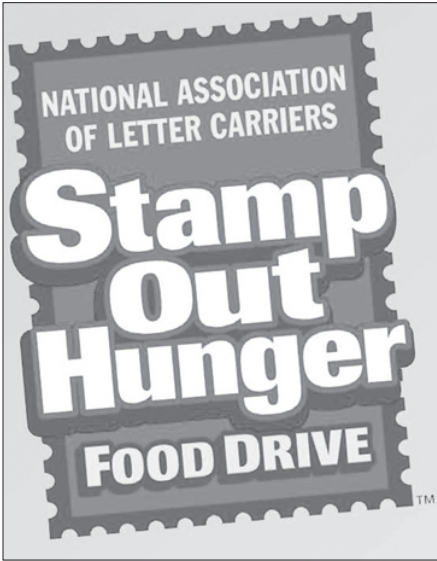




NEWSBRIEFS



Food drive

On Saturday, May 8, people can contribute to the “Stamp Out Hunger” nationwide food drive. All you need to do is:

1. Place non-perishable food products in a bag. Donate items like canned meats, fish, soup, juice and vegetables, and pasta, cereal and rice. Please do not include items that have expired or are in glass containers.
 2. Leave the bag at your mailbox on Saturday, May 8, 2010.
 3. Watch your letter carrier pick up the food for local food banks or pantries.
- For more information visit www.helpstampouthunger.com.

Chess tourney

Students in grades one through eight are invited to participate in the Annual Law Day Chess Tournament, competing against lawyers and paralegals representing the El Paso Bar Association. There is no entry fee. The tournament will be conducted on Saturday, May 8, 2010 at Saint Clement’s Episcopal Church, 810 N. Campbell St. (Corner of Campbell and Montana), from 9:00 a.m. until about 2:00 p.m. Lawyers and paralegals compete against each other for ranking; children in each grade level will compete against each other. Thereafter, the first and second place winners in each one of the children’s categories (appropriate grade levels) will compete against the lawyers and paralegals, with the oldest children playing the best lawyers and paralegals. Trophies will be awarded. Pre-registration is appreciated, but it is not required. For more information, contact Omar Carmona at 929-9555 (carmonalaw@gmail.com) or Clinton Cross at 546-2050.

Crime Stoppers

A man hears his doorbell ring in the middle of the night and, thinking it was a family member returning home, is shot at through the door by unknown assailants, making this the Crime Stoppers “Crime

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Trouble causes some people to go to pieces; others to come to their senses.
— Quips & Quotes

Eagle Scout project fixes Clint gazebo

By Don Woodyard
Special to the Courier

CLINT — On Saturday, April 24, hundreds of Boy Scouts showcased their talents and celebrated 100 years of Scouting at the Scout Expo in Cohen Stadium.

On that same day, about 35 miles away in the Town of Clint, a smaller group of Boy Scouts also showcased their talents, but in a different way.

The larger group pitched tents, built rope bridges and ran race cars down a track.

However, the smaller group, members of Boy Scout Troop 338, weren’t employing the traditional Scouting skills they had learned. They were gathered for a patriotic purpose.

Under the supervision of Eagle Scout candidate Mario Miguel Rodriguez, the boys didn’t pitch tents, but rather pitched in with paint brushes to transform the dull grey finish of the old gazebo in Veterans’ Park into the red, white and blue of the American flag. The one-day effort was Rodriguez’ required project to take that final step along the trail to the coveted rank of Eagle Scout.

The project was undertaken by Rodriguez

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— Photos by Mario F. Rodriguez

A FINE FINISH — Mario Miguel Rodriguez proudly stands next to the renovated gazebo located in Veteran’s Park in Clint. Mario and many other volunteers all pitched in for Mario’s Eagle Scout Project held Saturday, April 24 in Clint. Boy Scout Troop 338 has once again made a community contribution by beautifying a little piece of Clint. Many citizens and the veteran’s of Clint will now be able to use this gazebo for 4th of July picnics or any other day.

Fabens has new water treatment plant

By Don Woodyard
Special to the Courier

FABENS — The quality of life has improved for the residents of Fabens.

Ribbon-cutting ceremonies were held May 1 for a new \$6.9 million wastewater treatment plant with a capacity of treating 1.2 million gallons a day. A part of El Paso County Water Control and Improvement District No. 4, the new facility is located at 17270 Alameda.

“The wastewater treatment plant you see before you is nothing short of a miracle,” said general manager Geri de la Torre in prepared closing remarks.

“I can say this because what took more than 15 years to plan, design and finance took just 10 months to build. In looking at the size and complexity of this plant, that is no small feat,” she added. The new plant is expected to meet the needs of the community for 30 years.

R.M. Wright Construction Company began work on the new plant in April of 2009 and finished in February of 2010. She praised them “for the excellent and conscientious job it did in the construction of our facility.”

De la Torre said this is the third water treatment plant for the community. The first was in the 1950s and lasted until the 1980s

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— Photo courtesy of El Paso County Water Control and Improvement District No. 4

WATERWORKS — The new Fabens wastewater treatment plant was dedicated May 1. It has a capacity to treat 1.2 million gallons and is expected to meet the needs of the community for 30 years.



— Photo courtesy San Elizario ISD

Victoria Valencia

Valencia is District 2-4A Female Athlete of the Year

By Cynthia P. Marentes
Special to the Courier

San Elizario High School senior Victoria Valencia continues receiving accolades for her outstanding athletic performance. On April 28, 2010 Victoria was named the District 2-4A Female Athlete of the Year by the El Paso Athletic Hall of Fame at the annual awards ceremony held at the University of Texas at El Paso.

Valencia has earned an impressive record as a member of the El Paso Sunspots club volleyball team, and San Elizario High School volleyball and softball teams. It is Valencia’s commitment to volleyball where her remarkable ability as an athlete truly shines. She led District 4A in hitting percentage and total kills for the past

See VALENCIA, Page 3

Por la Gente

By State Rep. Chente Quintanilla

Grant money awarded to El Paso County

Hola mi gente. Back in January, I shared with you some meetings that I had scheduled in February with state agency staffers. One of the meetings was with the Department of Aging and Disability Services (DADS). We primarily discussed some issues that had arisen with the mandatory review that is done on DADS (as well as other agencies) under Texas Sunset Laws.

Another issue more relevant to El Paso that we discussed was about a grant application by LULAC Project Amistad to DADS. The application was for monies that would establish and support an Aging and Disability Resource Center in El Paso County (ADRC). Several counties in eastern parts of Texas already had an ADRC.

Previous to the meeting in Austin, I sent a support letter to Xavier Banales, Chief Operating Officer of

Amistad, so that he could include that with the application. The letter from my office was one of many from other offices.

In both the letter and in the office visit, there were two very important points that I made to DADS. Project Amistad has been operating very successfully in El Paso county for many years. The buses that transport seniors and disabled individuals are very familiar to many of you. I stated that there was no entity with a better history than LULAC to manage the grant money based on the many years of managing other federal and state grant monies. I also assured the director from DADS that the members of the Board of Directors and administration were of the

highest integrity and qualifications.

The other point presented was that there was not a single ADRC located along the Rio Grande valley, both upper and lower. Since these communities had the highest concentration of Hispanics, I strongly stated that the time was now for one and that there was no reason why the grant should not be awarded to El Paso County.

On April 29, I received a letter from Mr. Banales informing me that DADS did indeed award the latest grant to El Paso County. Even though my office had a significant role by providing the letter and talking in person with DADS, I recognize that others contributed as well. Primarily, the people at Amistad who submitted the grant application did the job right and they should be commended.

An ADRC is a great resource for seniors and the disabled to obtain

information and direction about important services. There will be trained employees who, after listening to the client, can provide information about and assist in choosing services relevant to that individual.

For example, the ADRC can connect clients with home care, meals, transportation, legal services, attendant services, housing and many other important benefits. In addition, the staff can even provide follow up assistance to make sure the needs have been met.

I have frequently mentioned that the best part of my office is being able to assist people who need help. By being a part of the grant process, we have put in place a very important center that will help hundreds of people in El Paso County as well as the other five counties covered by the district.

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

Veterans Post

By Freddy Groves

Charity rip-offs

It says something when a state shuts down a charity organization, especially one that purports to help veterans. But that’s exactly what happened in New Mexico: The state’s attorney general banned The U.S. Navy Veterans Association from further solicitations due in part to the fact that some of the alleged “officers” of the organization have fictitious addresses.

The St. Petersburg (Fla.) Times did a months-long investigation and could track down only one member of the group — who moved out of his home and office the minute he learned that the newspaper was investigating him.

A profile for the USNVA says in part that its purpose is “the provision of assistance to disabled and needy war veterans.” But, according to the Times, the USNVA donated just 1 percent of its money to actual causes. The other 99 percent was spent on administration costs. That’s an extremely poor showing for any charitable organization.

Thing is, this organization is listed on the VA’s own website,

right in the Directory of Veterans Service Organizations. Go here to check it out: www1.va.gov/vso/

Let’s say you click on Search and enter “Navy” in the box. You’ll get a list of about a dozen organizations, including The U.S. Navy Veterans Association. Just having them on the page seems to indicate that they’ve been checked out when they haven’t. Unless you scroll down the page and specifically select “chartered by Congress,” you can end up with the non-chartered ones, too.

If you want to donate to charities that truly benefit the military and veterans, you’ll need to do your homework. You can feel confident using these charity checkers:

- Charity Navigator — www.charitynavigator.org/
- Charity Watch — www.charitywatch.org/
- GuideStar — www.guidestar.org/

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View from here

By Rick Manning

Bailouts for dummies

The Dodd – Goldman Sachs financial services takeover bill can be intimidating to understand for many people, including myself. However, when all the smoke clears it really comes down to four basic points:

1. Congress would set up a permanent bailout fund that is financed through increased charges to banks, which will be paid for by financial institution customers and savers. This permanent bailout fund would allow Congressmen and Senators to avoid voting on whether to bailout a specific company like Chrysler, GM, Citigroup or Goldman Sachs, instead shuffling the decision off to unelected political appointees.
- Not surprisingly, Goldman Sachs and Citigroup have both announced that they support the Dodd financial takeover bill since it institutionalizes the very too big to fail philosophy that led to the TARP bailouts in the first place.
2. Political appointees and unelected bureaucrats can also declare any company to be a financial institution. This means these political bureaucrats can decide that any company needs to be taken over by the government using the bailout fund. This extreme power gives these unelected authorities

the ultimate coercive power over business and America’s economy.

The government takeovers of GM and Chrysler under TARP are a good example of the Obama Administration’s trial run for this power.

You might remember that Obama took care of his labor cronies through a political deal that benefitted the United Auto Workers union at the expense of those private individuals and banks who lent GM and Chrysler money through loans and bonds purchased. Ownership of both auto companies was redistributed to the politically powerful union leaving no doubt about how the bailout-takeover authority will be yielded.

3. When the government decides to take over a company, that company is not allowed to fight it in court. So, if you own shares of a company, and the government takes control of that company, you

as an owner of the company cannot challenge the decision to take your property in a court of law. Sounds more like a third world dictatorship than America — doesn’t it?

4. Finally, the Dodd-Goldman Sachs bill doesn’t actually deal with any of the root causes of the collapse of the home mortgage market. For example, government policies forced government sponsored mortgage giants Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac to underwrite mortgages to people who were less likely to pay them back. Congress then built the house of cards even higher by ordering private banks to make similar if not even more risky loans if they wanted to expand across state lines, or merge with other banks to stay competitive.

Not surprising to anyone even remotely paying attention, many of the people who didn’t actually qualify for loans, eventually couldn’t repay them, and the house of cards which made up the entire home mortgage industry collapsed.

Now, the same Congressional scoundrels largely responsible for forcing the financial services industry into accepting the idiotic idea that if you lend a crack dealer \$300k for a home mortgage that you will get paid back, are ‘fixing the problem’. Feel better yet?

In sum, the Dodd-Goldman Sachs bill doesn’t fix anything. Instead, it perpetuates the very problem it claims to want to solve — leaving the very root causes in place while insulating the politicians responsible for building the house of cards from the consequences of their political rather than market based decisions. Crazy, isn’t it?

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CryptoQuip

Answer

Have you heard about the new London-based advice columnist named Westminster Abby?

Hernandez in national competition

By Kim Guzman
Special to the Courier

CANUTILLO — Elizabeth Hernandez, Canutillo High School(CHS)senior,advanced to national competition, after recently placing among the top finishers during the state competition in the Business Professionals of America (BPA)LeadershipConference. Hernandez qualified in Advanced Word Processing, and will compete on the national level in Anaheim, CA from May 5 to 9.

According to Carol Sherman, CHS teacher and BPA sponsor, this was

Elizabeth’s third year to compete in Keyboarding Production — practicing diligently to prepare for this year’s competition. However, because of a rule change, she was unable to compete in that specific event, and only one week before the regional competition, was placed into Advanced Word Processing. Hernandez earned a second place in the regional event and advanced to the state meet. She is one of only four other individuals from the city of El Paso who have qualified to go to the national competition.

Along with Hernandez’s BPA accomplishments, she will also be recognized as Outstanding

Career and Technology Education (CTE) student during the CHS academic awards banquet next month. Her involvement in extra-curricular and civic-minded organizations include Mother/Daughter and Big/Brothers Big/Sisters programs, class president, wrestling manager, Future Business Leaders of America member, and National Honor Society member.

“This young lady is a shining example of the success our students here in Canutillo accomplish every year, by focusing on their education and getting involved in civic duty,” said Annette Brigham, School Resources Executive Director.



— Photo courtesy Canutillo ISD

COMPETITION CALLS — Elizabeth Hernandez is in BPA competition in California this week.

Water

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at which time a growing population and new water treatment technology brought a second system into service for the community.

“Our new wastewater treatment facility which disinfects with ultraviolet light is not only more eco-friendly (or safer for people and the environment) but also more cost-effective, affordable and energy-efficient for both the district and the people it serves,” she pointed out in her prepared comments.

The general manager praised the hard work of district field director Martin Madrid and his staff for keeping the old plant functioning “without incurring any TCEQ (Texas Commission on Environmental Quality) violations.” Underscoring problems with the old system, according to a press release, “the existing plant was unable to consistently meet

effluent discharge requirements imposed by the State of Texas.”

She spoke of Madrid and his staff as the “unsung heroes” of the water district.

“They were the ones who, year in and year out, while you and I were comfortably asleep in our beds, were out in the dead of night, often in freezing cold and wet weather, repairing aerators, and rotors, troubleshooting motors and pumps, unclogging the sewer headworks and manually adjusting valves to prevent sewage overflows.

“They are top-notch; it’s just amazing what they can do.”

The project was certified by the Border Environment Cooperation Commission (BECC) and funded by a federal agency through the North American Development Bank.

The old plant, she said, is considered “abandoned in place.” It would be used only in a “dire emergency.”

Valencia

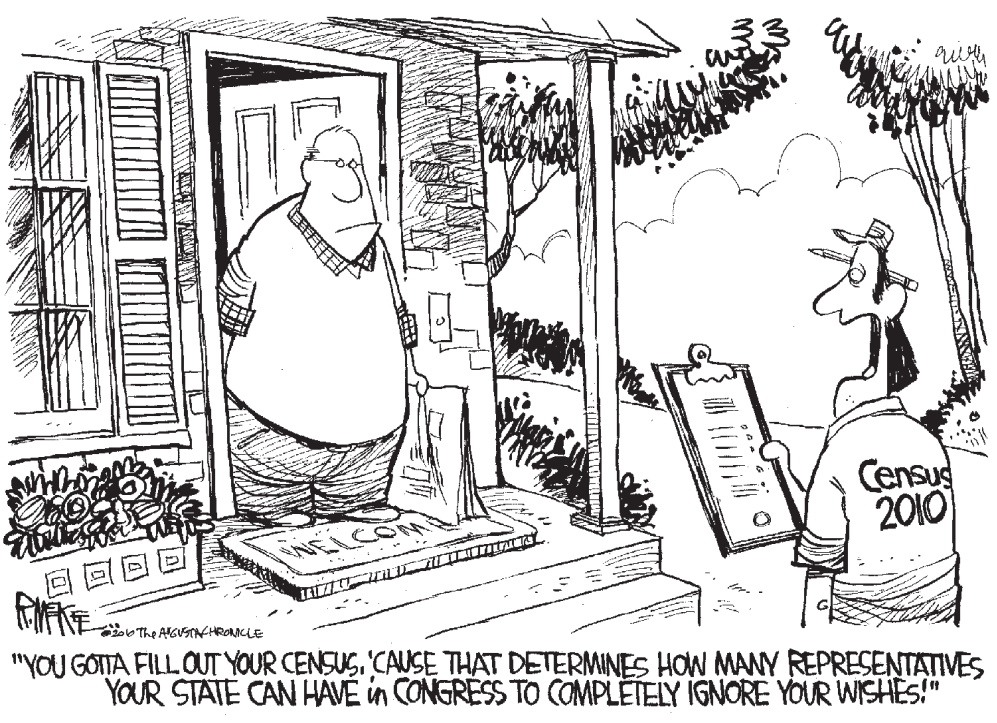
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two years. From her freshman through her senior year, as team captain Valencia lead the Lady Eagles volleyball team to three playoff appearances. She has been named to the All City Volleyball First Team and varsity team volleyball MVP all four years of her high school career. Valencia has also been recognized with the Flo Hyman Award in 2010, the Wendy’s Heisman Athletic Scholarship 2009-2010, and Maxpreps/ American Volleyball Coaches Association


player of the week and all American watch list designations.

Valencia’s successes also extend to the classroom where she is currently one of San Elizario High School’s top students ranked third in her class. She also belongs to the National Honor Society where she presently holds the office of treasurer. Her academic and athletic achievements caught the eye of UTEP who signed Valencia to their volleyball team on April 14. She will serve as a defensive specialist for the UTEP Miners, who compete in Conference USA and at the NCAA Division I level.

Victoria is the daughter of Rosie and Joe Valencia of San Elizario.








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at the Helen of Troy Softball Complex

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Briefs

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of the Week.” On Sunday, April 18, at 2:45 a.m., the victim and his wife and two daughters were at their house in the

11600 block of John Weir on the eastside when the victim heard his doorbell ring. Believing his older daughter was returning from a night out, the victim went to the door and, through the peephole, saw a man standing there. At that point, another man stepped

out from the dark and blasted the front door several times with a shotgun, injuring the victim in the process. The two suspects then fled on foot, running west on John Weir. The two suspects are believed to be Hispanic males in their late 20s or early 30s. One

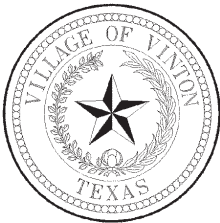
was wearing a grey sweatshirt with a hood pulled up over his head. The other suspect was wearing a dark green sweatshirt. The suspects were heard to speak both English and Spanish. If you have any information about the identity of these suspects, call

Crime Stoppers immediately 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 Klaes

NOTICE OF INTENT TO REQUEST
RELEASE OF FUNDS

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



West Texas County Courier
May 6, 2010

REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF FUNDS

On or about May 14, 2010, the Village of Vinton, Texas will submit a request to the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs for the release of HOME funds under Title II of the Cranston Gonzalez National Affordable Housing Act of 1990, as amended, to undertake a project known as Owner Occupied HOME Contract #1001172 for the purpose of either rehabilitating or reconstructing a minimum of 4 single family homes that are in poor conditions then converting their existing living conditions with secure homes. The project is following a tiering plan, and all project locations will be within the city limits of the Village of Vinton. Total HOME Contract Award is \$332,800.

The activities proposed are categorically excluded under HUD regulations at 24 CFR Part 58 from National Environmental Policy Act requirements. An Environmental Review Record (ERR) that documents the environmental determinations for this project is on file at Village of Vinton in the Village Clerk’s Office at 436 E. Vinton Rd., Vinton, Texas 79821 and may be examined or copied weekdays 8:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Any individual, group or agency may submit written comments on the ERR to the Village of Vinton in the Village Clerk’s Office at 436 E. Vinton Rd., Vinton, Texas 79821. All comments received by May 13, 2010 will be considered by the Village of Vinton, Texas prior to authorizing submission of a request of release of funds.

RELEASE OF FUNDS

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

OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS

Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs will consider objections to its release of funds and the Village of Vinton, Texas, certification for a period of fifteen days following the anticipated submission date or its actual receipt of the request (whichever is later) only if they are on one of the following bases: (a) the certification was not executed by the Certifying Officer of the Village of Vinton, Texas (b) the Village of Vinton, Texas has omitted a step or failed to make a decision or finding required by HUD regulations at 24 CFR Part 58; (c) the grant receipt or other participants in the project have committed funds or incurred costs not authorized by 24 CFR Part 58 before approval of a release of funds by Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs; or (d) another Federal agency acting pursuant to 40 CFR Part 1504 has submitted a written finding that the project is unsatisfactory from the standpoint of environmental quality. Objections must be prepared and submitted in accordance with the required procedures (24 CFR Part 58) and shall be addressed to Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs at 221 East 11th Street, Austin, Texas 78701-2410. Potential objectors should contact Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs to verify the actual last day of the objections period.

Madeleine Praino
Mayor

Socorro Independent School District
PUBLIC NOTICE
Public Meeting to Review
Federal Funded Programs

The Socorro Independent School District will conduct public information meetings to review the following Sisd Programs funded by Federal funds:

- Title I, Part A - Improving Basic Programs
- Title I, Part C - Migrant Program
- Title I, Part D - SP 2 - Delinquent Youth
- Title II, Part A - Improving Teacher Quality
- Title III, Part A - Limited English Proficiency (LEP)
- Title I, Part A - ARRA
- Title I, Part D SP 2 - ARRA
- Title II, Part D - Technology - ARRA
- IDEA-Part B - ARRA
- IDEA-Part B Pre-School - ARRA

The meeting will be held:
Wednesday, May 19, 2010, 5:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

Public Reviews of the Federal Application for Educational Funding for Socorro ISD will be in Meeting Rooms C & D at the District Service Center, 12440 Rojas Drive.

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El Distrito Escolar Independiente de Socorro llevará a cabo una junta pública para revisar los siguientes programas federales:

- Título I, Parte A - Mejorando Programas Básicos
- Título I, Parte C - Programa Migrante
- Título I, Parte D - Jovenes Delincuentes
- Título II, Parte A - Mejorando la Calidad de Maestros
- Título III, Parte A - Servicios de educación para estudiantes de segundo idioma
- Título I, Parte A - ARRA
- Título I, Parte D SP 2 - ARRA
- Título II, Parte D - ARRA Mejorando los Servicios Educativos através de Tecnología.
- IDEA-Parte B - ARRA
- IDEA-Parte B - Pre-Escolar - ARRA

La junta se llevará a cabo:
miércoles, 19 de mayo, 2010, 5:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

La Revisión Pública de la Solicitud Federal para Fondos Educativos para el Distrito de Socorro se llevará a cabo en el Salón de Juntas C & D, 12440 Rojas Drive.

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Mixing politics with sports is like mixing oil and water

By Steve Escajeda
Special to the Courier

Ever since the state of Arizona decided to stop waiting for the federal government to do its job, and took it upon itself to get tough with its out-of-control border issues — some people have lost their minds.

Protesters, and politicians pouncing on the opportunity to secure more Hispanic votes, have been ranting about the alleged unfairness of the new law.

Some people — who evidently have never picked up a history book in their lives — are comparing Arizona’s actions to those of Adolf Hitler and the Nazis.

Wow, talk about an insult to the 6-million murdered Jews and what they and their tortured families went through during WWII.

Naturally, opponents of the new law are going to make it sound as if this is the most freighting thing to hit the country since Rosie O’Donnell.

Some groups have even been calling for a boycott of Arizona and products that come from the state.

Yeah that’s the American way — where you have freedom of speech and the right to run

your own state — until some group disagrees with you and then they turn to blackmail and extortion.

This has gotten so out of hand that some people have actually called for the moving of the 2011 Major League Baseball All-Star Game from Phoenix.

People, can we please step back and take a breath? The All-Star game? Really?

Next thing you know people will be throwing out their cactus plants, desert landscaping will be declared unconstitutional and students will be fleeing the University of Phoenix in horror.

What happened to this country’s sense of fairness? Everyone talks about “innocent until proven guilty” but those against the law have already decided it will lead to racial profiling before it has even been implemented.

Just like when the Democrats voted for the health care bill, Republicans thought the world would come to an end if it passed. I don’t know if it will, but neither do they. Let’s just wait and see what happens.

And for goodness sake professional baseball, don’t let politics dictate what you do with your game. Once you open that door it can never be closed.

Besides, it’s extremely unfair to every law-

abiding Latin American country member who either has entered, or is in the process of entering this country the right way — *the legal way*.

Every other country in the world patrols its borders.

Every other country deports people who are there illegally — yes, especially Mexico — who deports more people back to Central America than the United States does to any country.

And is Mexico wrong for doing so? Of course not; it has the right and the obligation to protect its own country against anyone trying to sneak in. They mete out multi-year hard jail time for immigration violations.

But the fact that Mexico deports and jails illegal aliens just doesn’t get out much. The truth takes a real beating these days, especially in the news media — which is far more interested in swaying people than informing them.

I don’t care if its professional baseball or basketball or football of hockey or soccer — don’t blame Arizona for what it feels it has to do for itself.

If you want to blame somebody — blame the federal government for not doing the job our tax dollars paid it to do and blame the

Mexican government for turning its country into a semi-lawless society its people can’t wait to escape from.

Mommy Dearest II

With Mother’s Day coming it’s a good time to think of our moms and thank them for what they’ve sacrificed for us.

Unfortunately, not everyone has that “Brady Bunch” kind of mom we all long for.

Take Dallas Cowboys’ new wide receiver Dez Bryant for example. His mom is demanding an apology from the Miami Dolphins, claiming they were dogging her son for an arrest she suffered 12 years ago for selling crack cocaine.

What Angela Bryant failed to tell reporters was that she was also arrested last year for selling crack cocaine to undercover agents.

After spending 18 months in jail back then, she only received 10 years probation this time around.

Of course she’s upset that Dolphins’ general manager Jeff Ireland asked Dez if she was a prostitute.

I think she may be the last person who should be mad at anyone mistreating her son — she can find the real culprit in any mirror she happens to look into.

A sporting view By Mark Vasto

Baseball’s ultimate app

When I left my Internet consulting gig, ditching the digital world for an unhealthy transfusion of ink in my veins, I had to admit: I missed

the “gadgetry” my old job had provided. We had laptops the size of cinder blocks (powered with OS/2 Warp, natch) and mobile phones that

resembled the type used by World War II field commanders to call in air support. And let’s not forget the “there’s a call in the cue” beeper I had to carry that misled all of the hot chicks in Atlanta’s nightclub scene to think I would be a great addition to any late-night party.

Back then, you could surf into any Major League Baseball affiliate’s

radio-station website and listen to its baseball game broadcasts live and for free (and on a 56k telephone modem). The games remained free until two guys named Sosa and McGwire started to dominate the news, and MLB decided to sell its product again, turning those free webcasts into the modern equivalent of peering through a knothole in the

outfield fence. But the MLB’s early online products didn’t cut it — they had a reputation for spotty audio, poor customer service and high prices in an online world accustomed to stealing just about everything that could be digitized.

Fast-forward to the next century,

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Classified Ads

Town of Horizon City

PUBLIC NOTICE

A PUBLIC HEARING will be held at **6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, May 10, 2010 during the Regular Council Meeting** at City Hall, 14999 Darrington Road, Horizon City, Texas. Purpose of the public hearing is to allow any interested persons to appear and testify regarding the following proposed ordinance(s)/ amendment(s):

1) 2nd Reading of Ordinance No. 0179 An ordinance of the Town of Horizon City, Texas denying the change in rates requested by Texas Gas Service Company

2) 2nd Reading of Ordinance No. 0180 An ordinance of the Town of Horizon City, Texas denying the change in rates requested by El Paso Electric Company.

Those who are unable to attend may submit their views in writing to the City Clerk of Horizon City. Accommodations for handicapped persons will be

available and individuals in need of special assistance for attending the hearing are encouraged to contact the City Clerk at 915-852-1046, forty-eight (48) hours prior to this meeting. Ordinances are available for viewing or copying upon request from the City Clerk at the above address or call 915-852-1046, Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Karen Ellefson
City Clerk
Town of Horizon City

WTCC: 05-06-10

Town of Horizon City

PUBLIC NOTICE

During the Regular Council Meeting on Tuesday, April 13, 2010, the Town Of Horizon City approved the following ordinance(s):

1) Ordinance No. 0093. An ordinance of the Town of Horizon City, Texas denying the change in rates requested by El Paso Electric Company.

Ordinances are always available for viewing or copying upon request from

the City Clerk at Town Hall, 14999 Darrington Road, Horizon City, Texas, Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. or call 915-852-1046.

Karen Ellefson
City Clerk
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HORIZON REGIONAL MUNICIPAL UTILITY DISTRICT

PUBLIC NOTICE

TO THE RESIDENTS AND PROPERTY OWNERS OF HORIZON REGIONAL MUNICIPAL UTILITY DISTRICT

NOTICE IS HERE BY GIVEN that the Board of Directors of the Horizon Regional Municipal Utility District (the "District") has adopted an Order Amending Rules and Regulations Regarding Water, Sewer and Solid Waste Services. The amendment to the District's Rules and Regulations is set forth below:

II.B.9. Reclaimed Water Lines. In addition to the

Water and Sewer Lines required by Section II.B.5. of the District's rules, an Application for Extension of Services must include reclaimed water lines (purple pipe) along all arterial streets and along routes leading to park and school sites. The reclaimed water lines shall be designed in accordance with the requirements of the District's Reclaimed Water Master Plan and the rules of the Commission and are subject to the approval of the District Engineer. The installation of the reclaimed water lines shall be the responsibility of the Developer and such installation shall be subject to the requirements of Section II.B.7. of these rules relating to the installation of water and sewer improvements. The Board of Directors of the District may grant a waiver to the requirements of this section on a case by case basis after finding that a required reclaimed water line installation will not benefit the District.

The full text of the District's Rules and Regulations including the amendments

describe herein, is on file at the District's office located at 1539 Pawling Drive, El Paso, Texas 79928, where they may be read and reviewed by any interested person. As with all the District's Rules and Regulations, the amendments described herein carrywithin them a penaltyfor violation which has been established by law not to exceed \$5,000 and/or termination of service. Each day of a continuing violation is considered a separate offense.

WTCC: 05-06-10 05-13-10

Town of Horizon City

Invitation to Bid:

Bid Number: 2010-004

Date Issued: May 6, 2010

Bid Opening Date: May 20, 2010

The Town of Horizon City is soliciting proposals to furnish and install chain link back-stop and protective fence per plans and specifications for the baseball field at Golden

Eagle Park. Proposals will be received at Horizon City Town Hall, City Clerk's office, 14999 Darrington Rd., Horizon City, TX 79928 until 2 p.m. May 20, 2010. Bids will be open on May 20, 2010 at 4 p.m.. And only the names of the proposers will be read out loud at the Horizon City Town Hall.

Detail specifications and proposal packages are available from the above office between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. Monday through Friday or by calling Administration office (915) 852-1046.

Karen Elleson
Town Clerk
Horizon City

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Scout

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after he and his father talked it over with Clint Mayor Dale Reinhardt. The troop again focused its efforts on Clint for an Eagle Scout project. Ruben Paredes, as was reported in an earlier County Courier story, had undertaken a beautification project of painting and planting trees last year. Parades came back and was one of the 11 Boy Scouts who picked up a brush and took part in the gazebo painting.

“It shows that Scouting is still strong and very much behind our nation,” Reinhardt said. “It shows a lot can be done by young people.”

The mayor said he was planning a presentation by the Town Council to the boys of Troop 338 in recognition and appreciation of their efforts.

Eleven youth, including Rodriguez, took part in the project which took about eight hours to complete. The Scouts did not work alone. They were joined by parents and brothers and sisters of the Boy Scouts.

Rodriguez estimates total hours spent on planning, preparation and painting at approximately 150. Ten gallons of paint were used. The flag was designed by Jorge Lozano, a Scout parent.

“My son is very happy to know that the people of Clint can use the gazebo on the Fourth of July or any other day and feel the patriotism for the red, white and blue,” says his father, Mario F. Rodriguez.

“Everyone is talking about it,” says Fab Ochoa, town clerk for Clint. “It is one of the prettiest things to go up in Clint in a long time.

“It is a beautiful conversation piece. Everyone is talking about it,” she adds The people love it.”

Rodriguez, who has just turned 17, joined Troop 338 in 2004. He said he had set a goal “early on” of achieving the rank of Eagle. In doing so, he has earned 32 merit badges.

Joining Rodriguez and Paredes were fellow Scouts Jesse Morales, Gerry Vargas, Benji Vargas, Efra Vargas, Mauricio Gutierrez, Manuel Gutierrez, Marco Carzoli, Jr., Adrian Flores, Jr., and Oscar Lozano.

Marco Carzoli is scoutmaster for Troop 338. Jaime Aguilar is assistant scoutmaster.

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SELF-HELP

Persons who have a problem with alcohol are offered a free source of help locally. Alcoholics Anonymous - call 562-4081.

Tiene problemas con el alcohol? Hay una solucion. Informacion: 838-6264.

archives: www.wtxcc.com

Comix

OUT ON A LIMBBy Gary Kopervas



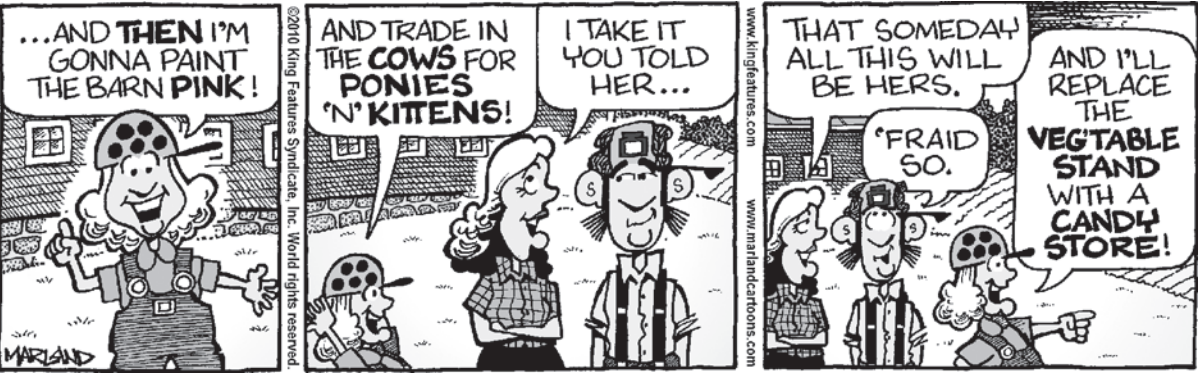
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PERFORMANCE REVIEW ACROSS

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monomaniac

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14 Mecca men

19 "The Seventh _ "

("56 film)

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21 _ acid

22 Craze

23 WORK IS FIRST

PRIORITY

25 DELEGATES WELL

27 Plant pest

28 Pianist Lupu

30 Anderson's "High _ "

31 "I told you so!"

32 Alaskan port

34 Wine valley

38 "Blue _ " ('63 hit)

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48 Anglo-Saxon

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60 Islamic deity

61 Swiss

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62 _ War (racehorse)

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66 Tempest - teapot

67 Bull or boar

69 Author Umberto

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72 Once again

73 GOOD

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81 Cologne cry

82 Snaky swimmers

83 Blunder

84 Ritter or Houston

87 Olympic hawk

89 Kansas city

92 Colorado or

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94 Dickens character

96 Dennis, for one

98 Barnyard birds

99 Burn a bit

100 Actress Virma

102 Advanced deg.

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QUALITIES

109 Pull on a rope

111 Tend the sauce

112 Actress Perlman

113 " _ the season..."

114 _ glance

116 Singer Laine

119 Fester or Sam

123 CAREER-MINDED

129 AGGRESSIVE

131 Shakespearean

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132 Surround a Seurat

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135 " _ Night in Georgia" ('70 hit)

136 De Valera of

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137 Snack

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7 _ Romeo

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16 Aromatic plant

17 French

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18 Wise guy?

24 Fragrance

26 Hurler Hershiser

29 Sturm _ Drang

33 Encounter

35 Flying start?

36 Inhibited one

37 Ed of "JFK"

39 "The Merry

Widow" composer

40 Conceal

41 Out of sorts

42 Zodiac animal

43 A bit of Bach

44 Draft status

45 Cheesemaker's

need

50 Honshu metropolis

52 Hold fast

53 Lucci role

54 Clarinetist Artie

56 Playwright Rice

57 Eastern European

59 Actor James

62 Highway sign

64 Does some

cobbling

65 Actress Sommer

68 Rachel's sister

70 _ Locka, FL

72 Williams of "Happy

Days"

73 Novocaine target

74 Maestro Georg

75 "Beat it!"

76 Roller-coaster

feeling

77 Tennis pro

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78 "Wozzeck"

composer

79 "Clinton's Ditch"

84 Senator Lott

85 Some skirts

86 Trepidation

88 Runner Zatopek

90 Composer Schiffrin

91 Bill of Rights grp.

93 Son of Isaac

95 He's abominable

96 Ho Chi _

97 "Kookie" Byrnes

99 Southwestern

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101 Lamour's wardrobe

104 Tidy

106 Parenthesis shape

107 Pas de _

108 Poet Sidney

109 Pageant prop

110 Computer acronym

113 It'll give you a lift

115 " _Ca-Dabra" ('74 song)

117 Bank offering

118 Spanish river

120 Crooner Perry

121 San _ Obispo, CA

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128 Stimp'y's pal

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Answer Page 2

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

DEAR DR. DONOHUE: What is the amount of exercise recommended for a man or woman of 55? I was always under the impression that 15 minutes of aerobic exercise three times a week was a sufficient amount of time for heart health. Am I wrong? — R.K.

That used to be the recommended amount of exercise time for an adult. For readers, aerobic exercise is the kind of exercise that is tailored for the heart. It's exercise that employs the continuous use of large muscles for a somewhat protracted period of time, at least 10 minutes. Jogging, biking, walking, swimming and dancing are examples of aerobic exercise.

The latest advice for adults, if their doctors say they are fit enough to exercise, is to get 150 minutes of moderate-intensity aerobic exercise a week. That's 20 minutes of exercise seven days a week or 50 minutes, three times a week. You can divide it any way you wish, but the minimum amount of one session of exercise has to be 10 minutes. If you are a novice, take your time to reach 10 minutes. A single session can be longer if you choose.

Moderate-intensity exercise is walking at a pace of 3.5 miles an hour, a brisk walk.

Or if you want to devote less time to exercise, you can if you make it vigorous exercise. Vigorous exercise for 75 minutes a week fulfills the requirement for heart health.

If you're up to it and if you want even greater results, double those times — 300 minutes of moderate exercise a week or 150 minutes of vigorous exercise a week. I want to issue the warning again. Get doctor approval for any of this. Strength-training exercise — weightlifting — also

is strongly recommended for all adults regardless of age.

The booklet on aerobic exercise explains how to benefit your heart in clear language. Readers can order a copy by writing: Dr. Donohue — No. 1301W, 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 am an 80-year-old woman, and I'll never be able to wear a bikini again because my body is covered with ugly red spots. The doctor calls them cherry angiomas. They are beginning to appear on my trunk and over my thighs and upper arms. I'd like to know how much longer I can expect to play host to them. — J.H.

Cherry angiomas are tiny, round, firm, smooth, red skin projections that are growths of small blood vessels. People can have a few or hundreds. Mostly they spring up on the trunk and upper arms. They have no impact on health.

You can expect to be host to them forever. If they bother you, there are a number of ways to get rid of them. A doctor can dry them up with an electric current or with a laser.

I don't know why they happen. They just do. And they occur mostly in senior years.

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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STRANGE BUT TRUE

By Samantha Weaver

• It was American poet, etymologist and translator John Ciardi who made the following sage observation: “The Constitution gives every American the inalienable right to make a damn fool of himself.” He was, evidently, also a shrewd observer of people.

• Between 1997 and 2003, the number of 9- to 12-year-olds who spent time outdoors hiking, fishing or camping fell by 50 percent.

• Greece’s Parthenon is a famous ruin, but many people today don’t realize that it wasn’t time that caused the destruction of the structure. In 1687, the Ottoman Turks occupied the Acropolis and used the Parthenon to store gunpowder. A mortar fired by the attacking Venetians hit the building and ignited the gunpowder, causing much of the widespread damage we see today.

• Although Portuguese is the official language of Brazil, those who study such things say that there are 170 languages spoken in that country, most of them known well only by the indigenous people who grew up speaking them.

• When city officials in New Orleans are estimating the crowds that turn out for Mardi Gras, they use the sanitation department’s figures on how much garbage was removed during the festival.

• It was famed fashion designer Coco Chanel who made the little black dress a popular item; before that, most women wore black only when they were in mourning.

• England’s King Richard I, known popularly as the Lionheart, didn’t actually live in England; his residence was in Aquitaine, in the southwestern part of France. He didn’t speak English, either.

• The next time you’re at a dance in Utah, remember not to get too close to your partner; in that state, by law, daylight must be visible between partners.

• Thought for the Day: “The nuclear arms race is like two sworn enemies standing waist deep in gasoline, one with three matches, the other with five.” — Carl Sagan

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Social Security Q&A

By Ray Vigil

New ‘twist’ in the law may help your mom

Mom has always been there to nurture and take care of you. Mother’s Day is the perfect time to give back and look out for her. If she’s having a hard time paying for

her prescription drugs, tell her about the Medicare Prescription Drug Plan and the extra help available through Social Security.

If your mother, or any special

standings and game box scores, sure... but it goes much further. For any game, you can download the live audio of either team’s radio broadcast, and video of current highlights is uploaded so you don’t have to imagine it all. Also, at the end of the game, it puts up a condensed game video that consists of every at-bat’s outcome, shortening a regular game broadcast to about 22 minutes. For baseball fans, it’s a dream come true.

Yes, at \$14 it is one of the more expensive apps on the market, but if you think about it, it’s the equivalent of two beers at a ballgame. Grow up and pay for something over the Internet already, won’t you?

Mark Vasto is a veteran sportswriter and publisher of *The Kansas City Luminary*. (c) 2010 King Features Synd., Inc.

App

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where smartphones — the iPhone and Android — are revolutionizing the way we communicate and receive media. As any owner of these devices can attest, one of the great pleasures (or sinful addictions) of owning one is to fill the hard drive with as many meaningless “apps” as you can possibly find in the iTunes or Google market. A baseball junkie, I scoured the market and found little to satisfy my jones — a few RSS feeds, a few clunky scoreboards, but nothing that would constitute a fix — until that glorious day when I saw the thumbnail appear for “MLB At Bat 2010.”

I wasn’t asked to, but I have no problem shilling for this product. It gives you all the league news,

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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ★★

★ Moderate ★★ Challenging

Answer Page 2

★★★ HOO BOY!

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woman in your life, is covered by Medicare and has limited income and resources, she may be eligible for extra help to pay her monthly premiums, annual deductibles, and prescription co-payments. The extra help is worth an average of \$3,900 per year.

Perhaps you’ve looked into the Medicare Prescription Drug Plan for Mom before, and discovered that she did not qualify due to her income or resources. In 2010, the law has changed. As Chubby Checker will tell you, a new “twist” in the law makes it easier than ever to qualify for the extra help.

It’s easy to figure out whether Mom is eligible for the extra help. To qualify, she must be receiving Medicare and:

- Have income limited to \$16,245 for an individual or \$21, 855 for a married couple living together. Even if her annual income is higher, she still may be able to get some help with monthly premiums, annual deductibles, and prescription co-payments. Some examples in which income may be higher include if she or her husband:

- Support other family members who live with them;
- Have earnings from work; or
- Live in Alaska or Hawaii; and

- Have resources limited to \$12,510 for an individual or \$25,010 for a married couple living together.

Resources include such things as bank accounts, stocks and bonds. We do not count her house or car as resources.

Thanks to this a “twist” in the law, we no longer count any life insurance policy she has as a resource, and we no longer count as income any financial assistance she receives regularly from someone else to pay her household expenses like food, mortgage or rent, utilities or property taxes. Don’t take our word for it, see Chubby Checker’s rocking message at www.socialsecurity.gov/prescriptionhelp.

While you’re there, you can fill out an easy-to-use online application for your mom at www.socialsecurity.gov/prescriptionhelp. To apply by phone or have an application mailed to you, call Social Security at 1-800-772-1213 (TTY 1-800-325-0778) and ask for the Application for Help with Medicare Prescription Drug Plan Costs (SSA-1020). Or go to the nearest Social Security office.

If you’d like to learn more about the Medicare prescription drug plans and special enrollment periods, visit www.medicare.gov or call 1-800-MEDICARE (1-800-633-4227; TTY 1-877-486-2048).

Maybe it’s been a few years since Mom has taken to the dance floor to do The Twist. But saving an extra \$3,900 a year on prescription drugs may cause her to jump up and dance. What better gift could you give her this Mother’s Day?

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: C equals B

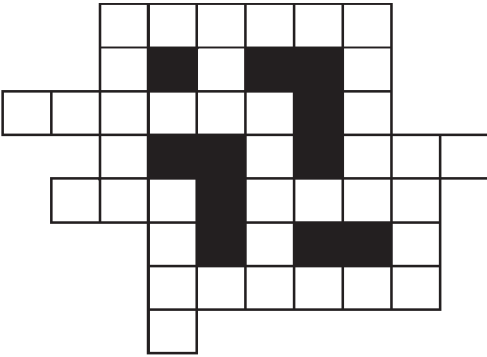
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Answer Page 2

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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