



NEWSBRIEFS

Farmers market

The Oz Glaze Senior Center, 13969 Veny Webb in Horizon City, will hold a Farmers Market on Aug. 20, 2011 beginning at 9 a.m. to noon. We are seeking local providers of home grown produce or homemade crafts. 10' by 15' spaces can be let for \$10 each. Jams, jellies and local honey will be available. Call 852-0062 or 799-8194.

— Fred Lopez

Energy conservation

Gov. Rick Perry is urging Texans to conserve energy as the state continues to experience record high temperatures. "Because of the extreme heat that has created an unprecedented demand on the state's energy grid, and with no relief in sight, all Texas residents and businesses are being asked to conserve electricity," Gov. Perry said. "We are thankful to all state agencies, businesses and residents who have taken steps to reduce the demand on our energy grid during these extreme weather conditions. Our supply is strong, but not unlimited, and I urge everyone to continue conserving energy over the weekend and next week, especially during the peak hours of 3 to 7 p.m., to help minimize the risk of outages." The Electric Reliability Council of Texas (ERCOT) and the Public Utility Commission of Texas (PUC) have issued the following conservation tips for customers:

- Turn off all unnecessary lights, appliances and electronic equipment;
- When at home, close blinds and drapes on windows that get direct sun, set thermostats to 78 degrees or higher, and use fans in occupied rooms to feel cooler;
- When away from home, set thermostats to 85 degrees, turn off all fans, and close blinds or drapes on windows that will get direct sun;
- Do not use your dishwasher, laundry equipment, hair dryers, coffee makers or other home appliances during the peak hours of 3 to 7 p.m.;
- Avoid opening refrigerators or freezers more than necessary;
- Use microwaves for cooking instead of an electric range or oven; and
- Set your pool pump to run in the early morning or evening instead of the afternoon.

For more information from ERCOT and PUC, including a daily peak demand forecast and current load please visit <http://www.ercot.com> or <http://www.puc.state.tx.us>.

— Katherine Cesinger

\$25,000 grant

ArcelorMittal Vinton, has awarded Kids Excel El Paso \$25,000 in program

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— Photo by Alfredo Vasquez

SO SMALL – Sylvia Montoya, helps her son Michael, 5, and daughter Crystal, 1, look through a microscope at different water-related slides while visiting The Tech2o Center. The EPWU facility provides visitors with interesting information that fosters a better understanding of El Paso Water Utilities' efforts in water management in the Chihuahuan Desert.

Tech2o Center teaches water management

By Alfredo Vasquez
Special to the Courier

EL PASO COUNTY – A casual stroll through the Carlos M. Ramirez Tech2O Water Resources Learning Center, on Montana Street, provides visitors with a dynamic interactive educational experience that helps understand El Paso Water Utilities' (EPWU) plan for total water management in the desert.

Consumers who understand where their water comes from and how it gets to the tap are more cautious in their use; and, that is the Tech2O Center's goal... to get our water users to conserve water, said Anai Padilla,

Water Conservation-Tech2o Manager.

The center, which opened in 2007 as part of the Kay Bailey Hutchison Desalination Plant, showcases conservation, reclamation and alternative water resources displays that demonstrate the many facets of water management using sixteen interactive exhibit areas.

Exhibits include The Chihuahuan Desert, Wildlife and Flora; The Overview: Ground Water; The Water House; Xeriscaping; The Culture of Water; Desalination; Surface Water; Reclaimed Water; and Demand Management.

But Tech2O is more than exhibits. The center also serves educators, students, policy makers and the public by providing meeting places and resources to promote the study

of water and water issues. It has a 250-seat auditorium, a training center, interactive exhibits, and demonstration projects.

The Center's staff is also working closely with school districts of the region to develop a curriculum based on the science lessons of Tech2O exhibits and has introduced the Discovery Education Center at the El Paso Zoo, which features a water conservation display, a desert spring exhibit, computer learning stations, and a research library focused on the Chihuahuan Desert.

In addition, EPWU has joined in a partnership with the University of Texas at El Paso, New Mexico State University, Texas A&M, Ft.

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Farris collects gold in New Orleans



— Photo by Tracey Farris

GOLDEN – Elliott Farris on the podium after placing first in the 3,000 meter race at the AAU Nationals in New Orleans.

EL PASO COUNTY – "It was a perfect race."

That was how 18-year-old Elliott Farris summed up his gold-medal victory in the 3,000-meter run in the AAU (Amateur Athletic Union) finals held last week in New Orleans.

Farris was seeded third nationally at 3,000 meters going into the championships. However, that didn't seem to bother the El Paso runner who was supremely confident about winning the race in which he had only finished third last year.

He felt he was better than bronze.

"Before the race I knew nobody was as good as I was. I'm way better than they were. "It was my race to lose."

His coach, Franks Munene, said Monday he'd designed a training program for him "to peak at the Big Dance (New Orleans)."

Results indicate the training regimen worked well.

According to plan, Farris did not bolt out into the lead at the start of the race. He let others do that. He was well back in a field of 25 runners. He let them set the pace and burn

themselves out. He stayed back, and, at one point, was "dead last."

Then, as he was knocking off more and more laps in the seven and one-half lap event, he saw it was time to make his move.

"I kept passing them," he recalls. "I kicked clear of them, and I was leading the pack."

He crossed the finish line in a time of nine minutes even. (The national AAU record at that distance is 8:19.) He says he was about 15 meters, or about two seconds ahead of his closest competitor.

"I really wanted it bad."

While victorious in the 3,000-meter event Saturday, Farris came in only fifth nationally in the 1,500-meter run on Thursday.

"It was a perfect race," says Farris, referring to the longer event which he emphasized was "his real goal" to win.

"He ran a proper race, a perfect race," echoes Munene. "He took care of business. In a vast understatement, he adds, "It was very satisfactory from my perspective."

"He toyed with them and then really turned

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Every great person first learned how to obey, whom to obey and when to obey.

— Quips & Quotes

Por la Gente By State Rep. Chente Quintanilla

Problem solving

Hola, mi gente. Legislative sessions for the most part resolve (or in the case of many actions this session, create new) problems that impact the lives of constituents in the future. Rarely does any action by the House or Senate result in the immediate resolution of problems causing people stress.

I have never intended to steal any limelight during a session; I work hard in the committee process holding agencies or other entities accountable by asking questions. The committee is where the bill is passed as is, amended based on the actions by committee members or outright killed without being voted on.

My focus has always been on the people who need immediate help. My office gets many calls from constituents who need to solve a source of stress now.

Last week, the first in August, was a typical week for my staff and me. We had the good fortune of being

able to assist some folks in a very quick fashion.

We received a call from a mother whose child is paralyzed. The child does work because of a program that provides transportation to and from the workplace. The desperate call from the mother informed us that due to schedule changes, there was going to be an insurmountable obstacle for the child.

Early last week, we made contact with the service provider about the problem. By the end of the week, the problem was solved. The mother called my office obviously relieved and grateful for our assistance.

The father of another young lady sent a certified letter to us asking for our intervention. The problem came about because of the young lady's status as a student. A back injury causing her a great deal of pain had been untreated because of the lack of insurance. We called the University Medical Center and within hours received confirmation

that the young lady was placed in a program that addressed her needs.

During an event in the valley, I happened to run into a builder with whom I had not spoken with in many years. He explained a problem he had with inspectors in Socorro being slow to close some of his projects. Both of us realized that budget cuts were the main problem; not the operations of the city department.

My office met with the city of Socorro officials and suggested utilizing third party inspectors. I have to commend the city manager, Manny Soto, for quickly understanding the benefit of our suggestion. The city will now incorporate third party inspectors, pending the final city government approvals, as early as October. This will save Socorro money, help increase revenues for the city and allow the builder to complete his massive development much faster.

We also set up a meeting for the builder with a state agency that subsidizes certain projects with tax benefits. The program allows the builder to construct more with less investment on his part; thus making

the project more lucrative. It is a very strong incentive program.

Unfortunately, not all of the pleas for help ended with good news. We urgently tried to assist a man who was eligible for an organ transplant. He needed the approval by Medicaid in order to get it. Had he been a Texas resident, we could have had an impact. The gentleman was actually a resident of New Mexico but was to receive the donated organ at Baylor University Hospital. We requested the help of Texas agencies but they had no jurisdiction. One agency did

provide contacts in New Mexico.

We called but we were not received in the same many a Texas agency would. After two referrals from New Mexico staffers, our last call went unanswered. Our hopes are for the best for that gentleman.

These are the highlights of a typical week in our office. In addition, we have many visits and conversations not requiring the same level of action.

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

Veterans Post By Freddy Groves

Agent Orange payments shift into high gear

All across the country, Veterans Benefits Administration claims personnel are working to process the mountain of paperwork as a result of the Nehmer case. The upshot of Nehmer v. U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs is that the VA must re-adjudicate claims it denied in the past for the three newest presumptive illnesses for Agent Orange exposure. They are Ischemic Heart Disease, Parkinson's Disease and certain leukemias. This covers claims filed or denied from Sept. 25, 1985 to Aug. 31, 2010, which is the date the service connection was established.

Now that the VA is under a court-ordered gun, the process must be completed by Oct. 1, 2011.

Here are some of the differences between a standard claim and one falling under this new ruling, taken from the training manual for new staff:

Current: Goes by the claim date.

Nehmer: No new claim need be filed if a presumptive illness appeared or was denied. Staff is to find the illness in your records and use that date.

Current: Benefits do not go to the estate of a deceased veteran.

Nehmer: Benefits survive the entitled member's estate. Marriage license and birth certificates may be required.

Current: Payments are made when possible.

Nehmer: Payments must be made within 21 days of verification of entitlement.

To learn more about the specifics, go to www.nvlsp.org, which is the national Veterans Legal Services Program. Search for "Nehmer Training Guide," which includes a letter and the manual. You'll find dates and locations in the manual, as well as a list of vessels documented to have been at the shore or inland. You'll also find a list of documents that can be used as evidence, such as TDY orders, shore-leave orders in writing and other documentation that shows the veteran "physically set foot" in the country.

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Notice of Public Hearing on Tax Increase

The City of Socorro will hold two public hearings on a proposal to increase total tax revenues from properties on the tax roll in the preceding tax year by 1.23 percent (percentage by which proposed tax rate exceeds lower of rollback tax rate or effective tax rate calculated under Chapter 26, Tax Code). Your individual taxes may increase at a greater or lesser rate, or even decrease, depending on the change in the taxable value of your property in relation to the change in taxable value of all other property and the tax rate that is adopted.

The first public hearing will be held on August 18, 2011 at 6:00 P.M. at Socorro City Hall, 860 N. Rio Vista Rd., Socorro, TX 79927.

The second public hearing will be held on September 1, 2011 at 6:00 P.M. at Socorro City Hall, 860 N. Rio Vista Rd., Socorro, TX 79927.

The members of the governing body voted on the proposal to consider the tax increase as follows:

- FOR:** Mary Garcia, Guillermo Madrid Jr., and Gloria Rodriguez
- AGAINST:** Maria Reyes
- PRESENT and not voting:** Jesus Gandara Jr.
- ABSENT:** NONE

The average taxable value of a residence homestead in the CITY OF SOCORRO last year was \$77,978. Based on last year's tax rate of \$0.496757 per \$100 of taxable value, the amount of taxes imposed last year on the average home was \$387.36.

The average taxable value of a residence homestead in the CITY OF SOCORRO this year is \$78,617. If the governing body adopts the effective tax rate for this year of \$0.490719 per \$100 of taxable value, the amount of taxes imposed this year on the average home would be \$385.79.

If the governing body adopts the proposed tax rate of \$0.496757 per \$100 of taxable value, the amount of taxes imposed this year on the average home would be \$390.54.

Members of the public are encouraged to attend the hearings and express their views.



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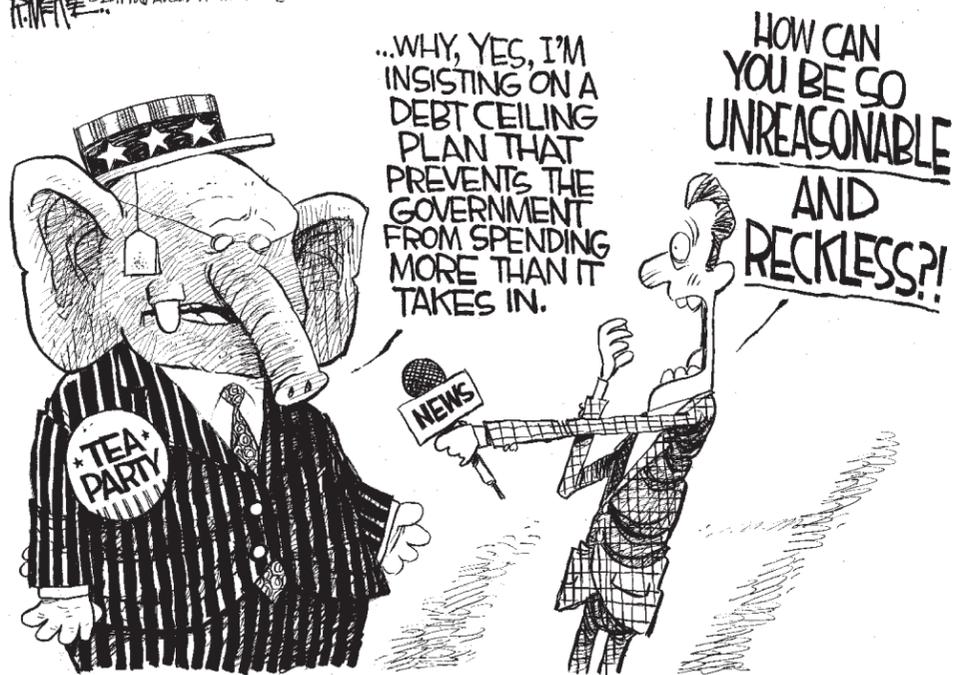


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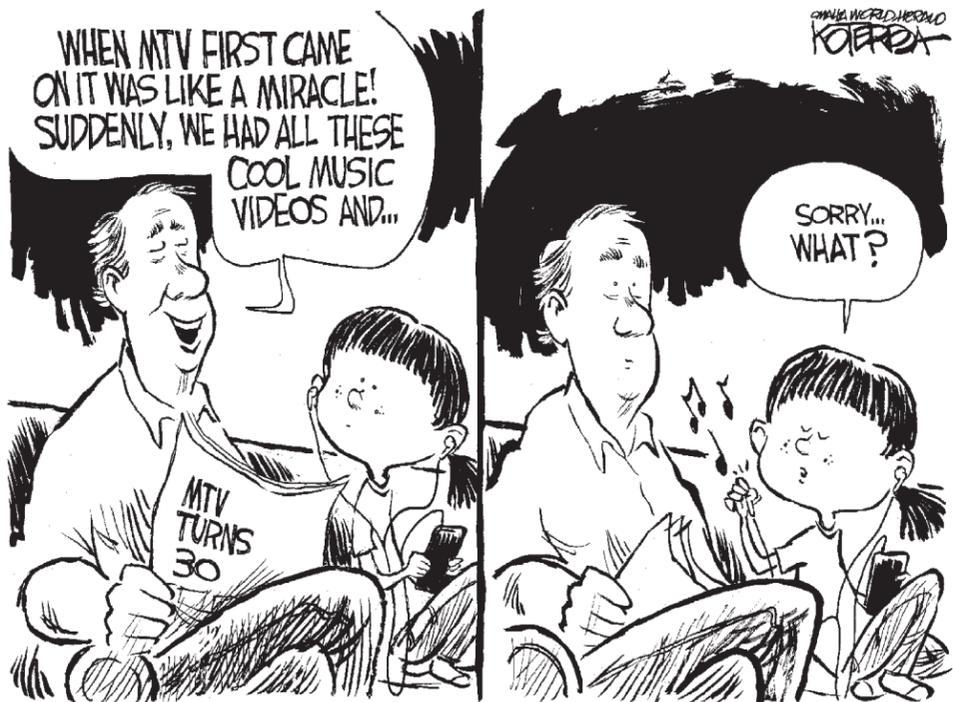


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2011 UTEP FOOTBALL SEASON TICKETS ON SALE STARTING AS LOW AS \$75!

UTEP fans who renew or purchase football season tickets prior to June 1 will be entered into a special "30 Prizes in 30 Days" drawing. For each day in the month of June, a variety of prizes will be given away, including polos, t-shirts, back packs, jerseys, flags, footballs and more. The grand prize, to be awarded on June 30, is a trip for two to the Miners' game at UCF in Orlando. Award-winners will be contacted and posted on the UTEP Athletics Facebook page.

Call 747-6150 Today For Your Tickets!

2011 UTEP FOOTBALL HOME SCHEDULE

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| 09.03 | 09.29 | 10.22 | 10.29 | 11.12 | 11.19 |
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**- CORRECTED -
2011 Property Tax Rates
in Town of Horizon City**

This notice concerns 2011 property tax rates for the Town of Horizon City. It presents information about three tax rates. Last year's tax rate is the actual rate the taxing unit used to determine property taxes last year. This year's effective tax rate would impose the same total taxes as last year if you compare properties taxed in both years. This year's rollback tax rate is the highest tax rate the taxing unit can set before taxpayers can start tax rollback procedures. In each case these rates are found by dividing the total amount of taxes by the tax base (the total value of taxable property) with adjustments as required by state law. The rates are given per \$100 of property value.

Last year's tax rate:

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|-----------------------------|-----------------|
| Last year's operating taxes | \$ 1,740,849 |
| Last year's debt taxes | \$ 187,431 |
| Last year's total taxes | \$ 1,928,280 |
| Last year's tax base | \$ 633,427,501 |
| Last year's total tax rate | 0.304420 /\$100 |

This year's effective tax rate:

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|---|-----------------|
| Last year's adjusted taxes (after subtracting taxes on lost property) | \$ 1,924,811 |
| + This year's adjusted tax base (after subtracting value of new property) | \$ 638,940,025 |
| = This year's effective tax rate | 0.301250 /\$100 |

(Maximum rate unless unit publishes notices and holds hearings.)

This year's rollback tax rate:

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| Last year's adjusted operating taxes (after subtracting taxes on lost property and adjusting for any transferred function, tax increment financing, state criminal justice mandate, and/or enhanced indigent health care expenditures) | \$ 1,737,717 |
| + This year's adjusted tax base | \$ 638,940,025 |
| = This year's effective operating rate | 0.271969 /\$100 |
| x 1.08 = this year's maximum operating rate | 0.293726 /\$100 |
| + This year's debt rate | 0.013143 /\$100 |
| = This year's total rollback rate | 0.306869 /\$100 |

Statement of Increase/Decrease

If the Town of Horizon City adopts a 2011 tax rate equal to the effective tax rate of \$0.301250 per \$100 of value, taxes would increase compared to 2010 taxes by \$103,600.

SCHEDULE A - Unencumbered Fund Balances

The following estimated balances will be left in the unit's property tax accounts at the end of the fiscal year. These balances are not encumbered by a corresponding debt obligation.

| Type of Property Tax Funds | Balance |
|-------------------------------|--------------|
| Maintenance & Operation (M&O) | \$ 1,912,500 |
| Debt Service (I&S) | -0- |

SCHEDULE B - 2011 Debt Service

The unit plans to pay the following amounts for long-term debts that are secured by property taxes. These amounts will be paid from property tax revenues (or additional sales tax revenues, if applicable).

| Description of Debt | Principal or Contract Payment to be Paid from Property Taxes | Interest to be Paid from Property Taxes | Other Amounts to be Paid | Total Payment |
|---------------------|--|---|--------------------------|---------------|
| Bond Service | \$25,000 | \$25,873 | \$0 | \$50,873 |
| SIB Loan | \$33,879 | \$3,901 | \$0 | \$37,780 |

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| Total required for 2011 Debt Service | \$ 88,653 |
| - Amount (if any) paid from funds listed in Schedule A | -0- |
| - Amount (if any) paid from other resources | -0- |
| - Excess collections last year | -0- |
| = Total to be paid from taxes in 2011 | \$ 88,653 |
| + Amount added in anticipation that the unit will collect only 100% of its taxes in 2011 | -0- |
| = Total Debt Levy | \$ 88,653 |

This notice contains a summary of actual effective and rollback tax rates' calculations. You can inspect a copy of the full calculations at the City of El Paso Tax Office located at the intersection of Durango and Franklin streets.

Name of person preparing this notice: **Juan F. Sandoval**
Title: **Tax Assessor/Collector** Date prepared: **August 8, 2011**

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING TO DISCUSS BUDGET AND PROPOSED TAX RATE

The Fabens Independent School District will hold a public meeting at 6:00 p.m., Wednesday, August 24, 2011 in the Central Office Board Room, 821 NE "G" Avenue, Fabens, Texas 79838. **The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the school district's budget that will determine the tax rate that will be adopted. Public participation in the discussion is invited.**

The tax rate that is ultimately adopted at this meeting or at a separate meeting at a later date may not exceed the proposed tax rate shown below unless the district publishes a revised notice containing the same information and comparisons set out below and holds another public meeting to discuss the revised notice.

| | |
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| Maintenance Tax | \$1.040000/\$100 (Proposed rate for maintenance and operations) |
| School Debt Service Tax | |
| Approved by Local Voters | \$0.198100/\$100 (Proposed rate to pay bonded indebtedness) |

Comparison of Proposed Budget with Last Year's Budget

The applicable percentage increase or decrease (or difference) in the amount budgeted in the preceding fiscal year and the amount budgeted for the fiscal year that begins during the current tax year is indicated for each of the following expenditure categories:

| | | |
|-----------------------------------|-------|----------|
| Maintenance and Operations | 4.88% | Increase |
| Debt Service | 0.37% | Decrease |
| Total Expenditures | 4.51% | Increase |

Total Appraised Value and Total Taxable Value (as calculated under Section 26.04, tax Code)

| | Preceding Tax Year | Current Tax Year |
|--|--------------------|------------------|
| Total appraised value* of all property | \$ 192,211,561 | \$ 210,338,211 |
| Total appraised value* of new property** | \$ 2,198,862 | \$ 8,638,266 |
| Total taxable value*** of all property | \$ 138,790,852 | \$ 153,435,737 |
| Total taxable value*** of new property** | \$ 1,997,888 | \$ 3,988,695 |

* "Appraised value" is the amount shown on the appraisal roll and defined by Section 1.04(8), Tax Code.
 ** "New property" is defined by Section 26.012(17), Tax Code.
 *** "Taxable value" is defined by Section 1.04(10), Tax Code.

Bonded Indebtedness

Total amount of outstanding and unpaid bonded indebtedness* \$25,775,000

* Outstanding principal.

Comparison of Proposed Rates with Last Year's Rates

| | Maintenance & Operation | Interest & Sinking Fund* | Total | Local Revenue Per Student | State Revenue Per Student |
|---|-------------------------|--------------------------|-------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|
| Last Year's Rate | \$ 1.040000 | \$ 0.198100* | \$ 1.238100 | \$ 684 | \$ 7,913 |
| Rate to Maintain Same Level of Maintenance & Operations Revenue & Pay Debt Service | \$ 1.040750 | \$ 0.221330* | \$ 1.262090 | \$ 726 | \$ 7,780 |
| Proposed Rate | \$ 1.040000 | \$ 0.198100* | \$ 1.238100 | \$ 709 | \$ 7,741 |

*The Interest & Sinking Fund tax revenue is used to pay for bonded indebtedness on construction, equipment, or both.
 The bonds, and the tax rate necessary to pay those bonds, were approved by the voters of this district.

Comparison of Proposed Levy with Last Year's Levy on Average Residence

| | Last Year | This Year |
|-------------------------------------|-------------|-------------|
| Average Market Value of Residences | \$ 53,250 | \$ 53,844 |
| Average Taxable Value of Residences | \$ 38,250 | \$ 38,844 |
| Last Year's Rate Versus | | |
| Proposed Rate per \$100 Value | \$ 1.238100 | \$ 1.238100 |
| Taxes Due on Average Residence | \$ 473.57 | \$ 480.93 |
| Increase (Decrease) in Taxes | | \$ 7.36 |

Under state law, the dollar amount of school taxes imposed on the residence homestead of a person 65 years of age or older or of the surviving spouse of such a person, if the surviving spouse was 55 years of age or older when the person died, may not be increased above the amount paid in the first year after the person turned 65, regardless of changes in the tax rate or property value.

Notice of Rollback Rate: The highest tax rate the district can adopt before requiring voter approval at an election is 1.238100. This election will be automatically held if the district adopts a rate in excess of the rollback rate of 1.238100.

Fund Balances

The following estimated balances will remain at the end of the current fiscal year and are not encumbered with or by a corresponding debt obligation, less estimated funds necessary for operating the district before receipt of the first state aid payment:

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| Maintenance and Operations Fund Balance(s) | \$ 5,826,139 |
| Interest & Sinking Fund Balance(s) | \$ 108,485 |



- Photo by Alfredo Vasquez

COME VISIT – Ana Padilla, Water Conservation-Tech2o Manager, said that about 200 events were held at the center last year including workshops, tours, conferences, and seminars; and that more than 8,000 local-area school students had an opportunity to visit the center.

Water

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Bliss, the City of Alamogordo and others in the shared use of the center's facilities for research, training and technology transfer.

This partnership is known as CHIWAHA (Consortium for High Tech Investigations of Water and Wastewater). EPWU also works with other local, state and federal agencies in the use of the Center.

The 30,450 square foot Tech2O Center is adjacent to the Kay Bailey Hutchison Desalination Plant, the world's largest inland desalination facility. The \$91 million plant provides an additional source of water for El Paso and Fort Bliss, which was a key factor in the Department of the Army's decision to expand Fort Bliss.

The plant was named in honor of Texas U.S. Senator Hutchison for her support of El Paso's water issues and projects, including the planning, design and construction of the desalination plant. She also played a key role in obtaining \$26 million in federal grants for the project.

"Because of our efforts, El Paso is a national leader in water conservation. As a result of aggressive water conservation programs and ordinances, El Paso has been able to bring down water usage significantly in less than 20 years, from 200 gallons of water per person per day in 1990 to 133 gallons in 2008," Padilla boasted.

The Tech2O Center is open to the public. It schedules activities throughout the year and posts the information on its website. The center's hours of operation are from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday – Friday, and from 9 a.m. – 1 p.m., Saturday.

For more information call 621-2000 or visit its website, tech2o.org.

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TRUE TEXAS FACTS by Roger Moore August 16, 1931, near Valentine, the strongest earthquake ever recorded in Texas (6.0) shook things up a bit.



NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING TO DISCUSS BUDGET AND PROPOSED TAX RATE

The Anthony Independent School District will hold a public meeting at 6:30 p.m., Tuesday, August 30, 2011 in the Anthony ISD Board Room, 813 Sixth Street, Anthony, Texas 79821. **The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the school district's budget that will determine the tax rate that will be adopted. Public participation in the discussion is invited.**

The tax rate that is ultimately adopted at this meeting or at a separate meeting at a later date may not exceed the proposed tax rate shown below unless the district publishes a revised notice containing the same information and comparisons set out below and holds another public meeting to discuss the revised notice.

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| Maintenance Tax | \$1.040000/\$100 (Proposed rate for maintenance and operations) |
| School Debt Service Tax | |
| Approved by Local Voters | \$0.147500/\$100 (Proposed rate to pay bonded indebtedness) |

Comparison of Proposed Budget with Last Year's Budget

The applicable percentage increase or decrease (or difference) in the amount budgeted in the preceding fiscal year and the amount budgeted for the fiscal year that begins during the current tax year is indicated for each of the following expenditure categories:

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| Maintenance and Operations | .003530% | Decrease |
| Debt Service | .000449% | Increase |
| Total Expenditures | .003340% | Decrease |

Total Appraised Value and Total Taxable Value (as calculated under Section 26.04, tax Code)

| | <u>Preceding Tax Year</u> | <u>Current Tax Year</u> |
|--|---------------------------|-------------------------|
| Total appraised value* of all property | \$ 212,618,005 | \$ 223,002,902 |
| Total appraised value* of new property** | \$ 4,801,536 | \$ 3,104,666 |
| Total taxable value*** of all property | \$ 156,740,913 | \$ 161,462,213 |
| Total taxable value*** of new property** | \$ 4,801,536 | \$ 3,065,904 |

* "Appraised value" is the amount shown on the appraisal roll and defined by Section 1.04(8), Tax Code.
 ** "New property" is defined by Section 26.012(17), Tax Code.
 *** "Taxable value" is defined by Section 1.04(10), Tax Code.

Bonded Indebtedness

Total amount of outstanding and unpaid bonded indebtedness* \$3,416,999

* Outstanding principal.

Comparison of Proposed Rates with Last Year's Rates

| | <u>Maintenance & Operation</u> | <u>Interest & Sinking Fund*</u> | <u>Total</u> | <u>Local Revenue Per Student</u> | <u>State Revenue Per Student</u> |
|---|------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|--------------|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| Last Year's Rate | \$ 1.040000 | \$ 0.162000* | \$ 1.202000 | \$ 2,155 | \$ 7,020 |
| Rate to Maintain Same Level of Maintenance & Operations Revenue & Pay Debt Service | \$ 1.050030 | \$ 0.147560* | \$ 1.197590 | \$ 2,244 | \$ 6,467 |
| Proposed Rate | \$ 1.040000 | \$ 0.147500* | \$ 1.187500 | \$ 2,195 | \$ 6,284 |

*The Interest & Sinking Fund tax revenue is used to pay for bonded indebtedness on construction, equipment, or both.

The bonds, and the tax rate necessary to pay those bonds, were approved by the voters of this district.

Comparison of Proposed Levy with Last Year's Levy on Average Residence

| | <u>Last Year</u> | <u>This Year</u> |
|---|------------------|------------------|
| Average Market Value of Residences | \$ 89,194 | \$ 91,222 |
| Average Taxable Value of Residences | \$ 74,048 | \$ 76,161 |
| Last Year's Rate Versus Proposed Rate per \$100 Value | \$ 1.202000 | \$ 1.187500 |
| Taxes Due on Average Residence | \$ 890.06 | \$ 915.46 |
| Increase (Decrease) in Taxes | | \$ 13.95 |

Under state law, the dollar amount of school taxes imposed on the residence homestead of a person 65 years of age or older or of the surviving spouse of such a person, if the surviving spouse was 55 years of age or older when the person died, may not be increased above the amount paid in the first year after the person turned 65, regardless of changes in the tax rate or property value.

Notice of Rollback Rate: The highest tax rate the district can adopt before requiring voter approval at an election is 1.187500. This election will be automatically held if the district adopts a rate in excess of the rollback rate of 1.187500.

Fund Balances

The following estimated balances will remain at the end of the current fiscal year and are not encumbered with or by a corresponding debt obligation, less estimated funds necessary for operating the district before receipt of the first state aid payment:

| | |
|--|--------------|
| Maintenance and Operations Fund Balance(s) | \$ 2,300,000 |
| Interest & Sinking Fund Balance(s) | \$ 108,000 |

Clint Independent School District Public Notice

2011-2012 School Meal Policy

The Clint Independent School District wishes to inform the public that all meals served under the National School Lunch Program and School Breakfast Program for the 2011-2012 school year will be served at all campuses to all enrolled students at no charge.

For additional information please contact: Clint Independent School District, Attention: Julie Delgado, Food Service Manager, Child Nutrition Program, 311 S. Darrington, El Paso, Texas 79928, (915) 852-8578 E-mail address: Julia.Delgado@clint.net

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Noticia Pública

Póliza de Comida del Año 2011-2012

El Distrito Escolar Independiente de Clint desea informar al público que en el año escolar 2011-2012, todos los estudiantes inscritos en el distrito recibirán comidas sin costo alguno. Estos servicios son patrocinados por los programas de National School Lunch Program y School Breakfast Program.

Para información adicional por favor comunicarse a: El Distrito Escolar Independiente de Clint con: Julie Delgado, Food Service Manager, Child Nutrition Program, 311 S. Darrington, El Paso, Texas 79928, (915) 852-8578 Correo Electrónico: Julia.Delgado@clint.net

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NBA players do little to improve their image off court

By Steve Escajeda
Special to the Courier

The National Football League starts playing exhibition games this week, but it wasn't long ago that we really didn't know if there'd be a season at all.

While the NFL finally got it's act together, the NBA is still far away from looking like they will have a season in 2011-12.

But remember things weren't so tranquil with the NFL players while the strike was going on. Some of the players were losing their minds by saying some of the stupidest things

against the league, the commissioner, their teammates, and one player even spent time defending Osama bin Laden.

Even though we're very early in the NBA lockout, it looks like some of the pressure is already getting to some of the pro basketball players.

As you may know, some NBA

players are taking part in summer street ball kind of leagues where apparently playing any defense is illegal.

Much like in the NBA.

I mean some players are scoring 60 points a game in this farce program collection of players who include large doses of testosterone in their trash-talking.

In fact, two NBA players that have displayed a tremendous lack of discipline through the years, Minnesota's Michael Beasley and the Lakers' Matt Barnes, showed once again that they can blow their stacks at any time no matter where they play.

First of all, in a complete immature meltdown during a game in Washington Heights, New York, with fans practically lined up on the edge of the court, Beasley went nuts because a fan was harassing him.

Beasley yelled back at the fan for a while before walking up to him and shoving him in the face.

Players had to physically escort Beasley from the situation that could have easily started a brawl with the excitable fans so close to the action.

Beasley's actions do so much to turn off basketball fans and help to strengthen the argument that it's just a thug league loaded with players who can't control themselves and thumb their noses at the law and the rest of society.

What I struggle to understand is how players like Beasley continue to be able to play in the league no matter what they do.

If I did something like that – just one time – I'd be fired from my job and I'd have to defend my actions every time I looked for another job.

Then there's Barnes, who took his frustrations out on an opposing player in San Francisco during one of those street ball games.

Barnes has always been a hot head

but this time he said his opponent elbowed and pushed him first.

Funny, I've never heard one of these players admit that they lost their head and reacted badly. It's always somebody else's fault.

Sounds like they should be members of congress.

Of course these aren't the only NBA players who have gotten into some kind of trouble since the lockout, they are just the most recent ones.

But I think fans are really getting turned off by the kind of money these players are making while getting away with behavior that is totally unacceptable.

There's talk that the whole NBA season is in jeopardy because of labor disagreements and with each passing day it's apparent that most of the country could care less.

I know there's a segment of our society who really like the hoodlum aspect of sports and that probably says more about our society than athletics.

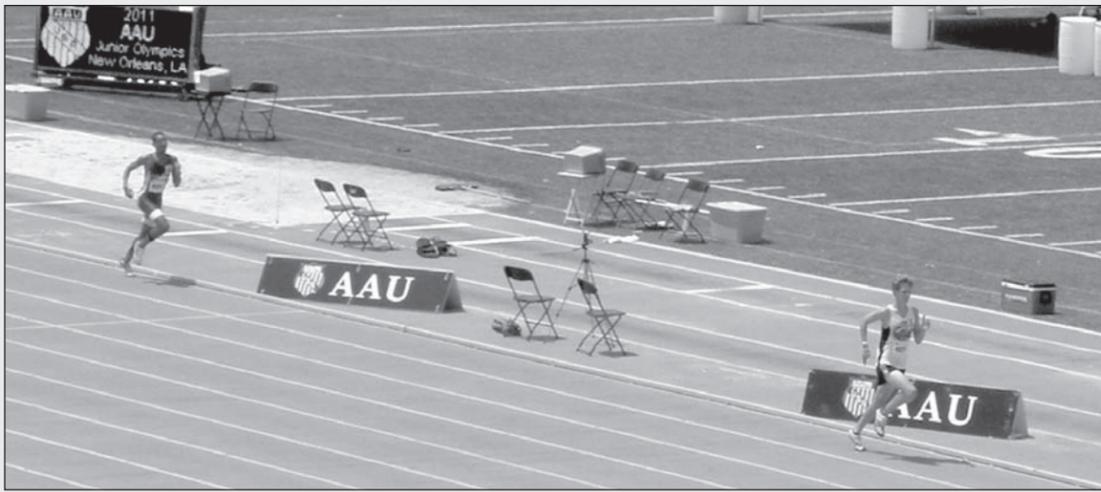
More and more, it appears that the days of respecting your opponent and accepting defeat with class and dignity are a thing of the past.

I guess behavior like isn't that exciting and doesn't make its way to ESPN's nightly Sport Center broadcast.

And the really sad thing is that young kids around the country see this and if I'm not mistaken, young fans always copy the behavior of their favorite players.

What eventually ends up happening is that we just end up producing more players with bad attitudes, demanding more and more millions regardless of their true talent level.

I don't know how long the NBA lockout will last, but as long as players keep acting like thugs – it could go on indefinitely.



– Photo by Tracey Farris

KICKING IT – Elliott Farris, right, opened up a convincing gap between himself and the runner-up in the 3,000 meter finals at the AAU Nationals in New Orleans.

Farris

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it on at the last.

"It was one of the best national championships he has accomplished," the coach adds. "He had no choice but to win."

"It was a great conclusion to a high school career," says Dr.

Kelly Farris, Elliott's father. Dr. Farris and his wife Tracy accompanied their son to New Orleans.

"He went out on top."

Basking in his victory, Elliott is "taking it easy" for a time.

Most likely he won't be taking it easy for too long.

While his high school career and AAU events are behind him,

a tougher level of competition lies ahead for the young runner.

Coach Franks and Elliott have their eyes on the U.S. Olympic trials next year. Turning 19 later this year, he will no longer be eligible for AAU competition.

"This (his victory in New Orleans) is just a stepping stone," the coach says.

"We are right on track."

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LEGALS

City of Socorro

PUBLIC HEARING

A **PUBLIC HEARING** will be held at 6:00 p.m. at a Regular Council Meeting on August 18, 2011, at City Hall, 860 Rio Vista, Socorro, Texas. The purpose of the Public Hearing is to allow any interested person to appear and testify at the hearing regarding the following:

1. **PUBLIC HEARING ON AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF SOCORRO, TEXAS FORMALLY ESTABLISHING PROCESSES, RULES AND REGULATIONS AND OPERATION AND ADMINISTRATION OF THE MUNICIPAL COURT OF THE CITY OF SOCORRO.**

Those unable to attend the public hearing may submit their views to the City of Socorro. Accommodations for handicapped persons will be available; handicapped persons in need of

special assistance for attending the hearings are encouraged to contact the City Clerk at (915) 858-2915, forty-eight (48) hours prior to this meeting. Copies of ordinances are available for review at City Hall, 124 S. Horizon Blvd. or can be viewed on our website at www.socorrotexas.org.

Manuel Rubio
City Clerk

WTCC: 08-11-11

City of Socorro Adoption of Ordinances

On August 4, 2011 the City of Socorro, Texas adopted the following ordinances:

1. **ORDINANCE 278, AMENDMENT NO. 4, AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF SOCORRO, TEXAS ADOPTING AN AMENDED BUDGET FOR THE FISCAL YEAR COMMENCING ON OCTOBER 1, 2010 AND ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2011, IN REFERENCE TO GRANT MONIES RECEIVED**

FROM THE MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL PLAYERS ASSOCIATION TO BE USED FOR FIELD MAINTENANCE (I.E., PARK IMPROVEMENTS, LAWN CARE, ETC.).

2. **ORDINANCE 289, OF THE CITY OF SOCORRO, TEXAS, PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUANCE OF NOT TO EXCEED \$2,700,000 CITY OF SOCORRO, TEXAS COMBINATION TAX SURPLUS REVENUE CERTIFICATES OF OBLIGATION, BEARING INTEREST AT THE RATES TO BE SET FORTH IN THE ORDINANCE; TO SECURE FUNDS FOR THE PURPOSE OF PAYING CONTRACTUAL OBLIGATIONS INCURRED FOR (I) CONSTRUCTING, RECONSTRUCTING AND IMPROVING SIDEWALKS, STREETS AND ROADS, INCLUDING BRIDGES AND INTERSECTIONS, LANDSCAPING, TRAFFIC**

SAFETY AND OPERATIONAL IMPROVEMENTS, CULVERTS AND RELATED STORM DRAINAGE AND UTILITY RELOCATION, AND THE ACQUISITION OF LAND AND INTERESTS IN LAND AS NECESSARY THEREFORE; (II) ACQUISITION OF VEHICLES AND EQUIPMENT FOR THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT AND POLICE DEPARTMENT; (III) CONSTRUCTION AND INSTALLATION OF MUNICIPAL DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENTS; (IV) ACQUISITION OF LAND AND DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION OF PARK AND RECREATIONAL FACILITIES AND IMPROVEMENTS; (V) DESIGN, CONSTRUCTION, IMPROVEMENT AND EQUIPMENT OF COMMUNITY CENTER FACILITIES; (VI) ACQUISITION OF COMPUTER EQUIPMENT AND SOFTWARE FOR CITY OFFICES; AND (VII) LEGAL, FISCAL AND ENGINEERING FEES IN CONNECTION

WITH SUCH PROJECTS; PRESCRIBING THE FORM OF CERTIFICATES OF OBLIGATION; LEVYING AD VALOREM TAXES FOR THE PAYMENT OF PRINCIPAL AND INTEREST ON THE CERTIFICATES OF OBLIGATION; MAKING CERTAIN OTHER COVENANTS OF THE CITY IN REFERENCE TO THE CERTIFICATES OF OBLIGATION AND THE FUNDS FROM WHICH SAID CERTIFICATES OF OBLIGATION ARE TO BE PAID; APPROVING AN OFFICIAL STATEMENT AND AWARDING SALE OF SAID CERTIFICATES OF OBLIGATION; AND ENACTING OTHER PROVISIONS RELATING THERETO.

Copies of the ordinance are available for review at the City Administration Building, 124 S. Horizon Blvd., Socorro, Texas 79927; Monday through Friday between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.

Manuel Rubio
City Clerk

WTCC: 08-04-11

COUNSELING SERVICES

DAMIAN MAUREIRA, LCSW - Professional Counseling/Therapy: Youth, Adults, Marital, Family, Health insurance and FEE SCALE ACCEPTED. Medicare, Medicaid and CHIP. 657 Winn Rd. in Socorro, Texas. Call 858-3857 for appointment.

SERVICES

RESIDENTIAL WINDOW TINTING
• FREE ESTIMATES
(915) 562-1300
Proline

SELF-HELP

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

Tiene problemas con el alcohol? Hay una solucion. Info: 838-6264.

STRANGE BUT TRUE

By Samantha Weaver

• It was American ventriloquist and comedian Willie Tyler who made the following sage observation: "The reason lightning doesn't strike twice in the same place is that the same place isn't there the second time."

• Even flight attendants have their own patron saint, as declared by Pope Paul XXIII in 1962: Saint Bona of Pisa.

• Many people believe that the Gutenberg Bible, which came from the presses of Johannes Gutenberg in the 1450s, is the first example of a printed book, but that's not true; it's the first book printed using movable type. The oldest known printed book is actually the "Diamond Sutra," which was printed in China more than 550 years before the Gutenberg Bible.

• In many Middle Eastern cultures, it is traditional to celebrate a wedding with five events. The first is the engagement party, during

which the bride-to-be changes clothes several times. When the bride and groom sign the marriage contract there is another party, again with numerous changes of clothing by the bride. The day before the wedding there is a henna party, during which the bride and others are painted with elaborate designs that are thought to ward off evil spirits. The reception takes place after the wedding, and guests are often given five almond pieces, each piece symbolizing one of the sacred wedding wishes: health, happiness, wealth, longevity and fertility. Seven days after the wedding is the final celebratory event, known as sabaa, which is for women only and is analogous to the wedding shower we have in the West.

• The town of North Pole, Alaska, is actually 1,700 miles south of the planet's geographical North Pole. Thought for the Day: "The nice thing about egotists is that they don't talk about other people."

– Lucille S. Harper

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OUT ON A LIMB By Gary Kopervas



AMBER WAVES By Dave T. Phipps



THE SPATS By Jeff Pickering



R.F.D. By Mike Marland



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

DEAR DR. DONOHUE: I have never seen you address acupuncture. I have had a bad back for three months, have seen two doctors and have followed their instructions. I have taken medicines that ease the pain. My back isn't as sore as it once was, but it still bothers me. Acupuncture has been suggested. What are your views on it? – M.L.

because they're barely visible, only 1/16th of an inch. Dawn and dusk are their busiest hours. Avoidance is the best protection. The red welt you describe arises about 12 or more hours after the bite and can be as large as an inch in diameter. It does itch.

DEET is the best repellent, but it's not a 100 percent barrier for all users. Have you tried a higher concentration? Are you following label directions regarding when to reapply it? When you get back home, wash treated skin with soap and water. Also, you can spray your clothes with permethrin. It will give you additional protection. Wear long slacks tucked into your socks and long-sleeved tops.

As for the itch, antihistamines are suggested. I admit they don't work for everyone.

I have no misgivings about trying acupuncture for pain relief. The Chinese have used it for centuries. Any treatment that lasts that long must have some value. Fine needles are inserted into the skin at specific points and are left in place for 15 to 30 minutes. From time to time, the acupuncturist stimulates the needles.

The American College of Physicians and the American Pain Society endorse acupuncture. A recent review article in the New England Journal of Medicine, a premier medical journal, also endorsed it. Who am I not to follow suit?

DEAR DR. DONOHUE: I think I may have the illness where a person pulls out clumps of hair. I'm not sure of the name. I find I do this after I have caffeine. I have been off caffeine for years, and I do not pull my hair out. I thought this might be helpful to others. – K.H.

Back pain strikes almost everyone at some point in life. The booklet on it discusses its causes and treatments. Readers can order a copy by writing: Dr. Donahue – No. 303W, 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.

The name of the condition is trichotillomania (TRICK-oh-TILL-uh-MAY-knee-uh). Between 4 million and 11 million Americans have it. It's called an impulse disorder. I hadn't heard about a caffeine connection. If this holds true for others, they will deeply appreciate your advice.

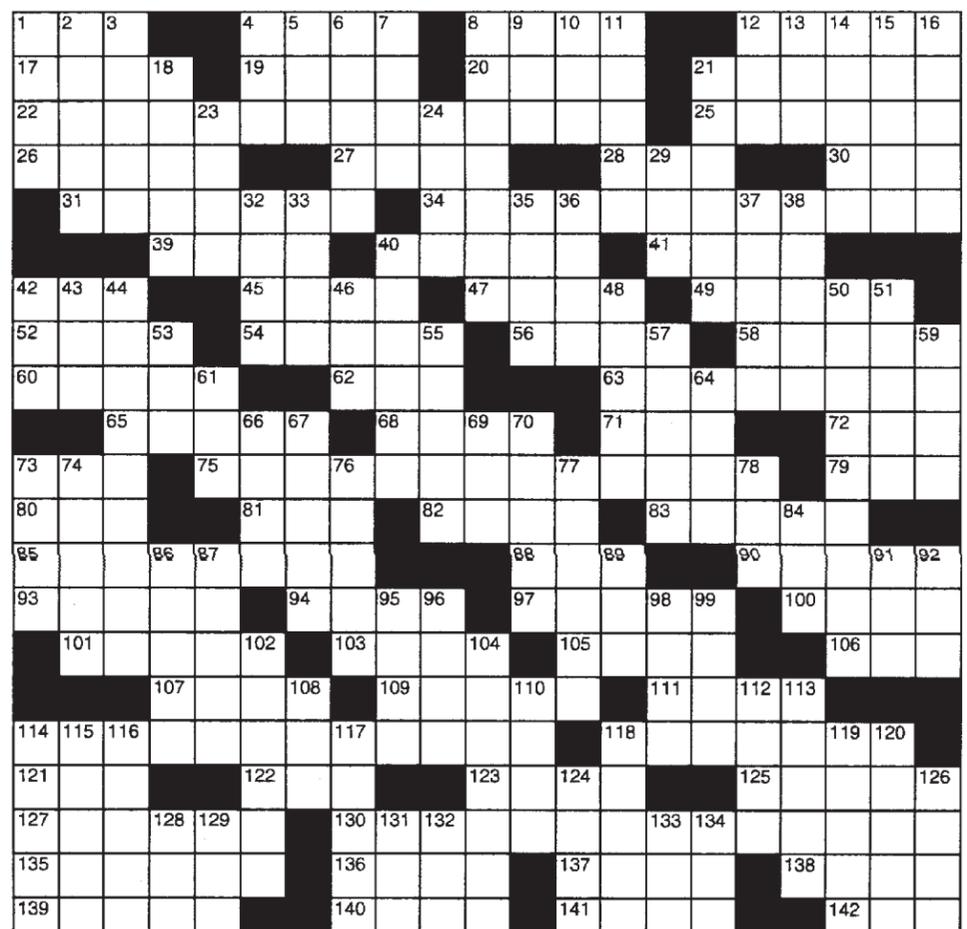
DEAR DR. DONOHUE: It's that time of year again – the no-see-um season. I can feel a sharp sting when bitten. It goes away and then returns as a large swelling with incessant itching. What can I do to prevent this reaction? Others don't react this bad. I also use DEET to deter these diabolical pests. Should I wash it off as soon as I get indoors? – C.R.

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) 2011 North America Synd., Inc. All Rights Reserved.

No-see-ums got that name

Super Crossword

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| A PLUS ACROSS | one | 125 Be of use | 33 Carson's successor | 91 Billy Williams |
| 1 Buddy | 68 Mrs. Zeus | 127 Bring to light | 35 Particle | 92 Fancy planter |
| 4 Verne hero | 71 Mineral suffix | 130 Corrupt college official? | 36 AMEX rival | 95 Slope |
| 8 Cantata composer | 72 Sgt., e.g. | 135 Acid's opposite | 37 Scacchi of "The Player" | 96 Cain's victim |
| 12 Goo | 73 Gamble | 136 Bronte heroine | 38 Seascape painter | 98 _ breve |
| 17 _ corny as Kansas ..." | 75 Extremely encouraging individual? | 137 Ice-cream thickener | 40 Cisco's chum | 99 Bring up |
| 19 Orenburg's river | 79 Kitten's comment | 138 Writer Hunter | 42 Pin | 102 Gauguin setting |
| 20 Literary pseudonym | 80 Sharpton and Yankovic | 139 June birthstone | 43 The _ Capades | 104 Feminist Gloria |
| 21 Like Schoenberg's music | 81 Hockey great | 140 Paper quantity | 44 Einstein's chair? | 108 Pie ingredient? |
| 22 Like Felix Unger? | 82 A sweeping success? | 141 Stink | 46 New Deal agcy. | 110 Greek sandwich |
| 25 Act like Holmes | 83 Calliope's sister | 142 Prior to, to Prior | 48 Convent wear | 112 Neighbor of Turkey |
| 26 _ Card" (90 film) | 85 '66 Tommy Roe tune | DOWN | 50 Dentist's fee? | 113 Variety show |
| 27 Comic Orson | 88 Merino male | 1 BB-gun sound | 51 Vestige | 114 Tight |
| 28 Bungle | 90 Shiva worshiper | 2 "That's _" ('53 tune) | 53 Geologic division | 115 Actress Berry |
| 30 Sweater letter | 93 Throw forcefully | 3 Paint ingredient | 55 Cook veggies | 116 Slezak or Alexander |
| 31 On the nose | 94 "The Ramayana" heroine | 4 Lots of laughs | 57 Make chair legs | 117 Consumer advocate Ralph |
| 34 Skinny novelist? | 97 Actress Samantha | 5 Part of NATO | 59 Chilly powder? | 118 Stocking shade |
| 39 Get on | 100 Jury member | 6 Hayes of westerns | 61 Social worker? | 119 Credulous |
| 40 Rocker Tom | 101 Economize | 7 Crafter's need | 66 Word with pork or karate | 120 Indian instrument |
| 41 Curly coif | 103 Calligraphy supply | 8 Publisher Cerf | 67 Toast start | 124 Way over yonder |
| 42 "Saving Private Ryan" extras | 105 Land in the sea | 9 Ginger _ | 69 Dietary abbr. | 126 Director Adrian |
| 45 Moffo or Magnani | 106 Longing | 10 Security grp. | 70 TV's "Hearts _" | 128 Roller-coaster unit |
| 47 Reggae's Peter | 107 Jets, Mets, or Nets | 11 Couldn't stand | 73 Big party | 129 Under the weather |
| 49 Offer an apple? | 109 Release | 12 Canonized Mlle. | 74 Cary of "The Princess Bride" | 131 Hook's mate |
| 52 Pinnacle | 111 Hideaway | 13 King's "Salem's _" | 76 Bit of a beach? | 132 Southern constellation |
| 54 Dawns, to Donne | 112 Dishonest anchorman? | 14 Motionless | 77 Leisurely, to Leoncavallo | 133 Scottish refusal |
| 56 Coarse flour | 118 New Jersey's Pine _ | 15 "_ Man" ('78 song) | 78 Team scream | 134 Annoy |
| 58 "_ on My Pillow" ('58 song) | 121 Port: abbr. | 16 Singer John | 84 Palm oil? | |
| 60 Stiller's partner | 122 Director Lupino | 18 Farm sight | 86 Lloyd Webber musical | |
| 62 Tread the boards | 123 "Dies _" | 21 Directionless | 87 Principle | |
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Briefs

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support to provide weekly arts education classes for 4th graders in Canutillo, Vinton, Westway and South El Paso. Kids Excel (www.kids-excel.org) brings its highly energetic dance program directly into the public schools as part of the curriculum in order to inspire children to achieve goals they might not have ever considered attainable. With the help of ArcelorMittal Vinton and all of our generous donors, Kids Excel is able to bring our life-changing programs to the children of El Paso County.

— Gemtria St. Clair

Farmers market

The Oz Glaze Senior Center, 13969 Veny Webb in Horizon City, will hold a Farmers Market on Aug. 20, 2011 beginning at 9 a.m. to noon. We are seeking local providers of home grown produce or homemade crafts. 10' by 15' spaces can be let for \$10 each. Jams, jellies and local honey will be available. Call 852-0062 or 799-8194.

— Fred Lopez

Crime Stoppers

A man parks his motorcycle outside a popular eastside restaurant and returns an hour later to find that it has been stolen, making this the Crime Stoppers "Crime of the Week." About 10:30

p.m. on Saturday, June 3, 2011, a man parked his blue 2008 Yamaha motorcycle in the parking lot of Hiney's restaurant, 8220 Gateway East, and went inside. About an hour later, he exited the restaurant to find that his motorcycle was gone. By reviewing the restaurant's surveillance video, investigating officers from the Auto Burglary and Theft Prevention Task Force were able to determine that a group of seven who had been inside the restaurant was responsible for the theft. The motorcycle is valued at \$11,000. Four male subjects exited the building and proceeded to load the victim's motorcycle into the bed of their Dodge truck. Three female subjects then met up with the males and all seven got into the Dodge truck and headed towards I-10. The truck is described as a 1994-2001 Dodge Ram 1500 extended cab pickup, dark in color (possibly gray) with a lift kit, chrome tube type running boards, and star type rims. If you have any information about the identity and location of the suspects involved, or the location of their vehicle, 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

Wanted

Christian Elhiu Montalvo, 30, is this week's Most Wanted Fugitive for a violent sexual assault on a

woman last Thursday morning (Aug. 4). Montalvo is 5'11" tall, weighs 160 pounds and has brown hair and eyes. An investigation revealed that Montalvo and the victim met at a bar in the 9200 block of Gateway West. Montalvo took the victim to his residence in the 3500 block of Rivera where he used a knife to cut the victim's throat prior to sexually assaulting her. He released the victim after the incident. The victim was transported to an area hospital for treatment. Montalvo used a blue, 1997 Ford Explorer during the incident, but also drives a mid-90s green, Ford Contour without tinted windows. Montalvo knows he is wanted and remains on the run. Investigators believe that he may frequent other bars or restaurants throughout El Paso. He is also known to go to Juarez. If anyone has seen or has any information on the whereabouts of Montalvo they can contact the El Paso Police Department 832-4400 or Crime Stoppers of El Paso at 566-TIPS (8477). Callers will remain anonymous and may be eligible for a reward if the information provided leads to the apprehension of Montalvo.

— Deputy Jesse Tovar



C. Montalvo

Social Security Q&A By Ray Vigil

What women need to know

While the Social Security program treats all workers – men and women – exactly the same in terms of the benefits they can receive, women need to know what the program means to them in their particular circumstances. Understanding the benefits to which they may be entitled may mean the difference between living more comfortably versus just getting by in their later retirement years.

One of the most significant things women need to remember in terms of Social Security is the importance of promptly reporting a name change. If you haven't told us of a name change, your earnings may not be recorded properly and you may not receive all the Social Security benefits you are due. Not changing your name with Social Security also can delay your Federal income tax refund. To report a name change, please fill out an Application for a Social Security Card (Form SS-5). You can get the form by visiting www.socialsecurity.gov, visiting any Social Security office or card center, or by calling Social Security's toll-free number, 1-800-772-1213 (TTY: 1-800-325-0778). You must show us a recently issued document as proof of your legal name change.

If building a family is in your plans, it's a good idea to apply for a Social Security number for your baby in the hospital, at the same time that you apply for your baby's birth certificate. Social Security will mail the card to

you. Or, you can elect to wait and apply in person at any Social Security office. However, if you wait, you must provide evidence of your child's age, identity and U.S. citizenship status, as well as proof of your identity. Then, we must verify your child's birth record, which can add 12 weeks to the time it takes to issue a card.

When women start receiving Social Security retirement or disability benefits, other family members may be eligible for payments as well. For example, benefits can be paid to a husband:

- If he is age 62 or older; or
 - At any age if he is caring for your child (the child must be younger than 16 or disabled and receiving Social Security benefits on your record).
- Benefits also can be paid to unmarried children if they are:
- Younger than 18;
 - Between 18 and 19 years old, but in elementary or secondary school as full-time students; or
 - Age 18 or older and severely disabled (the disability must have started before age 22).

The family of a woman who dies may be eligible for survivors benefits based on her work.

For more information about women and Social Security, ask for the publication, What Every Woman Should Know (SSA Publication No. 05-10127) or visit our special Women's page online at www.socialsecurity.gov/women.

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

The Anthony Independent School District will hold a public meeting at 6:30 P.M. on Tuesday, August 30, 2011 in the Board Room, 813 Sixth Street, Anthony, Texas 79821.

The purpose of the meeting is to discuss Anthony Independent School District's rating on the State's Financial Accountability Rating System.

WTCC: 08/11/11 and 08/18/11

2011 PROPERTY TAX RATES Town of Clint Small Taxing Unit Notice

The Town of Clint will hold a meeting at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, August 23, 2011 at the Clint Community Center, 200 N. San Elizario Rd. to consider adopting a proposed tax rate of \$0.424038 per \$100 of valuation.

The proposed tax rate would increase total taxes in the Town of Clint by 8.00%.

WTCC: 08/19/10

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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FEAR KNOT By: rj johnson

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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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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: R equals G

KG N SWY LHQ WG SWWKVR

IKZJU EKQJ OWY YL NVJ

JZNRQRJ OWY WGG, OWY DWYHJ

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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

Answer Page 4 ★★★ HOO BOY!

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