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NEWSBRIEFS

Health care

The City of El Paso Department of Public Health will be in and around the Vinton area for an outreach service event on Thursday, August 26, 2010 at the West Valley Fire Station, 510 East Vinton Rd. from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Programs that will be participating with free and reduced cost services include; Dental, Family Planning, HIV and STD Prevention, Immunizations, Public Health Preparedness, Ventanilla de Salud, WIC and 2-1-1. “Our Department remains committed to not only the residents within the city limits, but to those who live in the other communities we serve,” said Michael Hill, Health Director. “We hope this event will bring awareness to those who live in Vinton so that they benefit from our services and take proactive steps toward ensuring their well-being” he said. More information on the services the Department of Public Health provides is available on our website: www.elpasotexas.gov/health.

— Armando Saldivar

Adult education

Classes for the San Elizario Independent School District’s Adult Basic Education Program begin on August 30 but there may still be time to register. The Adult Basic Education (ABE) Program offers citizenship, computer literacy, ESL and GED courses Monday through Friday at different times throughout the day. All classes take place at the Excell Academy Adult Learning Center located at 13680 Socorro Road. The ABE courses are offered at no cost to San Elizario residents that are 18 years of age or older. For more information contact Bertha Lozoya at 872-3915.

— Cynthia P. Marentes

Diaz

The Texas Restaurant Association, recently recognized Alfonzo Diaz of



Alfonzo Diaz

Mulligan’s North Bar & Grill as its 2010-2011 El Paso Chapter President. Mr. Diaz was also named El Paso Restaurateur of the Year. Alfonzo has spent more than 30 years in the hospitality industry in El Paso working as a manager, bartender and cook and many local restaurants and nightclubs. In 2001 he opened Mulligan’s North Bar & Grill, Mulligan’s Cafeteria and Mulligan’s Catering Services. He is extremely active in the local community and serves on the advisory board of the El Paso Health Department. Alfonzo donates his time and resources to more than 40

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Never judge a man’s actions until you know his motives.

— Quips & Quotes

Automated warning system in place

Residents can sign up for free service

By Alfredo Vasquez
Special to the Courier



— Photo by Alfredo Vasquez

BE PREPARED — El Paso City-County Office of Emergency Management (OEM) is introducing the Reverse Notification System (RNS), an added feature to its methods of mass communication in case of a disaster or terrorist threat. Lieutenant Richard Gonzalez, above, is the RNS project manager for the local OEM agency.

EL PASO COUNTY – Thanks to modern technology and a Homeland Security grant, El Paso City-County’s Office of Emergency Management (OEM) now has an additional channel of communication for disseminating information to the public in times of crisis, and OEM officials urge El Paso County residents to register for the free service.

OEM implemented recently the area’s first Reverse Notification System (RNS), which is designed to warn residents through the use of internet-based Geographic Information System (GIS) mapping about natural disasters and terrorist threats. GIS mapping allows emergency management responders to target a specific area that needs immediate help.

Residents can register multiple cell phone numbers and email addresses into the new system. And in case of a major emergency, the notification system will contact individuals listed in its

directory and provide instruction, such as where to go for shelter, using text messages, emails, and calls to cell phones. The service is free to county residents, and registration is available in English and Spanish.

OEM officials stated that the new system is just another way to get emergency information out immediately to the public, in addition to using radio and television bulletins and making door-to-door visits.

“The new system will save time and personnel while residents will be able to receive advanced notification on a timely basis,” stated Lieutenant Richard Gonzalez, of the City-County Office of Emergency Management. A

According to the lieutenant, about 260,000 residential and business non-cellular telephone numbers were automatically registered through El Paso County 911 District’s LAN-line listings. Now, it’s a matter of getting the word out to cell phone and

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Horizon Regional MUD moves to new building

By Don Woodyard
Special to the Courier

HORIZON CITY – There is a new look and a new location for the Horizon Regional Municipal Utility District.

A ribbon-cutting was held Wednesday, Aug. 25 for its new and expanded administrative offices at 14100 Horizon Blvd. Work on the building began eight months ago. Total cost for the new MUD project comes to \$1.8 million. Of that, \$1.2 million went for the building, and \$600,000 for the land.

“This facility will help us better serve our customers,” said MUD board president Benny Davis in a website statement. “We just outgrew our old facility some time ago,” he later added. “We have a nice, larger area inside,” he says proudly. “Now we have room to grow, (and) the roof doesn’t leak.”

The old MUD offices, just a short distance away, had problems with leaky roofs and cramped facilities for customer service, Davis notes.

All of that has changed.

The old building had a little more than 3,000 square feet. The new building, which is an expansion and renovation of an existing structure, has 7,400 square feet. It also has a drive-through lane for faster service on paying bills, something not available previously. It also has a larger parking area.

In the spacious lobby with its customer service windows, Davis gestures rapidly to indicate that the interior area is approximately three times the size of the old facility.

Davis says it is also a green building, with



— Photos by Rick Shrum

NEW DIGS — Horizon Regional Municipal Water District (HRMUD) Board President Benny Davis stands outside HRMUD’s new offices. The staff moved in last week. The building features offices with room for growth, a drive-through window for payments and an updated board room. According to General Manager Toby Alvarado, community groups may apply with HRMUD to use the facility for meetings.

features designed to utilize energy more efficiently and turn off lights when not in use.

“The staff is happy; the customers are happy. You can’t beat it when everybody is happy,” he says happily.

With an annual budget of \$6.5 million, the Horizon Regional MUD, provides not only water to 9,200 connections, but also treats sewage and collects trash. The district, considered the largest in Texas, covers 115 square miles and is broken down into 92,000 lots.

Providing a reliable water supply is our

biggest challenge,” says Toby Alvarado, district manager for the MUD. He is with SouthWest Water Company, a management company which oversees operation of the MUD.

Alvarado says 14 wells currently run 60-70 percent of the time to provide water. He explains that that routine operational maintenance and repairs are performed during the wells’ down time.

He praises the “forward-thinking and dynamic” board of directors for planning for

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Veterans Post By Freddy Groves

Insurers reap death profits

Those who have the misfortune to lose a family service member and receive the proceeds of his or her life-insurance policy have a lot on their minds. Maybe they're not paying attention to details on a daily basis. Who can blame them?

The policy insurers act like they're doing the survivors a favor, sending a handy packet of "checks" with a note (the fine print) to let the payout money sit there as long as they like.

Here are two things to know about that money:

1) The money is in an interest-bearing account, but that insurer is making money on the account and gets five times the interest that is paid to the survivor. Survivors are getting maybe 1 percent interest, and the insurer more than 5 percent.

2) The money isn't sitting in an account protected by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation – it's in a general fund (called a retained asset account) mingled with the insurer's money. That means if the company folds, the money is not protected in any way. It just vanishes.

How low can they get? Pretty low, it seems – all in the name of making a fat profit.

If you're a beneficiary survivor struggling to make sense of things right now, I'll make it easy for you: If you receive the proceeds of an insurance payout in the form of one of those checkbooks, take the checkbook to your own FDIC-insured bank and deposit it into a new account. If you want, break it up into smaller amounts and put it in CDs with varying maturity dates, keeping some in a regular account for immediate expenses.

Just don't let it sit in the insurer's account.

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CryptoQuip Answer

New book about ticks and fleas who couldn't find proper hosts: "Parasites Lost."

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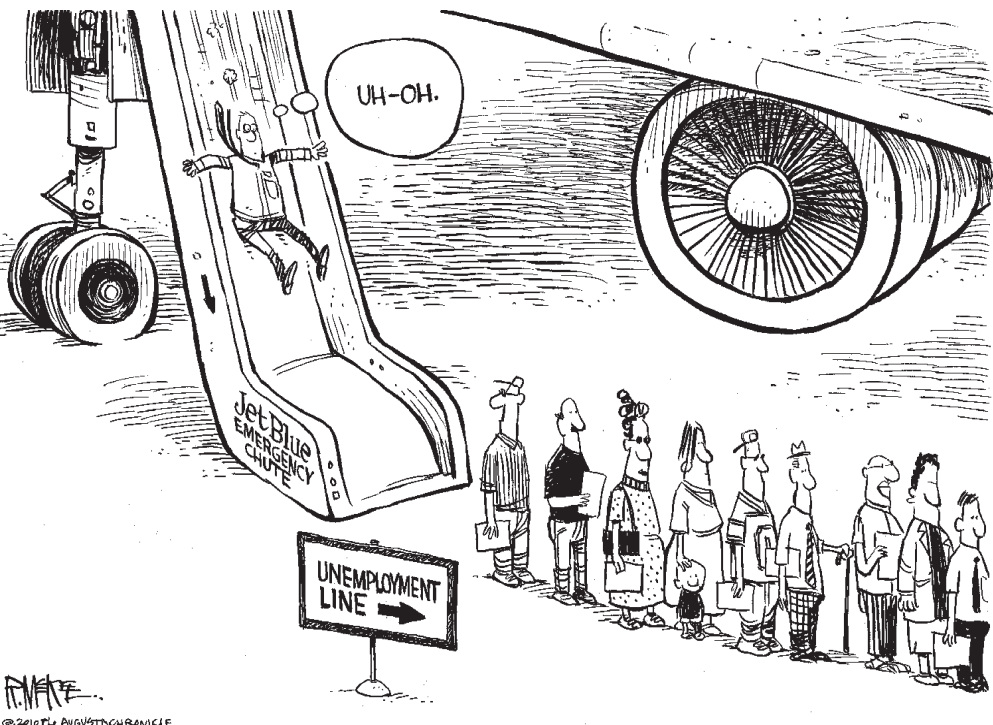
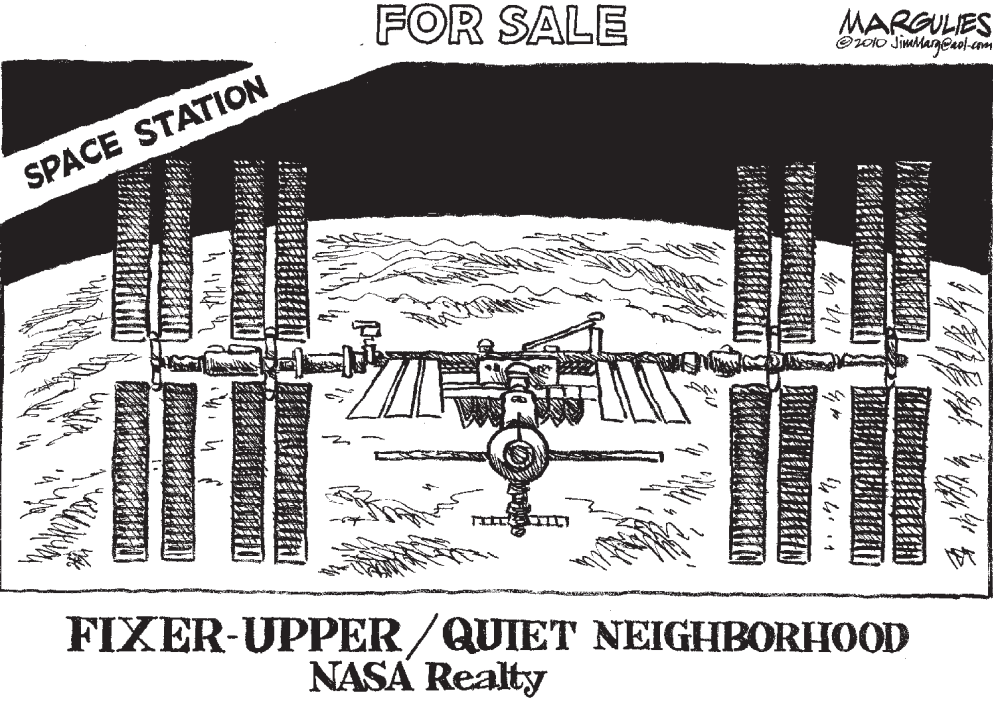
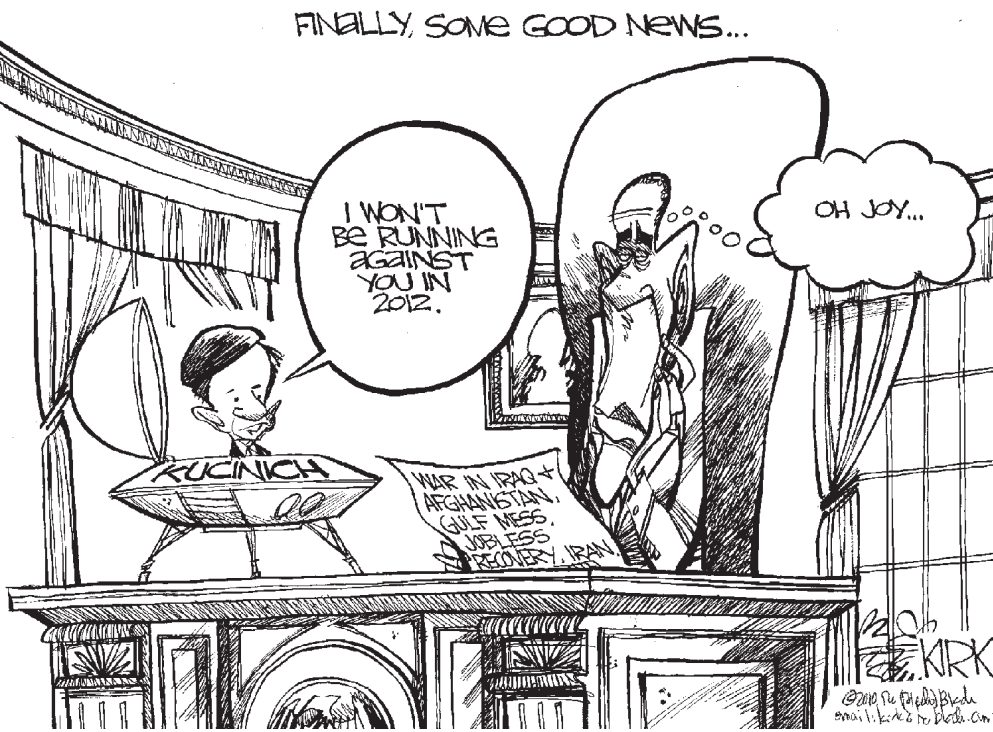
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Por la Gente By State Rep. Chente Quintanilla

Think safety

Hola mi gente. This past week, mother nature finally gave El Paso a break from the unusually hot August weather. It seemed like the hundred degree highs were carrying on well beyond the more normal June/July averages.

With such high temperatures, it was just a little harder for folks to do those weekend jobs around the house. Now if the temps start to top out around the middle to high 80's, I think a lot more is going to be accomplished outside. The only thing that might put a damper on weekend chores is football.

This shift in the temperatures is not the only indicator that we are heading toward the cold season. The days are noticeably shorter; after all it has been two months since the summer solstice when we had the longest day.

Additionally, all of the school districts are now in session. Thousands of students in every part of the county are part of the morning traffic. Some students will tend to be brazen or careless in the streets. Instead of dutifully crossing streets within crosswalks with the assistance of crossing guards, many children will wander in between cars without having awareness of their environment.

With that said, it is the total responsibility of drivers to obey every traffic law, especially in areas where students may be. School zone signs will be clearly displayed either in the center of the street or on the curb with blinking lights. I hope police officers have zero tolerance for any driver who is exceeding the posted speed limit. In zones where passing is prohibited, there should also be no mercy

for drivers who pass other cars.

As a former educator, I know that some of the worst violators of school zone laws are parents of the children who are being left off for school. Many times I have observed a parent make an illegal u-turn close to a school. Some parents, perhaps late for work, will speed off as if there were no other cars or pedestrians. These violations place innocent students in danger.

Please think about safety first when you drive around students (even if they are not in a school zone) and in school zones. A life may be forever changed by injury if you are careless.

The seasonal change also predicates the final few weeks of this year. Already, some stores are receiving Christmas stock.

With just a few days until the Labor Day holiday, we can now count on a barrage of political advertising; especially as we close in to the November general election. This year, we will be voting for the leadership of Texas: governor, Lt. governor and other statewide and countywide offices.

Whether you're looking to make a change in our government or to prevent a change, the only legitimate means is by voting. If you don't vote, then refrain from complaining as you have wasted your power to impact the government.

Every election cycle, we have more and more voter registration drives. I hope that eventually the focus goes from registering more voters to motivating a majority of existing registered voters to participate in the elections. There is much to gain with a higher percentage of voters going to the polls.

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

Safety campaign under way

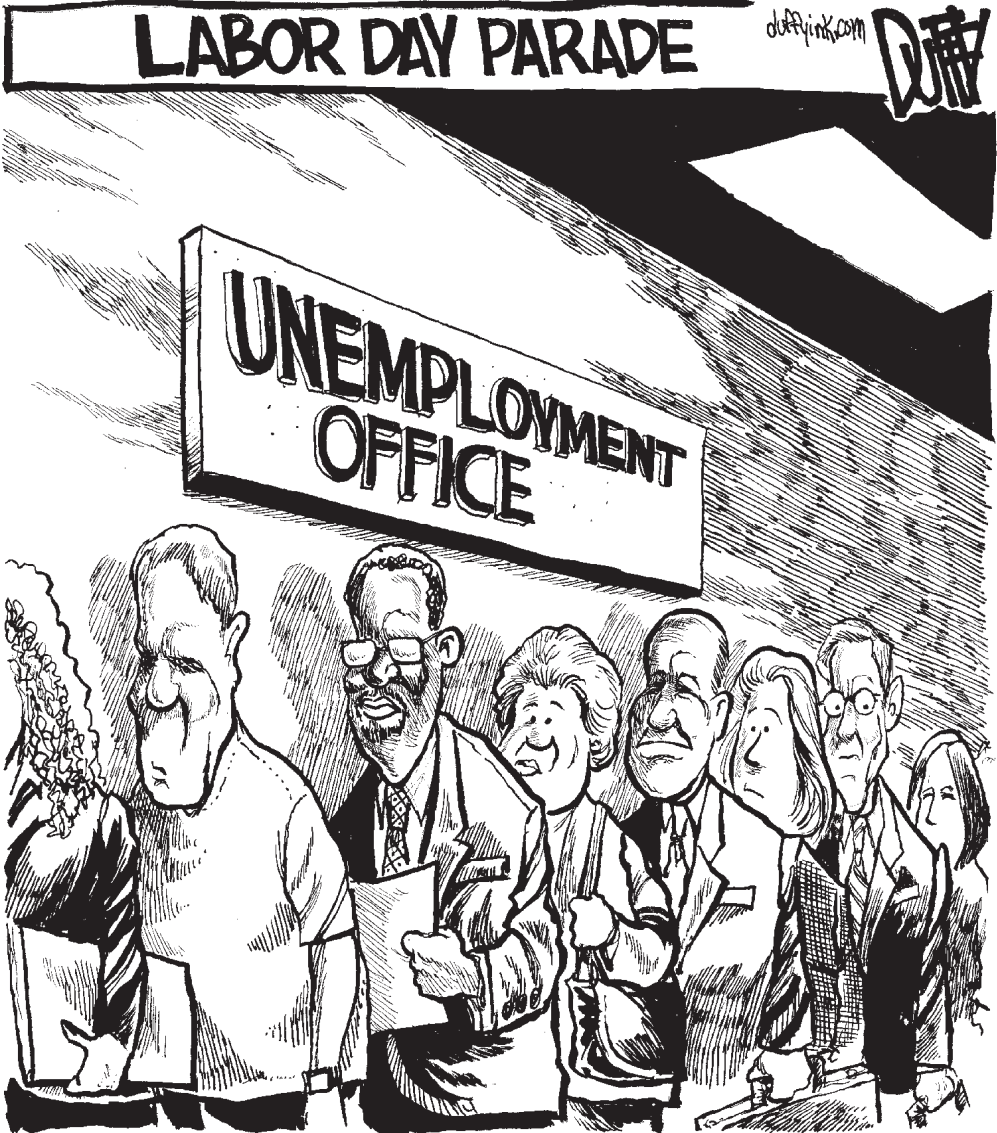
This year's annual Labor Day *Drink, Drive, Go to Jail* campaign to prevent drinking and driving will have an emphasis on the importance of choosing not to get behind the wheel if you have been drinking. The "Choose Your Ride" theme features modified patrol cars that have decals making the vehicle look like half a police vehicle and half a taxi cab. In addition to being on billboards and posters, these vehicles will be out on the streets in communities with a high incidence of alcohol-related fatalities. The message is that if you choose to drink, you should call a cab, designate a sober driver ahead of time, use public transportation, stay put, or call a

friend or family member for a ride.

The *Drink, Drive, Go to Jail* campaign runs through September 6, 2010. During this time, law enforcement statewide will be working overtime to find and arrest drunk drivers.

Driving drunk is not only dangerous, it can be very expensive. In Texas, if convicted of a first-time DWI, offenders can pay a fine of up to \$2,000, lose their driver's license for up to a year, and serve 180 days in jail. Other costs associated with a drunk-driving arrest and conviction can add up to more than \$17,000 for bail, legal fees, court appearances,

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Ride

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court-ordered classes, vehicle insurance increases, and other expenses. Drunk drivers with children younger than 15 in the vehicle face even stiffer penalties. They can be charged with child endangerment and face up to a \$10,000 fine, two years in a state jail, and loss of their driver’s license for up to two years.

The real consequences of drunk driving are the senseless deaths and injuries that result from this reckless behavior. Preliminary statistics show that in 2009, there were 27,108 alcohol-related crashes in Texas that resulted in 955 deaths and 17,542 injuries. Data from police crash reports show that in 2008, 28.1 percent of the total traffic fatalities in Texas were caused by drivers under the influence of alcohol. And, 25 percent of people killed in alcohol-related crashes in Texas were between the ages of 20 and 25.

This year, Texans can take a stand to not drink and drive and to keep friends and family from drinking and driving. Remember, choose your ride carefully, and keep Texas roads safe during the upcoming Labor Day weekend. For more information, visit <http://www.texasdwi.org/>.

Paseo del Este Municipal
Utility District #1
Notice of Public Hearing
on Tax Rate

The Paseo del Este Municipal Utility District #1 will hold a public hearing on a proposed tax rate for the tax year 2010 on Wednesday, September 8, 2010, at 11:30 a.m., at the offices of Gray-Jansing & Associates, Inc., 8217 Shoal Creek Blvd., Ste. 200, Austin, TX 78757. Your individual taxes may increase or decrease, depending on the change in taxable value of your property in relation to the change in the taxable value of all other property and the tax rate that is adopted.

FOR the proposal: **Jack Holford, Dan Roark,
Larry Mellenbruch and Ken Mills**

AGAINST the proposal: **NONE**

PRESENT and not voting: **NONE**

ABSENT: **Sid Covington**

The following table compares taxes on an average residence homestead in this taxing unit last year to taxes proposed on the average residence homestead this year.

	Last Year	This Year
Total tax rate (per \$100 value)	0.750000/\$100	0.750000/\$100
	Adopted	Proposed
Difference in rates per \$100 of value	\$ 0/\$100	
Percentage increase / decrease in rates (+/–)	0%	
Average appraised value	NA	NA
General exemptions available (excluding senior citizen’s or disabled person’s exemptions)	NA	NA
Average taxable value*	NA	NA
Tax on average residence homestead	NA	NA
Annual increase / decrease in taxes if proposed tax rate is adopted (+/–)	NA	
and percentage of increase (+/–)	NA	

NOTICE OF TAXPAYERS’ RIGHT TO ROLLBACK ELECTION

If taxes on the average residence homestead increase by more than eight percent, the qualified voters of the district by petition may require that an election be held to determine whether to reduce the operation and maintenance tax rate to the rollback tax rate under Section 49.236(d), Water Code.

**This District has no residence homesteads.*

Paseo del Este Municipal
Utility District #2
Notice of Public Hearing
on Tax Rate

The Paseo del Este Municipal Utility District #2 will hold a public hearing on a proposed tax rate for the tax year 2010 on Thursday, September 9, 2010, at 1:00 p.m., at the offices of Hunt Communities, 4401 N. Mesa, El Paso, TX 79902. Your individual taxes may increase or decrease, depending on the change in taxable value of your property in relation to the change in the taxable value of all other property and the tax rate that is adopted.

FOR the proposal: **Doug Borret, Joann Wardy,
Isaac Valles and
Ann Jorjorian-Raynal**

AGAINST the proposal: **NONE**

PRESENT and not voting: **NONE**

ABSENT: **Alejandro Limon**

The following table compares taxes on an average residence homestead in this taxing unit last year to taxes proposed on the average residence homestead this year.

	Last Year	This Year
Total tax rate (per \$100 value)	0.750000/\$100	0.750000/\$100
	Adopted	Proposed
Difference in rates per \$100 of value	\$ 0/\$100	
Percentage increase / decrease in rates (+/–)	0%	
Average appraised value	NA	\$ 227,973
General exemptions available (excluding senior citizen’s or disabled person’s exemptions)	NA	\$ 0
Average taxable value*	NA	\$ 227,973
Tax on average residence homestead	NA	\$ 1,710
Annual increase / decrease in taxes if proposed tax rate is adopted (+/–)		\$ 0
and percentage of increase (+/–)		0%

NOTICE OF TAXPAYERS’ RIGHT TO ROLLBACK ELECTION

If taxes on the average residence homestead increase by more than eight percent, the qualified voters of the district by petition may require that an election be held to determine whether to reduce the operation and maintenance tax rate to the rollback tax rate under Section 49.236(d), Water Code.

Sambrano Elementary has helpers

By Cynthia P. Marentes
Special to the Courier

Families of students at Sambrano Elementary School in the San Elizario Independent School District worried about obtaining back to school necessities just got a little help from a group

of German military spouses via Fort Bliss. The German Helping Hands organization visited Sambrano Elementary on August 20 to deliver a generous donation that will fully equip approximately 50 students with new school supplies, backpacks, and uniforms.

The organization consists of 10 wives of German soldiers stationed at Fort Bliss who

are dedicated to helping the homeless and underprivileged. German Helping Hands has been in existence in the El Paso area for over 25 years and works throughout the year collecting donations and fundraising in order to support different underserved communities in the border region. The group raises the most money through their bake sales which feature homemade pastries and other baked goods. According to member Michaela Koeglmeier, all the women participate on a volunteer basis and are active year round.

German Helping Hands connected with Sambrano Elementary through computer lab teacher Kathrin Salazar. Salazar’s mother was also a member of the organization when her parents were stationed at Fort Bliss and she is a bowling buddy with one of the current members.

“This is an exciting opportunity to give back to our local community and help those in need by

connecting two different cultures,” Salazar said. The group approached Salazar about helping the campus. They picked up school supply lists for each grade level and used these as guides while they shopped for as many items as they could.

Salazar, parent liaison Flor Reza, and counselor Bernice de Vries, thanked the group for their charitable gift to the school which would be a much welcomed resource for some of the most economically disadvantaged families in the district. The three Sambrano staff members also provided the ladies of the German Helping Hands organization a tour of the Sambrano campus and drove them around to visit the San Elizario community.

Besides Koeglmeier, the other German Helping Hands members that presented the donation to Sambrano Elementary School were Sabine Craemer, Daniela Koch, Ute Albert, and Andrea Brombach.

HRMUD

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five additional wells in the next three to five years to meet future needs of the district.

“We have lots of water,” Davis says, but adds that it is not all at a level of purity to meet state standards. “There is an ocean of brackish water underneath us,” he points out.

To turn the brackish water into drinking water, the MUD uses a process called reverse osmosis (R/O). The brackish water is filtered through special high-tech membranes that extract the harmful elements to make it drinkable. This highly purified water is then blended with lesser quality water that is within state standards.

According to Davis , the Horizon Regional MUD was the first district in the Southwest to use the reverse osmosis process.

While there is an “ocean” of water available for use and the technology to make it drinkable, Davis and Alvarado emphasize curbing water usage. They are more “water conscious.”

To educate the community about landscaping with minimal water requirements, the district is planning an educational garden that features



DRIVE THRU — HRMUD General Manager Toby Avarado shows off the new window-payment option customers will now have when paying their water bill.

special plants.

Daily water usage is 105 gallons per person per day. The five-year goal is to trim it to 103 gallons. The 10-year goal is 100 gallons per person per day.

“These are attainable,” Alvarado says.

more information. The service is free to El Paso County residents, and registration is available in English and Spanish.

The RNS computer hardware and software cost about \$285,000 and was funded by a 2007 grant from the Urban Area Security Initiative (UASI), which is under the auspices of the U.S. Department of Homeland Security.

UASI grants focus on enhancing regional preparedness in high threat, high-density urban areas through unique planning, equipment, and training. Since the program’s inception, Congressman Silvestre Reyes has worked with the Homeland Security Department to ensure that El Paso County is included on the list of eligible urban areas for UASI funding. There are 64 UASI designated cities that qualify for these federal monies.

“These grants are intended to enhance cooperation and coordination among federal, state, territorial, tribal, and local law enforcement agencies in a joint mission to ensure the continued safety of the border region,” stated a report provided by Reyes’ office.

Emergency

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computer users about registering for this new service, he said. Gonzalez has been meeting for the past three months with neighborhood associations, senior citizen groups, and other community organizations to introduce the new program.

A countywide promotional campaign is scheduled to be launched in September. “We want to register as many persons as possible to make this system effective,” said Gonzalez. He said that he wants to present this information to home health care and social services professionals to show them how they can help special needs individuals sign up for the program.

Communication listings that can be registered include numbers for business, home, cell and smart phones. E-mail addresses can also be entered.

To register, persons should visit the website, <https://elpaso.smartmsg.com>, or call 211 for

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charity events each year and donates food to the local food bank.

— Wendy Saari

Hahn

Gov. Rick Perry has appointed Harold Hahn of El Paso to the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board for a term to expire Aug. 31, 2013. The board sets policies and coordinates efforts to improve Texas higher education. Hahn is chair of Rocky Mountain Mortgage Company. He is director of the Greater El Paso Chamber of Commerce, a member and past director of the Texas Mortgage Bankers Association, and a member and past president of the El Paso Mortgage Bankers Association. He is also vice president and director of the Yucca Council of the Boy Scouts of America and a member of the Paso Del Norte Group. Hahn received a bachelor’s degree from Eastern New Mexico University.

Crime Stoppers

Crime Stoppers of El Paso is assisting the El Paso Police Department in locating the person or persons responsible for a cold case murder that has gone unsolved since 2002, making this the “Crime of the Week.” On Saturday, September 21, 2002, at approximately 1:00 a.m., Camilo Esparza was found murdered at the family business, Esparza Motors, located at 7971 Alameda. Esparza had been shot. During the investigation it was discovered that a vehicle from the business had been stolen during the incident. That vehicle was a 1995 tan colored Ford Contour bearing Texas Dealer plates that was found a few weeks later in another part of Central El Paso. If you have any information at all about the identity of the persons responsible for these burglaries, or the location of their vehicles, please call Crime Stoppers of El Paso at 566-TIPS (8477) or submit your tip online at www.crimestoppersofelpaso.org. You will remain anonymous and, if your tip leads to an arrest, you may earn a cash reward up to \$1,000.

— James Klaes

Paseo del Este Municipal Utility District #3 Notice of Public Hearing on Tax Rate

The Paseo del Este Municipal Utility District #3 will hold a public hearing on a proposed tax rate for the tax year 2010 on Thursday, September 9, 2010, at 9:00 a.m., at the offices of Hunt Communities, 4401 N. Mesa, El Paso, TX 79902. Your individual taxes may increase or decrease, depending on the change in taxable value of your property in relation to the change in the taxable value of all other property and the tax rate that is adopted.

FOR the proposal:	Ken Weaver, L. Gus Haddad, Mark Dyer and Sandy Boswell
AGAINST the proposal:	NONE
PRESENT and not voting:	NONE
ABSENT:	Ivan Alcocer

The following table compares taxes on an average residence homestead in this taxing unit last year to taxes proposed on the average residence homestead this year.

	Last Year	This Year
	Adopted	Proposed
Total tax rate (per \$100 value)	0.750000/\$100	0.750000/\$100
Difference in rates per \$100 of value	\$ 0/\$100	
Percentage increase / decrease in rates (+/–)	0%	
Average appraised value	\$ 140,150	\$ 130,120
General exemptions available (excluding senior citizen’s or disabled person’s exemptions)	\$ 0	\$ 0
Average taxable value*	\$ 140,150	\$ 130,120
Tax on average residence homestead	\$ 1,051.13	\$ 975.90
Annual increase / decrease in taxes if proposed tax rate is adopted (+/–)	– \$ 75.23	
and percentage of increase (+/–)	– 7.2%	

NOTICE OF TAXPAYERS’ RIGHT TO ROLLBACK ELECTION

If taxes on the average residence homestead increase by more than eight percent, the qualified voters of the district by petition may require that an election be held to determine whether to reduce the operation and maintenance tax rate to the rollback tax rate under Section 49.236(d), Water Code.

High school football players suit up for action this week

By Steve Escajeda
Special to the Courier

It’s finally here.
No, I don’t mean the start of high school. I mean the start of high school football season.
This Thursday, Friday and Saturday, teams from all around the city will charge onto the field to wage war against those guys on the other sideline.
Big schools as well as small schools will kick it off with classmates and anxious parents in the stands, marching bands and cheerleaders performing and coaches wondering why the last play didn’t go as well as it did in practice.
There are four main district titles up for grabs locally and we’ll take a look at what to expect.

District 1-5A

The four favorites to claim playoff spots are Coronado, Montwood, El Dorado and Franklin.
But Americas, Bel Air and Hanks are always dangerous and could sneak up on the one favorite that is the most vulnerable – Franklin.
The Cougars have a new quarterback,

running backs and receivers. Though they should be tough on defense, Franklin could struggle to make the playoffs.
Coronado, the defending champ, is led by tailback Sam Brown, Montwood is led by its tailback Tim Rocha and El Dorado boasts one of the best receivers in the state, M.J. McFarland.
The T-Birds will still have their two-headed quarterback combo of Cole Freytag and Albert Monson, who led Coronado to 36 points a game last season.
The key is stopping the T-Bird’s running attack, which averaged over 300 yards a game – good luck with that.
Montwood coach Chuck Veliz is always good for an extra touchdown a game. Rocha’s 140 yards per game and 15 touchdowns prove he’s one of the best in the city but the graduation of quarterback Kevin Rodriguez could hurt the Rams a bit.
El Dorado’s defense was unreal last season allowing only a touchdown a game while shutting out three teams.
With Josh Huerta taking over at quarterback, don’t be surprised to see the Aztecs finish ahead of the T-Birds and the Rams.

District 1-4A

Chapin and Andress should be, far and

away, the best two teams of the league.
The real battle will be for the last two playoff spots. And that battle should be between Austin, Bowie and Irvin.
Chapin returns quarterback Anthony Campuzano and talented receiver Caleb Moore while Andress brings back quarterback Patrick Becker and one of the best runners in the city, Rashad Chisholm.
All the talk at the end of last season was about Bowie’s lost coin flip, which cost them a playoff spot. With 14 position starters back, the Bears will do all they can to avoid any coin flips this season.
El Paso High, Burges and Jefferson appear to be out of it again this season.

District 2-4A

Canutillo should be the team to beat but watch out for Riverside, which is loaded with plenty of young talent.
Del Valle, Parkland, Horizon and believe it or not, San Elizario, feel they have what it takes to claim the final two postseason spots.
Canutillo turns to Nick Wade at quarterback and Juan Garcia at running back this season. The Eagles hope the two grow up quickly because they open the season at Coronado and at Carlsbad.

Riverside has its own version of the triplets with juniors Brian Hinojo (QB), Michael Labrado (RB) and Andrew Hernandez (WR).
After going 5-44 the last five years, San Elizario was 5-5 last year and returns 15 starters, making the Eagles viable for the first time in years.
Ysleta looks like it is still a few years away from fielding a playoff-caliber team.

District 3-3A

Realignment may be the sweetest word ever heard by teams like Mountain View, Fabens, Clint and Anthony.
The Mountain View Lobos dropped from Class 4A to 3A and has immediately gone from a mediocre squad to a championship contender.
And with the departure of Fort Stockton, teams like Clint and Fabens feels like they now have a legitimate shot at challenging the Lobos and Pecos for the league crown.
Though Anthony is favored to finish at the bottom of the league, it is now playing in a more competitive league.
Some teams will run over their opponents as advertised, some teams will disappoint and some teams will shock the city.
Either way, high school football season is here – which makes all of us winners.

A sporting view By Mark Vasto

Payback

Kevin Plank knew it was going to be a long afternoon for the Maryland Terrapins the moment he stepped on the field for the kickoff. The Florida State Seminoles – already one of college football’s powerhouses – seemed to have more of a bounce in their step. Maybe they were just up for the game, since the Terps almost upset them a year ago at home.
At the kickoff, Plank went about his special team assignment. To say that the Terrapin return sputtered

wouldn’t be as accurate as to say it was summarily destroyed. At the bottom of a heap, Plank’s question about the Seminole’s added vigor was quickly put to rest by the fired up FSU squad:
“You broke our spear!”
Seems that then-Terrapin coach Mark Duffner decided it would be a motivating tactic to break a replica of the Seminoles’ famous spear they drive into the ground before each game. And he was correct... but it clearly set the wrong team in motion.
I’m reminded of that as I watch the

latest installment of “Hard Knocks,” a truly brilliant bit of broadcast entertainment. Imagine NFL Films merged with SportsCenter and reality television all at once – eminently watchable but in a train wreck sort of way. It’s Snooki on the “frozen tundra,” and The Situation is Jets head coach Rex Ryan, a trash-talking guy that is clearly breaking a bunch of spears.
Sure, Rex Ryan reminds a bit me of Bill Parcells. They both have an ego to match their waistline, their teams play smashmouth football, and they both coached the Jets. The similarities end there, however.
When Ryan guarantees a Super Bowl victory, most assume he’s

hearkening back to the glory days of Broadway Joe Namath – he of the legendary “I personally guarantee it” boast before Super Bowl III. But when Namath made his boast, he didn’t do it as the alleged overconfident, overrated and overpaid jock the press made him out to be – he couldn’t stand his team being overlooked. Ryan utterly misses that point.
Plank made it through that FSU game and went on to found UnderArmour, employing the classier credo of “protect this house,” which brings the focus on themselves and what they hold dear – not their opposition or their opposition’s values. Plank, though

he runs some smack toward Portland, would no sooner break a spear than Namath – who has a shockingly sobering take on the matter.
“If [the wins] were to stop happening,” Namath told media after his appearance on the show, “the payback will be coming.”
So let’s see if Ryan’s showmanship and money – about \$3 million per year – matches the Jets’ investment and the ultimate, inevitable payback their charges will receive.
Mark Vasto is a veteran sportswriter and publisher of The Kansas City Luminary. (c) 2010 King Features Synd., Inc.

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LEGALS

PUBLIC NOTICE OF HEARING

CITY OF SOCORRO

The City of Socorro will be holding a PUBLIC HEARING at 6:00 p.m. at a Regular Council Meeting on September 2, 2010 at City Hall, 860 N. Rio Vista, Socorro, Texas. The purpose of the public hearing is to allow any interested person to appear and testify at the hearing regarding the following:

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE 76, AMENDMENT 1A, SECTION 14, RELATED TO THE KEEPING OF LARGE ANIMALS WITHIN THE CITY LIMITS OF THE CITY OF SOCORRO, TEXAS.

Those unable to attend the public hearing may submit

their views to the City of Socorro. Accommodations for handicapped persons will be available; handicapped persons in need of special assistance for attending the hearings are encouraged to contact the City Clerk (915) 858-2915, forty-eight (48) hours prior to this meeting. Copies of the ordinance are available for review at 124 S. Horizon Blvd., Socorro, Texas 79927 upon request or scan be viewed on our website at www.socorrotexas.org

Gina Rodriguez
City Clerk

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Persons who have a problem with alcohol are offered a free source of help locally. Alcoholics Anonymous - call 562-4081 for information.

Tiene problemas con el alcohol? Hay una solución. Información: 838-6264.

Social Security Q&A By Ray Vigil

Q: Is there a time limit on how long you can receive Social Security disability benefits?

A: Your disability benefits will continue

as long as your medical condition does not improve and you remain unable to work. We will review your case at regular intervals to make sure you are still disabled. If you are still receiving

disability benefits when you reach full retirement age, we will automatically convert them to retirement benefits. Learn more about disability benefits by visiting www.socialsecurity.gov and selecting the Disability tab along the top of the page.

Q: If Social Security is for the retired and disabled, why would my new baby need a Social Security number?

A: Social Security is not just for the retired and disabled. Survivors of deceased workers and the families of retired or disabled workers also qualify for benefits. In fact, about four million children currently receive benefits. Nine out of 10 children would be eligible to receive benefits if a parent retires, becomes disabled, or dies. But children need a Social Security number before they can receive benefits. Children also need a number for reasons not connected with Social Security benefits. For example, children need a Social Security number to be claimed as a dependent on a tax return, open a bank account, or buy U.S. Savings Bonds. Also, your child needs a number to be eligible for some social services and benefits such as Temporary Assistance to Families, food stamps, and Medicaid. Learn more about your Social Security card and number at www.socialsecurity.gov/ssnumber.

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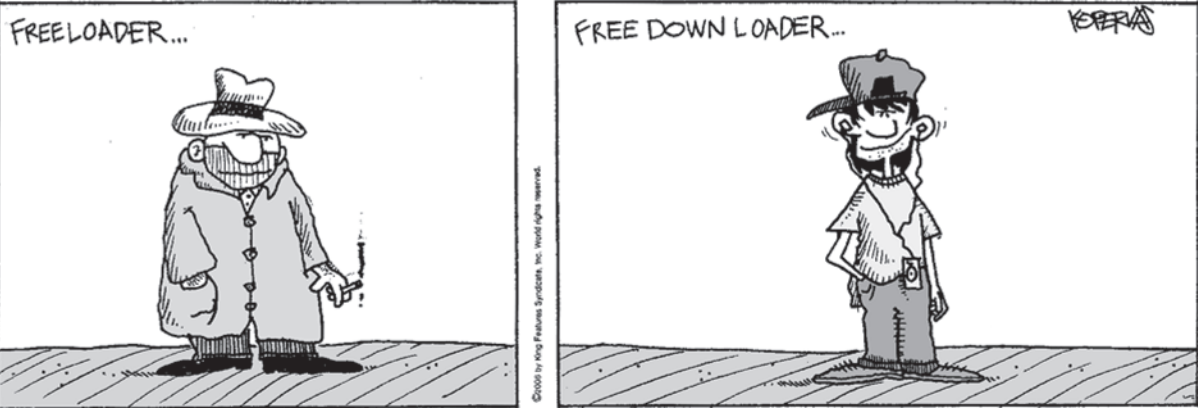
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Unscramble these twelve letter strings to form each into an ordinary word (ex. HAGNEC becomes CHANGE). Prepare to use only ONE word from any marked (♥) letter string as each unscrambles into more than one word (ex. ♥RATHE becomes HATER or EARTH or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

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Comix

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. Donahue, M.D.

DEAR DR. DONOHUE: Three women who were in high school at the same time I was have died of Lewy body dementia. Do only women have it? No one I have talked to knows anything about it. I would appreciate any information you can provide. – L.P.

Dementia is a decline in mental functioning. Memory loss is prominent. Simple arithmetic skills (balancing a checkbook), expressing oneself clearly and logically, and making rational judgments are greatly diminished in a person with dementia. “Dementia” is an umbrella word that covers the loss of these basic mental functions. Alzheimer’s disease is the leading cause of dementia, but it is not the sole cause. Multiple small strokes, Binswanger’s disease, Creutzfeldt-Jakob disease and frontotemporal dementia are other causes. Second to Alzheimer’s as a cause is dementia with Lewy bodies.

Lewy bodies, named in honor of the pathologist Dr. Friedrich Lewy, who first described them, are blobs of peculiar material within brain cells. They stain a striking color when special dye is applied to brain tissue viewed with a microscope. Somehow they bollix up brain function.

Definite proof of dementia with Lewy bodies rests on microscopic examination of the brain after death. However, some unique signs of this illness make it diagnosable during life. In addition to the symptoms of dementia, Lewy body patients often see things that aren’t there – visual hallucinations. They have symptoms found in Parkinson’s disease – muscle rigidity, slow movement, walking disturbances with frequent falls. Patients have fluctuating alertness, periods of lucidity intermixed with longer periods of utter confusion.

Men as well as women get this

illness. What causes it is a question that remains unanswered. Sometimes drugs used for Alzheimer’s disease improve symptoms of dementia with Lewy bodies. Parkinson’s drugs are prescribed to lessen the features of that illness, but they do not work as well as they do in Parkinson’s disease. The booklet on Alzheimer’s disease delves into the signs and treatment of that all-too-prevalent illness. Readers can order a copy by writing: Dr. Donohue – No. 903W, 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: Six years ago a family member said she had breast cancer. Her doctor recommended that she see a surgeon. She never saw one. She has had no chemotherapy or radiation or any other sort of cancer treatment. Six years later, she looks the same as she always did, without any sign of cancer. Does cancer ever cure itself? Could it have been misdiagnosed? Have you ever heard of someone surviving breast cancer without any treatment? – N.N.

I have never seen breast cancer cured without treatment. I don’t believe it happens. If others have evidence to the contrary, let me know. I would ask those people the same questions I would ask your relative: Did the doctor say it “might be” cancer? If the doctor was definite about the diagnosis, was a biopsy done, or on what evidence was the diagnosis made? I would be most interested to learn the facts.

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Super Crossword

- COMPARATIVE ZOOLOGY ACROSS

1 Dog star?

5 Iraqi city

10 "Norwegian _" ('65 song)

14 Act like Etna

18 Towel word

19 Startled cry

20 Feminist Belmont

21 _ Gras

22 Elusive

25 Shun

26 Brando's birthplace

27 Part of ER

28 Synthetic textile

30 Exploit

31 Pipeline place

34 Fairway accessory

36 _es Salaam

37 Adored one

38 Relaxed

42 Scads

43 Future of the present

46 Be bombastic

47 Smash letters

48 Faux _

49 Unfashionable

50 Warehouse

51 Clean-air org.

53 Bog

56 Crested reptile

58 Vision

61 Novelist Carr

63 Lingerie item
- 64 "Blame It on _" ('84 film)

65 Flatfish

66 Directional suffix

67 Broccoli _

69 Sage

74 Melodious Marvin

75 _ trip

76 Sitarist Shankar

77 "Xanadu" rockers

78 Cul-de- _

79 Disciplinary

81 Sprite

83 Strauss opera

86 Fancy

87 Teacup part

89 Designer Carlyne

91 _ -Magnon

92 Police acronym

93 Zilch

95 Monty Python's Eric

96 Related

97 Show off

99 Docile

104 Irish island group

105 Pressure meas.

106 K-O connectors

107 School supply

110 Cratchit kid

111 Sentinel

113 Zenith

116 "Beat it!"

118 Stir

120 Fit

124 Hilarious Hardy

125 Like some textbooks
- 126 Bean or Welles

127 A bit of Berlioz

128 Requirement

129 Baseball's Nolan

130 Wretched

131 "Confound it!"
- DOWN

1 Comment from Chan

2 Actress Diamond

3 Experiment

4 "The _ Jungle" ('50 film)

5 "Toodle-oo!"

6 Broadcast

7 - terrier

8 Enlarge a hole

9 Sometimes they're frozen

10 Pale

11 Dairy-case

purchase

12 Go to extremes

13 Cowboys' home

14 Bankbook abbr.

15 Vain

16 New Jersey city

17 Very

21 TV's "Chico and the _"

23 El _ , TX

24 Zones

29 Nev. neighbor

32 Asian nation

33 PDQ, politely

35 Wading bird

37 Japanese

porcelain

39 "Dukes of Hazzard" deputy

40 Dress

41 "Alley _"

43 Luau dish

44 Holidayless mo.

45 Obstinate

48 Gdansk denizen

50 Genes designer?

52 Lhasa _

53 Grind grain

54 Nimble

55 Rational

57 Is for two

59 Actress Scala

60 Biblical book

62 " _ sweet it is!"

67 San _ , Italy

68 Thickening agent

69 Ebb

70 " _ Gotta Be Me" ('69 hit)

71 Location

72 Clay, today

73 Karate-chopping

Chuck

74 Four qts.

76 Rudner or Gam

78 Jaffe of 4 Down

80 Spoken for

81 Ruffle

82 Jedi instructor

83 Clip

84 Med. test

85 Tons of time

88 Tiny colonist

90 Model

Macpherson

94 Paul of "Melvin and Howard"

96 Run away

97 Benefactor

98 Baltimore bird

99 Scholastic abbr.

100 Wet Williams

101 Well

102 Mainstay

103 Prepare potatoes

108 Blunder

109 Jamaican cultist

111 Elfin

112 "That's a scream!"

114 Dame Hess

115 Orient

117 Competition

119 Silly Caesar

121 China's _ Biao

122 Tippler

123 " _ Day Now" ('62 hit)
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Public Notice

Village of Vinton, Texas

A PUBLIC HEARING will be held at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, September 2, 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:

- 1) The proposed budget for the Fiscal Year commencing October 1, 2010 and ending on September 30, 2011 for the Village of Vinton, Texas. Copies of the budget are available for review at City Hall.

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, City Secretary at 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 48 hours before the meeting so that appropriate arrangements can be made.

Jessica Garza
City Secretary

WTCC: 08/26/10

Clint Independent School District

Public Notice

2010-2011 School Meal Policy

The Clint Independent School District wishes to inform the public that in school year 2010-2011 all 13 campuses at Clint ISD will be serving breakfast, lunch and snacks at no charge to all enrolled students regardless of race, sex, color, national origin, age, or disability.

Anyone who believes that they have been discriminated against should write to U.S. Department of Agriculture, Director, Office of Adjudication and Compliance, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, D.C. 20250-9410 or call (202) 260-1026, (866) 632-9992 (toll free), or call (202) 401-0216 (TTD). USDA is an equal opportunity provider and employer.

For more information about your rights or grievance procedures, please call Andie Uy, Child Nutrition Program Coordinator, at 852-8578.

Noticia Pública

Póliza de Comida del Año 2010-2011

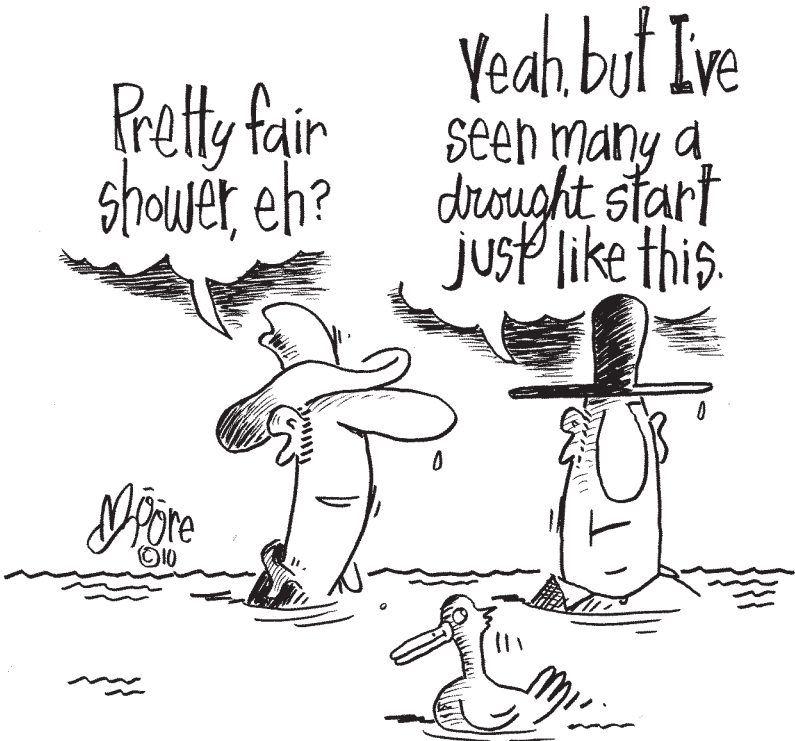
El Distrito Escolar Independiente de Clint desea informar al público que en el año escolar 2010-2011 todas las escuelas de Clint ISD servirán desayuno, comida y meriendas sin costo alguno a los estudiantes matriculados sin considerar su raza, sexo, color, origen nacional, edad o discapacidad.

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Moore Texas by Roger Moore Aug 4,1978:
Albany got a record 29.05 inches of rain in 24 hours.



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: Y equals O

HIQ MYYU WMYSV VNLUT WHX

ZFIWT QCY LYSFXH'V ZNHX

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"BWKWTNVIT FYTV."

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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ★

★ Moderate ★★ Challenging

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★★★ HOO BOY!

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STRANGE BUT TRUE

By Samantha Weaver

• It was 19th-century author Samuel Butler who made the following sage observation: "Morality is the custom of one's country and the current feeling of one's peers. Cannibalism is moral in a cannibal country."

• When the city of New York was concerned about leaks in its main water-supply system, it found a novel approach to the problem. Six experienced deep-sea divers were hired to live in a pressurized tank within the water-supply tunnel for a month while they investigated the leaks.

• Perhaps unsurprisingly, the Popsicle was invented by an 11-year-old boy.

• If you would like to get into modeling and live the glamorous life, you might want to reconsider: Researchers at Dow Jones MarketWatch have found that the average model makes a mere \$11 to \$12 per hour.

• Statistics show that for every person born in the United States, there are 15 puppies and 45 kittens born.

• In 1950, the average executive earned about 30 times as much as the average worker. Today's executives earn 300 to 500 times as much.

• Evidently wild monkeys are causing a bit of trouble for railroads in India. It seems that the monkeys board trains and run amok, causing no small amount of consternation to the passengers. To combat the problem, police in the city of Delhi hired a black-faced langur monkey to ride the trains and frighten off the wild monkeys. There's no word on what wages were offered.

• The most common surnames in the United States are, in order, Smith, Johnson, Williams and Jones.

• Those who study such things say that in just one of your fingertips there are approximately 3,000 touch receptors.

Thought for the Day: "A conference is a gathering of important people who singly can do nothing, but together can decide that nothing can be done."

— Fred Allen

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