



## NEWSBRIEFS

### Transitioning aid

Whether it's filling out job applications or tracking down college scholarships, help is available during the *All About Youth Conference* on Jan. 13, 2007. High school students and their parents will have access to information and personnel to help make decisions to ease the transition from high school. The all-day conference will be held at Socorro High School, 10150 Alameda, starting at 8 a.m. with registration. The topics will include drop-out prevention, college admission, financial aid and scholarships, job interviews and attire, and resumes. "Our project is different because it will be student driven and will focus on the importance of student success, the right steps for our students to follow" says Martha Valdillez, Socorro Junior and conference coordinator. The conference is open to all students in the El Paso community. Participants will hear from students who have returned to school after dropping out and struggling to get ahead. Tutors and college students will also be hand to discuss preparing for collegiate coursework. Break-out sessions are scheduled between 9 a.m. and 1 p.m. A continental breakfast and lunch will be provided and day care will be available for children.

### National rifle winners

For the fourth year in a row Montwood High School NJROTC has qualified to attend the Navy Air Rifle Nationals. Montwood finished as the top Navy Varsity Precision team in the state of Texas and 12th in the nation. As a result they will be attending the Western SECNAV Championships at the Olympic Training Center at Colorado Springs, CO on March 1, 2007 for the three-day competition. The top two teams from the Eastern and Western Regionals advance to the JROTC Nationals at Fort Benning, GA in April. The team members were Daniel Angeles, Giovanni Bran, Isaac Nelson and Valerie Roa. The second team finished 5th in the state and was comprised of Rene Gandara, Jacob Lopez, Michael Soto-Gardea, and Matthew Willey. Socorro High School and Americas High School finished 3rd and 4th in the state respectively.

### Scam alert

The El Paso Police Department would like to warn the public about phone solicitations. Recently residents of El Paso have received phone calls soliciting donations. The callers identify themselves as the "Fraternal Order of Police." The El Paso Police Department wants the community to know that neither the Department, nor the recently formed non-profit, El Paso Police Foundation conduct phone solicitations. Any person who receives a phone call soliciting donations using language indicating the donation would benefit the "police" should know these solicitations

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*The difference between coaching and criticism is your attitude.*

— Quips & Quotes

## Busy travel weekend nets over 2,000 pounds of marijuana

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 made six marijuana seizures this weekend, confiscating a total of 2,021 pounds of the drug. CBP officers recorded more than



100 additional violations during a weekend of heavy travel.

"CBP managers and front line officers were able to keep traffic moving quickly this weekend while still ensuring that violations were stopped cold," said David Longoria, CBP Port Director, El Paso. "Border crossing times exceeded one hour one time at one location this weekend. But any person who thought that they could exploit our efforts to keep traffic flowing at the expense of enforcement was mistaken and wound up in the custody of CBP."

The most significant seizure of the weekend happened late Friday night at the Paso Del Norte (PDN) port of entry in El Paso. CBP officers working at the downtown crossing discovered 1,577 pounds of marijuana hidden in a 2004 Chevrolet Avalanche that entered the port from Mexico just after 9 p.m. U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) special agents arrested 39-year-old Nora G. Valdivia of El Paso in

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**BUSTED — 1,577 pounds of marijuana were discovered hidden in a 2004 Chevrolet Avalanche during a vehicle inspection at the Paso Del Norte port of entry. 39-year-old Nora G. Valdivia of El Paso was arrested by U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) special agents in the failed smuggling attempt.**

## El Paso to receive Homeland Security Funds this year

By Kira Maas  
Special to the Courier

WASHINGTON, D.C. — The Department of Homeland Security (DHS) has announced that El Paso is among 45 communities nationwide eligible for funds under the FY2007 Urban Area Security Initiative (UASI) grant program. This is the first time that El Paso has been included in the program. Congressman Silvestre Reyes said he has been working since the grant program's inception in fiscal 2003 to ensure that cities like El Paso are eligible for these funds.

"El Paso is a major metropolitan area along an international border with a major military presence," said Reyes. "I have long argued that it is imperative that our community be included in this grant program, and we should have received these funds years ago. This is an important step towards securing the borders, protecting our community, and protecting the nation."

Reyes said he has contacted Michael Chertoff, the Secretary of the Department of Homeland Security, multiple times about the need for these grant funds, and has also partnered with the Rio Grande Council of Governments, the City of El Paso, and El Paso

County, which together will craft El Paso's application for funding. El Paso will apply for a share of the \$336 million in available funds.

"I look forward to helping ensure that El Paso receives its fair share of this year's grants," said Reyes.

The UASI program focuses on the unique planning, equipment, training and exercise needs of high-threat, high-density urban areas. Funds assist communities in building capacity to prevent, protect, respond, and recover from acts of terrorism. This year, DHS placed additional emphasis on the presence of critical infrastructure such as military installations and ports of entry when determining which cities to make eligible for funds.

Total funding available in fiscal year 2007 will be \$746,900,000. Six of areas designated as highest risk UASI jurisdictions will be eligible to compete for \$410 million or 55 percent of available funds. The remaining UASI areas, including El Paso, will compete for the remaining \$336 million or 45 percent of available funds.

Funds will be allocated based on analysis of risk and the effectiveness of proposed investments by the applicants. Risk for UASI jurisdictions is evaluated using a consistent methodology of threat, vulnerability, and consequences, Reyes said.

## 2006 was a year of water extremes for El Paso region

EL PASO COUNTY — The year 2006 brought extreme water conditions ranging from severe drought and near 100-year record low river flows, to a series of flash floods causing extensive damage to homes, businesses, infrastructure and agriculture.

While in the last six months it is hard to think in terms of drought, reservoir storage remains low but has improved significantly. Up until July, El Paso had received just over two inches of precipitation for the year, river runoff was the fifth lowest since 1895 and season-end water in Elephant Butte Reservoir was projected to be under three percent of storage capacity.

Then the rains came. From late-July to mid-September, 15 inches were reported at El Paso International Airport making this the wettest monsoon season on record for much of the region according to the El Paso-Santa Teresa, National Weather Service. Much greater amounts were received during intense, localized storms with up to 30 inches of rain reported in some parts of the El Paso metropolitan area, causing flooding in the Lower Valley, northeast, downtown, and west El Paso, Clint, Canutillo, Hatch and Ciudad Juarez among other areas. Portions of the region were declared a Federal Disaster Area.

While coming close to exceeding capacity, the U.S. International Boundary and Water Commission levees on the U.S side held and did not overflow. The El Paso County Water Improvement District No. 1 and Elephant Butte Irrigation District assisted greatly by providing timely reports of flows and lowering river levels by diverting flood waters into their canals and drains. However, the floods caused extensive damage to river and irrigation district control structures, monitoring gauges, canals and drainage systems.

A Federal Flood Assessment Conference with eleven federal and water management agencies was convened by Congressman Silvestre Reyes to assess the effects of the flooding, share experiences, identify infrastructure needs and recommend needed changes to improve management and coordination to mitigate future impacts. The Proceedings Report of the Federal Flood Assessment Conference is available at <http://elpaso.tamu.edu/Research> including individual agency reports, photographs and recommendations.

Overall, 2006 was the fourth wettest on record with 17.51 inches of precipitation for the year at the El Paso International Airport. The all-time precipitation record was only slightly higher at 18.29 inches. Rains above the reservoirs combined with reduced demands have resulted in Elephant Butte and Caballo Reservoir storage that has increased to 560,360 acre-feet or 25 percent of a total capacity of 2.2 million acre-feet.

Following several years of severe drought, the level of storage, snow pack and climate forecast provide optimism for an improved water supply situation. Snow pack in Northern New Mexico and Southern Colorado is the major source of water for the Rio Grande. While many areas in Texas continue to

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## One perspective

By Francis Shrum

### Winter weather

We have such nice weather and dry roads around here that winter driving isn't really all that much different from summer driving.

We just don't leave the windows down unless the glass is missing.

My dependence on dry roads came home with a bang during the recent winter break when I made a trip up north to visit family in Arizona.

The place I visited was the small community of Taylor, near Snowflake, Arizona. That should have told me something, but like a lizard sunning on a rock, I made my plans without a thought to the weather. No problem, we've got the Weather Channel, right? 24/7 updates on road conditions as dependable as your latest satellite blip from outer space.

Unfortunately, if you are looking for real, personal, in-my-part-of-the-county kind of weather reports you don't need one that is delivered from some long distance location like... well, like outer space.

What you need is sound, solid updates and advisories from someone a lot more dependable than the weatherman. You need a trucker.

We'll get to that later.

Ever since my oldest kid moved to Arizona, I've enjoyed the various and picturesque routes to that part of the country. The trip is never boring because I never tire of the scenery. Wide-open and clean until you run across an accidental man-made mess like Phoenix or Tucson, but they're only temporary inconveniences.

This latest trip took us up through Deming and Silver City, traversing winding mountain roads past Luna and on over into Arizona by way of Alpine. Roads wide and clear, no bad weather, piece of cake. A little snow and ice lingering in the shadows but

who's to worry, right?

On the second morning after arriving in Taylor, I opened the window onto the back pasture and the cedars were all covered with snow. And it kept snowing. Sometimes we couldn't even see the road leading out of the yard, the gentle white flakes garnishing the landscape and my personal transportation with one inch, two, three... I stopped counting when the measurement hit somewhere in the six-inch zone.

Desert rats can't count higher than six when it comes to inches of snow.

I fretfully visited the Weather Channel on the internet. Most states have real neat sites they keep updated with weather reports and road conditions. Arizona has a cool little yellow icon it places on the electronic road map to show you which roads have been designated as dangerous.

The little yellow sign has a tiny red car in the center making skid marks. There were so many little yellow markers on the screen that I couldn't even read the road names. I logged off and waited.

As the evening wore on we kept getting reports from folks who live in the area that the snowfall was pretty localized and it likely wasn't widespread enough to keep us from making the trek home next day. Still, the computer screen stayed covered with little red and yellow markers.

Late that evening, a family member talked with a trucker relative who has made hauls through that part of the country as long as anybody could remember. He was calling from Utah.

Probably not going to have any big problems taking 60 out through Magdalena and Socorro, New Mexico, to catch I-10, he said. The only part of that route to really watch out for would be around a little place

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## View from here

By Celia Hagert

### Let's lead the way for even better school nutrition programs

Texas doesn't always do right by its kids. Compared to the rest of the country, Texas has the highest rate of children without health insurance and a greater share of kids living in poverty than most other states. But when it comes to providing children with school lunch and school breakfast, Texas sets the bar. Every day, more than 2.8 million Texas students receive hot lunches. Virtually every public school in Texas participates in the program (over 7,300 schools). Another 1.3 million kids eat breakfast at school, 33,000 more kids today than in 2004. In fact, 99 percent of Texas schools that offer school lunch also offer school breakfast, giving Texas the third highest participation in the nation. Almost 85 percent of the children who eat school breakfast are from low-income families.

The National School Lunch Program has been around since 1946, when it was signed into law by President Truman. The program grew out of national security concerns, after an investigation of men rejected from serving in World War II found that

many were malnourished. Congress decided to combat this problem by rooting out childhood hunger, and began providing funds to states to subsidize the cost of providing school lunches.

Congress established the National School Breakfast Program 40 years ago. Since then, extensive research has shown that kids who eat breakfast at school do better academically.

The premise behind both programs is simple: in order for children to learn, they need to eat well. To ensure that every kid can eat breakfast and lunch, schools charge students for the meal based on their family's ability to pay. Schools are reimbursed the difference by the federal government, which sets the reimbursement rates and updates them for inflation each year.

Children receive free breakfast or lunch if their household income is at or below 130 percent of poverty (\$21,580 for a family of three). Children whose families earn between 130 percent and 185 percent of poverty (\$30,710 for a family of three) receive a reduced-price breakfast or

lunch, which can cost no more than 40 cents. Almost 60 percent of Texas schoolchildren are low-income and therefore eligible for free or reduced-price meals. Students who do not come from low-income families pay the full price, though the federal government subsidizes the cost of their meals as well.

Despite the great benefit of the school breakfast program, Texas still reaches only about half of the kids who eat lunch, leaving tens of millions of federal dollars on the table each year.

This coming legislative session a proposal encouraging low-income school districts to serve breakfast free to all students, regardless of their family's income will likely be considered. This initiative would boost participation in the breakfast program and increase federal funding coming to Texas.

National School Breakfast and Lunch is win-win-win, benefiting parents, students, and schools.

Parents win because they are

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**Weather**

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called Datil, he added.

The name of this town is *not* pronounced "Day-til" with the long "a." You say it with a short "a," like "Daffy." I found this out later talking to another rancher/trucker friend who used to live and work up in that part of the country. Just so you'll know.

Next morning, full of the kind of bliss enjoyed only by the ignorant, I cleared six-plus inches of snow — exact measurement still ignored — off my personal transportation, loaded various family members and luggage, and headed back in the general direction of sunny El Paso.

Roads clear, trees dripping melting snow, skies almost painfully blue and picturesque. Whipping along at the speed of light, what was the worry?

Until we got to Datil. Sure enough there was a dark, heavy cloud hanging over the mountain range. It started snowing. It snowed till we got through the town. Then it cleared right up.

The rest of the trip was so uneventful as to be a real yawner. Untouched by the snow storm battering Albuquerque hundreds of miles behind us, we rolled on home.

Back to school and work in the newest days of the new year, I heard weathermen predicting bad weather, but who listens to that kind of forecast in sunny El Paso? I walked out of class at noon to find my car sporting over an inch of fleecy, white snow.

I brushed the snow off the windshield, got in and drove home. I wasn't a worried desert rat yet, because the inch measurement was still well under six, but I was wondering if maybe I should call that trucker for an advisory.

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

*Improving student aid*



Repairing the damage done to federal student aid programs by the Republican-controlled 109th Congress is a top priority of the new Democratic majority. Many thousands of students in El Paso rely on federally-subsidized loans to finance their education, and recent budget cuts have added to the already-large financial burden placed on their shoulders. We must ensure that a lack of resources does not prevent any student from pursuing a college education, and my Democratic colleagues and I am working hard to improve the federal aid available to students.

During last year's so-called "Raid on Student Aid," Republicans in Congress cut the federal student loan budget by \$12 billion, largely to finance tax cuts for the very wealthy. As interest rates and monthly payments climbed, students and their families felt the consequences of these mean-spirited budget cuts.

Due to the skyrocketing cost of

education, few students are able to attend college without receiving some amount of federal aid. In fact, nearly 50 percent of all full-time undergraduate students nationwide receive federal loans. Pell Grants, which do not need to be repaid, form the foundation of many students' aid packages, and loans are often used to cover the remaining tuition.

High interest rates and long repayment plans often make repaying a student loan a daunting task. Students are sometimes required to make monthly payments for a decade or longer to cover the cost of their education. The challenge of supporting oneself for the first time can already be very difficult, and student debt creates just another obstacle.

Although we cannot hope to eliminate all student debt, we can amend federal aid programs so students feel that they can handle the burden they will face after graduation.

To increase the opportunity for all Americans to attend college, Democrats have an ambitious agenda for the 110th Congress. In the first 100

legislative hours, the House will pass legislation to cut interest rates on federally-subsidized student loans in half, providing a clear path to higher education and prosperity for middle- and working-class Americans.

Later in the year, we will work to increase the maximum allowable Pell Grant award. Even though tuition costs have increased 44 percent over the past five years, the maximum Pell Grant award has remained the same. Increasing the amount of these grants will allow larger numbers of students to graduate with debt that is manageable. I also support making all college tuition tax deductible, a change that would save many families thousands of dollars.

These changes are necessary in large part because in recent years, a college education has become critical for obtaining many high-paying jobs. Studies show that six out of every ten jobs require at least some education after high school, and this number is certain to increase.

Especially in El Paso, we look forward to a dynamic economy that will



**Moore Texas** by Roger T. Moore Jan. 8, 1910: Jacob Brodbeck dies. He reportedly flew an airplane in Texas 40 years before the Wright bros.

provide quality jobs in sectors such as military and military contracting, health care, and education. The Future Combat Systems, El Paso's new four-year medical school, and the 2005 Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC) decision that will bring 20,000 new soldiers and their families to El Paso will all contribute to these opportunities. Furthering young El Pasoans' education is more important than ever — and the passage of this bill will help us do just that.

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are not done in cooperation with the El Paso Police Department. Furthermore, neither El Paso residents nor the El Paso Police Department or its officers will benefit from these solicitations.

### In other news

■ Adults looking to improve their language skills or get their GED, can head to the Community Education program offering by the Socorro Independent School District. The program is offering free classes to adults throughout the upcoming year. Area residents

can select English as a Second Language (ESL) Class, GED course in English and Spanish, Powerpoint Computer Class. The classes are offered through the week and some are available on weekends. Daytime courses will be held at the Community Learning Center at 313 S. Rio Vista Road.

• Day classes Monday through Friday include:

ESL - 8 a.m. to 12 p.m.

GED - 12:45 p.m. to 2:45 p.m.

Computer Classes -12:45 p.m. to 2:45 p.m.

• Evening Classes Monday through Thursday:

6:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at different locations

• Saturday Classes

8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

ESL and GED

Community Learning Center

To enroll or for more information call the Socorro ISD Community Education at 937-1700.

■ The Martin Luther King Jr. Canned Food Drive is sponsoring a fun, friendly and educational competition for adults and kids. The competition is called the Adult/Child Olympics and pits teams of one adult and one child against each other in friendly competition. The games feature three events, which are a football toss, a basketball free throw and a trivia contest. Each event will award points to the top three teams and an overall champion will be crowned based on the number of

points obtained in the three events. There will be free snacks and t-shirts for all the competitors as well as trophies for all the winners. The Adult/Child Olympics will be held on Saturday, Jan. 13 from 1-5 p.m. at the Boys and Girls Club located at 4625 Delta. The cost to enter is \$5 or five canned goods per team. Entries will be accepted up until game time. To enter call 543-5468 or download an application at [www.elpasolibrary.org](http://www.elpasolibrary.org).

■ Ashley Pacheco, a freshman at Clint High School, will be touring Europe next summer as a member of the People-to-People Student Ambassador Program. The program promotes international understanding and builds leadership

skills. During her 20-day experience she will meet with government officials, leaders, other students and stay in homes with host families. The program was



founded by President Dwight D. Eisenhower in 1956. Program cost for Pacheco will be \$7,000. She has already raised approxi-

mately one half and is continuing to work for the rest. Those who would like to help her in this endeavor would be greatly appreciated. Call 740-1549, 851-1547, 545-5035 or 588-8742 for information regarding donations.

## Town of Horizon City PUBLIC NOTICE

A PUBLIC HEARING will be held during a **Regular Planning and Zoning Meeting on Monday, January 22, 2007 at 6:30 p.m.** at City Hall, 14999 Darrington Road, Horizon City, Texas. The purpose of the public hearing is to allow any interested persons to appear and comment regarding the following property:

1) The site development plan for Tuscany Village Park — an approximately 31.530 acre site, located along Eastlake Drive and North Kenzo Avenue, being, a portion of Section 30, Block 78, Tracts 1B, 8, 10 and a portion of Section 31, Block 78, Township 3, Texas and Pacific Railroad Surveys, El Paso County, Texas. Owners: Pierre and Norma Hernandez; Engineers: ESSCO International, Inc.

Those who are unable to attend may submit their views in writing to the Town Clerk of Horizon City at the above address or call (915) 852-1046.

*Sandra Sierra  
Town Clerk*

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## Anthony Independent School District Notice of Public Hearing

### AEIS Report

Anthony Independent School District will hold a public hearing to discuss the District's 2006 Academic Excellence Indicator System (AEIS) report as part of the regular monthly School Board meeting, which is scheduled for 6:30 p.m., Tuesday, January 16, 2007 at the Anthony ISD Board Room, 610 Sixth Street, Anthony, TX.

The public is invited to attend. The AEIS report will also be available for review after the hearing at all Anthony ISD campuses, central office, and the district website.

For more information, call 886-6500.

## Junta Publica Distrito Escolar Independiente de Anthony El reporte "Sistema de Índices de Excelencia Académica"

El Distrito Escolar Independiente de Anthony tendrá una Reunión Pública para informar del reporte "Sistema de Índices de Excelencia Académica" (AEIS) del año escolar 2006. El reporte será parte de la reunión mensual de la Mesa Directiva del distrito programada para de 2007 el Martes 16 de enero a las 6:30 p.m. en el auditorio de la escuela preparatoria en la calle Sixth Street #610, Anthony, TX.

Todos los individuos interesados están invitados a asistir. El reporte AEIS estará disponible después de la reunión en todas las escuelas del distrito, en el edificio de las oficinas administrativas, e internet del distrito.

Para mayor información, favor de llamar al 886-6500.

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## Clint Independent School District Notice of Public Hearing

Clint Independent School District will hold a public hearing for the discussion of the 2006 district Annual Report on Wednesday, January 17, 2007, at the Clint Independent School District Administration building board room, located at 14521 Horizon Blvd., at 5:30 p.m. during the regularly scheduled School Board meeting. All interested individuals are welcomed to attend. The report will be available to the public after the hearing at all Clint District School Campuses, the Clint Public Library and the Clint Post Office.

### Audencia pública

El distrito escolar de Clint tendrá una junta para discutir el Reporte Annual del Distrito de 2006 el miércoles, 17 de enero del 2007 en las oficinas administrativas localizadas 14521 Horizon Blvd. a las 5:30 p.m. Todos individuos interesados están invitados a asistir. El Reporte se puede obtener en estos lugares; todas las escuelas publicas del distrito, la biblioteca publica de Clint, y el Correo de Clint.

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■ The El Paso Audubon Society will host its monthly meeting at 7 p.m. Monday, Jan. 15, at the Centennial Museum at UTEP. Texas Parks and Wildlife urban wildlife biologist Lois Balin will present slides from her recent bird watching trip to the rainforests in Ecuador. Audubon Society meetings are free and open to the public. For more information, call 833-7339.

■ The UTEP-UT Austin Cooperative Pharmacy Program is accepting applications from high school seniors interested in becoming pharmacists. The application deadline for the six-year pharmacy program is Jan. 21. Students who are accepted into the program begin their first two years at UTEP, followed by two years at UT-Austin and finish at UTEP. Students who successfully complete the program receive a doctorate in pharmacy. High school seniors interested in applying must have a GPA of 90 or higher and a SAT score of 1,000 is desired. UTEP students can apply to the program as transitional students and must be in the process of completing the pre-pharmacy requisites with a GPA of 3.2 or higher. University students must have taken or should be in the process of taking the Pharmacy College Admission Test. For more information or for an application, call 747-8519.

■ The annual windbreak tree sales by the El Paso County office of the Texas Cooperative Extension and the Texas Forest Service is again offering seedlings of evergreens that are suited for the El Paso area. Prices range from \$49 to \$58 for a bunch. Deadline to order is Jan. 24 and trees will be available for pickup in February. For more information, call 851-2515.

■ The UTEP Stanlee and Gerald Rubin Center for the Visual Arts is showcasing a special exhibit by the late artist Luis Jiménez. *Jiménez: Lithographs and Drawings from the Collection of Juan Sandoval* is on exhibit through Feb. 3. Gallery hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday; 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Thursday; and noon to 5 p.m. Saturday. The center is closed Sunday and Monday. For more information, call 747-6151.

## Two serious assaults in East County over holidays

EAST EL PASO COUNTY — The El Paso County Sheriff's Office has reported that on Sunday, Dec. 24, 2006 at about 5 a.m. a Hispanic female was sitting in her car at a convenience store parking lot in Socorro when a man knocked on the car window. When the woman opened her car, the man forced his way into the car and drove away with the woman against her will.

Deputies said the man drove to an isolated area and physically and sexually assaulted the woman. He later drove to another location and left on foot.

The victim reported the crime to the El Paso County Sheriff's Office on Tuesday, Dec. 26. An investigation was initiated and on Friday, Dec. 29, Sheriff's Detectives arrested David Hinojos, 30, and charged him with aggravated assault. His bond was set at \$50,000. He was also arrested on an outstanding warrant for "criminal nonsupport," and the bond for that charge is \$21,000.

"This was a horrific case during the holiday.

Detectives did an outstanding job canvassing neighborhoods and working with a great deal of sensitivity with the victim to make sure we closed this case with an arrest," said Sergeant Jim Belknap, Criminal Investigation Division.

In a second incident, on Jan. 1, 2007 at about 3:50 a.m. El Paso County Sheriff's Deputies responded to a disturbance call in East El Paso County, past Horizon. Information at the scene indicated a possible sexual assault had occurred and an investigation was initiated.

Detectives determined a man had reportedly driven a 17-year-old female on an errand, but reportedly pulled over on the side of the road in a remote area and sexually assaulted the female victim. Detectives arrested Ricardo Gil Armendariz, 44, and charged him with sexual assault. Bond was set at \$100,000.

"It is unfortunate a family acquaintance couldn't be trusted. The victim was extremely smart and did everything possible to make sure the perpetrator was apprehended," said Sergeant Belknap.

## Paying for college: UTEP, EPCC host financial aid workshops

By Kimberly Miller  
Special to the Courier

EL PASO COUNTY — UTEP and El Paso Community College will co-host financial aid workshops at area high schools and on the college campuses throughout January, February and March.

During the sessions, students and their parents can learn about the latest options in financial aid and talk individually with financial aid professionals. Sessions will be conducted in both English and Spanish.

Financial aid counselors suggest students and their families visit the following Web sites to learn more about financial aid:

- Free application for Federal Student Aid: [www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov)
- To obtain PIN numbers for parents and students: [www.pin.ed.gov](http://www.pin.ed.gov)
- Financial aid information: [www.studentaid.ed.gov](http://www.studentaid.ed.gov)

• Free scholarship search: [www.fastweb.com](http://www.fastweb.com)  
A schedule of high school campus workshops follows:

- (All sessions begin at 6 p.m.)
- Jan. 10 — Irvin, Americas
  - Jan. 11 — Loretto, Fabens
  - Jan. 16 — Hanks, Canutillo
  - Jan. 17 — Andress, Chapin
  - Jan. 18 — Burges, Socorro
  - Jan. 22 — Coronado, Cathedral
  - Jan. 23 — Franklin, Bowie
  - Jan. 24 — Eastwood, Del Valle
  - Jan. 25 — El Paso, Montwood
  - Jan. 29 — Jefferson, Gadsden
  - Jan. 30 — Ysleta, Riverside
  - Jan. 31 — Bel Air, Mountain View
  - Feb. 1 — Clint, Santa Teresa, San Elizario
  - Feb. 5 — Tornillo, Sierra Blanca
  - Feb. 6 — El Dorado, Austin
  - Feb. 7 — Horizon, Parkland
  - Feb. 8 — Fort Hancock
  - Feb. 13 — Anthony

## Border

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the failed smuggling attempt.

Area CBP officers made 21 food and agricultural seizures during the weekend, resulting in \$5,400 in penalties being assessed. Prohibited items seized included raw eggs, pork bologna, chorizo, carnitas, raw pork, avocados, mangos, oranges, apples, limes, sugar cane, guavas and live plants. The interception of these prohibited items are an important element in preventing the introduction of pests and disease that pose a risk to the U.S. agriculture industry and the nation's natural resources. First time offenders face up to \$300 in penalties for agriculture import violations.

CBP officers working at the border ports of entry in El Paso, west Texas and New Mexico recorded 75 immigration violations during the last three days. CBP officers identified 29 intended immigrant cases who are people with legitimate entry documents intending to live/work illegally in the U.S.; 22 false claims for U.S. citizenship; 18 imposters who are people using a legitimate document not assigned to them; five people attempting to enter the U.S. with counterfeit entry documents; and one visa overstay violation.

CBP officers nabbed a total of 17 wanted people this week while performing anti-terror inspections. A total of 655 fugitives have been nabbed at local border crossings since the beginning of the current fiscal year.

CBP officers this weekend also seized \$31,519 in unreported currency in two cases, assessed \$1,000 in penalties for illegal vehicle exports, and seized 15 vials of steroids.

Border traffic was heavier than normal this weekend as thousand of "paisanos" returned to the U.S. after spending the holiday season in Mexico. CBP officers prepared for the expected surge by opening more lanes of traffic earlier than usual to ensure that border crossing wait times would be as short as possible.

On Friday, the maximum crossing time recorded was 64 minutes at 7 p.m. at the Bridge of the Americas (BOTA) crossing. The maximum Friday wait time at PDN was 51 minutes at 2 p.m. while the maximum wait at Ysleta was 36 minutes between 2 p.m. and 3 p.m.

On Saturday, the maximum crossing time recorded was 53 minutes at 7 p.m. at the BOTA crossing. The maximum Saturday wait time at PDN was 20 minutes at 3 p.m. while the maximum wait at Ysleta was 25 minutes at 1 a.m., 9 p.m., and again at 11 p.m.

On Sunday, the maximum crossing time recorded was 50 minutes at

9 p.m. at the BOTA crossing. The maximum Sunday wait time at PDN was 53 minutes at 9 p.m. while the maximum wait at Ysleta was 30 minutes between 1 a.m. and 2 a.m. and again between 6 p.m. and 9 p.m.

"Border wait times are calculated hourly. CBP officers obtain wait time information directly from members of the traveling public. CBP officers

survey a number of crossers at different lanes every hour and then calculate the average wait based upon the data they collect directly from the traveling public," said Longoria. "Border crossing times are then posted on the CBP website ([www.cbp.gov](http://www.cbp.gov)) every hour. The length of the line is not an accurate gauge of border crossing times be-

cause it does not factor in the number of open inspection booths on the U.S. side and the overall speed of the inspection process."

Anti-terrorism remains the primary mission of CBP. The intensive inspection process associated with the anti-terror mission continues to yield impressive enforcement numbers in all categories.

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# People always remember the big-game chokes

By Steve Escajeda  
Special to the Courier

What do Jackie Smith, Joe Pisarcik, Bill Buckner, Leon Lett, Mitch Williams, Scott Norwood, Chris Webber, Jean Van deVelde, Ralph Branca, Dennis Eckersley and Bobby Riggs have in common?

They belong to the All-time Sports Chokers Club, and this week they have been joined by a new member — Tony Romo.

It's unfortunate that these athletes — some of them Hall of Fame material — are remembered by one thing and one thing only: their mistake at a crucial time that either cost themselves or their team the game.

When you think of dropped passes in the Super Bowl you think of poor Jackie Smith, when you think of unforgettable fumbles like "the miracle of the Meadowlands," you think of Joe Pisarcik.

How about a slow ground ball going through your legs to cost your team the World Series — Bill Buckner. Shear stupidity, you think of Leon Lett and Chris Webber, one for not know-

ing the end zone rules and the other for not being able to count the right number of timeouts.

When you think of crucial pitches that should never have been thrown, you think of Mitch Williams, Ralph Branca and Dennis Eckersley.

When you hear the words "wide right," you automatically think of Scott Norwood (and any number of Florida State kickers).

Van de Velde choked away the British Open and Bobby Riggs let down all men, thanks to his lousy play and Billie Jean King.

And now, when you think of how not automatic an automatic extra-point-like field goal should be, you'll think of Tony Romo.

It's really sad that the "feel good" story of the 2006 NFL season, the emergence of Tony Romo, had to end in stunning disbelief.

But let's be realistic. Before we chastise his monumental error too much, let's remember how the Dallas Cowboys were playing before his arrival. There's no way the Cowboys make it to the playoffs without Romo.

Instead of being totally negative, the way the media is going to portray his blunder, I believe the Cowboys should be very optimistic for next

season and the seasons to come. They've finally found their "quarterback of the future." And Dallas is not very far from being a Super Bowl team.

Imagine how good this young quarterback will be next season with a year under his belt. Romo, who has all the physical talents to play the position, will be that much smarter next year and will be that much more consistent.

I think all Dallas has to do is get rid of Terrell Owens. If you think Romo had a big drop over the weekend, count all of TO's drops.

As far as Romo's psyche, I think there's no doubt that he'll come back stronger than ever next year.

I just want to suggest to the Cowboys that they develop another holder for field goal tries. How can Romo ever hold for another kick again without thinking of his infamous bobble?

And one more thing — there's no truth to the rumor that the NFL is going to use Romo's likeness for the development of a new "Bobblehands" doll.

Life is way too short

What is going on in the world of sports? We're barely a week into 2007 and already two

football players we all just watched on TV have lost their lives.

One, Denver Broncos defensive back Darrent Williams, was murdered outside a nightclub in the middle of the night, and the other, USC kicker, Mario Danelo, was found at the bottom of a cliff.

We just watched the Broncos in their last game of the regular season and we saw USC defeat Michigan in the Rose Bowl.

At the time of this writing, we still don't know who killed Williams or why Danelo was at the bottom of the cliff. All we know for sure is that neither incident should have ever happened.

We're talking about a 24- and a 21-year-old with their entire futures ahead of them.

Unfortunately, the news of athletes ending up in the morgue is becoming an all-too-familiar sight. What I see already happening is that the public and the media are developing an immunity to this phenomenon.

Like athletes getting into trouble, or carrying loaded weapons or demanding millions of dollars, we just start getting used to it and become apathetic.

I guess that's life — or it used to be, anyway.

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**NOTICE OF REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS FOR MANAGEMENT SERVICES AND SOFT COST ADMINISTRATION SERVICES**

**HOME INVESTMENT PARTNERSHIPS PROGRAM PROJECT**

The Town of Anthony has been awarded a contract from the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs for a housing reconstruction/rehabilitation project to be carried out with Owner-Occupied Housing Assistance funding from the agency's HOME Investment Partnerships Program. At this time, the town is seeking to contract with a qualified management consultant to provide management services and soft cost administration services for imple-

mentation of the contract activities.

A complete Request for Proposals has been prepared, outlining services required by Town of Anthony, submission requirements, and evaluation criteria. Interested parties may obtain copies of this Request for Proposals by contacting the office of the Town Clerk at the Anthony Town Hall, or by calling (915) 886-3944. In order to be considered, proposals submitted must be received no later than 4:30 P.M. on January 23, 2006. The town reserves the right to negotiate with any and all entities that submit proposals, in accordance with the Texas Professional Services Procurement Act, the Texas Uniform Grant and Contract Management Standards Act, and the Office of Management and Budget Circular A-102, and also reserves the right to reject any or all proposals.

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tive Action and Equal Opportunity Employer and encourages Historically Underutilized Businesses to submit proposals.

Art Franco  
Mayor

Date published:  
January 11, 2007

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As per Article V, Sec. 5.05(a), all owners and lienholders have ten (10) days from this date to reclaim their vehicles at South West Wrecker, 1401 Darrington Rd., 855-1900, 851-2091-fax, or it will be sold at public auction for charges: VIN - 2MECM74WXXN709003, 1992 Mercury Grand Marquis, Mexico license 089SFBJ. VIN - IGRAA06246K274606, 2006 Great Dane Trailer, white, California license 4FS1892. VIN - IHGCGI640YA053166, 2000 Honda Accord, gold, New Mexico license HML 723. WTCC-01/11/07

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## Water

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experience drought, early Rio Grande upper basin mountain precipitation and snow pack are above last year, ranging from 88 percent to 114 percent of the long-term average for this time of year, with one station at Red River Pass in the Sangre De Cristo mountains reporting 167 percent.

The National Weather Service Climate Prediction Center is currently forecasting normal temperatures with above normal precipitation over most of the Rio Grande basin for the next three months. While the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation has not yet issued the initial Rio Grande Project water supply allocation for 2007, current and forecast conditions provide a much improved early outlook for the region's 2007 surface water supply.

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## Nutrition

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offered a convenient way to provide meals for their children at the lowest possible price. Meals contain one-third or more of the nutrients students need everyday.

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School Lunch and Breakfast programs are model programs and a proven way to prevent childhood hunger and increase academic achievement.

However, just because a child is fed doesn't mean he is well nourished. As a national leader in providing school breakfast and lunch, Texas must now take the lead in working to guarantee that students are provided with well-balanced, high quality meals.

This would mean more fresh fruits and vegetables and a larger financial commitment from the state and the federal government. In this age of childhood obesity, what could be more worth it?

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*Priorities in Austin.*

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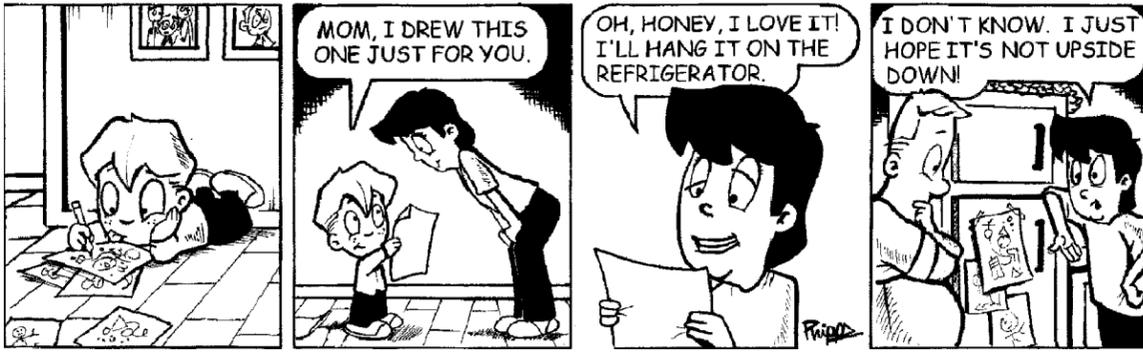


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# Rocky packs it in, but not me

By Don Flood

First, I wanted to thank the editors of Time magazine for finally recognizing the role I've played in world affairs by naming me Person of the Year.

You idiot, "you" weren't named Person of the Year. "Everyone" was.

But I saw my picture on the cover.

That was a mirror. But why would they name everyone?

Who knows, boost circulation. But they couldn't have included that jerk down the street. He's not Person of the Year material.

Nobody thinks you are either, pal.

Does this mean I shouldn't be expecting the Nobel Peace Prize either?

Fraid so. Well, that's a major bummer. And I thought 2007 was shaping up to be a big year for me.

That's not the only downer. Sylvester Stallone has announced this will be the final Rocky.

Can you imagine a boxer packing it in at age 60?

Hasn't he heard? Sixty is the new 27.

And he even dropped the Roman numerals, calling this one simply "Rocky Balboa." That's just wrong. Rocky movies should be like Super Bowls, only more often.

This year's Super Bowl is XLI, which in our numbering system translates into a pretty high number. By now, we should be up to Rocky 30 Gazillion.

But just because Rocky is getting ready to retire doesn't mean you have to — especially if you're a legend in your own mind, which is where it really counts.

A company called That's Me

Sports now sells CDs offering a play-by-play account of your extraordinary play.

"Announcers call out your name over 20 times as you lead the Yankees over the Red Sox in a fantasy ALCS." There are lots of fantasy games and teams to choose from.

But you're going to have to be a pretty exciting player to get mentioned 20 times in 10 minutes:

"It's two outs in the bottom of the ninth and Don Flood, the future Hall of Famer — no wait, we have just received word that because of his incredible play in this game Don Flood has been unanimously inducted into the Hall of Fame without the usual five-year wait after retirement — is stepping up to the plate for what Don Flood's fans hope — who am I kidding? — know will be Don Flood's fifth home run of the game.

"As we all know, Don Flood's seventh-inning blast not only tied the game but knocked out a Russian spy satellite, for which Congress has passed a resolution naming him the Greatest American of All Time But Who Remains Kind and Modest.

"Also of note in this game is Don Flood's defensive play, which has accounted for 27 outs, all by unassisted triple plays.

"And here's the windup to Don Flood — oops, there's a disturbance as Pamela Anderson has run out on the field and begged for Don Flood's manly hand in marriage.

It appears he is politely but firmly rebuffing her entreaties as Don Flood is also, of course, the Husband of the Year, and here's the pitch ... "

It might seem a little over the top but, after all, I'm Person of the Year.

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# King Super Crossword

- BASKET CASES ACROSS**
- 1 Word with candy or copy
  - 5 Grumbles
  - 10 Pro foe
  - 14 Dough nut?
  - 19 Nautical adverb
  - 20 It's kept in a quiver
  - 21 Ditch under a drawbridge
  - 22 Prelim
  - 23 Easter general?
  - 25 Melba melody
  - 26 "Slammin' Sam"
  - 27 Make some dough
  - 28 Auto pioneer
  - 30 Ballet movement
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  - 33 Take
  - 36 Beatles manager
  - Brian
  - 39 Impatient
  - interrogative
  - 40 Easter composer?
  - 43 "Tell \_ No" ('65 hit)
  - 44 "Dies \_"
  - 47 Keen
  - 48 Sock part
  - 49 Mozart's "Cosi \_ tutte"
  - 50 "Pinocchio" frame
  - 51 Famous frog
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  - 57 Phillips \_
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  - 59 Grate stuff
- DOWN**
- 1 Carol start
  - 2 George Hamilton's ex
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  - 4 Fiasco
  - 5 Wrestling surface
  - 6 Mine find
  - 7 Chip off Woody's block
  - 8 Playwright Coward
  - 9 Where to drink
  - 10 Nephrologists' org.
  - 11 Neither's partner
  - 12 Asian capital
  - 100 Easter ballplayer?
  - 105 Challenge
  - 106 It's hardly aesthetic
  - 107 Former trees
  - 110 Little devil
  - 111 For fear that
  - 112 Narcissus' nymph
  - 115 Paper units
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  - 119 Walrus weapon
  - 122 Easter crooner?
  - 125 '61 Sam Cooke hit
- DOWN**
- 126 Morlocks' prey
  - 127 Declaim
  - 128 "\_ never work!"
  - 129 \_-3 fatty acid
  - 130 Talk wildly
  - 131 Travis or Quaid
  - 132 Concerning
- DOWN**
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  - 42 LaPlaca or Lurie
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- DOWN**
- 92 They may be split
  - 96 Farm unit
  - 98 Neighbor of Georgia
  - 99 Squanto's simoleons
  - 100 "\_ Haw"
  - 101 Pearl harbor?
  - 102 Singer Clark
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  - 109 Food fish
  - 111 A swan was her swain
  - 113 Israeli dance
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  - 121 Baby beaver
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# Social Security Q&A By Ray Vigil

**Q:** My niece is 20 years old. Recently she became permanently disabled. She has not paid into Social Security since she never worked. Can Social Security still help her?

**A:** There is another program called Supplemental Security Income (SSI) that may be able to help your niece. SSI is a needs-based program paid for by general revenue taxes and administered by Social Security. It helps people who cannot work due to disability, blindness or old age, and

who have limited income and resources. People may also be able to receive SSI in addition to monthly Social Security benefits, if their Social Security benefit is low enough to qualify.

**Q:** I get Social Security benefits for a physical disability. I would like to try going to work. Am I allowed to get a part-time job without risking loss of benefits?

**A:** Yes. Social Security encourages

beneficiaries with disabilities to try going to work. In fact, work incentives are in place to help you do so, including our Ticket to Work program. In most cases you can even keep your Medicare coverage. To learn more about working while disabled, visit our web page on the subject, "The Work Site," at [www.socialsecurity.gov/work](http://www.socialsecurity.gov/work). Our work incentives may be your key to testing the job place without taking away the security net of your benefits.

**Q:** I'm a 27-year-old office worker in perfect health. Why should I pay for disability coverage if I don't expect to need it?

**A:** The fact is, nobody plans to be affected by a disability, but it happens more often than you may think. Nearly three out of 10 of today's 20-year-olds will become disabled before reaching full retirement age. Despite this, 70 percent of the private sector work force has no long-term disability insurance other than Social Security. No matter what your situation, you and your family are covered.

**Q:** I moved to a new address after applying for a new Social Security card. I didn't receive the card before

moving. What do I do now?  
**A:** Notify the post office of your change of address and in some cases the post office may forward your card to your new address. However, if you do not receive your card within a few weeks, contact your Social Security field office to get a replacement card.

For more information on any of the questions listed above, visit our website at [www.socialsecurity.gov](http://www.socialsecurity.gov) or call us at 1-800-772-1213. If you have questions you would like answered, please mail them to the Social Security Office, 1111 Gateway West, Attn: Ray Vigil, El Paso, Texas 79935.

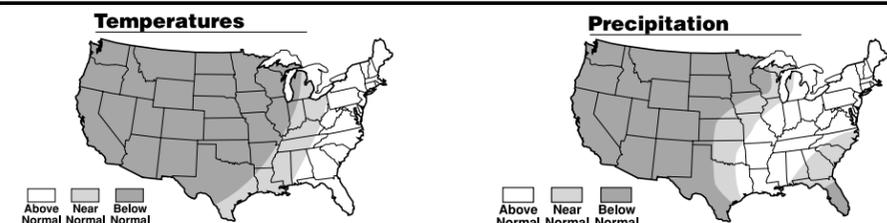
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## WEATHER TRENDS THIS WEEK



## IN THE SKY

Sun	Rise	Set	Moon	Rise	Set	Last	New
Thu.	7:07 a.m.	5:20 p.m.	Thu.	12:11 a.m.	11:35 a.m.		
Fri.	7:06 a.m.	5:21 p.m.	Fri.	1:07 a.m.	12:03 p.m.	1/11	1/18
Sat.	7:06 a.m.	5:22 p.m.	Sat.	2:04 a.m.	12:35 p.m.	First	Full
Sun.	7:06 a.m.	5:23 p.m.	Sun.	3:05 a.m.	1:13 p.m.		
Mon.	7:06 a.m.	5:24 p.m.	Mon.	4:06 a.m.	1:59 p.m.	1/25	2/1
Tues.	7:06 a.m.	5:25 p.m.	Tues.	5:08 a.m.	2:53 p.m.		
Wed.	7:06 a.m.	5:26 p.m.	Wed.	6:06 a.m.	3:55 p.m.		

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Albuquerque, NM	50	34	c	53	31	c	45	24	r	43	21	pc
Amarillo, TX	60	34	pc	49	28	c	40	22	i	35	14	c
Austin, TX	70	63	pc	74	61	c	72	58	c	61	40	c
Brownsville, TX	76	65	pc	78	65	pc	78	67	c	82	59	pc
Dodge City, KS	39	17	c	24	13	i	28	12	sn	23	8	c
Jackson, MS	65	51	pc	70	58	c	71	55	c	72	45	t
Laredo, TX	73	58	pc	78	63	c	76	60	c	74	50	c
Little Rock, AR	56	51	c	65	53	t	62	51	t	56	37	t
Lubbock, TX	66	41	pc	59	35	c	56	30	c	40	18	c
Memphis, TN	60	52	pc	64	56	c	66	53	t	57	39	t
Midland, TX	66	45	pc	64	45	c	64	39	c	49	26	c
Pueblo, CO	47	19	c	32	15	sn	30	4	sf	25	6	sf
Roswell, NM	64	40	c	63	36	pc	61	32	c	44	23	c
St. Louis, MO	53	43	c	50	35	r	41	32	r	32	22	i
San Antonio, TX	68	61	pc	71	62	c	72	59	c	66	43	c
Texarkana, AR	59	58	c	64	58	t	67	56	t	58	35	t
Waco, TX	68	61	c	70	60	c	70	54	t	58	34	c
Wichita, KS	51	29	c	34	23	i	33	16	i	28	14	c

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

## U.S. CITIES

City	Thursday			Friday			Saturday			Sunday		
	HI	LO	W	HI	LO	W	HI	LO	W	HI	LO	W
Atlanta	57	42	pc	62	48	pc	64	51	c	64	46	pc
Boston	40	30	pc	45	40	pc	49	40	r	43	38	r
Chicago	42	32	c	39	27	r	33	25	c	28	21	sn
Denver	33	9	sn	23	8	sn	21	5	sf	17	0	sf
Detroit	40	32	pc	43	31	r	37	27	c	35	27	i
Houston	71	61	c	74	63	c	74	62	c	66	44	t
Indianapolis	49	38	c	49	39	r	44	37	r	39	29	r
Kansas City	46	27	c	33	22	i	34	19	i	20	10	sf
Los Angeles	57	42	r	52	38	pc	55	40	s	61	41	s
Miami	75	66	pc	77	67	pc	80	66	pc	80	68	s
Minneapolis	28	8	c	17	6	pc	19	9	sf	13	6	sf
New Orleans	67	60	pc	73	60	c	74	60	pc	75	56	pc
New York City	43	39	pc	50	41	pc	51	42	c	50	44	r
Omaha	33	17	c	25	13	c	24	10	sn	12	6	sf
Phoenix	63	49	c	61	42	c	58	36	c	58	37	pc
San Francisco	50	38	c	51	37	pc	51	37	s	55	42	s
Seattle	35	23	pc	32	27	pc	35	28	pc	38	31	s
Washington	46	35	pc	59	42	pc	57	45	c	59	46	c

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