

NEWSBRIEFS

September 11

The Horizon City Fire Dept. will host a ceremony to honor victims of the Sept. 11, 2001 attacks on the World Trade Center, the Pentagon and United Airlines Flight 93. The event is open to the public and will start at 8:00 a.m. on Sept. 11, 2010 at the Clint ISD Administration Building, 14521 Horizon Blvd. Refreshments will be supplied.

— Lt. Daniel Ames

Clint ISD budget

Clint ISD Board of Trustees, at a special board meeting held August 31, 2010, set the tax rate and adopted a budget for the 2010-2011 school year. Once again, taxpayers will not see an increase to the tax rate for this school year. The tax rate for the year will remain at \$1.335050 per \$100.00 of taxable property value. The average net taxable value, for a single family dwelling, in the District is currently \$70,740 which is a decrease from the previous year. With the lower value, tax payers may experience a tax decrease. A balanced budget of \$74.4 million was adopted for the new school year. The budget was prepared based on a number of factors including an approved tax rate of \$1.335050, projected student enrollment, and expected attendance rates. The budget also provides for approved salary increases and transportation for athletic practices and tutoring.

— Laura Cade

Dropout recovery

Canutillo Independent School District (CISD) will host its first annual “Dropout Recovery Day” on Saturday, September 18, 2010 from 8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. The event will be held at at CISD’s Central Office, 7965 Arcraft. Volunteers from the district, along with city organizations and leaders will join CISD in its efforts to recover students that have dropped out of school. To volunteer please call) 877-7481. This is your opportunity to reach out and make a difference in the life of a student.

— Patricia Tidwell

Drug conference

Drug Courts are the most effective justice intervention programs for treating drug-addicted individuals. They reduce crime, save money, restore lives, save children and reunite families according to the justices that head all nine of El Paso’s Drug Court programs. El Paso County’s nine Drug Courts will host an estimated 400 professionals from drug courts throughout the state at the 11th Annual Drug Court Training Conference organized by the Texas Association of Drug Court Professionals October 6 to 8, at

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One of the hardest secrets for a man to keep is his opinion of himself.

— Quips & Quotes

El Paso athletes finish first in triathlon

By Alfredo Vasquez
Special to the Courier



— Photo by Alfredo Vasquez

TOP TWO MEN — Carlos Vicencio, left, of Juarez, came in second, and Bobby Gonzales, of El Paso, finished first after competing in the first annual Eagle in the Sun Triathlon, which was held Sunday at the Tigua Recreation and Wellness Center in Socorro. Bobby Gonzalez’ finish time was 55 minutes and 36 seconds and Carlos Vicencio finished in 56 minutes and 29 seconds.

Clint ISD earns Recognized rating

By Laura Cade
Special to the Courier

Clint Independent School District (CISD) started this school year with much to celebrate. The District is Recognized for 2010 according to the preliminary accountability ratings released by the Texas Education Agency (TEA) this summer. This is an honor CISD has not seen since the 2000-2001 school year. In addition, every campus met or exceeded all federal accountability measures to meet Adequate Yearly Progress. This also had not been achieved in several years.

“Last year, I challenged the instructional staff to make a difference and meet this goal in three years,” said Dr. Edward L. Gabaldon, Superintendent of Schools. “They did it in one short year!”

For 2010, the District boasts 3 Exemplary campuses and 8 Recognized campuses from among 12 of 13 campuses rated. Districts can achieve a Recognized status if TAKS performance and completion standards are met and if all campuses are rated Academically Acceptable or better.

“These distinctions are a reflection of the hard work, dedication and focus of our teachers and students,” said Gabaldon.

CISD improved across the board from 2009 to 2010 showing 2 to 7 percent gains in all areas. The District earned the Recognized rating without benefit of the controversial Texas Projection Measure, or TPM. This measure provides an indication of how student performance at the

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SOCORRO – About 450 amateur and professional athletes from throughout Texas, five other states and Mexico swam, biked, and ran on a beautiful Sunday morning as part of the First Annual Eagle in the Sun Triathlon. The Tigua Recreation and Wellness Center in Socorro provided the base for the competitions.

Athletes swam 400 meters in the Olympic-size indoor pool, whizzed past farm fields on a 20k bike course, and ran along a 5k route that was lined with rows of palm trees to make their way to the finish line.

The USA Triathlon-sanctioned event, which was sold out five weeks in advance, got started about 10 minutes after the posted time of 7:30 a.m., but after that everything else went on without a hitch, according to race officials.

Bobby Gonzales, 50, took first place in the men’s overall division after completing the three-pronged event in a time of 55:36. Gonzales finished nearly a minute ahead of second place finisher, Carlos Vicencio, with John Merrill coming in third, Albert Lugo, fourth, and John Himes, fifth.

“I’m a competitive person, and I really enjoy participating in the triathlons,” Gonzales stated. “I’ve really had to step up my training to keep up with the younger athletes.”

Winner of the women’s overall event was Gretchen McElroy in a time of 1:06:20. Kori Mannon was second, followed by Maritza Dominguez, third, Christy Jones, fourth, and Anna Tucker, fifth.

Participant Walter Harrington said that he was glad to have this kind of event in El Paso, because he usually has to go out of town for something like this, and that he is looking forward to more of these local competitions.

Gabriela Gallegos, race coordinator, said that she was happy with the event. “It was a good event, the community got behind it, and we had a great turnout. We want to make this a yearly event.” An emphasis for the event was to be as green and environmentally friendly as possible, said Gallegos.



— Photo by Fernie Cenicerros

Gretchen McElroy, of El Paso, crosses the finish line as the overall female winner for the Eagle in the Sun Triathlon. McElroy’s finish time was 1 hour, 6 minutes and 20 seconds.

Veterans Post

By Freddy Groves

The VFW also shreds

Back in 2008, someone high up the chain of command in the Veterans of Foreign Wars was quoted as saying the claims-shredding debacle at the Department of Veterans Affairs was “a disgraceful management failure.”

Well, now the VFW has its own shredding issues.

The VFW has long been authorized to handle submission of veterans’ claims. Among its many services, the VFW helps with original claims, reopened claims, follow ups, claim denials, forwarding documents to the VA and more. In other words, it’s trusted with a lot of paperwork.

Now it seems that one VFW employee doesn’t understand the phrase “going paperless” ... and thought it meant he should shred all the documents in his custody. Which he did.

How many thousands of documents are gone is impossible to tell. One veteran with serious medical issues first learned of the problem when he went to the VA

and looked at his own file. At least a hundred different documents – sent by the VFW – were missing.

The VFW claims the VA must have lost them.

Whether you use a Veterans Service Officer, the VFW or any other person to help file your claims, take responsibility. Keep a copy of each piece of paper for yourself. If your home situation isn’t necessarily the best, rent a bank box. You can fit a couple hundred documents or more into even the smallest box available. That’s where the originals of your DD-214 and birth certificate should live anyway, as well as any marriage and divorce documents, birth records of any children, and any other original piece of paper that’s important in your life – including copies of your claims forms.

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Por la Gente

By State Rep. Chente Quintanilla

This spice isn’t nice

Hola mi gente. As if the drug problem in the United States was not bad enough, it now seems that a new substance is available for those who wish to abuse their bodies. The worst part is that this new substance, Spice, is legal in almost all of the states, including Texas.

A few weeks ago my office was contacted by a parent who wished to remain anonymous. He informed us that one of his children had been indulging in Spice; something that many others were also indulging.

We requested as much information that the Department of Public Safety could provide about Spice. I use this term because it is the most common. There are several other monikers that buyers refer to when purchasing this substance. It is most likely sold in head shops and other stores which sell teen specialties such as skateboards.

Basically, this substance is a combination of perfectly legal herbs. These herbs may have some affects by themselves if smoked, albeit very slight. The marketers of Spice go one step further by applying synthetic cannabiloids. Cannabiloids were developed with specific legal intentions and are restricted by law. They are not however listed as Scheduled Drugs, which would put them in the same category as methamphetamines or cocaine.

It is this application to the herbs that increases the potency of the

herbs and enhances the effect of smoking the substance. Abusers state that the combination gives them a high similar to one of smoking marijuana, which is illegal.

According to the information provided by the DPS, there have been no reports of death related to the abuse of Spice, or the other related products. The poison control boards of fifteen states, including Texas, reported severe agitation, elevated blood pressure, intense hallucinations, tremors and seizures resulting from the use of Spice.

This new product for abusing is no different from the currently illegal substances in that it will not do anything good for your body; in some cases very bad things may happen. Some states have taken steps to make the sale of these products illegal adding to the already massive burden on law enforcement.

Some have commented that Spice, and the other related products, may have a positive impact on the distribution of marijuana. Since there is no criminal penalty, abusers will divert their use from pot thus undermining the cartel’s biggest moneymaker. Spice products sell for about \$30 to \$35 per gram compared to the market value of pot, which is about \$5 per gram. You do the math and tell me how the illegal trade is adversely impacted.

The abuse of mind-altering drugs in this nation is definitely at a bad level. After forty years of the “War

on Drugs,” it seems that nothing is changing but the amount and type of substances being abused.

For those who debate that legalizing drugs is the answer, and those who debate that stricter enforcement is the answer, I say we have the best of both those arguments in place now. Drug courts. Defendants who participate in the drug court are given an option to go straight and stay out of jail. If they fail then they go to jail for violating the drug laws. The drug courts give the individual the choice to put drugs behind them or the face prison in the future.

Unfortunately, the funding for drug courts is inadequate; which is something many have said about the funding for the “War on Drugs.”

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

Write stuff


Dear Editor:

The Hammonds Family would like to say thank you once more to every single person and persons who took care of our father, Frank Hammonds. There are not enough words to express our gratitude for the compassion and empathy each one you – Mt. Carmel Funeral Home, the Media, Texas State Troopers and so many others – showed our family. God bless each and every one of you.

Sincerely,
The Hammonds Family

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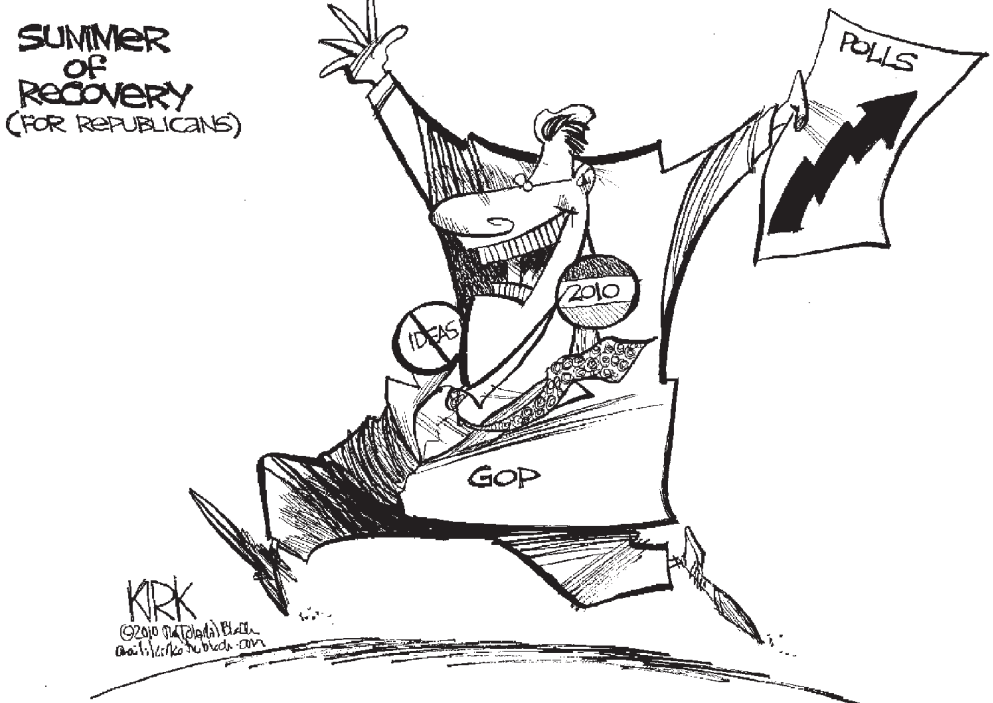
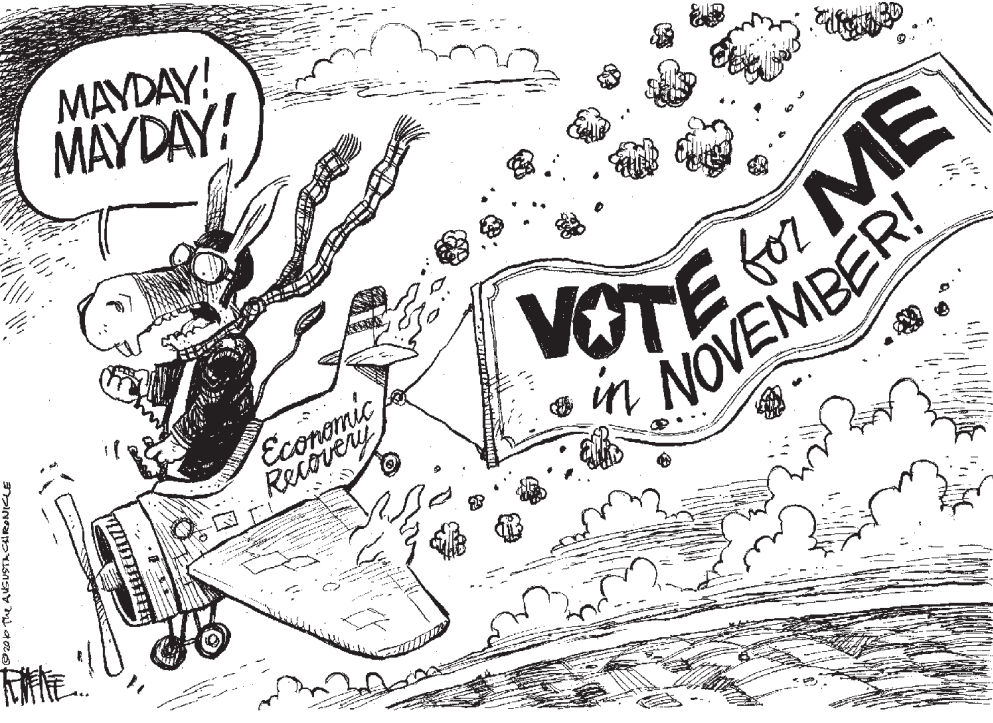
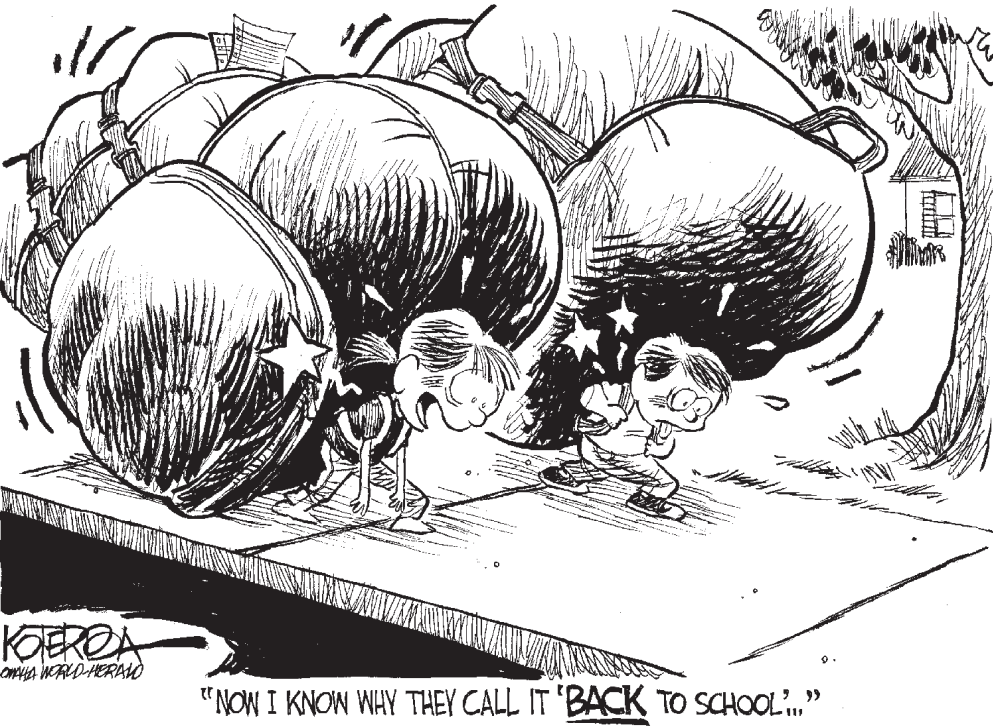
PUBLIC NOTICE

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS AND PARTIES:

The *West Texas County Courier* will publish two editions early. The September 23 and September 30, 2010 issues will go to press on Thursday, September 16, 2010.

All material for these publications must be submitted to the *West Texas County Courier* no later than Monday, September 13, 2010.

The *West Texas County Courier* office will close beginning Monday, September 14, 2010. The office will open again on Monday, October 4, 2010.



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

Stuck up

Stuck, prodded, poked, and goaded! Is there no limit to the invasion perpetrated by modern medicine in the name of good health, clinical, and preventive medicine? And now it's the turn of alternative and new-age remedies, with an old, but not so old, friend bringing up the rear. You know his name, and growing numbers are feeling the pinch of his bite, as acupuncture holds sway on a field of both unabated enthusiasm and spined skepticism. The poster child of more than a decade ago has again come to the fore in informed enclaves of the United States, in the wake of dissatisfaction with the pills, potions, procedures, and pronouncements from on-high of allopathic medicine. Perhaps the Chinese got it right the first time. After all, there is strength in numbers, and 1.3 billion of them can't be wrong. With an estimated 70 percent of people in Western industrialized countries having low back pain, the descendants of Chairman Mao have had their work cut out for them up to now, and are finally starting to receive the credit and a handsome profit, to boot, for technologies developed eons ago.

In 1997, 6.8 million U.S. adults either lamented or demonstrated physical disability associated with back pain, which was nonspecific low back pain in most cases. The financial shortfall resulting, and bringing smiles to the pussies of those affectionately called "orthopods," in the jargon of the trade, was more than \$90 billion annually in health care expenses. Of that amount, \$26 billion was directly attributable to the treatment of back pain. Enter, from stage left, the new protagonist and darling of the grimace-in-pain set, namely, acupuncture, which had been heretofore mysterious in its ramifications, therapeutic results obtained, and modality of

use. Might the reader, at this point, provide some elucidation on the subject? Probably not, unless, of course, belonging to the growing legion of converts.

Actually, a licensed practitioner will advise a patient to relax and leave the probing to him or her, with the acupuncture needles left in place after insertion for 15 to 30 minutes. During that brief period of time, which may seem like ages for some, the practitioner may stimulate the needles manually, with electrical current, by burning an herb on the ends of the needles, or with heat. All of these methodologies elicit a dull, localized, aching sensation in the patient, and a tugging sensation perceived by the acupuncturist, as mechanical interaction occurs between the needles and connective tissue of the "pin-cushioned" guinea pig, hapless victim, or satisfied customer, whichever term is preferred. One treatment is considered inadequate by most practitioners, and a series of 12 sessions of acupuncture, starting with 2 sessions a week and tapering off after 4 weeks to once weekly, is just what the doctor ordered. Booster treatments, monthly or every other month may follow.

Silver linings are never 100 percent, and the cost of acupuncture is not negligible, ranging from \$65 to \$125 per session. To make matters worse, Medicare and Medicaid do not cover acupuncture. On the positive side of the ledger, however, the proportion of third-party health insurance plans providing coverage for the procedure has increased from 32 percent in 2002 to 47 percent in 2004. Major adverse effects of acupuncture are close to nil also, and significant minor adverse events occur in less than 0.1 percent of cases. The latter include needle-site pain, nausea and vomiting, and dizziness or fainting. So, the end may, indeed, justify the means, when impalement on small needles terminates that nagging,

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There is a Texas law STILL on the books that mandates no one carry pliers that COULD cut a fence.	1 Texas Independence Day - Celebrate Texas!	2	3	4	5	1868: Jesse Chisholm, famous trailblazer, dies of food poisoning in Oklahoma.
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13	14 1924: Charles Lindbergh starts pilot training at Brooks Field in San Antonio.	15	16	17	18	19
20 1687: La Salle lands in Texas instead of finding the mouth of the Mississippi.	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29 1955: Football player Earl Campbell is born in Tyne.	30	31		

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“Pill Mill” bill aims to shut down unlicensed facilities

By Brent Annear
Special to the Courier

Texans seeking pain relief soon can take comfort from a new state law requiring pain management clinics to be certified by the Texas Medical Board (TMB) [after] Sept. 1.

Texas physicians hope the new law will put “pill mills” – storefronts disguised as pain medicine clinics – out of commission. These storefronts skirt the patient-physician relationship by providing powerful narcotic prescriptions without requiring a patient exam.

The storefronts give legitimate pain

management clinics and physicians a bad name, and put patients at risk, Texas Medical Association (TMA) physicians argue. They say the new law, Senate Bill 911, will help correct this issue.

“SB 911 was a response to a need to find a balance between access to quality pain medicine care and preventing diversion,” said Cris Schade, MD, PhD, a Garland pain management specialist who testified for the bill on behalf of TMA.

Previously, TMB had no rules governing the ownership and operation of pain management clinics. The new law allows TMB to ensure quality patient care by investigating pain management clinics to determine if they are operating legitimately.

“If we (TMB) become aware of a pain management clinic that is doing business after Sept. 1 without a certificate, we will take action to shut the clinic down until it can meet the requirements of the law,” Mari Robinson, an attorney and TMB’s executive director, said.

The new law’s ultimate goal is to protect the public. Schade warns that these clinics generally only accept cash through a storefront with no medical equipment and no patient recording-keeping. Patients who use such clinics can get caught in diversion, the illegal sale and distribution of products such as hydrocodone and Soma arising from false prescriptions.

Under the new law, only Texas physicians with unrestricted licenses may own and operate a pain management clinic. Earlier this year, TMB sent Texas physicians with restricted licenses letters outlining the new law’s certification requirements.

“My hope is that certification will be seen as desirable. Certification provides a certain level of quality assurance. Clinics and physicians who meet the criteria developed by TMB become known for providing legitimate, quality care,” Schade said.

Stuck
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sinking feeling, lumbar stiffness, or aching that heralds the new morn or accompanies the setting sun of a day lived badly.

The American College of Physicians and the American Pain Society have also put in their two cents, recommending acupuncture for refractory low back pain not responding to self-care and conventional treatment modalities. The U.K. National Health Service has even taken the matter one step further, providing a maximum of 10 acupuncture sessions over a period of 12 weeks for people with low back pain that has persisted for more than 6 weeks.

When chronic back pain does not respond to reassurance on the part of the health care provider, physical activity, and a number of conventional medical treatments, then being “stuck up” takes on an all together entirely different connotation from that immortalized by yesteryear’s prom queen. A course of 10 to 12 acupuncture treatments over a period of 8 weeks from a licensed medical professional can take the sting out of being “on one’s back,” and make it pleasurable again.

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El Paso County Water Control and Improvement District No. 4 Notice of Public Hearing on Tax Rate

The El Paso County Water Control and Improvement District No. 4 will hold a public hearing on a proposed tax rate for the tax year 2010 on Tuesday, September 28, 2010, at 6:00 p.m., at the El Paso County Water Control and Improvement District No. 4 Office, 117 E. Main St., Fabens, Texas 79838. Your individual taxes may increase or decrease, depending on the change the in taxable value of your property in relation to the change in taxable value of all other property and the tax rate that is adopted.

FOR the proposal: **Ms. Magda Flores, Mr. Mike Terrazas, Jr., Mr. Morgan Laird, and Mr. Jose Ramirez**

AGAINST the proposal: **NONE**

PRESENT and not voting: **NONE**

ABSENT: **Mr. Mario Aguirre**

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)	0.154827/\$100	0.000000/\$100
	Adopted	Proposed
Difference in rates per \$100 of value	- \$0.154827/\$100	
Percentage increase / decrease in rates (+/–)	- 100%	
Average appraised value	\$ 51,219	\$ 51,212
General exemptions available (excluding senior citizen’s or disabled person’s exemptions)	\$ 0	\$ 0
Average taxable value	\$ 51,219	\$ 51,212
Tax on average residence homestead	\$ 79.30	\$ 0
Annual increase / decrease in taxes if proposed tax rate is adopted (+/–)	- \$ 79.30	
and percentage of increase (+/–)	- 100%	

NOTICE OF TAXPAYERS’ RIGHT TO ROLLBACK ELECTION

If taxes on the average residence homestead increase by more than eight percent, the quali fied 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.

Notice of Tax Revenue Increase

The **CITY OF SOCORRO** conducted public hearings on September 2, 2010 and September 7, 2010 on a proposal to increase the total tax revenues of the **CITY OF SOCORRO** from properties on the tax roll in the preceding year by 1.99 percent.

The total tax revenue proposed to be raised last year at last year’s tax rate of \$0.496757 for each \$100 of taxable value was \$3,782,714.

The total tax revenue proposed to be raised this year at the proposed tax rate of \$0.496757 for each \$100 of taxable value, excluding tax revenue to be raised from new property added to the tax roll this year, is \$3,856,412.

The total tax revenue proposed to be raised this year at the proposed tax rate of \$0.496757 for each \$100 of taxable value, including tax revenue to be raised from new property added to the tax roll this year, is \$3,920,230.

The City Council of **CITY OF SOCORRO** is scheduled to vote on the tax rate that will result in that tax increase at a public meeting to be held on September 16, 2010 at City Hall located at 860 N. Rio Vista at 6:00 pm.

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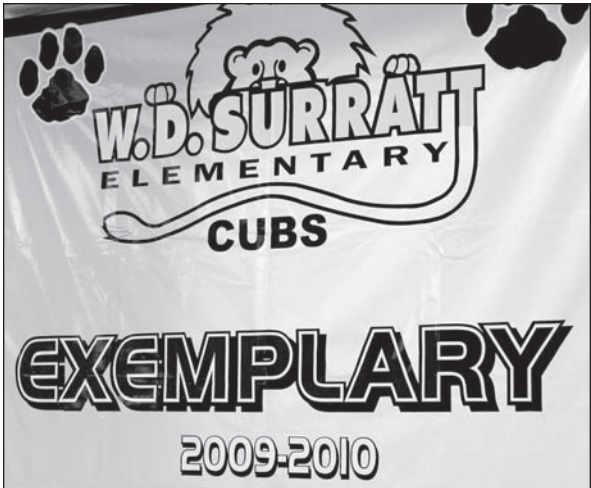
end of a school year positions a student to meet the standard in future grades. The TPM also provides another way for schools to meet proficiency standards as part of state and federal accountability ratings.

“This past year, we implemented many different changes and accommodations to help teachers and provide them with the tools to help students,” said Gabaldon.

During the 2009-2010 school year, the District introduced and implemented a number of new programs and initiatives. A district-wide college readiness initiative was implemented to create a college going

culture beginning from pre-k through grade 12. Professional Learning Communities was instituted at each campus to foster collaborative learning among teachers in order to enhance classroom learning and engage students. CISD also began preparing teachers to utilize C-scope, which is a curriculum scope and sequence tool.

“Now, together we are embarking on



TOP RATING – A banner hangs in W.D. Surratt to remind students of their achievement.

a new challenge, a new voyage and we are headed in the right direction towards Exemplary status,” said Gabaldon.

Briefs

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the Marriot El Paso Hotel. Local representatives attending the conference will be from the West Texas Community Supervision and Corrections Department (Adult Probation), the drug and alcohol addiction treatment community, law-enforcement officials, attorneys and others. Under the theme of “All Rise! Drug Courts Transform Lives,” the conference’s goal will be to develop innovative and effective programs to control addictions, increase public safety and provide offender rehabilitation. Karen Taylor Goode, a nationally known El Paso author, speaker and singer will perform at the event. Another Association goal will be to form a foundation to help fund those programs that are so effective in helping individuals control their

addictions. For more information on the conference, please call Jay Nye at 546-8185 or Leticia Medina at 834-8232.

– Guadalupe Silva

Crime Stoppers

Crime Stoppers of El Paso is assisting the El Paso County Sheriff’s Office in identifying and locating the persons responsible for the murder of a man in Fabens, making this the “Crime of the Week.” On Tuesday, August 24, 2010, about 9:50 p.m., Sheriff’s Deputies were dispatched to a residence in the 400 block of N.W. “I” Street in Fabens reference a man down with gunshot wounds. When Deputies arrived, a woman ran outside the home with her 4-year-old son in her arms. Deputies entered the home and found a man lying on the floor with no signs of life. The preliminary investigation revealed that the victim was at home with his wife and child when shots

rang out. The victim’s wife did not witness the event, but found her common law husband on the floor, bleeding. She called 911. The victim died at the scene as a result of his wounds. The victim has been identified as 26-year-old Alejandro Castro, Jr. Detectives have confirmed that the homicide is drug-related, but it is not known at this time if the incident is related to ongoing cartel activity in Cd. Juarez. This homicide is now a multi-agency investigation involving federal, state, and local law enforcement. If you have any information at all about the identity and location of the persons responsible for this murder, 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

STRANGE BUT TRUE

By Samantha Weaver

- It was existential psychologist Rollo May who made the following sage observation: “It is an ironic habit of human beings to run faster when we have lost our way.”
- Two countries are tied for the nation encompassing the most time zones. It’s no surprise that Russia is one of them, but it seems odd that the other would be France. It’s true, though; once you take a look at a map of French territories around the world, you’ll see. There are French Polynesia in the Pacific Ocean, the island of Reunion off the east coast of Africa, various holdings in the Caribbean, and New Caledonia off the east coast of Australia, among others.
- If you had to choose, would you rather be bitten by a skunk or sprayed by one? The creatures can’t do both things at once.
- Yes, there’s a word for it: The plastic tips you find on

shoelaces are known as aglets.

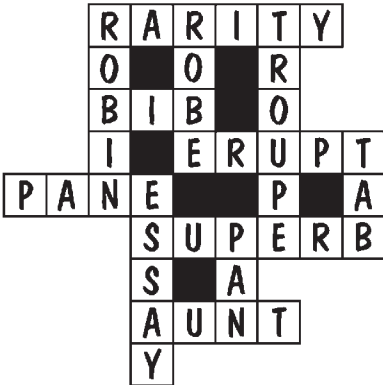
- If you’re a professional flute player, it’s likely that your instrument is made from sterling silver, 14-carat gold or platinum.
- A snail’s teeth are located in rows along its tongue.
- It’s a commonly held belief that the Coriolis effect causes water to drain out of sinks and toilets in one direction in the Northern Hemisphere, while it drains in the opposite direction in the Southern Hemisphere. As it turns out, this isn’t true. Drains are so small that the Coriolis effect has no measurable influence at all. It’s the shape of the sink and whether or not it’s level that determines the direction of the drainage.

Thought for the Day: “Electricity is actually made up of extremely tiny particles called electrons, that you cannot see with the naked eye unless you have been drinking.”

– Dave Barry

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CryptoQuip Answer

Why do car mechanics always seem to drink coffee at work? Because it’s break fluid!

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2010 PROPERTY TAX RATES

Village of Vinton Small Taxing Unit Notice

The Village of Vinton will hold a meeting at 6:30 p.m. on **September 21, 2010** at 436 E. Vinton Rd., Vinton, TX 79821 to consider adopting a proposed tax rate for tax year 2010. The proposed tax rate is \$0.351091 per \$100 of valuation.

The proposed tax rate would increase total taxes in the **Village of Vinton** by 33.77%.

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MINER STRONG



Miners open with win, face tough Houston team next

By Steve Escajeda
Special to the Courier

The UTEP Miners got the 2010 season off on the right track by winning its first game of the season.

But the Miners were hoping for a spectacular display of football against lowly Arkansas-Pine Bluff, but they honestly didn’t come close.

In fact, for much of the night they looked like the same old Miners.

On Pine Bluff’s first possession, things looked awfully familiar as the Golden Lions went straight down the field in less than five minutes to take a 7-0 lead.

The UTEP defense looked exactly the same as it has for the last five years.

The Swiss cheese in my sandwich didn’t have as many holes as the Miners did in their new and unproved defense.

But when the Miners answered with a Vernon Frazier 33-yard touchdown run a minute later, it looked like UTEP would romp Pine Bluff by the 36-point margin they were favored to win by.

And although the Miners did eventually take

control of the game for a methodical 31-10 victory, it wasn’t the dominating performance that coach Mike Price was looking for.

I think the 30,000-plus fans in the Sun Bowl and the thousands more around the city expected more as well.

Yes, the Miners were without star tailback Donald Buckram and six other key players due to suspension or injury, but this was still the Arkansas-Pine Bluff Golden Lions.

It was like an abbreviated Coronado or Montwood High team taking on Clint or Fabens. The game still ain’t gonna be close.

Quarterback Trevor Vittatoe was his usual self, looking calm in the pocket and hitting almost every receiver in stride.

Only problem is the Miners don’t seem to have that Lee Mays, Johnny Lee Higgins or Jeff Moturi-type of pass catcher this year.

UTEP scored 31 points and that was expected. The Miners’ defense only gave up 10 points but didn’t look nearly that impressive.

There were times when Pine Bluff’s offense was pushing the UTEP defense around without any problem. That doesn’t bode well for a defense that has to travel to Houston next week.

Yes, the same Houston squad that is favored to win the conference title and that scored 68 points against Texas State last week.

Make no mistake, if the Miners play the same way they played last week, they have no chance to stay in the game with Houston.

Only 30,000 fans came out for the UTEP season opener. If the Miners get trounced by the Cougars, that opening night crowd could be its biggest of the season.

Flame thrower

When it comes to rookie MLB pitchers, all the talk has surrounded Washington Nationals phenom Stephen Strasburg.

Strasburg started with a bang, striking out 14 batters in his first game but he eventually broke down and underwent season-ending Tommy John surgery.

Was that the end of all the rookie hype? Not even close.

Cincinnati Reds closer and Cuban defector Aroldis Chapman made his first three appearances of the season last week and boy did he open some eyes.

The 22-year-old has made it a habit of throwing pitches over 100 miles per hour.

He’s been in the 102, 103, and even the 104 mph range consistently.

I haven’t seen anything move that fast since that kid was trying to outrun the police on last month’s episode of Cops.

Chapman has been overpowering the poor guys he’s pitched to. They don’t look like they even want to be in the batter’s box.

I know it’s still early in the young man’s career but Chapman has an extraordinary arm, plus when you’re 6-foot-4 and standing on the mound – he must look even that more intimidating to a would-be hitter.

Let’s just hope his arm is a little tougher than Strasburg’s. It would be a shame to lose two outstanding young pitchers so early in their careers.

Quick fact

I recently turned 51 years of age and although I feel like I’m still in my thirties, I realize how old I actually am. I still remember a time when no NFL team had a soccer-style field goal kicker – they all kicked straight away.

Oh, I also remember my dad coming home one special day with this new cool thing called a color TV.

A sporting view

By Mark Vasto

Arthur’s Ashes

“Anybody can count the seeds in a single apple, but it's impossible to know how many apples came from a single seed.”

– American Folk Saying

It is 1968, and some of the most traumatic and turbulent events in human history are occurring on a near-daily basis. The year begins with the Tet Offensive, moves on with the twin assassinations of Martin Luther King Jr. and Robert F. Kennedy, and ends with Richard Nixon’s election and the Zodiac killer on page one.

But 1968 was also the year of the Civil Rights Act, the “White Album” and Elvis Presley’s comeback special. And it was a leap year, and in the world of sports, nobody was taking bigger strides than dashing Arthur Ashe of Norfolk, Va. For 1968 was the year that Ashe broke the color barrier in tennis, ushering in the “open era”

with his win at the U.S. Open.

Years after walking down the center aisle at his college graduation, as a black man he was still barred from the center courts of the world, despite having a NCAA championship trophy on his shelf. But as hate-fueled racial divides began to extinguish, Ashe rose like a phoenix, becoming the first African-American man to win grand slam events (the 1968 U.S. Open and 1970 Australian Open) and earn a No. 1 ranking. Perhaps most famously, Ashe engineered a win over Jimmy Connors – seemingly unbeatable at the time – for the 1975 Wimbledon crown.

It was to be his last major victory on the court. Sadly, he suffered a heart attack in 1979, leading him to retire. Then, after corrective heart surgery in 1983, it was learned that he had received a blood transfusion tainted with the AIDS virus.

Tennis players are notoriously

individualistic. They play singles; they aren’t coached during matches. Ashe admitted that he wanted nothing more than to stay close at home during his later years. Now answering to a higher calling, Ashe went on to develop dozens of foundations like the Safe Passage Foundation for poor children; the Black Tennis & Sports Foundation; and 15-Love, a substance abuse program. His early foundation work led to the beginning of today’s U.S. Tennis Association youth programs – now boasting 500 chapters running programs for 150,000 kids.

Today, many years after his death in 1993, a new generation of athlete plays in the shadows of Arthur Ashe Stadium at the U.S. Open, many of them unaware of the court’s namesake.

Ashe would have it no other way. “True heroism is remarkably sober, very undramatic,” Ashe once said. “It is not the urge to surpass all others at whatever cost, but the urge to serve others at whatever cost.”

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

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LEGALS

Town of Horizon City

PUBLIC NOTICE

A PUBLIC HEARING will be held at **6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, September 14, 2010 during the Regular Council Meeting** at City Hall, 14999 Darrington Road, Horizon City, Texas. Purpose of the public hearing is to allow any interested persons to appear and testify regarding the following proposed ordinance(s)/ amendment(s):

1) 2ND Reading of Ordinance No. 0183 – An ordinance adopting a budget for fiscal year commencing October 1, 2010, and ending on September 31, 2011, for the Town of Horizon City, Texas.

2) 2ND Reading of Ordinance No. 0184 – An Ordinance approving the assessment roll and fixing the ad valorem tax rate for the Town of Horizon City, Texas. Purpose of the public hearing is to allow any interested persons to appear and testify regarding the following proposed ordinance(s)/ amendment(s):

3) 2ND Reading of Ordinance No. 0185 – An ordinance authorizing the assessment and collection of property taxes within the Town of Horizon City, Texas.

4) 2ND Reading of Ordinance No. 0186 – An ordinance adopting a Zoning change within the Municipal limits of the Town of Horizon City, Texas.

Those who are unable to attend may submit their views in writing to the City Clerk of Horizon City. Accommodations

Texas and further authorizing the El Paso City Tax Office to perform the actual assessment and collection of said property taxes on behalf of the Town of Horizon City, Texas for the fiscal year of October 1, 2010 to September 30, 2011. (Mayor/ C o l e m a n / DeSantos)

4) 2ND Reading of Ordinance No. 0186 – An ordinance adopting a Zoning change within the Municipal limits of the Town of Horizon City, Texas.

Those who are unable to attend may submit their views in writing to the City Clerk of Horizon City. Accommodations

for handicapped persons will be available and individuals in need of special assistance for attending the hearing are encouraged to contact the City Clerk at 915-852-1046, forty-eight (48) hours prior to this meeting. Ordinances are available for viewing or copying upon request from the City Clerk at the above address or call 915-852-1046, Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Karen Ellefson City Clerk Town of Horizon City

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City of Socorro

Notice of Public Hearing

The City of Socorro will be holding a PUBLIC HEARING at 6:00 p.m. at a Regular Council Meeting on September 16, 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:

P U B L I C HEARING ON AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE AND SALE OF CITY OF SOCORRO, TEXAS GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS, SERIES 2010; PROVIDING FOR THE PAYMENT OF SAID BONDS; APPROVING THE OFFICIAL STATEMENT; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND ENACTING OTHER PROVISIONS RELATING TO THE SUBJECT.

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 hearing 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 can be viewed on our website at www.socorrotexas.org

Gina Rodriguez
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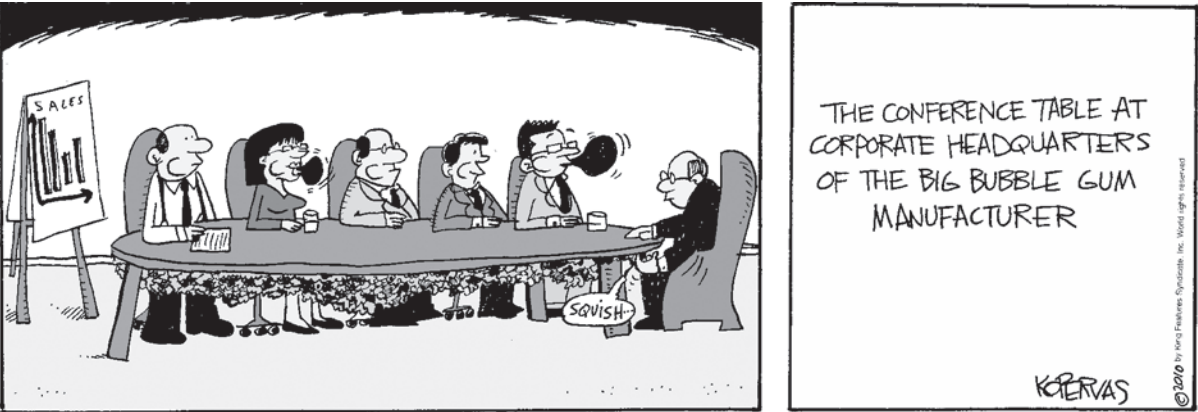
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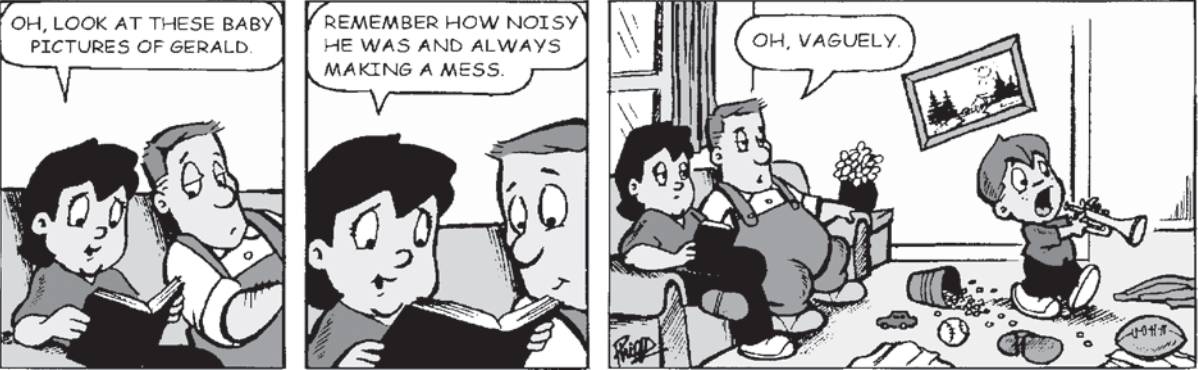
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Your good health By Paul G. Donahue, M.D.

DEAR DR. DONOHUE: I carry the diagnosis of congestive heart failure. Medicines have made me feel pretty good. My wife thinks that I should do nothing. If I do much more than sit, she is all over me. A little bit of activity isn't dangerous, is it? If I don't do something, I am going to turn into a blob of fat. – R.K.

You're in a boat with 5 million other Americans who have chronic heart failure. Heart failure means the heart doesn't pump enough blood with each beat to supply the body with oxygen. Shortness of breath on slight exertion is a principal sign.

Rest used to be the rule for heart-failure patients. Too much rest, however, deconditions the body and makes it even more difficult for a heart-failure patient to do things that are part of everyday life, like walking and a few household chores.

You have to ask your doctor what limits you should be bound by. If there's a supervised exercise program for heart-failure patients in your area, join it. Many hospitals sponsor such programs. I encourage you to become active. You'll find that regular exercise permits you to do more than you believed you could do.

Congestive heart failure – a common consequence of heart disease – is discussed at length in the pamphlet on that topic. Readers can order a copy by writing: Dr. Donohue – No. 103W, 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: As you can see from my address, I live in the Deep South. I coach high-school football as well as teach two history classes. I worry about heatstroke in my players because

of the high temperatures here. Any suggestions on preventing this? – L.P.

Your concern is justified. Between 1995 and 2007, 25 high-school students and five college students died from heatstroke while practicing football. These fatalities occurred in the first week of practice. It takes a good two weeks for people to acclimatize to heat. My best advice is to consult these Web sites for definitive tips: www.nata.org (NATA is the National Athletic Trainers Association) and www.acsm.org (the American College of Sports Medicine). I'm positive your school has a computer.

DEAR DR. DONOHUE: My son is married to a woman who has thyroid problems for which she takes medication. I think it is the type where not enough thyroid hormone is produced. He is 32, and she is 34. They have been married for four years. They both want children. Is the thyroid problem preventing them from having children? – J.J.

It shouldn't. If you are correct and your daughter-in-law takes thyroid hormone in pill form to correct the hormone deficit, then the problem – hypothyroidism – is taken care of. It shouldn't affect her fertility.

Many other thyroid problems exist, so I can't say this with absolute assurance. It depends on her thyroid condition and what kind of medicine she's taking.

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

- GREAT SCOTTS!**

ACROSS

1 Piglet's papa

5 It's up your sleeve

8 Waugh's "The Loved _"

11 Vapor

14 _ check

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19 Geometric figure

21 Hibiscus garland

22 Commedia dell'_

23 Scott Hamilton's rival

25 Chemical ending

26 Obtains

27 New Hampshire campus

28 _ ex machina

29 Jury members

31 "Ready! _! Go!"

32 Ordered

34 Gilpin of "Frasier"

37 21st President

39 Chews the scenery

41 Annual award

42 Bewitching

location

43 Dealt with a dragon

44 _ Japanese War

46 Harvest

48 Hurler Hershiser

50 Rock's _ Supply

51 Scott Wolf series

55 With 89 Across, "Batman" star
- 57 Al of "Insomnia"

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61 High-flying agcy.

63 Claire or Balin

64 Component

65 Nab a gnat

68 Adjusted an ascot

69 Mil. base

70 Show indifference

72 Scott Baio co-star

75 Column style

77 Flicka's food

78 Lohengrin's love

80 Actress Mia

81 Reject

82 Periodontists' org.

83 Wander

84 With 120 Down, Bowzer's group

86 Uproar

89 See 55 Across

91 Scott Glenn film

96 Liechtenstein's cont.

97 Command at a corner

99 Iridescent stone

100 Atmosphere

101 Hotels

102 Shortstop Pee Wee

105 Vatican virtue

107 99 and 007

109 "The Producers" star

110 _ vera

111 "Fantasia" frames

112 Prohibit
- 113 On _ (doing great)

115 Vittle statistics?

118 "April Love" singer

122 Riyadh resident

124 By means of

125 Scott Joplin composition

128 Hint

129 Sixth sense

130 Varnish

131 Pavlova or Paquin

132 Table d'_

133 Dem.'s opponent

134 Predatory fish

135 Theater sign

136 _ my lips!"

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3 Singer Lane

4 Heavenly sight

5 4 Down's shape

6 Zimbabwe, formerly

7 Grimace

8 San Luis _ CA

9 TV's "The Flying _"

10 Slalom curve

11 Merriment

12 Vergil's vagabond

13 _ Leone

14 Give in to gravity

15 Scott Turow novel

16 Furry fisherman

17 Try out

20 East Lansing coll.
- 24 Tidy

29 Damascus dish

30 Normandy site

33 Tyrant

35 Spanish river

36 Shorten a sail

38 Olympic first lady

39 Director Kazan

40 Scott Carpenter's profession

41 "... say _ do"

43 Fool

45 New Deal agcy.

47 1492 vessel

49 Hawaiian island

52 Applauds a bore?

53 Self-smitten

54 Language suffix

56 Not fem.

58 Shiba _ (Japanese dog)

59 Neighbor of Mali

62 "Farewell!"

66 "I _ Rock" ('66 hit)

67 Museum piece

70 Clarinetist Artie

71 Hot spot?

72 "Comic Dictionary" author

73 Dack of "Dallas"

74 New Jersey city

76 Baseball's "Master Melvin"

79 Bud's buddy

81 Sail with Sinbad

85 _ Simbel

87 Kennel features

88 Cen. segments
- 90 Stocking stuffers?

92 Horrify

93 Brad, for one

94 Role for Liz

95 Prophetic

98 Wilson of "La Femme Nikita"

101 To such an extent

103 Restaurant employee

104 Plaza Hotel kid

106 Tone down

108 Isle near Corsica

109 Mrs. Phil Donahue

112 Baroque composer

114 Certain Finn

116 Pipe connection

117 "I Remember Mama" character

119 Sarah _ Jewett

120 See 84 Across

121 "My word!"

123 Hum bug?

125 Flavor enhancer: Abbr.

126 "Gotcha!"

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CryptoQuip

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

Clue: Q equals F

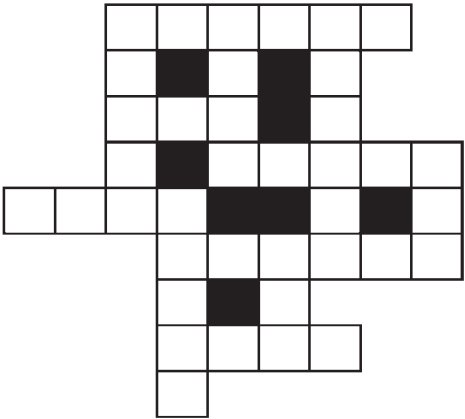
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Unscramble these twelve letter strings to form each into an ordinary word (ex. HAGNEC becomes CHANGE). Prepare to use only ONE word from any marked (♥) letter string as each unscrambles into more than one word (ex. ♥RATHE becomes HATER or EARTH or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

Social Security Q&A By Ray Vigil

Q: I lost my Social Security card, but I remember my number and I don't plan to change careers anytime soon. Do I really need a new card?

A: The only time you may need the card is when you apply for a job and your prospective employer asks to see it. If you do decide to get a new card or old one turns up, don't carry it with you. Keep your card somewhere safe, with your other important papers. You are limited to three replacement cards in a year and 10 during your lifetime. Legal name changes and other exceptions do not count toward these limits. For example, changes in marital status that might require card updates do not count toward these limits. Also, you may not be affected by these limits if you can prove you need the card to prevent a significant hardship. Learn more at www.socialsecurity.gov/ssnumber.

Q: I just found out I qualify for Supplemental Security Income (SSI). How much will I receive in SSI benefits?

A: SSI is a needs-based program. The benefit amount depends, in part, on other income and resources you might have. The maximum federal SSI payment nationwide throughout 2010 for an eligible individual is \$674 a month, and for an eligible couple is \$1,011 a month. The amount of your SSI benefit also depends, in part, on where you live. Some states add money to the federal payment. Learn more by visiting our library of SSI publications at www.socialsecurity.gov/pubs/index.html#SSI.

Q: I get Supplemental Security Income (SSI) benefits. I plan to move to a new apartment this summer, but I have direct deposit. Do I still need to notify Social Security of my new address?

A: Yes. Even though you have direct deposit, we may still need to contact you by mail. Someone who receives SSI needs to report any change in living arrangements, income, or resources by calling our toll-free number, 1-800-772-1213 (TTY 1-800-325-0778), or by visiting a local office within 10 days after the month the change occurs. If you call, you can speak to a representative from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. on business days. If you don't notify us in a timely manner, you could end up receiving an incorrect payment and have to pay it back. To learn more about SSI and reporting responsibilities, read our online fact sheet, What You Need To Know When You Get Supplemental Security Income (SSI) at www.socialsecurity.gov/pubs/11011.html.

For more information on any of the questions above, visit our website at www.socialsecurity.gov or call 1-800-772-1213. If you have any questions, please mail them to the Social Security Office, 11111 Gateway West, Attn: Ray Vigil, El Paso, Texas 79935.

Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ★★ ★

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