



NEWSBRIEFS

Prayer vigil

A prayer vigil for peace and remembering Hiroshima will be held at San Jacinto Plaza in downtown El Paso on Thursday, August 6 starting at 5:00 p.m. The vigil is scheduled for 45 minutes. The program will include spoken prayers, speakers, singing, and time for silent reflection and prayers. People from all faith traditions are invited to attend the vigil. The vigil takes place on the 64th anniversary of the dropping of the atomic bomb on Hiroshima in Japan. Approximately 140,000 people were killed, many of whom were civilians. This event is sponsored by Pax Christi El Paso and the Peace and Justice Ministry of the Catholic Diocese of El Paso. Pax Christi El Paso is associated with the national Catholic peace movement, which seeks to promote the peace of Christ by exploring, articulating, witnessing and practicing Gospel nonviolence.

— Karen Peissinger-Venhaus

Back to school

Coordinated Home Health (CHH) is hosting a Back to School/Community Gathering for Anthony, NM residents on July 31, 2009 from noon to 3 p.m. CHH is located at 816 Anthony Dr. There will be hot dogs, burgers, chips, sodas, etc. School supplies will be given away and drawings will be held for back packs.

— Jovonne R. Gooden

Crime Stoppers

Crime Stoppers of El Paso is assisting Deputies from the El Paso County Sheriff's Office Special Traffic Investigations (S.T.I.) unit in identifying the person who hit a motorcycle in Canutillo and fled the scene, leaving the driver of the motorcycle to die from his injuries, and making this the "Crime of the Week." On Sunday night, July 5, about 11:15 p.m., Sheriff's Deputies were dispatched to a motor vehicle accident involving a motorcycle at the intersection of Doniphan and Holguin in Canutillo. There they found a red 2008 Harley-Davidson motorcycle laying on its side, and an unresponsive male with serious injuries lying nearby. The second vehicle in the collision left the scene prior to the arrival of the Deputies. The driver of the motorcycle was identified as 38-year-old Juan Antonio Contreras of the 300 block of Miller in Anthony, N.M. Sadly, Contreras died at the scene before he could be airlifted to a hospital. Investigators believe the motorcycle was traveling north on Doniphan and that the second vehicle was traveling west on Holguin when it entered the intersection and was violently impacted by the motorcycle. The second vehicle is believed to possibly be a light gray or silver Chevrolet 1500 series pickup truck, late 90s or early 2000 model. It is believed that this vehicle will show red paint and damage on the

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Habits are either the best of servants or the worst of masters.

— Quips & Quotes



— Photo courtesy Canutillo ISD

STAYING ON TOP OF THE SITUATION — Glendy Pineda, junior, attempts to stay balanced during physical training exercise at Ft. Bliss.

Canutillo cadets stay busy during summer

By Kim Guzman
Special to the Courier

Cadets from Canutillo High School's Naval Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps (NJROTC) program didn't stop working for their unit when school ended. With summer programs such as shooting camp, basic leadership training, leadership academy, and the junior police academy along with projects such as re-decorating the classroom and preparing for the 09-10 incoming cadets, cadets had no problem with overcoming boredom during the summer.

Aaron Trejo, CHS senior and newly promoted Cadet/Ensign, attended all three summer programs and came in while the school was open to work out and help with projects. "This year we're going to make ROTC a hundred times greater," said Trejo.

Glendy Pineda, a CHS junior starting her first year as an enrolled cadet for the 2009-10 school year said, "We're going to change it for the better." Pineda, who attended the Basic Lead-

ership Training (BLT), where cadets got a small taste of what it was like to be in the military, stated, "It was a lot of fun!" "I met tons of new people and got into really good shape. I loved it," she added.

NJROTC offers leadership, discipline, teamwork, and fun for every cadet. During the class, cadets learn the meaning of the Navy's core values: Honor, Courage, and Commitment. As a cadet, students feel pride every time they dress in uniform and participate in engaging field trips, such as, visiting military bases, touring downtown museums, repelling, or competing against other ROTC units from across the state.

During the camps held at Ft. Bliss, cadets from NJROTC units in West Texas and New Mexico, woke up at 0500 and commenced physical training to work towards passing the Navy physical fitness test. Cadets also learned about first aid and close order drill, among other classes, but concentrated in enhancing their skills in teamwork and leadership. The

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Protect your vehicle from thieves

It doesn't matter what kind of car you drive, all vehicles are a potential target of theft. Nearly 100,000 cars and trucks are stolen in the state of Texas each year, and thousands more are burglarized. Almost half of all vehicles stolen had the keys left inside.

The Ford F150 and Chevy pick up truck top the list of top 10 most stolen vehicles in Texas. Regardless of year, make or model, every vehicle is a potential target for theft and burglary, especially when the keys are left inside. Following these tips will help you hold on to your prized car or truck.

Tips to protect your vehicle:

- Hide your valuables. Items in the open make your car a bigger target.
- Take your keys and never leave a second set in your vehicle. Twenty percent of stolen vehicles had keys inside them, making the theft

even easier.

- Lock your car. Almost half of all vehicles stolen were left unlocked.
- Park in well-lit or heavily-trafficked areas. Thieves do not like witnesses. Find an attended lot or garage if possible.
- Give parking attendants the ignition key only. Keep your trunk and glove box locked at all times. If possible, get separate keys for the ignition and the trunk and glove box.
- Never leave your car running unattended. Cars are often stolen at convenience stores, gas stations or when an owner leaves the vehicle running to warm it up.
- Install an anti-theft device. Many insurance companies may give you a discount for certain anti-theft devices. Check with your agent for details.

— Source: TXDOT

Socorro ISD board appoints new Americas High School principal

By Daniel R. Escobar
Special to the Courier

The Socorro Independent School District Board of Trustees confirmed the appointment of David Peña as principal of Americas High School during its regular meeting today.



David Peña

Peña has served as the principal of Socorro Middle School since 2002.

Prior to that, he was an assistant principal at Slider Middle School for four years. He also worked as an assistant principal at Socorro Middle School from 1996-1998. Peña began his career in the SISD in 1989 as a teacher at Socorro High School, a position he held until being promoted in 1996. A graduate of Socorro High School, he received both master's and bachelor's degrees in education from the University of Texas at El Paso.

Peña is the schools fourth principal, replacing Mary Ross who retired after six years as principal of Americas High School and 34 years in the SISD. They are preceded by James Kelch, 2000-2003, and Antonio Baca, 1996-2000. The school opened in September 1996.

Surprising food allergy dangers

By Linda Coss
Special to the Courier

As the number of children with potentially fatal food allergies continues to grow, an increasing number of parents are learning not to take anything for granted. When ingestion of even a tiny amount of a common food can be deadly, staying safe often means an extremely high level of vigilance.

Here are 10 surprising places where food allergens are often found:

1. Pet Food: Toddlers may want to have a bite, or a food-allergic individual may get a slobbery "kiss" from a dog that has a mouth full of allergen-containing food.
2. Children's Museums: Interactive exhibits may contain food-related items, such as ground-up walnut shells (that look like coarse sand) in paleontology displays.
3. Stuffed Toys: The "stuffing" in stuffed animals, bean bags, and other stuffed items may actually be crushed nut shells.
4. Soaps and Shampoos: May contain milk, nuts, wheat, or other food ingredients.
5. Movie Theatre Seats: Likely to be covered with butter and candy residue.
6. Play Dough: Contains wheat and possibly other allergens.
7. Hotel Rooms: Bits of food may be

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Por la Gente By State Rep. Chente Quintanilla

Texas healthcare made strides

Hola, mi gente. It is unfortunate that many of the good

achievements that occurred in the last legislative session do not get reported to El Pasoans. Instead, the focus is on personalities and tabloid headlines. The information about beneficial legislative does not attract as much attentive.

We lawmakers addressed a variety of healthcare issues during the session. Physician and nurse shortages make it difficult to lower the number of patients to doctors or nurses; especially in areas that are consistently underserved. There is no one easy solution to the problem but we did pass important legislation intended to start the process.

House Bill 2154, passed and signed by the Governor, creates a great incentive for doctors to set up practice in underserved areas. Of course, the counties along the international border, including El Paso, are experiencing an acute shortage of doctors. Doctors who decide to receive education loan repayment assistance from a state program must set up practice in those underserved areas. This is most ben-

eficial to El Paso County now that the Paul L Foster School of Medicine is now a reality.

Many of the student doctors who seek to graduate as doctors pay for their schooling via college loans. What better way for these doctors to pay down huge loans than to provide medical care for needy El Pasoans. The doctors would receive from \$25-55 thousand a year in assistance. In exchange, they would serve patients who are on Medicaid or the Children's Health Insurance Plan. This is a win/win solution.

Of equal impact on local healthcare is the nursing shortage. One bill that did not pass intended to require hospitals to maintain a strict patient to nurse ratio regardless of the available number of nurses. Although it is something well intended, mandating this on the private sector may have unintended consequences.

The best solution is to increase the number of available nurses. House Bill 4471 creates an incentive to nursing programs with the intent of increasing the number of nurse graduates. Nursing programs that commit to achieving the benchmarks set out by the bill may be provided additional educational funding by meet-

ing certain agreed to benchmarks. UT El Paso has a fine nursing program and should be among the first to pursue the funds in this bill. Again, a win/win situation.

Another health care deficiency in the Sun City deals with employer offered health insurance. So many business do not have the money to invest in employee health. Now Senate Bill 6 will bridge the gap by creating a stabilization fund via a public-private partnership that will make insurance products more accessible for smaller businesses.

Previously, the El Paso 3 share collaborative, spearheaded by the Greater El Paso Chamber and Thomason, set up a health program funded by the employer, the state and nonprofits to provide healthcare. That program now may be enhanced by access to the provisions of SB 6.

These three pieces of legislation are indicative of a productive legislative session. All of the members of the legislature should be given kudos for supporting these bills. Every member of the El Paso delegation voted for them.

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

Veterans Post By Freddy Groves

One million and counting

By the time you read this, the Department of Veterans Affairs will have a backlog of 1 million unprocessed claims.

In January of this year, there were 800,000 claims. In May it was more than 900,000 claims. But there's something about that big number —

1 million — that makes you wonder: Where are the problems?

Let's take a look at where some of the logjams are, with info taken from the VA's Monday Morning Workload Reports dated June 15, 2009.

For unprocessed Compensation and Pension claims at the various

centers:

- Baltimore has 12,375 claims, with 33.2 percent of those more than 180 days. (In January 30.7 percent of its claims were unprocessed.)

- New York has 11,129 claims, with 33.2 percent past 180 days. (In January 32.5 percent of its claims were unprocessed.)

- Atlanta has 30,839 claims, with 33.7 percent past 180 days. (In January 35.5 percent of its claims were unprocessed.)

- Montgomery, Ala., has 20,700 claims with 30.6 percent beyond 180 days. (In January 34.2 percent of its claims were unprocessed.)

On the positive side, Sioux Falls, S.D., has only 1,176 claims, with a mere 6 percent past 180 days, and Boise, Idaho, is about the same, with only 6.8 percent of its 2,004 claims beyond 180 days. (In January it was 6.1 percent and 8.3 percent, respectively.)

If you want to keep an eye on those weekly reports, go to www.vba.va.gov/VBA/ then click on Reports, then click Monday Morning Workload Reports.

In June, the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs held hearings specifically on the topic of whether the VA can handle 1 million claims. To read what all the speakers had to say, go to www.veterans.house.gov, click on Hearings, and scroll down to June 18, 2009, to Addressing the Backlog: Can the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs Manage One Million Claims?

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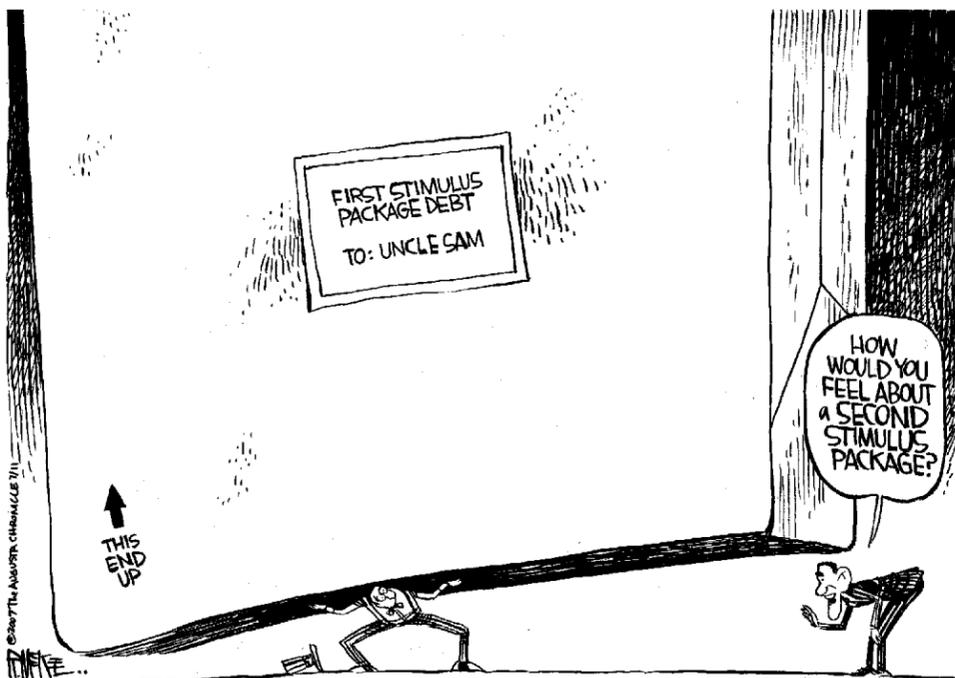
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The hidden cost of public healthcare

It is now projected that through 2080, more than \$104 trillion will be owed in unfunded liabilities to Medicare and Social Security — or \$89 trillion and \$15.1 trillion, respectively.

It's an absurd figure to look at, let alone to begin planning to somehow pay for. Yet, such is the hidden cost of entitlements — at least the cost that the Board of Trustees for Medicare and Social Security is now willing to admit to.

And make no mistake about it: It is a cost that will bury the public treasury — along with the taxpayers expected to foot the astronomical, insurmountable bill.

The basic lesson here is that when something — whether it be health care or retirement funds — is guaranteed to everybody, it goes ever deeper into the red.

Far, far into the red. That is why entitlements are not — and never can or will be — deficit “neutral.” The total cost is not how much money is allocated by Congress, but how much money Congress promises to continue paying out through the entitlement for decades and decades to come.

The irony is that the \$104 trillion price tag, horrendous as it is, may actually be small in comparison to what Americans will really be forced to pay once the new government-run health care plan is implemented.

Consider this: Under the House version of the so-called public “option,” individuals up to 400 percent of the poverty level, or making approximately \$43,320 or less annually, will be eligible for some level of health coverage under the plan whether through the public “option,” Medicaid, or otherwise.

There's a small problem. As of 2006, there were approximately 91.5 million people aged 25-65 who fell into that income bracket, according to the U.S. Census Bureau. Factor in the nearly 35 million who were 65 and older at that time, and the total figure comes to over 125.8 million who will be eligible for government-administered health care.

And once the new so-called public “option” crowds out and eliminates all other private

health options (as the program's sponsors fully expect it to do according to page 16 of the bill), sooner or later the total entitlement will extend to all Americans.

The cost to taxpayers? Far, far more than we can possibly bear.

Presently, the average premium for single coverage is \$4,700, according to the National Coalition on Health Care. If all 125.8 million of those eligible received fully-funded “average” health plans, the total burden to taxpayers would rise to a staggering \$591.26 billion annually.

But let's just deal with the 91.5 million aged 25-65. They alone would cost the taxpayers \$430.05 billion annually. This means that if nothing else changed — the population, inflation, the average cost of premiums, etc. — by 2080, the unfunded liabilities would rise to \$30.1 trillion above the Board of Trustees' current \$104 trillion estimate. But, of course, that's a low-ball figure, since the population will rise, inflation will increase, and undoubtedly so, too, will the cost of the average premium.

Of course, Barack Obama is ever-optimistic. Or, perhaps, simply duplicitous. Just a week ago, he said, “I've said that it's got to be budget neutral, it's got to be deficit neutral, and so whatever bill is produced has to be paid for, and that creates some difficulties because people would like to get the good stuff without paying for it.”

Well, that's one way of putting it. The fact is, once the hidden costs of these entitlements — Social Security, Medicare, and the public “option” — are fully realized over the next century, the American people will not be getting anything good at all — including the most basic health care we now take for granted. A country that has been plunged into decade after decade of half-trillion dollar annual deficits won't have a plug nickel left for adequate health care — and barely enough left for funeral expenses.

Robert Romano is the ALG Senior News Editor (getliberty.org).

Allergies

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hiding under the bed, behind the furniture, etc., where a baby or toddler is likely to find them.

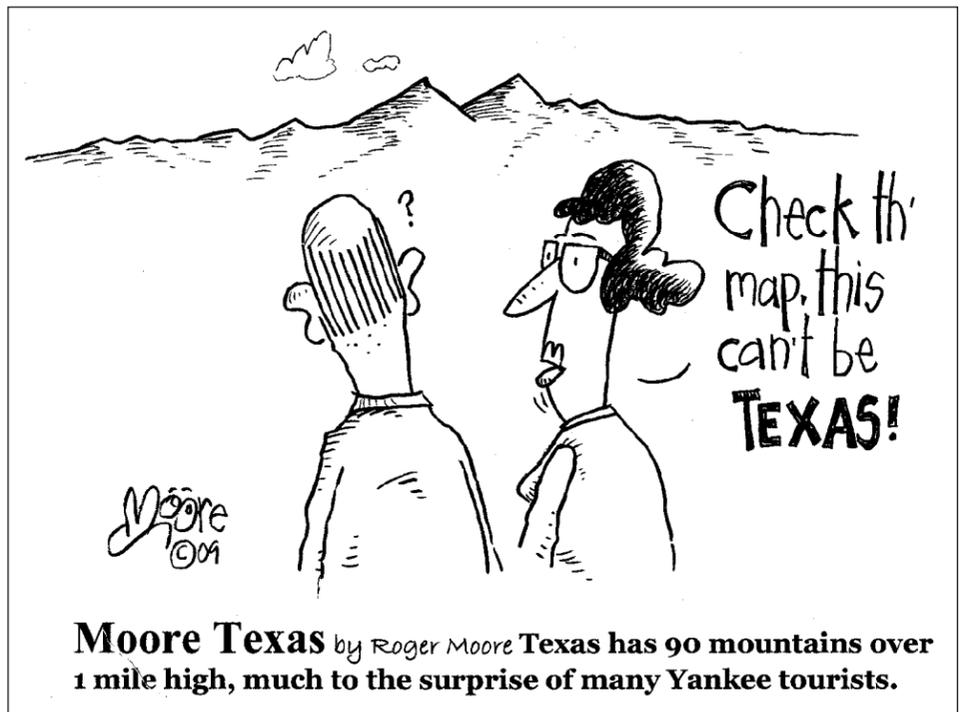
8. Bird Feeders: Birds tend to spread the bird seed — which can contain nuts, seeds, wheat, milk, and other allergens — all over the yard.

9. Clowns' Pockets: Clowns and other entertainers at children's events often throw

candy to the crowd.

10. Open Containers of Otherwise Safe Food: Someone who had allergenic food residue on their fingers may have put their hand in the bag or box, thereby “contaminating” the entire batch.

Don't make any assumptions about where allergens may or may not be. Ask a lot of questions. Read the ingredient label on anything that has one, including non-food items. And always make sure your emergency medication is close at hand.



Moore Texas by Roger Moore Texas has 90 mountains over 1 mile high, much to the surprise of many Yankee tourists.

Comptroller responsible for CAD reviews

By Allen Spelce
Special to the Courier

AUSTIN — The Texas Legislature, in House Bill 8, gave Texas Comptroller Susan Combs the responsibility of reviewing the performance of each county appraisal district (CAD) at least once every other year. In the off years, the Comptroller's office will conduct a property value study to determine the taxable value in each school district. The new law goes into effect Jan. 1, 2010.

"We look forward to working with appraisal districts in our reviews and value studies to ensure fair and accurate appraisals," Combs said. "Texas taxpayers expect and deserve efficient service and uniform appraisals so property taxes are shared equally among taxpayers."

The reviews will cover each CAD's governance, taxpayer assistance, operating and appraisal standards, procedures and methods. If an appraisal district fails to comply with the Comptroller's recommendations within one year, the Board of Tax Professional Examiners or a

successor agency must take action necessary to ensure compliance.

HB 8 also changed the Comptroller's school district Property Value Study from an annual study to a study that must be conducted once every two years, except when the study finds invalid values for a school district, at which time a study will be conducted annually until the values are valid. The requirement for a biennial — rather than an annual — study will free up Comptroller resources to do a more intensive Property Value Study in approximately half the school districts each year.

The bill created a nine-member Comptroller's Property Value Study Advisory Committee to consult with the Comptroller prior to the adoption of study rules. The Speaker of the Texas House of Representatives will appoint one member from the House; the Lieutenant Governor will appoint one member from the Senate; and the Comptroller will appoint two members representing CADs, two members representing school districts and three members who are Texas taxpayers or have expertise in school district taxation or ratio studies.

Cadets

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Fort Bliss leadership reaction course and the Essential Skills Training 2000 course, which provided a fun challenge for each of the cadets, was an event that tested their abilities.

The El Paso Police Department Junior Youth Police Academy provided cadets an overview of being a police officer. They learned about the SWAT and narcotics units while par-

ticipating in activities. One such activity was room clearing, which involved two armed individuals running into a building and cadets had to make sure it was safe to continue with a mission.

Trejo stated, "I learned a lot about what it takes to be a police officer. It inspired me to pursue this career later in life."

"The instructors of this unit are more than just teachers. Lieutenant Commander Mangrum and Gunnery Sergeant Maldonado are mentors to many cadets and make NJROTC

more than just another class. When Gunny came in, he brought the Marine Corps with him and got things done," Stated Cadet Chief Petty Officer Kristina Aziz, CHS junior. "But he also takes time to just talk to us and tell us anecdotes of what it was like in the Corps," she added.

"During July, our cadets will also be participating in the Military Order of World Wars Youth Leadership Camp in Sante Fe, New Mexico and the Civilian Marksmanship Program shooting camp at Del Valle high school, said Commander Mangrum.



— Photo courtesy Canutillo ISD

Canutillo High School's NJROTC cadets receive certificates for completing the El Paso Junior Policy Academy. From left are CHS cadets Aaron Trejo, senior; Megan Higgason, junior; Chief Greg Allen, EPPD; Lorena Leyva, junior; and Robert Miller, senior.

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CryptoQuip Answer

If a notorious gangster became a psychoanalyst, should he be named Pretty Boy Freud?

San Elizario Independent School District Special Education Services

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

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

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In compliance with the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974 and Public Law 105-17, parents and adult students have the right to inspect educational records. District policies FL and FL-E provide for record access, confidentiality, and complaint procedures.

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

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

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

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

Conforme al Acto de Derechos y Confidencia Educacionales de Familia de 1974 y Ley pública 105-17, padres y alumnos adultos tienen el derechos de ver los archivos educativos. Polizas FL y FL-E explican los derechos, la confidencialidad, y el proceso para quejarse.

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

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Briefs

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driver's side. The investigation continues. If you have any information at all about this crime, either the vehicle or the suspect driver, call Crime Stoppers of El Paso immediately at 566-TIPS (8477) or submit your tip online at www.crimestoppersofelpaso.org. You will remain anonymous and, if your tip leads to an arrest, you could earn a cash reward up to \$1,000.

— James Klaes

Wanted

The hunt is on for Jose Adrian Castillo. He has a long wrap sheet of forgery, tampering with government records, deceptive business practices, numerous thefts and even falsely presenting himself as a lawyer.



Jose Castillo

His aliases include Jose Chavez, Jose Zaragoza and El Pesado. Castillo is really a local con-artist who continues to deceptively scheme people or businesses out of money. Castillo is 46-years-old, described as Hispanic male, 5-foot 10-inches tall, 200 pounds,

with a light complexion, brown eyes and brown hair. He has an eagle tattooed on his upper right arm. Castillo is charming and is known to claim numerous business relationships with prominent members of society. In some cases, Castillo claims to be diagnosed with terminal illnesses in an effort to receive sympathy from his victims. Sheriff's Officials are asking anyone who has seen or knows the whereabouts of Castillo to call Crime Stoppers of El Paso at 566-TIPS (8477). Callers will remain anonymous and may be eligible for a reward if the information provided leads to the apprehension of the individuals featured.

— Deputy Jesse Tovar

Deployed

Navy Petty Officer 3rd Class Victor M. Cabral, son of Maria L. and Jose M. Cabral of Fabens, Texas, and more than 7, 500 sailors of the Ronald Reagan Carrier Strike Group relieved the Eisenhower Carrier Strike Group as Commander, Task Force (CTF) 50 and launched its first aircraft sorties from Carrier Air Wing (CVW) 14 in support of Operation Enduring Freedom in Afghanistan. This marks the fourth deployment for the Nimitz-class aircraft carrier USS Ronald Reagan (CVN 76) San Diego, Calif., commissioned in July 2003, and its return to Afghanistan. Cabral is a 2004 graduate of Fabens High School. He joined the Navy in April 2006.

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**Canutillo Independent School District
Public Notice**

Notice of Non-Discrimination in Career and Technical Education Programs

Canutillo Independent School District offers Career and Technical Education programs in Agriculture Science Technology, Business Education, Career Investigations, Diversified Career Preparation, Family and Consumer Science, Health Science Technology, Technology Education, and Trade and Industrial Education. Admission to these programs is based on career counseling, interests and aptitudes, age appropriateness, eligibility, and class space availability.

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

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

Canutillo Independent School District will take steps to assure that lack of English language skills will not be a barrier to admission and participation in all educational and Career and Technical Education programs.

For information about your rights or grievance procedures, contact the Title IX Coordinator, Renee O'Donnell, at P.O. Box 100, Canutillo, Texas 79835, (915) 877-7423, odonnell@canutillo-isd.org and/or the Section 504 Coordinator, Karen Judd, at P.O. Box 100, Canutillo, Texas 79835, (915) 877-7433, kjudd@canutillo-isd.org.

Aviso al Público

Notificación de Prohibiendo Discriminación en los Programas Educativos de Carrera y Tecnicos

El Distrito Escolar Independiente de Canutillo ofrece programas Educativos de Carrera y Tecnicos en Tecnología en Ciencias de Agricultura, Negocios, Investigación de Profesiones, Consumo Familiar, Tecnología en Ciencia de la Salud, Educación de Mercadeo, Educación Tecnología y Desarrollo de Oficios Industriales. La admisión a estos programas se basa en recomendación de consejeros escolares, interés académico, aptitudes, edad apropiada, elegibilidad, y disponibilidad de lugares en las clases.

Es norma del Distrito Escolar Independiente de Canutillo no discriminar la participación en estos programas por motivos de raza, color, origen nacional, sexo, impedimento o edad en sus programas, servicios o actividades vocacionales, tal como lo requieren el Título VI de la Ley de Derechos Civiles de 1964, según enmienda; el Título IX de las Enmiendas en la Educación, de 1972, y la Sección 504 de la Ley de Rehabilitación de 1973, según enmienda.

Es norma del Distrito Escolar Independiente de Canutillo no discriminar por motivos de raza, color, origen nacional, sexo, impedimento o edad, en sus procedimientos de empleo, tal como lo requieren el Título VI de la Ley de Derechos Civiles de 1964, según enmienda; el Título IX de las Enmiendas en la Educación, de 1972, la ley de Discriminación por Edad, de 1975, según enmienda, y la Sección 504 de la Ley de Rehabilitación de 1973, según enmienda.

El Distrito Escolar Independiente de Canutillo tomará las medidas necesarias para asegurar que la falta de habilidad en el uso del inglés no sea un obstáculo para la admisión y participación en todos los programas educativos y Educativos de Carrera y Tecnicos.

Para información sobre sus derechos o procedimientos para quejas, comuníquese con el Coordinador del Título IX, Renee O'Donnell, en P.O. Box 100, Canutillo, Texas 79835, teléfono (915) 877-7423, correo electrónico: rodonnell@canutillo-isd.org, o el Coordinador de la Sección 504, Karen Judd, en P.O. Box 100, Canutillo, Texas, teléfono (915) 877-7433, correo electrónico: kjudd@canutillo-isd.org.

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**PUBLIC NOTICE
Village of Vinton, Texas**

A PUBLIC HEARING will be held at 6:00 p.m. during a Planning and Zoning Commission Meeting on **Thursday, July 30, 2009** at the Vinton Village Hall, 436 E. Vinton Rd., Vinton, Texas. Purpose of the public hearing is to allow any interested persons to appear and testify regarding the following proposed item(s):

- 1) Consider and recommend action on request for Special Permit to allow for 1 Ramirez Addition, Lot 2, Village of Vinton, El Paso County, Texas (also known as 100-122 Chicken Farm Rd.) for the purpose of installing public water service connection.

Those who are unable to attend may submit their views in writing to the Village Clerk at 436 E. Vinton Road, Vinton, Texas 79821. Persons with disabilities that wish to attend this meeting should contact City Hall at (915)886-5104 to arrange for assistance. Individuals who require auxiliary aids or services for this meeting should contact City Hall at least two days before the meeting so that appropriate arrangements can be made.

Jessica Garza
Village Clerk

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Bad passing off the court lands Antoine Walker in court

By Steve Escajeda
Special to the Courier

There have been many great inventions over the years that make our lives better.

The remote control may make most Americans fatter than they otherwise would be but what a great thing — changing the channel or raising the volume without ever leaving the comfort of your favorite couch.

How about the microwave, I know it's really only good for warming things and producing that quick bag of popcorn, but at least I can warm things about 30 minutes faster than the oven.

Another good invention was the personal check. Just picture it — you don't have any cash in your pocket and you really want those zesty jalapeno cheese doodles and that bottle of purple passion punch.

No problem, you pull out the old checkbook, sign your name and vuala, your hands are covered with orange powdery goodness and your lips are bright purple.

Only one potential problem — you must have enough money in the bank to cover the \$3 check for the doodles and punch.

That's a crucial concept of the personal check that former NBA star Antoine Walker apparently never learned.

You see, Walker, who gained most of his notoriety playing beside Paul Pierce with the Boston Celtics a few years ago, likes something just as much as he loved playing basketball — gambling.

Seems an arrest warrant was issued for the 32-year old Walker a few days ago and he was recognized and arrested just a day later.

Where was he caught? You guessed it — in a Las Vegas casino bar.

I guess the 6-foot-9 former Boston Celtic All-Star thought he could just blend in.

Walker is being held on writing over \$1-million in bad checks at Caesars Palace, Planet Hollywood and the Red Rock Resort, all in Vegas.

I guess the big guy is kind of lucky. Sometimes those Vegas types take care of these matters without the help of the police — if you know what I mean.

If you don't know what I mean — let's just say there's a lot of empty desert out there.

Any way, Walker could face multiple years in prison if he is convicted on these charges.

But this is not the first go-around with Walker

and some bad guys, or with the police for that matter.

Walker has been involved in some bizarre incidents over the years and his love for gambling may now shed some light.

He was the victim of an armed robbery back in 2000 and was bound and robbed again, this time at gunpoint, in 2007.

Walker was also arrested for drunk driving in Miami back in January.

All this is quite troubling, but not as troubling as what he was doing last weekend.

I don't know about you but if were facing a bunch of jail time I'd probably spend most of my time curled up in the fetal position on my bed not wanting to speak to anyone.

I guess Walker is more comfortable on the wild side. He spent last weekend playing in a celebrity golf tournament in Lake Tahoe, Nevada.

I heard he hit the ball fairly well, and why not — his real handicap is located between his ears.

Just one of the boys

I feel kind of bad because I never write anything about the WNBA.

Not because you couldn't get me to watch a game at gunpoint, but because it's no secret that the sport is kept on life-support by the NBA.

I believe a sport that cannot sustain itself financially, just like the AIG's, CitiCorp's and GM's of the world, should be allowed to fade away with dignity and let something better take its place.

But no, the WNBA continues to be one of those sports people respond with, "I didn't know they were still around."

Well I finally found a story about the WNBA I found compelling — but not positive.

Seems one of the league's stars, Diana Taurasi — doing her best NBA-player impersonation, picked up three drunk driving-related charges, including a new one in my book: extreme DUI.

Taurasi, who is suspended for a whopping two games without pay, had over twice the legal limit of alcohol in her system while she was speeding.

Not surprisingly, Taurasi pleaded not guilty to the DUI charges and not responsible to the speeding citation.

As for the two games without pay, that seems a little harsh to me — didn't Donte Stallworth get just 24 days in jail for driving drunk, speeding and killing a man?

I guess the laws in this country are still disproportionately biased against women.

A sporting view By Mark Vasto

All eyes on Akron

When you think of Akron, Ohio — and I know you do — you think of it as being the rubber capital of the world or the birthplace of Alcoholics Anonymous. But on July 25, Akron becomes the home of the self-proclaimed "greatest amateur racing event in the world" — the All-American Soapbox Derby.

Derby Downs is the place for the race, and has been (with the exception of World War II) held there since 1935, a year after former newsman turned opportunist Myron Scott developed the concept. Covering a local soapbox derby event in Dayton,

Scott saw the possibilities of an event on national scale and copyrighted the idea for a tournament based on set rules and uniform parameters. After the inaugural race took place in Dayton, Scott moved the event to Akron due to its hilly terrain (more Akron trivia: Akron means "summit" in Greek). Akron embraced the event, and has run the race ever since.

Derby Downs has modern-day significance, too: The racetrack — three lanes of asphalt that (as you can probably imagine) runs downhill for 989 feet at a 48 feet elevation — was built

through the efforts of the Works Progress Administration, which was the "stimulus package" of its day. So take note, would-be entrepreneurs, maybe you can take some of the taxpayer's money and make the Pinewood Derby into an international extravaganza.

Think big... it's not like it's your money.

If you think I'm making fun, I'm not. The event is a serious one and has the backing of NASCAR: Driver Jimmy Johnson is the celebrity spokesman for the All American Soapbox Derby Association. The event used to be witnessed by more than 70,000 fans per year. It was even televised in its earlier days on NBC.

It's not easy getting to Akron, despite its central location. To compete in the Derby, racers must win their regional contests, and they must purchase their soap-box cars from the All American Soap Box Derby Association.

Depending on the stock level (stock, super stock and masters), official soap-box derby racer kits cost between \$450 to \$650 to start. And there's a pedigree, a standard to live up to: Several Indy racers have won at Akron, but so have folks like Johnny Carson. Presidents Ronald Reagan and Richard Nixon, celebrities like Tom Hanks and racers such as Dale Earnhardt and Tony Stewart have also made the trip to Derby Downs.

This summer, more than 500 people representing 43 states and three foreign countries will be in Akron. If you don't have any plans this summer, why not lather up and point the ol' Airstream towards Ohio for some clean, all-American fun?

Mark Vasto is a veteran sports-writer and publisher of The Kansas City Luminary. (c) 2009 King Features Synd., Inc.

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LEGALS

PUBLIC NOTICE OF INTENT TO REQUEST RELEASE OF FUNDS

July 23, 2009

Texas Department of Housing & Community Affairs (TDHCA)

221 East 11th St. Austin, Texas 78711 (512) 475-0430

On or about July 31, 2009 the TDHCA will authorize the Adult and Youth United Development Association (AYUDA) to submit a request to the HUD for HOME funds under Title II of the Cranston Gonzalez National Affordable Housing Act of 1990, as amended, to undertake a project known as Contract for Deed Conversion, for the purpose of converting contracts for deed to conventional loan mortgages and rehabilitating or reconstructing five homes.

The activities proposed are categorically excluded un-

der HUD regulations at 24 CFR Part 58 from National Environmental Policy Act requirements. An Environmental Review Record (ERR) that documents the environmental determinations for this project is on file at 221 East 11th Street, Austin, Texas 78711 and may be examined or copied weekdays 8:00 A.M. to 4:30 P.M.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Any individual, group, or agency may submit written comments on the ERR to the TDHCA. All comments received by July 30, 2009 will be considered by the TDHCA prior to authorizing submission of a request for release of funds.

RELEASE OF FUNDS

TDHCA certifies to HUD that Sandy Garcia in her capacity as Single Family Program Administrator Team Leader consents to accept the jurisdiction of the Federal Courts if an action is brought to enforce responsibilities in relation to the environmental re-

view process and that these responsibilities have been satisfied. HUD's approval of the certification satisfies its responsibilities under NEPA and related laws and authorities, and allows the AYUDA to use Program funds.

OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS

HUD will consider objections to its release of funds and the TDHCA certification received by August 17, 2009 or for a period of fifteen days following its actual receipt of the request (whichever is later) only if they are on one of the following bases: (a) the certification was not executed by the Certifying Officer of the TDHCA; (b) the TDHCA has omitted a step or failed to make a decision or finding required by HUD regulations at 24 CFR Part 58; (c) the grant recipient or other participants in the project have committed funds or incurred costs not authorized by 24 CFR Part 58 before approval of a release of funds by HUD; or (d) another Federal agency acting pur-

suant to 40 CFR Part 1504 has submitted a written finding that the project is unsatisfactory from the standpoint of environmental quality. Objections must be prepared and submitted in accordance with the required procedures (24 CFR Part 58) and shall be addressed to Jack Pipkin at 801 Cherry St., Fort Worth, Texas 76102. Potential objectors should contact HUD/Texas to verify the actual last day of the objection period.

Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs Sandy Garcia Single Family Program Administrator Team Leader

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TOWN OF HORIZON CITY

PUBLIC NOTICE

A PUBLIC HEARING will be held during a Regular Planning & Zoning Commission Meeting on **Monday, August 17, 2009 at 6:30 p.m.** at 14999 Darrington Road,

Horizon City, Texas. The purpose of the public hearing is to allow any interested persons to appear and comment regarding a proposed rezoning of the following property:

Rezoning application #09-002RZ: Two undeveloped lots described as:

Tract or parcel of land east of Antwerp Drive, on Horizon Boulevard, shown as a platted parcel, recorded in the Office of the Clerk of El Paso County, Texas, being known as Horizon City Subdivision, all of lots eight (8) and nine (9), Block Four Hundred Eighty-Four (484), Unit Sixty-Three (63), an addition to Horizon City, Texas, an area of 1.0 acre (43,560 sq. ft.). Central Appraisal District PID# H77906348400080.

Proposed is the following change of zoning:

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Current Zoning: R-2 — Single-Family Dwelling

Proposed Zoning: C-1 — Light Commercial

Those who are unable to attend may submit their views in writing to the City Clerk at the above address or call 915-852-1046. Accommodations for handicapped persons will be available; and individuals in need of special assistance for attending the hearing are encouraged to contact the City Clerk at 915-852-1046, forty-eight (48) hours prior to the meeting.

Karen Ellefson
Town Clerk

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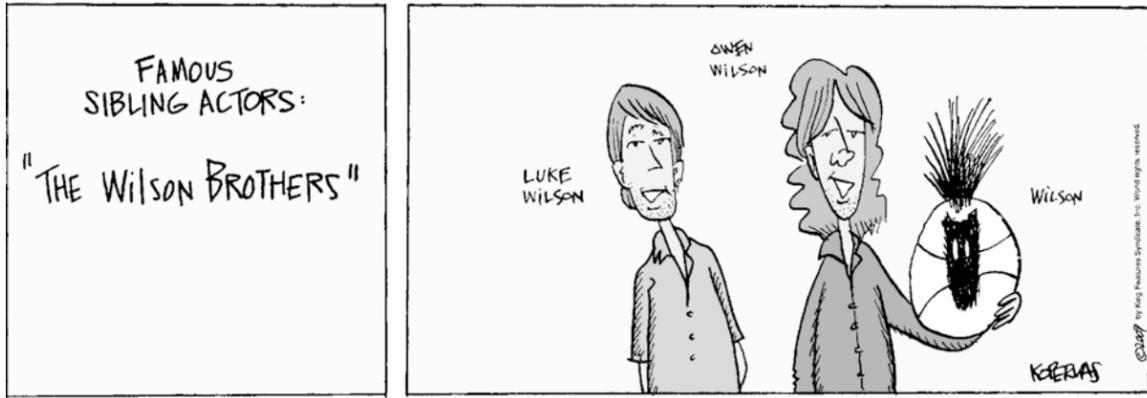
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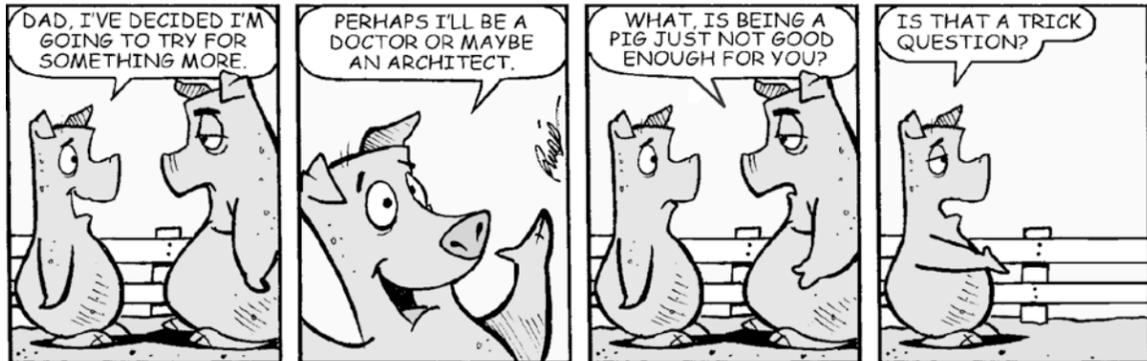
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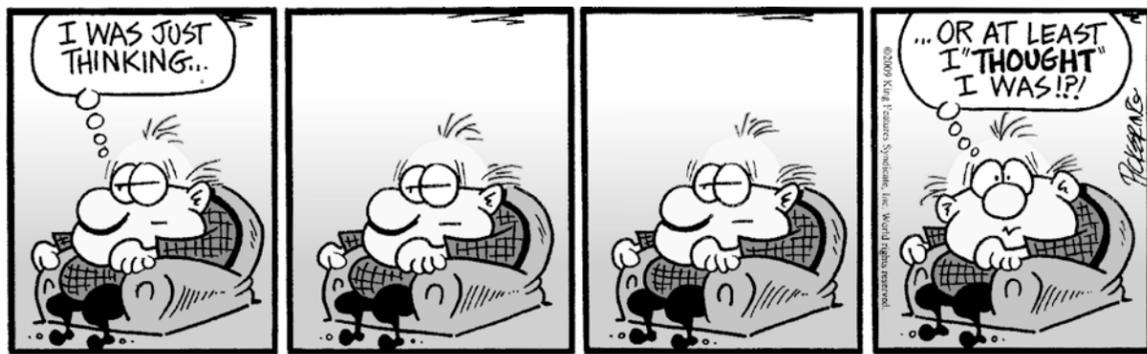
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Books give us pause for thought

By Taprina Milburn

There are some books that you read and you're not any different because of them. It's just a way to pass time at the pool or in the doctor's office.

Then there are some books that make you look at the world in a different way, that encourage you or make you feel uneasy about the way you've been living — or perhaps not living.

I discovered two of those books recently. One was passed on to me by a friend, "Same Kind of Different as Me."

And one I picked up from the library, "Mrs. Astor Regrets," the biography of Brooke Astor, a wealthy philanthropist who died at the age of 105 in 2007.

Let me compare the books for you. "The Same Kind of Different as Me" is written by two friends, Ron Hall and Denver Moore. Two unlikely friends. Denver is a former sharecropper, and Ron is a wealthy art collector. Denver's life includes poverty, prejudice and homelessness. Ron's life includes an education, wealthy clients and luxurious homes. Both lives, however, include Debbie, Ron's wife.

Without giving away too much of the story, Debbie wanted to live a deeper life than cocktail parties, a large bank account and material things. She wanted to give back to God by loving people... forgotten people... people like Denver, who was dirty, homeless and unfriendly.

Debbie and Ron became dedicated, faithful volunteers at the homeless mission where they met Denver. Ron's life was changed as well as Denver's. That friendship and faith in each other was slow-growing but life-changing for both

men.

Debbie's persistent love toward both Ron and Denver, as well as others at the mission is an example of how we are to live: not hung up on pretenses or material belongings, but willing to give of ourselves — time, money, energy, acceptance — to our family and those whom society casts aside. This is a true story that leaves you buoyed and reminds you that our time, resources and love are not ours to keep to ourselves, but to give back to others.

The Brooke Astor biography also is about giving back. Mrs. Astor loved her community and gave millions of dollars to important causes. She is described as America's favorite aristocrat. But the thing that is different about her story is that her life, at least according to the posthumous biography, centers on fashion, cocktail parties, jewelry and the Who's Who in Society.

She spent a lot of time writing people in and out of her will, and her family life was in shambles — barely a relationship with her only child, a son who was later accused of taking his mother's money.

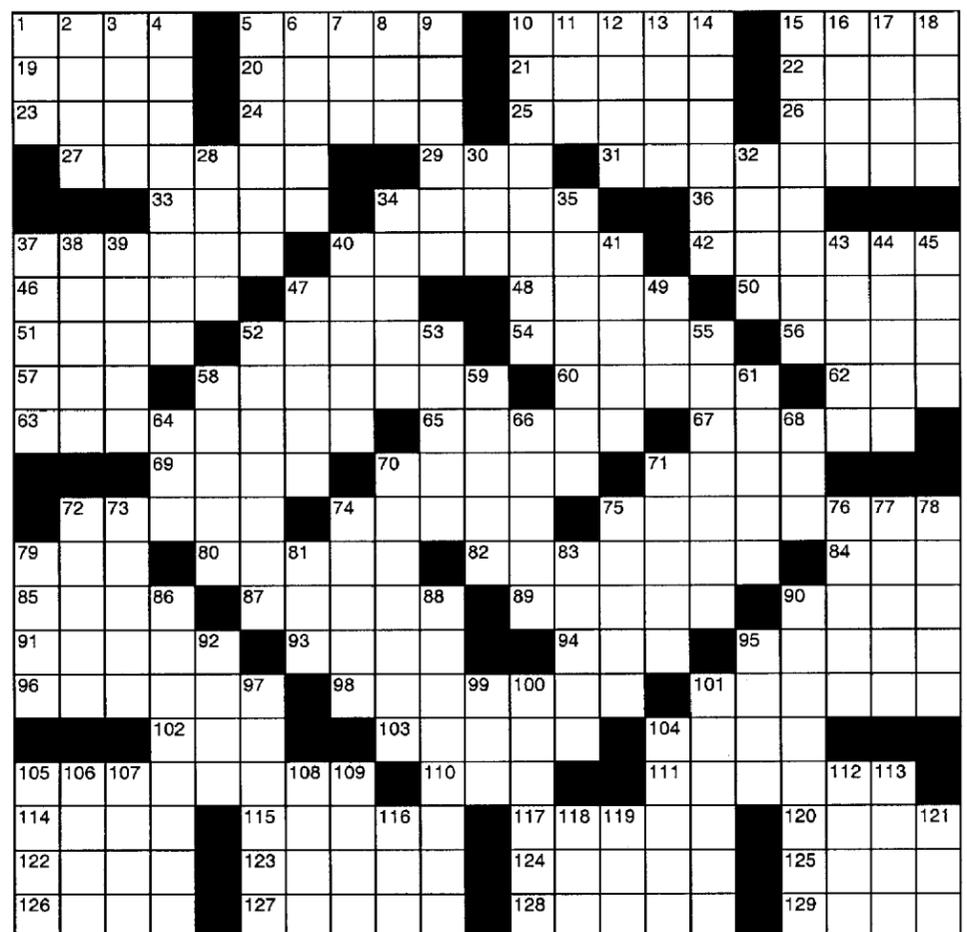
I finished the first book and was left with a feeling of lives lived abundantly. Mrs. Astor biography gave me the impression of an empty life built around things that don't last.

Both books made me look at the world in a different way.

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King Super Crossword

- R U READY? ACROSS**
- 1 Wished undone
 - 5 In fact
 - 10 Vance or McCormick
 - 15 Callao's country
 - 19 Proverb
 - preposition
 - 20 Rene of "Big Trouble"
 - 21 Annual award?
 - 22 Authentic
 - 23 "My _" ('65 hit)
 - 24 Romance
 - 25 Host a roast
 - 26 Forearm bone
 - 27 Monotony
 - 29 States briefly?
 - 31 Hit man
 - 33 Actress Schneider
 - 34 Touches
 - 36 Pecs' partners
 - 37 Clark of "Finian's Rainbow"
 - 40 Usually
 - 42 Considers
 - carefully
 - 46 Bouquet
 - 47 Green and Gore
 - 48 Interstate exit
 - 50 Cowboy star Lash
 - 51 Young boxers
 - hazards
 - 54 Fireplace fragment
 - 56 Valueless
 - 57 Zoo attraction
 - 58 Greeted the general
 - 60 Jason's wife
 - 62 Ram's remark
 - 63 Acted like a peacock
 - 65 Scoffed at
 - 67 Orchestra section
 - 69 Neighbor of Nev.
 - 70 Keep an eye on
 - 71 Destroy
 - 72 Show indifference
 - 74 Model Beverly
 - 75 "Wall Street Week" host
 - 79 Mauna _
 - 80 Michelangelo work
 - 82 Potsdam pastry
 - 84 Lilly of pharmaceuticals
 - 85 Not give _ (be indifferent)
 - 87 Actress Samantha
 - 89 Adjusted an Amati
 - 90 "Educating _" ('83 film)
 - 91 Certain sharks
 - 93 Actress Sharon
 - 94 _ -de-lance
 - 95 Jabber away
 - 96 Impacts
 - 98 _ oxide
 - 101 Dentistry material
 - 102 Use a phaser
 - 103 Standards
 - 104 Iran's Abolhassan _ -Sadr
 - 105 Swedish turnip
 - 110 Trams transport it
 - 111 Like Schonberg's music
 - 114 Turgenev's birthplace
 - 115 Plot
 - 117 Pianist Gould
 - 120 Got off
 - 122 "Zip- _ -Doo-Dah"
 - 123 Uneven
 - 124 It comes from the heart
 - 125 Eye drop?
 - 126 Tamblin or Westover
 - 127 Celtic cultist
 - 128 Pancake topping
 - 129 Stocking shade
 - DOWN**
 - 1 Bad hair, every day?
 - 2 Element
 - 3 Raison d'_
 - 4 Stagnant state
 - 5 Shock
 - 6 Card game
 - 7 Troop grp.
 - 8 Shreveport coll.
 - 9 Nigerian native
 - 10 Animal
 - 11 Root vegetable
 - 12 Costa _
 - 13 Manipulates
 - 14 It has its ups and downs
 - 15 Franco- _ War
 - 16 Elver's folks
 - 17 Rampur royalty
 - 18 - Bator
 - 28 Kansas city
 - 30 Big _ CA
 - 32 Explorer Tasman
 - 34 Desirable quality
 - 35 Shut forcefully
 - 37 Irene of "Zorba the Greek"
 - 38 Let out the lava
 - 39 Sot
 - 40 Viva voce
 - 41 Inlay
 - 43 Baby beetles
 - 44 Sinuous dances
 - 45 Actress Ward
 - 47 "Go!" to Gounod
 - 49 Word form for "foot"
 - 52 Exhaustion
 - 53 Smooth transition
 - 55 Told off
 - 58 Play the mandolin
 - 59 Pushbuttons' predecessors
 - 61 Sharon of Israel
 - 64 Mideast letters
 - 66 "The Sun Also Rises" heroine
 - 68 Some
 - 70 Semisolid protein
 - 71 More uncouth
 - 72 To date
 - 73 Terse verse
 - 74 Heathen
 - 75 Ancient characters
 - 76 Notre Dame's river
 - 77 Singer John
 - 78 Laughing
 - 79 It becomes ewe?
 - 81 Mil. group
 - 83 Sewell of "A Knight's Tale"
 - 86 Tennis great
 - Pancho
 - 88 Updated the factory
 - 90 Ponder
 - 92 Use a poniard
 - 97 Set apart
 - 99 Registered mail abbr.
 - 100 Zeno's zees
 - 101 Afternoon refresher
 - 104 Swahili, e.g.
 - 105 Serengeti sound
 - 106 Pakistani language
 - 107 Some shirts
 - 108 Teri of "Tootsie"
 - 109 Hunt's _ Ben Adhem"
 - 112 Composer Wilder
 - 113 Inventive sort?
 - 116 "A Fool Such _" ('59 hit)
 - 118 Powell co-star
 - 119 Muff
 - 121 Capote, on stage



CryptoQuip

This is a simple substitution cipher in which each letter used stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Solution is accomplished by trial and error.

Clue: K equals G

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 CGNAAE TME YGNVI?

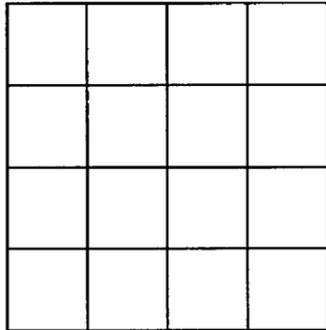
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Across & Down

by Donna Pettman

Rearrange the letters in each group to form a word. Place the words into the diagram so that the same words read both across and down. The first word across is the same as the first word down, the second word across is the same as the second word down and so on. The letter groups are not necessarily placed next to the row of the diagram in which they go.

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Public Notice San Elizario Independent School District 504 Child Find

Pursuant to Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, the District has a duty to identify, refer, evaluate and if eligible, provide a free, appropriate public education to disabled students. For additional information about the rights of parents of eligible children, or for answers to any questions you might have about identification, evaluation and placement into Section 504, please contact the District's Section 504 Coordinator, Amanda G. Sanchez, at 872-3926, or mail at P.O. Box 920, San Elizario, Texas 79849.

Aviso de Identificación de Estudiantes Incapacitados bajo la Sección 504

Bajo la Sección del Decreto de Rehabilitación de 1973, el Distrito Escolar esta obligado a identificar, referir, evaluar, y proporcionar servicios educativos apropiados y gratuitos a los estudiantes incapacitados que califican bajo esta ley. Si usted desea mas información sobre los derechos de padres de niños incapacitados, o si tiene preguntas sobre la identificación, evaluación, y colocación de niños en el programa de Sección 504, favor de ponerse en contacto con la Coordinadora de 504 del Distrito Escolar Independiente de San Elizario, Amanda G. Sanchez, al numero 872-3926, o por correo a la siguiente dirección: P.O. Box 920, San Elizario, Texas 79849.

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Social Security Q&A By Ray Vigil

Retired with children?

The idea of someone being "retired with children" may seem like the seed of another television sit-com or reality show. But the fact is that it's becoming more and more common for older people to have minor chil-

dren in their care — whether by bringing new children into the world, taking over the care of grandchildren or adopting children who need nurturing parents.

So it's important to know that if

you receive Social Security benefits and have minor children who depend on you, you might be able to receive benefits for them, too. This is true whether you receive benefits as a retiree or you receive Social Security disability or survivors benefits.

To get benefits, a child must have a parent (or in some cases a grandparent) who:

- is disabled or retired and entitled to Social Security benefits; or
 - died after having worked long enough in a job where he or she paid Social Security taxes.
- The child also must be:
- Unmarried; and
 - Younger than age 18; or
 - 18-19 years old and a full-time student (no higher than grade 12); or
 - 18 or older and disabled. (The disability must have started before age 22.)

Within a family, a child may receive up to one-half of the parent's full retirement or disability benefit, or 75 percent of the deceased parent's basic Social Security benefit. However, there is a limit to the amount of money that can be paid to a family. The maximum family payment can be from 150 to 180 percent of the parent's full benefit amount. If the total amount payable to all family members exceeds this limit, each child's benefit is reduced proportionately until the total equals the maximum allowable amount.

For example, if you are retired with a minor child and your benefit payment is \$1,000 a month, your minor child could get up to half of that each month, or \$500. However, if you had two minor children in your care, the maximum your entire family could receive would be between \$1,500 and \$1,800 — that's \$1,000 for you and between \$250 and \$400 per child.

Whether you receive Social Security benefits because you have a disabling condition, due to the death of a spouse or because you've reached retirement, if you have minor children, you'll want to read Social Security's online publication, Benefits for Children at www.socialsecurity.gov/pubs/10085.html.

Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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Place a number in the empty boxes in such a way that each row across, each column down and each small 9-box square contains all of the numbers from one to nine.

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ★

★ Moderate ★★ Challenging
 ★★★ HOO BOY!

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Classified Ads

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HOMES Anonymous - call 562-4081 for information.

New homes available in Horizon, Anthony and San Elizario. Prices starting from the 90s. USDA program available for ZERO down payment and ZERO percent closing cost. New homes also available in other areas. Call Pete at 633-6179.

STORAGE

National Self Storage BRAND NEW UNITS

Specials - Climate Control Units: 5x5 and 5x10 just \$1 first month. Regular 5x10 and 12x30 units just \$1 first month. Call Blanca - 852-8300.

SELF-HELP

Persons who have a problem with alcohol are offered a free source of help locally. Alcoholics