



## NEWSBRIEFS

### Drugs intercepted

Last week was a busy one for agents of the U.S. Customs and Border Protection. Agents working the Highway I-25 Traffic Checkpoint on Dec. 5 intercepted more than 29 pounds of cocaine, valued at \$938,240 hidden inside a compartment in a 1998 Ford van. A 40-year-old man and a 36-year-old woman were arrested. The next day, agents in Santa Teresa, N.M. seized 1,147 pounds of marijuana, valued at \$917,896 during a traffic stop. Later that week, agents working in Ft. Hancock seized more than 1,300 pounds of marijuana in two separate incidents, both involving suspicious vehicles traveling in areas known to be used by drug smugglers. Both attempted to flee when agents approached. In one incident, in which \$600,000 in marijuana was confiscated, the driver was arrested. In the second incident, 585 pounds of marijuana were recovered from the abandoned vehicle but the driver escaped into Mexico. So far in FY 2006, CBP Agents in the El Paso Sector have seized nearly \$25 million in narcotics in 183 incidents.

### Fabens event

Cornerstone Fellowship of El Paso invites the community to a free Christmas Musical at 7 p.m. on Dec. 20 at the First Baptist Church in Fabens, 318 N. Fabens at the corner of Camp St. Cornerstone Fellowship is a youth church with the stated purpose of trying to make a difference in the local community and around the world. For more information, call Hugo Garcia at 867-9694.

### Other events

■ "Christmas in the Village" will be held Dec. 15 beginning at 6 p.m. at the Vinton Municipal Park, 436 E. Vinton Road. There will be door prizes, entertainment, and gifts for the first 200 children. A tree-lighting ceremony and a yellow-ribbon ceremony honoring the troops who will not be home this year for the holidays will also be held.

■ The San Lorenzo Youth Group and Choir will be caroling through the streets of Clint on Dec. 17 from 5 to 7 p.m. The group will also be collecting canned foods for distribution to the area's less fortunate.

■ The Adult Learning Center students from Socorro ISD Community Services will sing Christmas Carols on Friday, Dec. 15, at 8:30 a.m., for the Escontrias Early Childhood Center and Escontrias Elementary School Students.

■ Every year the government publishes information on topics including saving money, buying a home, staying healthy, traveling safely, movies, songs, and books. The folks in Pueblo have rounded up

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*You don't have to know a person's name to greet him with a friendly smile.*

— Quips & Quotes

## Montwood High seniors are National Hispanic Merit Winners

By Irma Flores  
 Special to the Courier

EAST EL PASO COUNTY — Montwood High School is home to two National Hispanic Merit Award Winners. Seniors Lisa Delgado and Arturo Escajeda were awarded the National Hispanic Merit Scholarship Award in October 2006. These students are among the nearly 5,000 high school seniors across the nation to be recognized by the College Board's National Hispanic Recognition Program (NHRP). These students received the highest scores among 124,000 high school juniors who take the PSAT/NMSQT. This program was established to recognize outstanding Hispanic high school students.

Lisa Delgado said she was surprised when she received her letter. She has applied to Ohio State University, Texas A&M, Baylor, University of Texas at Austin and UTEP. She hopes



Lisa Delgado



Arturo Escajeda

this honor will help with her college choices. The Montwood senior has been involved with Student Council, National Honor Society, UIL Science and the World Languages and Cultures Organization.

Arturo Escajeda who has applied to Boston University, Harvard and Stanford was also surprised about being part of the National Hispanic Merit Scholarship Program. "I didn't expect it, I did my best on the PSAT but I am surprised," he says. "I'm excited and happy and my parents are proud of me." The 17-year-old senior is involved with Academic Decathlon, National Honor Society and the school's orchestra.

The College Board's National Hispanic Recognition Program was initiated to identify outstanding Hispanic high school students and to share information about these academically well-prepared students with subscribing colleges and universities. In order to be eligible, students must be at least one-quarter Hispanic.

## Heroin, Cuban cigars, a senior citizen drug smuggler and a bank robbery suspect all in a CBP work week

By Roger Maier  
 Special to the Courier

EL PASO COUNTY — U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) officers performing anti-terror inspections at El Paso area border ports of entry seized more than a ton of illegal drugs, nabbed almost three dozen fugitives, and stopped more than 80 illegal immigration attempts last week.

Area CBP officers made a total of 33 drug busts at local ports during that time. The seizure activity included the confiscation of 2,330 pounds of marijuana in 29 busts, 18.8 pounds of heroin in two seizures, and small quantities of cocaine and methamphetamine in two additional seizures.

The heroin seizures were Thursday afternoon at the Ysleta crossing in El Paso. The first seizure occurred at approximately 2:45 p.m. when 31-year-old Raymundo Garcia Morales of Juarez arrived at the port as a passenger in a

taxi. CBP officers were performing an inspection when they noticed an unusual bulge in the man's waist. CBP officer performed a search and discovered five packages taped to the man's midsection, back and calves. The contents of the packages tested positive for heroin. A total of 11.3 pounds of heroin was seized in the incident.

Approximately 10 minutes later, CBP officers at the Ysleta crossing discovered 7.5 pounds of heroin taped to the body of Juan Raul Gonzalez Caballero of Juarez. He also arrived as a passenger in a taxi and was searched after CBP officers spotted an unusual bulge in his waist area. ICE special agents arrested both men in connection with the failed smuggling attempt.

In another unusual drug seizure this week, CBP officers at the Paso Del Norte crossing in El Paso seized 55.9 pounds of marijuana Sunday. The drugs were hidden in a 1989 Chrysler

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FULLY LOADED — 31-year-old Raymundo Garcia Morales of Juarez had five packages of drugs taped to his midsection, back and calves.

## Socorro High principal leaves Southwest for the Far East

By Irma Flores  
 Special to the Courier

EL PASO COUNTY — From running a high school to taking on media duties on the



Oscar Troncosco

USS Blue Ridge, Oscar Troncosco will be spending most of the holiday break away from home by fulfilling his duty to the Naval Reserve. The Socorro High School principal will spend two

weeks in Japan as part of his active duty training for the US Navy Reserves.

"I will be gone from Dec. 8 to Dec. 23. I actually leave Tokyo on Dec. 23 at noon and arrive in El Paso just about the same time," says Troncosco who is under contract with the Naval Reserves until May 2009.

He will be reporting for duty in Yokosuka, Japan, which is about an hour south of Tokyo. Troncosco, who has been in the Naval Reserve for 17 years, will be working on the USS Blue Ridge which is the command ship for the entire 7th Pacific Fleet and has port calls in Hong Kong, Singapore, Australia, Indonesia, Malaysia, and Thailand.

"It has been an enriching experience in my life. I have always wanted the opportunity to be able to serve my country. As a first-generation American, I felt it was our duty to serve in our Armed Forces. Freedom does not come without a price, and many others before us have paid that price. So I feel it is not just an honor and sense of duty to serve, but it is also a privilege."

His duties will be working in print, radio and television. This will be his first trip to Japan but because of his service he has assigned to various places and countries.

"I have been to Pearl Harbor twice on rim of the Pacific exercises (RIMPAC), to King's Bay, Georgia on a nuclear submarine base, to the National Naval Hospital in Bethesda, Maryland, to Everitt, Washington, to San Diego, California, the 29 Palms, California, and many other places."

Troncosco who is leaving the Southwest and heading to the Far East is eager to learn more about Japan.

"I've heard that while it is expensive, the people are very respectful and that the culture is wonderful. So I plan to work hard for the Navy, and at the same time, learn as much as possible about another country."

Troncosco joined the Naval Reserves in 1989 and credits his service for providing opportunities such as paying for his college and introducing him to his wife who used to also be in Naval Reserves.



## One perspective

By Francis Shrum

### A Wii little problem

Oh, boy, is this thing ripe for discussion, scrutiny and all kinds of interesting analysis.

It's coming to a living room near you if it hasn't already.

I value my life as being relatively free from the visual/mental umbilical cord that binds most of America to the electronic monitor of their computer, television or video game.

I do, of course, use a computer extensively at work and school, but as a form of entertainment, I keep it pretty limited and try to participate in *real* stuff. I try to encourage the same for my kids.

Well, the electronic geniuses at Nintendo blind-sided me. They have

invaded my house and inner family circle with a vengeance via their latest sensation called the "Wii."

The Wii, pronounced "we," burst on the scene only a few weeks ago but it has taken the video game front by storm. It is interactive video game playing made practical. It is the perfect combination of video graphics with just enough physical participation to actually make you wonder if it just might be *good* for a kid.

I first realized the power of the Wii when I heard that my oldest daughter and her husband were going to spend the night in the parking lot of a local department store so they could be first in line next morning to buy one. This is very unusual behavior for

my daughter.

"What's a we?" I asked.

"It's a video game. It's spelled Wii. You turn on the game and create a 'me,' which represents you, so you can do all kinds of stuff in your living room that shows up on the screen. Your me can do things like bowling, and playing basketball and golf and even tennis," I was told.

"How does it work?" I asked.

"Well, the Wii recognizes your me when you plug in and you use the Wii-mote (obviously a rip-off of the re-mote) to move around your me to play games on the Wii."

Ah.

I also knew I had a Wii problem when, on the way to school, my youngest said, "I can't believe I actually hurt myself playing a video game."

I can't either.

Since American video game players have been couch potatoes for so long, getting up and actually moving your me around can be a little more strenuous than some are used to.

In fact, it can be downright dangerous, others say, though nobody is

seriously complaining because, well, apparently they are too busy having fun with it.

I haven't plugged in yet, nor created a new me since the real me I already have seems to still be operating okay. Therefore, all my information is second hand but isn't quite rumor since I can confirm my sources. Even the *Wall Street Journal* is sitting up and taking notice.

According to a *WSJ* article published online Nov. 25, Nintendo has programmed extensive warning messages that come up every time you start a new game. They warn players not to use their Wiimote without first securing the handy safety wrist strap. To do otherwise is to risk the life, limb and television set of your family.

Remember how I said this thing was ripe for discussion? There has been a website launched entitled "Wii Have a Problem." It bills itself as "a blog focused on bringing you the latest trend in gaming violence. That of damage caused by 'window lickers' who should not be participating in activity of any form... yet own a Wii.

Why? Because we're fanboys, that's why."

I have no idea what any of that means, but the pictures posted on the site speak for themselves. On Monday, Dec. 11, the top billing was of a girl with an enormous shiner given her by her boyfriend when she approached him from "his blind spot." She was smiling broadly. Apparently if you get a Wii injury it is a source of pride.

The site carries a running tally of items damaged in the pursuit of Wiiness. So far the top items most likely to be injured by thoughtless flailing are people, televisions and the Wiimote itself.

The worst damage done, however, has been to our vocabulary. I'm having a Wii little problem communicating with my five-year-old grandson. "You can leave the Wii at home and the real we — you and me — can go have some fun," I said.

"No, Granny," he said sagely, shaking his wise little head. "You can't take the me off the Wii. You put the me *on* the Wii."

Oh, well.

## Clint ISD technology educators honored by Tech-Prep



By Laura Cade  
Special to the Courier

EAST EL PASO COUNTY — Clint High School Teacher, Stephanie Petrie was selected Teacher of the Year and Jim Littlejohn, Coordinator for Career and Technology Education (CATE), was selected the New Administrator of the Year for the Upper Rio Grande College Tech-Prep Youth Consortium.

Petrie has been teaching for 16 years and is currently teaching BUSSIM, BCIS, Programming, and Career Preparation. She was chosen as Teacher of the Year based on her work and her students' work on a video game program.

Littlejohn has been an adminis-

trator for the district for the past four years as Instructional Technology Coordinator and currently as the CATE Coordinator. Both were

honored at a luncheon during the Consortiums 7th Annual Conference held at the Centennial Club on Fort Bliss.

CHS Principal Mark Ayala and CATE teachers from the district were present to celebrate with Petrie and Littlejohn.

— Photo courtesy Clint ISD  
Stephanie Petrie and Jim Littlejohn

## Por la Gente By State Rep. Chente Quintanilla



### Leverage funds to bring in aid

Hola, mi gente. The next legislative session starts in just four weeks. I

want to share with you my thoughts about our leaders' shortsighted efforts regarding funding of programs for those with limited incomes.

Although the Federal Government has reduced funding for many programs, that doesn't mean it has been eliminated. Many programs require state funding as a way of leveraging federal money. I am amazed at how many programs our state fails to fund sufficiently so that unmatched funds are forfeited back to D.C. — or worse, are forfeited to other states who understand the importance of investing state money to leverage greater Federal money.

The Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) is one example of how we have been penny-wise and

pound-foolish. This program requires that states appropriate matching funds for the program in order to receive a greater amount from federal funding. In the past, for every one dollar that Texas budgeted for CHIP, the feds would send us three dollars to provide much needed health care for middle and low income families. When you are dealing with millions of dollars, you can see that there is a potential for taking care of a lot of children. Unfortunately, Texas has failed to maximize its investment in CHIP, so we end up returning money which is applied for and used by other states.

Another similar program is one about which I just recently learned. Adult education is very important in Texas today because of our immigrant population. That population is a reality and is not going to disappear. Many of those immigrants are eager to assimilate, but are finding it

difficult to become educated. Other states invest upwards of \$60 to \$100 million in order to leverage greater federal monies. Texas only invested \$7 million in the last budget period. Again, I believe that we were stingy and turned away hundreds of millions of dollars which educators can use to lift our less educated adults from poverty.

I intend to discuss this issue with all of my colleagues in Austin. I know that Joe Pickett and Pat Haggerty, who are on the Appropriations Committee, understand the point that I am making. If we in Texas will spend one dollar to get three dollars in return, we are good stewards of your tax money. Children without healthcare, uneducated adults, state programs and the economy of Texas will benefit from a change in the way we look at these types of spending.

Gracias, mi gente, and I remain your friend and public servant, Chente por la gente.

## Reyes announces Intelligence Committee staff leadership

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Congressman Silvestre Reyes, Incoming Chairman of the House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, today announced the Committee's staff leadership team, which will assist him in moving the committee's agenda forward.

"I will be supported by a team of professionals that combines education and leadership skills with proven committee staff experience," said Reyes. "As we build the new majority staff, this team will be integral to finding, recruiting, and expanding from the pool of exceptionally well-qualified applicants, and then developing an agenda for rigorous oversight of the Intelligence Community."

Mike Delaney will serve as Staff Director. Mike joined the committee during the first session of the 109th Congress, after almost a year at the National Security Agency, and preceded by over 23 years of active Army service. He brings a history of leadership positions at many lev-

els, congressional experience, as well as acquisition program management experience.

Wyndee Parker will serve as Deputy Staff Director and General Counsel. She joined the committee in 1999, and has handled many diverse programmatic and legislative activities. Parker also brings the experience of a strong legal background, which includes having served as an attorney in the Litigation Division of the CIA Office of General Counsel and in the FBI Office of the General Counsel, National Security Law Unit.

Jeremy Bash will serve as Chief Counsel. Jeremy joined the committee at the start of the 109th Congress in January 2005. Jeremy previously served as General Counsel to Rep. Jane Harman of California, focusing on intelligence and other national security issues. He has worked in the private sector, and also served as national security issues director for Vice President Al Gore and Sen. Joe Lieberman.

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**View from here** By Bill Peacock

# Energy regulations force choice between planet and pocketbook

Government is once again throwing a fit over coal.

Of course, this is nothing new. As early as 1272, England's King Edward I banned the burning of what was then known as sea-coal. This was in response to complaints from nobility about the smoky air it caused. Though anyone caught burning or selling coal was to be punished or even executed, the king's decree deterred very few. Most ordinary citizens could not afford the alternative — wood, much of which was kept off limits to the public in the royal forests.

Today, local governments in Texas are attempting to increase consumers' electric bills by requiring new coal-fired power plants be built using more expensive clean-air technologies. This time, the impetus behind these regulations is the clean air nobility in various environmental groups and the federal government. They continue to demand expensive, draconian measures to control emissions despite the fact overall air quality has vastly improved in the last 40 years.

For instance, the past three years have seen the nation's lowest levels of ozone smog since monitoring began in the early 1970s. Yes, there are improvements to be made, but we are at a level of air quality today where we can afford to give greater weight to cost of environmental regulations to consumers.

It would not surprise a lot of people

to know we are facing the Catch-22 of choosing between clean air and consumers' pocketbooks because of a history of poorly thought-out environmental regulations.

The heavy reliance on natural gas to produce electricity in Texas was driven in part by the lower emissions from these plants that would help the state achieve compliance with federal clean air regulations. This was fine as long as natural gas prices were low. But as they have risen, this has created a situation where we must rely too heavily on an expensive energy source.

However, it wasn't that long ago natural gas was out of favor with regulators. In fact, the 1978 Power Plant and Industrial Fuel Use Act forbade the use of natural gas as a primary boiler fuel in new power plants and required all existing gas-fired plants to convert to an alternate fuel by 1990. This was because in the 1970s environmental activists and regulators were convinced that we had to conserve oil and natural gas because supplies were in danger of running out.

What were the alternatives? Coal and nuclear power. We know that coal is no longer in vogue; the same thing happened to nuclear power. While much of Europe was turning toward this zero emission technology, regulations and lawsuits were driving up the cost of nuclear con-

struction in America to the point it no longer became viable — and those plants which were built increased, rather than decreased, consumers' electric bills.

The latest attempt to direct our use to alternative fuels — in this case, renewable energy — means yet another rate increase for taxpayers. Windmills and biomass fuels just don't provide the efficiency and reliability to provide electricity at competitive prices. Yet consumer subsidies to encourage renewable energy in Texas will eventually run over \$500 million a year.

Though Texans shouldn't have to choose between their planet and their pocketbooks, this is exactly what we have to do given the current edicts of government regulators.

The solution to this problem is to get government planners out of the way and let the free market work. Unlike the current regulatory regime, the marketplace has long proven its ability to provide better products, including the generation of electricity compatible with cleaner air, at lower prices. That is the choice that Texans deserve.

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

# Military academies provide opportunities for graduates



One of the privileges of serving as a Member of Congress is the opportunity to nominate outstanding high school students for appointment to the nation's five service academies: Army, Navy, Air Force and Merchant Marine. Over the past several years, I have had the honor to endorse an extraordinary group of young men and women as future leaders in our armed forces.

As the last bell rings and our students head home for the winter break, it is my hope that many of these outstanding young people will consider pursuing a career in our nation's prestigious military.

The service academies offer a fully-paid, world-class education for students willing to dedicate at least five years to the branch of their choice. The academies are the U.S. Air Force Academy (Colorado Springs, CO), the U.S. Military Academy (West Point, NY), the U.S. Naval Academy (Annapolis, MD), and the U.S. Merchant Marine Academy (Kings Point, NY). The U.S. Coast Guard Academy (New London, CT) does not require a nomination and offers appointments solely on the basis of a nationwide merit-based competition.

Selection for placement in the academies is highly competitive as

students from all over the country compete for a limited number of appointments. In addition to being in the top of their high school class academically and in peak physical shape, students must be nominated by the President, the Vice-President, a Secretary of the Armed Forces, or a Member of Congress.

Once a student submits an application, a local citizen advisory board of academy graduates and retired military officers from the 23rd Congressional District will review all of the nominations. I then forward the advisory board's recommendations to the academies, which make the final decisions on which students receive appointments.

Those who succeed the arduous application process then face a rigorous education that requires academic excellence, athletic performance, character development and so much more.

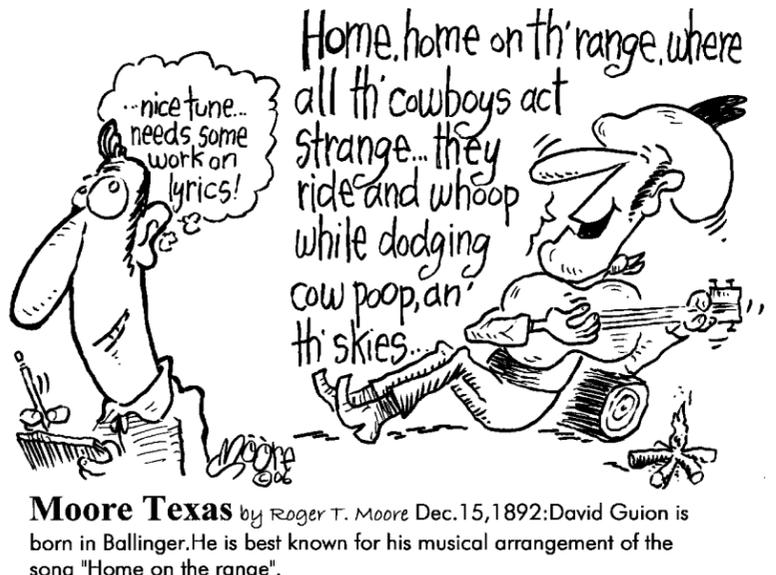
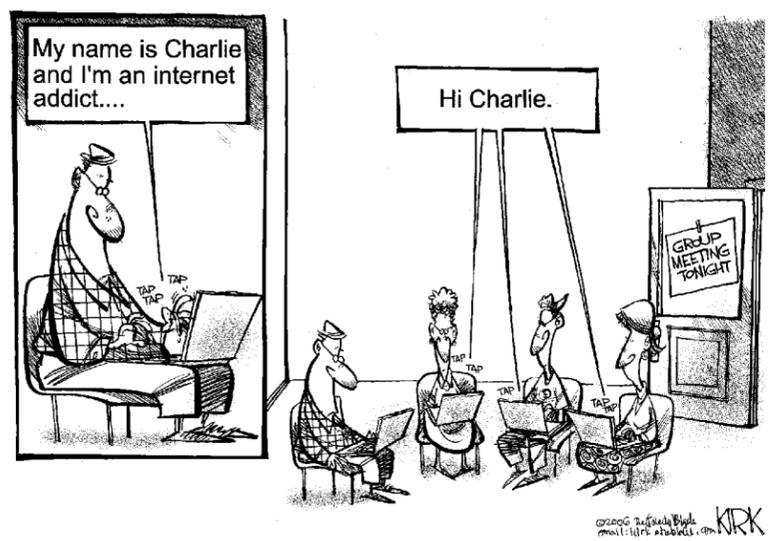
To be eligible, the applicant must reside in the 23rd District, be at least 17 years old, but cannot have reached his or her 23rd birthday. Additionally, he or she must be a citizen of the United States, be unmarried, not be pregnant, and have no legal obligation to support children or other dependents. The service academies welcome applications from all stu-

dents regardless of race, color, ethnic origin, or creed.

Many of our nation's most notable leaders have graduated from the academies, including Presidents Ulysses Grant, Dwight Eisenhower and General Norman Schwarzkopf. When looking at potential students, the academies consider a number of qualifications, such as character, scholarship, leadership, physical aptitude, goals, and motivation. All of these factors are used to consider each applicant's "whole-person" evaluation.

There are many good reasons to seek admission to a service academy — a top-notch education, family tradition, a desire to serve or the need to take on an exceptional challenge are just a few. No doubt about it — students at our service academies are united by a desire to better themselves and serve our nation by becoming tomorrow's leaders.

You could be one of them. If you are interested in applying for a nomination to the Class of 2012, which will enter a service academy the summer of 2008, please visit my website at [www.house.gov/bonilla](http://www.house.gov/bonilla) or call (210) 697-9055 for more information regarding the nomination process.



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# Canutillo ISD holds groundbreaking ceremony for new elementary school



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**DIG IN** — Canutillo Independent School District held a groundbreaking ceremony at 10 a.m., Friday, Dec. 8, to herald the beginning of construction of its new elementary school. The ceremony was held at the site of the new campus, near the intersection of Borderland Road and Westside Drive. A reception was held following the groundbreaking ceremony at the CISD Administration Facility. The new elementary school will be built on a 26-acre site in the Upper Valley and will house pre-kindergarten through fifth grade students. Cost for the school site is \$749,776; which is about \$29,000 per acre. Estimated overall cost for the new school is \$8.2 million. The new school will help alleviate overcrowding at Jose H. Damian Elementary School. Mijares Mora Architects is designing the new 75,000 square-foot instructional facility. VEMAC Construction Company will build it.

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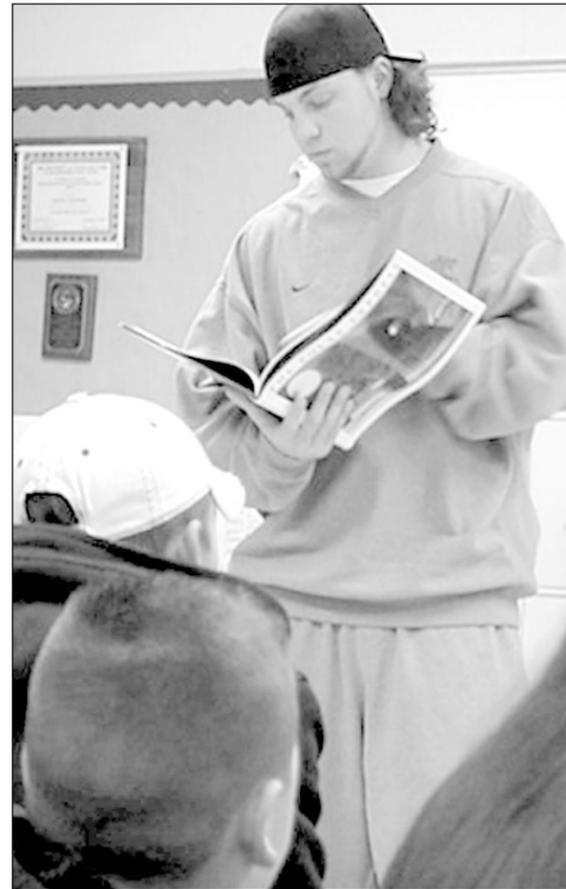
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## FME turns cold snap into polar experience



— Photo courtesy Clint ISD

**GATHER AROUND** — Students and parents of Frank Macias Elementary participated in a unique experience on Dec. 1 as invitees of the faculty of Frank Macias Elementary to a family-night-out as the school hosted a "Polar Express Experience." Students wore pajamas, enjoyed hot cocoa and cookies, and were given a small silver bell to commemorate the evening. The main event of the night was the reading of Chris Van Allsburg's Polar Express by several current UTEP athletes. Frank Macias Elementary School Coach Oscar Mclure, invited some UTEP athletes those in attendance were in attendance were current UTEP Miner volleyball players Katie Smith, Keisha Hyman-Gifth, Irma Blanco, Elsa Reyes, and Casey McAnelly and UTEP football players James Olalekan and Dane O'Neill. There were over 500 community members in attendance.

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**ACTION!** — Canutillo Elementary School has fostered some successful filmmakers. Shown seated from left front are students Solomon Orozco, Cynthia Moreno, David Salgado, Ramon Gamon, Jose Luis Romero; back row, from left are teachers Susan Smith, Cathia Ruiz, Rick Armstrong, Jessica Melendez-Carrillo.

## Best of Show Award in Ring of Age Film Festival goes to Canutillo ES

By Alfredo Vasquez  
Special to the Courier

EL PASO COUNTY — Canutillo Elementary School fourth grade students came away with the Best of Show honors during the Ring of Age Film Festival that was held at the Plaza Theater in downtown El Paso recently.

The CES students competed with high school, college, and independent filmmakers for the area for the top honor. The Community Partnership for Older Adults sponsored the contest in conjunction with the Rio Grande Council of Governments, Paso Del Norte Health Foundation, and SALSA (Successful Aging through Longterm Strategic Alliance).

The fourth grade students who participated in the award-winning project are: Ramon Gamon, Cynthia Moreno, Solomon Orozco, Jose Luis Romero, and David Salgado.

The CES students were assigned

to create a short film on an issue that affects the elderly. They chose to make a film, titled *My Grandpa's Home Is Falling Apart*. It depicts Gamon's grandfather, Antonio Garay, and how the recent area flooding affected his home and living conditions.

"It was a true life experience, where students were given the opportunity to study the effect of nature on our community and our elderly. The students were also able to compete and show their understanding and involvement with their immediate community," said Cathia Ruiz, CES fourth grade teacher, who helped the students with the project.

Also instrumental in learning to produce the film are: Jessica Carrillo, CES fourth grade teacher; Susan Smith, CES technology lead teacher; and Rick Armstrong, CES music teacher.

The four-minute film includes original music composed by Antigone, a local band whose members are Adam Armstrong, Jacob Zarate, and Jeremy Ford.

## Properly working thyroid necessary for health

By Kay Ledbetter  
Special to the Courier

AMARILLO — About 27 million Americans have overactive or underactive thyroid glands, said Andrew B. Crocker, Extension gerontology health specialist, but more than half of those are undiagnosed.

Of those diagnosed, 80 percent are women. Underactive thyroid is an age-related condition: by 60, as many as 17 percent of women and 9 percent of men are affected.

"In short, if the thyroid does not work properly, neither do you," Crocker said. "If left untreated, thyroid disease may cause elevated cholesterol levels and subsequent heart disease, infertility, muscle weakness, osteoporosis and, in extreme cases, coma or death."

Part of the body's endocrine system, the thyroid gland is located just below the Adam's apple, he said. The thyroid hormone influences nearly every organ, tissue and cell in the body.

The most common diseases of the thyroid are hyperthyroidism (overactive) and hypothyroidism (underactive), Crocker said. The gland's activity level is related to the amount of hormone it produces.

Sometimes the thyroid can become enlarged, he said. An enlarged thyroid gland is often called a 'goiter,' he said. Patients also may develop lumps or masses in their thyroid glands, which may appear gradually or very rapidly.

A health care professional should evaluate all lumps or masses associated with the thyroid gland.

Symptoms of hyperthyroidism are: heat intolerance, sweating, weight loss, altered appetite, frequent bowel movements, changes in vision, fatigue and muscle weakness, sleep disturbances and tremors.

Common symptoms of hypothyroidism are: fatigue, forgetfulness, depression, dry coarse hair, mood swings, weight gain, hoarse voice, dry coarse skin and constipation.

While thyroid disorders are easy to diagnose, signs and symptoms may be overlooked because they resemble so many other conditions, Crocker said.

The diagnosis of a thyroid abnormality is made through physical examination and medical history, he said. Specifically, a health provider will examine the neck and ask the patient to lift up his or her chin to make the thyroid gland more prominent.

"You may be asked to swallow during the examination, which helps to feel the thyroid and any mass that may be in it,"

Crocker said.

Other tests a health provider may order include:

- An ultrasound examination of the neck and thyroid.

- Blood tests to determine the level of thyroid hormone in the blood.

- A radioactive thyroid scan

"If a lump in your thyroid is diagnosed, your health provider may recommend a fine needle aspiration biopsy," Crocker said. "This is a safe, relatively painless procedure. This test gives the health provider more information on the nature of the lump in your thyroid gland and specifically will help to differentiate a benign from a malignant thyroid mass."

Abnormalities of thyroid function are usually treated with prescription medications, he said. Insufficient production of thyroid hormone may require a supplement.

Hyperthyroidism is treated mostly by medicine, but occasionally it may require the surgical removal or inactivation of the thyroid gland, Crocker said.

"It is a good idea to have your health provider check the thyroid hormone level in your blood on your next office visit," he said. "If he or she does not mention it specifically, be sure to ask about it."

More information can be found from the American Thyroid Association: <http://www.thyroid.org>.

### Town of Horizon City PUBLIC NOTICE

A PUBLIC HEARING will be held at **6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, December 19, 2006** during the **Special 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 testify regarding the following proposed ordinance(s):

- 1) Ordinance 0156 — Rezoning property 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 acres.

Those who are unable to attend may submit their views in writing to the City clerk 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 hearing are encouraged to contact the City Clerk at 915-852-1046, forty-eight (48) hours prior to this meeting.

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# The thieves wore stripes

By Steve Escajeda  
Special to the Courier

I know the majority of El Pasoans didn't have a chance to watch the UTEP-NMSU basketball game last Saturday night. But I did. And if you had watched the end of it, you'd be just as upset as I was.

Now, it's no secret that I've been a Miner fan since I could mouth the words "Don Haskins." Anything I say about the team could be affected by my undeniable bias for them. But as a professional media person, I get paid to be objective and as honest as I can possibly be.

And the end of the game was honestly awful.

That may sound like sour grapes but I can assure you it is definitely not.

The young Miners went into their game with the Aggies as 10-point underdogs but they were every bit the equal of their I-10 rivals.

To put it plain and simple, the Miners had one stolen from them last weekend.

Both teams played hard throughout — a little sloppy at times — but neither team ever lost its intensity.

The Miners led by two late in a great game that was marred by just three things — the referees. The striped-shirted oafs started calling fouls as soon as they got off the bus outside the Pan American Center.

The game could never get into a smooth rhythm because the teams were called for a whopping 58 fouls and a combined 74 free throws were attempted.

Anyway, with the score tied and just over seven seconds to play, UTEP had a chance to win it. The ball was inbounded to the Miners' Stefon Jackson, who raced up the right sideline. An Aggie player ran over and cut him off, clearly sticking out his knee and bumping into Jackson, knocking him off balance and out of bounds.

The way these guys were calling fouls I thought for sure Jackson was going to the foul line. But nooooo. Referee Rick Hartzell didn't see the obvious foul and he called something else. He initially said Jackson called time-out, which would have been a technical foul since the Miners were out of time outs.

Then Hartzell realized Jackson didn't call time-out. After consulting with another official for a second, Hartzell, amazingly, awarded the ball the NMSU saying Jackson went out of bounds.

I guess the referee figured Jackson received the ball and then lost his sense of direction and dribbled the ball out of bounds on his own.

What came next was even more bizarre.

Very late in close games, there is an unwritten basketball law that says every referee (well, almost every referee) will allow the players to decide the game, not his whistle.

But guess what? As the Aggies were about to inbound the ball with five seconds left in a tie game, a ref blew the whistle away from the ball and called a foul on Jackson to put NMSU on the line for a pair of free throws.

Naturally, they were both successful and the last-second desperation 3-point try by the Miners' Marvin Kilgore missed. The Aggies walked away with a zebra-assisted 71-69 victory.

What makes the defeat even more difficult was the fact that the double-digit underdog Miners played hard, played with emotion and played more than well enough to win.

When a team beats you, you walk

up to them after the game and shake their hands in congratulations. But this was out-and-out robbery.

Don't get me wrong, the Aggies played well enough to win the game on their own. But it's disheartening to see a game end the way this one did — especially if you're a UTEP player, coach or fan.

When it was all said and done the Miners had three guys foul out and a couple more hanging on with four fouls.

The Miners and Aggies will play again this Saturday night in El Paso. Let's hope we get the same intensity, the same coaching, the same late-game heroics — but a different set of referees.



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## Drugs

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New Yorker being driven by 70-year-old Efrain Martinez Rodriguez of El Paso. ICE special agents arrested the violator.

CBP officer working at the Stanton Street Dedicated Commuter Lane (DCL) seized 48 Cuban cigars Wednesday afternoon. The illegal smokes were concealed in the glove box of a vehicle being driven by a 38-year-old El Paso man. The cigars were seized and the man's DCL privileges were revoked. Additional penalties are being considered. The DCL is a "trusted traveler" program and has a zero tolerance policy for violations.

CBP officers nabbed a total of 33 wanted people this week while performing anti-terror inspections. The most significant fugitive apprehension of the week occurred on Wednesday when CBP officers at the Paso Del Norte port of entry nabbed 27-year-old Jesus Antonio Hernandez. He was being sought in connection with three September bank robberies in El Paso. A total of 457 fugitives have been nabbed at local border crossings since the beginning of the current fiscal year. The rate of fugitive apprehensions is outpacing the totals from previous years. CBP officers working at El Paso area ports apprehended 1,288 fugitives during fiscal year 2006, the second year in a row CBP officers apprehended in

excess of 1,200 wanted people.

CBP officers working at the border ports of entry in El Paso, West Texas and New Mexico apprehended a total of 86 people who were attempting to illegally enter the U.S. at border ports of entry during the past seven days. CBP officers identified 36 intended immigrant cases (people with legitimate entry documents intending to live/work illegally in the U.S.), 19 false claims for U.S. citizenship, 22 imposters (people using a legitimate document not assigned to the person), and nine people attempting to enter the U.S. with counterfeit, fraudulent or altered entry documents.

Area CBP officers made 12 food and agricultural seizures this week, resulting in \$3,100 in penalties being assessed. Prohibited items seized this week included bologna, ham, chicken, apples, oranges, avocados, sugar cane, hawthorn and grapefruit. The interception of these prohibited items are an important element in preventing the introduction of pests and disease that pose a risk to U.S. agriculture interests and natural resources.

In addition to the above activity, area CBP officers this week also identified seven illegal export violations, generating \$3,750 in penalties and seized \$17,221 in smuggled currency. Anti-terror is the primary mission of CBP. Thorough anti-terror inspections at border ports of entry continue to generate impressive enforcement activity in all areas.

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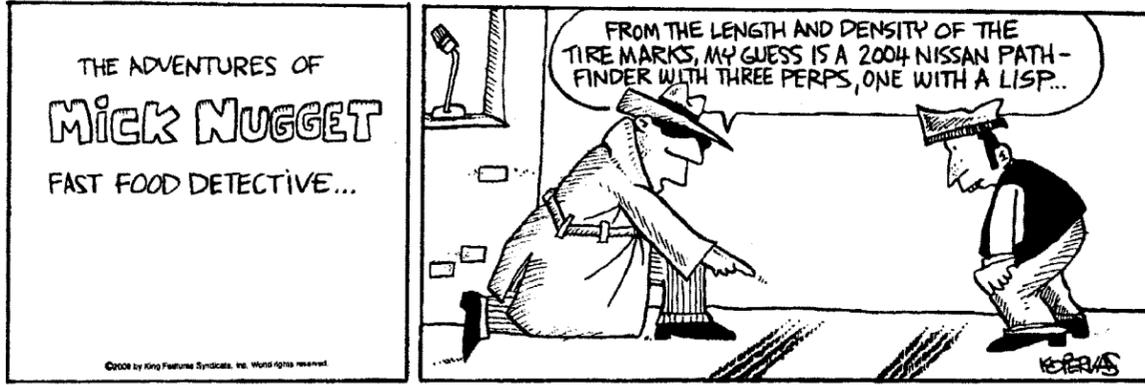
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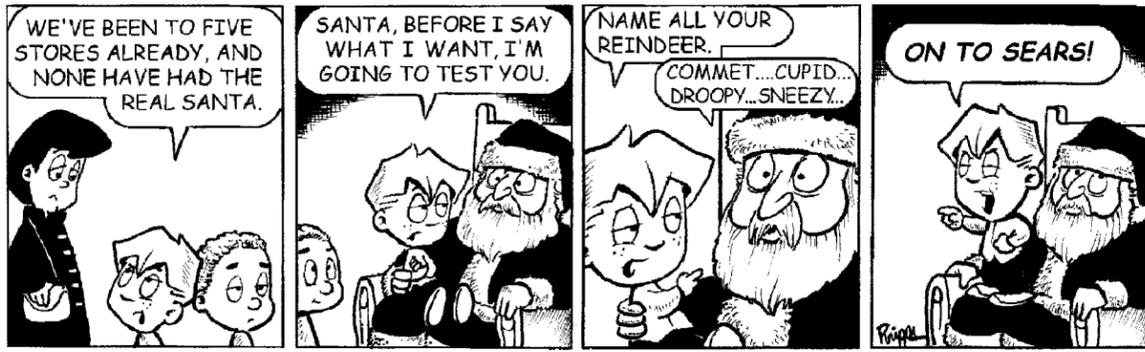
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# Comix

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# The entourage is leaving

By Don Flood

As we count our blessings this holiday season, I think we can all be thankful for one thing: We are not K-Fed.

You forgot who K-Fed is, or more accurately, was?

That's the problem with our hyperspaced grind-'em-up pop culture: People disappear into oblivion before we even get a chance to kick them when they're down! It's not fair!

K-Fed is Kevin Federline, would-be rapper and soon-to-be ex-Mr. Spears, whom Britney notified of their impending divorce by text message, which, somehow, got caught on camera. (Do people do anything off camera? "Hey, I'm trimming my nose hair. You've got to get this.")

But K-Fed is not this week's main topic — and not only because I don't have one, but because, all kidding aside, when we count our blessings this holiday season, we can all be thankful for one thing: We are not members of K-Fed's entourage.

That's right, K-Fed, the biggest cultural nonentity since what's-his-face, had, according to a news article, an entourage.

"Entourage" is a fancy French word meaning: Big Losers. Your job is to travel around with a celebrity — or in K-Fed's case, alleged celebrity — and pretend he's a big shot, which in the case of K-Fed would actually take superior acting skills.

What do these people say? "Wow, K-Fed, you really rocked the house last night! And if anybody had actually shown up for your concert they would have enjoyed it as much as those empty chairs did!"

(The preceding comment was based on another rather embarrass-

ing news item about a K-Fed concert that almost didn't happen because, rather logically, nobody showed up, or perhaps, reveling in the Halloween spirit, they came dressed as empty chairs. But K-Fed, speaking at that time, pre text-message send-off, as the Mr. Britney Spears, put his foot down and said, "Goshdurn it, those empty chairs are expecting a show, and I'm going to give 'em a show." Sadly, the chairs stormed out at intermission.)

Imagine being in the entourage just after the break-up. I mean, at his highest point, K-Fed was a bottom feeder. Post-Britney, he's so low on the celebrity food chain he's basically a one-celled bacteria.

And it's a well-known scientific fact that one-celled bacteria — even those more talented than K-Fed, of which there are many — cannot support an entourage. (Look through a microscope if you don't believe me.)

And what of that awful moment when the Truth Became Obvious?

Does a member suddenly come to his senses and say, "Excuse me, K-Fed, I have to go to the bathroom," and their eyes lock and K-Fed dimly but inescapably grasps: He's not coming back!

Or do they leave en masse, like neocons bailing out of the Iraqi disaster, designating one of their number to send poor K-Fed another text message: "Sorry, K-Fed, your entourage has left the building."

Or maybe they're thinking: Now I've got a chance with Britney! And maybe they do. She's only 24, with lots more marrying to do.

And then they'd have their own entourage.

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# King Super Crossword

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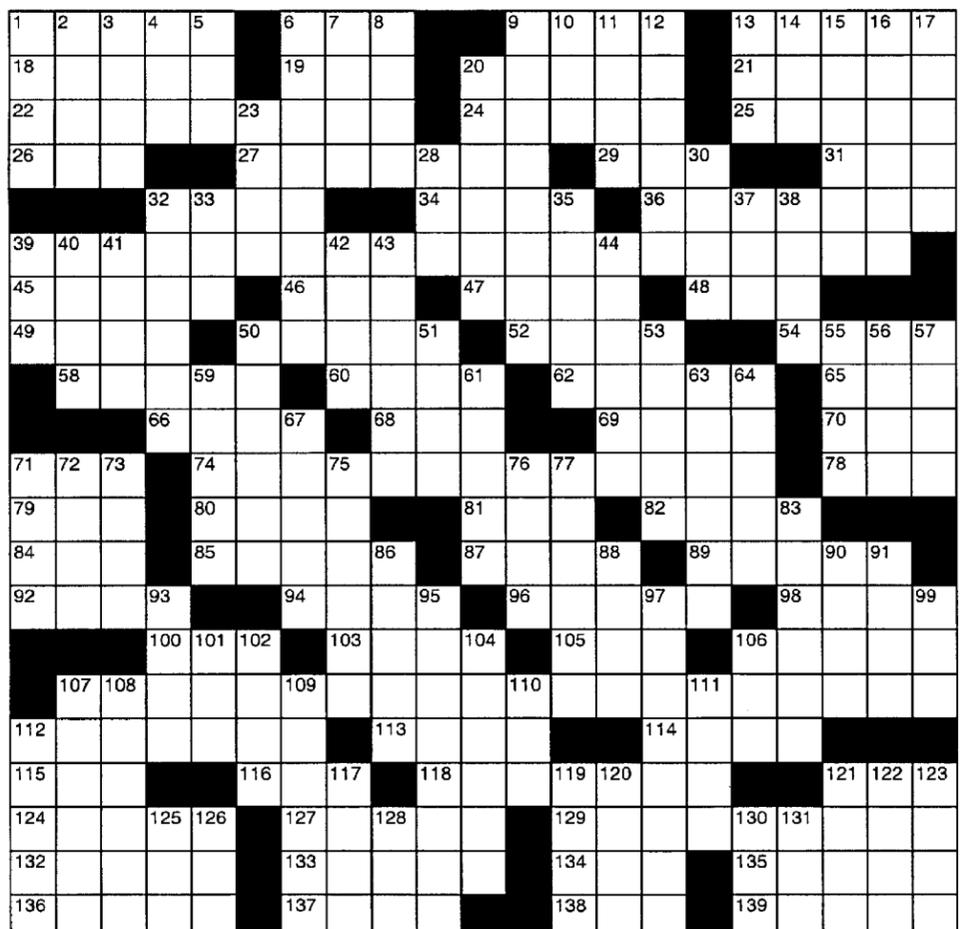
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- 128 Bikini part
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- 131 Chess champ Mikhail



Answer Page 4

# Social Security Q&A By Ray Vigil

**Q:** I would like an estimate of what I will get in retirement benefits. Can I call or visit Social Security to get one?

**A:** You can, but you don't have to. If you are a worker age 25 or older, and you are not currently receiving benefits, you automatically will get a Social Security Statement in the mail every year. The Statement comes about three months before your birthday and provides you with detailed information about your estimated retirement, disability and survivors benefits. It also shows the posted earnings amounts for each year you paid Social Security taxes. If you want to request a personalized Statement now, you can request one online at [www.socialsecurity.gov](http://www.socialsecurity.gov), or call us at 1-800-772-1213 (TTY 1-800-325-0778).

**Q:** How is a Social Security retirement benefit calculated?

**A:** Forty work credits (about ten years of work) is the amount you need to qualify for retirement benefits, but the amount of your monthly payment is determined, in most cases, by your highest 35 years of earnings. We use a special calculation formula set by law, averaging your best 35 years to figure your benefit amount. If you worked and paid Social Security taxes for fewer than 35 years, we average in zeros for those missing years. If you are eligible for a pension from a government entity and you did not pay social security taxes while working there, your social security benefits might be figured under a modified formula.

**Q:** A few days ago I saw a poster that urged people who are age 65 or over with limited income and resources to apply for Supplemental Security Income (SSI). I thought I'd be eligible for SSI but my neighbor told me that SSI is like a college grant program, and that I must first figure in what my grown children should be able to contribute to help support me. Is this true?

**A:** No. Whether you can get SSI depends on your actual income and resources (the things you own). And if you have low income and few resources, you may be able to get SSI. Your children are not obligated to contribute to your support. But if you were to receive any support from your children, your SSI payment would be reduced.

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

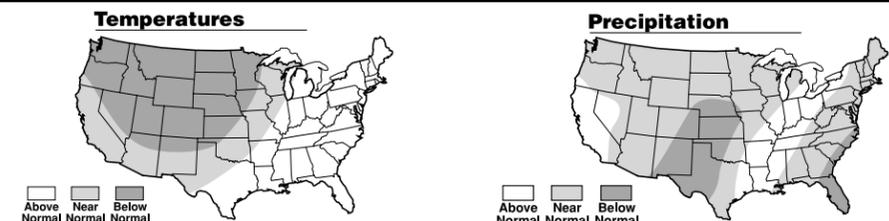
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## WEATHER TRENDS THIS WEEK



## IN THE SKY

	Sun		Moon		Last	New
	Rise	Set	Rise	Set		
Thu.	6:57 a.m.	5:03 p.m.	Thu.	1:08 a.m.	12/12	12/20
Fri.	6:58 a.m.	5:03 p.m.	Fri.	2:22 a.m.	First	Full
Sat.	6:59 a.m.	5:04 p.m.	Sat.	3:18 a.m.	12/27	1/3
Sun.	6:59 a.m.	5:04 p.m.	Sun.	4:18 a.m.		
Mon.	7:00 a.m.	5:04 p.m.	Mon.	5:20 a.m.		
Tues.	7:00 a.m.	5:05 p.m.	Tues.	6:22 a.m.		
Wed.	7:01 a.m.	5:05 p.m.	Wed.	7:22 a.m.		

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## REGIONAL CITIES

City	Thursday			Friday			Saturday			Sunday		
	HI	LO	W	HI	LO	W	HI	LO	W	HI	LO	W
Abilene, TX	71	44	s	73	48	s	76	50	s	72	51	s
Albuquerque, NM	55	33	s	56	33	s	57	31	s	54	33	r
Amarillo, TX	65	33	s	68	34	s	65	33	s	64	34	s
Austin, TX	74	47	s	76	53	pc	80	56	pc	77	55	pc
Brownsville, TX	77	62	r	82	64	c	83	65	s	80	64	pc
Dodge City, KS	64	32	s	66	31	s	54	27	s	55	32	s
Jackson, MS	66	46	s	72	47	s	72	53	pc	74	49	s
Laredo, TX	75	58	pc	80	59	pc	82	62	s	80	59	s
Little Rock, AR	66	45	s	62	50	s	67	52	s	68	47	s
Lubbock, TX	68	33	s	70	34	s	74	34	s	69	35	s
Memphis, TN	68	48	s	65	50	s	64	56	pc	70	53	s
Midland, TX	70	36	s	70	38	s	73	42	s	68	42	s
Pueblo, CO	62	22	s	61	24	pc	52	20	pc	51	20	pc
Roswell, NM	69	33	s	72	35	s	70	35	s	63	32	s
St. Louis, MO	64	44	pc	62	45	s	61	44	pc	60	45	pc
San Antonio, TX	76	53	s	78	58	pc	80	59	s	77	58	pc
Texarkana, AR	68	49	s	67	55	s	71	55	s	70	51	s
Waco, TX	72	51	s	75	54	s	76	56	s	74	54	pc
Wichita, KS	62	37	s	61	37	s	57	33	pc	58	39	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

City	Thursday			Friday			Saturday			Sunday		
	HI	LO	W	HI	LO	W	HI	LO	W	HI	LO	W
Atlanta	69	47	s	65	49	s	65	50	s	67	47	s
Boston	54	41	pc	55	40	c	49	37	s	49	37	pc
Chicago	50	37	pc	51	36	pc	48	34	pc	51	34	pc
Denver	61	32	pc	59	27	pc	44	21	c	44	20	pc
Detroit	47	38	c	47	33	pc	46	36	pc	51	34	pc
Houston	71	54	pc	76	59	pc	79	61	s	77	58	pc
Indianapolis	56	40	pc	53	40	pc	55	40	pc	55	42	pc
Kansas City	59	36	pc	57	35	s	56	33	pc	55	35	pc
Los Angeles	71	52	s	67	52	pc	62	51	r	58	43	r
Miami	81	69	pc	81	65	r	80	68	pc	81	66	pc
Minneapolis	47	29	c	43	30	c	39	23	c	35	24	c
New Orleans	69	53	s	73	56	pc	75	56	s	77	56	s
New York City	54	46	pc	57	43	pc	52	41	s	53	44	pc
Omaha	56	32	pc	51	31	pc	45	29	pc	48	31	pc
Phoenix	74	45	s	75	47	s	75	49	s	69	46	r
San Francisco	59	51	pc	57	44	pc	53	43	r	55	41	pc
Seattle	45	41	r	42	35	sh	38	31	c	38	31	c
Washington	61	42	pc	61	41	pc	57	41	s	57	42	pc

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