



NEWSBRIEFS

Some like it hot

If you like chili, be at the El Paso County Airport in Fabens this Saturday, April 17. Last year more than 400 people came to Fabens to check out the chili at this CASI (Chili Appreciation Society, International) sanctioned event. The East El Paso Rotary Club and the Cotton Valley Lions Club joined with the local chili cooks from the Pod of the Pass to create the Fabulous Fabens Chili Cook-Off as an annual fundraising event to support the community food pantry in Fabens. This year will be bigger and better including a countywide motorcycle run along with the food and entertainment and arts and crafts vendors. The VIVA El Paso Special Events Company (SECO) is scheduled to perform. In addition to the sanctioned cook-off, there will be a separate judging — a “people’s choice” award for beans, salsa, or chili. Local residents are encouraged to bring out their own beans and salsa or chili to compete for bragging rights as best on the border! Competition cooking begins at 10 a.m. with judging at 2 p.m. Competition cooking requires a fee of \$18. There is no charge for the people’s choice dishes, which can be prepared before hand. A \$2 donation will get visitors a bowl and spoon for tasting. Otherwise, admission is free.

— Bill Sparks

Zumbathon benefit

A Zumba event — Latino salsa meets aerobics — will be held Saturday, May 1, 2010 from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. with registration starting at 8:30 a.m. “Zombies” and newcomers are invited to meet outside at Eastlake High School at 12300 Eastlake Dr. There will be a DJ along with prizes. To join in takes either a \$20 entry fee, or for true fundraisers, at least \$60 in sponsorships. Visit www.delatorrefitness.com to print out a registration form or email amy@delatorrefitness.com. All proceeds will directly benefit services at Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA). CASA of El Paso trains and supports volunteers from the community to advocate for abused and neglected children who need representation in the family court system, striving to provide them a safe and permanent home.

— Renee Shufeldt

Crime Stoppers

A man pulls his vehicle up to a woman walking in south El Paso, grabs her arm and violently shoves her into the vehicle before driving off with her, making this the Crime Stoppers “Crime of the Week.” On Tuesday, March 30 at 2:00 p.m., the victim was walking past the intersection of Kansas and 6th Avenue East when a green Jeep Cherokee pulled up next to

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Does the IRS permit a double exemption for a split personality?

— Quips & Quotes



— Rendering courtesy New Republic Architects

NEW DIGS? — An architect’s rendering suggests what the new Anthony Town Hall could look like. The final design may differ.

Franco works for new Anthony Town Hall

By Don Woodyard
Special to the Courier

ANTHONY — A long-held dream is “closer to reality” for Anthony Mayor Art Franco.

The reality is a new town hall for the Upper Valley community. That reality is reflected in an architect’s concept and design of what the town’s new administrative building might look like.

The new reality is underscored in the Anthony Town Council giving a green light for its construction.

Franco estimates that construction on the \$800,000-\$900,000 building will start in late summer or early fall. It will be located on two and a half acres of land across from Anthony High School on Wildcat Drive. He hopes it will be completed in early 2011.

Franco, who has been mayor since 1993, says this will be the third town hall for Anthony. The first was located at the corner of Main Street and Washington and was only about 1,000 square feet.

The new town hall will be 5,000 square feet, the same size as the present facility. The difference, Franco points out, is that the new building will be designed and built from the ground up specifically as a town hall, whereas

the present building was adapted and remodeled to house various administrative functions.

“It will be more energy-efficient — more green,” the mayor says.

The new town hall will house, as is presently the case, the mayor’s office, the court, council chambers and convention and a visitors’ bureau operation.

The new town hall wasn’t the only topic of conversation Monday with Franco.

Another major item was money — millions of dollars that will be pumped into Anthony’s economy over the next few years.

“Pumped” is literally as well as figuratively true in describing two quality of life grants totaling \$10.6 million which will benefit the town.

Not only will they be pumping money into the economy, but they will be doing a better job of pumping water into the homes of Anthony residents.

Both grants, one federal and the other state, overlap and cover essentially the same areas — the improvement of water and sewer service to area residents. Specifically they include upgrades to lift stations, a new above-ground water storage tank, building a new water treatment plant and repairing water and sewer lines.

These funds allocated for the Anthony

area represent are in excess of the \$8.8 million which was first estimated for the cost of necessary water and sewer system improvements.

The federal grant, for \$6.6 million, came as a result of his meeting with U.S. Rep. Silvestre Reyes, the 16th District representative for the El Paso area. He met with Reyes and other congressional leaders from New Mexico as well as Texas in early April. He journeyed to Washington in his capacity as president of the Rio Grande Council of Governments.

The mayor describes this grant as “tentative” only because it lacks the final signing.

The second grant comes from the Texas Water Development Board is for \$4 million.

Once completed, Franco says the system improvements should take care of the town’s anticipated needs for at least the next 10 years.

Those anticipated needs will include commercial expansion. Construction started this week on Franklin Retail Center across from La Feria. A new Carl’s Jr. has also opened in Anthony.

Residentially, 20 new homes have been added in the Wildcat subdivision.

Quality of life improvements for residents are not solely in the area of infrastructure.

With funds from a \$780,000 grant from the Texas Parks and Wildlife, sod is being laid for four new soccer fields. The soccer fields are only part of a 56-acre recreational park under development along the north side of Franklin Street. It stretches from Miramontes Park east to Walgreens and north to the Texas state line.

Franco hopes to have the multi-purpose park completed by the end of the year. When completed, it will have a skateboard park, walking trails, baseball fields with lights, playground area and picnic tables.

Franco says there are three Town Council positions, two contested, coming before the voters in May. Franco’s current two-year term of office expires next year.

“Right now,” the mayor says, “the economy of Anthony is doing well. I foresee good things coming for Anthony.

“I feel really confident; I feel good. I look forward to the future.

“We are growing at a pace we can accommodate.”



Art Franco

Canutillo HS wins district UIL 2-4A

By Kim Guzman
Special to the Courier

CANUTILLO — The Academic University Interscholastic League (UIL) students from Canutillo High School (CHS), recently won the school’s first District title in over thirty years. After competing in the district round, held at El Dorado High School, fifteen CHS students will advance to regional competition in San Angelo this month.

CHS garnered 328.33 points for the win, outdoing the next best competitor by 92.83 points during the 2-4A Academic UIL

meet. Along with CHS, other high schools competing were Parkland, Ysleta, Del Valle, Mountain View, San Elizario, Riverside, and Horizon.

According to CHS’s UIL Coordinator, Richard Jeffery, Canutillo HS Teams captured first place in Mathematics, Number Sense, Science, and Social Studies categories, advancing them to the regional meet along with the individual event winners.

Participants who are on both the Mathematics and Number Sense teams are Chris Abdul, Omar Garcia, Alan Lara, and

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Por la Gente

By State Rep. Chente Quintanilla

Flood control is better

Hola mi gente. El Paso County was hit with its first severe thunderstorm event of our spring/summer season. This walloped several areas with unusually large hail stones. Although the east county received the biggest part of the storm, some areas of central El Paso were also hit.

Most of you will remember the storms that hit our county in 2006. Those rainfalls were described as a 100 year flood event; in other words, rainfall accumulations that happen very infrequently.

On the last weekend of August in 2006, a massive thunderstorm unloaded tons of water just north of Clint in the El Paso Landfill. The runoff from that burst created havoc for the residents around the City of Clint. It was also the first event of the 100 year flood event.

Many storm reservoirs filled to the highest level and caused county officials to prepare for the worst. I have to commend the City/County Office of Emergency Management for their handling of the month long emergency condition. Even the Rio Grande came very close to breaching its levies.

We were spared the catastrophic overflow by the river because of some heroic efforts by the El Paso County

Water Improvement District #1 (District). The workers for the district opened the irrigation gates at certain locations. This allowed the river to reduce the pressure on the levies.

The irrigation canals that the district manages diverted the water to flow quickly to the eastern most junction with the river.

What most people don't realize is that many of the irrigation gates had not been used in years and were frozen shut by corrosion. Many of those gates had to be destroyed in order to allow the water to enter from the river.

Chuy Reyes, the director of the District, did not get much rest during the month long deluge. He and his crew saved the county from some massive destruction.

I reminisce about the floods

because just last week my staff and I attended a ribbon cutting ceremony for a newly constructed flood gate just southeast of the City of Socorro. The new gate is an engineering miracle.

Because of the farming season, the old irrigation gate could only be replaced during a very small window of time. Add to that the need for innovative features and the need for funding, it is amazing that the new gate is now in place.

Congratulations to Congressmen Silvestre Reyes and Ciro Rodriguez for their effort in channeling Federal Stimulus money for this project. While many people complain about the money appropriated for the stimulus package, El Paso fared

very well with this one.

The canal which channels to the newly constructed gate actually originates close to UTEP on the west side. By using this gate, excessive waters in the Rio Grande can be quickly diverted. The engineering for the project allows for very quick flow of water as well thereby avoiding a levy breach in the city.

I was very impressed with the new gate. The water that flowed through it was beautiful. It is my understanding that there are plans for several more gate improvements thanks to the Congressman and to the District.

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

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By Freddy Groves

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Send the request to:
VA Loan Eligibility Center
PO Box 20729
Winston-Salem, NC 27120
Or call 888-244-6711 (press 1, 1, then 2).

If you already have a Department of Veterans Affairs loan but want to sell that property and buy another with your eligibility, you can do that under certain circumstances. If the house is paid off and you've sold it, you'll be eligible to buy another. If it's paid off but you still own it, you can get your eligibility restored one time. Use that same VA Form 26-1880 and provide proof that the loan is paid off.

If you let someone assume your VA loan, your eligibility can be restored only if another veteran was the purchaser and has eligibility available or pays off the loan.

Meanwhile, if you already have a VA-backed mortgage that you've refinanced, pull out your paperwork and go over it with a sharp eye: It's possible you were scammed. All across the country right now, veterans are learning that some lenders buried certain unauthorized fees in other categories. In some cases, veterans are getting their money back, but that likely won't happen unless you find the errors first.

To learn about allowable fees, click the Web site listed above, then Circulars for the Home Loan Program and go to Circular 26-10-1.

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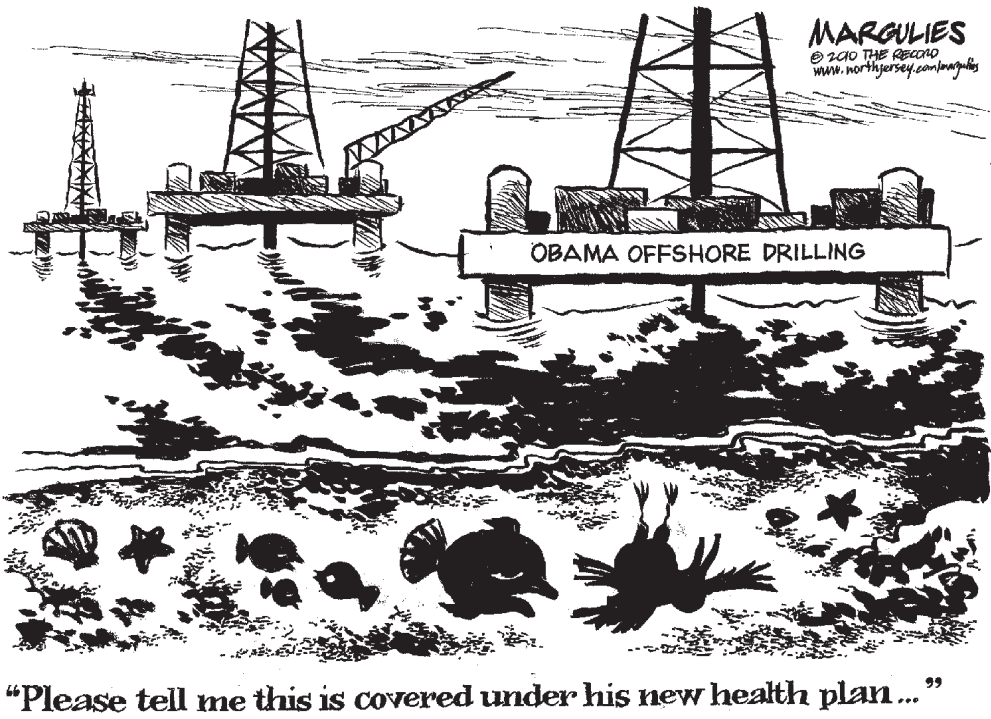
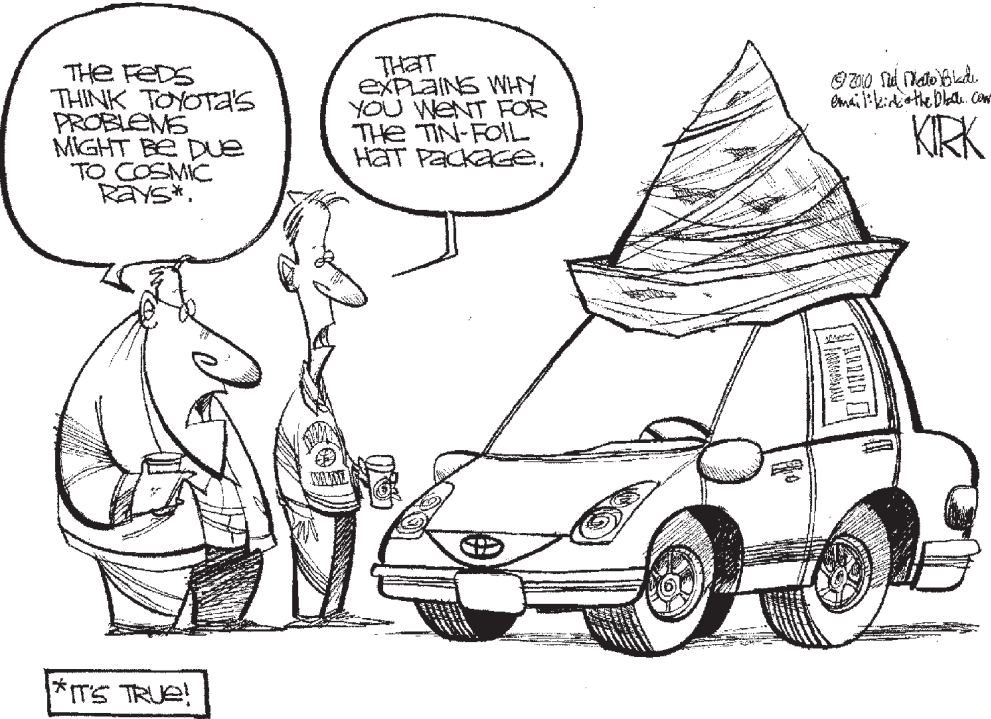
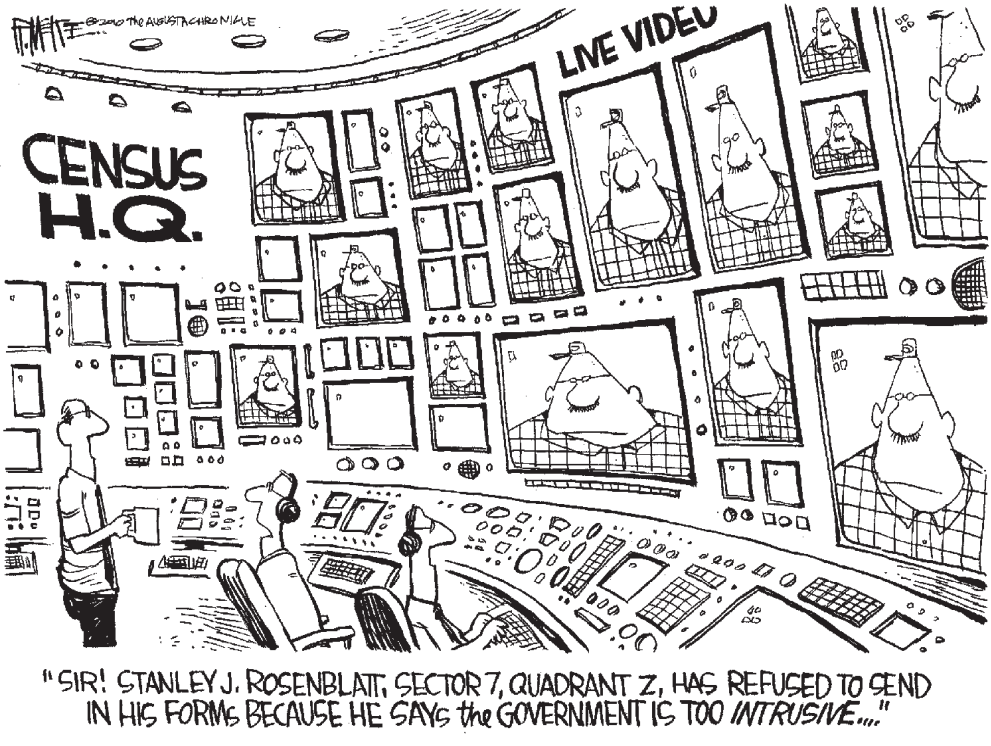
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Armendariz is crack shot

By Laura Cade
Special to the Courier



— Photo courtesy Clint ISD

DEAD EYE — Jennifer Armendariz reloads during the kneeling portion of shooting competition at the 2010 All Service Air Rifle Championships.

Jennifer Armendariz, a Horizon High School JROTC cadet, competed in the 2010 All Service Rifle Championships in Anniston, Alabama in March. With a strong performance, Jennifer finished with a ranking of 14th out of 77 precision shooters during the two-day competition.

"This speaks highly of her level of discipline and dedication to do her best at whatever she does," said First Sergeant Randell Danner, Horizon High School JROTC Instructor.

Jennifer competed among the best Junior Precision Air Rifle Shooters from all over the world in all services (Army, Air Force, Marines, and Navy). Jennifer qualified for the competition after placing 2nd out of 67 shooters from the United States and Europe in the Army JROTC Rifle Championship in February. She was then selected by Cadet Command as one of the top six shooters to represent the U.S. Army JROTC program at the All Service Championship. Her performance in February also garnered her an invitation to shoot in the Junior Olympics in Colorado Springs, Colorado in April.

"I had the distinct pleasure to be present while Jennifer displayed two key qualities to winning, practice and heart," said Danner.

Briefs

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her. The driver of the vehicle got out and grabbed the victim by her right arm, which had been previously injured, and pushed her into the vehicle before driving around in the central area. The suspect told the victim in English not to scream. At the intersection of Mesa and 7th, the driver became distracted and the victim escaped from the vehicle. However, the driver also exited the vehicle and again grabbed the victim's right arm, trying to push her into the vehicle once more. Fortunately, witnesses ran to the victim's aid. The suspect then put the vehicle in reverse, and fled north on Oregon Street. The suspect is described as a light-skinned Hispanic or Anglo man, 28 years of age, 5'8" to 6' tall, with a medium build, and long light-brown hair in a ponytail. He was wearing a red cap, white t-shirt, and green or beige shorts. The vehicle was a green, late 1990s Jeep Cherokee with tinted windows. If you have any information about this suspect, or the location of his vehicle, please call Crime Stoppers at 566-TIPS (566-8477) or on-line at www.crimestoppersofelpaso.org. You will remain anonymous and, if your tip leads to an arrest, you can qualify for a cash reward.

— James Kaes

Wanted

The hunt is on for Arturo Ledesma Enriquez, 41, for a family violence incident that occurred in December 2008. He is 5'7" tall and weighs 195 pounds. He has black hair and brown eyes. On Sunday, Dec.14, 2008 at 2:35 p.m., Sheriff's Deputies were called to the Montana Vista Fire Station in reference to Aggravated Assault that had just occurred. Deputies

met with a 27-year-old woman who told authorities, that minutes earlier, she had been stabbed, with a knife, by her husband during an argument. She sustained two puncture wounds to her chest area as a result of the stabbing and received several cuts to her hands and fingers while fending off Enriquez. She managed to escape and run to a nearby residence for help. A neighbor drove her to the Fire Station. Deputies searched the area for several hours but were unable to locate Enriquez. New information indicates Enriquez has returned to the area as he continues eluding capture. Enriquez is wanted for the assault above and another unrelated family violence charge from an incident that occurred in August of 2008 against his wife. Sheriff's Office Crimes Against Persons Detectives (CID) are asking the public for any information on the whereabouts of Enriquez. People can contact the Sheriff's Office (915) 546-2280 or Crime Stoppers of El Paso at 566-TIPS (8477). Callers will remain anonymous and may be eligible for a reward if the information provided leads to the apprehension of the individuals featured.

— Deputy Jesse Tovar

Festival

Desert Hills Elementary will hold its 4th Annual Spring Festival on Saturday May 1, 2010 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Admission is free — come out and enjoy games, food, and entertainment. Vendors welcome — \$25.00 booth rentals. To reserve your space please call (915) 355-0423.


— Melissa Dilks

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CHAMPIONS — Students and their UIL coaches from Canutillo High School celebrate their first District 2-4A UIL Championship in over thirty years. Kneeling, from left, are Carmen Orozco, 11th grade; Dominick Ruiz, 12th grade; Steven Ayers, 11th grade; Jorge Mena, 10th grade; and Clarissa Castillo, 12th grade. Standing, from left, are teachers Rick Tate, Richard Jeffery, and Charissa Saenz; students Sammantha Franco, 12th grade; Sabina Miramontes, 11th grade; Christ Abdul, 12th grade; Alejandra Requejo, 12th grade; Omar Garcia, 12th grade; Claudia Ramirez, 11th grade; Alan Lara, 12th grade; Alyssa Rosas, 11th grade; Andres Rodriguez, 12th grade; Maralyn Doering, 11th grade; teachers Carmen Zimmerman and Robin Hoeft.

— Photo courtesy Canutillo ISD





EL PASO CENTRAL APPRAISAL DISTRICT

2010 Property Tax Protest and Appeal Procedures

The law gives property owners the right to protest actions concerning their property tax appraisals. You may follow these appeal procedures if you have a concern about:

- the market or special appraised value placed on your property
- the unequal appraisal of your property
- the inclusion of your property on the appraisal roll
- any exemptions that may apply to you
- the qualification for an agricultural or timber appraisal
- the taxable status of your property
- the local governments which should be taxing your property
- the jurisdiction in which you are being taxed
- the ownership of property
- the change of use of land receiving special appraisal
- any action taken by the Chief Appraiser, Appraisal District or Appraisal Review Board (ARB) that applies to and adversely affected your property

Informal Review

The El Paso Central Appraisal District has a trained staff to assist you with this process. For information on this process call (915) 780-2131.

In order to have a preliminary or ARB hearing, ***you must file a written protest before your deadline*** (see below for deadlines).

You may be able to appeal your property value on-line. **Please visit our website at www.epcad.org for more information.**

If you do not receive a notice of appraised value and want to appeal the 2010 value of your property, you should send a letter or postcard no later than **May 31, 2010** stating that you wish to protest your property value. Be sure to include your name, mailing address and the address or the location of the property you are protesting.

After your written protest is received, the Appraisal District will send you a letter notifying you of the date and time of your informal and/or ARB hearings. You are entitled to a postponement of your ARB hearing for any reason. You may receive additional postponements if you have reasonable cause. All requests for postponements must be made to the ARB before the date of the hearing.

If you file your appeal electronically (on-line), all communication will be by e-mail.

If you have questions about exemptions, procedures, or anything not related to a protest, you may call (915) 780-2131.

Review by the Appraisal Review Board

If you cannot resolve your problem at the informal hearing with the Central Appraisal District (CAD) staff, you may have your case heard by the Appraisal Review Board (ARB). The ARB is an independent board of citizens that reviews appraisals or other concerns listed above. The ARB may direct CAD to make the necessary changes to resolve your dispute. If you file a written request for an ARB hearing (called a Notice of Protest) before

the deadline, the ARB will set your case for a hearing. You will receive written notice of the time, date, and place of the hearing. If necessary, you may request a hearing on Saturday or Sunday or in the evening. Prior to your hearing, you may ask to review the evidence the CAD will use to uphold their determination. The CAD may ask you for a copy of the evidence you plan to present. You or a designated agent may appear in person to present evidence, or you may send notarized evidence for the ARB to review at your hearing. The CAD representative will present evidence about your case. You may cross-examine the CAD representative. The ARB will make its decision based on the evidence presented. The CAD has the burden of establishing the property's value by a preponderance of the evidence presented. You can get a copy of a protest form at:

www.epcad.org

or the Appraisal District office — 5801 Trowbridge Drive

Note: You should not try to contact ARB members outside of the hearing. The law requires ARB members to sign an affidavit saying that they have not talked about your case before the ARB hears it.

Review by the District Court or an Arbitrator or SOAH

After it decides your case, the ARB must send you a copy of its order by certified mail. If you are not satisfied with the decision, you have the right to appeal. If you choose to go to court, you must start the process by filing a petition within 60 days of the date you receive the ARB's order. In certain cases, as an alternative to filing an appeal in district court, you may file, not later than the 45th day after you receive notice of the ARB order, a request for binding arbitration with the county appraisal district. In certain cases originating in certain counties, as an alternative to filing an appeal in district court, you may appeal to the State Office of Administrative Hearings (SOAH). An appeal to SOAH is initiated by filing with the chief appraiser of the county appraisal district a notice of appeal with the applicable filing fee not later than the 30th day after you receive notice of the ARB order.

Tax Payment

If you appeal and your case is pending, you must pay the lesser of the amount of taxes due on the portion of the taxable value not in dispute, or the amount of taxes due on the property under the order from which the appeal is taken.

More Information

Information is at our website: www.epcad.org or by contacting the El Paso Central Appraisal District, 5801 Trowbridge Drive, El Paso, Texas 79925-3345, (915) 780-2131. Guidelines describing how to prepare a protest are available from the Appraisal District or from the State Comptroller's Property Tax Division at P.O. Box 13528, Austin, Texas 78711-3528.

Requests for Evidence

You can request to review evidence to be used by the CAD in your formal ARB hearing by addressing it to the ARB at the El Paso Central Appraisal District office. The envelope should be labeled **"Request for Evidence."**

Deadline* for Filing Protests with the ARB

Usual Deadline

On or before May 31, (or 30 days after a notice of appraised value was mailed to you, whichever is later).

Late protests are allowed if you miss the usual deadline for good cause. Good cause is some reason beyond your control, like a medical emergency. The ARB decides whether you have good cause. Late protests are due the day before the Appraisal Review Board approves the records for the year.

Military personnel on active duty outside the United States and property owners employed on offshore oil drilling, production facility or vessel, have until the date the taxes are due to file a protest.

* The deadline is postponed to the next business day if it falls on a weekend or holiday.

Special Deadlines

For change of use (the Appraisal District informed you that you are losing agricultural appraisal because you changed the use of your land), the deadline is before the 30th day after the notice of the determination was mailed to you.

For ARB changes (the ARB has informed you of a change that increases your tax liability and the change did not result from a protest you filed), the deadline is before the 30th day after the notice of the determination was mailed to you.

If you believe the Appraisal District or ARB should have sent you a notice and did not, you may file a protest until the day before the 125th day after you receive written notice of taxes due on the property. The ARB will decide whether you were due a notice and if the notice was mailed to you.

Contact the Appraisal District for more information.

Canutillo

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Jorge Mena; Science team members are Maralyn Doering, Sabina Miramontes, Carmen Orozco, and Claudia Ramirez; and Social Studies team members include Maralyn Doering, Sabina Miramontes, Carmen Orozco, and Alyssa Rosas.

“While both our Number Sense and Mathematics teams won first in our district, we finished the year as the top scoring team in the city amongst all divisions for both events,” said Rudy Medina, CHS math teacher and UIL coach.

Students qualifying to advance in their individual events are: Alan Lara,

for Calculator, Mathematics, and Number Sense; Maralyn Doering, for Current Issues, Biology, and Science; Andres Rodriguez, for Feature Writing; Chris Abdul, for Mathematics and Number Sense; Clarissa Castillo, for Headline Writing and News Writing; Steven Ayers, for Poetry Interpretation; Sammantha Franco, for Poetry Interpretation; Alejandra Requejo, for Prose Interpretation; Dominck Ruiz, for Ready Writing; Carmen Orozco, for Science and Physics; and Sabina Miramontes, for Social Studies.

“We’re very excited about the accomplishment, and we expect excellence, so this is not a surprise. I applaud the great work of our students and staff,” said Jim Fry, CHS Principal.

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: T equals H


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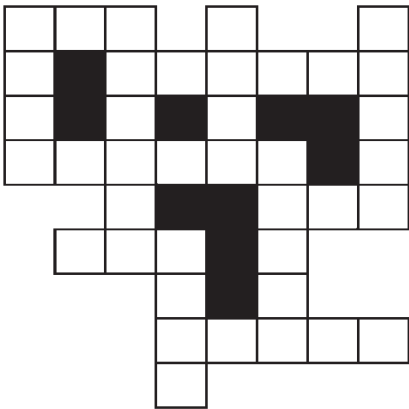
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Unscramble these twelve letter strings to form each into an ordinary word (ex. HAGNEC becomes CHANGE). Prepare to use only ONE word from any marked (♥) letter string as each unscrambles into more than one word (ex. ♥RATHE becomes HATER or EARTH or 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 French writer and film director Marguerite Duras who made the following observation: “I believe that always, or almost always, in all childhood, and in all the lives that follow them, the mother represents madness. Our mothers always remain the strangest, craziest people we’ve ever met.”

• In Colorado, it is illegal to mutilate a rock in a state park.

• Those who track radio statistics say that Led Zeppelin’s “Stairway to Heaven” is the most-requested song in the United States — and this despite the fact that the song was never released as a single on this side of the Atlantic.

• If you use Listerine to freshen your breath, you might be interested to know that its original formula is 26.9 percent alcohol by volume — that comes out to 54-proof gargle.

• There are lots of sports fans out there, and a lot of

sports to enjoy: football, basketball, soccer, baseball, hockey... olive oil wrestling? OK, maybe there aren’t a lot of oiled wrestling events here in America, but in Turkey it’s the national sport. Kirkpinar, as it’s known there, has been popular since the Ottoman Empire. The Turkish town of Edirne has been hosting the annual tournament since 1361.

• It was in Kitchener, Ontario, in 2006 that the world’s largest smoothie was made. Over the course of 3 1/2 hours and using seven blenders, the folks there made a whopping 195 gallons of the fruity beverage.

Thought for the Day: “Infatuation is when you think that he’s as sexy as Robert Redford, as smart as Henry Kissinger, as noble as Ralph Nader, as funny as Woody Allen and as athletic as Jimmy Connors. Love is when you realize he’s as sexy as Woody Allen, as smart as Jimmy Connors, as funny as Ralph Nader, as athletic as Henry Kissinger and nothing like Robert Redford — but you’ll take him anyway.” — Judith Viorst

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Public Notice LOWER VALLEY WATER DISTRICT

To the Duly qualified Resident Electors of the Lower Valley Water District and to all other interested parties:

A los Electores autorizados y residentes de el Lower Valley Water District:

The Board of Directors of the Lower Valley Water District hereby gives notice of an election to be held May 8, 2010, for the purpose of electing three (3) Director Positions for the Lower Valley Water District Board.

La Mesa Directiva de el Lower Valley Water District da aviso que se llevara acabo una eleccion el dia 8 de Mayo de 2010 con el proposito de elegir tres (3) miembros de la Mesa Directiva de el Lower Valley Water District.

EARLY VOTING by personal appearance will be conducted at the Socorro High School, 10150 Alameda Avenue, Socorro, El Paso County, Texas 79927 starting Monday, April 26, 2010 and continue through Tuesday, May 4, 2010 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. on each day which is not a Saturday, Sunday or an official state holiday (7 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Monday, May 3, 2010 and Tuesday, May 4, 2010).

Early voting by personal appearance will also be conducted at all locations within El Paso County, at which Early Voting is conducted by the County Elections Department beginning on April 26, 2010, and ending on May 4, 2010.

VOTACION POR AUSENCIA por presencia personal sera conducida en Socorro High School, 10150 Alameda Avenue, Socorro, El Paso County, Texas 79927 empezando el Lunes, 26 de Abril 2010 y continuara hasta el Martes, 4 de Mayo, 2010 de las 8 a.m. a las 5 p.m. en todos los dias que no sean Sabado, Domingo o dia oficial de vacaciones estatales (7 de la mañana a las 7 de la tarde empezando el día 3 de mayo de 2010, y el dia 4 de mayo de 2010).

La votacion anticipo en persona se llevara a cabo en todos locaciones en el Condado de El Paso, en donde se lleva a cabo votaciones tempranas manejadas por el Departamento de Elecciones del condado empezando el 26 de Abril de 2010 y terminando el 4 de Mayo de 2010.

EARLY VOTING LOCATIONS; HOURS; PRESIDING JUDGE and ALTERNATE PRESIDING JUDGE
SITIOS DE VOTACION POR AUSENCIA; HORAS; JUEZ PRESIDIENDO y JUES SUSTITUTO PRESIDIENDO

**April 26, 2010 – April 30, 2010 (See Hours; Revisra Horas)
May 3, 2010 – May 4, 2010 (7 a.m. to 7 p.m.)**

1. Ann Garcia-Enriquez Mid. Sch., 12280 Socorro Rd.; 8:00 – 4:00; Yolanda Cereceres and/y Cecilia Alvarado
2. Anthony City Hall, 401 Wildcat Dr.; 8:30 – 4:30; Diane Rivas and/y Sandra Meza
3. Carolina Rec. Center, 563 N. Carolina Dr.; 9:00 – 6:00; Floreen Villela and/y Alma Franco
4. Courthouse, 500 E. San Antonio Ave.; 8:00 – 5:00; Laura Sandoval and/y Albert Mendez
5. Dieter Plaza, 1605 George Dieter Dr.; 9:00 – 6:00; Velia Lujan and/y Ana Davis
6. Fiesta Shopping Center, 5200 N. Mesa St.; 9:00 – 6:00; Chita Alderete and/y Mary Gomez
7. Oz Glaze Senior Center, 13969 Veny Webb; 8:00 – 5:00; Anita Bowling and/y Graciela Flores
8. Pavo Real Rec. Center, 9301 Alameda Ave.; 9:00 – 6:00; Mary Padilla and/y Hortensica Guillen
9. Parkland High School, 5932 Quail Ave.; 8:00 – 5:00; Ioria Cox and/y Graciela Sanchez
10. Regency of El Paso, 221 Bartlett Dr.; 9:00 – 6:00; Joe DeVitto and/y Seney Sowles
11. Rogelio Sanchez, 1331 N. Fabens; 8:00 – 5:00; Polly Rodriquez and/y Rebecca Gomez
12. Socorro High School, 10150 Alameda Ave.; 8:00 – 5:00; Susan Blanco and/y April Rojas
13. Vista Hills Shopping Center, 1840 Lee Trevino Dr.; 9:00 – 6:00; Phillip Young and/y Daniel Reyes
14. West Valley Fire Station, 510 E. Vinton Rd.; 3:00 – 6:00; Ernesto Chasco and/y Edmundo Chasco
15. Zaraplex Center, 1700 Zaragoza Rd.; 9:00 – 6:00; Dolores Bolanos and/y Madeline Perez
16. Mobile #1; Waldo Rodriguez and/y Margret Grubbs
 - Monday, April 26, 2010; Eastwood High School, 2430 McRae Blvd.; 4:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.
 - Tuesday, April 27, 2010; Hanks High School, 2001 Lee Trevino; 4:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.
 - Wednesday, April 28, 2010; Riverside High School, 301 Midway Dr.; 4:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.
 - Thursday, April 29, 2010; Bel Air High School, 731 Yarbrough Dr.; 4:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.
 - Monday, May 3, 2010; Del Valle High School, 731 Yarbrough Dr.; 4:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

Applications for absentee ballots by mail should be mailed to: Department of Elections, 500 East San Antonio, Room L-115, El Paso, Texas 79901. Applications for ballots by mail must be received no later than the close of business on April 30, 2010.

Solicitudes para una boleta de ausencia por correo deben ser enviadas a: Department of Elections, 500 East San Antonio, Room L-115, El Paso, Texas 79901. Las solicitudes para boletas que se votaran en ausencia por correo deberan recibirse para el fin de las horas de negocio del 30 de abril 2010.

The POLLING PLACES designated below will be open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. on the day of election.

Los SITIOS DE VOTACION indicados abajo se abiran de 7 a.m. a 7 p.m. el dia de la eleccion.

Precinct Number (Numero de Precinto), Location (Colocacion):
Precinct 147-Horizon Heights School, 13601 Ryderwood Drive
Precinct 148-Sparks Community Center, 12899 Sparks Rd.
Precinct 149, 152-H.D. Hilley Elementary, 693 Rio Vista Rd.
Precinct 150-Robert R. Rojas Elementary, 500 Bauman Rd.
Precinct 151-Socorro High School, 10150 Alameda Avenue
Precinct 153-Escontrias Elementary, 205 Buford Rd.
Precinct 154-Campestre Elementary, 11399 Socorro Rd.
Precinct 157-Desert Hill Elementary, 300 East Lake Rd.
Precinct 158, 163-Clint Jr. High School, 13100 Alameda Ave.
Precinct 159-Ana M. Garcia-Enriquez Middle School, 12280 Socorro Rd.
Precinct 160, 169-Rio Valle Woman’s Club, 521 Mike Maros Dr.
Precinct 161-Tornillo Ancillary Bldg., 19200 Cobb Street

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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ★★

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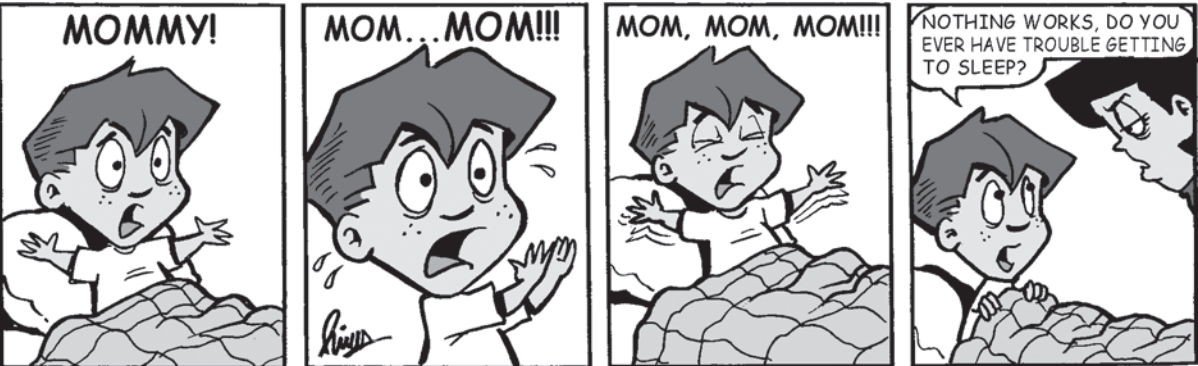
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Your good healthBy Paul G. Donahue, M.D.

DEAR DR. DONOHUE: I've had severe high blood pressure for many years. I have tried all the medicines you can think of. I am 62 and have had one ministroke. I'm not looking for another. I used to weigh 235 pounds. I lost 100 pounds. I watch my salt. I have tried everything. My family has a history of high blood pressure. Can you recommend anything? — F.

Blood pressure that doesn't drop by making life changes (weight loss and diet) or by taking three or four blood pressure medicines is called resistant high blood pressure (hypertension). Your weight loss is admirable. It should have reduced your pressure.

Watching your salt intake is also important. That entails more than not using the salt shaker. It requires you to carefully look for the salt content (listed as sodium or sodium chloride) of all your foods. Commercial soups, frozen dinners, many canned goods and luncheon meats often have a high salt content. Your diet should be one of fruits, vegetables, whole grains (unrefined wheat, barley, rye and oats) and one where meat and fats are eaten sparingly.

Increase foods with lots of potassium in them: tomatoes, potatoes, prunes, lima beans, kidney beans, navy beans, bananas, oranges and orange juice, spinach, peaches, cantaloupe and broccoli. Potassium lowers blood pressure.

Exercise for 30 minutes every day. Get your doctor's approval first, and start out modestly. Brisk walking is fine.

For resistant high blood pressure, your doctor has to look for the less-common causes of it. Sleep apnea (loud snoring with pauses when there is no breathing), adrenal gland tumors, Cushing's syndrome, narrowed kidney arteries and rare tumors such as pheochromocytoma are cases in point.

Go over your medicines. Some medicines raise pressure.

Nonsteroidal anti-inflammatory drugs are an example — Aleve, Advil, Motrin, aspirin and other NSAIDs. Don't drink more than two alcohol drinks a day.

More than 30 blood pressure medicines are on the market. I bet you haven't tried all 30 or combinations of them. Some brands come with two medicines in one pill, easing the burden of pill-taking. A new medicine, one completely different from all other medicines, is now available. It is Tekturna. Something must be done for your pressure.

The booklet on high blood pressure gives the story of this very common malady. To receive a copy, write: Dr. Donohue — 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. Allow four weeks for delivery.

DEAR DR. DONOHUE: When I walk upstairs, my knees make noises. They sound like bowls of Rice Krispies, snapping, crackling and popping. My wife thinks this has to be a sign of serious trouble. I have no pain. My knees are not stiff. I play 18 holes of golf three times a week. Should I make a big deal of this? — R.K.

If your knees are not bothering you, then knee noises usually do not indicate any serious problems. Tendons gliding over bones make snapping noises. So do bursting air bubbles in joint fluid.

No, you don't need to make a big deal of this.

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) 2010 North America Synd., Inc. All Rights Reserved.

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- 25 Start of a remark
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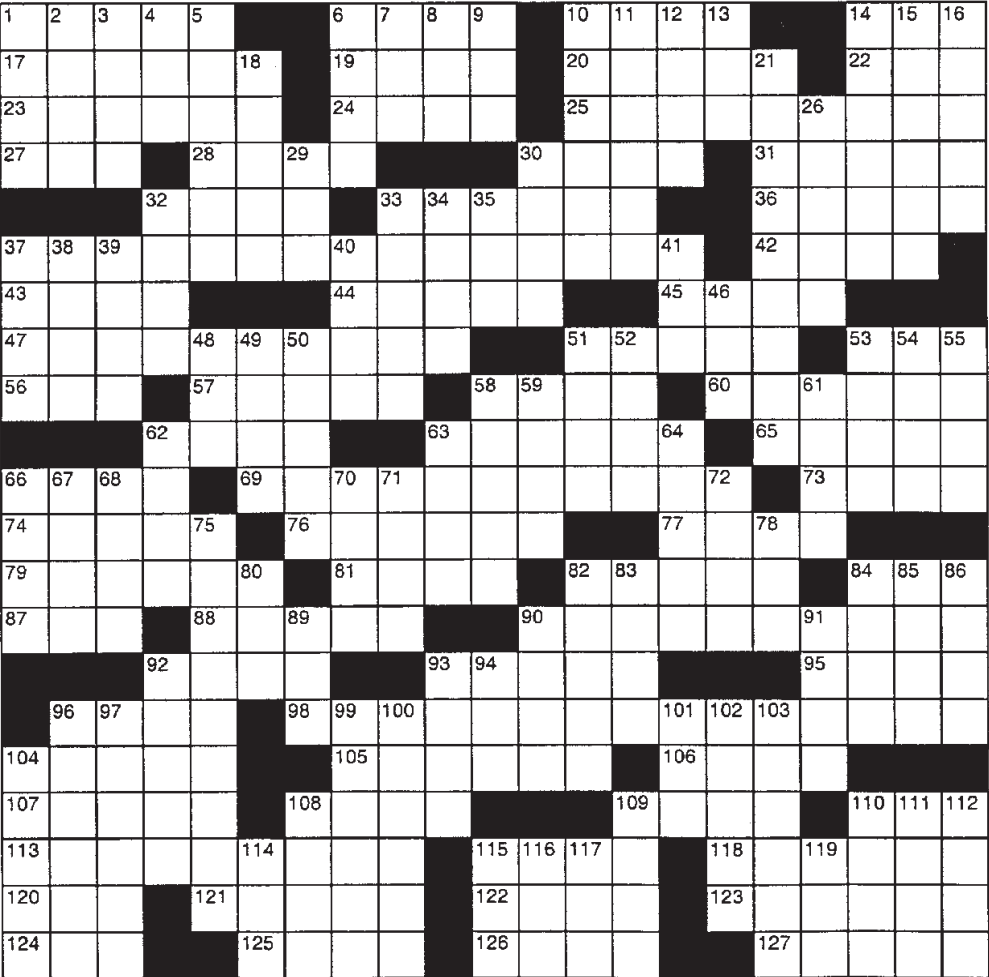
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- 81 No pleasure trip
- 82 Complains
- 84 You can retire on it
- 87 "Casualties of War" setting
- 88 Pigeonhole
- 90 Resilience
- 92 Carpenter's tool
- 93 Celebrations
- 95 "Rule Britannia" composer
- 96 Unadorned
- 98 Part 4 of remark
- 104 Mr. Hiss
- 105 Paradisiacal
- 106 Romain de Tiroff
- 107 Nero's instrument
- 108 From the top
- 109 Big rig
- 110 Deity
- 113 End of remark
- 115 George of "Scarface"
- 118 Journalist Fallaci
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- 121 Sharon of Israel
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- 123 Expire
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- 125 Valuable
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- 127 Rhythm of life
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- 2 Paradoxical philosopher
- 3 Maugham's "The Razor's _"
- 4 Corporate VIP
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- 6 Pack it in
- 7 Sturm _ Drang
- 8 "Graph" ending
- 9 Caldwell or Akins
- 10 Don a uniform
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- 14 Colombia's capital
- 15 Screenwriter Nora
- 16 Consumed
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- 29 Robert of "Quincy, M.E."
- 30 "The Ghost and Mrs. _" ('47 film)
- 32 Nab a gnat
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- 38 "You _ it!"
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- 49 Apiece
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- 51 Ward (off)
- 52 New Jersey borough
- 53 Pacific archipelago
- 54 Shortly
- 55 Michael of "Cabaret"
- 58 Stream
- 59 Expect back
- 61 Damper
- 62 Conspire
- 63 Eight bits
- 64 Llama turf
- 66 James of "Brian's Song"
- 67 _ mater
- 68 Corn Belt soil
- 70 Core
- 71 Skin feature
- 72 Present
- 75 Cartwright ranch
- 78 "Just _ thought!"
- 80 Ms. Taylor
- 82 Mont _
- 83 Relaxation
- 84 Logroll
- 85 Sicilian smoker
- 86 Stained
- 89 Middling mark
- 90 Morlocks' prey

- 91 Rib _
- 92 Amphitheater feature
- 93 Expanded
- 94 Writer Rand
- 96 "Hail to thee, _ spirit!"
- 97 Massachusetts city
- 99 Thin covering
- 100 Swimmer
- Gertrude
- 101 Elfin
- 102 Strong suit
- 103 Foment
- 104 Simian
- 108 Saucony rival
- 109 Charon's river
- 110 Sheffield slammer
- 111 Burden
- 112 Granola fruit
- 114 Rink legend
- 115 Brit. fliers
- 116 Dryden's " _ for Love"
- 117 Neighbor of Ga.
- 119 Shiba _ (Japanese dog)

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Social Security Q&A

By Ray Vigil

Save on a rainy day

You’ve heard the saying before: is the time to begin saving for your retirement — no matter what your age. If retirement is near, you’ll want to jump into the fast lane right away. If you’re younger and retirement seems a lifetime away, it’s still in your best interest to begin saving now, as compound interest will work to your advantage. Investors and financial advisors agree that saving when you’re young will make a world of difference when the time comes to draw on your retirement savings. Don’t take our word for it. You can

save for a rainy day. We’d like to suggest you save on a rainy day. Just as April’s showers bring May’s flowers, your savings today can help make your retirement savings flourish in the future.

According to a recent survey by the Employee Benefit Research Institute, 43 percent of Americans have saved less than \$10,000 for retirement; 27 percent have saved less than \$1,000.

If you haven’t started already, now

check out the numbers yourself. A great place to start figuring out how much you will need for retirement is to learn how much you could expect from Social Security. You can do that in minutes with Social Security’s online Retirement Estimator.

The Retirement Estimator offers an instant and personalized estimate of your future retirement benefits based on your earnings record. Try it out at www.socialsecurity.gov/estimator.


We encourage saving for retirement, but there are reasons to save for every stage of life. A great place to go for help is www.mymoney.gov. MyMoney.gov is the U.S. government’s website dedicated to teaching Americans the basics about financial education. Whether you are planning to buy a

home, balancing your checkbook, or investing in your 401(k) plan, the resources on www.MyMoney.gov can help you do it better. Throughout the site, you will find important information from 20 federal agencies government wide.

Another excellent resource is the Ballpark Estimator at www.choosetosave.org/ballpark. This online tool takes complicated issues, like projected Social Security benefits and earnings assumptions on savings, and turns them into language and mathematics that are easy to understand.

These online resources are a great way to spend a rainy day. And if you’re hungry for more, dive into a wealth of further information at www.socialsecurity.gov.

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NOTICE OF CONFIRMATION ELECTION, DIRECTOR ELECTION, BOND ELECTION, REFUNDING BOND ELECTION, OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE TAX ELECTION, AND SPECIAL CONTRACT ELECTION

TO THE DULY QUALIFIED RESIDENT ELECTORS OF PASEO DEL ESTE MUNICIPAL UTILITY DISTRICT NO. 6 AND TO ALL OTHER INTERESTED PARTIES:

Notice is hereby given that Paseo del Este Municipal Utility District No. 6 (the “District”) will hold an election within the District on Saturday, the 8th day of May, 2010, between the hours of 7 a.m. and 7 p.m., at 13100 Eastlake Blvd., El Paso, Texas, 79928, for the purposes of confirmation of creation of the district; electing five (5) members of the Board of Directors of the District; authorizing the issuance of bonds of the District and the levy of a tax to pay the bonds; authorizing the issuance of refunding bonds for the District and the levy of a tax to pay the bonds; authorizing the levy of a tax on taxable property within the District for operation and maintenance purposes; and authorizing the levy of a tax on taxable property within the District for the purpose of making payments related to a special contract between the District and Paseo del Este Municipal Utility District No. 1.

The election is being held by order of the Board of Directors of the District. Voting in said election shall be by the use of paper ballots which shall conform to the requirements of the Texas Election Code. The boundaries of the District are hereby designated as and shall constitute one election precinct and the following persons are hereby appointed officers of said election:

Presiding Judge:	Antonio Contreras
Alternate Presiding Judge:	[To be named, if possible]
Clerk:	[To be named, if possible]

Early voting in the election by personal appearance shall begin on the twelfth day preceding the election day, April 26, 2010, and shall continue through the fourth day preceding the election, May 4, 2010. The early voting clerk shall be Antonio Contreras, and the place at which early voting shall be conducted is 13100 Eastlake Blvd., El Paso, Texas, 79928. Antonio Contreras is appointed judge of the early voting board and he/she may appoint two clerks to assist.

The early voting clerk’s mailing address to which ballot applications and ballots to be voted by mail may be sent is to Freeman & Corbett, 8500 Bluffstone Cove, Suite B-104, Austin, Texas, 78759. The early voting clerk shall keep the early voting place open from 12:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m., on each day for early voting which is not a Saturday, a Sunday, or an official state holiday.

The election shall be held and conducted and returns made to the Board of Directors of the District in accordance with the Texas Election Code, as modified by Chapters 49 and 54, Texas Water Code.

All qualified resident electors of the District shall be entitled to vote in the election.

BY ORDER OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS.

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AVISO DE CONFIRMACIÓN DE ELECCIÓN, ELECCIÓN DE DIRECTOR, ELECCIÓN DE BONOS, ELECCIÓN DE REEMBOLSO DE BONOS, ELECCIÓN DE IMPUESTOS DE OPERACIÓN Y MANTENIMIENTO, Y ELECCIÓN DE CONTRATO ESPECIAL

A LOS RESIDENTES DEBIDAMENTE HABILITADOS DE PASEO DEL ESTE DEL DISTRITO MUNICIPAL NO. 6 Y A TODAS LAS PARTES INTERESADAS:

Se avisa por este medio que Paseo del Este del Distrito Municipal No. 6 (el “Distrito”) tendrá una elección dentro del Distrito el Sábado, 8 de Mayo, 2010, entre 7 a.m. y 7 p.m., en 13100 Eastlake Blvd., El Paso, Texas, 79928, con el propósito de confirmación de la creación del Distrito; eligiendo cinco (5) miembros de la Junta Directiva del Distrito; autorizando la emisión de bonos del Distrito y la recaudación de un impuesto para pagar los bonos; autorizando la emisión de bonos de reembolso para el Distrito; autorizando la recaudación de un impuesto sobre propiedad con impuesto imponible dentro del Distrito para propósitos de operación y mantenimiento; y autorizando la recaudación de un impuesto sobre propiedad con impuesto imponible dentro del Distrito con el propósito de hacer pagos relacionados con un contrato especial entre el Distrito y Paseo del Este Distrito Municipal No. 1.

La elección se lleva a cabo por orden de la Junta Directiva del Distrito. Votando en dicha elección será por medio del uso de papeletas oficiales de acuerdo a los requerimientos del Código de Elección de Texas. Los límites del Distrito son por este medio designados y constituirán un precinto de elección, y las siguientes personas son por este medio nombradas oficiales de dicha elección:

Juez Presidiendo	Antonio Contreras
Juez Sustituto Presidiendo	[A ser nombrado, si es posible]
Secretario	[A ser nombrado, si es posible]

La votación temprana en persona comenzará en el doceavo día antes del día de la elección, Abril 26, 2010, y continuará hasta el cuarto día antes de la elección, Mayo 4, 2010. El secretario de votación temprana será Antonio Contreras, y el lugar en el cual se conducirá la votación temprana es: 13100 Eastlake Blvd., El Paso, Texas, 79928. Antonio Contreras es el juez nombrado para la junta de votación temprana y él/ella pueden nombrar dos secretarios si necesitan asistencia.

Las aplicaciones de papeletas y papeletas de votación por correo deberán enviarse a la dirección del secretario de votación temprana: Freeman & Corbett, 8500 Bluffstone Cove, Suite B-104, Austin, Texas, 78759. El secretario de votación temprana mantendrá abierto el lugar de votación temprana de 12:00 p.m. a 3:00 p.m., cada día para votación temprana, que no sea un Sábado, un Domingo, o un día feriado estatal.

La elección se llevará a cabo y el resultado se llevará a la Junta Directiva del Distrito de acuerdo con el Código de Elección de Texas, segun modificado por los Capítulos 49 y 54, del Código de Agua de Texas.

Todos los residentes electores habilitados del Distrito podrán votar en la elección.

POR ORDEN DE LA JUNTA DIRECTIVA.

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