

NEWSBRIEFS

Woman's Club

On Saturday, March 20 the Junior Woman's Club of El Paso will be hosting its annual Friendship Luncheon at the Woman's Club clubhouse located at 1400 North Mesa. This year's theme is "Diamonds are a Girl's Best Friend". The event will begin at 11 a.m. If you are interested in finding out what the Junior Woman's Club of El Paso is all about, please join us for the first event of our 2010-2011 new member drive. This annual Friendship luncheon is also where we recognize past presidents and other former members. Parking is located across the street. Cost for non members is \$10. For information or to RSVP, please call 920-4881 by March 12.

— Beth Podol

Crime Stoppers

Two murders in the outlying areas of El Paso County late last year remain unsolved. The El Paso County Sheriff's Office is asking for help from the public to bring these cases to a successful conclusion, making this the Crime Stoppers "Crime of the Week." On Saturday, Oct. 17, 2009, about 9:00 a.m., 22-year-old Victor Escudero was found to be suffering from multiple gunshot wounds in his home in the 400 block of Hartley Road in San Elizario. He died from his wounds later that month. CID Crimes Against Persons Detectives have been working the case ever since, but are asking the public to provide additional information to help bring a conclusion to this case. Just 10 days later, on Sunday, Oct. 25, 2009, Sheriff's Deputies were dispatched to the 3900 block of Desert Meadows in the Montana Vista area in reference to a welfare check. Upon arrival, Deputies discovered the body of 25-year-old Daniel Arceo. It was determined that he died of gunshot wounds at some time during the previous night. Both crimes remain unsolved, and they are not believed to be related. Sheriff's detectives are certain that someone saw or heard something unusual or out-of-the-ordinary on those nights. They ask that those persons contact Crime Stoppers immediately so that the victims' families may have closure. If you have any information at all about the identity and location of the suspects in these crimes, please call Crime Stoppers at 566-TIPS (566-8477) or on-line at www.crimestoppersofelpaso.org.

— James Klaes

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Some people think cooperation is doing what they say to do and doing it quickly.

— Quips & Quotes



MOVING DIRT — Esteban Olivas operates a back hoe to used lay water pipe for the Town of Clint. Clint residents are contributing "sweat-equity" labor as part of their matching funds to the \$321,000 water project. Olivas' boss, Jimmy Menchaca, supplied the heavy equipment for the project.

Clint residents jump on water project

By Don Woodyard
Special to the Courier

CLINT — It has been said that it takes a village to educate a child.

If that is true, then the town of Clint has proven the truth of that adage in another regard altogether.

In a "sweat-equity" project, nearly 200 people of the Lower Valley community took matters into their own hands. They came together, worked together, literally in the trenches, and laid a water line that will improve their quality of life.

Clint Mayor Dale Reinhardt says the work of citizens of Clint is nothing short of "amazing." Under terms of the \$321,000 Texas Small Towns Environment Program (STEP) grant, they had two years to accomplish the project. Apparently the town did not see the need to drag it out for the two-year period.

Reinhardt says construction started the weekend of Jan. 30/31. After four weekends of work — taking time off for Super Bowl Sunday — the project is 90 percent complete, the mayor says.

"The people are not waiting for a handout; they are helping themselves."

Another amazing aspect, according to the mayor is that 1,000 feet of pipeline was laid the first weekend. Approximately 3,700 feet of pipe have been laid from Texas 20/Alameda along Pioneer, Williams and Langford. What remains is hooking up to the trunk line on Alameda and bringing in the water lines to eight homes from the newly-laid water line.

And Esteban Olivas, whom the mayor calls the "sparkplug/coordinator" for the project, says he plans to finish up this weekend.

Exuding confidence, Olivas says he had no doubts about completing the project in a short period of time. He said it was a matter of "being positive."

Olivas said he brought his own knowledge and experience as a heavy machinery operator to the table. He also thanks his brother Rene who operated the back hoe in digging the trench. "He was my good right hand." Olivas also thanks his boss, Jimmy Menchaca, owner of Hertz Equipment Rental, for supplying

the necessary heavy equipment needed to complete the project.

However, as Olivas and Reinhardt point out, thanks goes out to other important people who helped bring it together. They weren't working in the trenches, but they were pitching in by supplying food and drinks to the workers, supplying clerical help, working on a telephone committee and providing babysitting services.

He estimates about 150 people were involved in the project.

Olivas also thanks the mayor and his staff for their support. "We are so grateful."

The mayor points out that the new water lines will benefit the entire town of Clint, not just the eight families. He explains that it completes the water loop in the town and better balances the water pressure for the entire town.

The mayor reports that another Eagle Scout project is in the offing, one that will benefit the town.

Mario M. Rodriguez, a senior patrol leader in Boy Scout Troop 338, is planning to paint and spruce up the gazebo/pavilion in front of the Clint police station. The project, involving the help of other Boy Scouts in the troop, is expected to get under way in a few weeks.

A previous Eagle project led by Ruben Paredes, Jr., also of Troop 338, benefited Clint. It involved painting safety posts and park benches, and planting fruit trees.

In other developments:

- The mayor says the Easter Bunny will be coming to Puddle Duck Park from 3-4 p.m. on April 1. There will be a drawing for an Easter basket for a boy and girl.

- With a Justice Assistance Grant of \$44,898.51, through the state's Criminal Justice Division, the Clint Police Department will be purchasing a fully-equipped police car.

- The town is applying for a \$23,000 energy efficiency and conservation block grant.

AG offers tips to avoid tax scams

By Greg Abbott
Special to the Courier

According to the Internal Revenue Service, as many as 1.2 million individuals earn fees for preparing Americans' tax returns. Over the years, the Office of the Attorney General (OAG) has received numerous complaints about tax preparers who fail to file tax returns on time, charge excessive fees, fail to secure anticipated refunds and fail to return personal financial documents to customers. Texans have also voiced concerns about tax preparers making errors on their customers' tax returns or disappearing after returns are filed.

To avoid becoming a tax return scam victim, the OAG urges Texans to take four quick steps before hiring a tax return preparation professional:

- Ask for the tax preparer's credentials.
- Check with the Better Business Bureau for complaints against the tax preparer.
- Verify whether the tax preparer is a certified public accountant.
- Make sure the business is open year-round in the event clients need to ask follow-up questions about their returns.



Dale Reinhardt

Texans should make sure they know the exact fee for a preparer's services and insist on a date by which their returns will be filed with the IRS. Clients also should make arrangements to have the tax preparer return personal financial papers used during preparation of the returns.

More importantly, Texans should confirm the basis for all tax deductions the tax preparer claims on their returns. Taxpayers are ultimately subject to accuracy and fraud penalties, plus accrued interest, for any income tax underpayment caused by filing incorrect tax returns.

Taxpayers can generally get information from the IRS about their refund 72 hours after IRS acknowledges receipt of an e-filed return, or three to four weeks after mailing a paper return.

Finally, Texans should not respond to e-mails that appear to be from the Internal Revenue Service. Fraudulent e-mails typically direct a taxpayer to a Web link that requests personal and financial information, such as Social Security, bank account or credit card numbers. Taxpayers should also verify the identification and documentation of anyone claiming to be a IRS agent.

Taxpayers may forward such bogus e-mails to the IRS at phishing@irs.gov or file a complaint with the Office of the Attorney General at (800) 252-8011 or online at www.texasattorneygeneral.gov.

Greg Abbott is Attorney General of Texas.

Veterans Post By Freddy Groves

Did VA shred your claims documents?

It appears that the shredding of veterans claims documents is worse than originally thought.

A popular veterans Web site, the VA Watchdog (www.vawatchdog.org), not only read the entire September 2009 report by the Veterans Administration Office of the Inspector General, but went to the trouble of doing a Freedom of Information Act request for all the related documents the VAOIG didn't release with its report. The Watchdog site's owner gave links to those documents.

The most devastating documents are the employee statements, many given in the employee's own handwriting. Here are just a few highlights.

One VA employee reported seeing "drop mail" being shredded. (Drop mail is directly related to claims and needs to be "dropped" into the file folder of the veteran.) This "drop mail" consisted of supporting documents such as death certificates, award letters and applications, all necessary to veterans' claims. The employee doing the shredding later gave

a statement saying that the supervisor had given instructions to shred in small amounts so it wouldn't be noticed and to "keep quiet" about the assignment.

Other employees were told, concerning the shredded items, that if the veterans "really need it, they can send another copy."

Employees gave statements saying that on many occasions when they left for the weekend, there would be huge quantities of mail on their desks or in the surrounding area. On Monday morning it would all be gone.

At least one employee (one doing a lot of shredding) was promised a bonus for "being so cooperative and handling the team shredding."

To view those employee statements, as well as the rest of the shredder information, go to the VA Watchdog site.

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Por la Gente By State Rep. Chente Quintanilla

El Paso County needs higher voter numbers

Hola mi gente, by the time this article is published, the 2010 primary election will be over and, except for possible run-offs, we will know who is running for office in the November election. Without knowing the final results and based on past primaries, our vote count should be in the neighborhood of 14 to 15%. That is, the number of El Paso voters who participated in the primary was equal to or less than 15% of the total number of registered voters.

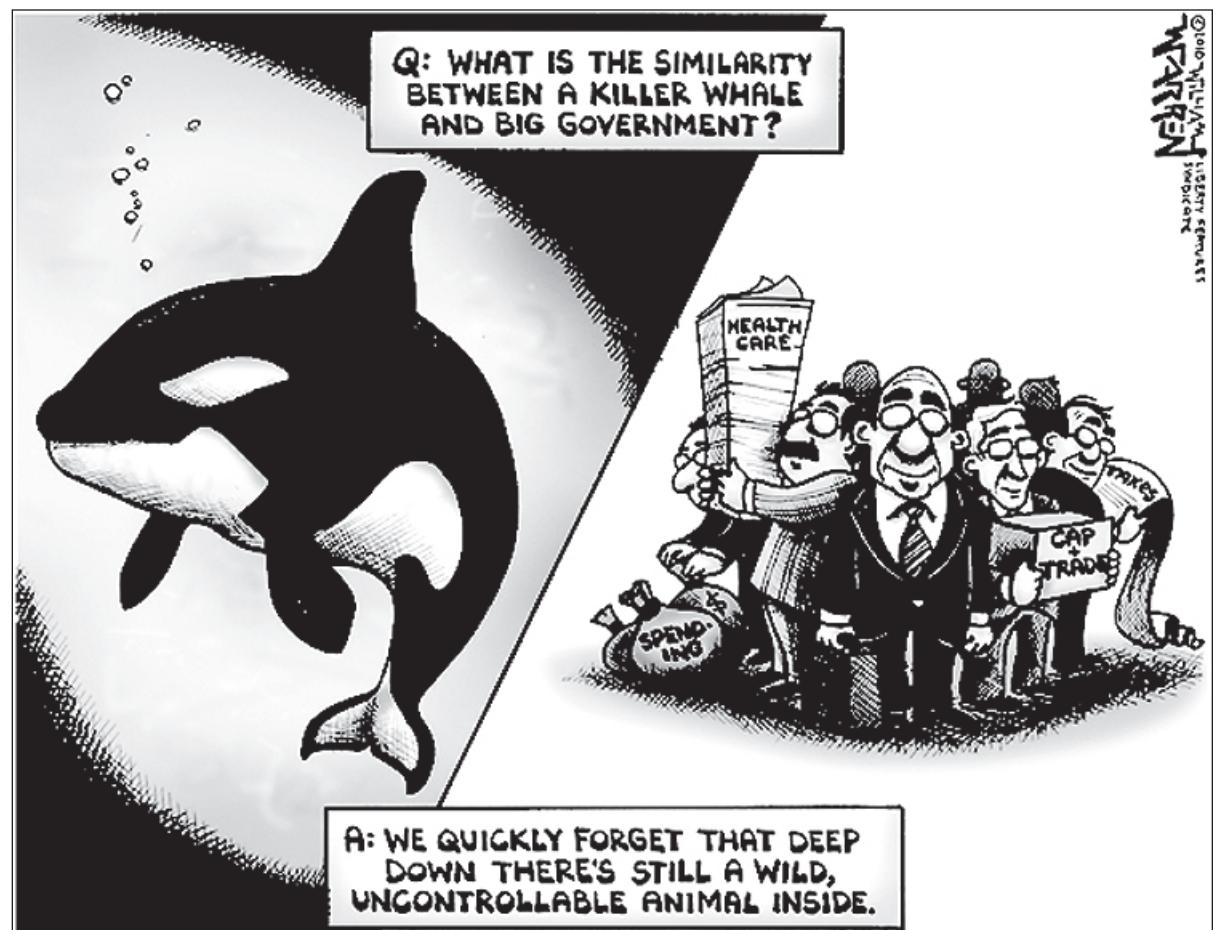
Compare those numbers with the 2008 primary which included presidential races. The number of votes cast doubled in the primary. There was a dynamic in that primary that has been absent in most. Whether it was the message, the messenger or voters just being fed up, something motivated more people to vote.

Just because we are not in a presidential cycle is no reason for voter participation to go down. It is just not healthy for elected officials to be put into office with such a small percentage of voters.

How can we increase the percentage of registered voters who actually vote? What can possibly be the solution to eliminating the apathy that so many voters have?

One technical solution is to be certain that our total number of registered voters is correct. I

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

Malign neglect

You've put the kids through college and then saved for decades, putting away a nest egg for those Golden Years when retirement would dictate trips to Europe, extended play on the golf course, more time for what matters most, and a new devil-may-care lease on life. Everything is rosy, and it's good to be alive. Then it strikes you or your significant other, chipping away steadily at financial resources that were originally set aside to see you both through the rest of your journey on earth, until the Almighty beckoned. Currently, millions of people, 5.5 million in the United States, to be exact, and 35 million worldwide, and those who care for them, have been grimly awakened by a malady created by a medical science that has given us longevity. Alzheimer's disease reigns, bringing minds to a halt immediately and hearts subsequently, within 3 to 9 years after diagnosis. To make matters worse, we should beware of what we wish for, namely, a ripe old age, as the incidence of the disease doubles every 5 years after 65 years of age. The good news is that studies on centenarians have shown that Alzheimer's disease is not necessarily the outcome of aging. The bad news is that as the aging population increases, the prevalence of the disease will approach 13 to 16 million cases in the United States by mid-century. With medical costs continuing to spiral out of control, the bitter pill we will need to swallow is the malign neglect that will be afforded to those and their families who wander the physical world, in complete sensorineuronal oblivion, without the creature comforts and medical care that a life's worth of savings was earmarked to provide but fell hastily into the red.

So, as is usually the case today, we are left with many questions and very few answers. Alzheimer's disease is a strange one, at best, and we haven't even scratched the surface of its causes, let alone therapies to cure, correct, or reverse its devastating effects. While ignorant bliss is perhaps the coin of the realm for those afflicted, it is the spouses and children of Alzheimer's victims who bear the brunt of the financial and emotional pain surrounding the disease. There is no end in sight either, as unlike other chronic illnesses such as diabetes and heart disease, the biochemical and physiologic mechanisms of the malady have as yet to be elucidated. Yet, although we know neither the causes nor how to stop the devastation of dementia, we learn more each year about combating the small losses in brainpower that often occur after age 50. There are even some brain benefits of getting older.

Speed is the name of the game, when it comes to nerve impulses, which can travel as slow as a tricycle or faster than a NASCAR racecar. Reaction time often slows with age,

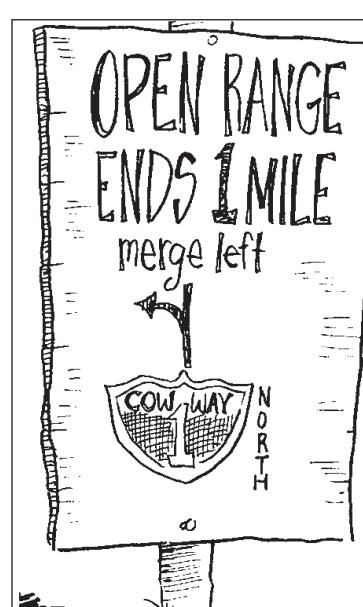
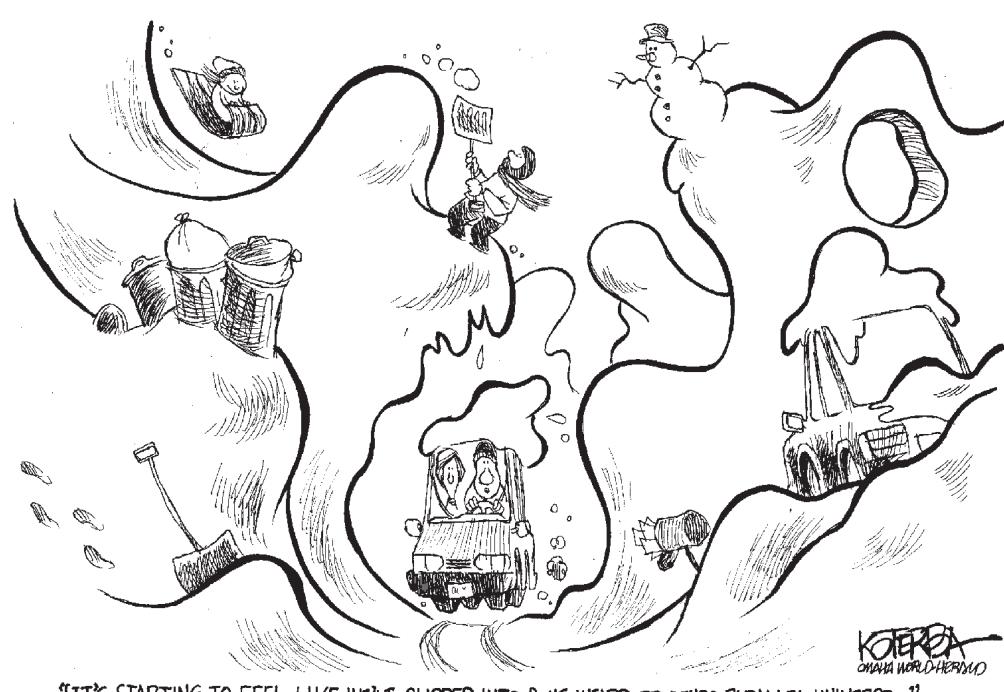
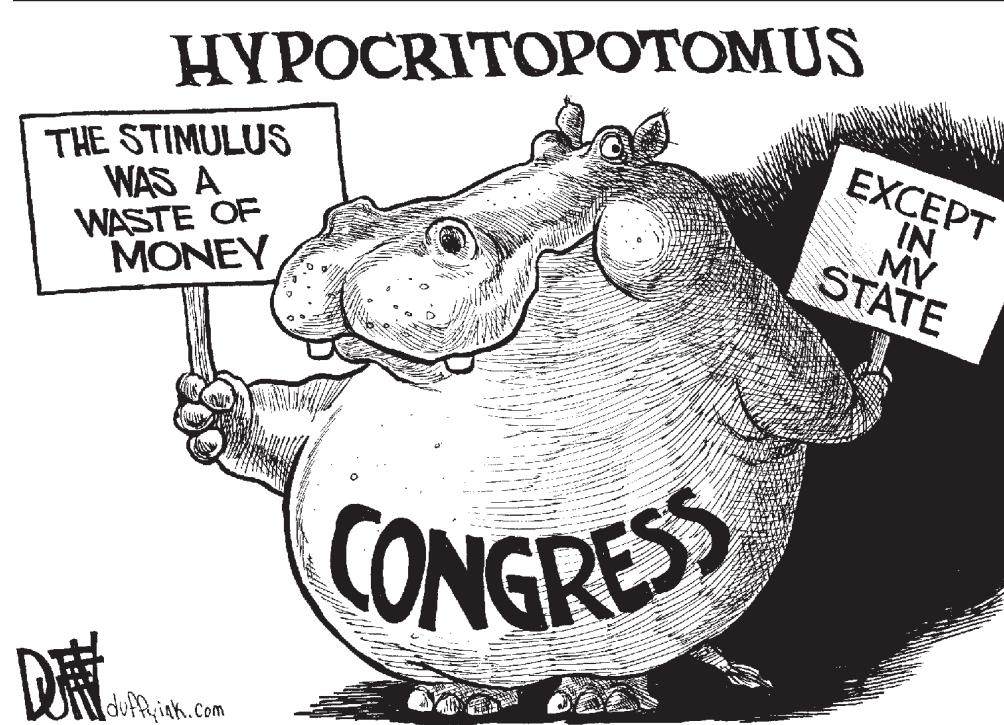
but, with practice, the elderly can improve their mental speed by more than 50 percent. Scientists have been stunned to find full-blown Alzheimer's disease on brain scans of people in their 70s who continue to get top scores on memory and IQ tests. In fact, in some studies, up to 20 percent of people autopsied who had no major memory problems were found to have had Alzheimer's. So, what is going on? What dictates damnation or relative impunity to the long arm of the disease? Why does the brain continue to function efficiently in some cases, despite changes that should cause severe disability? Perhaps the answer lies in what is called "cognitive reserve," which is the sum total of a person's innate abilities plus the additional brainpower that comes from challenging one's mind. No malign neglect there! Studies have shown mentally stimulating tasks increase brain cells, improve connections between those cells, and help bypass age- or disease-related trouble spots in the brain. In short, the more we work our minds, the greater our cognitive reserve; and the greater our cognitive reserve, the greater our ability to mitigate the inevitable challenges of aging.

Despite a youth-oriented culture that wants to bury us before our time, we can take comfort in a body of scientific knowledge indicating that accumulated knowledge, expert skills, wisdom, and emotional savvy all increase with age. Furthermore, higher-order decision making, such as choosing the best investments, and learned skills, such as driving, usually do not decline with age, unless, of course, one is afflicted with Alzheimer's. Not all silver linings are 100 percent, however, and memory for events, short-term memory, and brain speed all suffer with age. The most likely explanations for such deficits are loss of neural connections, blockages of blood supply, and decreases in nerve transmission chemicals.

With no answers forthcoming on the causes and cures of Alzheimer's, and with no stopping the march of time, what can we do to stop, or at least slow, malign neglect? The rule of ten applies here, as we make the best of what doesn't have to be a losing hand, and, namely, boost our brain health by finding stimulating walking partners, varying our daily routines, becoming lifelong learners, playing games with several levels of difficulty, de-stressing with meditation or exercise, getting enough sleep, increasing creativity through new hobbies, socializing and making new friends, following healthy diets rich in fruit, vegetables, whole grains, and fish, and, finally, watching our blood pressure, weight, blood sugar, and cholesterol numbers.

Ignorance is bliss only for the ignorant and those too far gone to care or notice. For the rest of us, it is downright dangerous!

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Moore Texas by Roger T. Moore Dec 12, 1884: Since barbed wire had chopped up the open range, a cattleman's convention proposed a one mile wide "CATTLE HIGHWAY" to drive herds northward.



— Photo by Betti Flores

WINNER — Antonio Escalante takes time out for a quick pic with writer Jan Engels.

I was there

Escalante, Roman slug it out

By Jan Engels
Special to the Courier

I was there... the ESPN2 "Friday Nights Fights," the "Brawl on the Border" at the Don Haskins where Antonio Escalante and Mickey Roman duked it out. Wham, wham, wham, bam, bam, bam, thud, thud, thud over and over and over again for ten grueling rounds. It was a bout that would rival any Las Vegas boxing match. Two warriors had their careers on the line but only one would come up victorious.

The roar of the 6,000-7,000 crowd never stopped from round one to the final 10th round. The boxers never stopped either. How they came up with the energy, stamina and raw guts to keep up the torrid pace for ten rounds of never ending punches was mind-boggling.

Rumor had it that they were neighbors and possible friends once upon a time light years ago in

Juarez. But one would never have guessed that by the ferociousness of the fight and the brutality of the punches. The last and final round of the bout was equally as wham, wham, wham, bam, bam, bam, thud, thud, and thud as the first round. It never stopped.

Of course there is only one victorious warrior in any boxing match. After all the flurries of punches, the round after round of fist pounding excitement, the lone warrior left standing was El Paso's pride and joy — our first ever and next world champion — Antonio Escalante.

As a footnote, this writer feels a boxer has arrived when you can buy his t-shirts. Well, any fan can buy Antonio Escalante's t-shirt at his boxing gym on Angie Street in downtown El Paso. Viva Antonio Escalante!

Jan Engels is a former Socorro educator and regular Courier contributor.

Canutillo FFA's Ag Field Day a big success

By Kim Guzman
Special to the Courier

CANUTILLO — Elementary school students in the Canutillo district were thrilled to learn about agriculture and experience fun physical activities during Ag Field Day, held recently at Canutillo High School (CHS). The FFA Chapter at CHS, in connection with National FFA Week, planned the full day of activities in hopes of increasing agriculture awareness to elementary students in the Canutillo Independent School District.

Students from each elementary school in the district were transported by school bus to the Ag Field Day, held on the soccer field at CHS. According to FFA students, who planned the event, it was a day in which CISD elementary students were able to experience agriculture first hand.

The event provided students the chance to see live demonstrations with animals and learn about agriculture through interactive displays. Students had the opportunity to view how the dairy industry works through a mobile dairy; see goats and llamas through the live animal petting zoo; witness the shoeing of horses; and experienced hands-on learning activities through the mobile learning barn.

According to the Texas Farm Bureau, the Mobile Learning Barn trailer creates a connection between people and agriculture, and the impact it has on our lives. The learning barn teaches students the impact agriculture has on every day life by displaying a variety of

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CryptoQuip Answer

If two people are debating the merits of thermostats, would it be a heated argument?

Data Control Codes	10 General Fund	Other Funds	Total Governmental Funds
REVENUES:			
5700 Total Local and Intermediate Sources	\$ 1,499,663	\$ 177,969	\$ 1,677,632
5800 State Program Revenues	5,250,636	474,626	5,725,262
5900 Federal Program Revenues	520,347	992,092	1,512,439
5020 Total Revenues	7,270,646	1,644,687	8,915,333
EXPENDITURES:			
Current:			
0011 Instruction	3,588,700	1,059,923	4,648,623
0012 Instructional Resources and Media Services	166,611	1	166,612
0013 Curriculum and Instructional Staff Development	183,508	96,180	279,688
0021 Instructional Leadership	95,141	—	95,141
0023 School Leadership	420,883	7,804	428,687
0031 Guidance, Counseling and Evaluation Services	139,383	30,521	169,904
0032 Social Work Services	7,492	—	7,492
0033 Health Services	105,009	8,546	113,555
0034 Student (Pupil) Transportation	112,437	—	112,437
0035 Food Services	514,320	23,196	537,516
0036 Cocurricular/Extracurricular Activities	292,631	6,738	299,369
0041 General Administration	614,829	471	615,300
0051 Plant Maintenance and Operations	873,030	—	873,030
0052 Security and Monitoring Services	51,152	1,569	52,721
0053 Data Processing Services	162,746	—	162,746
0061 Community Services	—	12,892	12,892
Debt Service:			
0071 Debt Service - Principal on Long Term Debt	39,714	226,000	265,714
0072 Debt Service - Interest on Long Term Debt	1,866	158,250	160,116
Capital Outlay:			
0081 Financial Aquisition and Construction	17,700	60,660	78,360
Intergovernmental:			
0093 Payments to Fiscal Agent/Member Districts of SSA	—	9,997	9,997
6030 Total Expenditures	7,387,152	1,702,748	9,089,900
1100 Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	(116,506)	(58,061)	(174,567)
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES):			
7915 Transfers In	56,576	60,523	117,099
8911 Transfers Out (Use)	(117,099)	—	(117,099)
7080 Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	(60,523)	60,523	—
1200 Net Change in Fund Balances	(177,029)	2,462	(174,567)
0100 Fund Balance — September 1 (Beginning)	2,768,365	58,008	2,826,373
3000 Fund Balance — August 31 (Ending)	\$ 2,591,336	\$ 60,470	\$ 2,651,806

STRANGE BUT TRUE

By Samantha Weaver

• It was longtime U.S. Congressman from Minnesota Eugene J. McCarthy who made the following sage observation: "It is dangerous for a national candidate to say things that people might remember."

• You may not be surprised to learn that the portions offered in fast-food restaurants have increased in size during the past few decades, but you may find the amount of the increase to be shocking: Portions are now anywhere from two to five times as large as they were in 1980.

• Because fortunetelling is considered to be a form of witchcraft in Australia, psychic readings are illegal Down Under.

• Talk about a serious typo: In 2008, the Chilean mint issued thousands of copies of a coin with the country's name spelled "Chii" instead of "Chile."

• Tibet is the only country in the world whose national flag is not in the shape of a rectangle.

• In December of 1811, parts of the Mississippi River flowed backward due to an earthquake in the region.

• A survey of elementary-school kids reveals that 66 percent of youngsters think that glasses make a person look smarter, while 57 percent think people who wear glasses look more honest.

• The world's longest-lasting lightbulb, which can be found in a fire station in Livermore, Calif., has been in use for 107 years. Experts say that the bulb's extremely low wattage and the fact that it is rarely turned on and off have contributed to its longevity.

• The world's most filmed story is "Cinderella," followed by "Hamlet."

Thought for the Day: "The reason that fiction is more interesting than any other form of literature, to those who really like to study people, is that in fiction the author can really tell the truth without humiliating himself." — Jim Rohn

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— Photo courtesy Canutillo ISD

Canutillo High School's FFA Officers, who are all seniors at CHS, take a break during their Ag-Field Day event. From left are Kevin Kruger, Ethan Nunnery, Frankie Melgar, Joe Padilla, Cody Barajas, Ricky Villareal, and CHS FFA Advisor Ron Gil.

LEGALS

TOWN OF ANTHONY, TEXAS TDRA TXCDBG CONTRACT NO. 729010 A&B ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

Separate sealed bids for the construction of WATER SYSTEM SCADA UPGRADE: will be received by **Cynthia Clarke, City Secretary** at the office **The Town of Anthony, 401 Wildcat, Anthony, Texas 79821 mailing address P.O. Box 1269, Anthony, Texas 79821 until 11:00 am (Local Time) on Thursday March 25, 2010** and then said office publicly opened and read aloud. The Contract Documents may be examined at the Offices of Parkhill, Smith & Cooper, Inc., 810 E. Yandell, El Paso, TX. 79902 upon refundable payment of **\$35.00** for each set March 4, 2010. The project is being funded by the Texas Department of Rural Affairs (T D R A) — Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), Contract No. **729010 A&B**.

The principal items of work for this project are set forth in specific detail in each proposal section of the sections. However, the principal work items may be generally described as follows: This project is located in the Town of Anthony, Texas. The project encompasses the procurement and installation of a new water collection/distribution SCADA system. Work to include the retirement

of the existing phone-line based control system. Affected facilities include one elevated storage tank, one ground storage tank, one booster station with stand-pipe, and three wells. Remote Terminal Units (RTU) will be installed at each facility, connected to controlling and monitoring devices, and configured to communicate to a central terminal unit (CTU). The CTU will be located at the main booster station and stand-pipe located on State Highway 1905 (Antonio Street). All well(s) booster stations and storage facilities will communicate via radio transmission to the CTU. The CTU will have the ability to monitor and control each of its connected facilities via a programmable logic controller coupled with a human machine interface system. The winning bidder will be tasked with providing a complete, functioning system as described herein.

A Pre-Bid Conference will be held at 2:00 pm local time on Tuesday, March 16, 2010 at Town of Anthony, 401 Wildcat Drive, Anthony, Texas 79821. Each Bid shall be submitted in accordance with the Instructions to Bidders and be accompanied by a Bid Bond in the amount of five percent (5%) of the amount bid, by an acceptable bid surety. A certified check or bank draft payable to the Town of Anthony, or negotiable U.S. Government Bonds

Bids may be held by the Engineer for a period not to exceed **30-days** from the date of the Bid Opening for the purpose of reviewing the Bids and investigating the Bidder's qualifications, prior to the contract award.

All contractors/subcontractors who are debarred, suspended or

(as par value) may be submitted in lieu of the Bid Bond.

The Successful Bidder must furnish a 100 percent Performance Bond and a 100 percent Payment Bond, in accordance with the Instructions to Bidders and the General Conditions.

By submission of the bid, Bidder fully understands the requirements of the Contract Documents and agrees to comply with all requirements thereof.

Attention is called to the fact that not less than, the federally determined prevailing (Davis-Bacon and Related Acts) wage rate, as issued by the Office of Rural Community Affairs and contained in the contract documents, must be paid on this project. In addition, the successful bidder must ensure that employees and applicants for employment are not discriminated against because of race, color, religion, sex age or national origin.

The Town of Anthony, Texas reserves the right to reject any or all Bids or to waive any informalities in the Bidding.

The Town of Horizon City is soliciting proposals to furnish and install topsoil, sod and a turn key irrigation system for the sodded area of the Golden Eagle Park baseball field. Proposals will be received at Horizon City Town Hall, City Clerk's office, 14999 Darrington Rd., Horizon City, TX 79928 until 12 p.m. March 12, 2010. Bids will be open on March 12, 2010 at 2 p.m. and only the names of the proposers will be read out loud at the Horizon City Town Hall. Detail specifications and proposal packages are available from the above office between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. Monday through Friday or by calling

Administration office (915) 852-1046.

Karen Ellefson
Town Clerk
Horizon City

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Town of Horizon City

Invitation to Bid:

Bid Number: 2010-003

Date Issued: March 3, 2010

Bid Opening Date: March 17, 2010

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Town of Horizon City

Invitation to Bid:

Bid Number: 2010-002

Date Issued: Feb. 24, 2010

Bid Opening Date: March 12, 2010

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be received at Horizon City Town Hall, City Clerk's office, 14999 Darrington Rd., Horizon City, TX 79928 until 2 p.m. March 17, 2010. Bids will be open on March 17, 2010 at 4 p.m. and only the names of the proposers will be read out loud at the Horizon City Town Hall. Detail specifications and proposal packages are available from the above office between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. Monday through Friday or by calling Administration office (915) 852-1046.

Karen Ellefson
Town Clerk
Horizon City

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The Town of Horizon City is soliciting proposals from qualified road paving contractors to rehabilitate and pave certain streets in Horizon City. Proposals will

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"Canutillo FFA is hoping to make this an annual event that will help with recruitment for younger students, and increase agricultural awareness in the local and surrounding community," said Ron Gil, FFA advisor and CHS instructor. "With the success of this year's event, we would like to expand next year's event and hopefully get more students to come and experience agriculture first hand," he added.

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There is no defense for NBA's theft king Alvin Robertson

By Steve Escajeda
Special to the Courier

Back in the late 1980s and early 1990s the NBA's San Antonio Spurs and then the Milwaukee Bucks each had Alvin Robertson on their roster.

Though he wasn't exactly a big-name star in the league, he was a double-figure scorer who could put up 20 points on any given day.

Robertson spent 10 years in the league and averaged 14 points, five rebounds and five assists per game.

He appeared in four NBA all-star games, he was named the league's Defensive Player of the Year in 1986 and is one of only four players in history who has recorded a quadruple-double.

In other words, the guy made a pretty good living for a decade.

Robertson has been pretty much totally out of the limelight since he retired, except for his knack for proving how strong he is — to weaker women.

What I mean by that is Robertson is quite the coward in a crowd of men. But put a woman in front of him and he becomes Mr. Tough Guy and has no problem smacking them around.

Case in point, Robertson was sentenced to a month in jail for beating his then-wife in 1990. He then pled no contest in 1997 after he was arrested and charged with four counts of abusing his girlfriend.

Then again, Robertson was arrested in San Antonio in 2007 on a variety of charges, several related to domestic violence.

And though his past misdeeds have resulted

in not much more than several firm slaps on the wrist and the occasional jail visit, I've got a feeling his latest actions will cost him dearly.

This time Robertson has been arrested for the alleged sexual assault of a child, trafficking an underage girl for purposes of sex and forcing a sexual performance by a child.

Seems the former NBA player is part of a ring that kidnapped a 14-year old girl from San Antonio and forced her to have sex with clients and to dance at a strip club in Corpus Christi.

How did the authorities get wind of all this ugliness? The girl escaped her captors and ran straight to the police.

How ironic, Robertson still holds the record for steals in a single season with 301.

He's obviously still at it, only this time he's stealing childhoods.

We can only hope that Mr. Robertson's basketball career goes on for another 25-30 years at the nearest penitentiary. He wore number 21 as an NBA player.

I wonder if his jail uniform will have enough material for his new number, something like 21569263.

NFL OT LOL

It appears that the NFL rules committee is at it again.

Seems so many people were incensed that Brett Favre never touched the ball in the Viking's overtime loss to the Saints that the league feels compelled to act.

And that's a good thing because the NFL overtime rule is amazingly stupid. The bad thing is that the rules committee's idea for change is still stupid.

Every football fan knows that about 98 percent of the scoring in the NFL is done by the offense. Occasionally the defense will pick up a fumble or intercept a pass and return it for a touchdown. But that may happen once every three or four games.

That's why players and fans go nuts when their team wins the coin toss and gets the ball in overtime. They have the ball and a chance to win the game without the other team's offense ever touching the ball.

Pretty sweet — but not very fair to be decided by the flip of a coin.

Now the NFL wants to tweak the rule by making sure both teams get the ball — that is unless the team that wins the coin toss scores

a touchdown.

What was that!

The NFL's proposed new rule still would allow a team to win the game if they score a touchdown on their opening overtime drive — game over.

They propose that if a team kicks a field goal, then the other team can tie the game with a field goal of their own.

Why not give the team a chance to tie with a touchdown of its own?

Think about the excitement of knowing that a team has a fourth down at its opponent's five-yard line and they have to score a TD to stay in the game — great stuff.

But I guess that makes too much sense.



A sporting view By Mark Vasto

It's not war, it's the Olympics

You can learn a lot — and argue a lot, too — watching the Olympic Games, and that was certainly the case with this year's Winter Olympiad.

Really, the Olympic Games are the greatest things that the world does in concert. Some would argue

the World's Fair or World Cup, but taken in its entirety it cannot match the pageantry or the sheer spectacle the Games provide. The World's Fair ceased to be relevant at around the same time the ice-cream cone was invented, and a city chosen as a World Cup venue doesn't feel

the impact either economically or psychologically that an Olympic host city experiences. The only time you see the world come together, all at once, holding the flag of their country and smiling is at the Olympic Games. The only other time the human race comes together en masse holding a flag, it's a war — and they're really there to shoot you.

And, unlike war, the cities aren't pillaged. Most cities use

the Olympics as a springboard to civic improvements. They attract businesses, they build parks and entertainment districts, and they also get a bevy of sports facilities that they'd otherwise never think of building, such as a bobsled track or a cross-country track with a shooting range attached.

That track, by the way, is used for the Biathlon, a competition that strikes many people in America as being a bit weird. Curling, we

already knew was weird, but it at least reminds us of shuffleboard. For many, the concept of the Biathlon is just too foreign a concept. At least in some parts of the country or, as I learned a few weeks ago on a radio show I hosted, college campuses.

"The Biathlon is the most ridiculous sport there is," charged the liberal, tenured professor, aptly positioned to my left. "Skiing with guns. What's next? Hand grenades and ice dancing?"

Having once dated a mountain girl, I reminded him that skiing and shooting were a perfect combination. I knew of hunters who cross-country skied while hunting grouse, for instance. There used to be a deer-hunting event in the Olympics, too. And there is little doubt that those in the biathlon are athletes.

"These are the best hunters in the world. If we lived near the ice cap, these are the guys you want to have with you — someone who can outlast their prey and take it down with one neatly placed bullet," I observed, rather astutely. Plus, I argued, target shooting was very sporting, and hunting was a great recreational pursuit.

"Well, I'm vegetarian," said the young student on the discussion panel. "Why would we need guns if we didn't kill animals?"

Well, duh... to fight wars. Silly question.

Mark Vasto is a veteran sportswriter and publisher of The Kansas City Luminary. (c) 2010 King Features Synd., Inc.

PUBLIC NOTICE Village of Vinton, Texas

A PUBLIC HEARING will be held at 6:00 p.m. on Monday, March 15, 2010 during a Planning and Zoning Commission Meeting, and on Monday, March 22, 2010 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) A request to Annex Tracts 6A, 6K, 6L of the Laura E. Mundy Survey #233, El Paso County, Texas.
- 2) A request to Zone Tracts 6A, 6K and 6L of the Laura Mundy Survey #233, C-1, El Paso, County Texas.

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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Public Notice Village of Vinton, Texas

A PUBLIC HEARING will be held at 6:30 p.m. during the Regular City Council Meeting on Tuesday, March 16, 2010 at City Hall, 436 E. Vinton Road, Vinton, Texas. The purpose of the public hearing is to allow interested persons to appear and testify regarding the following proposed item(s):

- 1) A request to Re-Zone Tracts 11B and 18 of the Alejo Delgado Survey #175, Village of Vinton, El Paso, County Texas (also known as 7810 Doniphan).

The Village encourages citizens to participate and to make their views known at this public hearing. Citizens unable to attend this meeting may submit their views and proposals to Jessica Garza, Village Clerk at the City Hall. 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.

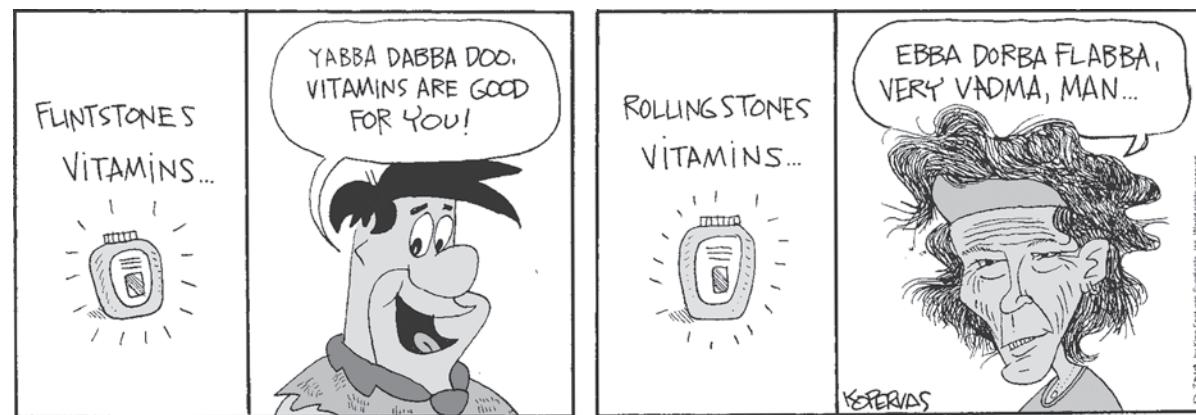
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Your good health

By Paul G. Donahue, M.D.

DEAR DR. DONOHUE: My father is 88 and quite headstrong. He has taken a daily dose of mineral oil for years and years. He says it keeps him regular. Should he continue to do this? Could it harm him? — K.H.

Mineral oil was once a favorite treatment for constipation and for its prevention. It's not a great way to combat either. It interferes with the absorption of vitamins A, D, E and K, and it can block absorption of other nutrients. He should take it before eating or before taking any medicines or vitamins. If it goes down the wrong way — into the lungs rather than the stomach — it causes pneumonia.

With a wooden back is a good choice. Then the person pushes the abdomen with an inward and slightly upward thrust against the top of the chair. It should generate a burst of air through the windpipe to dislodge whatever is stuck there. Repeat the thrust as many times as necessary. If a chair is unavailable, then make a fist with one hand and cover it with the other hand. Put the fist in the same location, above the navel,

Your dad is 88. I take it he is in reasonable health. He's been taking mineral oil for years and years without facing any consequences. I would mention to him that this isn't a good idea. However, he is at an age when he can do most anything he wants. If he objects, I wouldn't push matters too hard.

DEAR DR. DONOHUE: Do you lose more nutrients from vegetables when you cook them in a microwave than when you cook them on a stove? A.T.

You lose fewer vitamins and minerals when you microwave vegetables than when you cook them on top of a stove. Little water is needed when microwaving, so nutrients don't pass out of the vegetables and into the water.

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) 2010 North America Synd., Inc. All Rights Reserved.

Super Crossword

POLITICAL	CORRECTIONS	ACROSS	62 Baby bites	130 FBI employee
1 _ pole	64 Hazard	65 Keats' _ a	131 Asian peninsula	132 Give off
6 Miss Marple	66 Scuba site	Nightingale"	133 Bar food?	134 Metro or Prizm
10 Canine tooth	68 Tach meas.	69 Actress Ruby	135 Lowdown hound	136 Trick
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20 Bard's river	79 Puente or Jackson			
21 May or Stritch	80 Cognizant			
22 Clark's	84 Actor Novello			
"Mogambo" co-star	86 Rushed			
23 She's not a	88 Poet Teasdale			
bleached blond,	90 Paint over			
she's...	92 Sacks			
26 Tear	94 Urania's sister			
27 Walk confidently	96 Seer's gift			
28 Composer Albeniz	98 Undo an error			
29 Stevenson	99 He's not ignorant,			
scoundrel	he's...			
30 Singer Sumac	103 Approaches			
31 Fill to the gills	104 Superlative suffix			
34 Rapier	105 It's up in the air			
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40 Eastern dye	107 Printer's measure			
42 Raven maven?	109 Entangle			
45 _ terrier	110 "A Yank in the _"			
48 She's not old,	('41 film)			
she's...	113 _ pro quo			
54 Conductor's	116 Beethoven			
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56 Right-fielder Tony	123 Decorative vase			
57 Discontinue	124 He doesn't snore,			
58 "Strange Interlude"	he's...			
playwright				
60 Quaker colonist				

37 Word form for "eight"	93 Certain
38 Chemical prefix	95 Boy king
39 Ready for a fight	97 Play on words
41 Lodge brother	100 Quiet _ mouse
42 Comrade	101 Myriads of moons
43 Ken or Lena	102 Worth
44 "_ Madigan" ('67 film)	108 Southwestern sights
46 Demure	109 Essential
47 "Siddhartha"	111 Crop up
author	112 "_ Attraction" ('87 film)
49 Mayberry moppet	113 Bog, for short
50 Nick of "Cape	114 Press
Fear"	115 "So _ You" ('77 song)
51 NYC power co.	117 Research sites
52 Like some dogs	118 First name in tennis
53 Astronaut Slayton	119 Blind part
59 Trademark	120 Dole (out)
designs	121 Arizona river
61 Tree house?	122 Writer Hunter
63 Lipstick mishap	124 Collar a crook
67 Chalky cheese	125 Coach Parseghian
71 Drive off	126 Word with carpet or cabbage
72 Swimmer	127 Aussie walker
Gertrude	128 "Great Expectations" character
73 Actor Lamas	129 Byrnes or Roush
74 Nerd	
75 Jazz phrase	
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A crossword puzzle grid with numbered entries. The grid consists of white squares for letters and black squares for empty space or obstacles. Numbered entries are as follows:

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Social Security Q&A By Ray Vigil

Q: I recently applied for a replacement Social Security card, but I might be moving before it arrives in the mail. What do I do if I move before I get it?

A: Once we have verified all your documents and processed your application, it takes approximately 10 to 14 days to receive your replacement Social Security card. If you move after applying for your new card, notify the post office of your change of address and the post office will forward your card to your new address. If you do not receive your card, please contact your local Social Security office. To get another replacement, you will have to resubmit your evidence of identity and U.S. citizenship, or your lawful immigration status and authority to work. You can learn more at www.socialsecurity.gov.

Q: What's this I hear about a new "twist" in the law?

A: You may have seen our new public service campaign featuring Grammy winner and rock and roll legend Chubby Checker — best known for his enduring hit, "the Twist." He's volunteering his time to help us spread the word about a new "twist" in the law that helps more

Vote

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remember a few years back there was comment that the voter roles included the names of deceased individuals. That number was estimated to be around 50,000 voters.

The real solution is to get more people to vote in primary and general elections. That is easier said than done, of course.

Part of the solution is the responsibility of candidates. Campaigns must be positive and issue based. Negative campaigning has been shown to discourage voters from participating.

The best impetus for increasing voter participation can only come from our community. El Paso County as a whole has to promote voter participation.

How many big El Paso companies or corporations get involved in promoting walkathons or marathons benefiting various health issues? How many of those same companies sponsor sporting events? How many of those companies promote the civic duty to vote?

It is not unreasonable to imagine companies like the El Paso Times, Helen of Troy or Western Refining spending some money to promote voting in a non-partisan effort. Even if big companies do nothing more than encourage those employees who haven't voted in the past to start doing so, that would make a big difference.

The responsibility to change the apathy of most registered voters in El Paso goes far beyond the political parties. Voting has to be encouraged and rewarded by our community as a whole. Year after year of lamenting low voter turn-out must be now be changed to a community wide effort to get the vote out.

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

people qualify for extra help with their prescription drug costs. If you have limited income and resources and have Medicare, you might be able to qualify for extra help with your prescription drug costs. Thanks to changes in the law, more people than ever before can qualify. To learn more, visit www.socialsecurity.gov/extrahelp. While you're at the website, be sure to check out

Chubby Checker's public service announcement. He's still twisting!

For more information on the questions listed above, or other questions, visit our website at www.socialsecurity.gov or call us at 1-800-772-1213. Questions can also be mailed to the Social Security Office, 11111 Gateway West, Attn: Ray Vigil, El Paso, Texas 79935.

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by Linda Thistle

