



NEWSBRIEFS

Property tax bills

Consolidated property tax bills for 2007 will be sent out during the second week in October. Taxpayers who live in both the Canutillo and Tornillo Independent School District areas will receive their tax bills after November 6, 2007. Both school districts will hold tax rate ratification/rollback election on November 6, 2007. Payments may be made through the mail, at any Wells Fargo Branch in El Paso County with an accompanying bill, at the tax office located at City Hall, at any County Tax Office with accompanying bill and full payment, or at the county website www.elpasotexas.gov with a credit card. Credit card payments incur a 2% convenience fee. For more information call the Consolidated Tax Office at (915) 541-4054 or visit the City of El Paso Website at www.elpasotexas.gov.

Classical music

The El Paso Public Library presents clarinetist Igor Begelman and pianist Tatiana Goncharova of the Piatigorsky Foundation performing a series of classical music concerts in October. The concerts, which are sponsored by the Friends of El Paso's Public Libraries, are free and open to the public. The Piatigorsky Foundation was established in 1990 in honor of the renowned Russian cellist, Gregor Piatigorsky (1903-1976). Piatigorsky believed that music is not a luxury for an elite few but a necessity of life for all. Since its inception, the Foundation has presented over 1,700 concerts bringing live classical music to hundreds of thousands of people who otherwise would not have the opportunity to attend such performances.

Concert Schedule:

October 15 (Mon.): Canutillo High School 9:00 a.m.;
October 15 (Mon.): Richard Burges Branch, 9600 Dyer, 6:00 p.m.;
Oct. 17 (Wed.): Westside Branch, 125 Belvidere, 6:30 p.m.;
Oct. 19 (Fri.): Memorial Park Branch, 3200 Copper, 2:00 p.m.; and
Oct. 20 (Sat.): Main Library, 501 N. Oregon, 1:00 p.m.

— Contributed by Jack Galindo

Tailgaters

The UTEP Alumni Association is accepting reservations for the pre-game party at the Miner football game against Rice University on Saturday, Nov. 3. Tickets are also available for pre-game parties at Alumni Village on Glory Field for home games. Ticket prices vary and can be purchased by calling (915) 747-8600 or 1 (866) GO-MINERS.

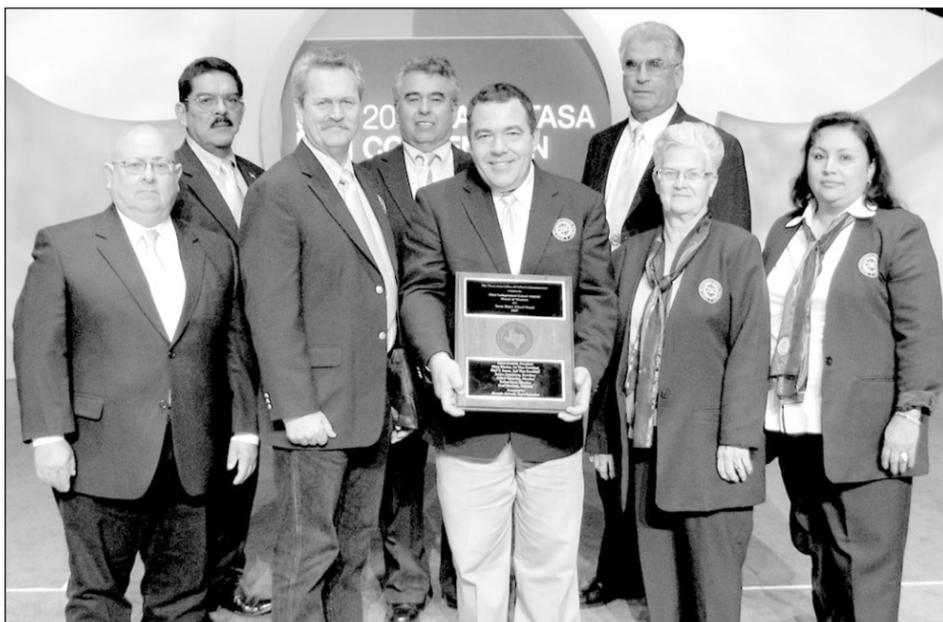
SISD bond meetings

Socorro Independent School District is hosting a series of community meetings to present information on the District's

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Some people dream in technicolor — others add sound effects.

— Quips & Quotes



— Photo courtesy Clint ISD

BEST IN THE TEXAS — Clint ISD's Board has been named Texas' top school board. Accepting the award are board members (from left) Alfred P. Gonzalez, Robert Lara, Paul T. James, Fred Martinez, James R. Pendell (President), Janice Armstrong and Mary Macias. Accompanying the group (back right) is Assistant Superintendent Robert Mendoza.

Clint ISD named Texas School Board of the Year

By Laura Cade
Special to the Courier

The Clint ISD School Board has been selected the Outstanding School Board of Texas for 2007 by the Texas Association of School Administrators (TASA). The selection was announced at the TASB/TASA Convention in Dallas on Sept. 30, 2007.

"This award is a direct reflection of the fantastic job that the district's administration, teachers, and staff members perform on a daily basis for our students. The award is also indicative of the dedicated and talented employees that call Clint ISD their home," said Jim Pendell, School Board President.

The selection process began in June 2007 when a nomination packet was submitted to the region. Clint ISD Board was then selected as the TASA School Board Award recipient for Region 19. This honor sent them to the next level in which they were selected as one of the top five

boards in Texas. As a 2007 Honor Board of Texas, Clint ISD School Board became one of five finalists for the designation of Outstanding School Board of Texas. The final phase of the competition required the five State Honor Boards interview before a TASA committee.

"We went into the interview with a positive and optimistic outlook. We knew in our hearts we had done everything in our power to give the students of Clint ISD the best education possible. Our job was simply to portray the Clint ISD success story to the interviewing committee," said Pendell.

During the closing session of the 2007 TASB/TASA Convention Sunday morning, the five Honor Boards were recognized and presented with a plaque. With all five Honor Boards on stage, Clint ISD School Board was named as the winner of the competition.

"The award is really a dream come true for our school board. The Board is elated by this honor and humbled at the same time," said Pendell.

Canutillo High School students build robot for BEST competition

By Kim Guzman
Special to the Courier

Canutillo High School's Robotics Team began with a total of six weeks to design, build and test their robot to compete at the X-prize event, which is scheduled for Oct. 27, at Holloman Air Force Base.

The competition is sponsored by Boosting Engineering, Science, and Technology (BEST), a non-profit, volunteer-based organization whose mission is to inspire students to pursue careers in engineering, science, and technology through participation in a sports-like, science and engineering-based robotics competition.

"This is one of the best ways that our students can incorporate math, science and technology skills to solve a real world problem," said Julian Britton, CHS Robotics instructor and sponsor. "Our high school has been participating in these competitions for over seven years, and our students have represented the District well, placing second and third during the game part of the competition," he added.

BEST features two parallel competitions: A robotics game, which is based upon an annual theme with four teams competing at once in a series of three-minute, round-robin matches; and The Best Award, which is presented to the team that best embodies the concept of Boosting Engineering, Science, and Technology. Contest elements include a project summary notebook, oral presentation table display, and spirit and sportsmanship.

"This year's competition is about sending an unmanned robot to Mars to prepare for man's arrival in 2021. The robot we build will have to perform the task of retrieving items from Mars and bring them back to the base," said Regino Ramos

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San Elizario students gain new focus

By Cynthia P. Marentes
Special to the Courier



— Photo courtesy San Elizario ISD

BLURRY OR CLEAR — Dr. Philip Dangel tests a San Elizario student's eyes.

Some students at Garcia-Enriquez Middle School are seeing the world through new lenses thanks to the ChildSight Program of Texas. ChildSight has been providing glasses to students at San Elizario Independent School District since 2003 and they are currently screening students at Garcia-Enriquez Middle School (GEMS) before moving on to San Elizario High School.

The process of matching a student to the perfect pair of glasses takes time. At GEMS, students were first notified at the start of the school year that ChildSight would be at the campus. ChildSight staff then brought in all the equipment needed to essentially create a temporary optometry lab inside the school library. Students were then screened two separate times before they were referred to the ChildSight consulting optometrist, Dr. Philip

Dangel who conducted the eye examinations to determine a prescription for eyeglasses. Although all students are offered the free eye screenings, most will be found to have healthy eyesight and will not need glasses.

For those who do need to wear eyeglasses, ChildSight will offer them a free pair of glasses and case that arrive about a week later. Wilson Optical manufactures all the eyeglasses provided to students by ChildSight. ChildSight staff then adjusts the fit of the glasses for each of the students and screen the students one last time with their glasses on to make sure their vision has indeed improved. Finally, students are educated on proper use and maintenance of their glasses. If students should lose or break their glasses, their prescriptions will remain on file with the campus nurse to be accessed by parents when needed. By the time ChildSight staff leaves GEMS they will have screened all 772 students at the campus and provided

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Bill Sybert School volunteer, Flor Rap-Gentry, recognized for service



— Photo courtesy Socorro ISD

Flor Rap-Gentry

By Irma Flores
Special to the Courier

A local parent is being honored by the state for her work in classroom and hallways at Bill Sybert School. Flor Rap-Gentry is among the 15 mentors, community activists and PTA members recognized by the Texas State Board of Education for school volunteerism. The State Board of Education is awarding these 15 individuals for the many long hours, countless events they've attended and their overall contributions to Texas public schools.

For Rap-Gentry, who has been volunteering at Bill Sybert School for

the past four years, the work she does is all for the students.

"I know it makes a big difference with my kids and I see it makes a difference with all the students," says Rap-Gentry who has children in the 2nd, 4th and 6th grades. "They like having parents there and they know their teacher can go down the hallway to talk to them."

This is the 13th year the SBOE will recognize school volunteers as Heroes for Children. The award recognizes excellence in advocacy for education and spotlights the many outstanding volunteers whose efforts represent significant contributions to the public school education in Texas. The SBOE selected Rap-Gentry for District one for her work with the Bill Sybert Elementary School Parent-Teacher Association in the Socorro Independent School District. Rap-Gentry is also on the Executive Board of the Socorro Independent School District Parent Teacher Association.

As the mother of three school-age children and twins, Gentry feels that volunteering is her responsibility. She has served as PTA president for one year and as secretary for three years during which time the PTA has enriched the lives of the students by helping in the purchase of playground equipment, library books and in educating the children, parents and community on the importance of healthy eating habits. Rap-Gentry also provided free folklorico dancing classes to students at Sybert.

"I was surprised because I never thought I would be picked with all the great volunteers we have," she says.

Ituarte students welcome Sen. Shapleigh

By Irma Flores
Special to the Courier

An energetic group of kindergarten students welcomed Texas Senator Eliot Shapleigh on a tour of one of Socorro ISD's newest elementary schools. At Sgt. Roberto Ituarte School, Sen. Shapleigh had the opportunity to see first hand how students and teachers are using the latest technology in the classroom. During his visit September 21st, Sen. Shapleigh interacted with students and teachers in a number of classrooms including Gabriella Castellano's 3rd grade bilingual class. As he sat with students, Sen. Shapleigh observed how systems such as the interactive white boards are helping teachers provide a high-tech learning experience for SISD students.



— Photo courtesy Socorro ISD

SAY CHEESE — Kindergarten students surround their new friend, Texas Senator Eliot Shapleigh, at Sgt. Roberto Ituarte School.

coming years and its here in this school district. I want to see what is happening and what the needs are," said Sen. Shapleigh. "I want to bring back other senators to see what is here and show support for the school district."

Sen. Shapleigh also toured the science lab area where he saw 5th grade students working on self-paced modules. Curriculum Coach Vickie Brown explained how students rotate between the four computer-based stations where students begin their lessons. After completing the computer session, students are directed to one of four lab areas that correspond to their lesson for hands-on experiments.

"I'm honored that he expressed an interest in our school and I'm glad to have the opportunity to demonstrate what our students and teachers are doing," said Ituarte Principal Carlos Amato. "We have taken him to various classes and explained in detail about everything he wanted to see. This is a wonderful time to showcase our teachers and our students."

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Por la Gente By State Rep. Chente Quintanilla

Get information, then vote

Hola, mi gente, On November 6th, you will be voting on sixteen different amendments to the state constitution. I have in past articles provided you with information on most of the propositions. In this article I shall share with you the pros and cons on Propositions Seven and Eleven.

Proposition Seven allows the state government the option of selling property, obtained through eminent domain, to the original owner at the acquisition price paid by the state. This would be possible only if the public use intended for the land was cancelled, there was no progress toward that use or the property was deemed unnecessary for that use. A property owner could buy back his land surrendered in eminent domain without paying additional for the appreciation of the property value. Supporters also suggest that this proposition would reduce the amount of speculative instances of eminent domain filings. In essence, property owners would be granted two additional safeguards from losing the value of their property by government action.

Opponents suggest that this proposition would benefit the original property owner, or the heirs thereof, at the expense of the taxpayer. In

other words, whatever increase in value there is in the property may have been because of the proposed usage; allowing the owner to pay the original price grants an unwarranted benefit in wealth to the owner. The proposition creates incentives for individuals who may use the government as an instrument of financial gain.

Proposition Eleven simply requires legislators, both House Members and Senators, to have their votes on final passage recorded in the journal. This change in the constitution would apply to votes on second reading (with appropriate rules suspensions), to votes on third readings, to votes on concurrence with amendments by the other chamber, or to votes on the adoption of conference committee reports.

Proponents suggest that this proposition would put Texas in line with a majority of other states. Also, that the record vote would disclose each

member's position on the matter at hand. This is the best way to insure open government on floor votes.

Opponents suggest that the proposition is unnecessary because the rules of both the Senate and the House already require the record vote on final passage in the same manner as required in the proposed constitutional amendment. Passage of the proposition would tie the hands of future legislators when considering changes to the rules of procedure. This amendment may even contribute to more partisanship and weaken the ability of lawmakers to work toward a compromise on controversial legislation.

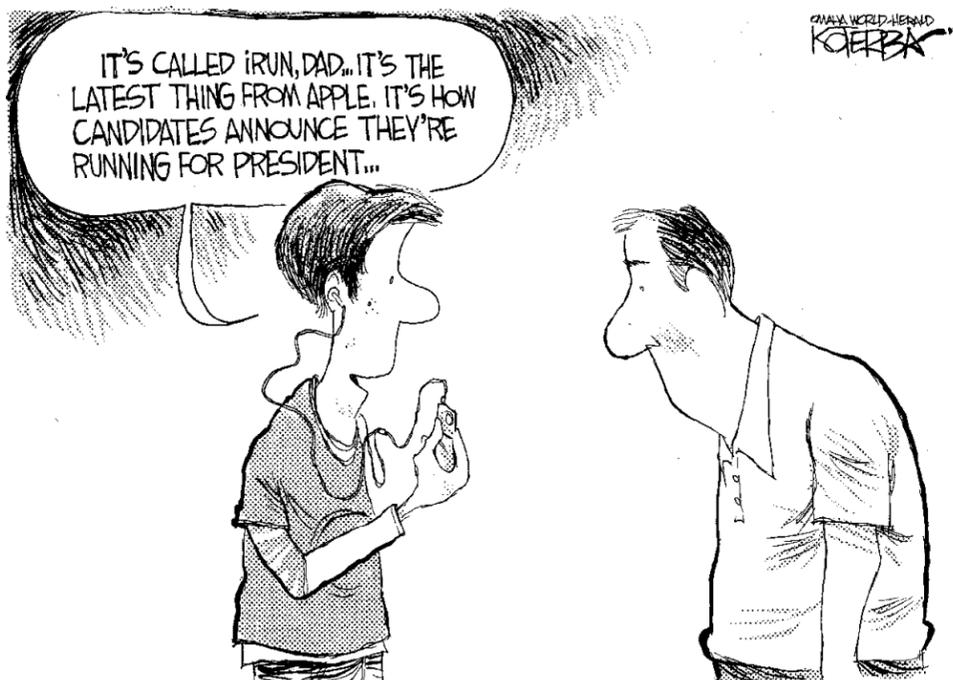
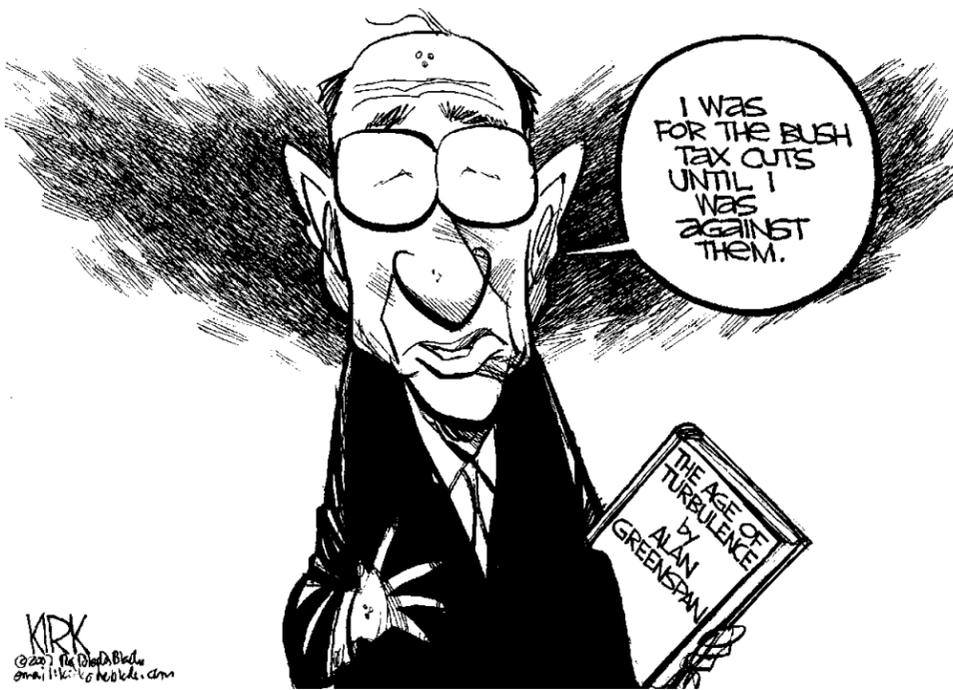
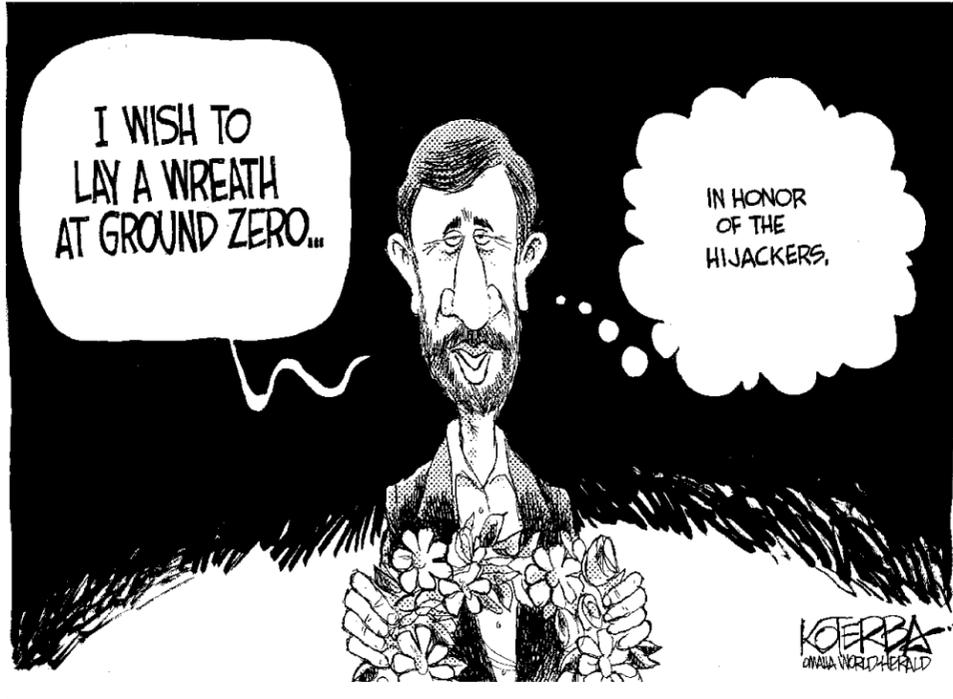
Election Day is Tuesday November 6th. These are issues that call for all of the voters in El Paso County to consider. I strongly encourage all of you to vote.

Gracias, mi gente, and I remain your friend and public servant, Chente for la gente.



One perspective By Francis Shrum

One perspective will return next week.



Briefs

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Bond Proposal. Residents are encouraged to attend one of five community meetings that are scheduled in October. All meetings are from 5:30 p.m. until 6:30 pm. The following lists the dates and locations for the meetings:

- Oct. 22, 2007 Jane Hambric School Cafeteria/Gym, 3535 Nolan Richardson
- Oct. 23, 2007, Horizon Heights School Cafeteria, 13601 Ryderwood
- Oct. 24, 2007, Helen Ball School Cafeteria, 1950 Firehouse
- Oct. 29, 2007, Escontrias School, 205 Buford
- Oct. 30, 2007, Paso Del Norte School Cafeteria/Gym, 12300 Tierra Este

Early Voting begins on October 22 and ends on November 2. In addition to all the regular Elections Department Early Voting locations, the schools listed above will also be sites for early voting on the following dates and times:

- Oct. 22-27, 9 a.m. to 7 p.m.
- Oct. 28, 12 p.m. to 5 p.m.
- Oct. 29-31, 9 a.m. to 7 p.m.
- Nov. 1-2, 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Special Evening Early voting will be offered at the Student Activities Complex at 1300 Joe Battle on Oct. 25 and 26 between 5 p.m. and 9 p.m. For more information on the 2007 Bond proposal, please visit the SISD website at www.sisd.net and click on the 2007 Bond link on the right hand side of the homepage. Questions may be submitted through the website or at 937-BOND (2663).

Enchiladas

Canutillo Middle School students will host an dinner Tuesday, Oct. 16, at CMS Cafeteria, 7311 Bosque Road, to help raise funds for an educational trip to Washington D.C. and New York, planned for June 2008. Tickets can be purchased at CMS through Friday, Oct. 12, for \$5. Students will also be selling drinks and desserts. "This educational trip is an amazing experience for our students and for most a once in a lifetime opportunity," said Karen Gailey, CMS teacher and trip sponsor. For more information, call 877-7901.

■ Irene Ortega, Assistant Principal of Horizon Middle School in the Clint ISD, has been selected to represent the Texas Association of Secondary School Principals (TASSP) as a Region 19 Outstanding Assistant Principal of the Year. TASSP recognizes outstanding



principals and assistant principals from the twenty region Education Service Centers in the state. School administrators are nominated and chosen by their peers within their regions. Nominations are based upon exemplary performance and outstanding leadership. As a region 19 winner, Irene is eligible to compete for the state title of the Texas Assistant Principal of the Year. Each of the region winners will be recognized during the Opening General Session of the annual TASSP Summer Workshop, June 11-13, 2008, at the Austin Convention Center. They will be presented an award and recognized in a commemorative booklet entitled Texas Principals, Texas Heroes.

■ Clint First Baptist Church, 200 Main St., Clint, will hold its annual ROUNDUP this coming Sunday, Oct. 14, 2007. Sunday school starts at 9:30 a.m., church worship begins at 10:50 a.m. At noon a brisket lunch will be served followed by afternoon singing. Y'all come! 851-3939.

■ On Thursday, September 20, 2007, just before eight at night, El Paso Police Officers responded to the Fallas Paredes discount clothing store located at 316 E. San Antonio on an Aggravated Robbery. Police detectives from the Crimes Against Persons unit learned that just after the store had closed, two unknown males came out of hiding and confronted the employees. One of the men was armed with what employees believed to be a handgun. The men threatened the employees and demanded money. Employees saw one of the men exit the store through a back door leading into an alley by Overland Street. When officers arrived it was unknown if the other man was still inside the large store. As a result, several police units corded off the area. A police K-9 was called to assist in searching the store. The second man was not found in the store. Crime Stoppers is asking the public's help in bringing these two criminals to justice. The first man is described as a Hispanic male, mid 20s, 6-foot tall with a medium build, wearing a black long-sleeve sweater, black gloves, and a black ski mask. One of the witnesses believed the man had a green colored tattoo on the side of his neck. The second man is described as a Hispanic male, 5-feet, 10-inches tall, large overweight build, with a beer belly, wearing faded black pants, dark blue sweatshirt, black gloves, and gray scuffed-up shoes with silver trim and thick black shoe laces. He was wearing a beanie to cover his face. Individuals with any information on this case should call Crime Stoppers of El Paso at 566-TIPS (8477).

■ Two vehicles were involved in an accident at the 400 block of Redd Road on Sunday (Oct. 7) afternoon. An El Paso Sheriff's

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Moore Texas by Roger T. Moore Oct. 6, 1892: Clyde Littlefield's birthday. He would be the University of Texas track coach for 41 years.



— Photo courtesy Canutillo ISD

ROBOT BUILDERS — Members of Canutillo High School's Robotics Team include (from left) Edrei Espinosa, 9th grade; Alfredo Marez, 10th grade; Robert Soto, 12th grade; Jose Pacheco, 12th grade; and Regino Ramos III, 12th grade. Middle row (from left) Hiram Espinosa, 9th grade; David E. Soto, 12th grade; Delia Ramos 11th grade; Francisco Fernandez, 11th grade. Top row (from left) Sergio Mendez, 9th grade; Julian Britton, CHS robotic sponsor; Isaac Fernandez, 9th grade; Zabdriel Martinez, 9th grade; and Ty Brooks, 9th grade.

Robot

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III, CHS robotics team president.

Each school is provided kits of equipment and parts, a set of game rules, and given six weeks to design, build, and test a small Radio/Controlled (R/C) robot that outperforms other robots. Winning teams from

local competition sites (called "hubs") advance to regional championship sites ("regionals").

For more information, contact Britton at 877-7801, or visit the BEST website: www.bestinc.org/MVC.

NOTICE OF CONFIRMATION ELECTION, DIRECTOR ELECTION, BOND ELECTION, REFUNDING BOND ELECTION, OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE TAX ELECTION, AND SPECIAL CONTRACT ELECTION

TO THE DULY QUALIFIED RESIDENT ELECTORS OF PASEO DEL ESTE MUNICIPAL UTILITY DISTRICT NO. 2 AND TO ALL OTHER INTERESTED PARTIES:

Notice is hereby given that Paseo del Este Municipal Utility District No. 2 (the "District") will hold an election within the District on Tuesday, the 6th day of November, 2007, between the hours of 7 a.m. and 7 p.m., at Horizon Heights Elementary School, 13601 Ryderwood Avenue, El Paso, Texas, for the purposes of confirmation of creation of the district; electing five (5) members of the Board of Directors of the District; authorizing the issuance of bonds of the District; authorizing the issuance of refunding bonds for the District; authorizing the levy of a tax on taxable property within the District for operation and maintenance purposes; and authorizing the levy of a tax on taxable property within the District for the purpose of making payments related to a special contract between the District and Paseo del Este Municipal Utility District No. 1.

The election is being held by order of the Board of Directors of the District. Voting in said election shall be by the use of paper ballots which shall conform to the requirements of the Texas Election Code. The boundaries of the District are hereby designated as and shall constitute one election precinct and the following persons are hereby appointed officers of said election:

Presiding Judge: Michael Tellez
Alternate Presiding Judge: [To be named, if possible]
Clerk: [To be named, if possible]

Early voting in the election by personal appearance shall begin on the fifteenth day preceding the election day, October 22, 2007, and shall continue through the fourth day preceding the election, November 2, 2007. The early voting clerk shall be Michael Tellez, and the place at which early voting shall be conducted is Horizon Heights Elementary School, 13601 Ryderwood Avenue, El Paso, Texas, which is within the same location as the early voting place for the El Paso County elections. Michael Tellez is appointed judge of the early voting board and he/she may appoint two clerks to assist.

The early voting clerk's mailing address, to which ballot applications and ballots to be voted by mail may be sent, is Michael Tellez, P. O. Box 4136, El Paso, Texas 79914. The early voting clerk shall keep the early voting place open from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m., on each day for early voting which is not a Saturday, a Sunday, or an official state holiday.

The election shall be held and conducted and returns made to the Board of Directors of the District in accordance with the Texas Election Code, as modified by Chapters 49 and 54, Texas Water Code.

All qualified resident electors of the District shall be entitled to vote in the election.

BY ORDER OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS.

Women's Bar Association announces 2007 winners

EL PASO COUNTY — The El Paso Women's Bar Association announced the winners of its inaugural Constitution Day Awards Oct. 4 at its monthly meeting. The Constitution Day Awards are open to all students, teachers, and schools in El Paso County.

The Women's Bar created the Constitution Day Award to celebrate Constitution Day, Sept. 17, and to help local students learn about the Constitution. "Entries were received from — even kindergarteners — reflecting that the ideas in the Constitution are accessible to everyone regardless of educational level," said Toni Estaville, President-Elect, before announcing the winners.

The winners were:

- John Drugan School for Best School-wide Celebration. At John Drugan School, students contributed to a quilt designed around the theme, "Fabric of America."

- Arleen Beard, Adriana Gaona, Elizabeth Belnap, and Veronica Esparza, Second Grade Teachers at Frank Macias Elementary School for Best Classroom Celebration. These teachers collaborated together to write and have their students perform a play based on the "The Tired King," a lesson plan

developed by the Constitution Rights Foundation.

- Sheyla Flores Quintero at John Drugan School for Best Essay. Sheyla's insight into the expansion of the right of vote serves as a poignant reminder of how far we have come as a nation since the Constitution was signed.

- Lorelei Lucero, third grader, at Mesa Vista Elementary School for Best Poster (Grades 3-5). Lorelei's poster was unique because it reflected the rights of non-citizens and the limits on the freedom of speech.

- Donovan Moya, second grader, at Frank Macias Elementary School for Best Poster (Grades K-2). Donovan's poster reflected the freedom of speech, the right to assemble, and the right to petition demonstrating his knowledge of the First Amendment.

The El Paso Women's Bar Association is a membership organization dedicated to advancing the professional interests of women licensed to practice law, advancing the cause of justice and the cause of women, nurturing and improving the relations among women attorneys, among the judiciary, the entire legal profession and the community.

NOTICE OF ELECTION TORNILLO ISD

A special election is hereby ordered to be held on November 6, 2007 for the purpose of a Rollback Election for Tornillo Independent School District.

Voting will take place at the following times and locations: Tuesday, November 6, 2007, between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. at the Administration Building, 19200 Cobb Ave., Tornillo, Texas.

Early voting by personal appearance will be conducted each weekday at the Administration Building between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. beginning on October 22, 2007 and ending November 2, 2007.

Applications for ballot by mail shall be mailed to:

Marisela Portillo, P.O. Box 1002, Tornillo, Texas 79853.

Applications for ballot must be received no later than the close of business on November 2, 2007.

Un Aviso De Eleccion Distrito Escolar De Tornillo

Una eleccion especial ha sido ordenada para que se lleve a cabo el 6 de noviembre, 2007 con el proposito de la baja de la tarifa de impuestos para el Distrito Escolar de Tornillo.

Las votaciones se llevaran a cabo con el siguiente horario y lugar: martes, 6 de noviembre, 2007 de las 7:00 a.m. a las 7:00 p.m. en el edificio de la administracion, 19200 Cobb Ave., Tornillo, Texas.

La votaciones tempranas en persona serán conducidas cada día de la semana en el edificio de la Administracion entre las horas de las 8:30 a.m. y las 4:30 p.m. empezando el 22 de octubre, 2007 y se termina el 2 de noviembre, 2007.

Las aplicaciones para el voto por correo deben ser enviadas a: Marisela Portillo, P.O. Box 1002, Tornillo, Texas 79853.

Las aplicaciones para el voto por correo deben ser recibidas a no mas tardar de la hora de clausura el dia 2 de noviembre, 2007.

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Focus

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glasses to about 180 of them.

GEMS Principal Linda Rodriguez expressed deep appreciation for the service that ChildSight provides to the school. "They have been coming here for years and what they do for the students is amazing," Rodriguez said.

ChildSight is required by the Texas Department of Health and other funding sources to follow specific program guidelines including establishing a waiting time between screenings. As result, ChildSight staff has been on site at GEMS for several weeks this fall. The program is currently implemented in 14 schools throughout El Paso County with the concentration being on those schools located in the Lower Valley. Margie Perez-Martinez, ChildSight Program Coordinator, stated that they try to accommodate as many students as possible. "There is a very great need, parents ask me all the time when are we going to the elementary schools where they have younger children," she said.

Also assisting Perez-Martinez and Dr. Dangel on site were program assistants David Fraire and Ruben Jurado. ChildSight is a non-profit organization that conducts screening and eyeglass distribution activities at schools in order to help students that are most in need obtain vision care services at no cost.

Tornillo High School Homecoming events rock

**By Christina Cortez
and Daisy Espinoza
Special to the Courier**

Tornillo High School's Homecoming Week kicked off on Sept. 17. The first major event was the Homecoming Parade, which had the theme of music. Each float exemplified a different genre of music. The Grand Marshall was Joseph De Leon, an 8th grader at Tornillo Junior High. When the parade was at the halfway point, heavy rains began to fall. However, despite many of the float decorations washing away, the school spirit was never dampened.

The parade ended at the Tornillo High School building, at which point the Homecoming Carnival began. Because of the rain, the carnival was held in the THS gym. A variety of food booths sold goodies, while music was provided by the band "Orgullo De Durango". Band members include THS students Elmer Nevarez, Francisco Zaragoza, and Manuel Gomez. DJ Raul Hernandez also provided music. Some of the better dancers that

brought some "heat" to the dance were THS graduate Jesus Dominguez, also known as Chango, and THS sophomore Verenice Roman.

On Friday, Sept. 21, the Tornillo Coyotes played the Ft. Hancock Mustangs. The final score: Coyotes 51, Mustangs 6. The Homecoming Coronation took place during halftime. The Homecoming Queen was Ivonne Arellano and the King, Alex Ochoa. The freshman Duke and Duchess were Priscilla Orosco and Justin Trevizo. The sophomore Duke and Duchess were Laura De La Cruz and Jaime Villalobos. The junior Duke and Duchess were Christopher Sanford and Lizeth Olivo.

The Homecoming dance was held immediately after the football game. DJ Hernandez again provided the music, providing a variety of styles for the students to dance to. All in all, a great time was had by everyone.



— Photo courtesy Tornillo ISD

FLOATING BY — Tornillo freshmen Jose Ojeda (left) and Nathan Avila man the Tornillo ISD frosh float.

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NOTIFICACIÓN DE CONFIRMACIÓN, ELECCIÓN DE JUNTA DIRECTIVA, ELECCIÓN PARA BONOS, ELECCIÓN PARA BONOS DE REEMBOLSO, ELECCIÓN PARA IMPUESTOS DE OPERACIÓN Y MANTENIMIENTO, Y ELECCIÓN PARA CONTRATO ESPECIAL

A LOS VOTANTES RESIDENTES DEBIDAMENTE HABILITADOS DEL DISTRITO No. 2 DE SERVICIOS PÚBLICOS MUNICIPALES DE PASEO DEL ESTE Y TODAS LAS DEMÁS PARTES INTERESADAS.

Por medio de la presente se da notificación de que el Distrito No. 2 de Servicios Públicos Municipales de Paseo del Este (el "Distrito") llevará a cabo una Elección adentro del Distrito el día Martes, 6 de Noviembre del año 2007, entre las horas de 7 a.m. hasta las 7 p.m., en Horizon Heights Elementary School, 13601 Ryderwood Avenue, El Paso, Texas, para los propósitos de confirmación de creación del distrito; elegir cinco (5) miembros de la Junta Directiva del Distrito; autorizar la expedición de bonos del Distrito; autorizar la expedición de bonos de reembolso para el Distrito; autorizar la imposición de un impuesto sobre propiedad gravable adentro del Distrito para propósitos de operación y mantenimiento; y autorizar la imposición de un impuesto sobre propiedad gravable adentro del Distrito para el propósito de hacer pagos relacionados con un contrato especial entre el Distrito y el Distrito No. 1 de Servicios Públicos Municipales de Paseo del Este.

Se está llevando a cabo la Elección por orden de la Junta Directiva del Distrito. La votación en dicha Elección será por medio del uso de papeletas de votación las cuales se conformarán a los requisitos del Código de Elección de Texas. Por medio de la presente las fronteras del Distrito se designan como y constituirán un distrito electoral y por medio de la presente las siguientes personas son nombradas funcionarios de dicha Elección:

Juez que Preside la Elección: Michael Tellez
Sustituto del Juez que Preside la Elección: [A ser nombrado, si es posible]
Secretario: [A ser nombrado, si es posible]

La votación temprana en la Elección por medio de presentación personal comenzará el día quince antes del día de Elección, Octubre 22, 2007, y continuará hasta e incluyendo el día cuatro antes del día de Elección, Noviembre 2, 2007. El Secretario de votación temprana será Michael Tellez, y el lugar en el cual se realizará la votación temprana es el Horizon Heights Elementary School, 13601 Ryderwood Avenue, El Paso, Texas, el cual está adentro del mismo lugar como el lugar de votación temprana para las elecciones del Condado El Paso. Michael Tellez es nombrado juez de la junta de votación temprana y él/ella puede nombrar dos asistentes para que lo ayuden.

La dirección de correo del secretario de votación temprana, a la cual se pueden enviar las solicitudes de papeletas de votación y las papeletas de votación para votar por correo, es Michael Tellez, P. O. Box 4136, El Paso, Texas 79914. El secretario de votación temprana mantendrá abierto el lugar de votación temprana desde las 2 p.m. hasta las 5 p.m., en cada día para votación temprana que no sea un Sábado, un Domingo, o un día festivo oficial en el estado.

Se llevará a cabo y se realizará la Elección y se entregarán los resultados a la Junta Directiva del Distrito de conformidad con el Código de Elecciones de Texas, como fue notificado por los Capítulos 49 y 54, Código de Aguas de Texas.

Todos los votantes residentes que están habilitados del Distrito tendrán derecho a votar en la Elección.

POR ORDEN DE LA JUNTA DIRECTIVA.

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 30, 2007, 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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Canutillo Independent School District PUBLIC NOTICE

Any interested representative of a non-profit private school or non-profit home school;

- Operating within the boundaries of the Canutillo Independent School District; or
- Operating outside of the boundaries of the district, but serving students who live within the boundaries;

is encouraged to call for an appointment to receive information regarding the Learn & Serve America: STARS of Texas grant which is funded through the Texas Center for Service Learning. This grant provides resources for the implementation of service learning projects.

Interested persons should call Denise Clevenger (915) 877-7486 to schedule an appointment. Representatives will need to provide their school's tax exempt identification number to the district to confirm eligibility. Accommodations for handicapped persons will be made available upon request.

WTCC: 10/11/07

Golden girl, Jones, comes clean, surrenders Olympic medals

By Steve Escajeda
Special to the Courier

What a shock it was to hear former Olympic gold medalist Marion Jones' admission that she had indeed taken steroids to help her in her monumental accomplishments.

Of course, when I say it was a shock I'm being facetious. Was anybody really surprised when she made the tearful announcement last week?

What gets me the most about all this is that some people are actually calling her a heroine for having the courage to admit her mistake.

What courage! Has everybody forgotten that Marion Jones lied through her teeth for the last six years, constantly stating angrily that she was absolutely innocent of all the rumors.

It's funny that Jones only decided to muster up the courage to admit her cheating when she was being squeezed by the feds. And in order to escape more serious charges, Jones made a deal and came clean.

Now there's a role model. She cheated and then accepted all the cheers, the money, the endorsements and the fame, knowing all along that she had achieved it by cheating.

Do I feel happy that she's going to jail? Of course not, but just as I feel people should be

rewarded for good behavior, I do believe that people should pay, in some way, for their bad behavior.

It's what makes us better.

She returned her five medals this week and apologized to her competitors. You have to admire the fact that she is taking the heat and all the shame that goes with it.

It's just a shame that she didn't do it until she was forced to.

How sincere is she about her apology? Only Marion Jones, and maybe her friends at BALCO know for sure.

Trevor and Jeff

I know, it sounds like one of those new "can't miss" sitcoms. It's actually UTEP's new passing combination and it's proving to be more potent with each game.

Freshman quarterback Trevor Vittatoe and sophomore wide receiver Jeff Moturi came into the season as virtual unknowns, and have emerged as the team's most explosive scoring combination.

The Vittatoe-to-Moturi partnership was never more dominant than it was during last week's 48-47 thriller over Tulsa.

So much so that Vittatoe was named the Conference USA Offensive Player of the Week after completing 21 of his 27 passes for 319 yards, three touchdowns and no interceptions.

Not bad for a freshman.

And if Vittatoe won the league's weekly honor, then Moturi had to have finished second after catching seven passes for 174 yards and two touchdowns.

Not bad for a sophomore.

The improvement of the two players could

not have come at a better time. It's no secret that the Miners defense hasn't been able to stop anyone. It's almost a weekly occurrence that a UTEP opponent racks up 600 yards of total offense.

To prove it, look at the Miners' two conference games, allowing 45 points to SMU and 47 to Tulsa. It's an awfully good thing that Vittatoe and company scored 48 points in both games.

After playing above their heads the last two weeks, the Miners will have to do it again this week at their homecoming game against East Division leaders East Carolina.

It'll be another chance for the UTEP young guns to strut their stuff.

If the Miners are going to have any chance of winning — they're going to have to.

Massenburg record?

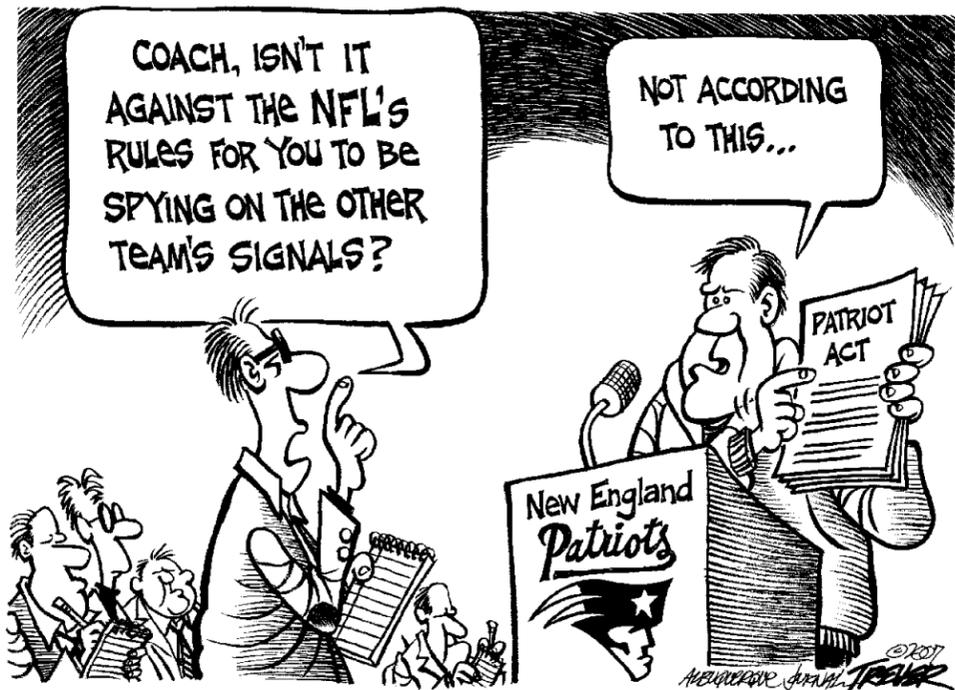
Tony Massenburg has been anything but a star player since he entered the NBA 14 years ago. The average player is going for a league record this season.

And I don't know about you but I'm rooting for him.

The 40-year-old Massenburg is trying to make the roster of the Washington Wizards. It may not sound like a great achievement, if he makes the squad, it will be the 13th team he's played with.

Thirteen teams! Talk about cashing in on those frequent flyer miles.

And even if the journeyman big guy doesn't break the record, at least he'll end his career on a positive note. After all his years in the NBA, he won his first championship last year as a reserve with the San Antonio Spurs.



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NOTICE OF PETITION TO RECONCILE FUEL COSTS AND REVENUES AND REQUEST TO RECOVER MINE CLOSING COSTS

El Paso Electric Company ("EPE") petitioned the Public Utility Commission of Texas ("Commission") on August 31, 2007 for authority to reconcile its eligible fuel expenses and revenues for the period of March 1, 2004 through February 28, 2007 ("Reconciliation Period"). In its petition, EPE has also requested to carry over the cumulative Reconciliation Period fuel under-recovery balance into the subsequent Reconciliation Period beginning March 2007.

During the Reconciliation Period, EPE incurred a total of \$543,399,689 in eligible fuel, fuel-related, and purchased power expenses to generate and purchase electric energy for its Texas retail customers. At the conclusion of the Rec-

conciliation Period, EPE had a cumulative under-recovery of such expenses of \$18,249,736. EPE seeks to carry over the cumulative Reconciliation Period fuel under-recovery balance of \$18,249,736 into the subsequent Reconciliation Period beginning March 2007.

EPE also requests Commission approval for a mechanism to recover EPE's allocated share of the projected final mine closing reclamation costs for the Navajo Mine as reconcilable fuel costs.

Persons with questions or who want more information on this Petition may contact El Paso Electric Company at 123 W. Mills, El Paso, Texas 79901, or call toll-free at 1-(800)-592-1634 (when instructed, press 7, then four-digit extension 5947 plus #) during normal business hours. A complete copy of this Petition is available for inspection at the address listed above. Persons who wish to formally participate in this proceeding, or who wish to express their comments concerning this Petition should contact the Public Utility Commission of Texas, Office of Customer Protec-

tion, P.O. Box 13326, Austin, Texas 78711-3326, or call (512) 936-7120, or toll-free at 1-(888)-782-8477. Hearing and speech-impaired individuals with text telephones (TTY) may call (512) 936-7136 or use Relay Texas (toll-free) at 1-(800)-735-2989. A deadline for intervention will be established for this proceeding. WTCC: 10/11/07

AVISO DE SOLICITUD PARA RECONCILIAR LOS COSTOS E INGRESOS POR COMBUSTIBLE Y SOLICITUD PARA RECUPERAR LOS COSTOS DE CIERRE DE MINA

El 31 de Agosto de 2007, El Paso Electric Company ("EPE") solicitó ante la Comisión de Servicios Públicos de Texas ("la Comisión") autorización para reconciliar sus gastos e ingresos elegibles por combustible del período de 1 de Marzo de 2004 al 28 de Febrero de 2007 (el "Período de Reconciliación"). En su solicitud, EPE solicitó también trasladar el saldo acumulado por combustible no cobrado del Período de

Reconciliación al subsiguiente Período de Reconciliación que inicia en Marzo de 2007. Esta solicitud, de ser autorizada, afectará a todos los clientes de menudeo de Texas quienes pagan factores fijos de combustible. Esta solicitud no tiene efecto para las tarifas no basadas en combustible de EPE.

Durante el Período de Reconciliación, EPE incurrió en un total de \$543,399,689 en gastos elegibles de combustible, relacionados con combustible y energía adquirida para generar y adquirir energía eléctrica para sus clientes de menudeo de Texas. Al final del Período de Reconciliación, EPE tenía un saldo acumulado no recuperado de \$18,249,736 por dichos gastos. EPE busca trasladar el saldo acumulado del Período de Reconciliación de \$18,249,736 por combustible no recuperado al Período de Reconciliación subsiguiente que inicia en Marzo de 2007.

EPE solicita también aprobación de la Comisión de un

mecanismo para recuperar, como costos reconcilables de combustible, la parte proporcional correspondiente a EPE del costo final proyectado por el cierre de la Mina Navajo.

Las personas que tengan dudas o deseen información adicional acerca de esta Solicitud, pueden ponerse en contacto con El Paso Electric Company en 123 W. Mills, El Paso, Texas 79901, o llamar sin costo al 1-(800)-592-1634 (cuando le sea solicitado, oprima el 7, seguido por la extensión de cuatro dígitos 5947, mas el signo #) en horas normales de oficina. En la dirección arriba mencionada, podrá encontrar una copia completa de esta Solicitud, deberán ponerse en contacto con la Comisión de Servicios Públicos de Texas, a la Oficina de Protección del Consumidor, P.O. Box 13326, Austin, Texas 78711-3326, o llamar al (512) 936-7120, o sin costo al 1-(888)-

782-8477. Los individuos con dificultad del habla o el oído que cuenten con teléfonos de texto (TTY) pueden llamar al (512) 936-7136 o usar Relay Texas (sin costo) al 1-(800)-735-2989. Se establecerá una fecha límite para intervenir en este proceso. WTCC: 10/11/07

PUBLIC NOTICE

As per Article V, Sec. 5.05(a), all owners and lienholders have ten (10) days from this date to reclaim their vehicles at South West Wrecker, 1401 Darrington Rd., 855-1900, 851-2091-fax, or it will be sold at public auction for charges: VIN - JNICA2100ST605521, Nssan, burgundy, license plate JMP 196. WTXCC-10/11/07

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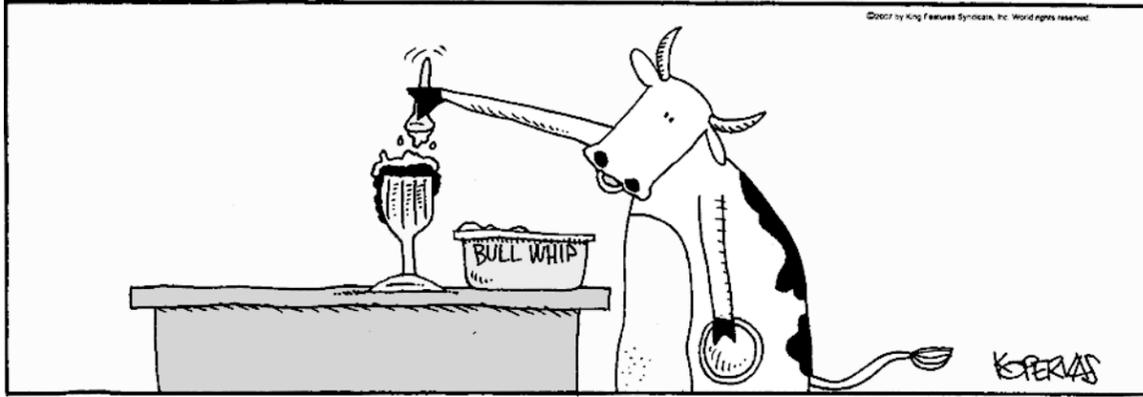
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Science marches on

By Don Flood

"Want close friends?" the headline asked. "Log off the Internet."

And, what, dump 148,000 of my closest friends?

The problem, according to a study, is that it was "imperative to know somebody face-to-face to form the tightest bonds."

Well, sure, it's also imperative to have face-to-face contact to tell if someone has bad breath.

But on the Internet, everybody has good breath. (At least so far.) And everybody is good-looking.

Which is important, because according to this headline about another groundbreaking study, "Men Want Hot Women, Study Confirms."

The study gathered men and women together for a round of so-called speed dating — periods of three to seven minutes, which is actually a bit longer than many of today's long-term relationships. (True speed dating would be more like three to five seconds, maybe not so long for the guys.)

After tabulating the surveys, scientists released the shocking results: Men favored attractive women.

As a result of this study, scientists have laid the groundwork for further research that could lead to the discovery of, well, absolutely nothing.

"It leads nowhere," said one researcher, "but we did meet some nice women." (OK, that one I made up.)

Also on the science front, we have good news for long-term real estate investors: "Earth Might Survive Sun's Explosion."

Things look brighter already, don't they? And they're going to get really, really bright.

According to The New York Times, in about 5 billion years, the sun will swell into an enormous red

giant — sort of like John Goodman.

In fact, the sun will grow large enough to swallow the two inner planets, Mercury and Venus, but, according astronomer Roberto Silvotti, *not the Earth* — as was previously predicted.

So our real estate holdings will remain intact, though — and this is, unfortunately, something of a downside — Silvotti also predicts the complete extinction of life as we know it, meaning the buyer's market is likely to continue, irrespective of what the subprime market looks like 5 billion years from now.

And the future holds more good news, though people are going to have to be a little more patient with this one.

In about 250 billion years — as the Rolling Stones near their final tour — the universe will have expanded so much that we'll only be able to observe a few neighboring stars and galaxies. Everything else will be too far away.

But, according to theoretical physicist Lawrence Krauss of Case Western Reserve University, there will be a dramatic and important upside.

With no distant galaxies to emit cosmic rays, Krauss said — and this is a real quote — "There will be almost no static on their TV screens."

That's right, in the year 5,000,002,007 we'll be to say goodbye to high cable-TV bills!

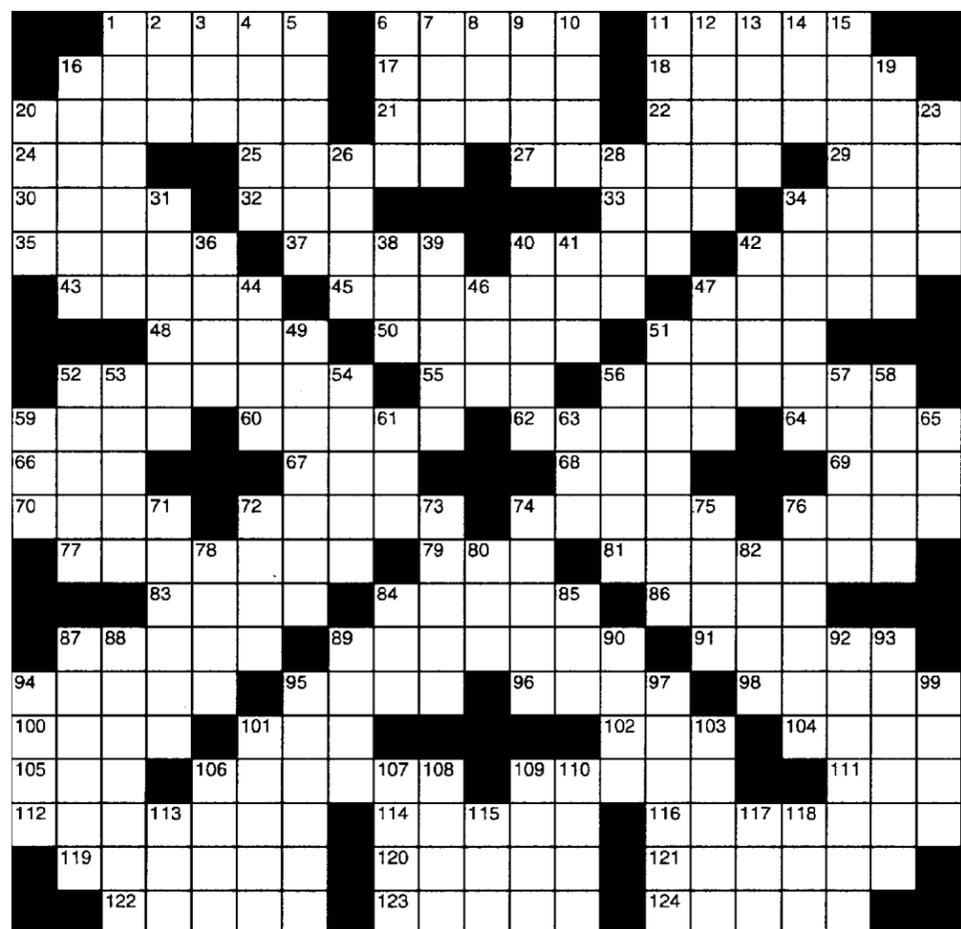
So yes, we'll be all alone in a cold and unimaginably vast universe, but we will have excellent TV reception (and 250 billion years' worth of stuff on Tivo).

Besides, if you need friends in this universe you can always go online.

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Social Security Q&A By Ray Vigil

SSA and SSI

What's the difference?

It's a question we receive often, in a variety of ways. "What's the difference between SSA and SSI?" Or "Are Social Security and Supplemental Security Income the same thing?" The short answer is no, they're not. Here's the long answer.

The Social Security Administration (SSA) is the government agency that administers both Social Security benefits and Supplemental Security Income (SSI) benefits. But the two

programs are not the same, and the funds come from different places.

Social Security comes in three varieties: retirement benefits, disability benefits and survivors' benefits. SSI comes in two: disability and aged benefits.

Social Security benefits are funded through the Social Security trust funds; your Social Security payroll or FICA taxes are earmarked for Social Security benefits. SSI is funded

through general tax revenue.

Social Security is a social insurance program based on contributions. In order to collect benefits, you must have paid into the system and become insured. Most people need about 40 credits, or 10 years of work, to qualify. SSI is a needs-based program that pays benefits to people with limited income and resources who are either disabled or age 65 or older.

When you get Social Security, what you own, including bank accounts, property, and investments, does not affect your benefits. Since SSI is needs-based, your resources do count when you receive SSI benefits.

Social Security was established by the Social Security Act on August 14, 1935. SSI was created by the amend-

ments of 1972.

One thing that is the same for both Social Security and SSI Benefits is that you can easily sign up for direct deposit of payments — the safe, quick and convenient way to receive your payments on time, every time.

SSA and SSI may seem only a letter apart, but there's a world of difference between the two programs.

To learn more, visit our website at www.socialsecurity.gov. You can

also call us at 1-800-772-1213 (TTY 1-800-325-0778).

For more information on any of the topics in this article, visit our website at www.socialsecurity.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.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Texas Gas Service Company (the "Company") hereby gives notice that on August 31, 2007 it filed a Statement of Intent to Increase Rates in the Cities of El Paso, Anthony, Clint, Horizon City, Socorro and Vinton, which together with the environs areas comprise the Company's El Paso Service Area ("EPSA"). The Company seeks to implement a new schedule of natural gas service rates and terms and conditions of service for all classes of customers. If approved, the proposed changes will affect approximately 183,494 residential, 11,872 commercial, 47 industrial, 764 public authority, 34 transportation and 2 stand by customers within these Cities.

The Company's proposed rate schedules will increase base rate revenues by \$4,724,571 for the EPSA. Additionally, the Company requests recovery of revenue-related taxes as a line-item on the bill rather than recovering these taxes as part of base rates as previously done. This change will produce additional revenue of \$725,689, for a total annual revenue increase for the entire EPSA of \$5,450,250. The proposed change in rates does not constitute a "major change" as that term is defined by Section 104.101 of the Texas Utilities Code. In addition, the Company requests reimbursement of all Company and City rate case expenses as allowed by law. The exact amount will not be known until the case is completed.

Based on the proposed rate design, the system-wide average monthly bill for each customer class will increase by the amount and percent shown in the table below:

Customer Class	Amount	Percent
Residential	\$1.49 to \$1.62	3.6% to 3.9%
Commercial	(\$5.13) to (\$4.84)	-2.5% to -2.4%
Commercial A/C	\$9.56	10.2% to 10.3%
Industrial	\$140 to \$145	4.5% to 4.8%
Public Authority	(\$15) to (\$5)	-1.8% to -0.6%
Public Authority A/C	(\$13)	-1.2%
Municipal Water Pumping	\$21	0.3%
Standard Transport – Commercial	(\$48) to (\$39)	-1.8% to -1.9%
Standard Transport – Industrial	(\$12) to (\$2)	-0.3% to -0.1%
Standard Transport – Public Authority	(\$87) to (\$79)	-5.7% to -6.4%
Standard Transport – Cogeneration	0	0
Stand By	\$100	6.3%

Note: Bill impact ranges are due to varying tax rates among the Cities in EPSA.

The following tables show the number of customers by class located within each of the Cities and the environs that together comprise the EPSA, along with each City's allocated portion of the requested revenue increase (allocation based on bills).

Jurisdiction	Revenue Increase \$	Rev. Incr. %	Res. Custs	Comm. Custs	Pub. Auth. Custs	Ind. Custs	Stand By Custs	Transp. Custs
El Paso	4,773,855	16.2%	171,463	11,362	711	42	2	31
Anthony	25,053	18.4%	745	91	10	1	0	2
Clint	7,339	16.5%	257	14	5	1	0	0
Horizon City	117,021	17.4%	4,038	122	13	1	0	1
Socorro	202,184	18.4%	6,573	247	24	0	0	0
Vinton	14,223	19.3%	418	36	1	2	0	1
Environs	310,585	14.0%	13,245	447	89	10	0	2

Other proposed tariff changes include revisions to the Rules of Service, including new or increased service charges. Also, the Company proposes changes to the Cost of Gas Clause to provide for recovery of uncollectible gas costs through the Cost of Gas rather than through base rates. The Company also proposes a new Transportation Schedule, T-1, and revisions to the Transportation General Charges and Provisions. This change addresses commodity imbalance provisions and upstream pipeline balancing service costs. In addition, the Company proposes a new Cost of Service adjustment clause, Rate Schedule COSA, to provide for an annual review by the Cities of the Company's expenses, revenues and plant investment and a corresponding adjustment to the Company's rates to reflect annual changes (increases or decreases) in these categories. Finally, TGS proposes a gas conservation program and tariff to authorize the program.

Complete copies of the filed Statement of Intent, including all proposed rates and schedule changes, are available for inspection at the Company's business office located at 4600 Pollard Street, El Paso, Texas, 79930. Persons with specific questions or desiring additional information about this filing may contact the Company at 915-680-7204.

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Department officer saw the accident and responded. There were no injuries. One of the vehicles, a white 1999 GMC Safari van was disabled due to the impact of the crash. The driver, described as a Hispanic male in his mid to early 20s, with brown hair and hazel eyes caused the accident. He left the scene to use a telephone and never returned. A search of the abandoned van revealed approximately 50 bundles of marijuana with a total weight of more than 1,400 pounds. The street value of the marijuana is estimated at over \$1 million. The El Paso Metro Narcotics Unit is investigating this matter.

■ Hurshel Antwine (3830 Rich Beem) hosts its 3rd Annual Fall Festival on Thursday, Oct. 18. There will be food, game booths, jumping balloons, basketball games and vendors. The event begins at 5:00 p.m. with a special performance from kindergarten and 1st grade students. Vendor tables are still available for \$25. For more information, please contact Festival Coordinators Erica Armijo at 937-6401 or Carlos Puertas at 626-7719.

■ El Dorado High School (12401 Edgemere) will be hosting its 4th Annual Fall Festival and Car Show on Oct. 13, 2007 from 4 p.m. to 11 p.m. There will be food, games, crafts and entertainment. If your organization is interested in participating in this years Fall Festival, contact Brandon Rios at 937-3497 or at mrios11@sisd.net.

■ H.D. Hilley Elementary (693 Rio Vista) will be having a Fall Festival on Friday, Oct. 19 from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. in the cafeteria and patio area. There will be food, a variety of games, and lots of entertainment. Please join us for a great evening filled with family fun!

■ On October 1, 2007, in the Mt. Cristo Rey Room at the Sunland Park Racetrack & Casino, the Sun-Up Optimist Club of

Canutillo held a dinner for the installation of its new officers for 2007-2008. About 34 persons were in attendance, which included members, District Officers, friends and family. The officers installed were Katherine Q. Montoya — President, Alfred Reeves — Vice-President, Dori Whitney — Secretary, Nancy Casner — Treasurer and Al Avila — Sergeant-at-Arms. Lud Bezemek, Optimist International Vice-President, and Robbie Clark, Lt. Governor, Zone 7, were on hand to officiate the installation with Bill Dominik as MC. The Sun-Up Optimist Club provides support or participates in many programs which impact the children and youth in our community. To learn more about our group or to join in, please contact Dori or Bill at 877-3319. Otherwise, we meet for dinner & hold our meeting at Rancher's Grill, Mesa/Hwy. 10, every Monday at 6:00 p.m., excluding holidays and in support of our local charitable events.

■ Socorro Independent School District Special Education Department is hosting a workshop for parents of children who receive services through special education. The "Planning the Best Future for Your Child" workshop is scheduled for Oct. 24 from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. at Montwood High School, 12000 Montwood. Attorney Terry Hammond and other dynamic speakers will share information on planning the best future for your child. Parents can choose to attend the following sessions:

- ARD Meetings
- Parent and Student Participation in the ARD
- State Testing
- Going to College
- Going to High School
- Going to Middle School
- Getting a Job
- Accessing Government Services
- Parent Support Groups
- Guardianship

Parents may sign in at 5:30 pm. Dinner will be provided and childcare for children three years old and older will be available. For more information, please call Tom Laign, 937-1888, or Lisa Camacho, 937-1864.

