



NEWSBRIEFS

Keep it clean

The Town of Horizon City is cleaning up with the "Don't Mess with Texas" and "Keep America Beautiful" campaigns. This year the event will be held on Saturday, April 30, 2011, from 8:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. The starting point will be the Oz Glaze Senior Center, located at 13969 Veny Webb. This is an opportunity for residents, businesses, civic organizations, schools and clubs to take make a difference in their community. Lunch will be provided by local businesses and served to volunteers at the Oz Glaze Center at 11:30 a.m. Anyone interested in participating in this program can contact the Town of Horizon City at 852-1046 for registration information and clean-up guidelines. Volunteers are needed. If you live in or do business in Horizon, come join us.

— Karen Ellefson

Business roundtable

The Texas Department of Agriculture is working hard to assist rural businesses across west Texas. By hosting business resource roundtable meetings in rural communities across the region, businesses will be equipped with an overview of business programs to foster success. Rural Business Development Roundtable Discussions is a partnership of the United States Department of Agriculture Rural Development, United States Small Business Administration, University of Texas San Antonio Southwest Trade Adjustment Assistance Center, ACCION Texas and the Texas Department of Agriculture Rural Economic Development Division. The purpose of the roundtable meetings is to bring together local entrepreneurs and business leaders to discuss local and regional business and economic issues, identify areas of need and opportunities, and learn about resources that may provide assistance. Please join us at Anthony City Hall, 401 Wildcat Dr., Anthony, TX on Tuesday, April 26 from 1:00 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. Roundtable Discussion Leaders include:

- Jonas Reyes, U.S. Department of Agriculture;
- Adrian Madrigal, U.S. Small Business Administration;
- Ernesto Villalobos, University of Texas San Antonio, Southwest Trade Adjustment Assistance Center;
- Elvira Valles, ACCION Texas; and
- Jack Stallings, Texas Department of Agriculture.

For additional information, please contact TDA Rural Economic Development Representative Jack Stallings at (915) 859-3942 or jack.stallings@TexasAgriculture.gov.

— Adrian Madrigal

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— Photo courtesy of BLM

GOING, GOING, GONE – The BLM will auction off horses and burros this weekend. The event was rescheduled due to the budget impasse in Congress. Directions to the Rio Grande Valley Ranch Arena (300 FM 259 / Canutillo La Union Ave.): From Interstate 10, take Exit 8 (Woodrow Bean / Transmountain Rd.) west toward Canutillo approximately one mile. Go right on Doniphan Dr. approximately half a mile. Go left on FM 259 (Canutillo La Union Ave.) approximately half a mile.

Horse and burro adoption in Canutillo

By Paul McGuire
Special to the Courier

The U.S. Bureau of Land Management (BLM) is has new dates for its wild horse and burro adoption in Canutillo. The event will be held April 21- 23 at the Rio Grande Valley Ranch Arena. The three-day event will feature over 50 spectacular animals. These are adult and yearling horses and burros

that once roamed free on public lands in the west. The BLM periodically removes excess animals from the range in order to maintain healthy herds and to protect other rangeland resources. The adoption program is essential for achieving these important management goals.

Adoption Schedule:

Adoption begins with a competitive bid Thursday, April 21, at 2 p.m. First-come-first-served adoptions follow until 6 p.m., then

again Friday, April 22, from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m., and Saturday, April 23, from 8 a.m. to noon.

Adoption Qualifications:

Application approval is required and can be done on site. To qualify to adopt, one must be at least 18 years old with no record of animal abuse. Adopters must have a minimum of 400 square feet of corral space per animal, with free access to food, water and shelter. A six-foot corral fence is required for adult horses and five feet for yearlings. All horses must be loaded in covered stock-type trailers with swing gates and sturdy walls and floors. BLM staff will be on hand to assist with the short application process, answer any questions and load horses.

Adoption Fees:

The standard adoption fee is \$125, as set by law. Bidding will start at that amount.

\$500 Adoption Incentive:

BLM pays a one-time \$500 care-and-feeding allowance to adopters of horses at least four years old. The allowance is paid in full after one year when adopters receive official ownership title for their horse(s). All standard adoption conditions and fees apply. A limited number of eligible horses will be available at Canutillo. Younger horses, burros and trained animals are not eligible for this incentive.

Wild horses and burros – iconic symbols of America's western heritage – are renowned for their strength, endurance, agility and intelligence, characteristics bred into them in the wild that make them ideal for work or recreation. Since 1973, the BLM has placed more than 220,000 of these "living legends" in approved homes across the country.

For more information, call toll-free 866-4-MUSTANGS (866.468.7826) or visit www.blm.gov/nm.

Northwest Early College students place first In Moot Court Tournament

By Alfredo Vasquez
Special to the Courier

Northwest Early College High School (NECHS) students took top honors during the Law School Preparation Institute's (LSPI) Second Annual High School Moot Court Tournament held recently in the Liberal Arts Building on the University of Texas at El Paso campus.

NECHS sophomores Ember Sikorski and Christina Collazo tied for the top advocate award in the Saturday morning competition. NECHS juniors Aimee Olivas and Roberto (Nick) Ballesteros were the second place team.

This year, about 60 high school students from local school districts participated in the tournament. "With the help of attorneys from the local bar association serving as judges, this competition gave students

a chance to demonstrate their ability to construct sound legal arguments and exercise their presentation abilities," stated LSPI officials.

The Moot Court Tournament pitted participants in a legal case currently making its way through the U. S. Supreme Court process. The Supreme Court judges are being asked to rule on a California law that seeks to ban the sale and rental of violent games to children, marking the first time a case involving the interactive medium itself has gone before the nation's highest court.

The law, signed by Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger in 2005, was declared unconstitutional last year by the 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in San Francisco.

Ken Holzman, NECHS history and geography teacher, helped prepare 20 NECHS students for the legal contest.

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The first step to knowledge is to know that you are ignorant.

— Quips & Quotes

Veterans Post By Freddy Groves

VA health system software upgrade

It's been called VistA, which stands for Veterans Integrated System Technology Architecture, and it is the backbone of the electronic health record system for the Department of Veterans Affairs. VistA has allowed health-care providers to read and update a patient's records with just a few keystrokes. It can keep track of prescriptions and tests ordered by any VA medical facility, keep special diets straight, handle nursing notes and improve overall efficiency. Veterans who wish to sign up can get prescription refills ordered online, access their records and send messages to their health team.

It's part of the Open Source Electronic Health Record, and the VA wants to update it.

Therefore the VA has taken the initial steps to award "custodial services" to put an open-source version of VistA in all its many facilities and to upgrade the software. In tech-talk, "open source" means that the software itself is out there in the public domain, and the VA is hoping that others will create complementary software that will work with

VistA. The custodial agent will be the gatekeeper through which all new parts and pieces flow.

Dr. Peter Levin, adviser to the secretary and chief technology officer of the VA, described in a long article the "13,000 kinds of medical diagnoses, 6,000 medicines, and 4,000 possible procedures" necessary for them to practice medicine. He says that opening up the source code can "ensure cyber security by exposing code to large communities of technical reviewers." He concludes that "vendors will have a clear path to the enormous federal healthcare IT market."

Are you nervous yet?

Inquiring minds want to know how these "custodians" will be selected, and what criteria they'll use to "ensure" the cyber security of the information that the software will handle.

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View from here By Ray Wotring

Term limits amendment

U.S. Term Limits President Philip Blumel praised Senator Jim DeMint (R-SC) and 10 Senate Republican cosponsors for introducing an amendment to the U.S. Constitution which would set term limits on members of Congress.

The Constitutional Amendment would allow members of the House of Representatives to serve a maximum of three terms of two years, and Senators would be limited to two terms of six years each.

"The waves of change that have hit Washington, DC over the past couple of election cycles would be meaningful if those who lead Congress and its committees weren't standard political insiders with little connection remaining to those who they were elected to serve. Today, Senator DeMint and 10 Senate

Republicans have taken a bold step to change the culture of corruption and entitlement in our nation's capitol."

78 percent of Americans support congressional term limits according to a September 2010 FoxNews Public Opinion Dynamics poll of registered voters. Enjoying overwhelming bipartisan support, 74 percent of Democrats polled favored term limits with 84 percent of Republicans indicating support.

The poll showed that support has jumped by eight percent from the last nationwide poll conducted by the same firm in March 2009 poll registered that 70 percent of Americans supported congressional term limits.

"The myth that professional legislators are needed to deal with the complexity

of government today is exposed by the \$14.3 trillion national debt hole that has been created by the very professional politicians who make this argument. We can no longer afford career politicians who defer tough decisions to commissions and other non-elected bodies. Limiting terms will allow citizen legislators to come to Washington, DC, fix the problems and then go home to resume their lives, instead of becoming encamped in the cloistered world inside the DC Beltway," Blumel concluded.

Passage of the Constitutional Amendment requires a two-thirds vote of both the U.S. Senate and House of Representatives followed by passage in 37 states. It is anticipated that a companion bill will be introduced in the House of Representatives.

Court

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"We began preparing at least a month before the tournament," said Holzman. "We formed ten teams, two students per team, and then we divided into five teams for the ban and five teams against the ban," he explained.

According to the NECHS teacher, one group of teams built a case to support California's measure that would regulate games more like pornography than movies, prohibiting the sale or rental of games that give players the option of "killing, maiming, dismembering, or sexually assaulting an image of a human being" to anyone under the age of 18.

"The other group prepared to defend the federal court's ruling that said the law violated minors' constitutional rights under the First and Fourteenth amendments and the state lacked enough evidence to prove violent games cause physical and psychological harm to minors," said Holzman, who is also an attorney.

The moot court tournament is one of several activities coordinated by UTEP's LSPI program. Initiated in 1998, LSPI provides a variety of law and prelaw-related programs that serve undergraduate and high school students as well as the general community. The pre-law program offers students the opportunity to participate in summer and internship programs, a high school law camp each summer, and other educational and community outreach efforts.

"The Moot Court tournament is a great way to teach high school students how to think on their feet, how to be analytical in their thinking, and how to present their ideas logically," said NECHS Principal Peggy Gustafson about her students' participation in the



— Photo by Alfredo Vasquez

Northwest Early College High School (NECHS) students take top honors in UTEP's Law School Preparation Institute's Second Annual High School Moot Court Tournament held recently. From left are NECHS student winners Ember Sikorski, Aimee Olivas, Roberto Ballesteros, Christina Collazo, and (center) Kenneth Holzman, team advisor.

pre-law exercise.

Northwest Early College High School serves students residing in the Canutillo Independent School District and surrounding districts who want to pursue a high school diploma and Associates degree at El Paso Community College simultaneously.

NECHS is currently accepting applications from eighth grade students interested in pursuing high school and college credit courses next school year.

For more information and for applications, visit the campus website at <http://www.canutillo-isd.org/nechs/enrollment.html>.

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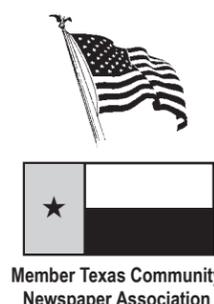
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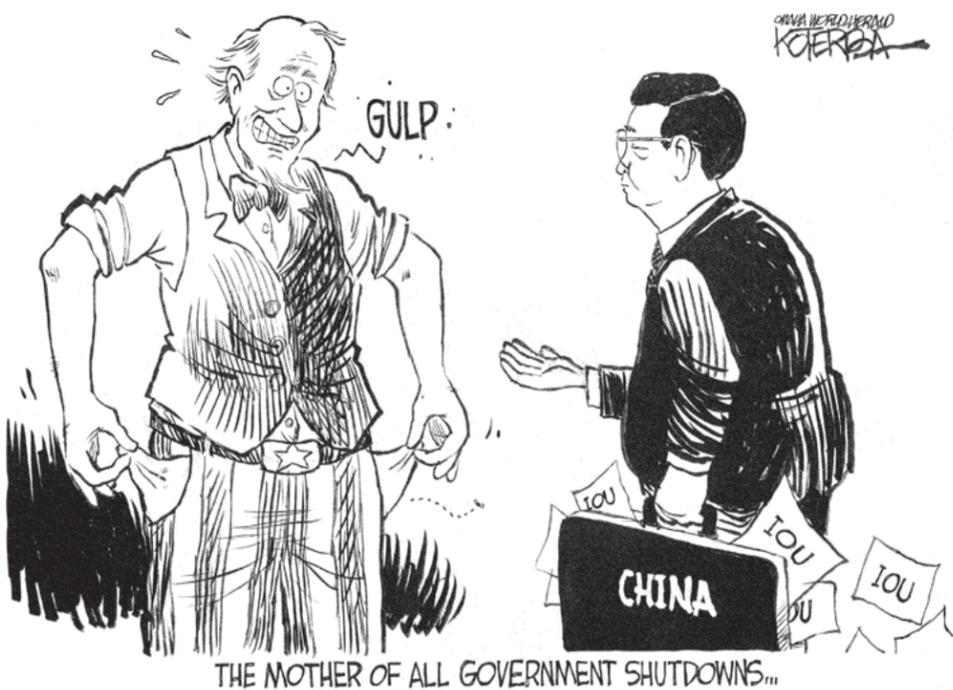
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A MESSAGE from the SCIENTIFIC COMMUNITY...



Por la Gente By State Rep. Chente Quintanilla

Redistricting

Hola mi gente. The chairman of the redistricting committee released the proposed map of redistricting for the state of Texas. Although there were changes, the boundaries for the five El Paso House members remain relatively unchanged.

Before going further on redistricting, I would like to commend Representative Pickett's office for handling the responsibility of drawing our maps. Eddie Miranda, the Chief of Staff, did most of the leg work tweaking maps after input from members. It was not an easy task but he did an excellent job of coordinating the drawing for Representative Pickett.

With a lopsided majority, some were fearful that the Republican majority was going to draw maps that were unreasonable. Had there been the atmosphere of 2003 to 2007, the likelihood of an unreasonable map would have been greater. Chairman Solomons allowed the delegations to design their boundaries. That resulted in very few concerns.

As a matter of fact, before the map was released, there were comments from some of the more conservative members about the process being too generous with Democrats.

In the redistricting process, there inevitably arises a situation where sitting members are placed into the same district. That is referred to as "pairing". There were eight districts drawn that resulted in pairings. Only one paired Democrats. The other fourteen members were Republican.

The leadership put six newly elected Republican members, swept in by the teaparty excitement, into the pairing process. Of those, only two are guaranteed a district because the others are paired with incumbents.

The proposed map also paired four long time members. One pairing of members in the panhandle won't be a contested race if the plan remains the same. There has already been an announcement by one of leaving the legislature.

The other pairing of longtime members is not one that is easily called.

The final pairing of Republicans involves one member who switched parties this past year. I will let you decide who has the advantage in that race.

On Friday the fifteenth of April, the Redistricting Committee had its first hearing on the proposed boundaries. There were a few members who discussed concerns at the hearing. The members of the southern Rio Grande area and members in a certain Houston area presented their concerns.

The longest testimony was given by the Mexican American Legal Defense and Education Fund (MALDEF). Their concern was primarily creating more Latino districts. The map they presented also redrew the boundaries for the El Paso delegation. I was not very pleased with their El Paso County map. We have requested information from them to determine their reasoning. I think it is important to address that issue because if MALDEF succeeded in court, El Paso County would not benefit.

The five house members of the El Paso delegation contributed to the map proposed by Chairman Solomons. If MALDEF agrees to leave El Paso county with the boundaries in that map, then there will be no concerns if there is some litigation against the statewide redistricting.

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

It's the law By Texas AG Greg Abbott

Sexual Assault Awareness Month

This month, the Texas Attorney General's Office, law enforcement officials and crime victim advocacy groups throughout the country will observe Sexual Assault Awareness Month. The Office of the Attorney General (OAG) has long been committed to preventing sexual violence and serving crime victims through quality assistance to Texas victims and survivors. In addition to offering funding and technical assistance to sexual assault programs throughout the State, our Sexual Assault Prevention and Crisis Services (SAPCS) Program certifies Sexual Assault Nurse Examiners (SANEs).

For sexual assault survivors, a SANE nurse's role is often the epitome of patient support. SANEs are registered nurses who have been specifically trained to provide comprehensive care to sexual assault survivors during a medical forensic examination. SANEs, as health care professionals, offer not only medical care, but also provide critical assistance to law enforcement by collecting and preserving forensic evidence that prosecutors may need to hold perpetrators accountable for their sexual assault-related crimes.

To become an OAG-certified Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner, SAPCSP requires a registered nurse to complete classroom and clinical training components.

SANE programs help sexual assault survivors by ensuring that a victim receives appropriate medical treatment – while at the same time ensuring that forensic evidence is properly collected. Crime victim advocacy groups note that survivors recover more quickly when they have been properly treated by a professional sexual assault nurse examiner.

Additionally, a sexual assault victim who has received compassionate treatment from the same SANE throughout the exam is more likely to help authorities pursue the perpetrator. Adult sexual assault victims decide for themselves whether to report the crime to law enforcement authorities. SANEs are trained to provide effective courtroom testimony if a victim chooses to report the crime and press legal charges against the attacker.

Importantly, sexual assault victims are not charged for the forensic portion of the sexual assault medical forensic examination. The forensic examination, including the evidence collection kit, is initially paid for by the local law enforcement agency. Local law enforcement agencies are then reimbursed by the OAG's Texas Compensation for Victims of Crime (CVC) Fund. The CVC Fund is also available as a payer of last resort to reimburse victims for other expenses incurred because of the crime – such as treatment of physical injuries, counseling or even relocation for sexual assault victims attacked in their own residence.

Nurse professionals who obtain SANE certification learn how to properly collect valuable forensic evidence. As a result, SANEs have the ability to help improve sexual assault survivors' mental health and physical well being – while also helping law enforcement authorities investigate and prosecutors secure convictions of sex offenders. Accurate evidence collection and increased conviction rates can help ensure that more sexual assault perpetrators in Texas are incarcerated and safely prevented from harming new victims.

Greg Abbott is Texas Attorney General.

Bad autism study spreads fear, preventable disease

By Brent Annear
Special to the Courier

One vaccine study now exposed as fraudulent frightened parents and harmed children, but today doctors hope they can re-convince patients that vaccines are safe, effective, and important.

A study attempting to link autism to the measles, mumps, and rubella (MMR) vaccine, though ultimately retracted and now alleged to be fraudulent, is lowering immunization

rates and increasing the prevalence of vaccine-preventable diseases, explains Texas Medicine magazine, the official publication of the Texas Medical Association (TMA).

In 1998, British physician Andrew Wakefield, MD, published a study in British medical journal The Lancet linking the MMR vaccine to autism and bowel disease, introducing a new syndrome he called "autistic enterocolitis." This sparked a media firestorm, and some parents decided against vaccinating their children.

"Parents developed a global fear of vaccines," says Ari Brown, MD, an Austin pediatrician and member of TMA's *Be Wise – Immunize* Advisory Panel.

Now the number of patients contracting preventable diseases, such as measles and pertussis (commonly referred to as whooping cough), has risen.

Measles cases in the United States rose to 131 in 2008 from 63 in 2000. The suffering caused by the measles outbreak was "preventable and

occurred because of fear created by this public fraud," according to Jason Terk, MD, a member of TMA's Council on Science and Public Health, and *Be Wise – Immunize* Advisory Panel. The situation was worse in Britain, where in 2004 the vaccination rate fell to 80 percent, well below the World Health Organization's recommendation of 95 percent. England and Wales declared measles endemic in 2008. They asserted the disease has taken firm root among their populations when the number of cases surged to 1,370.

Also, nearly 17,000 people suffered from whooping cough in 2009, and 12 infants died from the disease. A recent serious whooping cough outbreak struck Williamson County in central Texas, where more than 18 times the state average number of residents contracted the illness.

Meanwhile public doubt about vaccines existed, so physicians and scientific researchers repeatedly asked and attempted to answer whether

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NOTICE OF CONFIRMATION ELECTION, DIRECTOR ELECTION, BOND ELECTION, REFUNDING BOND ELECTION, OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE TAX ELECTION, AND SPECIAL CONTRACT ELECTION

TO THE DULY QUALIFIED RESIDENT ELECTORS OF PASEO DEL ESTE MUNICIPAL UTILITY DISTRICT NO. 5 AND TO ALL OTHER INTERESTED PARTIES:

Notice is hereby given that Paseo del Este Municipal Utility District No. 5 (the "District") will hold an election outside the District on Saturday, the 14th day of May, 2011, between the hours of 7 a.m. and 7 p.m., at 13301 Emerald Pass, El Paso, Texas, 79928, for the purposes of confirmation of creation of the district; electing five (5) members of the Board of Directors of the District; authorizing the issuance of bonds of the District; authorizing the issuance of refunding bonds for the District; authorizing the levy of a tax on taxable property within the District for operation and maintenance purposes; and authorizing the levy of a tax on taxable property within the District for the purpose of making payments related to a special contract between the District and Paseo del Este Municipal Utility District No. 1.

The election is being held by order of the Board of Directors of the District. Voting in said election shall be by the use of paper ballots which shall conform to the requirements of the Texas Election Code. The boundaries of the District are hereby designated as and shall constitute one election precinct and the following persons are hereby appointed officers of said election:

Presiding Judge: Joel Guzman
Alternate Presiding Judge: [To be named, if possible]
Clerk: [To be named, if possible]

Early voting in the election by personal appearance shall begin on the fifteenth day preceding the election day, May 2, 2011, and shall continue through the fourth day preceding the election, May 10, 2011. The early voting clerk shall be Joel Guzman, and the place at which early voting shall be conducted is 13301 Emerald Pass, El Paso, Texas. Joel Guzman is appointed judge of the early voting board and he/she may appoint two clerks to assist.

The early voting clerk's mailing address to which ballot applications and ballots to be voted by mail may be sent is to Freeman & Corbett, 8500 Bluffstone Cove, Suite B-104, Austin, Texas, 78759. The early voting clerk shall keep the early voting place open from 8:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m., on each day for early voting which is not a Saturday, a Sunday, or an official state holiday.

The election shall be held and conducted and returns made to the Board of Directors of the District in accordance with the Texas Election Code, as modified by Chapters 49 and 54, Texas Water Code.

All qualified resident electors of the District shall be entitled to vote in the election.

BY ORDER OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS.

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A LOS VOTANTES CALIFICADOS, RESIDENTES DEL DISTRITO DE SERVICIOS PÚBLICOS MUNICIPALES Nro. 5 DE PASEO DEL ESTE Y A TODAS LAS DEMÁS PARTES INTERESADAS:

Se notifica por el presente que el Distrito de Servicios Públicos Municipales Nro. 5 de Paseo del Este (el "Distrito") celebrará una elección fuera del Distrito el sábado 14 de mayo de 2011 en el horario de 7 a.m. a 7 p.m., en 13301 Emerald Pass, El Paso, Texas, 79928, con el fin de confirmar la creación del Distrito; elegir cinco (5) miembros de la Junta Directiva del Distrito; autorizar la emisión de bonos del Distrito; autorizar la emisión de bonos de reembolso del Distrito; autorizar la imposición de un impuesto sobre la propiedad gravable dentro del Distrito con fines de operación y mantenimiento; autorizar la imposición de un impuesto sobre la propiedad gravable dentro del Distrito para efectuar pagos en relación a un contrato especial entre el Distrito y el Distrito de Servicios Públicos Municipales Nro. 1 de Paseo del Este.

La elección es celebrada por orden de la Junta Directiva del Distrito. La votación en la elección dicha será mediante el uso de boletas votación de papel cumplirán con los requisitos del Código Electoral de Texas. Por medio del presente se establecen los límites del Distrito como un y constituirán un precinto electoral y las siguientes personas son designadas oficiales de dicha elección:

Juez Presidiendo Joel Guzman
Juez Sustituto Presidiendo [A ser nombrado, si es posible]
Secretario [A ser nombrado, si es posible]

La votación anticipada en persona de la elección comenzará el decimo quinto día antes de la elección, el 2 de mayo de 2011, y continuará hasta el cuarto día antes de la elección inclusive, el 10 de mayo de 2011. El oficial de votación anticipada será Joel Guzman y el lugar donde se llevará a cabo la votación anticipada es 13301 Emerald Pass, El Paso, Texas. Joel Guzman es designado juez del consejo de votación anticipada y podrá designar dos funcionarios para brindar asistencia.

La dirección postal del oficial de votación anticipada a la cual se pueden enviar las solicitudes y las boletas para votar por correo es Freeman & Corbett, 8500 Bluffstone Cove, Suite B-104, Austin, Texas, 78759. El oficial de votación anticipada deberá mantener abierto el lugar de votación anticipada de 8:00 a.m. a 11:00 a.m., todos los días de votación anticipada, exceptuando sábados, domingos o días feriados oficiales del estado.

La elección se celebrará y realizará, y los resultados serán entregados a la Junta Directiva en conformidad con el Código Electoral de Texas, según modificado por los Capítulos 49 y 54 del Código de Agua de Texas.

Todos los votantes calificados residentes del Distrito tendrán derecho a votar en las elecciones.

POR ORDEN DE LA JUNTA DIRECTIVA.

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Autism

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vaccines are safe. The Institute of Medicine (IOM) thoroughly reviewed studies and medical and scientific reports about whether a link exists between autism and the MMR vaccine. Likewise, an American Academy of Pediatrics expert panel reviewed information from parents, scientists, and medical professionals. None of this independent research could determine a link between the MMR vaccine and autism or related disorders. Dr. Terk says after

13 epidemiologic studies and the IOM review, the answer to whether vaccines are safe is a resounding yes.

Doubts about Dr. Wakefield's findings escalated in 2004 when 10 of the study's coauthors withdrew their support for its conclusions. Then in 2010, The Lancet formally retracted Dr. Wakefield's study, and England's General Medical Council found Dr. Wakefield guilty of professional misconduct and revoked his medical license.

In January, the British Medical Journal (BMJ) published an investigative report, "How the

Case Against the MMR Vaccine Was Fixed." In it, journalist Brian Deer alleges attorneys looking to profit from lawsuits against vaccine manufacturers paid Dr. Wakefield \$674,000 to conduct his study. BMJ asserts that Dr. Wakefield altered data to achieve the results published in his report. Additionally, BMJ reported Dr. Wakefield had much to gain financially from this still-unsubstantiated disorder, estimating that tests for "autistic enterocolitis" could have netted \$43 million in revenue for prospective investors.

BMJ says Dr. Wakefield declined to replicate the findings in his 1998

paper or to say he was mistaken. The journal also reports no one has been able to duplicate Dr. Wakefield's original findings. This strays from scientific protocol, doctors explain.

Since the study's retraction, physicians hope parents will again choose to vaccinate their child against preventable infectious diseases. Doing so, they say, protects that child and can help protect the entire community.

"I predict we will see a modest increase in vaccination coverage rates in Texas," says Scot R. Morris, MD, a Brownsville pediatrician and a member of TMA's Committee on Child and Adolescent Health. "If parents skip or

delay vaccines, children are at risk. If you add this number to the children who don't get vaccinated due to lapses in coverage or other unintentional barriers, the problem grows into an eminent threat to the health of our children."

"Many parents are confused by the controversy they have heard and simply need their questions answered in a respectful way," says Dr. Terk. Doctors continue to strive to allay parents' fears. And TMA's *Be Wise - Immunize* program offers free and low-cost vaccinations, and educates parents that vaccines are important, safe, and effective.

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Presiding Judge: Nelda Rodriguez
 Alternate Presiding Judge: [To be named, if possible]
 Clerk: [To be named, if possible]

Early voting in the election by personal appearance shall begin on the fifteenth day preceding the election day, May 2, 2011, and shall continue through the fourth day preceding the election, May 10, 2011. The early voting clerk shall be Nelda Rodriguez, and the place at which early voting shall be conducted is 13301 Emerald Pass, El Paso, Texas. Nelda Rodriguez is appointed judge of the early voting board and he/she may appoint two clerks to assist.

The early voting clerk's mailing address to which ballot applications and ballots to be voted by mail may be sent is to Freeman & Corbett, 8500 Bluffstone Cove, Suite B-104, Austin, Texas, 78759. The early voting clerk shall keep the early voting place open from 8:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m., on each day for early voting which is not a Saturday, a Sunday, or an official state holiday.

The election shall be held and conducted and returns made to the Board of Directors of the District in accordance with the Texas Election Code, as modified by Chapters 49 and 54, Texas Water Code.

All qualified resident electors of the District shall be entitled to vote in the election.

BY ORDER OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS.

WTCC: 04-21-11

AVISO DE ELECCIÓN DE CONFIRMACIÓN, ELECCIÓN DE DIRECTORES, ELECCIÓN DE BONOS, ELECCIÓN DE BONOS DE REEMBOLSO, ELECCIÓN DE IMPUESTO DE OPERACIÓN Y MANTENIMIENTO Y ELECCIÓN DE CONTRATO ESPECIAL

A LOS VOTANTES CALIFICADOS, RESIDENTES DEL DISTRITO DE SERVICIOS PÚBLICOS MUNICIPALES Nro. 7 DE PASEO DEL ESTE Y A TODAS LAS DEMÁS PARTES INTERESADAS:

Se notifica por el presente que el Distrito de Servicios Públicos Municipales Nro. 7 de Paseo del Este (el "Distrito") celebrará una elección dentro del Distrito el sábado 14 de mayo de 2011 en el horario de 7 a.m. a 7 p.m., en 13301 Emerald Pass, El Paso, Texas, 79928, con el fin de confirmar la creación del Distrito; elegir cinco (5) miembros de la Junta Directiva del Distrito; autorizar la emisión de bonos del Distrito; autorizar la emisión de bonos de reembolso del Distrito; autorizar la imposición de un impuesto sobre la propiedad gravable dentro del Distrito con fines de operación y mantenimiento; autorizar la imposición de un impuesto sobre la propiedad gravable dentro del Distrito para efectuar pagos en relación a un contrato especial entre el Distrito y el Distrito de Servicios Públicos Municipales Nro. 1 de Paseo del Este.

La elección es celebrada por orden de la Junta Directiva del Distrito. La votación en la elección dicha será mediante el uso de boletas votación de papel cumplirán con los requisitos del Código Electoral de Texas. Por medio del presente se establecen los límites del Distrito como un y constituirán un precinto electoral y las siguientes personas son designadas oficiales de dicha elección:

Juez Presidiendo Nelda Rodríguez
 Juez Sustituto Presidiendo [A ser nombrado, si es posible]
 Secretario [A ser nombrado, si es posible]

La votación anticipada en persona de la elección comenzará el decimo quinto día antes de la elección, el 2 de mayo de 2011, y continuará hasta el cuarto día antes de la elección inclusive, el 10 de mayo de 2011. El oficial de votación anticipada será Nelda Rodríguez y el lugar donde se llevará a cabo la votación anticipada es 13301 Emerald Pass, El Paso, Texas. Joel Guzman es designado juez del consejo de votación anticipada y podrá designar dos funcionarios para brindar asistencia.

La dirección postal del oficial de votación anticipada a la cual se pueden enviar las solicitudes y las boletas para votar por correo es Freeman & Corbett, 8500 Bluffstone Cove, Suite B-104, Austin, Texas, 78759. El oficial de votación anticipada deberá mantener abierto el lugar de votación anticipada de 8:00 a.m. a 11:00 a.m., todos los días de votación anticipada, exceptuando sábados, domingos o días feriados oficiales del estado.

La elección se celebrará y realizará, y los resultados serán entregados a la Junta Directiva en conformidad con el Código Electoral de Texas, según modificado por los Capítulos 49 y 54 del Código de Agua de Texas.

Todos los votantes calificados residentes del Distrito tendrán derecho a votar en las elecciones.

POR ORDEN DE LA JUNTA DIRECTIVA.

WTCC: 04-21-11

San Elizario ISD honors volunteers

By Cynthia P. Marentes
Special to the Courier

SAN ELIZARIO – The San Elizario Independent School District (SEISD) commemorated National Volunteer Week by recognizing the contributions made by volunteers at its seven campuses on April 15. The district’s 2011 Partners In Education and Volunteers in Public Schools Recognition Luncheon capped the weeklong celebration by honoring 35 volunteers who have each contributed approximately 200 hours or more of volunteer service. Businesses and agencies that have collaborated with SEISD on different initiatives throughout the school year were also honored during the event for their generosity.

The annual luncheon is an opportunity for SEISD to give thanks to all the volunteers, donors and partners who have contributed in a meaningful and positive manner towards supporting the district’s goals. Awards are presented to the top volunteer at each campus and the volunteer with the overall most hours of service district-wide receives the Superintendent’s Award for Outstanding Volunteer of the Year. The winners of the outstanding campus volunteer of the year were: Olga Chavez, Loya Primary; Dana Balentine, Alarcon Elementary; Cathy Perez, Borrego Elementary; Selma Carrillo, Sambrano Elementary; Claudia Montes, Garcia-Enriquez Middle School; and Amalia Porras, San Elizario High School.

Sandra Navarrete, a volunteer with the Excell Adult Learning Center (ALC), was awarded the Outstanding Volunteer of the Year by SEISD Superintendent Dr. Mike Quatrini and board members Ramon Holguin and Armando Martinez. Navarrete provided over 800 hours of volunteer work mostly at the Excell ALC library where she catalogs and checks out books for other students. She is a former Excell ALC student who recently earned her GED.

As of the end of March, 126 volunteers contributed a total of 15,840 hours of work, without compensation, SEISD schools. Volunteers not only assist the district with daily tasks such as lunch duty, fundraising, and preparation of classroom materials, they also participate in many events throughout the year such as Book of the Month activities, Reading Is Fundamental distributions, health fairs, and sports games to name a few. According to Ernesto Rodriguez, Executive Director of Research and Development, many district projects and activities are enhanced by the time and attention that volunteers provide and they should be applauded for their efforts.

“Volunteers are an unexpected treasure providing so much talent, pride, energy, and creativity in

anything they approach, how can the district not celebrate them,” Rodriguez said.

The theme of this year’s luncheon was “Our Volunteers Spring Into Action!” in reference to all the individuals who have dedicated themselves to taking steps and filling a need in local schools to help improve the quality of life in the SEISD community by making sure students receive the best education possible. All the volunteers were treated to a spring menu featuring pasta primavera with shrimp and received small tokens of appreciation. Door prizes were also raffled off at the end of the ceremony. Rodriguez hopes to have more individuals recognized at next year’s luncheon and encourages residents who are interested in serving to contact SEISD for volunteer opportunities at (915) 872-3900.



– Photo courtesy San Elizario ISD

OUTSTANDING VOLUNTEER – Sandra Navarrete.

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Town of Horizon City, Texas

Notice of Municipal Election / Aviso de Elección Municipal

To the registered voters of the Town of Horizon City, Texas:

Notice is hereby given that the polling places listed below will be open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Saturday, May 14, 2011 for voting in a Municipal Election, to elect the Mayor and three (3) Council members (Places 3, 5 and 7) for full two-year terms.

A los votantes registrados del Pueblo de Horizon City, Texas:

Notifíquese, por presente, que las casillas electorales sitadas abajo se abrirán desde las 7 de la mañana hasta las 7 de la tarde el Sábado 14 de Mayo de 2011 para votar en la elección para elegir el Alcalde y 3 Miembros del Consejo, posiciones 3, 5 y 7 (cada puesto es por un período de dos (2) años.

Additionally, the ballot will have a Proposition: PROPOSITION NO. 1

The redesignation of the sales and use tax, which was previously approved at the rate of one-half of one percent, to undertake projects as described in Sections 501.101, 505.151, 505.152., and Section 505.155 of Texas Local Government Code, including but not limited to public parks, park facilities and events, research and development facilities, regional or national corporate headquarters facilities, museums and related stores, restaurant, concession, automobile parking facilities, related area transportation facilities, and related roads, streets, and water and sewer facilities, recycling facilities, and projects to promote new or expanded business enterprises that create or retain primary jobs, and public safety facilities, streets and roads, drainage, and related improvements, demolition of existing structures, development and expansion of affordable housing, and targeted infrastructure, projects for the promotion of professional and amateur athletics and sports including stadiums, ball parks, auditoriums, projects related to entertainment, convention, tourist, and exhibition facilities, amphitheaters, concert halls, open space improvements, military facilities, including closed or realigned military bases, primary job training facilities for use by institutions of higher education, and any other improvements, expenditures, or faculties that are related to any of the above projects, and any other project that the board determines will promote new and expanded business enterprises that create and retain primary jobs, and the maintenance and operation expenses for any of the above described projects.

Adicionalmente, Votación Por o Contra: PROPUESTA 1

La redesignación de las ventas y el impuesto de uso, que fue previamente aprobado al índice de una mitad del un por ciento, para emprender proyectos según lo descrito en las Secciones 501.101, 505.151, 505.152, y Sección 505.155 del Código del Gobierno Local de Tejas, el incluir pero no limitado a los parques públicos, a las instalaciones del parque y los acontecimientos, instalaciones de la formación laboral de la investigación y desarrollo, instalaciones corporativas regionales o nacionales de las jefaturas, museos y almacenes relacionados, restaurantes, concesión, instalaciones de estacionamiento del automóvil, instalaciones de transporte relacionadas del área, y caminos relacionados, calles, e instalaciones del agua y de la alcantarilla, instalaciones del reciclaje, y proyectos para

promover las nuevas o empresas ampliadas de negocio que crean o conservan trabajos primarios, y las instalaciones de la seguridad pública, las calles y los caminos, drenaje, y mejoras relacionadas, la demolición de estructuras existentes, el desarrollo y la extensión de la cubierta comprable, y la infraestructura apuntada, proyectos para la promoción del atletismo y de los deportes profesionales y aficionados incluyendo estadios, los estadios de béisbol, auditorios, proyectos relacionados con la hospitalidad, la convención, el turista, y las instalaciones de la exposición, anfiteatros, salones de conciertos, mejoramientos del espacio abierto, instalaciones militares, incluyendo bases militares cerradas o realineadas, las instalaciones primarias para uso de las instituciones de una educación más alta, y cualesquiera otras mejoras, gastos, o facultades que se relacionan con un de los sobre proyectos, y cualquier otro proyecto que el tablero determine promueva nuevo y empresas de negocio ampliadas que crean y conserve los trabajos primarios, y los costos del mantenimiento y de la operación para los proyectos arriba descritos.

POLLING PLACES ON ELECTION DAY

LOCALIDADES DE LAS CASILLAS ELECTORALES

Polling location for voters in **Part of Precinct 147:**

El sitio de votación para dentro parte de el recinto 147 se localiza en la escuela:

**Horizon Heights Elementary School
13601 Ryderwood Ave.
Horizon City, Texas 79928**

Polling location for voters in **Part of Precinct 157, all of Precinct 167 and Part of Precinct 168:**

El sitio de votación para parte de el recinto 157, todo de recinto 167 y parte de el recinto 168 se localiza en la escuela:

**Desert Hills Elementary School
300 Eastlake Dr.
Horizon City, Texas 79928**

EARLY VOTING

VOTACION ADELANTADA

Early voting by personal appearance will be conducted each weekday at:

La votación adelantada en persona se llevará a cabo de lunes a viernes en:

**Oz Glaze Senior Center
13969 Veny Webb
Horizon City, Texas 79928**

between the hours of 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. beginning on May 2, 2011 through May 10, 2011 and (7 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Monday, May 9, 2011 and Tuesday, May 10, 2011) on each day which is not a Saturday, Sunday, or an official state holiday.

Entre las 8 de la mañana y las 5 de la tarde empezando el día 2 de Mayo de 2011, y el día 10 de Mayo de 2011 y (7 de la mañana a las 7 de la tarde empezando el Lunes día 9 de Mayo de 2011, y el Martes día 10 de Mayo de 2011) en los días aquí nombrados que no sean Sabado, Domingo, o un día de fiesta oficial del estado.

Early voting by personal appearance will be conducted at all locations within El Paso County, at which Early Voting is conducted by the County Elections Department beginning on May 2, 2011 and ending on May 10, 2011 and (7 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Monday,

May 9, 2011 and Tuesday, May 10, 2011) on each day which is not a Saturday*, Sunday*, or an official state holiday. (Exhibit A)

La votación adelantada por aspecto personal será conducida en todas las localizaciones dentro del Condado de El Paso, en el cual la votación adelantada sera conducida por el Departamento de Elecciones del Condado el 2 de Mayo de 2011 y la conclusión el 10 de Mayo de 2011 y (7 de la mañana a las 7 de la tarde el Lunes 9 de Mayo de 2011 y el Martes 10 de Mayo de 2011) en cada día que no es un Sábado, Domingo* o un día de fiesta oficial del estado. (Anexo A)*

Early Voting by Mail

Votar Temprano de Correo

Applications for ballot by mail shall be mailed to:

Solicitudes para una boleta de ausencia por correo deben ser enviadas a:

**Department of Elections
500 E. San Antonio, Rm. L115
El Paso, TX 79901-2154**

Applications for ballots by mail must be received no later than the close of business on May 6, 2011.

Las solicitudes para boletas que se votaran en ausencia por correo deberan recibirse para el fin de las horas de negocio del 6 de mayo 2011.

For additional information call (915) 852-1046, Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Para más información por favor llame al (915) 852-1046 de lunes a viernes de 8 a.m. a 5 p.m.

Issued this 22th day of February, 2011

Emitada esta 22 día de Febrero 2011

Karen Ellefson
City Clerk
Secretaria de la Ciudad

EXHIBIT A

ANEXO A

May 14, 2011

Early Voting Locations
May 2, 2011 - May 10, 2011

14 de Mayo 2011
Locaciones Móviles para Votar Temprano

Anthony City Hall
401 Wildcat Dr.
8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Bassett Place
6101 Gateway West, #110
9:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Canutillo Administration
7965 Artcraft Rd.
8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Canutillo Elementary
651 Canutillo Ave.
8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Courthouse *
500 E. San Antonio Ave.
8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Dieter Market Place *
1485 George Dieter Dr., #102
9:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Fiesta Shopping Center *
5200 N. Mesa St., #A104
9:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Oz Glaze Senior Center
13969 Veny Webb Dr.
8 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Pavo Real Senior Center *
9301 Alameda Ave.

9:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Regency of El Paso *
221 Bartlett Dr.
9:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Socorro High School
10150 Alameda Ave.
8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Vista Hills Shopping Center *
1840 Lee Trevino Dr., #501
9:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

West Valley Fire Station
510 E. Vinton Rd.
3:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Zaraplex Center *
1700 Zaragoza Rd., #140
9:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

May 2 to 6, 2011
(Mon. - Fri.)

Follow Above Schedule

2 a 6 de mayo 2011
(lunes - viernes)
Use el horario previo

*** May 7, 2011 (Sat.)**
9:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

*** 7 de mayo 2011 (sábado)**
9:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

*** May 8, 2011 (Sun.)**
12 p.m. (Noon) - 5 p.m.

*** 8 de mayo 2011 (domingo)**
12 p.m. (mediodía) - 5 p.m.

May 9 & 10, 2011
(Mon. & Tues.)

7:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.
All Stations

9 y 10 de mayo 2011
(lunes y martes)
7:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.
Todos Locaciones

(Subject to Change)
(puede cambiar)

May 14, 2011
Early Voting Mobile Locations

14 de Mayo 2011
Locaciones Móviles para Votar Temprano

Monday, May 2, 2011
Location and Times

lunes, 2 de mayo 2011
Locaciones y Tiempo

South El Paso Senior Center
600 S. Ochoa St.
9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Hilos De Plata Senior Citizen Center
4451 Delta Dr.
9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Socorro ISD Service Center
12440 Rojas Dr.
9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Tuesday, May 3, 2011
8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

martes, 3 de mayo 2011
8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

UTEP
E. Student Union Bldg.
500 W. University Ave.

EPCC / Rio Grande Campus
100 W. Rio Grande St.

Sierra Vista Elementary
1501 Bob Hope Dr.

Wednesday, May 4, 2011
Location and Times

miércoles, 4 de mayo 2011
Locaciones y Tiempo

Galatzan Recreation Center
650 Wallenberg Dr.
9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Marty Robbins Recreation Center
11600 Vista Del Sol Dr.
9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Helen Ball Elementary
1950 Firehouse Dr.

12:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Thursday, May 5, 2011
Location and Times

jueves, 5 de mayo 2011
Locaciones y Tiempo

Westside Branch Library
125 Belvidere St.
9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Armijo Branch Library
620 E. Seventh Ave.
9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Horizon Heights Elementary
13601 Ryderwood Ave.
12:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Friday, May 6, 2011
Location and Times

viernes, 6 de mayo 2011
Locaciones y Tiempo

Pat O'Rourke Recreation Center
701 Montana Ave.
9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Don Haskins Recreation Center
7400 High Ridge Dr.
9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Sgt. Robert Ituarte Elementary
12860 Tierra Sonora Dr.
12:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Saturday, May 7, 2011
Location and Times

sábado, 7 de mayo 2011
Locaciones y Tiempo

Dorris Van Doren Regional Branch Library
551 Redd Rd.
10:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Esperanza Acosta Moreno Regional Branch Library
12480 Pebble Hills Blvd.
10:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Socorro High School
10150 Alameda Ave.
9:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Sunday, May 8, 2011
12 p.m. (Noon) - 5:00 p.m.
domingo, 8 de mayo 2011
12 p.m. (mediodía) - 5:00 p.m.

Westside Regional Command Center
4801 Osborne Dr.

Mission Valley Regional Command Center
9011 Escobar Dr.

Monday, May 9, 2011
8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

lunes, 9 de mayo 2011
8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

El Paso Police-Headquarters
911 N. Raynor St.

Pebble Hills Regional Command Center
10780 Pebble Hills Blvd.

Robert R. Rojas Elementary
500 Bauman Rd.

Tuesday, May 10, 2011
Location and Times

jueves, May 10, 2011
Locaciones y Tiempo

El Paso City Hall
2 Civic Center Plaza
8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Memorial Park Branch Library
3200 Copper Ave.
8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Eastlake High School
13000 Emerald Pass Ave.
12:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Briefs

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Vendors wanted

Desert Hills Elementary will be having their Spring Festival May 14, 2011 from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Vendors that would like to participate can call 926-4500 and leave a message.

Crime Stoppers

A night watchman at an eastside trailer storage facility is tied up and thrown to the ground by two men wearing ski masks who then steal a trailer loaded with electronic equipment, making this the Crime Stoppers "Crime of the Week." On Friday, March 11, 2011, about 1:30 a.m., the night watchman at Target Logistics, 1160 Joe Battle Blvd., exited his

guard shack to approach a black 4-door vehicle that had driven up. When he bent over to talk to the driver, the watchman saw that the driver was wearing a ski mask. Then a passenger from the vehicle, also wearing a ski mask, got behind the watchman and ordered him into the guard shack where he was thrown to the ground and his hands and feet were tied up. Once bound, the watchman heard a

tractor enter the facility and leave in a few minutes pulling a trailer. It was later learned that the stolen trailer contained approximately \$700,000 in plasma television sets, Blue Ray disc players, and other electronic equipment. The televisions were high-definition Panasonic flat screens in various sizes. The stolen trailer had Target Logistics on its sides, with Oklahoma license plate 2714GX.

If you have any information about the identity of the suspects involved, or the location of the stolen property, please call Crime Stoppers immediately at 566-TIPS (566-8477) or on-line at www.crimestoppersofelpaso.org. You will remain anonymous and, if your tip leads to an arrest, you can qualify for a cash reward.

- James Klaes

**PUBLIC NOTICE
TOWN OF ANTHONY, TEXAS**

FAIR HOUSING STATEMENT

The Town of Anthony hereby declares its support of fair housing practices. It is hereby declared to be the policy of the locality to bring about, through fair, orderly, and lawful procedures, the opportunity of each person to obtain housing without regard to race, color, creed, religion, sex, national origin, physical or mental handicap, marital status, parenthood, or age.

It is further declared that such policy is established upon the recognition of the inalienable rights of each individual to obtain housing and further, that denial of such rights is detrimental to the health, safety, and welfare of the inhabitants of the locality and constitutes an unjust denial or deprivation of such inalienable rights which is within the power and the proper responsibility of government to prevent.

The locality has a Fair Housing Policy that may be examined and copied by interested groups or individuals during office hours. The month of April has been proclaimed "Fair Housing Month"; copies of the official proclamation are available at the Clint Town Hall between the hours of 8:00 A.M. and 5:00 P.M., Monday through Friday.

**POLICY STATEMENT ESTABLISHING NONDISCRIMINATION
BASED ON HANDICAPPED CONDITIONS**

The Town of Anthony announces that it has adopted a policy of nondiscrimination based on handicapped conditions concerning access, participation, and benefit of programs and activities operated or conducted by the locality. This policy is in compliance with the requirements of Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended in 24 CFR, Part 8, "Non-discrimination Based on Handicap in Federally-Assisted Programs and Activities of HUD," dated June 2, 1988. Interested individuals or groups may obtain copies of this policy statement by calling the Town Clerk, who has been assigned to coordinate compliance with this policy and may be contacted at (915) 866-3944.

**POLICY STATEMENT ON PROHIBITING THE USE OF
EXCESSIVE FORCE BY LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES**

The Town of Anthony announces that it has adopted a policy prohibiting the use of excessive force by law enforcement personnel within its jurisdiction against an individual engaged in non-violent civil rights demonstrations. This policy is in compliance with Section 519 of Public Law 101-44, 1990, U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development Appropriations Act. Copies of this policy statement may be obtained by calling the Town Clerk at (915) 866-3944.

COMPLAINT AND GRIEVANCE PROCEDURES

In order to comply with the requirements of the Texas Community Development Program (TCDP) and of 10 T.A.C. Section 178.1 and Section 178.2, the locality has citizen complaint procedures intended to provide a timely written response to all complaints made against its proposed or completed TCDP efforts. Responses to complaints will be made within no more than ten (10) working days. A copy of the complaint procedures can be obtained upon request at (915) 851-3146. The established complaint procedures are an element of the local Citizen Participation Plan, and meet the requirements of USHUD Section 504 (24 CFR) concerning nondiscrimination based on handicapped conditions.

EQUAL OPPORTUNITY / AFFIRMATIVE ACTION STATEMENT

The Town of Anthony is an Equal Opportunity and Affirmative Action employer.

Art Franco
Mayor

West Texas County Courier
April 21, 2011

Classified Ads

LEGALS

**Village of
Vinton
Public Notice**

To promote fair housing practices, the Village of Vinton encourages potential homeowners and renters to be aware of their rights under the National Fair Housing Law.

Title VIII of the Civil Rights Act of 1968, as amended, prohibits discrimination against any person on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, handicap, familial status or national origin in the sale or rental of units in the housing market.

For more information on fair housing or to report possible fair housing discrimination, call the U.S. Department of Housing

and Urban Development's toll-free hotline at 1-800-669-9777.

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FOOD,
BAKERY
BID NO.
051011-035**

**ACCEPTED
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10:00 A.M.
LOCAL TIME**

**NON-FOOD
ITEMS
BID NO.
0051011-035
ACCEPTED
UNTIL
10:30 A.M.
LOCAL TIME**

Proposals will be received at Fabens Independent School District, 821 NE "G" Avenue or P O Box 697, Fabens, Texas 79838 until the specified times. Detailed specifications are available from the above office between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. Mondays through Fridays.

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04/28/11

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SELF-HELP

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Character has up and down rookie year with LA Lakers

By Steve Escajeda
Special to the Courier

Unfortunately, I will never know what it's like to sign one of those really big professional sports contracts.

You know the ones I'm talking about – the ones with an endless numbers of zero's at the end.

Depending on the sport, any athlete can expect to spend anywhere from three to as many as 20 years in their profession.

Professional basketball players can spend a good 7-10 years making millions in the NBA or in any number of pro leagues around the world.

Even the guys sitting on the bench can make an extremely good living that can pretty much sustain them for a lifetime if they do the right thing with their money.

Easier said than done though.

One of those guys signing a big contract recently has spent his first season in the NBA playing the position of yo-yo.

Yo-yo because he's spent time with his

NBA team, then he was sent down to the minor leagues, then up and then down again.

Derrick Character was sent back to the Los Angeles Lakers this week after a few games with Bakersfield of the NBA D-League, which serves as a kind of Triple-A for the big club.

Of course he was sent back up because starting center Andrew Bynum hurt his chronic right knee and is currently listed as day-to-day for their first playoff series against the New Orleans Hornets.

Point is, Character's first year with the Lakers – and who didn't see this coming – has been an unmitigated disappointment.

I don't know how much the former UTEP Miner expected to play this season but it certainly hasn't been a whole lot.

Character played in just 40 games this season and averaged 2.0 points and a whopping 1.1 rebounds per game.

Although everyone knew the 6-9 Character would skip his senior season and bolt for the NBA, experts also knew he needed another year of seasoning before he would be ready to bump elbows with the really big boys at the next level.

For his trouble, Character is making just over \$400,000 this season. Not bad for sitting in a really good seat to watch the defending NBA champs play every night.

But I can only imagine what he would be making had he stayed at UTEP this season. He realistically could have averaged 19 points and 11 rebounds a game for a Top-25 UTEP squad that he would have led to the sweet 16.

Don't believe me? The Miners went out and won 25 games without a legitimate center.

This would have made him a lottery pick and Character would be earning millions for years to come.

Instead, I heard an ESPN analyst making fun of him the other night asking who the Lakers were going to turn to if Bynum couldn't go – Derrick Character? The other half of the SportsCenter duo laughed mockingly.

You see, Character didn't want to hear anything about working harder on his game or refining his still rough edges before joining the elites of his profession.

All he saw was quick money and he was not about to wait another 12 months for it. It's too bad. The only way Character is going to

get any better is by playing on the court. And he's just not going to get the chance in Los Angeles.

He's going to have to go to a less talented team or maybe take his "skills" to a foreign country for a couple years the way Antonio Davis did before becoming a star for the Indiana Pacers.

The real downside of Character's decision will come in a couple years when it's time to sign a new contract.

Will the Lakers resign him? If they don't, will anyone else think enough of him to hand over the big bucks?

Now don't get me wrong, \$400,000 is nothing to sneeze at. I would love to find out what it's like to settle for that kind of paycheck.

Character should have stayed in school even though they keep paying guys big money to play a kid's game. Then he would have been given the kind of money that would set him up for several lifetimes.

Well, let's look at it this way – at least Character will get to tell his grandchildren he was kind of on the same team as Kobe Bryant.

A sporting view By Mark Vasto

Best of the bunch

On my top living-room library shelf, the actual sugar bowl seen and used by Mary Tyler Moore on "The Dick Van Dyke Show" resides.

Yes... it was verified through some agency that supposedly specializes in that sort of thing – celebrity sugar bowls, apparently – but as for me, there was always room for doubt or, at least, a little skepticism. I'm thinking that the MTM memorabilia

business – with all due respect to the resurgent Betty White – is tepid at best these days.

Nonetheless, on my shelf that little sugar bowl remains, and someday, when I actually make friends with the neighbors I've so successfully avoided over all these years (and don't I just sound like a thrill a minute), it will be a fantastic "awkward conversation" destructor.

"Yes, Mitzi," I'd say, not completely sure that her name was, in fact, "Mitzi," but gaming her enough to bet she wouldn't make a scene if I was wrong. "Yes," I would say, "That is the Stanley Cup of sugar bowls."

Maybe Mitzi would balk at that notion. Maybe her husband originally hailed from Canada and actually knew of the sport called "hockey" and employed some serious skill when it came to "getting past customs."

But if you get past that shelf, you run into some of the greatest sports movies in history. Accordingly,

these are some of the best of the bunch (in no particular order):

"Raging Bull" – The ultimate sports bio-pic involving subject matter that wasn't a bit too short in stature for Notre Dame or suffering from a terminal illness, Robert Deniro and Martin Scorsese collaborate to make this not only one of the greatest sports flicks of all-time (the boxing scenes are of legend and cribbed by almost every director in the ring), but one of the best movies ever, period. This is no "Rocky," so be warned – there are no uplifting moments covered in cheese, and if you think of Joe Pesci as the lovable ne'er-do-well or if you have a crush on Catherine Moriarty or hate to see the sight of De Niro's blood – steer clear.

"Rocky" – I'm not going to go too deep here. Ask a real boxing fella like Tony Roach, and he'll tell you this is a crap movie. But (and

I wouldn't argue with Mr. Roach, by the way) anyone who confuses this movie with anything Sylvester Stallone ever did after this movie is more than merely confused ... they just "don't get it."

"Bull Durham" – If baseball movies had a character portrayed more than Lou Gehrig ("Pride of the Yankees") or Babe Ruth, or could lay claim to a "Rocky" character, it'd be Susan Sarandon and her former co-star/special friend (whatever his name was) and Kevin Costner. It may seem cliché now, but that's only because this movie helped define what they were.

Pass the popcorn... more "best sports movies of all-time" in next week's installment.

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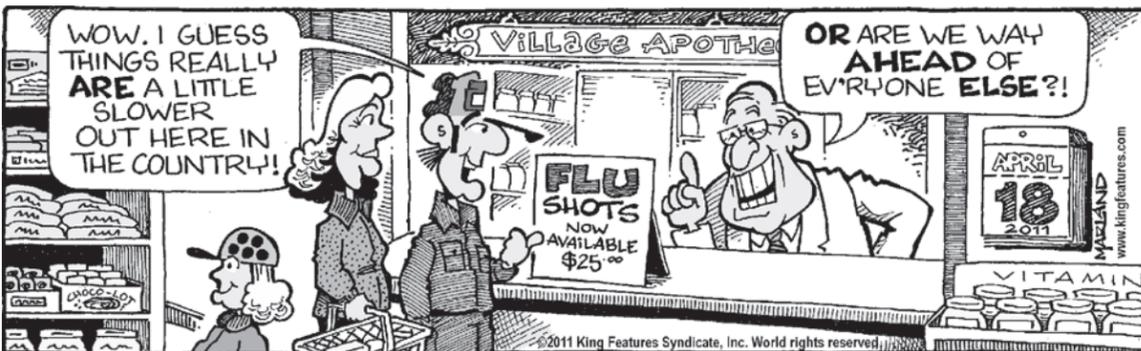
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DEAR DR. DONOHUE: Can I reverse sarcopenia, or just slow it down? What I would like to know is what can I do for my thighs? How often should I do it? And I'd like something for my stomach. – J.H.

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DEAR DR. DONOHUE: When you and others tell people to walk for exercise, exactly what does that mean in terms of speed? – L.M.

For readers: Sarcopenia is muscle shrinkage that comes with age.

Weightlifting stops the wasting away of muscles and builds them up. Older people are not going to develop the same muscle size that a 20-year-old can, but they can see a marked improvement in their strength and an increase in muscle size through weightlifting.

The ideal walking speed is 3 to 3.5 miles an hour or 1 mile in 17 to 20 minutes. If that's too fast a pace for you, walk at a speed you can maintain for at least 10 minutes. Every week try to increase the tempo and the time spent walking.

For your specific thigh problem, the squat is a good exercise. From the standing position, you bend your knees until your thighs are parallel to the ground. You don't have to touch your heels with your buttocks. Lower yourself only to the position I mentioned. Farther than that can hurt the knees.

The ultimate goal is to walk for 30 minutes every day of the week – if possible.

Start out doing the exercise with no additional weight. Your body weight is enough at first. As you gain experience and strength, you can use additional weight, either a barbell supported behind your neck and on your shoulders, or you can hold on to weights. When you start using weights, exercise three times a week with a full day's rest between exercise sessions.

DEAR DR. DONOHUE: I'm 61, and I don't take medicines. I feel good. I have been exercising for two years. I would like to increase my activity. What's considered a safe way to do so? – L.P.

For your abdomen, the bicycle maneuver is one of the best exercises. Lie on the floor and raise your legs straight up. Then bend the knees to a right angle so your lower legs are parallel to the floor. Now start pedaling as though you were riding a bike.

Follow the 10 percent rule. It's safe to increase exercise by 10 percent each week. Increase means increasing exercise speed, exercise duration, the number of repetitions you lift a weight or the number of pounds you lift. Don't increase all aspects. Take one at a time. If you jog, increase either the distance or the time by 10 percent. One week make it distance; the next, speed.

Readers interested in starting an exercise program can obtain the booklet on exercise by writing to: Dr. Donohue – No. 1301W, Box 536475, Orlando, FL 32853-6475. Enclose a check or money

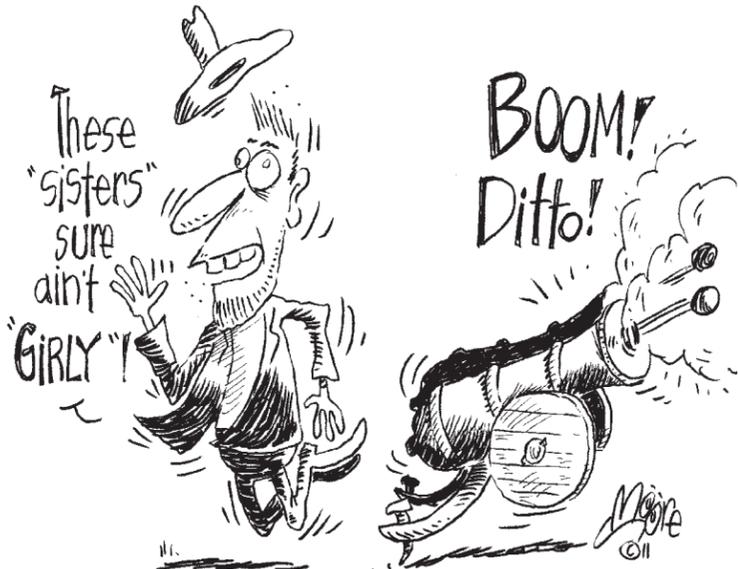
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Super Crossword

- SOUNDS TOUGH!**
ACROSS
 1 Big _
 4 "Stop, sailor!"
 9 James of "Misery"
 13 Swashbuckling novelist
 18 Grand - Opry
 19 Actress Berger
 20 Mournful music
 21 "F Troop" corporal
 22 Start of a remark by Milton Berle
 24 Mid-size band
 25 "Andrea _"
 26 Costa -
 27 "Family Feud" host
 29 Division word
 31 Aachen article
 32 Basilica feature
 34 Part 2 of remark
 38 TV's "General _"
 42 Like some sheep
 43 Part of HOMES
 44 Inclined
 45 Senator Thurmond
 47 "Waking _ Devine" (98 film)
 49 Wee serving
 52 Composer Schifrin
 54 Circus performer
 57 Put on a pedestal
 61 Soft tissue
 63 Tangle
 64 Damage
 65 Actress Ward
 66 Baseball's Boudreau
 68 Enchilada alternative
 70 "Trinity" author
 72 Neighbor of Wyo.
 73 Obeys the dentist
 77 Part 3 of remark
 78 '80s Joe Penny series
 80 Crank's comment
 81 Skater Lipinski
 82 Noun suffix
 84 Sundown, to Shelley
 85 Actor Arkin
 87 See 106 Across
 88 "Love Train" group
 91 Thick of things
 95 Denizen
 97 Geological phenomenon
 99 The Chipmunks, e.g.
 100 Comic Carvey
 101 Galena, for one
 103 _-ski party
 105 Priest's robe
 106 With 87 Across, type of liqueur
 109 Merit
 112 _ blanket
 114 Part 4 of remark
 118 Well-informed
 119 "So that's your game!"
 120 Nonflowering plant
 121 "The Addams Family" uncle
 125 Does Little work
 128 Croc's kin
 131 Chateau valley
 133 End of remark
 135 Wear away
 136 Computer key
 137 "The Lady _" ('79 film)
 138 Child welfare org.
 139 Rock's Meisner
 140 Stocking stuffers?
 141 Dispositions
 142 "The Bells" monogram
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 1 Physicist Niels Machine" people
 3 English port
 4 Simile center
 5 Feud
 6 Novelist Seton
 7 Pack
 8 Homeric characters
 9 Pres. Clinton, e.g.
 10 Performer
 11 Actor's actor?
 12 Irritate
 13 Rigoletto, to Gilda
 14 Actor Tognazzi
 15 _ Gras
 16 Sharon of Israel
 17 Trap
 20 "Tiny Bubbles" singer
 23 Comics "Andy _"
 28 He gives a hoot
 30 " _ the fields we go..."
 33 Slangy sib
 35 Ain't right?
 36 Extensive
 37 Toast start
 38 Grapefruit serving
 39 October birthstone
 40 Curved lines
 41 Forsaken
 46 Ditch under a drawbridge
 48 Object
 50 Change for the better
 51 Brawl
 53 Sonja Henie's birthplace
 55 Acts like an ass?
 56 Spirits
 58 Amritsar attire
 59 Nonsense
 60 Smidgen
 62 Throw a party
 67 Custom
 69 Message board?
 71 Goblet part
 73 Lost luster
 74 _ apso
 75 Gray or Moran
 76 _ Domingo
 79 "What's _ for me?"
 80 Candy quantity
 83 Spotted rodent
 86 Belarusian city
 89 Puppy protests
 90 Withered
 92 Downspout
 93 Bank deposit? "Twelfth Night" role
 96 Spanish surrealist
 97 Equipment
 98 Happened again
 102 Heal a rift
 104 Eat in the evening
 107 Right _ the bat
 108 A hole near the sole
 110 Allude (to)
 111 Dundee denial
 113 Loud laugh
 114 Bet
 115 "Pal Joey" author
 116 Boca _ FL
 117 Maine town
 122 Willow
 123 Baseball's Martinez
 124 Spanish river
 126 "I could - horse!"
 127 Break suddenly
 129 Eccentric
 130 Curious George's creator
 132 Musical syllables
 134 Pitches

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Moore Texas by Roger Moore April 20, 1836:
The "Twin Sisters", identical cannons given to Texas by OHIO sympathizers, are used for the first time.



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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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: My uncle is interested in getting help with his Medicare Part D prescription costs, but he has about \$10,000 in the bank. Would he still be eligible?

A: Based on his resources, yes. However, there are other factors to consider as well including your uncle's income. This year a person's total resources are, in most cases, limited to \$11,010 (or \$22,010 if married and living with spouse) to qualify for Extra Help with Medicare prescription drug costs. But the resource limits shown on the application include a \$1,500 per person exclusion for burial purposes. So, if you expect to use some of your resources to pay for burial or funeral expenses, your resource limit is \$12,510 if you are single or \$25,010 if you are married and living with your spouse. Resources include the value of the things you own, such as real estate (other than the place you live), cash, bank accounts, stocks, bonds, and retirement accounts like IRAs or 401ks. There are exceptions. To learn more, go to www.socialsecurity.gov and visit the Medicare link. Or call us at 1-800-772-1213 (TTY 1-800-325-0778).

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

A: Your disability benefits will

continue as long as your medical condition has not improved and you remain unable to work. Your case will be reviewed at regular intervals to make sure you still are disabled. If you still are receiving disability benefits when you reach full retirement age, we will automatically convert them to retirement benefits. See www.socialsecurity.gov/pubs/10153.html#6 for more information on disability.

Q: My husband doesn't have enough work to qualify for Social Security or Medicare. Can he qualify on my record?

A: This answer applies to wives as well as husbands – even if your spouse has never worked under Social Security, your spouse at full retirement age can receive a benefit equal to one-half of your full retirement amount. This assumes you were married at least 1 year and that he did not pay into a government pension plan that offsets Social Security. If he receives a pension from Federal, State or local government based on work where he did not pay Social Security taxes, any benefits he may be offset. Spouses cannot receive benefits on your record until you begin receiving retirement benefits, however. You can learn more by reading our online publication,

Retirement Benefits, at www.socialsecurity.gov/pubs/10035.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.

STRANGE BUT TRUE
By Samantha Weaver

- It was American novelist and editor Edgar Watson Howe who made the following sage observation: "Americans detest all lies except lies spoken in public or printed lies."

- Those who study such things say that ancient Egyptians had bowling alleys.

- In 1980 a woman named Rosie Ruiz appeared to have won the Boston Marathon in the fastest time ever recorded for a woman in that race. However, after a number of suspicions surfaced (including a strange lack of fatigue at the end of the long race), it was found that she hadn't actually run the entire race and was stripped of her medal. The tale doesn't end there, though. Once word got out about her fraud, people came forward with information regarding her recent running of the New York Marathon. It seems that Ms. Ruiz started the race and then took the subway to a spot 2 miles from the finish line. And in a further note, she didn't come to a good end: Two years later she was arrested for embezzling \$60,000 from her employer, and she was later arrested again for allegedly trying to sell two kilos of cocaine to a Miami police officer.

- If you're afraid of lightning, you might want to skip over this next tidbit: At any given time around the world, there are 1,800 thunderstorms taking place.

- You may have heard that the air that leaves your body when you sneeze can reach speeds of up to 115 mph, but you may not know that ordinary exhalations travel at about 15 mph.

Thought for the Day: "When a man says he approves of something in principle, it means he hasn't the slightest intention of putting it into practice."
– Otto von Bismarck

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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: Y equals D

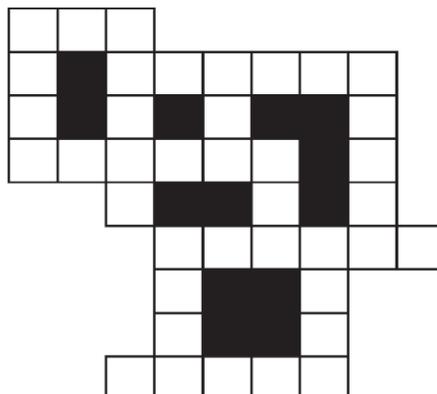
TS JIQ TH AIUPQNW JI DJV CAUD
CNWLNWTIQ ZJ AHQ, T'Y LAQHH
TZ VJAPY EQ EAZZQW UJISAHTJII!

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- TFI
- FODF
- ♥ WESDO
- ♥ WLO
- NEDREL
- FHETT
- ♥ EDFA



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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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