



NEWSBRIEFS

‘No Place for Hate’

In an effort to promote safe and respectful learning environments, the Canutillo Independent School District is in the process of becoming a “No Place for Hate” school district as declared by the Anti-Defamation League. During the first and second weeks of October, students, teachers and administrators from each school – which span nine campuses across Canutillo ISD – will complete a series of activities and events to help celebrate diversity and tolerance. Bullying affects all children—those who are bullies, those who are victimized, and those who are witness to it. According to national statistics one out of every three children is bullied at school, in their neighborhood, or online, and one out of three children will then go on to bully others. Through the “No Place for Hate” program, the goal is to promote safety and inclusion. All “No Place for Hate” events will culminate on Tuesday, October 12 at the Regular School Board Meeting at 6:00 p.m. where, after a week of campus activities, the Board of Trustees will sign a Resolution of Respect.

— Patricia Tidwell

Scholars

Clarissa Valles and Mauricio Rivera, both seniors at Mountain View High School, have been named to the National Hispanic Recognition Program (NHRP) by the College Board. Valles and Rivera qualified for this important academic recognition based on their critical reading, mathematics, and writing scores on the PSAT/NMSQT. Both also must have maintained a minimum grade point average of 3.0 throughout high school to be considered for this honor. Valles hopes to attend either Columbia University or Penn State to study mathematics next year. Rivera is has his sights set on attending Yale University next fall. The NHRP identifies nearly 5,000 outstanding Hispanic/Latino students from across the country each year. The program sends a list of all recognized students to select colleges and universities that are particularly interested in academically outstanding seniors of Hispanic/Latino Origin.

— Laura Cade

Crime Stoppers

Crime Stoppers of El Paso is assisting the U.S. Marshals Service in locating one of the worst-of-the-worst sexual predators in the United States, including one from El Paso, making this the “Crime of the Week.” 44-year-old Benjamin Dominguez, also known as Francisco Dominguez, is wanted for Failure to Register as a Sex Offender, after an original charge of Indecency With A

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Be kind to everybody. You never know who might show up on the jury at your trial.

— Quips & Quotes



— Photos by Rick Shrum

LEAPIN’ LIZARDS – Gordon Hines and Dorothy Lohse run the Little Shamrock Motel in Murfreesboro, AR. Dorothy and the motel mascot, an iguana named Mr. Einstein, were kind enough to pose for a picture.

The real diamonds

By Rick Shrum
Staff Writer



DIAMOND HUNTERS – Price and Melissa Jones brought their own digging and sifting equipment with them from Tulsa,OK.

MURFREESBORO, AR – There is a state park in Arkansas that visitors can go to to hunt diamonds. Finders, keepers. Really.

It is called Crater of Diamonds State Park. It is located a couple of miles from Murfreesboro where many of the diamond seekers lodge. I stayed at the Little Shamrock Motel and every early riser was heading out to hunt diamonds.

The park opens at 8 a.m. but I didn’t get there until 9 a.m. There were already dozens of cars from a dozen different states. The Jones family, from Tulsa, OK, had just arrived and was busy unloading their gear. Price and Melissa heard of the park and looked it up online. They brought the recommended supplies including 5-gallon buckets, some screens for dry sifting and digging tools.

People that don’t want to bother can rent a kit for \$8.75. It seemed to be about a fifty-fifty split on bringing or renting the gear.

Adult visitors pay \$7 admission at the gift shop and then can go into the digging area. If you don’t want to dig you can look around for free. The park provides a free course on hunting for diamonds. This day Margi Jenks

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San Elizario students learn about backpack safety

By Cynthia P. Marentes
Special to the Courier

Back pain, sore shoulders, and poor posture are some of the effects that can arise out of the improper use of backpacks and carrying heavy loads from class to class. According to the American Occupational Therapy Association (AOTA), in order to avoid such physical strain, most students should not carry a backpack that is more than 15 percent of their body weight and should adjust the way their backpack is worn. On September 23, students at Alarcon Elementary School had the opportunity to learn about the negative consequences that can result from incorrect

backpack usage as part of National School Backpack Awareness Day.

The San Elizario Independent School District campus was chosen by the Texas Occupational Therapy Association (TOTA) Rio Grande District to participate in their annual outreach event. Occupational therapists with the organization visited the school to talk to 4th and 5th grade students about backpack wearing strategies and to weigh backpacks and students.

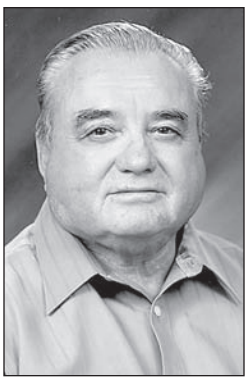
“We want to educate not only students but parents so they can protect their children from health problems such as back and shoulder pain, rounding of the shoulders, and bad

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Family, friends to hold memorial service for Gonzalo ‘Chalo’ Garcia

By Alfredo Vasquez
Special to the Courier

A memorial service to honor Gonzalo (Chalo) Garcia and his accomplishments will be held at 11:30 a.m., Saturday, October 9, at the Gonzalo and Sofia Garcia



Chalo Gacia

Elementary School (in the Canutillo school district), 6550 Westside Drive.

Chalo Garcia, born May 25, 1931 in La Union, New Mexico, was a trailblazer for Mexican-Americans. He

learned on the sports fields that if you play within the system and you play to win, you can accomplish great feats. And, he took those lessons learned in athletics into the political arena after his playing days were over and helped his poor Mexican American, rural community achieve great strides towards improving their living conditions.

Chalo was a star athlete. At Gadsden High School, he played five sports- football, basketball, baseball, track and tennis- and, he excelled in all of them. In 1988, he was inducted into the El Paso Baseball Hall of Fame for his outstanding performance as a semi-professional baseball player for La Union Indian Chiefs (1947-49), La Mesa Blue Jays (1949-50), Yuma, Ariz. Indians (1951-52), and the El Paso Texans (1953-55).

After he married Sofia in 1949, playing baseball didn’t pay enough to support a family, so he began working at an Upper Valley cotton gin. Again, Chalo excelled in his new trade. He eventually became manager of the Borderland Association Cotton Gin and worked with just about every farmer in West Texas and Southern New Mexico during his 45 years in the cotton gin business.

As his circle of contacts grew, he befriended county and state leaders, like Ray Pearson, Richard White, Woodrow Bean, Chuck Mattox, Udell Moore, and Governor John Connally. And, he was named to various local, county, and state boards during the nineteen sixties and seventies.

As his family grew – Sofia and Chalo raised five children – he realized that there was a lack of educational opportunities for children growing up in Canutillo and surrounding rural communities. That spurred him to convince his farmer friends and political allies to help him establish Canutillo Independent School District in 1959. Prior to that, children attended first through eighth grades at the Lone Star Elementary School, which was run by El Paso County and located in the heart of the Canutillo community. To continue in high school, families would have to find a way to send their children to El Paso High School,

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Backpacks

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posture. This is a national concern that can also affect motor skills and lead to spine curvatures,” Cecelia Fierro, Chair of the TOTA Rio Grande District, said.

Fierro and her colleagues, Carolyn Peña and Isaac Montes, weighed each student and their backpacks in order to calculate the percentage of total weight they are carrying around. They also demonstrated proper techniques for wearing a backpack and provided students with handouts to take home to share with their families. The organization also raffled off six new backpacks containing school supplies provided by sponsors Del Sol Medical Center and the El Paso Orthopedic Surgery Group.

Sarah Perez, who is an occupational therapist with San Elizario ISD and a member of the TOTA Rio Grande District, added that National School Backpack Awareness Day takes place every September. This is the first year that Alarcon Elementary takes part in the national celebration which was organized by Perez, nurse Laura Rodriguez, and librarian Idania Rodarte at the campus for approximately 200 students. Perez added that the motto of the annual event is “Pack it light, wear it right,” which is a simple message she hoped students will remember as they get older and have to manage more class transitions and heavier textbooks.

Also on hand to help promote backpack safety were members of the Junior Women’s Club who brought along Spooky, their Halloween pumpkin mascot to



– Photo courtesy San Elizario ISD

WEIGHT LIMIT – Sarah Perez, San Elizario ISD Occupational Therapist, helps a 4th-grade student from Alarcon Elementary School weigh her backpack.

greet students while they waited for their turn on the scales. Fierro expects to expand the annual program to more schools next year to spread the word about the physical benefits of properly wearing a pack.

Veterans Post

By Freddy Groves

Getting records online

More and more information is available online when it comes to getting copies of our records. At vetrecs.archives.gov you can request a number of types of information: copies of your military records, health records before certain dates, and old records and pension information. You can order your DD-214 online, as well as replacement medals.

To order your records online, you’ll need information such as complete name, service number, Social Security number, branch of service, dates of service, date and place of birth, and more. The list on the online VetRecs page will tell you exactly what you need. Once you have that in hand, scroll to the bottom and click on “Request Military Records.” Note that you have to send a signature verification by mail.

If you’re not a veteran, but are the unmarried surviving spouse of a deceased veteran or next of kin (father, mother, son, daughter, sister or brother), you’ll need to complete Standard Form 180. That’s also available on the

same page. You’ll need proof of death in the form of a death certificate, obituary or letter from funeral home. Start the same online process as above, and pay attention to the notes on the right side of the screen.

If you want to order military or pension records that are pre-1917, click the link on the right for more information. You’ll need form NATF 86.

If you want to make a change in your military service record, you’ll need a DD Form 149, Application for Correction of Military Records, which is available online. Don’t send this form to the National Archives. Check your branch of service for the correct address.

If you have questions that aren’t answered on the website, you can call the records center at 314-801-0800.

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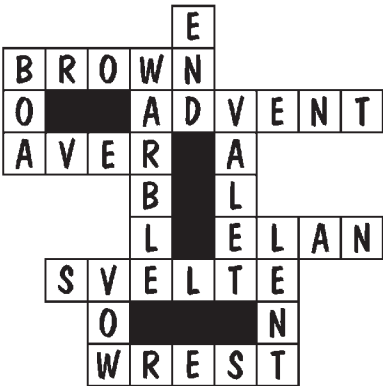
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CryptoQuip Answer

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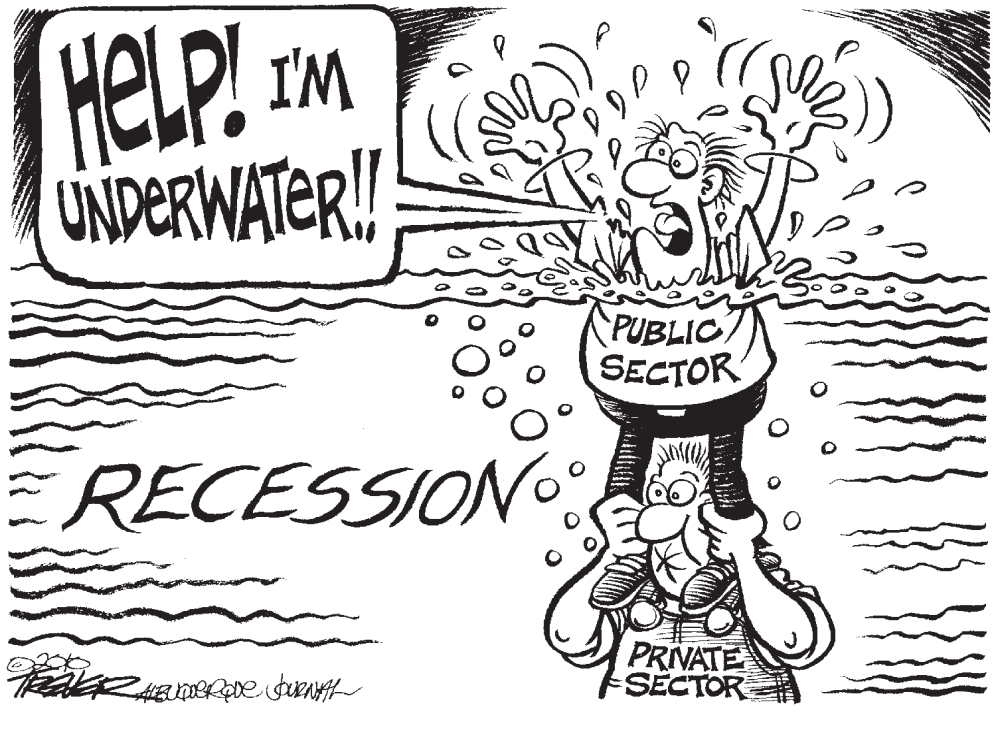
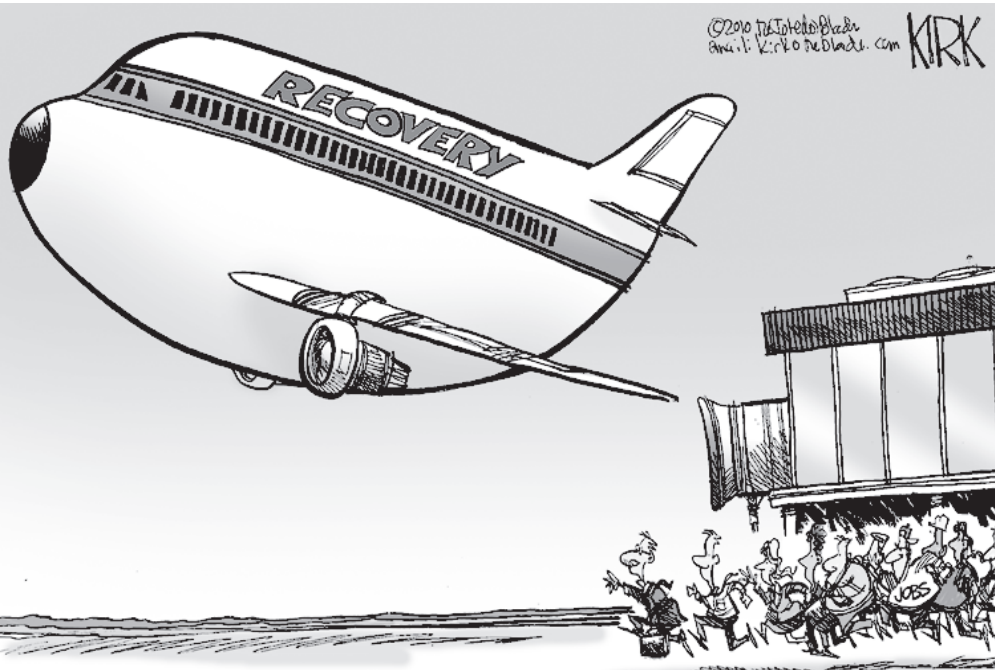
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Por la Gente By State Rep. Chente Quintanilla

Trains always beat cars

Hola mi gente. After an extensive period of time with no incidents, within a one week period two persons were killed in accidents involving fast moving trains in Tornillo. For those of you who live in the more populated areas close to or inside the city of El Paso, trains in the more open areas travel at speeds in excess of 40 miles per hour as opposed to slower speeds inside the city. Diesel locomotives by themselves are massive objects. The height of a standard diesel is just under fifteen feet; that is about one and a half stories of an average building. The locomotive is built of solid, solid steel. There are no lightweight composites on that baby.

The width is going to be less than eight feet. That is right around half the length of a Cadillac Escalade sport utility vehicle. And remember, even SUVs have a good deal of lightweight composite materials which are designed to crumble in an accident.

The weight of the locomotive by itself is approximately 230,000 pounds. As with any body of mass, the effect of its weight is magnified by acceleration. In other words, the faster the locomotive travels, the more intense the affect of an impact becomes.

Let us say that an average man weighs two hundred pounds. What would happen if that man were to run as fast as he could straight into a concrete wall? If he went face first you could count on a broken nose and one heck of a concussion. If he put his shoulder into it, you know he would seriously bruise or break a bone in the shoulder or collar. And that is at a

speed of 10 to 15 miles per hour. The point is that a train is led by a 230,000-pound locomotive and has several or maybe dozens of cars trailing that may weigh as much or more. That train when traveling at 40, 50, 60 miles an hour is a massive force and no automobile on the face of the earth is a match for it. We were reminded of this on two occasions in Tornillo. Our students lost a great educator in the first deadly encounter. The Tornillo ISD lost an inspirational leader. The loss will never be recovered.

A foolish act by an individual with a drug abuse history took the life of the second victim. There was always a chance that the individual could have turned his life around and inspired others to do the same.

The consequences of ignoring traffic signals at train crossings are deadly. Families will be subject to the worst of suffering by losing a family member. Others who are not related to the victim will never experience the best that individual had to offer.

Whether you live within the city or outside in the open county areas, please respect the power of trains. There is no reason to risk everything just for getting past the crossing. Even if you survive, there will be serious injury requiring a lot of painful rehabilitation.

I offer my sincerest condolences to the families, of both victims, who suffered great losses.

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

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Festival and Overnight Campout

PLACE
Cougar Park, 10664 Socorro Rd, Socorro, Texas

DATE
October 16-17, 2010 (Saturday & Sunday)

TIME
Saturday 10:00 am - 10:00 pm • Sunday 10:00 am - 5:00 pm

Overnight Campout on Saturday
Native American Arts and Crafts,
Native American Dancers, Jewelry,
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Town of Horizon City, Texas

Notice of Election

ORDINANCE NO. 0182

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF HORIZON CITY, TEXAS, CALLING AN ELECTION FOR THE SUBMISSION OF CHARTER AMENDMENTS AND A REFERENDUM ON THE DESIGNATED USE OF SALES TAX TO BE HELD WITHIN THE CITY, ON NOVEMBER 9, 2010; MAKING PROVISIONSFORTHECONDUCTOFTHE ELECTION AND OTHER PROVISIONS INCIDENT AND RELATED TO THE PURPOSE OF THIS ORDINANCE.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF HORIZON CITY:

1. That pursuant to Section 2.01 of the City Charter, this Ordinance was introduced at the City Council meeting held on August 24, 2010, and a “Notice of Introduction of Ordinance” was published on August 20, 2010 in a newspaper of general circulation in this City, which notice summarized this Ordinance as introduced and gave notice of the time, date, and place of a public hearing to be held prior to the passage of this Ordinance, and the meeting at which this Ordinance is considered is open to the public as required by law, and that public notice of the time, place and purposes of said meeting was given as required by Chapter 551, Texas Government Code, as amended.

2. That pursuant to the Texas Election Code, as amended, (the “Code”) an election (the “Election”) shall be held in and throughout the Town of Horizon City, Texas, on November 9, 2010, which date is not less than sixty-two (62) nor more than ninety (90) days from the date of this Ordinance and the City Council hereby finds and declares it to be in the public interest that said Election be held on a uniform election date. At said Election, the following amendments to the Charter of the Town of Horizon City (“Propositions”) shall be submitted to the qualified voters of the City:

AMENDMENT NO. 12

Text of Amendment

Amending Article III, Section 3.01(A) of the City Charter, Number, Selection, and Terms of Office, to read in pertinent part as follows:

(A) The legislative and governing body of the City shall consist of a mayor and seven (7) council members and shall be known as the “City Council of the Town of Horizon City.” However, regarding consecutive terms in office, the office of the mayor shall be considered separate from the offices of council members for the purposes of any term limitations set out in this charter.

Ballot Proposition 1

FOR ()

Shall Article 3, Section 3.01 (A) of the City Charter be amended to provide that, regarding consecutive terms in office, the office of the mayor shall be considered separate from the offices of council members for the purposes of any term limitations set out in this charter?

AGAINST ()

AMENDMENT NO. 13

Text of Amendment

Amending Article III, Section 3.01 (D) of the City Charter, Compensation, to read in pertinent part as follows:

(D) The mayor will be elected for a four-year term. Council members will be elected for four year terms. The mayor and council

members 3, 5, and 7 shall be elected in 2011 for an initial term of three years. Beginning in 2014 and thereafter, the mayor and council members 3, 5, and 7 shall be elected for a term of four years. Council members 1, 2, 4, and 6 shall be elected in 2012 and thereafter, for a term of four years.

BALLOT PROPOSITION 2

FOR ()

Shall Article 3, Section 3.01 (D) of the City Charter be amended to provide that the term for the office of mayor and council members be changed from two to four year terms?

AGAINST ()

AMENDMENT NO. 14

Text of Amendment

Amending Article III, Section 3.05 of the City Charter, Compensation, to read in pertinent part as follows:

(A) Commencing on October 1, 2011, each member of the City Council, with the exception of the Mayor, shall receive as a stipend the sum of one hundred twenty five (\$125.00) dollars per month.

(B) Commencing on October 1, 2011, the Mayor shall receive a salary on five hundred (\$500.00) dollars per month.

(C) In addition to the above, all necessary expenses incurred by the Mayor and members of City Council in performance of their official duties shall be paid by the city.

(D) Nothing herein shall prohibit the Mayor or a member of City Council from waiving the right to all or any part of such compensation or payment of expenses.

(E) From time to time, City Council, by a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote may adjust the City Council stipend and Mayor’s salary by an amount up to five (5%) percent of the then stipend sum and Mayor’s salary sum for a period of the succeeding twelve (12) months.

Ballot Proposition 3

FOR ()

Shall Article III, Section 3.05 of the City Charter be amended to provide that, commencing October 1, 2011, each member of the City Council receive a stipend of one hundred twenty five (\$125.00) dollars per month and the mayor shall receive a salary of five hundred (\$500.00) per month?

AGAINST ()

SALES TAX REFERENDUM

WHEREAS, the Town of Horizon City, Texas, is authorized to call and hold an election to designate the use of a certain portion of the sales tax for the benefit of the Town; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the Town of Horizon City, Texas, does not desire to increase property tax levels within its municipal limits; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the Town of Horizon City desires to designate the additional sales and use tax, which is already in existence by virtue of an election conducted in May of 1994, for the certain designated uses; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the Town of Horizon City desires to designate this additional sales and use tax for street maintenance and economic development within the Town of Horizon City;

I.

That in compliance with Chapter 321.401 of the Texas Tax Code and, in accordance with the laws and Constitution of the State of Texas, an election be, and the same is hereby called and ordered for November 9, 2010, at which election qualified voters may vote for the purpose of approving or disapproving the designation of the previously approved additional sales and use tax for street maintenance and economic development.

II.

That ballots shall be prepared to be used in said election and shall be read as follows:

SALES AND USE TAX REFERENDUM
BALLOT

FOR ()

SHOULD THE ADDITIONAL SALES AND USE TAX OF ONE-HALF OF ONE PERCENT, WHICH WAS APPROVED BY VOTERS IN MAY 1994, BE DESIGNATED TOBEUSEDFORSTREETMAINTENANCE (ONE QUARTER OF ONE PERCENT) AND FOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT (ONE QUARTER OF ONE PERCENT).

AGAINST ()

3. (a) Voting of the Election, and early voting therefore, shall be by the use of lawfully approved voting systems and ballots.

(b) The preparation of the necessary equipment and the official ballots for Election shall conform to the requirements of the Code so as to permit the electors to vote “FOR” or “AGAINST” the aforesaid Propositions which shall be set forth on the ballots substantially in the form set forth following each Amendment.

4. That all resident, qualified voters of the City shall be entitled to vote at the Election. The holding of the Election shall be in compliance with the Code, except as modified by other applicable provisions of law.

5. The polling places for the Election shall be open from 7:00 A.M. to 7:00 P.M. on the Election day.

6. The election precincts and voting places of the Election shall be as set forth in **Exhibit A** hereto, which exhibit shall be incorporated herein for all purposes.

7. (a) Early voting shall be conducted by Ms. Karen Ellefson, City Clerk, as the Early Voting Clerk, and the County Elections Administrator, Mr. Javier Chacon, is appointed as the Deputy Clerk for early voting. Early voting by personal appearance for all election precincts shall be held at the locations, at the times and on the days set forth in **Exhibit B**. Any locations, including mobile voting stations, that might be later identified by the Elections Department for inclusion or deletion, and their respective hours for early voting by personal appearance, shall be authorized for such election.

(b) Applications for early voting by mail shall be submitted to the Early Voting Clerk no earlier than **September 3, 2010** and no later than the close of business on **October 26, 2010**, at the following address:

Mr. Javier Chacon
Deputy Early Voting Clerk
500 E. San Antonio, Room 402
El Paso, Texas 79901

8. The Office of the Elections Administrator, Lower Level of the County Courthouse, 500 E. San Antonio Avenue, El Paso, Texas 79901, is hereby established as the Central Counting Station to receive and tabulate votes and ballots for said Election.

9. The following persons are hereby authorized and approved as Central Counting Officials:

Manager: Javier Chacon
Presiding Judge: Vanessa Ruiz
Tabulating Supervisor: Antonio Rivera

10. That notice of the Election shall be given by posting a substantial copy of this Ordinance, in both the English and Spanish languages, at the Town Hall and at three other public places in the City not less than twenty-one (21) days prior to the date of the Election and by publishing said notice, in the English and Spanish languages, on the same day in each of two (2) successive weeks in a newspaper of general circulation published in the City, the date of the first publication to be not more than thirty (30) days and not less than fourteen (14) days prior to the date set for the Election.

11. The Mayor and the City Clerk of the City, in consultation with the City Attorney are hereby authorized and directed to take any and all actions necessary to comply with the provisions of the Code and the Federal Voting Rights Act in carrying out and conducting the election, whether or not expressly authorized herein.

This ordinance was duly enacted together with all requisites and formalities incident thereto the enactment of ordinances and such is evidenced by the below signatures.

SIGNED and EXECUTED on this 24TH day of August, 2010.
WALTER MILLER, MAYOR

ATTEST:
Karen Ellefson, City Clerk

APPROVED:
Robert A. Duran

First Reading: 8/10/2010
Second Reading: 8/24/2010
Approved: 8/24/2010

EXHIBIT A

CHARTER AMENDMENT ELECTION PRECINCTS AND POLLING PLACES

November 2, 2010

PCT #
POLLING PLACE
ADDRESS

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Horizon Heights Elementary
13601 Ryderwood

Part of 157
Desert Hills Elementary
300 N. Kenazo

All of 167
Desert Hills Elementary
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EXHIBIT B

EARLY VOTING SHALL BE HELD AT THE OZ GLAZE CENTER FROM OCTOBER 18, 2010 UNTIL OCTOBER 29, 2010. HOURS OF OPERATION SHALL BE:

1. OCTOBER 18, 2010 THROUGH OCTOBER 22, 2010, FROM 8:00 A.M. UNTIL 5:00

2. OCTOBER 23, 2010, FROM 7:00 A.M. TO 7:00 P.M.

3.OCTOBER 24, 2010, FROM 12:00 P.M. TO 5:00 P.M.

4.OCTOBER 25, 2010, THROUGH OCTOBER 29, 2010, FROM 7:00 A.M. UNTIL 7:00 P.M.

WTCC: 10-07-10; 10-14-10

Town of Horizon City, Texas

Aviso de Elección

ORDENANZA NO. 0182

ORDENANZA DEL AYUNTAMIENTO DE LA CIUDAD DE HORIZON CITY, TEXAS, SOLICITANDO UNA ELECCIÓN PARA LA PRESENTACIÓN DE ENMIENDAS A LOS ESTATUTOS Y UN REFERENDUM SOBRE LA UTILIZACIÓN PREVISTA DEL IMPUESTO SOBRE VENTAS QUE SE CELEBRARÁ EN LA CIUDAD EN NOVIEMBRE DE 2010, ESTABLECIENDO DISPOSICIONES PARA LA CONDUCCIÓN DE LA ELECCIÓN Y OTRAS DISPOSICIONES RELACIONADAS AL PROPÓSITO DE ESTA ORDENANZA.

SEAORDENADOPORELAYUNTAMIENTO DE LA CIUDAD DE HORIZON CITY:

1. De conformidad con la Sección 2.01 de los Estatutos de la Ciudad, esta ordenanza fue presentada en la reunión del Ayuntamiento celebrada el 24 de Agosto de 2010, y un "Aviso de presentación de la Ordenanza", fue publicado el 19 de Agosto de 2010 en un periódico de circulación general en esta ciudad, la cual sintetiza esta Ordenanza como presentada y dio aviso de la hora, fecha y lugar de una audiencia pública que se celebraría antes de la aprobación de esta Ordenanza y la reunión en la que se considerará esta Ordenanza estará abierta al público como lo exige la ley y que el aviso público de la hora, el lugar y los propósitos de dicha reunión se dio de acuerdo al Estatuto 551, del Código de Gobierno de Texas, en su versión modificada.

2. De acuerdo al Código de Elecciones de Texas, en su versión modificada, (el "Código") una elección (la "Elección") deberá llevarse a cabo en y en toda la Ciudad de Horizon City, Texas, el 2 de Noviembre de 2010, fecha que no es menos de sesenta y dos (62) ni más de noventa (90) días de la fecha de esta Ordenanza y el Ayuntamiento por este medio considera y declara que es del interés público que tal elección se lleve a cabo en una fecha de elección uniforme. Durante la mencionada Elección, las siguientes enmiendas a los Estatutos de la Ciudad de Horizon City ("Propuestas") serán presentadas a los ciudadanos con derecho a votar en la Ciudad:

ENMIENDA NO. 12

Texto de la Enmienda

Enmienda a la Sección 3.01(A) del Artículo III de los Estatutos de la Ciudad en relación al Número, Selección y Duración del Mandato, para que se lea en la parte pertinente como sigue:

(A) El órgano legislativo y de gobierno de la Ciudad deberá consistir en un Alcalde y siete (7) Miembros del Ayuntamiento y deberá conocerse como "El Ayuntamiento de la Ciudad de Horizon City." Sin embargo, en relación a períodos consecutivos en el cargo, el cargo del Alcalde se deberá considerar por separado de los cargos de los Miembros del Ayuntamiento para propósitos de cualquier límite en el cargo que se establezca en estos estatutos.

Boleta de Propuesta 1

A FAVOR ()

Deberá la Sección 3.01 (A) del Artículo 3 de los Estatutos de la Ciudad modificarse para que, en relación a los períodos consecutivos en el cargo, el cargo del Alcalde sea considerado por separado de los cargos de los Miembros del Ayuntamiento para propósitos de cualquier límite en el cargo establecido en estos estatutos?

EN CONTRA ()

ENMIENDA NO. 13

Texto de la Enmienda

Enmienda a la Sección 3.01(D) del Artículo III de los Estatutos de la Ciudad en relación a la Compensación, para que se lea en la parte pertinente como sigue:

(D) El Alcalde será electo para un período de cuatro años. Los Miembros del Ayuntamiento serán electos para períodos de cuatro años. El Alcalde y los Miembros 3, 5 y 7 del Ayuntamiento serán electos en 2011 por

un período inicial de tres años. A partir del 2014, el Alcalde y los Miembros 3, 5 y 7 del Ayuntamiento serán electos para períodos de cuatro años. Los Miembros 1, 2, 4 y 6 del Ayuntamiento serán electos a partir del 2012 para períodos de cuatro años.

Boleta de Propuesta 2

A FAVOR ()

Deberá la Sección 3.01 (D) del Artículo 3 de los Estatutos de la Ciudad modificarse para que, en relación a los períodos en el cargo del Alcalde y de los Miembros del Ayuntamiento sean cambiados de dos años a períodos de cuatro años?

EN CONTRA ()

ENMIENDA NO. 14

Texto de la Enmienda

Enmienda a la Sección 3.05 del Artículo III de los Estatutos de la Ciudad en relación a la Compensación, para que se lea en la parte pertinente como sigue:

(A) A partir del 1 de Octubre de 2011, cada uno de los Miembros del Ayuntamiento, con excepción del Alcalde, recibirán como sueldo la cantidad de ciento veinticinco (\$125.00) dólares al mes.

(B A partir del 1 de Octubre de 2011, el Alcalde recibirá un salario de quinientos (\$500.00) dólares al mes.

(C) Adicionalmente a lo arriba mencionado, todos los gastos necesarios en que incurra el Alcalde o los Miembros del Ayuntamiento en el desempeño de sus funciones oficiales serán pagados por la ciudad.

(D) Nada de lo aquí mencionado, le prohibirá al Alcalde o alguno de los Miembros del Ayuntamiento a renunciar al derecho a todas y cada una de las compensaciones o pago de gastos.

(E) De vez en cuando, el Ayuntamiento, por mayoría de votos de dos terceras (2/3) partes, podrá ajustar el sueldo de los miembros del Ayuntamiento y el salario del Alcalde para los siguientes doce (12) meses por una cantidad hasta cinco (5%) por ciento del sueldo de los Miembros del Ayuntamiento o del salario del Alcalde hasta ese momento.

Boleta de Propuesta 3

A FAVOR ()

Deberá la Sección 3.05 del Artículo 3 de los Estatutos de la Ciudad modificarse para que, a partir del 1 de Octubre de 2011, cada uno de los Miembros del Ayuntamiento reciban un sueldo de ciento veinticinco (\$125.00) dólares al mes y el Alcalde reciba un salario de quinientos (\$500.00) dólares al mes ?

EN CONTRA ()

REFERÉNDUM EN RELACIÓN AL IMPUESTO SOBRE VENTAS

CONSIDERANDO, que la Ciudad de Horizon City, Texas, está autorizada para solicitar y realizar una elección para reasignar el uso de cierta porción del impuesto sobre ventas para beneficio de la ciudad; y

CONSIDERANDO, que el Ayuntamiento de la Ciudad de Horizon City, Texas, no desea incrementar los niveles de impuestos a la propiedad dentro de los límites municipales; y

CONSIDERANDO, que el Ayuntamiento de la Ciudad de Horizon City, desea reasignar el impuesto adicional sobre venta y uso, que ya existe, en virtud de una elección que se realizó en Mayo de 1994 para ciertos usos designados; y

CONSIDERANDO, que el Ayuntamiento de la Ciudad de Horizon City desea reasignar estos impuestos adicionales sobre venta y uso para mantenimiento de vialidades y para desarrollo económico dentro de los límites de la Ciudad de Horizon City;

I.

Que de acuerdo con el Capítulo 321.401 del Código de Impuestos de Texas y de acuerdo con las leyes y la Constitución del Estado de Texas, se realizará una elección y se ordena y se convoca a la misma para el día 2 de Noviembre de 2010, en donde los ciudadanos con derecho a votar podrán hacerlo para aprobar o desaprobar la designación de impuestos adicionales previamente aprobados sobre venta y uso para ser utilizados para mantenimiento de vialidades y para desarrollo económico.

II.

Las boletas deberán ser preparadas para ser utilizadas en dicha elección y deberán decir lo siguiente:

BOLETA PARA REFERENDUM EN RELACIÓN AL IMPUESTO SOBRE VENTAS

A FAVOR ()

DEBERÁ EL IMPUESTO ADICIONAL DE PUNTO CINCO POR CIENTO SOBRE VENTAS Y USO, EL CUAL FUE APROBADO POR LOS VOTANTES EN MAYO DE 1994, SER REASIGNADO PARA SER UTILIZADO EN MANTENIMIENTO DE VIALIDADES (PUNTO VEINTICINCO POR CIENTO) Y EN DESARROLLO ECONÓMICO (PUNTO VEINTICINCO POR CIENTO)?

EN CONTRA ()

3. (a) Los votos para la Elección y por lo tanto, la votación anticipada, deberán realizarse utilizando sistemas y boletas legítimamente aprobados.

(b) La preparación del equipo necesario y de las boletas oficiales para la Elección deberán cumplir con los requerimientos del Código para permitir a los electores votar "A FAVOR" o "EN CONTRA" de las Propuestas antes mencionadas y que se hará constar sustancialmente en la forma establecida después de cada enmienda.

4. Que todo residente de la Ciudad con derecho a voto tendrá derecho a votar en la Elección. La realización de la Elección deberá ser en cumplimiento con el Código, con excepción a las modificaciones por otras disposiciones aplicables de ley.

5. Las casillas para votar en la Elección deberán abrir el día de la Elección de las 7:00 A.M. a las 7:00 P. M.

6. Los precintos electorales y los lugares de votación para la Elección, deberán ser según lo establecido en el **Anexo A** y tal anexo deberá ser incorporado al presente para todos los efectos.

7. (a) La votación anticipada será conducida por Ms. Karen Ellefson, Secretaria de la Ciudad, actuando como Secretaria de Votación Anticipada y el Administrador de Elecciones del Condado, Mr. Javier Chacon, es nombrado como Secretario Auxiliar para la elección anticipada. La votación anticipada realizada en persona para todos los precintos electorales deberá realizarse en los lugares y a las horas y en los días establecidos en el **Anexo B**. Cualquier lugar, incluyendo las estaciones electorales móviles, que pueda ser identificado posteriormente por el Departamento de Elecciones para ser incluido o eliminado y sus horas correspondientes para votación anticipada realizada en persona, deberá ser autorizado para tal elección.

(b) Las solicitudes realizadas por correo para votación anticipada deberán realizarse ante la Secretaria de Votación Anticipada a partir del 3 de Septiembre de 2010 y antes del cierre de oficinas del 26 de Octubre de 2010, en las siguientes direcciones:

Mr. Javier Chacon
Early Voting Clerk
500 E. San Antonio, Room 402
El Paso, Texas 79901

8. Por medio de la presente, la Oficina del Administrador de Elecciones, Planta Baja del Edificio de la Corte, Calle San Antonio Este, El Paso, Texas 79901 se establece como Estación Central de Conteo para recibir y tabular los votos y las boletas para tal elección.
9. Por medio del presente, las siguientes

personas son autorizadas como Oficiales de la Central de Conteo:

Administrador: Javier Chacon
Juez Presidente: Vanessa Ruiz
Supervisor de Tabulación: Tony Rivera

10. Se deberá dar aviso de la Elección a través de una publicación sustancial de esta Ordenanza, tanto en el idioma Inglés como en el idioma Español en las Oficinas del Ayuntamiento y en otros tres lugares públicos en la Ciudad no menos de veintiún (21) días antes de la fecha de la Elección y publicando el mencionado aviso tanto en el idioma Inglés como en el Idioma Español el mismo día en cada una de las dos (2) semanas consecutivas en un periódico de circulación general publicado en la Ciudad, debiendo ser la primer publicación no más de treinta (30) días y no menos de catorce (14) días antes de la fecha establecida para la Elección.

11. Por medio del presente, el Alcalde y la Secretaria de la Ciudad, consultando al Abogado de la Ciudad son autorizados e instruidos a tomar todas las medidas necesarias para cumplir con lo establecido en el Código y en el Decreto Federal de Derechos Electorales al realizar y conducir la Elección, expresamente autorizado en este documento o no.

Esta ordenanza fue promulgada debidamente cumpliendo con todos los requisitos y las formalidades correspondientes relacionadas a la promulgación de ordenanzas y así lo corroboran las siguientes firmas.

FIRMADA y AUTORIZADA este 24 de Agosto de 2010.
WALTER MILLER, MAYOR

DOY FE:
Karen Ellefson, Secretaria de la Ciudad

APROBADO POR:
Robert A. Duran

Primera Lectura: 10 de Agosto de 2010.
Segunda Lectura: 24 de Agosto de 2010
Aprobada: 8/24/2010

ANEXO A

PRECINTOS Y CASILLAS ELECTORALES PARA LA ELECCIÓN DE ENMIENDAS A LOS ESTATUTOS

2 de Noviembre de 2010-08-16

DE PRECINTO CASILLA DIRECCIÓN

Parte de 147
Horizon Heights Elementary
Calle Ryderwood # 13601

Parte de 157
Desert Hills Elementary
Calle N. Kenazo #300

Todo el 167
Desert Hills Elementary
Calle N. Kenazo #300

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Desert Hills Elementary
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ANEXO B

LA VOTACIÓN ANTICIPADA DEBERÁ REALIZARSE EN EL OZ GLAZE CENTER DEL 18 DE OCTUBRE DE 2010 AL 29 DE OCTUBRE DE 2010. LAS HORAS DE OPERACIÓN SERÁN:

1. DEL 18 DE OCTUBRE DE 2010 AL 22 DE OCTUBRE DE 2010, DE LAS 8:00 A. M. A LAS 5:00 P. M.

2. DEL 23 DE OCTUBRE DE 2010, DE LAS 7:00 A. M. A LAS 7:00 P. M.

3. DEL 24 DE OCTUBRE DE 2010, DE LAS 12:00 P. M. A LAS 5:00 P. M.

4. DEL 25 DE OCTUBRE DE 2010 AL 29 DE OCTUBRE DE 2010, DE LAS 7:00 A. M. A LAS 7:00 P. M.

When in doubt... say and do something really dumb

By Steve Escajeda
Special to the Courier

I think 2010 will go down as the year when two of the world’s most talented athletes took a beating – off the field.

Of course we all know about Tiger Woods and his transgressions. His impeccable reputation took an irreparable hit when everyone learned hat instead of just one wife

– Tiger fancied a bunch of empty-headed girlfriends.

The other guy who is looked at differently now-a-days is former Cleveland Cavs great LeBron James.

It seems that most people see him as a former Cleveland player than a current Miami Heat player.

James got the entire state of Ohio steamed when he decided to leave his home to join Dwyane Wade and Chris Bosh in what he

hopes will be a ready-made championship team.

Then instead of just announcing his intensions like the thousands of athletes before him, James chose to hold a contrived hour-long TV special to make his choice known to the world.

The last time I saw anything like that, P.T. Barnum was involved.

Couldn’t he just have let us see the white smoke come from his home chimney?

Any way, James compounded his newfound hatred by saying something about as stupid and selfish as I’ve heard in a while.

James went against all reason and decided to go the Jesse Jackson-Al Sharpton route and he pulled out the race card.

James actually said that race played a role in the backlash behind his moving from Cleveland to the Miami Heat.

That’s right – Bron Bron implied that he was loved around the world but when he decided to take advantage of his right to sign with another team, everyone was suddenly against him – and it was partly because he is a black man.

It’s amazing to me how incredibly ridiculous the human animal can sometimes be; how he can decipher information and fool himself into thinking he can fool everyone else with a ludicrous conclusion.

What embarrassing logic – and we are all witnesses of it.

I would love for James to explain how he ever became one of the most beloved athletes in the United States in the first place.

After all – he is a black man – how can that be in racist America?

That fact alone disputes his foolish notion that his color played any part in why his fans were so upset at his departure. Obviously, it was because he was the best player on the team and the fans didn’t want

him to leave.

How difficult is that to figure out?

And why is anyone surprised that James would play the race – or any card for that matter.

A lot of people have to blame their problems on something else. Otherwise, they would have to admit that they were the cause of the problem – and that is unacceptable.

It’s so much easier to put the blame on something else. It takes a real man to admit that maybe he made some wrong decisions.

And it would be so refreshing for a man to take responsibility for his actions – and what makes this whole episode so unusual is that James didn’t do anything wrong in the first place.

It’s just the way he did it – the dog and pony show.

And a lot of fans are upset that a superstar would leave his team to join another star’s team. In the old days, Magic Johnson or Larry Bird or Michael Jordan would have been too proud to say they had to join someone else to win a championship.

They would have willed their teams to a title no matter what – and they did.

Now it appears that no matter how many titles LeBron James wins his stock has dropped to the point where he’ll never get the respect that he otherwise deserves.

Now don’t get me wrong, I’m a huge LeBron fan. But I really hate it when anyone tries to blur the facts by blaming a legitimate disagreement on race.

Not only does that person come off as less than honest - but he disrespects any real incidents when people are really discriminated against as a result of race.

And one more thing – James will make \$14.5 million this year. He shouldn’t be surprised when average fans don’t feel sorry for him for getting his delicate feelings hurt.

Garcia

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some 25 miles away. In 1963, Canutillo High School graduated its first senior class.

Chalo was to remain on the CISD school board from its inception through 1968. He was appointed for his last term in 2002 to 2004. Chalo often spoke of how he would swell with pride every time he drove by the new Canutillo High School which was completed in 2005, because it affirmed that the struggles they went through in the district’s early years were worth it.

All the while that he worked to ensure that the school district flourished, he was also involved in quality of life issues regarding his beloved community, from bringing a post office and potable water services to paved streets and lighting. He even coordinated efforts to build a parish hall for St. Patrick’s Church in Canutillo.

Then, in 2006 his beautiful wife, Sofia, died. Chalo was not the same man after his loss; it was as if his wife of 57 years had taken with her his purpose for living. He was still interested in all that he had started, but the contagious enthusiasm was gone. Subsequently, his health began to deteriorate; and on September 14, 2010, Chalo’s spirit left his body.

To honor this great man, Canutillo High School named its beautiful baseball complex after him in 2007, and the School District named an elementary school after him and his wife in 2008.

Chalo died in Mexico City, where he was being taken care of by his youngest daughter, Sandra, during the final year of his life. He was cremated there, and his ashes were returned to Canutillo, where his remains will be interred next to his wife.

Family members invite Chalo’s friends and acquaintances to join them for the Saturday memorial service.

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TEXAS COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

NOTICE OF APPLICATION AND PRELIMINARY DECISION FOR TPDES PERMIT FOR MUNICIPAL WASTEWATER RENEWAL

PERMIT NO. WQ0011561002

APPLICATION AND PRELIMINARY DECISION. The Canutillo Independent School District, P.O. Box 100, Canutillo, Texas 79835, has applied to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) for a renewal of TPDES Permit No. WQ0011561002, which authorizes the discharge of treated domestic wastewater at a daily average flow not to exceed 45,000 gallons per day. TCEQ received this application on March 23, 2010.

The facility is located at 7311 Bosque Road, 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 treated effluent is discharged to the Rio Grande Above International Dam in Segment No. 2314 of the Rio Grande Basin. The designated uses for Segment No. 2314 are high aquatic life uses, public water supply and contact recreation. All determinations are preliminary and subject to additional review and/or revisions.

The TCEQ Executive Director has completed the technical review of the application and prepared a draft permit, if approved, would establish the conditions under which the facility must operate. The Executive Director has made a preliminary decision that this permit, if issued, meets all statutory and regulatory requirements. The permit application, Executive Director’s preliminary decision, and draft permit are available for viewing and copying at Canutillo Middle School, 7311 Bosque Road, Canutillo, Texas.

PUBLIC COMMENT MEETING. You may submit public comments or request a public meeting about this application. The purpose of a public meeting is to provide the opportunity to submit comments or to ask questions about the application. TCEQ holds 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 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 a contested case hearing or reconsideration of the Executive Director’s decision. A contested case hearing is a legal proceeding similar to a civil trial in a state district court.

TO REQUEST A CONTESTED CASE HEARING, YOU MUST INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING ITEMS IN YOUR REQUEST: your name; address, phone; applicant’s name and permit number; the location and distance of your property/activities relative to the facility; a specific description of how you would be adversely affected by the facility in a way not common 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 germane 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.

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DIRECTOR ACTION. The Executive Director may issue final approval of the application unless a timely contested case hearing request or request for reconsideration is filed. If a timely hearing request or request for reconsideration is filed, the Executive Director will not issue final approval of the permit and will forward the application and request to the TCEQ Commissioners for their consideration at a scheduled Commission meeting.

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.

All written public comments and public meeting requests must be submitted to the Office of the Chief Clerk, MC 105, Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, P.O. Box 13087, Austin, TX 78711-3087 or electronically at www.tceq.state.tx.us/about/comments.html within 30 days from the date of newspaper publication of this notice.

AGENCY CONTACTS AND INFORMATION. If you need more information about this permit application or the permitting process, please call the 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 the TCEQ can be found at our web site at www.TCEQ.state.tx.us.

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

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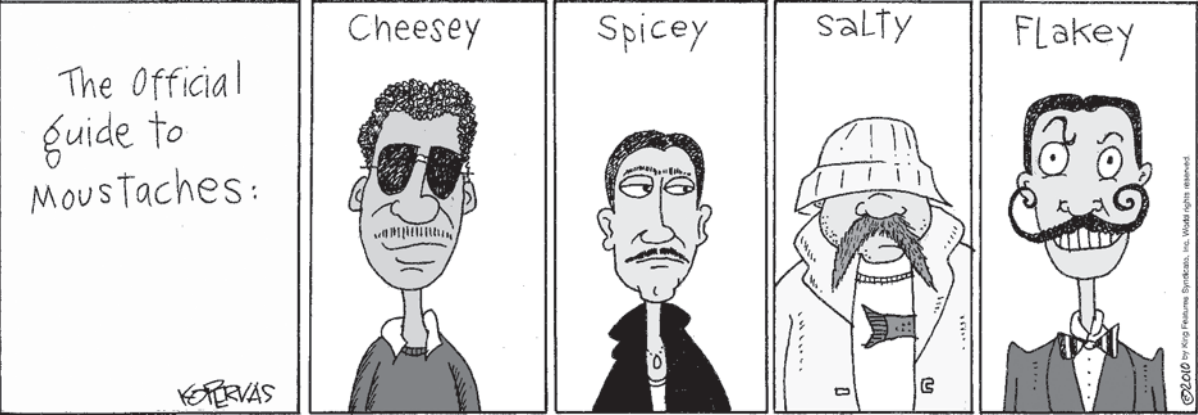
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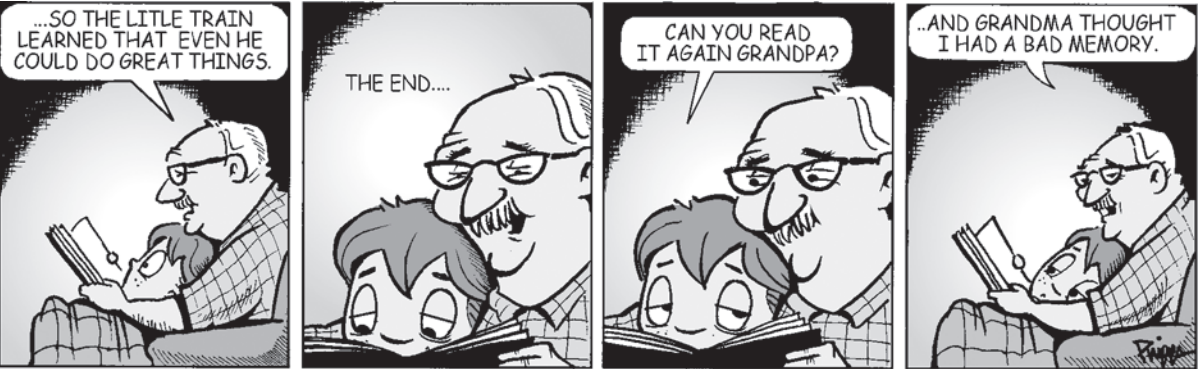
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Your good health By Paul G. Donahue, M.D.

DEAR DR. DONOHUE: I hear that taking 10,000 steps a day is all that a person needs to stay healthy. Is this so? How much time does that take? Do you count all the steps you take in a day, or are these 10,000 steps in addition to what you normally take? – G.D.

The 10,000-steps-a-day program originated in the Surgeon General’s office some years back. It’s been shown, more than once, that people who increase their total daily steps to 10,000 (counting the ones they normally take) have less body fat, lower blood sugar and lower blood pressure. There is more to staying fit than taking 10,000 leisurely steps. Strength building is also important.

Ten thousand steps are approximately 5 miles (3.6 to 4.9 miles; 6 to 8 kilometers). How much time does this take? The walking should be brisk. That’s defined as taking 90 to 100 steps a minute. For the entire time involved, you can do the math. However, these steps don’t all have to be taken in one session. You can amass them throughout the day. A hundred steps a minute is a quick pace. You might not be up to it. It’s OK to start more slowly and gradually work your way to the 100-steps-a-minute goal, and not all the 10,000 steps have to be such fast ones. The goal of 10,000 steps is another thing that can take you a while to reach. Don’t try to do all this on the first day. Start out by taking an extra 200 steps a day, and gradually work your way to 10,000 over a couple of months.

You can’t count these steps without driving yourself crazy. You need a pedometer, a gadget that records your steps. Pedometers range in cost from \$17 to \$80. They can be worn on a belt, put in a pocket or worn around the leg. They register

steps by the movement of the hips or the impact of the foot against the ground.

If you want to be really healthy, you have to add some resistance exercise to your program. Resistance exercise is lifting weights.

The booklet on fitness explains the benefits of walking and other aerobic exercise in clear language. Readers can order a copy by writing: Dr. Donohue – No. 1301W, Box 536475, Orlando, FL 32853-6475. Enclose a check or money order (no cash) for \$4.75 U.S./\$6 Canada with the recipient’s printed name and address. Please allow four weeks for delivery.

DEAR DR. DONOHUE: Would you kindly advise us on fatty liver? What can be done for it? What does it lead to? – H.C.

The liver should have no fat. Fat infiltrates it for a couple of reasons. One is excessive alcohol. Another is nonalcoholic fatty liver disease, a common occurrence. It doesn’t always cause damage, but it can progress to something called NASH, nonalcoholic steatohepatitis – a condition that can further progress to cirrhosis. This stage is best discovered through a liver biopsy. The first treatment for liver fat, including NASH, is weight loss. For many, it’s the only treatment needed to correct the situation.

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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- 41 Besch or Andersson
- 43 Came around
- 44 '31 Marx Brothers movie
- 49 Toody and Muldoon
- 52 Monte Rosa, e.g.
- 53 Machu Picchu native
- 54 Vivacity
- 55 "My Sweet _"
- (70 smash)
- 56 With enthusiasm
- 59 "The Subject Was Roses" star

- 60 Norwegian composer
- 62 Bridge term
- 63 Conductor's concern
- 64 Mini, to MacTavish
- 67 Kirk's command
- 72 Itch
- 73 Explorer
- Sebastian
- 75 Elwes or Grant
- 76 Dodge
- 78 Spirited steed
- 79 Attempt
- 82 Obstacle
- 83 Salt serving
- 87 Mediterranean port
- 88 Skater Babilonia
- 89 Sciorra of "Jungle Fever"
- 91 "Double, double _" ("Macbeth" refrain)
- 97 Heavenly hunter
- 98 "Dies _"
- 99 Jim Varney character
- 100 Had a knight job?
- 101 Clear the slate
- 104 Dutch export
- 105 Take-out order?
- 106 Pull sharply
- 107 Valhalla VIP
- 110 Calendar abbr.
- 111 " _ Wiedersehen"
- 56 With enthusiasm
- 115 Peter Graves series

- 121 Middling mark
- 122 Comic Sherman
- 123 Hodgepodge
- 124 Verdi hero
- 125 Hamilton bill
- 126 Effluvia
- 127 Wording
- 128 Basket material

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- 1 Phrenology term
- 2 "Orinoco Flow" singer
- 3 Liability
- 4 Household deity
- 5 "A Fool Such _" ('59 hit)
- 6 Tune
- 7 Street urchin
- 8 History division
- 9 Offense
- 10 Make lace
- 11 Bondage
- 12 Take on board
- 13 Maintain
- 14 Competition
- 15 Drop a brick
- 16 Rocker Cassidy
- 17 Lose control
- 18 Stun
- 24 Housman's "A Shropshire _"
- 25 Lake sight
- 30 Malaria treatment
- 31 Leaves work?
- 32 Small businessman?
- 33 Fair

- 34 _ Tin Tin
- 35 Cephalopod's squirt
- 36 Kimono closer
- 37 Rubberneck
- 38 Way off base?
- 39 "Damn Yankees" siren
- 40 Materialize
- 41 Vatican document
- 42 Culp/Cosby series
- 45 Spoiled
- 46 Foe
- 47 Word form for "view"
- 48 Upscale shop
- 50 " _ Coming" ('69 song)
- 51 Berg and Drabowsky
- 56 Put on guard
- 57 Be different
- 58 Rapscallion
- 61 Furrow
- 62 Firmament feature
- 63 Rocker Nugent
- 64 Barely there
- 65 "Tosca" tenor
- 66 Problem solvers?
- 68 Sgt. or cpl.
- 69 Cheesemaker's need
- 70 A Karamazov brother
- 71 It's a long story
- 74 Cleopatra's Needle, for one
- 77 Swimmer

- Gertrude
- 79 Empedocles' last stand?
- 80 Lose luster
- 81 Robust
- 82 Taco topping
- 84 Landed
- 85 Gin flavoring
- 86 Round of applause
- 90 Cook in a cauldron
- 92 Exist
- 93 Gets back
- 94 Maine town
- 95 Burmese statesman
- 96 You can retire on it
- 100 More nervous
- 101 Tape-deck button
- 102 Actress Adoree
- 103 "As You Like It" setting
- 105 Couple
- 107 Unrestrained
- 108 '52 Winter Olympics site
- 109 Tyrant
- 110 Detect
- 111 Blind as _
- 112 Radius' sidekick?
- 113 Sinn _
- 115 Hua's predecessor
- 116 "I kid you _"
- 117 _ du Diable
- 118 Combine
- 119 Mexican Mrs.
- 120 Part of UPI

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Diamonds

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is running the show.

Jenks is geologist with over 30 years of experience. She focused on volcanoes and ancient lakes in her studies and career. She has been at the park for a year and a half.

Jenks tells visitors that the dig-zone is actually the crater of a volcano. She says that, in fact, all

diamonds start in volcanoes. She has samples of various rocks common to the park, including diamonds, which are passed around for inspection. There is a demonstration for both dry and wet diamond hunting.

Jenks says, however, that many of the diamonds found at the park are simply sitting on the surface with the sand and small rocks. That suits me just fine because digging and sifting and hauling dirt back and forth to the water troughs when it’s already a humid 80 degrees before 10 a.m. seems like too much work. Even for diamonds.

After the hunting lesson, it’s out to the field.

I bump into Andy off to one edge of the field. Our different hunting styles have brought us together. I’m looking in areas that are away from where most of the hunters are digging. Andy is a bit more pragmatic. He’s staying in the shade.

Andy is from North Carolina and visiting his uncle Jim. He drove 14 hours to get here and is picking up samples of many different rocks but unfortunately, no diamonds. We continue to poke around in the dirt for a while and then sit down. He tells me about his passion for hunting fossils. He really knows his fossil stuff. And just as we get up, I see it.

Right there out in the open – just like Jenks told the class – no digging required – sitting on top of the ground is a 20-carat stone. I’m thinking quartz. Andy thinks it could be a diamond and that he should get a consulting fee.

Not knowing what it is, we head off to the troughs. Several people examine the stone with magnifiers and try to nick it with a knife. The



GOTHA! – This 20-carat stone, held by a camera shy Andy, caused quite a bit of excitement at the troughs. The buzz was quickly quelled as the park’s geologist pronounced it quartz, not diamond.

stone is holding its own. We need an expert, so off to find Jenks we go.

Jenks is on the phone but another staffer is glad to help. Before I can even drop the rock into her hand she says, “That’s a really nice piece of quartz you have there.” Jenks, now off the phone, concurs. Easy come, easy go.

I gave the quartz to Andy. Uncle Jim had loaded up some containers with small rocks for his boys to sift through later that day. Andy stuck that rock right in the middle of one of the containers. He said his uncle had already salted the other one.

At noon I call it a day. It was quite warm, even by El Paso standards, and the humidity is

formidable. The parking lot has filled considerably. There are around a hundred vehicles from sedans to trucks to motor coaches. Twenty states are represented from coast-to-coast and border-to-border. All these people have come to hunt diamonds.

I had no real expectation of finding a diamond (I wouldn’t have thrown one back), but in fact did find some real gems. The people of Murfreesboro were nice, kind folks. The people in the park were pleasant, easy to talk with. I’d like to meet Andy again on one of his fossil hunts.

If you find yourself in Arkansas, check out the diamond mine.

STRANGE BUT TRUE

By Samantha Weaver

• It was Polish-born British novelist Joseph Conrad who made the following sage observation: “Being a woman is a terribly difficult task since it consists principally in dealing with men.”

• Contrary to popular belief, seagulls don’t really explode if they eat Alka-Seltzer.

• Pizza is one of the most popular foods around the world, but in other countries it doesn’t always look the way it does when you order out here in the United States. For instance, in India you’re likely to find toppings like pickled ginger, minced mutton and a kind of cottage cheese. Brazilians like green peas on their pizzas, Costa Ricans like coconut and Pakistanis favor curry. A popular pizza in Japan has potato, bacon and mayonnaise, while eel and squid also are common toppings.

• If you’re in the mood to indulge yourself – and have the means to do it – you can vacation in the penthouse suite at Hotel Martinez in Cannes, France. At a rate of more than \$35,000 per night, it’s one of the world’s most expensive hotel rooms.

• An electronics shop in Seattle once advertised that it was selling stereos for “299 bananas.” As it turns out, 30-some odd customers showed up to take advantage of the special – in a literal fashion. They each brought – you guessed it – 299 actual bananas. The local zoo ended up being the beneficiary of all the extra produce.

• The first state in the Union to declare Christmas an official legal holiday was Alabama, and it happened in 1836.

Thought for the Day: “Travel is fatal to prejudice, bigotry and narrow-mindedness, and many of our people need it sorely on these accounts. Broad, wholesome, charitable views of men and things cannot be acquired by vegetating in one little corner of the earth all one’s lifetime.”

– Mark Twain

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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.

Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ★★ ★

★ Moderate ★★ Challenging

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