



NEWSBRIEFS

Dinner

Oz Glaze Senior Center is holding its Pre-Thanksgiving Dinner on Sunday, November 21 from noon to 4:00 p.m. Adult plates are \$5 and children (under 12) plates are \$3. Everyone is welcome to a turkey dinner with all the trimmings. Come see what we have to offer.

— Judi Verslype

Project BRAVO

The Board of Directors of Project BRAVO, Inc. has hired Laura Ponce as Executive Director of El Paso's Community Action Program. The non-profit agency works to maximize resources for an improved quality of life for economically-disadvantaged residents of El Paso County. She assumes the position held by Interim Executive Director Jane Tomchik. Tomchik will remain at the agency as Chief Operations Officer. Ponce will lead an 89-person agency charged with administering several state and federally-funded social service programs for low-income, elderly and disabled clients. Among the critical programs she will direct are the \$8.9 million federal Weatherization Assistance Program (WAP), the Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Counseling Program and numerous employment, patient assistance and utility assistance programs currently administered under Community Services Block Grant (CSBG) programs and the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs (TDHCA). Ponce brings an impressive list of professional and academic credentials to her new position. She is the former Chief Operations Officer for El Paso's Project ARRIBA and worked previously as a project coordinator for the Rio Grande Council of Governments and program director for the Alzheimer's Association of El Paso. She has also worked as a community resource coordinator for Massachusetts General Hospital in Boston. Her educational background includes a Bachelor of Arts Degree from Harvard University and a Master's Degree in Public Administration from the University of Texas at El Paso.



Laura Ponce

— Roy Ortega

Judge

Gov. Rick Perry has appointed Bill D. Hicks of El Paso as Judge of the 243rd District Court in El Paso County for a term to expire at the next general election. Hicks is assistant district

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The best sense of humor belongs to the person who can laugh at himself.

— Quips & Quotes



— Photo by Alfredo Vasquez

HONOREES – Canutillo Middle School was host to a special military service medals presentation during its Sixth Annual Veterans Day celebration held last week. Among the veterans who were honored during the ceremony were Robert A. Madrid (shown in photo, far right) and Jesus Bravo (second from right). US Congressman Syvestre Reyes is at the far left.

Bravo presented with Bronze Star

By Alfredo Vasquez
Special to the Courier

"I knew since 1985 that I had been awarded the Bronze Star Medal; I received it in the mail one day. But I didn't tell anyone because it didn't mean much to me. Today, however, I feel honored that everyone here recognized my receiving this medal," said Jesus Bravo, of El

Paso, after a recent Veteran's Day ceremony hosted by Canutillo Middle School.

Bravo was one of two special presentations made that day by U.S. Congressman Silvestre Reyes. Robert A. Madrid, of El Paso, also received five military commendation awards for services he rendered over 65 years ago.

"I have no words to describe how I feel right now; it's just something that honors and humbles me... This special recognition I was

shown today makes me feel proud," Madrid said.

In May 1968, Bravo, an El Paso High School graduate, was a 19 year old, E-4 soldier assigned to the U.S. Army 173rd Airborne Brigade, B Company, Second Battalion. He was a radio operator on patrol in the Ashan Valley's central highlands in Vietnam when his squad was ambushed by Viet Cong guerillas. Bravo said that he was crouched near the lieutenant, who was in charge of the 16-man squad, when the young officer was hit by enemy fire. He said that they were pinned down in a fire-fight with the enemy, so he took it upon himself to help rescue his buddies. He radioed-in the coordinates so that air support would adjust their sights on the enemy forces. "I was just doing my job," Bravo said. The Bronze Star acknowledges the fact that Bravo is credited with helping 14 soldiers escape that potentially fatal ambush.

Madrid was a 17-year-old Ysleta High School student in 1944, when he decided to join the U.S. Navy. World War II was raging in the Pacific theater where Madrid found himself assigned to a U.S. Navy Armored Guard unit as a 20 mm artillery gunner on board a Supply and Transport ship that sailed throughout the Philippine Islands. As part of the 24-member armored guard unit, Madrid protected the ship's cargo including American troops, food and ammunition against Japanese naval attacks. For their distinguished service, Madrid's armored guard unit received five meritorious citations including the Philippine Liberation, the Asiatic Pacific Campaign, the World War II Victory, the American Campaign, and the European African Middle Eastern Campaign medals.

Madrid said that he found out about his medals only recently thanks to the efforts of Congressman Reyes's local office staff. He said that a family member visited with the Congressman's eastside outreach office

Alarcon Elementary honors local veterans

By Cynthia P. Marentes
Special to the Courier

Students from Alarcon Elementary School in the San Elizario Independent School District celebrated the contributions of local veterans with patriotic songs, poetry, and gifts on November 11. The Veteran's Day assembly was held at the campus featuring different grade levels and choir students performing in front of 20 special guests, all former or current members of the military.

The school also welcomed soldiers who participated in the Reading Is Fundamental (RIF) program by reading stories to different classes throughout the morning. All the school's guests were also treated to lunch prior to the Veteran's Day assembly.

Planning for the Veterans Day Assembly was lead by 5th grade teacher Cynthia Meza with the assistance of librarian Idania Rodarte, and computer lab instructor Elenor Maldonado who created

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— Photo courtesy San Elizario ISD

ICONS – First-grader Mackenzie Garcia-Earsley posed as the Statue of Liberty and fourth-grader Erik Earsley dressed like Uncle Sam.

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Veterans Post By Freddy Groves

Keep the home fires burning

The holidays can be tough on the families of service members who are deployed. Here are some ways you can help make their holidays a little brighter:

If you live near a military base, call its family support services. Tell them you'd like to help with toys, food boxes or anything else. You can help financially by donating a Walmart gift card so the at-home parent can buy what the family needs, paying a utility bill, donating a phone card and more. If you're so inclined (and have the right equipment), volunteer to play Santa for a group of little kids.

Volunteer at any location where they collect, pack and deliver toys for military kids. Most of these programs also include a food box.

If you're in a veterans' service organization, perhaps the best thing you can do for the parents left behind is to host a party for the kids and give the parent a few free hours.

If you know a parent who is struggling with the absence of

the family's service member, make sure she (and it usually is a she) has access to information she needs. Ask family support services at the nearest base what help is available, and make sure she knows about it. Programs are called by various names depending on the military branch, but they all involve help with a wide variety of services, such as financial help for mortgage, car payment, phone bill, support groups and more.

Prefer to have your efforts remain anonymous? Go to www.aafes.com, click Support Troops and click on Help Our Troops Call Home. Scroll down and look for various ways your purchase of a phone card can help. Also check out phone cards for Injured Soldiers and Their Families.

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Write stuff

Dear Editor:

I would like to say thank you to all the people who have voted and those that helped me during this election term. I do hope that I can exceed all of your expectations and help to create a better flowing system within our schools. There is no better feeling than to know that someone believes in you enough to trust you with their schools and the future of their children.

As a member of the Clint Independent School District School Board, I will listen to the comments and concerns of our people. We will be the voice of the people. As a

parent of a graduate from the CISD, I am familiar with what needs to be done and what can be done for our school system.

I greatly appreciate your votes and hope to dedicate myself to improving the ways of the CISD. I will do my best to help our district succeed and flourish. Together, we can make a change, and I believe that change begins with the candidates our wise voters have chosen. Please bear with me while I become familiar with policies and procedures. Let us march into the future with our heads held high, our ears eager to listen, our minds and hearts open.

*Fernando "Ferne" Sepulveda
Clint*



– Photo courtesy Clint ISD

GETTING RECOGNITION – Students from Desert Hills Elementary posed for a group shot after learning that Clint ISD had earned Recognized status from the Texas Education Agency.

Clint ISD receives Gold for high performance

By Laura Cade
Special to the Courier

Clint ISD continues to celebrate success after receiving the official final District Accountability Ratings report and Gold Performance Acknowledgements for 2010 which were released this month by the Texas Education Agency (TEA). Announced officially in the report, Clint ISD is a "Recognized" District, an accomplishment the District has not seen since 2002. Eleven of the Districts' twelve campuses earned either "Exemplary", "Recognized" or "Acceptable" designations by TEA. Moreover, all twelve of those campuses received at least one Gold Performance Acknowledgement for high performance on indicators other than those used to determine

accountability ratings.

The District received Gold Performance Acknowledgement recognition for three significant indicators: Commended Performance in Social Studies, Recommended High School program/ Distinguished Achievement Program and Texas Success Initiative-Higher Education Readiness Component: Mathematics.

For acknowledgement in Social Studies, the District had 30% or more of students score at or above the Commended Performance standard, the highest performance level set on the Texas Assessment of Knowledge and Skills (TAKS). Students who achieve Commended Performance have performed at a level that is considerably above the state passing standard and have shown a thorough understanding of the knowledge and skills at that grade level tested. Four of the

District's campuses also received this acknowledgement.

All three high schools, Clint, Mountain View and Horizon, received recognition along with the District for having at least 85% of 2009 graduates meet or exceed the Recommended High School program or Distinguished Achievement program.

To receive the Texas Success Initiative (TSI) Higher Education Readiness Component for mathematics the District had 65% or more of the students score at or above the TSI standard sets by the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board on the exit level TAKS. Clint High School and Horizon High School also received this acknowledgement.

For a complete listing of campus ratings, please visit the Clint ISD website at www.clintweb.net.



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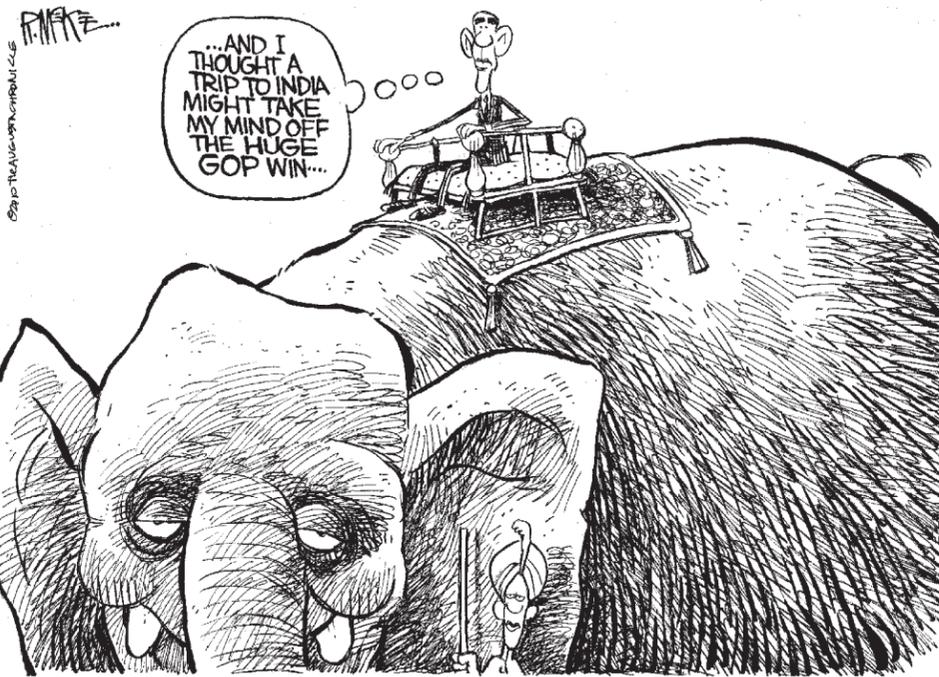
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Por la Gente By State Rep. Chente Quintanilla

It's time to fix manifestos

Hola mi gente.. FIVE HUNDRED MILLION DOLLARS of sales taxes uncollected? That is right. Over the past six years, over \$500 million of statewide sales taxes were refunded.

For the purpose of clarity, I will provide you with just a little background on this subject. Over 10 years ago, a border representative passed a bill that clarified the status and duties of export brokers. Included in the bill was language that allowed the sales tax to be refunded at the source (Walmart, Academy, etc.). The bill streamlined the process by which international visitors could avoid paying sales taxes. It also put into place the only system of its kind in the United States. No other state has done what Texas did.

In addition, it must be noted that the United States Constitution prohibits states and local taxing entities from taxing items that are exported. That is understandable.

However, a product is not exported until it is received at the international location to which it was intended. New Mexico, for example, requires a strict adherence to restricting the tax law freight items that are exported. There are no exemptions at the retail level.

So, since that law was passed, Texas taxpayers have been subsidizing businesses that engage in the manifesto refunds. "Manifesto" is the name of the document that is required for the refunds to be passed on to the business.

Since 2004, the Texas Comptroller has refunded over \$508 million dollars most likely to individuals claiming to be

Mexican nationals. That is where I see a great big problem. I have heard about a lot of fraud in the system. Here in El Paso, it is very likely much of the supposed exported items remain in the county thus not being eligible for the refund. The state does not have the resources to adequately audit the final destination of the items purchased. For that reason, I believe it is time to end it.

For the city of El Paso specifically, the amount of refunds over the six-year period were \$61.6 million; or, an average of \$10.2 million per year. Not all of that money stays in our community. The state keeps 6.25% of sales taxes collected (The state lost \$317.6 million). The city of El Paso keeps 1% of that which is collected within the city limits (inside the city the tax rate is 8.25%, outside 6.25%). So, the average that city taxpayers subsidized business over six years turns out to be around \$1.2 million per year. To make up that amount, consumers have to spend an additional \$124 million.

The county collects only one half of a percent on the taxes collected countywide. During the six-year period, the county should have collected in excess of \$3.7 million. That averages out to \$622,381 in sales taxes lost.

I think it is time for Texas to amend its manifesto program. Taxpayers should not be asked to subsidized sales indefinitely. At some point, retailers must use sales incentives to win and keep international travelers as customers.

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

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Vets

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a slideshow with photographs of all the honored veterans. Musical tributes performed by 1st through 5th grade students included songs such as This Land is Your Land, You're A Grand 'Ole Flag, and God Bless the USA while other students recited patriotic poems. The keynote speaker was Ramon Holguin, a local veteran and Vice-President of the San Elizario ISD Board of Trustees. At the conclusion of the program, veterans were recognized by Superintendent Dr. Mike Quatrini and Assistant Superintendent Sylvia Hopp and received roses, certificates, and gifts from Alarcon Elementary students.

Individuals honored during the event included: Jacob Apodaca, Alfonso Borrego, Raul Borrego, Octavio Cortez, James Coursey, Bernie Del Hierro Mario Espinoza, Luz Estrada, Velen Garcia, Ramon Holguin, Antonio Ibarra, Susana Jones, Luciano Lopez, Manuel Lopez, Manuel Maldonado, Leo Nevarez, David Prieto, Rocco Prignano, Sylvia Rojas-Granillo, and Miguel Torres.

Alarcon Elementary students dressed in red, white, and blue shirts and proudly waved U.S. flags as they took time out from a typical school day to show their appreciation for many of the men and women from the San Elizario community who have served in uniform during a very thoughtful ceremony.



- Photo courtesy San Elizario ISD

HONORED VETS – Fourth-grader, Dulce Garcia, stands with San Elizario veterans, from left, Jacob Apodaca, Alfonso Borrego, Manuel Lopez, Ramon Holguin and Raul Borrego.

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Briefs

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attorney of the 34th Judicial District, and a former special assistant U.S. Attorney for the Western District of Texas. He is a member of the State Bar of Texas, Texas District and County Attorneys Association, El Paso Bar Association, and National College of District Attorneys Alumni Association. He is also a volunteer mock trial coach for the Texas High School Mock Trial Competition, and a member of the El Paso Rotary Club. Hicks received a bachelor's degree from Texas A&M University and a law degree from Texas Tech University School of Law.

— Allison Castle

Crime Stoppers

Crime Stoppers of El Paso is assisting the El Paso Police Department in identifying and locating the persons responsible for stealing 180 bronze vases from Mt. Carmel Cemetery, making this the "Crime of the Week." On Sunday, Oct. 24, family visitors to their loved ones at Mt. Carmel Cemetery, 401 S. Zaragoza Road, reported that bronze vases had been stolen from the grave sites. Upon investigation, Police officers discovered that 180 of the vases had been stolen. The vases are solid bronze and are used to hold flowers on the gravestones of the departed. At a value of \$160 each, the total damages are \$28,800. Investigators believe the vases were stolen sometime between Friday, Oct. 22, and the morning of Sunday, Oct. 24. At this time, there is no description

of the persons responsible for the thefts. If you have any information at all about the identity of the persons responsible, 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

Wanted

The El Paso County Sheriff's Office is assisting the Federal Bureau of Investigation in searching for an individual believed to be responsible for stealing personal checks and passing them off to local businesses in El Paso and Anthony, Texas while he was impersonating an FBI Agent. The target of this week's Manhunt Monday Most Wanted Fugitive is William Trinity Mendoza, 34, of El Paso, TX.



William Mendoza

He also goes by William Herrera. Mendoza is 5'6" tall and weighs 195 pounds. He has brown hair and eyes. He has tattoos on both arms. Mendoza is believed to have gone to several businesses in El Paso and Anthony, Texas and ordered products, food and services and then paying for them utilizing a personal check. These businesses don't normally accept personal checks however, believing Mendoza was an FBI Agent, made an exception. On each of these occasions, Mendoza was wearing clothing (baseball cap, wind breaker) displaying the FBI insignia.

Mendoza has been positively identified by victims of the stolen checks, as well as business owners. Mendoza is believed



Yvette Loyosa

to be traveling with Yvette Losoya and her two 18 month old children. They are believed to be driving a white/light grey 2010 Ford Edge, with Texas License Plates TWV732. This case is being worked by the FBI's Violent Crimes Task Force, which includes the El Paso Police Department and El Paso Sheriff's Department. The FBI has a federal arrest warrant for impersonating an FBI Agent and the El Paso and Anthony Police Departments have warrants for the illegal use of a Financial Instrument. Mendoza's criminal history shows various arrests for Forgery, Credit Card abuse, Parole Violation, Failure to Identify and a 2006 arrest for Impersonating a Public Servant. He believed to remain in the Borderland and is now on the run and hiding. Law Enforcement Officials are asking the public for any information on the whereabouts of Mendoza or Loyosa. Please contact the FBI at (915) 832-5000, Sheriff's Office (915) 546-2280 or Crime Stoppers of El Paso at 566-TIPS (8477) with your tips. Callers will remain anonymous and may be eligible for a reward if the information provided leads to the apprehension of these individuals.

— Deputy Jesse Tovar

Star

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recently and inquired about medals awarded to WWII military servicemen. "That is when I found out that my unit had been presented with these medals," said Madrid. Bravo's medal presentation was also initiated by the congressman's office.

The special presentations were part of the Sixth Annual Veterans Day celebration that was sponsored last week by Canutillo Middle School administration and staff. This year's annual ceremony, facilitated by CMS Principal Dr. Monica Garcia-Reyes, brought together more than 60 military veterans, spouses, and family members to be honored for their services and sacrifices for their country.

The 600-plus student body and visitors packed the CHS gymnasium to hear guest speakers, student leaders, and CMS Choir and Band commemorate this special occasion. The Canutillo High School NJROTC Honor Guard performed the presentation of colors to open the ceremony.

Also among the group of veterans

honored by CMS were two Korean War Era veterans- Ruben Ramos and Andres Padilla- and VFW Post 4384 veterans from Anthony, New Mexico. All veterans were given a patriotic Christmas tree ornament as a souvenir of the event.

"Our Veterans Day celebration gets bigger every year," said the CMS Principal. "I think it is important to model for our students the honor and respect that our military service men and women deserve for the sacrifices that they are making to help keep Americans safe and free."



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The Cowboys need to decide if they are professionals

By Steve Escajeda
Special to the Courier

It's pretty rare when one of the worst franchises in a professional league is one of its most intriguing.

Owner Jerry Jones finally pulled the plug on Wade Phillips last week and named offensive coordinator Jason Garrett to take over the team for the rest of the season.

One of the nation's favorite guessing games right now is "who's going to be the next full-time coach of the Dallas Cowboys?"

The general consensus is that Garrett will not be successful enough to keep the head guy's job at the end of the season.

And how can he? He would need the Cowboys to play much better than they have been. And with John Kitna at the helm, the Cowboys don't stand a chance of winning more than a couple games the rest of the way.

Just look at the schedule, the Cowboys still have the defending Super Bowl champion New Orleans Saints, the Indianapolis Colts, the Washington Red Skins and the Philadelphia Eagles twice.

And to be honest, as the offensive coordinator the last couple years, Garrett's play calling has been overly predictable and unimaginative.

But sometimes even the experts can be wrong.

The super soap opera, which is the Dallas Cowboys, got off to an amazing start on Sunday when the Jason Garrett era got underway against the New York Giants.

When all the dust cleared, the Cowboys and their new coach and second-string quarterback, defeated the Giants by the tune of 33-20.

Many football fans watching the game Sunday must have wondered what in the world was going on as the Cowboys scored touchdown after touchdown on the heavily favored Giants.

So what does the Cowboys performance say about the team? What does it say about Wade Phillips? What does it say about Jason Garrett?

I think it's rather obvious that the team wasn't responding to Phillips and his layback attitude. Everybody says Phillips is a nice guy but sometimes a football team needs someone to get in their face.

And Phillips was just not that kind of guy. The players liked him because he's easy on them – but does anybody really respect someone they don't fear?

As for Garrett, the one thing we didn't know about him is how he would respond to the pressure of taking over the team.

From what he showed last Sunday, Garrett not only responded well – he looked downright comfortable in his new role.

Garrett seems like a fairly hard-nosed no-nonsense leader who won't take a lot of guff from any player – and that's exactly what this Cowboys team needed.

As for the players, it proves that they could have played like winners all along, but evidently chose not to for some reason. And behavior like that says a lot about their lack of professionalism.

A professional athlete making millions of dollars shouldn't need a coach to motivate him. The motivation should always come from within.

A coach's job is to teach the team how to run the plays they need to win, and then call them at the right time during the games. Not cheerlead from the sideline.

So with all that said and done – what about

the search for the next head coach of the Dallas Cowboys?

Jerry Jones recently said that some former Super Bowl winning coaches have inquired about the position, though he won't say whom.

I've got a feeling that the Bill Cowher's and the Jon Gruden's didn't like what they saw last Sunday. If Garrett continues to do well that will mean he will eventually get the job and they will be left out in the cold.

If the Dallas Cowboys continue to play even close to the way they did last Sunday, fans will be demanding that Jones makes Garrett the full-time head coach.

Of course the Cowboys win over the Giants is just one game of the final eight. The Boys could go on to lose the final seven games of the season and the talk will start up again about hiring a new coach.

But even the toughest Jason Garrett critics had to admit that he lit a spark under the team and had them looking like Super Bowl contenders.

Only problem is – he has to do it again this week and again the week after that.

Let's hope the players are motivated and professional enough to help him get the job.

A sporting view By Mark Vasto

The main spark

Johnny Bench – one of the greatest catchers and baseball personalities ever to walk to Earth – put it as succinctly as he could that January day.

"Sparky... was dissatisfied," he said.

He was, of course, referring to Sparky Anderson, architect of the vaunted "Big Red Machine" of the '70s who had just been fired by

the team's president in the 1978 offseason. In retrospect – heck, any respect – it was a pretty dumb move. In nine years, Anderson had led the Reds to five division titles, four pennants, two World Series wins and more wins than any other Reds manager had ever achieved at the time – a record that stands to this day.

Cincinnati, however, needed to

hear more. The city had just seen the most successful manager in the club's exceptionally long history (go ahead... Google "Cincinnati Redlegs" to see what I mean) get unceremoniously booted a mere three seasons after the Machine had last rolled through the league; it came as a bit of a shock. How do you just dump a legend? The man considered "the main spark" for one of baseball's greatest dynasties? Especially at a franchise that possessed stars like Pete Rose, Joe Morgan, Bench and George Foster but was more apt to put the owner's dog on the front of the media guide

instead. "Second place is good, but it's not up to our standards," said Dick Wagner, the Reds' team president at the time. "It's time to make a change... times and situations change."

The Reds, through inertia, made the playoffs in 1979. They would not reach the postseason again until 1990.

Anderson, the baseball fan remembers, was hired by the Detroit Tigers, where he took the wheel of a perennial loser and steered it to a World Series championship within five years, winning the American League Manager of the Year honors in 1984 and 1987. When the dust finally settled, he had rung up 2,194 career wins – the sixth most for a manager in Major League history. He was elected to the Baseball Hall of Fame in 2000.

In a way, it was fitting that

George Lee "Sparky" Anderson passed away on Nov. 3, two days after the San Francisco Giants closed out the season with a World Series win. Anderson always hated missing the Fall Classic as a manager, why should it be any different in retirement? And in the end, he perhaps summed up his career and managerial philosophy better than any sports writer ever could.

"I got good players, stayed out of the way, let 'em win a lot, and then just hung around for 26 years," Anderson said at his Hall of Fame induction.

Maybe so, but it helped to have a spark. Thanks for playing ball, Mr. Anderson... you will be missed.

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

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Horizon Regional Municipal Utility District

Request for Bids

Horizon Regional Municipal Utility District is seeking Bids for a lot in Unit 84 Horizon City Estates, El Paso County, Texas. This property has been declared "Surplus". Buyer is advised to inspect the property and review all restrictions of record. The lot is being sold "as is" and the Seller makes no representation, written or oral, regarding the condition of the lot or the use of the lot for any particular purpose.

All bids need to be submitted in a sealed envelope plainly marked "Bid for Lot" and addressed to Toby Alvarado, Horizon Regional MUD, 14100 Horizon Boulevard, Drive, Horizon City, TX 79928. Bids will be accepted until Wednesday,

December 15, 2010 at 5 PM. Bids will be opened on December 16 at 10:00 am at 14100 Horizon Boulevard. Horizon Regional MUD reserves the right to reject any and all bids.

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Paseo del Este Municipal Utility District No. 4

NOTICE OF CHANGE IN ADDRESS OF MEETING PLACES

THE STATE OF TEXAS COUNTY OF EL PASO

TO THE RESIDENTS AND TAXPAYERS OF PASEO DEL ESTE MUNICIPAL UTILITYDISTRICT NO. 4 AND TO ALL PERSONS INTERESTED IN THE MEETINGS OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF SUCH DISTRICT:

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Board of Directors of Paseo del Este Municipal

Utility District No. 4 has previously established meeting places outside the boundaries of the District at, among other locations, the offices of Hunt Communities, LLC, 4487 N. Mesa, Suite 201, El Paso, Texas, the Offices of Southwest Water Company at 12429 Rojas Dr Ste A-2, El Paso, Texas 79928, and the offices of Gray-Jansing & Associates, Inc. at 10737 Gateway West, Suite 206, El Paso, Texas 79935. Hunt Communities, LLC, has relocated its offices to 4401 N. Mesa, El Paso, Texas 79902, Southwest Water Company has relocated its offices to 12350 Montwood, Suite 100, El Paso, Texas 79928, and Gray-Jansing & Associates, Inc., has relocated its offices to 801 N. El Paso Street, Suite 150, El Paso, Texas 79902, and the Board of Directors wishes to change the location of its meeting places to reflect these changes in addresses.

Therefore, the offices of Hunt Communities, LLC, 4401 N. Mesa, El Paso, Texas, the offices of Southwest Water Company, 12350 Montwood, Suite 100, El Paso, Texas 79928, and the offices of Gray-Jansing & Associates, Inc., 801 N. El Paso Street, Suite 150, El Paso, TX 79902, are hereby declared to be public places and open to the public and authorized meeting places of the District. The addresses of other out of District meeting places of the Board of Directors of the District remain the same as previously published.

All residents and taxpayers of Paseo del Este Municipal Utility District No. 4 and all other interested persons are hereby invited to attend all meetings of the Board of Directors.

/s/ THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS PASEO DEL ESTE MUNICIPAL UTILITYDISTRICT NO. 4

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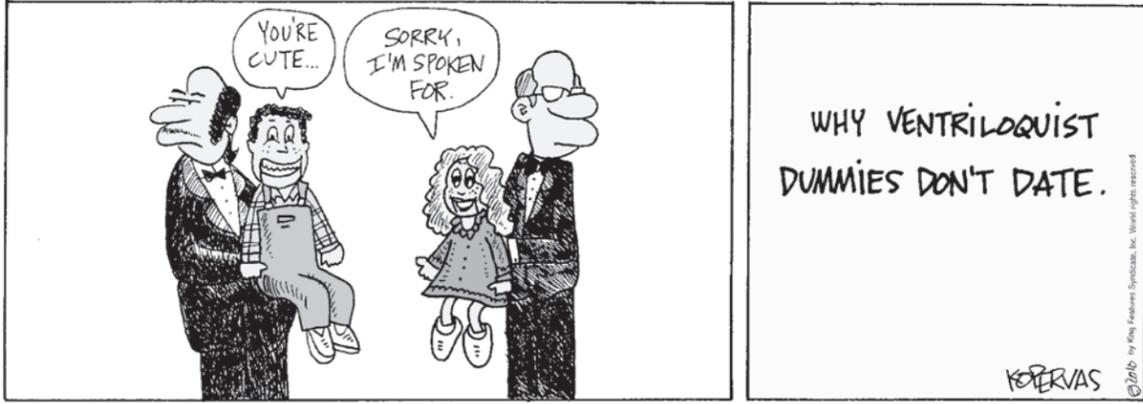
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OUT ON A LIMB By Gary Kopervas



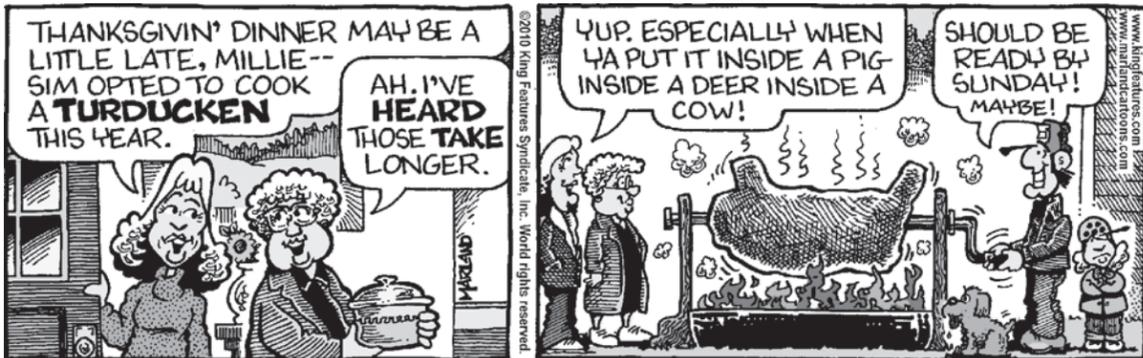
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Your good health By Paul G. Donahue, M.D.

DEAR DR. DONOHUE: I've just hung up the phone after talking to my doctor. He has me scared out of my wits. This morning while reading the newspaper, I couldn't hold it up. My right arm became weak. In about five minutes, everything returned to normal. I thought I had better call the doctor to see if this was serious. The doctor thinks I had a ministroke and wants me to have someone take me to the hospital ASAP. I told him I was fine. He said that doesn't matter. I thought I would drop you a line for your opinion. I trust your judgment. What should I do? – T.R.

background information on you. I am counting on your good sense to get you to the hospital quickly.

The booklet on stroke, one of our most feared illnesses, covers the topic in detail. Readers can obtain a copy by writing: Dr. Donahue – No. 902W, 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: My grandparents never took vitamins and never talked about them. They both lived into their late 90s. Everyone I know takes vitamins, including me. Why? – C.N.

I hope you listened to your doctor. You should do exactly what he told you. You have an emergency on your hands. You most likely had a TIA – a transient ischemic attack – a ministroke. Investigation should be taking place as soon as possible – immediately. A part of your brain lost its blood supply for a short time. Even a brief occurrence like the one you describe can cause permanent brain damage. Worse, it is often the foreboding of a complete stroke.

You have to be checked for a blockage in one of your carotid arteries, the large neck arteries that deliver blood to the brain. You have to be examined for a clot in other body locations like the heart. Pieces of those clots can break loose and be carried to a brain artery, where they stop the flow of blood permanently. Atrial fibrillation, a common heartbeat disturbance, is often responsible for such clots.

Numbness, weakness or both of a hand, arm, leg, side of the face or tongue can be a sign of a TIA. Trouble expressing oneself is another sign. So are disturbances of vision. None lasts long, but they are quite significant and serious warnings.

I don't have important

Vitamins are nutrients essential to body health and body chemistry. They're needed only in minute amounts. No vitamin is made by the body except for vitamin D. We must get them from foods. Although the body does make vitamin D, many older people and quite a few younger ones are deficient in this vitamin. Your grandparents got their vitamins from eating a well-balanced diet. We could do the same.

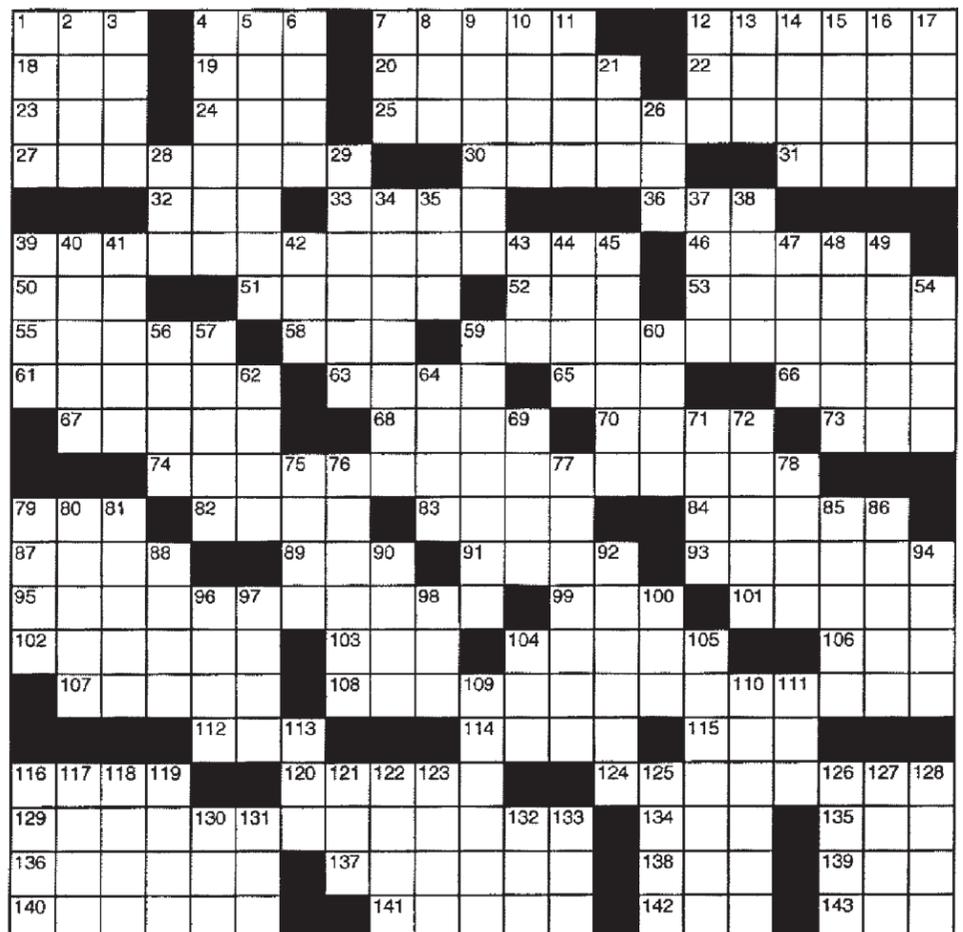
Vitamin-taking is a new wrinkle in human history. It does assure people that they're getting the recommended daily intake of vitamins. Is it absolutely necessary? Probably not, but most do not get their daily dose of all vitamins through foods.

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

Super Crossword

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| BELONGINGS | 65 Word with stop or bull | 129 Saul Bellow novel | 34 "CHiPs" star | 88 Impact sound |
| ACROSS | 66 Bodybuilder's pride | 134 Pirate's quaff | 35 Cow or sow | 90 Comice kin |
| 1 Use a calculator | 67 Musty | 135 Hubbub | 37 Norwegian saint | 92 Symbol |
| 4 Cartographer's creation | 68 Unlikely to enthrall | 136 Estefan or Estevez | 38 Prima donna | 94 Exemplar of redness |
| 7 Actress Sonia | 69 Hoopster | 137 Painted poorly | 39 Actress Nielsen | 96 Puppy protests |
| 12 "Dancing" ('78 smash) | 70 Archibald | 138 Slangy suffix | 40 Fishhook parts | 97 gin fizz |
| 18 Payable | 71 Pinky or Peggy | 139 Brink | 41 Sluggish | 98 Presidential monogram |
| 19 Bristol brew | 72 Massachusetts resort | 140 Just | 42 Milne creature | 100 Placekicker's prop |
| 20 Abuse | 73 Comrade | 141 Philharmonic section | 43 roll | 104 Wildebeest |
| 22 Puget Sound city | 74 Present | 142 Opera's Merriman | 44 Airhead | 105 Blood count? |
| 23 Mimic | 75 High spirits | 143 Essential | 45 May or Stritch | 109 Exercise the elbow |
| 24 Tub | 76 Profess | | 46 Architect Saarinen | 110 Witch doctor |
| 25 Sarah Miles movie | 77 University deg. | DOWN | 47 "La _ Vita" ('60 film) | 111 Frankfurter's field |
| 27 Ruehl of "The Fisher King" | 78 Uncommon | 1 Eliot's " _ Bede" | 48 Hill (Civil War site) | 113 Marry |
| 30 Muldoon's partner | 79 Amulet motif | 2 Con | 49 "Gimme five!" and "Aloha!" | 116 Noah's eldest |
| 31 Itches | 80 Everly Brothers hit | 3 "Bambi" extras | 50 Corset part | 117 Scottish philosopher |
| 32 Remnant | 81 CPR provider | 4 Experts | 51 Earl _ Biggers | 118 Kuwaiti ruler |
| 33 Southwestern sight | 82 Jenny Lind, for one | 5 Lamp lad | 52 Spurt | 119 Competent |
| 36 Start to snooze | 83 Involve | 6 "Our Gang" canine | 53 Benito's bread | 121 Part of EST |
| 39 Anne Nichols play | 84 City in Kyrgyzstan | 7 "It's freezing!" | 54 Flat hats | 122 Peter or Ivan |
| 46 Existed | 85 Scooped at | 8 Bandleader Alvino | 55 Idle and Severeid | 123 Malarial fever |
| 50 Japanese | 86 "Run to Him" singer | 9 Incarnation | 56 After-bath powder | 125 Rock's _ Butterfly |
| honorific | 87 Conductor's concern | 10 Marchetti of football | 57 "Gimme five!" and "Aloha!" | 126 Conifer covering |
| 51 Nick of 130 Down | 88 Liam Neeson film | 11 In addition | 58 Mythological swimmers | 127 Singer Adams |
| 52 Zilch | 89 Make too much of | 12 R-V hookup? | 59 Sketch | 128 Actress Schneider |
| 53 '90 Barry Levinson film | 90 Ruminant | 13 Crone | 60 Wear out the carpet | 130 "Lorenzo's _" ('92 film) |
| 55 Style | 91 "The truth at last!" | 14 " _ Breaky Heart" ('92 hit) | 61 _ garde | 131 Powell co-star |
| 58 " _ the fields we go..." | 92 New York stadium | 15 Make too much of | 62 Lenya or Lehmann | 132 Nourished |
| 59 Vicki Lawrence sitcom | 93 Cornerstone abbr. | 16 Portent | 63 Roman fountain | 133 QB's stats |
| 61 Overseas | 94 Copperfield" character | 17 Fights | 64 "Kookie" Byrnes | |
| 63 Icelandic epic | | 18 Writer Rand | 65 Artichoke heart? | |
| | | 19 Shows one's teeth | 66 Underworld | |

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Moore Texas by Roger Moore During the rationing days of WW II, some San Antonio eateries substituted PORPOISE for beef.



GO FIGURE! by Linda Thistle

The idea of Go Figure is to arrive at the figures given at the bottom and right-hand columns of the diagram by following the arithmetic signs in the order they are given (that is, from left to right and top to bottom). Use only the numbers below the diagram to complete its blank squares and use each of the nine numbers only once.

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	x		-		16
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DIFFICULTY: ★★

★ Moderate ★★ Difficult
★★★ GO FIGURE!

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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ★

★ Moderate ★★ Challenging

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★★★ HOO BOY!

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Social Security Q&A By Ray Vigil

Q: How can I calculate my own retirement benefit estimate?

A: We suggest you use our Retirement Estimator at www.socialsecurity.gov/estimator. Our Retirement Estimator produces estimates based on your actual Social Security earnings record, so it's a personalized, instant picture of your future estimated benefit. Also, you can use it to test different retirement scenarios based on what age you decide to start benefits. For example, you can find out your estimated monthly payments if you retire at age 62 or at age 70. You also can use our benefit calculators at www.socialsecurity.gov/planners/calculators.htm and use the earnings shown on your annual Social Security Statement to calculate estimates.

Q: What can I do at www.socialsecurity.gov?

A: There are a myriad of things you can do at Social Security's website. You can get an estimate of future benefits, find out if you qualify for benefits now, and even apply for benefits. Or, you can read one of our 150 or so publications. Many are in Spanish and some are in 14 other languages as well as in audio and alternative formats. Online, you also can find your local Social Security office or find out what documents you need to make a change to your Social Security card. And for the curious, check out the fun facts on

our website, like this one: did you know the first Social Security payment of 17 cents went to a fellow named Ernest Ackerman in January 1937? It was a one-time, lump-sum pay-out – the only form of benefits paid during the start-up period January 1937 through December 1939.

Q: I've decided I want to retire. How do I begin?

A: The fastest and easiest way to apply for retirement benefits is to go to www.socialsecurity.gov/applyonline. To use our online application to apply for Social Security retirement or spouse's benefits, you must:

- Be at least 61 years and 9 months old;
- Want to start your benefits in the next four months; and
- Live in the United States or one of its commonwealths or territories.

If you are already age 62, your benefits could start as early as this month. If you are almost 65, your application for benefits will include Medicare. Just visit www.socialsecurity.gov/applyonline.

For more information on 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, 1111 Gateway West, Attn: Ray Vigil, El Paso, Texas 79935.

STRANGE BUT TRUE

By Samantha Weaver

• It was journalist, entrepreneur and philanthropist Esther Dyson who made the following sage observation: "The Internet is like alcohol in some sense. It accentuates what you would do anyway. If you want to be a loner, you can be more alone. If you want to connect, it makes it easier to connect."

• In China, the Beijing Traffic Management Bureau, which issues license plates, has recently stopped allowing the number 4 to appear on the tags. Evidently the number sounds like the word for "death" and is therefore considered to be unlucky.

• Here's a startling statistic: If your family is average, you throw out about \$600 in unspoiled food every year.

• If you're planning a vacation sometime in the near future, you might want to keep in mind Travel & Leisure magazine's most recent city rankings. These rankings didn't involve food or culture, though. For this particular list, readers voted on the cities with the most- and least-attractive people. If you enjoy people-watching, head to Charleston, S.C., which reportedly boasts the most attractive populace, followed by San Diego and Savannah, Ga., in second and third places. The U.S. cities with the least attractive residents? According to the survey, they're Memphis, Baltimore and Philadelphia.

• Have you ever wondered what the largest irrigated crop in the United States is? It's not soybeans, wheat or even corn; it's grass, mostly in lawns, parks and golf courses.

• In Turkey, a traditional Muslim wedding lasts anywhere from four to seven days. During that time the bride's family and the groom's family participate in separate celebrations, and the bride and groom are not allowed to see each other until the ceremony at the end.

Thought for the Day: "The secret of life is to appreciate the pleasure of being terribly, terribly deceived."
– Oscar Wilde

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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: I equals Q

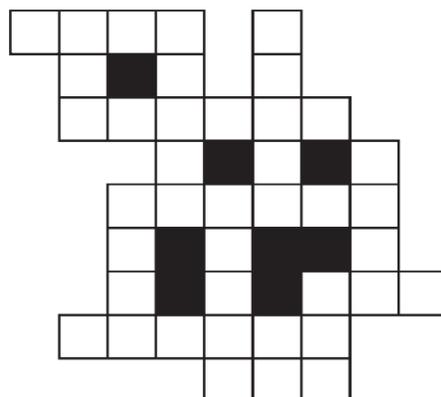
LQRSF HXQ ZPDSKP IAWVP OQUM
QO ZSWQ, XSKWVQU, HQFO SUM
SMSKY: KSLR, IAPPU QO YDQVVY.

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- KAR
- LERKEN
- PYXOE
- ♥APLE
- PIRYAP
- TEL
- VEAP
- KLAPN
- ♥APL
- ORRTRE
- TORAA
- ♥ARIL



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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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