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The *West Texas County Courier* will publish two editions early. The October 16 and October 23, 2008 issues will go to press on Tuesday, October 7, 2008. All material for these publications must be submitted to the *Courier* no later than Friday, October 3, 2008. The *Courier* office will close beginning Tuesday, October 7, 2008. The office will open again on Monday, October 27, 2008.

Flu shots

The City of El Paso Department of Public Health will provide flu vaccines and pneumonia shots at its clinics. The immunizations are being recommended for anyone, who is six months of age and older. The flu vaccine will be given with a needle for adults. Children can receive the flu vaccine in the form of a shot or nasal-spray. Citizens are encouraged to get a yearly flu vaccination. Infants and the elderly are at high risk for the flu. The cost for the flu vaccine is \$25 and the fee for the Pneumonia shot is \$40. The clinics accept Medicaid, Medicare, cash, private insurance and checks. The Department of Public Health clinics are located at:

- Ysleta Health Center, 110 Candelaria
- Henderson Health Center, 721 S. Mesa
- Tigua Health Center, 7862 San Jose
- Westside Health Center, 5195 Mace St.
- Northeast Health Center, 5587 Transmountain Rd.

For appointments please call 771-5822. To schedule an Outreach Flu Clinic please call Goya Garcia at 771-5748.

Anthony grant

Mayor Art Franco has good news — lots of good news — for the residents of Anthony. To be more precise, there is a potential for a total of \$11.4 million worth of good news that will benefit the town in quality of life matters. At the Sept. 23rd Town Council meeting, he announced that the town would be receiving a grant of \$5.5 million from the Texas Water Development Board (TWDB). The money, which Franco said they would be able to tap into within the next three months, would go to double the size of the town’s sewer system as well as providing system upgrades. The longtime mayor told council members he had just returned from Austin where he had met once again with TWDB officials who informed him of the funding approval. He had been to Austin earlier in the year to present the town’s proposal for the grant. The mayor is also seeking a \$5.9 million open grant from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers that would go for similar service improvements, this time to both the sewer and water systems. Franco said the town may not necessarily get the full amount, but expects to receive a portion of it. That money would not be available until after the first of the year. “With the money we have received,” he said, “we are in good shape for the future. This is an investment in the future.”

Someday science may be able to explain why a child can’t walk around a mud puddle.

— Quips & Quotes

Anthony approves budget, pay raises

By Don Woodyard
Courier Staff Writer

ANTHONY — Money matters were center stage at the Sept. 23 meeting of the Anthony Town Council.

- It was a matter of approving the town budget for the 2008-09 administrative year.
- It was a matter of approving a property tax rate for the coming fiscal year.
- It was a matter of reviewing and possibly boosting salary increases already in place for town employees.

Council approved a total budget of \$4.24 million for the new year. The budget is in two parts, general fund and water and sewer. The general fund portion accounts for \$3.3 million. Because of commercial growth and additional sales taxes and various grants the town has received, Franco said the budget was about \$200,000 less than last year.

The budget includes a 3 percent across-the-board increase for employees. “This is based on what I thought the budget could handle,” the mayor explained. This was coupled with the fact that some got merit increases in addition to the 3 percent increase.

A lengthy discussion ensued in which it was said by members of the audience that the employees deserved a higher rate. “Treat them right. Give them 5 percent; give them 6 percent,” an unidentified member of the audience urged. “It won’t hurt the budget.”

The Maintenance Department was singled out for praise and a raise for their hard work in keeping things in shape. “Whenever we need you, you are there,” one person said.

The audience that crowded council cham-

bers also praised the work of the Anthony Police Department, the majority of whom seemed to be in attendance.

“I have known them for 16 years,” Franco said of the maintenance staff, adding his own thanks. “I know what they can do.”

Franco responded to the sentiment for an even greater pay hike. “We are going to have to look at everybody,” he noted.

Council approved the \$0.398817 tax rate recommended by the mayor. This compares to a \$0.413420 property tax rate last year. Although the tax rate went down, Franco pointed out, that taxes went up because property values went up.

The average residence in Anthony, according to information supplied by the town clerk is valued at \$82,202 this year, compared to \$71,898 last year. Based on those figures, taxes on the average home would be \$327.84 this year. They were \$297.24 last year.

A public hearing was held during the council meeting in which comment was sought on the proposed increases. There had been two previous public hearings on Sept. 12 and Sept. 19 for the same purpose.

In other action:

Council, at the mayor’s request, deleted the item on sponsoring Angel Ramirez to the El Paso Community College Police Academy. This had been an issue at the last council meeting which resulted in the mayor walking out of the meeting.

Council agreed to spend up to \$3,500 on items such as water bottles and pens to promote the town. Money would come out of the hotel/motel tax.

Council tabled action on approving a new reserve police officer until more information could be obtained.

Gleason named Texas Teacher of the Year Finalist

By Denise Pena
Special to the Courier

FABENS — Christine Gleason, a Fabens High School English Teacher, was recently named a state finalist in the Texas Teacher of the Year competition. Gleason, who was named the Region 19 Teacher of the Year in August, will now compete against two other state finalists for Texas Secondary Teacher of the Year. The winner of the Secondary competition will then compete against the Elementary Teacher of the Year in representing the state at the national level.

Gleason traveled to Austin earlier this month to interview in front of a panel of twelve judges comprised of representatives from the State Board of Education, the PTA, former State Teachers of the Year and other teacher organizations.

“It is such an honor to be able to represent area teachers at the state level. I am so excited to have been given this opportunity to talk about all the wonderful things that are happening both in my district and in the El Paso area” Gleason said. “I am delighted that I can brag about all of my students and our recognized campus at the state level.”

Gleason, a graduate of the University of Texas at El Paso, holds a master’s degree in English and American Literature and has been teaching

English at Fabens High School for the past twelve years. She was UTEP’s mentor teacher of the year in 2005. She is currently teaching English IV, Dual Credit English IV and Advanced Placement English IV. Gleason is the National Honor Society sponsor and the UIL Coordinator. She is also the English Department Chair.

The Texas Teacher of the Year winner will be announced on November 22 at a banquet honoring all of the twenty regional Teachers of the Year.

Castañeda is Canutillo’s 2008 Outstanding-

By Alfredo Vasquez
Special to the Courier

Canutillo High School’s Homecoming Committee has named Aurora I. Castañeda the CHS Outstanding-Ex for 2008. Castañeda, who is the Budget Officer for the Garrison Command at Fort Bliss, will be the honored guest during the homecoming week activities (September 29 - October 4) including the parade, bonfire, pep assembly, football game, and dance.

“Just being nominated as a Canutillo High School outstanding ex is a great honor. I am truly appreciative of the recognition, and I am looking forward to the homecoming festivities,” Castañeda said.

Castañeda graduated from CHS in 1983. She earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in Business

New restrictions placed on sexually oriented businesses

By Araceli Lazcano
Special to the Courier

Commissioners Court has modified the location restrictions imposed two weeks ago during the adoption of a court order to regulate Sexually Oriented Businesses (SOBs) located in unincorporated areas of the county.

The new restriction states that no person shall own, operate or conduct any sexually oriented business within 1,000 feet of a school, church, daycare center, residential district or public park, among others.

Commissioner Pct. 1, Luis Sariñana, requested to rescind the previous court order and adopt the modification.

“The reason I did that is to be consistent with the Supreme Court ruling in order to avoid possible lawsuits,” Sariñana said.

The motion was approved unanimously and seconded by County Judge Anthony Cobos.

Commissioners Court first voted to adopt the regulations after they found evidence about negative secondary effects, which include public lewdness, vandalism and the decrease of value in properties located nearby the adult businesses.

The motion to adopt the court order was made by Commissioner Pct. 2 , Veronica Escobar and seconded by Sariñana.

The new restrictions include:

- Location requirements specify that SOBs must be at least 1,000 feet from certain properties including: churches, schools, daycares, residential areas and public parks.
- Outdoor signs stating that a SOB is planned must be posted at the proposed location.
- Business already operating in the county must apply for a license of operation with in 120 days of the adoption of the court order.
- The County Clerk office or the Tax Office have been proposed to be responsible to receive applications, renew or suspend permits. (No decision has been made.)
- No business shall be open between 4:00 a.m. to 6:00 am.
- The license fee (if granted) is \$550 for initially and \$350 for annual renewal.

Administration in 1988 from the University of Texas at El Paso. Upon graduating from UTEP, she began her career with Fort Bliss working as a Department of Army Outstanding Scholar Intern at the Directorate of Resource Management.


During her twenty-year civil service career, Castañeda was selected to attend the Defense Comptroller Program at Syracuse University, in New York; there she earned a Master of Arts in Business Administration and a Master of Arts in Public Administration. Subsequently, she became a certified Defense Financial Manager for the U.S. Department of Defense and was assigned to work at HQ, Installation Management Command, Virginia.

A year ago Castañeda returned to the position of Budget Officer at Fort Bliss and, together with a staff of twenty-five Analysts and Technicians, oversees a budget of nearly \$500 million.




Aurora Castañeda

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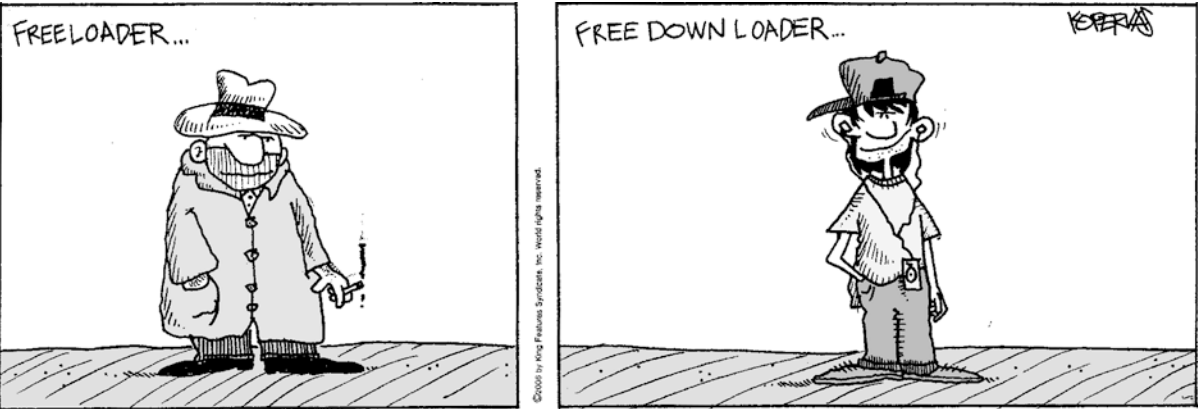
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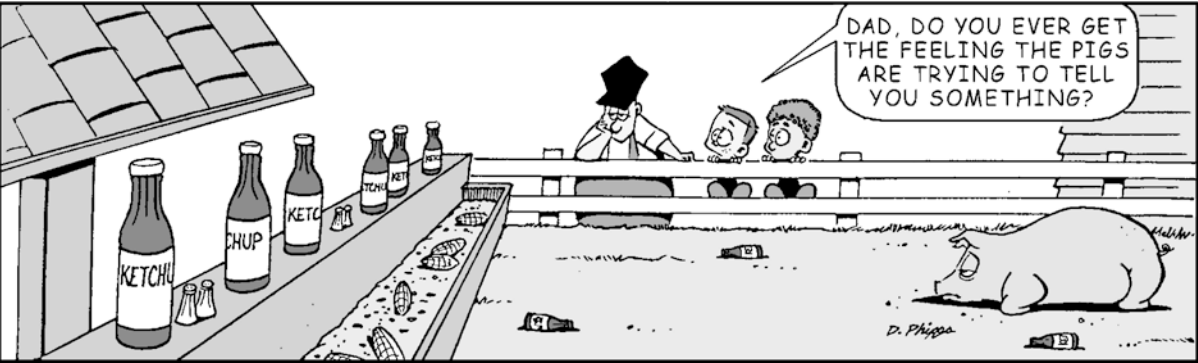
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As George Carlin told us – it’s all about stuff

By Don Flood

Not long ago my son told me about a man on TV who liked to get close to tornadoes and videotape them — so close that once his windows blew out and his car was lifted off the ground.

Here’s the interesting part. He isn’t a scientist. Nor is he doing any research. This is his hobby.

My question: How does this guy buy life insurance?

When I bought my policy, I remember being asked if I had any potentially dangerous hobbies, such as skydiving. I felt comfortable answering because the closest I’ve come to jumping out of a plane is rolling out of bed in the morning (though I didn’t let on to the insurance salesman just how dangerous that could be).

So I wondered how tornado guy would answer the same question:

“Yes, I like to videotape tornadoes.”

“Really? How close do you get?”

“One time I got so close my car was lifted off the ground. It was cool. That won’t affect my getting a policy, will it?”

“No, no problem at all. In fact, we have a special “nut-job” policy for people just like you. For just \$10,000 a month we provide you with a policy that will completely cover your burial expenses, except of course during tornado season.”

It’s this kind of news tip that I’ll miss while our son is away at school

We recently took him to college. It might be more accurate to say that we took him and his stuff to college.

Our little SUV was so jam-packed it looked like the truck that Jed Clampett loaded up and drove to Beverly Hills.

We probably wouldn’t have had enough room except I was able to tie my wife to the top of the car. (She said the view was great.)

OK, that wasn’t completely true, but we were so packed in we had to make frequent rest stops so that we could get out and breathe. Safety experts recommend that drivers on long trips stop once every two hours to allow people who are taking their children to college to breathe.

It was different when I went to college. Back then — this was before electricity, meaning we had to study by the light of candles we made ourselves — the only thing I recall taking was a few shirts and a change of underwear. My pair of jeans was perfect for every social occasion.

Our son’s move-in day was interesting. The plan, the officer sternly informed us, was to quickly dump our son’s stuff on the lawn — and not take it up to his room! — and then park elsewhere, giving the scene the look of a mass hurricane evacuation, except as college parents, of course, we were far more anxious.

Still, we got moved him in pretty quickly and it was time for those parting words of wisdom.

I didn’t have any, of course, so instead I said, “Have a good time.”

I have a feeling, though, that that won’t be a problem.

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- 20 Well-ventilated
- 21 Have bills
- 22 Irish mobster?
- 24 Irish singer?
- 26 Fluffy female
- 27 __ contact
- 28 Frighten
- 30 Corduroy ridge
- 31 Sean of "Colors"
- 33 Covered thickly
- 36 In any way
- 38 Furnish
- 41 "The Dating Game" producer
- 42 Young follower?
- 43 "Rigoletto" composer
- 44 Adams' apparatus
- 45 Home wreckers?
- 49 "Make __ double!"
- 50 Last name in fashion
- 52 Diva Leontyne
- 53 " __ been had!"
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- 56 Evangelist
- Roberts
- 57 Sag
- 59 Bottled spirits?
- 61 Box

- 63 Kind of carpet
- 64 Fit for a king
- 65 Easy stride
- 66 Irish explorer?
- 70 "East of Eden" character
- 71 Dancer Gregory
- 72 They may be wild
- 73 Porthos' pal
- 75 Turn inside out
- 76 Cremona
- craftsman
- 78 Clarinetist Artie
- 79 School founded in 1440
- 82 Always, to Auden
- 83 Less available
- 85 Bartlett bits
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- 99 Celtic cultists
- 100 Sociable starling
- 101 Bluenose
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- 6 Knight's wife
- 7 Planet, for one
- 8 McGwire stat
- 9 Noun suffix
- 10 Balkan area
- 11 Bar food?
- 12 Wharf
- 13 Like potpourri
- 14 Cobb and Hardin
- 15 True-blue
- 16 Tom of "Adam's Rib"
- 17 "You __ on My Mind" ('65 hit)
- 18 Complete the cake
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- 25 Oscar or Tony
- 29 Meyerbeer's " __ Huguenots"
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- 32 Author Ambler
- 33 Sahara sight
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- 37 Wire
- 38 Fired up
- 39 Jubilee
- 40 Irish actor?
- 41 Bite for Bonzo
- 42 Freightor or ferry
- 44 Pool shot
- 45 __ -Magnon
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- 47 European health resort
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- 51 Torrid
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- 63 "Git, Garfield!"
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- 69 Talk really big
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- 76 __ code
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Tornillo Independent School District will hold a public meeting at 6:00 PM, Wednesday, October 15, 2008, in the boardroom of the Tornillo Administration Building, at 19200 Cobb Ave., Tornillo, Texas 79853.

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

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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, October 15, 2008 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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I gotta get a windshield for that thing.

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Miners

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without over-thinking the situation. He dropped back quickly and threw the ball without hesitation — and on track.

Now everybody knows that it takes two players to complete a football pass play. And in their first three games, no matter how well the quarterback threw it, there was no guarantee the receivers would be able to catch it.

But last Saturday the UTEP receivers came up big, catching everything they were supposed to. They even made a couple of spectacular grabs to keep drives going.

The other phase had to be in the kicking game. It's no secret that the Miners probably have the best kicker in the nation at their disposal when a drive stalls. And while the rumors were that Jose Martinez could kick the ball from the Sun Bowl to the Don Haskins Center, fans wanted proof.

They got it.

Just before the half, coach Mike Price put Martinez in the game for one purpose and one purpose only, to show off his foot for the fans and the national TV audience.

Martinez promptly nailed the 64-yard field goal which sent the Sun Bowl fans into a frenzy. And I'm now convinced, after seeing his reaction to the kick that Price can move on the dance floor.

All-in-all, it was the most fun fans had experienced in the Sun Bowl in almost a year. But the big question now is whether the Miners can keep things going this week at Southern Mississippi, or will they return to their old under-achieving selves?

UTEP's season was saved last week; they are 1-0 in Conference USA and in a position to make this a remarkable year after all. I can't believe a team can play the way they did against UCF if they didn't have exceptional talent.

And when you combine that talent with determination and poise, well, you saw what can happen.

I like Mike Price and it was very nice to see the weight of the world lifted from his shoulders last week. The mental midgets who have been calling for Price's head during these hard times, should have theirs examined.

But I'm not sure the doc will find much.

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