

NEWSBRIEFS

San Eli ISD staff trained to spot dating violence

Canutillo HS seeks Outstanding Ex

Canutillo High School is currently accepting nominations for the Outstanding Ex for 2011 Homecoming activities. Candidates who have graduated from Canutillo High School and have achieved success in a chosen field or endeavor should be nominated. The Honored Ex should also be available to attend Homecoming activities during the week of September 26 through September 30 in Canutillo. Nominees should submit the completed application form located on the district’s website or request the form through the CISD Public Information Office, P.O. Box 100, Canutillo, Texas 79835, or by email through kguzman@canutillo-isd.org, prior to September 14, 2011. For more information, contact the CISD public information office at (915) 877-7482.

– Kim Guzman

Tigua grants

The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) and the U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT) have awarded the Ysleta del Sur Pueblo (Tigua) Indian Tribe a combined total of \$142,451 in federal grant funding for tribal initiatives. “Ysleta del Sur Pueblo has been an important part of our community’s cultural heritage for nearly 330 years,” said Congressman Sylvestre Reyes. “These grants will help them continue to enhance our community’s cultural vitality and growth.” HHS awarded the Tigua \$99,970 in funding to support a sustainable language project in the El Paso region. The Language Preservation and Maintenance Grants project will conduct assessments of native languages, plan language programs and implement language projects that support long-term language preservation goals. In addition, the U.S. Department of Transportation awarded the Tigua \$42,481, through the Texas Department of Transportation, to construct a vehicular parking area for the Ysleta del Sur Pueblo (YDSP) Tigua Indian Museum and Cultural Center. YDSP will use these funds to construct a safe and durable parking area for visitors by incorporating artistic traffic control designs located around various intersections within the center, encouraging drivers to drive safely.

– Claudia Ordaz

Crime Stoppers

A man has been involved in several robberies at convenience stores in the central part of town, making this the Crime Stoppers “Crime of the Week.” On Monday, June 6, 2011, about 12:45 a.m., a male subject walked into the

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By Cynthia P. Marentes
Special to the Courier

SAN ELIZARIO – El Paso County Attorney Jo Anne Bernal and staff were at San Elizario High School on August 16 to bring their anti-domestic violence campaign to district teachers and administrators. The program known as “¡No Te Dejes! Don’t Let Yourself!” includes training, curriculum, and videos for educators to help them recognize signs of abuse and to learn how to address dating violence with students.

National statistics reveal that for teenagers who are in serious relationships one in five has reported abuse and one in three say they worry about being physically hurt. Bernal hopes that showing videos of different abuse scenarios, such as one depicting a teenager named Natalie who becomes a victim of dating violence, will open the door for communication about the topic with students. Assistant County Attorney, Gabriella Edwards-Holguin, added that even elementary students could benefit from the “¡No Te Dejes! Don’t Let Yourself!” program because it sends a general message about what is appropriate behavior between people.

“The issue and problem with domestic violence is the absence of understanding and healthy relationships,” Bernal told the audience of teachers and administrators.

Presentations have been provided to schools since March and were offered this month as part of required back to school professional development for all San Elizario ISD faculty.



– Photo courtesy San Elizario ISD

KNOW THE SIGNS – Assistant County Attorney, Gabriella Edwards-Holguin presents the “¡No Te Dejes! Don’t Let Yourself!” program to San Elizario ISD faculty inside the San Elizario High School auditorium.

According to officials with the district and county attorney’s offices, the campaign will assist school districts with drafting and implementing policies against dating violence that are more in line with one another.

The initiative is collaboration between the 34th Judicial Distrat Attorneys’ Office and the El Paso County Attorney Office funded by a grant from Governor Rick Perry’s Criminal Justice Department.

VetCAP offers El Paso Veterans opportunity to voice concerns

By Alfredo Vasquez
Special to the Courier

“Addressing veterans’ concerns starts with you,” U.S. Congressman Silvestre Reyes told an audience of about 30 participants during a recent Veterans Citizen Advisory Panel (VetCAP) meeting.

VetCAP, that consist of representatives from numerous El Paso veterans’ organization

chapters and posts, was established by Reyes shortly after his election to the U.S. House of Representatives in 1996.

The VetCAP meetings are held at 5:30 p.m., the second Wednesday of the month at the El Paso Armed Services YMCA center (corner of Dyer and Hayes streets) in Fort Bliss. The meetings are open to all interested veterans or veteran advocates in the area.

VetCAP is an important tool in making recommendations on legislation involving

veterans, according to Luis Lopez, Veteran Caseworker/ Outreach Services for the Office of Congressman Reyes and facilitator for the VetCAP meetings.

Lopez, who has been working with the Congressman for more than a year, said that the Congressman is committed to helping veterans get the benefits that they are entitled to receive and that the VetCAP

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– Photo by Alfredo Vasquez

Q&A – Congressman Silvestre Reyes, back to camera on left, answers questions during a recent Veterans Citizens Advisory Panel (VetCAP) meeting. VetCAP, which consists of representatives from numerous El Paso veterans’ organization chapters and posts, is an important tool in making recommendations on legislation involving El Paso veterans. The meetings are held the second Wednesday of the month at the El Paso Armed Services YMCA in Fort Bliss and are open to interested veterans or veteran advocates in the area.

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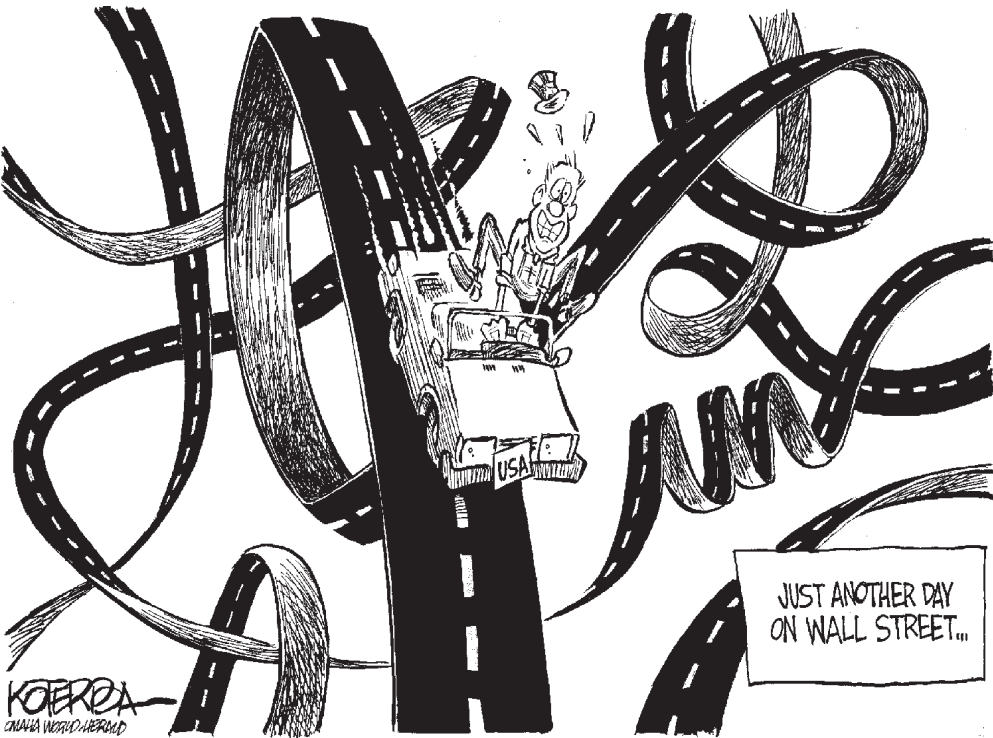
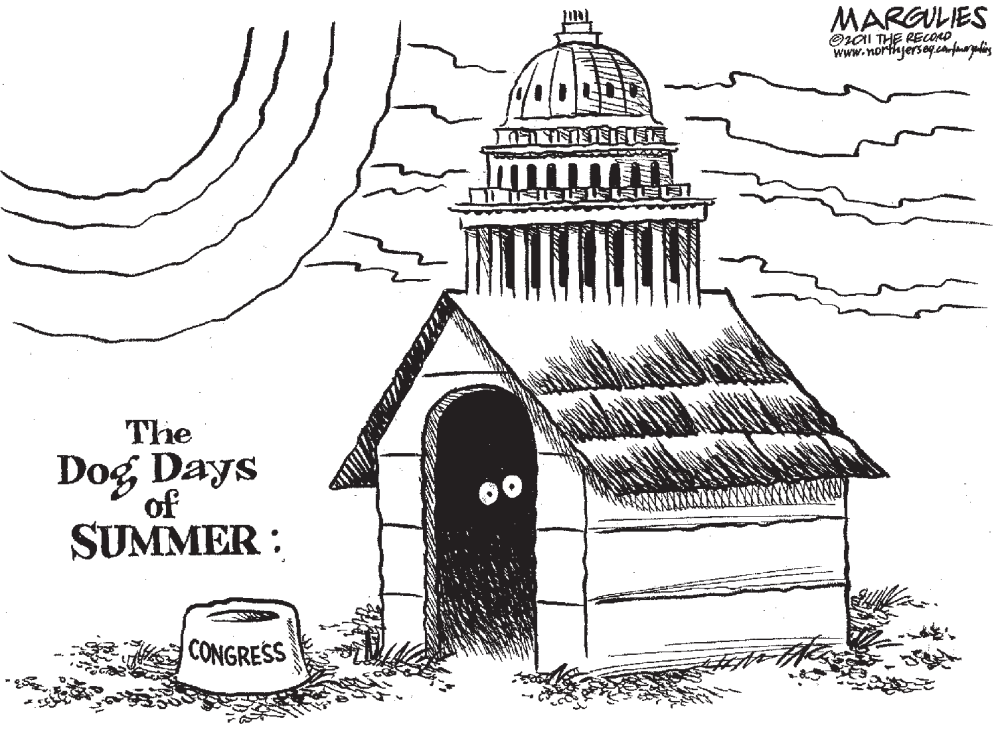
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Veterans Post By Freddy Groves

Comparing hospitals

Since last year we’ve been able to check out the quality of care at VA Medical Centers on the Department of Veterans Affairs website. Now the VA has added its information to the Centers for Medicaid and Medicare Services Hospital Compare website. The VA site was limited to medical and surgical statistics, but now we’re able to compare local non-VA hospitals with the VA hospitals in additional areas such as heart issues and pneumonia.

To get the information you need, however, you might have to check both sites, as the information isn’t posted on the same schedule. Neither site is intuitive for navigation, so instructions are below:

The Centers for Medicaid and Medicare Services Hospital Compare [www.hospitalcompare.hhs.gov] has results for a number of categories of patient care issues, including death rates and patient experiences. Put in your ZIP code and select either General, Medical Conditions or Surgical Procedures. Click on Find Hospitals. You’ll be given a list of medical facilities within 50 miles. Check the boxes

down the left side for facilities you want to compare. If your closest VA Medical Center isn’t within that 50 miles, it won’t show up. Instead use the ZIP code of the Medical Center. You’ll find that a lot of categories don’t show any VA information at all.

The VA site (www.hospitalcompare.va.gov) compares information between VA hospitals only. It tracks heart problems and pneumonia, as well as infection, respiratory issues and more. Pick a link on the left (Medical or Surgical), select your state from the drop-down menu and scroll down to click on an issue. The next screen will be a full explanation of the quality measure and what it means. If there are multiple centers in your state, you’ll see the results for all of them.

Your best bet is to gather the information from both sites and combine it.

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Notice of Tax Revenue Increase

The **CITY OF SOCORRO** conducted public hearings on August 18, 2011 and September 1, 2011 on a proposal to increase the total tax revenues of the **CITY OF SOCORRO** from properties on the tax roll in the preceding year by 1.23 percent.

The total tax revenue proposed to be raised last year at last year’s tax rate of \$0.496757 for each \$100 of taxable value was \$3,940,433.

The total tax revenue proposed to be raised this year at the proposed tax rate of \$0.496757 for each \$100 of taxable value, excluding tax revenue to be raised from new property added to the tax roll this year, is \$3,985,409.

The total tax revenue proposed to be raised this year at the proposed tax rate of \$0.496757 for each \$100 of taxable value, including tax revenue to be raised from new property added to the tax roll this year, is \$4,046,082.

The City Council of **CITY OF SOCORRO** is scheduled to vote on the tax rate that will result in that tax increase at a public meeting to be held on September 20, 2011 at City Hall located at 860 N. Rio Vista at 5:30 PM.



– File photo

CLEAN UP – Tons of debris were hauled away from Vinton in 2006.

Vinton marks five years since flood, continues to move forward

By Don Woodyard
Special to the Courier

VINTON – “The Guns of August” is a Pulitzer-Prize-winning book that told the story of the early days of World War I, a devastating war that began in August of 1914. Vinton Mayor Madeleine Praino vividly remembers another kind of war, a war waged closer to home. It was a short August war waged against a different, but still relentless foe by an “army” of residents of the

Upper Valley community. It was the Rains of August. Praino will never forget those events of August 2006 when the runoff from heavy rains surged through arroyo channels causing widespread damage to residences and roadways throughout this Upper Valley community. For the then fledgling mayor, this was a baptism, not of fire but of water. Praino had only been elected to office three months earlier. This is the fifth anniversary of the floods.

“It was a very trying time,” she recalls. “At times it was traumatic. “There was a feeling of impotence. How can we help these people,” she would ask? Help in rebuilding came in many forms from different governmental levels. It came from TXDOT (Texas Department of Transportation), the El Paso County Roads and Bridges Department and from the Army National Guard and the Salvation Army. She is also high in her praise

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Paseo del Este Municipal Utility District No. 2 Notice of Public Hearing on Tax Rate

The Paseo del Este Municipal Utility District No. 2 will hold a public hearing on a proposed tax rate for the tax year 2011 on Thursday, September 8, 2011, at 1:00 p.m., at the offices of Hunt Communities, LLC, 4401 N. Mesa, El Paso, TX 79902. 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: **Doug Borret, Joann Wardy, Hector Esparza, Alejandro Limon and Ann Jorjorian-Raynal**

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
Total tax rate (per \$100 value)	0.750000/\$100	0.750000/\$100
	Adopted	Proposed
Difference in rates per \$100 of value	\$ 0/\$100	
Percentage increase / decrease in rates (+/–)	0%	
Average appraised value	\$ 227,973.00	\$ 271,169.00
General exemptions available (excluding senior citizen’s or disabled person’s exemptions)	\$ 0	\$ 0
Average taxable value	\$ 227,973.00	\$ 271,169.00
Tax on average residence homestead	\$ 1,709.80	\$ 2,033.77
Annual increase / decrease in taxes if proposed tax rate is adopted (+/–)	+ \$ 323.97	
and percentage of increase (+/–)	+ 18.95%	

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. 3 Notice of Public Hearing on Tax Rate

The Paseo del Este Municipal Utility District No. 3 will hold a public hearing on a proposed tax rate for the tax year 2011 on Thursday, September 8, 2011, at 9:00 a.m., at the offices of Hunt Communities, LLC, 4401 N. Mesa, El Paso, TX 79902. 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: **Ken Weaver, L. Gus Haddad, Mark Dyer, Ivan Alcocer and Sandy Boswell**

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
Total tax rate (per \$100 value)	0.750000/\$100	0.750000/\$100
	Adopted	Proposed
Difference in rates per \$100 of value	\$ 0/\$100	
Percentage increase / decrease in rates (+/–)	0%	
Average appraised value	\$ 130,088.00	\$ 114,430.00
General exemptions available (excluding senior citizen’s or disabled person’s exemptions)	\$ 0	\$ 0
Average taxable value	\$ 130,088.00	\$ 114,430.00
Tax on average residence homestead	\$ 975.66	\$ 858.23
Annual increase / decrease in taxes if proposed tax rate is adopted (+/–)	– \$ 117.44	
and percentage of increase (+/–)	– 12.04%	

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.

Vinton

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of assistance from then state Sen. Elliott Shapleigh.

The community was on the mend as major roadways were once again made passable.

With neighbor helping neighbor to rebuild lives and homes, the community was on the mend.

It had weathered the storm.

In weathering the storm, Ledbetter was completely rebuilt with new pavement and new culverts in a \$220,000 project. It also included rebuilding of Keily and Hemley with \$633,000 in grant money from the Texas Department of Rural Affairs.

Using \$180,000 in property tax revenue, seven other streets were repaired.

Having dealt with the past problems, she looks ahead.

No longer the new mayor who had to deal with devastation early on in her career, she espouses a pro-active, rather than a reactive, stance in coping with preparedness and other issues affecting the community.

“We pray and hope it won’t happen again,” the mayor says with quiet conviction. “We will continue to improve the quality of life for the people.”

On one August morning, the mayor sits in temporary offices in a portable building located behind village offices which are undergoing remodeling. The \$100,000 project, which includes upgrades to bathrooms and the electrical system and new bathrooms, is expected to be finished next month.

“I feel much better now,” she says. “We have a plan now; we can be pro-active, not reactive.”

That plan includes:

- She says that the community is constantly cleaning the arroyos that had carried the devastating waters. “They are impeccable.”

One aspect of cleaning arroyos is allowing residents to drop off big, bulk items at the village offices five times a year. These big items, such as refrigerators and mattresses, would otherwise clutter and clog up the arroyos.

- Working with the county, there is a Storm Water Plan to build a retention dam in the area above Westway.

- She also speaks of an Urban Area Security Initiative that calls for development and training of a Community Emergency Response Team to deal with emergencies and disasters. The mayor says this is her main goal. She adds that it is “imperative” for the community to be ready – to train citizens in such areas as first aid and fire control.

- She mentions working closely with the city’s Office of Emergency Management to ensure a more timely response in the event of another major problem such as the floods.

Praino deals with the future in another project.

Construction is scheduled to start in 2012 on a \$22 million wastewater treatment system for the entire village. It will eliminate the need for septic tanks and cesspools.

Funding for the project, which is currently in the design stage, comes from the Texas Water Development Board. Completion date is expected in 2015.

“We’ve tried the best we can,” says the mayor looking back and ahead at both completed and planned projects.

“We are better off now. We are constantly working to improve.”



– File photo

A RIVER RAN THROUGH IT – Roads were flooded on El Paso County’s westside in 2006. This car worked its way down Doniphan Rd. while it was still passable.





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VetCAP

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meetings are an integral part of achieving that goal.

Through VetCAP efforts, Reyes’ Veterans Town Hall meetings are hosted annually. Past Town Hall meetings have featured Secretaries of Veterans Affairs, James Nicholson and Anthony Principi, and Under Secretary for Benefits for the Department of Veteran Affairs Daniel Cooper.

An important development for El Paso veterans that was initiated through VetCAP was the establishment of a new \$12 million veterans’ nursing home opened recently in El Paso to serve short-term care needs of up to 160 veterans, said Lopez.

Constructed jointly through the Department of Veterans Affairs and the Texas Veterans

Land Board, the veterans’ nursing home facility was built on Fort Bliss land, the transfer of which was authorized by legislation sponsored by Reyes.

“The Congressman worked closely with a committee of El Paso veterans, along with city, county and state leaders on this project, and an El Paso firm successfully bid to serve as the general contractor,” stated a newsletter from the Congressman’s office.

Another project that was introduced through VetCAP motivated Reyes to secure another \$12 million for the construction of a new parking garage to serve patients at William Beaumont Army Medical Center and the El Paso VA, stated Lopez.

Additionally, Lopez said that Reyes helped establish a VA Field Office to handle locally claims by El Paso veterans which previously were processed in Waco. “As a result, claims are evaluated and rated in a more timely

fashion, greatly reducing the time on decisions that previously took much longer,” stated a newsletter from the Congressman’s office.

At the most recent VetCAP meeting, the Congressman remarked on some of the pending legislation on veterans issues including Restoring GI Bill Fairness Act, Veterans’ Traumatic Brain Injury Rehabilitative Services’ Improvements Act, Veterans Equal Treatment for Service Dogs Act, Veterans Sexual Assault Prevention Act, and Veterans Health Care Facilities Capital Improvement Act.

Reyes said that these bills were all passed by the House Veteran Affairs Committee



Rep. Silvestre Reyes

Subcommittee on Health and will now go to the full committee for review of the deliberations and recommendations of the subcommittee.

“Almost 15 years after its creation, VetCAP remains an active and strong organization that I turn to when considering legislation important to El Paso veterans in the House of Representatives. The VetCAP is also a valuable tool for area veterans, as it provides updates on issues such as veterans’ health care and benefits,” said Reyes.

The next VetCAP meeting is scheduled for September 14. For more information, visit the Congressman’s website, www.Reyes.House.gov, or call his local office at 534-4400.

Paseo del Este Municipal Utility District No. 5

Notice of Public Hearing on Tax Rate

The Paseo del Este Municipal Utility District No. 5 will hold a public hearing on a proposed tax rate for the tax year 2011 on Thursday, September 8, 2011, at 10:30 a.m., at the offices of Hunt Communities, LLC, 4401 N. Mesa, El Paso, TX 79902. 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: **Juan Sandoval, Humberto Juarez, and Veronica Lascurain**

AGAINST the proposal: **NONE**

PRESENT and not voting: **NONE**

ABSENT: **Mike McLean and Joseph Nester**

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
Total tax rate (per \$100 value)	0.000000/\$100	0.750000/\$100
	Adopted	Proposed
Difference in rates per \$100 of value	\$ 0.750000/\$100	
Percentage increase / decrease in rates (+/–)	0%	
Average appraised value*	NA	NA
General exemptions available (excluding senior citizen’s or disabled person’s exemptions)	NA	NA
Average taxable value*	NA	NA
Tax on average residence homestead	NA	NA
Annual increase / decrease in taxes if proposed tax rate is adopted (+/–)	NA	
and percentage of increase (+/–)	NA	

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.

**This District has no residence homesteads.*

Paseo del Este Municipal Utility District No. 6

Notice of Public Hearing on Tax Rate

The Paseo del Este Municipal Utility District No. 6 will hold a public hearing on a proposed tax rate for the tax year 2011 on Thursday, September 8, 2011, at 8:30 a.m., at the offices of Hunt Communities, LLC, 4401 N. Mesa, El Paso, TX 79902. 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: **Lorraine Huit, Sheldon Wheeler, Bob Peterson and Jerry Romero**

AGAINST the proposal: **NONE**

PRESENT and not voting: **NONE**

ABSENT: **John Fitzhugh**

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
Total tax rate (per \$100 value)	0.000000/\$100	0.750000/\$100
	Adopted	Proposed
Difference in rates per \$100 of value	\$ 0.750000/\$100	
Percentage increase / decrease in rates (+/–)	0%	
Average appraised value*	NA	NA
General exemptions available (excluding senior citizen’s or disabled person’s exemptions)	NA	NA
Average taxable value*	NA	NA
Tax on average residence homestead	NA	NA
Annual increase / decrease in taxes if proposed tax rate is adopted (+/–)	NA	
and percentage of increase (+/–)	NA	

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.

**This District has no residence homesteads.*

School bells ring again at San Elizario ISD

By Cynthia P. Marentes
Special to the Courier

SAN ELIZARIO – In a blink of an eye summer break is over for the more than 4,300 students in the San Elizario Independent

School District (SEISD) who returned to school August 22. The weather was still hot and humid as parents escorted young children and teenagers walked in groups back to class for the start of the new school year.

While there were no major campus administrative changes to announce, SEISD

ushered in 2011-2012 with an interim superintendent at the forefront, Sylvia Hopp.

“Everyone from transportation to grounds, from teachers to administrators, was prepared and knew how to handle the opening of school. Everybody pulled together and did an excellent job for our students’ first day back,” Hopp said.

Hopp has been with the district for over 10 years and has served as Assistant Superintendent of Planning and Instruction, and principal of both Alarcon and Borrego Elementary Schools. In fact, many of the staff and faculty remained the same throughout the district’s six campuses and various departments. There were also only seven teaching vacancies filled for this school year

as SEISD like many districts throughout the state streamlined it’s staffing process in order to accommodate reductions to public education funding by the Texas legislature.

Although congestion was limited and traffic flowed smoothly for the first day of school, the district will still like to remind the community to be alert when traveling in and near school zones. Motorists should be aware of and obey posted speed limits, crossing guards and stopped buses to ensure the safety of students as they head back into the classroom.

With the first ring of the school bell signaling the beginning of the 2011-2012 school year, SEISD is off to a good start towards meeting its goal once again of achieving student success.



– Photo courtesy San Elizario ISD

BUT I DON’T WANT TO GO – Monitor Lori Pacheco assists and consoles Loya Primary School pre-K students as they arrive to school for the first time on the bus.

Classified Ads

LEGALS

AYUDA, Inc.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Adults and Youth United Development Association (AYUDA) Inc. is a recipient of Home Contract for Deed #1001280 and HRA Contract #1001309.

AYUDA Inc. will accept seal bids for up to 10 residential new constructions and rehabilitation for each contract. Contractors can pick up a Bid Packet starting August 29, 2011 through September 9, 2011 from 8.00 a.m. to 3.00 p.m. Bid Packets can be picked up from and delivered to: AYUDA Inc. 1325 Beverly Ann, San Elizario, TX 79849.

Submitted Bid Packets must have Home Deed Conversion and HRA Bids written on the lower left hand side of the envelope. A public opening of the Bid Packets will take place on September 12, 2011 at 10.00 a.m. at the office of AYUDA Inc. phone (915) 851-0272. The contractor must ensure that employees and applicants are

not discriminated against because of their race, color, religion, sex, or national origin age sex or disability.

AYUDA Inc. has a conflict of interest procedure in accordance with 24CFR 92.356 AYUDA has a Bidders Protest Rights Procedure. AYUDA Inc. reserves the right to reject any bids or to waive any informality in the bidding.

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City of Socorro

PUBLIC HEARING

A PUBLIC HEARING will be held at 6:00 p.m. at a Regular Council Meeting on September 1, 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) AN Ordinance OF THE CITY OF SOCORRO, TEXAS APPROVING A

TARIFF CHANGE AS REQUESTED IN EL PASO ELECTRIC COMPANY’S (“EPE” OR “COMPANY”) APPLICATION FOR APPROVAL TO REVISE A TARIFF SCHEDULE FOR ANET METERING PROVISION, FILED WITH THE CITY AND FINDING AND DETERMINING THAT THE MEETING AT WHICH THIS ORDINANCE WAS CONSIDERED WAS OPEN TO THE PUBLIC AND IN ACCORDANCE WITH TEXAS LAW.

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 Assistant City Clerk (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., upon request.

Manuel Rubio City Clerk

WTCC: 08-25-11

City of Socorro

Adoption of Ordinances

On August 18, 2011 the City of Socorro, Texas adopted the following ordinance:

ORDINANCE 290, AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF SOCORRO, TEXAS FORMALLY ESTABLISHING PROCESSES, PROCEDURES, RULES AND REGULATIONS A N D OPERATION AND ADMINISTRATION OF THE M U N I C I P A L C O U R T O F THE CITY OF SOCORRO.

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: 08-25-11

COUNSELING SERVICES

D A M I A N MAUREIRA, LCSW - Professional Counseling/ Therapy: Youth, Adults, Marital, Family, Health insurance and FEE SCALE A C C E P T E D . Medicare, Medicaid and CHIP. 657 Winn Rd. in Socorro, Texas. Call 858-3857 for appointment.

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SELF-HELP

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

Tiene problemas con el alcohol? Hay una solución. Informacion: 838-6264.

Paseo del Este Municipal Utility District No. 7 Notice of Public Hearing on Tax Rate

The Paseo del Este Municipal Utility District No. 7 will hold a public hearing on a proposed tax rate for the tax year 2011 on Thursday, September 8, 2011, at 2:00 p.m., at the offices of Hunt Communities, LLC, 4401 N. Mesa, El Paso, TX 79902. 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: **Tom Hansen, Rene Goldfien, Del Huit and Lana Ulrich**

AGAINST the proposal: **NONE**

PRESENT and not voting: **NONE**

ABSENT: **Manuel Gamica**

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
Total tax rate (per \$100 value)	0.000000/\$100	0.750000/\$100
	Adopted	Proposed
Difference in rates per \$100 of value	\$ 0.750000/\$100	
Percentage increase / decrease in rates (+/–)	0%	
Average appraised value*	NA	NA
General exemptions available (excluding senior citizen's or disabled person's exemptions)	NA	NA
Average taxable value*	NA	NA
Tax on average residence homestead	NA	NA
Annual increase / decrease in taxes if proposed tax rate is adopted (+/–)	NA	
and percentage of increase (+/–)	NA	

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.

**This District has no residence homesteads.*

Notice of Public Hearing on Tax Increase

The TOWN OF HORIZON CITY 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 3.32 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 September 6, 2011 at 6:00 PM at City Hall, 14999 Darrington Road, Horizon City, Texas 79928.

The second public hearing will be held on September 13, 2011 at 6:00 PM at City Hall, 14999 Darrington Road, Horizon City, Texas 79928.

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

FOR:	Mr. Ruben Mendoza, Mr. Juan “Jerry” Garcia, Mr. Luis Najera, Ms. Kathy Masters, Mr. Johnny “Doc” Duran, Ms. Carole Zimmerman and Mr. Bill Armas
AGAINST:	NONE
PRESENT and not voting:	NONE
ABSENT:	NONE

The average taxable value of a residence homestead in TOWN OF HORIZON CITY last year was \$115,376. Based on last year’s tax rate of \$0.304420 per \$100 of taxable value, the amount of taxes imposed last year on the average home was \$351.23.

The average taxable value of a residence homestead in TOWN OF HORIZON CITY this year is \$115,738. If the governing body adopts the effective tax rate for this year of \$0.301250 per \$100 of taxable value, the amount of taxes imposed this year on the average home would be \$348.66.

If the governing body adopts the proposed tax rate of \$0.311250 per \$100 of taxable value, the amount of taxes imposed this year on the average home would be \$360.23.

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

WTCC: 0825/11

Rodriguez selected for Leadership TASB

By Gustavo Reveles
Special to the Courier

CANUTILLO – Canutillo Independent School District Trustee Armando Rodriguez was selected as a member of Leadership TASB’s Class of 2012. Rodriguez, a second-term trustee, will spend a year attending workshops and seminars aimed at helping him improve his policy-making and governance skills as a school board member.



Armando Rodriguez

The program was developed by master school-board members from the Texas Association of School Boards in 1991, and has helped hundreds of trustees from throughout the state become better public servants to their communities.

“I’m very humbled. Leadership TASB has a history of selecting

great school board members and making them better,” Rodriguez said. “I’m confident that I will gain the knowledge necessary to become a better trustee in order to make an even better school district.”

Membership to Leadership TASB goes beyond workshops and seminars. Alumni from the program become better equipped to be education leaders in their communities. They also gain the tools needed to have greater influence for their respective school districts in Austin and Washington, DC.

Rodriguez is the first trustee from Canutillo slated to attend the Leadership TASB program.

He will participate in five working sessions throughout the state starting next month, culminating in commencement from the program in June 2012.

Family mealtime helps kids thrive

By Mike Klawitter
Special to the Courier

MADISON, Wis. – Sitting down to supper with your children on a regular basis is a simple strategy for building a strong family.

Family mealtime helps children develop into productive students and adults according to a senior clinical psychologist at American Family Children’s Hospital.

“It’s well documented that children in families that eat dinner together develop social skills, strengthen family bonds, do better in school, and engage in less risky behaviors such as drug and alcohol abuse,” says Dr. Stephanie Farrell. “Scheduling regular family dinners is one tactic to assure we take the time to slow down from the hustle and bustle of our lives and be present with our children.”

“Family mealtimes provide children with stability and a safe environment in a world that is far too often fraught with confusion and pain.”

But with kids trying to stay faithful to a schedule involving ballet lessons, soccer practice, and study time for tomorrow’s big test, how can regular family dinners be possible?

“Start out realistically, even if it means just scheduling one shared meal,” says Farrell. “Keep it simple. The focus is on being together, not a gourmet meal.”

Farrell encourages parents to have children help prepare the meal to give them a sense of responsibility, pride and accomplishment, while at the same time, enhancing their self-esteem.

“Any help in the kitchen should

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Briefs

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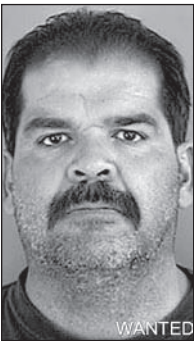
Good Time store at 716 N. Piedras and went to buy beer. When told by employees that beer was no longer being sold, the man got on his cell phone and began looking out the front door as he talked. He told the employees to get in the bathroom, and they complied. They later found that he had stolen merchandize. On Saturday, July 16, 2011, at 2:30 a.m., the same subject and another man entered the Valero store at 4421 Montana and began screaming at employees and a customer to “get on the ground or I will shoot you.” The two subjects then took personal property from the victims and stole cash and merchandize from the store. The

subjects used three vehicles in the three robberies: a white 2008-2012 Toyota Scion XB with a dark stripe, a dark green or black 2000-2003 Nissan Maxima, and a red Ford Explorer Sport Trac with black rims. If you have any information about the identity and location of the suspects involved, or the location of their vehicles, 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

Agustin Tepenzano, 43, who also uses Agustin Bejarano, is this week’s Manhunt Monday Most Wanted Fugitive. He is 5’11”



A. Tepenzano

tall and weighs 215 pounds. He has black hair and brown eyes. Tepenzano is sought for his role in a violent Home Invasion that took place in Horizon City last week. On Thursday morning – August 18 – at about 7:30 a.m., two male suspects forced their way into a residence in Horizon City yielding handguns. Both were taken into custody after leading officers on a lengthy car chase that stretched for several miles and a foot pursuit thereafter. Tepenzano was later identified to be involved in the initial crime. He is still sought for his role in the Home Invasion and may still be hiding

in the area. He has a previous address in the 15000 block of Jacob Kuechler in El Paso. Tepezano is known to possess firearms and should be considered armed and dangerous. Information received indicates Tepezano may be driving a red Ford F250 pick up with a decal across the rear window and Texas license plates. He knows he is wanted and is believed to possibly be in the Borderland where he has several friends and relatives. If anyone has seen or has any information on the whereabouts of Tepezano 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

Horizon Regional
Municipal Utility District
Notice of Public Hearing
on Tax Rate

The Horizon Regional Municipal Utility District will hold a public hearing on a proposed tax rate for the tax year 2011 on Wednesday, September 7, 2011, at 4:00 p.m., at the HRMUD Office, 14100 Horizon Blvd., Horizon City, Texas 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: **Benny Davis, Florence Thomas
Gordon Jarvis and Bonnie
Moorehouse**

AGAINST the proposal: **NONE**

PRESENT and not voting: **NONE**

ABSENT: **Maureen Singleton**

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
Total tax rate (per \$100 value)	0.4687/\$100	0.4687/\$100
	Adopted	Proposed
Difference in rates per \$100 of value	\$0.00/\$100	
Percentage increase / decrease in rates (+/–)	0.0%	
Average appraised value	\$ 106,326	\$ 106,545
General exemptions available (excluding senior citizen’s or disabled person’s exemptions)	\$ 0	\$ 0
Average taxable value	\$ 106,326	\$ 106,545
Tax on average residence homestead	\$ 498.35	\$ 499.38
Annual increase / decrease in taxes if proposed tax rate is adopted (+/–) and percentage of increase (+/–)	+ \$ 1.03 + 0.21%	

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. 11
of El Paso County

Notice of Public Hearing on Tax Rate

The Paseo del Este Municipal Utility District No. 11 of El Paso County will hold a public hearing on a proposed tax rate for the tax year 2011 on Thursday, September 8, 2011, at 11:30 a.m., at the offices of Hunt Communities, 4401 N. Mesa, El Paso, TX 79902. 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: **Curtis R. “Pete” Sellers, Darwin
Voge, Mary Suzann Pell, Jose R.
Soto and Marisa Lascurain**

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
Total tax rate (per \$100 value)	0.750000/\$100	0.750000/\$100
	Adopted	Proposed
Difference in rates per \$100 of value	\$ 0/\$100	
Percentage increase / decrease in rates (+/–)	0%	
Average appraised value	\$ 118,431	\$ 129,921
General exemptions available (excluding senior citizen’s or disabled person’s exemptions)	\$ 0	\$ 0
Average taxable value	\$ 118,431	\$ 129,921
Tax on average residence homestead	\$ 888.23	\$ 974.41
Annual increase / decrease in taxes if proposed tax rate is adopted (+/–) and percentage of increase (+/–)	+ \$ 86.18 + 9.70%	

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.

Bad behavior at the college level leads to big pro bucks

By Steve Escajeda
Special to the Courier

If you follow professional football at all you’ve heard about the saga concerning former Ohio State quarterback Terrell Pryor. He was the main player involved in the whole coach Jim Tressel fiasco. It was Pryor and a few of his buddies who broke NCAA rules by selling their awards and school paraphernalia for big bucks. Tressel proved to be a liar when he told the NCAA he knew nothing about the players’ illegal actions. Of course Tressel knew all about it and tried to cover it up. The university decided to suspend Pryor for the first five games of this season before the quarterback decided to quit the team, saying he would cause too much of a distraction. What that really translates to is Pryor figured he could make millions if he just left college for the greener pastures of the NFL. This means trying to be part of the league’s supplemental draft, which is held for players who would have played this season but

because their circumstances changed, they would not be allowed to compete for their senior season. And it turns out that Pryor was such a bad boy in college that he actually did qualify for the supplemental draft. Basically it works out this way: The more rules that Pryor broke at school the better his chances to enter the NFL right away and make millions. Hold on a second... let me get this straight... the more bad things he did, the more he’s being rewarded? What are the people in charge thinking? Because of all the selfish, inconsiderate and underhanded things Pryor did, there’s no way he should be allowed to enter the draft this year. He should be declared ineligible, and reapply next year. And for those who think it’s unfair to keep him from making a living – I never said anything about his not being able to work. He can flip a burger, or file a document, or lay down a traffic cone like thousands of Americans do every day to make ends meet. When you think about what Tressel and

Pryor did to Ohio State is appalling. They left the football program in a mess – waiting to see what kind of sanctions the NCAA is going to levy against it. Meanwhile, the coach and the player are free to go on with their lives as if nothing ever happened. Tressel has been seen on some NFL sidelines during the preseason and Pryor will be in the league soon and probably make the league minimum – a paltry \$340,000. Gee, I hope he finds a way to get by on his poor salary, which by the way, I believe is actually more than he made in college.

It’s practice, people

The NFL is halfway through its preseason schedule and at least one coach is already in midseason form. Did you hear about the complaints coming from the Kansas City Chiefs? I thought football coaches were supposed to be tough guys. In last week’s exhibition game against the Baltimore Ravens, Chiefs coach Todd Haley wasn’t very happy about a last second touchdown the Ravens scored and accused

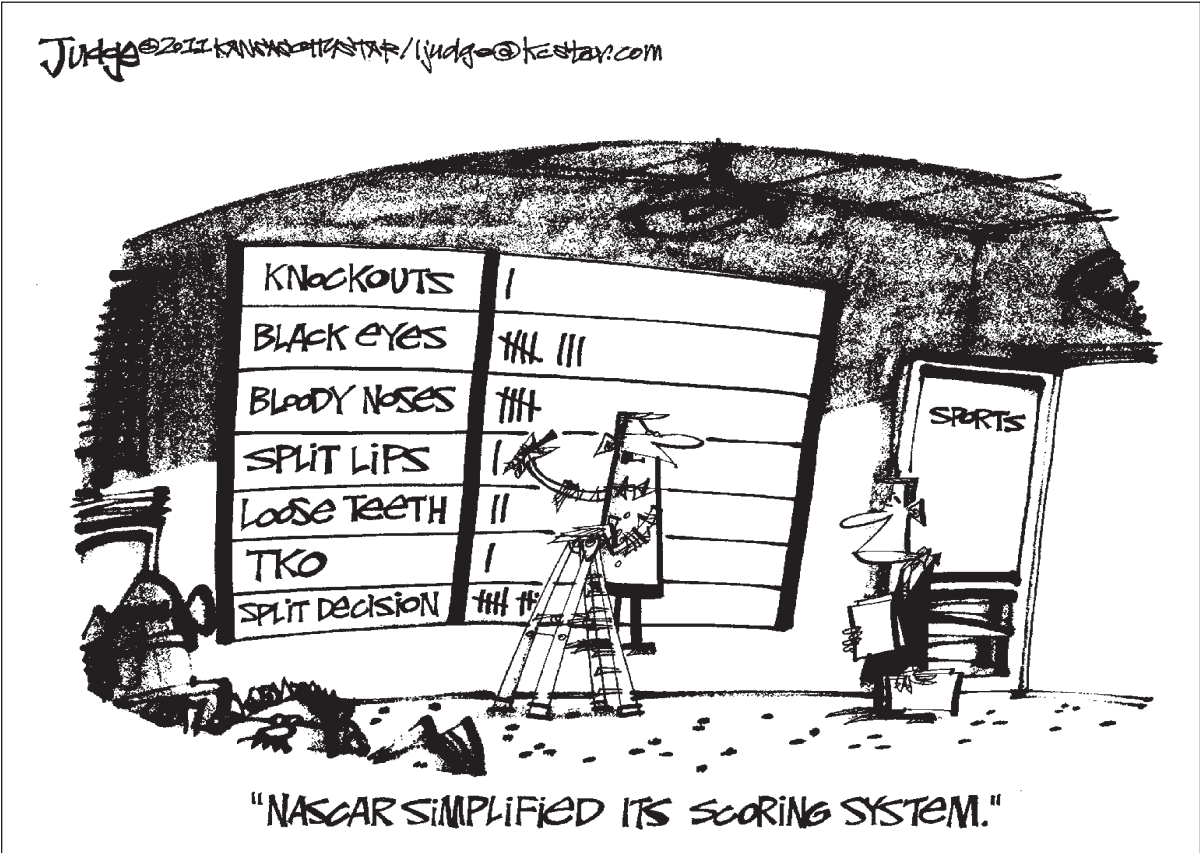
them of running up the score. Excuse me – running up the score in a preseason game? Running up the score in a game where second and third string players have to put it all on the line just to make the team? Let’s face it; many of these players are battling for their financial lives. And the Chiefs would like their opponents to play at half speed so they could avoid being embarrassed? If the Ravens had the game well in hand and threw a long pass at the end of a regular season game – that’s different. But these are practice games and some of these players will never have a chance to be in that game situation again. So coaches have to see them play whether it’s at the beginning of the game or at the very end. Haley calmed down after Ravens coach John Harbaugh felt he had to apologize after the game. And by the way coach Haley, instead of complaining about being embarrassed in a practice game, spend more time complaining about your players falling so far behind in the first place.

A sporting view By Mark Vasto

Just play ball!

No matter what side you fell on – owners or players – every fan of American football agreed on one thing: Just get your act together and get back on the playing field. A lot of attention was paid in the media to the so-called little guy – you know, the pipe fitter who scrimped and saved for his season tickets. Was he concerned about paying players millions of dollars to play a game? Or was he union all the way? After all, wasn’t he in a union, too? “Just play ball” was the answer. But in conversations with friends, we all came to another conclusion, namely that we had no clue what the NFL lockout was about in the first place. “Um... player contracts... and, um... the owners’ money,” was the usual insightful answer offered from the peanut gallery. According to NFL Commissioner Roger Goodell’s op-ed piece in The Wall Street Journal, here’s what was

- at stake:
1. No draft. “Why should there even be a draft?” said player agent Brian Ayrault. “Players should be able to choose who they work for. Markets should determine the value of all contracts.”
 2. No minimum team payroll. Some teams could have \$200 million payrolls while others spend \$50 million or less.
 3. No minimum player salary.
 4. No standard guarantee to compensate players who suffer season- or career-ending injuries. Players would instead negotiate whatever compensation they could.
 5. No leaguewide agreements on benefits.
 6. No limits on free agency. Players and agents would team up to direct top players to a handful of elite teams. Other teams, perpetually out of the running for the playoffs, would serve essentially as farm teams for the elites.
 7. No leaguewide rule limiting the



length of training camp or required off-season workout obligations. Each club would have its own policies. 8. No leaguewide testing program for drugs of abuse or performance-enhancing substances. Each club could have its own program—or not. In the end, the owners pretty much

got their way, with the exception of a rookie wage scale and denial of an 18-game regular season. But most importantly – and as anti-capitalist as it may be – the \$9 billion of annual revenue will continue to be put into one pot for the next 10 years. That deal will likely ensure the parity that NFL fans in small- and large-market teams like, the parity that turned the NFL into America’s favorite sport. Players like Cincinnati Bengals

offensive tackle Andrew Whitworth agreed, too. “We were trying to make the game better for those guys that played it in the past, in the present and in the future,” Whitworth said. “We got this thing done. Now let’s play some ball.”

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

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Meals

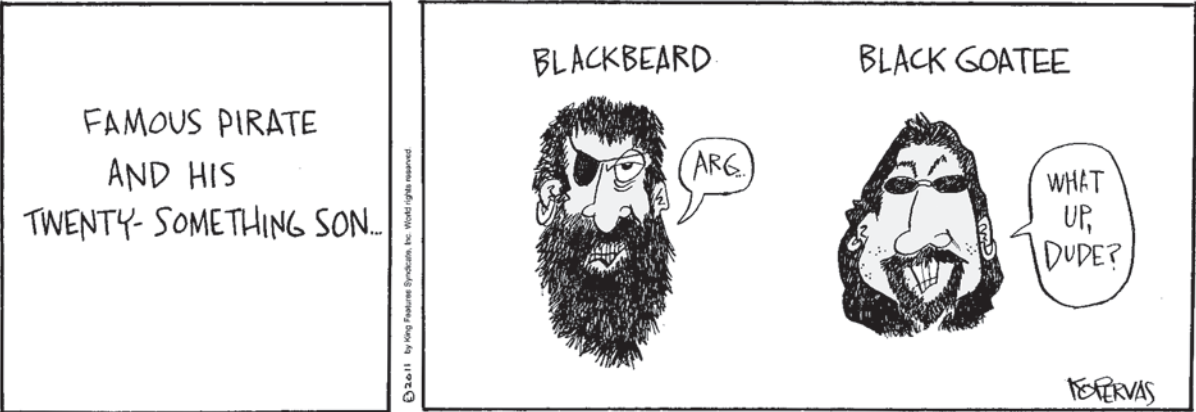
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be praised, so everyone’s efforts are acknowledged and will likely be repeated in the future,” she says. “Additionally, when children are involved in the planning and preparation of healthy and nutritious food choices, they are more likely to eat the food, a bonus given the alarming rise in childhood obesity.” Farrell says when the meal is served, conversation among family members should be the focus and technology should be banned. “No television, no answering the phone, and no texting,” she says. “This will allow you to actively

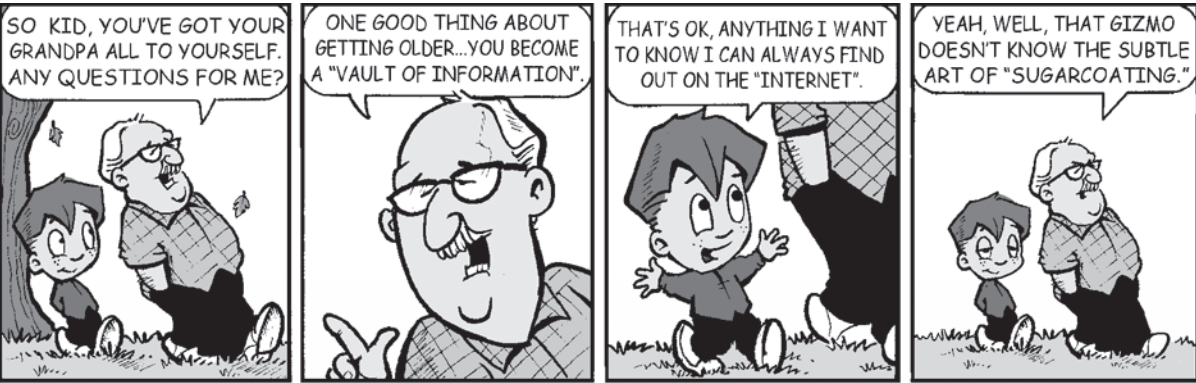
listen to your children and connect with them. Also, resist the temptation to jump up from the table when you are done eating to begin doing the dishes. No outside boundaries should serve as a distraction.” Farrell adds that family mealtimes should be enjoyable, fun and relaxing and unpleasant topics or criticisms should be avoided. “It is imperative to take time to laugh,” she says. “Share a joke or an amusing story from the day. This might help children lower their guard that they may have had to keep up throughout the day.” Overall, Farrell says parents who plan family mealtimes are showing just how much their children mean to them.

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: I have sleep apnea. Before being treated by a sleep specialist, I was very sleepy during the day and had no energy. My specialist prescribed a mask that pumps air into my nose. It helps somewhat. Later a friend told me about Provigil. It makes me feel much better, but I am not 100 percent. What else could help me? – J.K.

It consists of three small, plastic rods inserted into the back part of the upper palate to keep it propped up. For some, a droopy palate obstructs airflow. Since you’re doing pretty well with the way things are going now, you might not want to upset things with any more treatment.

DEAR DR. DONOHUE: I am a 68-year-old male in excellent health that exercises regularly, but I have trouble sleeping for more than five or six hours a night. To get the desired seven to eight hours of sleep, I’ve been taking a sleep aid (diphenhydramine), and have not noticed any unpleasant side effects. Are there any long-term problems with taking this sleep aid on a frequent basis? – S.P.

Diphenhydramine is one of the first antihistamines to be marketed. One brand name is Benadryl. Sleepiness is a side effect of most of the early antihistamines. In other words, you take the medicine for its side effect of drowsiness. Millions of people have taken this drug since it was first marketed. You can take it on a regular basis. Why are you convinced that six hours of sleep is insufficient for you? Do you feel tired during the day with only six hours? If you feel fine or if you take a nap during the day, that might be all the sleep you actually need.

You can ask your dentist about fashioning a device that keeps the jaw forward during sleep. That opens the throat too. Stick with your Provigil, since it’s working for you. There are a number of surgical procedures that can pare excess tissue from the back of the throat. And there is a new remedy called the Pillar Palatal Implant System.

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

- THEIR SONGS**

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5 Rhine whine?

8 Put on a happy face

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18 Actress Joanne

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24 Verdi opera

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27 Quire part

29 Cadet sch.

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10 Coach Parseghian

11 Computer selection list

12 Paving material

13 Hullabaloo

14 Rick Nelson's social event?

15 Private

16 "The Friends of Eddie _" ('73 film)

19 With 19 Across, popular polka

20 Wagner's father-in-law

23 Challenge

28 Tomorrow's turtle

30 Litter sound

33 Classy doc?

35 Decorate

36 Sticky stuff

39 Evangelist Roberts

40 Recess

43 Holm or Hunter

44 Attorneys' org.

47 Up or down item?

49 Mil. rank

50 Largest antelope

52 Comic DeLuise

53 Spouse of Isis

54 Yoga position

55 Uninteresting

57 Zones

58 Perennial bestseller

62 Waves of grain color

64 Dieter's dishes

67 Handed over

68 Mr. Rochester's ward

70 Chilean pianist

72 Pair

73 Atkinson of "The Black Adder"

74 Don McLean's

76 Fiennes of "Quiz Show"

77 Olympic troublemaker

83 Super Bowl sound

86 Winning

87 Some NCOs

89 "The Sheik" star

90 Laid on buttercream

91 Aspen item

93 Crony

95 Heavy reading?

97 Utter

98 Julia of "The Addams Family"

100 Bakery buy

105 It's in the bag

106 Stern

108 Squabble

109 Relished a roast

110 From

111 "Dead End Kid" Leo

112 Underworld judge

113 Like a lummoX

116 Hands

120 _ aerobics

122 Catch sight of

124 Fill the hold

126 Chemical suffix

128 McGwire stat

129 Indignation

131 Unrefined

132 Fashion monogram

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Moore Texas by Roger Moore Aug 25,1829:
President Jackson offers to buy Texas from Mexico.
The offer is refused. Bad decision.



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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+		+		×	
	+		÷		4
÷		÷		-	
	+		÷		1
5		5		7	

1 2 3 3 4 5 7 8 9

DIFFICULTY: ★★

★ Moderate ★★ Difficult
★★★ GO FIGURE!

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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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	1		8			3		
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7				1			9	
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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

Back-to-school checklist: Supplies, clothes, Social Security form...

If your son or daughter is a high school student turning 18, you’ve probably spent some time shopping for school supplies and the latest fashions, working out the schedule for the academic year, maybe even looking into colleges.

If your young senior is collecting monthly Social Security benefits, here’s one more thing to add to your “Back-to-School” checklist.

To make sure that Social Security benefits continue beyond age 18, eligible students must obtain certification from school officials that they are still in high school and provide it to Social Security. Otherwise, monthly Social Security benefits automatically stop when a student turns 18.

For more information about Social Security student benefits, visit www.socialsecurity.gov/schoolofficials. The website outlines how the process works with instructions on what the student and school official must do to ensure that benefits continue past the student’s 18th birthday. With the appropriate certification, Social Security generally does not stop benefits until the month before the month the student turns 19, or the first month in which he or she is not a full-time high school student, whichever is earlier.

Some students receive Social Security survivors benefits because a parent is deceased. Others may get dependent benefits because their parent receives Social Security retirement or disability benefits. Benefits for minor children generally continue until age 18 – or 19 if they’re still in high school. The only exception to this rule is if a student is disabled and eligible for childhood disability benefits. In that case, a separate application for benefits is required.

Social Security’s website also includes:

- A downloadable version of the required Student’s Statement Regarding School Attendance (Form SSA-1372) that must be completed by the student, certified by the school, and returned to Social Security;

- Answers to frequently asked questions for school officials and students; and

- A field office locator to find the address of your local Social Security office.

So as you’re buying school supplies, trying out back-to-school fashions, and figuring out when the holiday break begins, don’t forget the important step of visiting www.socialsecurity.gov/schoolofficials.

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: E equals L

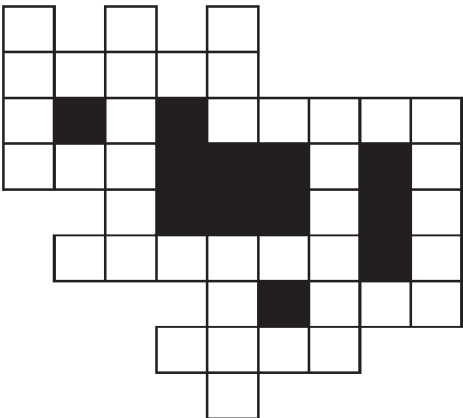
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GNIEP GLEE KQA L GEJLM JW.

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GEG
TRIKLE
♥VEERN
NEFR
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♥AGR
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ANGIR
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KINGE
♥ERTA



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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 way back in the 17th century when noted Scottish scholar Patrick Young made the following sage observation: “The trouble with weather forecasting is that it’s right too often for us to ignore it and wrong too often for us to rely on it.”

- About once a week, a frog will shed its skin. Then eat it.

- If you’ve watched many old Westerns, you’ve doubtless seen Native Americans scalping their enemies. You probably don’t realize, though, that the brutal practice didn’t originate with the Indians. When the Dutch and English settlers were trying to clear out the natives, they were paid a bounty for each scalp they brought back. The Native Americans adopted the practice only after the Europeans’ arrival on the continent.

- The country’s first pizzeria opened in 1895 in, unsurprisingly, New York City.

- Those who study such things say that 70 percent of Americans have visited either Disneyland, in California, or Disney World, in Florida.

- If you want to have an especially memorable – and chilly – vacation, consider heading to Finnish Lapland. There, more than 150 miles north of the Arctic Circle, you can stay at the Kakslauttanen Hotel. The quarters aren’t luxurious, but the sights are amazing. All the accommodations are geodesic glass igloos, offering amazing views of the aurora borealis.

- Are you a snollygoster? If so, you’re shrewd, which isn’t a bad thing, but you’re also rather lacking in principles.

- When Andrew Jackson was running for president in 1828, his opponents called him a stubborn jackass. Jackson was proud that he was known for obstinately sticking to his guns, so he started using the image of a donkey on his campaign materials. The Democrats have been using that symbol ever since.

Thought for the Day:
“Everyone, in some small sacred sanctuary of the self, is nuts.”

– Leo Rosten

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