



NEWSBRIEFS

Party golf

The El Paso County Democratic Party will hold its annual Golf Tournament on Aug. 27, 2011 at the Painted Dunes Golf Course. Registration starts at 8:00 a.m. with a shotgun start at 9:00 a.m. The format is a four-man scramble team. Cost is \$75 per person or \$300 per team. Information: 915-549-1637 or 915-533-2141. Proceeds will be used to help promote Democratic Candidates.

— Jan Engels

Youth opportunity

The El Paso Youth Council (EPYC) is currently seeking new members who are in grades 9 - 12. EPYC is an organization of students, mentored by City of El Paso employees, that meet on a regular basis to learn about how City government works. EPYC members will meet and discuss teen matters with city leaders such as Mayor John Cook, City Manager Joyce Wilson, City Council Members, Department Heads and many other City employees that make El Paso a great place to live and work. Being a member of EPYC will allow students to:

- Learn leadership skills;
 - Network with teens from around the city;
 - Gain experience for college and life;
 - Become a voice for El Paso 's teens; and
 - Influence decisions that impact youth.
- EPYC is open to all High School Students with a C average or above. Apply immediately. Call 543-5495 for more information or visit www.elpasolibrary.org.

— Juliet Lozano

Clint ISD

The first day of school for all students in the Clint Independent School District will be August 22, 2011. For details regarding bell schedules, lunch menus, and other information, visit www.clintweb.net or call 926-4000.

— Laura Cade

Crime Stoppers

Two men jump into a woman's car outside an eastside bank, point a gun at her and demand that she drive away with them, making this the Crime Stoppers "Crime of the Week." On Friday, May 27, 2011, a woman leaving the Bank of America branch at 1330 N. Lee Trevino about 6:20 p.m. got into her car and two strangers got into the car with her. The one in the passenger seat demanded that she drive off with them, while the one in the back seat pointed a handgun at her. The victim immediately grabbed the keys and got out of the car screaming for help. There were other people in the area so the two

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The value of an open mind depends on what comes in and makes itself at home.

— Quips & Quotes

Pedregon returned for burial at Arlington National Cemetery



— Photo courtesy Pedregon Family

Eduardo Pedregon will be laid to rest at Arlington National Cemetery on October 6, 2011 – 61-years after he was last seen.

By Sam Sanchez, Sr.
Special to the Courier

SAN ELIZARIO – No group of returning soldiers have been more admired than the serviceman returning home from World War II. Deemed "The Greatest Generation," these young men served their country at home and abroad, fighting to preserve our freedom and liberty.

For some thirteen and fourteen year old boys, seeing the returning men in uniform with campaign ribbons pinned on their chests, and getting the attention of the town folks, was enough to inspire in them a desire to be part of the military.

Eduardo Pedregon was one of these boys. He was raised in the farming community of San Elizario, a town of about 1,400 residents 20 miles down river from El Paso, Texas. Eduardo was named after his grandfather, Don Eduardo Maese a man much respected in his community, a relative to almost all the residents of San Elizario.

Harry S. Truman, whose presidency saw the end of World War II and the dawn of the Cold War and

the Atomic Age, was in the process of reducing the size of our military. Americans felt comfortably secure in the knowledge that any future war involving the United States would be quickly terminated by the newly organized U.S. Air Force and the B-29s carrying atomic bombs.

In 1949, the United States entered into a military alliance with five Western European democracies in the Brussels Treaty. Under the provision of the North Atlantic Treaty organization (NATO), the United States, Canada and ten European democracies pledge their mutual help in case of attack. It did not take long. On June 25, 1950 communist-dominated North Korea invaded the pro-western South Korea.

The United States had no combat forces in Korea when units of the North Korean Peoples Army crossed the length of the 38th parallel in a well-planned invasion of South Korea. The American response to Communist aggression was a policy of "containment" helping friendly governments resist encroachment on their sovereignty by the Soviet

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— Photo by Alfredo Vasquez

At the front table, from left, are Yvonne Gutierrez, a female veterans outreach volunteer, and Julio Gutierrez, veterans outreach coordinator, for the Opportunity Center for the Homeless and Luis Lopez, veterans affairs caseworker for the office of Congressman Reyes, participate in the CHALENG meeting held recently at the El Paso Veterans Affairs (VA) Health Care System Center. Representatives from various local community service agencies came together as members of Project CHALENG (Community Homelessness Assessment, Local Education and Networking Groups) for Veterans, a program designed to enhance the care for homeless veterans provided by the local VA and surrounding agencies.

Veterans Affairs Dept. acts to end veterans' homelessness

By Alfredo Vasquez
Special to the Courier

Various community resources are available to U.S. military veterans who find themselves in need of housing assistance. This was the message conveyed recently during a meeting concerning Homeless Veterans in the El Paso region. The local U.S. Department of Veteran Affairs (VA) office hosted the gathering.

The meeting, which was held at the El Paso VA Health Care System Center, brought together more than 50 participants, most representative members of Project CHALENG (Community Homelessness Assessment, Local Education and Networking Groups) for Veterans, an innovative program designed to enhance the care for homeless veterans provided by the local VA and its surrounding

community service agencies.

As many as 160 U.S. military veterans would be roaming the streets and bridges of El Paso looking for a place to sleep on any given night if it weren't for the available resources, said Joel A. Arrigucci, Veterans Justice Outreach (VJO) coordinator for El Paso's Department of Veterans Affairs office. "The number of homeless veterans in the El Paso area fluctuates according to the time of year," Arrigucci said.

"The guiding principle behind Project CHALENG is that no single agency can provide the full spectrum of services required to help homeless veterans become productive members of society," stated Sixto Gomez, El Paso's VA Homeless Care coordinator and the meeting's moderator.

"Project CHALENG enhances coordinated services by bringing the VA together with community agencies and other federal,

state, and local governments who provide services to the homeless to raise awareness of homeless veterans' needs and to plan to meet those needs," Gomez stated.

During the meeting, participants identified

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Are you a homeless Veteran?

The VA has founded a National Call Center for Veterans who are homeless or at risk of becoming homeless, that provides free, 24/7 access to trained counselors. Call 1-877-4AID VET (1-877-424-3838) or Chat Live 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

Canutillo ISD extends Murphy's contract

By **Gustavo Reveles**
Special to the Courier

CANUTILLO – The Canutillo Independent School District Board of Trustees completed its annual summative evaluation of Superintendent Dr. Damon Murphy Monday night. In a unanimous vote, the Board gave a very positive evaluation to Dr. Murphy and extended his employment contract by a year and four months through June 2014. They also approved a 1.5 percent base salary increase – the same increase given to all non-instructional employees in CISD this year.

The 1.5 percent increase was added after Murphy agreed to take a 2-day reduction in his work calendar, which now mirrors the work calendar for principals, directors and executive directors in the district. These changes increased his overall base salary from \$170,000 to \$171,000.

“Dr. Murphy’s tenure in Canutillo

has been a stellar one,” said Board President Sergio Coronado.

“Since his arrival, Canutillo has become a Recognized school district and our finances have become stable and solvent,” Coronado added. “We look forward to having Dr. Murphy as Superintendent of the Canutillo Independent School District for many years to come.”

Murphy was hired as Superintendent in February 2010 during a time when the district faced many academic, fiscal and facility challenges. Under his leadership, the district has made historic gains in student performance and passed Decision Canutillo 2011 – a combined Tax Ratification Election and School Bond.

“Canutillo is a district with a strong sense of history and pride,” said Murphy. “We have so much to celebrate in Canutillo ISD at this moment. Yet, as we delight in our current success, we must continue to push forward to reach the full potential of our students and our district as a whole.”



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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Veterans Post By Freddy Groves

What was in the air?

“Inhalation injury” they call it, when simple breathing is dangerous because there’s some unknown toxin in the air. The New England Journal of Medicine recently reported on a study of veterans developing breathing problems after serving in Iraq and Afghanistan.

“Exertional dyspnea” is medical lingo for shortness of breath, which is why 80 soldiers from Fort Campbell, Ky., were sent to Vanderbilt University Medical Center: They were no longer able to run 2 miles in the allotted time.

After testing, half the group was diagnosed with constrictive bronchiolitis, narrowing of the airway, which is rare in healthy adults. The age range was 23 to 44, and all were fit. Some had been exposed to dust storms and burn-pit smoke. Eleven of them, however, did not have any exposure whatsoever. “The results of physical examination of the chest were normal in all the soldiers,” says the report.

Until doctors got the lung biopsy samples, that is. All manner of gunk and goop (including “lacy black pigment”) were found that

did not show up on scans and physical examination, with tests negative for bacteria and fungus.

The study says that, yes, those who were exposed to the sulfur mine fire smoke could be expected to have the problem. But what of those who had no exposure but who still have this condition? The concern, according to the researchers, is that whatever it was that caused the condition was also present for everyone else.

Since the study officially ended, nine more in the group were diagnosed with constrictive bronchiolitis.

The study concludes: “Additional studies are needed to evaluate the particulate matter observed in many biopsy samples obtained from these soldiers.”

To read the whole study, go to www.nejm.org and search for Constrictive Bronchiolitis in Soldiers Returning from Iraq and Afghanistan.

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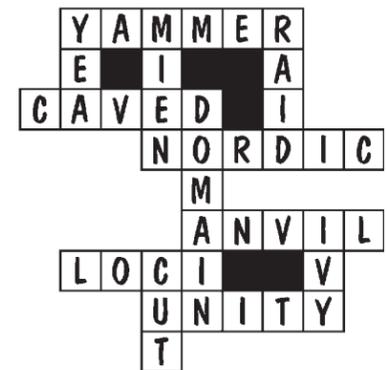
Nominations wanted for 2011 San Elizario HS Outstanding Ex

By **Cynthia P. Marentes**
Special to the Courier

San Elizario High School is searching for former students to be nominated for the honor of Outstanding Ex during its homecoming celebration on September 16. Nominees must have graduated from San Elizario High School in order to be eligible, demonstrate service and professional accomplishments, and should be available to participate in homecoming festivities.

All nominations for San Elizario High School’s Outstanding Ex are due no later than September 9 and should be sent to Student Activities Manager, Ruben Rodriguez at rrodriguez@seisd.net or mailed to San Elizario High School; P.O. Box 920; San Elizario, TX 79849. For more information, contact Ruben Rodriguez at (915) 872-3970 ext. 3711.

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CryptoQuip Answer

If an eating regime is made especially for adolescents, I'd call it a pro-teen diet.

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

The Fabens Independent School District will hold a public hearing at 6:30 p.m., Wednesday, August 24, 2011 in the boardroom of the Fabens ISD Administration Building, 821 NE "G" Avenue, Fabens, Texas.

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

WTCC: 08/18 /11

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

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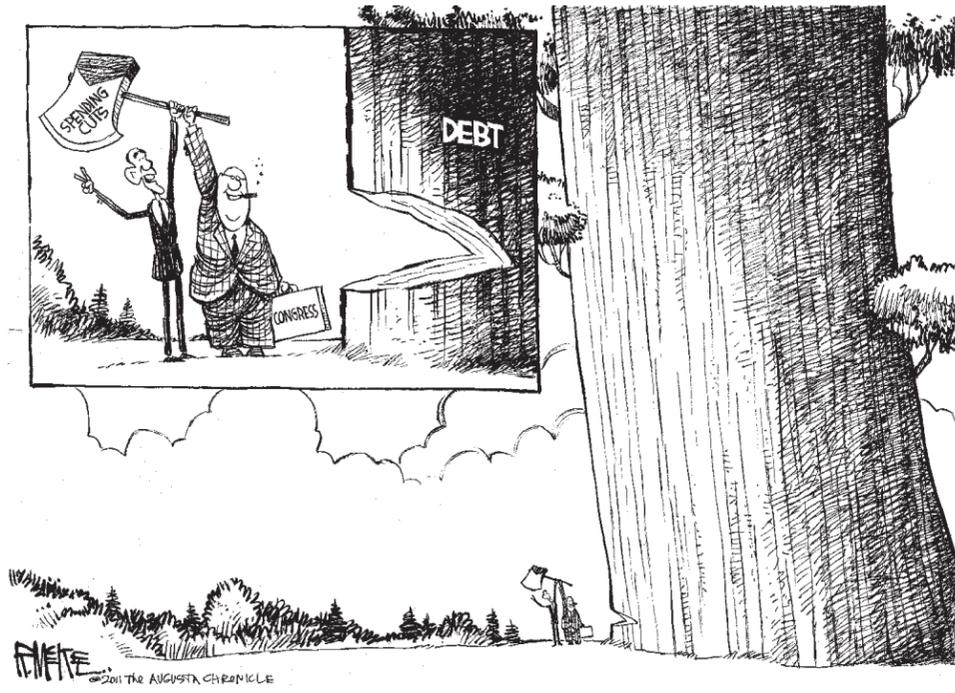
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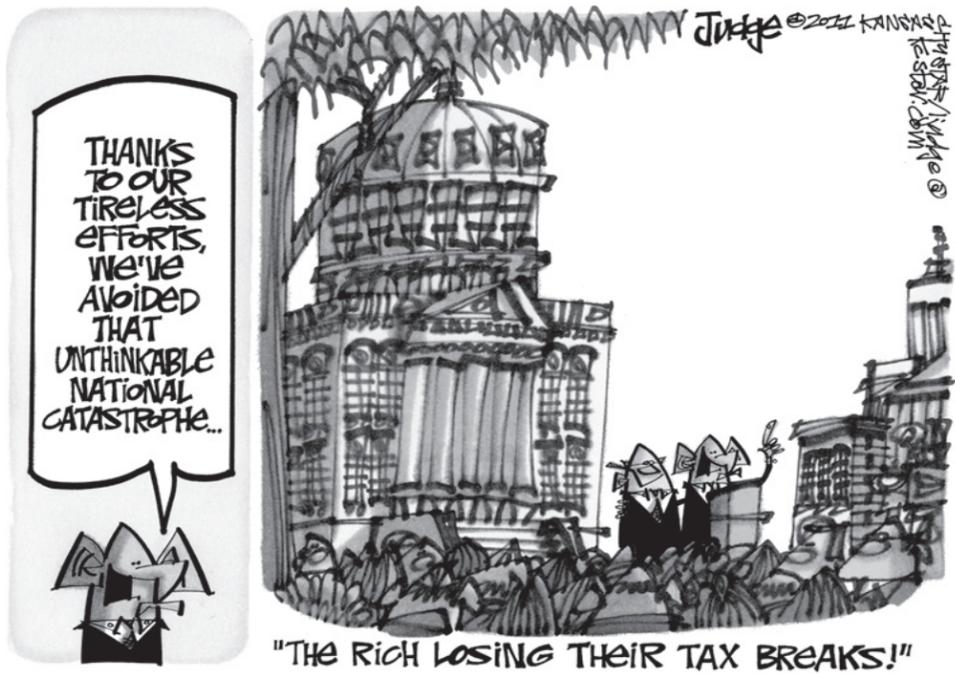
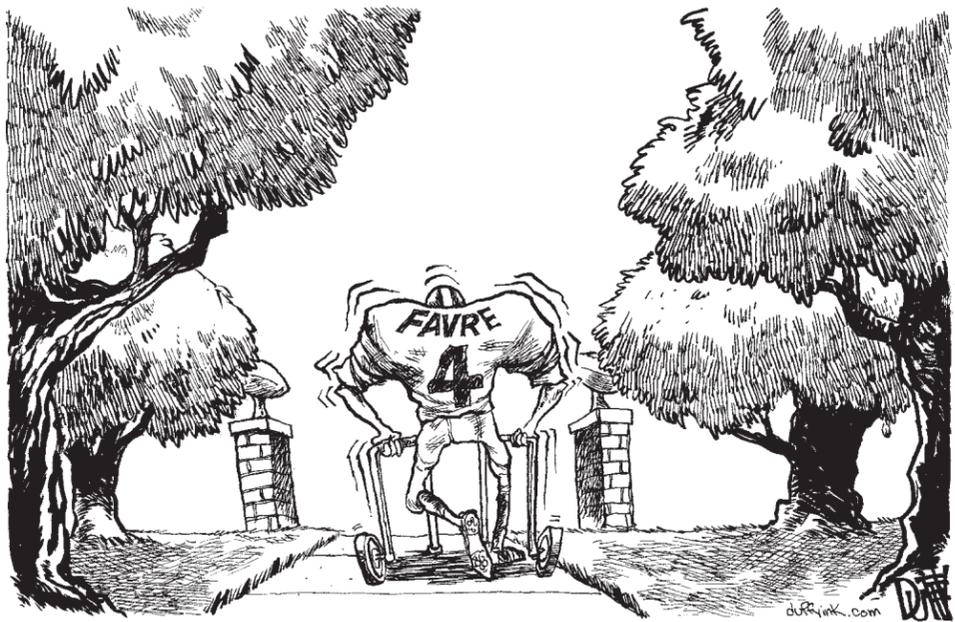
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THE NFL SEASON IS BACK ON TRACK! IN RELATED NEWS, BRETT FAVRE HAS GONE MISSING FROM THE TOUCHDOWN ACRES RETIREMENT HOME.



"THE RICH LOSING THEIR TAX BREAKS!"



Pedregon

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Union or other Communist states. Our young men once again were asked for their service to our country.

Juanita Maese Pedregon knew her son's desire to be a soldier, so she signed the letter of consent so that her son could enlist at the age seventeen. Eduardo's odder brother, Roberto (Bobby) was also serving in the military in 1950. Bobby was with the 187th Airborne Regiment Combat team near the Chosin Reservoir. Eduardo and his fellow soldiers were on the heels of the North Korean army pushing them back across the 38th Parallel when a division of Communist Chinese regulars ambushed the regiment. As the Task Force withdrew to escape encirclement, units of the 24th infantry division's 34th regiment were moving northward and providing rear guard action, but the Chinese troops continued their advance, catching the 31st and 34th regiments in a bloody trap. Survivors tried to withdraw to allied lines under cover of darkness, sometimes abandoning their boots that became stuck in the thick rice-paddy mud.

Eduardo Pedregon was last seen on November 30, 1950, the date listing him as missing in action.

In the 37 months since the original North Korean invasion, 142,000 American men had

been killed, wounded or captured. The North Korean and Chinese had lost about one and a half million men, mostly Chinese. In all, about two million American fighting men were committed to the war. When the line of demarcation was drawn in 1953 it signaled that the United States had, at the least, contained an aggressor and defended a friend.

In March 2011, almost 61 years later, the army contacted the Pedregon family and informed them that Eduardo's remains had been identified. Arrangements were made to have the remains transported from Hawaii to El Paso on or about this September 29 or 30. Congressman Sylvestre Reyes's office is planning a reception in San Elizario on Saturday October 1, 2011. Burial will be at Arlington National Cemetery on Wednesday, October 6 at 11 a.m. The Pedregon family will be flown to Washington to attend the ceremony.

For Juanita Pedregon closure never came. She would always join in the activities dedicated to the veterans in San Elizario every November 11. She found solace and peace in the Veterans Museum where a special place was set aside to the memory of her son Eduardo. She passed away September 1, 2003 at the age of 97.

The San Elizario veterans committee and the town of San Elizario give thanks to Eduardo for his service to our country, but especially for the ultimate sacrifice.

May he rest in peace.

2011 Property Tax Rates in El Paso County Emergency Services District #1

This notice concerns 2011 property tax rates for the El Paso County Emergency Services District #1. 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:	
Last year's operating taxes	\$ 1,169,542
Last year's debt taxes	\$ 109,778
Last year's total taxes	\$ 1,279,320
Last year's tax base	\$ 1,279,320,000
Last year's total tax rate	0.100000 /\$100

This year's effective tax rate:	
Last year's adjusted taxes (after subtracting taxes on lost property)	\$ 1,277,399
+ This year's adjusted tax base (after subtracting value of new property)	\$ 1,286,943,040
= This year's effective tax rate	0.099258 /\$100

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

This year's rollback tax rate:	
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)	\$ 1,167,786
+ This year's adjusted tax base	\$ 1,286,943,040
= This year's effective operating rate	0.090741 /\$100
x 1.08 = this year's maximum operating rate	0.098000 /\$100
+ This year's debt rate	0.007988 /\$100
= This year's total rollback rate	0.105988 /\$100

Statement of Increase/Decrease

If the El Paso County Emergency Services District #1 (ESD#1) adopts a 2011 tax rate equal to the effective tax rate of \$0.099258 per \$100 of value, taxes would increase compared to 2010 taxes by \$68,976.

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)	\$ 1,195,871
Debt Service (I&S)	\$ 146,045

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
2008 Pierce Ladder Truck,				
2009 Pierce Brush Truck, &				
2009 Chevy Tahoe	\$ 80,193	\$ 28,315	\$ 0	\$ 108,508
Total required for 2011 Debt Service				\$ 108,508
- 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				\$ 108,508
+ Amount added in anticipation that the unit will collect only 100% of its taxes in 2011				-0-
= Total Debt Levy				\$ 108,508

This notice contains a summary of actual effective and rollback tax rates' calculations. You can inspect a copy of the full calculations at 500 E. Overland Ave., Suite 101, El Paso, Texas 79901.

Name of person preparing this notice: **Victor A. Flores, R.T.C.**
 Title: **El Paso County Tax Assessor-Collector** Date prepared: **August 3, 2011**
 (915) 546-2096 www.epcounty.com

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING TO DISCUSS BUDGET AND PROPOSED TAX RATE

The Clint Independent School District will hold a public meeting at 5:30 p.m., Wednesday, August 31, 2011 in the Board Room, 14521 Horizon Blvd., El Paso, Texas 79928. **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.

Maintenance Tax	\$1.040050/\$100 (Proposed rate for maintenance and operations)
School Debt Service Tax	
Approved by Local Voters	\$0.295000/\$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	1.01% Decrease
Debt Service	0.00%
Total Expenditures	1.01% 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	\$ 1,174,250,791	\$ 1,241,833,037
Total appraised value* of new property**	\$ 45,724,144	\$ 53,293,013
Total taxable value*** of all property	\$ 951,050,399	\$ 1,011,944,283
Total taxable value*** of new property**	\$ 41,533,942	\$ 51,365,886

* "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* \$132,068,020

* 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	\$ 1.040050	\$ 0.295000*	\$ 1.335050	\$ 1,157	\$ 6,646
Rate to Maintain Same Level of Maintenance & Operations Revenue & Pay Debt Service	\$ 1.041420	\$ 0.299760*	\$ 1.341180	\$ 1,160	\$ 6,356
Proposed Rate	\$ 1.040050	\$ 0.295000*	\$ 1.335050	\$ 1,171	\$ 6,336

*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	\$ 85,643	\$ 88,249
Average Taxable Value of Residences	\$ 70,324	\$ 72,793
Last Year's Rate Versus		
Proposed Rate per \$100 Value	\$ 1.335050	\$ 1.335050
Taxes Due on Average Residence	\$ 938.86	\$ 971.82
Increase (Decrease) in Taxes		\$ 32.96

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 1.336900. This election will be automatically held if the district adopts a rate in excess of the rollback rate of 1.336900.

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)	\$ 19,200,170
Interest & Sinking Fund Balance(s)	\$ 2,263,212

Quatrini leaves SEISD in good shape

Replacement search on short hold

By Don Woodyard
Special to the Courier

SANELIZARIO – It was the usual monthly board meeting of the San Elizario Independent School District, but yet there was something singularly unusual about it.

As usual, board members were seated at their desk prepared to conduct the business of the district at its August meeting.

As usual, teachers and support staff were seated facing them at their desks.

The unusual aspect was that Dr. Mike Quatrini, the district's long-serving superintendent was not there in his accustomed position at the board table in the midst of the trustees.

Quatrini had retired in July after 15 years at the helm of the Lower Valley school district.

At the outset of the meeting, board president Antonio Araujo named assistant superintendent Sylvia Hopp the interim district superintendent while the search process moves forward.

In a later interview with the *Courier*, Araujo expressed confidence in the future of the district.

"We will continue to have high expectations for the district. We expect great things. By no means will we slip back.

"His retirement doesn't change anything."

Larry Baskind, general counsel for the school district, advised the trustees that there would likely be a delay in initiating the search process because of health concerns for Dr. James Vasquez, executive director of Region 19 Education Service Center (ESC). Vasquez, who is undergoing knee surgery, would be conducting the search.

"We can wait," said Baskind who indicated he would contact Vasquez' office and would also work with Araujo and Hopp on arrangements for the search.

"It will all depend on his recovery time."

The feeling from the board was that it wanted someone locally, a person who knows the area.

Hopp, who said she was "really grateful" that the board selected her as the interim superintendent, said she had not decided about seeking the top spot and was not throwing her hat in the ring as yet. She felt it important that it was important for the board to look at all qualified applicants.

In a period of transition for SEISD, Hopp offered assurances to the community as well as teachers and staff.

"The district is in a good position," she said. To illustrate her

statement, she pointed out that the district was fiscally responsible and would not be cutting back because of the statewide financial pinch that has adversely affected many school districts. She said there would be no salary or program cuts.

Hopp sees the work that lies ahead for her not as a challenge, but rather as an opportunity to take away



Mike Quatrini

anxiety while working to ensure a smooth leadership transition."

She adds confidently, "Everything will run smoothly."

She also notes that while the search is under way, every effort will be made to also "ensure students' success."

In an interview with the *Courier* last year, Quatrini emphasized "students' success" as the primary goal of the district. He said the focus of the district was on boosting student achievement with quality program and staff.

Quatrini could not be reached for comment about his plans for the future.

However, other board members spoke of his accomplishments in glowing terms.

Long-time board member Ramon Holguin pointed out what Quatrini had done for the district in his 15 years.

Quatrini came to SEISD in July of 1996 from the Socorro Independent School District where he had been principal of Socorro High School. "I was green when I came, (but) I have learned a lot, he had said in the earlier *Courier* interview.

Holguin says that what Quatrini learned paid big dividends for the district.

The board member contrasts what it was like when Quatrini arrived with what the district is like now.

"The district was down in the dumps," Holguin says. It was faltering and in such a bad way that its operation was under close scrutiny from the Texas Education Agency. "It was dysfunctional."

In marked contrast, he notes that the once "down-in-the-dumps" district achieved TEA Recognized status last year.

"I have no worries for the future of the district," he says, "none at all."

Araujo echoes much of what Holguin says. He speaks of the Quatrini legacy—of pulling the district up and achieving greatness.

He also spoke of the need for the TEA master back when Quatrini took the helm of the district and his work to turn the district around.

He speaks of the educational leadership style that raised the district's status with high expectations.

The announcement of Quatrini's retirement came as somewhat of a surprise to the board. "He wished us to continue working hard and to continue doing good.

He did a very good job with the district," Araujo concludes. "He changed our expectations."



Sylvia Hopp

Briefs

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suspects immediately ran away on foot. Witnesses in the area saw the two men get into a tan, older model 4-door Oldsmobile with two other men inside. Ten minutes later the same suspects unsuccessfully attempted to carjack another victim at 10415 Gateway West. The suspects are described as Hispanic men in their early 20s, both 5'9", medium complexion, short brown hair. The one with the gun was wearing a teal colored shirt. The one in the passenger seat spoke

Spanish, had a pierced eyebrow, and was wearing a yellow shirt, blue jeans, and tennis shoes. If you have any information about the identity and location of the suspects involved, or the 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

Vicente Aguilera, 28, is this week's Manhunt Monday Most Wanted Fugitive. He also uses

Victor Aguilera, Vicente Suffle and Victor Suffle. Aguilera is 5'8" tall and weighs 210 pounds. He has black hair, brown eyes and multiple upper body tattoos. On Friday May 27, 2011, at about 10:30 p.m. officers from the El Paso Police Department (EPPD) attempted to stop a Blue Chevrolet Silverado pickup bearing Arizona Plates traveling at a high rate of speed. The driver was swerving in and out of traffic and crossing onto the westbound lanes (against traffic) of Alameda Ave. in the Lower Valley. At one point, the driver lost control of the truck at the intersection of Alameda and Coronado, where he collided into

a stop sign knocking it down. The driver proceeded back onto Alameda and continued to travel west at a high rate of speed.



Vicente Aguilera

The driver continued thru a 7-11 parking lot almost striking several pedestrians. After an intense foot chase, Aguilera was captured and arrested by EPPD officers. Aguilera has since failed to show for court. County Court No. 7 has issued an arrest warrant for him for

this crime and an unrelated drug charge. Aguilera knows he is wanted. He is believed to remain in the Borderland area where he has several friends and relatives. In the past, Aguilera has stated his dislike for Law Enforcement – threatening officers who come into contact with him. If anyone has seen or has any information on the whereabouts of Aguilera they can contact 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 the individual featured.

– Deputy Jesse Tovar

Haciendas del Norte Water Improvement District Notice of Public Hearing on Tax Rate

The Haciendas del Norte Water Improvement District will hold a public hearing on a proposed tax rate for the tax year 2011 on Thursday, August 25, 2011, at 6:30 p.m., at 13931 Sagebrush Circle, El Paso, TX 79938. Your individual taxes may increase or decrease, depending on the change in taxable value of your property in relation to the change in the taxable value of all other property and the tax rate that is adopted.

- FOR** the proposal: **Frank Wood, Jim Funk, Robert Lucero, Joseph McCandless and Daniel Diaz**
- AGAINST** the proposal: **NONE**
- PRESENT** and not voting: **NONE**
- ABSENT:** **NONE**

The following table compares taxes on an average residence homestead in this taxing unit last year to taxes proposed on the average residence homestead this year.

	Last Year	This Year
	Adopted	Proposed
Total tax rate (per \$100 value)	0.245937/\$100	0.237505/\$100
Difference in rates per \$100 of value	(\$ 0.008432/\$100)	
Percentage increase / decrease in rates (+/-)	– 3.429%	
Average appraised value	\$ 188,236	\$ 190,962
General exemptions available (excluding senior citizen's or disabled person's exemptions)	\$ 0	\$ 0
Average taxable value	\$ 188,236	\$ 190,962
Tax on average residence homestead	\$ 462.94	\$ 453.54
Annual increase / decrease in taxes if proposed tax rate is adopted (+/-) and percentage of increase (+/-)	– \$ 9.40 – 2.03%	

NOTICE OF TAXPAYERS' RIGHT TO ROLLBACK ELECTION

If taxes on the average residence homestead increase by more than eight percent, the qualified voters of the district by petition may require that an election be held to determine whether to reduce the operation and maintenance tax rate to the rollback tax rate under Section 49.236(d), Water Code.

Paseo del Este Municipal Utility District No. 10 of El Paso County Notice of Public Hearing on Tax Rate

The Paseo del Este Municipal Utility District No. 10 of El Paso County will hold a public hearing on a proposed tax rate for the tax year 2011 on Tuesday, September 6, 2011, at 12:00 p.m., at the offices of Southwest Water Company, 12350 Montwood Dr., Suite 100, El Paso, TX 79928. Your individual taxes may increase or decrease, depending on the change in taxable value of your property in relation to the change in the taxable value of all other property and the tax rate that is adopted.

- FOR** the proposal: **Luis Ortega, Greg Spence, B.D. Reynolds Jr., Martin N. Lettunich and Antonio Gallardo**
- AGAINST** the proposal: **NONE**
- PRESENT** and not voting: **NONE**
- ABSENT:** **NONE**

The following table compares taxes on an average residence homestead in this taxing unit last year to taxes proposed on the average residence homestead this year.

	Last Year	This Year
	Adopted	Proposed
Total tax rate (per \$100 value)	0.750000/\$100	0.750000/\$100
Difference in rates per \$100 of value	\$ 0/\$100	
Percentage increase / decrease in rates (+/-)	0%	
Average appraised value	\$ 214,559	\$ 210,819
General exemptions available (excluding senior citizen's or disabled person's exemptions)	\$ 0	\$ 0
Average taxable value	\$ 214,559	\$ 210,819
Tax on average residence homestead	\$ 1,609.19	\$ 1,581.14
Annual increase / decrease in taxes if proposed tax rate is adopted (+/-) and percentage of increase (+/-)	– \$ 28.05 – 1.74%	

NOTICE OF TAXPAYERS' RIGHT TO ROLLBACK ELECTION

If taxes on the average residence homestead increase by more than eight percent, the qualified voters of the district by petition may require that an election be held to determine whether to reduce the operation and maintenance tax rate to the rollback tax rate under Section 49.236(d), Water Code.

Zambrano resets the behavior bar to new low levels

By Steve Escajeda
Special to the Courier

There are many theories as to how humans came to exist on this earth.

Some are religious and others have more to do with evolving over time from simple primates.

I don't know which is true, but that's really a subject for another time.

But whoever, or whatever, put us here – certainly provided us with the ability to think.

We were given the power of reason and calculation and common sense.

With all we were fortunate enough to enter this world with, some people still display the inability or stubborn refusal to take advantage of these cerebral gifts.

A clear example is when someone puts their hand on a lit candle and burns their fingers. Their immediate reaction is to pull the finger away in pain. Then after contemplating their options, they put their fingers back on the lit candle and pull away in pain again.

This is commonly referred to as moronic behavior.

The world of professional sports is

overflowing with such head-scratching examples.

In the sports world, it's referred to as moronic behavior because even though someone knows their actions are bad and will result in some kind of suspension or fine, they go and do it any way.

Some guys are so dense they do it over and over and over again.

Just like the Chicago Cubs' Carlos Zambrano.

Seems like every year I'm writing about some kind of blow up Zambrano has had with his coaches, the other team's coaches or players and even his own teammates.

And last week the Cubs' pitcher did it again.

After serving up five home runs in 10-4 loss to the Braves, Zambrano was ejected for throwing at Chipper Jones – twice.

Zambrano then went into the locker room and proceeded to clean out his locker and announced that he had retired. The Cubs subsequently placed him on the 30-day disqualified list, without pay.

What a moron.

But I'm not blaming Zambrano for the inability to control his behavior. He isn't to blame anymore for causing problems in the dugout. He shouldn't get the blame for being

totally out of control.

It's the Chicago Cubs organization and all the suits sitting around that big mahogany table that are to blame for this one.

They are the ones who kept burning their fingers on that big right-handed candle over and over and over.

You would think that the Cubs' brass would have learned the first, or second, or third, or fourth time. But no. All they did was give Zambrano chance after chance to embarrass the organization, while paying him millions for the opportunity.

Don't think the Cubs should have seen a pattern of behavior?

Here's the timeline.

In July 2004: Zambrano screams at Cardinals outfielder Jim Edmonds as he rounds the bases after a home run. He's then ejected for hitting Edmonds a second time. Afterward, Zambrano is quoted saying, "I don't have to apologize to anybody. This is not a baby's game. This is a man's game."

April 2005: Zambrano taunts plate umpire Dale Scott after being ejected from his opening day start in Arizona. Zambrano says, "At that moment, you want to kill the umpire."

June 2007: Zambrano gets into a dugout fight with catcher Michael Barrett, which

spills over into clubhouse. Barrett ends up in the hospital.

May 2009: After an ejection, Zambrano gives the umpire the "you're outta here" thumb, then hurls a ball toward left field, attacks a Gatorade cooler with a bat and is suspended six games and fined \$3,000.

September 2009: Zambrano rips Cubs fans for booing him after an erratic outing. He said, "I thought these were the greatest fans in baseball. But they showed me today that they just care about them, and that's not fair."

June 2010: Zambrano gets into a heated shouting match with teammate Derrek Lee in the dugout, which led to a suspension and anger management counseling.

June 2011: Zambrano calls out Cubs as "embarrassing" and a "Triple-A team," while throwing teammate Carlos Marmol under the bus for giving up game-tying hit.

As for his latest episode, why would the Cubs punish him? It's not like they didn't know this was coming.

Zambrano losing his temper and blowing up is as shocking as running into a liberal on Oscar night.

The Cubs needs to either get new management quick – or give the current guys in charge a thorough lobotomy.

A sporting view By Mark Vasto

The tragic case of Hideki Irabi

You can probably point to one pitch – a 98-mph fastball – that came to ruin one man's life.

It was 1996, and a kid named Hideki Irabu of the Chiba Lotte Marines tossed that pitch past a stunned Kazuhiro Kiyohara of the Seibu Lions. At the time it was the fastest pitch in Japanese baseball history.

With ERAs in the 2.50 region and multiple years with 200-plus strikeouts, and with players like Hideo Nomo, Shigetoshi Hasegawa and Takashi Kashiwada – who signed across town for the New York Mets – George Steinbrenner and the New York Yankees wanted to make a move. Hideki Irabu – "The Nolan Ryan of Japan" – was their man.

This wasn't the first time the Yankees played catch-up in race ball. The Brooklyn Dodgers broke baseball's color barrier in 1947 with Jackie Robinson, the Yankees waited until 1955 before they activated Elston Howard. Howard was an incredible player, someone who survived the pressure of being the catcher who succeeded Yogi

Berra. His number is retired with the Yankees, and he is forever enshrined in the baseball Hall of Fame at Cooperstown.

Hideki Irabu is no longer with us.

His story begins and ends as a sad one. His father was an unseen, never-spoken-of American serviceman who met his mother one night in Okinawa. In a culture that abhors any sort of disgrace, Irabu's mother later married a Japanese man who instilled enough discipline in the boy to play and succeed wildly in baseball.

With that fastball, American scouts took notice. The San Diego Padres bit first, purchasing his contract from Chiba Lotte. It was controversial at the time because up to that point, no American baseball team had directly intervened with Japanese baseball negotiations in such a manner. And in a culture that steadfastly adheres to an intricate code of manners, Irabu bucked the trend. He would only play for the Yankees.

In March 1997, for the rights to just talk to the 27-year-old Irabu, the

Yanks gave the Padres \$3 million in cash, five mid-tier major leaguers and five minor-league prospects. By May, Irabu was in pinstripes, signed to a four-year contract worth \$12.8 million and a signing bonus of \$8.5 million.

Irabu went on to win 34 games in his six-year Major League Baseball career.

He endured insults from Steinbrenner ("fat toad") and Yankee fans alike that couldn't support a guy who only played in one postseason game but wore two championship rings.

Alcohol played a bigger part in his life after the big leagues turned their back on him, and after a few arrests for intoxication and whatever presumed family problems he had, his wife left him.

It was as if his life had come full circle. His solution was to hang himself in July.

It has been said that there is no such thing as talent, there is only pressure. Pressure, over many years, makes a diamond. For Hideki, on and off the diamond, he just couldn't make the time.

Mark Vasto is a veteran sportswriter and publisher of The Kansas City Luminary. (c) 2011 King Features Synd., Inc.

Veterans

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the group's goals for next year by completing a survey to identify the most pressing needs among homeless veterans in the El Paso area. The top three challenges identified include providing housing for veterans registered as sex offenders; alleviating emotional, psychological problems among homeless vets; and offering legal assistance (including financial counseling) to homeless veterans.

The local efforts are part of a larger plan by the federal government to end homelessness throughout the country within five years. The plan is titled United States Interagency Council on Homelessness, Opening Doors: Federal Strategic Plan to Prevent and End Homelessness.

Housing & Urban Development (HUD) Secretary Shaun Donovan, Health & Human Services (HHS) Secretary Kathleen Sebelius, VA Secretary Eric K. Shinseki, and Labor Secretary Hilda Solis declared the vision of the plan to be centered on the belief that "no one should experience homelessness – no one should be without a safe, stable place to call home."

The Plan is focused on four key goals: (1) Finish the job of ending chronic homelessness in five years; (2) Prevent and end homelessness among Veterans in five years; (3) Prevent and end homelessness for families, youth, and children in ten years; and (4) Set a path to ending all types of homelessness.

The Plan proposes a set of strategies that call upon the federal government to work in partnership with state and local governments, as well as the private sector to employ cost effective, comprehensive solutions to end homelessness.

According to the plan, the federal government needs to be smarter and more targeted in its response and role, which also includes supporting the work that is being done by community agencies. It emphasizes that by collaborating at all levels of government, the nation can harness public resources and

build on the innovations that have been demonstrated at the local level and in cities nationwide to provide everyone – from the most capable to the most vulnerable – the opportunity to reach their full potential.

Julio Gutierrez, who was a homeless veteran himself for many years, is now the veterans' outreach coordinator for the Opportunity Center for the Homeless in El Paso. He has been working with El Paso's homeless veterans for the past eleven years. He said that many of the homeless veterans in the area are being helped in one way or another.

"Most of these veterans are in emergency shelters, temporary residences, or in permanent housing thanks to the efforts of the VA and local community agencies," Gutierrez said. "If a veteran is homeless in El Paso right now, it's because he or she does not know how to ask for assistance," he said, "and some just don't trust the government and want nothing to do with the system."

Luis Lopez, veterans' issues caseworker for the Office of U.S. Congressman Silvestre Reyes, was one of the participants in the recent Project CHALLENG meeting. He said that Congressman Reyes' office is focused on assisting the local VA office and its partnering organizations in its crusade to eliminate homelessness among America's veterans by encouraging all veterans to register with the local VA Office to become eligible for its services.

"An important aspect of homeless veterans is that not all veterans in the El Paso region have registered with the VA Office, which is a necessary step to qualifying for veterans' benefits," Lopez said. "There are approximately 77,000 veterans in this region and only about 23,000 have registered for VA program eligibility purposes," he said.

"If we can get all of our veterans to register with the local VA Office, then we would have a better chance of acquiring a VA Regional Clinic in El Paso and that would expand and expedite veterans and their families' resources. Currently the closest clinics are in Albuquerque NM and Waco TX," he added.

Classified Ads

LEGALS

El Paso County Emergency Services District #1

Public Notice

El Paso County Emergency Services District #1 is now accepting resumes for the position of Fire Commissioner. To be eligible applicants must be:

- 18 years of age;
- A resident of the

state;

• A qualified voter within the ESD or the owner of land subject to taxation in the ESD; and

• May possess knowledge of fire prevention or emergency medical services. See Texas Health and Safety code 775.034.

Commissioners are responsible for budgeting, financial interests, and investments of the Fire Departments

tax income. The position of Fire Commissioner is made by appointment by the County Commissioner and is a voluntary position. Meetings are held the 4th Thursday of each month at the Horizon Fire Station and begin at 6:30 P.M. Resumes may be sent to:

El Paso County ESD #1
14151 Nunda Ave.

Horizon City, Texas 79928

Resumes will be accepted until 5:00 P.M., August 31, 2011. Any questions may be directed to Ron Larson at 915-820-8640.

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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 solución. Info: 838-6264.

Comix

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: Please tell me if a digital mammogram is a great deal better than a regular mammogram. If I need to pay part of the cost, I don't mind, if it's worth it. I don't want to pay for something that is simply "newer." – S.P.

With a conventional mammogram, the image of the breast is captured on film, like a photographic image. With a digital mammogram, the image is captured electronically on bits of computer code, like a digital camera does. The techniques for taking a digital mammogram are the same as those for a conventional one. Digital mammograms are easier to store, and digital images are available immediately but are more costly.

A large study of almost 50,000 women concluded that the accuracy between digital and conventional mammograms is not significantly different. However, in women younger than 50 and in women with dense breasts, digital mammograms provide better pictures. Unless your doctor has directed you to get digital mammograms, you can rely on standard mammograms to serve you well.

The booklet on breast cancer provides information on its detection and treatment. Readers can obtain a copy by writing: Dr. Donohue – No. 1101W, 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 vitreous is a thick, gel-like material that fills the back two-thirds of the eye. It provides support for the eye. The vitreous abuts on the retina, the sensitive layer of cells that transfers incoming images to the brain. A vitreous detachment means it has pulled away from the retina. In doing so, it stimulated the retina to cause the flashing lights you saw.

The doctor made sure your retina was OK. Flashes of light also can be a signal that the retina is tearing. For the present, nothing else needs to be done. The doctor will examine you again in a few months to be positive the retina is remaining in good health.

DEAR DR. DONOHUE: Ten months ago I had my gallbladder removed. My problem is I must still take a Lactaid pill when I eat some foods, especially dairy. Why? – D.B.

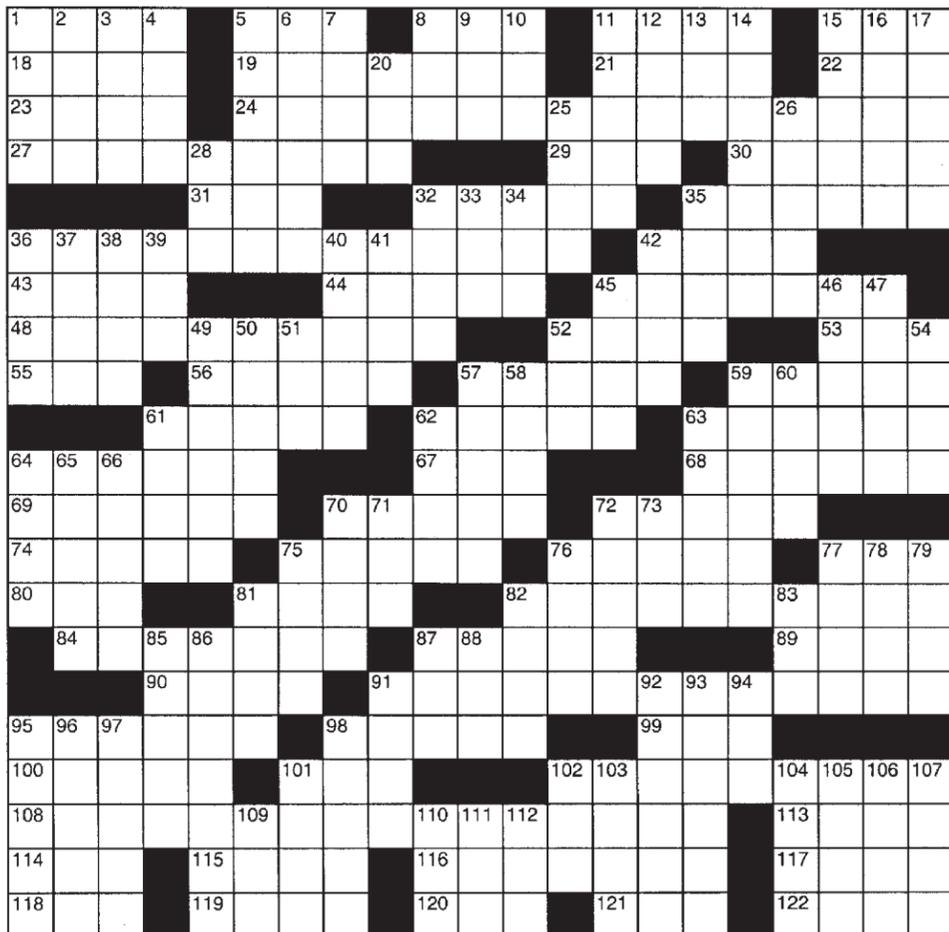
Your gallbladder stores bile made in the liver. When people eat a fatty meal, their gallbladders contract to squirt bile into the digestive tract to aid in the digestion of fats. If the gallbladder has stones, that contraction causes abdominal pain. You should not have that pain now. A different problem centers on lactase, an enzyme that digests milk sugar lactose. As people grow older, many lose their lactase enzymes. Drinking or eating dairy products causes them diarrhea and abdominal pain. You still need your Lactaid pill to digest dairy products. This has nothing to do with the gallbladder.

DEAR DR. DONOHUE: For many years, I have put up with floaters. I am quite nearsighted, and my eye doctor says they're common in nearsighted people. Last week, I saw flashes of light. I called the doctor, and he saw me that day. He told me I had a vitreous detachment. Is this serious? – L.P.

Dr. Donohue regrets that he is unable to answer individual letters, but he will incorporate them in his column whenever possible. Readers may write him or request an order form of available health newsletters at P.O. Box 536475, Orlando, FL 32853-6475. (c) 2011 North America Synd., Inc. All Rights Reserved.

Super Crossword

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| SPECTACLE | 63 Heraldic garment | Nastase | 37 " _ Marleen" ('81 film) | 79 Sudden pain |
| ACROSS | 64 Scavullo | 118 _ Aviv | 38 Away from the wind | 81 Health measure? |
| 1 Related | apparatus | 119 Curtis of "Spartacus" | 39 Gender | 82 Comic Mort |
| 5 Speedometer | 67 Psychic Geller | 120 Oyster's home | 40 "Jude the Obscure" author | 83 _ -di-dah |
| abbr. | 68 Cruel treatment | 121 Tofu base | 41 Spring flower | 85 Basketball's Patrick |
| 8 Jaffe of "Ben Casey" | 69 Lacking principles | 122 Litigated | 42 Deere thing | 86 Most melancholy |
| 11 Implored | 70 Savalas role | DOWN | 45 " _ #1" ('61 hit) | 87 Suitable |
| 15 Married Mlle. | 72 Fad | 1 To boot | 46 Pianist Claudio | 88 LAX letters |
| 18 TV's "What's My _?" | 74 Mettle | 2 Chicken _ | 47 Acts catty? | 91 Put the metal to the metal |
| 19 Snobbery | 75 "The Chosen" author | 3 Memo start | 49 Arctic jacket | 92 Rita of "The King and I" |
| 21 Exist | 76 With 61 Down, "Jurassic Park" star | 4 Within view | 50 Sherpa site | 93 Vigor |
| 22 Mare's morsel | 77 Swab | 5 Dennis, for one | 51 Singer Kiki | 94 Playground game |
| 23 Doris Day refrain | 80 High rails | 6 Solar _ | 52 "Alice" spin-off | 95 Morocco's capital |
| 24 Start of a remark | 81 Obligation | 7 Bee flat? | 54 Eliot's "Adam _" | 96 Boxer Griffith |
| 27 Exhausted | 82 California city | 8 " _ Duke" ('77 song) | 57 Ehud of Israel | 97 George of "Just Shoot Me" |
| 29 Move like mad | 84 It's hardly aesthetic | 9 Deciduous tree | 58 Estrada or Satie | 98 Loony Lee |
| 30 Discernment | 87 Opportunity to overeat | 10 2001, to Tiberius | 59 "Le Pere Goriot" author | 101 Flutist Herbie |
| 31 Hosp. area | 89 One of the Osmonds | 11 Braid | 60 Competent | 102 Nobelist Andric |
| 32 Acclaim | 90 Summer stinger | 12 Like a wet noodle | 61 See 76 Across | 103 Journalist Jacob |
| 35 Like wormwood | 91 Part 3 of remark | 13 Diva Marton | 62 King canine | 104 "Armageddon" author |
| 36 Part 2 of remark | 95 Dwell | 14 He's got a lot of pull | 63 Pageant prop | 105 Berg opera |
| 42 Stance | 98 Pansy part | 15 Dewy | 64 Poirot's concern | 106 Rose lover? |
| 43 Khartoum's river | 99 Actress Munson | 16 Dull | 65 Plentiful | 107 Oliver of "Gladiator" |
| 44 Herber of football | 100 Modify | 17 A great composer? | 66 Timid | 109 "Blame It on _" ('84 film) |
| 45 Carnivorous plant | 101 Part of MP | 20 Cassidy or Koppel | 70 Japanese port | 110 Wheel part |
| 48 Euclid's home | 102 Uneven | 25 Coal carrier | 71 Baseball's "Master Melvin" | 111 Chemical ending |
| 52 Liverwurst or fruitcake | 108 End of remark | 26 Restaurant freebie | 72 Bel _ | 112 Find the sum |
| 53 Emulate Aladdin | 113 Cartoonist Goldberg | 28 " _ the season..." | 73 Furrow | |
| 55 Present for pop | 114 Menu phrase | 32 Sicilian smoker | 75 Cop's target, for short | |
| 56 Must-haves | 115 Go down | 33 Tai _ (martial art) | 76 Glasgow girl | |
| 57 Underneath | 116 Ruin | 34 Emulate Pinocchio | 77 Saharan nation | |
| 59 City near Montpellier | 117 Tennis pro | 35 William of "Hopalong Cassidy" | 78 Algerian seaport | |
| 61 Beardless dwarf | | 36 Petite pest | | |
| 62 Heiss on the ice | | | | |



Moore Texas by Roger Moore Chili powder was first successfully packaged by William Gebhardt a GERMAN immigrant, in New Braunfels around 1902. Reckon he had an ad agency design the label?



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

Scams are all around you

Nobody wants to fall victim to a scam artist or identity thief.

You may think you're safe simply by not carrying your Social Security card with you and not providing your personal information over the Internet or by email. But scam artists have become shrewd. Never reply to an email claiming to be from Social Security and asking for your Social Security number or personal information.

Identity theft is one of the fastest-growing crimes in America. If you think you've been the victim of an identity thief, you should contact the Federal Trade Commission (FTC) at www.ftc.gov/bcp/edu/microsites/idtheft. Or, you can call 1-877-IDTHEFT (1-877-438-4338); TTY 1-866-653-4261.

Some people who receive Social Security and Supplemental Security Income (SSI) benefits are often victimized by misleading advertisers. Often, these companies offer Social Security services for a fee, even though the same services are available directly from Social Security free of charge. These services include getting a:

- Corrected Social Security card showing a bride's married name;
- Social Security card to replace a lost card;
- Social Security Statement; and

• Social Security number for a child.

Some direct scammers suggest that Social Security is in dire financial shape and that people risk losing their Social Security or Medicare benefits unless they send a contribution or membership fee to the advertiser.

If you receive or see what you believe is misleading advertising for Social Security services, send the complete mailing, including the envelope, to: Office of the Inspector General, Fraud Hotline, Social Security Administration, P.O. Box 17768, Baltimore, MD 21235. Also, advise your State's attorney general or consumer affairs office and the Better Business Bureau.

Learn more about identity theft at www.socialsecurity.gov/pubs/10064.html. Read about misleading advertising at www.socialsecurity.gov/pubs/10005.html.

Please don't let a scam artist or identity thief take your identity.

For more information on the article above, visit our website at www.socialsecurity.gov or call us at 1-800-772-1213. If you have any questions please mail them to the Social Security Office, 1111 Gateway West, Attn: Ray Vigil, El Paso, Texas 79935.

CryptoQuip

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

Clue: B equals L

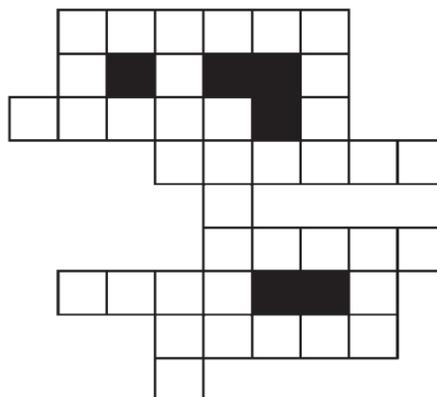
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- VYI
- MAMERY
- DECVA
- ♥DARI
- MANOID
- TCU
- ♥ENMI
- LIVAN
- ♥EAY
- ROCIND
- TYNIU
- ♥ICLO



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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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STRANGE BUT TRUE

By Samantha Weaver

• It was the 37th president of the United States, Richard M. Nixon, who made the following sage – and somehow appropriate – observation: “Sure there are dishonest men in local government. But there are dishonest men in national government too.”

• Pasta has been around since 5,000 B.C., and it was invented in China, not Italy.

• If you're planning a visit to the United Kingdom, you might want to keep in mind this rather obscure statute: It's illegal to stand within 100 yards of the reigning monarch if you don't have socks on.

• A groundhog can move 700 pounds of dirt in a single day.

• When the two-and-one-half-hour finale of the groundbreaking television show “M*A*S*H” aired on Feb. 28, 1983, advertisers paid a hefty \$450,000 for a single 30-second spot. That was \$50,000 more than the same spot cost at the Super Bowl that year.

• We all know what a disaster is, but did you know where the word came from? The base of the word is “aster,” which is Latin for “star.” The word “disaster” originally meant “an unfavorable aspect of a star,” reflecting the ancient notion that the motions of heavenly bodies affected terrestrial events.

• Baseball players didn't have numbers on their uniforms until 1929, and it was the New York Yankees that were the first to adopt the practice.

• In the early 18th century, newspapers were not cheap, but the stories published therein were often people's only link to the events of the day. Since they were so coveted, newspapers were often brought as a gift when a gentleman was calling on a lady friend, much as candy or flowers might be brought in a different era.

Thought for the Day: “No one really listens to anyone else, and if you try it for a while you'll see why.”

– Mignon McLaughlin

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