

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 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

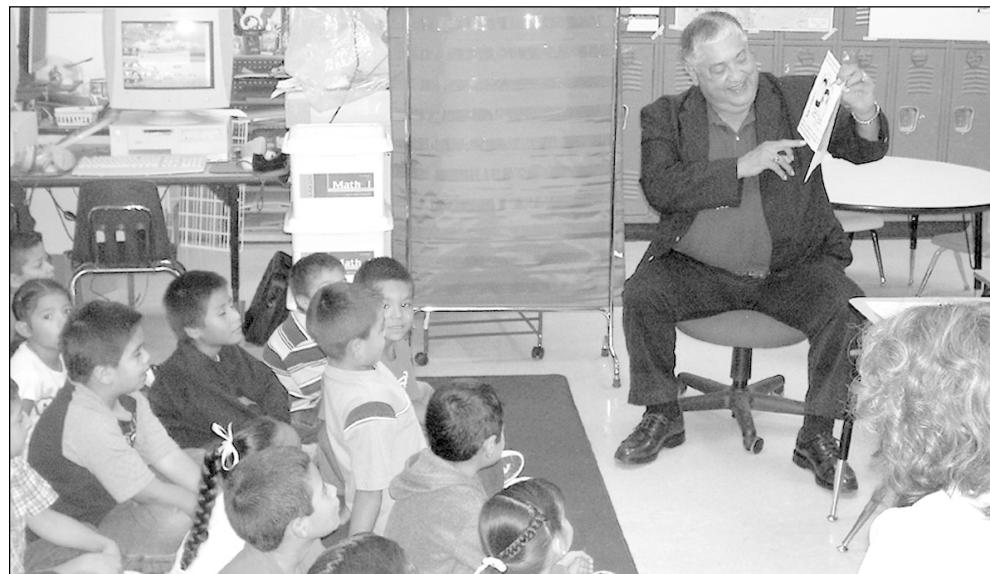
SAN ELIZARIO ISD — After much planning and anticipation, the San Elizario ISD is proud to announce an addition to Alarcon Ball Field and Community park that is sure to brighten everyone's recreational experience — new lights.

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.

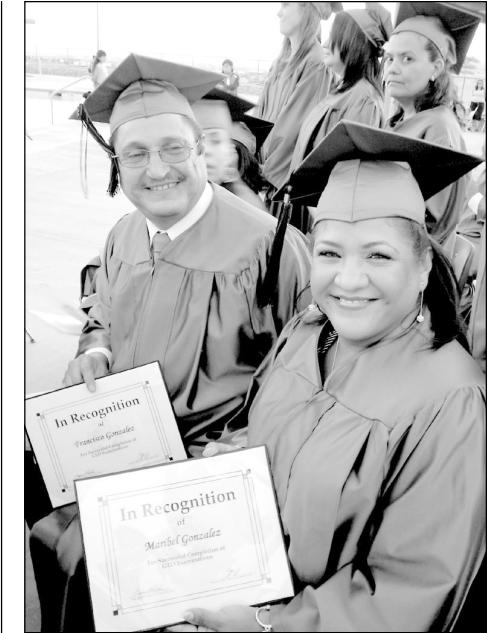
Tornillo Elementary hosts "Book in a Bag" event

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 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.

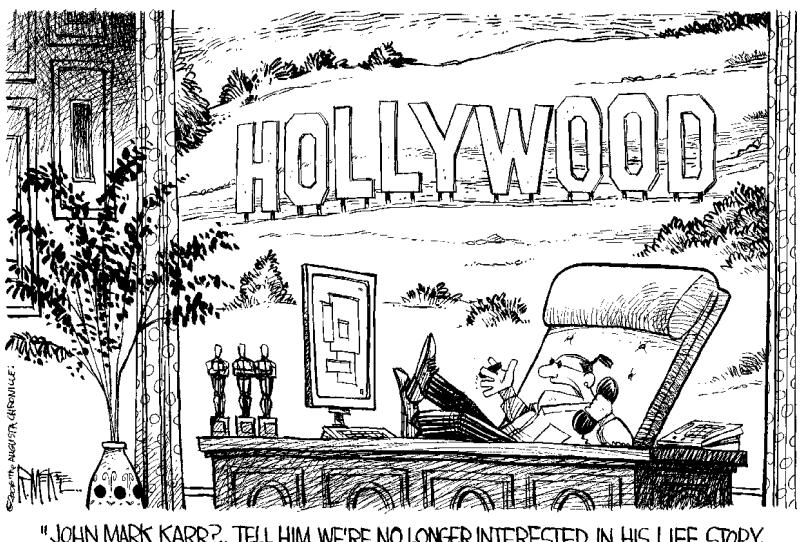
We've long decried the effects that commercialization has had on our young women. Preoccupation with appearance has produced all kinds of unrealistic expectations and, therefore, a host of physical and mental disorders among girls. Anorexia and other eating disorders, obsession with surgery to "fix" 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.

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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 degree 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 Sears,

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 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 1920 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 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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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 recognize

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, and all students curious about opportunities with the CHCI should visit 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.



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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: \$0.280515 per \$100.00
Debt Service: \$0.029485 per \$100.00
Total: \$0.310000 per \$100.00

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

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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

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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



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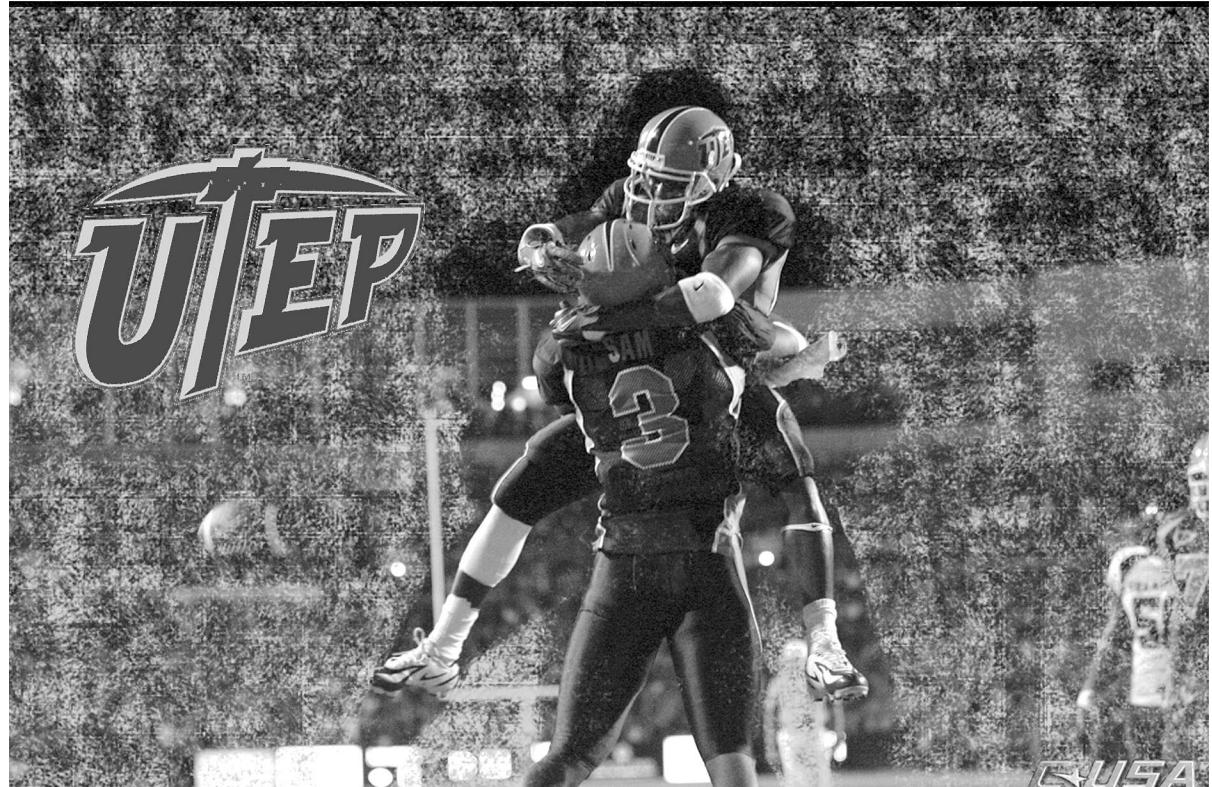
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Clint High student cutting wide swath on the diamond

By Laura Cade
Special to the Courier

CLINT — A Clint High School freshman, 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 Hutchinson, 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



— Photo courtesy Clint ISD

Kayla "Turbo" Black

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.

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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.

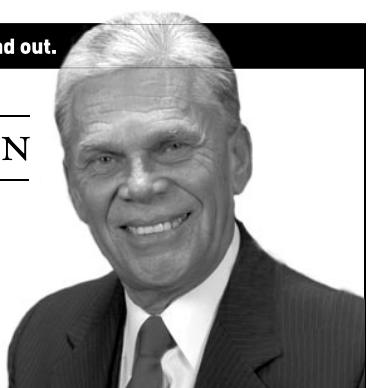
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Town of Anthony PUBLIC NOTICE

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
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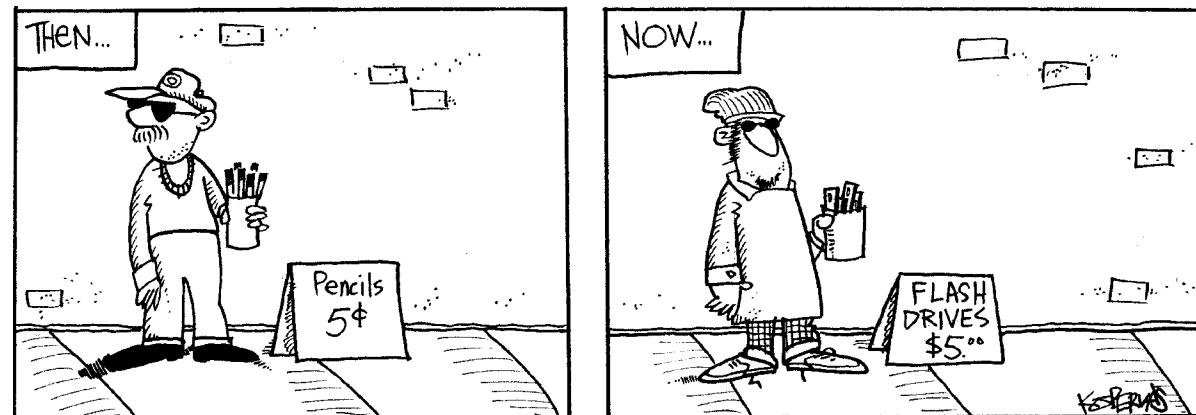
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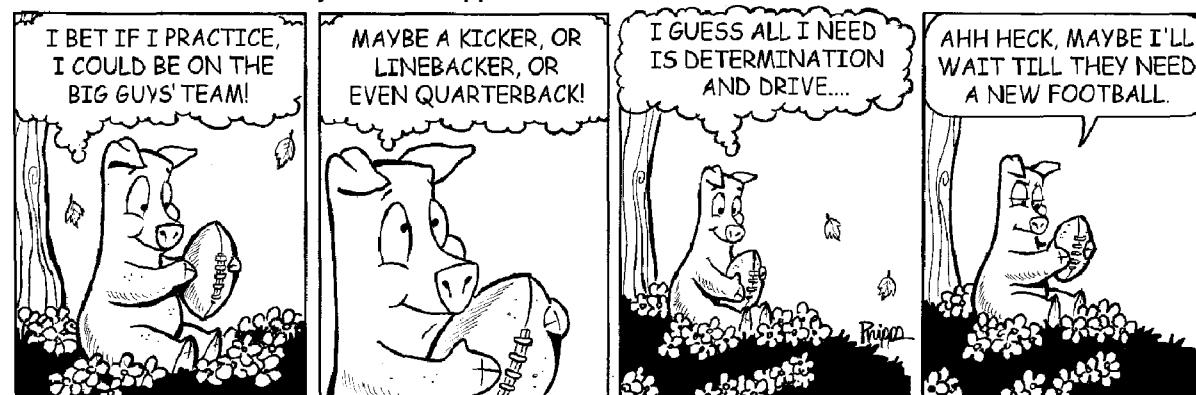
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Danger: High ego emissions

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 ...

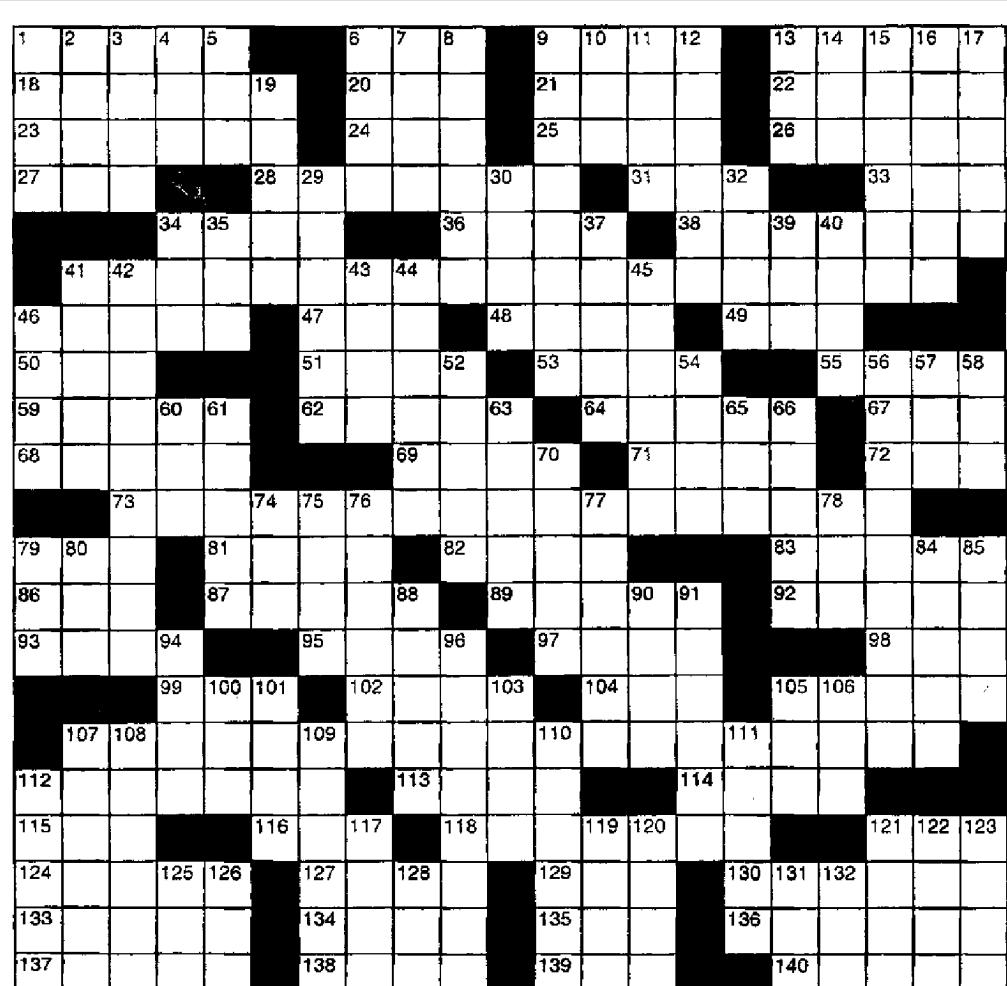
(Editor's note: The EPA has just shut down this column because of high ego emissions.)

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King Super Crossword

ILL HUMOR	
ACROSS	
1 Monty Python's Michael	68 Buccaneers' headquarters
6 Deli choice	134 Toast toppler
9 Gear teeth	135 Perlman or Palillo
13 Film pterodactyl	69 Actress lone
18 Porthos' pal	136 Bostonian, for one
20 Team scream	137 "The Brandon Story" ('98 film)
21 Well-ventilated org.	71 Football's Swann
22 Felony	72 Woodsman's tool
23 Start of a remark	73 Part 3 of remark
24 Funnyman Philips	79 Mahal
25 Deep purple	81 Alley Oop's love
26 Confused	82 Out-of-this-world
27 Faux _	83 Invasions
28 Vince of "Ben Casey"	86 President Bush
31 Small shots	was one
33 PC key	87 Overturn
34 "Rosanna" rockers	89 Macho type
36 Couple	92 Roast host
38 Part of HOMES	93 Circus sight
41 Part 2 of remark	95 Teri of "Tootsie"
46 Minnesota city	97 majesty
47 Alias initials	98 Canterbury quaff
48 Heavy metal instrument?	99 Hoagy
49 Child welfare org.	102 Wordsworth work
50 Mil. unit	104 ABA member
51 Say it isn't so	105 Teach on the side
53 Labyrinth	107 Part 4 of remark
55 Relax	112 Deprive (of)
59 Gentle as _	113 Wooden strip
62 Abhorrence	114 Olympic event
64 A Barbary State	115 Flight
67 "Norma _" ('79 film)	116 Tasty tuber
	117 Peachy-keen
	118 Proposition
	119 Take care of
	121 Carol opener
	124 Inevitable activity
	127 Hungarian sheepdog
	129 Shaq's pack
	130 End of remark
	133 Daybreak

DOWN	
1 Theatrical Joseph	40 Thickening agent
2 District	41 Writer Rogers St. Johns
3 Neighbor of Thailand	42 Thingumbob
4 Mischief-maker	43 Got by, with "out"
5 Zilch	44 Disappear
6 Make coffee	45 Lapis _
7 "Rama Ding Dong" ('61 tune)	46 Part of Q.E.D.
8 Legendary athlete Jim	52 Canadian territory
9 Pepper	54 "Only Time" singer
10 Vinegar's partner	56 Destroy
11 Chow	57 Getz's instrument
12 Token	58 Fairway accessory
13 JVC competitor	60 Speedometer abbr.
14 Terrier's tidbit	61 "Blue _" ('77 hit)
15 Win over	63 Blabby bird
16 Audrey Tautou role	65 Business abbr.
17 Peachy-keen	66 _ drum
18 Tasty tuber	70 One of the Fords
19 Take care of	74 Weasel word?
20 Carol opener	75 First name in fashion
21 Inevitable activity	76 Finger food
22 Hungarian sheepdog	77 Composer Jean-Philippe
23 Szilvia	78 "Platoon" setting
24 "Norma _" ('79 film)	79 Gumshoe
25 "Tootsie"	80 Chicken _ king
26 "The Big Sleep"	84 Apollo's isle
27 "The Wizard of Oz"	85 Soothsayer
28 "The Godfather"	88 Witty
29 "The Thin Man"	90 Vino center
30 "The Godfather II"	91 Irritate
31 "The Godfather III"	94 Punta del _
32 "The Thin Man II"	96 Link
33 "The Thin Man III"	100 Actress Thurman
34 "The Thin Man IV"	101 Bunch of birds
35 "The Thin Man V"	103 Cable channel



Answer Page 6

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?

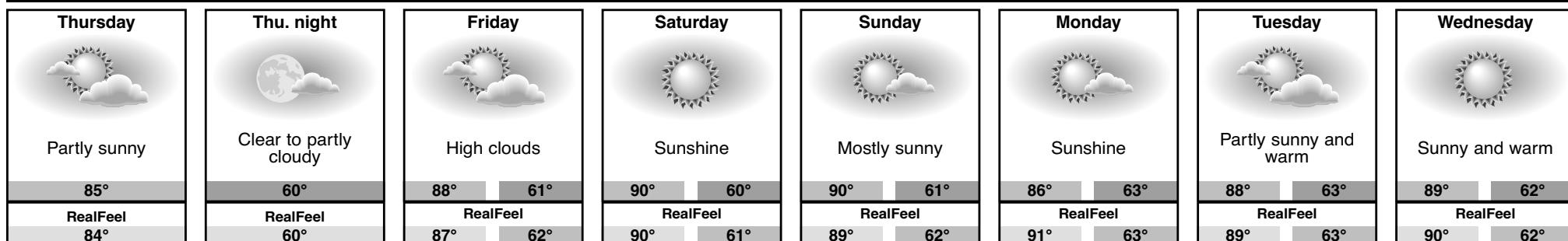
A: Yes, you can begin the Social Security disability application process online by going to www.socialsecurity.gov and looking at the online Disability Starter Kit. This kit answers common questions about applying for benefits and includes a worksheet that will help you gather the information you need. You can then com-

plete 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.

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.

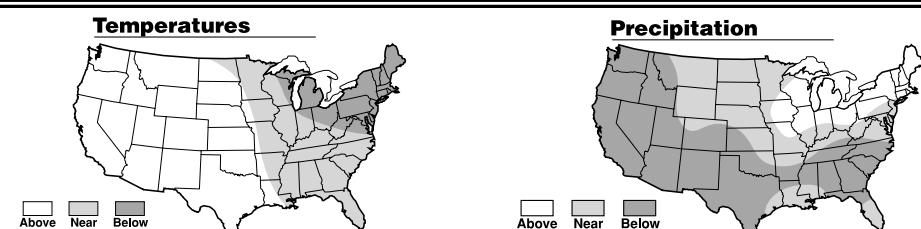
For more information visit your local Social Security office, see www.ssa.gov or call us at 1-800-772-1213. If you have any questions that you would like to have answered, please mail them to the Social Security Office, 11111 Gateway West, Attn: Ray Vigil, El Paso, Texas 79935.

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WEATHER TRENDS THIS WEEK



REGIONAL CITIES

City	Thursday			Friday			Saturday			Sunday		
	H	L	W	H	L	W	H	L	W	H	L	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.

IN THE SKY

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.	9/30	10/6
Fri.	6:58 a.m.	6:53 p.m.	Fri.	1:45 p.m.	11:28 p.m.	Last	New
Sat.	6:59 a.m.	6:52 p.m.	Sat.	2:40 p.m.	none		
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.		
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.	10/13	10/21

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U.S. CITIES

City	Thursday			Friday			Saturday			Sunday		
	H	L	W	H	L	W	H	L	W	H	L	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
Indianapolis	58	41	sh	61	42	pc	63	46	pc	68	54	r
Kansas City	60	44	pc	66	47	pc	75	53	pc	76	60	s
Los Angeles	84	60	pc	79	60	pc	77	60	pc	75	60	pc
Miami	90	76	pc	90	76	t	89	75	t	87	77	pc
Minneapolis	55	40	pc	57	45	sh	60	48	sh	65	50	pc
New Orleans	86	66	pc	77	62	pc	79	62	t	82	69	t
New York City	74	60	s	67	52	r	65	54	pc	65	55	pc
Omaha	62	40	pc	64	47	pc	75	52	pc	80	54	s
Phoenix	102	76	s	102	74	s	102	76	s	99	76	pc
San Francisco	69	56	pc	70	54	pc	68	54	pc	67	54	pc
Seattle	73	52	s	70	50	s	67	50	pc	62	48	c
Washington	78	58	s	67	49	pc	67	52	pc	69	57	pc