

## NEWSBRIEFS

### Early publications

The *West Texas County Courier* will go to press early on the Oct. 12 and Oct. 19 issues. Deadline for these two issues is Sept. 29. All advertising and news copy should be submitted by that time. The *Courier* office will close on Tuesday, Oct. 3 and re-open on Oct. 23. For information call 852-3235.

### Superintendent survey

The Socorro Independent School District is still collecting community input to help its search for a new superintendent. Starting on Friday, Sept. 22 Socorro residents, students, parents, district staff, community and civic leaders can log onto [www.sisd.net](http://www.sisd.net) and click on the superintendent survey link. Participants will be asked to list the district strengths and areas that may need improvement and characteristics they would like a superintendent to possess. The survey will be used by Harold Webb Associates which is conducting the search to create a profile that will be used in the application and selection process. School Board Trustees expect to review potential candidates by the beginning of November and select a new superintendent by December. The superintendent candidate will be in place by January 2007. The superintendent search firm has held a series of community meetings at the district's Education Center and at the four high schools. Making the survey available online allows those students, staff and community members who were unable to attend to let the District know what qualities they would like to see in a new superintendent.

### In other news

■ Three Canutillo ISD Board of Trustees members are up for re-election in November including Sergio Coronado, Rafael Reyes, and Yvonne S. Sanchez. Challenging the three incumbents are six candidates: Dion Dorado, David G. Garcia, Shonda Jordan, Vince Limon Jr., Santos Lucero, Jose M. Villarreal. Each position is an at-large, three-year term.

Important dates to remember in Canutillo ISD:

- October 10 - Last day a person may register to vote in the November 7 Election.
- October 23 - Early voting by personal appearance begins.
- November 3 - Last day to vote early by personal appearance.
- November 7 - Election Day. Polls are open 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

For more information, call Canutillo ISD Superintendent's Office at 877-7444 or Office of the Secretary of State at 1-800-252-8683.

■ A spokesman for the El Paso County Sheriff's Office has reported that the 35-year-old driver of a 1971 Chevrolet pickup truck was killed on Wednesday, Sept. 20 when he veered off the road while

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*Few things in life are more satisfying than parking on what's left of the other person's quarter.*

— Quips & Quotes



— Photo courtesy San Elizario ISD

**TOO COOL JUST FOR SCHOOL** — San Elizario residents enjoy a nice walk in the park thanks to better lighting across from Alarcon Elementary School.

## New lights at community park to benefit the entire community

By Phillip Cortez  
Special to the Courier

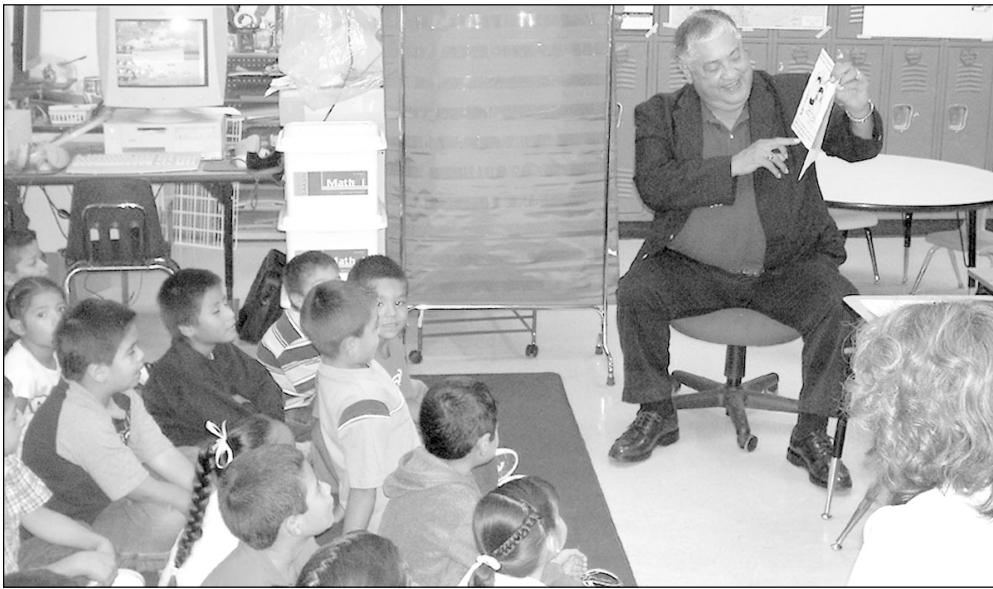
SAN ELIZARIO ISD — After much planning and anticipation, the San Elizario ISD is proud to announce an addition to Alarcon Ball Field and Community park that is sure to brighten everyone's recreational experience — new lights.

Thanks to an inter local agreement between SEISD and El Paso County, a \$443,000 project package for San Elizario was approved last May by the County Commissioner's Court. The money has been slated for various projects in

San Elizario that involve district land. The lighting at Alarcon field, which cost approximately \$104,000, was the first project to be completed in the package. A brand new skate park to be built behind Excell Academy would be the next County/District project involving SEISD land.

For the lighting project, four 60-foot light poles were installed at the field in late August, providing what Facilities Coordinator George Luevano describes as lighting comparable to or better than any city park in the area. From a functional standpoint, each pole consists of

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— Photo courtesy Tornillo ISD

**ONCE UPON A TIME...** — State Rep. Chente Quintanilla reads to Mrs. Limon's first grade class during "Book in a Bag" at TES.

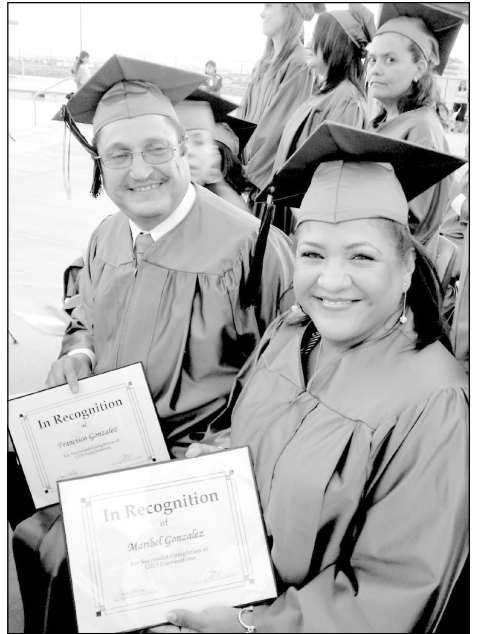
## Tornillo Elementary hosts "Book in a Bag" event

By Antonio Rosales  
Special to the Courier

TORNILLO — Tornillo Elementary was once again visited by United Way of El Paso to provide books and school supplies to first grade students. This activity, called "Book in a Bag," was coordinated by Antonio Rosales, TES Counselor and Heather Chatterton from United Way. This year, the visit was extra special as State Representative Chente Quintanilla was among the volunteer readers. Other readers included two of Mr. Quintanilla's staff

members and two staff members from United Way of El Paso.

The program offers a way for adults to be effective role models for a love for reading. It is hoped students also learn the importance of reading and the impact that becoming a fluent reader will have on their lives. TES Principal Severo Alcoset said he is very pleased the school has been chosen for the "Book in a Bag" project for the last several years. "The students and teachers really enjoy having visitors read in their classrooms and welcome their efforts to increase and support student reading awareness," said Alcoset.



— Photo courtesy Socorro ISD

**Francisco and Maribel Gonzales at their GED graduation held at the Socorro ISD Aquatic Center.**

## GED graduates have plans for their future

By Irma Flores  
Special to the Courier

EAST EL PASO COUNTY — Maribel wants to become a cosmetologist. Francisco wants to become a truck driver. They both say their high school diploma from Socorro ISD is the first step toward creating a successful future. But Francisco and Maribel Gonzalez aren't 18-year-old seniors. They have been married for 26 years and have raised four children. Their graduation day has been a long time coming.

For the Gonzalez family, spending the last two years in the Socorro Independent School District's Community Education Program getting their GED certification is helping them make their dreams come true. On Sept. 21, they joined 40 classmates, ranging in age from 21 to 71, in being congratulated by District administrators, teachers and family members for finishing the program. The couple plans on continuing with their education and joining two of their four children at El Paso Community College.

"It was difficult to go to work and to study, but it was worth it," says Francisco Gonzalez. "We want to keep being students. For us, it doesn't end today."

Both credit their children for their decision to go to school. They say the program also helped them be role models and be able to help their kids adjust to going to school in the United States.

Keynote speaker, Jaime Hernandez, reflected on what the Gonzalez and several of their classmates felt.

"Many people would tell us to give up, but we didn't listen and we are here tonight," he told the audience of graduates and family members. "We have exercised our minds, now we have to exercise our hearts. It does not matter what we gain, it will mean nothing if we don't put it to use in our community and for our families."

Hernandez, assistant principal at Lujan Chavez Elementary, advised the new graduates to continue with their learning and praised the family members for their support.

"Tonight, you should be proud of your

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# One perspective

By Francis Shrum

## Boys will be boys

Remember when people used to say that boys will be boys?

I was getting an oil-change for the car recently and needed something to pass the time and help me ignore the latest action-thriller blaring from the television in the waiting area.

The closest thing at hand was a major men’s magazine — I won’t give the name — purported to publish material that interests the up-and-coming modern male.

Folks, if this magazine is any indication of the male mind we are hoping will lead this nation into the future, we’re in big trouble.

The first thing that struck me was the amount and quality of advertisements. I couldn’t find the table of contents until about half way through the book. It was buried in diminutive type following page after page of shimmering, glossy fold-out pages

of, well, products.

But figuring out exactly what they are selling can be a tricky prospect given the lack of printed material. Actual text in the ad usually consists of the name of the brand only — Boss, Hilfiger, etc.

Like a magic password, the images whisper that if you know this name you can be this person. You’ll just pay for it over the internet or at the mall.

Even a child looking at the pictures could tell what the main selling point is, though. It’s sex and self-centeredness. Judging from their stance and the blank expression of face and eyes, there is also definitely some hallucinogenic appeal. These boys were getting paid to at least appear as if they were mentally somewhere else and wherever that was, there wasn’t too much going on to focus their brain waves.

The second thing that jumped out at me was what was being advertised. Growing up around quite a few folks

of the male gender, I learned early that guys are interested in stuff that is going to have some kind of end use. In other words, their stuff was usually associated with *doing something*.

High on that list was, of course, various modes of transportation to get them and their stuff from one place to another so that they could *do things*. Tools and equipment of all kinds, automotive accessories, sporting and athletic goods, electronics, even musical instruments were things I used to associate with the interest of a young man. And advertisements for these products would show men in the act of sporting events, auto racing, hunting, fishing, working, building something or improving the environment around his place of residence, car or shop.

You have to admit that even the Marlboro man gave you the impression that he was capable and on the job, at least up until some smoking-related health problem caught up with him.

Clothing, products to care for skin and hair, underwear and cologne were not likely to be seen anywhere in a male-oriented publication.

Well, things have undergone a massive transformation.

Most of the ads in this so-called men’s magazine I flipped through — I’d say at least 95 percent — were directly related to apparel, cologne, skin and hair. Only one was for an automobile. I guess the care and maintenance of one has become too much of a responsibility.

The boys in these ads — it would be quite a stretch to call them men — were simply not doing anything. Most looked like they were underweight, under-exercised and were suffering from a terrible lack of exposure to the outdoors or a healthy endeavor of any kind.

I couldn’t picture a single one of them changing a tire, mowing the grass, taking their kid on a camping trip, changing a diaper, or being there for his wife at the end of a really tough day when she doesn’t smell or look as good as he does. Nevermind holding down a job unless it’s associated with the fashion industry or a male escort service, if you know what I mean.

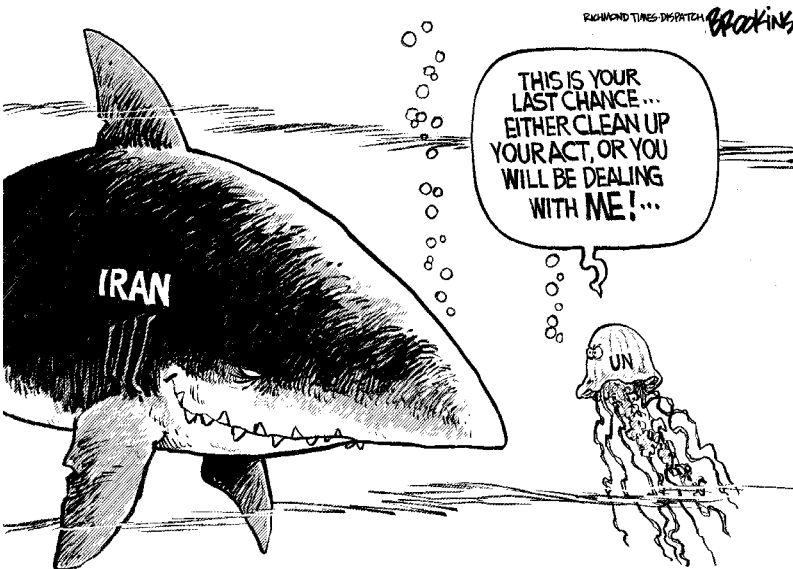
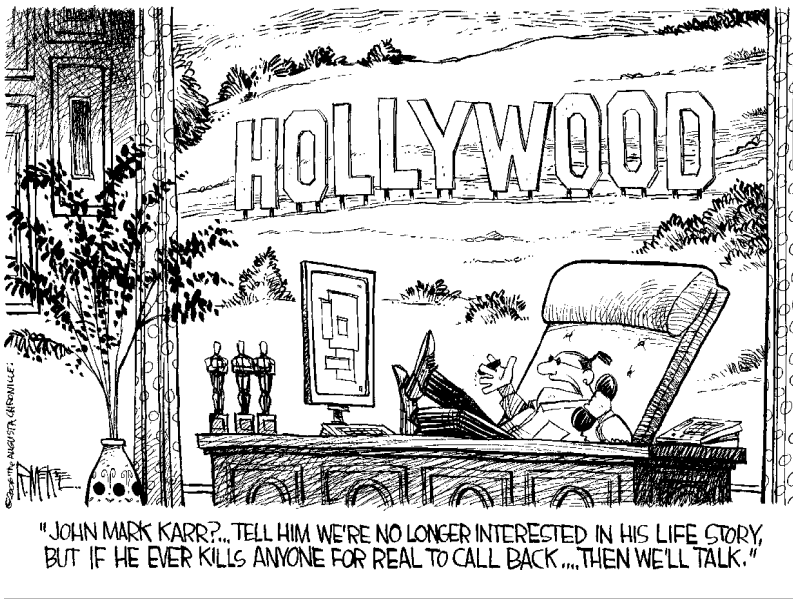
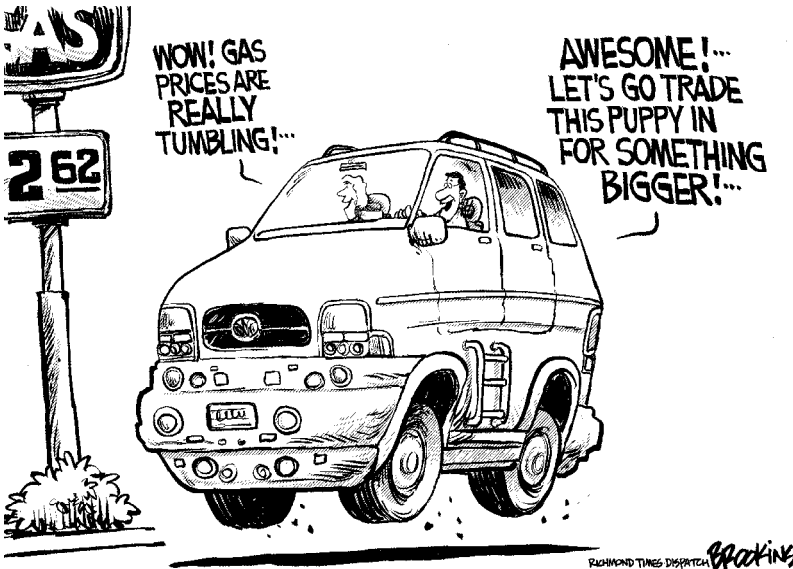
We’ve long decried the effects that commercialization has had on our young women. Preoccupation with appearance has produced all kinds of unrealistic expectations and, therefore, a host of physical and mental disorders among girls. Anorexia and other eating disorders, obsession with surgery to “fix” perceived flaws in face or body, and drug use by young girls exploited at the hands of the fashion industry were long-ago diagnosed and warned against.

What we haven’t said too much about is what’s happening to our boys.

The lead article in the magazine I looked through was about a former high-ranking politician who was “outed” by his homosexual lover. It consisted of a long and twisted attempt by this man to excuse himself from years of lying to two wives, his parents, his children and, as a result, engaging in activities that defrauded the laws of his nation and broke trust with an unnamed host of American voters.

The cynical, derisive tone of the article carried a chilling message: young men who aspire to the image conveyed by this magazine don’t have a clue as to who they are or where they are going. They are unwilling to stand for anything and, therefore, stand for nothing at all.

If things keep going like this, our boys won’t be boys anymore.



## Bonilla announces funds for LVWD projects during ceremony

EL PASO COUNTY — Congressman Henry Bonilla was honored in El Paso on Aug. 16 for his assistance and support of the Rio Grande Basin Initiative for Water Efficiency and Conservation, and Texas Rural and Low Income Community Water Development Programs. Bonilla also took the opportunity to announce \$3,762,500 in additional funding has been secured for the Lower Valley Water District (LVWD).

The funding from the United States Department of Agriculture Rural Development program has approved a direct loan in the amount of \$1,996,000 and a Colonias Grant in the amount of \$1,766,500 to complete Phase I of a two part plan. The first phase includes the installation of two new groundwater wells, construction of a new reverse osmosis treatment facility and a new 80,000 gallon storage tank. The improvements will allow the LVWD service area to provide Ascension Park, Dairyland, Darington Park, College Park, Colonias Del Paso and Vista Larga with clean,

potable water while meeting Texas Commission on Environmental Quality requirements.

“There is no greater advocate of Texas’ colonias than Congressman Henry Bonilla,” said Mary Baize, State Coordinator of the Rural Community Advancement Program.

Congressman Bonilla currently serves as Chairman of the Agriculture Appropriations Subcommittee responsible for funding the nation’s agriculture programs as well as the Food and Drug Administration. He is also a senior member of the Defense Appropriations Subcommittee that finances our military and CIA.

He has been instrumental in the success of the Rio Grande Basin Initiative. Water conservation is one of the most pressing issues facing Texas and the Southwest. Projects such as the Rio Grande Basin Initiative are important in addressing the growing needs and demands of the water users of the state. Since assuming the chairmanship in 2001, Congressman Bonilla has secured \$19.7 million for the project, much of which has flowed to research that is being conducted in El Paso.

## Public Notice TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS AND PARTIES:

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# Three El Paso County school districts meet

By Don Woodyard  
Courier Staff Writer

EL PASO COUNTY — September area school board meetings covered a variety of topics, from attentiveness training in the Anthony ISD to lighting school fields in the San Elizario district.

## Anthony ISD - Sept. 19

High school principal Edmond Martinez kicked off the first of a series of nine “Character First” discussions with a presentation to board members on attentiveness. It was a highlight of the short agenda meeting during which trustees also approved resolutions regarding the district’s investment policy, investment training and investment pools. “I am impressed with the attentiveness of students,” Martinez told board members. “We are off to a good start. In his written report he amplifies, “I have noticed better attention in the classes. Some students have become more aware of their role in their learning.

“We are giving them the skills, the learning tools, on how to be more attentive in the classroom. We are also asking the teachers to be more attentive to the needs of the individual student.

Through the use of a special procedure, teachers are required to help students organize information “with an eye on attentiveness.”

The other eight Character First topics are obedience, truthfulness, gratefulness, generosity, orderliness, forgiveness, sincerity and virtue.

In its consent agenda, the board approved an improved pay rate schedule for substitute teachers to make the AISD more competitive with other school districts. At the top end of the pay scale, a degreed and certified substitute teacher will now receive \$65 a day. At the other end, a substitute with only a high school diploma and 12 plus hours of college education will receive \$40 a day.

## Canutillo ISD - Sept. 12

What’s in a name? Apparently a great deal, according to views expressed during the open forum portion of the board meeting. According to the Canutillo ISD’s Board Notes, three expressed concern about the process the board used for determining the naming of school facilities in CISD. They are Lily Maldonado, a Canutillo teacher and resident; Laure Searls,

former school board member; and Martha Gomez, a parent. Johnny Gauna, a CISD employee, praised the board

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## Fabens Corn Maze opens this weekend

**FABENS — The Williams River Farm Corn Maze will open to the public on Sept. 30 with a patriotic design theme that boasts a statue of liberty, the initials USA, and the stars and stripes. New attractions have been added this year, according to owner Kermit Williams, including a hay jump, a hay slide, a rope maze, volleyball, and soccer. Williams said he wanted to make the maze a family attraction with something for everyone. The Williams River Farm Corn Maze is actually comprised of two mazes of two-miles each. Other attractions at the site are face painting, pumpkin painting and a corn catapult. The maze will remain open until Nov. 11, on Fridays from 6 to 10 p.m., Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m., and Sundays from noon to 6 p.m. School field trips are held Monday to Friday. Admission is \$7 for adults and \$5 for children 12 and under. Coupons are available on the website and at local businesses for \$1 admission. For more information visit [www.williamsriverfarm.com](http://www.williamsriverfarm.com) or call (915)764-3530.**

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## Notice of Public Hearing to Discuss Tornillo Independent School District’s State Financial Accountability Rating

Tornillo ISD will hold a public hearing at 6:00 P.M., Tuesday, October 17, 2006, in the boardroom of the Tornillo Administration Building, at 19200 Cobb Ave., Tornillo, Texas 79853.

The purpose of this hearing is to discuss Tornillo ISD’s rating on the state’s financial accountability system.

WTCC: 09/21/06 & 09/28/06

## Notice of Public Meeting To Discuss Canutillo Independent School District’s State Financial Accountability Rating

The Canutillo Independent School District will hold a public meeting at 6 p.m., Thursday, October 10, 2006 in the boardroom of the Canutillo ISD Administration Facility, 7965 Artcraft Road, El Paso, Texas.

The purpose of this meeting is to discuss Canutillo Independent School District’s rating on the state’s financial accountability system.

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## Notice of Public Meeting To Discuss San Elizario Independent School District’s State Financial Accountability Rating

The San Elizario Independent School District will hold a public hearing at 5:30 p.m., Wednesday, October 11, 2006 in the boardroom of the San Elizaio ISD Administration Building, 1050 Chicken Ranch Road, San Elizario, Texas.

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

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

### Hispanic Heritage Month

From Sept. 15 to Oct. 15 each year, the nation celebrates Hispanic Heritage Month. Sept. 15 is particularly meaningful, as it marks the anniversary of the independence of Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, and Nicaragua. Also, Mexico and Chile claimed their independence on Sept. 16 and Sept. 18, respectively.

The celebration of Hispanic Heritage Month is more than the recognition of past Hispanic contributions to the United States. It is an opportunity to work towards promoting the future of Hispanic families and reflecting on the incredible variety within our country.

My Democratic colleagues in the House and Senate and I marked Hispanic Heritage Month by unveiling the “Compromiso Demócrata con el Pueblo Latino/A New Direction for Latino Families” at the Seventh Annual Democratic Hispanic Leadership Summit in Washington, D.C. last week. House Democratic Leader Nancy Pelosi, Senate Democratic Leader Harry Reid, Sen. Hillary Rodham Clinton and others joined me and my fellow Congressional Hispanic Caucus members in presenting a set of principles that recog-

nizes the needs of Latino families and outlines our continued commitment to them. Our Compromiso Demócrata will take our Latino families and our nation as a whole in a new direction by:

- Promoting economic empowerment for Latino families.
- Securing quality education for Latino students.
- Increasing access to affordable health care.
- Ensuring a secure and dignified retirement for our seniors.
- Enacting realistic and comprehensive immigration reform.
- Protecting our national security.

The unveiling of our Compromiso was particularly meaningful given recent bills passed in the House of Representatives that could hurt Hispanics, such as HR 4844, known as the “Voter ID bill.” This bill would impose new identification requirements on all voters in federal elections, and while voter fraud is an important concern, the so-called ‘Federal Election Integrity Act of 2006’ is no way to solve the problem. Rather than dealing with legitimate problems with voting machines to root out fraud, this bill will disenfranchise qualified voters who do not have the identification this bill requires — the elderly, the disabled, Native Americans and other minorities.

My colleagues and I will also mark Hispanic Heritage Month by leading

the Congressional Hispanic Caucus Institute’s (CHCI) Public Policy Conference here in Washington, DC. The CHCI is one of the nation’s leading Hispanic non-profit and non-partisan organizations, and helps increase opportunities for Hispanics to participate in and contribute to the American policy making process. I encourage all El Paso students interested in policy and politics to consider an internship or fellowship through the CHCI.

Their annual conference gathers the nation’s leadership across a variety of subject areas and provides participants with the opportunity to interact and discuss timely topics such as immigration and border security, business, housing and economic development, and Social Security. As the leader of the Congressional Hispanic Caucus’s Task Force on International Relations, I will lead a panel discussion focusing on drug trafficking, trade and commerce and immigration.

For more information on the Compromiso Latino, please visit [www.reyesblog.com](http://www.reyesblog.com), and all students curious about opportunities with the CHCI should visit [www.chci.org](http://www.chci.org). Hispanic Heritage Month, as well as our Compromiso and the CHCI, reflect that the values of Hispanic families are American values, and our community is working hard for a better future for both our community and our country as a whole.



**Moore Texas** by Roger T. Moore Sept. 18, 1861: John B. Stetson designed the first real Cowboy hat...an immediate hit with Texas Rangers.



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### Notice of Public Meeting to Discuss Anthony Independent School District's State Financial Accountability Rating

The Anthony Independent School District will hold a public meeting at 6:30 P.M. on Tuesday October 17, 2006 in the Board Room, Anthony Middle School Cafeteria, 610 Sixth Street, Anthony, Texas. The purpose of the meeting is to discuss and distribute a financial management report that explains the district's performance under each of the 21 indicators and the resultant District's Financial Accountability Rating.

WTCC: 09/28/06 and 10/05/06

### Notice of Public Meeting to Discuss Clint Independent School District's State Financial Accountability Rating

Clint Independent School District will hold a public meeting at 5:30 PM, Wednesday, October 18, 2006, in the Board Room of the Clint Central Administration Building, 14521 Horizon Blvd., El Paso, Texas 79928.

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

WTCC: 09/28/06 & 10/05/06

### Town of Horizon City PUBLIC NOTICE

During a Special City Council Meeting on Wednesday, September 20, 2006, the Town Council approved the following ordinances:

1) Ordinance 0155 — 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. Such Ordinance setting the tax rate at \$0.310000 per \$100.00 value on real and personal property situated within the boundaries of Horizon City, Texas. The El Paso City Tax Office is also hereby directed to distribute the collected funds into the following accounts in the following proportions:

Maintenance and operation: .....

Debt Service: .....

Total: .....

2) Repeal and Replace Ordinance No. 0036 — Establishing a Flood Damage Prevention Plan within the Town of Horizon City. The Legislature of the State of Texas, in Article 8280-13 Chapter 11 of the Auxiliary Water Laws, also known as the "Flood Control and Insurance Act," has delegated the responsibility of local governmental units to adopt regulations designed to minimize flood losses.

Ordinances are always available for viewing or copying upon request from the City Clerk at Town Hall, 14999 Darrington Road, Horizon City, Texas, Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. or call 915-852-1046.

Sandra Sierra

City Clerk

WTCC: 09/28/06

### GED

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commitment and your achievement. Tomorrow, what are you going to do

with your diploma?" he asked. "Use your education to empower yourself, your family and our community."

Community Services receives funding for these classes from the Adult Basic Education grant, and the 'El Paso Families: Together and

Safe' grant. Socorro ISD supports these classes by providing the rooms and materials. GED testing fees were paid by a grant for Price's Creamery, one of SISD'S Partners in Education.

— Jan Engels contributed to this story

### Schools

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for its selection of the name for the CHS stadium. He also recommended the board name the CHS Ag-Science building for Charles Gardner, a long-time district employee who died three years ago.

The board recognized Irma Reza as CISD Elementary Teacher of the Year and Debbie Owens Garcia as Secondary Teacher of the Year.

Present and future construction in the district was discussed.

### San Elizario ISD - Sept. 13

Robert Longoria, assistant superintendent for support


services, reported on the installation of lights on the field at Alarcon Elementary School. The lights were used during a recent church fiesta.

According to the SEISD board report, Longoria is looking into the possibility of reopening the field, for safety reasons, for students only during the day and for the community at night and over the weekend.

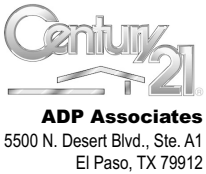
Dr. Mike Quatrini, district superintendent, praised former board president Antonio Araujo, Longoria and County Commissioner Miguel Teran for their efforts in getting the lights installed.

Geoffrey Wright, of Wright and Dalbin Architects, gave a presentation on construction projects at Garcia Enriquez Middle School and Alarcon Elementary.


The middle school construction includes a new library and new classrooms and science labs. Alarcon will have a new cafeteria and a classroom addition.




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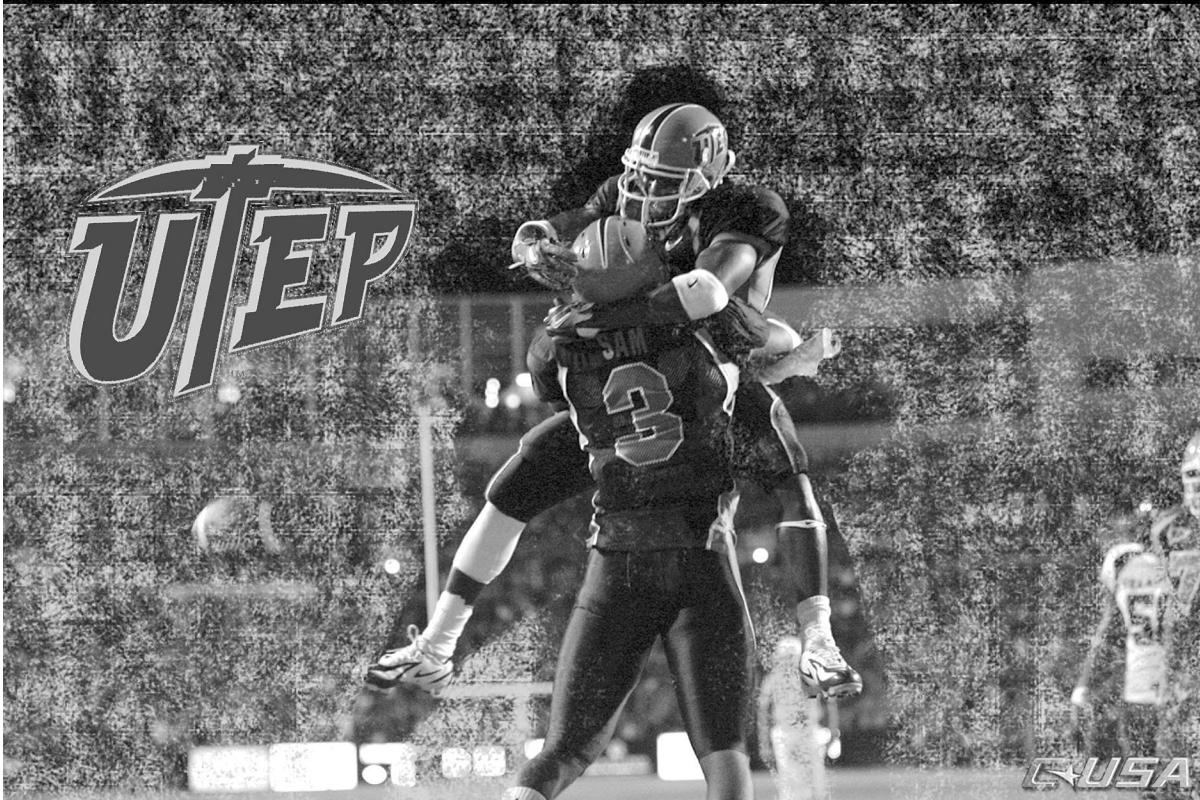
## NMSU vs. UTEP

### 7pm Sun Bowl Sept. 30th

First 5,000 Fans will receive a free schedule magnet.

Verizon Hopeline: Bring used cell phones/accessories to the game and donate them to help prevent domestic abuse.





# Clint High student cutting wide swath on the diamond

By Laura Cade  
Special to the Courier

CLINT — A Clint High School freshmen, Kayla “Turbo” Black, spent this past summer improving her softball skills while playing with CRUSH, an All-Star traveling tournament team made up of softball standouts from New Mexico and Texas.

The team, coached by Rene and Zach Palen, competed in ten invitational and state tournaments, placing in each one. The team ended the summer season in July earning a fifth place medal at the USSSA World Series tournament in Hutchison, Kansas, where 41 teams from all over the United States competed in the tournament which was featured on ESPN2.

During the nine day tournament, Kayla stole 16 bases — winning her the nickname “Turbo” — and batted a .425 average. As a key player on the team, she played center field and pitcher. “The CRUSH girls were unbelievable in games where all odds were against them and they still managed to pull out win after win. They set their minds to succeed and they let nothing stop them,” says Janelle Godwin, Clint High School Varsity Softball Coach.

Kayla, daughter of Billy and Pamela Black, has been playing softball since she was five years old and has attended numerous camps all



Kayla “Turbo” Black

— Photo courtesy Clint ISD

over the southeast part of the U.S. Her father has coached her for most of her career as part of the Texas Sluggers who have won eight consecutive city championships. Kayla trains once a year with US

Olympic Softball Coach Mike Candrea. Her dream is to play softball for UT Austin and be part of the U.S.A. Olympic Softball Team. Kayla, an all-around athlete, is also playing Varsity Volleyball for Clint High School.

## Briefs

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traveling east on Interstate 10 near the Horizon City exit at about 11:30 p.m. Officers said that James Gentry, of the 6000 block of Alina Baltazar in El Paso County, struck a light pole with a cement post. The truck rolled on its side coming to rest more than 80 feet from the point of impact. The driver was wearing a seat belt but was partially ejected from the vehicle and pinned underneath the vehicle. Attempts to revive him at the scene failed. A witness reported seeing the vehicle veer off the roadway for an unknown reason. One lane of the interstate was shut down to traffic for approximately three hours. The accident is still under investigation and autopsy and toxicology reports are pending. The EPSO spokesman said this is the 20th fatality of the year compared to 14 at this time last year.

■ Since heavy rains and flooding have been experienced in the region over the past several months, Socorro residents have attended Socorro City Council meetings to voice their grievances about the constant flooding of their neighborhoods. The past regularly scheduled City Council meeting on Sept. 21 was no exception. Several community members came out to express their disappointment in the lack of action being taken to remedy the repeated flooding of these neighborhoods. Mayor Trini Lopez said Socorro personnel are constantly meeting with officials involved in projects to

alleviate the flooding that is occurring in Socorro. He said they are also preparing a flyer that will be passed out to citizens informing them of the progress. Mayor Lopez also said he has an open door policy and anyone wanting to come meet with him is welcome to sit and go over their concerns.

■ The Border Fair Housing and Economic Justice Center (BFHC), in conjunction with the Paso del Norte Health Foundation and the

West Texas Food Bank, will begin to distribute food baskets to colonias in El Paso’s Upper Valley on Sept. 30 from 9 a.m. to noon at the St. Patrick’s Church located at 7065 Second St. in Canutillo. The assistance will be provided to residents who were adversely affected by the recent flooding. In addition, a health fair will take place during the food distribution in which several agencies will be providing organization services and information.

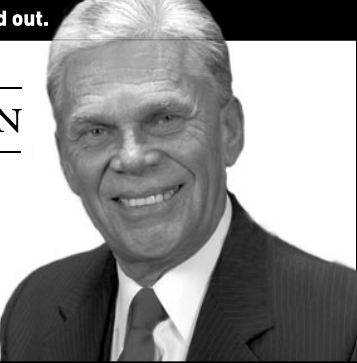
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## Town of Anthony PUBLIC NOTICE

THE TOWN OF ANTHONY adopted the following ordinances on Tuesday, September 26, 2006:

1) Ordinance No. 435. An ordinance adopting a Budget for the Fiscal Year commencing October 1, 2006 and ending September 30, 2007 for the Town of Anthony, Texas;

2) Ordinance No. 436. An ordinance authorizing the Assessment and Collection of Property Taxes within the Town of Anthony, Texas and further, authorizing the El Paso City Tax Office to perform the actual Assessment and Collection of said Property Taxes on behalf of the Town of Anthony, Texas for the Fiscal Year of October 1, 2006 and ending September 30, 2007.

Ordinances are too extensive to print. Ordinances are always available for viewing or copying upon request from the Town Clerk at the above address. Those that are unable to attend may submit their written comments to the Town of Anthony, P.O. Box 1269, Anthony, Texas 79821. Persons in need of assistance to attend are encouraged to contact the Town Clerk at 886-3944.

Myriam P. Uribe  
Town Clerk

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Lights

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lighting at least 60 feet for the entire baseball field and surrounding areas as well as additional lighting at 40-feet, specifically to illuminate the

walking path that outlines the park. “Technologically, I can turn the lights on from my office computer or even from my home,” Luevano said. David Gossett, an electrician with the district, and Louie Herrera, Maintenance Supervisor, will join Luevano in operating the lights by logging in using a password in order to activate

or deactivate the lighting system. All three received training on how to properly run the system via a conference call from Iowa, according to Luevano. Currently, the lighting system has been set to Mountain Standard Time and will come on at approximately sunset until 9:45 for the main, 60-foot lights, followed by the 40-foot track lighting

turning off minutes later at 10 p.m. “The system has run flawlessly since we activated it on Aug. 30,” Luevano said. “We were able to have it running in time for the San Eli festival that first weekend in September.” The project would have been completed sooner had it not been for the record-setting rains that fell during

the month of August. But a big thanks goes out to the San Elizario community for staying off the field during the installation, Luevano said. Because students at Alarcon Elementary use the park during the school day, hours for community use while school is in session will be 6-7:30 a.m. and 2:30-10 p.m.

New rules don't limit speech, just obscenities

By Steve Escajeda

Special to the Courier

Have you ever been so mad at the game officials, the opposing team or your own heroes down on the field that you let out a barrage of words you should never use in front of your own kids? Oh, come on, sure you have. I guess I'm ashamed to admit that we all have at one time or another. And though we're all guilty of slipping up and letting our feelings out through our mouths, one school is doing something about it. One of the greatest rights we have in this wonderful country is the freedom of speech. And though some people and organizations have taken advantage of this privilege from time to time, it's still a right that we all cherish. But sometimes it is a good idea to limit our speech a bit. Boston University officials apparently feel the same way. Since they couldn't hire enough mothers to wash out mouths with soap, they've done the next best thing and outlawed any swearing or taunting from overzealous fans. Seems the university has been receiving a lot of complaints about the fans who attend the games and spend their time cussing, shouting out racial slurs and taunting the opponents. Naturally there are some who believe this is a direct infringement on their rights to free speech. One student at the school said the policy was “terrible” and that “sports won't be fun anymore.” And I thought young people went to college to get smarter. For this kid to say that sports aren't any fun unless you can showoff your lack of intelligence and shout obscenities in public proves something has to be done. Of course, there will be some who will challenge this decision in court. They will argue that everyone has the right to shout out the nastiest of words, even if it is around young impressionable kids. But then again, who cares about the wellness of kids today? Have you watched TV, gone to a movie or listened to any music lately? All anyone cares about is their own personal agenda. Good for you, Boston University, and good for you, Wisconsin and Ohio State, who have implemented similar rules.

It's embarrassing that rules concerning behavior have to be instituted because people don't have enough maturity to control themselves. Of course, a belly full of beer doesn't help matters much, either. Well, that's settled. Now let's see what we can do about those politicians. **Pigskin piracy** There's no doubt that in this post-9/11 era, security at all major sporting events has been stepped up in every American city. And the added police presence has kept the stadiums and arenas safe from any terrorist activities. Of course, the focus has been on keeping the fans and the players safe. Nobody ever said anything about keeping their possessions safe. At the North Carolina Central-Southern University game last Saturday, the fans, the coaches, the stadium employees, the players, the bands, the mascots, the cheerleaders and even the referees made it out of the game safely. Too bad I can't say the same about the North Carolina Central players' possessions. Seems some burglars broke into the visitor's locker room at Southern University's Mumford Stadium sometime during the game and stole sneakers, money, football rings and electronic gadgets. Boy, talk about a tough road trip. At least the thieves had the decency to break into the road team's locker room. Southern University officials said after the game that they were baffled at how this happened. Baffled? It's hard to believe they were baffled when you consider the recent history of the stadium and the surrounding area. During Southern's first home game of the season, a 59-year old man was shot to death directly across the street from the stadium. Things are so bad at the stadium that everyone who enters the place must walk through a metal detector and have all their bags and purses searched. I don't think the burglars had their bag of loot searched, though. The only good thing about North Carolina Central's trip to Southern University was that they won the game 27-20. Even thieves cannot take that away.

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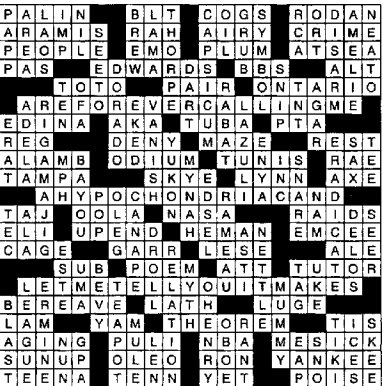
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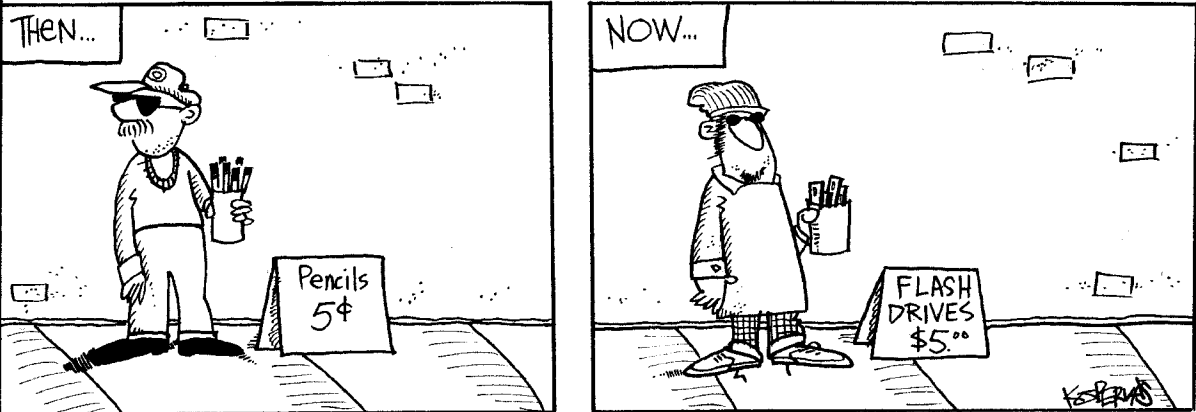
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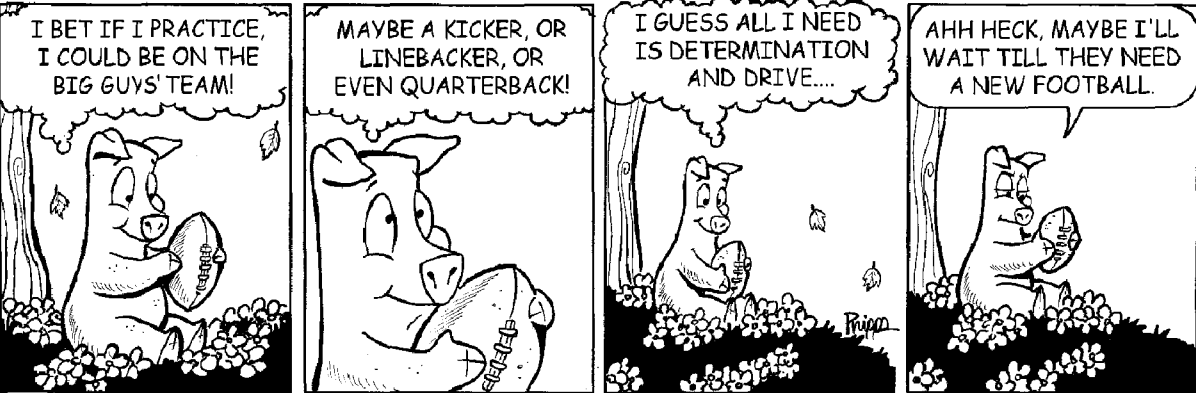


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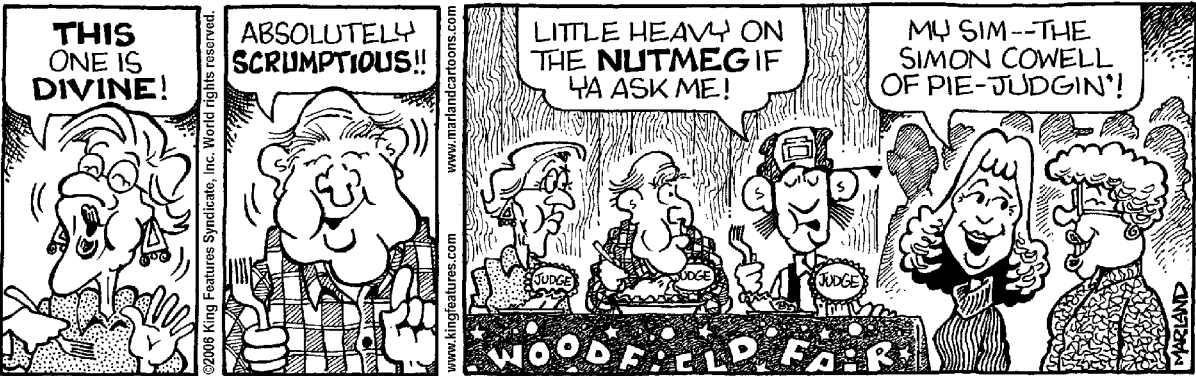
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Danger: High ego emissions

By Don Flood

It might not rank up there with bad breath and body odor, but Americans are facing a new health hazard: ego emissions.

You may have seen the Volkswagen Passat commercials where people with megaphones are announcing why they bought the fancy car they are driving, including statements such as:

“Because I make more money than you.”

“Because I’m making up for my shortcomings.”

“Because my daddy didn’t love me.”

And so on. (Luckily, this behavior hasn’t caught on here, probably because no one would be able to hear them over the blasting car stereos.)

These cars, according to the ad, have high “ego emissions.” A Ferrari, for example, has a rating of 95, as compared to 40 for a Ford.

Now Volkswagen has come out with a guide called “The Ego Emissions Index,” which rates the ego emissions for just about everything, including air, on scale of 1 to 100.

The idea behind this sneaky and ridiculous advertising campaign is to lure gullible journalists into commenting on this nonsense, thereby creating “buzz” for their product.

Fortunately for you, dear readers, I am far too shrewd to fall for this transparent ploy.

I mean, yes, I’m going to comment on ego emissions, but only in an ironic, post-modern way.

*(Editor’s note: The writer has no idea what’s he’s talking about.)*

The Passat, supposedly, has very low ego emissions — only 7 — but this rating is called into question when the woman in the commercial defenestrates the megaphone. She litters! Talk about ego emissions.

*(Editor’s note: The columnist has been trying for years to get the*

*word “defenestrates,” which means, literally, “throwing out of the window,” into a column. Hopefully, he will now be happy. However, readers should be aware that the ego emission rating for this column, always high, has now reached toxic levels. People susceptible to high EE levels should stop reading at the period marking the end of this sentence. That was it. You just missed it. OK, don’t say I didn’t warn you.)*

But before Al Gore makes a sequel to “An Inconvenient Truth” detailing the dangers of ego emissions, it’s time to ask how, exactly, Volkswagen came up with these ratings.

For example, according to the index, a battleship has an ego emission of 81. Sounds reasonable, but further reading shows that a Segway, one of those weird two-wheeled contraptions that allows people to travel standing up, rates an 83.

A battleship has a lower rating than a Segway? I need to see the hard science behind this.

Let’s say you have two friends. (You don’t really have two friends because you spend too much time on the computer, but let’s pretend you do for the sake of argument.)

One friend invites you to go for a ride on his new Segway, the other on his spanking new battleship.

Which guy do you think would have higher ego emissions?

Yeah, OK, the guy with the Segway, since the battleship, after all, is more practical.

But what about acrylic fingernails (87 EE) and champagne (91 EE), both of which have higher ratings than a battleship?

It’s obvious I’m going to have to overhaul this index so it makes sense. The first step ...

*(Editor’s note: The EPA has just shut down this column because of high ego emissions.)*

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- ILL HUMOR ACROSS**

1 Monty Python's Michael

6 Deli choice

9 Gear teeth

13 Film pterodactyl

18 Porthos' pal

20 Team scream

21 Well-ventilated

22 Felony

23 Start of a remark

24 Funnyman Philips

25 Deep purple

26 Confused

27 Faux \_

28 Vince of "Ben Casey"

31 Small shots

33 PC key

34 "Rosanna" rockers

36 Couple

38 Part of HOMES

41 Part 2 of remark

46 Minnesota city

47 Alias initials

48 Heavy metal instrument?

49 Child welfare org.

50 Mil. unit

51 Say it isn't so

53 Labyrinth

55 Relax

59 Gentle as \_

62 Abhorrence

64 A Barbary State

67 "Norma \_" ('79 film)
- 68 Buccaneers' headquarters

69 Actress lone

71 Football's Swann

72 Woodsman's tool

73 Part 3 of remark

79 \_ Mahal

81 Alley Oop's love

82 Out-of-this-world org.

83 Invasions

86 President Bush was one

87 Overturn

89 Macho type

92 Roast host

93 Circus sight

95 Teri of "Tootsie"

97 \_ majesty

98 Canterbury quaff

99 Hoagy

102 Wordsworth work

104 ABA member

105 Teach on the side

107 Part 4 of remark

112 Deprive (of)

113 Wooden strip

114 Olympic event

115 Flight

116 Tasty tuber

118 Proposition

121 Carol opener

124 Inevitable activity

127 Hungarian sheepdog

129 Shaq's pack

130 End of remark

133 Daybreak
- 134 Toast topper

135 Perlman or Palillo

136 Bostonian, for one

137 "The Brandon \_ Story" ('98 film)

138 So. state

139 Still

140 Self-confidence
- DOWN**

1 Theatrical Joseph

2 District

3 Neighbor of Thailand

4 Mischief-maker

5 Zilch

6 Make coffee

7 "Rama \_ Ding Dong" ('61 tune)

8 Legendary athlete Jim

9 Pepper

10 Vinegar's partner

11 Chow

12 Token

13 JVC competitor

14 Terrier's tidbit

15 Win over

16 Audrey Tautou role

17 Peachy-keen

19 Take care of

29 El \_ AR

30 Tapered seam

32 Cut a cuticle

34 Decimal base

35 Two \_ kind

37 Morocco's capital

39 Cable channel
- 40 Thickening agent

41 Writer Rogers St. Johns

42 Thingumbob

43 Got by, with "out"

44 Disappear

45 Lapis \_

46 Part of Q.E.D.

52 Canadian territory

54 "Only Time" singer

56 Destroy

57 Getz's instrument

58 Fairway accessory

60 Speedometer abbr.

61 "Blue \_" ('77 hit)

63 Blabby bird

65 Business abbr.

66 \_ drum

70 One of the Fords

74 Weasel word?

75 First name in fashion

76 Finger food

77 Composer Jean-Philippe

78 "Platoon" setting

79 Gumshoe

80 Chicken \_ king

84 Apollo's isle

85 Soothsayer

88 Witty

90 Vino center

91 Irritate

94 Punta del \_

96 Link

100 Actress Thurman

101 Bunch of birds
- 103 "Pyramus and Thisbe," e.g.

105 Playground game

106 Luau instrument

107 Confederation

108 January stoat

109 Earl Grey's place

110 William Sydney Porter

111 Man of the cloth?

112 Great time

117 Stubborn sort

119 Hautboy

120 Be bombastic

121 "Kon- \_"

122 Summertime treats

123 \_ -Ball

125 "Sister Act" extra

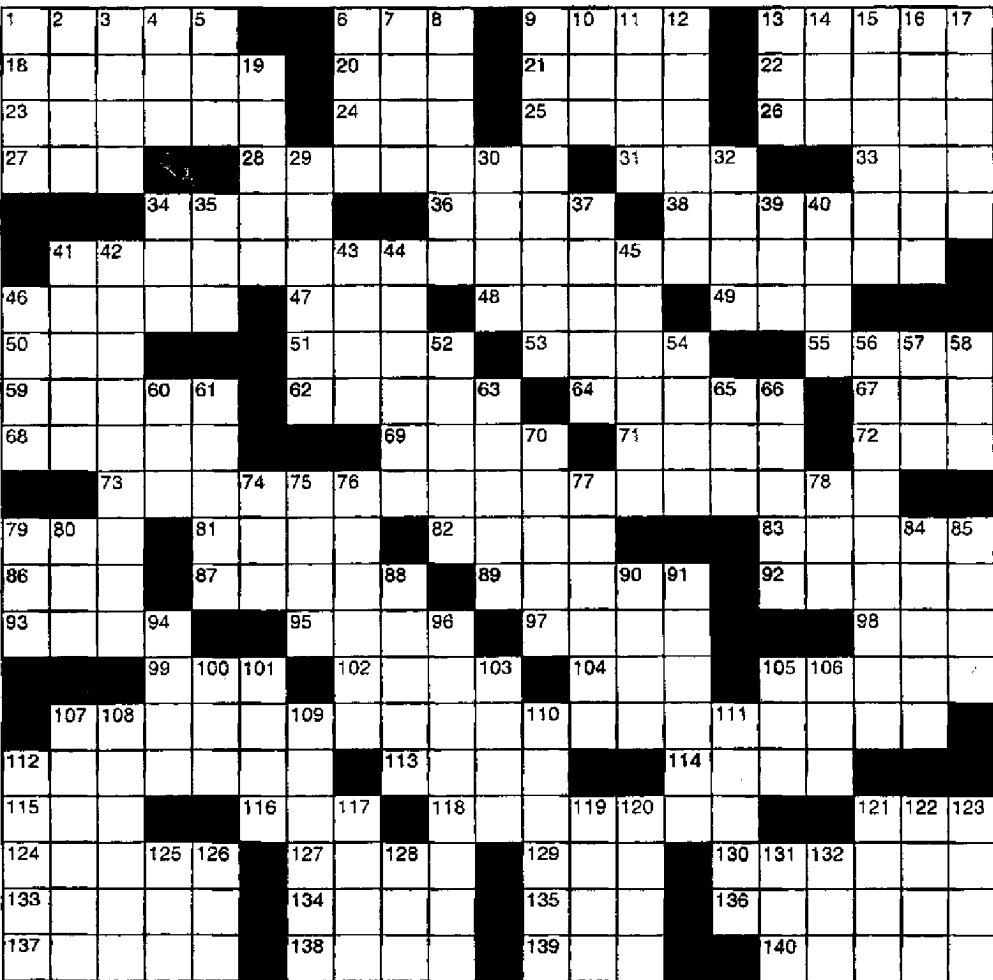
126 Scholastic abbr.

128 Deighton or Dawson

131 "The Bells" monogram

132 \_ -Cat

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# Social Security Q&A

By Ray Vigil

*Q: I am 60 years old and my husband died in June. I had expected that, as his widow, I would continue to get the same monthly Social Security retirement check that he received. But the first check I received is considerably less. Can you explain why?*

A: The Social Security survivors benefit amount is based on the earnings of the person who died. Social Security uses the deceased worker's basic benefit amount and calculates what percentage survivors are entitled to. The percentage depends on the survivors' ages and relationship to the worker. For example, a widow age 60, and whose full retirement age is 66, receives 71.5 percent of the worker's basic benefit amount. But a widow at full retirement age or older receives 100 percent of the worker's basic benefit amount.

*Q: A recent back injury has left me nearly immobile so I'm no longer able to work. My boss' wife said that I should apply for Social Security benefits. Because traveling is difficult for me and because I can't sit for a long period of time, is there any way that I can apply for disability over the Internet?*

A: Yes, you can begin the Social Security disability application process online by going to [www.socialsecurity.gov](http://www.socialsecurity.gov) and looking at the online Disability Starter Kit. This kit answers common questions about applying for benefits and includes a worksheet that will help you gather the information you need. You can then complete an online application for Social Security benefits, and fill out an online Adult Disability Report. At the end of the report, we will ask you to sign a form that gives your doctor permission to send us information about your disability. We need this information so we can make a decision on your claim.

*Q: I have heard that in order to qualify for Social Security disability benefits I must be unable to work and have a disability that will last at least one year. Does this mean that I have to be disabled for the whole year before I can apply for benefits?*

A: No. You should apply as soon as you are unable to work due to your disability. In addition to determining whether you have a disabling condition, Social Security will consider whether your disability is expected to last a full year, but the year does not need to have already passed.

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

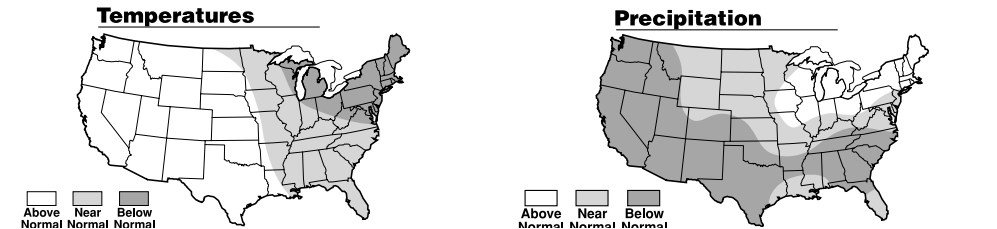
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Sun	Rise	Set	Moon	Rise	Set	First	Full
Thu.	6:57 a.m.	6:55 p.m.	Thu.	12:46 p.m.	10:32 p.m.		
Fri.	6:58 a.m.	6:53 p.m.	Fri.	1:45 p.m.	11:28 p.m.	9/30	10/6
Sat.	6:59 a.m.	6:52 p.m.	Sat.	2:40 p.m.	none	Last	New
Sun.	6:59 a.m.	6:51 p.m.	Sun.	3:30 p.m.	12:31 a.m.		
Mon.	7:00 a.m.	6:50 p.m.	Mon.	4:13 p.m.	1:40 a.m.	10/13	10/21
Tues.	7:01 a.m.	6:48 p.m.	Tues.	4:51 p.m.	2:50 a.m.		
Wed.	7:01 a.m.	6:47 p.m.	Wed.	5:25 p.m.	4:02 a.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	78	54	pc	77	60	s	82	62	pc	85	63	s
Albuquerque, NM	77	53	pc	80	53	s	79	55	s	81	55	s
Amarillo, TX	68	48	s	82	53	s	81	53	s	86	55	s
Austin, TX	83	60	pc	82	60	s	86	64	pc	86	65	pc
Brownsville, TX	93	73	pc	88	72	pc	90	71	pc	89	70	s
Dodge City, KS	69	43	s	77	53	pc	82	51	s	85	55	s
Jackson, MS	77	54	t	74	52	pc	79	57	pc	81	61	t
Laredo, TX	94	72	pc	91	72	pc	94	72	pc	93	71	s
Little Rock, AR	69	50	t	70	49	pc	77	56	pc	83	64	pc
Lubbock, TX	69	50	pc	80	56	s	84	58	s	88	58	s
Memphis, TN	70	52	t	71	53	pc	74	60	pc	81	63	t
Midland, TX	75	54	pc	84	61	s	88	61	s	90	61	s
Pueblo, CO	73	40	pc	79	40	s	82	40	s	83	43	s
Roswell, NM	77	53	pc	87	54	s	88	54	s	90	55	s
St. Louis, MO	60	41	pc	65	49	pc	71	55	c	75	61	pc
San Antonio, TX	83	64	pc	83	67	pc	86	66	pc	84	66	pc
Texarkana, AR	73	52	pc	74	53	pc	76	63	pc	83	66	pc
Waco, TX	79	56	pc	77	58	s	82	63	pc	86	65	pc
Wichita, KS	71	42	s	73	55	pc	80	55	s	82	60	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	75	53	t	71	51	pc	72	55	pc	80	62	t
Boston	66	58	s	66	52	r	64	50	pc	66	54	pc
Chicago	58	42	c	58	43	pc	62	49	sh	68	52	pc
Denver	70	44	s	77	45	s	77	47	s	78	46	s
Detroit	60	44	c	58	44	pc	60	46	sh	65	48	r
Houston	85	64	pc	80	60	pc	80	64	pc	84	66	pc
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