

NEWSBRIEFS

Homebuyer help

El Paso Collaborative will be distributing applications on February 7, 2011 for the “Home Buyer Assistance Program”. The program is to assist eligible low to moderate income households who are first-time homebuyers. The minimum assistance is \$1,000 and the maximum assistance is \$20,000. Properties for consideration must be located outside the city limits of El Paso. Application forms and list of required documents will be available at 1359 Lomaland Drive, Suite 538 between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. Applications will be available based on funding availability from TDHCA-HOME Program Funds. Completed applications that contain all supportive documents requested will be processed on a first-come, first-served basis. For additional information, please call 915-590-1210 ext: 111.

— Lorraine Frias

Hot Checks

El Paso County Attorney Jo Anne Bernal and El Paso County Sheriff Richard Wiles will be joined by Constables from Precincts 1, 2, 3, 4, 6 and 7 in conducting a roundup of individuals with outstanding hot check warrants in El Paso County. The amnesty period runs from Monday, Feb. 7 through Friday, Feb. 18, 2011. Before the amnesty period starts, the County Attorney’s Office will make public the names and addresses of thousands of individuals with outstanding hot-check warrants. The list will be published on Sunday, February 6, 2011 on the County of El Paso’s web-site and other local media outlets. Individuals with pending warrants who want to avoid the publication of their names must pay their outstanding balances by Friday, Feb. 4, 2011. Individuals who take advantage of the amnesty period and pay their outstanding balances before Friday, Feb. 18, 2011, will avoid arrest during an upcoming countywide warrant roundup. Additionally, they will save money by not having to pay additional fees, such as court costs, attorney fees, and the cost of posting a bond. Residents with outstanding hot check warrants can make their payments in person at the following locations:

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

Forms of payment accepted include credit cards, money orders, cashier checks, and cash; however, those paying with cash will have to bring the exact amount (cashiers cannot give change). In addition, residents can make payments online 24 hours a day, 7 days a week through “Hot Check E-pay,” by visiting the El Paso County Attorney’s Office webpage at www.epcounty.com/CA. For more information regarding hot check payments and balances please contact the El Paso County Attorney’s Office Hot Check Unit at 546-2051.

— Elhiu Dominguez

Where we go and what we do advertises what we are.

— Quips & Quotes



— Photo courtesy San Elizario ISD

OOH...YUK – It’s ugly, but good. Sal Quintanilla shows students the largest member of the whipscorpion family found in the southwestern United States – the giant Vinegarroon (*mastigoproctus giganteus*). Vinegarroons burrow into sand or under logs and can be found occasionally under logs, stones and other debris around buildings. They hunt their prey at night, relying on touch to find it. Once found, the prey is returned to the burrow before it is eaten. The key identifying character is the long, thread-like segmented tail extending from the end of the abdomen. This tail is incapable of stinging, but the giant Vinegarroon aims a vinegar-scented mist from a gland at the base of its abdomen when disturbed. The spray contains acetic acid and another substance that attacks the exoskeleton of other arthropods. Vinegarroons are beneficial creatures and should be left undisturbed when found. Should one enter a structure, it should be captured and released outside.

San Elizario students learn about backyard dangers

By Cynthia P. Marentes
Special to the Courier

Creepy crawlies and poisonous plants may not have been much of a concern for students at Garcia-Enriquez Middle School until they took a closer look at what may be living in their own backyards. From oleander shrubs to rattlesnakes, there are many hazards that lurk in the San Elizario area. But now, San Elizario 7th graders are a little more prepared to recognize potential threats. During January,

all science classes at Garcia-Enriquez Middle School had the opportunity to attend venomous animal presentations offered by the West Texas Regional Poison Center.

Presenter Sal Quintanilla brought along different critters to demonstrate to students the harmful consequences of their bites and stings as well as the dangers of common household and garden plants.

“The purpose of this presentation is to keep kids out of emergency rooms,” Quintanilla stated.

Quintanilla showed off a few of the different

types of spiders that are present in the area including the two most dangerous. Out of over 900 kinds of spiders that live in the region only the black widow and the brown recluse are harmful. He cautioned the middle school students not to disturb the spiders’ hiding places because that would be the primary reason why they would attack a person.

Students repelled at the sight of Quintanilla handling a large vinegarroon insect and a harmless field snake that he explained were

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— Photo by Alfredo Vasquez

BLOWIN’ INTO COLLEGE – Adan Martinez, Fabens High School senior, practices in the school’s bandroom. Martinez was selected recently to perform with the All State Band for the fourth year in a row, a rare high school band achievement. The state performance will be for the annual Texas Music Educators Association Convention in February in San Antonio. During the convention, Martinez will be presented with a music scholarship for his four-year accomplishment.

Martinez advances to All State Band for fourth year

By Alfredo Vasquez
Special to the Courier

Fabens High School Senior Adan Martinez loves music, and he can play just about any instrument placed in front of him – the trumpet, trombone, drums, guitar, bass, keyboards. Thanks to that passion, he will be presented a scholarship during the annual Texas Music Educators Association (TMEA) Clinic and Convention, which will be February 9-12, in San Antonio.

Martinez earned the \$2,000 scholarship for being selected to perform with the All State Band ensembles for the fourth year in a row. Since his freshman year, Martinez’s trumpet playing has captured top honors in regional and area competitions to advance to the state level.

“This award denotes that Adan is among the top high school trumpet players in the state,” said Robert O. Gonzalez, Fabens High School

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View from here

By Ollie Besteiro, President, AARP Texas

Proposed budget cuts would devastate older Texans

What does it say about the value that Texas places on its older citizens when we pay fast-food restaurant workers more than those who provide care for our elders?

Who will take care of our aging parents and grandparents if we keep putting up roadblocks to quality long-term care, both community-based and in nursing homes? Will the services be there for us some day if we need them?

All these are fair questions in light of recent budget proposals being bandied about at the Texas Capitol. Under consideration is a 10 percent cut in payments to Medicaid providers – including community-based services and nursing homes – on top of a recent 2 percent rate cut that’s already gone into effect for nursing homes. AARP believes that pulling the rug out from under seniors on both ends of the long-term care service spectrum is penny wise and pound foolish.

Why? For starters, it’s a little-known fact that Medicaid helps pay for two out of three nursing home stays in Texas. Medicaid is easily the largest payer of long-term care in our state, with more than 60 percent of its dollars devoted to the care of the elderly and disabled. That’s

more than the program spends on low-income women and children. Plus, Medicaid brings important federal matching dollars to the state, to the tune of \$1.47 for every one dollar the state puts up.

Texas currently pays the second lowest Medicaid nursing homes reimbursement rates in the country. Further cuts would directly impact the quality of care received by residents, leaving nursing homes with no option but to reduce staffing. There are volumes of research documenting the relationship between staffing levels and the quality of care. Reduced payments to nursing homes will place our most vulnerable seniors in a highly dangerous situation.

At the same time, the Legislature is proposing to reduce oversight of nursing homes by reducing the number of staff responsible for their monitoring. This would only add insult to injury when it comes to ensuring our seniors are safe.

Cutting Medicaid funding for community-based care would push more people into nursing homes, which are more expensive for the state. We also know that

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Veterans Post

By Freddy Groves

A wreath for every Arlington grave

Sometimes you have to plan far ahead for a worthy cause.

One such cause is this: Wreaths Across America has been given permission to put wreaths at all 330,000 graves at Arlington National Cemetery during December 2011. And it’s going to take some advance planning.

As I’ve written before, Worcester Wreath in Harrington, Maine, has put thousands of wreaths on graves at Arlington over the years – 19 years, in fact. The effort has grown exponentially across the country and now includes dozens more national cemeteries.

This year will be its 20th year, and all the graves at Arlington will receive a wreath. Behind this effort is Executive Director Karen Worcester of Worcester Wreath. A more compassionate woman you could never hope to meet.

This year the theme is “The Christmas They Never Had.” Go to www.WreathsAcrossAmerica.org and read the story that touched Mrs. Worcester’s heart – a World War II veteran’s story of huddling

in a boxcar as a POW.

... And then step up and help.

Whether you buy a single wreath to be placed at Arlington, band together with others and order a dozen, or have the company you work for get behind this effort with a big infusion of dollars, she needs all of us to help make sure all 330,000 graves have a wreath.

For more information, go to the website. Then scroll down to Sponsor a Wreath. Note the sections on corporate wreath purchases and fundraising.

Donations also can be sent to: Wreaths Across America
PO Box 249
Columbia Falls, ME 04623
Or call (877) 385-9504 for inquiries. Corporate donors should ask for Michelle Hammond or Karen Worcester.

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Clint Independent School District

Notice of Public Hearing

Clint Independent School District will hold a public hearing for the discussion of the 2009-2010 district Annual Report on Wednesday, February 16, 2011, at the Clint Independent School District Administration building board room, located at 14521 Horizon Blvd., at 5:00 p.m. during the regularly scheduled School Board meeting. All interested individuals are welcomed to attend. The report will be available to the public after the hearing at all Clint District School Campuses, the Clint Public Library and the Montana Community Center.

Audencia pública

El distrito escolar de Clint tendra una junta para discutir el Reporte Annual del Distrito de 2009-2010 el miercoles, 16 de febrero del 2011 en las oficinas administrativas localizadas 14521 Horizon Blvd. a las 5:00 p.m. Todos individuos interesados estan invitados a asistir. El Reporte se puede obtener en estos lugares; todas las escuelas publicas del distrito, la biblioteca publica de Clint, y el Centro Comunidad de Montana Vista.

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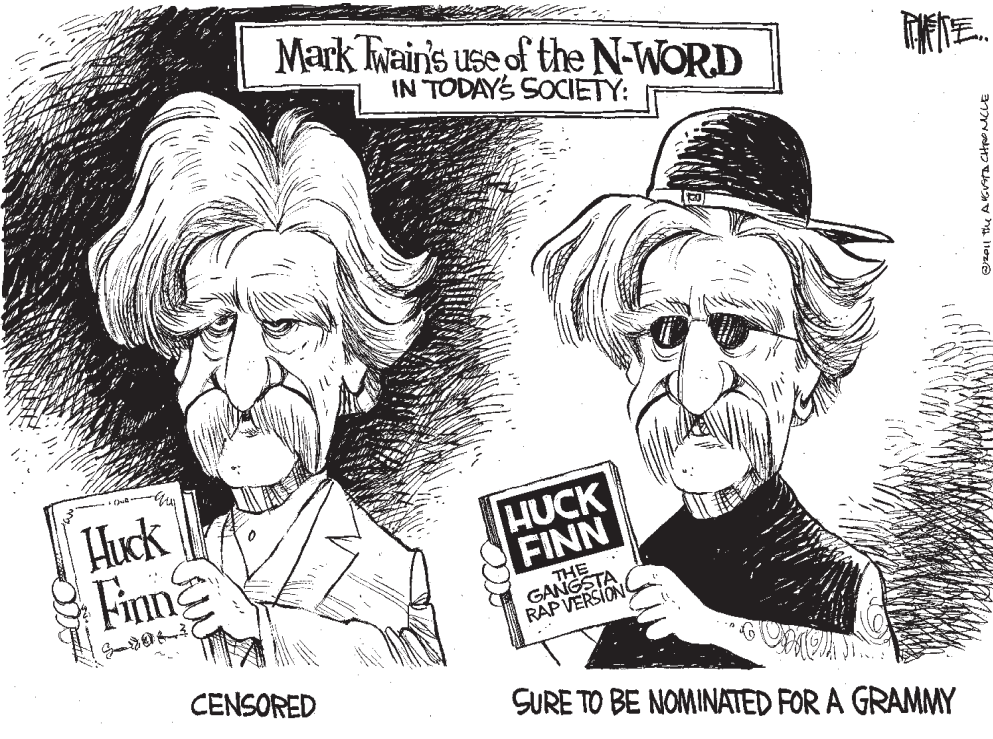
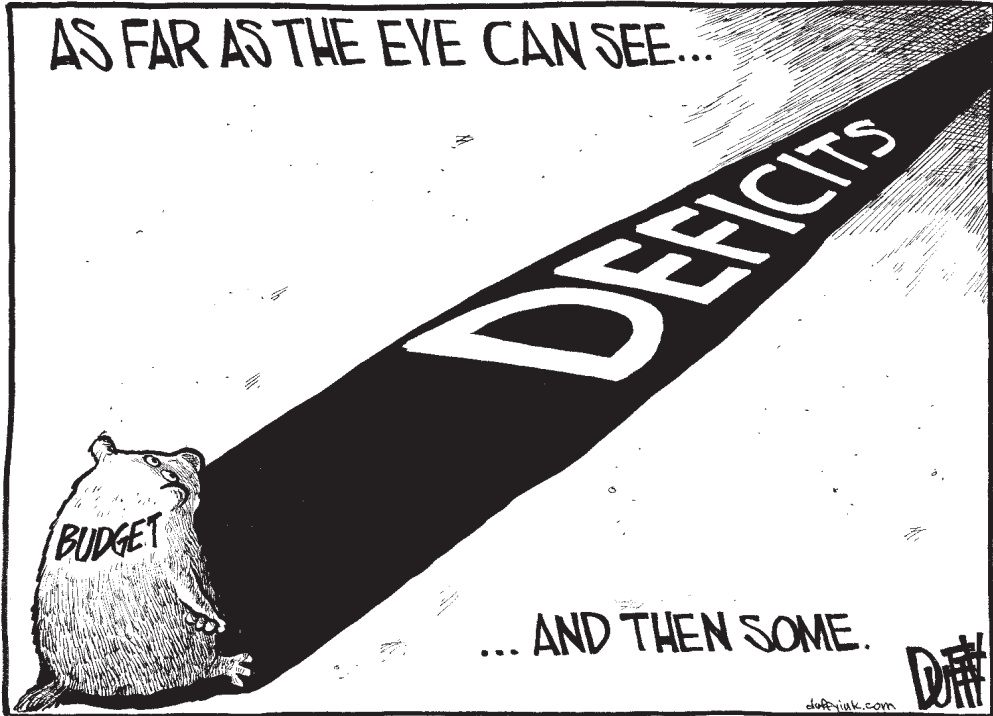
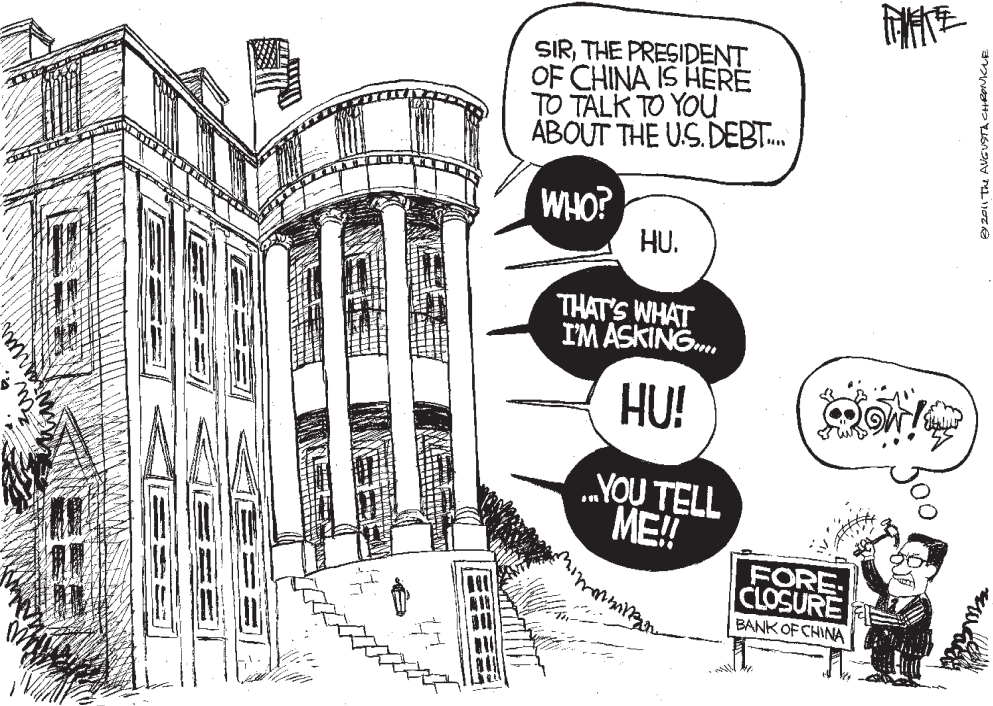
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Por la Gente By State Rep. Chente Quintanilla

Nurse practitioners

Hola mi gente. During a legislative session, one can anticipate many unexpected things. One thing that is certain, however, is that our office will be visited by dozens of constituents every week. It is important that we give as much time as possible to discussing issues, but so many of the issues are presented multiple times; the budget for example.

One issue that I was very impressed in discussing had to do with primary health care. My office was visited by an El Paso nurse practitioner. She presented a solution, albeit not a total one, to the shortage of doctors practicing as family doctors.

Currently, nurse practitioners are allowed to perform certain functions that many years ago were exclusively provided by doctors only. Our legislature made the wise move of supplementing the services of doctors with the nurses. These nurses must attain a Masters level of education and meet certain other requirements.

One of the requirements that imposes limitations is for doctors to perform audits on the work of the nurses every few days. In urban clusters, that may be possible but in the rural regions where the distance between a doctor's office and the area of practice by the nurse is great, it will be almost impossible.

Why would it be impossible? Rural doctors are very few and to pull away from patients is not really possible. For that reason, legislation that has been filed would contribute greatly to the resolution of so many problems that result in exorbitant costs in emergency rooms.

The nurse practitioner who visited my office gave a very good explanation about

her services in the El Paso community. She was asking our office to support a bill by Representative Hancock that would allow the nurses to practice without the cumbersome supervision requirements. This would not only facilitate the early treatment of disease in El Paso, so many of the underserved farm towns would also have better healthcare.

From the time nurse practitioners were allowed to take on some duties previously only done by doctors, the physician network sought to place limitations on their practice. This stance was with good foundation as there was a concern about abuse. The history of the change has been good and so there should be some type of reductions in supervision.

Just before completing this article, I was visited by some healthcare representatives who were also asking for us to support the Hancock bill. There was even an alternative offered if the concept was too drastic for the physicians. Instead of requiring doctors to travel to the area that the nurses were providing care, the thought was for requiring electronic auditing. That was a very good suggestion. If the nurse practitioner could electronically transfer case histories, then the supervision by a physician could be done from a distance. The only thing that might derail this is the cost of the program. There is no more money for innovation in Texas during this session

So many issues come down to compromise during a session. This is one that I truly hope will be resolved for the benefit of those who need desperately need primary care.

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

Danger

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beneficial because they helped to get rid of the other dangerous creatures living in the local environment. Quintanilla added that the one insect everyone should be wary of is the honeybee that every year is responsible for the most referrals to the poison center.

Activities such as these class presentations are one way science teachers at Garcia-Enriquez Middle School are collaborating to share resources and ideas in order to support their students' learning and each other. Since science standards for Texas public education have changed and became more rigorous this year, teachers are finding new opportunities to maintain students excited while they continue on track towards academic progress.

Martinez

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band director. "He has natural God-given talent, and he loves music. Combine that with the fact that he knows how to read music, and he can learn a piece of music easily. That's what makes him successful."

Martinez said that he has been practicing for the past two months the music selections that the all-state bands will perform during the convention. He said that at the beginning of the event, students audition for positions in the bands; musicians who score in the top half perform with the symphonic band, and the other half plays in the concert band.

Martinez is among 25 high school students from the El Paso area who will showcase their musical and singing talents in San Antonio, but he will be the only one to go for the fourth year in a row. He will go up against about 30 other outstanding trumpeters from 3A, 2A, and 1A school districts for first chair honors.

Statewide, more than 1,580 students were selected through the process that began with about 60,000 students competing to perform in one of 13 ensembles including bands, orchestras and choirs, according to association officials. A panel of judges selected the students to be part of the all-state groups that perform during the convention before an audience of more than 25,000 persons.

"The El Paso area students selected to TMEA All-State ensembles are shining examples of

what quality music education offers students in our great state," stated Robert Floyd, the association's executive director. "Achieving this honor is a reflection of these students' dedication to excellence, their families' support, and their music educators' devotion to the success of every student."

Martinez, son of Martin and Maria Martinez of Fabens, said that he has been in the Fabens district's band program since sixth grade. He started with the trombone, then switched to drums and finally settled on the trumpet in eighth grade. "My grandfather was a great trumpet player when he was younger; he played for a very popular band named, Los Profetas. One day, I found one of his trumpets, and that's when I decided which instrument I wanted to learn more about."

The Fabens senior comes from a family of musicians. Martinez, along with his mother, father, brother, uncle, and cousin, plays in a Tejano band called, Sonora Kandela. They have been playing regularly at clubs and dances for the past three years. He also plays with a group of friends in a Spanish rock band called El Quinto Efecto.

Martinez plans to graduate in June and enroll in college; he just doesn't know yet which one. He is scheduled to audition for the band programs at UTEP and NMSU in February. A stellar audition could earn him a scholarship. He is currently ranked 22nd in his senior class with a 92 % grade point average.

"I love music, and I like to play with the best; that's what makes playing with the all-state bands so exciting," Martinez said.

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NOTICE OF APPLICATION AND PRELIMINARY DECISION FOR WATER QUALITY LAND APPLICATION PERMIT FOR MUNICIPAL WASTEWATER RENEWAL

PERMIT NO. WQ0014005001

APPLICATION AND PRELIMINARY DECISION. Clint Independent School District, 14521 Horizon Boulevard, El Paso,

Texas 79928, has applied to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) for a renewal with changes to TCEQ Permit No. WQ0014005001, to authorize the replacement of the septic tank system with an activated sludge process plant. The current permit authorizes the disposal of treated domestic wastewater at a daily average flow not to exceed 7,050 gallons per day via sub-surface drip irrigation on 1.62 acres of non-public access land. No discharge of pollutants into water in the State is authorized by this permit. TCEQ received this application on March 12, 2010.

The wastewater treatment facility and disposal

site are located just north of Montana Avenue on O'Shea Road, approximately 3.3 miles east-northeast of the intersection of Zaragoza Road (State Highway 659) and Montana Avenue (U.S. Highway 62/180) in El Paso County, Texas 79927. The wastewater treatment facility and disposal site are located in the drainage area of the Rio Grande below Riverside Diversion Dam in Segment No. 2307 of the Rio Grande Basin.

The TCEQ Executive Director has completed the technical review of the application and prepared a draft permit. The 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 the Clint Independent School District Administrative Offices, 14521 Horizon Boulevard, El Paso, Texas.

PUBLIC COMMENT / PUBLIC 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 number; 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 to the general public; and the statement "[I/we] request a contested case hearing." If the request for contested case hearing is filed on behalf of a group or association, the request must designate the group's representative for receiving future correspondence; identify an individual member of the group who would be adversely affected by the proposed facility

or activity; provide the information discussed above regarding the affected member's location and distance from the facility or activity; explain how and why the member would be affected; and explain how the interests the group seeks to protect are 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.

EXECUTIVE 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 permitting process, and will forward the application and request to the TCEQ Commissioners for their consideration at a scheduled Commission meeting.

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.

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 at the address 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.

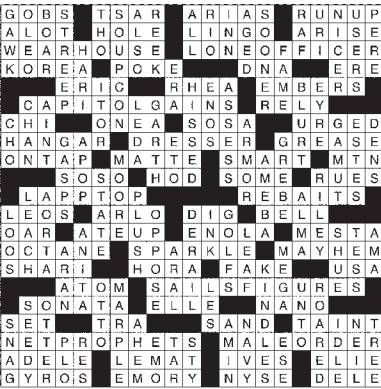
All written public comments and public meeting requests must be submitted to the Office of the Chief Clerk, MC 105, Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, P.O. Box 13087, Austin, TX 78711-3087 or electronically at www.tceq.state.tx.us/about/comments.html within 30 days from the date of newspaper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

Socorro Independent School District Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balance Governmental Funds For the Year Ended August 31, 2010

Data Control Codes	10 General Fund	50 Capital Projects Fund	Other Funds	Total Governmental Funds
REVENUES:				
5700 Total Local and Intermediate Sources	\$ 70,261,779	\$ 172,903	\$ 20,274,156	\$ 90,708,838
5800 State Program Revenues	204,866,060	—	18,576,420	223,442,480
5900 Federal Program Revenues	4,029,991	—	58,139,434	62,169,425
5020 Total Revenues	279,157,830	172,903	96,990,010	376,320,743
EXPENDITURES:				
Current:				
0011 Instruction	170,576,166	1,561,250	30,680,654	202,818,070
0012 Instructional Resources and Media Services	4,573,202	266,072	228,639	5,067,913
0013 Curriculum and Instructional Staff Development	3,074,313	—	4,538,726	7,613,039
0021 Instructional Leadership	5,399,135	—	769,259	6,168,394
0023 School Leadership	17,092,786	434,622	18,178	17,545,586
0031 Guidance, Counseling and Evaluation Services	8,567,195	58,967	2,830,804	11,456,966
0032 Social Work Services	1,308,070	—	157,500	1,465,570
0033 Health Services	3,298,260	41,887	281,194	3,621,341
0034 Student (Pupil) Transportation	10,390,522	—	552,850	10,943,372
0035 Food Services	—	556,881	16,877,220	17,434,101
0036 Cocurricular/Extracurricular Activities	7,605,315	330,809	40,526	7,976,650
0041 General Administration	7,391,378	—	—	7,391,378
0051 Facilities Maintenance and Operations	23,332,970	372,090	6,677,105	30,382,165
0052 Security and Monitoring Services	6,257,103	71,437	4,929	6,333,469
0053 Data Processing Services	3,727,789	—	—	3,727,789
0061 Community Services	811,558	—	1,124,334	1,935,892
Debt Service:				
0071 Debt Service – Principal on Long Term Debt	1,314,019	—	12,148,360	13,462,379
0072 Debt Service – Interest on Long Term Debt	60,550	—	20,041,632	20,102,182
0073 Debt Service – Bond Issuance Cost and Fees	—	—	1,884,259	1,884,259
Capital Outlay:				
0081 Facilities Acquisition and Construction	356,315	30,046,185	—	30,402,500
Intergovernmental:				
0099 Other Intergovernmental Charges	1,147,414	—	—	1,147,414
6030 Total Expenditures	276,284,060	33,740,200	98,856,169	408,880,429
1100 Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	2,873,770	(33,567,297)	(1,866,159)	(32,559,686)
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES):				
7911 Capital Related Debt Issued (Regular Bonds)	—	—	27,270,000	27,270,000
7912 Sale of Real and Personal Property	42,644	—	8,502	51,146
7913 Capital Leases	1,109,769	—	—	1,109,769
7915 Transfers In	1,020,710	—	716,535	1,737,245
7916 Premium or Discount on Issuance of Bonds	—	—	1,823,077	1,823,077
8911 Transfers Out (Use)	—	—	(1,020,710)	(1,020,710)
8949 Other (Uses)	—	—	(27,320,000)	(27,320,000)
7080 Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	2,173,123	—	1,477,404	3,650,527
1200 Net Change in Fund Balances	5,046,893	(33,567,297)	(388,755)	(28,909,159)
0100 Fund Balance – September 1 (Beginning)	40,412,589	48,107,942	16,570,638	105,091,169
1300 Prior Period Adjustment	(53,610)	(390,288)	(85,774)	(529,672)
3000 Fund Balance – August 31 (Ending)	\$ 45,405,872	\$ 14,150,357	\$ 16,096,109	\$75,652,338

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Treasure Hunters Roadshow
STAFF WRITER

Clean out your attics, closets and lock boxes because the Roadshow is coming to **El Paso**. Roadshow experts are in town examining antiques, collectibles, gold and silver.

While the Roadshow will accept anything that's old, they will be focusing on gold and silver coins made before 1964, military items, toys and trains, musical instruments, pocket and

“U.S. coins made before 1964 are most sought after by collectors. Coins made before 1964 are 90% silver and valuable because of the silver content or could be worth even more if one happens to be a rare date.”

wrist watches. Scrap gold is expected to be a popular category this week due to soaring gold prices. Expert buyers for the Roadshow have noticed a tremendous increase in the amount of gold coming to the Roadshow and for good reason. Record gold prices have Roadshow guests cashing in on broken jewelry or jewelry

Got Gold? This week, visitors can cash in on antiques, collectibles, gold, silver, coins or just about anything that is old.

they don't wear anymore with our “fair and honest” purchase offers.

The Roadshow encourages anyone planning a visit to take a minute and examine their jewelry box or their lock box at the bank and gather anything that's gold. If a guest is not sure if something is gold, bring it anyway and the Roadshow staff will test it for free. Other gold items of interest include gold coins, gold ounces, gold proof sets and dental gold.

Other types of items Roadshow experts hope to see include old toys and train sets. Archie Davis, roadshow toy expert spoke about some of the top toys getting great offers. “Old tin windup toys from the late 1800's through the 1960's are in great demand now,” said Davis, “Especially those that are character related. Mickey Mouse, Donald Duck, the Flintstones or any

character toys are sought. Old Buddy L toys from the 1920's to 1960's are in demand.” Basically any toys made before 1965 are wanted. Train sets made by Lionel, American Flyer, Marklin and others have the potential to fetch a large sum. Davis also stressed, “Toys with boxes and in mint condition bring sensational prices. Most of the toys

that come to the Roadshow are not in perfect shape but can still bring good prices from collectors.”

When expert Tom Fuller was asked what he enjoyed most about working at the Roadshow, he was quick to answer, “Old coins and paper currency. For as long as I can remember I have been fascinated with collecting coins.



Above • A Gentleman sits with Mike Delong with anticipation as the Roadshow Expert examines his collectibles.

I would go through the change in my parents grocery store looking for rare dates and errors. Once, I found a silver quarter that I sold for \$300.00. Not bad for an 8 year old.”

Fuller went on to explain that any U.S. coins made before 1964 are most sought after by collectors. Coins made before 1964 are 90% silver and valuable

*“If you go to the Roadshow, you can cash-in your items for competitive prices. Roadshow representatives will be available to assess and purchase your items at the **Embassy Suites**, Tuesday through Saturday in **El Paso**.”*

because of the silver content or could be worth even more if one happens to be a rare date. “We help people sort through their coins for unique dates. We buy all types of coins at the Roadshow from wheat pennies to buffalo nickels, which are valuable from one coin to an entire truckload. See you at the Roadshow.” said Fuller.

**We Buy All
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**The International Collectors
Association members are
looking for the following
types of items!**

• **COINS**
Any and all coins made before 1964. This includes all silver and gold coins, dollars, half dollars, quarters, dimes, nickels and pennies. All conditions wanted!

• **GOLD & SILVER**
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for platinum, gold and silver during this event. Broken jewelry, dental gold, old coins, pocket watches, Kruggerands, Gold bars Canadian Maple Leafs, etc.

• **JEWELRY**
Gold, Silver, Platinum, diamonds, rubies, sapphires and all types of stones, metals, etc. Rings, bracelets, necklaces, all others including broken jewelry. Early costume jewelry wanted.

• **WATCHES & POCKET WATCHES** Rolex, Tiffany, Hublot, Omega, Chopard, Cartier, Philippe, Ebel, Waltham, Swatch, Chopard, Elgin, Bunn Special, Railroad, Illinois, Hamilton, all others.

• **TOYS, TRAINS & DOLLS**
All types of toys made before 1965 including: Hot Wheels, Tonka, Buddy L, Smith Miller, Nylint, Robots, battery toys, Mickey Mouse, train sets, all gauges, accessories, individual cars, Marklin, American Flyer, Lionel, Hafner, all other trains, Barbie Dolls, GI Joe, Shirley Temple, Characters, German, all makers accepted.

• **MILITARY ITEMS, SWORDS**
Civil War, Revolutionary War, WWI, WWII, etc. Items of interest include swords, badges, clothes, photos, medals, knives, gear & letters. The older the swords, the better. All types wanted.

• **ADVERTISING ITEMS** Metal and Porcelain signs, gas companies, beer and liquor makers, automobile, implements, etc.

www.treasurehuntersroadshow.com

February 8th - 12th

Tuesday - Friday: 9AM - 6PM & Saturday: 9AM - 4PM

FREE ADMISSION

The Roadshow is featured at the:

Embassy Suites

6100 Gateway Blvd East, El Paso, TX 79905

Directions: (915) 779-6222 Show Info: (217) 787-7767

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Is your family attic filled with old and forgotten memories?

Most pre-1964 bisque, china, paper mâché, wood, and wax dolls are considered desirable by collectors. If your doll has original clothing, wigs, shoes and undergarments, that increases its value.

Many toy cars, robots, Tonka and trains made before 1964 are wanted by International Collectors Association members as well.



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- Gather items of interest (as explained below) from your attic, garage, basement, etc. There is no limit to the amount of items you can bring
- **No appointment necessary**
- If interested in selling, we will consult our collector's database to see if a buyer exists; 90% of all items have offers in our database
- **The offer is made on the spot on behalf of our collectors making the offer**
- If you decide to accept the offer, we will pay you on the spot and ship the item to the collector. The collector pays all shipping and handling charges.
- **You get 100% of the offer with no hidden fees**

**Call your friends, make a
“Roadshow Trip”**

“Many friends have fun together and make a trip to the Roadshow an afternoon event,” comments Roadshow expert Archie Davis, “We see many friends carpool, have lunch together, and even make a bet on who brought the most valuable item.”



All sports memorabilia is in high demand including: Pre 1970's baseball cards; autographed baseballs, footballs & basketballs; jerseys; signed photos; etc...

The Treasure Hunter's Roadshow event starts Tuesday in El Paso.

**Gold and Coin
Prices High, Cash
In Now**



“It's a modern day gold rush,” said Roadshow President, Jeff Parsons.

Gold is now trading near 40 year highs, and you can cash in at the Treasure Hunters Roadshow. All types of gold are wanted, including gold coins, Krugerrands, Maple Leafs, and other gold bars, etc. All gold jewelry, including broken jewelry is accepted. Anything gold and silver is wanted.

**We Buy
All Pre-1934
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We represent many of the world's top numismatic coin collectors. We have been directly involved in millions of dollars worth of rare cash and coin sales over the past 15 years.

Get your game day list in order: Friends, food and a big screen

By Steve Escajeda
Special to the Courier

It’s finally here. The biggest game of the entire year is upon us and the only question left to answer is which team that will be crowned the 45th Super Bowl champion. At the beginning of the season, both the Pittsburgh Steelers and the Green Bay Packers were popular choices to be in Dallas in early February. But a couple things happened along the way to cast doubt on each team’s chances. First, there was the sex-scandal trouble Steelers’ quarterback Ben Roethlisberger got into during the off-season that cost him the first four games of the year. Then there is something no team can ever plan for – injuries. The Packers went through a stretch early in the season where saw player after player go down with one injury or another. But like the Steelers, Green Bay overcame its problems and played like champions down the stretch. And Pittsburgh actually won three of the

four games Roethlisberger missed during his suspension. So here they are, the Steelers against the Packers, the Steel Curtain against the Frozen Tundra, the Terrible Towels against those wacky Cheese Heads. Who is going to win? When you look at the Steelers, there are two things that automatically come to mind – their quarterback and that stubborn defense. Roethlisberger has a strange knack for escaping the rush and making something happen down the field, either with his arm or his legs. Sometimes he holds the ball too long and is sacked, but more times than not, he shrugs off would-be tacklers with his wide body and strong legs and finds a receiver for a big gain. The defense has been good in Pittsburgh since the seventies, it seems. With guys like Troy Palamalu and James Harrison, the Steelers are never really out of a game. When you think of the Green Bay Packers, you used to think of the legendary Brett Favre. But now they seem to have another quarterback who looks like a legend-in-the-making.

Aaron Rodgers spent the first three years of his career sitting on the bench. But while he sat he also learned from one of the best ever and now the young Rodgers may be the hottest quarterback in the league. With a good receiving corps, Rodgers sits back in the pocket and picks apart defenses with relative ease. And though the Packers defense isn’t as respected or as well known as the Steelers, they too are playing great and probably have the defensive player of the year in linebacker Clay Matthews. The Super Bowl is played in Cowboys Stadium, the enormous house that Jerry built. Of course, I’m talking about Cowboys’ owner Jerry Jones, who had to build a structure big enough to fit his enormous ego. The conditions will be perfect. The turf will be dry and the wind will be still. Who does that favor? I think if the game were played in lousy conditions like a little snow or a slippery field – I think the Steelers would have the edge. But in Cowboys Stadium, I think the Packers will enjoy a slight advantage. Oh by the way, let’s not forget the other things that come with the big game this

Sunday. Christina Aguilera will be on hand to perform the national anthem, Glee star Lea Michele will perform her rendition of America the Beautiful and the Black Eyed Peas will provide the halftime entertainment. Then of course there is another Super Bowl tradition – entertaining commercials. This year’s cost for a 30-second spot during the big game is nearly \$3 million – and 90 percent of the slots are sold. I thought we were in the middle of a financial crisis. And after two years away, General Motors will be back with some very expensive ads – hey, didn’t we just bail them out because they were short of cash? Any way, let’s get back to the important event of the day – the game. This year, along with some chicken wings, chips, dips and a pizza or two, I’m looking forward to a very close game. This affair can certainly go either way, but I think the Packers will take it 24-20. They are peaking at the right time and I think some how, some way, Big Ben’s off-the-field transgressions will come back to bite him. I believe they call it karma.

A sporting view By Mark Vasto

Master Mickelson

Though derided for being one of the more boring years in recent sports memory, 2010 did offer up more than its fair share of drama. The sports headline in 2010 more than likely dealt with the lingering fallout from the steroid scandals, off-field idiocies, text messages and gun arrests (in many cases, all of the above) that typify what passes for sports reporting these days. We’re in the deadball era of sports reporting... an era where the press corps is in decline, where coaches clam up and deliver the same pat answers – presser after

presser, game after game – with unchecked impunity. It’s an era where the most energetic reporters don’t write for a newspaper and have never shared a beer with their major-league sources, yet have a hard time obtaining credentials for some minor-league hockey game being played somewhere out near Barstow. “Tone” and delivery are valued, and stories that require a healthy dose of a reader’s receptiveness die on the vine as what passes for

today’s media corps focuses on the low-hanging fruit of sordid, streaming minutiae. It is in this era that the timeless vision of Phil “Lefty” Mickelson’s Masters victory at Augusta – after he birdied to clinch the Masters and ended up in the loving, kiss-filled embrace of his wife, Amy. Woods, as in years past, still managed to dominate the news, even on that day. His 20-month estrangement from golf and imminent divorce seemed to get more press than the 13 months that Amy suffered from breast cancer. Mickelson’s mother had been battling the same disease for more than a year, too. He may have been one of the richest men in the world, may have been the second most decorated and actively competitive golfer in the world, and it didn’t matter. He just wants to sell cheeseburgers and take time off to have dates with his wife and

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LEGALS (Cont.)

TOWN OF ANTHONY, TEXAS

TDRA TXCDBG CONTRACT NO. 729010 A&B

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

The Town of Anthony, Texas will receive bids for the WATER SYSTEM – WELL NO. 2 REHABILITATION until 2:00 P.M. on February 10, 2011 at 401 Wildcat, Anthony, Texas 79821. The bids will be publicly opened and read aloud at 2:00 P.M. on February 10, 2011 at 401 Wildcat, Anthony, Texas 79821. The project is being funded by the Texas Department of Rural Affairs (TDRA) – Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), Contract No. 729010 A&B.

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

This project is located at the Well No. 2 site in the Town of Anthony, Texas. The project encompasses the procurement and

installation of new potable water line shaft turbine well pump, discharge piping and sand separator for the rehabilitation of the water well. The winning bidder will be tasked with providing a complete, functioning system as described herein.

Electronic Bid/Contract Documents are available for download at no charge. The documents are also available on CD for a non-refundable cost of \$20.00 each. These documents may be secured by contacting Parkhill, Smith & Cooper, Inc., 810 E. Yandell, El Paso, TX. 79902, (915) 533-6811.

No pre-bid meeting will be held.

Each Bid shall be submitted in accordance with the Instructions to Bidders and be accompanied by a Bid Bond in the amount of five percent (5%) of the amount bid, by an acceptable bid surety. A certified check or bank draft payable to the Town of Anthony,

or negotiable U.S. Government Bonds (as par value) may be submitted in lieu of the Bid Bond.

The Successful Bidder must furnish a 100 percent Performance Bond and a 100 percent Payment Bond, in accordance with the Instructions to Bidders and the General Conditions.

By submission of the bid, Bidder fully understands the requirements of the Contract Documents and agrees to comply with all requirements thereof.

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

The Town of Anthony, Texas reserves the right to reject any or all Bids or to waive any informalities in the Bidding.

Bids may be held by the Engineer for a period not to exceed 30-days from the date of the Bid Opening for the purpose of reviewing the Bids and investigating the Bidder's qualifications, prior to the contract award.

All contractors/subcontractors who are debarred, suspended or otherwise excluded from or ineligible for participation on federal assistance programs may not undertake any activity in part or in full under this project.

The Town of Anthony, Texas is an Affirmative Action and Equal Opportunity Employer. Small, Minority and Female Owned firms are encouraged to submit Bids for this project.

ANTHONY, TEXAS
ART FRANCO
MAYOR

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Town of Horizon City

PUBLIC NOTICE

A PUBLIC HEARING will be held at **6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, February 8, 2011 during the Regular Council Meeting** at City Hall, 14999 Darrington Road, Horizon City, Texas. Purpose of the public hearing is to allow any interested persons to appear and testify regarding the following proposed ordinance(s)/ amendment(s):

1) **2nd Reading of Budget Ordinance No. 0183, Amendment No. 002.** This budget amendment is to fund a new administrative director position for the Town of Horizon City. The position will be funded by payroll amount previously budgeted for the Mayor's assistant position and the termination of that position, by agreement of the parties, and the creation of a permanent administrative director position,

which will be funded from the budgeted amount for the Mayor's assistant's position.

Those who are unable to attend may submit their views in writing to the City Clerk of Horizon City. Accommodations for handicapped persons will be available and individuals in need of special assistance for attending the hearing are encouraged to contact the City Clerk at 915-852-1046, forty-eight (48) hours prior to this meeting. Ordinances are available for viewing or copying upon request from the City Clerk at the above address or call 915-852-1046, Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Karen Ellefson
City Clerk
Town of Horizon City

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Town of Horizon City

PUBLIC NOTICE

During the Regular Council Meeting on **Tuesday, January**

11, 2011 the Town Of Horizon City approved the following ordinance(s):

1) **Budget Ordinance No. 0183, Amendment No. 001.** Reclassification (Sergeant) and off setting funds., for the Town of Horizon City, Texas.

Ordinances are always available for viewing or copying upon request from the City Clerk at Town Hall, 14999 Darrington Road, Horizon City, Texas, Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. or call 915-852-1046.

Karen Ellefson
City Clerk
Town of Horizon City

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El Paso Collaborative for Community and Economic Development

Invitation to Bid

The El Paso Collaborative for Community and Economic Development a local non-profit organization,


is requesting competitive sealed bids for construction of a single family residence in Montana Vista El Paso, Texas 79928. Bid packets will be available from February 7, 2011 to February 11, 2011 from 8:30 a.m. 4:30 p.m. at El Paso Collaborative office, 1359 Lomaland Suite 538. Packets include existing site plan, list of energy star and visitability features, and specifications. Bidder will be responsible to submit home design to construct a 2-bedroom, 1 bathroom 800 sq. ft. house. The home design must meet Energy Star and meet visitability guidelines. All sealed bids are to be submitted on the Forms provided in a sealed envelope to:

El Paso Collaborative
c/o Lorraine Frias
1359 Lomaland Dr.
Suite 538
El Paso, TX 79935

All bids are due on Tuesday February 15, 2011 at 4:30 p.m.

For further information,

contact Lorraine Frias, Program Coordinator at the El Paso Collaborative (915) 590-1210 ext. 111.



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8223. Company Drivers: Minimum 2yrs Exp/23yrs old. CDL-A w/ Tank End. Req. Low Cost Medical Insurance, Paid Vacation. Ron: 800-469-7714 www.wdtnilk.com

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SELF-HELP

Persons who have a problem with alcohol are offered a free source of help locally. Alcoholics Anonymous - call 562-4081 for information.

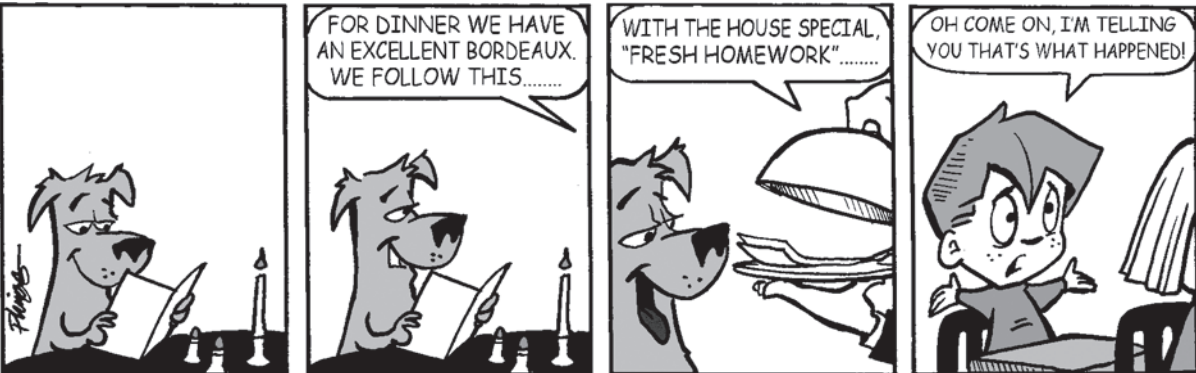
Tiene problemas con el alcohol? Hay una solución. Informacion: 838-6264.

Comix

OUT ON A LIMB By Gary Kopervas



AMBER WAVES By Dave T. Phipps



THE SPATS By Jeff Pickering



R.F.D. By Mike Marland



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

DEAR DR. DONOHUE: Your article on arthritis was very interesting, but you did not explain about the arthritis that comes with psoriasis. I have it, and I know of two other people who have it. We don't understand it at all. Please explain. – B.E.

Autoimmunity is the explanation for many illnesses, including both skin and joint psoriasis. “Autoimmunity” indicates that the immune system – our protection against germ invasion and other harmful attacks – for reasons not yet understood, turns against our own bodies; in this case, it's the skin and joints. The immune system targets joints in as many as 7 percent of those who suffer from skin psoriasis. That's a considerable number of people when you consider that as many as 3 percent of the entire population suffers from skin psoriasis.

Skin psoriasis precedes joint psoriasis most of the time, but there are instances when both occur simultaneously or when joint involvement appears before any skin manifestations.

The fact that skin and joint psoriasis run in some families also points to a gene influence on these conditions.

Any joint can be affected. The topmost finger joint, the one below the fingernail, is frequently targeted. Back, neck, knees, you name it – psoriasis can strike it. Like all arthritic joints, psoriatic arthritic joints are swollen, red, tender and stiff. The severity of joint involvement doesn't always mirror skin involvement, but it does correspond to nail changes. Nails have small pits, become loosened from their attachment to underlying skin, often turn yellow and crumble.

Treatment of psoriatic arthritis depends on how bad the arthritis is. For mild to moderate cases, NSAIDs do a good job. They include the familiar Aleve, Advil, Motrin and many others. For more severe involvement, doctors

prescribe drugs like methotrexate. And for severe arthritis, a breakthrough has come with the introduction of drugs like Enbrel, Remicade and Humira.

The arthritis booklet deals with some of the more common forms of arthritis. Readers can obtain a copy by writing: Dr. Donohue – No. 301W, 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: Public speaking panics me. My job requires that I do lots of public speaking. In spite of the fact that I am called on to perform often, it doesn't get any easier for me. In fact, I think it's gotten worse. My sister has a similar problem. Her doctor gave her a medicine that makes her actually relish getting up and addressing a crowd. Do you know the name of the drug? – S.S.

I'm pretty sure it's Inderal (propranolol). It has many medical uses, like regulating the heartbeat, controlling blood pressure and abolishing certain tremors.

It also controls the signs of stage fright. Many professional musicians have to use it before their performances. It's a prescription drug, so your doctor has to agree to its use. Limit taking it to those occasions when you have to speak in public. It's not habit-forming. It's not a narcotic. It's not a tranquilizer.

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) 2011 North America Synd., Inc. All Rights Reserved.

Super Crossword

TRICKY BUSINESS ACROSS

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- 25 Gary Cooper in "High Noon"?
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- 41 Seats picked up in the Senate?
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- 83 Absolutely adored
- 84 " _ Gay"
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- 90 Anti-knock stuff
- 92 Glisten
- 94 Chaos
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- 96 Israeli dance
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- 99 States, for short
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 - 135 AMEX rival
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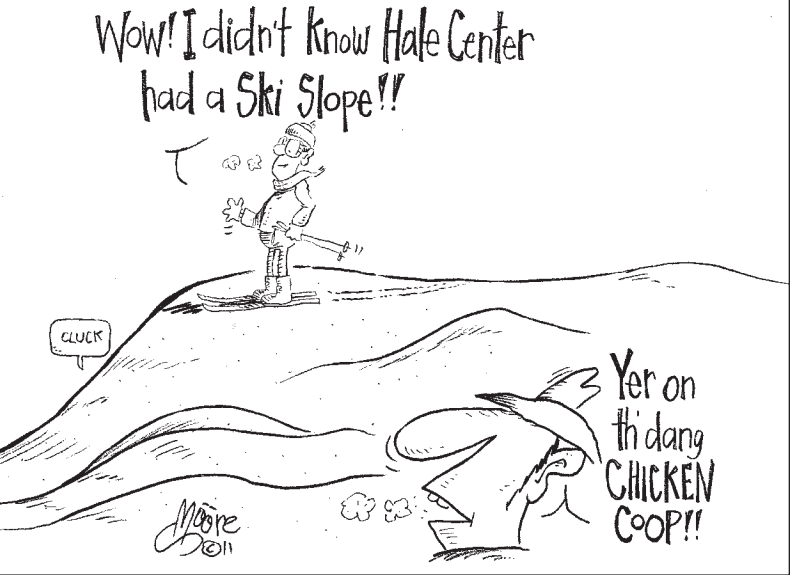
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- 75 See 83 Down
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- 85 Turn pages

- 87 Andrew of "Melrose Place"
- 88 "Guarding _" ('94 film)
- 89 Flock o' docs
- 91 Irish island group
- 93 Inland sea
- 94 Big beginning
- 98 Ignites
- 101 Conductor Klemperer
- 102 Christie sleuth
- 104 Bandleader Brown
- 105 Till
- 106 Laughed loudly
- 107 Disreputable
- 108 Aquatic animal
- 111 Unexpected obstacle
- 113 "Excuse me"
- 115 Exiled dictator
- 116 Dark blue
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- 119 Sedaka or Simon
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Moore Texas by Roger Moore Feb 4,1956:
Hale Center records a 33 inch "snowspell".



GO FIGURE! by Linda Thistle

The idea of Go Figure is to arrive at the figures given at the bottom and right-hand columns of the diagram by following the arithmetic signs in the order they are given (that is, from left to right and top to bottom). Use only the numbers below the diagram to complete its blank squares and use each of the nine numbers only once.

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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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		4		5			1	
2					4			3
	1		6			8		
		2			1		5	8
9			7			4		
	8	7		4				1

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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★★★ HOO BOY!

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Social Security Q&A By Ray Vigil

Q: Are Supplemental Security Income (SSI) benefits taxable?

A: No. SSI payments are not taxable. You will not receive an annual form SSA-1099. You can learn more about SSI by reading the online publication, Supplemental Security Income (SSI) at www.socialsecurity.gov/pubs/11000.html.

Q: Can my children receive dependent's benefits because I am on Supplemental Security Income SSI?

A: No. SSI benefits are based on the needs of the individual and are paid only to the qualifying person. You can learn more about SSI by reading the online publication, Supplemental Security Income (SSI) at www.socialsecurity.gov/pubs/11000.html.

Q: I'm retired and I get a monthly withdrawal from an IRA. I plan to apply for Social Security benefits. Will the money from my IRA be considered earnings that could reduce my monthly benefits?

A: No. Non-work income such as pensions, annuities, investment income, interest, capital gains, and other government benefits are not counted and will not affect your Social Security benefits. For more information, we suggest the following publications: Retirement Benefits (Publication No. 05-

10035) and How Work Affects Your Benefits (Publication No.05-10069). You can find both online at www.socialsecurity.gov.

Q: If I call Social Security's toll-free number can a Social Security representative take my application for Extra Help over the phone?

A: For the fastest service, apply online at www.socialsecurity.gov/prescriptionhelp. However, if you call Social Security at 1-800-772-1213 and an interviewer is available, he or she may be able to take your application over the phone. If an interviewer is not immediately available, we can schedule a telephone appointment for you. Learn more about Social Security by visiting our website at www.socialsecurity.gov or call us at 1-800-772-1213 (TTY 1-800-325-0778). For more information about the Medicare prescription drug program, visit www.medicare.gov or call 1-800-MEDICARE (1-800-633-4227; TTY 1-877-486-2048).

For more information on any of the questions listed above, visit our website at www.socialsecurity.gov or call us at 1-800-772-1213. If you have any questions that you would like to have answered, please mail them to the Social Security Office, 11111 Gateway West, Attn: Ray Vigil, El Paso, Texas 79935.

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: K equals L

SDL YTBECLEQ ZFXGAEK EYBFP

ETPGXESX LRB KGND PB ZEND

XZEKK KEAD ZEPX:

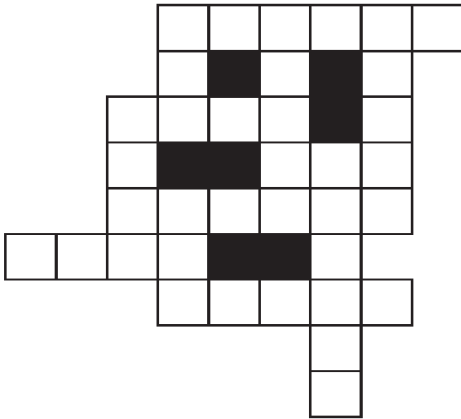
"RDKKB CBGKQ!"

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NCA
NOMAIL
♥MALEB
NGEL
♥MENIAC
♥URB
♥UGLE
TAGEN
OLI
TUNGER
♥CANEL
ULIE



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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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Budget cuts

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the vast majority of older Texans want to stay in their homes for as long as they are able. On average, nursing home care costs the state more than \$3,000 per person per month. Care at home costs the state between \$700 and \$1,500 per person per month. Community care funds are wisely spent state dollars because they provide coverage while people are still in reasonably good health, preventing the need for more costly treatment later.

Reducing payments for community care programs will make it increasingly difficult for Texans getting help from them to find workers who are willing to care for them. These programs already pay about minimum wage, \$7.25 per hour.

In a nutshell, the Legislature's approach is seriously misguided. Lowering payment rates would put the lives of nursing home residents at risk by reducing the number of facility staff. Reducing oversight of these facilities by state personnel will degrade the quality of care received by patients, potentially putting their health at risk. At the same time, reducing rates for community-based care would have the effect of pushing more people into nursing homes, which are more expensive for the state.

Wages for workers who care for clients either in the community or in a nursing home have not kept pace with the cost of living. It's essential that direct care workers be paid a living wage in order to ensure quality care.

Rather than saving money, the proposed state budget is dangerous for our seniors as well as costly for taxpayers. Both in terms of money and human lives, it is a plan we just can't afford.

Mickelson

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breakfast with his daughters. Jack Nicklaus bristles if he gets the "Tiger Woods question" too many times at one sitting. Will Nicklaus be upset when Woods – inevitably – shatters all of his records? Steamed, Nicklaus always shakes his head. Just once, he says, just once he'd like to see someone on the PGA "really go after [Tiger]." He's too old to do it himself and he's too old to understand that on an Internet bulletin board somewhere, somebody is complaining about how Mickelson could have taken the No. 1 seed by playing in a few more tournaments in 2010.

Those folks need to stop with the comparisons, put down the mouse and look at the actions of a real man named Phil Mickelson.

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