



NEWSBRIEFS

Filing Scams

The Texas Workforce Commission (TWC) warns Unemployment Insurance (UI) claimants to be aware of unscrupulous business operators who may try to charge a fee to file unemployment claims. Filing for unemployment benefits through TWC, as always, is free.

- Claimants who sign on for so-called "fee-for-filing" scams could later discover unemployment claims were never filed on their behalf. They also may have given their Social Security numbers to someone they believed to be a TWC employee.

- Claimants should always seek online UI information through www.texasworkforce.org or by using the e-mail form found on TWC's website.

TWC wants to ensure that UI benefits go to only those who qualify and to ensure that no one is taken advantage of by someone illegally posing as a TWC staff member or by unscrupulous business operators.

- Claimants also are reminded that TWC unemployment staff never perform home visits, ask for Personal Identification Numbers (PIN) or use text messages to contact claimants.

- Claimants should only give personal information when filing for benefits online at www.texasworkforce.org or when speaking to an unemployment benefit customer service representative on the Tele-Center phone filing system.

It is critical that UI claimants do not pay for a government service that is free. The UI program, funded through employer taxes, provides temporary, partial-income replacement to workers who have lost their jobs through no fault of their own. TWC administers and oversees the collection of taxes from employers and the payment of UI benefits to qualified claimants. To report possible fraud, call the TWC Fraud and Program Abuse Hotline at (800) 252-3642.

— Ann Hatchitt

Anthony online

The Town of Anthony, Texas has launched its web site promoting its community and businesses. It has information regarding the town government, things to do, where to stay and how to contact the town leaders. It has information on how the town can assist businesses that want to locate within the community. It is also available in Spanish and there is a link to the Anthony ISD for people that want to know about our school district. The website will also be linked soon to other sites that the citizens of Anthony can access, such as businesses and government agencies. The website can be viewed at ["townofanthony.org"](http://townofanthony.org).

— Cynthia Clarke

Overweight doesn't happen overnight. It snacks up on you.

— Quips & Quotes

Morales named Region 19 Principal of the Year

By Jody Kotys
Special to the Courier

David O. Morales, Principal of Clint Junior High School in the Clint Independent School District has been selected to represent the Texas Association of Secondary School Principals as the Region 19 Outstanding Middle School Principal of the Year. TASSP recognizes outstanding principals and assistant principals from the twenty regional education centers in the state. As a Region 19 winner, Principal Morales is eligible to compete for the state title of Texas Principal of the Year. School administrators are nominated and chosen by their peers within their regions. Nominations are based

upon exemplary performance and outstanding leadership. Morales, a second year principal, has headed the Clint Junior High School leadership team since 2008.

Principal Morales attended the University of Texas at El Paso and earned a Bachelor of Science Degree in Secondary Education. He later attended Sul Ross State University in Alpine, Texas and was awarded a Master of Education in Educational Administration. Principal Morales sees himself as being a risk taker, a visionary and a leader of leaders. He is credited with



David O. Morales

spearheading Professional Learning Communities and improving attendance rates through incentive programs at Clint Junior High this year.

"I have learned that both teachers and students can achieve high performance when provided with correct guidance, while always emphasizing that we are here for students," says Morales.

If selected as a state winner by the TASSP Principals Image Committee, he will advance to compete for the MetLife/ NASSP National

Principal of the Year Award.

Job Corps offers career stepping stones for El Paso youth

By Alfredo Vasquez
Special to the Courier

El Paso area youth who are struggling to find a way to learn job skills, should look into the David L. Carrasco Job Corps Center in El Paso for possible solutions.

Take 17-year-old Rodolfo Alferéz for example. Just over 14 months ago, Alferéz didn't know what to do. He had dropped out of high school to find a job to help his family economically, but he had no employable skills, no transportation not even a driver's license.

Today, Alferéz is continuing his training to become an automotive technician in Clearfield, Utah. At the local Job Corps Center, it took him only 14 months to earn his high school diploma, obtain a driver's license, and complete the first phase of the automotive mechanic training program.

Now, he said that he is eager to start his advanced training to become a certified auto technician for Toyota. "I like everything about the Job Corps program, and I am looking forward to going through the advanced training course," Alferéz said. "After I finish

the program, I will be able to work for a local Toyota dealership with a starting salary of at least \$18 an hour."

"El Paso's Job Corps Center is a great place for youth to complete their education, obtain a no-cost career technical training, and make life-time connections," stated Julie Cordero, Business and Community Liaison for the David L. Carrasco Job Corps Center.

Job Corps is the nation's oldest and largest federally funded job training and education program for economically disadvantaged youth ages 16-24. Students receive hands-on career training in more than 100 occupational areas including health occupations, construction-related fields, culinary arts, business and technology-related industries.

Students can also participate in on-the-job training at real work sites through work-based learning assignments. And, they have the opportunity to earn a high school diploma, or GED, and learn employability and independent living skills.

While in the program, students receive housing, meals, basic medical care and biweekly allowances, and they have up to two years to complete their chosen career

training pathway. After graduation, they also receive transitional support services including help locating housing, child care and transportation for up to 18 months after they leave the program.

El Paso's Job Corp Center currently serves 415 students, of which about 275 of them live at the center. The Center has been located at 11155 Gateway West since 1979, and throughout the years the facilities have been expanded considerably.

The latest renovations include a revamped courtyard with a new dining area, remodeled swimming pool, an indoor basketball court, and a new roof with skylights, said Cordero. Also, a greenhouse was constructed on campus, and outdoor security lighting was installed. These projects and other facility upgrades were made possible through a \$4 million American Recovery and Revitalization Act (ARRA) grant that the center received recently, explained Cordero.

"The Job Corps has helped me out a lot," asserted Sabrina Medina, 19, who is studying to earn a Certified Nursing Assistant license. "It provides us with everything we need to get started right in life."



— Photo by Alfredo Vasquez

David L. Carrasco Job Corps Center students pick up their allowances in the newly-remodeled courtyard. The El Paso job training program was initiated in 1970. It has been at its current location since 1979.

Early college will serve Fabens, Tornillo and Ft. Hancock students

By Don Woodyard
Special to the Courier

FABENS – A metamorphosis has taken place in the lives of 68 students who will face new educational challenges and opportunities as the first freshman class of the new Cotton Valley Early College High School.

The change took place Tuesday, Sept. 14 in Fabens at opening ceremonies for new high school which has drawn students in a partnership arrangement from the Fabens, Tornillo and Fort Hancock Independent School Districts. Reflecting the unique change is a double-barreled academic approach that gives the students two shots at an education.

The newly “morphed” students can now get much more bang for the buck, but don’t even have to spend the buck. The program is free. This helps financially-strapped families who have previously been unable to send their children to college.

The unique, four-year program allows students to receive not only a high school diploma, but also an associate’s degree from El Paso Community College.

In a collaborative effort with area school districts, EPCC and its president, Dr. Richard Rhodes, have been partnering to build early college high schools since 2006. The first one was in the Socorro ISD. Socorro graduated its first early college high school class earlier this year.

Fabens represents the fifth early college high school program. A sixth is planned in the Clint ISD in 2011. There are approximately 50 early college high school programs in Texas.

Rhodes spoke at the opening ceremonies.

“Congratulations, students. You have made the right choice. You have a chance to accelerate your college careers as fast as you want to. You have the ability; you have the capacity to succeed and to achieve your dreams.”

“This is a great morning,” observed Poncho Garcia, superintendent of the Fabens ISD. “This is a great day for education; we celebrate a beginning.”



– Photos by Fernie Garcia / EPCC Marketing

JUMP STARTING HIGHER EDUCATION – Dr. Richard Rhodes told students at the dedication that they “... have a chance to accelerate your college careers as fast as you want to.”

“No other school offers what this one does. We have united. We are Cotton Valley Titans.”

This represents perhaps a second

metamorphosis, one of thinking. They are no longer Wildcats, the Fabens mascot; they are not Coyotes, the Tornillo mascot; and they are not Mustangs, the Fort Hancock mascot.

Why Titans?

Melissa Martinez, newly elected student body president, said that students met and decided on the new name. The name of Titan, she explains, represents that they are “unique,” and that there is “only one of us.”

The symbol of the Titans is a purple shield with the name Titans emblazoned across the front. Crossed swords are behind the shield.

“I have no doubts we will graduate with an associate’s degree,” she said confidently. “I see a lot of doors opening—a lot of opportunities.”

One of the most moving comments was made by a young girl who wiped away tears from her eyes as she spoke. “I want to be an example for my 11-month-old baby,” she said. “This is a miracle, and I am going to take advantage of it.”



Principal Karen Blaine heads the new Cotton Valley ECHS.

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Steps to take when a company goes out of business

When a company closes down unexpectedly, its customers often turn to the Office of the Attorney General (OAG) for help recovering up-front layaway payments and merchandise that was never delivered. In addition to filing a complaint with the OAG, Texans should take independent steps to protect themselves when a retailer suddenly goes out of business.

The most important step is simple. Customers should always maintain meticulous records of every transaction. Invoices, sales receipts, credit card slips, sales representatives' names and other documentation are vitally important to recovering refunds or merchandise.

Whenever possible, customers should pay for goods only after the products are delivered. If a vendor requires an up-front payment, customers should try to negotiate the deposit down to the lowest possible amount.

Customers contemplating a large purchase should avoid paying with cash and instead use credit cards to make large deposits or payments. Under the Fair Credit

Billing Act and certain credit card companies' chargeback rules, financial institutions can usually provide refunds to customers whose purchases are not delivered.

Before disputing a credit card purchase, customers should attempt to resolve the problem with the actual retailer. Customers should outline their complaint in a certified letter to the merchant and save copies of all correspondence.

If the retailer fails to respond, customers should contact their credit card company, formally dispute the charge and provide the issuer with a copy of the dispute letter. To be eligible for protection under the Fair Credit Billing Act, customers must dispute a credit card charge within 60 days. The credit card issuer likely will attempt to contact the merchant to determine whether the customer is owed a refund.

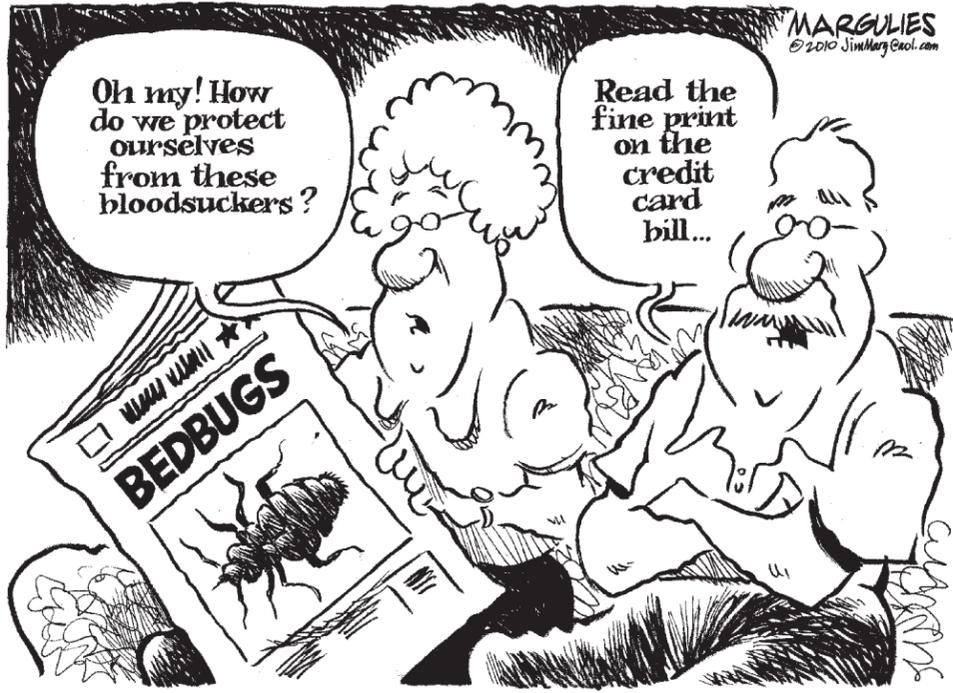
In the event a company declares bankruptcy, customers become creditors who may be paid after the business liquidates its assets. The bankruptcy court is charged with overseeing which creditors get paid first based upon the order of priority in the bankruptcy code. Bankrupt

companies typically pay their debts first to “secured” creditors, and only later to ordinary creditors (such as customers).

To protect their rights in a bankruptcy proceeding, customers must complete a Proof of Claim form and file it with the bankruptcy court. Customers should ask whether the court has appointed a trustee. Bankruptcy trustees are responsible for attempting to pay the bankrupt company's creditors — including customers.

Unfortunately, there are few guarantees that customers who are owed money by a suddenly-shuttered company will receive a refund. Customers who are owed large amounts of money should consider contacting a private attorney regarding their individual legal rights.

Customers may also file a complaint against the company with the Office of the Attorney General's Consumer Protection Division. While the OAG cannot take legal action on behalf of private individuals, the agency is empowered to enforce state law, and some enforcement actions do produce restitution for individuals.



Por la Gente By State Rep. Chente Quintanilla

Education partnerships produce degrees

Hola mi gente. On Tuesday September 14, my staff (I was in Austin) attended the most recent opening of a unique Community College/school district collaborative. The program is called the Early College High School Initiative. It is designed to provide courses to high school students that will allow them to graduate with a high school diploma and an Associate Degree from Community College.

The program is a result of very strong partnerships between several school districts and the EPCC. Before the September 14 opening, there were in place four Early College High School Initiative campuses: Mission del Paso, Northwest, Transmountain, and the Valle Verde campus.

The newest campus is the Cotton Valley Early College High School located on the Campus of Fabens High School.

I attended the first class opening sometime back which took place within the Socorro Independent School District and on the Mission del Paso campus near Eastlake. That initial class was a very small number. Now the program has over 1,500 students throughout El Paso County.

What is very unique with the Cotton Valley Campus is that students from Ft. Hancock are participating in the program.

There are some very definite benefits from providing this opportunity to our high school students. This is a faster track to getting a college degree. With their graduations, these students will then be entering higher education as juniors. They are that much closer to entering the professional world and getting good salaries.

For the parents, this program saves each

family the cost of going to college during the freshman and sophomore years. Dr. Richard Rhodes, the president of the EPCC, informed the guests that the savings would be over \$20,000. That is a tremendous savings to either parents or to the students if there are student loans involved. Too many students leave higher education with staggering amounts of debt. Any option to reduce that debt is certainly worth taking advantage of.

This program has the impact of raising the bar to our students. The standard of excellence is reset by the students who apply and are accepted into the Early College High School Initiative. Whenever the standard of education is moved, either upward or downward, there are students who are influenced by that. In this case, there are hundreds of other students who will now be motivated to achieve better results in school.

I am so impressed by this program that Dr. Rhodes has offered to the many school districts in El Paso County. I offer my thanks to the many Community College staffers and to the different school district employees who worked hard to make the new campuses a reality. I am also very proud that my wife Gracie, a sitting board member of the EPCC, has been very passionate in supporting the program.

What makes me most proud is the students who are participating and earning their early college degrees through hard work. These young adults, who happen to reside in rural communities, are demonstrating to El Paso and to Texas that there are very intelligent and determined students from such communities.

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

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San Eli HS summer graduates receive diplomas



By Cynthia P. Marentes
Special to the Courier

The sounds of Pomp and Circumstance are not usually heard over the speakers inside the San Elizario Independent School District boardroom but on the evening of September 8 the processional march was played to accompany the celebration of two of the latest graduates of the San Elizario High School Class of 2010. Luis Armando Medina and Sugey Gutierrez were two of the final students from the 2009-2010 senior class to receive their diplomas after completing all of their requirements for graduation over the summer. San Elizario High School normally schedules a separate commencement ceremony in the summer however an additional three students were unable to participate. Therefore, a graduation ceremony was held just for Sugey and Luis Armando during the district's regular board meeting where they were honored in front of a small group of friends, family and district staff.

Although they were both disappointed over not being able to walk at the traditional graduation ceremony with the rest of their classmates the two students were determined not to give up on their pursuit of their high school diplomas. For Sugey that meant fulfilling the requirements for an English IV credit that she was lacking and for Luis Armando it meant getting one last chance in July to pass the TAKS English exam. They both accomplished their goals and were rewarded for their efforts with a special graduation ceremony and reception held specifically for them at the San Elizario ISD administration building. Sugey is now a student at El Paso Community College studying forensics with an eye towards a career in law enforcement. Luis Armando will also study at El Paso Community College and expects to become an electrician in the near future.

Both students demonstrated that with perseverance and hard work it is never too late to be academically successful. The next opportunity for students to take and pass exit-level TAKS exams will be in October while seniors still missing one or two credits can take online credit recovery courses at the San Elizario High School library.

— Photo courtesy San Elizario ISD

Luis Armando Medina and Sugey Gutierrez

STRANGE BUT TRUE

By Samantha Weaver

- It was way back in the 19th century that American statesman Daniel Webster made the following sage observation: "The world is governed more by appearances than realities, so that it is fully as necessary to seem to know something as to know it."

- Scary movies like "Jaws" notwithstanding, experts claim that you are 50 times more likely to be killed by a bee than you are to be killed by a shark.

- All official American flags must be lowered and put away at night – all except one. The flag that was placed on the moon on July 20, 1969, by Neil Armstrong and Buzz Aldrin (for obvious reasons) remains flying at all times.

- Although almost everyone today thinks of the dictator Napoleon as being unusually short, records show that he was actually 5 feet, 6 inches tall, which was the average height for a man in France at that time.

- Thosewhostudysuchthings say that the coolest parts of the sun are approximately 10,000 degrees Fahrenheit, while the hottest spots can reach a whopping 15 million degrees.

- The popular pub pastime of darts originated in the Middle Ages as a training game for archers.

- Theodore Roosevelt was the first American president to drive an automobile, as well as the first to own one.

- Although our lives are centered around (and sometimes seem completely ruled by) the seven-day week, not all cultures have demarcated dates that way. Ancient Egyptians once used a 10-day week, and ancient Romans followed a pattern of 8-day weeks.

Thought for the Day: "In my many years I have come to a conclusion that one useless man is a shame, two is a law firm, and three or more is a congress."

— John Adams

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

The Canutillo Independent School District will hold a public meeting at 6:00 p.m., Tuesday, October 12, 2010 in the boardroom of the Canutillo ISD Administration Facility, 7965 Artcraft Road, El Paso, Texas.

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

WTCC: 09/16/10 & 09/23/10

Notice of Public Meeting to Discuss Anthony Independent School District's State Financial Accountability Rating

The Anthony Independent School District will hold a public meeting at 6:30 P.M. on Tuesday, October 19, 2010 in the Board Room, 813 Sixth Street, Anthony, Texas 79821.

The purpose of the meeting is to discuss and distribute a financial management report that explains the district's performance under each of the 22 indicators and the resultant District's Financial Accountability Rating.

WTCC: 09/23/10 and 09/30/10

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

The San Elizario Independent School District will hold a public hearing at 5:30 p.m., Wednesday, October 13, 2010 in the boardroom of the San Elizario ISD Administration Building, 1050 Chicken Ranch Road, San Elizario, Texas.

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

WTCC: 09/16 /10 & 09/23/10

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

Tornillo Independent School District will hold a public meeting at 6:30 PM, Tuesday, October 19, 2010, in the boardroom of the Tornillo Administration Building, at 19200 Cobb Ave., Tornillo, Texas 79853.

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

WTCC: 09/23/10 & 09/30/10



Candlelight vigil scheduled at Chamizal National Memorial

By Guadalupe Silva
Special to the Courier

More than 1,200 lives have been lost in El Paso in the past 10 years as a direct or indirect result of alcohol and drug abuse, either by driving under the influence, domestic violence, aggravated assault or overdose.

The death of those loved ones will be commemorated with a Candlelight Vigil at 6:30 p.m. September 30 at the Chamizal National Memorial. The theme of this year's vigil will be "Hands of Hope Across the Border," said Sindi Elorreaga, Treatment Team Leader for the West Texas Community Supervision and Corrections Department (Adult Probation) treatment centers and vigil organizer.

"We are focusing on the border violence because of the impact and rippling effect it has on our bi-national, bicultural community and our residents," she said, adding that to visually illuminate that violence, the vigil will

display "Peace of Art," a gallery of graphic design work, including children's art work, depicting that violence.

The Vigil will begin with a health fair that starts at 5 p.m. and continues with a memorial ceremony at 6:30 p.m. with a reading of the names of those who have died as a result of drug or alcohol abuse.

"The voices of these victims will be heard, they belong to somebody's mother, father, sister, brother, son, daughter," Elorreaga said. "But we want our community to know that recovery is possible, treatment is available and hope and healing is needed."

The public is invited to participate in both the free Health Fair and the Candlelight Vigil. The families, friends and relatives of victims will be asked to contribute their stories. The Health Fair and Vigil are sponsored by Adult Probation's Downtown and Ysleta Treatment Centers and the 243rd and DWI Drug Courts.

For more information call Sindi Elorreaga or Humberto Cazares at the Downtown Treatment Center at 544-7933.

San Elizario HS Student Council leads blood drive

By Cynthia P. Marentes
Special to the Courier

With the new school year in full swing students at San Elizario High School are now finding themselves busy with a number of extracurricular activities and other campus events. However the school's Student Council recently asked students to also slow down and think about helping others as well by taking some time to donate blood.

The student organization recently partnered with United Blood Services to host a community blood drive on September 10. Two United Blood Services mobile units were at the campus to collect donations throughout the day from students, staff and any community members willing to give blood. Student Council began signing up donors

and promoting the blood drive two weeks before the event in order to increase their participation rate from the previous school year.

"We went into classrooms to talk to students and teachers to try to convince them to donate by explaining to them that with one pint of blood they can save three lives," Everardo Lopez, Student Council Public Relations Officer, said.

Everardo, a junior at San Elizario High School, also spread the word about the blood drive by making presentations during lunch periods and encouraging senior students to donate for the chance to win a special prize. All seniors who donated blood are now entered in a drawing to win a class ring donated by Jostens at the end of the school year.

The San Elizario High School donations will make an immediate positive difference by helping United

Blood Services to sustain its supply of blood but it has also provided an important lesson for students.

"The drive shows students that blood is worth more because it helps other people live another day although we may not think about it that way," Everardo concluded.

The San Elizario High School Student Council sponsored by Student Activities Manager, Ruben Rodriguez, hosts at least one blood drive each school year. The blood drive held this month was a success thanks to a good turn out of students, faculty and staff who participated. In order to give blood, all donors had to be at least 16-years-old, meet United Blood Services height and weight requirements, and present a valid ID. In the near future, Student Council hopes to raise the number of volunteers donating blood to over 100 participants.

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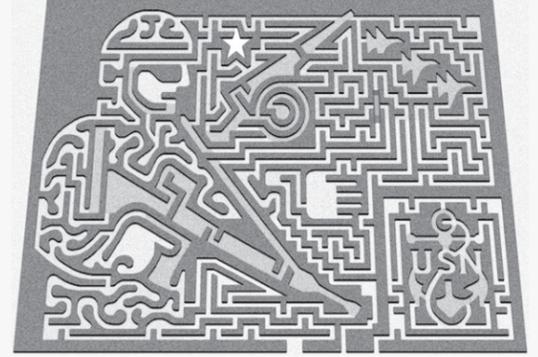
A new movie about armored war vehicles came out around eight weeks ago, but it tanked.

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

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Sometimes, with hard work, dreams do come true

By Steve Escajeda
Special to the Courier

Normally, when you go to the movies and check out one of those fantasy flicks – you have to suspend your level of disbelief a bit.

You know that everything you'll see on the big screen is just Hollywood fantasy and there's no chance of experiencing it in your real world.

But once in a while, just once in a while – fantasy can become reality.

Let's take the movie Field of Dreams.

You know the movie starring Kevin Costner and a baseball field.

Costner builds a baseball field in the middle of his cornfield – which leads to the appearance of a bunch of dead baseball players – which eventually leads to the appearance of his dead father and a meaningful game of catch.

One of the characters in the movie (played by the great Burt Lancaster) is "Moonlight" Graham.

Graham is an old man who was a very good

baseball player in his youth but never got his shot to bat in a Major League Baseball game.

The one time he was called up to the majors, it was late in the season and in the team's final inning of the final game of the season, he was sent in to bat. But the player in front of him made the third out and the game was over.

Graham was sent back down to the minors the next year and chose to give up the game.

To be so close and never able to reach his dream haunted him for years.

While there have been no reports of any dead baseball player sightings, there has been a "Moonlight" Graham sighting.

Well kind of.

A couple weeks ago the Los Angeles Dodgers called up a few players to join the team for the final month of the season. Among them was John Lindsay.

Never heard of John Lindsay? Neither had I – and for good reason.

Though Lindsay has been playing professional baseball for the last 16 years, he had never played a single game in the majors.

Then, just like Moonlight Graham, Mr. Lindsay was sent in to hit against the Houston Astros on Sept. 8. But just like Moonlight Graham, Lindsay's night ended in disappointment.

With Lindsay on deck, the Astros made a pitching change, which forced the Dodgers to replace him with another batter leaving the 33-year old to wonder if that was going to be the closest he'd ever get to his dream.

It was not.

Fortunately, on the very next night the Dodgers needed a pinch hitter in the seventh inning and manger Joe Torre pointed his finger at Lindsay and sent him in the game.

This time there was no last-second replacement, or freak lightning storm, or sudden power outage, or emergency baseball strike, or attack of any dead baseball players.

Lindsay actually made his way to a Major League batter's box for the first time in his life.

I'd love to say that he belted a home run or at least knocked the cover off the ball, but he flied out to right field.

But whether he got a hit or not is irrelevant. The story was about a person being able to live a dream. How many of us ever get to do that?

Most people not only fail to live out their dreams, most forget what their dreams were by the time they reach their late thirties.

And Lindsay wasn't alone on his very special night. He was accompanied by his wife, his son, his mother, his father and many other friends and relatives.

I don't know if Lindsay is going to retire now or return to the minors next season, but unlike old Moonlight, he can sleep soundly knowing what it's like to run onto the green grass and step into the box and stare down a big league pitcher and hear the crack of the bat and run toward first base on the infield's red dirt.

In the movie, Field of Dreams, the voice coming out of the cornfield kept saying, "If you build it, he will come."

If someone ever makes a movie about John Lindsay, maybe the voice should say, "If you keep dreaming, it can come true."

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Town of Horizon City

PUBLIC NOTICE

During the Regular Council Meeting on **Tuesday, September 14, 2010** the Town Of Horizon City approved the following ordinance(s):

1) **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) **Ordinance No. 0184** – An Ordinance approving the assessment roll and fixing the ad valorem tax rate for the Town of Horizon City, Texas, for the budget year 2010-2011, and providing for the assessment and collection thereof.

3) **Ordinance**

No. 0185 – An ordinance authorizing the assessment and collection of property taxes within the Town of Horizon City, 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/ Coleman /

DeSantos)

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

Ordinances are always available for viewing or copying upon request from the City Clerk at Town Hall, 14999 Darrington Road, Horizon City, Texas, Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. or call 915-

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Karen Ellefson
City Clerk
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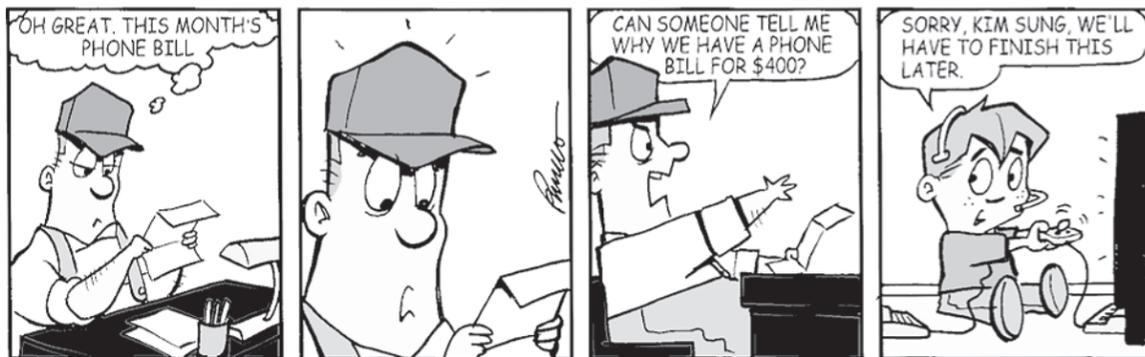
AMBER WAVES By Dave T. Phipps



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

DEAR DR. DONOHUE: This past week, our 29-year-old daughter was diagnosed with type 1 diabetes. Our family is devastated. We thought this was a juvenile illness. What is the long-term prognosis for this disease? Should pregnancy be avoided? She was hoping to start a family. — B.N.

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: Will you discuss the best way to take multiple medicines in a 24-hour period? I have a friend who downs 13 pills at the same time. Does mixing numerous medicines change their effectiveness? — N.A.

Type 1 diabetes used to be called juvenile diabetes because it often strikes at young ages, but it doesn't do so exclusively. The name change reflects that fact. It also was called insulin-requiring diabetes because almost all type 1 diabetics must inject insulin for blood sugar control.

It's hard not to imagine that, in a batch of 13 different medicines, one or two, at least, would be incompatible with the other 11 or 12. The incompatibility might be a lessened drug absorption in the digestive tract or it might be that some of those drugs react chemically with others in the blood. Your friend should get this straightened out with the doctor or with the pharmacist.

The long-term prognosis for diabetes is good if the person can keep blood sugar controlled. Diabetes has many complications — kidney disease, heart disease, artery disease, nerve disturbance and eye problems — but good control of blood sugar can usually keep these complications to a minimum. Most people with type 1 diabetes lead the kind of lives they wish to lead, and most can be as active as they desire.

DEAR DR. DONOHUE: In my family when I was growing up, Epsom salts were used for everything. I never hear people say they use them these days. Why not? Don't they work? — S.M.

Nowadays, people with diabetes check their blood sugar routinely and frequently adjust their insulin dose accordingly. New varieties of insulin make it easier to keep blood sugar within norms.

Epsom salts come from the mineral waters of Epsom, England. When the water evaporates, magnesium sulfate is left. Local entrepreneurs promoted the salts as a cure-all for many ailments.

Your daughter can have children unless her doctor has told her otherwise. It's very important for a potential diabetic mother to maintain near-normal blood sugars at the time of conception and throughout pregnancy to prevent any disturbances in the growth and development of the embryo and fetus. These goals are usually achievable.

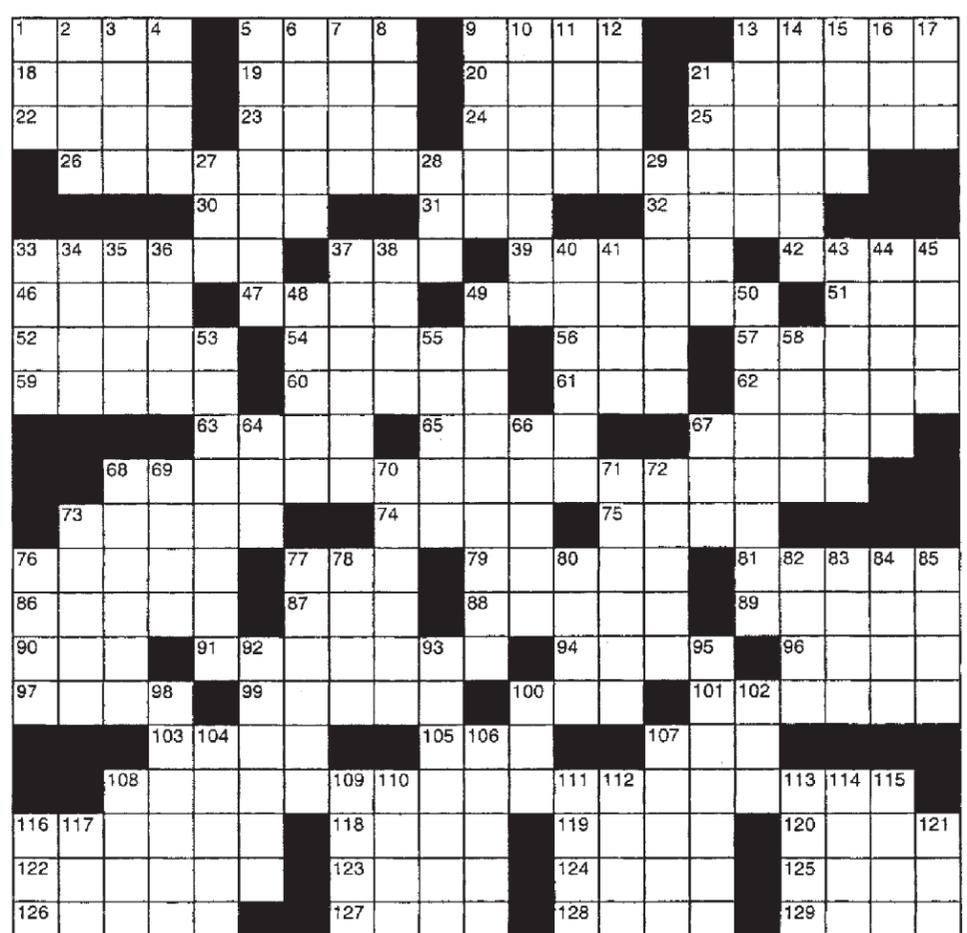
One use was soaking sore muscles or joints. No harm comes from using the salts for that. Others used Epsom salts as a laxative. That's not a terrific idea. They're too harsh on the digestive tract.

The diabetes booklet gives an overview of this common condition and its treatment. Readers can obtain a copy by writing: Dr. Donahue—No. 402W, Box 536475, Orlando, FL 32853-6475. Enclose a check or money

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

Super Crossword

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| SAILING LESSON | 57 Hardware item | 107 Lamb's dam | birthplace | 76 "All _ Go to Heaven" ('89 film) |
| ACROSS | 59 Rottweiler's restraint | 108 End of remark | 16 Beastly place? | 77 One who no's best? |
| 1 Wild child | 60 Hilo hello | 116 Emphasize | 21 Incisor's neighbor | 78 Eliot's "_ Bede" |
| 5 Charges | 61 Also | 118 Around the corner | 27 Zilch | 80 Brazos River city |
| 9 SDI devices | 62 Yo-Yo Ma's instrument | 119 "The Alienist" author Caleb | 28 Shade tree | 82 Clean a counter |
| 13 Hooch | 63 Kuwait's continent | 120 Loath | 29 Took care of pressing business? | 83 Egyptian bird |
| 18 Well-ventilated | 65 Got older | 122 Canadian coin | 30 | 84 Theater collection |
| 19 Autumn birthstone | 67 Giraffe kin | 123 Canadian coin | 31 | 85 Corset part |
| 20 Cheeseboard | 68 Middle of remark | 124 Opinion page | 32 | 92 Gratify |
| choice | 73 Author Gallant | 125 Ballplayer Fuentes | 33 Bakery buy | 93 Captivate |
| 21 Leno's predecessor | 74 Tara of "American Pie" | 126 Squander | 34 Ohio county | 95 Director Blake |
| 22 Pare down a paycheck | 75 Top-notch | 127 Up-front money | 35 Actress Rowlands | 98 Mugabe of Zimbabwe |
| 23 Painter Bonheur | 76 Clotted-cream county | 128 Cole and Turner | 36 Ed of "Daniel Boone" | 100 Potok's "My Name Is Asher _" |
| 24 "That a Shame" ('55 hit) | 77 Average | 129 Fragrance | 37 " _ 17" ('53 film) | 102 Yank opponent |
| 25 Like some clocks | 79 Brimming with gossip | DOWN | 38 Concerning | 104 Oater extras |
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| 30 Ornamental vine | 86 Shaggy Sumatran measurement | 2 Run amok | 40 even keel | 107 Swamp sight |
| 31 Wahine's wreath | 87 Bustle | 3 Shoe part | 41 _ | 108 Aphrodite's boyfriend |
| 32 Pants | 88 Clear the slate | 4 Anklebiter | 42 _ | 109 Cuzco native |
| 33 Entertain lavishly | 89 Lama land | 5 " _ Amber" ('47 film) | 43 Ochs or Zukor | 110 Witnessed |
| 37 Nunn or Neill | 90 Martini ingredient | 6 Adhesive | 44 Attorney Melvin | 111 Computer image |
| 39 Service member? | 91 Used an atomizer | ingredient | 45 Till | 112 Wine valley |
| 42 "Black Narcissus" star | 94 Chair material | 7 _ Haven, CT | 48 Delon or Lesage | 113 Graham of football |
| 46 Utah city | 96 Hummus holder | 8 Thick slice | 49 Upset | 114 Parched |
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| 52 Fortifies with fleece | 103 Frank | 13 The Beatles all had them | 59 Demean | |
| 54 Close a gate | 105 "Evita" character | 14 Pounds the podium | 60 Duck down | |
| 56 Actress Cassidy | | 15 Sonja Henie's | 67 "You Don't _ Me" ('64 hit) | |
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Social Security Q&A By Ray Vigil

Retirement takes planning, notice

Planning to retire in early 2011? It may already be time to apply. Applying for benefits is easier than you think. Especially if you do it online at www.socialsecurity.gov. The Social Security website makes the process easy and convenient. Just logon to your computer and visit our website at www.socialsecurity.gov/applyonline. You can apply online for your retirement benefits from the comfort of your home or office. It can take as little as 15 minutes. In most cases, once your application

is submitted electronically, you're done. There are no forms to sign and usually no documentation is required. Social Security will process your application and contact you if any further information is needed. Regardless of when you plan to retire, you should consider doing it about three months ahead of time. Then you'll know that your payments will make it to you on time. If you are not quite ready to retire but are thinking about doing so in the near future, you may want to

visit Social Security's website to use our convenient and informative retirement planner at www.socialsecurity.gov/retire2. Here you can find out just how close you are to meeting your financial goals and then "bookmark" the website to file for retirement benefits when you are ready. From there, you can use our Retirement Estimator to get an instant, personalized estimate of your retirement benefits. Remember that you're always first in line when you go online. Learn more about Social Security by visiting our website at www.socialsecurity.gov.

Q: I recently noticed on my annual statement that my date of birth in Social Security's records is wrong. How do I get that corrected?

A: To change the date of birth shown on our records you can take the following steps:
 Complete an Application For A Social Security Card (Form SS-5); and
 Show us documents proving:
 • U.S. citizenship or legal noncitizenship status (if you have not previously established your citizenship status with us);
 • Age; and
 • Identity.
 Take (or mail) your completed application and documents to your

local Social Security office. Remember that all documents must be either originals or copies certified by the issuing agency. We cannot accept photocopies or notarized copies of documents. For details on acceptable documents, visit www.socialsecurity.gov/ss5doc.

Q: Why is there a five-month waiting period for Social Security disability benefits?

A: By law, Social Security disability benefits can be paid only after a worker has been disabled continuously throughout a period of five full calendar months. The first benefit paid is for the sixth month of disability and is paid in the seventh

month. This waiting period ensures that we pay benefits only to persons with long-term disabilities and avoid duplicating other income protection plans (such as employer sick-pay plans) during the early months of disability. To learn more, read our online publication, Disability Benefits at www.socialsecurity.gov/pubs/10029.html.

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

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: **D** equals **W**

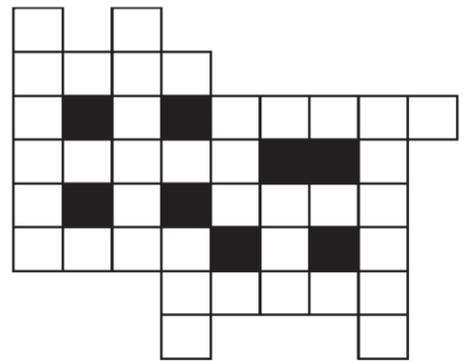
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Unscramble these twelve letter strings to form each into an ordinary word (ex. HAGNEC becomes CHANGE). Prepare to use only ONE word from any marked (♥) letter string as each unscrambles into more than one word (ex. ♥RATHE becomes HATER or EARTH or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

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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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

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★ Moderate ★★ Challenging

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