



NEWSBRIEFS

Outstanding Ex wanted

San Elizario High School is searching for alumni to be nominated for the honor of Outstanding Ex during its homecoming festivities on October 16. Nominations for San Elizario High School's Outstanding Ex are due October 2 and should be e-mailed to rrodriguez@seisd.net or mailed to San Elizario High School; P.O. Box 920; San Elizario, TX 79849. For more information, contact Ruben Rodriguez at (915) 872-3939 ext. 3711.

— Cynthia P. Marentes

SSA workshops

The Social Security Administration in partnership with the El Paso Community College will conduct free interactive workshops for people wanting to use online services. Social Security employees will be on hand to provide instruction and guidance on basic skills needed to navigate the SSA's website. Learn about applying for a user password, how to apply for Social Security Benefits online and how to find answers to questions or concerns you might have about the program. For more information and reservations, call 915-831-7801 or 7802. The classes will be held at Administrative Services Center, 9050 Viscount B- Building, Computer Lab B-320 on the following days:

- Mon., Oct. 5, 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
- Wed., Oct. 14, 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.
- Fri., Oct. 23, 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Come and find out about Social Security electronic services and learn how to access services from your personal computers.

— Ray Vigil

Club meeting

The Junior Woman's Club of El Paso will be holding a meeting on Saturday October 17th at the Woman's Club clubhouse located at 1400 North Mesa (parking is located across the street). New and potential members will meet at 9:30am followed by the general meeting at 10:30am. During the general meeting a representative from Susan G. Komen For the Cure will speak. The mission of Susan G. Komen is to fight breast cancer (they sponsor the annual walk). The club will also be finalizing plans for it's upcoming fundraiser Spooktacular being held this year on October 24th and 25th. If you are interested in learning about the club and all that it does for the El Paso community, please come join us or contact Ruth (915-525-8380) or Denise (704-957-5202). All women 21 years and older are welcome.

Open tryouts

The Moscow Ballet will hold an open audition for the Great Russian Nutcracker on October 9, 2009 at 5:00 p.m. at Ballet Performing Arts Center; 910 East Redd Rd., El Paso, TX. Applicants must have dance experience and be between seven

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A little knowledge that acts is worth infinitely more than much knowledge that is idle.

— Quips & Quotes

Vinton receives green award

By Don Woodyard
Courier Staff Writer

VINTON — For going green with environment-friendly projects, the village of Vinton has received the Eliot Shapleigh Community Award.

Vinton Mayor Madeline Praino and members of the Village Council received the ninth annual award last Friday at an environmental summit held in the Camino Real in El Paso. The conference was sponsored by the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality.

The green award, made of recycled glass, reads:

“For Invaluable Dedication and Commitment to Preserving El Paso's Environment, Culture and Pride.”

Pride was uppermost in her thoughts on Monday in a wide-ranging interview about what's going on in her.

“This is the first time the award has been presented to a municipality,” Mayor Praino said. “We are very, very proud of the award,” she adds. “It is worth the effort.”

That effort included:

Vinton taking part in the Adopt a Highway cleanup program by the Texas Department of Transportation (TXDOT). The village's section is a two-mile stretch along Doniphan Drive.

- Cleaning up along the banks of the Rio Grande;
- Cleaning up in and around Vinton Road bridge across Rio Grande;
- Financing a bulk waste cleanup project in the community;
- Painting over graffiti in the community; and
- Running a “very successful” recycling program.

While acknowledging they are a low-income area, Praino adds, “We take pride in keeping our community clean; we take pride in keeping it beautiful.”

She singles out Arcelor Mihal Vinton, Inc., formerly Border Steel, “for invaluable support of environmental programs. They are an excellent community partner.”

Another aspect of keeping the village beautiful is the work by TXDOT in building the new, four-lane road which will be known as Spur 37. All of the old Vinton Road paving has been torn up and is being replaced by the new Spur 37.

Traffic is presently limited to two-lanes on the north side while work proceeds on the south side along with constructing and landscaping medians. Landscaping, lighting and new tree-lined sidewalks and are also in the works. There will also be trees in the medians.

Praino said the landscaping will be similar to that along Resler Road in El Paso.

With a smile, she said she “twisted some arms” of TXDOT officials to get even more trees along the road than had been planned originally.

The mayor said work on the roadway, which began last May, is ahead of schedule. It is scheduled for completion in December with a ribbon-cutting probably in January of 2010.

The mayor promises a “big celebration” when the project is completed, a project that has been a decade in the planning.

“My predecessors have worked very hard on the new road,” the mayor pointed out. “We are very proud of it. It has been worth all of the effort.”

Environmental issues and highway work aren't the only areas in which the village is involved.

Vinton is also pushing forward in quality of life areas as well.

Praino and village clerk Jessica Garza explain that they made application to “every state and federal agency we can think off” for funding to improve the village's water and wastewater facilities. “(However) it will take a long time.”

With economic stimulus money, the village is working to assist the elderly.

Working with Border Housing Solutions, an El Paso company, Vinton wants to help older and low-income residents with rehabilitating and weather-proofing their homes.

“We are very excited about this,” Praino says. “We are taking surveys to see who qualifies for this assistance.”

The mayor has been working and negotiating with El Paso County Commissioners Court to benefit the village. There are two major benefits resulting from the talks with County Commissioners.

The first is a planned Northwest Annex which will be built by the county across Spur 37 from Village Hall where the old JP court building is now located. The old one will be demolished.

The new annex will consolidate county services including county clerk and county tax offices, Praino explains. It will also house JP Court No. 7 and the Sheriff's Department substation. There had been talk of moving both the court and sheriff's offices out of Vinton. Construction is scheduled to begin around the first of the year.

“This will benefit the entire Upper Valley, Praino says of the annex.”

The second major benefit is in the city park

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— Photo courtesy Village of Vinton

Councilman Freddy Lopez, Councilwoman Yolie Lucero, Senator Eliot Shapleigh, Mayor Madeleine Praino with the green award, Pam Aguirre, TCEQ and Councilman Victor Carrejo.

San Eli ISD seeks voter approval for new tax rate

Small bump in taxes would mean \$1.6 million for San Eli from state

By Cynthia P. Marentes
Special to the Courier

Would you spend \$20 a year to gain \$1.6 million? That's the question that San Elizario voters will need to answer on November 3, the date of the school district's first tax rate election in over 13 years.

On August 25, 2009, the San Elizario Independent School District Board of Trustees called for a Tax Ratification Election (TRE) to ask voters to approve a tax rate increase of a little over five cents.

If the proposal passes, the new tax rate would be as follows:

- Maintenance and Operations (M&O): \$1.11.
- Interest and Sinking (I&S): \$0.05.
- Total Tax Rate (M&O + I&S): \$1.16 per \$100 property valuation.

The proposed total tax rate of \$1.16 per \$100 of valuation property for an average San Elizario residence would represent an additional annual cost of about \$19.98 or about \$1.66 a month.

Although San Elizario ISD will only generate approximately \$64,147 more in local tax revenue, as a result of the tax rate increase the school district stands to gain an additional \$1.6 million from the state. For the past several years, under the HB1 funding plan approved in 2006 by the 79th State Legislature, no increases in revenue were provided to public schools from state funding even as costs increased due to inflation. School districts across Texas were not able to gain additional revenue from rising property appraised values because for every school tax dollar gained from property value increases; a dollar in state aid was taken away. These limitations on state funding resulted in severe financial pressures upon school districts such as San Elizario ISD to meet rising operating costs.

San Elizario ISD receives 82% of its revenue from the state, which is calculated based on the district's student count and local tax effort. However, in order to continue being a competitive district in terms of salaries for teachers and employees as well as being able to improve the quality of its instructional programs and establish a general fund balance sufficient to ensure the financial stability of the district, San Elizario ISD needs to adopt the new tax rate in order to receive more state aid. As a result of changes in the state funding formula, the school district will be able to receive an additional amount in state revenue by increasing taxes by .0518 or approximately 5 cents.

Superintendent, Dr. Mike Quatrini stated that San Elizario ISD could not miss out on the only option available at this time for schools to increase the funding they receive from the state. “The door is open for us to receive an additional \$1.6 million extra per year for our schools and students with a small tax increase. We can not pass this opportunity up,” Dr. Quatrini said.

There has been no significant tax increase

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Veterans Post By Freddy Groves

Discount vacations for veterans

It's not too early to make vacation plans for the holidays, especially if you want to travel and take the family or arrange a small reunion with buddies. There are a great many places that give good discounts to veterans. Here are two:

- Check out Veterans Holiday at www.veteransholidays.com. All of the travel is Space-A, but you don't have to be especially flexible about when you go. By going at times when there are openings, you can take advantage of available condos and timeshares. Flat rate, no matter when or where you go or how many people, is \$329 a week. Click on Search for Availability. You can then search by date, region, and type of activity you're interested in. (Don't miss the Marco Resort and Club at Marco Island, Fla. There is fishing right off its private dock.)
- If you sign up at Military.com online (it's free), you'll have access to more than 700 companies that give discounts to veterans. Once on the site, look down the list

on the left and pick your category. (Take a look at the \$398 New England Outdoor Center Snowmobile Stay and Play Package in a Maine cabin with a fully stocked kitchen and hot tub.)

To find more vacation opportunities online, use "veterans vacation discount" (without the quotes) as your search parameters. You'll get more than 3 million hits.

NOTE: If you received a letter from the Department of Veterans Affairs saying that you can collect disability benefits for ALS, or Lou Gehrig's disease, don't panic. That doesn't mean you've been diagnosed with it. You could well be one of 1,200 veterans who received this notice in error, and you don't have ALS. If in doubt, call the VA.

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Por la Gente By State Rep. Chente Quintanilla



Eminent domain on ballot

Hola, mi gente. The month of November always has an election event and this year is no exception. On the 3rd of that month, voters will cast ballots to approve or disapprove eleven changes to our state constitution.

Proposition eleven changes a very important authority now granted to many political entities (especially the city and county); the power to condemn property and impose eminent domain.

The uproar over eminent domain began when the United State Supreme Court handed down a decision in the Kelo vs. City of New London case. The court decided that political entities could impose eminent domain even if the ultimate benefits of the condemnation were for economic development; including private ventures.

El Paso had its own battle over

eminent domain some time back during the discussion over the downtown revitalization plan. There were declarations made that certain areas were blighted and the city was seriously considering condemning an entire community for the purpose of economic development. The most famous example for the blighted conditions was the building that had a tree growing through its roof. The city already had the authority to condemn that one building without engulfing an entire section.

The proposed constitutional amendment specifically states that local government entities may not impose eminent domain unless done so exclusively for the benefit of the public; no condemned property would be allowed to be transferred to a private entity for the purpose of economic development.

Perhaps the most famous incident in Texas illustrating the abuse that this amendment prevents is the base-

ball stadium in Arlington Texas. There was a section of private property that was condemned by the city which was transformed into a parking lot for the Texas Rangers. Many property owners did not feel that they were adequately compensated. This transfer of condemned property went on to benefit the owners of the team, one of whom was George W. Bush.

One important provision of the amendment is very relevant to our friends in the downtown area. Because each parcel considered for condemnation would have to be reviewed independently and documented as blighted, property owners in targeted areas need not fear a broad brush approach to the condemning of property. Property owners who have worked to maintain their properties would be allowed to continue their progress within the improvement process. Without the protections, these property owners could very well be booted out of their property and denied the benefits of the improvements that someone else was awarded as a result of eminent domain.

Some opponents insist that this amendment will destroy the ability of a municipality to eradicate blighted areas. Individual property rights vs. the authority of a government to eradicate blight; this question is a hot issue and on election day, the voters will decide it; not the legislature.

Early voting starts on October nineteenth and continues through the thirtieth. I encourage all of you who read this to vote.

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

REVISED NOTICE

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

The San Elizario Independent School District will hold a public hearing at 5:30 p.m., **Wednesday, October 14, 2009** in the boardroom of the San Elizario ISD Administration Building, 1050 Chicken Ranch Road, San Elizario, Texas.

The purpose of this hearing is to discuss San Elizario Independent School District's rating on the state's financial accountability system. This meeting will be held in conjunction with the scheduled board of Trustees' Meeting.

WTCC: 10/01/09 & 10/08/09

Notice of Public Hearing to Discuss Tornillo Independent School District's State Financial Accountability Rating

Tornillo Independent School District will hold a public meeting at 6:00 PM, Tuesday, October 20, 2009, in the boardroom of the Tornillo Administration Building, at 19200 Cobb Ave., Tornillo, Texas 79853.

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

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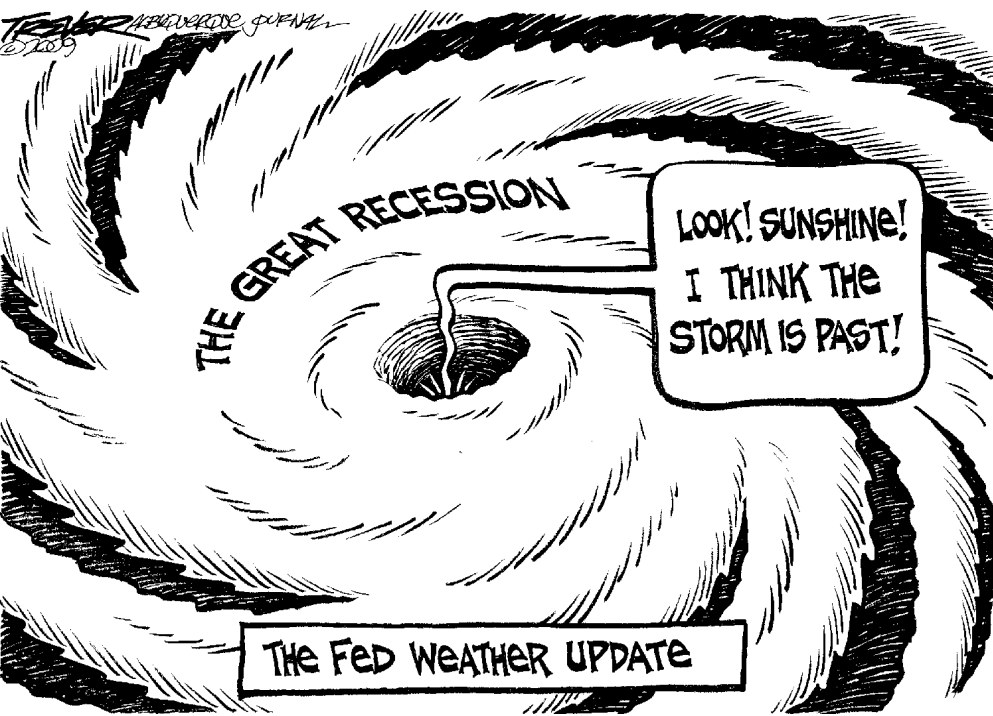
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What's up, doc? By Albert Balesh, M.D.

Unkind swine

The so-called plague is upon us. As some run for the hills, and others to their favorite apothecaries or foibles in white, we are besieged by incessant calls to action and a sense of urgency. We are told to vaccinate ourselves, our children, our loved ones, and our friends, lest we fall prey to a swine virus ever so unkind. As is usually the case when heart and emotions dictate to the mind, we jump on bandwagons, follow the Joneses, and are led by the blind, all the while ruminating in self-doubt and our abilities to make the right decisions. All we want to do is what is just and healthy. With little thought for our own well-being, all we aspire to, individually and collectively, is a safe environment for our children, first and foremost (if we want to be selfish, at the least), and for the rest of our nation and the world, when we are feeling especially magnanimous. No easy task when navigating through a morass of scientific information, pharmaceutical hustling over the airwaves, and a press more bent on sensationalism and selling copy than getting accurate information out to the public in a timely fashion. So, briefly, let's debunk the hype, and with cooler heads take a look at this thing they call the swine flu, with a predominant eye turned more toward prevention with vaccination, than damage control after Pandora's Box has been opened.

It is designated the 2009 H1N1 flu, and never before has the old adage that "an ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure" been more apropos. After all, a fever of over 100 degrees, cough, body chills, congestion, diarrhea, and vomiting don't make anyone's day. In fact, they can be downright dangerous in pregnant women, people of any age with heart disease, asthma, diabetes, and other chronic maladies, children under 2 years of age, and people over 65. To make matters worse, fever is not always present, and that can lead to a dubious diagnosis between swine flu and the common cold. So, let the buyer beware! A short course of the new swine flu vaccine, whether that be one dose or two, depending on an as yet to be made pronouncement by the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) and experts in the field, along with the regular flu vaccine, may be just what the doctor ordered. While a maximum of three doses, with the two swine flu doses in one arm and the single regular flu dose in the other, may not be the pleasantest of experiences, it sure beats the hell out of the shortness of breath, chest pain and pressure, confusion or seizures, persistent vomiting or inability to hold down liquids, and

bluish lips that mandate a high-speed cruise down to the emergency room. The problem is that while health authorities expect the swine flu to peak in October, affecting up to 50 percent of the U.S. population, most vaccine doses are not expected to arrive until November or December. So, what good is vigilance and proactivity, you ask? Not much, sometimes. All we can do is wait, hope, and keep our fingers crossed. Impotence in the face of possible imminent disaster is the stuff of horror movies and Halloween, and not what we've come to expect from a health care system that proposes to be at the acme on the world scene.

Family physicians, internists, and pediatricians would much rather receive "preemptive" calls from their high-risk patients, than cries for help after the swine flu has already set in. Care should be taken by parents and teachers alike to watch the activity levels of children and, at the first sign of lethargy or listlessness in their charges, call in the cavalry. Anti-flu medications prescribed by the men and women in white, whether they be Tamiflu® or Relenza®, stand their best chance of working if they are administered within the first 48 hours of flu symptoms. A task made no easier by still another fork in the road, and, namely, the \$100-price tag of the anti-flu drugs, which many uninsured Americans can ill-afford to pay. Those fathers, mothers, young children, and extended families are precisely the foci of prospective or actual infection that need to be targeted, too! Realizing this, the federal government has gotten off its duff, for once, and shipped millions of doses of the medications to the states, with Texas taking the lead to allocate a good portion of its ration to those most wanting economically. New York has also placed its best foot forward, offering free swine flu vaccinations to its over one million schoolchildren.

The stage is now set for the unkind swine flu to materialize, with its 1-3-day incubation period for symptoms to appear after exposure to the virus. Before high tech kicks in, Mom's age-old remedies for the flu make good sense, and should stave off or at least ameliorate its onslaught. At first sign or symptom, stay at home and rest, limit your contact with people, drink plenty of fluids, practice good cough and sneeze hygiene, and wash your hands and the surfaces you come in contact with frequently. Only then can we envision a kinder, gentler swine flu.

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Young star athlete deserves, learns hard life lesson

By Steve Escajeda
Special to the Courier

As we have seen over the last few years, many professional athletes around the country are pretty set in their ways.

In other words, they are too stubborn, too famous and too rich to obey many of the rules and laws the average citizen has to follow.

So in many ways it’s too late to teach established superstars new tricks.

The best thing to do is to try to keep future big-time athletes from making many of the same stupid mistakes we hear about on a daily basis.

I know the climate today is very different than it was 30 years ago — educators are more concerned with a young kid’s self esteem than punishing him when he does wrong so he can learn early about consequences.

It’s very rare when a young athlete is taken to task for doing something stupid these days, but in Hamilton, Ohio, they seem to get it.

Dwayne “Deejay” Hunter, a 19-year-old standout football and track athlete, that has been recruited by

just about every division 1 college in the country.

The former Middletown High School athlete was looking at playing somewhere on national TV on Saturday afternoons.

Well all that has been put on hold for now.

Back in July, not long after high school graduation, Hunter decided to do something stupid, dangerous and just plain cruel.

While riding in a car, Hunter stuck his BB gun outside the vehicle and shot a 15-year-old boy twice in the face. One of his shots hit the boy in the eyelid.

Most of the time, the superstar is given a tongue lashing by the judge, who usually has a pair of season tickets under his robe. The celebrity athlete usually leaves the courtroom with a faint red mark on the back of his wrist, free to do whatever he wants.

But this time things were a little different.

Hunter received 180 days in jail and 500 hours of community service for his stunt.

Wait a second, Judge Andrew Nastoff wasn’t finished.

“We’re going to see who Dwayne Hunter the person is, not who Dwayne Hunter the star ath-

lete is,” the Butler County Common Pleas judge said, “You’re 19 years old. And you are standing right here, six inches away from a prison number and the potential to go away to prison for eight years — that’s two presidential terms.”

And the judge added the unimaginable. For the length of Hunter’s probation (five years), he cannot participate in any organized sports, not even intramurals.

The judge also said Hunter must either get a full-time job or attend college full-time within 30 days of his release from jail.

Wow, now that’s a judge who is saving a young man from himself. While some people may believe he is hurting Hunter with his tough sentence, he is actually saving a man’s life by making him learn a very tough lesson.

Besides, what kind of mind does a person have rattling in their head that leads them to believe shooting a projectile into another person’s face is a good idea?

Unfortunately, this may have been the first time anyone ever said “no” to Hunter. But it’s better he learns a lesson now than later in life — and for a bigger offense.

Other fans, coaches, teammates, parents and judges could learn a lesson from this sentence.

What this judge did for this athlete was fair and just — it was also fair and just for the non-superstar athlete.

No fighting in hockey?

From the “I just don’t get it” department comes the decision to suspend a hockey player for of all things — fighting!

New York Islanders forward Pascal Morency was suspended recently for an undefined amount of time.

I thought fighting wasn’t only encouraged in the NHL, it was pretty much mandatory. Receiving a suspension for fighting in hockey is like handing out tickets at a NASCAR event for speeding.

Seems Morency jumped off the bench and skated onto the ice to start the fight. He hit Calgary’s Dion Phaneuf after Phaneuf knocked out one of his teammates.

And all this was during an exhibition game.

C’mon hockey, either you are going to allow fighting or you are not. In don’t care which way you go — but decide what you are going to be.

A sporting view By Mark Vasto

The game’s the thing

One of my least favorite developments in the world of sports is the trend toward the “multimedia experience” at new and/or renovated stadiums.

Since I’m based out of Kansas City, my observations have come by watching events at Kauffman Stadium and the New Arrowhead Stadium, but I’ve noticed the trend at other stadiums, too. Whereas during the ’90s, teams made a conscious effort to instill a sense of old-time char-

acter into their fields of play (Camden Yards stands out in that regard), the trend now appears to make the experience as loud and glitzy as can be.

A friend of mine complained vehemently about his experience at Arrowhead in particular.

“We used to be the loudest stadium in the NFL because of the fans... now we just have the loudest scoreboard in the NFL,” he attested, grumpily. And he’s right... it’s a distraction.

The scoreboard virtually rings the entire stadium, allowing technicians to create a virtual light show in between every down, every score, just about every pause in play. I didn’t know if I was at a Chiefs game or a Pink Floyd show.

Nearby Kauffman Stadium has a similar setup. The board wraps around the entire stadium, although the high-def scoreboard in the center of the field is a nice addition (and honestly, if you miss a key play, it is cool to see a replay) and the enhanced scoring makes it fun for the fans — a pitch count and the radar readings are readily seen from all corners of the stadium (something, by the way, that pitch-

ers hate). That said, I hate the idea of having to be reminded to cheer all the time, and I think the fans are starting to resent it, too (there’s no cheering in the press box). It’s like going to a jazz club — you’re supposed to know when to clap, you don’t need a flashing sign above the soloist to tell you when it’s appropriate to do so.

By far the worst fan experience I’ve had was at a World Team Tennis event. After every single point — and I mean Every. Single. Point. — the announcer/DJ would blare a snippet of some cheesy pop tune — and not even the good ones. He was kicking out jams like “Love Shack” and “Buffalo Stance.” Do you know how

hard it is to get songs like that out of your head?

Shouldn’t the game be about the game? Even the Cameron Crazies with their annoying choreographed cheers are there for the game — not the scoreboard show. It’s basketball, cheerleaders and a brass band. At Augusta the leader board doesn’t blow up when someone birdies a hole.

If I’m in the minority on this, so be it. See you on the dark side of the moon.

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NOTICE OF INTENTION TO ISSUE CERTIFICATES OF OBLIGATION OF THE TOWN OF ANTHONY, TEXAS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that it is the intention of the Town Council of the Town of Anthony, Texas, to issue one or more series of the interest bearing certificates of obligation of the Town for the purpose of paying all or a portion of the Town’s contractual obligations incurred in connection with (1) acquiring, constructing, installing and equipping additions, extensions and improvements to the Town’s sewer system, including expansion and upgrade of the Town’s sewer treatment plant and replacement of sanitary sewer lines, and (2) paying legal, fiscal, engineering and architectural fees in

connection with these projects. The Town Council tentatively proposes to adopt an ordinance authorizing the issuance of said certificates of obligation at the regular meeting place thereof, Town Hall, 401 Wildcat, Anthony, Texas, at a meeting to commence at 7:00 p.m. on October 27, 2009. The maximum amount of certificates of obligation indebtedness that may be authorized to be sold on said date for such purposes described above is \$4,000,000. The Town proposes to provide for the payment of such certificates of obligation from the levy and collection of ad valorem taxes in the Town as provided by law, and from surplus revenues of the Town’s waterworks and sewer system, remaining after payment of all operation and maintenance expenses thereof, and all debt service, reserve, and other requirements in connection with all of the Town’s revenue bonds or other obligations (now or hereafter outstand-

ing), which are payable from all or any part of the net revenues of the Town’s waterworks and sewer system. The certificates of obligation are to be issued, and this notice is given, under and pursuant to the provisions of Texas Local Government Code, Subchapter C of Chapter 271.

TOWN OF ANTHONY, TEXAS

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TOWN OF ANTHONY

INVITATION TO BID

The Town of Anthony, Texas is requesting bids for group health insurance for full time employees working no less than 30 hours per week. The Town of Anthony has approximately 25 employees, half are interested in family coverage. Coverage must be for 12 months. Deadline for submission is 4:00 pm, October 16, 2009. Bids may be mailed to Town Hall, P.O. Box 1269

Anthony, TX 79821. For more information call Cynthia Clarke, Town Clerk, 915/886-3944.

The Town of Anthony is an Affirmative Action Equal Opportunity Employer

Art Franco
Mayor

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and 10/08/09

BARGAINS

YARD SALE. Sat., Oct. 3, 8 am to 5 pm at Mercantile St. and Gabaldon St. in La Union. Across from school — watch for signs.

COUNSELING SERVICES

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HELP WANTED

The El Paso County Emergency Services District No. 2, is currently taking applications for a full time FIRE INSPECTOR. The ideal candidate will have, at the minimum, certification as a current Structural Firefighter by the TCFP, certifications as current Inspector 1 by TCFP or IF SAC, certification in the FEMA Nims is100, is200, is 700 and is 800, and at least five years of supervisory experience in Fire Prevention is preferred. Salary range is \$24,000 to \$48,000 per year, depending on qualifications. Closing date for resumes is 12 October 2009.

Email completed resumes to:
chiefadler@wvfd.info

or fax to:
915-886-2313

The El Paso County Emergency Services District No. 2 is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

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Deadline: Mondays
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Horizon City, TX 79928

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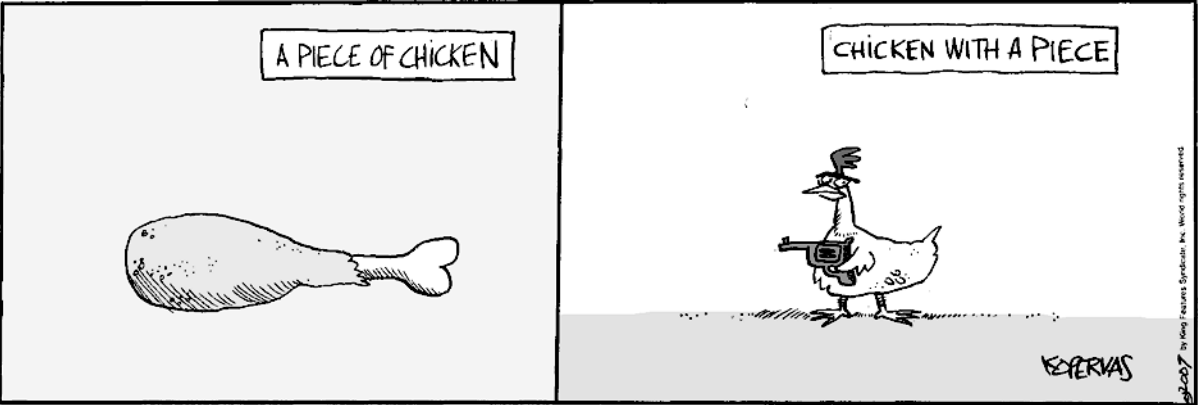
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OUT ON A LIMB

By Gary Kopervas



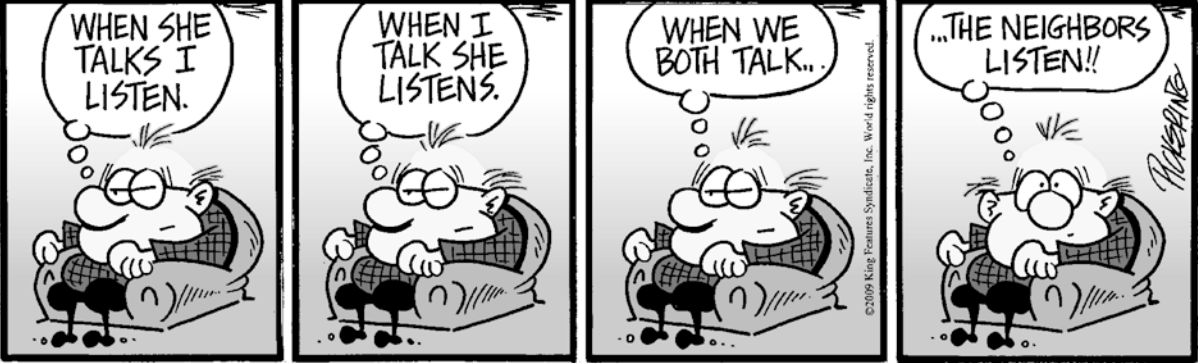
AMBER WAVES

By Dave T. Phipps



THE SPATS

By Jeff Pickering



R.F.D.

By Mike Marland



Your good health

By Paul G. Donohue, M.D.

DEAR DR. DONOHUE: During my recent physical exam, my doctor said I had a heart murmur but not to worry about it. I decided to go to my heart doctor anyway. He did an EKG — normal. I had a stress test last June — normal. He states that many people my age, 87, have heart murmurs. He said he would watch it. Do I have a dangerous heart problem? I play tennis three nights a week and exercise with weights a few times a week. My weight is perfect for my height. I sleep well. My wife cooks without salt, and we watch our sugar intake. I take one pill for high blood pressure and one pill for an enlarged prostate gland. — R.E.

An 87-year-old with a dangerous heart problem could not play tennis three times a week and lift weights even a few times a week. You have no symptoms. You have a normal EKG and had a normal stress test. Your heart health must be good.

When doctors listen to hearts with a stethoscope, they hear a “lub-dub” sound due to the closing of the four heart valves. Murmurs are noises heard between those two sounds. Often they indicate narrow or leaky heart valves. The murmur comes from a disturbance in blood flow due to the abnormal valve. It creates eddy currents in the blood, which generate sound. However, eddy currents arise for other reasons, some of which have nothing to do with heart valves. Older people often have such sounds, i.e., murmurs. Those sounds are innocent murmurs.

Even if your murmur is a sign of valve damage, the damage must be slight. You have no symptoms. You are more active than people half your age. The chance that a slightly damaged valve in someone 87 years old would progress to a dangerously damaged valve is

most unlikely.

Readers who would like more information on heart valve disease can order the booklet on that topic. Write to Dr. Donohue — No. 105W, Box 536475, Orlando, FL 32853-6475. Enclose a check or money order (no cash) for \$4.75 U.S./\$6 Canada with the recipient’s printed name and address. Please allow four weeks for delivery.

DEAR DR. DONOHUE: For four years I have been dealing with lichen planus. Is there any new treatment? — J.P.

Lichen planus is most often found on the skin of the wrists, ankles and legs. It can also find its way into the mouth. The genital skin is another target. It starts as flat-topped, many-sided, small red patches that can merge into a larger patch. The color turns purple. White lines crisscross the surface of the patch. The outbreak is intensely itchy. A cause hasn’t been identified, but it might result from an immune system gone berserk. Sometimes it’s seen in conjunction with another illness, like hepatitis C.

The strongest varieties of cortisone creams and ointments are the usual treatment. Many patients are free of the condition in a year or so. To prevent relapses, some have to keep applying the ointments on a less-frequent basis once the skin has cleared.

Dr. Donohue regrets that he is unable to answer individual letters, but he will incorporate them in his column whenever possible. Readers may write him or request an order form of available health newsletters at P.O. Box 536475, Orlando, FL 32853-6475. (c) 2009 North America Synd., Inc. All Rights Reserved

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1 Sahara sight

6 Prop for Mr. Steed

10 Mack or Wass

13 Stream

18 Relative of 1

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19 Profess

20 Cooking fat

22 Famed futurologist

23 Start of a remark by Ron Luciano and David Fisher

25 Artist's gift

27 Faux _

28 Electronic device

29 Mata _

30 Report-card letter

31 Organic unit

32 Lady of the house

35 Bonus

38 Change for the better

41 Mouse

43 Baylor University site

44 "Topaz" author

45 Part 2 of remark

51 Tole metal

52 Pay to play

53 Nautical adverb

54 Private pension

55 Musical Myra

57 "Rule, Britannia" composer

58 Terrible

61 Fills the hold

63 Crooner Como

65 Run in the wash

66 Coupy or capybara

67 Ancient vessel

69 "Alceste" composer

70 False story

71 Fleet

72 "Carmen" composer

73 Carmen, for one

74 Cold-war assn.

75 Stylish

76 "Candid Camera" creator

77 Plod

81 Giant legend

82 Actor Julia

84 Mottled

85 Firefighter's tool

86 Part 3 of remark

92 Level

93 Whirlpool

94 Summer stinger

95 '90 film with 82

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97 Minister

100 Synonym source

101 55 Across' title

102 " _ bin ein Berliner"

103 Kuwaiti kingpin

105 Froth

107 Schubert's " _ Winterreise"

110 Had one's doubts

114 End of remark

116 In _ (unborn)

117 Archaic cry

118 Tarry

119 Convent wear

120 Spine-tingling

121 Dated

122 " _ You" ('55 hit)

123 Beethoven's "Fur _"

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1 Prettify a poodle

2 - Romeo

3 "The Say Hey Kid"

4 Funnyman Philips

5 Last name in cosmetics

6 Seasonal song

7 Zealous

8 Memo

9 Fluffy female

10 RN's specialty

11 Aviation pioneer

12 Night vision?

13 106, to Claudius

14 Part of the IRS

15 Susan Lucci role

16 Record

17 _ up (excited)

21 _ es Salaam

24 Mrs. Flintstone

26 Verbal explosion

31 _ Cob, CT

32 Beach Boy Love

33 Coldest cont.

34 "Agnus _"

36 Ranks

37 Be a beau

38 Biblical book

39 Pennsylvania port

40 '50s car features

41 Boxer Liston

42 Table d' _

43 Jack Benny expression

46 Goldwater or White

47 Exalt

48 Less limited

49 Statistical focus

50 Kind of kiln

56 "Killer Tomatoes" sound

57 _ rug

58 Where cats congregate

59 Ridge

60 Enchanted

62 "All in _ work"

64 Raleigh's quest

65 Apiary sound

66 Engrossed

67 Newswoman Van Susteren

68 Valuable instrument

69 Columnist Smith

70 Rock's Lauper

71 From

72 Part of Indonesia

73 Visitor

75 " _ in Disguise" ('67 hit)

76 Queue

78 Stromboli spew

79 The yoke's on them

80 Actress Rowlands

83 Nobelist Sakharov

84 Milk measurement

87 Permit

88 "Walden" writer

89 Driving hazard

90 " _ you kidding?"

91 Really big performer?

92 Actress Arden

96 Don of "Cocoon"

97 Irritate

98 Intense

99 Like chiffon

100 Beatles beater

101 Fresh from the trail

104 Baseball's Berg

105 Kenton or Getz

106 Jack and Jill's vessel

107 Skater Thomas

108 Memphis deity

109 Tivoli's Villa d' _

111 _ Lanka

112 Pump part

113 Banned substance

114 _ Jima

115 "Silent" president

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Social Security Q&A By Ray Vigil

Tools for deciding when to retire

These days, everyone is taking a new look at their finances — and no one is looking more closely than the millions of baby boomers who are nearing retirement age. While some boomers expected to retire at one of the traditional milestones, such as age 62, the current economy is forcing many of them to re-evaluate their plans. Many are wondering if they should work longer, or how their Social Security benefit — or their spouse's benefit — would be affected if they continued working.

To help them find answers, Social Security has published a fact sheet called When To Start Receiving Retirement Benefits. You can read it online at www.socialsecurity.gov/pubs/10147.html.

As most workers know, your choice of a retirement age — from 62 to 70 — can dramatically affect your monthly Social Security benefit amount.

If you choose to start receiving benefits early, the monthly payments will be reduced based on the number of months you receive benefits before you reach your full retirement age. The rate of reduction will depend on the year you were born. The maximum reduction at age 62 will be:

- 25 percent for people born between 1947 and 1958.

- 30 percent for people born after 1959.

If you wait until your full retirement age, your benefits will not be reduced. And if you should choose to delay retirement, your benefit will increase up to eight percent a year from your full retirement age until age 70. However, there is no additional benefit increase after you reach age 70, even if you continue to delay taking benefits.

Social Security also has created several retirement planners to help you make an informed decision. Social Security has an online calculator that can provide immediate retirement benefit estimates to help you plan for your retirement. The online Retirement Estimator uses information from your own earnings record, and lets you create "what if" scenarios. You can, for example, change your "stop work" date or expected future earnings to create and compare different retirement options.

To use the Retirement Estimator, visit www.socialsecurity.gov/estimator.

Read When To Start Receiving Retirement Benefits at www.socialsecurity.gov/pubs/10147.html.

And for general information about Social Security, visit

www.socialsecurity.gov.

Retirement decisions are unique to everyone. Make sure you are up to date with the important information you will need to make the choice that's right for you.

STRANGE BUT TRUE

By Samantha Weaver

• It was beloved comedian Bill Cosby who made the following sage observation: "I don't know the key to success, but the key to failure is trying to please everybody."

• Before the 1800s, lobster was not considered to be the delicacy it is today. In fact, the crustacean was so ill-regarded as a food source that only the very poor — such as widows, orphans and servants — ate them.

• Famed 19th-century Russian composer Peter Ilyich Tchaikovsky wasn't just a musical genius. With the ability to fluently speak Russian, French and German by the time he was 6 years old, he evidently had a gift for languages, too.

• At 50 feet in diameter, the world's largest clock is the Colgate Clock. If you want to see it in person, you'll have to travel to Jersey City, N.J., to do so.

• Besides having successful careers in film, what do Steven Spielberg, Tom Cruise, Sela Ward and Lucy Liu have in common? All of them had an engineer for a father. TV stars Mila Kunis and Ray Romano did, too, as did singer Mariah Carey.

• When the popular word game Scrabble was first put on the market in 1938, the game's creator, Alfred Mosher Butts, received only 5 cents for each game that was sold.

• When he was in college, comedian and TV host David Letterman was fired from his job as a disc jockey.

• Considering the franchise's longevity, you might be surprised to learn that the original "Star Trek" series never did better than 52nd place in the ratings during its relatively brief three-year stint on TV in the late 1960s.

Thought for the Day: "The nice thing about being a celebrity is that when you bore people, they think it's their fault." — Henry Kissinger

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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: S equals L

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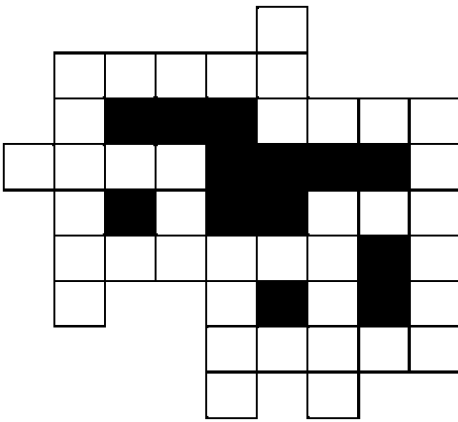
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Unscramble these twelve letter strings to form each into an ordinary word (ex. HAGNEC becomes CHANGE). Prepare to use only ONE word from any marked (♥) letter string as each unscrambles into more than one word (ex. ♥RATHE becomes HATER or EARTH or HEART). Fit each string's word either across or down to knot all twelve strings together.

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.

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