



NEWSBRIEFS

CAD presentation

Post 598 American Legion is sponsoring a free presentation by the El Paso Central Appraisal District on Tuesday, Sept. 19 at 7 p.m. at the Legion Hall located at 13000 Horizon Blvd. at Ellsworth, in Horizon City. Albert Molina, the Residential Department Manager, will speak on home values, exemptions and new legislation. This presentation is open to the general public, and presented as a community service event. There is ample parking. For further information call the Post at 852-4823 after 3 p.m.

Emergency grant

The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services awarded the Rio Grande Council of Government a \$46,408 federal grant on Sept. 8, according to Congressman Silvestre Reyes. HHS awarded this grant through their Health Resources Services Administration Rural Access to Emergency Devices Grant Program. These grants provide funding to rural communities to purchase automated external defibrillators (AEDs) and provide training in their use and maintenance. "Every second counts when there is a health emergency, and defibrillators play a critical role in saving lives," said Reyes. "I applaud the Rio Grande Council of Governments for their foresight in applying for this funding," said Reyes.

In other news

■ The Chamizal National Memorial Theater will present a Malena Cano production of *Viva, Mexico!* The theatrical dramatization of Mexico's history will be held on Friday and Saturday, Sept. 22-23 at 7 p.m. and on Sunday, Sept. 24 at 4 p.m. Tickets are \$12 per person, advance purchase only. Call 772-3905 or 329-7774 for more information.

■ Copies of Horizon High School's 140-page yearbook are now on sale at the front office of the campus, 14651 Horizon Blvd. Numerous "firsts" for the school are included in this pictorial history. Contact Karen Hayes at 926-4200 for more information.

■ El Dorado High School, 12401 Edgemere, will be hosting its 3rd Annual Fall Festival and Car Show on Sept. 15, 2006 from 6 p.m. until 12 a.m. There will be food, games, crafts and entertainment. Join students, faculty and families Friday as they light up the night.

■ Ernesto Serna School, 11471 Alameda Ave., will be hosting their annual Fall Festival on Sept. 22 from 5:30 p.m. to 9 p.m. There will be food, games, hayrides, a dunking booth and many other activities.

■ In 1996, Americas High School, 12101

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Don't be afraid to ask dumb questions. They're easier to handle than dumb mistakes.

— Quips & Quotes

Sambrano celebrates Grandparent's Day

By Phillip Cortez
Special to the Courier

SAN ELIZARIO — The Monday-morning guests walked in through the halls of Sambrano Elementary School a bit apprehensively, not knowing what to expect. But upon entering counselor Juanita Gandara's classroom, any apprehension quickly melted away as grandparents began experiencing classroom life with their grandchildren.

The idea behind the event on Sept. 11 began during a brainstorming session on what kinds of activities the students could do for a new citizenship club that's about to get started on campus, according to Gandara.

"One of the ideas for the club was to visit the elderly and that's when we thought about bringing grandparents here, too," Gandara said. "We thought it would be neat to give them an opportunity to let them volunteer at the cam-

pus so that they could get involved."

Gandara, as well as Isela Solis and Borrego counselor Jesus Cobos, made sure that any interested grandparent was given a volunteer application and provided help in filling it out. But the highlight for all grandparents was getting



— Photo courtesy San Elizario ISD

HELPING HAND — Leila Contreras gets a little bit of extra help from her grandma, Magdalena Acosta, during Grandparents Day at Sambrano Elementary School.

Magdalena Acosta, show up at her classroom door. The two quickly began working on Leila's lesson together.

As for the Sambrano Citizenship Club, the first meeting was set for Sept. 12 and the group will be comprised of two at-risk kids from each 3rd, 4th, and 5th grade classroom, Gandara said.

Tornillo students learn historical significance of 9/11

By Antonio Rosales
Special to the Courier

TORNILLO — Tornillo Intermediate School students participated in several activities in commemoration of the 5th anniversary of the 9/11 terrorist attacks on the United States.

Antonio Rosales, TIS counselor, and district administrator Adriana Cantu developed several activities for the students.

All students submitted artwork depicting the events of 9/11 and the heroic efforts of those who gave their lives trying to save others. In addition, each 4th, 5th and 6th grade class decorated their classroom doors in a patriotic salute to the United States.

The culminating activity was a 45-minute school assembly, which began with an a cappella

duet performed by TIS nurse Miranda Peck and 5th grade student Celeste Hernandez. Ms. Cantu then showed a 6-minute video of the 9/11 attacks on the World Trade Center buildings. Then, firefighter Raul Gonzalez spoke about the rescue efforts of the New York City firefighters. The event was capped with the announcement and recognition of the best-judged artwork and decorated doors.



— Photo courtesy Tornillo ISD

9/11 HEROISM REMEMBERED — In honor of his fallen colleagues who gave their lives on Sept. 11, 2001, Firefighter Raul Gonzalez receives a certificate and other gifts from TIS counselor Antonio Rosales during the 9/11 memorial.

The fifth anniversary of the attacks was the perfect time to teach the students about 9/11 and its significance in American history," Barreda.

County meetings now available live through internet

By Guadalupe Silva
Special to the Courier

EL PASO COUNTY — El Pasoans may now watch El Paso County Commissioner Court's

meetings and budget sessions live through their computers from the comfort of home.

"By making all our meetings available live and through the archives system to the public,

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City appoints Canutillo ISD executive director to Ethics Review Commission

By Alfredo Vasquez
Special to the Courier

CANUTILLO — Yusuf Farran, P.E., R.S., executive director of Facilities and Transportation for Canutillo Independent School Dis-



Yusuf Farran

trict, was appointed by El Paso Mayor John Cook to be a member of the City Ethics Review Commission.

Farran will join the nine-member review board that serves as an advisory body to the mayor and city council on matters concerning ethics in city government.

Farran is a current member of the El Paso City/County Board of Health, the Texas Society of Professional Engineers, and the El Paso Community College Foundation. He has also served on the El Paso City Water Conservation Advisory Board and the El Paso City Plumbing and HVAC Board of Appeals.

Farran has over 20 years of civil, environmental, and sanitary engineering experience. He earned a bachelor of science in mechanical engineering and a master of science in civil/environmental engineering degrees from the University of Texas at El Paso.

In March of 2004, Farran was hired by CISD to be the district's first construction administrator. In March 2006, he was named executive director of Facilities and Transportation when CISD created that new position.

Before joining CISD, Farran was the construction project manager for Ysleta ISD. He has also worked for the U.S. Section, International Boundary and Water Commission (IBWC), where he was the division engineer for the Environmental Management Division.

While working for the IBWC, Farran helped develop the first inter-agency agreements between the United States Environmental Protection Agency and the United States Section of the IBWC, which facilitated the transfer of \$46 million from the U.S. President's Border Budget for U.S./Mexico Border wastewater infrastructure projects.

In his current position, Farran oversees CISD's construction projects, facilities and transportation operations. The District is currently in the process of constructing two new elementary schools and completing various renovation projects at the seven existing campuses.

"My goal for the District's facilities and transportation division are twofold: For the facilities department, I want to consistently increase the operation and maintenance programs' efficiency. For the transportation department my goals are to establish an effective, safe route system and an efficient equipment and vehicle replacement schedule," said Farran.



One perspective

By Francis Shrum

Thin air

Now they've gone and done it. American lawyers have figured out how to profit off of thin air. I realize that my consternation over this makes no sense to young people, for whom the intricacies of the internet and the electronic world of nothingness seems perfectly normal. However, there are a few of us still kicking who grew up with the sure knowledge that anything of worth could be ascertained with the five sense. It had weight, dimension, even a smell. It used to be that if people got into arguments over things, they were real things, like toys or women or cars or barrels of oil. While the nature of greed hasn't changed one bit, the object of greed's

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affection has shifted dramatically. With the advent of the computer age it seems that power, wealth and prestige can be derived from nothing more than a flickering passage of an electronic blip on a power line or a microwave bounced off the landscape — untouchable, invisible, but ever so powerful. Information, be it good, bad or indifferent, is the product America trades in these days, with the massive interconnected network of about a bazillion computers and databases pumping it out faster than it can be sucked up by thirsty-fingered computer handlers. It's only natural that lawyers should log on. A major money source derived from the internet is advertising, which has, admittedly, always been a little ethereal in nature but it has become even more so having been linked with the internet. The way it works these days is that big companies like Yahoo and Google provide what is called a "search engine" to help you access the internet. All you have to do is type a few words on your computer screen and these big engines call up a seemingly endless array of sources providing information about your desired subject — mostly provided at no cost. But this ready access to the human mind was inevitably too good to be ignored, so the first thing you know web companies started selling advertising to other companies to be displayed alongside the information requested by a customer. Now, everybody knows that advertising is only as good as the number of potential customers who are actually exposed to it. A billboard on the side of the road is only as good as the number of passing

motorists who are going see it. Businesses tend to buy ads in magazines or sections of the newspaper that cater to interests similar to their products. You know, a kind of economic profiling. So internet companies started putting ads on their websites at a minimal price — sometimes even free — but then charged these advertisers based on the number of times web surfers "click" their mouses on the ad looking for more information. These charges are made even if no sale results from the ad being viewed. Thus was created fertile ground for a whole new genre of misconduct. They call it, naturally enough, click fraud. So some lawyers gathered up a wad of mostly small advertisers and filed a class-action lawsuit this summer against the Google search engine on the grounds that it isn't doing enough to protect them from being charged for illegitimate clicks. I haven't exactly ascertained how you determine whether a click is an illegitimate or legitimate click — maybe they have a computer DNA testing or something — but these little guys, via their lawyers, cried foul. So Google made a proposal that is as ironic as the lawsuit itself. In return for the loss of thin air, Google proposed to pay them back — with thin air. About \$60 million worth. And you guessed it. The only ones actually getting paid cash are the lawyers — they get \$30 million. Now, I don't know about you, but I find it a little unnerving that a transaction of this magnitude was generated from, basically, nothing. As this nation's manufacturing plants close down, our agriculture industry wanes and food-producing ground is sacrificed to profits offered by urban sprawl we are becoming the world's biggest consumer instead of the world's biggest producer. It's scary to realize that the matrix of the fastest growing industry in this country is nothing more than thin air.



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Reyes Reports

By U.S. Rep. Silvestre Reyes

A four-day tour of the Middle East

Earlier this month, with unrest and violence still plaguing the region, I traveled to war-ravaged Lebanon and Israel to meet with officials on both sides of the conflict to promote a peaceful solution. This House Intelligence Committee delegation also included Reps. Ray LaHood of Illinois and Charles Boustany Jr., of Louisiana

Day 1 - Fri., Sept. 1, 2006 - Cyprus
We visited with the crew of the USS Mount Whitney, which is currently moored in Cyprus. They spearheaded and coordinated the evacuation of U.S. citizens from Lebanon, and are now awaiting additional orders. While on board, I met with about 20 Texans, including El Pasoans, and told them how proud we are of their service to our country.

Day 2 - Sat., Sept. 2, 2006 - Lebanon
We helicoptered into Beirut, Lebanon to meet with Prime Minister Siniora, who provided us with the Lebanese perspective of the conflict and asked support for Lebanon's Seven-Point Plan to resolve the crisis. We then met with Saad Hariri, the son of assassinated Prime Minister Rafik Hariri, a member of the Lebanese Parliament who has a controlling coalition. We laid a wreath at the Hariri Memorial.

After a tour of damaged areas and the Children's Cancer Center of Lebanon, we had lunch with members of Parliament, business leaders and U.S. Ambassador Feltman. We discussed the Israeli blockade, Lebanon's Seven-Point Plan, the Shebaa Farms area, and continued support to ensure a strong Lebanese government to counter Hezbollah influence.

Day 3 - Sun., Sept. 3, 2006 - Israel
In Ramallah, we met with Palestinian Economic Minister Salam Fayad, who briefed us on a very aggressive and visionary plan that he hoped would retake political control from Hamas.

We then went to Jerusalem for briefings with our embassy intelligence staff, the head of Israeli Mossad and the head of Domestic Intelligence Shin Bet.

Day 4 - Mon., Sept. 4, 2006 - Israel
We met with Foreign Minister Tzipi Livni from the Israeli Ministry of Foreign Affairs, who discussed the economic impact of the recent military operations on Israel and their projected recovery plans. She also discussed Israel's perspective on the fragile cease-fire with Lebanon. She was impressive and very well-versed on all aspects of the issues.

Too many lives have been lost in the Middle East, and the war-torn regions have a long road to recovery. As members of Congress from different areas, we provided different perspectives and offered different suggestions, and we also learned quite a bit from our Middle Eastern counterparts.

Not long after our visit, Israel lifted its nearly two-month-long air blockade of Lebanon, which will help bring a measure of stability to Lebanon. This is an important step forward for the region, and I hope the start of many more to come.



— Photo courtesy Socorro ISD

EAST EL PASO COUNTY — The students at the SISD Community Learning Center, 313 S. Rio Vista, celebrated National Literacy Day on Friday, Sept. 8 by doing research on the internet to write an essay on ‘What Literacy Means to Me.’ After reading their essays, three winners were chosen to receive a ‘goodie’ bag from the SISD Community Services’ Partners in Education (PIE). All students received a book compliments of another PIE. The students spent the rest of the morning in ‘sustained reading’. National Literacy Day began in 1966 to call attention to the global effort to promote literacy. Literacy is defined as: “an individual’s ability to read, write, speak in English, compute and solve problems at levels of proficiency necessary to function on the job, in the family of the individual and in society.”

— Contributed by Jan Engels

SISD board approves budget, tax rate, bond sales

By Irma Flores
Special to the Courier

EAST EL PASO COUNTY — The Socorro Independent School District Board of Trustees unanimously approved a budget and tax rate for the 2006-2007 school year at a special board meeting on Aug. 29, 2006. The budget was set at \$395,340,874. The tax rate for the year was set at \$1.49 per \$100 valuation, down from \$1.63 per \$100 valuation last year.

“It’s unfortunate, but our growth is never ending in SISD,” said Board President Craig Patton. “Because of the tremendous growth each year, it requires us to build more new schools and hire more teachers to keep up with the large influx of new students. We don’t want to do it. We don’t like

to do it. But we have no choice. If we are to do our duty to provide classrooms and teachers to educate our children, we have to raise taxes to support this.”

SISD’s student population has nearly doubled in the last ten years. Each year, the District has seen its enrollment increase by approximately 2,000 students.

Socorro ISD has the lowest maintenance and operations tax rate among school districts in El Paso County. Only 18 percent of the District’s budget is funded by local taxes, 73 percent by state funds, and 9 percent by federal funds. “We are working very hard to use our taxpayers’ money wisely,” said Mary Benham, Assistant Superintendent for Business Services. “We have been fortunate that our tax base has grown and we have been able

to save money by being awarded Instructional Facilities Allotment funding for our bonds.”

At the same meeting, Board Trustees approved sales of the final bonds from SISD’s 2004 Bond Issue. The bonds, which the District expected to sell over a five-year period, are being completed in three years. This comes as a result of the District’s efforts to secure matching funds from the state which will cover 70 percent of the \$188.6 million bond passed by the Socorro ISD community in 2004. Interim Superintendent Charles Hart, Jr. gives credit to SISD’s Board of Trustees for being supportive of these measures.

“The fact that the state is matching our bond funds means we are saving our community millions of dollars,” he said.

Two pedestrians killed in Sept. 10 accident

EAST EL PASO COUNTY — An evening accident on Sunday, Sept. 10 near Clint has left two people dead in a vehicle-pedestrian collision.

El Paso County Sheriff’s Deputies were dispatched to a report of a motor vehicle accident involving two pedestrians at about 9:15 p.m.

A 63-year-old woman in a 2006 Ford Fusion reportedly was traveling east in the 14600 block of Texas Highway 20 when she felt “a hard impact to the right front” of her vehicle, officers said.

The force of the impact disabled the vehicle. The driver managed to move to the nearly inoperable vehicle to the side of the road and she searched the area without being able to find what she had hit. Officers said the area is very dark and visibility is limited to the headlights of a vehicle.

The driver flagged down a passing motorist for help and immediately called the Sheriff’s Office. Deputies arrived on scene and discovered the bodies about 100 feet away from the point of impact. Special Traffic Investigators were summoned to the scene and continue to investigate the fatality.

The deceased have been identified as Jose A. Quintana, 43, of San Elizario and Sonia Garcia, 29, also of San Elizario. Officers said they were pronounced dead at the scene by the Medical Examiner. The relationship between the two is still under investigation, and it is unknown why they were on the roadway, officers said.

The driver of the car was identified as Alicia Madrid of Fabens, and no charges have been filed against her.

This is the 18th and 19th fatality of the year recorded by the El Paso County Sheriff’s Office compared to 13 at this time last year.

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

Foreign drugs: What you should know

In January of 2001, I was appointed chairman of the Appropriations Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies. As Chairman, I am responsible for oversight of funding for the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA), all of our nation’s agriculture programs and the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA). In this role, I have discovered many troubling facts about imported drugs. We all want to save money and the price of prescription drugs can be high, but you need to ask yourself, is it worth your life?

Due to the rigorous controls mandated by the FDA, the overall quality of drug products that consumers purchase from accredited pharmacies in the United States is remarkably high. Due to these high standards, American consumers are confident in the safety and effectiveness of FDA approved medicines. However, medicines sold by foreign sources cannot be regulated and therefore, are not subjected to the same approval process.

Trusting medicines from foreign sources exposes consumers to countless unknown risks.

Recently, the FDA has identified numerous websites offering to sell prescription drugs directly to U.S. consumers from, what they claim to be, legal Canadian sources. These websites are fraudulent plain and simple. These websites claim it is legal for Canadian pharmacies to sell medication to American consumers. False. Often these websites claim the prescriptions are rewritten by a Canadian doctor and filled by a certified Canadian pharmacist. These claims are bogus as well. Writing prescriptions and then dispensing medication when the physician has not examined the patient is not only in direct violation of medical ethics and standards, it is dangerous. Consumers are at risk of suffering life threatening side effects, having severe allergic reactions, suffering from harmful drug interactions or taking inappropriately prescribed medications. Reactions to these medications can even be fatal.

We warn our children not to take candy from a stranger, but then trust a website with our own health? The truth is you have no idea what you will receive when you purchase medications from foreign sources. The drugs may be past their expiration date, counterfeit or even improperly manufactured products that are either too-potent or watered down. Consumers who have adverse reactions to foreign medications have little or no recourse. They may even sign product liability releases in order to purchase these dangerous drugs.

As a rule of thumb, the FDA advises American consumers to avoid buying any medical products online, no matter how reputable the website may appear. You simply do not know where these medications are coming from. In 2005, the FDA conducted an operation at New York, Miami,



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PUBLIC NOTICE

Village of Vinton, Texas

Texas Community Development

Block Grant Program

The Village of Vinton is giving notice of the city's intent to submit a Community Development Fund application for a grant from the Texas Community Development Program. The grant application request is \$243,000 for water system improvements on Quejette St. and Douglas St. The application will be available for review at the Village Hall in Vinton after September 19, 2006 during regular business hours.

Madeleine Praino, Mayor

Village of Vinton, Texas

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Notice of Public Meeting

To Discuss Fabens Independent

School District's State Financial

Accountability Rating

The Fabens Independent School District will hold a public hearing at 6:30 p.m., Wednesday, September 20, 2006 in the boardroom of the Fabens ISD Administration Building, 821 NE "G" Avenue, Fabens, Texas.

The purpose of this hearing is to discuss Fabens Independent School District's rating on the state's financial accountability system.

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Town of Horizon City

PUBLIC NOTICE

A PUBLIC HEARING will be held at **6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, September 20, 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 ordinances:

1) An Ordinance Authorizing the Assessment and Collection of Property Taxes within the Town of Horizon City, Texas and Authorizing the City of El Paso Tax Office to perform the Actual Assessment and Collection of said Property Taxes on behalf of the Town of Horizon City, Texas for the Fiscal Year of October 1, 2006 to September 30, 2007.

2) Repeal and Replace Ordinance No. 0036 — Establishing a Flood Damage Prevention Plan within the Town of Horizon City.

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

Sandra Sierra

City Clerk

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we are opening up County government and making it more transparent," County Judge Dolores Briones said. "Time Warner will still broadcast our regular meetings on Wednesday, but now our own Information Technology Department (ITD) will video-record them."

Ray Sanchez, El Paso County's web master, described the new system to access County meetings through the Internet as "easy." Viewers may access the County's web page at www.epcounty.com, linking to County meetings and from there to live meetings or archives. He recommends accessing the video through DSL or cable Internet connections, rather than dial-up service.

"The big advantage now is that El Pasoans can view live meetings, whether regular or special, as they are taking place from home, office or school," Sanchez said. "Plus, they can watch them through the archive system for 90 day, just by clicking on the date they need."

The County has been doing its own in-house production of live video recording, said Peter Cooper, ITD director. He added that his department recently began recording the County's meetings, including the special sessions and budget work sessions. These are now archived, and made available within the week to the public through the County Clerk's Office.

"We're also producing some promotional videos of county programs, which are coming out well," he said. "But we will be expanding in the future and getting higher quality videos with the new equipment that is coming in."

NOTICE

OF VOTE ON

TAX RATE

The Town of Horizon City

conducted public hearings

on a proposal to

increase the total tax

revenues of the

Town of Horizon City

from properties on the tax roll

in the preceding year by

34.39 percent on Friday,

September 1, 2006 and

Friday, September 8, 2006.

The Town of Horizon City

is scheduled to vote on

the tax rate that will result

in that tax increase at a

public meeting to be held on

Wednesday, September 20,

2006 at 6:30 p.m.,

14999 Darrington Road,

Horizon City, Texas 79928.

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Briefs

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Pellicano, opened its doors and welcomed its first class. Ten years later, the school is welcoming back the Class of 2000 and the following six graduating classes to join current students in the birthday festivities. Held concurrently with its homecoming celebration, the school's anniversary party is scheduled for Thursday, Sept. 21, 2006 from 4 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. The school will be decorated with memorabilia from the past decade. All new and former Americas High students, faculty and staff are welcome to attend. The National Honor Society will provide free food for all guests in the courtyard beginning at 4:15 p.m. Various groups will perform throughout the school. For more information, contact Miyesser Kathleen Collins, Student Activities Director, at 937-2832.

■ Volunteers and nominations for open positions on the Clint Independent School District Site Based Committee are now being taken for the 2006-2007 school year. One representative from the Horizon attendance zone is needed for persons who reside in the community, and business men and women who have interest in the Clint school district. Those willing to serve or to nominate someone should contact Laura Cade, Community Relations Coordinator, or Sandy Burr, Executive Assistant to the Superintendent, at 926-4000.

■ Representatives from the UTEP, El Paso Community College, Sul Ross State University, and New Mexico State University will be speaking at a collegiate forum sponsored by the Socorro Independent School District at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Sept. 20 at El Dorado High School. A question and answer session follows the presentations by the college representatives. Spanish translation is offered via headphones. Another college forum has been scheduled for Wednesday, Oct. 25.

■ If no one else knows how cute your pet is, here is an opportunity to let them in on your secret — through the 2006 Cutest Pet Contest. The International Pet Owners Club sponsors the event annually, and everyone is invited to participate. Simply send a black and white photo, smaller than 8 by 10 inches, of your pet — all kinds of pets included — to the 2006 Fall Photo Contest, International Pet Owners Club, P.O. Box 1908, Pittsburgh, KS 66762. Be sure to put name and address of pet owner on the back. Or submit online at www.cutestpetcontest.com. Deadline is Oct. 15. \$10,000 in cash and prizes will be awarded.

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Clint ISD students' scores improve the district's rating by state standards

By Laura Cade
Special to the Courier

EAST EL PASO COUNTY — The students of the Clint Independent School district have risen to the challenge of both the state (TAKS) standards and the federal (AYP) standards for academic performance by showing marked improvement across the board.

The District was given an “Academically Acceptable” rating by the Texas Education Agency (TEA) showing improvement in student performance on the Reading, Social Studies, Mathematics, and Science Texas Assessment of Knowledge and Skills (TAKS) tests. The rating is based on TAKS performance, state developed alternative test performance, completion rate for the class of 2005, the dropout rate for 7th and 8th grade students in 2004-2005, and required improvement. Frank Macias Elementary is one of just a few campuses in the El Paso area who received an “Exemplary Rating” with 90 percent of the students meeting the standard on all subjects tested. Desert Hills Elementary received a “Recognized” rating. The district’s ten other campuses were all rated “Academically Acceptable”.

The district has also met the challenge of the Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) standards of the federal government which evaluates the district and schools based on student performance in reading and mathematics on the TAKS test or other alternative test, number of students who participate on the test, how student groups perform, and the graduation rate for the class of 2005. Eleven of twelve campuses in Clint ISD “Meet AYP” standards.

Five campuses in the district have

also received the Governor’s Education Excellence Award which is an incentive pay plan through a grant program ordered by Governor Rick Perry. The Texas Education Agency designed the plan recommending salary bonuses starting at \$3000. For the award, TEA

identified schools that have a high percentage of economically disadvantaged students and have demonstrated high levels of student achievement or marked student improvement. The Clint ISD schools selected have shown strong performance gains in the areas of math and reading. East Montana Middle School, Clint Junior High School, Frank Macias Elementary, Red Sands Elementary, and W.D. Surratt Elementary will together be awarded a total of \$650,000.

During a visit to Clint ISD, Dr. Shirley Neeley, Texas Commissioner of Education, praised the district for its stellar academic performance this



— Photo courtesy Clint ISD

JOB WELL DONE NOTED — Dr. Shirley Neeley, Texas Commissioner of Education, talked over district affairs with Olivia Campos, Clint ISD Assistant Superintendent for Instructional Services, during a recent visit to the area.

past school year attributing the success to the district’s implementation of a benchmarking program. In addition to the benchmarking program, the district provided intensive teacher training, provided math, reading and literacy resources and support for all curricular projects. “High expectations for everybody — teachers and students — and a clear focus on what Clint ISD wants to accomplish is the reason for our success,” says Olivia Campos, Assistant Superintendent for Instructional Services. According to Campos the district has identified areas of need and will target the Limited English Proficient population, literacy development for all students, and math and science curriculum delivery. “We will take on a ‘no excuses’ attitude, work hard, and support our teachers who are the key component in the success of our students,” says Campos.

Notice of Public Hearing Town of Clint, Texas

Texas Community Development Program Completion and Closeout Project #724171

The Town of Clint will conduct a public hearing to solicit the input and participation of its residents in its Texas Community Development Program (TCDP) project. Residents are encouraged to attend this meeting and voice opinions concerning the completion of a water system improvements project that has been carried out under TCDP/CD Contract No. 724171. Topics to be discussed will include the completed activities of the project, and the town’s implementation of the project, including location, general cost, and project benefits.

DATE OF THE HEARING: Mon., September 18, 2006
HEARING LOCATION: Clint Community Center
TIME OF HEARING: 6:00 p.m.

The Town of Clint has a Citizen Participation Plan that provides for and encourages citizen participation at all stages of the Community Development Program; copies are available by request. Persons unable to attend this public hearing may submit their views regarding completion of the project at the Town Hall in Clint, Texas.

Accommodations for handicapped persons will be available; handicapped persons in need of special assistance for attending the hearing are encouraged to contact the Town Clerk at (915) 851-3146.

El publico en general está invitado a asistir a esta audiencia. La presentación y discusión del Programa de Desarrollo de la Comunidad del Estado de Texas se haran en español para aquellas personas que asi lo deseen.

Dale Reinhardt, Mayor
Town of Clint, Texas
Date Published:
September 14, 2006

City of Socorro PUBLIC NOTICE

A PUBLIC HEARING will be held at 5:00 p.m. during a Special City Council Meeting on Tuesday, September 26, 2006 at City Hall, 860 Rio Vista Rd., Socorro, Texas. The purpose of the public hearing is to allow any interested person to appear and testify at the hearing regarding the following:

- 1) An ordinance adopting a budget for the Fiscal Year commencing October 1, 2006 and ending on September 30, 2007 for the City of Socorro, Texas.

Those unable to attend the public hearing may submit their views to the City of Socorro. Accommodations for handicapped persons will be available; handicapped persons in need of special assistance for attending the hearings are encouraged to contact the City Clerk (915) 858-2915, forty-eight (48) hours prior to this meeting. Copies of the ordinance are available for review at 124 S. Horizon Blvd., Socorro, Texas 79927 upon request or can be viewed on our website at www.socorrotexas.org.

Gina Rodriguez
City Clerk

WTCC: 08/14/06

Public Notice City of Socorro, Texas

Balance Budget Recap for FYE 09/30/2007

Revenues	\$8,717,148
General Fund	
Administration	1,673,363
Public Works	883,249
Police	1,504,620
Court	199,670
Planning and Zoning	353,816
Health	341,335
Rio Vista Community Center	68,219
Human Resources	97,207
Sub-total General Fund	\$ 5,121,479
Debt Service Fund	
Debt Service	490,796
Sub-total Debt Service	\$ 490,796
Other Funds	
Grants	1,340,373
Hotel Tax-Tourism	9,500
Parks-Reserve	-0-
Court-Reserve Expense	25,000
Police-Reserve Expense	30,000
Sub-total Other Funds	\$ 1,404,873
Allocations	
Court, Planning, Museum - 2001 Series	200,000
Streets - 2004 Series	1,000,000
New CO Series for Land Acquisition	500,000
Sub-total Allocations	\$ 1,700,000
Total Expenses	\$ 8,717,148
Net Income (Loss)	\$ -0-

A complete copy of the proposed City of Socorro, Texas FY 2006-2007 Budget is available for inspection at Socorro City Administration Building, 124 S. Horizon Blvd., Socorro, Texas 79927.

Gina Rodriguez
City Clerk

WTCC: 09/14/06

Clint ISD adopts budget, tax rate

EAST EL PASO COUNTY — At a special meeting on Aug. 29 the Clint Independent School District Board of Trustees adopted a \$69,917,853 budget for the 2006-2007 school year.

This budget makes allowance for the fast growth of the district. Clint ISD is expecting to hit 10,000 students this fall which is about 750 students more than last school year.

The budget also allows for a four percent salary increase plus step for all employees. The district now has the highest paying schedule for all teachers in the region.

The 2006 tax rate and rollback rate of \$1.68510 was adopted by the board as well. This rate includes a Maintenance and Operations rate of \$1.37010. The M&O rate includes the state required rollback and the four cent increase allowed without voter approval. By maximizing the funding available, the four cent increase will generate approximately \$250,000 locally and \$2.3 million from the state for the district.

The Interest and Sinking rate is \$0.3150 and includes a \$0.10500 increase which was approved by the voters in a Bond Election on May 13, 2006. Overall, the 2006-2007 tax rate is a decrease from the previous year of \$1.71.



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Miners give El Paso fans a thrill against tough Texas Tech team

By Steve Escajeda
Special to the Courier

It was beautiful — orange as far as the eye could see. Fans were cheering, fans were booing, bands were playing, pretty girls were dancing and mascots were — well — doing whatever mascots do.

If anyone had any doubts whether big-time college football had finally found its way to El Paso, all they had to do was be a part of the craziness at the Sun Bowl last Saturday.

The Sun Bowl was bulging at the sides as 51,827 rabid fans packed the old stadium to capacity, and then some.

It was the biggest opening day crowd in UTEP's history.

The fans of El Paso have sat through four decades of the worst kind of play the great game of football has to offer, and they are finally being rewarded for their insane patience.

The sight of college football being played the way it's supposed to be had to put a smile on every face at the game. Miner fans walked around the Sun Bowl aisles with their chests pumped out quite a bit more than normal as they showed the Tech fans that they knew how to put on a big-time college football event, too.

As for the game, it was apparent right from the start that the Miners were in for a tussle.

It was easy to see that Texas Tech was a definite step up in competition for the Miners. The Raiders were visibly bigger and faster, giving UTEP a peek of what life is like in the tough Big-12 conference.

But as they say, you can't consider yourself as one of the best unless you beat one of the best.

And the Miners accomplished everything they wanted except beating one of the best. UTEP's heartbreaking 38-35 overtime loss may be difficult to swallow now, but it proves that the program can compete with the upper echelon of college football.

And it was just three seasons ago that the Miners had lost 30 of 36 games.

I don't think anyone in the city ever thought the Miners would find themselves consistently flirting with the top-25 ranking. Most people were just grateful they were able to attend a game to watch the Miners play one of the better teams and not get blown out by halftime.

But one thing has to be said: What Mike Price has done for this program and this city cannot be underrated. He came to El Paso promising to put UTEP football on the national map and Mike Price has proved to be a man of his word.

He has the Miners ready to take on all comers. The rest of the season should be as exciting as any other in UTEP history.

After his dismal four-interception showing against San Diego State in the season opener, Jordan Palmer played about as well as he ever has, picking the Raiders' secondary apart.

Palmer looked like a different man, throwing the ball away when his receivers were covered and hitting them in stride when they were open. Palmer completed 34 passes for 334 yards and three touchdowns.

And Johnnie Lee Higgins Jr. had the game of his career with 13 catches for 162 yards and a couple of touchdowns.

After the Miners road victory over San Diego State, and their tough loss to Texas Tech, it isn't farfetched to think that UTEP could run the table the rest of the season.

One thing's for sure, the Miners will not face a tougher opponent than Texas Tech the rest of the season. That is, until they play in their bowl game.

Mike Price looks very comfortable here in El Paso and his family looks comfortable here. You've got to think that he won't be going anywhere for a while and that means the Miners will only continue to improve.

Remember, Price is just starting to insert some of his own recruits into the system. So far, he's been winning with the players he inherited from the Gary Nord regime. Imagine what things will be like around here when Price has his own team of recruits.

Get used to it, El Paso. Just like Don Haskins did before him, Mike Price is going to bring a lot of notoriety to this West Texas town.

Bonilla

From Page 3

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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 Southwest Wrecker, 1401 Darrington Rd., 855-1900, 851-

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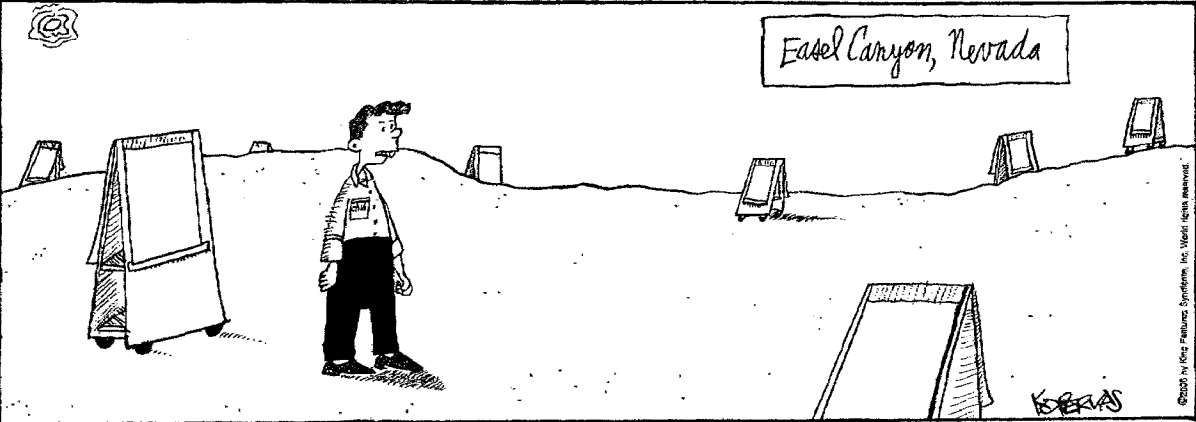
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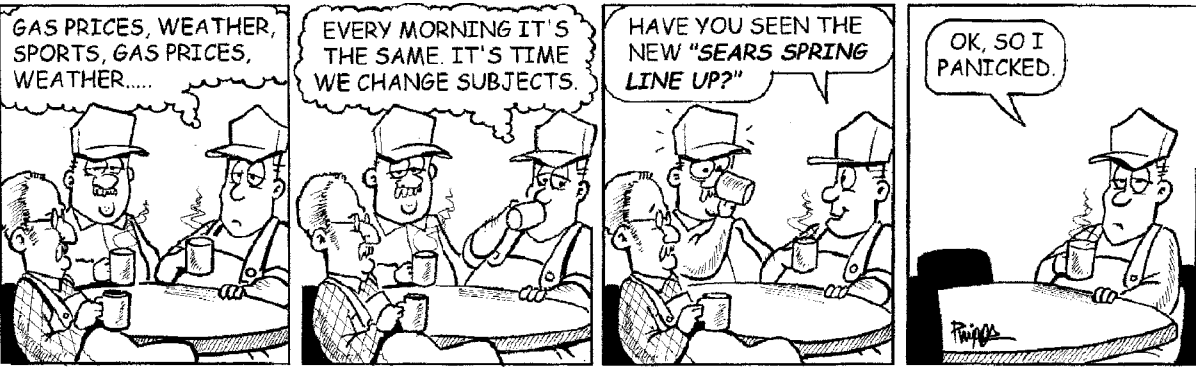
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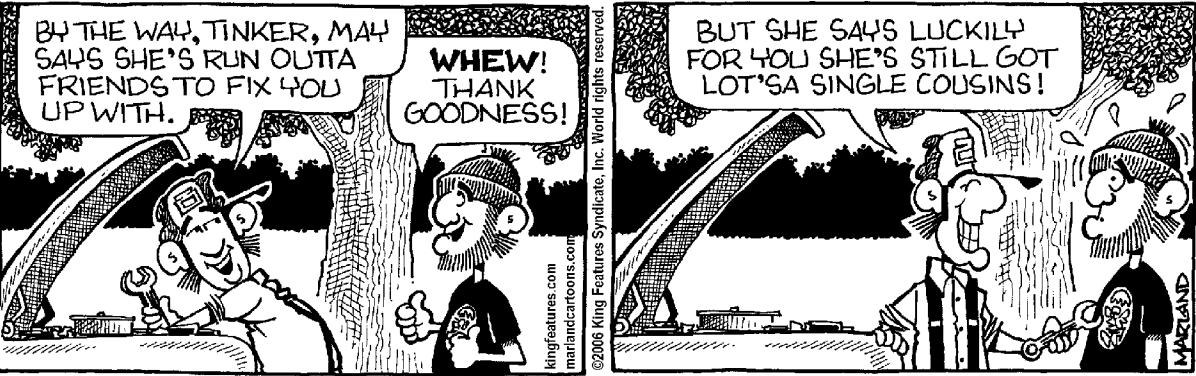
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Wanted: New moon for nice planet

By Don Flood

With all the talk about Pluto being “demoted” from planet to “dwarf planet,” many have ignored a problem closer to home: Our moon is slipping away!

In an apparently long-term “stealth” operation, our moon — the one we Americans bought and paid for — has been moving away at the rate of 1.5 inches a year.

(I knew I wasn’t imagining things! Earlier this year I was observing the moon and I remarked that it looked 1 or 2 inches farther away than the year before. My wife, of course, dismissed this out of hand, but once again *I* was right.)

Despite the enormous implications of this issue, Congress and the president have remained strangely silent, almost as if they don’t understand the gravity (Hah!) of the situation.

So what’s the big deal if the moon scoots away an inch and a half a year?

Here’s why. In just a few short billion years, the center of gravity between the Earth and the moon will be located *outside the Earth*.

Still don’t get it? As Gregory Lauglin, a scientist at the University of California, told CNN, “At that point, the moon would be promoted to planetary status.”

That’s right, folks. No more moon. Instead, we’d be co-planets. Maybe you can live with that, but not me.

First off, there’s the name. We couldn’t call it “moon” anymore.

We’d have to call it “Earth II: The Sequel” or some equally cumbersome name.

And what if the moon isn’t satisfied with being a co-planet? What if it wants to be The Planet, with Us as the moon?

Imagine what that would do to our real-estate values. Owners of formerly attractive properties on

Earth would be forced by those hideously detailed disclosure statements to admit their houses were now located on a moon.

Talk about a buyer’s market. And don’t let that “few billion years” lull you into complacency.

It’s just like Christmas. You hear that first announcement about there being “only” 364 shopping days until Christmas and you foolishly think you have all the time in the world.

Next thing you know, it’s 6 p.m. Christmas Eve and you’re banging on the dollar store window begging the manager to stay open for just five more minutes. Five minutes! That’s all! How about just three minutes — three lousy minutes? Please! One minute! Just one minute! I could have run through and picked up enough stuff for everybody — two years’ worth! That’s all I was asking!

Sorry, got sidetracked. And that’s the point. You get sidetracked.

But in a few billion years, when the war in Iraq is winding down, a future President Bush — there are other brothers, nephews, addle-brained second cousins three times removed, etc., all lined up to follow in W’s footsteps — will announce an exciting return mission to the moon, and the moon will say, “Sorry, but we’re a planet now, and if you plan to come here you’ll have to apply for a landing permit, hazardous waste permits, parking privileges” and on and on.

Let’s admit the obvious: the Earth-moon relationship is headed for a breakup. We should dump the moon now and see if Pluto would like to become our new satellite.

My guess: The dwarfs on Pluto would happy to come here. After all, the Earth is located in a better neighborhood.

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ACROSS

1 Los __, CA

6 Shakespeare heroine

12 “_ Ballou” (’65 film)

15 Bribe

18 ’01 Audrey Tautou film

20 Drifting

21 He gives a hoot

22 “Tarzan” extra

23 Let up

24 Riddle: Part 1

27 Fashion monogram

28 Beethoven’s birthplace

30 Highest card

31 Japanese city

32 Ashbrook or Carvey

33 “Taxi” star

37 Savage

39 Throbbled

42 Jazzman Dave

44 Compute component

45 Word with dance or dunk

46 Conflict site

47 Generosity

51 Riddle: Part 2

56 Cornfield cry

57 Turkish title

58 Indo-European

59 Pro foe

60 Cable channel

61 “Love Story” author

63 Bestow

66 “_ of the North” (’22 film)

69 Botch

71 Ornamental material

75 Sheds

76 Cashew kin

78 Alpha opposite

79 It multiplies by dividing

81 Runner Sebastian

82 Choir member

84 Tennyson’s “Enoch _”

86 Houston or Huff

89 _ Arbor, MI

90 Riddle: Part 3

95 ’74 Abba hit

97 Moshe of Israel

98 Annoy

99 Journalist Jacob

100 Part of FBI

102 Sapphire surface

103 Lysander’s home

106 Delight

107 Obote’s ouster

109 European capital

110 JFK abbr.

111 Candid

112 Burglarize

115 Answer to riddle

122 Where to find a fennec

124 Delivery truck

125 Help

126 Rococo

127 Dieter’s portion

128 Meadow mama

129 Sneak a peek

130 Shows one’s feelings

131 Author Zola

DOWN

1 Player or Puckett

2 Leon of “Mister Ed”

3 Reveal

4 Barcelona bravo

5 Seafaring storyteller

6 Pestiferous person

7 Mistaken

8 “Treasure Island” monogram

9 One _ customer

10 Charleson or Carmichael

11 Storm

12 Cryptanalyst’s concern

13 Impress immensely

14 RN’s specialty

15 ’78 Peace Nobel

16 Glass work

17 Piano part

19 Short jacket

25 Rhine wine

26 Harden

29 Apprehend

32 Actress Moore

33 Part of HOMES

34 “Yeah, sure!”

35 Tahoe town

36 Injury aftereffect

37 “White Christmas” composer

38 Fad

39 Movie mutt

40 Drain problem

41 Aggravation

43 Sita’s spouse

44 Covenant

47 Panelist Paul

48 SAT part

49 Wooden shoe

50 Lucas critters

52 Philistine deity

53 Precambrian -

54 Auel heroine

55 Light wagon

62 Maestro de Waart

63 Vigoda or Fortas

64 Witty one

65 Botanist Gray

67 Correct

68 British big shot

69 Tropical screecher

70 Actress Massey

72 Government game

73 Out of control

74 Pianist Lupu

77 Showy flower

80 With 121 Down, famed Giant

83 Vientiane’s nation

84 Mindful

85 Barrett or Jaffe

87 Competent

88 TV’s “_ the Press”

90 Decree

91 “_ fixe”

92 Nothing, in Navarra

93 Colors

94 Neighbor of Pakistan

96 Comic Leon

100 Chocolate or strawberry

101 Drink like a dachshund

102 It may be grand

103 White wine

104 “Fie!”

105 Isolated

106 School grp.

108 Clutter

110 Guitarist Duane

111 Singles

112 Sitarist Shankar

113 Hurler Hershiser

114 Unadorned

116 Singing syllables

117 Shrill sound

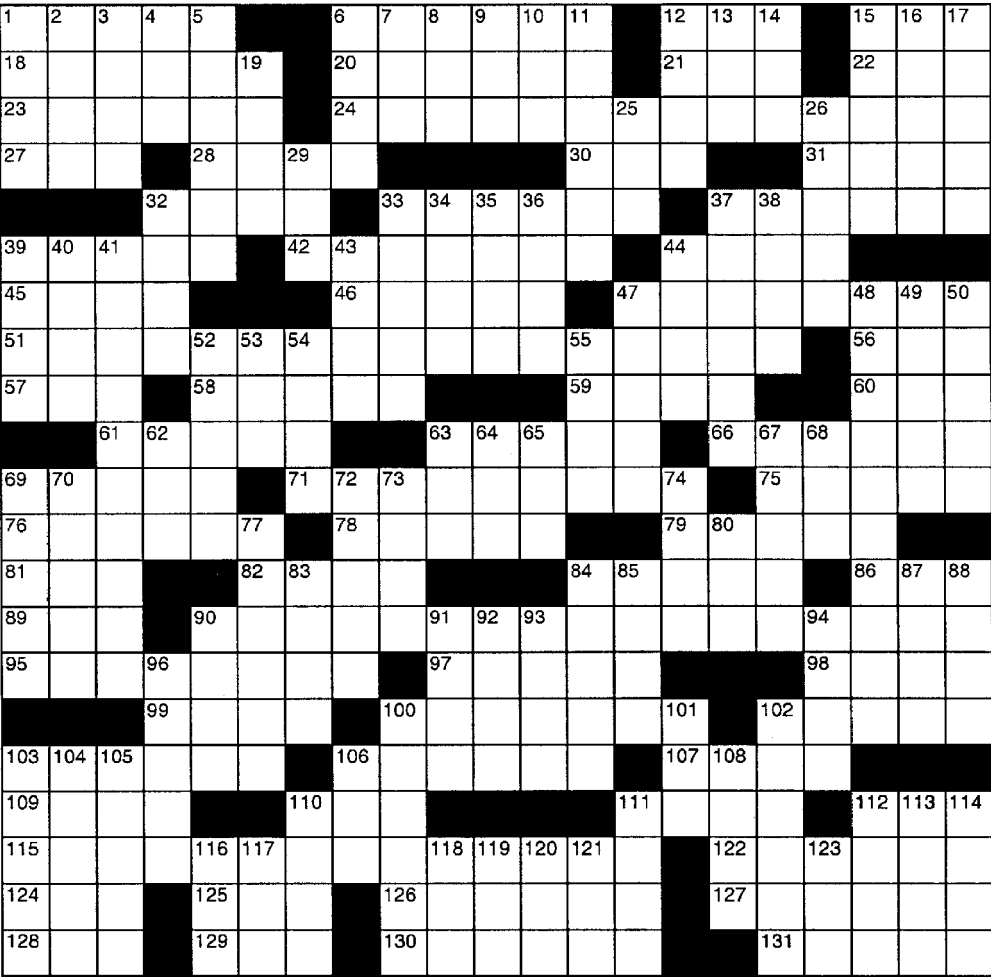
118 High dudgeon

119 Genetic letters

120 Cul-de- _

121 See 80 Down

123 “Run to _” (’61 hit)



Social Security Q&A

By Ray Vigil

Q: I have just taken over the financial responsibilities for my disabled father, who is in the early stages of Alzheimer's disease. I have never had to deal with government benefit programs before, and one of the questions I have not been able to answer is whether Supplemental Security Income (SSI) benefit payments are taxable?

A: No, SSI benefit payments are not taxable. You can learn more about the SSI program and an individual's rights and responsibilities under the program by visiting Social Security's website at www.socialsecuirty.gov.

Q: I recently moved in with my sister and she said I should tell Social Security about it because it may affect my Supplemental Security Income (SSI) benefit payments. Is that true?

A: Yes, you should let Social Security know any time there is a change in your living arrangement. Where you live, who else is in the household and how you share household expenses can all affect the amount of the monthly SSI benefit payment that you receive.

Q: I received Social Security disability benefits for several years, until my condition improved enough to let me try to go back to work last summer. Unfortunately, I have had a relapse and, once again, I'm unable to work. After I was initially approved for Social Security disability benefits, there was a waiting period before benefit payments began. Will I have to wait again?

A: No. Once you are determined to be eligible for benefits, there is no waiting period for benefits to resume if your previous disability benefit payments stopped fewer than five years ago.

Q: I get Social Security retirement benefits and I need to show my new landlord proof of my income. Social Security accounts for most of my monthly income. Can you tell me how to get some proof of my income from Social Security?

A: The easiest way to get a proof-of-income letter is by visiting the Social Security website at www.socialsecurity.gov and selecting "What You Can Do Online" in the upper, left-hand column. Then click on "Request a Proof of Income Letter." After you answer a few questions there, Social Security will mail a proof-of-income letter to your address. You should get it within 10 days. If you do not have access to the Internet, you can call Social Security's toll-free number at 1-800-772-1213 (TTY 1-800-325-0778) and ask a Social Security representative for help in getting a proof-of-income letter.

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

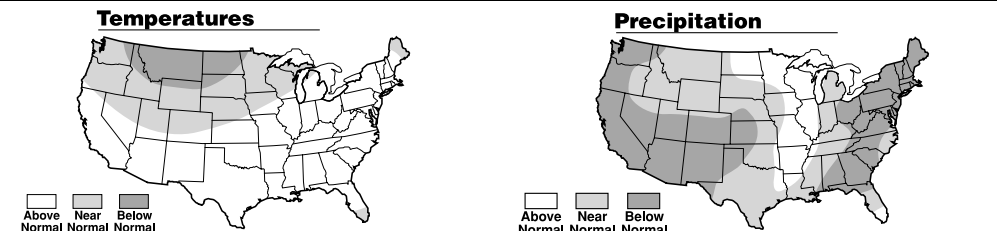
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WEATHER TRENDS THIS WEEK



IN THE SKY

Sun	Rise	Set	Moon	Rise	Set	Last	New
Thu.	6:49 a.m.	7:13 p.m.	Thu.	none	2:34 p.m.		
Fri.	6:49 a.m.	7:12 p.m.	Fri.	12:19 a.m.	3:28 p.m.	9/14	9/22
Sat.	6:50 a.m.	7:10 p.m.	Sat.	1:18 a.m.	4:15 p.m.	First	Full
Sun.	6:51 a.m.	7:09 p.m.	Sun.	2:18 a.m.	4:54 p.m.		
Mon.	6:51 a.m.	7:08 p.m.	Mon.	3:18 a.m.	5:27 p.m.	9/30	10/6
Tues.	6:52 a.m.	7:07 p.m.	Tues.	4:16 a.m.	5:56 p.m.		
Wed.	6:52 a.m.	7:05 p.m.	Wed.	5:12 a.m.	6:22 p.m.		

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REGIONAL CITIES

	Thursday			Friday			Saturday			Sunday		
City	HI	LO	W	HI	LO	W	HI	LO	W	HI	LO	W
Abilene, TX	87	65	s	87	70	t	90	69	s	88	68	s
Albuquerque, NM	79	58	t	80	58	pc	81	55	s	81	56	s
Amarillo, TX	85	60	s	87	60	t	88	60	s	84	55	s
Austin, TX	90	66	s	90	71	t	92	70	pc	92	71	pc
Brownsville, TX	91	77	pc	93	78	t	94	77	pc	92	76	pc
Dodge City, KS	86	59	s	87	62	pc	87	59	s	83	53	s
Jackson, MS	85	62	s	87	64	s	90	63	s	89	66	pc
Laredo, TX	94	77	t	97	77	t	98	77	pc	99	77	pc
Little Rock, AR	83	62	s	86	65	s	88	66	s	89	67	pc
Lubbock, TX	86	62	s	88	62	t	90	63	s	87	59	s
Memphis, TN	84	62	s	86	66	s	86	67	s	87	67	s
Midland, TX	88	66	s	89	68	t	91	67	s	89	64	s
Pueblo, CO	87	50	pc	86	50	t	85	46	s	79	43	s
Roswell, NM	88	60	t	90	60	s	89	59	s	86	58	s
St. Louis, MO	83	64	pc	82	66	s	83	62	s	83	64	c
San Antonio, TX	90	71	s	92	75	t	94	73	pc	90	73	pc
Texarkana, AR	91	63	s	90	66	s	89	67	s	91	70	pc
Waco, TX	90	66	s	90	73	pc	92	73	pc	92	72	pc
Wichita, KS	83	62	s	84	65	pc	84	62	pc	84	59	s

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

	Thursday			Friday			Saturday			Sunday		
City	HI	LO	W	HI	LO	W	HI	LO	W	HI	LO	W
Atlanta	81	63	pc	84	65	s	84	66	s	84	66	s
Boston	68	62	r	68	60	r	74	62	s	76	60	s
Chicago	76	55	s	80	58	s	80	60	s	80	58	pc
Denver	84	54	pc	82	52	pc	78	47	c	72	42	pc
Detroit	74	56	pc	78	58	s	80	60	s	78	59	pc
Houston	90	70	s	90	72	pc	90	74	pc	90	74	t
Indianapolis	75	62	pc	79	61	s	81	62	s	82	61	s
Kansas City	82	60	s	82	62	pc	82	63	pc	82	56	pc
Los Angeles	76	60	pc	74	60	pc	76	60	pc	80	60	s
Miami	87	77	t	91	79	pc	91	78	pc	90	78	pc
Minneapolis	79	56	s	80	60	pc	76	61	pc	74	56	c
New Orleans	90	71	s	87	72	s	88	74	pc	88	73	pc
New York City	70	66	r	71	64	pc	80	64	s	80	66	s
Omaha	83	62	s	83	64	pc	82	64	pc	74	53	c
Phoenix	96	76	pc	94	74	s	94	72	s	96	74	s
San Francisco	63	54	pc	67	56	pc	68	55	pc	70	54	pc
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