



NEWSBRIEFS

Archeology camps

Registration continues for El Paso Museum of Archeology's summer camps, which are scheduled from 9 a.m. to noon, Tuesdays through Fridays, July 9 to 12 for children ages 7 to 9 years, and July 23 to 26 for children ages 10 to 12. The Archeology Summer Day Camps include interactive, hands-on courses held on the museum's grounds and in the galleries, as well as field trips to Hueco Tanks State Park for the 10 to 12 year old children and a field trip to the Tigua Indian Cultural Center for a museum tour and bead looming activity for the 7 to 9 year old children. "The camp is a mixture of outdoor and indoor activities including learning to identify artifacts and then conducting a survey and a mock excavation. Campers will learn respect and appreciation for prehistoric, historic and contemporary Indian people," stated Marilyn Guida, El Paso Archeology Museum education curator. The Franklin Mountains Rotary Club is sponsoring a special registration rate for camp this year: \$42.90 for El Paso Museum of Archeology members and \$54.60 for non-members. Registration is accepted on a first-come first-served basis, as attendance is limited to twelve students per camp. For more information and the camp registration form, contact the museum at 915-755-4332 or send email to guidamr@elpasotexas.gov.

— Alfredo Vasquez

MADD walk

For the 4th year, El Paso Community College (EPCC) is proud to announce its partnership as the major sponsor with Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD) for the "Walk Like MADD" event. The event is a 5K walk followed by many fun activities to raise money and awareness for MADD. "Walk Like MADD" will take place at 8:00 a.m., Saturday, July 13, 2013 at the EPCC Valle Verde campus, 919 Hunter. Registration for the walk may be done in advance online at www.walklikemadd.org or the day of the walk at 7:00 a.m. Registration fees (includes an event t-shirt) are for Adults \$20, ages 5-21-\$15 and kids four and under are free. Four-legged friends have a \$10 registration fee that includes a bandana and treats. After the walk, there will be music, games, activities and refreshments. For the first time, MADD will host a Car Show during the event. You can visit the Walk Like MADD website for car registration information. MADD's mission is to stop drunk driving, support the victims of this violent crime and prevent underage drinking. Since 1980, MADD has grown into one of the nation's most widely respected non-profit organizations. For more information on "Walk Like MADD", contact Vanessa

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When freedom grows flabby, the tyrants become grabby.

— Quips & Quotes



— Photo by Alfredo Vasquez

Clint ISD Board of Trustees meetings are held at the district's central administration building, which is located in Horizon City. The district is closed this week. CISD will resume its summer hours of operation- from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday - Thursday (closed Fridays), beginning July 8 and continue through August 2.

Clint ISD addresses representation issue, names new superintendent

By Alfredo Vasquez
Special to the Courier

Clint Independent School District (CISD) Board of Trustees made two major decisions in June that will have lasting effects for the lower valley community. Board members addressed the single-member district representation proposal in a recent meeting one week and in another meeting the following week named the district's new superintendent.

In an attempt to calm the commotion among community residents concerning a request to change the school board's at-large representation to single-member districts, Clint ISD trustees (in a 5-2 vote) decided to welcome petitions from the community and invited voters to gather the required number of signatures and present them to the board.

El Paso Inter-religious Sponsoring Organization (EPISO) and other community leaders have been urging trustees to change from an at-large representation to single-member districts for years.

Under the current at-large system, trustees do not need to live in the area they represent.

Board President James Pendell and Trustees Fernando Sepulveda, Janice Armstrong, Mary Macias, Fred Martinez and Robert Lara live in Clint. Trustee Patricia Randleel lives in Horizon City. The district serves about 11,700 students in the Montana Vista, Horizon City and Clint areas, and the majority of the students attend schools in the Montana Vista and Horizon City areas.

"The board approved endorsing an effort for community members to achieve the required number of signatures on a voter petition for a possible voter referendum," Clint ISD spokesperson Laura Cade stated in a recent news report.

If Clint ISD residents were to petition the school board to change to single-member districts, they would have to collect about 5,000 signatures. According to the Texas Education Code, at least 15 percent or 15,000 of the registered voters of the school district, whichever is less, must sign and present to the board of trustees a petition requesting a change in the district's representation. The board must then order that the appropriate proposition be placed on the ballot at the first regular election of trustees held after the 120th day after the date the petition is submitted to the board.

Juan Cruz, attorney for Clint ISD, said in a recent news report that the motion to accept

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Juan Martinez, current chief human resource officer for Socorro Independent School District, was named the sole finalist to be the next Clint Independent School District superintendent.

Socorro High School NJROTC best in nation

By Christina Flores-Jones
Special to the Courier

The Socorro High School NJROTC has been named the 2013 Most Outstanding Unit in the Nation by the U.S. Navy League. Socorro High School was chosen for the prestigious designation out of nominations from 11 areas across the nation. More than 600 NJROTC units compete in area contests en route to the final selection of the country's most outstanding unit.

The unit won the top area award after competing against schools from New Mexico, Colorado and Oklahoma. From there, the Socorro NJROTC was nominated for the

national award. The unit was honored for its outstanding armed and unarmed teams, academic and physical teams and color guard. They were also commended for their countless hours of community and environmental service in the El Paso, Horizon City and Socorro communities. Last year, the Socorro NJROTC won third in the nation and first at the state level for the third consecutive year. The NJROTC unit won the national award once before in 1995.

"It is the students and the parents that continuously support this program. I pat those kids on the back because they really do a lot," said Senior Naval Science Instructor Michael Morales.

"This is a great honor and it shows that

Canutillo ISD fills positions

By Gustavo Reveles Acosta
Special to the Courier

CANUTILLO – Four key administrative positions in the Canutillo Independent School District (CISD) were filled on Tuesday night through a unanimous vote from the Board of Trustees.

"We are excited to have these four individuals on board as we get ready to start our planning for the 2013-14 school year," Superintendent Dr. Pedro Galaviz said. "CISD is poised to become a District of Choice, and I am confident that with the help of these four folks, we can get closer to that goal."

The four hires approved on Tuesday are:

- Roberto Basurto, currently the principal at Spence Middle School in Dallas ISD, is the new Executive Director of Curriculum and Instruction. Mr. Basurto is an experienced principal who has degrees from Southern Methodist University and Texas Woman's University, and is currently seeking a doctoral degree from the University of North Texas.

- Dr. Maritza Garcia, currently the assistant principal at Alamogordo High School, is the new Director of Academic Language Services. Dr. Garcia has worked in the Austin and Houston independent school districts and spent time as a principal in Honduras schools. She has degrees from Texas Southern University and Sam Houston State University, as well as a doctorate from the University of Texas at Austin.

- Dino Coronado, currently the principal at Fort Hancock High School, is the new principal at Canutillo High School. He taught at Tornillo Junior High School and International Business College. Mr. Coronado has degrees from the University of Maryland and University of Northern Iowa, and is currently seeking a doctoral degree from the University of Texas at El Paso.

- Antonio Flores, currently the Information Technology Network Manager in Canutillo ISD, is the new Director of Technology. Mr. Flores has worked in Canutillo for several years and he has a bachelor's degree from the Instituto Tecnológico de Chihuahua and a master's degree from the University of Phoenix.

the unit has put a lot of heart, time and effort into what we do," said Cadet Lt. Commander Joseph Anthony Perez and a junior at Socorro High School.

"It means we are going to have to work even harder next year, but it is a great honor and very exciting. Our cadets are outstanding and they always attend our community service events," said Cadet Commanding Officer Jose Luis Arreola, a senior at Socorro High School.

"This is a marvelous occasion to honor the students of Socorro High School who participate in the NJROTC. They are great students and they have great leadership out there," said Rodney Hansen, President of the El Paso Council of the U.S. Navy League.

Veterans Post By Freddy Groves

VA plans to end claims backlog

As part of its transparency vow, the Department of Veterans Affairs has released statistics showing which groups of veterans are waiting for claims to be processed. The plan is to eliminate the backlog by the year 2015.

The figures bear looking at because it has a long way to go. There are 808,074 pending claims that have been received and are awaiting a decision, with a backlog 530,075 claims – those that have been pending for more than 125 days.

Of the pending claims, 62 percent are from veterans filing supplemental claims for additional benefits. The other 38 percent are first-time claims.

Some 77 percent of veterans filing supplemental claims are already receiving some kind of monetary benefit; 11 percent are already at 100 percent disability; while 40 percent are already rated at 50 percent or higher disability.

The veteran eras of service are as follows for pending claims, with the backlog of claims being nearly identical:

- Vietnam: 36 percent;
- Iraq and Afghanistan: 22 percent;

- Gulf War: 23 percent;
- Peacetime: 11 percent; and
- Other: 8 percent.

To put some of these numbers in perspective: In 2010, the VA received 1.2 million claims. In 2011, VA chief Eric Shinseki added three new conditions as presumptive for Agent Orange exposure, and the VA received another 1.3 million claims. In 2012, it received 1.08 million claims.

The way I read the graphs in the Strategic Plan to Eliminate the Compensation Claims Backlog, the first fiscal quarter of 2014 (fiscal year begins Oct. 1) is when it should finally be at a point where the backlog is no longer growing. Both the backlog and pending claims then will begin to decline, sharply, like a ski slope, until the fourth fiscal quarter of 2015, when there is zero backlog.

Freddy Groves regrets that he cannot personally answer reader questions, but will incorporate them into his column whenever possible. Send email to columnreply2@gmail.com. (c) 2013 King Features Synd., Inc.

Finances By Jason Alderman

Don't get 'spoofed' by rogue callers

When caller ID first arrived on the scene it seemed like a godsend to many people: Now you could easily identify who was on the line and ignore unwanted calls, whether from telemarketers, an ex-boyfriend or an unfriendly collection agency.

But as often happens, unscrupulous individuals soon began manipulating the technology to defraud people by pretending to be someone else. Their scheme is called "caller ID spoofing" and disturbingly, it's perfectly legal in many cases.

Here's how caller ID spoofing works and what precautions you should take to avoid being victimized.

For a very low cost, businesses and individuals can use widely available caller ID spoofing software to generate calls that alter the telephone number and/or name which appear on the recipient's caller ID screen.

Police, private investigators and collection agencies have used legal spoofing services for many years. Others who might have a legitimate reason to hide their identity when making a call include domestic violence victims and doctors returning patient calls who don't wish to release their private telephone numbers.

Beyond that, the lines of legality begin to blur. The Truth in Caller ID Act of 2009 prohibits anyone from transmitting misleading or inaccurate caller ID information with the intent to defraud, cause harm or wrongfully obtain anything of value. Violators can be penalized up to \$10,000 for each infraction. Unfortunately, such penalties haven't dissuaded many scammers.

One common scam involves spoofers pretending to represent a bank, government agency, insurer, credit card company or other organization with which you do business. They count on you being reassured after recognizing the company's name on your screen.

Under the pretext of warning about an urgent situation (breached account, late payment, pending insurance

claim, missed jury duty summons, etc.), the spoofer will try to coax you into revealing personal or account information, supposedly to verify their records.

Often these are robocalls, where a recorded voice asks you to stay on the line to speak to a representative or call another number for more information. Do not. If you suspect the call might possibly be genuine, contact the company yourself at the toll-free number found on your card, account statement or the company's website.

You should never reveal your full Social Security number, mother's maiden name, credit card number, passwords or other private information over the phone unless you initiated the call yourself. Someone possessing such information could use it to gain access to your existing accounts to withdraw or transfer money, raise credit limits or snoop around your recent activity, among other intrusions.

ID thieves also can use your personal information to open new credit accounts (e.g., credit cards, mortgage or car loan), create a new identity or even obtain a job fraudulently. Often, you won't even realize something's wrong until a collection agency – or the IRS – starts hounding you for unpaid bills or taxes.

Another common caller ID spoof involves hacking into someone's voice mail account. Many cellphone users never bother to set up passwords on their voice mailboxes. And, since many voicemail systems grant access to callers phoning from their own number, a hacker could easily spoof your number and gain access to your messages.

Bottom line: You wouldn't give your personal information to a stranger on the street. Take the same level of precaution with strangers on the phone – or online.

Jason Alderman directs Visa's financial education programs.

Reading fun for San Elizario families

By Cynthia P. Marentes
Special to the Courier

Many children in the San Elizario Independent School District can now pass away the lazy days of summer curled up under the shade of tree or lounging poolside with a good book in their hands. The

district distributed hundreds of books to students during its 3rd Annual Family Reading Carnival held on June 27 in order to promote the love of reading to families in the community.

The event was held at Borrego Elementary School and marked the culmination of other literacy and English language acquisition

initiatives taking place within the district including Camp Can-Do! and the Parent Summer Institute. Each student received at least three books to take home and listened to stories read by special guests. Guest readers included U.S. Border Patrol Agents from the Clint Station and representatives from the Education Service Center (ESC) – Region 19.

Jose Velazquez, a Region 19

consultant and former teacher of English language learners, was one of the guest readers at the carnival. Velazquez stated that parents play a key role in getting students excited about books and reading at an early age.

"The power of an event like this is the way you can get families involved because its not just the child taking this journey in reading but the whole family should be engaged in the process," Velazquez added.

Reading carnival participants also enjoyed fun giveaways, face painting, balloons, healthy snacks, and appearances by local writers, Martin Bencomo and Phillip Cortez, who shared their original works. The free books are just a few more resources that San Elizario ISD parents can use to work with their children at home in between now and the beginning of new school year to help make reading and language development entertaining.



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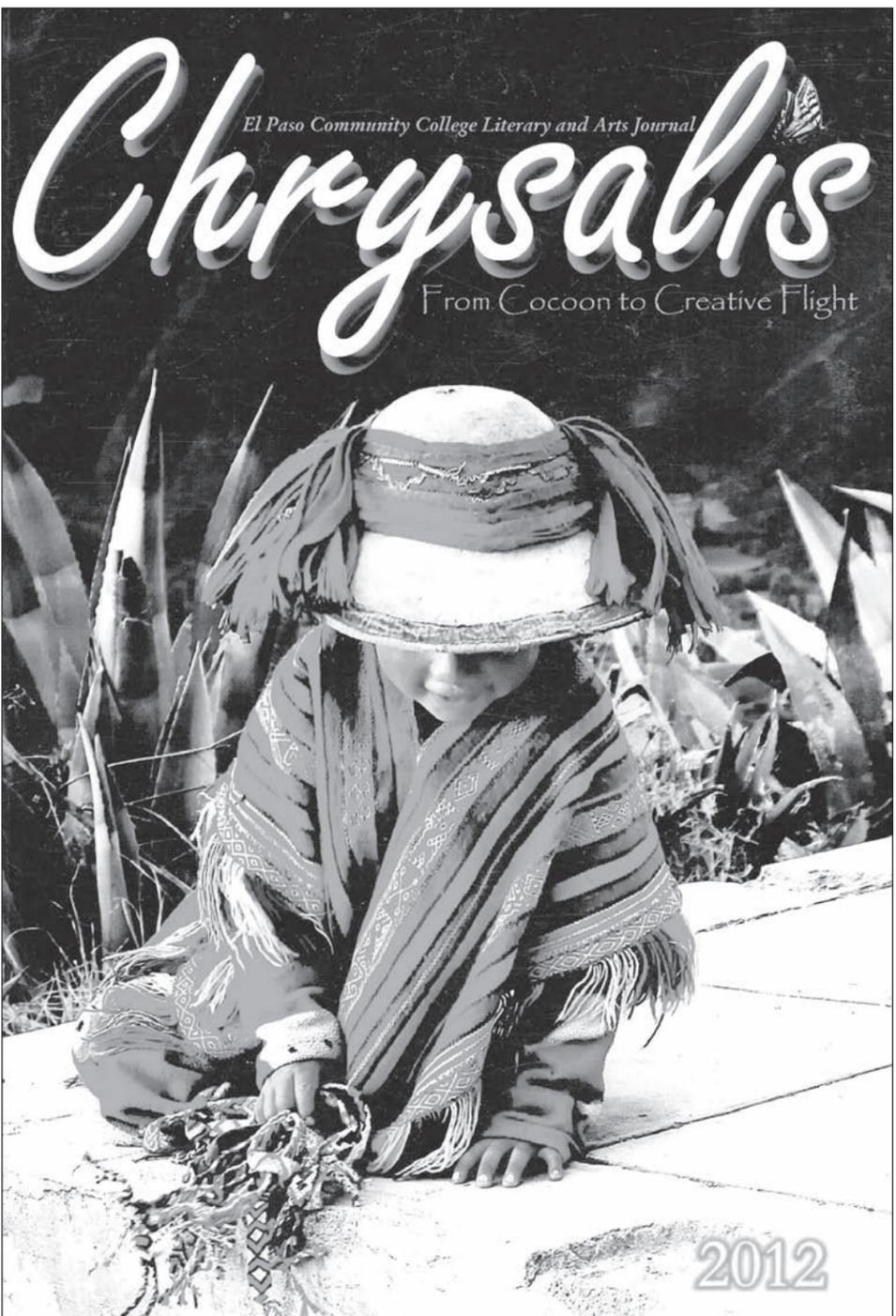
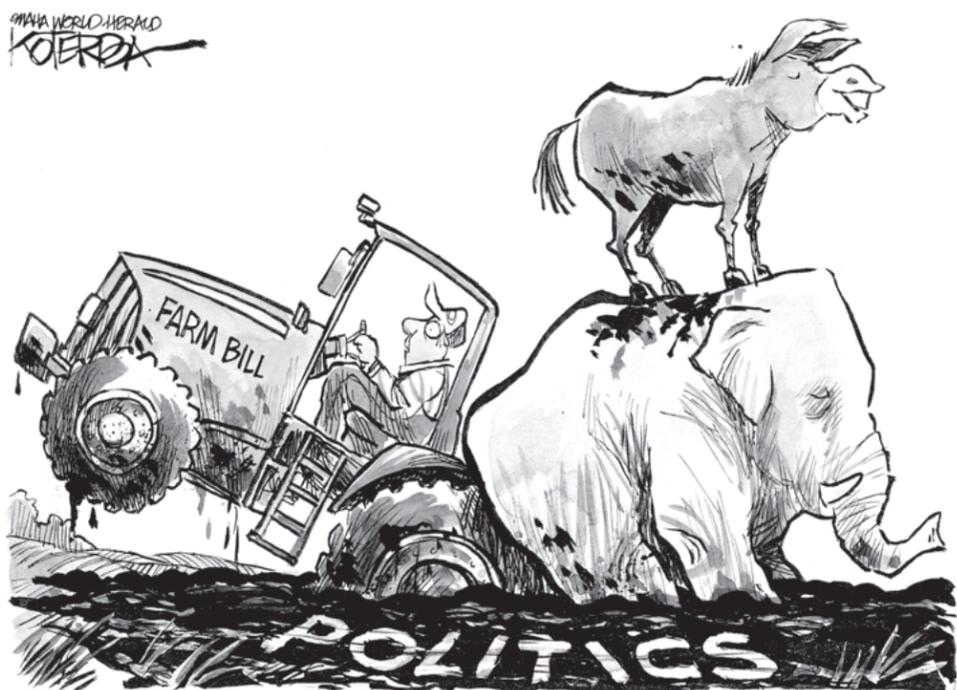
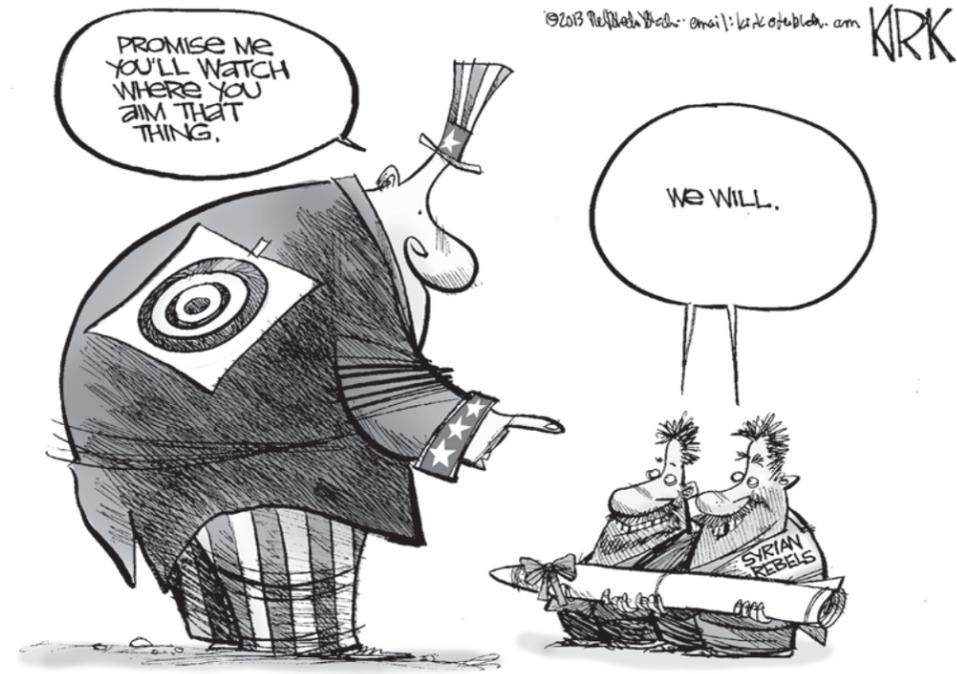
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THERE WILL BE A QUIZ – Writer Martin Bencomo reads from his book *Paloma Padilla* and asks students questions for a prize of a free book during San Elizario ISD's 3rd Annual Family Reading Carnival.



- Image courtesy El Paso Community College

EPCC Literary Journal named best

The El Paso Community College (EPCC) literary journal, *Chrysalis*, won the Sweepstakes Award from the Texas Intercollegiate Press Association (TIPA) for overall excellence in a literary magazine for the State of Texas. EPCC competes against other colleges and universities across the state. *Chrysalis* was also awarded first place for Front Cover Design, as well as many second place and honorable mention awards for short stories and layout. Tony Procell, English Professor and Faculty Coordinator, said, "This is a tremendous accomplishment for the journal and the folks who put the work into it. I am very pleased and honored to have been a part of *Chrysalis*." *Chrysalis* is an annual publication by the EPCC English Discipline as an opportunity for students, faculty and staff, as well as the community and beyond, to showcase their literary and artistic talent.

- Jim Heiney

The write stuff

Editor:

Plus one is evading the constitution. The Texas Attorney General has issued an opinion that local governments cannot extend benefits to same-sex and unmarried partners. Our county attorney is seeking to evade the state constitution by substituting a benefit policy for domestic partners called *plus one*. I thought that evading the law is something that criminals do.

County Judge Veronica Escobar's explanation of how *plus one* would work is very similar to the domestic partners policy.

It would not identify the relationship between two people as a close personal relationship, "it is more of a financial relationship".

To me this means that county employees can't add their mothers or fathers but could also add prostitutes, pedophiles, politicians, and drug dealers in addition to those that are cohabitating.

We deserve more from our leaders than evasion and sleaze to promote an immoral agenda!

Robert Strong
El Paso, TX

Canutillo ISD taxpayers get break

By Gustavo Reveles Acosta
Special to the Courier

CANUTILLO - The \$44-million bond program will not have as strong an impact on Canutillo Independent School District (CISD) taxpayers during the 2013-14 academic year as originally thought, officials with the District announced on Tuesday.

The CISD Board of Trustees unanimously approved a new budget that shows that growth in the District and careful accounting have lead to lower-than-expected tax rates for

the upcoming budget cycle, which begins on July 1.

The \$56.7 million budget adopted by CISD comes with a tax rate of \$1.49 per \$100 valuation. District officials told voters in 2011 that the sale of bonds for new construction and renovations would raise the tax rate this school year to \$1.58 per \$100 valuation.

This is the first time the sale of bonds from 2011 has impacted the CISD tax rate. Taxpayers received tax relief for the last three years, even though the relief was originally

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Luna-Marquez, Program Manager of the MADD West Texas Affiliate, at (915) 779-1987.

– Jim Heiney

SISD meal benefits

Starting on July 1, parents can apply for free or reduced-price meal benefits for their child by submitting a meal application on the district website, www.sisd.net. The online process is fast, free and confidential. Applications are for breakfast and lunch benefits for the 2013-14 school year. Following the simple online procedure allows SISD Child Nutrition Services employees to process the meal applications faster than ever. All information is kept confidential and applications are protected using the latest encryption technology. Students new to the district must pay full price for their meals until the meal application is processed. Parents may also register on MyLunchMoney.com to view their child's meal account history and balance for free. Online pre-payments for lunch and breakfast also may be made on MyLunchMoney.com for a small convenience fee. If you do not have a computer or need assistance, you may visit the Child Nutrition Services office at 12300 Eastlake Blvd., or call 915-937-0750.

– Christina Flores-Jones

Padillo hired

The Canutillo Independent School District (CISD) has hired Dominic Padilla as the new executive director of facilities and transportation. Padilla will help the District oversee the \$44-million bond program aimed at adding one new campus and refurbishing existing schools. He will also take over the department that is in charge of building maintenance and the school-bus program in the district. "This

is a critical position for Canutillo as we head into a period of major construction in relation to our bond program," said Superintendent Dr. Pedro Galaviz. "We are happy to have Mr. Padilla come on board. He brings a wealth of experience that will come in handy as we continue to grow."

– Gustavo Reveles Acosta

SBA class

The Small Business Development Center is offering a 5-week course for QuickBooks power users who want to learn advanced topics to streamline the business accounting process. Topics in this series cannot be found in the QuickBooks manual or on-line. Sessions are Mondays and Wednesdays from July 29 - August 28, 2013 from 6:00-9:00 p.m. There is a \$200 fee. Register at www.elpasosbdc.net or call 831-7742. Pre-registration is required. Classes will be held at the Small Business Development Center, 9050 Viscount Blvd. ASC Bldg. B #B520 in El Paso.

– Jim Heiney

Crime Stoppers

A woman along with another accomplice used a credit card that was lost or stolen to buy items at various businesses in Central El Paso. The woman was captured on surveillance footage and Detectives from the El Paso Police Department's Pebble Hills Regional



Command Center are asking for the public's assistance in identifying the woman. The credit card was used by suspects on Wednesday May 29, 2013 between 5 p.m. and 11 p.m. The card was first used at the Seven Eleven Store located at 2000 N. Piedras at approximately 5:19p.m. The card was then used at four additional businesses. The female suspect in the case also appears to have a tattoo on her right arm. Anyone with any information on the identity of this woman or this case is asked to call Crime Stoppers of El Paso immediately at 566-8477(TIPS), on-line at www.crimestoppersofelpaso.org or you can send a text message by entering the key word "CRIME1" (no space and include the quotation marks) plus your tip information, and text it to CRIMES (274637). You will remain anonymous and, if your tip leads to an arrest, you can qualify for a cash reward. Crime Stoppers of El Paso, Inc. is a non-profit organization that brings together the community, law enforcement, and the media to solve crime.

– Javier Sambrano

Predator loose

A sexual predator has been burglarizing homes and sexually assaulting the victims in Central El Paso. The El Paso Police Department needs your help in stopping this predator through Crime Stoppers. The suspect in this case is responsible a series of residential burglaries that have occurred at night time in the Central Neighborhood of Manhattan Heights and surrounding area. The suspect has broken into homes and sexually assaulted the victims. In addition to assaulting the victims the suspect has stolen various item of value belonging to victims. The suspect is described as a Hispanic, Male, in his 30's, 5'8 – 5'10", medium build, short hair, tattoos on his arms and speaks Spanish and English. Investigators believe that the suspect could have recent scratches to his face and neck area. Anyone with any information on the identity of this sexual predator is

asked to call Crime Stoppers of El Paso immediately at 566-8477(TIPS), on-line at www.crimestoppersofelpaso.org or you can send a text message by entering the key word "CRIME1" (no space and include the quotation marks) plus your tip information, and text it to CRIMES (274637). You will remain anonymous and, if your tip leads to an arrest, you can qualify for a cash reward. Crime Stoppers of El Paso, Inc. is a non-profit organization that brings together the community, law enforcement, and the media to solve crime.

– Javier Sambrano

Wanted

Ricardo Nuñez, 21, who also uses Macias, is this week's Manhunt Monday Most Wanted Fugitive. He is 5'6" tall and weighs 195 pounds. He has black hair and blue eyes. Nuñez was just featured in April 2013 for a violent incident



Ricardo Nuñez

where he attempted to run down a male subject while driving a pick up truck. Nuñez was captured two weeks later after his Manhunt Monday profile. Now he is wanted again for various crimes. During a confrontation with a male subject, Nuñez violently assaulted that individual with a crowbar and proceeded to cause heavy damage to another vehicle with the same crowbar. He is also wanted on an unrelated marijuana charge. Nuñez knows he is wanted and is believed to remain in the Borderland. If anyone has seen or has any information on the whereabouts of Nuñez please they can contact Crime Stoppers at 566-TIPS (8477). Callers will remain anonymous and may be eligible for a reward if the information provided leads to the apprehension of Nuñez.

– Deputy Jesse Tovar

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scheduled to be valid for just one year.

"We are happy to be able to tell the voters that we are being good stewards of their hard-earned money," said board President Armando Rodriguez. "Canutillo is committed to deliver quality bond projects, but we also have a commitment to guarantee that we will do our best to save our taxpayers money."

The 20013-14 tax rate of \$1.49 is 7 cents higher than the tax rate for the 2012-13 school year. The increase is in the Interest & Sinking part of the tax rate that helps pay for debt. The Maintenance & Operation part of the tax remained constant at \$1.17.

For the average CISD home worth \$149,209, the adopted tax rate would mean

an annual school tax bill of \$1,999.72 – \$94 more than the same house would have paid last year.

Martha Aguirre, CISD's executive director of finance, announced that the District's adopted budget of \$56.7 million for the upcoming school year is about \$5.3 million higher than last year's budget.

"We have seen an increased tax base as more businesses and homes are built inside our district boundaries," Aguirre said. "When you couple that, with the fact that our enrollment continues to grow, but not in an uncontrollable manner, you end up with a budget that is healthier and allows the district some flexibility."

The higher budget also reflects some refunds that were paid back to CISD after officials figured that excessive funds had been withdrawn from Canutillo during statewide education cuts two years ago.

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petitions from the voters was done as a formality and that trustees did not have the power to place an item on the coming November ballot, which would allow for the voters to decide whether to change the representation.

However, according to El Paso County Commissioner Vince Perez, who has urged trustees to change the form of representation, the board's vote to welcome a petition was insincere. "If they were truly serious about the idea, they would just put it on the ballot themselves," Perez commented.

According to Debbie Radcliffe, a Texas Education Agency (TEA) spokesperson, a petition signed by 15 percent of the voters was needed to trigger an election, or trustees could order a change in representation without having an election. "Trustees can just order single-member districts under that election code without an election," Radcliffe explained.

In the other recent major decision, Clint ISD trustees, after an hour in closed session, named Juan Martinez, current chief human

resource officer for Socorro Independent School District, as the sole finalist to be the district's next superintendent.

Board President James Pendell and Trustees Fernando Sepulveda, Mary Macias and Fred Martinez voted to appoint Martinez. Trustees Patricia Randleel, Robert Lara and Janice Armstrong voted against the decision.

Pendell said that the majority of the board members felt Martinez was a right fit for the district because he had worked there before and had kept in touch. The dissenting board members felt that they needed to start the process over.

Martinez previously worked at Clint ISD as the director of personnel services for six years. He also served as principal of Montana Vista Elementary School while at Clint. Martinez earned a master's degree in education administration and a bachelor's in business administration from the University of Texas at El Paso (UTEP) and got his superintendent certification from Angelo State University, according to the Socorro ISD website.

Martinez is expected to begin work in early September. In the meantime, interim Superintendent Ken George will oversee the district beginning July 8, according to school officials.

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On June 20, El Paso Electric introduced its newest generation. Rio Grande 9, El Paso Electric's newest generation unit at the Rio Grande Generating Station in Sunland Park, New Mexico, is now generating electricity for approximately 40,000 homes. Rio Grande 9 is a General Electric LMS 100 simple-cycle aeroderivative gas turbine that can generate 88 to 95 megawatts of electricity. The state-of-the-art jet engine technology is highly efficient in its use of natural gas fuel and it uses less than one-third the water per megawatt than conventional steam units. Another benefit is its quick start and rapid load-following capabilities, which allow it to go from 0 to fully generating in less than 10 minutes, with load following up to 50 megawatts per minute. This feature not only assists in increasing grid stability, it also increases EPE's ability to integrate additional solar energy into its system. "This new unit is the first in what will be several new generation units EPE is building to meet the needs of our growing communities in West Texas and Southern New Mexico. It is El Paso Electric's responsibility to plan for this growth and make sure that we have enough power to serve all of our present and future customers," said Tom Shockley, Chief Executive Officer at El Paso Electric. "This new technology is more efficient, it uses less water and it is so flexible it will allow us to incorporate more solar energy into our generation mix." Rio Grande 9 is the first unit to be built at the Rio Grande Generating Station in 40 years. The Rio Grande Generating Station was built in 1929 and over its 84-year history has undergone various expansions and upgrades. This is the same type of power generating station El Paso Electric is building at Loop 375 and Montana Ave.

— Teresa Souza



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LEGALS

City of Socorro

Adoption of Ordinances

On June 20, 2013 the City of Socorro, Texas adopted the following ordinance(s):

1) **ORDINANCE 280, AMENDMENT NO. 1, AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF SOCORRO, ESTABLISHING PROCEDURES AND RULES FOR CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS AND AGENDAS AS PROVIDED BY SECTION 3.08 OF THE SOCORRO CITY CHARTER.**

2) **ORDINANCE 306, AMENDMENT NO. 2, AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF SOCORRO, TEXAS ADOPTING AN AMENDED BUDGET TO INCREASE FY-2013 ADOPTED BUDGET.**

3) **Ordinance 317, An Ordinance Establishing Regulations and Procedures for Naming Public Buildings, Parks, Naming Public Roadways and other Public Places in the City of Socorro Texas, and for other Matters Germaine Thereto.**

4) **Ordinance 318, An Ordinance Declaring A Public Nuisance and Prohibiting the Possession, Manufacture, Storage, Sale or Use of Fireworks Within the City Limits of the City of Socorro Texas, Providing for Exceptions,**

Permits, Penalties, a Severance Clause, Abolishing Ordinance 246 as Amended and for Other Matters Germaine Thereto.

Violation of this Ordinance is a misdemeanor, involving fire safety, public health and zoning, and is subject to a fine up to \$1,500.00. In addition to the fine imposed herein all fireworks or pyrotechnics offered for sale in violation of this Ordinance shall be seized and forfeited to the City of Socorro upon conviction or plea. Each day that a business, person, or other entity remains in violation of this Ordinance constitutes a separate offense

The Ordinance(s) effective date is immediately upon adoption and publication.

Published by order of the City Council of the City of Socorro, Texas

Copies of the ordinance are available for review at the City Administration Building, 124 S. Horizon Blvd., Socorro, Texas 79927; Monday through Friday between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.

Sandra Hernandez
City Clerk

WTCC: 06-27-13
07-04-13

Village of Vinton Construction

Advertisement and Invitation for Bids

The Village of Vinton will receive bids for Vinton Water Line Extension Facilities (Texas Department of Agriculture/Contract No. 711500) until 11:00 a.m. on July 19, 2013, at the Village of Vinton offices located at 436 E. Vinton Rd., Vinton, Texas 79821. The bids will be publicly opened and read aloud at 11:00 a.m. on July 19, 2013 at 436 E. Vinton Rd.

Bids are invited for several items and quantities of work as follows:

1. Approximately 3,000 linear feet of 8-inch (PVC) Water Line;
2. Approximately 7, 8-inch gate valves;
3. Four (4) new fire hydrants with associated valves and fittings;
4. Approximately 90 linear feet of 16-inch steel casing by open cut method;
5. Approximately 360 square yards of pavement removal and replacement;
8. Trench Safety & Traffic Control Systems; and
9. Videotape pipeline route (before and after construction).

A Pre-Bid Conference will be held at 11:00 A.M. on July 12, 2013, at the Village of Vinton located at 436 E. Vinton Rd., Vinton, Texas 79821.

Bid/Contract Documents, including Drawings

and Technical Specifications are on file at Village of Vinton, 436 E. Vinton Road at which specifications can be obtained.

Copies of the Bid/Contract Documents may be obtained by depositing \$75.00 with CEA Group (4712 Woodrow Bean Ste., F, El Paso TX 79924) for each set of documents obtained. The deposit will be refunded if the documents and drawings are returned in good condition within 7 days following the bid opening. Checks are to be made out to CEA Group.

A bid bond in the amount of 5 percent of the bid issued by an acceptable surety shall be submitted with each bid. A certified check or bank draft payable to the Village of Vinton or negotiable U.S. Government Bonds (as par value) may be submitted in lieu of the Bid Bond.

Attention is called to the fact that not less than, the federally determined prevailing (Davis-Bacon and Related Acts) wage rate, as issued by the Texas Department of Agriculture Office of Rural Affairs and contained in the contract documents, must be paid on this project. In addition, the successful bidder must ensure that employees and applicants for employment are not discriminated against because of race, color,

religion, sex, age or national origin. Adherence to the grant recipient's Section 3 Policy is required for contracts and subcontracts in excess of \$100,000.00.

The Village of Vinton reserves the right to reject any or all bids or to waive any informalities in the bidding.

Bids may be held by Village of Vinton for a period not to exceed 30 days from the date of the bid opening for the purpose of reviewing the bids and investigating the bidders qualifications prior to the contract award.

All contractors/subcontractors that are debarred, suspended or otherwise excluded from or ineligible for participation on federal assistance programs may not undertake any activity in part or in full under this project.

Village of Vinton
Madeleine Praino,
Mayor
June 28, 2013

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Alliance of Border Collaboratives

PUBLIC NOTICE

Alliance of Border Collaboratives (ABC) is a recipient of Home Contract for Deed #1001730, HRA PWD Contract #1001729, and HRA Contract #1001728, from Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs.

ABC will accept bids for up to 15 new constructions and rehabilitations for each contract. Contractor can pick up a Bid Packet starting June 27, 2013 through July 11, 2013 from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm. Bid packets or proposals can be picked up from and deliver to Alliance of Border Collaboratives, 5400 Suncrest Dr. Suite D-7, El Paso, TX 79912.

Submitted Bid Packets or proposal must have HOME contract numbers written on the lower left hand side of the envelope. A public Opening of the packets will take place on July 22, 2013 at 11:00 am at the office of the Alliance of Border Collaboratives. Phone 915-584-2875 ext. 112.

The General Contractor must ensure that employees and applicants are not discriminated against because of their race, color, religion, sex, national, origin, age, sexual orientation, or disability. General Contractor must be licensed, bonded and insured with El Paso County and the City of El Paso, TX. General Contractor must also know new current El Paso County Construction of Single Family Homes Codes with a minimum of 3 years of experience.

ABC has a conflict of interest procedure in accordance with 24CFR 92356. ABC has a Bidders

Protest Right Procedure. ABC reserves the right to reject any bids or to waive any informality in the bidding.

The Alliance of Border Collaboratives is an Affirmative Action/Equal Opportunity Employer.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

El Paso Collaborative for Community and Economic Development

Invitation to Bid for Ponding Construction

El Paso Collaborative for Community and Economic Development is accepting bids for construction of County-required ponding at 3956 Vanderveer, El Paso, TX 79938.

A site visit/pre-bid conference required by El Paso Collaborative will be held for bidding contractors on Wednesday, July 10, 2013, 9:00-10:00 a.m., at 3956 Vanderveer. Sealed bid packets must be submitted to El Paso Collaborative, 10935 Ben Crenshaw, Suite 200, El Paso, TX 79935, no later than Wednesday, July 17, 2013, 2:00 p.m. Bid opening

will be the same day at 2:15 p.m. at the Collaborative's offices. For bid packets or questions, call on Wednesday, (915) 590-1210, ext. 116, or email joyce@ep-collab.org.



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LEGAL NOTICE

CITY OF SOCORRO PUBLIC NOTICE

As per Texas Transportation Code, Chapter 683, Abandoned Motor Vehicle Section 682.012, The Socorro Police Department hereby advises owners and/or lien holders of the below listed vehicles that the vehicles have been taken into custody and that said vehicles will be stored at: Socorro Police Impound Lot, 670 Poona Rd, Socorro, TX, 79927. (915) 858-6986. All Owners and/or lien holders have twenty (20) days from this date to reclaim their vehicles. Failure to do so will constitute a waiver of all rights, title to and interest in the vehicle. It will also constitute consent to sell the vehicle at a public auction. Vehicles may be claimed by showing proof of ownership to the Socorro Police Department and by paying all charges owed against the vehicle.

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- 2001, Chevy Cavalier, TX DJ2G960

Angel Almanza
Communications Supervisor

WTCC: 02-28-13

Pro football and the thug parade coming soon

By Steve Escajeda
Special to the Courier

Like most American sports fans I can't wait for the start of the NFL season.

Along with it comes the college football season, high school football, the end of those unbearable hot summer days, tailgating, the start of the holiday season and all the fantasy football and illegal betting a true American sports fan could wish for.

Can you believe that the first football game of the season is just a month away?

That's right, the Dallas Cowboys and the Miami Dolphins open the exhibition season on Aug. 4 in the Hall of Fame game in Canton, Ohio.

I know the early exhibition games feature the star players for just one series and the rest of the game is reduced to a comedy of errors highlighting guys who will tell their grandkids one day about the week-and-a-half they spent in the NFL.

But who cares – it's still football.

It's very hard to channel surf in April and run into that dormant NFL RedZone channel that reads "see you in September."

Going through the spring and summer months waiting for football just kills me.

And speaking of killing – some NFL players have spent the off-season taking that term a little too literally.

I'm not sure what's been going on in the minds of some of these players, but I can almost guarantee you it has nothing to do with quantum physics.

Of course the big news lately has had nothing to do with touchdowns, sacks or ever a blockbuster trade.

It has surrounded former New England Patriots tight end and former Miami gang member Aaron Hernandez.

Unless you've spent that last couple weeks hiding out with Edward Snowden, you've obviously heard of the arrest of Hernandez on the charge of first-degree murder.

Seems Hernandez, who has a history of settling disagreements with various degrees of pain, went a little too far this time allegedly doing away with an associate, "Sopranos style," with all apologies to James Gandolfini.

What makes you scratch your head about why the Patriots even had this guy on their roster, is the fact that he is being sued in an

unrelated incident where he shot a friend in the eye this past February.

Now there's the news that Hernandez is being investigated for a drive-by-shooting that killed two last year in Boston.

Wow, it seems like the only killing Hernandez isn't being accused of is M. Night Shyamalan's career.

The NFL murderous mystery tour doesn't stop there.

Cleveland Browns rookie Ausar Walcott, who was recently cut by the team, has been charged with attempted murder.

The 6-foot-4, 240-pound defensive end punched a man on the side of the head at a strip club last week. The man is in a medically-induced coma and is listed in critical condition.

Like Hernandez, the 23-year-old Walcott doesn't appear to be the type of guy who uses his brain much for decision-making.

I guess these guys haven't learned that a head can be used for something more than just growing hair.

Speaking of diminishing brain activity, let's visit the trials and tribulations of Dallas Cowboys defensive lineman Josh Brent.

If you'll recall it was Brent who caused the death of former teammate Jerry Brown, who was killed when Brent, driving drunk, crashed the vehicle they were in.

The Dallas Cowboys stood behind Brent, keeping him on the roster. You would think that Brent would have received "sainthood consideration" by now after getting an undeserved second chance.

But Brent finds himself back in jail today after failing a second drug test, thus violating his probation.

What's more amazing is that while other teams have cut players immediately after their multiple malfeasances, the Cowboys still haven't taken any action against Brent.

But of course the Dallas Cowboys have a long history of putting their trust in guys with risky behavior patterns. And the results are always the same – it ends badly.

The 2013 NFL season is just a month away and I can't wait.

What does that say about me, and the rest of society, that even though we know a good portion of these guys are thugs and criminals, we cheer them on every Sunday.

I really don't know – but the waiting is killing me.

A sporting view By Mark Vasto

The sideshow as main event

Adrien Broner had a pretty good night in Brooklyn, N.Y., a few weeks ago. In front of 12,000 people, he became the first American boxer to simultaneously hold three championship belts, having just beaten Paulie Malignaggi in a split decision for the welterweight title. But to hear Broner tell it, the most satisfying part of the night involved a different kind of conquest. It wasn't about the belt, it was about the accessories.

"I beat Paulie," Broner said

through an 18-carat gold grill in the post-fight interview with Jim Gray. "I left (Brooklyn) with his belt... and his girl!"

Oh, snap! Malignaggi sure did. "Hey!" he yelled, breaking into the picture. "Don't brag about taking my side piece!"

It was a fitting conclusion for what was otherwise a pretty good fight. I had scored the fight 114-113 in favor of Malignaggi – six rounds each minus a point deduction for Broner's

illegal blows. Also, I thought Malignaggi dictated the tempo of the fight better than Broner, who threw about four punches to his 10. But there was little doubt as to who the better "fighter" was – and that was Broner. Malignaggi has zero power, but he proved without a doubt he could take a punch. Broner would have dropped most fighters in the lower weight classes with his power punches. One thing he definitely showed was his ability to drop down to the depths of classlessness with his post-fight proclamation.

Men have been fighting over women since the beginning of time. The word "nemesis" has

its etymological roots in Greek mythology. Nemesis was the mother of Helen of Troy – the most fought-over woman in ancient folklore. Nemesis had a habit of seeking fights with those who she felt were acting too narcissistic. (She killed Narcissus by showing him his own reflection. He fell so in love with it that he stared at it without eating, drinking or sleeping until he died.)

And both Caesar and Marc Antony had a thing over Cleopatra that led each to his demise. King Features has been documenting the running feud between Bluto and Popeye's side piece, Olive Oyl, since the 1930s. Things got really nasty between Rocky Balboa and Clubber Lang when Lang said something off-color to Adrian. See, nothing new.

The women are into it now, too. Serena Williams, who has beaten her nemesis Maria Sharapova 14 out of their past 16 matches, felt

the need to rub it in by mentioning her ex in an interview with Rolling Stone – who just happened to be Sharapova's current boyfriend. Sharapova's first Wimbledon interview began with her calling Serena a homewrecker for dating a married guy with children.

So this is what it has come to... the last of the taboos, finally broken. Of course columns like this only exacerbate the problem. Unfortunately, it's more a commentary of what is needed to rise above the noise in today's sporting world. Should Sharapova face Serena in the finals, it will set viewership records. Apparently, it's not the main event that's most important anymore, it's the sideshow and, in some cases, the side piece.

Mark Vasto is a veteran sportswriter who lives in Kansas City. (c) 2013 King Features Synd., Inc.

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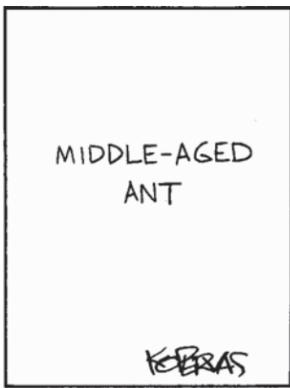
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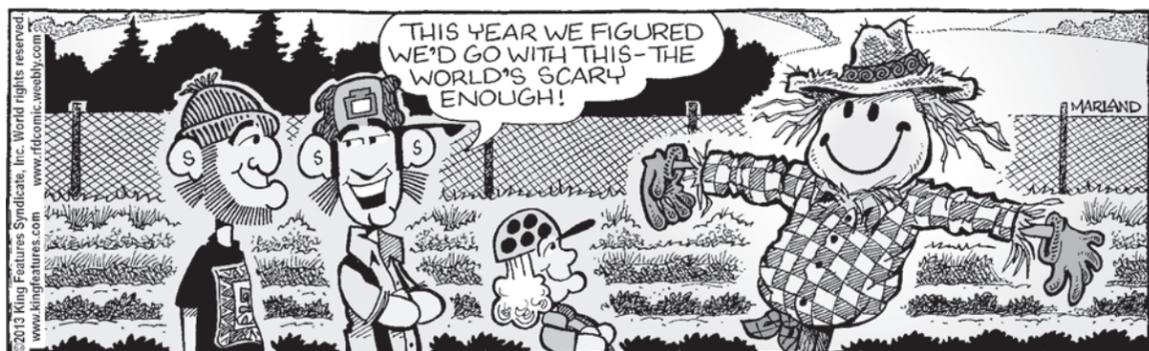
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Your good health By Paul G. Donahue, M.D.

DEAR DR. DONOHUE: I was very interested in your column on the DASH diet. Is there a diet sheet listing all the items pertaining to this diet? How can I get one? I think it's a doable diet. - I.P.

DASH, Dietary Approaches to Stop Hypertension, is a doable, simple and good-tasting diet. People are disappointed to find out that the diet is contained on one page with straightforward directives. The sheet lists the number of servings of a particular food group, what constitutes a serving and examples of the foods in each group. That's all there is. You can expect a drop of 8 to 14 points in blood pressure if you're faithful to it. One of the most important diet changes is limiting sodium (salt) consumption to 1,500 grams. Here's the diet:

GRAINS: Six to eight servings a day; whole-grain breads like wheat, cereals (both dry and cooked), brown rice and pastas are grains. A serving is one slice of bread, one cup of dry cereal and half a cup of cooked cereal.

FRUITS: Four to six daily servings, with a serving being a moderately sized whole fruit, a half-cup of frozen or canned fruit or a half-cup of fruit juice.

VEGETABLES: Four to five servings a day, with a serving being one cup of leafy green veggie, 1/2 cup cut up, raw or cooked vegetables or 1/2 cup vegetable juice.

DAIRY: Two to three servings a day of low-fat dairy products, with a serving being a cup of skim or low-fat milk, a cup of yogurt or one and a half ounces of cheese.

LEAN MEATS, POULTRY, FISH: Six or fewer servings a day. A serving is one ounce of cooked meat, skinless chicken or fish. One egg is also a serving.

NUTS, SEEDS, DRY BEANS: Four to five servings a week. One serving is a third cup of nuts, 2

tablespoons of peanut butter, a half a cup of dry beans.

FATS AND OILS: Two to three servings a day, with a serving being equal to 1 tablespoon of low-fat mayonnaise, 1 teaspoon of margarine, 1 teaspoon of vegetable oil, 2 tablespoons of salad dressing.

SWEETS: Five or less a week. A serving is a tablespoon of sugar or a teaspoon of jam or jelly.

The booklet on high blood pressure explains what it is and how it's treated. Readers can order a copy by writing: Dr. Donahue - No. 104W, 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 have osteoporosis. I was put on Actonel (risedronate) by my former doctor. My new doctor had me switch to Fosamax (alendronate) when it came out as a generic. This doctor says you must take vitamin D and calcium also. Are they necessary? - B.G.

They are necessary. They work hand in hand with osteoporosis medicines. Calcium is the mineral needed for strong bones. Vitamin D enhances the absorption of calcium from the digestive tract into the blood.

Not having a supply of these two is like trying to build a sandcastle without sand.

Dr. Donahue regrets that he is unable to answer individual letters, but he will incorporate them in his column whenever possible. Readers may write him or request an order form of available health newsletters at P.O. Box 536475, Orlando, FL 32853-6475. (c) 2013 North America Synd., Inc. All Rights Reserved.

Super Crossword

- STATE LINES ACROSS**
- 1 "Ditto"
 - 9 Pop out from the cockpit
 - 14 Capital of Eritrea
 - 20 Flowed out
 - 21 Bull using its horns, e.g.
 - 22 "The Cometh"
 - 23 "Bus Stop" star, in Annapolis?
 - 25 Offer freely
 - 26 Null and void
 - 27 "Life _ cabaret..."
 - 28 Blue Light Special stores
 - 30 Lots and lots
 - 32 Question of incredulity, in Topeka?
 - 37 Sing like Ella Fitzgerald
 - 41 Eyelid hair
 - 43 Next in line to reign
 - 44 Opt (to)
 - 45 Successful investors pay them, in Austin?
 - 50 Tooth driller's deg.
 - 51 Herb of the Tijuana Brass
 - 52 Scooby_ (toon dog)
 - 53 "Just a _"
 - 55 Chairman with a "Little Red Book"
 - 56 See 40-Down
 - 58 Zig's mate
 - 59 Josh
 - 62 Slip _ (blunder)
 - 66 Adage fostering
- DOWN**
- 1 18-wheeler
 - 2 "... I met _ with seven wives"
 - 3 Sportscaster _
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 - 5 Foyers, e.g.
 - 6 Web vending
 - 7 Crime writer Ruth
 - 8 Roush of baseball
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 - 10 Book after Obadiah
 - 11 Drop the ball
 - 12 Corp. biggie
 - 13 Big fan of Captain Kirk and his crew
 - 14 "Michael Collins" co-star Quinn
 - 15 "Cape Fear" director Martin
 - 16 Intellectual
 - 17 Accrued
 - 18 Hamelin pest
 - 19 Meth- ending conditions
 - 24 _ spot (shave imperfectly)
 - 29 Chico or Harpo
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 - 126 " _ lift?"
 - 127 Tooth next to a canine
 - 128 " _ Pointe Blank" (1997 film)
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 - 130 South-of-the-border citizen
- DOWN**
- 33 Very, very
 - 34 Just painted
 - 35 A-E fill
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 - 99 Lush green vegetation
 - 101 Planet paths
 - 106 Laughable
 - 107 "The Father of the Symphony"
 - 109 Kind of paint
 - 110 As a friend, to François
 - 113 " _ first you don't..."
 - 115 Alternative to vanilla: Abbr.
 - 116 Jamaica, por ejemplo
 - 117 Flatbread of India
 - 118 Greek pita sandwich
 - 119 Part of WHO: Abbr.
 - 120 " _ favor, señor!"
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Moore Texas by Roger Moore July 4, 1883:

The first rodeo ever was held in Pecos...one event, Tag Team Bronc ridin', never caught on.



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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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: My wife doesn't have enough work under Social Security to qualify for Social Security or Medicare. But I am fully insured and eligible. Can she qualify on my record?

A: Yes. The question you've raised applies to husbands as well as wives. Even if your spouse has never worked under Social Security, she (or he) can, at full retirement age, receive a benefit equal to one-half of your full retirement amount. Your wife is eligible for reduced spouses benefits as early as age 62, as long as you are already receiving benefits. If your spouse will receive a pension for work not covered by Social Security such as government employment, the amount of his or her Social Security benefits on your record may be reduced. For more information, take a look at the fact sheet, Government Pension Offset, Publication No. 05-10007 at www.socialsecurity.gov/pubs/10007.pdf. For more information, visit www.socialsecurity.gov and select the "Retirement" tab.

Part B (medical insurance) helps pay for doctors' fees, outpatient hospital visits, and other medical services and supplies that are not covered by Part A;
Part C (Medicare Advantage) plans, available in some areas, allow you to choose to receive all of your health care services through a provider organization. These plans may help lower your costs of receiving medical services, or you may get extra benefits for an additional monthly fee. You must have both Parts A and B to enroll in Part C; and
Part D (prescription drug coverage) is voluntary and the costs are paid for by the monthly premiums of enrollees and Medicare. Unlike Part B in which you are automatically enrolled and must opt out if you do not want it, with Part D you have to opt in by filling out a form and enrolling in an approved plan. More information may be found in our publication Medicare at www.socialsecurity.gov/pubs/10043.html or by visiting www.medicare.gov.

Q: How many parts to Medicare are there?

A: There are four parts to Medicare:
Part A (hospital insurance) helps pay for inpatient hospital care, skilled nursing care, hospice care and other services;

Part B (medical insurance) helps pay for doctors' fees, outpatient hospital visits, and other medical services and supplies that are not covered by Part A;
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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: R equals P

BAHS M CTMOHUVSX LAPB
HQRUPZHH VL M QHMC-HMCHT,
RHPRUH QVXAC JMUU AVQ M
JMTSZ-OPHT.

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By: rj johnson
CONQUER THE WHIRLED

EGE
♥ SEAPEC
♥ LIDET
RDGE
TIGLEM
♥ ADG
♥ ENMA
GRAUS
♥ NDE
♥ NAPIAT
♥ ASLEE
UGML

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Unscramble these twelve letter strings to form each into an ordinary word (ex. HAGNEC becomes CHANGE). Prepare to use only ONE word from any marked (♥) letter string as each unscrambles into more than one word (ex. ♥RATHE becomes HATER or EARTH or HEART). Fit each string's word either across or down to knot all twelve strings together.

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STRANGE BUT TRUE

By Samantha Weaver

- It was actor-turned-politico Arnold Schwarzenegger who made the following sage observation: "Everybody pities the weak; jealousy you have to earn."

- Southern California has more cars than India has cows. If cows are sacred in India, what does that say about how Californians feel about their automobiles?

- If you're like an average person, the time you spend blinking in one day adds up to about 30 minutes of shut-eye.

- A New Yorker named Ashrita Furman holds the world record for the most world records: He has set 462 of them and currently holds 160. Among his exploits are the longest yodel (more than 26 hours); the longest distance traveled via acrobatic somersaults (12 miles, 390 yards); jumping up steps on a pogo stick (1,899 steps in 57 minutes, 51 seconds); the fastest time skipping through a marathon (5 hours, 55 minutes, 13 seconds); running the fastest mile with a milk bottle balanced on his head (7 minutes, 47 seconds); creating the largest popcorn sculpture (20 feet, 10 inches tall); underwater hula hooping (2 minutes, 38 seconds); the most candles burning simultaneously on a cake (48,523); the longest rally while playing table tennis with an egg (14 hits); and the fastest time for orange peeling and eating (3 oranges in 1 minute, 9.72 seconds).

- In the Middle Ages, chicken soup wasn't just comfort food for those suffering from a cold; at the time, it was considered to be an aphrodisiac.

- Scientists at NASA are working on developing a kind of space broom. The device will use a laser to sweep debris out of the way of the International Space Station.

Thought for the Day: "Human history becomes more and more a race between education and catastrophe."
- H.G. Wells

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