



NEWSBRIEFS

Early college

Clint ISD is currently accepting applications to the Clint Early College Academy for the 2012-2013 school year. Students who attend the school will have the opportunity to graduate from high school with 60 college credit hours and an Associate of Arts degree from El Paso Community College tuition free. The deadline for 8th grade students to submit an application is February 17, 2012. For more information and to obtain an application please visit the Clint ISD website at www.clintweb.net or call 926-4047.

— Laura Cade

Motorcycles

Local motorcycle owners still have time to enter their special bike in the El Paso Museum of History's upcoming History of the Motorcycle exhibit, which is scheduled for July 1 through December 31. Museum development director Jim Murphy said that the museum has room for 50 bikes; and so far, they have 25 promised. "The goal of the exhibit is to provide a unique collection that will appeal to a wide audience," Murphy said. "The bikes can be of any make or model. Being in perfect condition is not important; being unique is. Old posters, parts, books, advertisements, clothing are also being sought," he added. Some of the local motorcycles already committed include 1939 Harley knucklehead, 1942 WLA Harley war bike, a Russian ice racer with spiked wheels, 1954 British Maxey, 1959 650 Triumph, 1975 750 Ducati, a Shovelhead blown fuel drag racer, a 1964 Harley pan-head among others. Persons interested in participating in the motorcycle exhibit should contact Jim Murphy at 915-351-3588.

— Alfredo Vasquez

Be a star

An open casting call for speaking and non-speaking roles in Spanish and English for the movie *Unlimited* will be held Saturday, Feb. 18 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Wyndham El Paso Airport Hotel, 2027 Airport Blvd. This feature film will be shot in and around El Paso. The filmmakers are looking for men, women, babies, kids and teens of all ages and ethnicities. People do not need experience and all casted positions are paid. Email brockallencasting@gmail.com for more information. If you are unable to attend the open call, email for alternate registration.

Fabens ISD

Earlier this school year, the Fabens Independent School District (ISD) Special Education Department received a "Meets

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Live so that you wouldn't be ashamed to sell the family parrot to the town gossip.

— Quips & Quotes

Star will turn blue for autism awareness

By Don Woodyard
Special to the Courier

EL PASO COUNTY – The city's familiar Star on the Mountain will have a new blue hue to view in April.

To achieve this stellar new look, David Taylor, the founder of the Autism Community Network (ACN) of El Paso, is going to temporarily exchange the 456 traditional white light bulbs with 456 blue ones to highlight and promote April as Autism Awareness Month.



David Taylor

Blue is a theme color for ACN. Its logo is in two shades of blue and shows a child sitting on the shoulders of an adult. "It is the color that most represents autism," says Taylor. "Parents gravitated toward that color."

The ACN is a peer support group which Taylor formed in 2010 to help parents cope with the problems of having an autistic child.



— Logo courtesy Autism Community Network of El Paso

BONDED – The Autism Community Network of El Paso logo highlights the relationship between parent and child.



— Photo by Patrick Espinoza

CHANGING COLORS – The Autism Community Network of El Paso will replace the 456 white lights that make up the Star on the Mountain with blue lights in April in recognition of Autism Awareness Month.

"Peer support is important in the healing process, he says.

"We are all in the same boat – just in different parts of the boat."

He says parents have to educate themselves – "to make sure our children gets what they are entitled to. We have to empower ourselves. We have to be the voice and to fight for those who cannot fight."

Taylor, a retired Army NCO, and his wife Gena are the parents

of a nine-year-old son, Joseph, who is afflicted with autism. His symptoms began to appear when he was 18 months old. Autism is a neurological developmental disorder.

"Joe is very aggressive," Taylor says. "(But) he has come a long way" – with some medication and physical therapy.

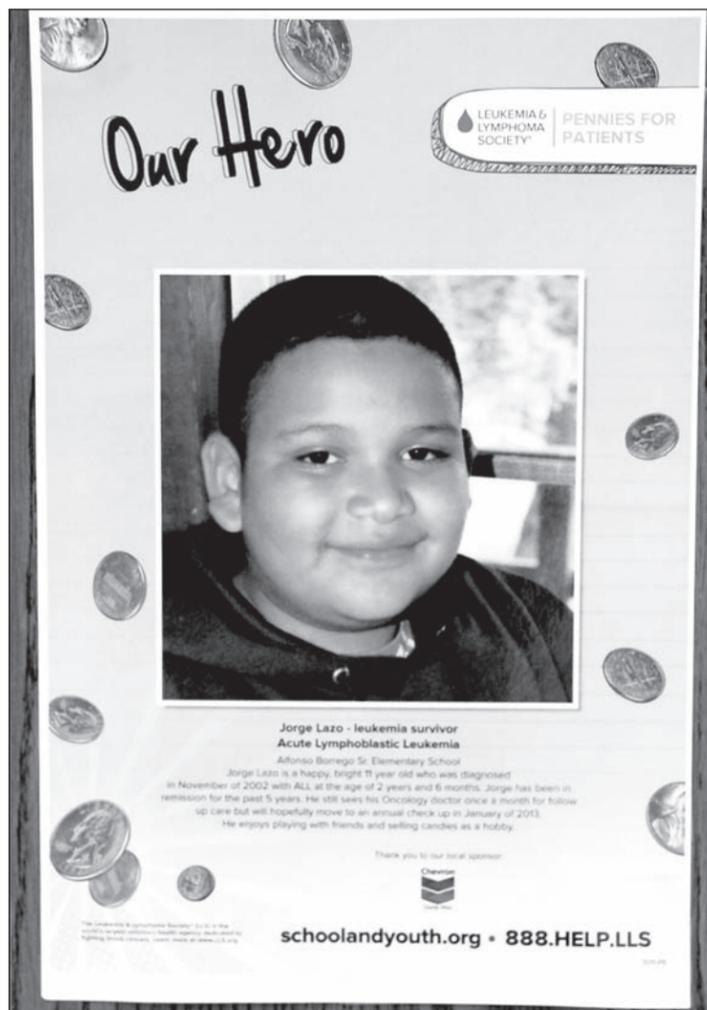
The Taylors have another son, Adam who is 19. "He loves Joe."

Taylor explains further that no two children are alike in their autism symptoms. "Some are

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Lazo motivates fellow San Elizario students

By Cynthia P. Marentes
Special to the Courier



— Image courtesy San Elizario ISD

POSTER CHILD – Jorge Lazo is the face of Borrego Elementary's annual Leukemia and Lymphoma Society's Pennies for Patients fund raising campaign.

SAN ELIZARIO – Jorge Lazo, a fifth grade student at Borrego Elementary School, loves horses and playing outside his grandmother's house until nightfall. Having fun and enjoying the carefree days of childhood were not always a reality for this 11 year-old AB honor roll student who is also a Leukemia survivor. On January 30, Jorge joined with his fellow classmates to kick off the school's annual Leukemia and Lymphoma Society's Pennies for Patients and help raise funds so that more kids battling blood cancer are able to beat it.

"Not everybody survives if they do not get the right treatment, they could lose their lives," Jorge stated. Jorge knows how important receiving the proper care can be for somebody fighting blood cancer. His own treatment lasted approximately three years from the time he was diagnosed with Acute Lymphoblastic Leukemia at two and a half until he was about six and a half years old. For the many children who may not know exactly what Leukemia is, Jorge explained what to him the hardest part of having cancer

was. "It is very hurtful and you sometimes have to spend the holidays in the hospital," Jorge said bluntly.

Jorge has been in remission for the past five years and now only sees the doctor for follow-up visits every three months. It is still difficult, however, for his mother, Rocio Valenzuela, to talk about those early years her son spent struggling against the Leukemia that so gravely affected his life at such a young age. Valenzuela nonetheless was more than willing and honored to be invited to speak with the students to encourage them to participate in helping other children. She recalled being told in the early days of Jorge's illness that he would have trouble walking but much to her amazement on exactly the next Christmas Eve he was walking. Valenzuela stated that she would always think of that day as a gift from her Jorge. She added that with Jorge's own determination and the support of different organizations during that difficult time she was able to keep going.

"You yourself must have

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Por la Gente By State Rep. Chente Quintanilla

New standards require support

Hola, mi gente. Last week's article touched on the implementation of the new STAAR accountability test. The new test, which eventually replaces the TAKS test, will impose a higher and tougher standard on teachers and students. The most important statement from that article

was about the great uncertainty about the substance of the test. That is important but there are other concerns that are just as important.

By coincidence, I came upon an article in the Houston Chronicle that appeared on February 4th. The article was actually a guest editorial

by Rita Heckler, the president of the Texas State Teachers Association (TSTA).

The article focused on funding. She pointed out that the conservative leadership imposed higher standards for accountability while simultaneously imposing draconian cuts in funding for education. In essence, there is more to do but with less to do it.

With fewer resources from the state for school districts to meet the higher standards, there are two possible outcomes: too many school districts will fail to meet the standards; or, school districts will be forced to raise local taxes.

The second option seems unlikely because the same conservative leadership put a clamp on school districts raising property taxes. In the

same legislation, the program put into place, business margins taxes, has failed to meet the needs by billions of dollars. If ever a situation rose to the "Catch 22" level, we have it in Texas with our education funding.

With that in mind, the article by President Heckler called on the Governor to recognize the gravity of the situation and call a special session. She feels that it is time to put presidential campaigning behind us and do what is right for the property owners and students of Texas.

During the last session that ended May 29th, I joined my fellow Democrats in calling for the usage of the rainy day fund for education funding. Our efforts fell on deaf ears unfortunately.

Heckler is right in demanding the use of the rainy day fund for education and for tapping it during a special session. The first year of the two-year budget cycle severely cut funding for all of the El Paso County school districts. Although the promise for the second year

is for more money, it will still be insufficient.

Another point that I made in the last article was that teachers were locked out of the process that decided the funding for public education. Now we have the opportunity to get them back into the process. I hope that the leadership listens to her.

Although she is the leader of a teacher's union, I am confident that a great majority of teachers who are not members of TSTA (ATPE members, independents) agree with her.

It is truly a shame that the leadership of this state has mishandled the responsibility of equitably funding public education. Our state constitution requires a higher standard from them.

We must act to change the direction of the funding when we vote in November of this year and in 2014.

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

Veterans Post By Freddy Groves

Homeless women vets often shortchanged

The number of homeless women veterans doubled between 2006 and 2010. By now there's no telling how high that number is. With the increased number of female veterans having served in the Gulf War, the numbers can't help but rise dramatically.

A recent General Accounting Office study on homeless female veterans found that:

- Two-thirds of the women were between 40 and 59 years of age.
- One-third had disabilities.
- Many of them were raising minor children.

Per the GAO, the big reason there isn't enough help for these female veterans is that the information isn't out there: "HUD collects data on homeless women and on homeless veterans, but does not collect detailed information on homeless women veterans. Neither the VA nor HUD collect data on the total number of homeless women veterans."

Therefore, even though the Department of Veterans Affairs plans to end veteran homelessness by 2015, it's not on track to deal with homeless female veterans because it doesn't know the extent of the problem.

To compound matters, female veterans often aren't aware of the services available to them, and even if they are, those in place to help them aren't always aware of the services they are to provide.

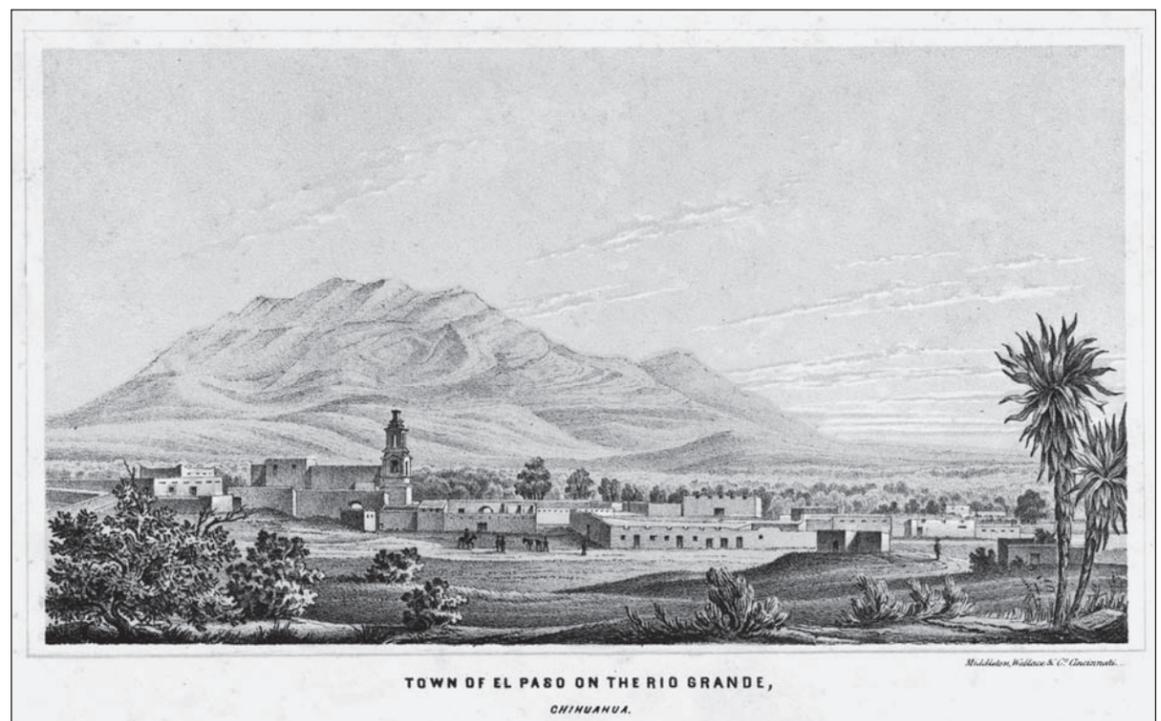
A quarter of homeless-shelter coordinators didn't even know there are programs in place for female veterans. It's no wonder that many women are waiting so long for shelter: up to four months.

There are additional complications. Even if the women veterans are accepted into a shelter program, more than half don't take children, or they limit the number of children. Or there can be safety issues.

Our women veterans deserve better.

To read the whole report, go to www.gao.gov and put Homeless Women Veterans in the search box. Look for GAO-12-182 dated Dec. 23, 2011.

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FORGOTTEN LANDSCAPE – Shown in illustration is the Center of Town of Old El Paso (Ciudad Juárez) with Guadalupe Mission Church in the foreground and the Franklin Mountains in the back, circa 1854.

Museum focuses on region's uniqueness

By **Alfredo Vasquez**
Special to the Courier

El Paso Museum of Archeology is always looking for ways to bring to life the rich history and diverse cultures of the El Paso-Juárez region. Through research, exhibits, and education, the Museum's staff strives to focus the public's attention on the extraordinary archaeological and anthropological artifacts prevalent throughout the Southwest.

In keeping with this focus, three special presentations have been scheduled for February at the Museum of Archeology facility, which is located at 4301 Transmountain Road.

Create a hummingbird and butterfly habitat

Learn how to create habitats for hummingbirds and butterflies in your back yard, your school, and other public areas. A free workshop will be presented for interested participants, beginning at 11 a.m., Saturday, February 11.

"Hummingbirds and butterflies are two of our most vulnerable wildlife species in this area and they need our help," stated Virginia Morris, who led the effort of the Native Plant Society to develop a manual specific to El Paso on creation of hummingbird and butterfly habitats.

The special workshop is a Master Gardeners/Master Naturalists class which is open to the public and will be held at the El Paso Museum of Archeology.

Morris is president of the El Paso Cactus and Rock Club. She is past president of the El Paso Native Plant Society and past president of the El Paso County Master Gardeners Association. She has a Master of Science degree

in analytical chemistry and is a retired aerospace engineer.

Before the habitat workshop, the local Master Gardeners and Master Naturalists group will hold a Clean Up along Transmountain Road. They will meet at 10:30 a.m. for the cleanup at the pull-out just past the Adopt a Highway sign on the right-hand side of westbound lane on Transmountain Rd, west of the Gateway South intersection. Volunteers are invited to participate.

Investigate the Sierra Diablo Cave

A preliminary report on the archeological excavation efforts underway at the Sierra Diablo Cave will be presented at 2 p.m., Sunday, February 19, at the Museum of Archeology.

The presentation will be facilitated by Javi Vasquez, vice president of the El Paso Archaeological Society and a UTEP post-graduate student.

The report is designed to bring into focus the archaeological investigations by UTEP archaeology students that have occurred at Sierra Diablo Cave since 2008. The cave is located in the Davis Mountains near Sierra Blanca, Texas.

"It is generally rare to find archaeological sites in the Southwest that retain the type of contextual integrity that the Sierra Diablo Cave exhibits. Often times, cave sites such as the one currently studied offer excellent preservation of cultural materials due to the general lack of moisture and isolation from wind and water erosion. The research aims to determine when the site was occupied as well as the types of activities that were occurring during those occupations," stated Vasquez.

This program is presented by the El Paso

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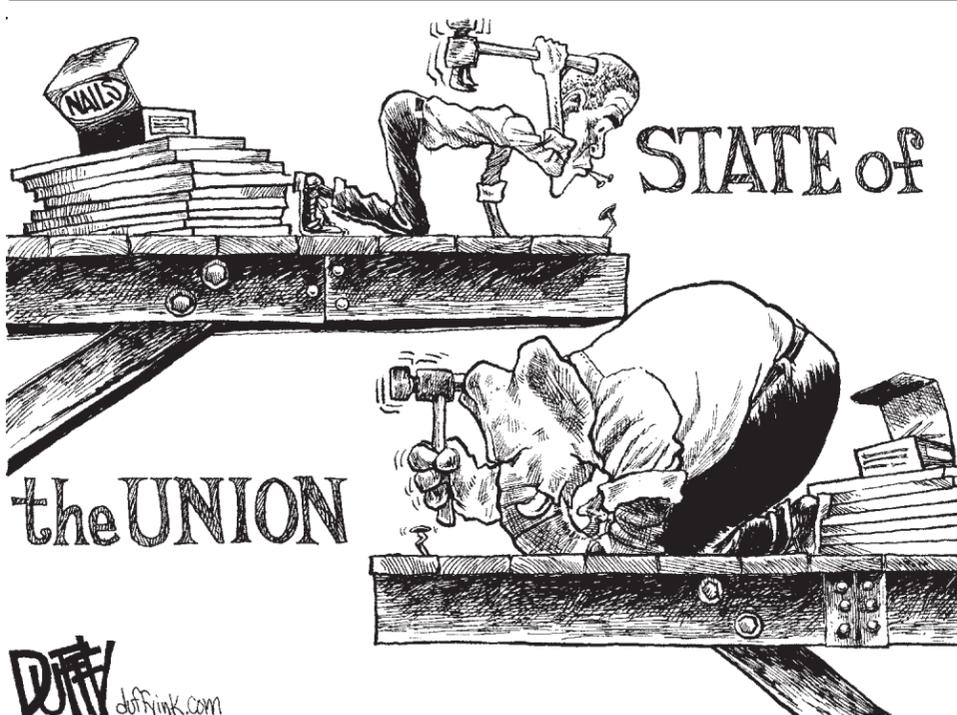
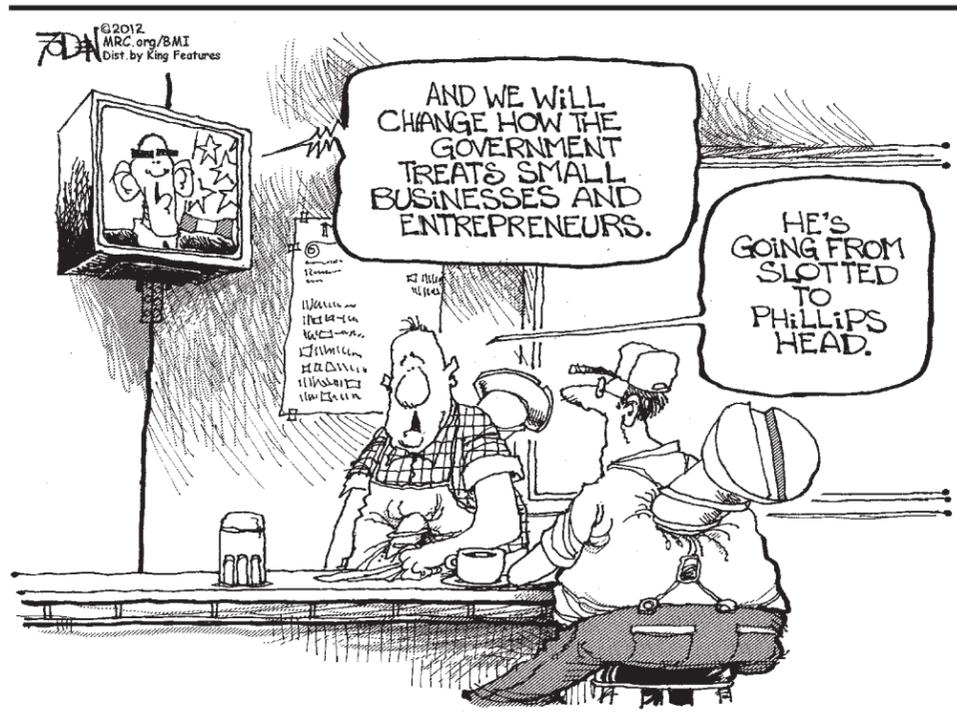
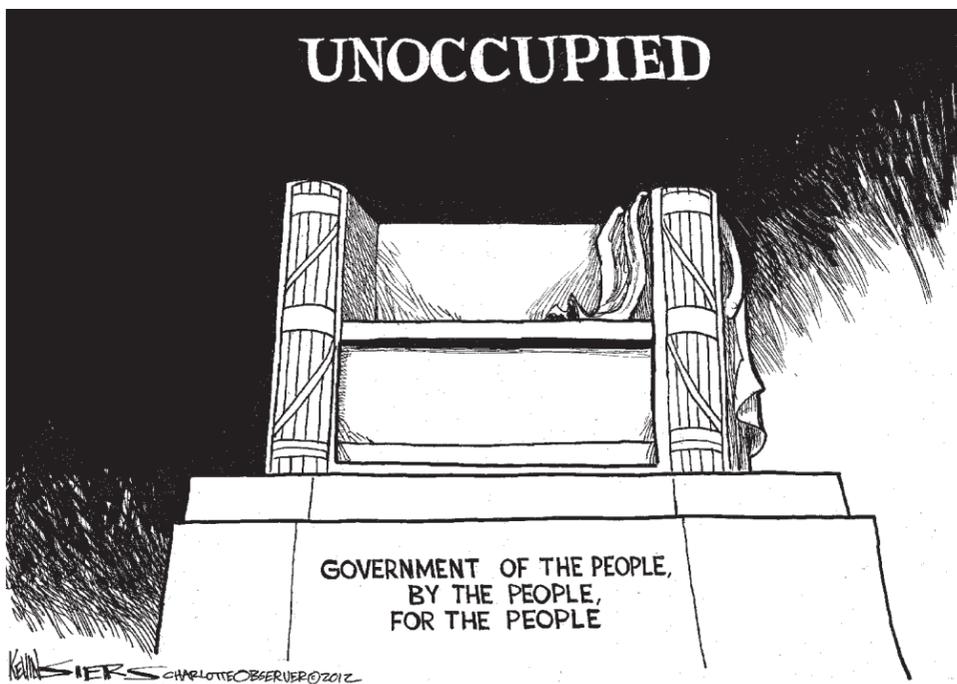
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Autism

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withdrawn," he points out. "Others have no social skills. Communication and eating is a problem."

In dealing with children with autism, he says the number one focus is patience.

Raising awareness of autism is not restricted to El Paso. It will be celebrated around the world with other landmarks turning blue in April.

The Empire State Building in New York City, the Kobe Tower in Kobe, Japan, and the Sydney Opera House in Sydney, Australia, will join the Star on the Mountain in going blue in April.

The star won't be the only thing turning blue. El Pasoans will have a chance to go blue as well. The network is distributing 4,000 blue light bulbs throughout the city and in Juarez as well. Distribution points are at Region 19 Education Service Center, central area; Border Pediatrics on the Westside; and Kid Works Therapy on the eastside.

World Autism Day is April 1 and 2. El Paso's activities will be listed along with other international events. Those events are listed in www.worldautismawarenessday.org.

"Once again El Paso will take the world stage by showing the world and the community

that we care for and support those afflicted by autism," according to an ACN press release.

The blue Franklin Mountains star will be lit on Sunday, April 1. A child will be selected as star lighter to flip the switch at Coefficient Electric on Yandell.

There will also be a reception that day at Alta Vista Optimist Club, 3501 Morenci.

A benefit car show will be held from noon to 5 p.m. at the Alta Vista club building. It is open to all vehicles, including bike and motorcycles. The cost is \$25 for cars and \$15 for bikes and motorcycles.

There will also be live music, dance and an art exhibit by the Socorro Independent School District.

Other activities are being planned at Insights Museum and with the El Paso Symphony Orchestra.

Sponsors include Barnett Harley Davidson, Attila Systems Web Design, Southwest Airlines-El Paso, State Farm agent Crystal Martinez, Chichos, Fast Signs Airway, Fusion Magazine, Pride Industries and Club Rotario Juarez Integra A.C.

Community Partners are Region 19, SISD, Children's Disability Information Coalition, the Greater El Paso Chamber of Commerce and Sun Metro.

For more information, contact Taylor at 731-8866 or e-mail him at ACNofELP@gmail.com.

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For more information concerning any of these scheduled events, call (915) 755-4332; or send email to guidamr@elpasotexas.gov.

Lazo

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faith but I think the motivation has to come from the children themselves because even though they are the patients, they are strong," Valenzuela said.

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Museum

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Archaeological Society in partnership with the El Paso Museum of Archaeology.

Explore the history of old El Paso communities

Dr. Terry Reynolds, retired NMSU University Museum Curator, will present her archival research on the history of the Manso and Piro communities of old El Paso (Ciudad Juárez). These communities arose from the efforts of the Franciscan Missionaries beginning in the mid-1650s and continuing for over two centuries.

The informative presentation will be held at 2 p.m., Saturday, February 25, at the El Paso Museum of Archaeology. Admission is free to the public.

According to researchers, when the Spanish explorers arrived in the Paso del Norte area, they found it already inhabited by native populations.

These groups, the Mansos and Sumas (along with the Jumanos and Apaches), have provided a rich ground for debate as to their origins and relationships with each other. Few early contacts were reported by the Spaniards, and little ethnographic and/or linguistic information was recorded, leaving researchers a scant account from which to draw in explaining the background and origin of these groups.

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FLITTER-FLUTTER – Butterflies and hummingbirds are two of the most vulnerable wildlife species in this area.

– Photo courtesy of Virginia Morris

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LEGALS

VILLAGE OF VINTON

RFQ NOTICE

Texas Department of Agriculture Community Development Block Grant Contract # 711500

The Village of Vinton has recently received a Contract award from the Texas Department of Agriculture-Rural Affairs (TDA) for water system improvements. Accordingly, the City is seeking to contract with a qualified engineering firm registered to practice in the State of Texas to prepare all preliminary and final design plans and specifications, and to conduct all necessary interim and final inspections.

Please submit your proposal of services and a statement of qualifications for these proposed services to the address below:

Village of Vinton Attn: Village Clerk 436 E. Vinton Rd. Vinton, TX 79821

Proposals must be received by the City no later than 4:00 pm on the 16th day of February, 2012 to be considered. The City reserves the right to negotiate with any and all individuals, engineers or firms that submit proposals, as per the Texas Professional Services Procurement Act and the Uniform Grant and Contract Management Standards.

The full RFP is available online at: <http://www.vinton.tx.gov/office2.com/>

The Village of Vinton is an Affirmative Action/Equal Opportunity Employer.

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TOWN OF CLINT

POSITION OPEN

Chief of Police

The Town of Clint, TX is accepting applications for Chief of Police. Applicants must be TCLEOSE certified, have ten (10) years police experience, have a valid Texas driver's license, a clear driving record, a clear criminal his-

tory and meet other qualifications as prescribed by the laws of the State of Texas. Background investigations and a pre-employment drug screen will be completed prior to hire.

Council will consider qualified applicants in an upcoming Council Meeting. Applicants may submit a resume by Wednesday, February 29, 2012 at 5:00 p.m. at Town Hall, 200 N. San Elizario Rd., Clint, TX 79836 or by fax at 851-0040 or by e-mail at townofclint@sbcglobal.net. Attn: Dale Reinhardt.

For additional information contact Susana Rodriguez at 851-3146, Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

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*Susana Rodriguez
City Clerk
Town of Clint*

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Town Of Horizon City

Corrected Notice

PUBLIC HEARING

A PUBLIC HEARING will be held during a **Special Planning & Zoning Commission Meeting on Tuesday, February 21, 2012 at 6:30 p.m.**, at the Town of Horizon City, Municipal Courts/Police Department building (rear of City Hall), City Council Chambers, 14999 Darrington Road, Horizon City, Texas. The purpose of the public hearing is to allow any interested persons to appear and comment regarding a proposed rezoning of the following property:

Rezoning Application #12-001RZ of the property described as:

Legal Description: *Horizon City Subdivision, all of lots nineteen (19) and twenty (20), Block Four Hundred Eighty-Four (484), Unit Sixty-Three (63) P I D # 2 0 4 4 5 0 Address: 1459 Ischua Ave, Horizon City, TX 79928.*

Proposed is the following change of zoning:

Current Zoning:

R-2 Single Family Dwelling

Proposed Zoning: C-1 Light Commercial

Those who are unable to attend may submit their views in writing to the City Clerk at 14999 Darrington Rd., Horizon City, TX, 79928 or call 915-852-1046. Accommodations for handicapped persons will be available; and individuals in need of special assistance for attending the hearing are encouraged to contact the City Clerk at 915-852-1046, forty-eight hours prior to the meeting.

*Karen Ellefson
Town Clerk
Horizon City*

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HELP WANTED

El Paso County Tornillo Water Improvement District

Position Open

Labor

El Paso County Tornillo Water Improvement District accepting applications. Qualifications: Valid Texas Class C driver's license, perform maintenance, lift heavy containers, parts or equipment, read meters, operate backhoe or transportation vehicle. Salary: \$8.00 per hour. Applications accepted until position is filled. Apply at 19225 Highland St., Tornillo, TX, mailing address P. O. Box 136, Tornillo, TX 79853. (915) 764-2966.

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Town of Horizon City

Horizon City Police Dept. is accepting applications for Police Officer to establish a hiring list.

For more information, please go to http://www.horizoncitypd.com/careers_at_hcpd.php. You may also contact Sgt. Flores at 915-852-1047. The closing date for applications is February 23, 2012 at noon.

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*Michael McConnel
Chief of Police
Town of
Horizon City*

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Briefs

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Requirements" status in its 2011 Local Educational Agency (LEA) Determination Process. Under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA), states are required to make annual determinations about the performance of the LEAs Special Education Department. The 2011 "Meets Requirements" designation is the highest awarded by the Texas Education Agency (TEA). There are twelve school districts in Region 19; Fabens ISD was only one of three districts that received the "Meets Requirements" designation. Districts that do not receive a "Meets Requirements" designation must seek technical assistance from regional education service center and/or other technical assistance providers; develop and/or implement continuous improvement plans through the TEA's Special Education Monitoring System.

— Richard Ortega

Crime Stoppers

Two men steal an electronic device and, when confronted about it, one pulls a knife on the store employee making this the Crime Stoppers "Crime of the Week." On

Friday, Jan. 20, 2012, two men walked into the Wal-Mart store at 7555 N. Mesa and went directly to the electronics department where they grabbed a charger and then walked to the men's clothing department, where they concealed the device in one man's pocket. Without attempting to pay for the device, they were confronted by a loss-prevention specialist as they were leaving the store. At this time, one of the suspects became aggressive, pulling out a knife and threatening the employee. The suspects fled in a white Chevy or GMC pickup with New Mexico license plate DG8-661. Suspect one is a Hispanic man in his 20s, 5'8" tall, with multiple tattoos on his arms and neck, and three dots by one eye. He was wearing a blue shirt and jeans. Suspect two, who had the knife, is also a Hispanic man in his 20s, 6'0" tall, with a large build, mustache, and stitches on his nose. He was wearing a hat, blue shirt, and jeans. If you have any information at all about the identity of the suspects in this case, please call Crime Stoppers of El Paso at 566-TIPS (8477) or submit your tip online at www.crimestoppersofelpaso.org. You will remain anonymous and, if your tip leads to an arrest, you may earn a cash reward.

— James Klaes

Tornillo Independent School District Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balance Governmental Funds For the Year Ended August 31, 2011

Data Control Codes	10 General Fund	ESEA Title 1 Part A Program	Other Funds	Total Governmental Funds
REVENUES:				
5700 Total Local and Intermediate Sources	\$ 694,925	\$ -	\$ 134,777	\$ 829,702
5800 State Program Revenues	9,908,664	-	1,201,880	11,110,544
5900 Federal Program Revenues	802,583	750,898	810,409	2,363,890
5020 Total Revenues	11,406,172	750,898	2,147,066	14,304,136
EXPENDITURES:				
Current:				
0011 Instruction	4,920,572	676,133	991,585	6,588,290
0012 Instructional Resources and Media Services	140,055	-	-	140,055
0013 Curriculum and Instructional Staff Development	63,989	12,300	47,361	123,650
0021 Instructional Leadership	299,790	-	-	299,790
0023 School Leadership	514,466	-	13,715	528,181
0031 Guidance, Counseling and Evaluation Services	65,196	-	-	65,196
0033 Health Services	50,840	38,988	-	89,828
0034 Student (Pupil) Transportation	338,019	-	-	338,019
0035 Food Services	759,745	-	19,767	779,512
0036 Extracurricular Activities	364,471	-	-	364,471
0041 General Administration	714,155	-	-	714,155
0051 Facilities Maintenance and Operations	1,362,565	-	-	1,362,565
0052 Security and Monitoring Services	134,813	-	-	134,813
0053 Data Processing Services	331,258	-	15,000	346,258
0061 Community Services	17,375	23,477	23,589	64,441
Debt Service:				
0071 Debt Service - Principal on Long Term Debt	54,000	-	560,000	614,000
0072 Debt Service - Interest on Long Term Debt	37,935	-	498,240	536,175
0073 Debt Service - Bond Issuance Cost and Fees	25,050	-	996	26,046
Intergovernmental:				
0099 Other Intergovernmental Charges	159,771	-	-	159,771
6030 Total Expenditures	10,354,065	750,898	2,170,253	13,275,216
1100 Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	1,052,107	-	(23,187)	1,028,920
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES):				
7911 Capital Related Debt Issued (Regular Bonds)	918,000	-	-	918,000
7915 Transfers In	468,266	-	34,213	502,479
8911 Transfers Out (Use)	(502,479)	-	-	(502,479)
8949 Other (Uses)	(1,094,000)	-	-	(1,094,000)
7080 Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	(210,213)	-	34,213	(176,000)
1200 Net Change in Fund Balances	841,894	-	11,026	852,920
0100 Fund Balance - September 1 (Beginning)	2,383,851	-	106,671	2,490,522
3000 Fund Balance - August 31 (Ending)	\$ 3,225,745	\$ -	\$ 117,697	\$ 3,343,442

Crossing line between passion and stupidity brings death

By Steve Escajeda
Special to the Courier

Last Sunday was the Super Bowl and fanatical fans all over the United States gathered at their homes, sports bars and restaurants to take in the day's festivities.

Some fans are casual and really tune in for the halftime show and the commercials. Some cheer wildly because one of their teams are involved in the game. Others tune in because, well, it's football.

But one thing is certain – we are passionate about football and we show it on Sundays.

Believe it or not, there is another sport in the world that fans are even more passionate about.

I can't say that I'm a fan of the sport myself, but there's no doubt that soccer is the biggest team sport in the world.

And sometimes fans of soccer are so loud they drown out American football fans in decibel level, enthusiasm and passion.

That's all fine and dandy.

But sometimes soccer fans get so caught up in their devotion that it no longer is a passion, it becomes a deadly obsession and an excuse to perpetrate unspeakable acts of violence.

What happened in Port Said, Egypt last week is an act we've seen played out throughout soccer-loving nations for years now. But this was different, to date, 79 people were killed at a soccer match when fans took to the field before the game even ended.

Wait, that doesn't sound right to me that 79 people were killed. To be honest, they were actually murdered. Many at the stadium were seen stabbing people to death.

There's no doubt that Egypt has been a country in turmoil over the past year after driving dictator Hosni Mubarak from his perch. But as many had feared when the regime change was made, everyone is looking around at each other with the same question on their mind, "now what?"

As if the horrible killing spree at the soccer match wasn't enough, now protests have sprung up in Cairo concerning the lack of security at the soccer stadium.

I guess you have to blame someone. I've got an idea, how about some protests against the animals who actually went around killing their fellow human beings in an unnecessary rage.

As of Sunday morning, 12 additional people have been killed at the protests.

All this has turned extremely political and the reason for the uprising has now been switched to living conditions and the unstable government.

But let's not forget that this all started at a sporting event – a soccer match.

If there is one place where people should be able to go to get away from the rigors and strife of the real world, it's a sporting event.

In the United States, where do we congregate to get over a tragedy? We all gather at a place that holds a great number of people at the same time – where we can share our grief and then begin the healing process – a sporting event.

I don't know what it is about the game of soccer that makes some fans so violent that they don't think twice about the damage they inflict and the persons they hurt, but enough is enough.

The country of Egypt has to be embarrassed at the way they've conducted themselves over the last week. The people have to get together and decide that things have to change.

How bad is the climate of a nation where (supposed) friendly competition can turn deadly in a matter of seconds?

All over the world, sports bring children together. All of us were thrown into competition as kids, having fun interacting with others while learning the value of following rules, working with teammates, resolving conflicts, and the reward for achieving a goal.

What happened? Are our collective memory-spans all set on ultra-short-term?

Think of it for a second, 79 people who attended a soccer match never made it home afterward. Can you even imagine that ever happening in the United States?

We are outraged when a fan gets beat up in the parking lot of a Dodgers game, or when a fan accidentally tumbles over the railing at a Rangers' game.

The rest of the world has to become just as outraged at a single solitary incident at a sporting event – let alone 79 deaths.



A sporting view By Mark Vasto

Posada had 'It'

Jorge Posada, 40, retired from the New York Yankees last month after 17 years and five championships. In short, he said, he had had it, and it

was time to go. He wasn't supposed to be the Yankee catcher when the team drafted him. Third base and second base were where he worked his trade. Never known as a great glove man, even Derek Jeter used to joke that it was unlikely the two would have

formed a long-lasting double play combination in the majors. Posada instead made it to the big leagues as a switch-hitting backstop.

Posada was not the best catcher in Yankee history, and not by a long shot, either. But he's in the discussion. Bill Dickey, Yogi Berra, Elston Howard and Thurman Munson hold that distinction – with apologies to Rick Cerone. Dickey hit for better average, Berra hit for better power, Howard did it all, and Munson set the tone for an entire era of Yankee baseball before tragically losing his life in a plane crash in 1979. But ironically, it was Thurman's wife, Diana, that delivered the most poignant remarks at Posada's retirement press conference. He had "it," she said.

She shared a story about how Posada showed her a quote from Munson that he kept in his locker at all times:

"Look, I like hitting and I like the good batting average. But, what I do every day behind the plate is a lot more important because it touches so many more people and so many more aspects of the game."

"I knew right away he had something special," Diana said. "I have admired and loved watching him play the game, because he plays

the game I think the way Thurman played it. A lot of grittiness and toughness, but obviously with his beautiful family a very gentle, loving side also."

Diana said that she lost her love of baseball after Thurman died.

"This is a man who probably doesn't realize it, but he in fact is the one who brought me back to love baseball again," Diana said. "I think he and Thurman would have been best buds. He definitely has the 'it' factor. I can't describe it. I don't know what it is, but I knew immediately upon meeting him that he had it."

Posada is only the fifth MLB catcher with 1,500 hits, 350 doubles, 275 home runs and 1,000 RBIs in a career. For the past decade, Posada racked up more RBIs and home runs than any other catcher in baseball. He was dominant in that regard, for that position. He was a clutch hitter. He was a force in the clubhouse, a leader in words and deeds. He was one of the "good guys." No drugs, no late-night brawls in gin mills.

And he also had "it."

Mark Vasto is a veteran sportswriter who lives in Kansas City. (c) 2012 King Features Synd., Inc.

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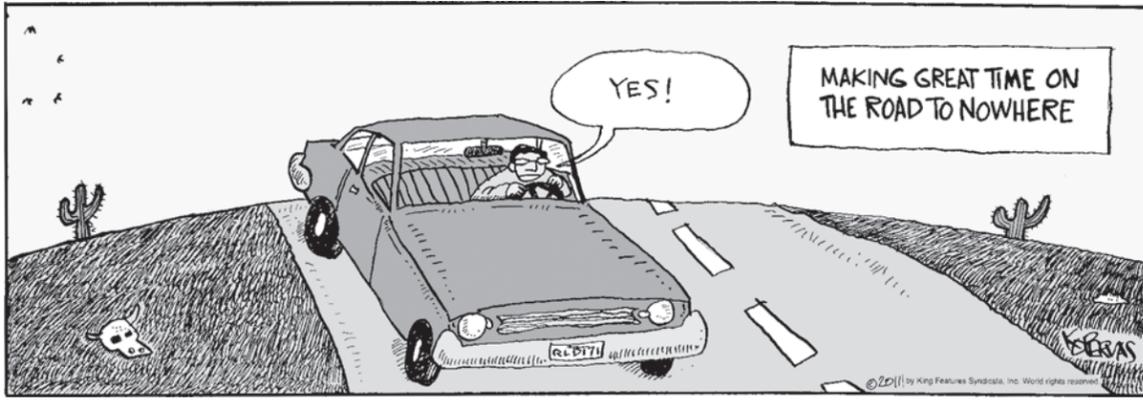
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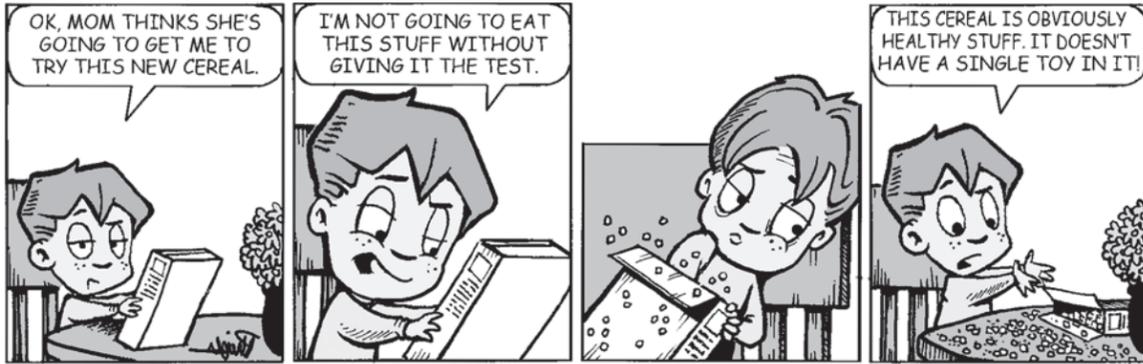
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Your good health By Paul G. Donahue, M.D.

DEAR DR. DONOHUE: I am going buggy—literally. My 5-year-old kindergartener has head lice. I discovered them because he started scratching his head. It makes me sick to my stomach to think about this. I can't imagine where he picked them up. Is the entire family destined to come down with them? I have four other children, two dogs and a husband. Help. — B.C.

signs of infection. Pets are safe; human head lice don't like them. The only household cleaning necessary is vacuuming chairs and carpets where your 5-year-old has been. Clothes he has worn in the past two days need to be washed in hot water and dried with maximum heat. Lice that are off the head live for only two days.

DEAR DR. DONOHUE: Some time ago, you wrote about a shrunken leg that was shaped like some kind of bottle. It has the word "teeth" in it. I have a dropped foot. My doctor doesn't know what I am talking about but would like to see the article. Will you repeat it? — I.D.

Head lice cause mothers more consternation than just about any other illness. For the record, head lice don't transmit any illnesses. They do cause itching and scratching. They're not a reflection of your cleanliness. Most likely your child picked them up at school from head-to-head contact or from sharing caps, brushes or combs.

The head louse is only 3 mm (0.12 inches) long. They're difficult to see. The female louse lays her eggs at the base of the hair and glues them to the hair. The eggs are called nits. They hatch in about eight days. Nits found within a quarter of an inch from the scalp indicate active infection. If they are farther away, the infection is not likely to be active.

Treatments for head lice are many and usually quite effective. Advisory bodies promote permethrin (Nix) as the treatment of choice. It calls for reapplication in one week to 10 days. Malathion lotion (Ovide) is another reliable cure. Benzyl alcohol (Ulesfia Lotion 5 percent) is another good treatment that is applied to dry hair and then rinsed off. Natroba (spinosad) Topical Solution was approved recently as a head lice treatment. Both these latter two medicines need a prescription. You have many choices. Some of these treatments include combing the wet hair with a fine-toothed comb to get rid of nits.

You do not have to treat other family members if they show no

The "teeth" in what I wrote referred to Dr. Tooth, an English doctor whose name is part of a nerve illness called Charcot (SHAR-coe)-Marie-Tooth disease. In spite of the fact that the name draws a look of puzzlement from most people, it's the most commonly inherited nerve-muscle disorder.

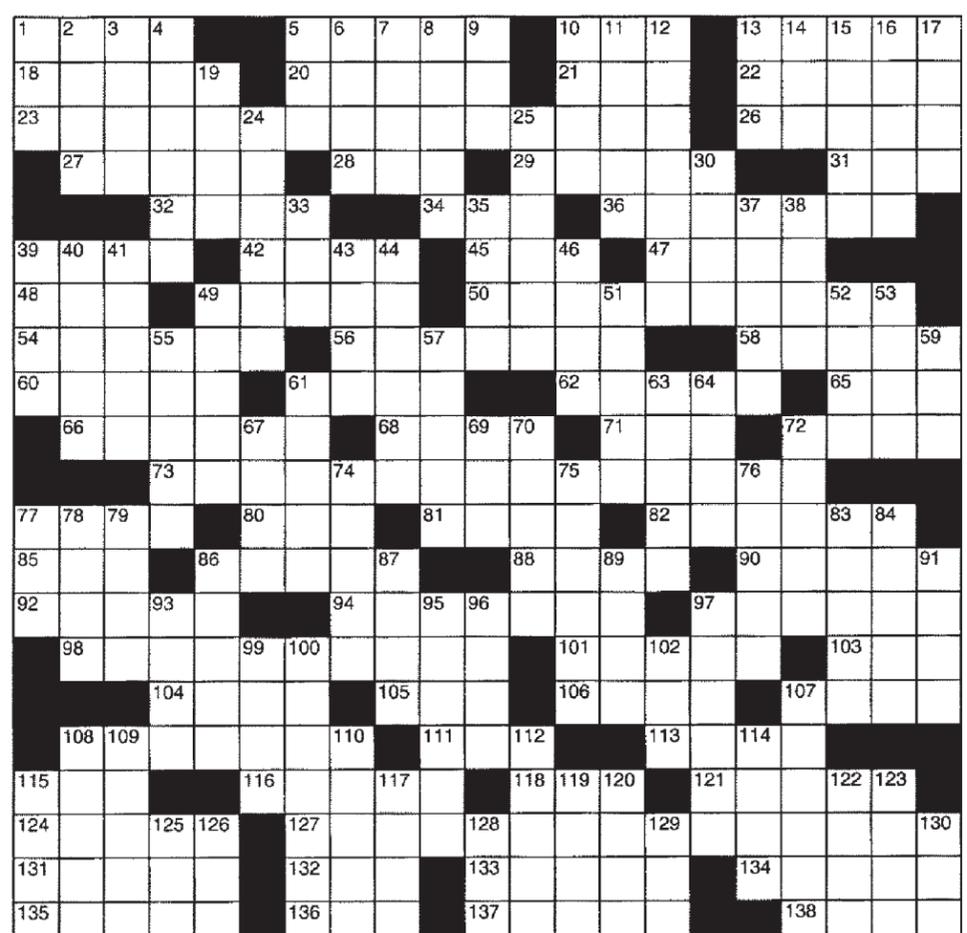
The illness usually shows itself in teen years, but it can take many years before it's diagnosed. The lower leg muscles become quite thin, so the leg looks like an upside-down champagne bottle. It makes walking difficult. People stumble. Often, they cannot lift the foot fully off the ground — a dropped foot.

A number of different varieties of this illness exist. I've described the most common one.

Dr. Donahue regrets that he is unable to answer individual letters, but he will incorporate them in his column whenever possible. Readers may write him or request an order form of available health newsletters at P.O. Box 536475, Orlando, FL 32853-6475. (c) 2012 North America Synd., Inc. All Rights Reserved.

Super Crossword

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| FINISH LINE ACROSS | 72 Karras or Haley | 136 Room for relaxing | 43 41st or 43rd | 100 Bordered on |
| 1 Thieves | 73 Part 3 of remark | 137 Marine leader? | President | 102 Kreskin's letters |
| 5 Dress down | 77 Suggestive | 138 Hardware item | 44 Be there | 107 Know-it-all |
| 10 Accomplished | 80 - Na Na | | 46 Gets by, with "out" | 108 Vow |
| 13 English explorer | 81 Beloved | DOWN | 49 Impromptu | 109 Throw forcefully |
| 18 French spa | 82 Type of aircraft | 1 Sports official | 51 Author Jong | 110 Resort lake |
| 20 Home on high | 85 Maestro de Waart | 2 Face shape | 52 Patricia of "Hud" | 112 Bucolic |
| 21 A mean Amin | 86 Fusillade | 3 Ill temper | 53 Wild wind | 114 Memo start |
| 22 "Pygmalion" role | 88 Khartoum's river | 4 She knew how to | 55 Deck out | 115 _ Romeo |
| 23 Start of a remark | 90 Hopeless case | get a head | 57 Edit a text | 117 Actress Sherilyn |
| by Gene Perret | 92 Jeeves or | 5 Droop | 59 Duty | 119 "Yo!" at the library |
| 26 On the up and up | Passepartout | 6 Do overhead | 61 Menotti title | 120 Move a bit |
| 27 Director Sergio | 94 Focused | plastering | character | 122 "Blame _ the Bossa |
| 28 Grazing ground | 97 Watchful city? | 7 Sarah _ Jewett | 63 Have thirds and | Nova" ('63 hit) |
| 29 Overact | 98 Part 4 of remark | 8 Pale purple | fourths? | 123 Bill of Rights grp. |
| 31 Have a mortgage | 101 Perfect | 9 " _ volente" | 64 Cure | 125 Every guy is one |
| 32 Become engaged? | 103 One of the | 10 "Carpe _" | 67 _ Minor | 126 Cy Young stat |
| 34 EMT's skill | Marches | 11 Turn of phrase | 69 Peg for Palmer | 128 Debtor's letters |
| 36 "La Boheme" girl | 104 Anesthetize | 12 Bother | 70 Footballer Lynn | 129 Govt. agency |
| 39 Depravity | 105 Fitting | 13 "Fantasia" frame | 72 Option | 130 Beaver or beret |
| 42 Heavy metal | 106 Manuscript enc. | 14 Fish-and-chips | 74 Maritime abbr. | |
| instrument? | 107 Goofy Gomer | accompaniment | 75 Turning point | |
| 45 Mellow | 108 Field event | 15 Chauvinist | 76 Actor Bruce | |
| 47 Rajasthani rhythm | 111 " _ the fields we | 16 Conductor Seiji | 77 Part of IRS | |
| 48 Coach Parseghian | go..." | 17 Yarn | 78 Eliot's " _ Bede" | |
| 49 Kayak commander | 113 Ballet movement | 19 Muse count | 79 Fountain order | |
| 50 Part 2 of remark | 115 Overwhelm | 24 Snuggle up | 83 Foe | |
| 54 Verbal explosion | 116 Recruit personnel | 25 "The Aeneid" | 84 Party hearty | |
| 56 Pittsburgh player | 118 Good times | author | 86 Walk like a rooster | |
| 58 Skirt feature | 121 Sari site | 30 Jacob's twin | 87 Recruit-to-be | |
| 60 Tangle | 124 Rent | 33 Tint | 89 Helen of Troy's | |
| 61 "May I interrupt?" | 127 End of remark | 35 " _ Rider" ('85 film) | mom | |
| 62 Vision | 131 Party present | 37 Neighbor of Libya | 91 Wrath | |
| 65 Cookbook phrase | 132 Myriads of moons | 38 Kite part | 93 Cubist Rubik? | |
| 66 Impressive lobby | 133 "Midnight at the _" | 39 Places to dye | 95 Warning | |
| 68 Catches cod | ('74 hit) | 40 One of "The Three | 96 Tivoli's Villa d' _ | |
| 71 Runner Sebastian | 134 " _ Gay" | Sisters" | 97 Ancient tongue | |
| | 135 Fight site | 41 Jeweler's weight | 99 Little devils | |



Moore Texas by Roger Moore In Texas it's still against the law to curse in front of a corpse.



GO FIGURE! by Linda Thistle

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

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DIFFICULTY: ★★

★ Moderate ★★ Difficult
★★★ GO FIGURE!

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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ★

★ Moderate ★★ Challenging

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★★★ HOO BOY!

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Social Security Q&A By Ray Vigil

Q: What are the four parts of Medicare?

A: There are four parts to Medicare.

- Hospital insurance (Part A) helps pay hospital bills and some follow-up care. The taxes you paid while you were working financed this coverage, so, for most people, it's premium free.

- Medical insurance (Part B) helps pay doctors' bills and other services. You must pay a monthly premium for Medicare Part B and you have the option to refuse this coverage.

- Medicare Advantage (Part C) plans generally cover many of the same benefits a Medigap policy would cover, such as extra days in the hospital after you have used the number of days Medicare covers. People with Medicare Parts A and B can choose to receive all of their health care services through one of these provider organizations under Part C. There might be additional premiums required for some plans; and

- Prescription drug coverage (Part D) helps pay for medications doctors prescribe for treatment. Anyone who has Medicare hospital insurance (Part A), medical insurance (Part B), or a Medicare Advantage plan (Part C) is eligible for prescription drug coverage (Part D). Joining a Medicare prescription

drug plan is voluntary and you pay an additional monthly premium for the coverage.

Q: Do I have to pay income tax on my Social Security benefits?

A: It depends. Fewer than one-third of our current beneficiaries pay income taxes on their benefits. You will have to pay Federal income taxes on your benefits if you file an individual Federal income tax return and your total income is more than \$25,000. If you file a joint return, you will have to pay income taxes if you and your spouse have total income of more than \$32,000. For more information, call the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) toll-free at 1-800-829-3676 and ask for IRS Publication 915, Social Security and Equivalent Railroad Retirement Benefits, www.irs.gov/publications/p915/index.html. People who are deaf or hard of hearing may call the IRS toll-free number, 1-800-829-4059.

For more information on any of the questions listed above, visit our website at www.socialsecurity.gov or call us at 1-800-772-1213. If you have any questions that you would like to have answered, please mail them to the Social Security Office, 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: X equals O

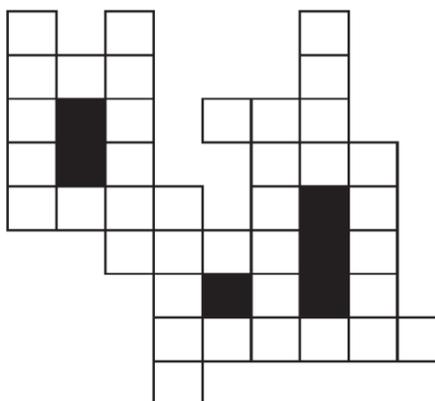
ZE ESJ ELZUJW ZRJQMH'P
XBBKMJ, Z WZLRJ PKRQ XQ ESJ
IXXL LJZIP "UJQKMJ, ZQH XQJ?"

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- ENE
- NUEDER
- KRIBE
- KIEL
- ♥ DREBIN
- ♥ RKI
- ♥ RIEM
- LURNK
- ♥ BNE
- KRUBEE
- BEEMD
- ♥ ERDI



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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 American author James Thurber who made the following sage observation: "Humor is emotional chaos remembered in tranquility."

- If you're a fan of the original "Wizard of Oz" movie, you might be surprised to learn that the actress who played Glinda the Good Witch, Billie Burke, was 54 years old when the film was shot.

- The award for the most needless war in history could very well go to Paraguay, whose president, Francisco Solano Lopez, believed himself to be an excellent tactician. He was a great admirer of Napoleon Bonaparte and wished to emulate the French emperor, but he had no wars to fight. To remedy the situation, in 1864 Lopez declared war on all three of his neighboring countries, Uruguay, Argentina and Brazil. His tactical abilities seem to have been of little use, however; it is estimated that 90 percent of Paraguay's male population was killed during the course of the war.

- During this time of election madness, "misology" could be a useful word to know. It means "hatred of reason."

- French novelist Marcel Proust's magnum opus, "Remembrance of Things Past," has been hailed as a literary masterpiece, but not everyone was a fan at first read. As Proust was trying, unsuccessfully, to find a publisher for his seven-volume work, one publisher said, "I may be dense, but I fail to see why a chap needs 30 pages to describe how he tosses and turns in bed before falling asleep." The author finally published the first volume with his own money; after the book was hailed as a masterpiece by critics, the same publishers who had rejected Proust competed for the opportunity to print the other six volumes of his work.

Thought for the Day: "Before I got married I had six theories about bringing up children; now I have six children and no theories."

— John Wilmot

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