



## NEWSBRIEFS

### Early publications

The *West Texas County Courier* will go to press early on the Oct. 12 and Oct. 10 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 reopen on Oct. 23.

### Patriots remembered

Canutillo ISD's Jose H. Damian Elementary School celebrated Patriots' Day as part of a September 11th observance with a special memorial assembly to honor both past and present patriots. The memorial begins a two month long project that will culminate with a Veterans' Day Memorial. The highlight of the day's events was held in the play yard of the campus beside the Liberty tree, which was planted on Patriots' Day four years ago in commemoration of the first anniversary of 9/11. Margaret Sanger, event coordinator and teacher at JDE, said, "The idea of having the Liberty tree on campus was to remind students that September 11th is a day to be remembered as one which fills our hearts with pride in our country and the millions of patriots that fill her borders." Students released 800 environmental friendly, red, white, and blue balloons signifying freedom in honor of all veterans and present members of the Armed Forces.

### In other news

■ Socorro ISD, Community Services Adult Learning Center, will hold their 13th Annual GED graduation Ceremony on Thursday, Sept. 21 at the Student Activity Center (1300 Joe Battle) beginning at 6:30 p.m. Guest speaker will be Jaime Hernandez, Assistant Principal of Lujan Chavez School. More than 50 graduates completed their GED requirements and are expected to receive their certificates Thursday night. The public is invited to attend. For more information, please call 937-1700.

■ During the regularly scheduled Horizon City Council meeting on Sept. 12 Council unanimously approved a tax rate of .031 per \$100 property valuation. This is the same rate as last year as stated by City Council members. Other business included discussion on the marketing strategies for Horizon City. Currently a brochure is being prepared with support from the council. City Councilman Jennifer Whiskeyman has taken the lead on this project and is continuing to promote Horizon City and what it has to offer.

■ The Montwood Flag and Dance Camp will be held Sept. 23, 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at the Montwood Gym, 12000 Montwood. All children ages 4-15 are welcome. Lunch and t-shirt are provided with \$25 camp fee. Call Dianna Rios at 937-2581 or email drios06@sisd.net.

■ The El Paso Sector of the U.S.  
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*A little learning may be a dangerous thing — but it's still safer than total ignorance.*

— Quips & Quotes



— Photo courtesy San Elizario ISD

**FOLLOW ME, BOYS** — Nancy Jacquez, pre-k teacher at Loya Primary School, leads the charge during the Constitution Day Parade at Loya Primary School, Monday, Sept. 18, 2006.

## Loya Primary celebrates Constitution Day

By Phillip Cortez  
*Special to the Courier*

SAN ELIZARIO — September 17, 1787 was the day that the Constitution of the United States of America was signed. Two hundred and nineteen years later, the students at Loya Primary School in San Elizario celebrated the historical event by marching through the school halls and donning patriotic costumes in grand fashion.

Christine Jaksch, Loya principal, said that the parades were a culmination of days of learning about American symbols, their meanings, and about the Constitution's importance.

"They learned through classroom instruction

the various patriotic symbols such as the flag, what it stands for, the meaning behind the stripes," Jaksch said. "The parade was important so that they could celebrate the Constitution and what the United States has accomplished as a country."

Teachers got involved in dressing the part, too, as pre-k teacher Nancy Jacquez led the charge through the halls as a real-life Statue of Liberty and kindergarten teacher Miguel Mendez wore a sash that read "Mr. United States" and a USA top hat to go with his hand-held flag.

The parade — there were two during the day, an a.m. and p.m. version — lasted roughly 15 minutes and was enjoyed by plenty of parents.

## County attorney seeks stiff penalty for teen in drug transport case

By Elhiu Dominguez  
*Special to the Courier*

EL PASO COUNTY — A determinate sentence is being sought for a 16-year-old girl caught attempting to bring more than 49 pounds of cocaine into the U.S., according to El Paso County Attorney José Rodríguez.

On Aug. 28, according to official documents, an officer with the U.S. Customs and Border Protection assigned to the Ysleta Port of Entry found 49.2 pounds of cocaine in a hidden compartment of a white 1997 Chrysler Sebring after being alerted by a K-9 officer. The 16-year-old driver was enrolled as a student in the Ysleta School District at the time of her arrest, and has been held in custody at the Juvenile Probation Department since August 28.

Instead of prosecuting the case through the "normal" juvenile process, Rodríguez said he decided to proceed under the Texas Determinate Sentencing Statute, to seek a tougher sentence against the juvenile.

Rodríguez explained that the Determinate Sentencing Statute is a state law that allows

for the possibility of a more severe punishment for a juvenile adjudicated of certain types of serious crimes, including felony drug charges. Under the statute, the juvenile faces the possibility of a sentence of up to 40 years in juvenile detention facilities and in adult prison.

Even though the juvenile had no prior criminal history, Rodríguez cited the excessively large amount of cocaine found in the juvenile's possession as the reason for prosecuting the case under the determinate sentencing statute. The street value of the cocaine is estimated between \$280,000 and \$700,000.

"We are concerned about the drug cartels using teens to try to bring drugs into our community. For a number of years this has been a recurring problem in El Paso, especially because some teenagers believe nothing serious is going to happen to them if they ever get caught," Rodríguez said.

"Proceeding under Determinate Sentencing Statute in this case demonstrates that we will not tolerate these types of crimes, and should serve as a warning to those teens who might be tempted by the money being offered by the drug cartels," he said.

## Canutillo ISD hires first internal auditor

By Kim Guzman  
*Special to the Courier*

UPPER VALLEY — Martha Carrasco was named recently by the Canutillo Independent School District to fill the newly created internal auditor position to assist the



Martha Carrasco

District in accomplishing its goals and objectives.

"Rapid growth, changing demographics and student needs, safety and security issues, more rigorous assessments, increased requirements, and new legislation have all placed more demands on CISD,"

said Dr. Pam Padilla, CISD Superintendent.

Dr. Padilla said that the internal auditor will provide objective assessments of operations; provide management with observations and recommendations that will improve operations and strengthen internal controls; and identify ways to reduce risks and costs and achieve desired program results.

According to Carrasco, there is a five step

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## County Ethics Board has opening for new members

By Guadalupe Silva  
*Special to the Courier*

EL PASO COUNTY — There are currently two openings on the El Paso County Board of Ethics and the county government is calling for interested community members to apply.

The County's Ethics Board, a nine-member body, is charged with the interpretation, implementation and enforcement of the County's Code of Ethics. The code consists of a set of standards of conduct for members of Commissioners Court, County department heads and employees, and members of committees, boards and commissions.

Applicants must be El Paso County residents. Elected officials and candidates for elected office, county employees and individuals in a position governed by the County's Code of Ethics are not eligible for membership. The Board's nine members serve two-year staggered terms. The terms of two board members expire Sept. 30. The Board will conduct the selection process for the new members.

El Paso County residents who are interested in participating should submit an official "Application for Commission" and a resume to the Board of Ethics through Gabriela Esquivel in the Department of Human Resources, between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. Monday through Friday, at 500 E. San Antonio, Suite 302.

Applications can be obtained from the County's Code of Ethics web site at <http://www.epcounty.com/ethics/> and mailed to the above address or faxed to (915) 546-8126. All applications must be received by Sept. 30, 2006 no later than 5 p.m. to be considered. For information call Esquivel at 546-2218.



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

*Time running out for effective border security legislation*

The adjournment date of Congress is quickly approaching. Based on legislation the House of Representatives is expected to consider, and despite the best efforts of many of my colleagues and me, passage of a comprehensive immigration and border security bill appears highly unlikely. This past week, the House of Representatives considered H.R. 6061, the "Secure Fence Act of

2006," which included the border fencing provisions that Chairman James Sensenbrenner added to H.R. 4437, his immigration and border security bill the House passed in December. Not only are the provisions in H.R. 6061 redundant, the bill does not even provide funding to carry out these mandates. I voted against this so-called "Secure Fence Act" and offered the Democratic alternative with the lead Democrat on the Committee on Homeland Security, Rep.

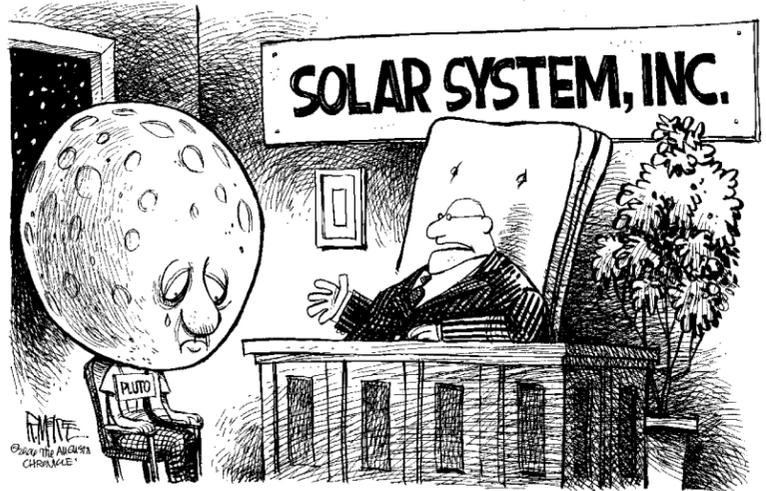
Bennie Thompson. Our alternative was a practical approach to securing our borders and would provide \$5.3 billion to create new Border Patrol and Immigration and Customs Enforcement agents, establish northern and southern border coordinators to oversee the security of the border, and improve the recruitment and retention of border security personnel. It would also fund 25,000 new detention beds, a round-the-clock surveillance system, and physical infrastructure enhancements at the borders.

The House is also scheduled to consider additional piecemeal bills this week. The names themselves — the Illegal Immigrant Deterrence Act, the Immigration Enforcement Act, and the Border Security Enhancement Act — suggest more of a political than a practical approach to border security, especially since the Senate has not announced plans to consider comparable bills focused solely on border security. The Senate favors a more comprehensive approach to include both border security and immigration reform, and it is in the best interests of the border region and the nation as a whole if we work on resolving the differences in the House-passed and Senate-passed bills from earlier this year.

I am extremely disappointed that after all we hear about terrorism, after all we hear about threats to our homeland security, this piecemeal approach is the best we can do. It will not solve our nation's long-standing immigration system failures and border security challenges — and it wastes our time when there are a precious few days left in this Congress. There are a host of pressing issues facing our country today, such as health care, the economy and education, as well as immigration and border security, and the House of Representatives simply does not have time to consider redundant pieces of legislation.

As I mentioned on the House floor last week, the so-called "Secure Fence Act" is the equivalent of a doctor in the emergency room having a patient come in from a severe automobile accident with broken limbs and wounds over most parts of the body, and saying "Nurse, give me a Band-aid."

The fence bill, and the ensuring border security bills, are a Band-aid approach, and we can do much better. We need to do a comprehensive piece of legislation that addresses the security challenges in the border region, as well as our broken immigration system, and we should do it before Congress adjourns.



"CHEER UP, SON...IT'S JUST A DEMOTION. BE THANKFUL YOU DON'T WORK FOR FORD."



**Moore Texas** by Roger T. Moore Sept. 13, 1935: Howard Hughes sets a record of 352 mph with his "Winged Bullet" airplane.

**One perspective**  
By Francis Shrum

*One perspective will return next week.*

**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., Tuesday, 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 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.

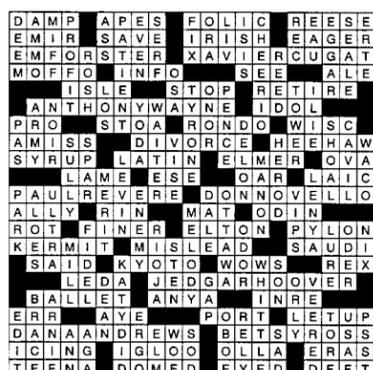
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**Notice of Public Meeting To Discuss San Elizario Independent School District's State Financial Accountability Rating**

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 Elizario 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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*Give the gift of life*



This time of year is a busy one for all of us. The school year has begun and the holiday season is around the corner. As you go about your day, I urge you to consider donating blood. The need is great, and the few minutes it takes may mean years of life for a sick or injured patient.

The average adult has about 10 pints of blood circulating through their body bringing oxygen, nutrients and minerals to the body. While blood is basically composed of the same elements — red and white blood cells, platelets and plasma — not all blood is the same. There are eight common red blood cell types. Blood typing is necessary because if certain blood types are combined, the blood cells may clump and the result could be fatal. For this reason, adequate supplies of each type are required. This may sound confusing, but one thing is very clear — donating blood helps to save lives.

The good news is that millions of Americans voluntarily donate blood every year. The bad news is that this is not enough.

The demand for blood is constantly

increasing, and the nation's blood banks are having difficulty keeping up. Following the tragic events of September 11th, Americans felt a surge of patriotism and the desire to help our neighbors. According to the American Red Cross website, "In September 2001 alone, more than 900,000 people came to give blood at a Red Cross blood drive — 46 percent more than during the previous September." More than half of Americans are eligible to donate blood, yet maintaining an adequate amount of blood for surgeries, trauma victims and treatment of diseases continues to be a year-round problem.

What's worse is that donations traditionally slump during the holiday season. Colleges, schools and businesses that normally host blood drives close and families take vacations. The winter also brings with it outbreaks of the flu and bad weather that can affect donation levels.

Donating blood is safe and painless. Any individual who is at least 17 years old and weighs 110 pounds or more can donate. It takes about 45

minutes to one hour, including 20 minutes for the actual blood collection. Type "O" blood is the most commonly used because it can be safely transfused to people of all blood types. You can give blood every eight weeks, but remember that with just one donation you could save a life.

There are many places where donations can be made. Bloodmobiles travel to high schools, colleges, churches, and other community organizations. People can also donate at community blood centers and hospital-based donor centers. Many people donate at blood drives at their workplace. To find out where you can donate, call the national Red Cross hotline at 800-GIVE-LIFE, America's Blood Centers at 888-256-6388, or the American Association of Blood Banks at 866-376-6968.

Every few seconds, someone in the United States needs blood. Let's make a pledge to give the gift of life: donate blood.

**Carrasco**

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process to performing an audit. It includes planning, fieldwork, draft report, exit conference, and the final report.

She plans to collaborate on audit projects with staff from various divisions and departments, and then

will report to the Board of Trustees and the Superintendent.

Carrasco said that she is looking forward to working with the District, stating that "this is a wonderful and challenging opportunity to utilize my knowledge and experience to assist the Board of Trustees and superintendent in addressing important issues facing the school district. I appreciate their confidence in me."

Before coming to CISD, Carrasco

worked with all three of the larger school districts in El Paso and brings a total of 20 years of school district experience including six years in the area of internal audit. She received both her Bachelor's and Master's Degrees in Business Administration from the UTEP. Carrasco's credentials include Certified Internal Auditor (CIA) and Certified Government Auditing Professional (CGAP) received from the Institute of Internal Auditors.

**Horizon High School students beat state averages on AP Spanish exams**

By Laura Cade  
Special to the Courier

EAST EL PASO COUNTY — Of the 47 Horizon High School students in the Pre-Advanced Placement Spanish class who took the Advanced Placement Spanish Language Exam, 46 passed with the majority, 33, of scoring the highest possible of either a 5 or 4.

Horizon High's average was 4.55 for the exam which far ex-

ceeds the state average of 3.28 gathered by the College Board.

Eighteen students from Horizon High School also passed the Advanced Placement Spanish Literature exam with a score of 3 or higher. The exam tests the student's knowledge of 12th century to contemporary Spanish literature. The state average for the Spanish literature exam is 2.57. The average for Horizon High School was 2.88.

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**Public Notice  
TO ALL INTERESTED  
PERSONS AND PARTIES:**

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**Public Notice  
Town of Horizon City, Texas**

During the Regular City Council Meeting on Tuesday, September 12, 2006, the Town City Council approved the following ordinance:

Ordinance No. 0154 — Adopting a budget for the Fiscal Year commencing October 1, 2006 and ending September 30, 2007 for the Town of Horizon City, Texas.

**Balance Budget Recap for FYE 09/30/2007**

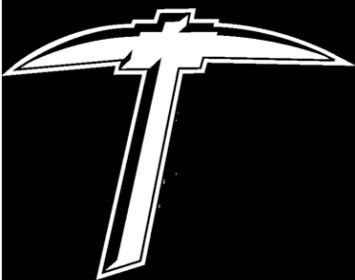
<b>Revenues</b>	<b>\$2,276,161</b>
<b>General Fund</b>	
Administration	477,280
Community Service	66,662
Public Works	271,052
Streets	229,988
Parks	78,148
Public Safety	672,318
Municipal Court	139,781
Planning	83,541
Capital Improvement	212,766
<b>Sub-total General Fund</b>	<b>\$ 2,231,536</b>
<b>Debt Service Fund</b>	
Debt Service	44,625
<b>Sub-total Debt Service</b>	<b>\$ 44,625</b>
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 2,276,161</b>

A complete copy of the proposed budget is available at Town Hall, 14999 Darrington Road, Horizon City, Texas 79928.

Sandra Sierra  
City Clerk

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**ONE TEAM - ONE GOAL**



**C - USA Volleyball Home Opener**

**Marshall vs. UTEP**

**Friday, September 22nd**

**7pm Memorial Gym**

**For Ticket Information Call 747-5234**

**Battle of I - 10  
NMSU vs. UTEP**

**Saturday, September 30th**

**7pm Sun Bowl Stadium**

**For Ticket Information Call 747-523**

First 5,000 fans will receive a schedule magnet.

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



## CHS student participates in environmental science and math program

By Alfredo Vasquez  
Special to the Courier

UPPER VALLEY — Alfonso Frias, a Canutillo High School junior, successfully completed the Region VI Environmental Science and Mathematics program hosted by Rogers State University in Claremore, Oklahoma this summer.

Frias was among 50 high school students selected to participate in the six-week educational program funded

by the United States Department of Education. Students from Texas, New Mexico, Arkansas, Missouri, and Oklahoma had the opportunity to experience laboratory work, field research, and the application of mathematics to environmental subjects and issues.

"The program was an amazing experience because I was able to meet other young people from different states. It opened my mind to so many new ideas," said Frias.

Participants lived on the Rogers State University campus and attended



Alfonso Frias

classes in environmental sciences including chemistry, biology, mathematics, and geology. They also attended classes in literature, computer science, foreign language, career development/study skills, and reading skills. Most weekends were spent on extended field trips to various sites in and around Claremore.

Frias said that he would like to see more CHS students take advantage of programs such as this one because they help high school students expand their horizons. Frias plans to study forensic medicine after graduation. His parents are Peggy and Alfonso Frias.

## Districts to address Greater El Paso Chamber of Commerce

By Rafael Caraveo Jr.  
Special to the Courier

EL PASO COUNTY — The State of the District has been hosted by the Greater El Paso Chamber of Commerce for the past three years in an effort to give school districts an opportunity to address the business community about their status, student performance, district needs, and educational goals.

This year's State of the District luncheon will feature Dr. Lorenzo Garcia, EPISD Superintendent, Dr. Pam Padilla, Canutillo ISD Superintendent, and Vern Butler, Anthony ISD Superintendent.

In the past, only one district has been showcased at each event. However, a new format will allow three school districts to make presentations

within a reasonable amount of time. The program will be moderated by Dana Vogelmeier with State Farm Bank. She is also chairperson of the Education Committee.

This event will allow outlying school districts to outline plans and accomplishments in preparation of a future workforce. The Annual State of the District address is slated for Sept. 27 from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. The luncheon and program will be held at the Judson F. Williams Convention Center, Hall A. Entertainment will begin at 11:00 a.m., which includes the El Paso High School Chamber Orchestra and presentation of the colors by the Canutillo High School National Junior ROTC.

For detailed information, prices and reservations, or sponsorship opportunities, call Yesenia Gonzalez at 534-0530.

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## Spanish

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David Martinez and Alejandro Vega each scored exceptionally high with a 5 on both exams.

To prepare for the exam, the stu-

dents completed the rigorous curriculum, read, listened to tapes, took notes, and practiced comparing and contrasting. The fact that the students did not have textbooks did not keep them from succeeding. They found other resources to prepare for the exam according to Magdalena Contreras, AP Spanish teacher at Horizon High School.

This year the students have a textbook and are now preparing for the

newly restructured exam which will be more difficult according to Contreras.

Eight students from Clint High School and 31 students from Mountain View High School also scored 3 or higher on the AP Spanish Exams. For both tests the students had to answer multiple choice questions and write three 200 word essays. The students may also receive college credit for scores of 3 or higher on the exams.

## San Elizario Independent School District Special Education Services

San Elizario Independent School District provides the following educational program/services to identified disabled children who reside within the district beginning on the third birthday through age twenty-one.

1) Instructional Program: including Early Childhood (beginning on the third birthday through age five), Resource (grades K-12) and Self-Contained (grades K-12); 2) Diagnostic Services; 3) Transportation Services; 4) Speech Therapy; 5) Counseling Services; 6) Adaptive Equipment Services; 7) Physical Therapy; 8) Occupational Therapy; 9) School Health Services; 10) Homebound Services; and 11) Dyslexia Services

Services are provided to identified auditorial and visually impaired children who reside within the district from birth through age twenty-one.

In compliance with the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974 and Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (20 USC § 1400, ET SEQ), parents and adult students have the right to inspect educational records. District policies FL and FL-E provide for record access, confidentiality, and complaint procedures.

If you would like more information or know of a disabled child who is not receiving educational services, please contact: Special Education Director, 1050 Chicken Ranch Rd., Special Education Office, San Elizario, Texas 79849, (915) 872-3926. Mail: PO Box 920, San Elizario, TX 79849.

### Servicios de Educacion Especial

El distrito escolar de San Elizario provee los siguientes programas/servicios educacionales a niños que son identificados como deshabilitados que viven dentro del distrito comenzando con el tercer cumpleaños hasta los 21 años.

1) programa de instrucción: infancia temprana (comenzando con el tercer cumpleaños hasta la edad de cinco años), cuarto de recurso (K-12), y clases contenidas (K-12); 2) servicios diagnósticos; 3) servicios de transportación; 4) terapia de habla; 5) servicios de consejo; 6) servicios de equipaje adaptivo; 7) terapia física; 8) terapia ocupacional; 9) servicios de salud escolar; 10) servicios de clases en el hogar; y 10) servicios de dyslexia

Se provee servicios a niños identificados como deshabilitados audible y visualmente que viven dentro del distrito desde nacimiento hasta la edad de 21 años.

Conforme al Acto de Derechos y Confidencia Educacionales de Familia de 1974 y Individuos con Educacionales Deshabilitados Acto (20 USC § 1400, ET SEQ), padres y alumnos adultos tienen el derechos de ver los archivos educativos. Polizas FL y FL-E explican los derechos, la confidencialidad, y el proceso para quejarse.

Si usted desea mas información o sabe de un niño/niña deshabilitado que vive en el distrito escolar de Clint que no esta recibiendo servicios educacionales, favor de comunicarse con: Directora de Educación Especial, 1050 Chicken Ranch Rd., Special Education Office, San Elizario, Texas 79849, (915) 872-3926. Mail: PO Box 920, San Elizario, TX 79849.

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## San Elizario Independent School District Public Notice of Non-Discrimination

It is the policy of the San Elizario Independent School District to prohibit discrimination on the basis of race, color, national origin, gender or any person who has a disability in the admission or access to programs, delivery of services or employment.

The San Elizario Independent School District is fully committed to meeting its responsibilities as specified by Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended; Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972; prohibiting sex discrimination, the Age Discrimination Act of 1975, Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended; and the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA).

Inquiries concerning your rights may be referred to Title IX Coordinator: Superintendent Mike Quatrini, 1050 Chicken Ranch Rd., Administration Building, San Elizario, Texas 79849, (915) 872-3900; or Section 504 Coordinator, 1050 Chicken Ranch Rd., Special Education Office, San Elizario TX 79849, (915) 872-3960. Mail: PO Box 920, San Elizario, TX 79849.

### Notificación Publica

Es la norma de conducta de el distrito escolar de San Elizario prohibir la discriminación a base de raza, color, origen nacional, sexo o deshabilidad en la admisión o el acceso a programas, entrega de servicios o empleo.

El distrito escolar de San Elizario esta comprometido a cumplir con las responsabilidades especificadas por el Título VI del Acta de Derechos Civiles de 1964, como enmendado, el Título IX de la Enmienda de Educación de 1972, como enmendado, que prohíbe la discriminación sexual, del Acta de la Discriminación por Edad de 1975, la Sección 504 del Acta de Rehabilitación de 1973, como enmendado, y el Acta de Americanos con Deshabilitades.

Para información tocanta a sus derechos comuníquese con la Coordinadora de Título IX: Superintendente Mike Quatrini, 1050 Chicken Ranch Rd., Administration Building, San Elizario, Texas 79849, (915) 872-3900; o Coordinadora de Sección 504, 1050 Chicken Ranch Rd., Special Education Office, San Elizario TX 79849, (915) 872-3960. Mail: PO Box 920, San Elizario, TX 79849.

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# Socorro ISD Board approves timeline for superintendent search

By Irma Flores  
Special to the Courier

EAST EL PASO COUNTY — The Socorro Independent School District Board is following a search and selection process to find a new superintendent through Harold Webb Associates, the search firm selected by the board last month. Company representatives pro-

vided a plan to screen and provide qualified candidates to the board by the beginning of November 2006 and have a new SISD Superintendent in place by early January 2007.

The district has been gathering input from businesses, parent groups and local elected officials through a series of various meetings.

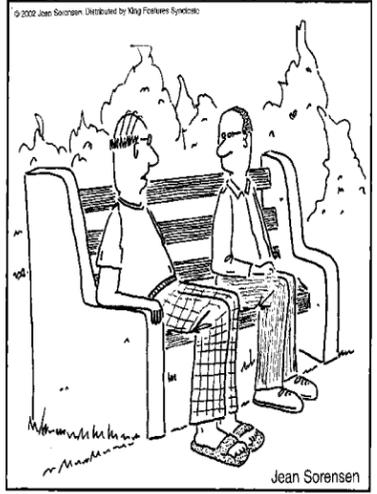
The information gathered at these meetings was used to develop

a position description and statement of qualifications which was to be submitted to the Board for its review and approval on Sept. 19.

After Board approval, this statement will be used to announce the vacancy, for advertisements and for serving as a standard which will be used in the screening and interviewing of candidates. The vacancy announcement will also be sent to Harold Webb's Associates'

network of more than 450 members asking them to identify and encourage qualified candidates to apply for the position.

The deadline to submit applications for the superintendent position is Friday, Oct. 27. The Texas-based company will receive, acknowledge and screen all valid applications. After screening has been completed, as many as 50 qualified candidates may be recommended for Board review on Nov. 4. The board expects to have a new superintendent in place by Jan. 4, 2007.



"Just when I come to terms with my eccentricity, pajama pants become fashionable."

## Briefs

From Page 1

Customs and Border Protection begins its 21st Session of the Citizen's Academy on Oct. 14. This six-week program, presented weekly on Saturdays at 8901 Montana, offers area residents an inside look at the immigration law, statutory authority, weapons, and strategies to control terrorism. Participants must be 21 years of age and

the program is free. Call 834-8901 for information or to register.

■ If only about 11 percent of identity theft cases happen online, where are you more likely to become a victim? Part of the answer is that half of all thefts are committed by someone the victim knows. Find out more with *Preventing Identity Theft: A Guide for Consumers* from the U.S. Department of Justice, the National Crime Prevention Council, and ADT Security Services, Inc. The guide has practical tips, including a

checklist of ways to prevent this costly crime and descriptions of the tactics thieves like to use. If you're 18 to 29, be especially careful — you're the most likely of any age group to be at risk. For a free copy of this helpful booklet, send your name and address to the Federal Citizen Information Center, Dept. 651N, Pueblo, CO 81009. Or call toll-free 1-888-878-3256, and ask for Item 651N, or visit [www.pueblo.gsa.gov](http://www.pueblo.gsa.gov) to read or print this and hundreds of other FCIC publications for free.

## San Elizario Independent School District Public Notification of Nondiscrimination in Career and Technology Programs

1) The San Elizario Independent School District offers career and technology programs in Consumer and Family Science, Business, Cosmetology, Health Science Technologies, CISCO Networking, Advertising and Graphic Design, Building Trades and Auto Technology. Admission to these programs is based on course pre-requisite and grade level classifications. For program information call Julian Encina at 872-3939, ext. 3844.

2) It is the policy of the San Elizario Independent School District not to discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex or disability in its vocational programs, services, or activities as required by Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972; and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended.

3) It is the policy of the San Elizario Independent School District not to discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, handicap or age in its employment practices as required by title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended; Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, the Age Discrimination Act of 1975, as amended; and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended.

4) The San Elizario Independent School District will take steps to assure that lack of English skills will not be a barrier to admission and participation in all education and vocational programs.

5) For information about your rights or grievance procedures, contact Superintendent Mike Quatrini, 1050 Chicken Ranch Rd., Administration Building, San Elizario, Texas 79849, (915) 872-3900. Mail: PO Box 920, San Elizario, TX 79849.

### Notificacion Publica de no Discriminar en los Programas de Carrera y Tecnologia

1) El distrito escolar de San Elizario está ofreciendo programas de carrera y tecnología en Ciencia al Consumidor y Familia, Negocios, Cosmetología, Técnica de Salud, Red de Computación CISCO, Publicidad/Promoción y Diseños Gráficos, Técnica de Carpintería, y Técnica Mecánica. Para poderse admitir en estos programas tienen que estar registrados en el distrito de San Elizario y completar los requisitos necesarios. Para más información contacto Julian Encina a 872-3939, ext. 3844

2) Es la póliza del distrito de San Elizario de no discriminar por causa de raza, color, origen nacional, sexo, o deshabilidad en estos programas vocacionales, servicios, o actividades requeridos por el Título IV del Acta de Derechos Civiles de 1964, que fue enmendada, Título IX de las Enmiendas Educativas de 1972, y la Sección 504 de la Acta de Rehabilitación de 1973, como enmendada.

3) Es la póliza del distrito de San Elizario de no discriminar por causa de raza, color, origen nacional, sexo, deshabilidad, o la edad en sus metodos de empleo exigido por el Título VI del Acta de Derechos Civiles de 1964, enmendada por las Enmienda Educativas de 1972, del Acta de la Discriminación por Edad de 1975, como enmendada, y la Sección 504 de la Acta de Rehabilitación de 1973, como enmendada.

4) El distrito escolar de San Elizario tomará pasos para asegurar que la falta de ingles no sea obstáculo para la admisión y participación en todos los programas vocacionales y educativos.

5) Para más información de sus derechos y procedimiento de agravios, puede ponerse en contacto con el Superintendente Mike Quatrini, 1050 Chicken Ranch Rd., Administration Building, San Elizario, Texas 79849, (915) 872-3900. Mail: PO Box 920, San Elizario, TX 79849.

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## PUBLIC NOTICE CITY OF SOCORRO, TEXAS Texas Community Development Block Grant Program

The City of Socorro is giving notice of the City's intent to submit a Community Development Fund application for two grants from the Texas Community Development Block Grant Program. One of the grants requested is for \$240,000 to be used to carry street improvements in the "El Campestre" Neighborhood. The second grant is requested from the TCDP Planning and Capacity Building Fund, and is for \$50,000 to be used to conduct jurisdiction wide comprehensive planning studies.. The applications are available for review at the City's Administration Building during regular business hours.

Trini Lopez  
Mayor

Date Published:  
09/21/06

## Public Notice Town of Clint

### NOTICE OF APPLICATION AVAILABILITY TEXAS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM PROJECT

The Town of Clint is giving notice of intent to submit an application to the Office of Rural Community Affairs for a Community Development Fund grant in the amount of \$240,000 for a water system improvements project on Pioneer Street. The grant application will be available for review at the Clint municipal offices during regular business hours after September 22, 2006.

Dale T. Reinhardt  
Mayor

Date Published:  
September 21, 2006

## PUBLIC NOTICE TOWN OF ANTHONY

### NOTICE OF APPLICATION AVAILABILITY TEXAS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM PROJECT

The Town of Anthony is giving notice of intent to submit an application to the Office of Rural Community Affairs for a Community Development Fund grant in the amount of \$240,000 for a sewer system improvements project at the sewer plant. The grant application will be available for review at the Anthony Town Hall during regular business hours after September 22, 2006.

Art Franco  
Mayor

Date Published:  
September 21, 2006

# Cozad needs a new role model

By Steve Escajeda  
Special to the Courier

If there's one thing that's certain, every successful person on this planet had a role model to follow.

Everyone can point back to someone in their past who provided the inspiration that propelled them to where they are today.

And it isn't any different with the University of Northern Colorado's Mitch Cozad.

Cozad was so touched and motivated that he went out and emulated the same actions that made his role model famous.

Only problem is that his role model was Tonya Harding. Seems Cozad wasn't exactly pleased with his job as backup punter for the Bears football team so he went out there and did something about it.

But rather than working on trying to improve his punting skills, he did the next best thing — he stabbed the team's first-string punter in the leg.

Can you say Gillooly?

Cozad, who apparently shares the same number of IQ points as Harding, jumped his teammate, Rafael Mendoza, from behind last week and stabbed him in his kicking leg.

And once again I must utter the words, "I thought I'd heard it all."

For his steroid-sized stupidity, Cozad was kicked off the team, expelled from school and is now facing assault charges.

There's another thing that intrigues me about this story. I can see two big sweaty defensive lineman going at it. Or maybe I can picture a couple of tough running backs having it out — but a couple of punters?

C'mon, that's like two pocket-protector-wearing accountants at Price-Waterhouse settling a dispute over a high-priced client with nunchucks.

That's like Woody Allen taking it to a difficult actor with a tire iron.

That's like two ballerinas — well — you get the idea.

I don't know about this whole idea of whacking the person ahead of you on life's totem pole.

All I can say is, "Watch your back, Drew Bledsoe."

## Cougars contained

The El Paso high school football season just finished its

third week of action and by now all the talk is about the team that has surprised you the most.

You know what I mean, the little team that defies the odds by winning a couple games they really shouldn't have. We notice the team that comes out of nowhere to upset the big bully team of the block.

But that's not the talk so far of the El Paso high school football season. This year's big story isn't about what a team has done, it's about what a team has not done.

The preseason polls all said that the Franklin Cougars were the best team El Paso had to offer. And why not — Franklin has turned its program into a perennial champion and a team to be reckoned with once it gets into the playoffs.

Few teams have dominated the local prep football scene like the Cougars.

Well, the Cougars are making headlines again this season, but not for anything they're very proud of. Franklin is still winless after three games this year, making it the first time in the school's history that it lost its first three games of the season.

The fact that the Cougars are losing is strange enough, but it's the way that they're losing that has everybody, especially the coaching staff, scratching their heads.

Franklin's defense is historically among the best in the state, let alone the city. And this year is no exception.

Franklin held the speedy Address Eagles to just 10 points. Then they held the explosive Riverside Rangers to just 10 points and held the high-flying Hanks Knights passing attack to just six points.

The Cougars held three of the city's best offensive units to a collective 8.6 points a game.

And lost all three games.

Franklin only managed seven points against Address and Riverside, and then only scored three on Hanks.

Even by accident, it's hard to be held to single digits three games in a row but the Cougars have somehow managed to do it.

The trouble with Franklin, obviously, is the offense. They look totally out of sync and without much confidence.

The Cougars are only 0-1 in District 1-5A play and still have a chance to be one of the four teams that makes it to the playoffs, but they still have Montwood, Coronado, Bel Air and Eastwood to play.

Unless the offense gets its act together, the Westside of El Paso will only have one team to root for come playoff time.



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## Town of Anthony PUBLIC NOTICE

A PUBLIC HEARING will be held at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, September 26, 2006 during the Regular Town Council Meeting at Anthony Town Hall, 401 Wildcat Dr., Anthony, Texas. Purpose of the public hearing is to allow any interested person to appear and testify at the hearing regarding the following proposed ordinance(s):

- 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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## Classified Ads

### LEGAL

**SOCORRO INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT**

**Invitation to Bid/Respond:**

Sealed bids/proposals/CSP/RFP to furnish the District with the following products and/or services will be accepted at the following times:

**MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 2006**

**LIBRARY SUPPLIES CSP NO. 199-0925-6142 ACCEPTED UNTIL 2:30 P.M.**

**FOOTBALL EQUIPMENT REPAIR CSP NO. 199-0925-6143 ACCEPTED UNTIL 3:00 P.M.**

**AUDIO VISUAL EQUIPMENT CSP NO. 199-0925-6124 ACCEPTED UNTIL 3:30 P.M.**

Proposals will be received at Business Services

Dept., 12300 Eastlake Drive, El Paso, Texas 79928 until the specified times. Detailed specifications are available from the above office between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. Mondays through Fridays and on the Socorro ISD website: [www.sisd.net](http://www.sisd.net). WTCC-09/21/06

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**THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 28, 2006**

**SPECIAL EDUCATION AUDITORY EQUIPMENT CSP NO. 199-0928-6141 ACCEPTED UNTIL 2:00 P.M.**

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**UNIFORMS AND INSTRUMENTS CSP NO. 199-0928-6145 ACCEPTED UNTIL 2:30 P.M.**

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**CARPENTRY MATERIALS CSP NO. 199-0928-6122 ACCEPTED UNTIL 3:30 P.M.**

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**FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 29, 2006**

**CONTRACTED SERVICES FOR THE AQUATIC CENTER EQUIPMENT, REPAIR PARTS, MATERIALS AND SUPPLIES CSP NO. 199-0929-7004 ACCEPTED UNTIL 2:00 P.M.**

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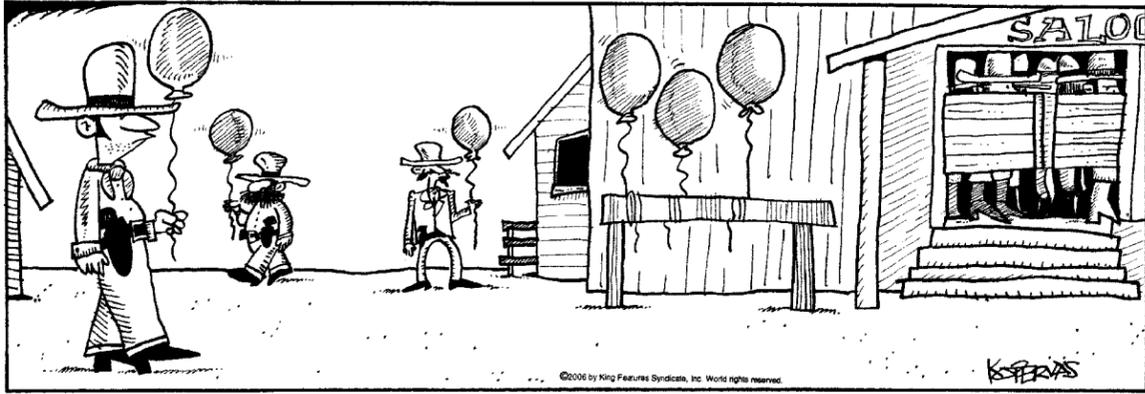
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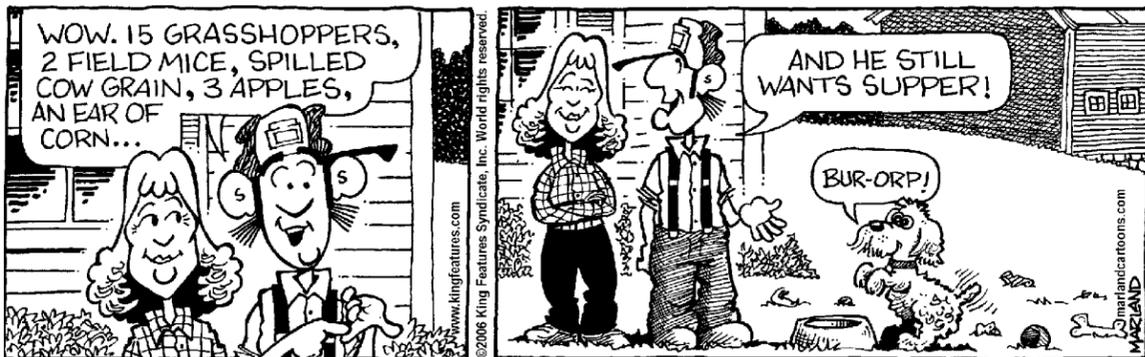
## AMBER WAVES By Dave T. Phipps



## THE SPATS By Jeff Pickering



## R.F.D. By Mike Marland



# Questions of etiquette examined

By Don Flood

The headline, from the Aug. 23 MSNBC Web site, topped a troubling story: Chinese Police End Funeral Striptease Acts.

According to the absolutely real-life story, Chinese police arrested strippers for giving an "obscene performance" at a farmer's funeral in Jiangsu province.

While it's unfortunate the performance was obscene, the mourners had a good reason for presenting the disrobing, which has been a common practice in the province.

"Local villagers believe that the more people who attend the service, the more the dead person is honored," the article said.

That's easy enough to understand.

The question is, how many strippers are too many? The article mentioned that wealthy families often hired two troupes of strippers.

While my knowledge of Chinese funeral stripteasing practices is limited, I suspect that's where the problems arose.

One family hires a troupe of strippers. Another family tops them by hiring two troupes plus a bawdy comedian. Pretty soon things get out of hand and the strippers begin intruding on the solemnity and dignity of the occasion.

Funeral striptease shows, of course, remain relatively uncommon in the U.S., but as the practice spreads, people will face similar questions, such as the number of performers needed to attract a respectable head count.

That's a question each family has to answer for itself, though one rule should always be observed. Do not put on a funeral show that is out of line with your standard of living.

If you have to start borrowing money to hire strippers, it's time to consider cutting back. And that's

nothing to be embarrassed about. In fact, many of the leading authorities on funeral etiquette actually prefer a single stripper, as it allows for an intimate performance more suitable for grieving.

Another option is to ask family and friends if they would like to volunteer. Much, however, depends on the strength and depth of your relationships, as many bitter family feuds have erupted because one cousin or aunt was asked to perform at a funeral while another was not.

This is why many bereavement professionals recommend against asking any family and friends to perform *unless you are willing to ask everyone*. That way everyone has his or her opportunity to be a part of the ceremony.

But if more mourners respond positively than you had anticipated, you must be prepared for a huge, Vegas-style revue, which may or may not correspond to the memorial service desired by the immediate family and, indeed, by the deceased himself.

(This is another example why pre-planning is so important. Many embark on their journey to the hereafter without making their wishes known, leaving it up to the family, in their hour of grief, to decide how many strippers are appropriate.)

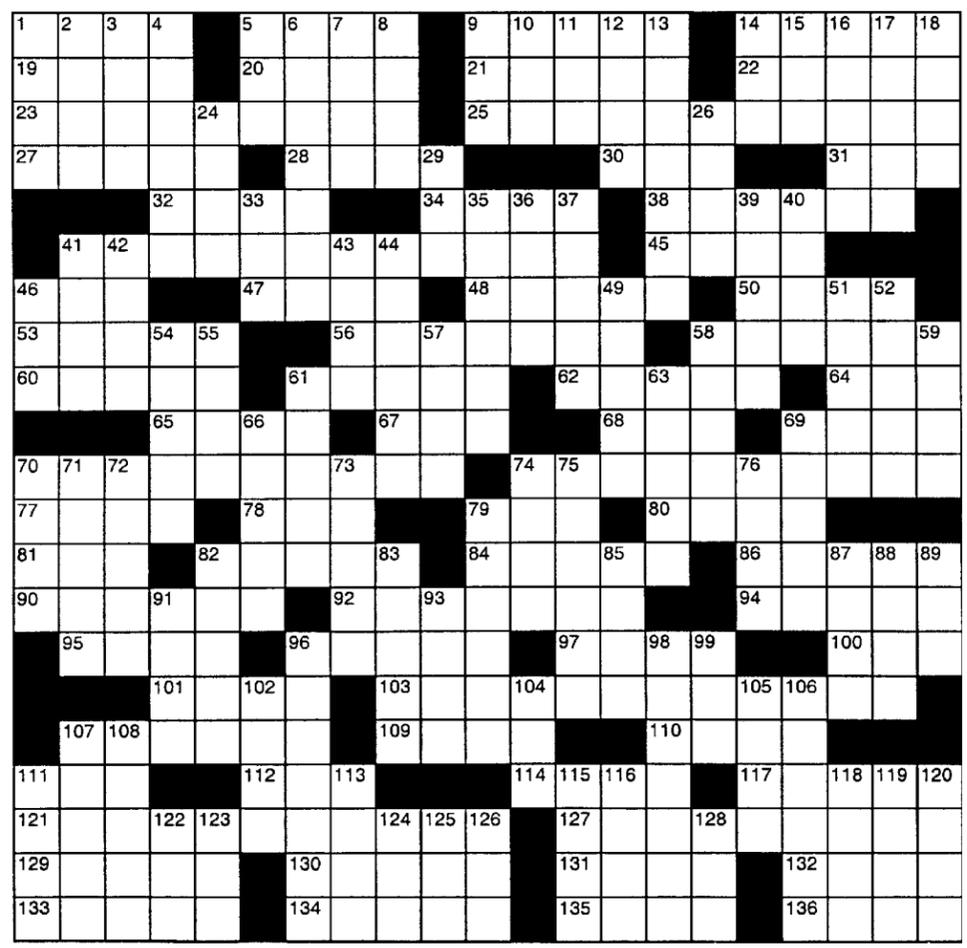
Family members should also realize that some mourners prefer to honor the deceased while in a state of calm, if sorrowful, repose, which they may find inconsistent with disrobing in front of the assembled guests. These feelings should be respected.

Hopefully, these thoughts will be of some help, and we will not find it necessary to open, as they have in China, a hotline to report "funeral misdeeds."

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# King Super Crossword

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| <b>FIRST BORN</b>    | 62 Glue guy           | 1909                     | 29 Actress Massen    | mistress              |
| <b>ACROSS</b>        | 64 Eggs               | 127 Seamstress born      | 33 - Alamos, NM      | 75 Canada's capital   |
| 1 Like some cellars  | 65 Fancy fabric       | 1/1/1752                 | 35 Power or Guthrie  | 76 Bigwigs            |
| 5 Fossey's friends   | 67 Nationality suffix | 129 Buttercream, e.g.    | 36 _ about           | 79 Tune               |
| 9 _ acid             | 68 Boathouse item     | 130 Northern hemisphere? | 37 Carnaby Street    | 82 _ Castro           |
| 14 Actress           | 69 Secular            | 131 _ podrida            | 39 London landmark   | 83 Sangria wine       |
| Witherspoon          | 70 Patriot born 1/1/  | 132 Ages                 | 40 Nastase of tennis | 85 Scent              |
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| 25 Bandleader born   | 84 Singer John        | sometimes                | 52 Find fault        | 98 Carve              |
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| 27 Soprano Anna      | 90 Henson amphibian   | 4 Make a bundle          | 55 Practice punching | 102 College hotshot   |
| 28 Facts, for short  | 92 Deceive            | 5 Palm Sunday            | 57 Workbench         | 104 Cumberland _      |
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| 32 Vacation location | song)                 | 8 Medieval menial        | 59 Texas city        | 107 Clamp             |
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| headache?            | 112 Supporter         | 26 Stalk                 | 74 Buttermilk's      | 125 " _ is me!"       |
| 58 Donkey's          | 114 Nice or Newark    |                          |                      | 126 Turf              |
| declaration          | 117 Abate             |                          |                      | 128 Crestfallen       |
| 60 Flapjack sauce    | 121 Actor born 1/1/   |                          |                      |                       |
| 61 Tacitus' tongue   |                       |                          |                      |                       |



# Social Security Q&A By Ray Vigil

**Q:** My wife and I are both reaching our full retirement ages and getting ready to retire. Her last Social Security Statement says that at age 65 and 8 months she can get \$850 a month and my Statement says that, at the same age, I would get \$1,450. Do we each actually get our own amount? Someone told me that we could only get my amount, plus one-half of that amount for my wife.

**A:** You will each get your own ben-

efit amount since your wife's benefit is more than one-half of your benefit. If your wife's own benefit were less than half of yours (that is, less than \$725), she would receive her amount plus enough based on your earnings record to bring it up to the \$725 amount. In your situation, you will each receive benefits on your own record.

**Q:** I live in Ohio and get Supplemental Security Income (SSI). My cousin in New York gets SSI, too, but he gets

a higher payment than I do. Why does he get more money?

**A:** The maximum monthly federal benefit amount for SSI payments across the country is \$603 for an individual. Some states decide to supplement the federal payment with an additional benefit amount. So while your cousin may get more than you do, a portion of his payment comes from the state in which he lives.

**Q:** Several years ago I put the Social Security cards for my three children in a storage box. The box was mistakenly thrown out when my family

moved. I would like to get all of their cards replaced, but wondered how much it would cost.

**A:** There is no cost for replacing lost Social Security cards. If you need a Social Security replacement card, all you need to do is apply for one. However, you will need to provide proof of identity for your children.

**Q:** My great-aunt is 83 years old and receives Supplemental Security Income (SSI) benefits. She may be approaching the time when she will have to enter a nursing home to get the proper care she needs. How will

this affect her SSI benefits?

**A:** A person usually cannot get SSI while in a public institution. The rules vary depending on the type of institution and length of stay. If your great-aunt enters a nursing home or any other kind of institution, you should notify Social Security immediately.

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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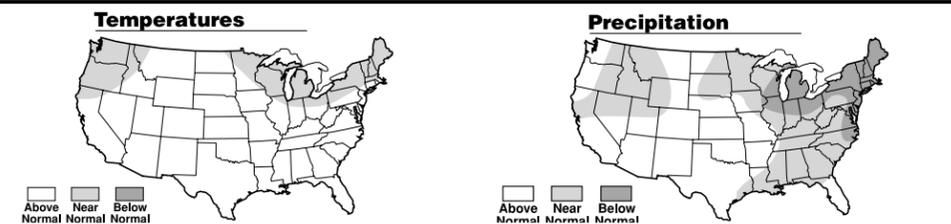


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## IN THE SKY



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Thu.	6:53 a.m.	7:04 p.m.	Thu.	6:07 a.m.	6:46 p.m.		
Fri.	6:54 a.m.	7:03 p.m.	Fri.	7:01 a.m.	7:10 p.m.	9/22	9/30
Sat.	6:54 a.m.	7:01 p.m.	Sat.	7:54 a.m.	7:35 p.m.		
Sun.	6:55 a.m.	7:00 p.m.	Sun.	8:49 a.m.	8:01 p.m.	10/6	10/13
Mon.	6:55 a.m.	6:59 p.m.	Mon.	9:46 a.m.	8:30 p.m.		
Tues.	6:56 a.m.	6:57 p.m.	Tues.	10:45 a.m.	9:04 p.m.		
Wed.	6:57 a.m.	6:56 p.m.	Wed.	11:45 a.m.	9:44 p.m.		

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## REGIONAL CITIES

## U.S. CITIES

CITY	Thursday			Friday			Saturday			Sunday			CITY	Thursday			Friday			Saturday			Sunday		
	HI	LO	W	HI	LO	W	HI	LO	W	HI	LO	W		HI	LO	W	HI	LO	W	HI	LO	W	HI	LO	W
Abilene, TX	90	63	s	88	57	s	80	56	pc	87	60	s	Atlanta	76	62	s	78	64	pc	78	58	t	74	57	pc
Albuquerque, NM	71	55	s	78	51	s	78	57	s	82	58	s	Boston	68	50	s	68	55	s	70	59	pc	70	56	pc
Amarillo, TX	77	51	s	73	47	s	76	49	s	81	55	s	Chicago	64	54	pc	67	52	c	67	50	c	68	50	pc
Austin, TX	89	76	pc	94	71	pc	88	60	pc	89	60	pc	Denver	62	42	c	60	38	pc	69	44	pc	76	48	s
Brownsville, TX	93	79	pc	94	78	pc	90	72	t	91	70	t	Detroit	64	51	pc	68	54	c	67	52	sh	69	51	c
Dodge City, KS	73	50	pc	67	46	pc	72	46	pc	78	53	s	Houston	90	74	pc	92	74	pc	90	70	t	88	68	t
Jackson, MS	82	67	pc	86	72	pc	84	58	pc	84	58	pc	Indianapolis	68	50	s	73	56	c	69	52	c	69	51	pc
Laredo, TX	100	79	pc	100	79	pc	95	71	t	90	70	t	Kansas City	65	52	r	70	50	pc	68	50	pc	73	51	s
Little Rock, AR	80	65	t	83	63	c	77	56	pc	77	56	s	Los Angeles	79	60	pc	80	60	s	82	62	s	80	62	s
Lubbock, TX	86	54	s	84	52	s	80	54	s	85	59	s	Miami	88	74	pc	90	78	pc	89	78	pc	90	76	pc
Memphis, TN	79	66	pc	79	65	c	75	58	pc	76	58	s	Minneapolis	59	49	r	60	48	r	64	48	pc	66	51	pc
Midland, TX	91	65	s	88	57	s	82	59	s	88	62	s	New Orleans	86	71	pc	88	76	pc	86	65	t	80	70	t
Pueblo, CO	73	41	pc	70	37	pc	74	39	pc	80	44	s	New York City	67	54	s	70	58	s	72	62	pc	71	61	pc
Roswell, NM	87	59	s	84	55	s	80	56	s	87	59	s	Omaha	62	50	r	66	48	sh	67	46	pc	73	52	s
St. Louis, MO	71	55	t	75	55	c	72	55	pc	71	54	s	Phoenix	93	71	s	96	73	s	99	75	s	101	76	s
San Antonio, TX	89	75	pc	94	72	pc	88	64	pc	89	64	pc	San Francisco	73	56	s	82	56	s	82	56	s	76	56	s
Texarkana, AR	83	69	t	87	61	c	79	59	pc	80	62	s	Seattle	64	49	c	66	50	pc	70	50	pc	70	53	pc
Waco, TX	86	72	t	90	65	pc	89	59	pc	89	63	pc	Washington	70	54	s	72	61	s	80	64	pc	78	58	pc
Wichita, KS	73	51	t	72	49	pc	71	48	pc	78	55	s													

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

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