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NEWSBRIEFS

Flag retirement

American Legion Post 598 will hold a flag retirement ceremony on Monday, June 14. If you have a flag that is worn out and needs to be retired, you are welcome to bring them to the Legion at 13000 Horizon Blvd for retirement. The Legion is open at 3 p.m. every day. If you need them picked up, please call 852-4823 and someone will come to your home and pick them up.

— Judy Burrows

Meet the district

Canutillo Independent School District (CISD) officials, in an effort to welcome new residents moving into the district, will be hosting a “Meet the District Night” at Cimarron Park on El Paso’s Westside. The park is at the corner of Northern Pass and Resler at 7449 Northern Pass Dr. The event will take place on Tuesday, June 15 from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. CISD Superintendent, Dr. Damon Murphy, Superintendent of Schools, is looking forward to welcoming all new CISD residents. “As our district continues to grow, we are working hard each day to make CISD a true “District of Choice” on the westside of El Paso,” he said.

— Patricia Tidwell

Water money

Vinton was recently selected by the Border Environmental Cooperative Commission (BECC) for its Project Development Assistance Program. Under this program BECC will be conducting the planning, environmental analysis and final design of Vinton’s waste water system. Once certified, the project will be eligible for construction fund assistance up to \$18 million. Under the BECC program, Vinton will have 5 years to complete the construction of its wastewater system. Additionally, the Texas Water Development Board (TWDB) recently notified Vinton officials that Vinton is eligible for \$8.5 million in funding under the Disadvantaged Communities Program and \$11.7 million under the Tier II fund. Lastly, Vinton also received approval from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers for a \$6 million dollar grant for water/wastewater/storm water improvements.

— Jessica Garza

Crime Stoppers

A man riding his bicycle to work at night on the westside, using all the proper safety equipment, is struck by a vehicle and left on the roadside in critical condition, making this the Crime Stoppers “Crime of the Week.” On Thursday, May 6, at approximately 10:30 a.m., Anthony, N.M., resident Mr. Ruben Lemus, 51, was riding his bicycle to work at Leviton

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Your character is what you have left when you’ve lost everything you can lose.

— Quips & Quotes



— Photo courtesy Canutillo ISD

ELITE GROUP — Canutillo Independent School District has received the District of Excellence in School Nutrition award. Only five school districts across the US received this award. CISD’s food service team are, sitting, from left, Mary Melchor, Jesusita Ruiz, Apolinia Torres, Adele Balesh, Rosario Fernandez, and Bernice Holguin. Standing, from left, are John Weyenberg, Joe Gomez, Lorena Denman, Rosa Santillano, Rosa Cardenas, Belinda Gaytan, Martha Galindo, Norma Loya, Ruben Molina, and Simon Sapien.

Canutillo ISD receives national nutrition award

By Kim Guzman
Special to the Courier

CANUTILLO — The Canutillo Independent School District (CISD) has been nationally recognized for its food service. CISD has been named a District of Excellence in School Nutrition for 2010 by the School Nutrition Association (SNA).

The recognition, which has only been awarded to five school districts across the United States, certifies that CISD has demonstrated best practices in nutrition and nutrition education, communications and marketing, administration, and operations. States receiving the designation include Maryland, Florida, Oregon, Virginia, and

Texas.

Districts receiving the District of Excellence Distinction in School Nutrition have completed the SNA foundation’s Keys to Excellence in each of the four “key” areas. A formal peer review committee assessed the district’s operations to determine if they truly meet best practice standards.

“We offer sincere congratulations to the school nutrition professionals who have contributed to the success of their division, brought special recognition to their district, and helped the children of Canutillo pursue academic achievement,” said Dora Rivas, SNA President.

Canutillo will be recognized at the National School Nutrition Association’s annual convention being held in Dallas in July. About

5,000 members representing school districts nationwide will be in attendance.

Canutillo’s food service team is made up of almost 100 employees that service nine campuses and almost 6,000 students. In addition to providing healthy breakfast and lunch for students throughout the school year, the CISD food service department also provides meals to the Canutillo community during the summer months.

“As a professional team, we continuously work together to refine our operations to exceed in excellence. Consistent quality food, service, and accountability systems for our school district deserve national recognition,” said Adele Balesh, CISD Food Service Director. Balesh added, “Congratulations and way to go food service Eagles!”

City of Socorro receives \$4 million to start Safe Routes to School projects

By Anibal Olague
Special to the Courier

SOCORRO — The Texas Dept. of Transportation Commission approved eight Safe Routes to Schools (SRTS) projects for the City of Socorro Texas. Approximately \$4 million in funding will be utilized by the Socorro to provide the necessary infrastructure to make it safer for students to bike or walk to school.

The approved funding will be use to construct 78,500 LF [feet] of sidewalks, install crosswalks, school sings, and widening of waterway bridges for safety. The improvements will target communities located around Campestre Elementary, Escontrias Elementary, Hilley Elementary, Hueco Elementary, Rojas Elementary, Salvador Sanchez H. Middle, Socorro Middle, and Ernest Serna Elementary and Middle schools.

“This project will increase physical activity of our children and will promote a healthier life style in the community. We are excited to partner with the State of Texas to improve the quality of life in this great city. In addition, the successful implementation of this project will have an important economic impact as it will create jobs and expand business opportunities throughout the city,” said Socorro Mayor Willie Gandara Sr.

The Safe Routes to Schools program (www.saferoutestx.org) encourages children, including those with disabilities, to walk and bicycle to school. SRTS projects and activities improve safety and reduce traffic, fuel consumption, and air pollution near elementary and middle schools.



Willie Gandara, Sr.

Jerry F. Hall Memorial Soccer Complex to be dedicated in Anthony

By Don Woodyard
Special to the Courier

ANTHONY — For Anthony Mayor Art Franco, a long-held wish will soon become a reality.

The new Jerry F. Hall Memorial Soccer Complex will be dedicated at 1 p.m. Sunday, June 13. The inaugural game will feature the Anthony All-Stars and AB United. The soccer facility is named for the long-time Town Council member who died of cancer last year.



Art Franco

The new soccer field, the first one in the town, is receiving finishing touches, the mayor says. It is the first of what will be four soccer fields in Anthony Municipal Park. The complex will eventually have adaptable soccer facilities for youth as well as adults.

In a November 2004 County Courier story, Franco had said his main wish for 2005 was a soccer complex through a partnership with an outside soccer club. Because the town and the club were unable to work out suitable arrangements, the project never got off the ground.

Hall served on the Town Council from 1976 to 2006 when he retired for health reasons. He was mayor pro-tem for 10 years and was one of the original councilmen who secured funding for the municipal park.

“He tackled controversial stuff,” Franco recalls. “He voted the way he felt. He was very dedicated to the town. He was on the council for the right reasons.

“His whole idea was to improve the community,” adds Franco who was first elected to the Town Council in 1992. He ran for and was

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Veterans Post

By Freddy Groves

Purple Heart vacations

Did you receive a Purple Heart while in Afghanistan or Iraq? With a little planning, you could enjoy a free vacation courtesy of property owners who want to honor you for your service.

Vacations for Veterans (www.vacationsforveterans.org) has one of the best veterans vacation programs around. People who own cabins, time shares, beachfront condos and other vacation accommodations donate their places for periods of time to veterans. Your costs are your transportation and meals, plus a refundable security deposit.

Want to stay in a cottage on the coast of Maine? Watch the sea from the deck and balcony?

Prefer your water views to be inland lakes? There’s a 3,000 square foot Virginia lakeshore home with Jacuzzi.

Or would you prefer to escape to a cabin in the California woods? Maybe a condo in the Caymans, or an oceanfront property in Puerto Vallarta?

Any of these, and hundreds more, could be yours for a free week. The catch is that for 2010 they’re filled up. But the online pictures of the accommodations make it worthwhile to look now and be ready to put in your application immediately after the New Year. That means on Jan. 3, 2011, you need to be ready to apply.

Check the website and click on Veterans. Read the FAQ. It outlines the steps, such as: You’ll need a copy of your DD-214 plus the letter that came with your Purple Heart. Scroll all the way to the bottom of the page and fill out the referral so they can contact you. You also can contact them at info@VacationsForVeterans.org, or toll free at 1-800-831-8803 if you don’t have Internet access or e-mail.

Then click on Available Homes and choose your location. Deciding on your favorite might be the hardest part.

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Por la Gente

By State Rep. Chente Quintanilla

El Paso flood control coming

Hola mi gente. Over the Memorial Day weekend, there was an abundance of thunderstorm clouds that could be seen in many directions. This brought to my mind the summer of 2006 during which our county experienced a rain and flood event unique over hundreds of years.

In the 80th Legislative Session, I passed a bill, along with Senator Shapleigh, that created a stormwater district (District) in El Paso County which would be under the umbrella of the El Paso Water Utility/Public Service Board.

One of the conditions that I set in order for the bill to go forward was that the District extend its focus into the areas outside the municipality of El Paso. I received a solid commitment from Ed Archuleta, the President/Chief Executive Officer of the El Paso Water Utilities Public Service Board, that the District would indeed cover the county areas.

It has been almost four years since the great floods. I am very pleased to have been informed that the District recently published a draft of its plan to impose control on the most dangerous arroyos. The draft plan will be available for viewing and the District will welcome any comments or suggestions for a short period of time. The approval of the plan should take place by the end of June.

Over the next few articles, I shall touch on different parts of the county and the plans on paper to remediate damages from the arroyo runoff.

The City of Socorro is perhaps the area that is most impacted by the flow of runoff through several arroyos. The new developments that have been built contributed to a great amount of the flooding in Socorro. Horizon City runoff is diverted to first the Sparks community and then Socorro through three or more arroyos.

A water treatment facility just north of Sparks is the point at which the many arroyos converge. The District plan will place a massive basin above the treatment plant. The embankment will be 37 feet high with the capacity to hold back 139 acre-feet of water. The basin behind the embankment will release the water at a more reasonable rate and without soil sediment. The released water will then travel through a channel, expected to be concrete lined, without the force normally experienced previously. The concrete walls will eliminate erosion in the Sparks community as well.

The end result will be the stark reduction of water and sediment making its way into Socorro. In Socorro, the runoff will be diverted to another basin that will hold in excess of 600 acre feet of water. The basin will be just west the newer homes south of Stockyard. Runoff from the truckstops, around the interstate, will be diverted by a new channel to the same basin mentioned in this paragraph. This will reduce the flow onto homes located on Thunder Road. Whenever rain comes, this area is inevitably hard hit with flooding.

The bill that I passed creating the stormwater district in El Paso County is creating very positive benefits. As the City of El Paso advances eastward, these flood remediation programs will eventually be important and will have cost less taxpayer money.

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

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.
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 [supporters] 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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Village of Vinton

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Village of Vinton will hold a PUBLIC HEARING in regards to the submission of an application to United States Department of Agriculture for Section 533 Housing Preservation Grant (HPG).

Date:

Tuesday, June 8, 2010

Time:

6:00 p.m.

Place:

Vinton Village Hall

436 E. Vinton Rd., Vinton, TX

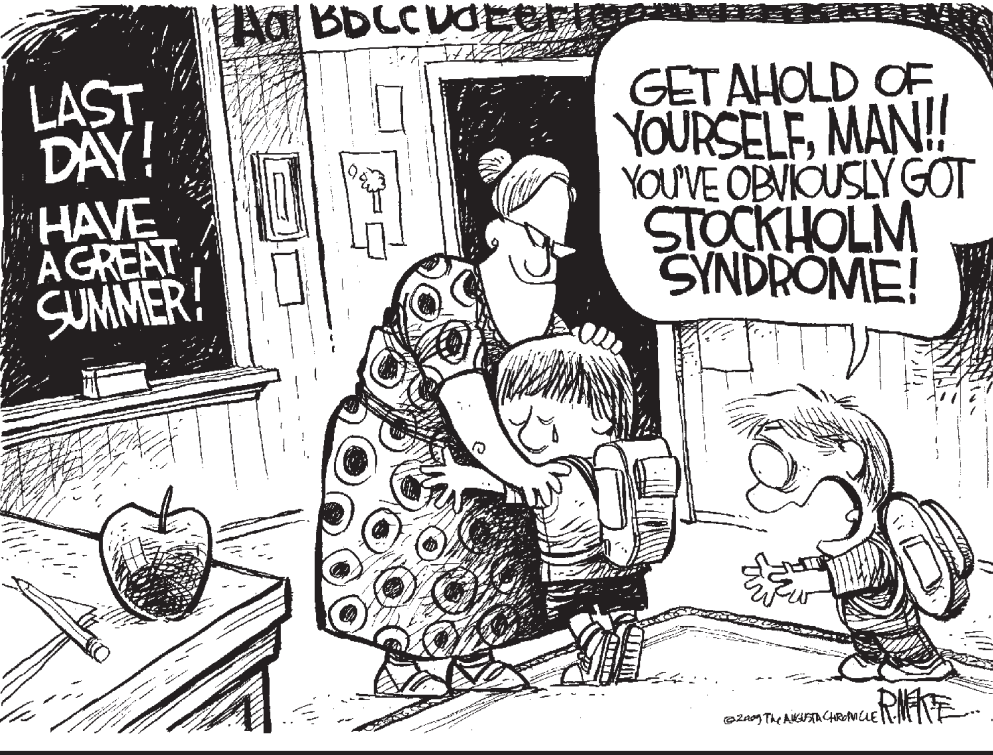
The purpose of this meeting is to allow citizens an opportunity to discuss the application’s proposed statement of activities and its availability for review. The City encourages citizens to participate in the development of this HPG application. Citizens may review the City’s statement of activities during a period of 15 days beginning June 3, 2010 at City Hall.

Persons with disabilities that wish to attend this meeting should contact City Hall to arrange for assistance. Individuals who require auxiliary aids or services for this meeting should contact City Hall at least two days before the meeting so that appropriate arrangements can be made.

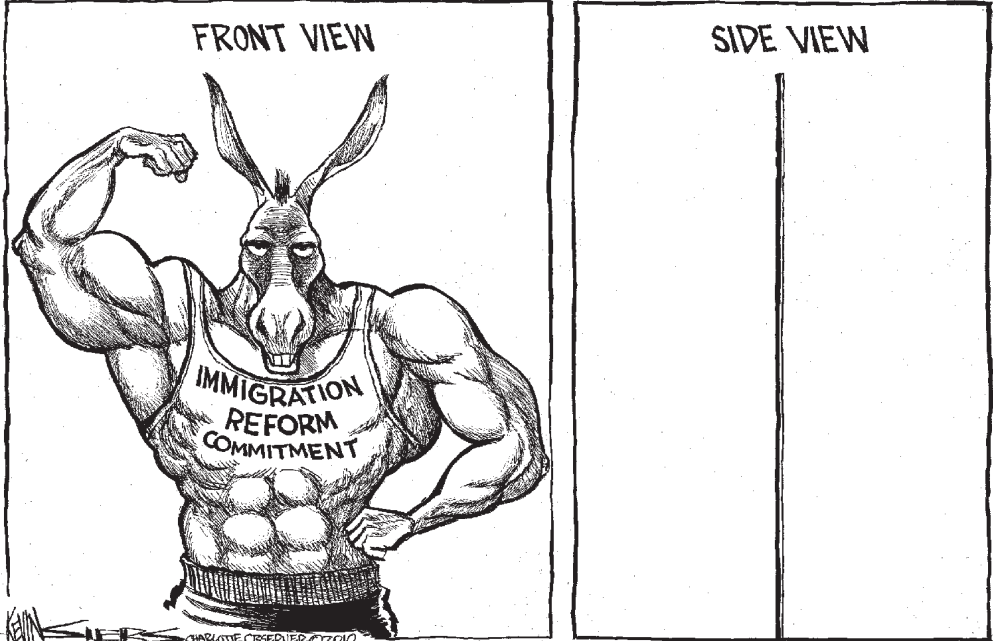
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PROFILING



What's up doc? By Albert Balesh, M.D.

Cocky Cocci

There's a plague brewing in the salty southern desert lands of Arizona, along the Mexican border, that goes beyond politics, national origins, or the color of one's skin. While not communicable from beast to human or human to human, it is no less dangerous because carried on the winds of all-too-common dust and sandstorms. Its calling card of profound fatigue, cough, shortness of breath, fever, and night sweats leaves one prostrate at best, and, when it instigates nodules, cavities, and pneumonia in the lungs, or dissemination to other organs far and wide, its hapless victim can be down for the count for anywhere from 4 months to over a year. The alarm and call to arms has been sounded in south-central Arizona, the southern San Joaquin Valley in California, the southwestern Rio Grande Valley of Texas, and northern Mexico where the scourge is endemic, and perhaps it is none too soon for El Paso, Juárez, and Las Cruces to heed indicators pointing to a possible spread of this cocky adversary, otherwise known as Coccidioidomycosis, "Cocci," or Valley Fever, to the unsuspecting bosom of virgin territory.

Coccidioidomycosis, unaffectionately known as Cocci, is a soil-dwelling fungus as hard to isolate from dry southwestern dirt as the elusive gold of the old prospecting days. It is there, though, just waiting to be borne into the channels and hidden pockets of elderly lungs by a sudden gust of wind. While it is asymptomatic in 60% of its predominant prey, elderly male retirees spending their golden years in new homestead and construction development sites in the more populated central and southern regions of Arizona, other groups such as HIV and immunocompromised patients, transplant patients and those taking immunosuppressors and glucocorticoids, those placed on tumor necrosis factor alpha therapy by their physicians for a score of maladies, and pregnant women in their second and third trimesters are also fertile terrains for the finicky fungus. The nodules and cavities it produces in the lungs may produce no signs or symptoms, but may

become evident on a chest x-ray or CT scan performed for another reason, and therefore require no medical or surgical intervention. Potential spread to distant organs like the skin, bones, joints, soft tissues, and meninges, however, can become a nightmare for 1% of the unlucky souls whose path and airways the arthroconidial (barrel-shaped) adversary has crossed. Even though dissemination to recesses far and wide of the human body and possible subsequent downward spiral into the abyss of fatal meningitis are so rare as to make choking to death on a fast-food French fry more common, the acute pneumonia and chronic symptomatology of the mangy microbe are by no means trouble free. In fact, a 2-3-month history, with no signs of improvement, of night sweats, extreme fatigue, cough, and a fever that may or may not be present, should trigger a closer look. As some clinicians like to put it, a low threshold for suspicion of Cocci should be in the front, not back, of the mind when a patient states that those symptoms have not improved over time. Couple that with increased eosinophils (a type of white blood cell alarm) on blood work, enlarged lymph nodes known as hilar or mediastinal lymphadenopathy in the center of the chest between the lungs on chest x-ray, and positive, if not dubious and unreliable, serologic tests performed on the sputum, and both the most experienced stalwart doubter and the most inexperienced, off-the-beaten-track, rural, bumpkin physician reach the same forgone conclusion that Cocky Cocci cometh.

Were that not all! Asymptomatic Cocci presents an additional series of problems, not the least of which are the emotional concerns it engenders in those who fall victim to its innocuous lung nodules, that just so happen to resemble and cannot be easily distinguishable on chest x-ray from pulmonary malignancies. The verdict is still out on treatment, too. Most would agree that primary pulmonary Cocci usually requires no therapy, with signs and symptoms gradually disappearing over a two to four-month period. Extensive, disseminated disease with no signs of improvement, local

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FOOTBALL

SEASON TICKETS GET YOURS NOW! AT (915) 747-6150

Renew by May 30th to keep your same price. The 2009 Miners were ranked among the Nations best! UTEP was 18th in the nation in total offense, 20th in passing offense, and 35th in scoring offense.

Mountain View’s Cordero named Youth of the Year

By Laura Cade
Special to the Courier

Nayeli Cordero is a true example of an extraordinary young woman. This spring was selected one of two from West Texas to compete against other Boys & Girls Club members for the State of Texas Youth of the Year title and a \$1,000 scholarship from the Reader’s Digest Foundation. As the Youth of the Year for Boys & Girls Clubs of El Paso, Nayeli Cordero is among hundreds of local youth across the country recognized by Boys & Girls Clubs of America (BGCA) for her sound character, leadership skills and willingness to give back to the community.

Being named Youth of the Year is the highest honor a Boys & Girls Club member can receive. The title recognizes outstanding contributions to a member’s family, school, community and Boys & Girls Club, as well as personal challenges and obstacles overcome. This program was founded over 60 years ago through the generosity of

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the Reader’s Digest Foundation. “We are proud of Nayeli’s accomplishments, leadership, and contributions to the Club and to her community and this recognition is just the first of many to come as she fulfills her dreams.,” said Jose Arturo Jaime, Chief Professional Officer, Boys & Girls Club of El Paso.

Nayeli Cordero, born in San Diego CA., is a 16 year old junior at Mountain View High School. An excellent student, Cordero sits at the top 20% of her graduating class and has received several academic awards. When asked about school, Cordero says: “I’ve always liked school. I can’t wait to graduate from high school, and then continue on to college — bringing me one step closer to my dreams of becoming a photographer.”

Nayeli has dedicated a lot of hours to helping her community as well as bringing awareness to poverty which is a national problem. She helped to create a small documentary were she not only used her voice but narrated and used her own photography for this video. She was also part of United Way of El Paso County’s Americas Promise Alliance - Dropout Prevention Summit by creating another video to help in the prevention of Latinos dropping out of high school.

Nayeli has been able to overcome a difficult childhood. Her skills and character have strengthened as she has become a responsible, trustworthy, accountable and answerable person as a result of



— Photo courtesy Clint ISD

TRUE CHARACTER — Nayeli Cordero is a true example of an extraordinary young woman. She proudly displays her award for being named the Boys & Girls Club Youth of the Year.

tragic events in her short lived her most popular quote and motto, life. Through her character and “Don’t be an under achiever be an leadership Nayeli is well known for over achiever.”

Fabens Independent School District Public Notice

A PUBLIC MEETING will be held at 4:00 P.M. on Thursday, June 10, 2010 at the Fabens Independent School District Administration Building, 821 NE “G” Avenue, Fabens, Texas. The purpose of the public meeting is to allow any interested representative of a non-profit private school or non-profit home school operating in the Fabens Independent School District to appear and receive information regarding Schedule Five of the Federal Consolidated Grant Application for their school. Representatives will need to provide their school’s tax exempt identification number to the District to confirm eligibility.

The Grant Applications are available through the “NO Child Left Behind Act” and include the following:

- Title I, Part A – Improving Basic Programs
- Title I, Part C – Education of Migratory Children
- Title II, Part A – Teacher and Principal Training and Recruiting
- Title III, Part A – English Language Acquisition, Language Enhancement and Academic Achievement

Those that are unable to attend the public meeting may submit their questions, in writing, to the Fabens Independent School District or contact Mr. Neale Baker (915) 765-2600. Accommodations for disabled individuals in need of any special accommodations or assistance for attending and participating in the meeting are encouraged to contact Mr. Baker twenty four (24) hours prior to the meeting.

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Distrito Escolar Independiente de Fabens Aviso al Público

UNA REUNIÓN PÚBLICA será el jueves a las 4:00 PM, el 10 de junio del 2010 en la administración del distrito escolar de Fabens, 821 NE “G” Ave, Fabens, Texas. El propósito de la reunión pública es para permitir que cualquier representante de una escuela privada o escuela casera interesado en el distrito escolar de Fabens aparezca y reciba la información con respecto a la aplicación de becas federales consolidadas, sección cinco, para su escuela. Los representantes necesitarán proporcionar el número de identificación de impuesto de su escuela al distrito para confirmar elegibilidad.

Los usos de la beca están disponibles a través del acto de “Ningún Niño Dejado Atrás” e incluyen el siguiente:

- Título I, Parte A – Mejoramiento de los programas básicos
- Título I, Parte C – Educación de los estudiantes migrantes
- Título II, Parte A – Capacitación y selección de directores y docentes
- Título III, Parte A – Adquisición del idioma ingles, enriquecimiento del idioma y éxito académico

Los que no pueden asistir a la reunión pública pueden someter sus preguntas, por escrito, al distrito escolar o al Sr. Neale Baker, administrador de Fabens ISD, numero de contacto (915) 765-2600. Las comodidades serán posibles para los individuos necesitando cualquier comodidad especial o la ayuda para asistir y participar en la reunión con 24 horas de aviso, antes de la reunión

Anthony

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elected mayor in 1993. “I relied on his experience,” the mayor remembers. “Hall was very helpful.”

The soccer complex isn’t the only thing on the mayor’s mind.

He reports the town has received a three-year, \$1.17 million grant from the Texas Department of Transportation to establish a bus route that will link Las Cruces with El Paso. The mayor hopes construction can begin in August or September of this year on the new building, to include restrooms, on city land near Walgreens downtown.

A bus route, with funding from the New Mexico Department of Transportation, already links the communities. However, the grant, which took effect in September of 2009, was only for one year.

In other developments:
• The town will be taking part in the Mayor’s Challenge, a summer food service program in which it partners with Anthony ISD to provide nutritious meals at no cost to youth from 1 to 18 years of age. Sponsored by the Texas Department of Agriculture, the program is designed “to help fight food insecurity in the community.”

The program will run from June 10 through July 22 from 11:45 a.m. to 12:45 p.m. The meals will be served in Enrique Viramontes (Triangle) park. The town will be responsible for cleanup.

“It’s a great idea; it’s a great partnership between the town and the school district,” the mayor says.

• Franco says he will be meeting with architects on June 7 to discuss preliminary plans for the new city hall which will be built across from Anthony High School. He hopes to start construction this fall.

• From the Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts, comes a grant of \$24,000 to increase electrical efficiency in Town Hall. Franco says it will provide energy-efficient refrigerated air conditioning for the town offices.

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CryptoQuip Answer

I suppose several bamboo-loving mammals should all reside together in a pandaminium.

STRANGE
BUT TRUE

By Samantha Weaver

- It was multi-talented Sir Francis Bacon — he was a statesman, lawyer, scientist, philosopher and author — who made the following sage observation: “If a man will begin with certainties, he shall end in doubts; but if he will be content to begin with doubts, he shall end in certainties.”
- One of the most highly praised actresses of our time, Meryl Streep, holds the record for Academy Award nominations; she’s been awarded the Oscar twice, but has been nominated an impressive 16 times.

- The highest known life insurance payout occurred in 1970, when the widow of a cattle rancher was awarded \$18 million in benefits.

- Those who study such things say that Italians drink, on average, 26 gallons of wine every year.

- It’s just common sense that people tend to behave better when they’re being watched, but it may come as a surprise that it doesn’t seem to matter whether or not the watcher is real. Researchers made this discovery in an experiment conducted at the University of Newcastle in Australia. In a coffee lounge where paying for the beverage was optional, a picture of a pair of eyes was placed next to the price list at some times, and at other times a picture of flowers accompanied the list. On days when the eyes were posted, more than three times as much money was donated than on days when the flowers were in the same spot.

- People magazine reportedly paid \$6 million for photos of Jennifer Lopez’s twin babies, Emme and Max.

- Between 1960 and 2006, the average American’s production of solid waste — including everything from paper packaging to lawn clippings — increased by 150 percent to 4.5 pounds every day.

Thought for the Day: “People of small caliber like to sit on high horses.” — Magdalena Samozwaniec

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Hot check list posted on county web page

List includes names of more than 3,600 individuals

By Elhiu Dominguez
Special to the Courier

On Monday, May 31, 2010, El Paso County Attorney Jo Anne Bernal made public the names and addresses of more than 3,600 individuals with outstanding hot check warrants who owe local merchants more than 3.3 million dollars.

The hot check warrant list was posted on the El Paso County’s main web page (www.epcounty.com) and

will remain posted there until the end of the amnesty period.

The individuals named in the list have until Monday, June 7, 2010 to pay their outstanding amounts and avoid arrest during an upcoming county-wide warrant round-up being coordinated by the County Attorney’s Office with the assistance of the El Paso Sheriff’s Office, the Texas Department of Public Safety, local constables and the Fort Bliss Military police.

Additionally, individuals who pay their outstanding balances before the end of the amnesty period will save money by avoiding the payment of various fees, such as court costs, attorney fees, and the cost of posting

a bond after arrest.

Residents with outstanding hot check warrants can make their payments in person at the following locations:

- El Paso County Courthouse, 500 E. San Antonio, Room 503, Monday to Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.; and
- El Paso County Ysleta Annex, 9521 Socorro Rd., Suite A-3, Monday to Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

Forms of payment accepted include most credit cards, money orders, cashiers checks, and cash; those paying cash will have to bring the exact amount (cashiers can’t give change).

In addition, residents can make payments online 24 hours a day, seven days a week through “Hot Check E-pay,” by visiting the El Paso County Attorney’s Office web-page at www.epcounty.com/CA.

For more information regarding hot check payments and balances, people can contact the El Paso County Attorney’s Office Hot Check Unit at 546-2051.

Since May 14, 2010, when the amnesty period was announced, the County Attorney’s Office has collected more than \$24,000.

During last fiscal year (2008-2009) the Hot Check Unit collected 1.2 million dollars in outstanding hot checks.



Victoria Wallace Eads

Two Clint ISD students selected for People to People programs

By Laura Cade
Special to the Courier

Two Clint ISD students will have the rare opportunity this summer to join a select group of students representing their schools, communities, and country as People to People Program participants.

Luis Salcido-Holguin, a Horizon High School student, has been accepted into the People to People Leadership Summit in Harvard University this summer. While attending the summit, he will complete an academically rigorous program focused on leadership development and global awareness.

The summit brings together outstanding students from around the globe to focus on leadership, teambuilding, community service, college admissions, and professional aspirations. The participants will learn how to make a difference in their communities and develop skills to help them lead tomorrow’s world. Salcido-Holguin was nominated and accepted for the honor based on outstanding scholastic merit, civic involvement, and leadership potential.

Victoria Wallace Eads, an 8th grade student at Clint Junior High, was accepted to participate as a member of the People to People Student

Ambassador Program to Europe this summer. The program promotes international understanding while building leadership skills among America’s youth. The 19-day experience includes meetings with government officials, interaction with other students, educational activities to include attendance at a community school, and home stays with host families.

Both programs are coordinated by People to People Ambassador Programs to fulfill the vision Dwight D. Eisenhower had for fostering world citizenship when he founded People to People International during his presidency in 1956.



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Landis loses all credibility with Armstrong allegations

By Steve Escajeda
Special to the Courier

You remember the story about the boy who cried wolf — I sure do.

In case you don’t here are the highlights.

There was this shephard boy who had the nasty habit of tricking the villagers into thinking a wolf was attacking his flock of sheep by yelling out “wolf, wolf!”

When the townsfolk all came out to investigate, they found that he was lying and had wasted all their time.

This disturbed young man did this over and over again.

As fate would have it — the one day that the boy was actually confronted by a wolf, the villagers didn’t believe his cries for help and the wolf ate the flock... and the boy.

Of course the moral of the fable was that even when liars finally tell the truth, they are never believed.

This takes us to Floyd Landis — the bicyclist who cried “innocent!”

If you don’t remember the story behind Mr. Landis — let’s step into Mr. Peabody’s “not-

so-wayback” machine for a recap.

Back at the 2006 Tour de France, Floyd Landis (stepping in for the retired Lance Armstrong) kept America’s domination of the event going by winning the three-week-long race.

Landis quickly received all the accolades a winner of such a prestigious race should.

The only problem was that soon afterward Landis was found to have failed the post-race drug test. After re-tests found the same result he was stripped of his championship.

The American was shamed by the entire sports world for playing on everyone’s emotions and daring to fabricate his skills through better chemistry.

This is where the “wolf boy” scenario comes in — Landis immediately proclaimed his innocence. Blaming the French’s mishandling of the bodily fluid samples he provided, as well as almost anyone else associated with the race.

Landis has spent the last four years vehemently denying his guilt. Landis spent day after day on TV talk shows and radio programs saying the same thing — “I didn’t take any illegal drugs.”

He said he was framed, he said there must be a conspiracy, he said mistakes were made in the lab, he said anything he could to cast doubt on his positive drug test.

He also appealed ruling after ruling — but lost at every turn.

All of a sudden last month the man, who spent the last four years crying innocent, finally came clean and admitted that he indeed was guilty of cheating and had lied all along.

After doing all he could to deceive the public, Landis finally admitted he was only deceiving himself.

But Landis wasn’t just clearing his conscious.

Turns out he was on a mission to take others down with him — namely racing legend Lance Armstrong.

During his would-be Mea culpa, Landis claimed that the 7-time Tour de France winner had also been doping all those years.

Pretty damning accusations — only problem is — no one believes a word Landis says any more.

Can you blame anyone?

Like the poor kid who lost his flock and his life — Landis has lost his good reputation and

his credibility.

It would have been much nobler for Landis to be a real man and admit his wrongdoings without implicating anyone else. Then everyone would at least think he was finally being sincere and destroying his inner demons.

But this way it only appears as if, once again, Landis is trying to deflect attention away from his own guilt by trying to switch the focus on someone else.

The sad truth is that even if Landis isn’t lying about Armstrong, he’ll never be taken seriously because of his impressive knack for fib telling.

So Landis can cry “Armstrong guilty, Armstrong guilty” all he wants but no one is going to rush out to see if it’s true — because the truth is — he’s probably lying again.

But all is not lost for Landis.

The way I see it, with his skills for deception, he can still gain employment as a politician, an attorney, insurance salesman, stock broker, used car salesman, real estate loan officer, public relations specialist, sports agent, fortune teller, BP oil executive, investment banker, tobacco executive, televangelist and army recruiter — just to name a few.

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A sporting view By Mark Vasto

Chiefs’ Bowe talks out of school

As long as there have been athletes, there have been the women who love them (and vice versa, and in many cases, the alternative is there, too). And as long as there is a nearby microphone, camera or twitter account, athletes will have the opportunity to make utter fools of themselves.

Take the case of Dwayne Bowe, wide receiver of the Kansas City Chiefs, who recently scored the trifecta of 1) acting like an idiot; 2) giving too much information; and 3) selling out his teammates. For those who missed Bowe’s ESPN interview, Mr. Bowe candidly described how football players on the road “import” girls to their hotel rooms the Friday before games and, one assumes,

play board games with them late into the night — you know... just talking. And stuff.

Bowe’s description of events did come with the following caveat, however: Only the veterans can afford to do this, and it requires a bit of computer savvy since the “imports” are found online at social-networking sites like Facebook and MySpace.

We’re not naïve. We know that men being men, and athletes with a lot of money to burn, in prime physical condition, are going to give in to the hunter mechanism that is buried deep within the recesses of their brains. The world’s oldest profession has, for millennia, been ready to answer the call (particularly after the invention of the hotel

phone). But to cast off this little casual aside to the worldwide leader in sports speaks to either a severe mental deficit or an overactive imagination.

Longtime Chiefs announcer from the team’s 1960s heyday, Bill Grigsby, was not amused when I had the chance to chat with him about the allusion to on-the-road transgressions and the apparent sex trade that flourishes in the player’s suites. Grigsby’s take wasn’t pretty.

“Frankly, Bowe has just been filling a space in the Chief’s locker room. He is one of those guys who wants attention, so what does he do but get that attention with an interview regarding his teammates and the various things they do on road trips,” he said in disgust.

“Most of the good players I have traveled with study the game plan, eat and hit the sack early to be ready for physical activity on Sunday. (Bowe)

has one hell of an imagination, cause I have been traveling with the team for 43 years, and the security is such that no one — particularly young ladies — can get off the elevator on the player’s floor without being stopped by guards. And, you can’t buy the guards — they are not for sale.”

Maybe Grigsby, a notorious homer, was just protecting the Chiefs players — something a veteran does, and something Bowe certainly did not do.

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

Cocci

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pulmonary disease provoking fatigue and night sweats that just don’t seem to get better over time, and dreaded meningitis, on the other hand, require medical treatment of sometimes up to and over one year, as well as surgical intervention when the sky starts falling. While oral triazole antifungal drugs, such as fluconazole, itraconazole, and newer formulations, are the name of the game, they can cause birth defects in the offspring of pregnant women taking them. The primitive big gun, intravenous Amphotericin B, when used in more serious and resistant cases of cantankerous Cocci, is not without its problems either for the kidneys. So, damned if one has to treat 1% of the time, and fingers crossed 99% of the time that Cocky Cocci will fade into the sunset on its own, the clinician is left with some hard decisions.

Cocci and its distant, yet all-too-common cousin, the athlete’s foot fungus, are as different as night and day in their ramifications. Yet they both need to be stepped on!

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The due date for applications for the Municipal Solid Waste Grant Funding for FY 2011 was incorrectly published on May 20, 2010. Applications are available from May 24, 2010 and are due by 12:00 PM MDT Friday, June 25, 2010 (not July 25, 2010 as previously published). Copies of the request for applications and the application form may be obtained from the RGCOG at 1100 N. Stanton St., Ste. 610, El Paso, TX 79902.

Applications may also be down-

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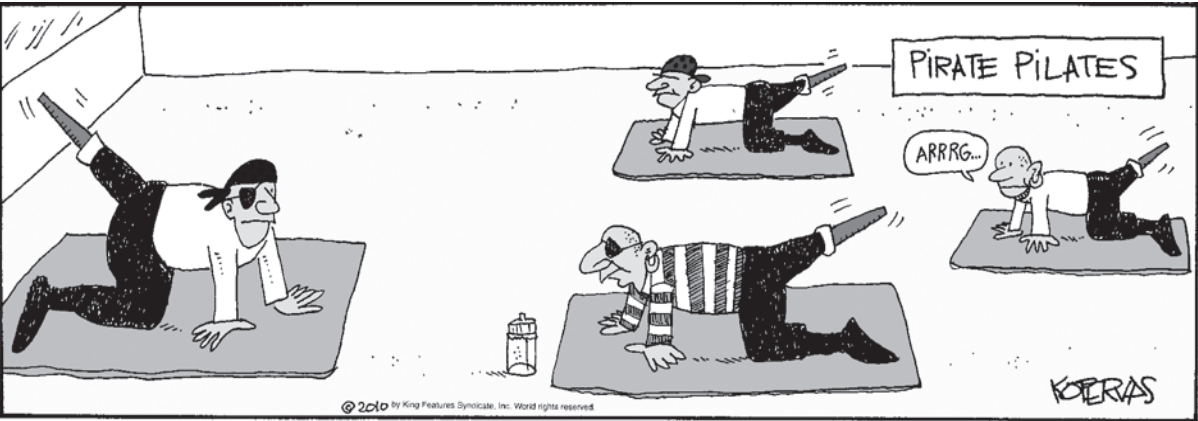
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Your good health

By Paul G. Donahue, M.D.

DEAR DR. DONOHUE: I have had acid reflux for quite some time, and doctors have prescribed different medicines, the last being omeprazole. Medicines were not relieving the burning pain. The best advice came from an online message board that said to “sleep on your left side.” Figuring it wouldn’t hurt to try this method, I began sleeping on my left side. Once my body learned to stay in that position, the pain does not bother me now at all at night. Why don’t doctors share such simple methods for relief rather than prescribing medications? Please pass this information on to others. — N.S.

When it works, a change in sleeping position is a simple way to deal with a big problem. It doesn’t work for everyone. In fact, it works for only a few, but it’s still valuable advice and is something that should be suggested more often. A change in sleeping position also can work for snoring. Sleeping on the side, right or left, can open up the throat and stop snoring. Redundant throat tissue, like a reed in a wind instrument, lies behind snoring. Sewing a pocket in the back of the pajamas and putting either a tennis ball or a marble in it keeps snorers off their backs.

Other self-help tips for GERD (gastroesophageal reflux disease, heartburn or acid indigestion — all are the same condition) include staying away from foods that cause it. Onions, garlic, coffee, carbonated beverages, alcohol, chocolate, fried and fatty foods, citrus fruits and juices, tomato sauces, peppermint, spearmint and spicy foods are notorious troublemakers.

Sleeping with the head of the bed elevated is another way to keep stomach acid in the stomach. Prop 6- or 8-inch blocks under the posts at the head of the bed. In this position, gravity keeps stomach

acid in the stomach. Chewing gum stimulates saliva production, and saliva is a natural antacid. Don’t wear tight garments or tight belts, both of which promote acid reflux. I managed to get through this answer without mentioning a single medicine, not even Tums. The booklet on GERD — heartburn — provides an insight into this common malady and its treatment. Readers can order a copy by writing: Dr. Donohue — No. 501W, Box 536475, Orlando, FL 32853-6475. Enclose a check or money order (no cash) for \$4.75 U.S./\$6 Canada with the recipient’s printed name and address. Please allow four weeks for delivery.

DEAR DR. DONOHUE: I have an adult son who has had a sore on the side of his nose for many months. I have pestered him to see a doctor, but he won’t. He says it stays there because he picks at it. Is that a suitable explanation? — W.M.

Any sore that doesn’t heal deserves a doctor’s examination. A nonhealing sore is a sign of skin cancer. I’ve told the story of my grandfather many times. He had a sore on the side of his nose, and he neglected to take care of it. He put a salve on it that he got from a traveling salesman. The sore was a cancer, and he lost that side of his nose. My other advice to your son is to stop picking the sore.

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.

Super Crossword

GREEN PIECE ACROSS

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5 “_ on Entebbe” (’77 film)

9 TV’s “_ Bridges”

13 Canadian peninsula

18 It may be bitter

19 _ Spumante

20 Director Kazan

21 Chaos

22 “Green Card” actress

25 Put the match to

26 Big kid?

27 Lofty

28 Ford of football

30 Hightailed it

31 One of a bunch

34 Green Bay Packers stadium

39 Dieter’s snack

41 Streep of “The Hours”

42 Act like a stallion

43 Loathe

44 Bucks beginning

46 Mine car

48 Coronet

51 Gray matter?

52 Occult

54 The _ Brothers

56 Depart

58 Stiller’s partner

60 He gave us a lift

62 Carve a canyon

64 Illuminated

65 Nick of “Cannery Row”

68 To _ (perfectly)

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72 Gulf state

74 “Green Acres” actor

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78 Brooks or Ott

79 _-dieu (kneeler)

80 Galaxy glitterer

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83 “_ of You” (’84 hit)

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101 Job opening

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111 “The Green Man” author

115 “Don Giovanni” setting

116 Year, in Yucatan

117 Nabokov novel

118 Raindrop sound

120 Leaf part

123 Polly-syllabic one?

126 “Green Tambourine” group

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CryptoQuip

This is a simple substitution cipher in which each letter used stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Solution is accomplished by trial and error.

Clue: B equals M

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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ★★ ★

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Answer Page 4 ★★ ★ HOO BOY!

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Social Security Q&A

By Ray Vigil

Q: Someone told me that my mom might be able to qualify for a “compassionate allowance” because of her Alzheimer’s. Is this true?

A: She might, but the only way to know for sure is for her to submit an application for disability benefits. Compassionate Allowances are a way of quickly identifying diseases and other medical conditions that clearly qualify for Social Security and Supplemental Security Income (SSI) disability benefits. The process allows us to identify and make speedy decisions for the most obviously disabled individuals. Recently 38 more conditions were added to our original list of 50 conditions — 25 rare diseases and 25 cancers. The expansion of the list means tens of thousands of Americans with devastating disabilities, such as early-onset Alzheimer’s disease, now can get approved for benefits in a matter of days, rather than months or years. To learn more, and to see a complete list of the Compassionate Allowance

conditions, visit www.socialsecurity.gov/compassionateallowances.

Q: Will my retirement pension from my job reduce the amount of my Social Security benefit?

A: If your pension is from work where you also paid Social Security taxes, it will not affect your Social Security benefit amount. However, a pension based on work that is not covered by Social Security (for example, some federal, state, local, or foreign government retirement systems) probably will reduce the amount of your Social Security benefit. For more information, read Windfall Elimination Provision (Publication no. 05-10045) and Government Pension Offset (Publication no. 05-10007). You can find both of these publications online at www.socialsecurity.gov/pubs under the “Retirement Benefits” section.

Q: I’m blind and can’t read my mail. Is there any other way you can send me correspondence?

Moore Texas

by Roger Moore

Frontier Texans commonly branded habitual criminals with a "c" on their cheek.

FEAR KNIGHT

By: rj johnson

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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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Manufacturing on El Paso’s west side. Mr. Lemus had made the ride many times before and was wearing a safety helmet, and also had safety lights in front and back of his bicycle. He was riding on the far right side of the roadway, and was within 2 miles of his destination when an unknown vehicle ran him down. He was struck in the 7300 block of South Desert. This is the first significant accident involving a bicycle this year. Two bicyclists were killed by vehicles in 2009. Although it is unknown what type of vehicle struck Lemus and fled the scene without rendering aid, investigators are hoping that someone witnessed the incident as it took place on the Gateway next to I-10 heading east into town. Lemus was spotted by a passerby who called police. He was taken to a local hospital in critical condition, where he now remains in a medically induced coma. The vehicle involved would show a considerable amount of front-end damage. If you have information about the identity of the suspect and/ or the location of the vehicle, please 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

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