



NEWSBRIEFS

Grade meeting

Canutillo ISD Superintendent Dr. Damon Murphy will host a community meeting to discuss the District’s proposed grading policy revisions. The meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, August 3, at 5:30 p.m. in the CISD Administrative Offices Board Room at 7965 Arcraft Rd. and is open to the public.

— Patricia Tidwell

Award

The Susan G. Komen for the Cure’s national office and local affiliate recently awarded Assistant County Attorney Erich A. Morales the Komen’s “National Promise of One” award. The award recognizes, on a national level, an individual’s outstanding contribution to the Susan G. Komen for the Cure, as well as the power one person can make in Komen’s promise to save lives and end breast cancer forever. Morales began as a volunteer with the organization in 1997, chairing the Iron Men Committee at Race for the Cure. Since then, he has been actively involved in planning and implementing the “Race for the Cure” in El Paso, including serving as Chair for the local Race during the last 5 years. He currently serves as President-Elect of the Susan G. Komen for the Cure El Paso Affiliate Board of Directors.

— Elhiu Dominguez

Jails pass

The Texas Commission on Jail Standards (TCJS) inspected the El Paso County Detention Facility (Downtown) and the Jail Annex. The TCJS inspectors found both facilities to be in compliance with no deficiencies. The Commission inspects all areas of the County jails, to include its Life Safety, Admission, Release, Records, Classification, Health Services, Inmate Supervision, Sanitation, food Service, Discipline and Grievance process, Recreation and Exercise, New Construction and Existing Construction. This is the 13th straight year the TCJS has certified the El Paso County Detention Facilities (Downtown Jail/Jail Annex). Inspectors commented on the professionalism and dedication of the staff and also noted the upkeep and cleanliness of the facilities giving full credit to the line officers whose initiative and dedication have set this high standard. Inspectors went on to say El Paso County was one of their top ten counties to inspect because of the staff’s receptiveness, professionalism, and openness to new ideas and ways of doing things.

— Deputy Jesse Tovar

Crime Stoppers

Crime Stoppers of El Paso is assisting

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No dream comes true until you wake up and go to work.

— Quips & Quotes



— Photo by Alfredo Vasquez

PLAYTIME — Vinton city officials and community volunteers recently built Mariposa Park with the support of local businesses. Yolanda Lucero (left), Vinton Councilwoman, and Rachel Quintana, Tree Board volunteer committee chairperson, show off the new park.

Vinton officials push parks to improve quality of life

By Alfredo Vasquez
Special to the Courier

VINTON — The City of Vinton is realizing its dream of beautiful neighborhood parks for families to enjoy, thanks to the efforts of city officials and community volunteers.

During a recent council meeting, the Texas Department of Rural Affairs (TDRA) presented Vinton officials a ceremonial check to recognize the community for securing a grant from the agency’s Texas Community Development Block Grant (TxCDBG) program.

Vinton Mayor Madeleine Praino said that the \$325,400 grant would be used to improve the municipal park, which is located on Vinton Road. The mayor said that the TxCDBG grant will go toward paying the estimated \$1.5 million that it will cost to complete the municipal park project.

A master plan for the two-acre park has been created, and construction is scheduled to start by October, according to the city officials. The park will include an amphitheater, a canopy, benches, swings, playground, patios, picnic tables, walkways, restrooms, and paved ADA-compliant parking lots.

“We are very pleased to award this grant to Vinton,” stated Charles S. Stone, executive director of TDRA. “Community development projects such as this help Texans in rural communities improve their quality of life significantly.”

Also, another park is nearly complete with the help of the city’s Tree Board, a committee of five individuals and city councilwoman Yolanda Lucero. Mariposa Park, which is

located at the corner of Steel and Copper roads, was recently built on a half-acre lot that was donated by Vinton resident Bob Brown.

Tree board members- Rachel Quintana, chairperson; Inez Lopez, Rosa Mendoza, Corina Rodriguez, and Maria Medina- have coordinated fundraising activities for over a year to help make Mariposa Park a reality. Quintana said that the park cost nearly \$50,000 in funds and in-kind donations to build.

“We had a lot of community and business support in building Mariposa Park,” said Lucero, who is the city council liaison for the Tree Board. The park, which includes playground equipment, benches, parking lot, and signage, was officially dedicated in April. “We still need to provide a covered picnic area to complete the park,” Lucero said.

Businesses that donated materials for the Mariposa project were Arcelor Mittal, MTI, and Meyers Ace Hardware Store. Volunteers who contributed time and labor include Eagle Scout Justin Churchman and students from UTEP, Coronado and Franklin high schools, as well as neighborhood youths.

Plans are to continue efforts to secure funds to finalize Vinton’s park projects. City officials have applied for a \$500,000 grant through the Texas Park & Wildlife Department.

And, the tree board’s next fund raising event will be the First Annual Yard Sale, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., Saturday, August 21, at the municipal park location, 440 E. Vinton Road. Vendors may reserve a spot for a \$25 donation to sell antiques, clothes, furniture, and jewelry, among other items. Other fundraising activities currently underway include commemorative brick and Mariposa Park t-shirt sales. For information: 886-5104.

Shots may be required for students to return to school

By Dusty Warden
Special to the Courier

EL PASO COUNTY — As summer vacations draw to a close, it marks the start of the frenzied couple of weeks known as the “back-to-school rush” as parents and children prepare to return to school. Recent vaccination changes could hinder a child’s ability to return to school if they are not up to date.

In March 2009, Texas adopted several changes which include the addition of a new Tetanus vaccine that now contains a pertussis (whooping cough) component. Additional changes mandated vaccination against meningitis. State regulators also revised the requirements of immunizations that children may already have including MMR (measles, mumps & rubella), varicella (chicken pox) and hepatitis A.

If you are uncertain as to whether or not your child is up to date, it is best to have their record reviewed. Waiting for a note from the school nurse isn’t always the best practice.

Schools districts are preparing for a rush of students in need of vaccinations. Immunize El Paso has partnered with area schools to vaccinate children over the summer and during school registration. Through this outreach program, uninsured children or those who are otherwise unable to visit a their healthcare provider are able to receive all the vaccinations they need for only a

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING TO DISCUSS BUDGET AND PROPOSED TAX RATE

The Socorro Independent School District will hold a public meeting at 6:00 p.m., Tuesday, August 17, 2010 in the District Service Center, Board Room, 12440 Rojas, El Paso, Texas 79928. **The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the school district’s budget that will determine the tax rate that will be adopted. Public participation in the discussion is invited.**

The tax rate that is ultimately adopted at this meeting or at a separate meeting at a later date may not exceed the proposed tax rate shown below unless the district publishes a revised notice containing the same information and comparisons set out below and holds another public meeting to discuss the revised notice.

Maintenance Tax	\$0.946140/\$100 (Proposed rate for maintenance and operations)
School Debt Service Tax	
Approved by Local Voters	\$0.233550/\$100 (Proposed rate to pay bonded indebtedness)

Comparison of Proposed Budget with Last Year’s Budget

The applicable percentage increase or decrease (or difference) in the amount budgeted in the preceding fiscal year and the amount budgeted for the fiscal year that begins during the current tax year is indicated for each of the following expenditure categories:

Maintenance and Operations	0.884% Increase
Debt Service	0.138% Increase
Total Expenditures	0.805% Increase

Total Appraised Value and Total Taxable Value (as calculated under Section 26.04, tax Code)

	Preceeding Tax Year	Current Tax Year
Total appraised value* of all property	\$ 8,650,839,904	\$ 8,580,449,608
Total appraised value* of new property**	\$ 339,695,898	\$ 229,207,312
Total taxable value*** of all property	\$ 6,996,933,386	\$ 7,216,610,768
Total taxable value*** of new property**	\$ 274,824,317	\$ 217,993,580

* “Appraised value” is the amount shown on the appraisal roll and defined by Section 1.04(8), Tax Code.
** “New property” is defined by Section 26.012(17), Tax Code.
*** “Taxable value” is defined by Section 1.04(10), Tax Code.

Bonded Indebtedness

Total amount of outstanding and unpaid bonded indebtedness* \$322,701,865

* Outstanding principal.

Comparison of Proposed Rates with Last Year’s Rates

	Maintenance & Operation	Interest & Sinking Fund*	Total	Local Revenue Per Student	State Revenue Per Student
Last Year’s Rate	\$ 0.946140	\$ 0.233640*	\$ 1.179780	\$ 2,090	\$ 5,843
Rate to Maintain Same Level of Maintenance & Operations Revenue & Pay Debt Service	\$ 0.953070	\$ 0.250510*	\$ 1.203580	\$ 2,105	\$ 5,514
Proposed Rate	\$ 0.946140	\$ 0.233550*	\$ 1.179690	\$ 2,068	\$ 5,766

*The Interest & Sinking Fund tax revenue is used to pay for bonded indebtedness on construction, equipment, or both.

The bonds, and the tax rate necessary to pay those bonds, were approved by the voters of this district.

Comparison of Proposed Levy with Last Year’s Levy on Average Residence

	Last Year	This Year
Average Market Value of Residences	\$ 126,380	\$ 123,642
Average Taxable Value of Residences	\$ 110,782	\$ 108,481
Last Year’s Rate Versus		
Proposed Rate per \$100 Value	\$ 1.179780	\$ 1.179690
Taxes Due on Average Residence	\$ 1,306.98	\$ 1,279.73
Increase (Decrease) in Taxes		\$ (27.25)

Under state law, the dollar amount of school taxes imposed on the residence homestead of a person 65 years of age or older or of the surviving spouse of such a person, if the surviving spouse was 55 years of age or older when the person died, may not be increased above the amount paid in the first year after the person turned 65, regardless of changes in the tax rate or property value.

Notice of Rollback Rate: The highest tax rate the district can adopt before requiring voter approval at an election is 1.226650. This election will be automatically held if the district adopts a rate in excess of the rollback rate of 1.226650.

Fund Balances

The following estimated balances will remain at the end of the current fiscal year and are not encumbered with or by a corresponding debt obligation, less estimated funds necessary for operating the district before receipt of the first state aid payment:

Maintenance and Operations Fund Balance(s)	\$ 32,016,935
Interest & Sinking Fund Balance(s)	\$ 7,980,415

Veterans Post By Freddy Groves

Adapting homes for disabled vets

For veterans with service-related disabilities, there are three types of grants available to modify or adapt their homes. Each grant comes with a different set of qualifying criteria.

The Specially Adapted Housing (SAH) grant is for very seriously injured veterans: loss or loss of use of both arms or legs, blindness and more. This grant can be used three times up to the maximum amount, which is currently \$63,780.

The Special Housing Adaptation (SHA) grant is for injured veterans with other injuries: burns, loss of hands and more. This grant also can be used three times up to the maximum amount, which is currently \$12,756.

The third grant, Temporary Residence Adaptation, is meant for temporary living situations. The veteran must be eligible for either the SAH or SHA grants above and be living in a temporary situation with a family member who owns the home. This grant can be used only once. In 2010 the grant amount is \$2,000 for those eligible for SHA, and \$14,000 for

those eligible for SAH.

It’s this last grant that doesn’t get a lot of notice. The Government Accountability Office recently conducted a review of the program’s use and discovered that since 2006, only 18 veterans have taken advantage of this grant. They’ve concluded that veterans just don’t know about the grants and have recommended that the Department of Veterans Affairs improve awareness of the program.

For more information go online to www.homeloans.va.gov/ and see Specially Adapted Housing. That page has fact sheets and a download of the application (VA Form 26-4555).

Don’t miss VA Manual M26-12, which is the VA’s step-by-step instructions to help you through the process.

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HOW COME THEY DON'T HAVE A GUY LIKE HIM COVERIN' THE GRUNTS OVER HERE?

I DUNNO, MAYBE IT'S 'CUZ MOST FOLKS AIN'T PAYIN' ATTENTION.



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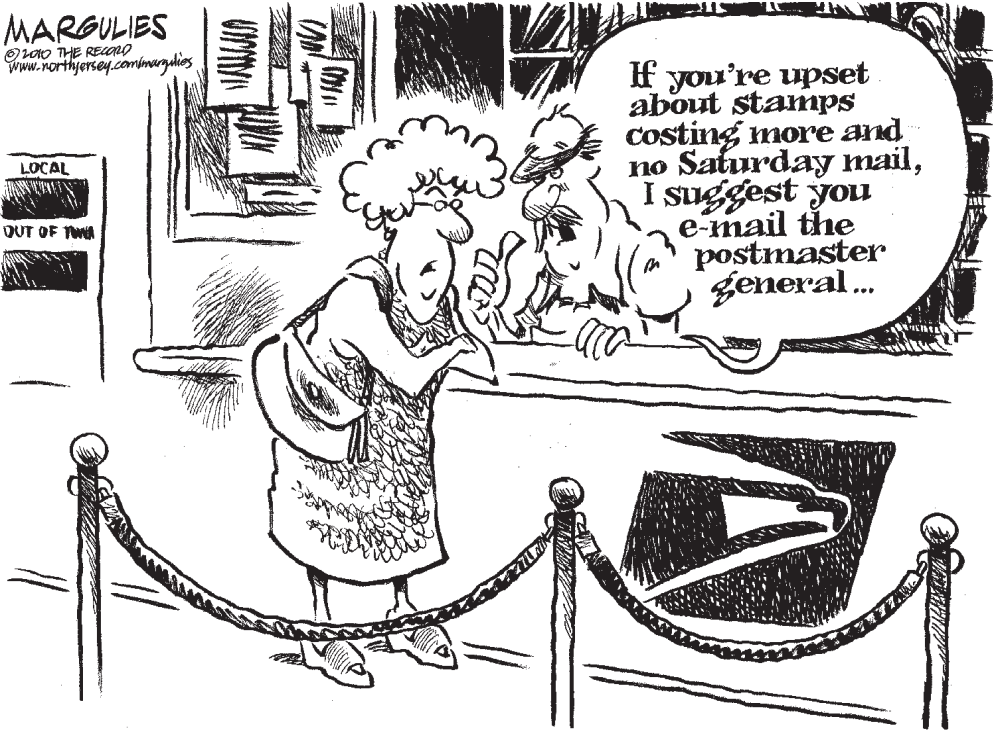
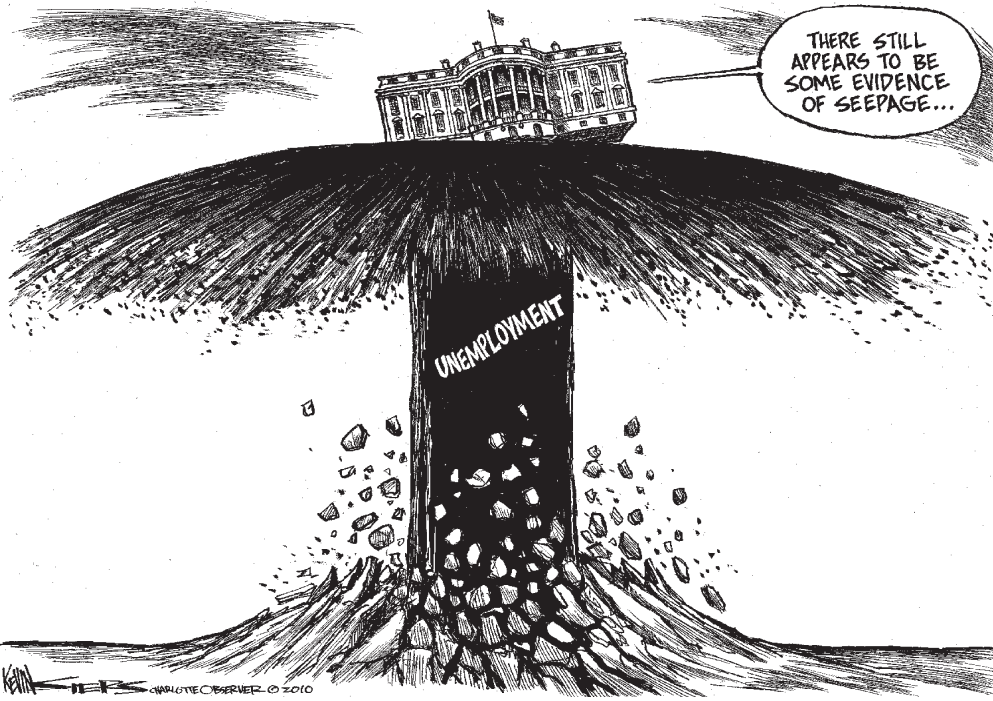
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Por la Gente By State Rep. Chente Quintanilla

Good homes for Texans

Hola mi gente. Back in April, the House Committee on County Affairs held an interim meeting to receive testimony on several issues. Included in the invited testimony was Mr. Scott Norman, the current Executive Director of the Texas Association of Builders.

Mr. Norman and I have had many meetings during legislative sessions and also during the interim. He has always presented the position for the builders in a very professional and informed manner. It is always a pleasure to meet with him.

During the April hearing the chair called up Mr. Norman and Mr. Craig Smith who provided testimony on behalf of Envision Texas. Envision Texas is a conglomerate of county interests around the Austin region concerned with controlling sprawl in the unincorporated areas of their counties.

These same issues have come up during regular legislative sessions. Our own county has provided testimony in favor of allowing more county authority.

For decades, the basis for any additional authority for counties had been the proliferation of colonias. Going back to the 1980's, bills were passed that were meant to stop the growth of third world conditions in the unincorporated areas of poorer counties; including El Paso county.

The laws that were passed back then along with additional new laws passed more recently succeeded in stopping the proliferation of new colonias. There are still small pockets that the counties do not catch.

Although the arguments by Envision called for more authority for counties, there is a different reason for the argument. Their problem is caused by community development by builders as opposed to colonias which for the most part are self constructed.

Mr. Norman very succinctly argued that such authority would eventually raise the cost of building homes in unincorporated areas. He stated that for every \$1000 of increased overhead, tens of thousands of Texans are shut out of qualifying for new homes; especially now with more restrictive lending practices.

These issues are only solved by compromise. Building lower costing communities make the homes more affordable. But there are instances where the residents ask for county authority. During the last session, my office received calls from residents in central Texas calling for help. In one case, a resident purchased a home a few years back only to see a drag strip built a few blocks away. Other calls were about the abusive use of firearms in the area.

Such issues will be addressed again in the next legislative session. Considering the fact that thousands of new Texans move to our state every month, it will be difficult to pass any new laws that constrict the construction and sale of new homes.

With the County of El Paso in mind, I hope additional incentives are appropriated to increase the number of low cost units that are built in poorer counties. On August 5th, Tropicana Homes will have a special event at their new development in San Elizario. Through state tax incentives, many such residences have been built for lower income families. Putting the differences between the parties above behind us, we can in a proactive manner solve the problems in the unincorporated areas whether they be colonias or upscale developments.

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

Canutillo High School registration has started

By Kim Guzman
Special to the Courier

CANUTILLO — Canutillo High School (CHS) officials are reminding parents of all students, to complete the registration process before August 11. Registration packets for every student must be turned in prior to class schedules being issued.

The district's ability to best serve the needs of the students and to communicate effectively with parents requires that up-to-date information is available. Current accurate emergency contact information, as well as current health information for each student must be on file. Parents are asked to complete a registration packet containing the needed forms including student emergency contact information, PEIMS (Public Education Information Management System) Data Family Survey, and student health history.

New students to CHS are scheduled to

complete registration and receive schedules from 8:30-11:30 a.m. and 1:00-3:30 p.m. from August 11-13. Registration will be completed according to last name on the following days: Wednesday – A through F; Thursday – G through O; and Friday – P through Z.

Returning students are scheduled to receive their class schedules for 2010-2011 by name and grade classification from August 16-20. Distribution will be given by last name beginning with A through L from 8:30 to 11:30 a.m., and M through Z, from 1:00 to 3:30 p.m., on the following days: Monday – ninth grade students; Tuesday – tenth grade students; Wednesday – eleventh grade students; and Thursday – twelfth grade students. A make-up day for those who missed their scheduled date is Friday, August 20.

CHS officials urge parents to turn in registration packets early to avoid long lines on the scheduled distribution days. For more information, you may call the high school at 877-7800.

San Eli schools to begin registration

By Cynthia P. Marentes
Special to the Courier

Several San Elizario Independent School District campuses will be holding student registration for the 2010-2011 school year starting next week.

Loya Primary School has scheduled registration from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. with specific dates for different grade levels: August 10 for Pre-Prekindergarten (3 year olds), August 11 for Prekindergarten (4 year olds), and August 12 for Kindergarten (5 year olds).

Garcia-Enriquez Middle School students can register on the following dates: August

10 for 6th graders, August 11 for 7th graders, August 12 for 8th graders, and August 13 for new students.

San Elizario High School will have registration on August 9 for seniors, August 10 for juniors, August 11 for sophomores, August 12 for freshmen, and August 13 for late or new registrations.

Registration at the elementary schools has already taken place but campuses are still enrolling students for the 2010-2011 school year. Please contact the school directly for more information on what to bring and specific dates and times available for registration. Parents can also contact the San Elizario Independent School District at 872-3900.

Briefs

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the El Paso Police Department in locating the drivers in two fatal hit and run accidents, one recent and one last year, making this the “Crime of the Week.” On Monday morning, July 19, 2010, a little after 5:00 a.m., officers from the Police Department’s Special Traffic Investigation unit learned that a pedestrian was crossing Cotton just south of Missouri when struck by a vehicle heading north on Cotton. The vehicle fled the scene without rendering

aid to the victim. The victim was later identified as Jack Claibourn, a 52-year-old homeless man. Claibourn was taken to University Medical Center where he was pronounced dead. Evidence found at the scene has led S.T.I. investigators to believe that the vehicle was dark blue in color and very likely has damages to its front end and windshield. On Sunday night, October 4, 2009, at 7:30 p.m., 77-year-old Maria Alicia Mora was walking across a dark area with no crosswalk in the 5800 block of Gateway East between Yandell and Trowbridge. The vehicle was last seen turning onto Cleveland St. Ms. Mora died

of her injuries Oct. 13, 2009. If you have any information at all about the identity of these drivers or the location of their vehicles, please call Crime Stoppers of El Paso at 566-TIPS (8477) or submit your tip online at www.crimestoppersofelpaso.org. You will remain anonymous and, if your tip leads to an arrest, you may earn a cash reward up to \$1,000.

— James Klaes

Wanted

Willie Joseph Lozoya, 31, is wanted for Failure to Appear for running from authorities time after time and weapons charges. Lozoya bonded out of jail in April 2010 and has since failed to show to court. He sometimes uses the names Joseph Maese or Willie Maese. He is



W. J. Lozoya

5’10’ tall, weighs 180 pounds with black hair and hazel eyes. He has multiple upper body tattoos. Lozoya remains on the run and is believed to be in the borderland hiding with friends. Officials are asking the public for any information on the whereabouts of Lozoya. People can call the Sheriff’s Office at 546-2280 or Crime Stoppers of El Paso at 566-TIPS (8477). Callers will remain anonymous and may be eligible for a reward if the information provided leads to the apprehension of the individuals featured.

— Deputy Jesse Tovar

Shots

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\$10.00 flat rate, regardless of the number of shots needed. Those enrolled in Medicaid or CHIP programs can receive services at no cost. Parents may also take their children to the Tillman Health Center located at 222 S. Campbell. Immunizations are provided

from 9 a.m. to noon and from 2 to 5 p.m. No appointment is needed for any of the services offered.

For more information regarding the immunization requirements or for a list of outreach locations contact Immunize El Paso at 533-3414 or www.immunizeelpaso.org.

Dusty Warden is the Outreach Coordinator for Immunize El Paso.

2010 Property Tax Rates in City of Socorro

This notice concerns 2010 property tax rates for the City of Socorro. It presents information about three tax rates. Last year’s tax rate is the actual rate the taxing unit used to determine property taxes last year. This year’s effective tax rate would impose the same total taxes as last year if you compare properties taxed in both years. This year’s rollback tax rate is the highest tax rate the taxing unit can set before taxpayers can start tax rollback procedures. In each case these rates are found by dividing the total amount of taxes by the tax base (the total value of taxable property) with adjustments as required by state law. The rates are given per \$100 of property value.

Last year’s tax rate:	
Last year’s operating taxes	\$ 3,091,639
Last year’s debt taxes	\$ 691,075
Last year’s total taxes	\$ 3,782,714
Last year’s tax base	\$ 761,481,771
Last year’s total tax rate	0.496757 /\$100

This year’s effective tax rate:	
Last year’s adjusted taxes (after subtracting taxes on lost property)	\$ 3,781,067
+ This year’s adjusted tax base (after subtracting value of new property)	\$ 776,317,668
= This year’s effective tax rate	0.487051 /\$100

(Maximum rate unless unit publishes notices and holds hearings.)

This year’s rollback tax rate:	
Last year’s adjusted operating taxes (after subtracting taxes on lost property and adjusting for any transferred function, tax increment financing, state criminal justice mandate, and/or enhanced indigent health care expenditures)	
÷ This year’s adjusted tax base	\$ 3,090,293
= This year’s effective operating rate	\$ 776,317,668
x 1.08 = this year’s maximum operating rate	0.398071 /\$100
+ This year’s debt rate	0.429916 /\$100
= This year’s total rollback rate	0.100507 /\$100
	0.530423 /\$100

Statement of Increase/Decrease

If the City of Socorro adopts a 2010 tax rate equal to the effective tax rate of \$0.487051 per \$100 of value, taxes would increase compared to 2009 taxes by \$60,919.

SCHEDULE A – Unencumbered Fund Balances

The following estimated balances will be left in the unit’s property tax accounts at the end of the fiscal year. These balances are not encumbered by a corresponding debt obligation.

Type of Property Tax Funds		Balance
Maintenance & Operation (M&O)		\$ 4,613,901
Debt Service (I&S)		-0-

SCHEDULE B – 2010 Debt Service

The unit plans to pay the following amounts for long-term debts that are secured by property taxes. These amounts will be paid from property tax revenues (or additional sales tax revenues, if applicable).

Description of Debt	Principal or Contract Payment to be Paid from Property Taxes	Interest to be Paid from Property Taxes	Other Amounts to be Paid	Total Payment
Cert. Oblig. - 1999	\$ 110,000	\$ 17,165	-0-	\$ 127,165
Cert. Oblig. - 2001	\$ 21,600	\$ 19,910	-0-	\$ 41,510
Cert. Oblig. - 2004	\$ 85,000	\$ 64,761	-0-	\$ 149,761
Cert. Oblig. - 2008	\$ 100,000	\$ 195,704	-0-	\$ 295,704
Cert. Oblig. - 2010	\$ 170,081	\$ 8,952	-0-	\$ 179,033

Total required for 2010 Debt Service	\$ 793,173
- Amount (if any) paid from funds listed in Schedule A	-0-
- Amount (if any) paid from other resources	-0-
- Excess collections last year	-0-
= Total to be paid from taxes in 2010	\$ 793,173
+ Amount added in anticipation that the unit will collect only 100% of its taxes in 2010	-0-
= Total Debt Levy	\$ 793,173

This notice contains a summary of actual effective and rollback tax rates’ calculations. You can inspect a copy of the full calculations at the City of El Paso Tax Office located at the intersection of Durango and Franklin streets.

Name of person preparing this notice: **Juan F. Sandoval**
Title: **Tax Assessor/Collector** Date prepared: **July 27, 2010**

2010 Property Tax Rates in El Paso County Emergency Services District #2

This notice concerns 2010 property tax rates for the El Paso County Emergency Services District #2. It presents information about three tax rates. Last year’s tax rate is the actual rate the taxing unit used to determine property taxes last year. This year’s effective tax rate would impose the same total taxes as last year if you compare properties taxed in both years. This year’s rollback tax rate is the highest tax rate the taxing unit can set before taxpayers can start tax rollback procedures. In each case these rates are found by dividing the total amount of taxes by the tax base (the total value of taxable property) with adjustments as required by state law. The rates are given per \$100 of property value.

Last year’s tax rate:	
Last year’s operating taxes	\$ 1,297,727
Last year’s debt taxes	\$ 1,288,623
Last year’s total taxes	\$ 2,586,350
Last year’s tax base	\$ 2,586,350,000
Last year’s total tax rate	0.100000 /\$100

This year’s effective tax rate:	
Last year’s adjusted taxes (after subtracting taxes on lost property)	\$ 2,579,537
+ This year’s adjusted tax base (after subtracting value of new property)	\$ 2,551,271,832
= This year’s effective tax rate	0.101107 /\$100

(Maximum rate unless unit publishes notices and holds hearings.)

This year’s rollback tax rate:	
Last year’s adjusted operating taxes (after subtracting taxes on lost property and adjusting for any transferred function, tax increment financing, state criminal justice mandate, and/or enhanced indigent health care expenditures)	
÷ This year’s adjusted tax base	\$ 1,294,308
= This year’s effective operating rate	\$ 2,551,271,832
x 1.08 = this year’s maximum operating rate	0.050732 /\$100
+ This year’s debt rate	0.054790 /\$100
= This year’s total rollback rate	0.070222 /\$100
	0.125012 /\$100

Statement of Increase/Decrease

If the El Paso County Emergency Services District #2 adopts a 2010 tax rate equal to the effective tax rate of \$0.101107 per \$100 of value, taxes would increase compared to 2009 taxes by \$49,076.

SCHEDULE A – Unencumbered Fund Balances

The following estimated balances will be left in the unit’s property tax accounts at the end of the fiscal year. These balances are not encumbered by a corresponding debt obligation.

Type of Property Tax Funds		Balance
Maintenance & Operation (M&O)		\$ 677,623
Debt Service (I&S)		-0-

SCHEDULE B – 2010 Debt Service

The unit plans to pay the following amounts for long-term debts that are secured by property taxes. These amounts will be paid from property tax revenues (or additional sales tax revenues, if applicable).

Description of Debt	Principal or Contract Payment to be Paid from Property Taxes	Interest to be Paid from Property Taxes	Other Amounts to be Paid	Total Payment
San Elizario 9-10-02	\$73,146	\$11,179	\$0	\$84,325
West Valley 8-03-04	\$121,477	\$36,634	\$0	\$158,111
San Elizario 4-12-05	\$27,501	\$66,218	\$0	\$93,719
Fabens 7-12-05	\$23,819	\$58,135	\$0	\$81,954
Fabens 6-12-07	\$45,491	\$40,820	\$0	\$86,311
Montana Vista 8-05-08	\$5,555	\$8,918	\$0	\$14,473
West Valley 9-23-08	\$34,269	\$25,133	\$0	\$59,402
Clint 10-14-08	\$45,430	\$53,186	\$0	\$98,616
Socorro 10-14-08	\$12,945	\$11,343	\$0	\$24,288
Clint 11-04-08	\$69,767	\$36,426	\$0	\$106,193
Montana Vista 1-13-09	\$118,151	\$97,040	\$0	\$215,191
Clint 2-17-09	\$10,862	\$9,043	\$0	\$19,905
Socorro 10-13-09	\$174,619	\$58,348	\$0	\$232,967
Fabens 1-12-10	\$149,838	\$16,740	\$0	\$166,578
West Valley 1-12-10	\$113,696	\$12,703	\$0	\$126,399
Montana Vista 2-09-10	\$35,108	\$11,779	\$0	\$46,887
Socorro 4-13-10	\$35,453	\$21,160	\$0	\$56,613
San Elizario 06-08-10	\$87,791	\$70,677	\$0	\$158,468

Total required for 2010 Debt Service	\$ 1,830,400
- Amount (if any) paid from funds listed in Schedule A	-0-
- Amount (if any) paid from other resources	-0-
- Excess collections last year	-0-
= Total to be paid from taxes in 2010	\$ 1,830,400
+ Amount added in anticipation that the unit will collect only 100% of its taxes in 2010	-0-
= Total Debt Levy	\$ 1,830,400

This notice contains a summary of actual effective and rollback tax rates’ calculations. You can inspect a copy of the full calculations at the City of El Paso Tax Office located at the intersection of Durango and Franklin streets.

Name of person preparing this notice: **Juan F. Sandoval**
Title: **Tax Assessor/Collector** Date prepared: **July 27, 2010**

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: A equals L

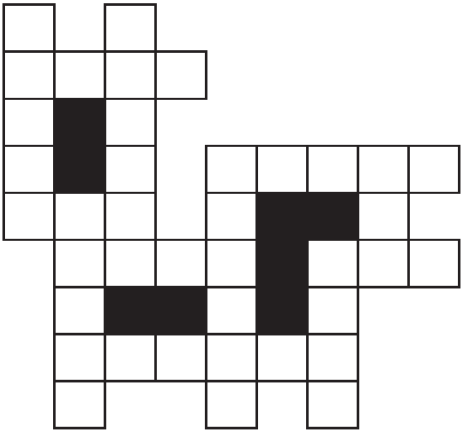
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Unscramble these twelve letter strings to form each into an ordinary word (ex. HAGNEC becomes CHANGE). Prepare to use only ONE word from any marked (♥) letter string as each unscrambles into more than one word (ex. ♥RATHE becomes HATER or EARTH or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

STRANGE BUT TRUE

By Samantha Weaver

• It was librarian and essayist Frederick Saunders who made the following sage observation: “Pride, like laudanum and other poisonous medicines, is beneficial in small, though injurious in large, quantities. No man who is not pleased with himself, even in a personal sense, can please others.”

• Earthquakes occur at a rate of roughly one every minute around the world. About eight of those every year are considered to be major, registering above 7.0 on the Richter Scale.

• If you're a sailor you're probably familiar with the hazards of being out on the water: high seas, storms, hidden reefs. You probably wouldn't count whales among the dangers, but you'd be wrong. It seems that on a recent day sail out of Table Bay Harbor in South Africa, a couple on a 30-foot sailboat were whale-watching when

one got too close for comfort. A 40-ton whale they had been viewing breached right next to the boat and landed on the deck, breaking off the mast and then thrashing around before sliding back into the water. The whale lost some skin and blubber, but was otherwise unharmed; the couple were lucky to still have a seaworthy craft and made it safely back to the harbor.

• Statistics show that the average 5-year-old boy today weighs about 10 percent more and the average 5-year-old girl about 8 percent more than children of the same age in the 1980s.

• Those who study such things say that the word “daisy” started out as “day’s eye” and was shortened over the years. Similarly, “God be with you” became “goodbye” and “whole be thou” became “hello.”

Thought for the Day: “To avoid situations in which you might make mistakes may be the biggest mistake of all.”
— Peter McWilliams

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING TO DISCUSS BUDGET AND PROPOSED TAX RATE

The Anthony Independent School District will hold a public meeting at 6:30 p.m., Tuesday, August 17, 2010 in the Anthony ISD Board Room, 813 Sixth Street, Anthony, Texas 79821. **The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the school district's budget that will determine the tax rate that will be adopted. Public participation in the discussion is invited.**

The tax rate that is ultimately adopted at this meeting or at a separate meeting at a later date may not exceed the proposed tax rate shown below unless the district publishes a revised notice containing the same information and comparisons set out below and holds another public meeting to discuss the revised notice.

Maintenance Tax	\$1.040000/\$100 (Proposed rate for maintenance and operations)
School Debt Service Tax	
Approved by Local Voters	\$0.162000/\$100 (Proposed rate to pay bonded indebtedness)

Comparison of Proposed Budget with Last Year's Budget

The applicable percentage increase or decrease (or difference) in the amount budgeted in the preceding fiscal year and the amount budgeted for the fiscal year that begins during the current tax year is indicated for each of the following expenditure categories:

Maintenance and Operations	.38% (Decrease)
Debt Service	1.40% (Decrease)
Total Expenditures	.43% (Decrease)

Total Appraised Value and Total Taxable Value (as calculated under Section 26.04, tax Code)

	Preceeding Tax Year	Current Tax Year
Total appraised value* of all property	\$ 201,897,162	\$ 212,465,419
Total appraised value* of new property**	\$ 7,985,938	\$ 4,801,536
Total taxable value*** of all property	\$ 147,545,316	\$ 156,880,926
Total taxable value*** of new property**	\$ 7,818,720	\$ 4,443,444

* "Appraised value" is the amount shown on the appraisal roll and defined by Section 1.04(8), Tax Code.
** "New property" is defined by Section 26.012(17), Tax Code.
*** "Taxable value" is defined by Section 1.04(10), Tax Code.

Bonded Indebtedness

Total amount of outstanding and unpaid bonded indebtedness* \$3,653,999

* Outstanding principal.

Comparison of Proposed Rates with Last Year's Rates

	Maintenance & Operation	Interest & Sinking Fund*	Total	Local Revenue Per Student	State Revenue Per Student
Last Year's Rate	\$ 1.040000	\$ 0.160000*	\$ 1.200000	\$ 2,143	\$ 7,160
Rate to Maintain Same Level of Maintenance & Operations Revenue & Pay Debt Service	\$ 1.050280	\$ 0.138300*	\$ 1.188580	\$2,156	\$ 6,728
Proposed Rate	\$ 1.040000	\$ 0.162000*	\$ 1.202000	\$2,155	\$ 7,020

*The Interest & Sinking Fund tax revenue is used to pay for bonded indebtedness on construction, equipment, or both.
The bonds, and the tax rate necessary to pay those bonds, were approved by the voters of this district.

Comparison of Proposed Levy with Last Year's Levy on Average Residence

	Last Year	This Year
Average Market Value of Residences	\$ 87,899	\$ 89,194
Average Taxable Value of Residences	\$72,591	\$ 74,048
Last Year's Rate Versus Proposed Rate per \$100 Value	\$ 1.200000	\$ 1.202000
Taxes Due on Average Residence	\$ 871.09	\$ 890.06
Increase (Decrease) in Taxes		\$ 18.97

Under state law, the dollar amount of school taxes imposed on the residence homestead of a person 65 years of age or older or of the surviving spouse of such a person, if the surviving spouse was 55 years of age or older when the person died, may not be increased above the amount paid in the first year after the person turned 65, regardless of changes in the tax rate or property value.

Notice of Rollback Rate: The highest tax rate the district can adopt before requiring voter approval at an election is 1.202000. This election will be automatically held if the district adopts a rate in excess of the rollback rate of 1.202000.

Fund Balances

The following estimated balances will remain at the end of the current fiscal year and are not encumbered with or by a corresponding debt obligation, less estimated funds necessary for operating the district before receipt of the first state aid payment:

Maintenance and Operations Fund Balance(s)	\$ 2,079,000
Interest & Sinking Fund Balance(s)	\$ 63,000

Mama should have told him not to go

By Steve Escajeda
Special to the Courier

A couple years ago I wrote about a young kid who had decided to skip his senior year of high school to pursue his dream of playing professional basketball.

And yes, I said senior year of high school – not college.

At the time I said it was a monumental mistake. A 17-year-old kid has no business hanging around and traveling with grown men he has nothing in common with.

The kid’s name is Jeremy Tyler and he left high school in San Diego after his junior year to play pro ball overseas – because the NBA doesn’t allow players of that age into the league.

That’s one of the few things the NBA hierarchy gets right.

Any way, a kid that young is missing out on an education. How smart were you after your junior year in high school? Could you have gotten your job today is you had stopped your education at the age of 17? How mature were

you at 17?

All these things are going against Tyler – let alone being hauled off to a strange foreign country where you don’t speak the language. He was barely in the middle of understanding his own culture before being forced to learn and accept another.

In the search for his share of the millions at the end of the NBA rainbow, Tyler signed a 1-year \$140,000 contract with an Israeli team. Not bad money for anyone at any age, but hardly the millions he was looking for.

As expected, he had trouble adapting to his new digs, leaving the team with two months left in the season for what he said were personal reasons.

What did the 6-foot-11 power-forward do for his team? He averaged a whopping 2.1 points and 1.9 rebounds while spending only seven minutes on the count per game.

Sounds like somebody got some Michelle Wie-like advice from people who couldn’t care less about the kid – but have an ongoing adoration for his bank account.

Some had seen Tyler as a potential No. 1 overall pick when he’s eligible for the NBA

draft in 2011, but those projections have softened a bit.

Gee, you think?

Rather than go back to school and get some sort of education, Tyler is at it again. Now the 19-year-old has signed on to play with Tokyo Apache in Japan’s basketball league under former NBA coach Bob Hill.

Sounds like another stupid move, but as they say, “youth is wasted on the...”

I think other young players should learn from Jeremy Taylor’s example. Really – whatever you do at least get a high school diploma.

What is Tyler going to do if he fails basketball altogether? No skills, no experience, no education, no chance of being hired at any place that doesn’t require you to wear a paper hat.

It’s a lesson to the kids out there. When grandma looks you in the eye and tells you to stay in school she does it for two reasons – because she’s smart and because she loves you.

Washington’s big baby

Don’t you hate it when a child is so upset about not getting what he wants that he just sits there and pouts, and then screams a little,

and then refuses to do anything, and then threatens to do something drastic, and then cries some more.

Members of the Washington Redskins coaching staff hate that too – only their baby stands 6-foot-6 and weighs 350 pounds.

Albert Haynesworth, who had to have rooted for the bad guys in the movies, strengthened his reputation as a selfish brut over the summer by refusing to take part in any Redskins workouts because he didn’t like the new defense they were going to.

And now, Haynesworth is having trouble passing his conditioning test, which he has to pass to practice with the team.

So, what you’re telling me is that a 350-pound fat guy finds himself out of shape because he refused to take part in conditioning drills – what were the odds?

Congratulations to new Redskins coach Mike Shanahan, who said he will not treat Haynesworth any differently than anyone else on the team and will not allow him to practice until he gets into some kind of shape.

And no, Mr. Haynesworth, though it technically is a shape – round doesn’t count.

A sporting view By Mark Vasto

Baseball’s hit parade

Save for a few college fight songs, you don’t really hear many songs about sports. Football has the “Are You Ready for Some Football” song by Hank Williams Jr., but after the Chicago Bears Shuffling Crew, you have to dig all the way back to Goldie Hawn and the Wildcats for the next relevant cut.

And for all of its hip-hop extravagancies, don’t expect basketball to kick new flava in your ear. Rap pioneer Kurtis Blow wrote the last major basketball song I’m aware of. And if there’s a song about hockey, I’m sure nobody would want to hear it. Baseball, however, routinely cranks out the hits —

musically speaking.

I was reminded of that the other day at the stadium when, after the seventh-inning stretch, I listened to a couple of fans exchanging beer- and sun-soaked Seinfeld-esque observational rants.

“You know, when you think about it, ‘Take Me Out to the Ball Game,’ is a pretty silly song... I mean, we’re already here. We’re already at the ball game. So why are we all singing about it when the game’s almost over? Are they trying to sell us season tickets? And who eats

Cracker Jacks?”

“I think you’re reading too much into it,” came the reply. “What are we supposed to sing, ‘Put me in Coach’? It’s tradition. I actually miss it. ‘God Bless America’ is getting a little depressing.”

“Why depressing? It’s a beautiful anthem!”

“Maybe it was beautiful when Kate Smith sang it, now it just reminds me of the war and how long we’ve been fighting it.”

The conversation, as mundane as it was, got me thinking. Baseball has always seemed to inspire the most passionate writing from sportswriters, and it has also served as the muse for hundreds of poets. “Casey at the Bat,” “Tinker to Evers to Chance,” “Spahn and Sain” come to mind on the literary side.

“Glory Days” by Bruce Springsteen, “Catfish” by Bob Dylan and “Right Field” by Peter, Paul and Mary. The most memorable line in Simon and Garfunkel’s most memorable song references Joe Dimaggio, who also was put on wax in the ‘50s with “Joltin’ Joe Dimaggio.” There’s the sports-radio staple “Talkin’ Baseball,” that song about the Dodgers by Danny Kaye and “The Greatest” by Kenny Rogers.

It was in that sunny stadium that I realized why soccer and baseball inspire so much off-field creativity: The length of the games affords people plenty of time to think.

“The war has been going on almost as long as this game,” the guy behind me says. “And who the hell is Kate Smith?”

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

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TOWN OF CLINT

Advertisement and Invitation for Bids for Construction

The Town of Clint, Texas, will receive sealed bids for construction of the **Lawson Drive Water Main Replacement (T e x a s Department of Rural Affairs/Contract No. 729149) until 11:00 a.m. on August 13, 2010**, at the Town of Clint offices located at **200 N. San Elizario Rd., Clint, Texas 79836**, and at that time and place will be publicly opened and read aloud.

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

- Approximately 1,900 linear feet of 8-inch (PVC) Water Line;
- Four (4) new fire hydrants with associated valves and fittings;
- Nine hundred and fifty (950) square yards of pavement removal and replacement;
- One (1) new water service connection;

- Ten (10) water service reconnection; and
- Trench Safety & Traffic Control Systems.

Copies of Bid/Contract Documents, including Drawings and Technical Specifications may be picked up at the Town of Clint offices located at 200 N. San Elizario Rd., Clint, Texas 79836, with a deposit of \$75.00 for each set of documents obtained. Checks made out to the Town of Clint. The deposit will be refunded if the documents and drawings are returned in good condition within seven (7) calendar days following the bid opening.

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

Attention is called to the fact that the federally determined

prevailing (Davis-Bacon and Related Acts) wage rate, as issued by the Texas Department of Rural Affairs and contained in the contract documents, must be paid on this project. In addition, the successful bidder must ensure that employees and applicants for employment are not discriminated against because of race, color, religion, sex age or national origin.

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

Bids may be held by Town of Clint for a period not to exceed thirty (30) days from the date of the bid opening for the purpose of reviewing the bids and investigating the bidders' qualifications prior to the contract award.

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

full under this project.

The Town of Clint is an Equal Opportunity and Affirmative Action Employer, Small, Minority and Female owned firms are encouraged to submit bid proposals for this Project.

Dale T. Reinhardt
Mayor

Date published:
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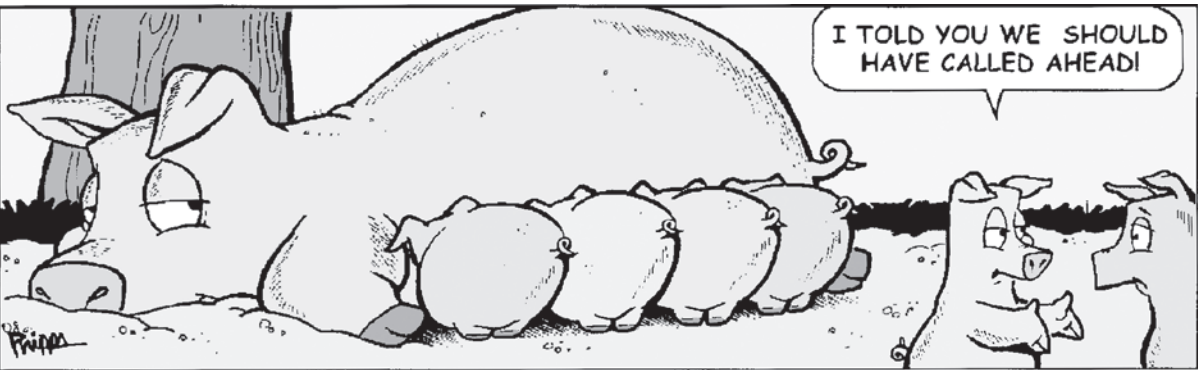
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Your good health By Paul G. Donohue, M.D.

DEAR DR. DONOHUE: Is it possible to get wet macular degeneration from a scratch on the left eye during cataract surgery, or could it have been a cyst that caused wet macular degeneration? I am 85, and my right eye is perfect. I had cataract surgery on that eye also. — C.

A scratch on the eye isn't likely to cause macular degeneration. The possibility of cataract surgery leading to macular degeneration is a remote one. More than 6,000 people who had had a cataract removed were followed for five years after the operation. Slightly more people who had the operation developed macular degeneration, dry or wet, in the operated eye than did a similar group of people who had not had an operation. This isn't proof that cataract surgery leads to macular degeneration. The same risks that cause cataracts also cause macular degeneration. The numbers that do develop it after cataract removal are small. A cause-and-effect relationship has not been proven.

I am not clear what you mean by a cyst causing the degeneration. In what part of the eye was the cyst? I have not seen a link between cysts and macular degeneration.

The retina is the back layer of the eye, the layer that converts incoming images into nerve signals that can be transmitted to the brain so we can see. The macula is a small, round area of the retina where there's an aggregation of cells that are essential for central vision — the kind of vision needed to read a paper, watch TV and drive. Dry macular degeneration, accounting for 85 percent to 90 percent of cases, is a wasting away of macular cells. Wet macular degeneration results from a sprouting of blood vessels in that region. Those newly formed blood vessels leak fluid and destroy macular vision. Procedures are available that

can halt the progression of wet macular degeneration.

The booklet on macular degeneration explains both kinds and what is available to help those with this common eye problem. Readers can obtain a copy by writing: Dr. Donohue — No. 701W, 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: My son-in-law insists on lifting his small children by their arms. I am terrified that he will pull their arms out of joint. I know this isn't the proper way to lift children. Would you give your opinion about this so I can show him? Maybe he will listen to you. — A Worried Grandpa

Sons-in-law should listen to their fathers- and mothers-in-law. They have experience in child-rearing. Lifting young children by grabbing onto their hands or arms can cause the radius (the larger of the two lower arm bones) to slip away from the ligament that keeps it in place. This disruption has the name "nursemaid's elbow." I guess nursemaids must have lifted children in this way. It's painful for the child, and the bone has to be manipulated back in place.

Children who are 5 and older aren't in danger of this happening.

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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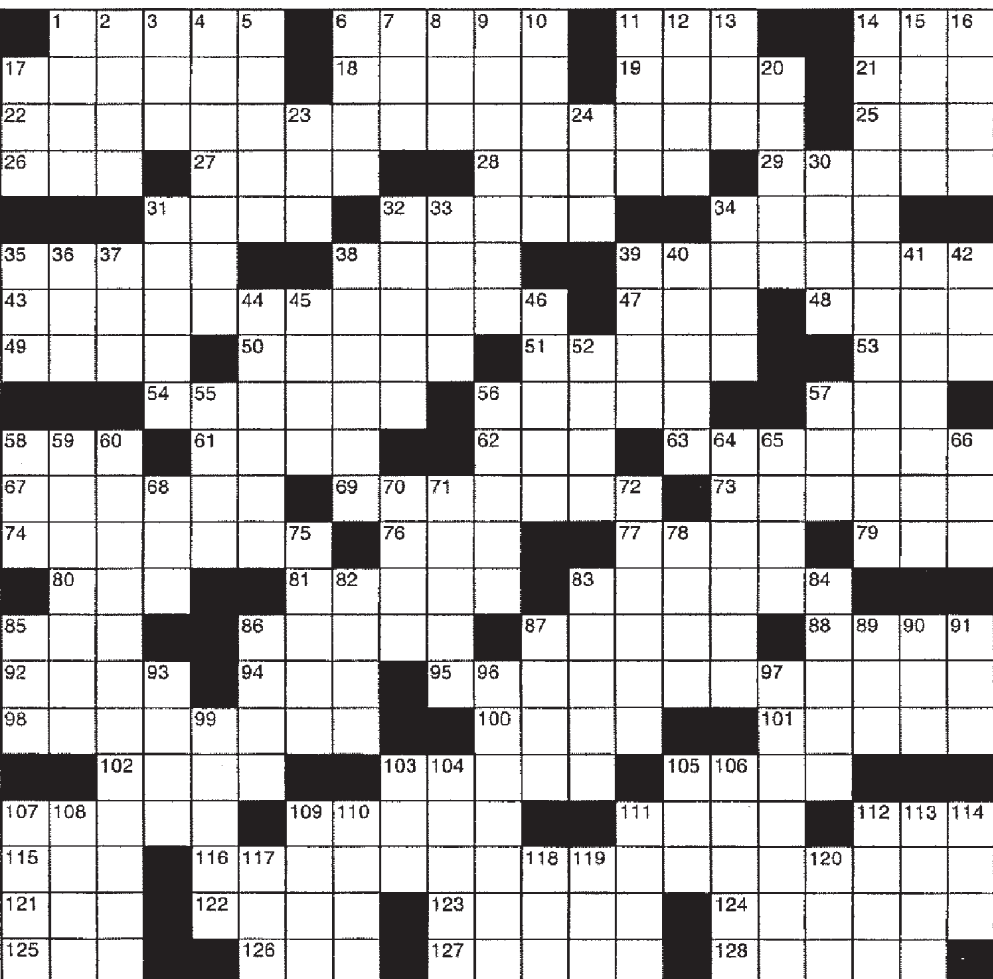
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- 120 No. cruncher





CryptoQuip Answer

I would really love to be an astronaut when I get older. Those guys have a blast.



Social Security Q&A By Ray Vigil

Q: If you plan to collect Social Security at age 70, are you required to sign up for any part of Medicare? The individual is currently covered by a group insurance plan.

A: Everyone reaching age 65 should consider applying for all parts of Medicare; Part A, Hospital Insurance; Part B, Medical Insurance and Part D, Prescription Plan. If you have met your 40 quarters of coverage, you should enroll on premium free Part A and Part B subject to monthly premium of \$110.50 at age 65. If you are covered under your present employer's, group health insurance plan, you have the option to postpone Part B. Otherwise, you will be subject to a 10% surcharge for every year after your 65th birthday and you failed to enroll under Part B. As for Part D, Prescription coverage; if your current plan advises you that their prescription plan is equal to or better than what Medicare offers, you can remain on that plan. Should they advise you that they are no longer compatible to Medicare or they decide to drop the program, Medicare Prescription Program will allow a special enrollment period of 61 days to elect to enroll under their plan. Remember, you can find this and much more information by visiting our website: www.socialsecurity.gov.

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This Notice shall satisfy the above-cited two separate but related procedural notification requirements.

REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF FUNDS

On or about August 19, 2010 the City of El Paso will authorize Housing Assistance Council (HAC) to submit a request to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for the release of SHOP funds to undertake a project known as Desert Palms Units Three and Five for the purpose of developing self-help housing. The total expected amount to be funded is \$750,000 in SHOP funds from HAC. The project will be located in El Paso County.

FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT

The City of El Paso has determined that the project will have no significant impact on the human environment. Therefore, an Environmental Impact Statement under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA) is not required. Additional project information is contained in the Environmental Review Record (ERR) on file at the Department of Community and Human Development; 8th floor City Hall; 2 Civic Center Plaza; El Paso, TX 79901, and may be examined or copied weekdays from 8:30 A.M. to 4:30 P.M.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Any individual, group, or agency disagreeing with this determination or wishing to comment on the project may submit written comments to the Department of Community and Human Development; 8th floor City Hall; 2 Civic Center Plaza; El Paso, TX 79901. All comments received by August 19, 2010 will be considered by the City of El Paso prior to authorizing submission of a request for release of funds. Comments received after August 19, 2010, cannot be considered. Commentors should specify which part of this Notice they are addressing.

RELEASE OF FUNDS

The City of El Paso certifies to HUD that Joyce Wilson in her capacity as City Manager consents to accept the jurisdiction of the Federal Courts if an action is brought to enforce responsibilities in relation to the environmental review process and that these responsibilities have been satisfied. HUD's approval of the certification satisfies its responsibilities under NEPA and related laws and authorities, and allows the City of El Paso to use Program funds.

OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS

HUD will consider objections to its release of funds and the City of El Paso certification for a period of fifteen days from its receipt of the request (whichever is later) only if they are on one of the following bases: (a) the certification was not executed by the Certifying Officer or other officer of the City of El Paso approved by HUD; (b) the (RE) has omitted a step or failed to make a decision or finding required by HUD regulations at 24 CFR Part 58; (c) the grant recipient or other participants in the project have committed funds or incurred costs not authorized by 24 CFR Part 58 before approval of a release of funds by HUD; or (d) another Federal agency acting pursuant to 40 CFR Part 1504 has submitted a written finding that the project is unsatisfactory from the standpoint of environmental quality. Objections must be prepared and submitted in accordance with the required procedures (24 CFR Part 58) and shall be addressed to HUD at 801 Cherry Street, Unit #45, Suite 2500; Fort Worth, Texas, 76102, Attention: Environmental Division. Potential objectors should contact HUD to verify the actual last day of the objection period.

Fernie Arellano
Project Compliance Specialist

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