillman, Texas' state veterinarian. "The animals are alternatively praised for hunting, and hated for damaging crops and fences, gouging holes in pastures, and killing young lambs, goats or ground-nesting birds.

"Like any wild animals, feral swine can carry parasites or diseases, some of which could be transmitted to humans. One is swine brucellosis, a bacterial disease that has been detected in about one percent of wild hogs tested. When handling carcasses, hunters should take basic precautions to protect against disease and pest exposure, and most importantly, prevent blood-to-blood contact with the animals," said Dr. Hillman, who also heads the Texas Animal Health Commission (TAHC), the state's livestock and poultry health regulatory agency.

Dr. Hillman urged hunters to:

- Avoid eating or drinking — or reaching for cigarettes or chewing tobacco — when field-dressing or handling carcasses. Don't risk putting "germs" directly into the mouth.
- Put on latex or rubber gloves be-

fore making the first cut.

- Wear long sleeves to avoid getting animal blood into scratches, open wounds or skin lesions.

- Wear a dusk mask and glasses or safety goggles to prevent blood or bodily fluids from splashing into eyes, nose or mouth.

- As much as possible, avoid contact with reproductive organs and fetuses.

- Wash hands thoroughly and disinfect knives when finished.

- Launder hunting clothes in hot water as soon as possible.

- Follow safe-handling procedures with the meat and cook it to at least 160 degrees F.

Although rarely seen today, swine brucellosis can be contracted by humans, with symptoms that can include night sweats, swollen joints, back pain and general illness. If a hunter is cut while field-dressing a feral hog, exposed to the animal's blood or bodily fluids, or develops symptoms comparable to those listed, a physician should be consulted, so appropriate diagnostic tests can be run. Medical care and antibiotic treatment are essential for recovery, said Dr. Hillman.

"Hunters should not be overly concerned, but they should practice good hygiene when handling carcasses of any animals," said Dr. Hillman.

## Diamond Rio to headline Helen of Troy halftime show

EL PASO — Six-time Vocal Group of the Year Diamond Rio will take center stage at the Helen of Troy Halftime Show at the 72nd Annual Vitalis Sun Bowl on Dec. 30 at Sun Bowl Stadium.

"We are extremely excited to have such an accomplished group like Diamond Rio perform at the Helen of Troy Halftime Show," said Sun Bowl Association President Wayne Thornton. "Adding Diamond Rio to the Helen of Troy Halftime Show

only gives added value to the ticket purchaser."

The Vitalis Sun Bowl features the



— Photo courtesy Sun Bowl Association

Diamond Rio

UCLA Bruins (9-2) of the Pac-10 Conference versus the Northwestern Wildcats (7-4) from the Big Ten Conference. The halftime entertainment will feature a performance

by Diamond Rio, who will be accompanied by a troupe of 175 dancers, and then a performance by the marching bands of the two schools.

— Contributed by Trenten Hilburn

## Public Hearing Clint Independent School District

### 2006 - 2007 School Year Calendar

The Clint Independent School District intends to apply for a waiver of the prohibition concerning the date of the first day of instruction for students for the 2006 — 2007 school year. The Clint Independent School District intends to begin instruction for students for the 2006 — 2007 school year on August 14, 2006.

A public hearing to discuss the first day of instruction for students for the 2006 — 2007 school year will be held as follows:

**Date / Fecha:** January 18, 2006

**Time / Tiempo:** 4:30 p.m.

**Site / Sitio:** Clint Independent School District  
Central Administration Building  
14521 Horizon Blvd.  
El Paso, Texas 79928

For further information, please call Mr. Ricardo Estrada, Superintendent at 926-4001.

## Junta Publica Distrito Escolar Independiente de Clint

### Calendario Escolar de 2006 - 2007

El distrito de Clint está propocionando de aplicar para un permiso del estado para poder cambiar la fecha del comienzo del año escolar de 2006 — 2007. El distrito tiene intención de comenzar el primer día de instruction el 14 de agosto 2006.

Una junta para la comunidad para discutir este propósito para el año escolar de 2006 — 2007 se llevará a cabo el 18 de enero 2006 a las 4:30 p.m. en las oficinas administrativas del distrito escolar de Clint en 14521 Horizon Blvd.

Para mas información pueden llamar al Señor Ricardo Estrada, Superintendente al numero 926-4001.

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# Warfare

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## Soldier's Guide to the Laws of War.

It detailed all the do's and don'ts that are supposedly accepted on an international level for conducting warfare in a civilized fashion — including that it is “illegal” to disguise yourself in the uniform of the enemy for the purpose of taking advantage of him, like taking his life. It struck me, for the first time, the sheer irony of the behavior of human governments that will take an issue as utterly inhumane as killing and attempt to put rules and regulations on it.

How like humans to believe that we can somehow justify what we do by attempting to make it appear somehow acceptable under a cloak of rules.

I believe the enemies our nation and many others face now — the unidentifiable face of the terrorist — puts conflict between peoples on a slippery slope far beyond the “acceptable” methods of killing each other.

When bombs go off in restaurants, or subways and other public transportation vehicles, when planes fly into towers of commerce, and the casualties are everybody — young and old, men and women, civilians and military — there is no cease fire to be declared. The battlegrounds become streets in which the inhabitants have no warning that carnage approaches in the form of a battalion of soldiers or hear the hum of aircraft knowing that death is about to be rained from the sky.

# Briefs

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of the Best and Brightest of 2005 by *Esquire* magazine. The book received the Washington Monthly Political Book Award and was named a leading breakthrough idea by the Harvard Business Review. Florida includes the public relations, marketing and related fields among his Creative Class theories. Free to the public the event will be held Thursday, Dec. 8, 4-6 p.m. at the Abraham Chavez Theater, however, free tickets must be picked up at all public libraries, from the first floor receptionist at City Hall - 2 Civic Center Plaza, or at the UTEP Ticket Center, Mesa Street corner with Baltimore.

■ Navy Seaman Rocky H. Guerrero, son of Sylvia Edwards of Sierra Vista, Arizona and Humberto N. Guerrero of El Paso County, recently completed U.S. Navy basic training at Recruit Training Command, Great Lakes, Ill. The eight-week program required Guerrero complete training classroom study and practical instruction on naval customs, first aid, firefighting, water safety and survival, and shipboard and

aircraft safety with an emphasis was also placed on physical fitness. Guerrero is a 2005 graduate of Americas High School of El Paso, Texas.

■ El Paso County residents are invited to December's Café Quetzalcoatl, a free, monthly arts, culture, and music series produced by Centro de Salud Familiar La Fe (La Fe), which will feature readings from critically acclaimed author, poet, and book publisher Bobby Byrd. The event runs from 6 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. this Friday, (Dec. 9) at the La Fe Cultural & Technology Center, 721 S. Ochoa (rear building). He and wife Lee Byrd are the founders of El Paso's Cinco Puntos Press, an independent publishing house for US-Mexico Border literature and writers. The Byrds were honored with the Lannan Foundation's 2005 Cultural Freedom Award. Bobby Byrd's works includes the classic anthology *Puro Border* and *The Transmigration of Souls in El Paso*. El Pasoan Lucy Fisher-West will read from her newly released book, *Child of Many Rivers: Journey's To and From the Rio Grande*. Griselda Muñoz, winner of this year's Texas Rasquache Art Festival Poetry Slam will share her new poetry. Books and other works by the evening's readers will be

available for sale or autographs. Limited slots are also available for Poet's Open Mic. Poets are asked to submit a printed copy of their selected reading and register before 5:30 p.m. at the event. Seating is limited so arrive early. Snacks and refreshments will be available. Donations are welcome.

■ The After-school Soccer Championships will be held Saturday, Dec. 10 at the SISD Student Activities Complex, 1300 Joe Battle, beginning at 9 a.m. A parade and recognition ceremony for teams and volunteer coaches will be held following the games, as well as team award presentations.

■ Slider Middle School will host their Annual Holiday Dinner/Concert on Dec. 14, 4:30-8 p.m. at the W.D. Slider Middle School Cafeteria beginning with a brisket dinner and a performance by the Slider jazz band. The concert will begin at 7 p.m. Tickets can be purchased at the Slider band room. Contact Marisa Hernandez or Jessica Ramirez at 937-5497 for information.

■ The Emerald Dancers of Montwood High School will host a dinner/performance on Dec. 13 and 14, 4-9:30 p.m. each day. Dinner will be served beginning at 4 p.m., and the performance will be-

gin at 7:30 p.m. “Come have dinner and stay for a great show,” said sponsor Margie Dykes. Information: 937-2569.

■ Creative writing students of Clarke Middle and Sierra Vista Elementary will host a reading of their short stories on Wednesday and Thursday, Dec. 14-15, at 8 a.m.

■ Decorations will be going up in the Pediatric Unit at Del Sol, 10301 Gateway West, courtesy of Socorro High School Student Council which has partnered with Del Sol Medical Center to decorate the doors of the unit and deliver coloring books and other gifts to child patients there. The SHS Student Council has done this for several years, to assist children who must remain hospitalized.

■ The Annual Holiday Extravaganza at Socorro Middle School will be Friday, Dec. 9 from 5-8:30 p.m., 321 Bovee Rd. Performances will be given by the SMS Mariachi, the guitar students, choir and cheerleaders, and Socorro High School jazz band. There will opportunities to purchase gifts and have photographs taken. Call 937-5000 for information.

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# Michael Irvin: Crackpot with a crack pipe or a loyal friend — you decide

By Steve Escajeda  
Special to the Courier

I've seen a lot of negative things in the world of sports in recent years and something that has almost completely disappeared is loyalty.

But as I saw this weekend, "loyalty" is making a comeback.

First of all, I couldn't help but notice that there was something missing during ESPN's Sunday football broadcasts and its *Monday Night Countdown* show this past weekend — or should I say, someone was missing.

Former Dallas Cowboys' receiver Michael Irvin was nowhere to be found last weekend. And it turns out he was being punished by the network for simply showing loyalty.

Not just loyalty, but the most special kind of loyalty a person can show another.

Irvin was stopped by a police officer in his vehicle for speeding recently — no doubt in a hurry to give blood for someone less fortunate than himself.

Then it turned out there was an outstanding warrant that Irvin had not attended to — obvi-

ously because when you give so much of your time to the needy, who has time to think about themselves?

Then, after a search, a drug pipe, or what most drug addicts might call a crack pipe, was found in his car. This is where Irvin showed the most loyalty.

Irvin told police the pipe wasn't his — it belonged to a friend he was trying to help by taking it away from him and storing it in his car. Irvin said he very simply forgot it was in his car when police searched it.

Isn't it obvious that Irvin is innocent? Isn't it time we stop persecuting our loyal heroes?

I haven't heard this kind of harassment of a true hero since we so blindly went after such icons of moral behavior as O.J. Simpson and Pete Rose and Bam Morris and Lawrence Taylor and Dwight Gooden and Darryl Strawberry and Ben Johnson and Barry Bonds and Rafael Palmeiro and Mark McGwire and John Rocker and Ray Lewis and Terrell Owens.

Poor Michael Irvin was just helping out a friend — who he refuses to name, by the way. Haven't we all driven down the street with crack pipes in our cars that we forgot

to discard?

Alright, alright, enough of that. But what does Irvin want us to believe — that he is innocent and actually a hero in this incident because he was helping out a friend? Who he refuses to name, by the way.

How stupid does "the playmaker" think all of mankind is?

Let's review — first he was stopped for speeding, then it was discovered he had an outstanding warrant, then he had drug paraphernalia in his car.

Hey, I've got a wacky suggestion! Instead of speeding down the highway while you have an outstanding warrant for speeding hanging over you — how about *don't speed*.

Irvin not only thought it was alright to speed while he was wanted on a warrant, but he thought it was safe to speed with a crack pipe in his car.

This guy gives Mike Tyson a run for his money on the dumb-o-meter.

And it's not like this is a first offense for the former wide receiver. Irvin was arrested back in 1996 for cocaine possession in which he pleaded no contest.

I think "pleading no contest" means "you caught me and there's way too much evidence for even my millions to get me out of this."

In 2000, he was arrested again for marijuana and cocaine possession, and even though those charges were later dropped, he lost his job with Fox Sports Net.

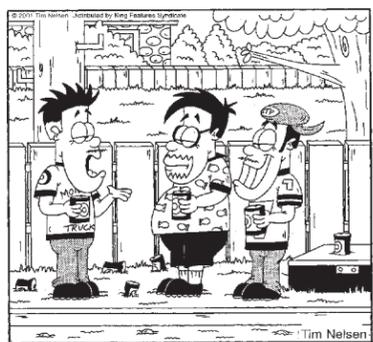
It's still up in the air what ESPN is going to do about Irvin. Plans are to let him back on the shows this coming weekend but the future is still uncertain.

I think it's rather obvious that Michael Irvin still has a problem.

If it's not with drugs, it's with the friends he keeps. If it's not his friends, it's the way he drives. If it's not the way he drives, it's the way he blows off a warrant for his arrest. If it's not a warrant, it's the fact that carrying a crack pipe in his car isn't enough to alarm him that he could get caught with it — especially given his background!

Michael Irvin expects us to believe that he's got a big heart. I don't know about that, but I do know that he is incredibly loyal.

Remember, he was just helping out a friend in need — who he refuses to name, by the way.



"I hate to tell you this, Bill, but when your wife gives you a treadmill for your birthday, that's really more of a message than a gift."

## Reunion

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last week — and they sure had fun.

After a brief introductory session led by Rodriguez, the participants got to engage in some low level aerobics, an activity that brought out the rhythm in many involved. After a brief cooling down, it was time to turn the heat back up on some savory dishes, brought by

San Elizario community members. Among some of the selections were lasagna, a healthy bean salad and a delicious tres leches dessert that had people back in line for seconds.

A new grant application has been submitted for the next cycle, according to Rodriguez, and the district should hear some news by mid January. Community members wanting to get involved in the Que Sabrosa Vida program should contact any SEISD campus parent liaison in the district.

## Prescriptions

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(TTY 1-877-486-2048) for information about Medicare Prescription Drug program or the plans; or • Social Security — 1-800-772-1213 (TTY 1-800-325-0778) for information about the extra help available to persons with limited

income and resources to help pay for their prescription drug costs.

For more information visit your local social security office, visit our website [www.socialsecurity.gov](http://www.socialsecurity.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, 11111 Gateway West, Attn: Ray Vigil, El Paso, Texas 79935.

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Applications for grant funding will be available on December 8, 2005 and are due by January 25, 2006. Copies of the request for project applications and the application form may be obtained from the RGCOG at 1100 N. Stanton Street, Ste. 610, El Paso, TX 79902.

Application may also be downloaded from the RGCOG website in MS Word, visit

[www.riocog.org](http://www.riocog.org) for more information; call Evaristo Cruz at (915) 533-0998, ext. 138, or email at [evarestoc@riocog.org](mailto:evarestoc@riocog.org).

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Adults and Youth United Development Association Inc. will begin taking applications for a government-funded housing program for low-income households beginning Nov. 30, 2005. Application forms and list of required documents will be available at 1325 Beverly Ann, San Elizario TX 79849, between the hours of 9 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. Completed applications that contain all supportive documents requested will be processed on a first-come, first-served basis.

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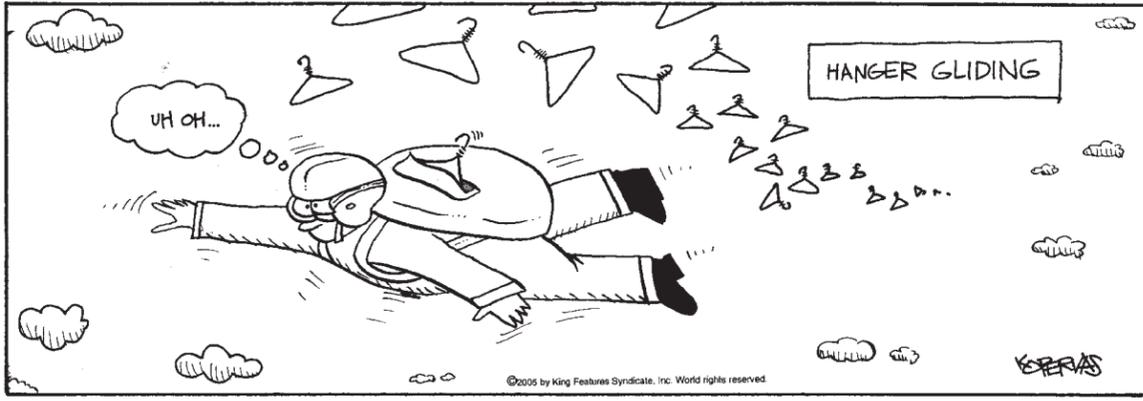
#### MISSING PET REWARD

Please help us find my parent's missing Pomeranian who responds to the name of "Whiskey". My parents are so attached to Whiskey that it has been very difficult for them to accept his disappearance. He brings joy and companionship to both my parents who were recently diagnosed with cancer. His absence was first discovered on Friday, November 25th, 2005. If you know of Whiskey's whereabouts, please call 851-3331 or call 727-4742. His home is with Jose and Virginia Alarcon, 201 Main St., Clint, Texas 79836.



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# Expect cell-phone crime wave

By Don Flood

We can all agree it's sad when a young woman turns to crime.

It's all the more tragic when that crime includes poor cell-phone etiquette.

A woman in her 20s recently robbed four banks in the Washington, D.C. area, all the while chatting away on her cell phone.

I think we all understand what this means: Even during bank robberies, which were formerly carried out with a certain respect and dignity appropriate to the occasion, we are subject to the scourge of inane public cell-phone conversations.

Can you imagine John Dillinger blathering on the phone while robbing a bank? No, he remained focused on the job at hand.

And consider Willie Sutton. When asked why he robbed banks, he explained, "Because that's where the money is."

Here was a no-nonsense professional, a man who wouldn't have tolerated distractions.

This young woman remained on the phone during the entire robbery.

In fact, one expert actually theorized she was talking to her mother.

Her mother!  
I'm sorry, people, but it's time to cut the cord. If you're old enough to rob banks, you should be old enough to conduct them yourself:

"Oh, hi Mom; just calling to say hello. I'm down at the bank making a withdrawal for the weekend."

"That's nice, dear, I hope you remembered your gun."

"Of course, Mom."

"And did you bring a bag to put the money in?"

"Oh, Mom! They give you a bag."

"Oh, honey, you should always bring your own bag, just in case."

"Mom, you're embarrassing me!"

"Are you dressed warmly? It's cold out there today."

People have become so used to constant and instantaneous communication they'd probably answer the phone during a bank robbery.

"Excuse me, I have to take this."  
"Well, are you robbing the bank or aren't you?"

"Yes, just need a second. (To friend on phone.) Yo, dude, I'm at the bank now. That's right, standing in line, robbing the bank right now. It is so awesome. Hey, check this out. I'm sending you a picture... yeah, that does look like cops behind me."

This must be stopped!  
We need laws to punish those who would recklessly use cell phones while committing felonies. It's bad enough for people to rob and steal, but we shouldn't be subjected to their mindless twaddle.

At the very least, banks should place signs, similar to those at the movies:

"For the enjoyment of our other patrons, please turn off your cell phones while committing a robbery."

And this is only the beginning.

Soon criminals will realize cell phones are the only weapons they need. Honest citizens will be at the mercy of muggers threatening them with idiotic cell phone conversations.

"Hand it over, pal, or be prepared to listen to 20 minutes about my toenail fungus. And if that doesn't work, I'll begin my 'stream of consciousness' babble about whatever enters my mind. No editing whatsoever!"

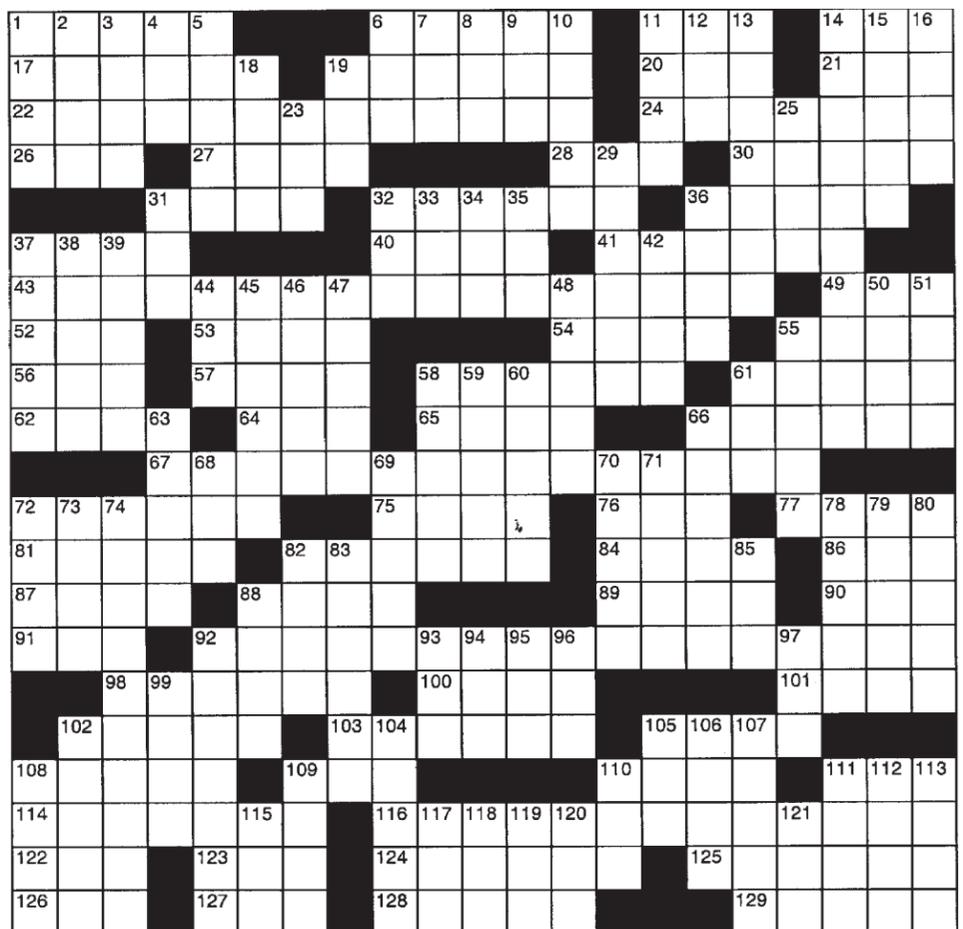
I know I'd crack — unless I got a call on my cell phone.

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# Social Security Q&A By Ray Vigil

## Help is available for Medicare Prescription Drug Program decisions

The window is now open for Medicare beneficiaries to make choices about whether to participate in the new Medicare Prescription Drug program, and which plan would be best for them to join. While the Prescription Drug program goes into effect on January 1, 2006, beneficiaries are able to enroll in a plan from November 15, 2005 through May 15, 2006.

now in the process of making this important Medicare decision, but would like more information or advice before doing so, here is a short list of Federal government and non-profit Internet resources you may want to go to for help.

• [www.medicare.gov](http://www.medicare.gov) — This website is the home of Medicare, and it has a wealth of helpful materials for visitors, including "Basic Informa-

tion" about the Medicare Prescription Drug Program, "Things to Consider" in making a decision, a "Cost Estimator," a "Medicare Prescription Drug Plan Finder" and an "Enrollment Center."

• [www.socialsecurity.gov](http://www.socialsecurity.gov) — The Social Security website focuses on the extra help that is available to people with limited income and resources that can help them pay for their prescription drugs. You may qualify for extra help if your income is less than \$14,355 for an individual or \$19,245 for a married couple living together, and your resources are less than \$11,500 for an individual or \$23,000 if you are

married and living with your spouse. If you qualify, the extra help could save you an average of \$2,100 per year in premiums, deductibles and co-payments related to your prescription drug costs. Social Security's website includes information and an online application for the extra help.

• [www.benefitscheckup.org](http://www.benefitscheckup.org) — This website, a service of The National Council on the Aging and sponsored by the Department of Health and Human Services and the Administration on Aging, is a great source of easy-to-understand information. By answering a short series of questions, website visitors will

learn how current insurance or other prescription drug coverage affects their options and rights under the new Medicare Prescription Drug Coverage, whether they are likely eligible for additional government benefits that can save money on medications and whether it is advisable to start comparing prescription drug plans that are available in their area.

If you do not have access to the Internet, or simply prefer to get information by phone or by mail, you can call the following numbers:

- Medicare — 1-800-MEDICARE

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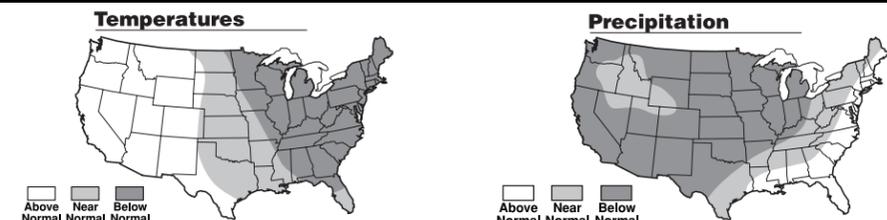


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Mon.	6:56 a.m.	5:03 p.m.	Mon.	2:45 p.m.	4:00 a.m.		
Tues.	6:57 a.m.	5:03 p.m.	Tues.	3:24 p.m.	5:05 a.m.		
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Laredo, TX	45	34	pc	50	40	pc	58	43	pc	64	45	pc	Kansas City	20	9	c	30	21	s	37	26	pc	42	26	c
Little Rock, AR	39	24	sn	40	26	s	47	30	s	50	31	pc	Los Angeles	68	48	pc	68	48	pc	66	48	pc	68	50	s
Lubbock, TX	32	15	s	49	24	s	56	26	pc	60	27	s	Miami	83	71	t	82	68	sh	80	69	pc	79	62	sh
Memphis, TN	40	28	sn	40	30	s	48	33	s	51	33	pc	Minneapolis	18	6	s	20	16	pc	28	21	sf	30	24	c
Midland, TX	35	20	s	49	27	s	52	29	pc	60	30	s	New Orleans	58	43	r	54	43	pc	56	42	s	57	41	c
Pueblo, CO	32	2	s	41	16	pc	50	18	c	50	15	s	New York City	37	26	pc	36	28	sn	38	28	pc	40	34	pc
Roswell, NM	40	15	s	46	24	s	50	23	pc	59	26	s	Omaha	14	8	pc	28	18	pc	32	16	pc	33	22	c
St. Louis, MO	22	18	sn	29	22	s	39	24	pc	43	28	c	Phoenix	68	39	s	67	40	pc	67	42	pc	70	44	s
San Antonio, TX	43	26	pc	50	36	s	53	38	pc	62	39	pc	San Francisco	58	48	sh	59	46	pc	60	48	pc	61	47	s
Texarkana, AR	41	25	sn	40	31	s	47	34	s	53	33	r	Seattle	42	34	c	44	36	c	44	36	c	44	38	c
Waco, TX	37	22	pc	47	31	s	51	35	pc	62	36	s	Washington	38	26	pc	36	26	sn	40	28	s	40	31	pc
Wichita, KS	21	9	pc	26	20	s	45	29	s	49	28	pc													

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

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