



NEWSBRIEFS

Luncheon

The Southwest Character Council Monthly Luncheon will be held Wednesday, March 14, 11:45 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at Great American Land & Cattle Company, 701 S. Mesa Hills, El Paso. The Character quality for March is Compassion. The cost is just \$10 per person for lunch, networking and training. RSVP to (915) 779-3551 to reserve your spot, and make sure enough meals are prepared. Cash or check only please.

— Kelly McCullough

Crime Stoppers

A 65-year-old woman pulls up to an ATM machine at an eastside bank and is robbed at gunpoint by an unknown man, making this the Crime Stoppers “Crime of the Week.” On Thursday, Jan. 26, 2012, about 10:15 p.m., the elderly victim pulled into a handicap parking space at the Bank of America, 1330 N. Lee Trevino, and got out of her vehicle to use the ATM near Rojas Street. While she withdrew money, a man came up behind her demanding that she give him her money. When she turned, she saw that the man held a black handgun in his right hand. She gave him the money she had just withdrawn. He tried to get more money from the ATM but ended up jamming it so it wouldn’t work. The suspect fled on foot around the corner of the building, and then a red pickup drove slowly through the parking lot. It is not known if the suspect got into that truck, or if perhaps the truck’s driver could have seen the suspect. The suspect is described as a Hispanic man between the ages of 16 and 18, short height, thin build, wearing a black hoodie and dark pants. If you have any information at all about the identity of the suspect 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

Wanted

A good deed goes punished. In early March 2011 City of Socorro Police Department Detectives reported the complainant lent Martha Elena Ochoa, 34, her 1994 Nissan passenger car. She told officers Ochoa actually took the car from her home on Melissa Circle, in the City of Socorro with her permission. At that time both



Martha Ochoa

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Nothing worthwhile is achieved without patience, labor and disappointment.
— Quips & Quotes



— Photo courtesy Village of Vinton

DIRTY JOB – Last year the Village of Vinton collected 22 tons of trash and debris during the Great American Cleanup. Volunteers from Anthony, Canutillo and Americas High Schools joined with other organizations during the annual Don’t Mess With Texas Trash Off – High Cleanup to pick up a ton of trash, including the pile above. Local restaurants and businesses provided food and goodies for the event.

Vinton readies to tackle unsightly issues

By Jessica Garza
Special to the Courier

Each year thousands of volunteers gather throughout the country as part of the Keep America Beautiful Great American Cleanup campaign. Taking place annually from March 1 through May 31, it is the nation’s largest community improvement program.

Keep Vinton Beautiful will kick-off the cleanup this year on March 3rd with its “Helping Hands” painting program. Funded by the Home Depot Foundation and donations from local contractors, 100 volunteers will paint the exterior of the homes of elderly or disabled homeowners in Vinton and cleanup their yards.

Activities in Vinton through May 31 include a playground installation, cleaning the banks of the Rio Grande, Don’t Mess With Texas Trash-Off, removing graffiti, community

collection days and other events to keep the community beautiful!

Events are open to volunteers of all ages and local community organizations. Volunteers are treated to breakfast, lunch, beverages and “Thank You” gifts are provided by local sponsors and Keep Vinton Beautiful.

For more information or to sign up a group contact (915) 886-5104 or visit the website at: www.vintontx.gov/office2.com or email: kvb@vintontx.us. Events include:

- March 3: Helping Hands Painting Project (5 homes);
- March 10: River Clean Up 9:00 a.m. City Hall;
- March 24: Community Collection 8:00 a.m., Public Works Yard;
- March 31: Helping Hands Painting Project (5 homes);
- April 14: Don’t Mess With Texas – Highway Cleanup 9:00 a.m., City Hall;
- April 21: Earth Day Event – Install

playground at Municipal Park 9:00 a.m., City Hall;

- May 5: River Clean Up, 9:00 a.m., City Hall; and
- May 19: Community Collection 8:00 a.m., Public Works Yard.

In 2011, 1,905 Great American Cleanup events were held, with more than 90,000 volunteers contributing 417,448 hours in 912 communities across the state. More than 6 million pounds of trash was collected and recycling events collected more than 1.2 million pounds of electronics, 34,340 pounds of batteries, and 71,439 tires. Over 8 million pounds of paper, 845,894 pounds of plastic and 2.3 million pounds of metal were also collected. Additionally, awareness events and workshops were held, graffiti was abated, buildings were painted and repaired or removed, community gardens, flowers and trees planted and illegal dump sites were cleaned (www.kab.org).

Socorro ISD superintendent announces resignation

By Daniel R. Escobar
Special to the Courier

Socorro ISD Superintendent, Dr. Xavier De La Torre has announced his departure from the District at the conclusion of the school year. He has been selected to serve as the County Superintendent in Santa Clara County, overseeing 31 superintendents, their respective school districts, and the nearly 250,000 students they serve in the Silicon Valley of Northern California.

“It is with mixed emotions that I announce my intention to leave the Socorro Independent School District,” said Dr. De La Torre in a letter addressed to the “Socorro ISD Family”. “Serving as the superintendent of schools for the Socorro ISD over the past three years has been the most rewarding and fulfilling

experience of my professional career.”

Dr. De La Torre took the helm of the Socorro ISD on June 15, 2009 and has led the District to a series of unprecedented successes. Under his leadership, Socorro ISD was named a Finalist for the national Broad Prize for Urban Education two straight years and has earned a Texas Education Agency Recognized rating three years running. In 2011, he rallied community support to pass a \$297.4 million bond program that will ensure the District’s continued success as it welcomes some 5,000 students over the next four years.

He credits all of the District’s success to a strong, cohesive team. “I am grateful to the Board of Trustees who consistently provided



X. De La Torre

extraordinary leadership, counsel, and support during my tenure. They are a dedicated and caring group of individuals who should serve as a model for other governance teams,” Dr. De La Torre said. “I will miss the unparalleled support and expertise that I received from my Cabinet and District Leadership Team. I am genuinely convinced that the Socorro ISD has the greatest principals and teachers in Texas.”

“And finally, to all the teachers, support staff, students, their families, and the community, thank you for having embraced my family and for having entrusted me to lead the Socorro ISD on your behalf,” Dr. De La Torre concluded.

Dr. De La Torre will continue to serve as superintendent through June 30, 2012.

Veterans Post

By Freddy Groves

Vet centers going mobile

Have you checked out the Vet Center near you? These Department of Veterans Affairs Centers provide dozens of health services, perhaps more than you'd expect.

The Vet Centers were started in 1979 as a response to the need to help Vietnam-era veterans adjust to civilian life. Since then the eligibility for assistance has been expanded to include other eras of hostility. Since 2003, the services include bereavement help for spouses, parents and siblings of veterans who died on active duty, as well as substance-abuse assessment and referral, job assessment and referral, brain injury screening, benefits help and more. The Centers, 207 of them across the country, had more than a million visits last year.

In addition to the Centers themselves, the VA has had 50 mobile vans going to areas that don't have easy access to the regional medical centers. These fully outfitted recreational vehicles, with spaces divided into private rooms, head out to rural areas for on-the-spot counseling, information and referral for military sexual trauma, marriage and family counseling, bereavement counseling and Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder.

In the event of a natural disaster, these vans also can serve as support centers. They have phone lines, computers, WiFi and DVD, satellite dish, fridge, first aid, a defibrillator and more.

And now there are an additional 20 vans out on the road to serve rural areas. To read the list of locations for the new vans, go to the VA's website and put "new mobile vet centers" in the search box.

To find the Vet Center nearest you, go online to www.va.gov and put "find Vet Center" in the search box, or call 800-827-1000.

If you go to a Stand Down this year, you'll likely see those vans in place.

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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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Por la Gente

By State Rep. Chente Quintanilla

My office, job, is to help people

Hola mi gente. This week my office received a request from a parent for general information about my office as state representative. Basically she was calling to assist her son who is a Boy Scout. He had an assignment to discuss his elected officials.

It did not take long to pencil together a rather simple document about my life before and during the time I have spent as state representative. Many of you who know me are well aware that I have been married for over 40 years to Gracie Cano and that we have lived our entire lives together in Tornillo. It was there that we reared our four daughters.

After earning a BS and Masters in Education, I spent the next 30 plus years in the Socorro Independent School District; 21 years as an Assistant Superintendent of Administration. School district administrators are too often targeted by corrupt influences. I can assure you that I closed the door in a hurry to anyone who proposed improper actions on my part.

We provided additional information to the Boy Scout's mom about some of the highlights of my career. The pinnacle had to be the legislation I filed that changed the way Medicare Advantage Plans were marketed in Texas. After meeting with dozens of seniors who were victimized by crooked agents, I had to do something. For months leading up to the session in which the bill was passed, my office was the only one statewide fighting for more regulation on those agents.

Additionally, we explained how we execute our responsibilities as public servants. I have always instructed my staff to assist anyone who asks for help. Just in the past two weeks, we assisted a single senior female who had called her insurance on claims five times without an answer. My office called the Department of Insurance and in less than a week that senior was sent a check for almost \$3000.

There are many other stories like the previous example. For many, our office is the only one to listen to their problems. We have addressed federal, state and county issues on behalf of those who called. We may not have solved all of the problems but we at least explained why. My staff and I find it very rewarding to positively impact the lives of people who are truly in need.

It turns out the Boy Scout gave his presentation and was commended for going beyond what was expected. My office informed his mother that they should feel free to contact us for any school projects or papers. We can utilize the massive resources that are available at the capitol to provide a wide range of information.

I encourage any of you reading this to contact us for your needs or for a research paper or project for your students. My office will assist in whatever manner appropriate. Gracias, mi gente, and I remain your friend and public servant, Chente por la gente.

Judge @ 2312 KANSASSTREET / *Judge* @ kstan.com

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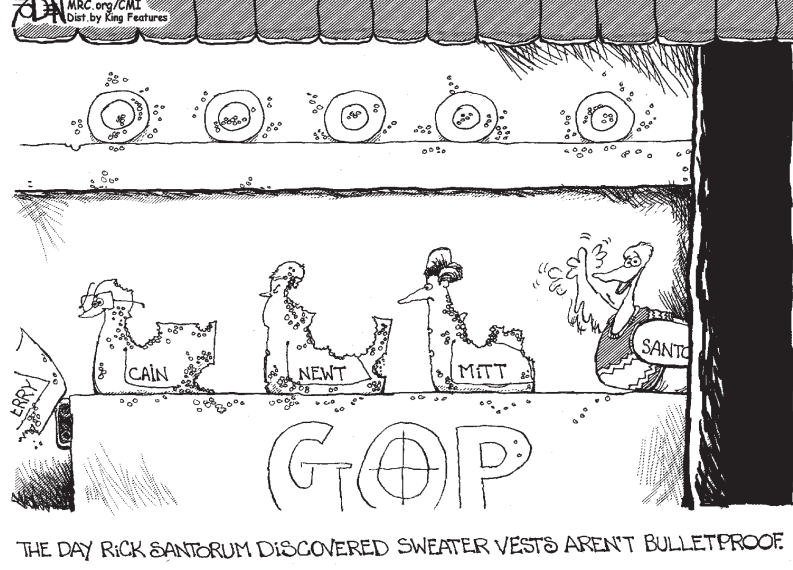
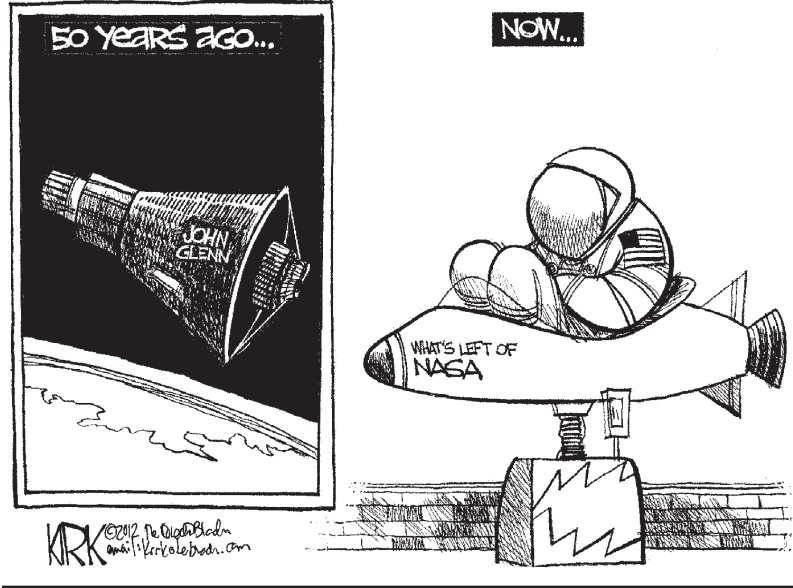
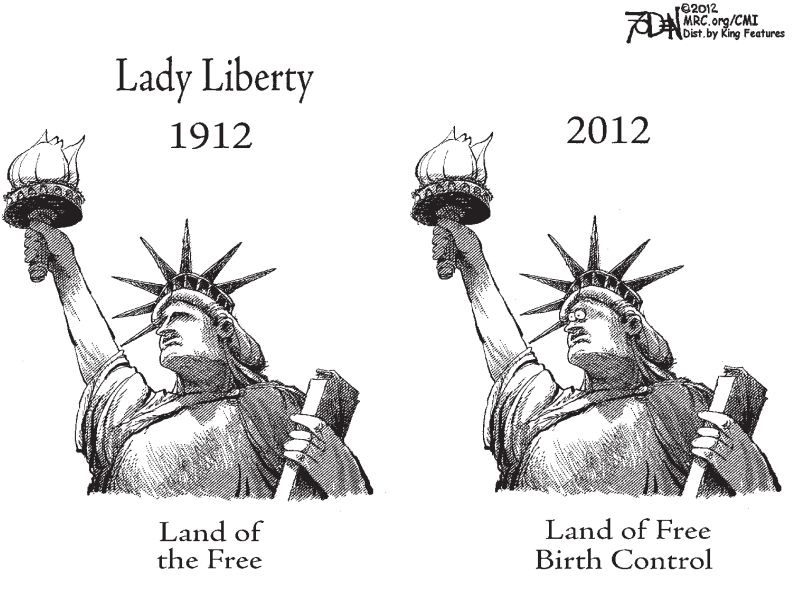
"IT'S HOW WE FIND A LEADER."

Briefs

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the complainant and the Ochoa both agreed Ochoa could use the car until Ochoa's car was fixed or until the complainant needed it and she would ask Ochoa for it. After a few months the complainant then began to ask Ochoa to bring her back the car but Ochoa refused. The last time the complainant was able to get a hold of Ochoa was back in August 2011. And to this day the complainant has not been able to get back her car. Since she can't get it back and she does not know where it is she wants to prosecute Ochoa for depriving her of her property.

— David Garcia



To The Citizens Of

A La Ciudadanía De

Village of Vinton

Don't Flush Opportunity!

¡No Pierdan La Oportunidad!

Health

In 1993 the Texas Department of Health issued notice indicating that a nuisance “dangerous to the public health and safety” exists in the Village of Vinton due to inadequacies of the substandard cesspools used to dispose of wastewater and the high concentration of TDS, sulfate, chloride, and fluoride in the area’s water supply.

Safety & Growth

- A sewer system will:
- Provide first time wastewater service to the entire Village of Vinton – approximately 554 residential and commercial service connections;
 - Eliminate nuisance from failing septic systems and existing cesspools;
 - Protect surface and groundwater supplies; and
 - Create an attractive environment for future growth and development.

Funding

- Agencies that have earmarked money for the sewer project:
- BECC: \$500,000 for design (awarded)
 - TWDB: \$625,000 for design (RLF awarded \$1,200,000)
 - NADB-BEIF: \$5,000,000 for construction (Committed)
 - USDA: \$16,000,000 for construction (50/50 to 80/20)
 - TWDB: \$16,000,000 for construction (70/30 Committed)
 - TWDB: \$400,000 EDAP for easements (Committed)

Funding in Jeopardy if Project Not Approved

- BECC: \$500,000 • NADB: \$5,000,000 • USDA: \$8,000,000
- TWDB: \$11,200,000 • TWDB: \$400,000
- **Total: \$25,100,000**

URGE COUNCIL TO APPROVE THIS VALUABLE PROJECT

- **March 6, 2012 at 6:30 PM**
- **City Hall, 436 E. Vinton Rd.**
- **Call (915) 886-5104 for assistance to attend this meeting.**

Let's Make the Village of Vinton a Better Place to Live!



Salud

En 1993 el Departamento de salud de Texas publicó un anuncio indicando que en el Village del Vinton existe una incidencia peligrosa para la salud y seguridad públicas debido a la deficiencia de los pozos negros usados para el desecho de las aguas residuales y la alta concentración de sustancias químicas como TDS, sulfato, cloruro y fluoruro en las áreas de abastecimiento de agua.

Seguridad y Crecimiento

- El sistema de alcantarillado:
- Suministrará servicio de aguas residuales por primera vez a toda la ciudad de Vinton (aproximadamente 554 servicios de conexión para residencias y negocios);
 - Eliminará la inconveniencia de tanques sépticos con fallas y pozos negros en existencia;
 - Protegerá el agua de la superficie y el manto acuífero; y
 - Creará un ambiente atractivo para el futuro crecimiento y desarrollo económico de la ciudad.

Inversión

- Agencias dispuestas a invertir en el proyecto de alcantarillado:
- BECC: \$500,000 para el diseño (dinero ya otorgado)
 - TWDB: \$625,000 para el diseño (RLF otorgo \$1,200,000)
 - NADB-BEIF: \$ 5,000,000 para construcción (ya comprometidos)
 - USDA: \$16,000,000 para construcción (del 50/50 al 80/20)
 - TWDB: \$16,000,000 para construcción (ya comprometidos al 70/30)
 - TWDB: \$400,000 para derecho de acceso (ya comprometidos)

Inversión en Peligro si el Proyecto No se Aprueba

- BECC: \$500,000 • NADB: \$5,000,000 • USDA: \$8,000,000
- TWDB: \$11,200,000 • TWDB: \$400,000
- **Todo: \$25,100,000**

ES URGENTE QUE EL CONCEJO APRUEBE ESTE VALIOSO PROYECTO

- **6 de marzo, 2012 a las 6:30 PM**
- **City Hall, 436 E. Vinton Rd.**
- **Llame (915) 886-5104 si necesita ayuda para asistir a la junta.**

Hagamos de Vinton un Lugar Mejor para Vivir!

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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 C o m m i s s i o n 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.

La solicitud de EPE para reconciliar costos de combustible y de energía adquirida se encuentra en la lista Q-8.8 de la solicitud de EPE.

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

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.

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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 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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CryptoQuip Answer

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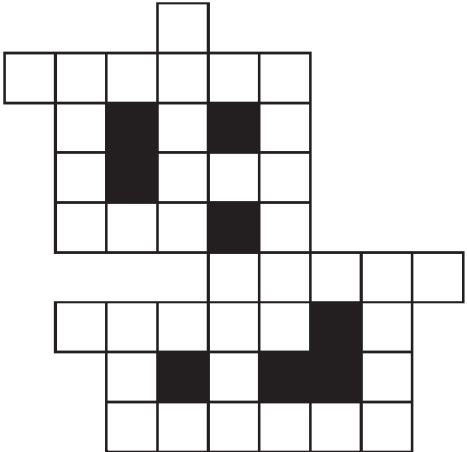
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Answer Page 4

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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Fabens 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 | Title XIV ARRA State Stabilization | 50 Debt Service Fund | 60 Capitol Projects | Other Funds | Total Governmental Funds |
|--|-----------------|------------------------------------|----------------------|---------------------|-------------|--------------------------|
| REVENUES: | | | | | | |
| 5700 Total Local and Intermediate Sources | \$ 1,558,404 | \$ - | \$ 278,174 | \$ 1,379 | \$ 196,024 | \$ 2,033,981 |
| 5800 State Program Revenues | 17,477,848 | - | 1,488,452 | - | 320,450 | 19,286,750 |
| 5900 Federal Program Revenues | 1,647,484 | 1,229,735 | - | - | 3,410,443 | 6,287,662 |
| 5020 Total Revenues | 20,683,736 | 1,229,735 | 1,766,626 | 1,379 | 3,926,917 | 27,608,393 |
| EXPENDITURES: | | | | | | |
| Current: | | | | | | |
| 0011 Instruction | 10,401,402 | 1,307,203 | - | - | 2,929,613 | 14,638,218 |
| 0012 Instructional Resources and Media Services | 277,142 | - | - | - | - | 277,142 |
| 0013 Curriculum and Instructional Staff Development | 99,190 | 6,331 | - | - | 174,066 | 279,587 |
| 0021 Instructional Leadership | 204,240 | - | - | - | 334,154 | 538,394 |
| 0023 School Leadership | 1,132,832 | - | - | - | 247,185 | 1,380,017 |
| 0031 Guidance, Counseling and Evaluation Services | 426,252 | - | - | - | 213,419 | 639,671 |
| 0032 Social Work Services | 46,153 | - | - | - | 103,355 | 149,508 |
| 0033 Health Services | 457,270 | - | - | - | 485 | 457,755 |
| 0034 Student (Pupil) Transportation | 358,700 | - | - | - | - | 358,700 |
| 0035 Food Services | 1,316,841 | - | - | - | 17,715 | 1,334,556 |
| 0036 Extracurricular Activities | 766,399 | - | - | - | - | 766,399 |
| 0041 General Administration | 1,140,483 | - | - | - | 15,679 | 1,156,162 |
| 0051 Facilities Maintenance and Operations | 2,827,426 | - | - | - | 24,985 | 2,852,411 |
| 0052 Security and Monitoring Services | 281,976 | - | - | - | - | 281,976 |
| 0053 Data Processing Services | 230,295 | - | - | - | - | 230,295 |
| 0061 Community Services | 47,924 | - | - | - | 65,006 | 112,930 |
| Debt Service: | | | | | | |
| 0071 Debt Service - Principal on Long Term Debt | - | - | 625,000 | - | - | 625,000 |
| 0072 Debt Service - Interest on Long Term Debt | - | - | 1,150,159 | - | - | 1,150,159 |
| 0073 Debt Service - Bond Issuance Cost and Fees | - | - | 900 | - | - | 900 |
| Capital Outlay: | | | | | | |
| 0081 Facilities Aquisition and Construction | 72,569 | - | - | 2,360,815 | - | 2,433,384 |
| Intergovernmental: | | | | | | |
| 0099 Other Intergovernmental Charges | 83,398 | - | - | - | - | 83,398 |
| 6030 Total Expenditures | 20,170,492 | 1,313,534 | 1,776,059 | 2,360,815 | 4,125,662 | 29,746,562 |
| 1100 Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures | 513,244 | (83,799) | (9,433) | (2,359,436) | (198,745) | (2,138,169) |
| OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES): | | | | | | |
| 7915 Transfers In | - | 83,799 | - | - | 206,533 | 290,332 |
| 8911 Transfers Out (Use) | (290,332) | - | - | - | - | (290,332) |
| 7080 Total Other Financing Sources (Uses) | (290,332) | 83,799 | - | - | 206,533 | - |
| 1200 Net Change in Fund Balances | 222,912 | - | (9,433) | (2,359,436) | 7,788 | (2,138,169) |
| 0100 Fund Balance – September 1 (Beginning) | 5,826,139 | - | 108,485 | 1,515,034 | 62,429 | 7,512,087 |
| 1300 Increase (Decrease) in Fund Balance | - | - | (175,616) | - | - | (175,616) |
| 3000 Fund Balance – August 31 (Ending) | \$ 6,049,051 | \$ - | \$ (76,564) | \$ (844,402) | \$ 70,217 | \$ 5,198,302 |

Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ★★★

★ Moderate ★★ Challenging

Answer Page 4 ★★★ HOO BOY!

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Lin’s fortune cannot be sullied by a cookie

By Steve Escajeda
Special to the Courier

The whole story surrounding the meteoric rise of New York Knicks’ guard Jeremy Lin has been a refreshing one.

An Asian American kid comes out of nowhere to lead one of the storied franchises in NBA history to a bunch of wins.

The kid carried a 4.2 GPA in high school, he graduates from Harvard, he is humble and never creates any controversy and he’s been living in absolute NBA anonymity for the past two years.

So can we please just sit on the edge of our seats and enjoy what this young man is doing on the court and quit being so hypersensitive when it comes to his race?

Yes, ESPN messed up big time with their insensitive remarks about his Chinese background. Only problem is that he is an American and he comes from Taiwanese decent.

The guys who messed up at ESPN were either fired or suspended and that’s a good thing.

But this whole Lin-sensitivity stuff has got to slow down a bit. It’s gotten to the point that watchdog groups are lying in wait, just hoping for some slip of the tongue concerning Lin’s ethnicity.

The latest to come under fire are two guys everybody loves, Ben and Jerry of Ben and Jerry’s Ice Cream.

They are stationed out of Boston, just like Harvard is, and they wanted to honor the heroics of Jeremy Lin so they invented a

frozen yogurt for him.

Ben & Jerry’s issued an apology last week for having the nerve to include fortune cookies in its “Taste the Lin-Sanity” frozen yogurt sold at a Harvard Square location in Boston.

Are you kidding me? That’s a great idea. Who in the world has the time to be offended by that? It wasn’t intended to be offensive. They were trying to honor his background by including a fun part of the Asian dining experience we Americans love.

That’s like some restaurant getting in trouble for naming a hamburger after Antonio Banderas and putting jalapenos in it to spice it up.

Is everyone sitting at home just waiting to be offended by something? Have we become a society of people who would rather tear down others instead of being responsible for themselves?

There have been nicknames for NBA players over the years like former Philadelphia 76ers power forward Daryl Dawkins – wasn’t he called Chocolate Thunder?

Yes, it was because he was black and he would hammer down some thunderous dunks.

Doesn’t Kobe Bryant walk around with the nickname the Black Mamba? If I’m not mistaken he is an African American right?

Who sat up nights totally offended by the movie, White Men Can’t Jump?

Regular everyday Americans go about their business all the time knowing that we all are different. We look different, we act different,

we speak differently and we look at the world differently.

And that’s the beauty of this country. In most countries, everybody looks the same.

People that get it know that it’s alright to talk about our differences. We hear that Ben and Jerry’s have a yogurt for Jeremy Lin that includes a fortune cookie and we say, “cool.”

People who don’t get it say, “That’s an ugly stereotype intended to ridicule Asian people.”

I guess people see what they want to see, and forget about the facts that are clearly in front of them.

It’s gotten so bad that the Asian American Journalists Association has issued a list of guidelines to follow when writing stories about Jeremy Lin.

Really, we need a set of rules to write about this great story?

I don’t know if Jeremy Lin can keep playing the way he has been. It’ll be tough to keep it up. The guy is under a tremendous amount of pressure every time he steps onto a basketball court.

But to pile on the pressure by knee-jerk reactions every time someone thinks they may have heard what they perceive to be an insensitive remark is just as unfortunate.

I don’t know about you but I would have taken my “Taste the Lin-Sanity” frozen yogurt and saved the fortune cookie for last.

I would have raised it in the air and said, “here’s to you Jeremy Lin.” Then I would have enjoyed it and not felt one bit of regret.

Because I only worry about real problems – not Lin-vented ones.

A sporting view By Mark Vasto

No kidding around, Carter was great

When Gary Carter, the great catcher for the Montreal Expos and New York Mets (let’s look past the West Coast tour he took in the early ‘90s), passed away last month, with him went a million memories of an exceptional athlete and all-around great guy.

It’s funny to me, watching the New York Knicks fans going crazy for Jeremy Lin. It’s as if the town was so desperate for its own Tim Tebow story, fans really had no choice but to go crazy for their improbable point guard. For that matter, the NBA did, too. The Kobe Bryant storyline went stagnant years ago, right or wrong, and the whole LeBron

James soap opera ran its course in about five minutes. That’s because we already knew the story... jilted lover, jealousy and rage coupled with a secret desire to see the ex fail.

No, what the NBA and New York City needed was a human-interest story – something that could really spring off the back pages of the Post and Daily News on the train ride home. Christianity is all the rage now. But rest assured, Lin will have his fall from grace soon enough in that town. If he is to become one of the great ones, he’ll sink and then return to some semblance of his former glory before retiring to incredible acclaim.

But what makes it so interesting to me is that for a half-decade, they could have had that story in their hands on the same ride home, in the same papers with Gary Carter. For here was a Christian, a family man, a tough guy who led the secondary squad of the city to a championship.

That’s not to say he wasn’t beloved in New York, because he was. I’ve noticed that a lot of sports writers are saying he wasn’t, and that’s not true. Anecdotally, I can tell you he was very much appreciated by both Yankee and Mets fans and probably a bit more by the former. While the Bronx Bombers were dinking and dunking with Butch Wynegar and Joel Skinner, the Mets had Gary Carter, ripping frozen ropes and home runs and calling near-perfect games at will.

Carter was a champion, but he wasn’t a flashy guy. It didn’t matter because he was always out there flashing a grin. The guy was getting paid to play baseball, and he actually appreciated that fact. And he showed his appreciation by playing in as many games as possible (mainly for his pitchers’ sakes ... they never wanted anyone else to catch a game) and because, like a kid, he just wanted to play.

And he certainly could. Rest in peace, Gary Carter.

Condolences may be sent to: The Gary Carter Foundation, 580 Village Blvd., Suite 315, West Palm Beach, FL 33409.

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Clue: N equals F

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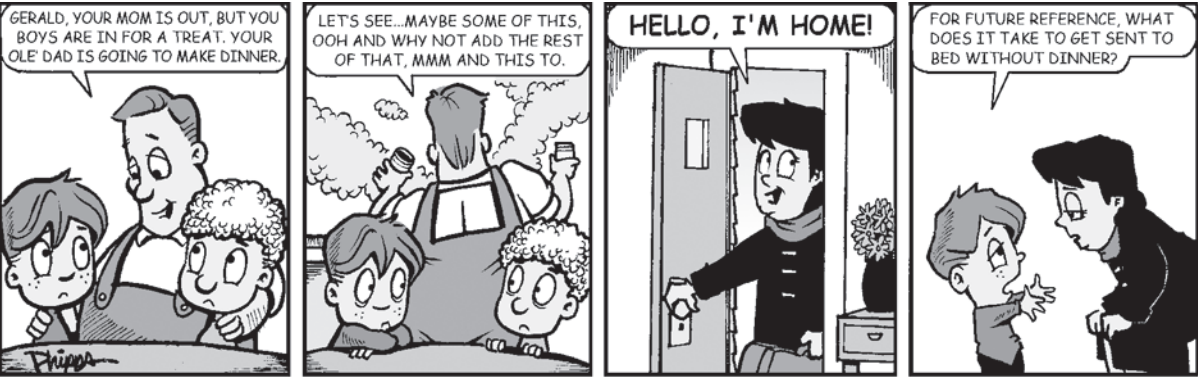
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Comix

OUT ON A LIMBBy Gary Kopervas



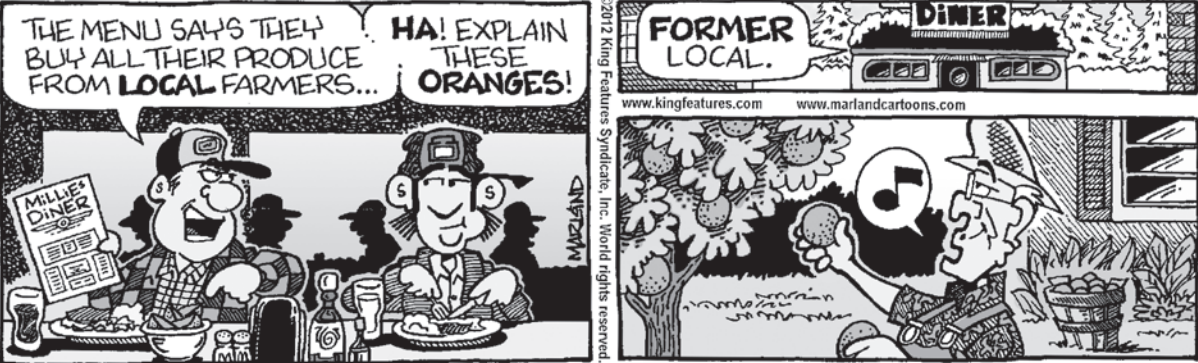
AMBER WAVESBy Dave T. Phipps



THE SPATSBy Jeff Pickering



R.F.D. By Mike Marland



Your good healthBy Paul G. Donahue, M.D.

DEAR DR. DONOHUE: My husband, 46, died suddenly and unexpectedly from a heart attack. An autopsy showed that he died from what the doctor said was a minor heart attack. How does a minor heart attack kill? It was major for him and me. – C.C.

The pathologist who performed the autopsy must have found that only a small section of heart was involved, and only a small heart artery was obstructed. Minor heart attacks can lead to major complications, including death. They can generate abnormal heartbeats, so abnormal that the heart's pumping action stops. You have my deepest sympathy.

The booklet on heart attacks explains why they happen and how they're prevented. Readers can order a copy by writing: Dr. Donohue – No. 102W, Box 536475, Orlando, FL 32853-6475. Enclose a check or money order (no cash) for \$4.75 U.S./\$6 Canada with the recipient's printed name and address. Please allow four weeks for delivery.

DEAR DR. DONOHUE: I want to get rid of a lot of expired medicines. I have heard that flushing them down the toilet or putting them in the garbage will make them end up in our drinking water. What is the proper solution? – M.S.

Different government agencies have different recommendations for medicine disposal. Congress is trying to resolve those differences.

First, check with your drugstore to see if it has a program to dispose of medicines; many do. Also check with your town, county or state to see if it has "take-back" programs. Many do.

If you can't find a facility that accepts old medicines, mix them with coffee grounds, sawdust, kitty litter or similar materials

(making them less appealing for children or pets to eat), seal them in a plastic bag and put them in your trash.

A few drugs ought to be flushed down the toilet or the sink. These drugs are mostly powerful painkillers, like morphine, fentanyl, oxycodone and Demerol. They pose a danger to children, pets and even adults if accidentally ingested. This advice comes from the Food and Drug Administration. You can find the complete list at www.fda.gov.

DEAR DR. DONOHUE: I have an ingrown toenail that's giving me much grief. I'd like to take care of it myself. I'm out of work and have no insurance. Will you give me some directions on what to do? – H.A.

You can try to handle it on your own, but be careful. Don't traumatize the toe or skin. Soak your foot in warm, soapy water for 10 minutes. To free the nail from the corner of the skin in which it is imbedded, try to work a small ball of cotton between the nail and the skin. Dental floss hooked under the corner of the skin helps you accomplish this.

From this day onward, cut your toenails on a horizontal plane. Don't round off the edges. That's an invitation to an ingrown toenail.

If all of this is a bit overwhelming, let a podiatrist free the nail for you. Make some arrangements for a later payment.

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.

Super Crossword

- WHO NEEDS IT?

ACROSS

1 Pay hike?

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11 Styptic pencil stuff

15 Predicament

19 Model Kim

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21 It's a long story

22 "Inter _"

23 Start of a remark

26 Fluff the flour

27 Mr. Hammarskjold

28 Composer Satie

29 Majors or Marvin

30 Layers

32 Had kittens?

33 Postern and portcullis

36 Main squeeze

37 "_ culpa"

39 Heavenly hunter

40 "I bet!"

41 Part 2 of remark

46 Faux _

49 Fireworks reaction

50 "_ Boulevard"

(50 film)

51 They may be rolled

52 Billings or Mostel

53 Neighbor of Miss.

54 "_ Blade" ('96 film)

55 Leans

57 It's taken by nurses

58 Sharp taste

60 Skater Midori

61 Wine choice

62 Nabokov novel

63 Kukla's colleague

65 Part 3 of remark

68 Fail to mention

69 Tedious

71 Sues or Shepard

72 Boathouse item

74 Objectives

77 Take on

78 Pack of partridges

80 Like many gyms

82 Cornfield cry

83 Calcium oxide

84 Non-stereo

85 Peaceful

86 Chemist Remsen

87 Singer Joey

88 Part 4 of remark

92 Heady quaffs

93 Respond to an alarm?

94 "Ask _ Girl" ('59 film)

95 Fop's neckwear

98 Marsh bird

99 Facts, for short

102 Georgia athletes

103 Brit. fliers

104 Way to go?

105 Clean-air org.

108 Serenade accompaniment

109 End of remark

115 Fragrance

116 Peace of mind

117 "My word!"

118 Swimmer Gertrude

119 "Circus Boy" prop

120 Prophet

121 Lorre role

122 Triangular sail

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1 Spoke out

2 _ Romeo

3 _ shui

4 Medieval weapon

5 Kitchen gadget

6 Grenoble's river

7 Walrus weapon

8 Meyers of "Kate & Allie"

9 NCO

10 It may be major

11 Fatheads

12 _ bloomer

13 "Yuck!"

14 Mehta and Muti

15 Iraqi city

16 Homeric work

17 Cool

18 Base stuff?

24 Bream of baseball

25 Actress Graff

31 " _ Angel" ('60 smash)

32 "Pshaw!"

33 "Peer Gynt" composer

34 Nonstandard contraction

35 "Mazel _!"

36 Fills the bill

37 Dough

38 Wharton work

39 "Smilla's Sense _" ('97 film)

40 Actuary's fig.

41 Ditch under a drawbridge

42 Road curve

43 Decree

44 Step _ (hurry)

45 Nick of "The Deep"

46 Party animal?

47 Guy Fri.

48 Queens stadium

52 Raul of "The Addams Family"

55 At present

56 Rock's _ Butterfly

57 Petite pooch

59 Bellyache

61 Journalist Ernie

62 Mime Yarnell

64 Picnic crasher?

66 Devastation

67 Fashionable event

69 Like Mussorgsky's mountain

70 Garfield's pal

73 Actor Guinness

75 Tie the knot

76 Fluctuate

78 Telescope view

79 Responsibility

80 Wired

81 _ Plaines, IL

84 Exemplar of slowness

85 Cut cuticles

88 Cut coupons

89 "84 Charing Cross Road" author

90 Psychic Geller

91 _ Paulo, Brazil

95 Uncouth

96 Boca _ FL

97 Ward off

98 Morley of "60 Minutes"

99 Charged atom

100 Puzo product

101 Singer Payne

102 Ink stain

103 Trick

104 Carthaginian queen

105 Raison d'_

106 Soccer superstar

107 Mideastern gulf

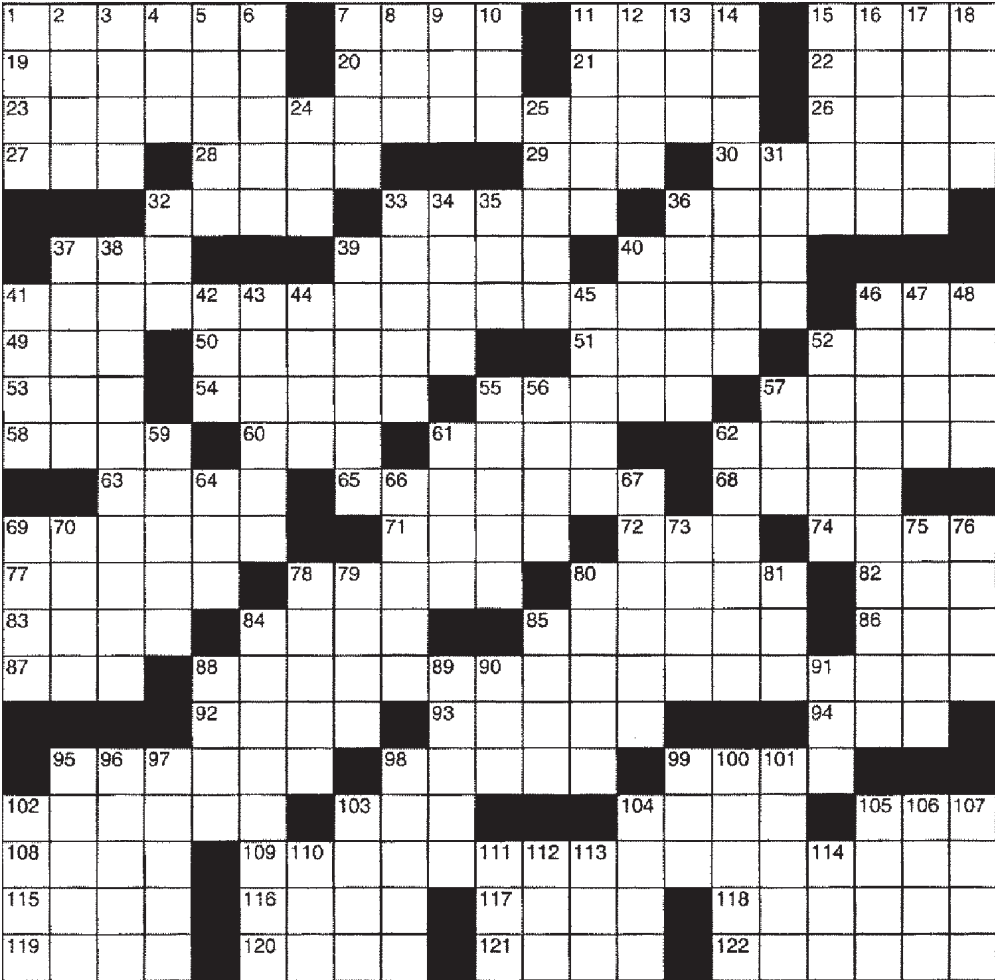
110 _ kwon do

111 Jewel

112 Inflatable item?

113 Use a shuttle

114 Lepidopterist's need



TRUE TEXAS FACTS *by Roger Moore* Feb. 16, 1926, Humorist Will Rogers, a native Oklahoman, is made a private in the Texas Rangers.



Social Security Q&A By Ray Vigil

Q: What is the “definition of disability” for children filing for Supplemental Security Income (SSI)?

A: A child is disabled if he or she:

- Has a physical or mental condition (or a combination of conditions) that results in “marked and severe functional limitations.” This means that the condition very seriously limits the child’s activities; and
- The condition has lasted, or is expected to last, at least one year or is expected to result in death; and
- Is not working at a job that we consider to be substantial work.

To determine whether your child meets the definition of disability, we look at medical and other information (such as information from schools and from you) about the child’s condition. We also consider how the condition affects the child’s daily activities. We consider: what activities is your child not able to do, or is limited in doing; the type of extra help and how much extra help your child needs to perform age-appropriate activities — for example, special classes at school, medical equipment; and whether the treatment interferes with your child’s day-to-day activities.

Remember that SSI is a needs-based program where family income and resources also play a role in determining eligibility for benefits. For more information, read Benefits For Children With Disabilities at www.socialsecurity.gov/pubs/10026.html.

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.

**El Paso County Tornillo Water Improvement District
Proposed Arsenic Treatment Facility
Tornillo, El Paso County, Texas
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

**April 5, 2012 at 6:00 p.m.
St. Rita Hall, 19211 Cobb St., Tornillo, Texas**

The El Paso County Tornillo Water Improvement District (TWID) will host a public hearing for the TWID’s Proposed Arsenic Treatment Facility (ATF) located in Tornillo, El Paso County, Texas. One of the purposes of this hearing is to discuss the potential environmental impacts of the project and alternatives to it. The TWID proposes to construct an arsenic removal system that will comply with the new maximum limits for arsenic in groundwater as defined by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). The proposed Arsenic Treatment Facility (ATF) will treat raw water from the existing wells to provide potable water to Tornillo residents. The ATF will be constructed at the existing Well No. 3 well site located at Hemley Street. A new gravity sewer pipe will extend from the Well No. 3 site and follow H.R. Hemley Street, Drake Street, and Fourth Street before connecting to an existing sanitary sewer line at the intersection of Fourth Street and Highland Street. The purpose of the gravity sewer pipe is to convey the backwash water away from the ATF, which will be discharged into the existing sanitary sewer system and treated at the existing wastewater treatment plant.

For additional information on this project, please call Francelia Vega, Business Manager, El Paso County Water Improvement District at 915-764-2966. Persons with disabilities who plan to attend the meeting and need auxiliary aids or services, or who require Spanish translation, are requested to contact Ms. Vega by phone or email. If you are unable to attend the meeting, you may send your comments or concerns to:

Francelia Vega, El Paso County Tornillo WID, P.O. Box 136, Tornillo, Texas 79853
• Office: 915-764-2966 • Fax: 915-764-3725 • Email: epctwid@yahoo.com

**El Paso County Tornillo Water Improvement District
Centro de Tratamiento de Arsénico Propuesto
Tornillo, El Paso County, Texas
AVISO DE AUDIENCIA PÚBLICA**

**5 Abril 2012 a las 6:00 p.m.
St. Rita Hall, 19211 Cobb St., Tornillo, Texas**

El Paso County Tornillo Water Improvement District (TWID por sus siglas en Ingles) llevara a cabo una audiencia publica concerniente al Centro de Tratamiento de Arsénico (ATF por sus siglas en Ingles) que TWID propone construir en Tornillo, El Paso County, Texas. Esta audiencia se llevara a cabo con el fin de hablar sobre los posibles impactos ambientales que este proyecto y sus alternativas tendrá. El TWID propone construir un sistema de eliminación de arsénico, el cual cumplirá con los límites máximos de arsénico para agua subterránea según los requisitos de la agencia EPA (por sus siglas en Ingles). El ATF propuesto tratara el agua cruda de los pozos existentes para proporcionar agua potable a los residentes de Tornillo. El ATF se construirá donde esta situado el Pozo No. 3 localizado en la calle H.R. Hemley. Además, un nuevo canal de desagüe se extenderá desde el Pozo No. 3 y seguirá hacia las Calles H.R. Hemley, Drake, y Fourth antes de conectarse a una alcantarilla sanitaria existente en la intersección de las Calles Fourth y Highland. El propósito del nuevo canal de desagüe es transportar el agua contracorrente del ATF, la cual se descargara en la red de alcantarillado sanitario existente y será tratada en la planta de tratamiento de aguas residuales.

Para más información sobre este proyecto, favor de comunicarse con Francelia Vega, Gerente de Negocios de TWID, al 915-764-2966. Personas con discapacidad que deseen asistir a la audiencia y requieran de alguna ayuda, o personas que necesiten traducción al español, se les anima a comunicarse con la Srta. Vega ya sea por teléfono o por correo electrónico. Así mismo si no le es posible asistir a esta audiencia, podrá enviar sus comentarios o preocupaciones a:

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**STRANGE
BUT TRUE**
By Samantha Weaver

• It was 20th-century American director, screenwriter, playwright and novelist Ben Hecht who made the following sage observation: “Trying to determine what is going on in the world by reading newspapers is like trying to tell the time by watching the second hand of a clock.”

• If you visualize an image of John Lennon, more likely than not you’ll see him in your mind’s eye wearing a pair of round spectacles. In July of 2007, one pair of those iconic glasses was sold at auction for a whopping \$2 million.

• There’s nothing terribly surprising about the fact that an animated version of George Orwell’s famed novel “Animal Farm” was produced in the United States in 1954. What made this production unusual is that the movie rights were bought by, and the film was covertly funded by, the CIA. It was thought that it would be excellent anti-Communist propaganda during the Cold War.

• If you’re like 12 percent of American men who are about to get married, you’ll go to a tanning bed before you make that walk down the aisle.

• You might be surprised to learn that early automobile magnate Henry Ford was a fan of soy. In the 1940s, the fabric used for the upholstery in some of his cars was made from 25 percent soy. He even owned a soy-based suit of clothing that he would sometimes wear for media events.

• The Transportation Security Administration banned cigarette lighters on carry-on luggage between 2005 and 2007. During that time, TSA screeners confiscated 22,978 lighters every day. Safe disposal of those lighters cost the taxpayers approximately \$4 million every year.

Thought for the Day: “Obstinacy is the result of the will forcing itself into the place of the intellect.”
— Arthur Schopenhauer