



NEWSBRIEFS

Rainwater harvesting

Are you interested in learning how to design and install a rainwater harvesting system for your home? Then attend the *Rainwater Harvesting – Do it Yourself* class on March 3 from 10:00 a.m. to noon at the Texas AgriLife Research Center in El Paso (1380 A&M Circle). In this class you will learn how to collect and store rainwater for later use, such as watering your lawn and garden. Texas AgriLife Extension Service faculty will provide instruction on rainwater harvesting basics, including components, filtration, rain barrels, and maintenance. To register, please contact El Paso County AgriLife Extension office at (915) 860-2515. The class cost is \$10 at the door. For more information, go to rainwaterharvesting.tamu.edu.

Septic systems

Interested in learning how to keep your septic system functioning properly? Attend the *Homeowner Maintenance of Septic Systems* course 1-3 p.m. on March 3 at the Texas AgriLife Research Center in El Paso (1380 A&M Circle). This course covers the components of a conventional septic system and drain field. Presentations provide a basic understanding of operation and maintenance activities, including how activities within the home can impact the operation of a septic system. Participants will leave this class with a better understanding of the practices required to keep their septic system working properly. To register, please contact El Paso County AgriLife Extension office at (915) 860-2515. The class cost is \$10 at the door.

Crime Stoppers

Crime Stoppers of El Paso is assisting the El Paso Police Department in identifying and locating the person or persons responsible for murdering a man in the central part of town, making this the “Crime of the Week.” On Monday, Feb. 7, 2011, officers responded to a call of “man down” in the parking lot of the Stagecoach Motel, 4110 Alameda. They found Elias Nicarsio Perez inside his van at that address. Perez was having difficulty breathing and was taken to University Medical Center. Investigators found that Perez was a field worker in New Mexico and was living out of his van while visiting El Paso. It seems that he was attacked sometime on Saturday, Feb. 5, or early Sunday, Feb. 6. Perez is known to visit friends and bars in the area, and often carried large sums of money. It is not known who he might have been with that weekend. Perez died from his injuries the following Saturday, Feb. 12. If you have any information at all about the identity of the person or persons involved in this crime, please call Crime Stoppers of El Paso immediately at 566-TIPS (8477) or

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Few people travel the road to success without a puncture or two.

— Quips & Quotes



– Photo courtesy Young El Paso Singers

MUSIC LESSONS – Young El Paso Singers choir will perform at the El Paso Museum of History’s presentation, *African-American History: A Journey through Their Music*, at 3:30 p.m., Saturday, Feb. 25.

Museum presents African American Heritage Month tribute

By Alfredo Vasquez
Special to the Courier

EL PASO COUNTY – In honor of African American Heritage Month, the El Paso Museum of History will present *African-American History: A Journey through Their Music* featuring the Young El Paso Singers under the direction of Dr. Cindy Jay.

The heritage month tribute will take place at 3:30 p.m., Saturday, Feb. 25, in the museum’s first floor lobby. Admission is free to the public.

“The voices of our youth will be leading the audience in a journey of music that reflects

the unique history of our fellow Americans from African descent,” stated museum representative Sue Taylor.

“The music presented, and the brief narrations throughout, will provide a haunting and triumphant story that begins in Africa, travels across the ocean to America, traces auctions and slavery of the African, and continues through the early days of the civil rights movement, culminating with Martin Luther King, Jr.,” related Taylor.

The special program is presented by the Young Elite Singers, an advanced group of director-selected performers from the Young El Paso Singers. Pianist Ruben Gutierrez will

accompany Jay and the choir.

Young El Paso Singers have delighted audiences with their energetic performances throughout the year. They perform regularly at the museum, most recently doing a rousing tribute to U.S. Armed Forces and Veterans for Veterans Day. Their other venues have included Border AIDS Project, Candlelighters Christmas party, Hands of Hope Across the Border at Chamizal, Texas Veteran’s Home, Sacred Concert for S.D.A. on McRae, Summer Vocal Camp “Rockin’ El Paso”, and the Elvis El Paso Fundraiser event.

For more information, contact Sue Taylor at (915) 351-3588 or taylorlsl@elpasotexas.gov.

San Elizario’s Carrasco shines in SkillsUSA competition

By Cynthia P. Marentes
Special to the Courier

SAN ELIZARIO – The average high school student upon graduation will not have the skills sets needed to be immediately employable without first completing some form of higher education. San Elizario High School senior David Carrasco, however, is not your average high school student. David expects to graduate with a Cisco Certified Network Associate (CCNA) certification, which can open doors for him in the technology field working in systems or network administration. He also already has a scholarship from Western Technical College waiting for him when he graduates after placing first in internetworking at the recent District I SkillsUSA competition.

David was just one of close to 40 career and technology education (CTE) students from San Elizario High School who participated in the local SkillsUSA competition over a two week period in February. Over 100 contests tested the talents of students from across El Paso County at the annual SkillsUSA meet held at El Paso Community College and Western Technical College. Students finishing in first or second place in their respective categories will next travel to Corpus Christi to participate in the 2012 SkillsUSA Texas Leadership and Skills Conference from March 22-24.

Of the opportunity to compete at the state level, David hopes that it will serve to turn the spotlight on San Elizario.

“I am pretty excited and looking forward to state. I want to help represent San Eli, placing and continuing to nationals,” he said.

According to Veronika Pulido, who

teaches the Cisco course and other computer technology classes at San Elizario High School, SkillsUSA helps prepare students to be successful adults because they learn solid technical skills in different industries and also develop leadership abilities such as communication and teamwork. A few of the CTE courses offered at San Elizario High School include cosmetology, Cisco Systems, auto technology, health science technology, construction and building trades, and advertising design. There are also certifications available for students who demonstrate mastery of a specific subject and can obtain a passing score on an industry recognized, certification exam.

David has been taking Cisco courses with Pulido since he was a junior and also came to school during the summer for more intensive coursework training. He also credits an internship in the district’s technology department for giving him a competitive edge at the SkillsUSA contest and preparing him to sit for the CCNA certification exam in the near future. With the rigorous coursework

he will soon complete along with his involvement in the CTE student organization, David might also have the chance to catch the eye of recruiters with some of the world’s top technology companies at state and national level SkillsUSA conferences. At the moment, the capable 18 year-old dreams of working for the FBI someday as a cybercrimes analyst and fine tuning his technology proficiency before he boards a bus next month to Corpus Christi along with over two dozen other SkillsUSA state qualifiers from San Elizario High School.



– Photo courtesy San Elizario ISD

SCHOOL MONEY – Senior student David Carrasco received a \$7,232 scholarship from Western Technical College instructor David Luevano.

NOTICE TO PUBLIC OF NO SIGNIFICANT
IMPACT AND NOTICE OF INTENT
TO REQUEST RELEASE OF FUNDS

Village of Vinton
436 E. Vinton Rd.
Vinton, Texas 79821
(915) 886-5104



West Texas County Courier
February 23, 2012

TO: All Interested Agencies, Groups and Persons:

Seventeen (17) days after this publication, the Village of Vinton, Texas intends to request the Texas Department of Agriculture- Rural Affairs (TDA-RA) to release of Community Development Block Grant funds under Section 104(f) of Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974 as amended, to undertake the following projects known as:

Park Rehabilitation- Contract # 710711 – This project will rehabilitate an existing park to meet current standards, provide access in compliance with ADA, and construct an outdoor cultural facility. Construction is expected to be completed within 120 days of start. This project will construct ADA compliant sidewalks for picnic and playground areas, update inefficient electrical system and irrigation system. The project includes the construction of a new well to replace the existing well which has been out of service for several years.

Water Loop Project-Contract # 711500 – This project shall loop the water distribution system that serves the residents of Danny Boy, Holguin and Kiely Road and increase fire protection. Construction is expected to be completed within 180 days of start. Approximately three thousand linear feet of eight inch PVC water line, three fire hydrants and all associated appurtenances will be installed.

Finding of No Significant Impact

The Village of Vinton has determined that the project will have no significant impact on the human environment. Therefore, an Environmental Impact Statement under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA) is not required. Additional project information is contained in the Environmental Review Record (ERR) on file at Vinton City Hall, 436 E. Vinton Rd. and may be examined or copied weekdays 8:00 A.M. to 4:30 P.M.

Public Comments on Findings

Any individual, group, or agency disagreeing with this determination or wishing to comment on the project may submit written comments to the Village of Vinton. All comments received by March 12, 2012 will be considered by the Village of Vinton, prior to authorizing submission of a request for release of funds. Commentors should specify which part of this Notice they are addressing.

Release of Funds

The Village of Vinton certifies to the Texas Department of Agriculture-Rural Affairs that Madeleine Praino in her capacity as Mayor consents to accept the jurisdiction of the Federal Courts if an action is brought to enforce responsibilities in relation to the environmental review process and that these responsibilities have been satisfied. The Department’s approval of the certification satisfies its responsibilities under NEPA and related laws and authorities, and allows the Village of Vinton to use Program funds.

Objections to Release of Funds

The Texas Department of Agriculture- Rural Affairs will consider objections to its release of funds and the Village of Vinton certification received by March 26, 2012 or a period of fifteen days from its receipt of the request (whichever is later) only if they are on one of the following bases: (a) the certification was not executed by the Certifying Officer or other officer of the Village of Vinton approved by the Department; (b) the Village of Vinton has omitted a step or failed to make a decision or finding required by HUD regulations at 24 CFR Part 58; (c) the grant recipient or other participants in the project have committed funds or incurred costs not authorized by 24 CFR Part 58 before approval of a release of funds by the Department; or (d) another Federal agency acting pursuant to 40 CFR Part 1504 has submitted a written finding that the project is unsatisfactory from the standpoint of environmental quality. Objections must be prepared and submitted in accordance with the required procedures (24 CFR Part 58) and shall be addressed to the Texas Department of Agriculture-Rural Affairs at P.O. Box 12877, Austin, Texas 78711. Potential objectors should contact the Department to verify the actual last day of the objection period.

Madeleine Praino
Mayor

Grading requirements for STAAR exams are modified

By Alfredo Vasquez
Special to the Courier

TEXAS – Texas Education Agency (TEA) Commissioner Robert Scott announced recently that he is deferring implementation of the new 15 percent grading requirement connected to the State of Texas Assessments of Academic Readiness end-of-course examinations.

According to TEA officials, the commissioner took this action after receiving input from parents,

educators and State Board of Education members, as well as statutory clarification from state leaders.

“Based on my conversations with the Governor’s Office and clarification of legislative intent from the House and Senate, I am modifying the Texas Education Agency’s House Bill 3 Transition Plan,” Scott stated.

The modification gives public school districts and charter schools

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Veterans Post By Freddy Groves

Nightmare was real

An Army reservist in Washington, D.C., called a help line when he was depressed because he hadn’t slept for days. When he dialed the number, he thought he was calling a support hotline for veterans. He wasn’t suicidal, but yes, he did have some firearms, and yes, he was a veteran. Eventually he hung up and went to bed.

Imagine his dismay when the police and SWAT showed up (setting off his PTSD big-time). They hauled him off to a VA hospital, where he stayed voluntarily for three days. While he was gone they trashed his place, without a warrant, and took his guns (which were all locked up and separated from the ammo). They took his dog and then, on a hunt for explosives, they further trashed his place, still without a warrant. Once the reservist was released, he was arrested and thrown in jail for a couple weeks for reasons that still aren’t clear. When Matthew Corrigan finally returned home 16 days later, he found his front door unlocked, his oven on and his tropical fish dead. I’m guessing that the number he

called was 1-800-273-8255. It’s an easy mistake to make, thinking that it’s a number for veteran assistance. On Google, that number is listed as Veterans Crisis Line. However, it’s also the listing for National Suicide Prevention Lifeline, SAVE, Crisis Hotlines Suicide Prevention and SuicideHotline, among others. The Department of Veterans Affairs even lists it as the number to call for “Where to Get Help for PTSD.”

In other words, it’s a one-size-fits-all number – and maybe not one you want to call unless it’s serious.

Here’s a better bet: When you’re getting treatment, whether individually or in a group, ask for phone numbers you can call when the going gets rough.

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(Publisher’s note: Matthew Corrigan is suing the District of Columbia for \$500,000.)



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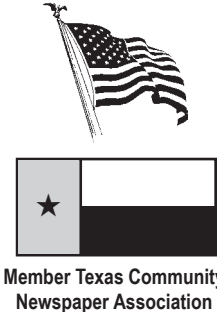
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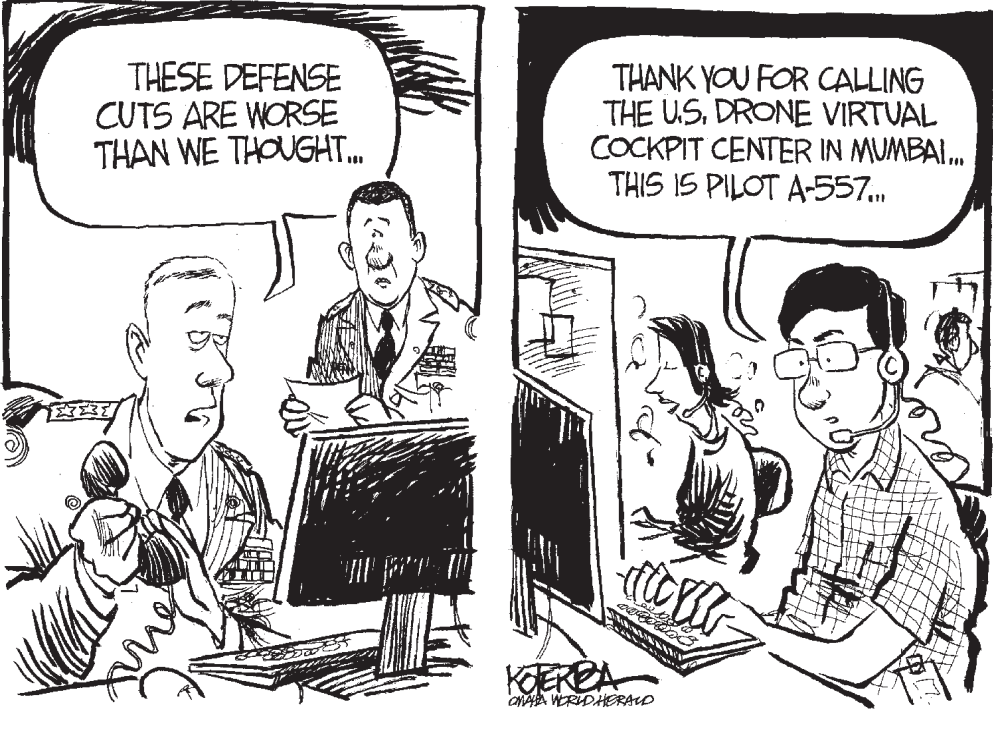
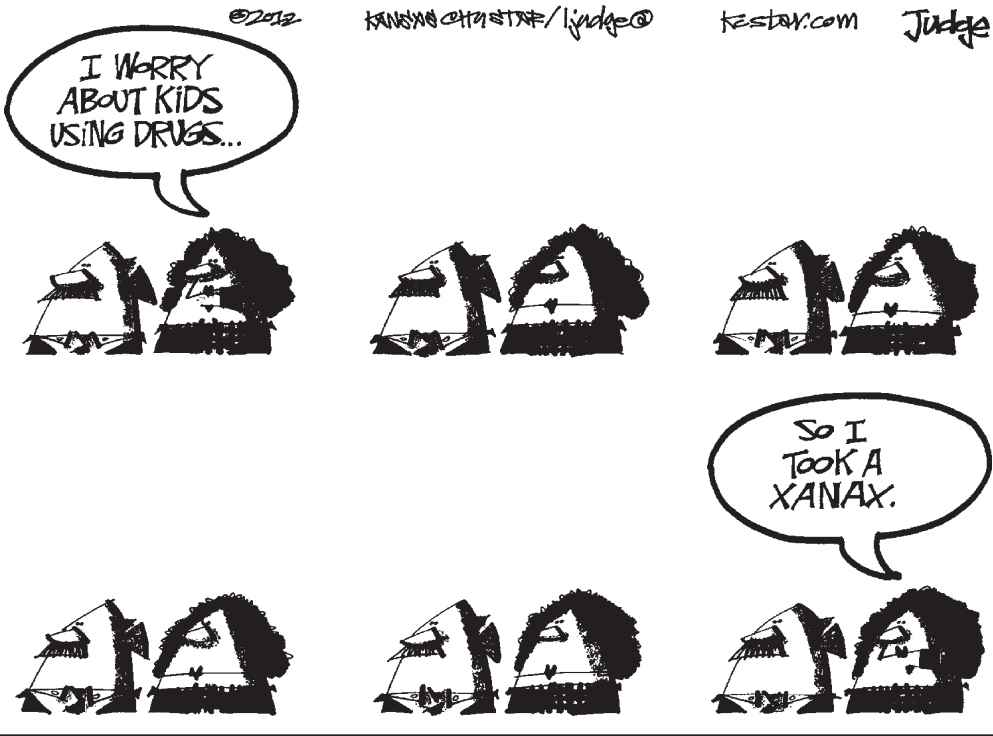
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Por la Gente By State Rep. Chente Quintanilla

STAAR deferral in place

Hola, mi gente. My very first article this February had to do with the end of course testing that has been in place in Texas for a couple of decades. The latest version, State of Texas Assessment of Academic Readiness (STAAR), takes a different approach from earlier attempts at academic accountability. Previous programs required one test at the end of the school year that determined whether a student passed or failed at particular grade levels. In some unfortunate instances, students who did well in regular classroom testing did not do so well in the final accountability test. This meant the student had to take another exam or repeat the same grade level.

Consistent objections over the years prompted the legislature to finally change the testing. Instead of teaching the test, schools would again be testing what was taught. The bill that made the changes, House Bill 3, was passed in 2009 without opposition in the House. There was actually insignificant testimony against the bill in committee. It appeared that the house and senate finally got it right. That remains to be seen however.

One of the points that I made in the earlier article was that there was no set policy on what the test would be and how it would be implemented. The article also stated that parents might not be informed of the test results until the next school year was about to begin. This did not sit well with parents or educators.

There began a movement by parents and teachers to inform legislators like myself that they were very concerned about the use of the test in the current school year. As I pointed out in the article, the bureaucrats at the Texas

Education Agency had not completed their interpretation of the bill nor had they finalized their policies for administering the test. Without those in place, the test would be nothing more than a shot in the dark while still accounting for 15% of a student's final grade.

Apparently (and about time), the objections brought by teachers and parents caught the ear of the house leadership. Instead of having the students held accountable during the current 2011-2012 school year, there will be a deferral for that testing.

The chair of the House Committee on Public Education acted in response to the educators and parents. He sent a letter to the Commissioner of the Texas Education Agency requesting that there be a deferral. I contacted the Speaker's office and asked that my name be added as a co-signer for the deferral request.

The letter was faxed to TEA on Friday in the early afternoon. By 2:00 p.m. El Paso time, the commissioner issued a statement that he had acted in response to our letter by granting the deferral.

Although there was no testimony by public education teachers when HB 3 was heard in committee, they may have strong reservations about it now. Because of the deferral, teachers will have the opportunity to speak at the ballot box before students are actually impacted by the provisions of the end of course testing.

Now that is a great reason for every educator to go out and vote in the primary and next November in the general election.


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

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determined locally by school districts and charter schools," the commissioner said.

The law still requires students that are first entering the ninth grade in the 2011-2012 school year to achieve a cumulative score on the end-of-course assessments to complete their graduation requirements. However, districts and charters choosing to defer implementation of the 15 percent requirement for the 2011-2012 school year will need to notify TEA of that decision. Districts and charter schools will receive instructions from the agency regarding this policy change in the coming weeks, according to TEA officials.

MINER BASKETBALL



MEN'S

Wednesday February 22 vs Southern Miss

7:00pm

Military Night!

3,500 Patriotic UTEP flags will be given away

Wednesday February 29 vs Rice

7:00pm

Senior Night!




WOMEN'S

Thursday February 23 vs. SMU

7:05 pm

FREE admission for everyone

In honor of National Girls and Women in Sports Day!



Get your tickets at the UTEP ticket center, the miner store on Zaragoza at Don Haskins or call 747-5234

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LEGALS

NOTICE OF EL PASO ELECTRIC COMPANY'S PETITION TO CHANGE RATES AND TO RECONCILE FUEL COSTS, AND RESPONSE TO CITY OF EL PASO'S SHOW CAUSE ORDER

El Paso Electric Company (EPE or Company) publishes this notice that on February 1, 2012, it filed with the Public Utility Commission of Texas (Commission) its Petition and Statement of Intent and Application for Authority to Change Rates and to Reconcile Fuel Costs. This filing has been assigned Commission Docket No. 40094. This filing was also made with those municipal authorities in EPE's Texas service territory that have original jurisdiction over EPE's electric rates and have requested a copy of the filing. The filing made with the City of El Paso (El Paso) also serves as EPE's rate filing package ordered by El Paso to be filed by February 1, 2012 in compliance with El Paso's October 4, 2011 resolution.

EPE is proposing to change its rates for electric service provided to its approximately 290,000 Texas retail customers. All such customers, all classes of customers and all areas in Texas in which EPE serves will be affected by this change in rates, as well as the request to reconcile fuel costs.

STATEMENT OF INTENT TO CHANGE RATES EPE's request to increase its base rates is based on the financial results for a 12-month test year ending on September 30, 2011. EPE's proposed rate change would increase its base revenues for firm service by \$13.766

million, which is an increase of 3.2%, increase interruptible service rates by \$3.173 million, a surcharge for an anticipated \$8.658 million of rate case expenses, and an increase of \$0.658 million in service charges and other miscellaneous revenues. The overall combined effect of EPE's proposed rate changes would be to increase its adjusted test year revenues by \$26.255 million, an overall increase of 5.6% in its Texas base rates. This increase is premised in part on EPE's request (1) to recover EPE's investment in its newest generation facility, Phase II of Newman Unit 5; and (2) to recover EPE's other capital additions made since June 30, 2009, which is the end of the test year in EPE's last rate case.

The impact of the rate change on various customer classes will vary from the overall impact described in this notice. The typical Residential Service customer using 600 kilowatt-hours of energy per month will see an average bill increase of \$4.00 per month, or 5.5% under the proposed rates in this proceeding. The typical Residential customers located within the El Paso city limits will also see a Rate Case Expense Surcharge on their monthly bills of \$1.32 for twelve months.

El Paso has already ordered that EPE's existing base rates inside that city are temporary, such that inside the city, upon a final decision, any increase in rates would be, and any decrease in rates may be, retroactive back to November 15, 2011. For the rate change that it is proposing, EPE has proposed that the effective date of its rate change be March 7, 2012 for the

areas where the Commission has original jurisdiction and for those areas where municipal authorities retain regulatory jurisdiction. EPE has proposed that the effective date of this rate change be suspended, so that with the suspension and the compliance tariff approval process, its rates would be applicable beginning on March 7, 2012. The proposed effective date is subject to suspension and extension by actions that may be taken by the Commission and other regulatory authorities.

REQUEST FOR SURCHARGE El Paso has designated EPE's current base rates within the city as temporary rates, effective November 15, 2011. Because EPE's requested base rates exceed those temporary rates, EPE is requesting a surcharge that would relate back to usage from November 15, 2011 to recover the temporary base rate deficiency, together with interest, solely from customers within El Paso. The amount of the surcharge will not be known until rates are finally established.

TARIFF REVISIONS EPE is proposing changes in rate design to move customer classes closer to their class cost of service. Additionally, EPE is proposing revisions to some tariffs. These changes include, but are not limited to, the consolidation of certain related classes with the elimination of the unnecessary duplicative classes. The complete set of proposed tariff schedules is presented in Schedule Q-8.8 of EPE's filing.

EPE's request to reconcile fuel and purchased power costs is separate from its request

to change base rates and is briefly described below.

RECONCILIATION OF FUEL COSTS EPE requests authority to reconcile its fuel and purchased power costs for the period from July 1, 2009 through September 30, 2011 ("Reconciliation Period"). This request, if granted, will affect all Texas retail customers who pay fixed fuel factors. During the Reconciliation Period, EPE incurred a total of \$356.493 million in eligible fuel, fuel-related, and purchased power expenses (offset by off-system sales) to generate and purchase electric energy for its Texas retail customers. At the conclusion of the Reconciliation Period, after adjustments, EPE had a cumulative under-recovery of such expenses of \$12.762 million. EPE seeks to carry over this cumulative Reconciliation Period fuel under-recovery balance into the subsequent Reconciliation Period beginning October 2011.

CONTACT INFORMATION Persons with questions or who want further information on the application may contact EPE at 100 N. Stanton, El Paso, Texas 79901, or call toll-free at (800) 592-1634 (when instructed, press 7, then four-digit extension 5970 plus #) during normal business hours. A complete copy of the filing is available for inspection at the address listed in the previous sentence.

Persons who wish to intervene in or comment upon these proceedings should notify the Public Utility Commission as soon as possible, as an intervention deadline will be imposed. A request to intervene or for further information should be mailed to the Public Utility Commission of

Texas, P.O. Box 13326, Austin, Texas 78711-3326. Further information may also be obtained by calling the Public Utility Commission at (512) 936-7120 or (888) 782-8477. Hearing- and speech-impaired individuals with text telephones (TTY) may contact the Commission at (512) 936-7136 or use Relay Texas (toll-free) 1-800-735-2989. A request for intervention or for further information should refer to Docket No. 40094. The deadline for intervention in the proceeding is 45 days after the date the application was filed with the Commission. The 45th day after EPE filed its application is Saturday, March 17, 2012, which would mean under Commission rules that the deadline for intervention would be the next working day, Monday, March 19, 2012.

AVISO DE LA SOLICITUD DE EL PASO ELECTRIC COMPANY PARA MODIFICAR TARIFAS Y RECONCILIAR COSTOS DE COMBUSTIBLE Y RESPONDER A LA ORDEN DE LA CIUDAD DE EL PASO PARA MOSTRAR CAUSA.

El Paso Electric Company (EPE ó Compañía) publica este aviso de que el 1 de Febrero de 2012 presentó ante la Comisión de Servicios Públicos de Texas (Comisión) su Solicitud y Declaración de Intención y Solicitud de Autorización para Modificar Tarifas y para Reconciliar Costos de Combustible. A esta solicitud, la Comisión le ha asignado el No. 40094. La solicitud se ha hecho también ante las autoridades municipales ubicadas dentro del territorio de servicio de EPE en Texas que tienen jurisdicción original

sobre las tarifas eléctricas de EPE y que hayan solicitado una copia de la solicitud. La solicitud hecha ante la Ciudad de El Paso (El Paso) sirve también como solicitud tarifaria de EPE ordenada por El Paso para ser presentada a más tardar el 1 de Febrero de 2012, en cumplimiento con la resolución del 4 de Octubre de El Paso.

EPE propone cambiar sus tarifas de servicio eléctrico que provee a sus aproximadamente 290,000 clientes de menudeo en Texas. La totalidad de estos clientes, todas las clases de clientes y todas las áreas de Texas en donde EPE provee servicio se verán afectadas por este cambio de tarifas, así como por la solicitud para reconciliar costos de combustible.

DECLARACIÓN DE LA INTENCIÓN DE CAMBIAR TARIFAS

La solicitud de EPE para incrementar sus tarifas básicas está basada en los resultados financieros de un año de prueba que terminó el 30 de Septiembre de 2011. Los cambios a las tarifas propuestos por EPE incrementarán sus ingresos base por servicio en firme por la cantidad de \$13.766 millones, equivalentes a un incremento del 3.2%, incrementarán las tarifas de servicio interrumpible por la cantidad de \$3.173 millones, un recargo de \$8.658 millones por gastos anticipados por el caso tarifario y un incremento por la cantidad de \$0.658 millones en cargos por servicio y otros ingresos misceláneos.

El efecto total combinado de los cambios tarifarios propuestos por EPE será el incrementar sus ingresos ajustados del año de prueba en \$26.255 millones, equivalentes a un

incremento total de 5.6% a sus tarifas básicas en Texas. Este incremento, se basa en parte en la solicitud de EPE para (1) recuperar la inversión de EPE en su más reciente instalación de generación que es la Fase II de la Unidad 5 Newman; y (2) para recuperar otras adiciones a capital de EPE realizadas desde Junio 30 de 2009, que es el final del año de prueba en el último caso de tarifas de EPE.

El impacto del cambio en las tarifas de varias clases de clientes variará del impacto total descrito en este aviso. En base a las tarifas propuestas en este procedimiento, el cliente típico de Servicio Residencial que consume 600 kilovatios-hora de energía al mes verá un incremento mensual de \$4.00 en su recibo, equivalente a un 5.5%. El cliente Residencial típico localizado dentro de los límites de la Ciudad de El Paso, verá también en su recibo mensual un Recargo de \$1.32 durante doce meses por Gastos del Caso Tarifario.

El Paso ya ha ordenado que las tarifas básicas existentes de EPE dentro de la ciudad sean temporales, de tal manera que dentro de la ciudad, al tomarse una decisión final, cualquier incremento en tarifas será o cualquier reducción en tarifas podrá ser retroactivo al 15 de Noviembre de 2011. Para el cambio en tarifas que está proponiendo, EPE ha propuesto que la fecha efectiva para este cambio tarifario sea el 7 de Marzo de 2012 para las áreas en donde la Comisión tenga jurisdicción original y para aquellas áreas en donde las autoridades municipales conservan jurisdicción regulatoria. EPE ha propuesto que la fecha

efectiva de este cambio tarifario sea suspendida, para que con la suspensión y el proceso de aprobación de tarifas autorizadas, sus tarifas sean aplicables a partir del 7 de Marzo de 2012. La fecha efectiva propuesta está sujeta a ser suspendida o extendida por acciones tomadas por la Comisión u otras autoridades regulatorias.

SOLICITUD DE RECARGO

El Paso ha designado las tarifas básicas actuales de EPE dentro de los límites de la ciudad como tarifas temporales con fecha efectiva el 15 de Noviembre de 2011. Debido a que las tarifas básicas solicitadas por EPE rebasan tales tarifas temporales, EPE solicita un recargo que se relacione con el consumo a partir del 15 de Noviembre de 2011 para recuperar la deficiencia temporal en las trífas básicas, junto con los intereses, solamente para los clientes dentro de los límites de El Paso. El importe del recargo no se conocerá hasta que las tarifas sean finalmente establecidas.

MODIFICACIÓN DE TARIFAS

EPE propone cambios a su diseño de tarifas para que sus clases de clientes estén más cerca del costo de servicio. Adicionalmente, EPE está proponiendo modificaciones de algunas tarifas. Estos cambios incluyen, pero no se limitan a, la consolidación de ciertas clases relacionadas y la eliminación de clases duplicadas innecesarias. El juego completo de listas de tarifas propuesto se encuentra en la lista Q-8.8 de la solicitud de EPE.

La solicitud de EPE para reconciliar costos de combustible y de

energía adquirida se describe brevemente abajo y se maneja por separado de esta solicitud para modificar tarifas.

RECONCILIACIÓN DE COSTOS DE COMBUSTIBLE

EPE solicita autorización para reconciliar sus costos de combustible y de energía adquirida del período comprendido entre el 1º. de Julio de 2009 y el 30 de Septiembre de 2011 ("Período de Reconciliación"). Esta solicitud, de ser autorizada, afectará a todos los clientes de menudeo de Texas que pagan factores fijos de combustible. Durante el Período de Reconciliación EPE erogó un total de \$356.493 millones en combustible elegible, en gastos relacionados con combustible y en gastos de energía adquirida (compensados por ventas fuera del sistema) para generar y para adquirir energía eléctrica para sus clientes de menudeo de Texas.

Al concluir el Período de Reconciliación y después de ajustes, EPE tenía una recuperación de menos acumulada en tales costos de \$12.762 millones. EPE busca trasladar el saldo acumulado de la recuperación de menos por combustible durante el Período de Reconciliación al Período de Reconciliación siguiente el cual da inicio en Octubre de 2011.

PARA OBTENER MAYOR INFORMACIÓN

Las personas que tengan dudas o que deseen mayor información acerca de la solicitud, pueden acudir a EPE en 100 N. Stanton, El Paso, Texas 79901 ó pueden llamar gratis al (800) 592-

1634 (cuando se le solicite, oprima el 7 seguido por la extensión 5970, mas el signo #) en horas de oficina. En la dirección arriba mencionada, podrá usted encontrar una copia completa de la solicitud presentada para su consulta.

Las personas que deseen intervenir en ó hacer comentarios acerca de estos procedimientos deberán notificar a la Comisión de Servicios Públicos tan pronto les sea posible, ya que se pondrá una fecha límite para intervenciones. Para intervenir o para obtener mayor información, se deberá enviar una solicitud a la Comisión de Servicios Públicos de Texas al P.O. Box 13326, Austin, Texas 78711-3326. También se puede obtener mayor información llamando a la Comisión de Servicios Públicos al (512) 936-7120 ó al (888) 782-8477. Las personas con impedimento del habla o del oído que cuenten con teléfonos de texto (TTY) pueden llamar a la Comisión al (512) 936-7136 ó pueden utilizar Relay Texas (sin costo) en el 1-800-735-2989. Las solicitudes de intervención o para mayor información deberán hacer referencia al No. 40094. La fecha límite para intervenir en el procedimiento es 45 días a partir de la fecha en que se presentó la solicitud ante la Comisión. El día 45 después de que EPE presentó la solicitud es el Sábado 17 de Marzo de 2012, que por ser día inhábil y en base a las reglas de la Comisión, la fecha límite para intervenir sería el siguiente día hábil que es el Lunes 19 de Marzo de 2012.

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STRANGE BUT TRUE

By Samantha Weaver

• It was English philosopher Francis Bacon who made the following sage observation: “The root of all superstition is that men observe when a thing hits, but not when it misses.”

• I’m sure you’ve seen photos of those picturesque covered bridges. It seems that they would have provided a welcome haven for people driving buggies caught out in the rain. You may be surprised to learn, though, that the bridges weren’t designed with a roof for the comfort of travelers. Being made of wood in an era before protective sealants, the bridges themselves needed to be protected from the elements.

• Most frogs lay their eggs in the water; that way, when the tadpoles hatch they are already in their element. The red-eyed tree frog, however, protects its eggs from aquatic predators by attaching its eggs to the underside of leaves that hang out over a body of water. Once the eggs hatch, the tadpoles fall into the water.

• The next time you travel to the United Kingdom, if you visit the university towns of Cambridge or Oxford, you should keep off the grass. Professors are the only ones allowed to walk on most of the green swards in those towns.

• In ancient Rome, it was widely believed that holding in gas could cause a person to catch a disease or become poisoned. This was such a concern to public health that Emperor Claudius went so far as to pass a law making it legal to fart at banquets.

• Have you ever known someone who keeps making the same error over and over again despite being corrected? The next time you run into this person, you'll know what to call him or her: a mumpsimus.

Thought for Today: “I have no special talents. I am only passionately curious.”
— Albert Einstein

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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 March 1, 2012, 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:

PUBLIC HEARING ON AN ORDINANCE RELATING TO THE RETAIL ELECTRIC RATES OF EL PASO ELECTRIC COMPANY WITHIN THE CITY OF SOCORRO,

TEXAS DENYING RATE INCREASE REQUEST AND MAINTAINING THE CURRENT EL PASO ELECTRIC COMPANY RATES IN EFFECT.

Those unable to attend the public hearing may submit their views to the City of Socorro. Accommodations for handicapped persons will be available; handicapped persons in need of special assistance for attending the hearings are encouraged to contact the City Clerk (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

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Lower Valley Housing Corporation

Public Notice

Lower Valley Housing Corporation (LVHC) is a non-profit community development Texas corporation that is applying to USDA/Rural Development for a section 523C Technical Assistance Grant for self-help housing to build 24 new mutual self-help single family houses in El Paso County, Texas.

This grant will provide Technical Assistance funds for the administrative costs of the program over a two-year period as well as providing another 24 eligible and USDA/Rural Development approved applicants with permanent loans on their home. Anyone wishing to comment or make an application may do so by contacting:

Lower Valley Housing Corporation
215 West Main (P.O. Box #638)
Fabens, TX 79838
(915) 764-3413

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PUBLIC AUCTION

There is going to be an Old Time Tack & Saddle Farm Auction

Don't miss it! Febuary 27th!

What's being auctioned off:

Over \$100,000 in merchandise already consigned from many individuals including a large inventory of custom made tack and saddles from H bar Saddlery. Just imagine, everything you would find in a tack shop, If its used on or around a horse it will be there. Over 60 Western Saddles (Roping, Ranch, Barrel, Silver Show, Pleasure, Youth, Pony), Over 100 Bridles Headstalls & Halters, ect., Plus Lots of Custom Made Tack and One Of A Kind Items. To be sold to the highest bidder, piece by piece!

Tems of Sale: Cash, all major Credit Cards, ATM & debit. Sorry NO Checks!

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We are accepting new and used equipment for consignment. If you have stuff that you haven't used in years, this will be an opportunity to turn it into cash. If you bring it, we can sell it.

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Anthony 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, A Improving Basic Program	Other Funds	Total Governmental Funds
REVENUES:				
5700 Total Local and Intermediate Sources	\$ 1,707,550	\$ —	\$ 257,067	\$ 1,964,617
5800 State Program Revenues	5,258,680	—	284,776	5,543,456
5900 Federal Program Revenues	913,317	290,482	876,183	2,079,982
5020 Total Revenues	7,879,547	290,482	1,418,026	9,588,055
EXPENDITURES:				
Current:				
0011 Instruction	3,666,180	253,300	385,279	4,304,759
0012 Instructional Resources and Media Services	161,648	—	10,206	171,854
0013 Curriculum and Instructional Staff Development	3,433	—	313,622	317,055
0021 Instructional Leadership	83,765	—	2,334	86,099
0023 School Leadership	413,883	—	5,546	419,429
0031 Guidance, Counseling and Evaluation Services	162,301	—	45,255	207,556
0032 Social Work Services	9	—	—	9
0033 Health Services	123,352	—	—	123,352
0034 Student (Pupil) Transportation	115,105	—	33,013	148,118
0035 Food Services	517,381	—	73,366	590,747
0036 Extracurricular Activities	327,077	—	855	327,932
0041 General Administration	606,919	—	—	606,919
0051 Facilities Maintenance and Operations	750,458	—	8,460	758,918
0052 Security and Monitoring Services	32,610	—	—	32,610
0053 Data Processing Services	153,664	—	—	153,664
0061 Community Services	—	37,182	—	37,182
Debt Service:				
0071 Debt Service - Principal on Long Term Debt	—	—	237,000	237,000
0072 Debt Service - Interest on Long Term Debt	—	—	141,773	141,773
Capital Outlay:				
0081 Facilities Acquisition and Construction	11,996	—	11,500	23,496
Intergovernmental:				
0093 Payments to Fiscal Agent/Member Districts of SSA	—	—	8,136	8,136
0099 Other Intergovernmental Charges	23,308	—	—	23,308
6030 Total Expenditures	7,153,089	290,482	1,276,345	8,719,916
1100 Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	726,458	—	141,681	868,139
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES):				
7915 Transfers In	19,085	—	—	19,085
7949 Other Resources	239,113	—	—	239,113
8911 Transfers Out (Use)	(19,085)	—	—	(19,085)
7080 Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	239,113	—	—	239,113
1200 Net Change in Fund Balances	965,571	—	141,681	1,107,252
0100 Fund Balance – September 1 (Beginning)	2,333,662	—	99,713	2,433,375
3000 Fund Balance – August 31 (Ending)	\$ 3,299,233	\$ —	\$ 241,394	\$ 3,540,627

Miners will meet Sooners in the Sun Bowl

By Steve Escajeda
Special to the Courier

It’s been a while since the Sun Bowl was completely filled with fans cheering on the UTEP football team.

Oh yeah, we can easily fill the Sun Bowl for the Dallas Cowboys or Oscar De La Hoya or the Rolling Stones.

But for fans to come out in droves for a UTEP game, the Miners either have to be ranked in the Top 25, or a team on par with Texas or Notre Dame better be visiting.

Well, it’s the latter.

It was announced last week that none other than the Oklahoma Sooners were coming to town on Sept. 1 to open the season against the Miners in the Sun Bowl.

With road games at Wisconsin and Mississippi already on the schedule, it could prove to be a bleak season on the field for the Miners.

But this is Oklahoma, OU, Boomer Sooner, seven national championships, five Heisman trophy winners, Bob Stoops, the Sooner Schooner, crimson and cream, last year’s preseason #1.

Naturally, the probability is that the Miners will get run over in this game. But can you imagine what it’ll be like around the city the week leading into this game.

The Miners will be mentioned in all the national media outlets as the season opening opponent of the Sooners, who will be ranked high as always.

All the talk around the city, on TV, on the radio,

on websites and in bars and restaurants will be the same – are you going to the Oklahoma game and where can I get tickets?

The Sun Bowl will undoubtedly be sold out in anticipation of seeing the Sooners and the Miners on the same field.

It isn’t often when the Miners take on a mid-level non-conference opponent, let alone a national power.

That’s what a coach like Mike Price does for UTEP. If you don’t think his stature helped get this game done then you have no idea of the gravitas Price brings with him.

Don’t forget that Price was instrumental in bringing the Texas Longhorns here.

With the attendance at Miners games dipping over the last few years, the Oklahoma game is a great way to get fans back to the stadium and experience what they’ve been missing.

Win or lose, there’s no doubt that a UTEP football game is a lot of fun. Even when they lose, the Miners are always competitive and those days of 52-7 losses are long gone.

UTEP did a great job of luring the Oklahoma Sooners to the Sun Bowl, now they have to do a better job of marketing the game and the events surrounding that week.

It’s no secret that UTEP has done a horrible job in recent years of promoting their product and the empty seats at their sporting events are the result.

But here’s a chance to change an image from woe is us, to why not us?

ESPN on Lin

What is going on at ESPN?

The worldwide leader in sports has suddenly become the worldwide leader in racial slurs.

Over the last week there have been a couple of separate incidents involving the latest superstar de jour – New York Knicks point guard Jeremy Lin.

After his meteoric rise, Lin finally had a less than stellar game and ESPN was quick to pounce.

On ESPN.com, a story on Lin’s performance read, “Chink in the amour.”

This was an obvious play on an offensive word describing Asian people.

Then if that wasn’t enough, an ESPN anchor later used the exact same wording describing Lin’s performance.

The person responsible for the headline was fired and the anchor has been suspended for 30 days.

Whether anyone agrees or disagrees with all the hype coming from the play of Jeremy Lin, it should only be because of what he does on the court.

Of course, a big part of his popularity is because he had a 4.2 GPA in high school and because he is a graduate of Harvard and because he is an Asian American.

He’s unique, he’s humble, he’s unselfish and he’s a heck of a basketball player.

Racial slurs have no place anywhere in civilized society.

Of course a couple idiots at ESPN don’t define the entire network, but they do define themselves. And way too often, we spend way too much time defining others as something ugly – simply because they are different.

A sporting view

By Mark Vasto

Becalmed in the doldrums

Toward the end of February and the beginning of March, nobody is having a fiery discussion about sports.

That shouldn’t come as a surprise to the seasoned sports-talk listener. This is the time of the hypothetical trade and the “bubble team.” With the possible exception of those two or three real sports writers that seemingly make all the rounds on ESPN – if only to make the folks behind “Deadspin.com” a little extra jealous – nobody cares about the sporting world right now. All there is to talk about is the absence of sport. It’s a language of lament.

In college hoops we already know the top 25, and any team with 20 wins is going to the NCAA tournament. Some like to debate the merits of a bubble team, but they tend to be the hundred or so students that attend the bubble college. All apologies to the student body at Guam State or Boondocks Tech... but with the possible exception of your parents, nobody cares about you except your college loan lender.

(Anyway, you’re going to lose in the first round.)

Rare is the time somebody runs into the room and yells, “Hockey season is almost two-thirds of the way over!” Nor do they put on face paint and tailgate for the reporting of pitchers and catchers at baseball’s spring training. I know that there are a lot of purists out there – and I’m sure Sports Illustrated’s Joe Posnanski can write a novella filled with all sorts of weep-inducing allegories, but really, rooting for pitchers and catchers is about as fun as scanning the sign-in sheet at a Kansas City software convention.

And this year it appears that the Davis Cup has once again failed to capture the imagination of America, even though America’s John Isner defeated the legendary Roger Federer in the first bumper of the competition.

Remember that despite its aristocratic French indoor courtyard origins and subsequent centuries of posh country-club maturation, outside of boxing and MMA, tennis is the only major sport where you can go one-on-one with somebody head-to-head. But this generation of tennis stars, I am told, doesn’t have the “it” factor previous generations did.

The matches are too long today, people whine. Well those people clearly do not have kids. When you’re around a baby that requires minute-to-minute attention, you’d be surprised at how much you “really need” to see if Coco Crisp takes a big lead off of second base.

With that in mind, you, too, will realize there is no need to get fired up about sports talk at the end of February or beginning of March. Every non-Pamper-changing moment is a panacea; you’ll be surprised.

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

Canutillo Independent School District Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balance Governmental Funds For the Year Ended June 30, 2011					
Data Control Codes	10 General Fund	50 Debt Service Fund	60 Capital Projects	Other Funds	Total Governmental Funds
REVENUES:					
5700 Total Local and Intermediate Sources	\$ 14,768,064	\$ 3,419,306	\$ 23,695	\$ 20,177	\$ 18,231,242
5800 State Program Revenues	26,977,577	1,515,335	–	703,281	29,196,193
5900 Federal Program Revenues	4,421,214	–	–	7,006,613	11,427,827
5020 Total Revenues	46,166,855	4,934,641	23,695	7,730,071	58,855,262
EXPENDITURES:					
Current:					
0011 Instruction	20,710,802	–	–	5,675,458	26,386,260
0012 Instructional Resources and Media Services	609,972	–	–	279,274	889,246
0013 Curriculum and Instructional Staff Development	305,464	–	–	913,811	1,219,275
0021 Instructional Leadership	753,608	–	–	173,665	927,273
0023 School Leadership	2,230,385	–	–	35,421	2,265,806
0031 Guidance, Counseling and Evaluation Services	1,101,129	–	–	68,141	1,169,270
0032 Social Work Services	30,044	–	–	–	30,044
0033 Health Services	556,586	–	–	3,833	560,419
0034 Student (Pupil) Transportation	1,331,993	–	–	–	1,331,993
0035 Food Services	3,088,637	–	–	76,193	3,164,830
0036 Cocurricular/Extracurricular Activities	1,092,465	–	–	34,602	1,127,067
0041 General Administration	1,785,946	–	–	10,459	1,796,405
0051 Facilities Maintenance and Operations	3,708,396	–	–	25,582	3,733,978
0052 Security and Monitoring Services	82,818	–	–	–	82,818
0053 Data Processing Services	740,006	–	–	1,624	741,630
0061 Community Services	38,341	–	–	407,497	445,838
Debt Service:					
0072 Debt Service - Interest on Long Term Debt	–	1,518,773	–	–	1,518,773
0073 Debt Service - Bond Issuance Cost and Fees	–	8,670	–	–	8,670
Capital Outlay:					
0081 Facilities Acquisition and Construction	28,069	–	490,986	–	519,055
Intergovernmental:					
0099 Other Intergovernmental Charges	218,681	–	–	–	218,681
6030 Total Expenditures	38,413,342	1,527,443	490,986	7,705,560	48,137,331
1200 Net Change in Fund Balances	7,753,513	3,407,198	(467,291)	24,511	10,717,931
0100 Fund Balance – September 1 (Beginning)	5,925,085	974,825	11,850,362	49,017	18,799,289
1300 Prior Period Adjustment	(688,265)	–	–	–	(688,265)
3000 Fund Balance – August 31 (Ending)	\$ 12,990,333	\$ 4,382,023	\$ 11,383,071	\$ 73,528	\$ 28,828,955

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OUT ON A LIMB By Gary Kopervas



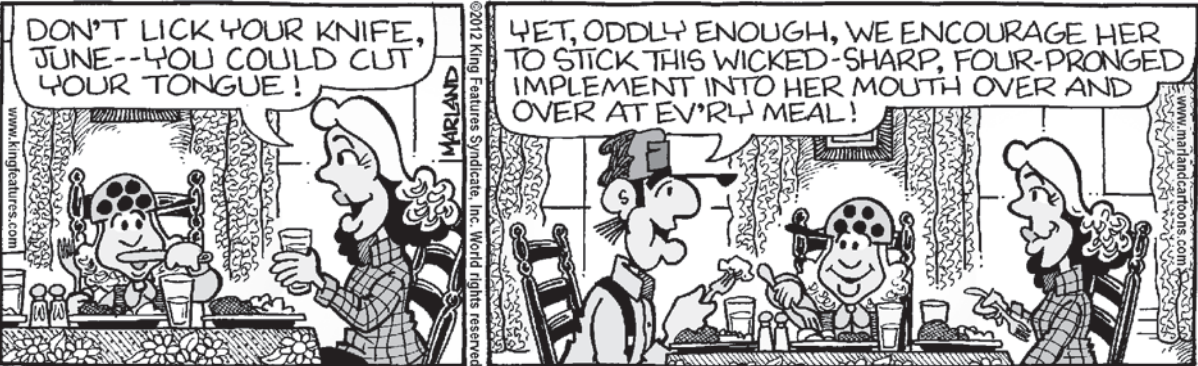
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Your good health By Paul G. Donahue, M.D.

DEAR DR. DONOHUE: I've always heard that at older ages, it doesn't matter how high the first number of a blood pressure reading is; it's bound to rise with age. My blood pressure is 185/70, and my doctor wants me to go on blood pressure medicine. My second number is fine. Why is he making a fuss? I am 67. I don't like taking drugs. – W.S.

potatoes, bananas, orange juice, peas, beans, milk, spinach, squash, watermelon, figs and cantaloupe. Be as physically active as your doctor allows.

If your pressure doesn't fall, then you have to resort to medicines. Eight large drug families, yielding more than 57 different medicines, give you a wide choice to bring your pressure down without side effects.

The booklet on high blood pressure will convince you of the importance of blood pressure control. To order a copy, write: Dr. Donohue – No. 104W, Box 536475, Orlando, FL 32853-6475. Enclose a check or money order for \$4.75 U.S./\$6 Canada with the recipient's printed name and address. Allow four weeks for delivery.

DEAR DR. DONOHUE: What happened to DMSO? It used to be available, but it has disappeared. Why? – W.K.

DMSO – dimethyl sulfoxide – was very popular as a treatment for arthritic joints. It is rubbed on the skin over the aching joint. The Food and Drug Administration never approved it for that use, and that may be why it lost its appeal.

There is a dedicated doctor and a dedicated group of DMSO fans who feel the same as you. They're trying to get the FDA to re-evaluate its stance on this substance.

DMSO is approved for the treatment of interstitial cystitis, a painful bladder condition. The material is instilled into the bladder.

You have heard wrong. Both numbers of a blood pressure reading are significant. If either is higher than normal, it indicates high blood pressure. It is true that systolic pressure, the first number, rises with age. And it is true that the second number, diastolic pressure, tends to plateau after age 50. However, a higher-than-normal systolic or diastolic pressure constitutes hypertension, high blood pressure.

The first number is the pressure imparted to blood when the heart pumps it into the aorta. It takes a great deal of pressure to circulate blood through all the body arteries. The second number is the pressure in the heart as it fills with blood. Normal pressure is less than 120/80. High blood pressure is 140/90 and above. Numbers between those two pressures are called prehypertension, a short stop lower than actual high blood pressure.

You have high blood pressure, hypertension. You doctor made a fuss because uncontrolled high blood pressure causes artery hardening, leads to strokes and heart attacks, puts the kidneys out of action, contributes to congestive heart failure and promotes dementia. Still think your pressure is OK?

If you are overweight, weight loss brings pressure down. So does shunning salt. It's not the saltshaker on the table that pushes people over the recommended daily limits (1,500 mg of sodium), but it is commercial foods. Become a reader of the sodium content of the foods you buy. Potassium lowers blood pressure. Potassium-rich foods are baked

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) 2012 North America Synd., Inc. All Rights Reserved.

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9 Lucas character

13 Gullible one

18 Rueful cry

19 Certain Semite

20 Imported cheese

21 Extragalactic object

22 DIRECTOR PICKS KAPLAN TO PLAY LINCOLN!

25 Author Le Guin

26 Prepare to propose

27 Valueless

28 Hum bug?

30 ABA member

31 Fix a fight

33 "WHEEL"

RATINGS PLUNGE!

39 More meager

44 "Graf _"

45 Navigation hazard

46 Film, for short

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136 General Bradley

137 Final

138 Alarm button

139 Raucous noise

140 _ Hari

141 Actress Merrill

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2 Economist

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3 Ming thing

4 Behind a windjammer

5 Fall behind

6 OPEC member

7 "Elephant Boy" star

8 Cain's victim

9 "Of course!"

10 Harem room

11 Apply gently

12 Petite parasite

13 Mongrel

14 Owns

15 Nothing special

16 Mediterranean island

17 Brooklyn school

21 Suppress

23 Skirt feature

24 Skiers' mecca

29 Wee one

32 Present

34 Datebook abbr.

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36 Charges

37 "The March King"

38 Fedora fabric

39 Mineral springs

40 She brought out the beast in men

41 Part owner?

42 Urban transport

43 Absorbed

48 Ruth's mother-in-law

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52 Puppy bites

53 Fighter pilots

54 "SNL" bit

56 Haunted-house sound

57 Oklahoma city

58 Alex Haley book

60 Pianist Chasins

61 Bandleader Perez

67 Bergonzi or Ponti

68 "Waves of grain" color

70 Fast flier

71 Bright

73 Between three

75 Bum a ride

76 Humble

77 Soprano's showcase

78 Jessica of "Dark Angel"

79 Comic Carter

80 Melville novel

84 Play ground?

85 Great Lake natives

87 Po land

89 It'll give you a lift

91 Change for a five

93 Helicopter sound

94 Circle dance

95 Sikorsky or Stravinsky

96 First offender

97 Jay's house

100 Negative correlative

104 It may be tall

105 Internet acronym

107 Colors

109 Demetrius' duds

110 Inclined

111 Sweat and slave

112 Dumbstruck

113 Brings down the house

114 Thought-provoking

119 Particle

120 Maffia or Downey

121 Petty clash?

123 Prepare to fly

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125 Sita's husband

127 Chemical suffix

128 PC key

130 Long or Peoples

131 Unused

132 Dadaism founder

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Moore Texas by Roger Moore The happy folks of Happy Texas have a yearly festival called HAPPY DAYS...there's a whole lot of happy happening , huh ?



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.

	-		x		15
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	÷		+		11
÷		x		÷	
	+		x		12
15		12		10	

DIFFICULTY: ★★

★ Moderate ★★ Difficult
★★★ GO FIGURE!

1 2 3 3 4 5 6 8 9

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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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	6		4			1		

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: Are Supplemental Security Income (SSI) payments paid only to disabled or blind people?

A: No. In addition to people with disabilities or blindness, SSI payments can be made to people who are age 65 or older and have limited income and financial resources. For more information, read our publication, Supplemental Security Income, at www.socialsecurity.gov/pubs/11000.html.

Q: How long does a person need to work to become eligible for retirement benefits?

A: We base Social Security benefits

on work credits. Anyone born in 1929 or later needs 40 Social Security credits to be eligible for retirement benefits. You can earn up to four credits a year, so you will need to work at least 10 years to become eligible for retirement benefits. Learn more by reading the publication How You Earn Credits at www.socialsecurity.gov/pubs/10072.html.

Q: My brother had an accident at work last year and is now receiving Social Security disability benefits. His wife and son also receive benefits. Before his accident, he helped support another daughter by a woman he never married. Is the

second child entitled to benefits?

A: The child may qualify for Social Security benefits even though your brother wasn't married to the second child's mother. The child's caretaker should file an application on her behalf. For more information, visit us online at www.socialsecurity.gov.

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.

Briefs

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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 up to \$1,000.

— James Klaes

Wanted I

A Socorro Search has been launched for Henry Chavez, 39, who also uses the name Enrique Chavez and claims to own HC Landscaping, HC Concrete work and HC Construction. City of Socorro Police Department

Detectives interviewed a woman who says she was approached by Chavez who gave her an estimate



Henry Chavez

to build an additional room and porch on her home on Pritam in the City of Socorro. They agreed to start the job on September 13, 2011 and Chavez even signed hand written contract. Since then, the victim has tried several times to contact Chavez, but he won't answer his phone and

he has not been by her house to start the work. What's worse, the victim paid Chavez \$2,000 cash to get started. The payment was noted on the contract, but Chavez hasn't done a thing at on the job. This isn't the first time Chavez has been accused of something like this. He has three previous charges of deceptive business practices and has a record of defrauding people under the three company names he uses. When he's swept up in the Socorro Search, he'll be charged with Theft over \$1,500 under \$20,000 and he need to post a \$1,500 bond to get out. If you have information about Chavez or know where he is please call the Socorro Police Department at 858-6986.

— Dave Garcia

Wanted II

Victor Hugo Natera, 36, a home repair con artist, is this week's Manhunt Monday Most Wanted Fugitive. He has multiple aliases including Victor Cirilo, Victor Herrera, Hugo Natera, Victor



Victor Natera

Hicks, Ray and Javier. Natera is 5'9" tall, weighs 220 pounds and has brown hair and eyes. He is sought for taking thousands of dollars from victims that hire his services for home repairs that do not get done. Some of the front company names he uses include J&B or J&V Construction and advertises under "Remodelacion en General." He has also failed to pay workers and has victimized other people by using their credit for supplies and then not paying. Natera knows he is wanted as he has a warrant for his arrest. He is believed to remain in the area hiding with friends and relatives. He is a lengthy criminal history for various offenses such as theft, bad checks, retaliation, DWI, probation violation, and several assaults. If anyone has seen or has any information on the whereabouts of Natera 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 Natera.

— Deputy Jesse Tovar

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 W

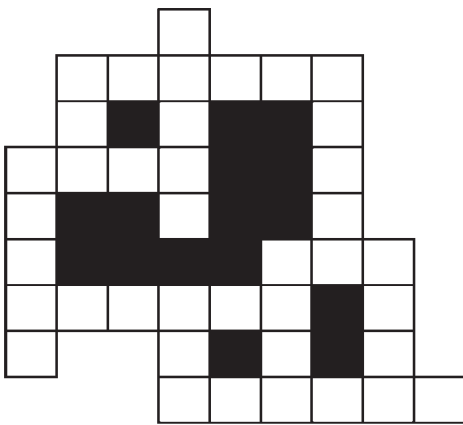
LRK UKE APQHZLK VKLKYLQHK
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LRK JNWOZU "EK APB RZPVKP."

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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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