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NEWSBRIEFS

Crime Stoppers

A vacant building on the Westside is fully engulfed in flames, becoming the 10th vacant building in El Paso to be set on fire, making this the Crime Stoppers “Crime of the Week.” On Wednesday, May 5th, at 10:45 A.M., 12 units with the El Paso Fire Department responded to a structure fire on the 6600 block of Doniphan in the Upper Valley. First units on the scene reported a single-story vacant structure fully involved and asked for additional units. The firefighters then protected an adjacent business to the east by wetting it down with large amounts of water. There were no reported injuries to firefighters or civilians. Investigators from the Fire Marshals office determined that total damages were estimated at over \$60,000.00. It was discovered that the building had been vacant for about 2 years. This is the 10th vacant building fire in the city this year, compared to 7 at this same time last year. Total damages for all the vacant building fires combined this year have totaled over \$506,000.00. If you have information about the identity of any suspects in these fires, 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

Hotchecks

A hot check warrant roundup conducted in El Paso County from Tuesday June 15 through Thursday June 17, 2010 netted 27 individuals with outstanding hot check warrants. In total 22 officers from the El Paso Sheriff’s Office, El Paso County Constables Precincts 1, 3 and 7, Texas DPS Troopers, and investigators of the County Attorney’s Office participated in the roundup. Although this round of arrests is over, investigators from the County Attorney’s Office will continue to hunt the nearly 3,000 individuals with outstanding arrest warrants. From May 14 to June 22 2010, the County Attorney’s Office has collected \$117,793.34. In total, 663 individuals took advantage of the amnesty period, paying 864 hot checks. 334 local merchants will be receiving restitution so far. Individuals may still attempt to avoid arrest by paying as soon as possible online at www.epcounty.com/CA, or in person at:

- El Paso County Courthouse, 500 E. San Antonio, #503 (5th floor), Monday to Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.; or
- 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 cannot give change).

— Elhiu Dominguez

The quickest way to get a lot of individual attention is to make a big mistake.

— Quips & Quotes

Sweat equity turns hope into homes

Hanson honored for dedication, work

By Don Woodyard
Special to the Courier

EL PASO COUNTY — People looking for a new place to live will perhaps tour freshly-minted display homes in a residential subdivision. Eventually they will make their selection, fill out the paperwork, arrange financing and sign all the necessary forms.

It’s all very relatively simple for middle- and upper-income families. You only have to worry about working the high monthly house payment into the family budget.

What about affordable housing for low-income families?

This is where Nancy Hanson comes in. She is executive director for the Fabens-based Lower Valley Housing Corporation (LVHC). The organization, formed in 1986 by residents of Fabens, administers a mutual self-help program that literally opens doors to new and affordable homes for these families of limited income.

For these people, the doors are different. The doors are ones that have been physically hung by the future homeowners themselves. Working weekends and in their spare time, these husbands and wives work side by side not only to lift and hang windows and doors, but also to raise the walls, lay the floors and build the roofs.

It is sweat equity that comes from working long hours on their future homes when they’d rather be at home relaxing after long hours at their day jobs. Individually they have to work 30 hours a week under the eye of a site supervisor who helps and advises them. The work sites are open Monday through Thursday and are closed Friday. They are open Saturday and Sunday when people contribute needed hours they can’t squeeze in around their regular work-week schedules.



— Photo courtesy League of Women Voters

WELL DONE — The League of Women Voters gave Nancy Hanson their Bravo Award at a special luncheon for her 20 years of work in helping families achieve their home ownership dreams. The service award is given to individuals or entities who have made “extraordinary contributions” to improve quality of life in the community.

For her 20 years of work in helping these families achieve their dreams of owning a home, the League of Women Voters recently honored Hanson at a luncheon presenting her with its Bravo Award. The service award is given to individuals or entities who have made “extraordinary contributions” to improve quality of life in the community.

“We like what we do,” Hanson says simply. “We give people a hand up, not a handout. It is hard on the families, but it brings out the best in people.”

More than 1,100 families in 17 rural subdivisions in such areas as Clint, Fabens

and San Elizario have been helped.

The mutual self-help program, Hanson explains, was established in the late 1940s by an act of Congress. The United States Department of Agriculture was selected to administer the program and is the largest lender for single-family housing in the nation.

Mutual self-help construction, according to a corporation brochure, “is the building method whereby LVHC forms groups of six to 12 eligible families and teaches them how to build at least 65 percent of each others’ homes within the group. The labor contributed drives down the cost of each house and the monthly payments.”

The new homes are appraised at \$92,000 and cost the family builders only \$59,999 because of their own labor, Hanson points out. This gives the family a built-in equity of \$32,000 when they move in.

The homes are completed, usually within 10 months, sometimes less.

Hanson administers all of the LVHC housing programs. The corporation purchases the land to develop the residential subdivisions and securing mortgage financing two years in advance. This guarantees, according to information provided by Hanson, “a pre-determined number of new homes at a pre-determined price for each house.”

Qualifying for the program comes through a strict screening process, taking into account annual income and other financial considerations. Monthly payments could be as low as the mid-\$400 range up to mid-\$600 area.

Whatever the mortgage payments may be, low-income families have had an excellent record in meeting their financial obligations.

Hanson says that the corporation currently has between 800 and 900 mortgages with low-income families. The corporation has had to purchase only six homes from people who have defaulted. This is less than one percent compared to a national economy ravaged by bank foreclosures.

For more information on its housing programs, call LVHC at 764-3413.

Aguilar to attend prestigious law camp in Washington DC

By Patricia Tidwell
Special to the Courier

CANUTILLO — Canutillo High School Junior, Ramon Aguilar, has been selected to attend the Future Latino Leaders Law Camp held in Washington DC this July.

The Future Latino Leaders Law Camp is a week-long program held by the Hispanic National Bar Foundation (HNBF) and provides 25 Latino high school students, from across the nation, with the opportunity to learn more about the legal profession.

“We are proud that Ramon Aguilar will be representing Canutillo ISD during this very prestigious event, and we are confident that this will set the foundation he needs, as he looks to pursue a career in law,” said Antonio Del Campo, Director of Academic Language Services.

Through this Law Camp, Aguilar — an English Learner student who comes from an



— Photo courtesy Canutillo ISD

PROUD EDUCATORS — Dr. Damon Murphy, CISD Superintendent (left); and Antonio Del Campo, Director of Academic Language Services in CISD (right) take time out to congratulate standout student Ramon Aguilar on his selection to attend the Future Latino Leaders Law Camp in July.

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Veterans Post

By Freddy Groves

VA Inspector General nails phonies, crooks

Twice a year the Veterans Administration Office of the Inspector General issues a report describing what it's been up to. The recently released report to Congress details the 120 audits, inspections, investigations and evaluations of the VA during the period from October 2009 to the end of March 2010.

During the past six months, the VAOIG has made 269 felony arrests, gotten 150 indictments and issued 232 administrative sanctions.

It identified \$276 million in invalid orders for unneeded goods and services that had not been delivered, orders that were left to linger in limbo.

It issued fines and penalties and got restitution to the tune of \$45 million. General savings and cost avoidance came in at \$283 million.

Crime took a big hit this time. The VAOIG closed 424 investigations and nailed 269 people for a whole laundry list of crimes, including drug theft, embezzlement, fraud, bribery, computer crimes, identity theft and property crimes.

Admin sanctions is another successful area: One fiduciary alone (tasked with taking care of veterans' finances) was sent away for 55 months after stealing \$1 million from 33 disabled veterans.


The VAOIG did 22 inspections of the VA medical centers and looked at sterilizing medical equipment, credentialing procedures, theft and more.

The phonies got it this time, too. A long list of people claiming to be veterans were caught, ordered to pay restitution in many cases, and tossed in jail.

We get a lot for our money out of the VAOIG — a return of \$14 for every dollar spent on its investigations. Total net to the good: \$673 million.

If you want to read all the individual reports the VAOIG has issued during the past six months, go to: www4.va.gov/oig and click on Reports.

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Por la Gente

By State Rep. Chente Quintanilla

Funding needed for stormwater control

Hola mi gente. In previous articles, I provided you with some information about the Stormwater District that was formed by the City of El Paso. The essence of the articles was the plans that had been put on paper by the District.

First of all, we should all be grateful for the excellent plans put on paper by the District. I am very appreciative of Ed Archuleta's commitment to me in the legislative session to impact El Paso as a region and not just a city.

While the plans are excellent, that is all that they are. The best engineers in El Paso county drew the blueprints of a stormwater control system that makes many areas of the county much safer from our annual thunderstorm flooding. What is not in place is the money for executing the plans.

The stormwater district that was formed by the El Paso Water Utilities is not responsible for funding or even implementing the plans. At this moment, the plans are still pending more discussion at the Utilities. For all intents and purposes, the district has done its job.

The development of the plans was not an easy task. Although some facets of the plans were provided by the Army Corps of Engineers, much of the content of the plans were researched and developed by the fine engineers who work at the district.

The hard part of the project is before us. That is the funding. Great plans are only as good as the community commitment. In the past, this county has been very hesitant to work toward getting the funding necessary to begin controlling the storm runoffs.

The collaboration needed to even start the smaller projects should include the Federal, State and County government. If indeed the plans are finalized for the projects, a strong effort should be taken at the county commissioners court to start the grant and loan process to fund the plans.

If we don't start now, the cost will eventually increase. In fact, the longer we wait the more the chances are that current arroyos may be altered by natural or manmade influences. If that were to happen, the efforts to develop the plans would have been worthless.

For my part, as soon as the plans are final, I commit to discussing with state agencies where possible funding can be tapped. I would hope that a similar effort would be forthcoming from the county and federal elected officials.

In the mean time, take the same precautions during the monsoon season; or for that matter whenever thunderstorms are present anywhere in the county.

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

View from here

By Robert Romano

Overstimulated

The Keynesian worldview is unraveling at a remarkable pace, even as Washington desperately cleaves to its once-vaunted borrow-and-spend philosophy to "stimulating" the economy out of recession.

On June 4th, former Clinton Labor Secretary Robert Reich warned that the nation is "falling into a double-dip recession," but he does not blame overstimulus or too much government debt, which is weighing down Europe and threatens the U.S. with a serious credit rating downgrade. Instead, he believes that Congress has not spent enough.

To prevent the next dip, Reich proposes "more stimulus — especially extended unemployment benefits and aid to state and local governments that are whacking schools and social services because they can't run deficits."

There, Reich is referring to a proposed \$23 billion bailout of insolvent states like New York and California that cannot afford to keep their public employees, and a \$40 billion extension of unemployment welfare benefits.

The further along the failed "stimulus" experiment proceeds, and the more obvious the insolvency crisis faced by governments becomes, the more absurd Reich's Keynesian approach appears to a public already weary of bailouts. That is important because it is voters who will be asked to render their verdicts on the policy's success in November.

And right now, the question is not if "stimulus" has failed, but why it has failed.

It all goes back to the original root of the problem. The

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View from here

By Kevin Mooney

Antitrust rules, damage caps should be reconsidered

Standing behind the after affects of the Deepwater Horizon oil spill is an incestuous relationship between big business and big government that grew out of regulatory stipulations liberal media outlets have long championed. Although the New York Times has done an effective job of exposing BP's negligence, it has overlooked the role of public policy.

Some of the reporting has been very beneficial and helpful to readers and the newspaper deserves credit for investigative work that calls attention to internal documentation. Apparently, BP workers and engineers had expressed concern over the well casing and the blowout perimeter for some time, but to no avail, the documents show.

BP officials insist they did not take any undue risks. The Times reports on the documentation as follows:

"On June 22, for example, BP engineers expressed concerns that the metal casing the company wanted to use might collapse under high pressure.

"This would certainly be a worst-case scenario' Mark E. Haffle, a senior drilling engineer at BP, warned in an internal report. 'However, I have seen it happen so know it can occur.'

"The company went ahead with the casing, but only after getting special permission from BP colleagues because it violated the company's safety policies and design standards. The internal reports do not explain why the company allowed for an exception. BP documents released last week to The Times revealed that company officials knew the casing was the riskier of two options."

Readers can decide for themselves how BP's leadership handled the warnings from its own employees. However, The Times should also consider asking some hard questions about the cozy relationship between regulators and the companies within their purview. As a consequence of antitrust rules that earn praise throughout the media, companies are constantly looking for ways to curry favor with top bureaucrats. Instead of generating revenue from average customers, corporate leaders are now looking toward government for financial inducements.

This is not healthy politically or economically.

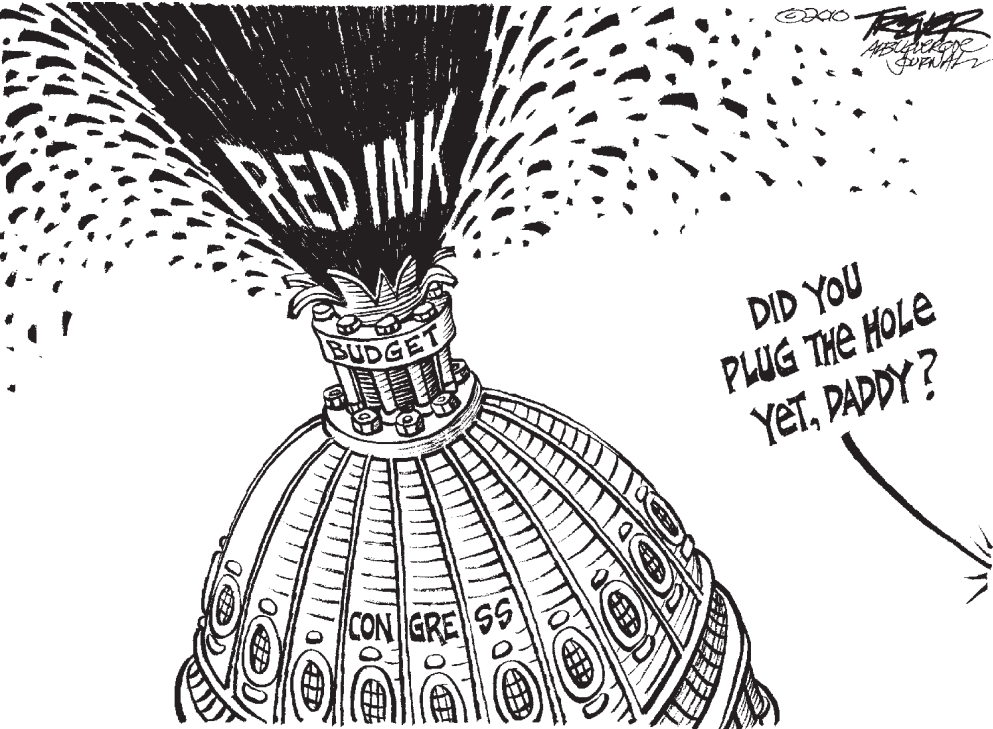
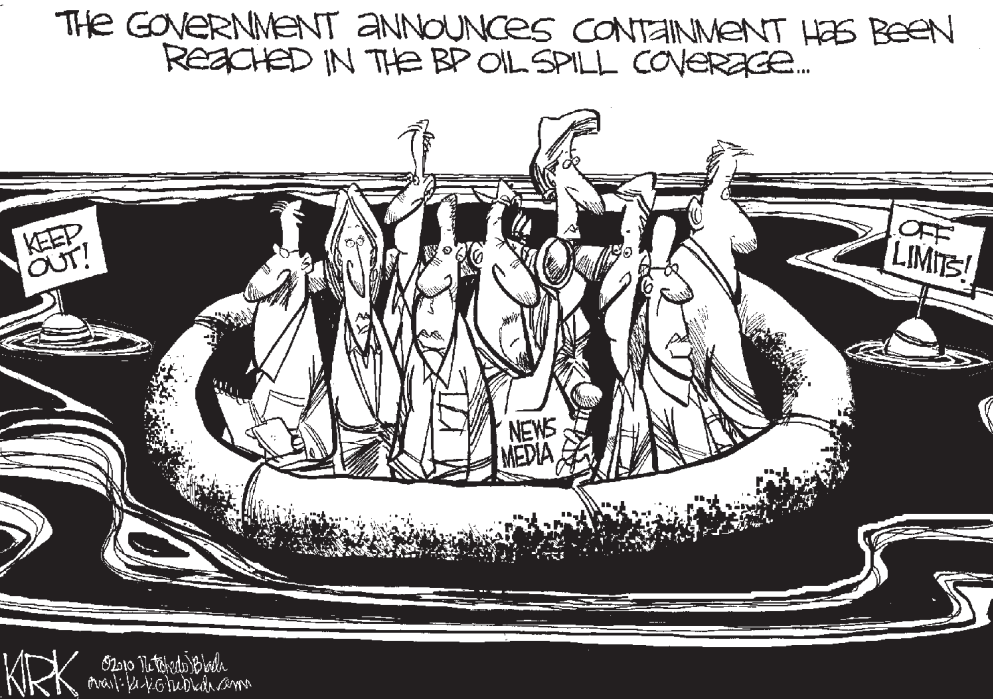
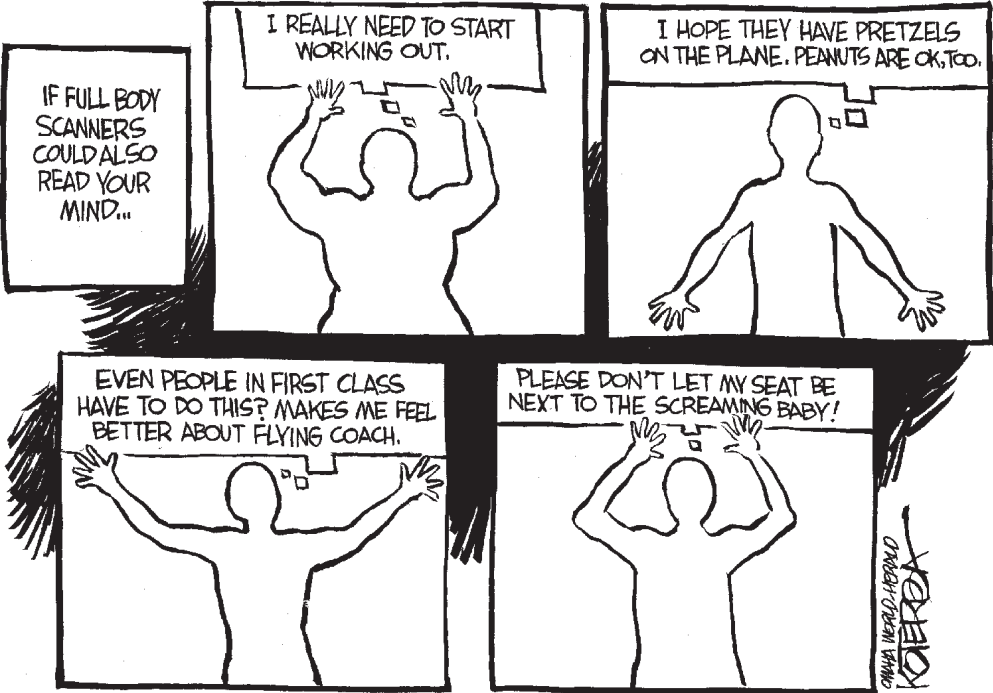
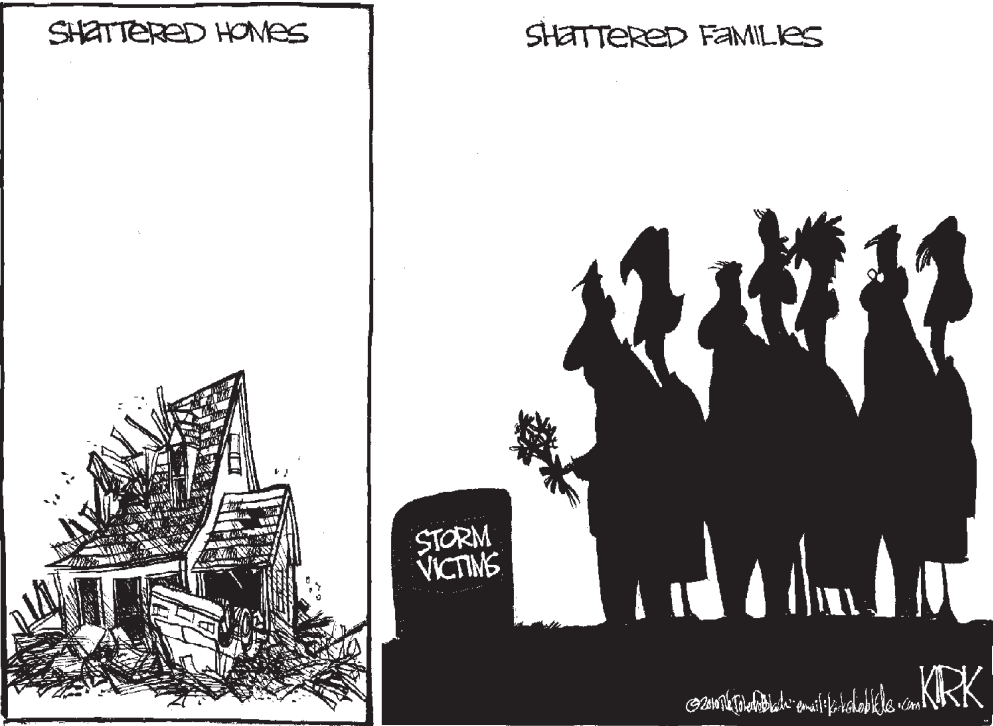
Ultimately, corporate discipline will come from competition, not government regulators.

The NYT should also ask policymakers if it makes sense to maintain the cap on damages in exchange for increased tax payments. This was instituted after the Exxon Valdez spill. But shouldn't companies absorb the cost of their failures? Limiting liabilities for shareholders may be appropriate but the same should not hold true for corporations.

Kevin Mooney is the Executive Editor of TimesCheck.com for Americans for Limited Government.



Big government and big oil have always been too cozy.



It's the law

By Texas AG Greg Abbott

Sex offenders will be priority

Since day one, protecting Texas children has been a top priority at the Office of the Attorney General. Early in this administration, we uncovered a troubling statistic. In 2003, the Texas Department of Criminal Justice reported that nearly 200 convicted sex offenders had gone missing and were wanted by authorities for failing to report to their parole officers.

Recognizing that a statewide law enforcement response was necessary to address this issue, we launched the Fugitive Unit, a specialized team of state peace officers whose primary mission is to locate and arrest unregistered sex offenders and parole violators.

Recently, the Fugitive Unit worked closely with the Bexar County Sheriff's Office and the San Antonio Police Department to locate and arrest 10 unregistered sex offenders. On April 19, Fugitive Unit officers arrested Jesse Farias Perez, 46, in San Antonio for failing to comply with sex offender registration requirements. Perez also had an outstanding warrant for failing to pay child support. In 1996, Perez was sentenced to two years in prison for indecency with a child by contact. His victim was an 11-year-old female.

In the same operation, the Fugitive Unit also located and arrested three previously convicted sex predators who violated their parole conditions.

Among the parole violators, investigators arrested Victor Segundo, 52, in San Antonio for possessing videos of violent sexual assaults in violation of his parole. In 1981 and 1982, Segundo was sentenced

to 20 years in prison after being convicted of sexual abuse of a child and aggravated kidnapping. His victims were a 15-year-old female and 16-year-old female. Last month's arrests were not the Fugitive Unit's first encounter with Segundo. We also arrested him in 2008 for a separate parole violation.

Since the Fugitive Unit's launch in August 2003, our dedicated officers have made arrests in more than 60 Texas counties, multiple other states and three cities in Mexico. The arrests include unregistered sex offenders; child sex offenders who violated parole restrictions; violent Louisiana fugitives who fled to Texas during Hurricane Katrina; and Texas parolees who fled during the Hurricane Rita evacuation. The Fugitive Unit has also helped track down sex offenders and other violent offenders in coordination with the U.S. Dept. of Justice's Operation Falcon II, a nationwide roundup of convicted felons-turned-fugitives.

Altogether, the Fugitive Unit is responsible for more than 1,000 arrests since 2003 — and we are committed to continue our pursuit of convicted sexual predators who are violating their parole or failing to maintain their court-ordered sex offender registration. By cracking down on sexual predators who deliberately evade authorities' supervision, the Fugitive Unit works to prevent proven criminals from striking a second time and harming another innocent victim. All Texans can count on the Office of the Attorney General to stay focused and continue protecting Texas children.

Camp

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immigrant family — will get the opportunity to learn more about the college application process, meet influential Latino leaders, and tour national monuments and various government agencies.

The Law Camp is offered cost-free, and the HNBF works with all accepted applicants and their families to ensure their ability to attend.

This is a fantastic opportunity for Latino high school students who are interested in law to travel to Washington and connect with their peers from across the country as well as meet other successful Latinos.

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Clint Independent School District SPECIAL EDUCATION SERVICES

Clint Independent School District provides the following educational program/services to identified disabled children who reside within the district beginning on the third birthday through age twenty-one.

- 1) Instructional Program: including Early Childhood (beginning on the third birthday through age five), Resource (grades K-12) and Self-Contained (grades K-12)
- 2) Diagnostic Services
- 3) Transportation Services
- 4) Speech Therapy
- 5) Counseling Services
- 6) Adaptive Equipment Services
- 7) Physical Therapy
- 8) Occupational Therapy
- 9) School Health Services
- 10) Homebound Services
- 11) Dyslexia Services

Services are provided to identified auditorial and visually impaired children who reside within the district from birth through age twenty-one and to private/home school students who qualify for special education services.

In compliance with the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974 and Public Law 105-17, parents and adult students have the right to inspect educational records. District policies FL and FL-E provide for record access, confidentiality, and complaint procedures.

If you would like more information or know of a disabled child who is not receiving educational services, please contact the Special Education Director at 125 Brown Street, Clint, Texas 79836, or call (915) 851-8383.

SERVICIOS DE EDUCACION ESPECIAL

El distrito escolar de Clint provee los siguientes programas/ servicios educacionales a niños que son identificados como desabilitados que viven dentro del distrito comenzando con el tercer cumpleaños hasta los 21 años.

- 1) *programa de instrucción: infancia temprana (comenzando con el tercer cumplea–os hasta la edad de cinco años), cuarto de recurso (K-12), y clases contenidas (K-12)*
- 2) *servicios diagn3sticos*
- 3) *servicios de transportaci3n*
- 4) *terapia de habla*
- 5) *servicios de consejo*
- 6) *servicios de equipaje adaptivo*
- 7) *terapia fisica*
- 8) *terapia ocupacional*
- 9) *servicios de salud escolar*
- 10) *servicios de clases en el hogar*
- 11) *servicios de dyslexia*

Se provee servicios a niños identificados como desabilitados audible y visualmente que viven dentro del distrito desde nacimiento hasta la edad de 21 años y para estudiantes en clases privadas/en el hogar que califican para servicios de educaci3n especial.

Conforme al Acto de Derechos y Confidencia Educacionales de Familia de 1974 y Ley Publica 105-17, padres y alumnos adultos tienen el derechos de ver los archivos educativos. Polizas FL y FL-E explican los derechos, la confidencialidad, y el proceso para quejarse. Si usted desea mas informaci3n o sabe de un ni3o/ni3a desabilitado que vive en el distrito escolar de Clint que no esta recibiendo servicios educacionales, favor de comunicarse con la Directora de Educaci3n Especial en la direccion 125 Brown Street, Clint, Texas 79386, o al tel3fono (915) 851-8383.

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Stimulus

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current recession was brought about because of too much debt in housing, mortgage-backed securities, and derivatives. This was most obvious with those firms that had become overleveraged on the housing bubble that, when it popped, began a frantic musical chairs approach to restoring solvency to balance sheets.

Governments responded by incurring much of those debts. In the U.S., AIG’s derivatives contracts were honored by the government. The Federal Reserve purchased about \$1.25 trillion in the toxic mortgage-backed securities. Congress spent hundreds of billions of dollars on foreclosure “prevention”. Plus, mortgage giants Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac, and thus housing finance, were nationalized.

This did not solve the debt problem. It did not even prevent the recession. It merely transferred those liabilities to taxpayers, who have been simultaneously asked to eat roughly \$3 trillion in new debt since September 30th, 2008 as the debt has grown to \$13 trillion. Throw in more than doubling the money supply by the Federal Reserve since the crisis began in 2007, and nobody can argue with a straight face that the attempts at fiscal and monetary “stimulus” have not been robust.

Now, all of that new debt realistically threatens the prospects of a sustained recovery with a much graver problem: sovereign default. Therefore, more debt, more lending, and more borrowing are not the solution. And yet, that’s exactly what the Keynesians propose.

Investors are already demanding a higher premium in return for lending to profligate governments. For example, since November, long-term interest rates are steadily rising in troubled sovereigns Greece, Spain, and Portugal, all threatened with default. In Greece, the rate has moved from 4.84 percent to 7.97 percent. In Spain, from 3.79 percent to 4.08 percent. And in Portugal, from 3.8 to 5.02 percent.

These are strong indicators of

the growing risks associated with legislatures spending too much money, whether on “stimulus,” public education, pensions, unemployment welfare benefits, or health care. They also warn of what may come to pass in advanced economies like the U.S., the UK, and others should their fiscal houses not be brought into order.

Remarkably, the only incentive for continuing with the failed “stimulus” program is not economic — since it’s not working — but political, and even there its clout is waning. According to Rasmussen Reports, 53 percent of likely voters believe that cutting government spending would be good for the economy. Only 24 percent think it would be bad.

In fact, nobody really knows what would happen. Since the national debt has grown every single year since 1958 — that’s 52 years for appropriators who have forgotten where the subtract button is on their calculators — actually cutting spending at the federal level is as theoretical as a flat tax, or a manned mission to Mars.

Perhaps that’s why politicians don’t try it, nor will they try it until they stop viewing the current recession as a failure of not spending enough money. Anna Schwartz, Milton Friedman’s co-author on Monetary History, diagnosed the problem in 2008 when she said of government interventions into the financial crisis: “The Fed has gone about as if the problem is a shortage of liquidity. That is not the basic problem. The basic problem for the markets is that [uncertainty] that the balance sheets of financial firms are credible.”

Now, that problem has been compounded into market uncertainty about whether the balance sheets of governments are at all credible. We’re overstimulated. The solution, of course, is to begin the long process of paying off the national debt, cutting spending, and rolling back the Keynesian entitlement state — before it’s too late.

Robert Romano is the Senior Editor of ALG News Bureau.

Clint Independent School District Public Notice

Child Find – All children with disabilities residing in the State, who are in need of special education and related services, including children with disabilities attending private schools, must be identified, located, and evaluated. This process, called Child Find is the responsibility of Clint Independent School District where your child’s private or home school is located. For additional information, please contact Mary Gomez at (915) 851-8383.

Noticia P3blica

En Busca de Ni3o – Cada ni3o con deshabilidades que vive en el Estado, que necesita servicios de educaci3n especial, incluso ni3os con deshabilidades que asisten escuelas privadas, tienen que ser identificados, establecidos y evaluados. En Busca del Ni3o es la responsabilidad de el distrito escolar de Clint donde la escuela particular de su ni3o esta ubicada. Para informaci3n adicional, favor de comunicarse con Mary Gomez al tel3fono (915) 851-8383.

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STRANGE BUT TRUE

By Samantha Weaver

• It was multitalented Robert Anton Wilson — he was, at various times in his life, a novelist, essayist, psychologist, editor, philosopher, playwright and mystic — who made the following observation: “It only takes 20 years for a liberal to become a conservative without changing a single idea.”

• The U.S. Department of Agriculture recently released its study on the costs of raising a child. Those who have children may not be surprised to learn that the average two-parent, middle-income family spends a whopping \$222,360 on the child through the age of 17 — and that figure, or course, doesn’t include the cost of a college education.

• The blue whale is the largest animal known to have ever existed. The marine mammal is so large, in fact, that a grown man could swim through its largest blood vessels.

• The company known as Ulysse Nardin, based in Switzerland, is known for its line of luxury watches. They’ve recently expanded their offerings, though, so the next time you’re in the market for a cell phone, you might want to check out their version of Google’s Android model. You also might want to check your bank account; this gold-plated piece of technology will retail for \$50,000.

• Here’s a sign of our increasingly cluttered lives: When the National Association of Professional Organizers was formed, in 1985, it had five members. Today there are more than 4,000 registered organizers with the group.

• According to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, those who hold the most dangerous job in America aren’t firefighters or police officers; they’re taxi drivers, with 22.7 homicides for every 100,000 workers each year.

Thought for the Day: “It’s not the genius who is 100 years ahead of his time but the average man who is 100 years behind it.”

— Robert Musil

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— Photo courtesy Horizon City

BIG SCREEN — The Town of Horizon City has invested in an Open Air Cinema, like the one above, to bring residents in the Town together. The Town is seeking sponsors for the 18 planned movie nights. Individuals and businesses interested in being a sponsor can call Chief Mike McConnell at 852-1047.

Horizon City to screen free movies

Courier Staff Writer

Police Chief Mike McConnell recently made a presentation to the Horizon City-City Council regarding community policing and a new initiative to improve community contact with members of the police department. The program Chief McConnell proposed involves playing first rate movies on a large screen in the park to attract Horizon City families and children. There is no admission fee to these movies.

McConnell proposed that the city buy the equipment while the cost of the movie licensing fees would be paid by local businesses and individual sponsors. Chief McConnell said, “according to Federal laws, you can’t just show any movie in a public setting without purchasing a Public Performance Event License from the movie distributor which costs approximately \$321.00 per movie.”

Chief McConnell said “using our parks as the primary locations to show the movies will encourage residents to experience a higher sense of community belonging. The police department will be able to interact on a more personal level than in the past while utilizing our parks at the same time.” McConnell went on to say, “Horizon City is a very safe and friendly place to live, however, as we continue to grow, it is my belief that we (local government) should seek out ways to connect with residents and to encourage residents to connect with other residents.”

On May 25, 2010, the City

Movies and dates:

- July 3 - Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs
- July 10 – Little Giants
- July 17 – Racing Stripes
- July 24 – Bee Movie
- July 31 – Barn Yard
- August 7 – Hotel for Dogs
- August 14 – Transformers: Revenge of the Fallen
- August 21 – How to Train Your Dog
- August 28 – The Princess and the Frog
- September 4 – Up
- September 11 – Wild Hogs
- September 18 – The Game Plan
- September 25 – Old Dogs
- October 2 – Sky High
- October 9 – G-Force, the World Needs Bigger Heroes
- October 16 – Toy Story
- October 23 – Alice in Wonderland
- October 30 – Chronicles of Narnia, the Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe

Council approved the purchase of the necessary equipment from Open Air Cinema in the amount of \$21,495. Chief McConnell told the council “I am very appreciative of your decision to purchase the video equipment and you will not be disappointed.” McConnell went on to say, “I have seen this system

Canutillo Independent School District Public Notice

Notice of Non-Discrimination in Career and Technical Education Programs

Canutillo Independent School District offers Career and Technical Education programs in Agriculture Science Technology, Business Education, Exploring Careers, Career Preparation, Human Services, Health Science, Information Technology Education, and Finance and Education Training. Admission to these programs is based on career counseling, interests and aptitudes, age appropriateness, eligibility, and class space availability.

It is the policy of Canutillo Independent School District not to discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex or handicap in its vocational programs, services or activities as required by Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended; Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972; and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended.

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Canutillo Independent School District will take steps to assure that lack of English language skills will not be a barrier to admission and participation in all educational and Career and Technical Education programs.

For information about your rights or grievance procedures, contact the Title IX Coordinator, Renee O'Donnell, at P.O. Box 100, Canutillo, Texas 79835, (915) 877-7423, rodonnell@canutillo-isd.org and/or the Section 504 Coordinator, Karen Judd, at P.O. Box 100, Canutillo, Texas 79835, (915) 877-7433, kjudd@canutillo-isd.org.

Aviso al Público

Notificación de No Discriminación en los Programas Educativos de Carreras Técnicas y Vocacional

El Distrito Escolar Independiente de Canutillo ofrece programas Educativos de Carreras y Técnicas y Vocacional y Educación Tecnológica en Ciencias de Agricultura, Negocios, Exploración de Profesiones, Consumo Familiar, Ciencias de la Salud, Educación de Mercadeo, Educación Tecnológica y Desarrollo de Oficios Industriales. La admisión a estos programas se basa en recomendación de consejeros escolares, interés académico, aptitudes, edad apropiada, elegibilidad, y disponibilidad de lugares en las clases.

Es norma del Distrito Escolar Independiente de Canutillo no discriminar la participación en estos programas por motivos de raza, color de piel, nacionalidad, género, discapacidad o edad en los programas, servicios o actividades vocacionales, tal como lo requieren el Título VI de la Ley de Derechos Civiles de 1964, según enmienda; el Título IX de las Enmiendas en la Educación, de 1972, y la Sección 504 de la Ley de Rehabilitación de 1973, según enmienda.

El Distrito Escolar Independiente de Canutillo tomará las medidas necesarias para asegurar que la falta de habilidad en el uso del inglés no sea un obstáculo para la admisión y participación en todos los programas educativos y Educativos de Carrera y Técnicas y Vocacionales.

Para información sobre sus derechos o procedimientos para quejas, comuníquese con la Coordinadora del Título IX, Renee O'Donnell, al P.O. Box 100, Canutillo, Texas 79835, teléfono (915) 877-7423, correo electrónico: rodonnell@canutillo-isd.org, o el Coordinadora de la Sección 504, Karen Judd, al P.O. Box 100, Canutillo, Texas, teléfono (915) 877-7433, correo electrónico: kjudd@canutillo-isd.org.

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CryptoQuip Answer

The dictator recently opened a handyman’s shopping mecca and called it Home Despot.

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Let’s not get ahead of ourselves crowning Kobe king

By Steve Escajeda
Special to the Courier

I’ve been following the NBA since the late 1960s and the debate over which player is the best of all time or the best of a certain franchise has always come up

And I have to say that I’m really getting tired of all this “Kobe is the greatest Los Angeles Lakers player who ever lived” talk.

Unfortunately, many people who think they know sports have the memory span of a fountain pen.

Kobe Bryant led the Lakers to their 16th NBA title with a hard-fought seven-game series win over the Boston Celtics last week.

And even though Kobe had a miserable game in the championship contest, he was still instrumental in his team’s second straight title.

But now that Bryant wears five championship rings, sports analysts have started to say that he is the best Laker player ever and some are even saying that is the best player of all time — period.

Stop it please!

Of course Kobe is one of the best players

in the history of the game, but let’s look at some facts.

Here are some Lakers names you younger guys may not remember, Elgin Baylor, Jerry West, Kareem Abdul Jabbar and Earvin Magic Johnson. Oh, and let’s not forget Shaquille O’Neal.

For his 13-year career, Kobe has averaged 25.3 points, 5.3 rebounds and 4.7 assists per game. He has one MVP award, five NBA titles and is a 12-time all-star.

Let’s do a little comparing.

Jabbar (20 years) averaged 24.6 pts, 11.2 reb, 3.6 asst, 6 MVP, 6 titles and 19 all-star games.

Magic Johnson (13 yrs) averaged 19.5 pts, 7.2 reb, 11.2 asst, 3 MVP, 5 titles, 12 all-star games.

Baylor (14 yrs) averaged 27.4 pts, 13.5 reb, 4.3 asst, 0 MVP, 0 titles, 11 all-star games.

West (14 yrs) averaged 27.0, 5.8 reb, 6.7 asst, 0 MVP, 1 title, 14 all-star games.

O’Neal (17 yrs) averaged 24.1, 11.0 reb, 2.6 asst, 1 MVP, 4 titles, 15 all-star games.

To be the best at anything you have to do everything better than everyone else.

If you add up Kobe’s total of average points, rebounds and assists per game they

total 35.3.

All five other guys, Jabbar (39.4), Johnson (37.9), Baylor (45.2), West (39.5) and O’Neal (37.7) have better all-around numbers than Bryant.

Something else, as far as Kobe challenging Jordan for best player of all time, Jordan was the main man on all of his six Chicago Bulls championship teams.

During Kobe’s first three NBA titles, it was Shaq who was the best player on the Lakers. O’Neal outscored Kobe 28.5 to 25.4, outrebounded Kobe 12.3 to 5.9, while Kobe had a slight edge in assists at 5.1 to 3.6.

And just to be sure, Shaq was named the finals MVP all three seasons.

So we can honestly say that Kobe has led the Lakers to two NBA championships, while playing on five NBA championship teams.

It’s like this past season, everybody and their grandmother knew that LeBron James was the best player in the game. He won the MVP award easily over second-place finisher Kevin Durant. Heck, Kobe finished third in the voting.

But LeBron played one very bad game in the playoffs, his team is eliminated and suddenly, Kobe is the best player in the game

because James is out-of-sight and evidently out-of-mind.

Again, Bryant is the current leader of the Lakers and is one of the best players the game has ever seen. But let’s get a hold of ourselves and do our homework before we start calling someone the best of all time.

It’s not that I’m not a fan of Kobe Bryant – I’m a fan of facts and the truth.

It’s like calling Ken Griffey Jr. or Alex Rodriguez or Barry Bonds the best players of all time without even studying what guys like Babe Ruth, Ty Cobb, Stan Musial, Joe DiMaggio, Hank Aaron, Ted Williams, Lou Gherig, Mickey Mantle, Willie Mays and Pete Rose did over their illustrious careers.

By the time Kobe, who is about to turn 32, retires from the game there’s little doubt he will rank among the top 10 players of all time. And there’s no shame in that.

But just like we throw around the word “hero” way too often, we’re beginning to toss around the word “best” just as soon as the next great performance is given.

So is Kobe the best NBA player ever? No way. Is Kobe the best Lakers player ever? Not yet.

A sporting view By Mark Vasto

What’s in a name?

The great University of Maryland and its fans are used to a little ribbing from their rivals.

When you play Blue Devils, Cavaliers, Tigers and Mountaineers and your mascot is a turtle that burrows in the mud for an 18-month gestation period, it’s to be expected. Few of us know what a “Hokie” is, but the smart money says they were never in danger of becoming extinct due to early American appetites for turtle

soup. But credit the Terrapin fans, they did the right thing and went with it; “Fear the Turtle” became their clever rallying cry. (Those Terp fans are a regular riot, aren’t they?)

But the same can’t be said for the nicknames down the road. When it comes to team names, our nation’s capital, like Congress, garners very low approval ratings.

What did it say about our country when their NBA franchise (today’s

“Wizards”) carried the “Bullets” moniker? When you consider that the Washington, D.C., area routinely leads the nation in gun-related violence. And while the Capitals and Nationals are obvious (and boring) nicknames, they at least allude to the area’s character. But Redskin fans — as much as you hate the topic — your nickname is just plain wrong. Any rational person has to feel bad for the American Indians who have to endure the humiliation of being a mascot for a bunch of guys wearing dresses and pig snouts in Landover, Md.

As much as I personally love the Stanley Cup champions’ logo and name, watching a hockey team skate

over the nose of a Blackhawk Indian is, when you think about it, a little wrong. And though the Seminoles embrace Florida State’s use of their tribe’s name, it’s hard to believe they endorse Cleveland’s Chief Wahoo.

They say history is written by the winners, so maybe sports writer Frank Deford summed it up best when he pointed out that, “We conquerors have always held this bizarre desire to name our teams after our old foes.”

Some say the use of these names is a tribute to fallen warriors, but I doubt we’re ever going to cheering for the Nantucket Nazis or Virginia Beach Visigoths.

After a Sox game, I got into a

beer-fueled conversation with a rather large Irish guy at a local watering hole. “What do you think about being a mascot? A fighting leprechaun in South Bend, the Lucky Charms guy at the Garden?” I asked. With very little hesitation, he took a long draw from his beer mug, sized me up and said, “I love it... why? You got something against the Irish? You need to lighten up.”

Maybe it was the suds, but looking back, the guy may have had a point.

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

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NOTICE OF RECEIPT OF APPLICATION AND INTENT TO OBTAIN A WATER QUALITY PERMIT RENEWAL

PERMIT NO. WQ0011561002

APPLICATION. Canutillo Independent School District, P.O. Box 100, Canutillo, Texas 79835, has applied to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) to renew Texas Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (TPDES) Permit No. WQ0011561002 (EPA I.D. No. TX0118842) to authorize the discharge of treated wastewater

at a volume not to exceed a daily average flow of 45,000 gallons per day. The domestic wastewater treatment facility is located on the east side of Bosque Road, approximately 4,100 feet north of the intersection of Farm-to-Market Road 259 and Bosque Road and approximately 2 miles northwest of the intersection of State Highway Spur Road 375 and Interstate Highway 10 in El Paso County, Texas 79835. The discharge route is from the plant site to the Rio Grande Above TCEQ received this application on March 23, 2010. The permit application is available for viewing and copying at Canutillo Middle School, 7311 Bosque Road, Canutillo, Texas.

ADDITIONAL NOTICE. TCEQ's Executive Director has determined the

application is administratively complete and will conduct a technical review of the application. After technical review of the application is complete, the Executive Director may prepare a draft permit and will issue a preliminary decision on the application. **Notice of the Application and Preliminary Decision will be published and mailed to those who are on the county-wide mailing list and to those who are on the mailing list for this application. That notice will contain the deadline for submitting public comments.**

PUBLIC COMMENT / PUBLIC MEETING. You may submit public comments or request a public meeting on this application. The purpose of a public meeting

is to provide the opportunity to submit comments or to ask questions about the application. TCEQ will hold a public meeting if the Executive Director determines that there is a significant degree of public interest in the application or if requested by a local legislator. A public meeting is not a contested case hearing.

OPPORTUNITY FOR A CONTESTED CASE HEARING. After the deadline for submitting public comments, the Executive Director will consider all timely comments and prepare a response to all relevant and material, or significant public comments. **Unless the application is directly referred for a contested case hearing, the response to comments, and the Executive Director's decision on the application,**

will be mailed to everyone who submitted public comments and to those persons who are on the mailing list for this application. If comments are received, the mailing will also provide instructions for requesting reconsideration of the Executive Director's decision and for requesting a contested case hearing. A contested case hearing is a legal proceeding similar to a civil trial in state district court.

TO REQUEST A CONTESTED CASE HEARING, YOU MUST INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING ITEMS IN YOUR REQUEST: your name, address, phone number; applicant's name and proposed permit number; the location and distance of your property/

activities relative to the proposed facility; a specific description of how you would be adversely affected by the facility in a way not common to the general public; and, the statement "[I/we] request a contested case hearing." If the request for contested case hearing is filed on behalf of a group or association, the request must designate the group's representative for receiving future correspondence; identify an individual member of the group who would be adversely affected by the proposed facility or activity; provide the information discussed above regarding the affected member's location and

distance from the facility or activity; explain how and why the member would be affected; and explain how the interests the group seeks to protect are relevant to the group's purpose.

Following the close of all applicable comment and request periods, the Executive Director will forward the application and any requests for reconsideration or for a contested case hearing to the TCEQ Commissioners for their consideration at a scheduled Commission meeting.

The Commission will only grant a contested case hearing on disputed issues of fact that are relevant and material to the Commission's decision on the application. Further, the Commission will only grant a hearing on issues that were raised in timely

filed comments that were not subsequently withdrawn. **TCEQ may act on an application to renew a permit for discharge of wastewater without providing an opportunity for a contested case hearing if certain criteria are met.**

MAILING LIST. If you submit public comments, a request for a contested case hearing or a reconsideration of the Executive Director's decision, you will be added to the mailing list for this specific application to receive future public notices mailed by the Office of the Chief Clerk. In addition, you may request to be placed on: (1) the permanent mailing list for a specific applicant name and permit number; and/or (2) the mailing list for a specific county. If you wish to be placed on the permanent and/or the county mailing

list, clearly specify which list(s) and send your request to TCEQ Office of the Chief Clerk at the address below.

AGENCY CONTACTS AND INFORMATION. All written public comments and requests must be submitted to the Office of the Chief Clerk, MC 105, TCEQ, P.O. Box 13087, Austin, TX 78711-3087 or electronically at www.tceq.state.tx.us/about/comments.html. If you need more information about this permit application or the permitting process, please call TCEQ Office of Public Assistance, Toll Free, at 1-800-687-4040. Si desea información en Español, puede llamar al 1-800-687-4040. General information about TCEQ can be found at our web site at www.tceq.state.tx.us.

Further

information may also be obtained from Canutillo Independent School District at the address stated above or by calling Ernesto Armendariz at 915-877-7712.

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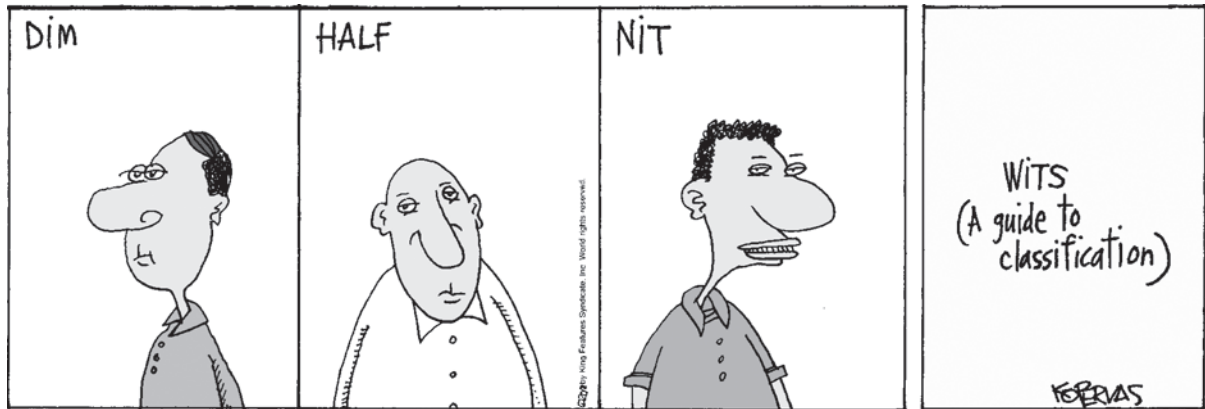
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Your good health By Paul G. Donahue, M.D.

DEAR DR. DONOHUE: About six years ago, I had a heart attack. The doctor said there was hardly any damage. Is it likely that I will have another heart attack? I am overweight and have a hard time losing weight and keeping it off.
— C.P.

\$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 23, just graduated from college and have my first full-time job. In high school, I ran track, both distance and sprints. I am trying to get myself back into condition. I can still run distances pretty well, but I can't sprint. My legs hurt after a very short time. Why? Can I overcome it? — P.M.

The chance of a recurrent heart attack for men is 21 percent; for women, 33 percent. Looked at in the opposite way, the chances for not having a second heart attack are very good. Figures like these are deceptive when applied to an individual. A person's efforts to decrease the risks of having another attack are the keys to not having one.

Those risks include dealing with obesity. Even though weight loss is difficult for you, you must make an effort to reduce your weight. A dietitian can help you with the diet part. You have to increase your physical activity. Inactivity is an invitation to artery clogging and heart attacks. Ask your doctor what kind of exercise is safe for you. Walking is permitted for most, and walking is a way to strengthen your heart, clear your arteries and lose weight.

You also have to watch your cholesterol in all its forms. HDL cholesterol keeps heart arteries free of plaque buildup, and LDL cholesterol encourages it. You have to keep an eye on your blood pressure, another ingredient for heart attacks.

The fact that your doctor said little damage was done to your heart puts you into a class of heart-attack patients who are at low risk for having another.

The booklet on heart attacks discusses all aspects of this common problem that takes so many lives. Readers can obtain a copy by writing: Dr. Donohue — No. 102W, Box 536475, Orlando, FL 32853-6475. Enclose a check or money order (no cash) for

Pain from sprinting comes from the buildup of lactic acid, a byproduct of anaerobic exercise, exercise done without the benefit of oxygen. If you haven't been sprinting for four years, you can't expect your body to do what it could back then. It takes time for it to gear up to lactic acid. You can overcome it by continuing to practice sprinting at a reduced pace.

DEAR DR. DONOHUE: I have been taking acetaminophen for pain, as well as an aspirin every day. Is it safe to use both together? — H.B.

It's safe if you're not exceeding the recommended doses of each. In fact, tablets are available with the combination of acetaminophen and aspirin. Excedrin is one such tablet.

Have you found out the cause of your pain? Do so. Don't just mask it with medicines.

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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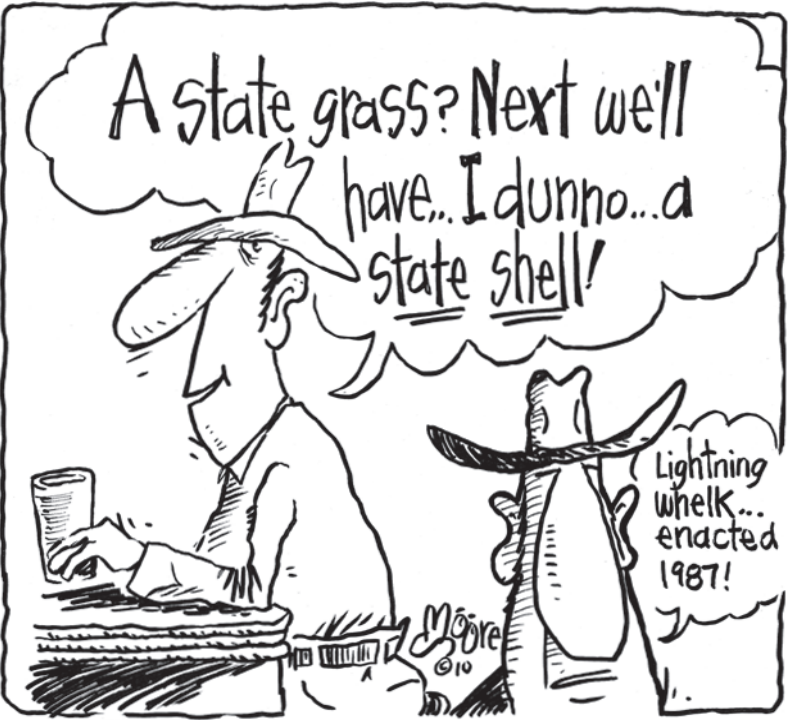
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Moore Texas by Roger Moore Amaze your friends... tell them Sideoats Gramma is the official State grass of Texas.

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: J equals P

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TC XYRS USWJYC.

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Social Security Q&A

By Ray Vigil

Q: How many Social Security numbers have been issued since the program started?

A: Social Security celebrates its 75th anniversary on August 14, 2010. Since numbers were first issued in November 1936, we have assigned about 460 million numbers. There are more than one billion possible combinations of the 9-digit Social Security number. Visit www.socialsecurity.gov/history/ssn/ssncards.html for a complete history of the Social Security number.

Q: Can I receive Social Security benefits and Supplemental Security Income (SSI) benefits at the same time?

A: You may be able to receive SSI in addition to monthly Social Security benefits if your Social

Security benefit is low enough for you to qualify for SSI. Whether you can get SSI depends on your income and resources (the things you own). If you have low income and few resources, you may be able to supplement your Social Security benefit with an SSI payment. You can find out more about SSI by going to www.socialsecurity.gov and selecting the “Supplemental Security Income (SSI)” banner at the top of the page.

Q: I have never worked but my spouse has. What will my benefits be?

A: You can be entitled to as much as one-half of your spouse’s benefit amount when you reach full retirement age. If you want to get Social Security retirement benefits before you reach full retirement

age, the amount of your benefit is reduced. The amount of reduction depends on when you will reach full retirement age. For example, if you file at age 62, and your full retirement age is 65, you can get 37.5 percent of your spouse’s unreduced benefit; if your full retirement age is 66, you can get 35 percent of your spouse’s unreduced benefit; if your full retirement age is 67, you can get 32.5 percent of your spouse’s unreduced benefit.

The amount of your benefit increases if your entitlement begins at a later age, up to the maximum of 50 percent at full retirement age. If your full retirement age is other than those shown here, the amount of your benefit will fall between 32.5 percent and 37 percent at age 62. However, if you are taking care of a child who is under age 16 or who gets Social Security disability benefits on your spouse’s record, you get the full spouse’s benefits, regardless of your age. Learn more about retirement benefits at www.socialsecurity.gov/retirement.

For more information on any of the questions listed above, visit our website at www.socialsecurity.gov or call us at 1-800-772-1213. If you have any questions that you would like to have answered, please mail them to the Social Security Office, 1111 Gateway West, Attn: Ray Vigil, El Paso, Texas 79935.

Movies

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used in the past in another smaller city and it was very well received. I expect turnout to be even better in Horizon City with such a high number of children in town.”

The first movie will be shown on July 3, 2010 at sunset. All movies will be shown at the practice ball field at the Corky Corcoran Park on Rodman Street in Horizon City. Chief McConnell organized a movies committee to select the movies. The committee consisted of Chief Mike McConnell, Code Enforcement Officer April Garcia, Mayor’s assistant Elvia Schuller, and City Council member Carol Zimmerman.

Chief McConnell is in the process of securing sponsors for each of the 18 movies. If you are interested, please contact Chief Mike McConnell at 852-1047 as soon as possible. Sponsors will receive recognition for their donation and if they have a radio or television commercial, they can be played prior to the movie. All movies will be preceded with about 15 minutes of Loony Tune cartoons. Bring your blankets or lawn chairs and your own snacks and enjoy the movies.

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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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