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NEWSBRIEFS

Health fair

Canutillo Independent School District, in partnership with Sierra Providence Health Network and University Medical Center, will host its fifth annual free Health and Wellness Fair from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Saturday, Nov. 13, at Canutillo High School, 6675 S. Desert Boulevard. Healthcare providers will be on hand to provide free health screenings including blood pressure, blood sugar, cholesterol, breast health, respiratory, vision, and other health related screenings. Refreshments and door prizes will also be provided. Free flu shots will be available to individuals covered under the CISD health plan. The shots will also be available to anyone else not covered under the CISD health plan for a fee. The theme for this year's fair is "Celebrate Your Health". The fair is free and open to the public. For more information, contact Jessica Concha at 877-7408, or email jconcha@canutilloisd.org.

— Kim Guzman

Recycling center

The Town of Anthony in conjunction with the Anthony High School environmental class is having a Recycling Carnival this Saturday, Nov. 13 to kickoff construction of the new Recycling Center coming to Anthony, Texas. This is the second year the students have had this eco-friendly carnival as part of their classroom projects. The event will take place from 9:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. at the Anthony maintenance yard on Antonio Street. The town was awarded a grant from the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality through the Solid Waste Advisory Committee of the Rio Grande Council of Governments in the amount of \$24,500 to construct the center. It is scheduled to open on December 6 and will be open five days a week. The residents of Anthony will be able to recycle paper products, plastic, batteries and tires. It will also have a permanent dumpster to allow the residents of Anthony, Texas to throw their trash and keep our community clean. The Town of Anthony is a member of Keep Texas Beautiful and continues to strive in keeping our environment green and trash free.

— Art Franco

Special service

The annual Clint Community "Thanksgiving" Service will be held on Nov 21, 2010 at 6:30 p.m. at the Clint First Baptist Church, 200 Main St. Rev. Janice Kahl (Bond Methodist Church) will share a message of thankfulness for our blessings. Refreshments will be provided following the service. Admission is free but a donation of canned goods to be used by the Food Pantry in our area is

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Experience may not be worth what it costs, but we can't seem to get it for any less.

— Quips & Quotes

LVWD breaks ground on Clint wastewater system

By Alfredo Vasquez
Special to the Courier

A groundbreaking ceremony was held recently to signal the beginning of a historic project in El Paso County's Lower Valley Town of Clint. The ceremony brought attention to the start of construction of a wastewater collection system lift, or pump, station that is located on Road FM 1110.

"Septic tanks will soon be a thing of the past for Clint residents," said David Carrasco, general manager for the Lower Valley Water District (LVWD). "Since my start with LVWD two and a half years ago, we have worked continuously on plans to bring sewer system infrastructure to this area, with the biggest obstacle being lack of funding resources," said Carrasco.

About 300 Clint homeowners will be able to connect to the new wastewater collection system that will be installed by LVWD within the next two years. "The sewer system infrastructure will encompass the entire town," said the LVWD general manager. LVWD has maintained water line services to Clint homes since 1952, but no sewer system.

The project, which will cost approximately \$10 million, is financed by federal and state grants and loans. According to Carrasco, phase one of the project, which includes infrastructure for property south of the railroad tracks at a cost of about \$6 million, will be funded by a North American Development grant. Phase two, which is infrastructure installation for residents north of the railroad tracks for about \$4 million, will be paid with a Clean Water Fund loan through the Texas Water Development Board.

Carrasco said that he wants to assure Clint residents that LVWD personnel will do



— Photo courtesy Lower Water Valley District

DIG IN – Lower Valley Water District and Town of Clint officials broke ground recently to mark beginning of construction of wastewater collection lift station. From left are David Carrasco, LVWD general manager; Alicia Fresquez, LVWD board director; Rosalinda Vigil, LVWD board president; Gina Cordero, LVWD board director; and Dale Reinhardt, Clint mayor.

everything in its power to expedite the project, but that there would be several challenges to overcome including existing canals, drainage ditches, railroad tracks, and Texas Department of Transportation's (TXDOT) rights of way.

The LVWD general manager said that plans were also underway to develop a process for de-commissioning septic tanks once the sewer system infrastructure is in place. "Residents should be patient and wait for LVWD representatives to contact them when time comes to hook up their homes to the sewer line and to de-commission their septic tanks," Carrasco advised.

Albert Trujillo, 80-year-old lifelong resident of Clint, stated that he realizes that the new wastewater system will have an impact on his water services bill, but he contends that

the cost will be worth the service that it will provide. He said that they will no longer have to empty septic tanks every few months, no more foul smells during the year, and it will

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AT THE HELM – David G. Carrasco, a longtime resident of the Lower Valley, oversees the development and operation of water, wastewater, and solid waste operations for the Lower Valley Water District and its customers.



Raindrop Room provides resources to Fabens, surrounding communities

By Don Woodyard
Special to the Courier

FABENS – "I tell you the truth. Whatever you did for one of the least of the brothers of mine, you did it for me." – The Gospel of Matthew: chapter 25, verse 40.

The Rev. Janice Kahl, pastor of First United Methodist Church in Fabens, quotes this Bible passage as she walks into the Raindrop Room, a room in her church which is dedicated to helping those in a traumatic time when the life of a woman, perhaps a battered wife, is suddenly uprooted and thrown into turmoil.

Another name for this Raindrop Room could well be the Resource Room. It offers quick access to needed clothing, personal hygiene items, such as diapers and cleaning supplies. These basic necessities to help you get by are available day or night, 24/7. It saves critical time for a Child Protective Services caseworker, who does not have to travel the longer distance into downtown El Paso for needed essentials. Rather, he or she has a key and can come

to the much closer Raindrop Room, pick up the items needed and be on their way in short order.

The Raindrop Room was dedicated last Thursday.

"This is a great support. We can't do it all ourselves," says Luis Zamarippa, resources and external relations specialist with CPS. He attended the dedication ceremony.

"We need the help of the community most definitely," he adds.

The Fabens Raindrop Room serves families in the Tornillo, Clint, and San Elizario areas as well as Fabens. It saves time for a caseworker from Child Protective Services who is answering the call and meeting the needs of assistance from a young mother who fears for not only her life, but that of her children as well.

The caseworker logs in and writes down items taken. It helps those who serve the room so they can readily replenish items taken.

And it didn't take long for the Raindrop Room to get its first customer. A CPS caseworker who was attending



— Photos by Don Woodyard

RESOURCE CENTER – The Rev. Janice Kahl, right, pastor of First United Methodist Church in Fabens, and Mary Pendell look over some of the clothing now available to families in need in the new Raindrop Room. The room, located in the First United Methodist Church, was dedicated last Thursday. It is a resource room for Child Protective Services caseworkers in the Lower Valley.

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Moore Texas

by Roger Moore Nov 24, 1924:

Impeached Gov. James Ferguson's wife (Ma) is the first female elected Gov. ! The slogans below are real...I didn't make them up.

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Por la Gente

By State Rep. Chente Quintanilla

Testy session could impact El Paso dramatically

Hola mi gente. Now that the election is past us, it is a good time to think about the possible impact on El Paso and the delegation.

Obviously, there is a significant difference in the number of R's and D's in the House of Representatives. At this moment, the count is 99 Republicans and 51 Democrats. One race out of the Austin area has been declared official with the Democrat winning by 15 votes putting the numbers where they are now. However, the Republican with the fewer votes still has the option to request a recount.

With such a lopsided number, the Republicans can get pretty much do whatever they want if the moderates of their party vote lock step with the influences that will be there. Some may think that with 51 Democrats, there is always the possible of a

quorum breaking walk out similar to what happened in 2003. The only way to be successful if that were considered is to have a 52nd Democrat stay on the House floor making the point of order that there is no quorum. There isn't a 52nd Democrat so it won't happen.

The main issue that will be addressed in the next legislature is the budget. Yes, some will say that redistricting is just as important, but for El Paso it isn't. The majority has so much strength east of the Pecos river, there may not be a second thought to the makeup in our county. Hopefully, our census count is accurate and is enough to keep five house seats in the county. If not, we can count on a district tied to the panhandle making a Republican district in El Paso.

Getting back to the budget, we

can count on a lot of the programs beneficial to our residents to be cut drastically. The biggest cuts will be in the budget of Health and Human Services. Some conservative members have even commented about eliminating Medicaid funding altogether. Another program that has been publicly mentioned for cuts is public education – specifically K-12 public schools.

One contentious issue that is already on the fire is immigration. Hard line members who want to make immigration a states right issue have filed bills addressing it. Schools, businesses and state agencies will have to weed out undocumented immigrants. Our police and sheriff departments will have to initiate immigration programs. For those of you who say “it's about time”, be careful what you ask for.

Both issues mentioned, the budget and immigration, have one thing in common: additional expenses locally.

The State may look good eliminating the expense of Medicaid but that will not eliminate the need. The poor and elderly who require medical attention will get it eventually; that is Federal law. We will pay for it locally with higher property taxes for the hospital district or higher costs at the private hospitals. Either that or we ignore the health problems and leave the needy to take care of themselves.

The immigration issue may be favorable to many locals, but how does this community abide by those laws, if passed, without an appropriation from the state? There will be a cost to be compliant. The answer is local taxes.

There was even discussion of a bill that would deny state funding of any sort to communities that are havens for undocumented workers; namely El Paso. Imagine that, El Pasoans, including the undocumented, spend money generating sales taxes that go to Austin and then the state says we can't get any of it back. I don't look forward to the floor debate on that bill.

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

Help homeless Veterans

The last statistics I've seen indicate that on any given night, there could be a half million homeless veterans sleeping on the streets or in shelters.

I'll cut to the chase: If you need services, call the nearest National Guard Armory or American Legion Post and ask for the date of the next Stand Down. If it's not soon enough to help you now, or if they're not holding one during cold weather, go to the closest library and use its computers to find www1.va.gov/Homeless online. You can also call National Coalition for Homeless Veterans at (800) VET-HELP.

If you're lucky enough to have a home, you can help homeless veterans through your closest VA Medical Center. Call Volunteer Services at any center and ask what they need. Homeless patients could use any number of items when they're released from treatment: cold-weather coat, socks and underwear, lined jeans, gloves, hat and more. Ask

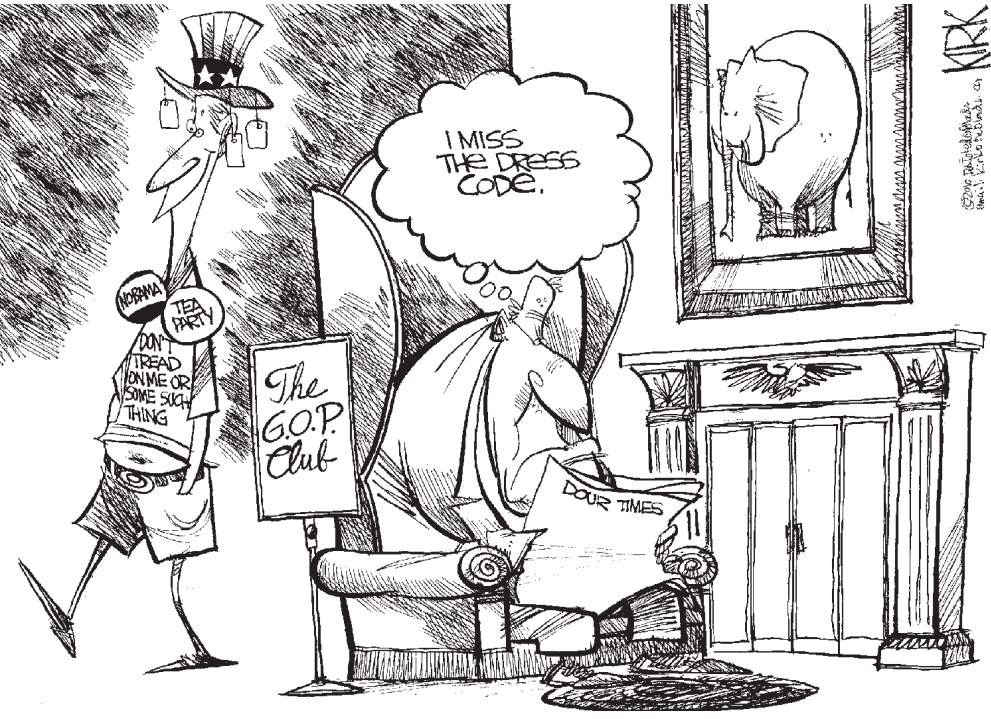
what's needed, and then provide it. It might be as simple as a pair of jeans in an uncommon size, a whole outfit of clothing with a few extra shirts, or a bag of personal-care supplies if the veteran is coming out of rehab and moving into a halfway-house situation.

Sometimes homeless veterans being transitioned into an apartment of their own need “welcome home” supplies, such as cleaning supplies, dish towels, laundry basket, toilet paper, kitchen trash can, paper towels, sponges and more to get through the initial period before they're on their feet. A female friend recently shopped for one of these baskets, and the total, even when loaded with extra items, came to less than \$100.

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COMMUNITY SERVICE – Student Council members Stephanie Murillo and Bryan Serrano stand in front of 300 boxes of food that were assembled by the San Elizario High School Student Council and Mission Valley Lions Club members with donations from the West Texas Food Bank. The packages were distributed to families in and around San Elizario.

San Eli HS council gives back to community

By Cynthia P. Marentes
Special to the Courier

Several San Elizario High School students spent one Thursday afternoon hauling heavy boxes across the campus parking lot, their brows breaking into sweat as their eyes squinted against the hot sun bearing down upon them. The students did not complain about the hard labor nor the unusually hot autumn weather they were experiencing since the purpose of the task at hand was more important than their own minor aches and pains. They were in fact helping to ease a little bit of the hardship felt by many families in their own community by participating in Make a Difference Day activities towards the end of October.

On October 21, the school’s Student Council partnered with the Mission Valley Lions Club to provide food and clothing donations to approximately 300 families from San Elizario and the surrounding area. The boxes that the students lugged around were in fact filled with canned goods and other groceries, including frozen chickens provided by the West Texas Food Bank which they helped residents carry to their cars. Any community member with a

utility bill and identification could take part in the food distribution drive where they also received warm clothing donated by the Fort Bliss thrift store as well as students and teachers from the high school.

According to Ruben Rodriguez, Student Activities Manager at San Elizario High School, members of Student Council wanted to organize a service event as part of national Make a Difference Day that would be the most beneficial to the community.

“The students felt that our community needed as much help as possible and with the economy being the way it is, they decided that the best way to do so was with a food and clothing drive,” Rodriguez said.

The students actually began collecting jackets since the summer in July and notified local residents about the food drive by passing out flyers on campus as well as within the community starting at the beginning of the school year in order to make sure to spread the word about the event. Student Council also worked with Principal Francisco Huizar, social worker Teresita Parra, and with the help of teachers such as Claudia Rodriguez, Alberto Sanchez, held an orderly, successful

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County, school district election winners prepare to take office

By Alfredo Vasquez
Special to the Courier

The political landscape for El Paso County elected officials is in place for the next two years as election winners prepare to take their oaths of office.

Democrat Veronica Escobar will return to commissioners’ court as the new county government leader. As county judge, Escobar will work with Dan Haggerty, who won his fifth term in the Precinct 4 race; Sergio Lewis, who replaces Escobar in Precinct 2; Ana Perez in Precinct 1; and Willie Gandara Jr. in Precinct 3, to address the county’s budget woes and expanding services.

Escobar said that one way to help generate more revenue is to pursue economic development possibilities in the outlying towns like Anthony, Vinton, Horizon City, Clint, Fabens, and Socorro.

In Horizon City, voters gave city officials the go-ahead to move forward with future growth plans by overwhelmingly supporting a referendum to re-designate tax funds for economic development and street improvements. And, of the three propositions on the ballot only the one to separate the mayor’s term from those of city council

members passed. The other two propositions- to pay the mayor and city council members a stipend and to extend their terms of office from two to four years- failed.

At the school board level, voters in four county school districts elected trustees to help lead their charges through these financially-strapped times.

In Canutillo ISD, newcomer Patsy Mendoza came in first with 22 percent of the vote, incumbent Sergio Coronado came in second, and former board member Laure Searls took the third and final at-large seat.

In Clint ISD, three incumbent board members- Jim Pendell, Robert (Bobby) Lara, and Janice Surratt Armstrong, along with newcomer Fernie Sepulveda will fill the four at-large positions that were up for election this year.

In Fabens ISD, incumbent Viola Hernandez returned to office uncontested and newcomers Marcos Salcido III and Adan Escobar won close races. Escobar barely beat out Jose Porras, who served on the board for 12 years and died in September.

In Tornillo ISD, incumbents Ofelia Bosquez, who ran unopposed, and Rachel Avila, in Place 5, return to office along with newcomers Hector Lopez and Javier Escalante for a three year stint.



— Photo courtesy Clint ISD

THE LITTLE BAND THAT CAN – The Mountain View High School Marching Lobos finished 13th in the State of Texas during the UIL State Marching Band Competition. That would be number 13 out of nearly 500 3A-bands in Texas.

Mountain View Marching Lobos do great at State

By Laura Cade
Special to the Courier

For the first time in the school’s history, the Mountain View High School Marching Lobos advanced to the UIL State Marching Band Competition held in San Antonio, Texas. The 60 member band competed against 23 other 3A bands at the Alamodome the afternoon of

November 1st.

“I am so proud of our band and directors because in spite of many personal and collective obstacles, they always believed they could be the best,” said Principal Edmond Martinez.

The band gave a stellar performance during the competition finishing 13th of the 23 bands competing. To put this into greater perspective, the band is number 13

out of the nearly 500 3A-bands in the state.

“Your band qualified for one of the most elite marching competitions in the nation,” said Richard Floyd, Texas State Director of Music.

To qualify for the state competition the marching band, led by Drum Major Clarissa Valles, competed and tied for first place at the Area A Conference 3A Marching Band Contest held Oct. 25, 2010 at

Lowery Field in Lubbock, Texas.

The Mountain View High School Band is directed by Alma Beach and assistant Elisabeth Snodgrass.

“Truly, one of the finest bands in the state resides within our very own district!” said Superintendent Edward L. Gabaldon.

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CryptoQuip Answer

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STRANGE BUT TRUE

By Samantha Weaver

• It was Kurt Vonnegut, one of the most influential American writers of the 20th century, who made the following sage observation: “Laughter and tears are both responses to frustration and exhaustion. I myself prefer to laugh, since there is less cleaning up to do afterward.”

• Snakes are sometimes born with two heads, but they don’t survive long. It seems the heads fight each other for food.

• Pregnant women might be particularly interested in the following: The animal that is pregnant the longest is the African elephant, with an average gestation period of 660 days (though some pregnancies can last up to 100 days longer). The record for shortest gestation period is held jointly by three marsupials, including the American opossum, which remain pregnant for only 12 to 13 days.

• During this season of excess, it might be worthwhile to remember that the typical holiday meal contains more than 3,000 calories. It also might be worthwhile to remember that the suggested daily intake of calories for men is 2,500; for women it’s 2,000.

• Americans’ collective annual tab for dry-cleaning services comes to approximately \$8 billion.


• If you’re an arachnophobe, you might not want to read the following tidbit of information: Scientists in Madagascar recently discovered a new species of bark spider that spins webs over rivers and other bodies of water. What makes these webs noteworthy is that they are the largest ever recorded, measuring up to 82 feet across.

• Zachary Taylor, the 12th president of the United States, let his horse graze on the lawn of the White House.

Thought for the Day: “Perpetual devotion to what a man calls his business, is only to be sustained by perpetual neglect of many other things.”

– Robert Louis Stevenson

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SHARING EXPERIENCE – Central American teachers take a bow after performing their cultural dances for 4th and 5th grade students at Garcia Elementary School. From left are Alvaro Cantillano, Nicaragua; Estela Valencia, El Salvado; Jesus Mateo, Guatemala; Willian Posada, El Salvador; Jose Caraballo, Dominican Republic; Ana Garcia, El Salvador; Pablo Choc, Guatemala; Ana Ortiz, Dominican Republic; Maria Sanchez, El Salvador; Dennis Rivera, Dominican Republic; Margarita Molina, El Salvador; Irma Morales, Guatemala; Nelson Ramirez, Nicaragua; Servanda Pineer, Nicaragua; and Jose Escobar Jimenez, Guatemala.

Canutillo students experience international culture

By Kim Guzman
Special to the Courier

CANUTILLO – Teachers from Central America are working collaboratively with Canutillo Independent School District (CISD) teachers to gain practical experience in the United States, through the Cooperative

Association of States for Scholarship (CASS) Program, an international education program supported through El Paso Community College.

Seventeen teachers from El Salvador, the Dominican Republic, Guatemala, and Nicaragua are sharing their cultural traditions with students by teaching them songs and dances of their countries during periodic

visits to Childress ES, Davenport ES, Garcia ES, and Damian ES this fall.

This experience gives the Central American teachers an opportunity to observe and teach under the supervision of a Canutillo certified teacher. The international participants essentially shadow their cooperating teachers for three weeks, spending six days at each elementary school and progressively gaining more responsibility in teaching the class.

“Our students benefit greatly from this program because they learn to work with all types of individuals. It allows students to add their perspective to issues based on their cultural differences and helps them to better understand other cultures and points of view,” said Antonio Del Campo, CISD Academic Language Services Director.

Briefs

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suggested. Call 851-2702 or 592-9081 for more information.
– Erma Nelson

Wine tasting

The Boys and Girls Clubs will bring in the holidays in style at El Paso’s Holiday Wine Tasting Gala. The event will be held December 2, 2010 at The El Paso Museum of Art from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m. There will be great wines, food, music and a silent auction. This year, come enjoy the premiere of *Red Sands*, a movie by Mind Warp Entertainment/My Key Films. Also, author and New York Times Bestseller, Jimmy Peña, will be there to promote his latest book, *Prayfit: Your Guide to A Healthy Body and A Stronger Faith in 28 Days*. Tickets are on sale now. All proceeds from this event will benefit the youth at Boys and Girls Clubs of El Paso. For ticket information, please contact Crystal Mireles at (915) 532-7410 or purchase online at www.bgcelpaso.org.
– Crystal Mireles

Social services

Project BRAVO has created a social services directory. The directory has more than 228 listings of agencies, services and programs available to residents in El Paso County. The directory is posted on www.projectbravo.org.
– Roy Ortega

Library grants

The Texas State Library and Archives Commission is now accepting applications for Library Services and Technology

Act grants for fiscal year 2012. The grant fund, estimated at \$910,000, is distributed to public and academic libraries for use in promoting reading and literacy, providing access to special or unique holdings and delivering cooperative services. Applicants may seek grants in four categories: Cooperation, Special Project, Texas Reads and TexTreasures. The Texas Reads grants are funded by specialty “Texas Reads” license plates, which may be ordered at www.Texas.gov or at Texas Department of Motor Vehicles offices. The other grants are federally funded via the Institute of Museum and Library Services. “These grants are meant to encourage libraries to use cutting-edge services and to build collaborations,” says Peggy D. Rudd, Texas State Library and Archives Commission director and librarian. “This gives each library the opportunity to be creative and provide unique programs for the communities they serve.” Librarians may learn more about grant options and the application process via a series of webinars TSLAC will offer throughout November. The grant application deadline is Feb. 25, 2011. Grant awards will be announced in August for use in the 2012 fiscal year starting Sept. 1, 2011. More information, application forms and guidelines and lists of past grant recipients may be found at www.tsl.state.tx.us/ld/funding/lsta/; Texas Reads information may be accessed at www.tsl.state.tx.us/ld/funding/index.html#txReads; and TexTreasures information can be found at www.tsl.state.tx.us/texshare/texttreasurespage.html. Texas State Library and Archives Commission administers all four grant programs. For

more information, contact grants administrator Jennifer Peters at (512) 463-5527 or jpeters@tsl.state.tx.us.

– Derick Hackett

Medical debt

Physician leaders from the Texas Medical Association (TMA) are met in San Diego with colleagues from across America to improve patient care. More than 100 Texas physicians and medical students were in attendance at the American Medical Association’s (AMA’s) annual fall policymaking meeting. The Texas delegation asked the national body to adopt policy that would lessen patients’ burden from medical debt. Medical debt patients can incur is unpredictable because they do not get to choose when accidents or illnesses occur. If a patient’s credit report shows medical debt, he or she can be denied credit or pay higher interest rates when buying a home or obtaining consumer credit. This is a common problem – a recent Texas study indicates that more than 40 percent of consumers applying for credit to purchase or refinance a home had at least one medical debt in collection on their report. Accrued medical debt affects roughly 72 million working-age adults in America, and in 2007, collection agencies contacted 28 million American adults for unpaid medical bills. Debt that goes unpaid is characterized as debt in collection for credit reporting purposes, which hurts the consumer’s credit score. But under this new proposal, if consumers settled their medical debts, the debts would be cleared from their credit reports within 30 days, as opposed to having that bad mark linger harmfully on the reports for the current seven years.

The U.S. House of Representatives recently passed a bill, the Medical Debt Relief Act, to alleviate this problem for patients; TMA is asking AMA to formally support the bill. “It’s bad enough when our patients have health problems to overcome, then they must suffer additional financial problems too,” says Susan R. Bailey, MD, TMA’s president and leader of the Texas AMA Delegation. “Physicians want to do all that we can do to alleviate patients’ financial pain of health care expenses, just as we want to eliminate their physical pain.”
– Brent Annear

Crime Stoppers

Crime Stoppers of El Paso is assisting the El Paso Police Department in identifying and locating the persons responsible for an aggravated robbery in the northeast, making this the “Crime of the Week.” On Friday, Sept. 24, 2010, about 1:00 a.m., officers responded to an Aggravated Robbery at the 7-11 store, 5003 Alabama. Two subjects from a white Mitsubishi entered the store and confronted the victim, yelling and cursing and acting as if they would commit an assault. One subject put his hand on a bulge under his jacket, and told the victim he would “blast him.” The subjects stole two 30-packs of beer and fled up McKelligon. Shortly after, the white Mitsubishi returned and went south on Alabama. The subject with the weapon is a white man, 18 to 20-years old, 5’9”, medium build, with short black hair in a military-style haircut, and a mustache. He was wearing a plain black shirt and blue jeans. He had scars on his right arm. The other subject inside the store was a Hispanic man, 18-years old, 5’9”, with a

thin build and black hair. He was wearing a black shirt and blue jeans shorts. The driver of the Mitsubishi Galant was a Hispanic man in his mid-20s, approximately 5’7”, 190 pounds, with black hair, light skin, and a mustache. He had on a red polo shirt, blue jeans, and a black baseball cap (“P” in yellow) that was worn backwards. A fourth subject, seen in the back of the Mitsubishi, appeared to be a white man with black hair in a military-style haircut. He was wearing a black shirt with multi-colored graphics, and blue jeans. If you have any information at all about the identity and location of the individuals, please call Crime Stoppers of El Paso immediately 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

Omar Alberto Hinojosa, 23, is wanted for a recent burglary in Horizon City. Hinojosa also goes by Omar Hernandez and Albert Perez. He is 5’8” tall and weighs 160 pounds. He has black hair and brown eyes. On Oct. 9, 2010 at 11:15 p.m., Horizon City Police Officers were dispatched to a home in the 15000 block



Athletes must learn to avoid the temptation of money

By Steve Escajeda
Special to the Courier

What is going on with some of these college football athletes?

I know some of them rank pretty low on the intellectual food chain, but how dumb do you have to be to not even have the ability to read the simple writing on the wall?

By the way, that writing on the wall states that as long as you are playing a collegiate sport – you are still an amateur and cannot accept any money or gifts from your school.

Didn’t everyone hear about the Reggie Bush debacle at Southern Cal recently? Didn’t he have to give back his Heisman Trophy for taking money from agents and USC backers?

And not only did Bush take a bunch of cash, his parents lived in a \$750,000 house rent-free.

The price for all the money, gifts, property and other illegal goodies was hefty. USC lost scholarships, forfeited games, lost their coach and – just like other disgraced players – the name of Reggie Bush shall never be favorably uttered at the campus again.

Though Bush’s public humiliation made all the tabloids, he isn’t the first athlete to accept money illegally – not even close.

So many players and schools have cheated the system that we’re finally beginning to see a crackdown on the illegal activity.

This activity is often highlighted on many of the sports talk shows and the topic is gaining steam with each and every day.

That is why the disturbing news of Auburn quarterback Cam Newton has many shaking their heads.

Newton is the leading candidate for the Heisman Trophy this season – thus making him the highest profile collegiate athlete in the nation.

In other words – it’s almost impossible for him to hide.

That’s why it’s all over the news that Newton may be in big trouble for recruiting violations at Auburn.

It seems that Newton had a guy shopping him around to different colleges for a price – a hefty price.

Reports are that Kenny Rogers – no not the singer – no not the former big league pitcher either – Kenny Rogers, the head of a Chicago-

based company that operates football camps, solicited Newton to several schools for as much as \$200,000.

Of course Newton and his family deny the reports and say that if Rogers asked for money – it was only for himself and they didn’t know anything about it.

It’s funny how every person who is accused of wrongdoing denies it vehemently or blames somebody else right up until the time they are proven guilty.

A couple witnesses close to the situation have come forward to confirm the allegations that Cam was being shopped around. So what are the chances that Cam Newton is guilty?

Just like in the MLB steroid situation and the NBA referee scandal and the Pete Rose gambling fiasco and the dozens of human growth hormone episodes – where there’s smoke, there’s usually a whole lot of fire.

The final report on Newton still has to be written but the question still needs to be asked: When will these guys ever learn that they will eventually be caught if they break the rules?

Of course we’re talking about guys who are famous for playing a game. Why are we

surprised they’d play a game with the truth.

Phillips finally fired

What took them so long?

The Dallas Cowboys ended their relationship with Wade Phillips this week after the team limped out to a 1-7 start to the season.

Offensive coordinator Jason Garrett will take over the team for the rest of the season but nobody really believes he’ll be around to lead things next year.

So the big question is: Who is going to lead the ’Boys next year? Some of the names being thrown around are former Steelers’ coach Bill Cowher, former NFL coach Jon Gruden and even Carolina Panthers coach John Fox.

It’s rather obvious that Cowher is the frontrunner. And the Cowboys are a team loaded with dynamic players – they need a no-nonsense dynamic coach.

And Cowher certainly fills that bill.

Phillips is a good guy – probably too good to be a head coach in the NFL. And, of course Garrett could keep the job if the Cowboys show improvement over the last eight games.

I can’t believe I wrote that last sentence without laughing my head off.

A sporting view By Mark Vasto

Like a rolling stone

Considered one of the top 50 high-school football players of all time by Parade Magazine, Randy Moss could have punched his ticket to just

about anywhere in the NCAA.

Indeed, former Notre Dame head coach Lou Holtz said, “Randy Moss was the best high-school football

player I’ve ever seen.” Florida State head coach Bobby Bowden said, “He was as good as Deion Sanders. Deion’s my measuring stick for athletic ability, and this kid was just a bigger Deion.”

But instead of punching his ticket for Notre Dame, he punched a kid in a fight at his high school. Transferring to Florida State, instead of lighting up the scoreboard, he mostly lit up joints, was sent to jail and sent packing.

Moss hooked up with quarterback Chad Pennington at Marshall University and took the Division I-AA team to the next level – both figuratively and literally. After a record-setting season at Marshall (1,709 yards on 78 catches) the Thundering Herd moved to Division One, where Moss still couldn’t be stopped, almost winning the Heisman Award.

Projected to be a high first-round draft pick in 1998, Moss lasted until the 21st pick when it became apparent his off-field troubles were adding a drag on his value. In his first notable press statement,

moments after being selected by the Minnesota Vikings, Moss sent word to the first 20 teams that had passed him up: “[They’ll] regret it once they see what kind of a player I am, and what kind of guy I really am.”

His impact in Minnesota was immediate. Earning rookie of the year and making the first of seven trips to the Pro Bowl, the Vikings went 15-1 and were projected to win the Super Bowl before being upset by the Chris Chandler-led Atlanta Falcons. Similar trips to the post-season yielded like results. The Vikes were stepped on by the St. Louis Rams and New York Giants as they made their way to Super Bowls, and despite signing the biggest contract ever given to a wide receiver, Moss was traded to Oakland – a team that always prided itself in the aerial attack.

But Moss wasn’t running out plays that he wasn’t involved in, and he was a loudmouthed distraction

when he wasn’t getting the ball. So the Pro Bowler became trade bait and landed in New England, where he contributed to its Super Bowl dynasty until a few weeks ago, when he suddenly “did not feel wanted” and requested a trade.

The Pats obliged and off he went to Minnesota again, teaming up with Purple Judas in a desperate attempt to turn the fortunes of the team around. After a loss to New England just four weeks later, Moss was waived after a disastrous conference in which he criticized his new coach.

So the question now becomes, where does Moss go next? Kansas City? Dallas? Court? Jail? In the soap opera that is Randy Moss and the NFL, one never can tell.

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

Briefs

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of Mineral in Horizon City in reference to a Burglary of Habitation. Several items were taken from the home, including a 42” plasma TV, a Nintendo Wii, two gold chains, a men’s watch, a woman’s purse, two United States Passports, seven ring bracelet, and a coin bracelet. The total loss was over \$4,900. Officers investigating the case determined the home was burglarized the day before (Oct. 8) between noon and 11:00 p.m. Charges were filed a short time later. On Oct. 19, 2010,

investigators learned the suspect responsible for the burglary was in fact Hinojosa after he pawned the 42” plasma TV. Hinojosa remains on the run. He drives a blue Saturn passenger car and is hiding in the Borderland and likes to hang out in the Horizon City area. Law enforcement officials are asking the public for any information on the whereabouts of Hinojosa. They can contact the Sheriff’s Office (915) 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

Maybe It Wasn’t That Heavy Shopping Bag.

Weakness On One Side May Mean A Stroke.

Recognizing the signs of stroke and acting fast may make a difference between life and death. Call 9-1-1 immediately if you experience one or more of these signs: sudden weakness especially on one side of the body; trouble speaking or understanding; dizziness, loss of balance; trouble seeing in one or both eyes; and severe headache with no known cause. New treatments can help reduce damage to the brain

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To learn more about stroke, call the American Heart Association at 1-800-AHA-USA1 or visit us online at www.americanheart.org/tx

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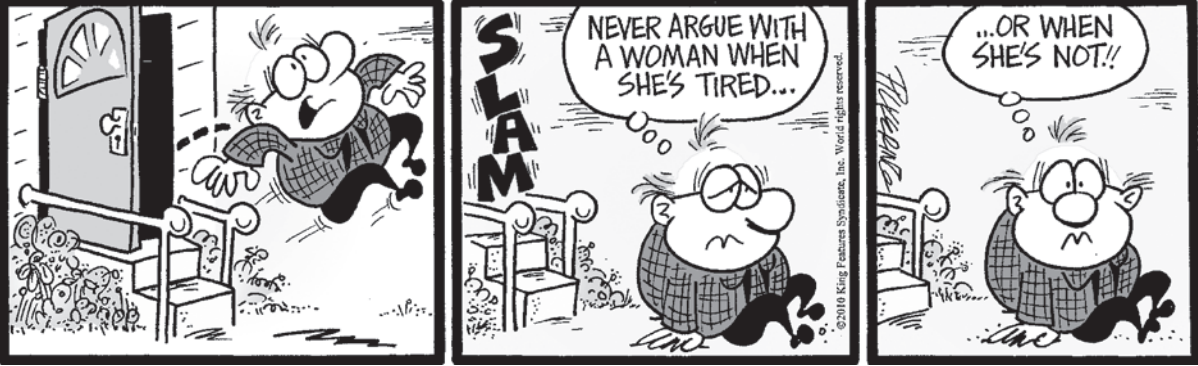
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Your good health By Paul G. Donahue, M.D.

DEAR DR. DONOHUE: I am writing to inquire about the mite that invades one's body and causes dandruff on the head. I have used Selsun Blue shampoo, but it is taking so long to see an effect. I wonder if there is an antibiotic that I could take to get rid of it faster. – M.S.

Dandruff is one form of seborrheic dermatitis – skin inflammation, along with an overproduction of skin cells and oil. The scalp is the place most often affected, but it also can be found on the sides and bridge of the nose, the eyebrows, ears, chest and back.

A mite doesn't cause it. Some speculate that a yeast (fungus) called Malassezia might be the troublemaker. This yeast is also found on scalps of those without dandruff, but those with dandruff have greatly increased numbers of it.

Quite often, nonprescription treatments work well for dandruff. Selsun Blue is a good one. If, after one month of treatment, there's no progress, then change to another. Head and Shoulders, Nizoral A-D and T-Gel are a sample of the many products on drugstore shelves. Nizoral A-D contains ketoconazole, a medicine that is active against the Malassezia yeast. Follow directions carefully. Usually they call for daily use until there's some improvement, and then every-other-day use for a month. From that time on, less-frequent applications are OK. The condition tends to be chronic, so a long commitment is the rule.

If you're not making any progress with over-the-counter preparations, then a doctor can provide you with a prescription for more powerful items.

DEAR DR. DONOHUE: Please tell me all you know about post-traumatic stress disorder. I think someone in my family suffers from it. – A.F.

Having faced an event that threatened life or caused serious injury is the basis for post-traumatic stress disorder. The event keeps resurfacing in the mind with a clarity that imparts terror and helplessness, and sometimes guilt. The remembrance can happen during the day or in dreams.

An affected person stays in the alert mode at all times. He or she loses interest in life, neglects those around him or her, suffers from fragmented sleep, often erupts in outbursts of anger and is usually quite depressed. Soldiers, firemen, policemen and those who suffered a sexual or physical attack are people who most often develop PTSD. With the combination of talk treatment and medicines, these people can usually regain their equilibrium and resume a normal life.

DEAR DR. DONOHUE: A cold front came in, and I had head/face pressure. What is that all about? – R.M.

A change in barometric pressure or a drop in temperature can increase the pain of arthritic joints. Weather changes also can trigger migraine headaches. I haven't seen head pressure mentioned as occurring with weather changes, but I can imagine how it might happen. The sinus cavities of the head could be subjected to a difference between their own internal pressure and the outside barometric pressure. Perhaps you and I are headed for a Nobel prize with this discovery.

Dr. Donohue regrets that he is unable to answer individual letters, but he will incorporate them in his column whenever possible. Readers may write him or request an order form of available health newsletters at P.O. Box 536475, Orlando, FL 32853-6475. (c) 2010 North America Synd., Inc. All Rights Reserved.

Super Crossword

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14 "Lonesome George"

19 Gulf country

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27 Alarm

29 Mrs. Zeus

31 XXVII x II

32 Sleep stage

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35 Rampur royalty

39 Soho snack

41 Diocese

42 Start of a remark

49 Hair ball?

50 Former nation: abbr.

51 D-Day code name

52 Gilbert of "Roseanne"

55 Game division

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60 Paint pigment

62 Author Irving

63 Fluffy female

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67 They may be saturated

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74 Cambodia's Lon _

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95 Null and void

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105 Part 3 of remark

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113 Swell place?

114 Moment of truth

115 _do-well

116 Browning's bedtime?

117 Pipe cleaner?

119 Manipulates

122 In shock

126 End of remark

132 Word with steak or soda

134 Marseilles mother

135 Adhesive ingredient

136 Viewpoint

137 Hunky-dory

138 Key

139 Rob of "Silk Stalkings"

140 Sorcery

141 Lacquered metalware

142 Footfall

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1 Like a wet noodle

2 Section

3 "The Journey of Natty _" ('85 film)

4 Apt rhyme for worm

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6 They're nuts

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9 Fr. holy woman

10 Norm

11 Einstein's birthplace

12 100 dinars

13 "Bewitched" kid

14 Actress Rita

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16 Transvaal residents

17 Roast host

18 Delibes opera

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28 Org. founded in 1947

30 Eyebrow shape

34 Cozy

36 Sailor's shout

37 "Nautilus" captain

38 Author Dinesen

40 Moral man?

42 Wading bird

43 "Candid Camera" creator

44 _ Domini

45 '68 US Open winner

46 Mason's tool

47 Proposition

48 Apiece

53 Endangered animal

54 TV's "Broken _"

56 Facts, for short

57 Spruce

59 Sill

61 Sniggler's quarry

65 Parched

66 Sheet of stamps

68 It'll give you a lift

69 "Elephant Boy" actor

71 Guy's counterpart

72 Monitor message

75 Animals

76 Successful

77 "High Sierra" actress

78 Salad veggie

79 Bullets, briefly

80 Director Nicolas

81 "Nash Bridges" network

86 Reggae's Peter

87 Duel-use items?

89 "What _ for Love" ('75 song)

91 Slightly open

92 Exceptional

93 Surrounded by

96 Neither masc. nor fem.

97 Crooner Jerry

98 Slaps on

99 Shoestrng

101 Persian poet

103 Fleshly

106 Push a product

107 A/C measure

108 Spearheaded

109 Porthos' pal

110 Appomattox signature

111 Freeway sounds

112 Gold brick?

118 Author Ferber

120 "Braveheart" extra

121 Nevada city

123 Gusto

124 _ Stanley Gardner

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127 Viking weapon

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CryptoQuip

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

Clue: Y equals D

XO X LRLK ADWXBLY U RXZLK DA
WSL QXWBSLA OIDDK, X'Y
ZKDTUTIH BKH "GAUQLG UIXRL!"

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LVWD

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alleviate health concerns.

Carrasco said that the fee impact for the new sewer system service would be minimal. ‘The rates will be comparable to those of sewer services currently provided to surrounding communities like Horizon City, Socorro, and San Elizario,” he said.

Instrumental in developing Clint’s wastewater collection system plan is CEA Engineering, whose company

officials serve as consultants for the LVWD project. “I would like to thank residents and town council members for their patience and commitment to this project,” Carrasco said.

The Lower Valley Water District, created as a municipal utility district in 1986, is located in the southeastern portion of El Paso County. After World War II, the Ysleta Independent Water District was formed following citizens’ concerns that the water interests of the community of the lower valley were being ignored. In the late

1960s, the El Paso Water Utilities (EPWU) was able to envelope this governmental entity within its microcosm, with the promise to provide improved water services to the lower valley. The failure to fulfill this promise, however, led to resurgence in the mid 1980s that brought back an autonomous water district to the lower valley. The LVWD has since served the communities of San Elizario, Socorro, Clint and Horizon City. The present population under the auspices of the LVWD is approximately 34,000 residents.

Raindrop

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the dedication ceremonies took the opportunity to get some clothing for a Clint family that needed help.

Brandi Gurrola, community partner coordinator with CPS, says the agency handles, more than 200 cases a month. And that number is rising, she adds.

The Fabens facility is the only one of its kind in the El Paso area although, she says, caseworkers in outlying areas have a more limited amount of supplies in their own offices.

Gurrola says Raindrop Room takes its name from the spectrum of the rainbow, that it takes in and embraces all colors of people and all needs of those people. The downtown El Paso office of CPS has a larger (parent) Rainbow Room to serve the needs of families in crisis throughout the region.

“This (the Fabens facility) is going to serve a lot of people in this area,” says Carolyn Copeland, administrative assistant for Bond Memorial United Methodist Church in Clint. The Rev. Kahl serves as pastor for Bond Memorial as well as First United Methodist churches.

“The church wants to be in ministry to the community outside of its own walls,” the Rev. Kahl explains. “We are looking for ways to make this a better community.”

She says the church has room for expansion if necessary.

Gurrola praises Sandra Reinhardt, wife of Clint Mayor Dale Reinhardt, for getting the project started.



Sandra Reinhardt, wife of Clint Mayor Dale Reinhardt. She spearheaded efforts to establish the Raindrop Room.

Reinhardt was aware of the needs in this area, having served on the Child Welfare Board. The Reinhardts are members of the Fabens Methodist church.

“She is very sweet. They are great people,” she says.

The Raindrop Room needs donations of new items, the Rev. Kahl says.

It includes cleaning supplies such cleansers as Ajax and comet plus bar soap and Pine Sol.

Baby bottles, plalpens, all sizes of

socks, underwear, stuffed animals, receiving blankets and infant and toddler clothing plus sleepers and pajamas.

Also needed are personal hygiene products such as deodorants, shampoo, soap, toothbrushes and toothbrushes.

The biggest need, a flyer says, is for cleaning supplies and diapers.

If you have items to donate or want more information, call 851-8144.

Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ★

★ Moderate ★★ Challenging

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★★★ HOO BOY!

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Gives

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donation drive. Together they were able to distribute 300 boxes of food, 80 jackets, 60 sweaters as well as other clothes and leftover food items.

“The kids were so pleased with the outcome that a couple of them cried because they felt so good to be able to help their community,” Rodriguez added.

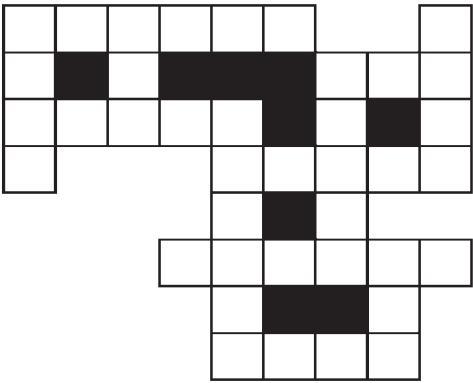
Rodriguez himself was overwhelmed and amazed by the generosity of many people who made the food distribution possible and even more so by the enthusiasm of the high school students who willingly volunteered to collect donations, promote the event, organize food and clothing, and carry bulky boxes to people’s cars.

“Events such as this help students and everyone else to see the reality of what Student Council is and that was our goal, trying to show what community service is all about,” Rodriguez concluded.

The San Elizario High School Student Council is already planning to carry out a similar event just in time for Christmas and members are busy securing food donations in order for disadvantaged families from their own neighborhoods to be able to enjoy a nice holiday meal.



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

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