

NEWSBRIEFS

Clint ISD

Clint ISD students will make up schooldays lost to bad weather on Friday, Feb. 25 and Friday, April 22. The April date was originally designated on the calendar as a make-up day. The District is in the process of applying for a waiver from the Texas Education Agency for the other two days.

— Laura Cade

Pay now or...

El Paso County Attorney Jo Anne Bernal is reminding hot check writers with outstanding arrest warrants that Friday Feb. 25, 2011, is the last day to take advantage of the current amnesty period. Individuals who take advantage of the amnesty period and pay their outstanding balances before Friday will avoid arrest during an upcoming countywide warrant round-up being coordinated by the County Attorney’s Office with the assistance of the El Paso Sheriff’s Office and Constables from Precincts 1, 2, 3, 4, 6 and 7. Additionally, individuals who pay their outstanding balances before the end of the amnesty period will save money by not having to pay additional fees such as court costs, attorney fees, and the cost of posting a bond.

— Elhiu Dominguez

Hahn on board

Gov. Rick Perry has named Harold Hahn of El Paso vice chair of the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board for a term to expire at the pleasure of the governor. The board sets policies and coordinates efforts to improve higher education in Texas. Hahn is chairman and CEO of Rocky Mountain Mortgage Company. He is director of the Greater El Paso Chamber of Commerce, a member and past director of the Texas Mortgage Bankers Association, and a member and past president of the El Paso Mortgage Bankers Association. He is also a member of the Paso Del Norte Group, and past vice president and past director of the Yucca Council of the Boy Scouts of America. Hahn received a bachelor’s degree from Eastern New Mexico University.

— Katherine Cesinger

Texas ranks first

Texas has been ranked the top exporting state in 2010 for the ninth year in a row, according to data released by the U.S. Department of Commerce, signaling Texas’ ongoing role in leading the nation toward economic recovery. “Texas’ ranking as the nation’s top exporter for nine years running is a testament to our strong economy and the importance of upholding low taxes, reasonable regulations, a fair legal system and an

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— Photo by Alfredo Vasquez

WATER WARRIORS – Employees from all of El Paso County’s water districts worked overtime to mitigate recent freezing temperature damage. Members of the Fabens Water District field crew are, from left, Martin Madrid, field manager; Raul Gutierrez, crew leader; Joel Apodaca, field operator; Ismael Ortiz, field operator; Richard Silva, backhoe operator; and Silvestre Suarez, field operator.

County water crews keep water flowing

By Alfredo Vasquez
Special to the Courier

The recent water problems caused by the record-setting freezing temperatures would have been more serious for outlying El Paso County communities like Fabens, Tornillo, Horizon City, Clint, and Anthony, had it not been for the round-the-clock efforts of their water districts’ field crews.

Residents of these communities rely on independent districts for their water services, and when the zero degree weather hit February 1st, it took all of the districts’ resources to meet the unanticipated emergencies.

“Thanks to our field staff we were able to keep water services going to our customers,” said Geri De La Torre, general manager for the Fabens Water District, which serves about 2,230 residences in the county’s lower valley.

“Equipment at two of our three wells froze completely and burst pipes, valves, and pumps. The third well system didn’t freeze because it is enclosed; so, we were able to keep that well operating while we worked on the damaged ones. We maintained the required water pressure throughout the nearly week-long crisis and we did not have to issue a boil water notice,” said De La Torre.

The electrical outages added to the water districts’ challenges of keeping water flowing to their customers. Martin Madrid, field manager for the Fabens Water District, said that the El Paso Electric Company’s recurring outages caused him to station workers at the well sites to start portable generators to run the water systems during the blackouts.

After the crisis was over, one appreciative Fabens Water District customer Alfredo Olivas, of Olivas Aviation at the Fabens Airport, sent a note to the water district employees thanking them for their efforts.

Olivas wrote, “Your continued maintenance to our water system proved itself during the terrible freeze this past month. Thanks for the advance preparations before the storm. Good work and keep it up.”

At the Tornillo Water District, which serves about 950 customers in the lower valley, both of its wells went down after pipes and equipment froze causing the community to be without water for nearly a day and a half.

“Our three field workers were out in the freezing temperatures for long periods of time removing ice from the equipment, and we had difficulty finding replacement parts to repair the damaged equipment,” said Francelia Vega, business manager for the Tornillo Water District. “As a precaution, we issued a boil water notice for our customers, and we lifted it Thursday (Feb. 17).”

Toby Alvarado, manager of the Horizon Regional Municipal Utilities District, said that two of the six working wells shut down because of the ice and that the other four wells were put on portable generator support systems to maintain required water pressure and to counter the electrical outages. “We did not have to announce a boil water mandate,” he said.

The Horizon water district manager said that its customers experienced minimal water service interruptions thanks to the hard work of his 10 field crew members. “I am really proud of my guys, they worked 24-7 for at least three days to keep our 27,000 customers from losing water pressure and volume,” Alvarado said. “The majority of the problems stemmed from pipe bursts in homes and yards. Most of our customers found out that their pipes were not adequately insulated.”

The Lower Valley Water District, which serves about 14,000 customers in the Clint, San Elizario, and Socorro communities, reported that its water services problems shadowed

those of the El Paso Water Utilities company. “The water levels in our reservoirs went down to practically zero which caused us to maintain a low water pressure; so, we had to issue a boil water notice as a precaution through Feb. 9,” said David G. Carrasco, general manager for the Lower Valley Water District.

“Overall we came out fairly well. We are back on track; everything is back on-line. I am really happy with our crews’ performance, and I want to compliment our customers for their patience during this ordeal,” said Carrasco, who also implemented manual operations of portable generators at reservoir sites during the electrical outages.

In the Upper Valley, the Town of Anthony, TX, Mayor Art Franco reported that there were no major water breaks in its municipal water district system. He said that one of its three wells went down the day the freeze hit, but that it was back in operation the next day.

“We never had a loss of water pressure; our three water tank reservoirs maintained normal water levels, and we did not have to issue any boil water notices,” said Franco.

The Anthony mayor credits his six municipal utilities district employees for the successful response to the freezing water threats. “The employees did a heck of a job of maintaining all water services to over 2,000 customers during the unusually cold weather,” Franco said.

All of the water districts’ officials agreed that the record freeze caught them off-guard. “Nobody expected this. We’ve never had it get so cold,” De La Torre said.

And, according to Alvarado, the lessons that water districts should take from this drastic weather episode are that to be better prepared, they must have an adequate number of diesel generators, construct enclosures to shelter certain equipment, and do a better job of insulating exposed pipes.

Laws are no stronger than the devotion to them by the people who live under them.
— Quips & Quotes

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING
TO DISCUSS PROPOSED TAX RATE

The Canutillo Independent School District will hold a public meeting at 6:00 p.m., Tuesday, March 8, 2011 in the Canutillo ISD Administration Office, Board Room, 7965 Artcraft, El Paso, Texas 79932. **The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the school district's tax rate that will be adopted. Public participation in the discussion is invited.**

The school district has elected to adopt a tax rate before receiving the certified appraisal roll from the chief appraiser(s) of the appraisal district(s) and before adopting a budget. In accordance with Texas Tax Code, Section 26.05(g), the chief appraiser(s) of the appraisal district(s) in which the school district participates has (have) certified to the assessor for the school district an estimate of the taxable value of property in the school district as provided by the Texas Tax Code, Section 26.01(e). In accordance with the Texas Education Code, Section 44.004(j), following adoption of the tax rate, the school district will publish notice and hold another public meeting before the school district adopts a budget.

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

Maintenance Tax	\$1.170000/\$100 (Proposed rate for maintenance and operations)
School Debt Service Tax	
Approved by Local Voters	\$0.252100/\$100 (Proposed rate to pay bonded indebtedness)

Total Appraised Value and Total Taxable Value (as calculated under Section 26.04, tax Code)		
	Preceding Tax Year	Current Tax Year*
Total appraised value* of all property	\$ 1,877,248,838	\$ 2,037,502,273
Total appraised value* of new property**	\$ 60,158,305	\$ 67,096,683
Total taxable value*** of all property	\$ 1,345,368,185	\$ 1,370,208,326
Total taxable value*** of new property**	\$ 57,333,094	\$ 64,916,919
* All values identified are based on estimate(s) of taxable value received pursuant to Section 26.01(e), Tax Code.		
** "Appraised value" is the amount shown on the appraisal roll and defined by Section 1.04(8), Tax Code.		
*** "New property" is defined by Section 26.012(17), Tax Code.		
**** "Taxable value" is defined by Section 1.04(10), Tax Code.		

Bonded Indebtedness	
Total amount of outstanding and unpaid bonded indebtedness* \$72,369,991	
* Outstanding principal.	

Comparison of Proposed Rates with Last Year's Rates					
	Maintenance & Operation	Interest & Sinking Fund*	Total	Local Revenue Per Student	State Revenue Per Student
Last Year's Rate	\$ 1.040000	\$ 0.252100*	\$ 1.292100	\$ 3,175	\$ 5,388
Rate to Maintain Same Level of Maintenance & Operations Revenue & Pay Debt Service	\$ 1.045630	\$ 0.281720*	\$ 1.327350	\$ 2,769	\$ 5,358
Proposed Rate	\$ 1.170000	\$ 0.252100*	\$ 1.422100	\$ 2,926	\$ 5,849
*The Interest & Sinking Fund tax revenue is used to pay for bonded indebtedness on construction, equipment, or both.					
The bonds, and the tax rate necessary to pay those bonds, were approved by the voters of this district.					

Comparison of Proposed Levy with Last Year's Levy on Average Residence		
	Last Year	This Year
Average Market Value of Residences	\$ 137,707	\$ 137,707
Average Taxable Value of Residences	\$ 121,782	\$ 121,782
Last Year's Rate Versus		
Proposed Rate per \$100 Value	\$ 1.292100	\$ 1.422100
Taxes Due on Average Residence	\$ 1,573.54	\$ 1,731.86
Increase (Decrease) in Taxes		\$ 158.32
Under state law, the dollar amount of school taxes imposed on the residence homestead of a person 65 years of age or older or of the surviving spouse of such a person, if the surviving spouse was 55 years of age or older when the person died, may not be increased above the amount paid in the first year after the person turned 65, regardless of changes in the tax rate or property value.		

Notice of Rollback Rate: The highest tax rate the district can adopt before requiring voter approval at an election is 1.040000. This election will be automatically held if the district adopts a rate in excess of the rollback rate of 1.040000.

Fund Balances	
The following estimated balances will remain at the end of the current fiscal year and are not encumbered with or by a corresponding debt obligation, less estimated funds necessary for operating the district before receipt of the first state aid payment:	
Maintenance and Operations Fund Balance(s)	\$ 5,085,839
Interest & Sinking Fund Balance(s)	\$ 974,825

Veterans Post By Freddy Groves

Down on the farm

The sun on the back of the neck, the feel of the earth in your hands, seeing the first green shoots growing out of the ground... all of this can be quite healing for a veteran who suffers from Post Traumatic Stress Disorder or a brain or physical injury.

All across the country, large and small farms have opened their doors to veterans who want (or need) to get back to the land. Veterans who have gone into farming enjoy a sense of purpose in the physical work, while taking the time to heal.

While thousands of veterans are signing up for education benefits or funds to start a new business, other veterans are digging in the soil. The opportunities are varied: weeks-long training classes, farms where veterans are working, transition camps for those who want to try it out.

Some farms are wheelchair accessible, with elevated beds that are easy to reach.

Some are CSA farms, with crops grown for a specific market, with the customers paying in advance.

If becoming a farmer sounds like something you'd like to explore, here are some ideas:

- The Farmer-Veteran Coalition [www.farmvetco.org] matches returning veterans with farmers and funding, and also hosts two-day farm retreats.
- The Veterans Farm [www.veteransfarm.giving.officelive.com] is an accessible farm for disabled veterans. It hosts 14-week horticultural therapy programs to learn how to grow organic fruits and vegetables.
- Vet Farms [315-863-5143] in upstate New York offers instruction in planting, tractor operation, marketing and more.
- Combat Boots to Cowboy Boots at the University of Nebraska's Nebraska College of Technical Agriculture [ncta.unl.edu], in coordination with the Department of Veterans Affairs and Department of Agriculture, offers training and career placement for veterans wishing to become farmers or ranchers.

The typical American farmer is nearly 60 years old. Where will the next generation of farmers come from? It could be you.

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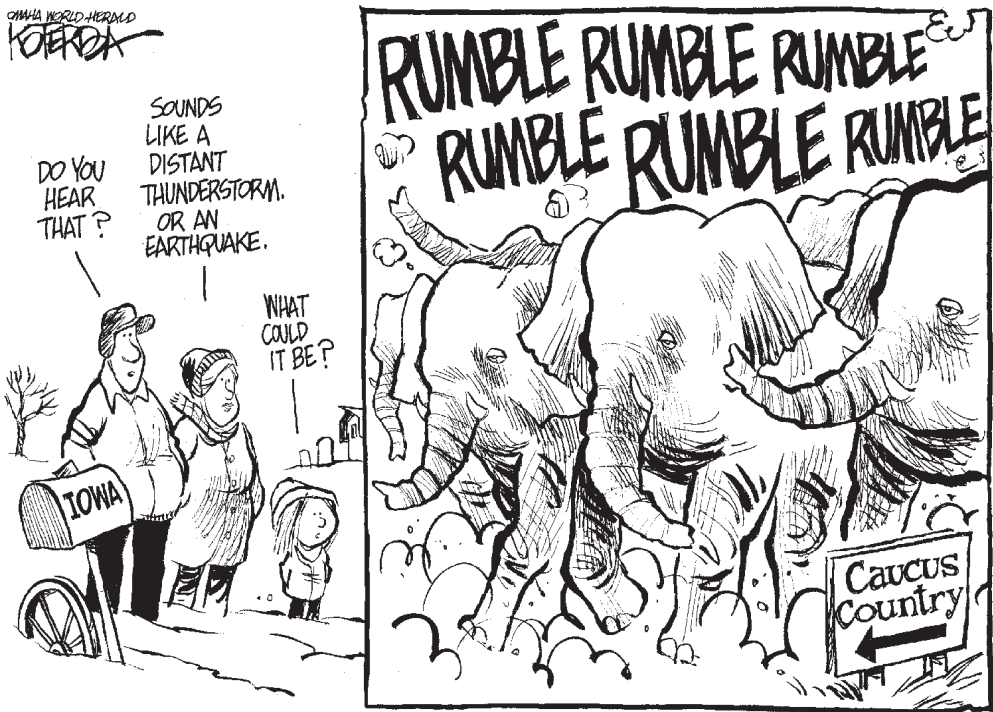
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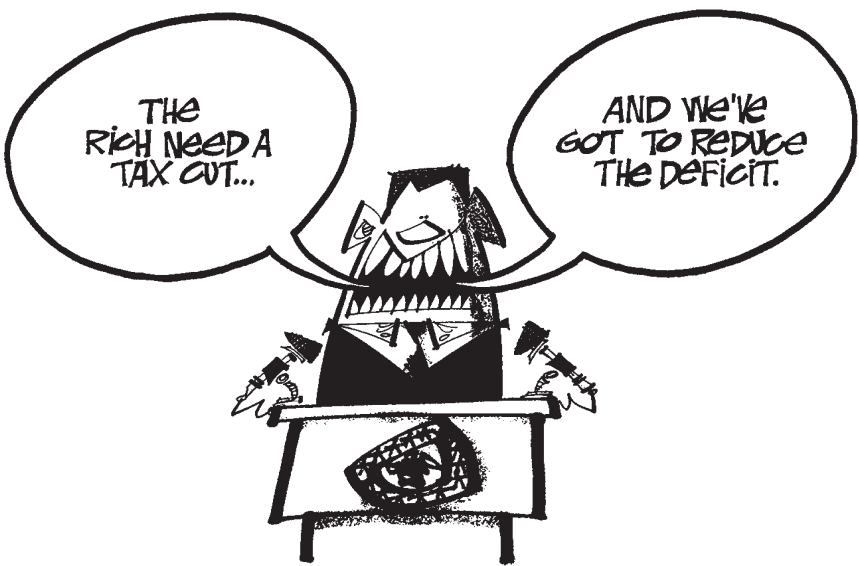
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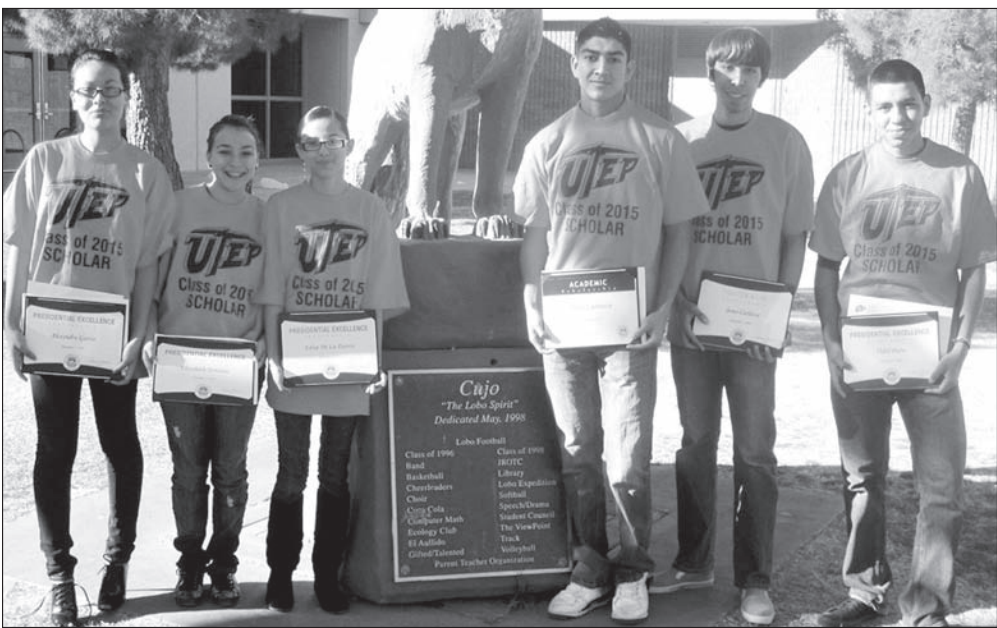
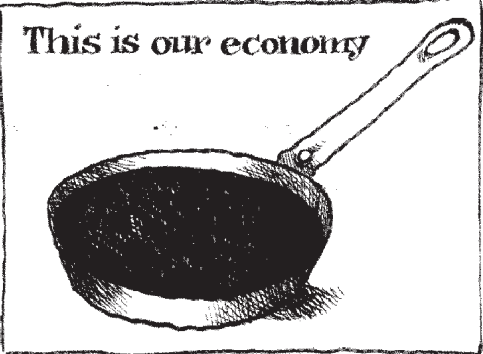
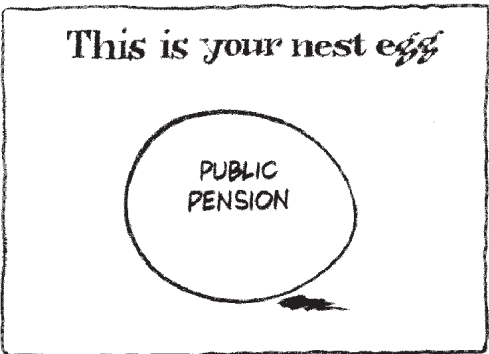


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WHY POLITICIANS LIKE TO USE TWO MICROPHONES.

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MOUNTAIN VIEW HIGH SCHOOL SCHOLARS – From left, Alexandra Garcia, Elizabeth Terrazas, Edna De La Fuente, Omar Carrasco, Jesus Cardoza and Vidal Parra.

Clint ISD seniors earn UTEP scholarships

By Laura Cade
Special to the Courier

Eleven seniors from the Clint Independent School District received The University of Texas at El Paso (UTEP) Presidential Excellence Scholarship. The university announced the first round of scholarship recipients in the late fall as they visited the campuses to present the awards. In addition, four more seniors were awarded various other scholarships to the university.

The UTEP Presidential Excellence Scholarship is a total award of \$16,000 (annual award of \$4000, renewable for three years). One of the university's most prestigious scholarships, it is awarded to incoming freshmen with exceptional leadership abilities and achievements. Awardees must also hold a high school GPA of at least 96.0, rank in the top 3% of their graduating class and score at least a 1220 on the SAT math and reading or at least a 27 on the ACT.

Last year Clint ISD graduating seniors from the class of 2010 garnered \$8.8 million in scholarships. Through the Clint ISD

College Readiness initiative, students at each high school are preparing for college by taking dual credit and advanced placements courses and enrolling in SAT and ACT test preparation courses. Each high school also has a college readiness facilitator who helps the students with college and scholarship applications, registering for the proper college entrance exams, and assists the students with learning about admission requirements for the universities they are interested in.

UTEP Presidential Excellence Scholarship Recipients are:

- Clint High School – Alexandra Gonzalez, Sarah Rayas and Carye Shrum;
- Mountain View High School – Edna De La Fuente, Vidal Parra, Elizabeth Terrazas and Alexandra Garcia; and
- Horizon High School – Javier Chaparro, Jose Enriquez, Elizabeth Reveles and Oskar Yee.

Also receiving UTEP Scholarship are:

- Clint High School – Krista Arnold and Sarahi Trejo;
- Mountain View High School – Omar Carrasco, Jesus Cardoza; and
- Horizon High School – Jose Roque.

It's the law By Texas AG Greg Abbott

State seeks \$250,000 in gold coins for Texas Medicaid

The Medicaid program, which provides health care to the indigent, costs Texas taxpayers more than \$24 billion each year. With billions of dollars at stake, it is critical that law enforcement uncover and prevent waste, fraud and abuse. That's why the Texas Attorney General's Office maintains two units that do nothing but pursue Medicaid providers that overbill or defraud the taxpayers.

The Civil Medicaid Fraud Division investigates inflated product pricing, off label marketing and manufacturers' kickbacks. Another division, the Medicaid Fraud Control Unit (MFCU) pursues nursing home personnel for physical abusing, neglecting and stealing from their patients. The Unit also investigates Medicaid providers for attempting to bill the program for products and services that were never actually delivered. MFCU officers and prosecutors work regularly with local, state and federal law enforcement officials in an effort to reduce criminal waste, fraud and abuse in the Medicaid program.

In a recent case, the Bexar County District Attorney's Office and the MFCU prosecuted Marcellius Jhekwoaba Anunobi, president and pharmacist in charge of Advanced Doctor's Prescribed Pharmacy. Anunobi was convicted on charges of Medicaid fraud, theft and money laundering after he billed the Texas Vendor Drug Program for prescriptions that were never actually filled. In September 2010, Anunobi was sentenced to 20 years in prison and ordered to pay \$2.2 million in restitution to the Texas Medicaid program.

During the investigation, the MFCU identi-

fied assets Anunobi allegedly purchased with the unlawful proceeds of his fraud on the taxpayers. MFCU investigators discovered that 101 gold coins were located in a Wilmington, Del. depository that belonged to Anunobi and his wife, Endaline. Based upon information provided by the Texas MFCU, the Delaware MFCU executed a search warrant and seized the coin cache.

In December 2010, a Texas MFCU investigator and a U.S. Health and Human Services Office of Inspector General agent traveled to Delaware and successfully recovered the gold coins. The coins have been identified as "numismatic" because they are collector coins minted in the 19th and early 20th centuries. Remarkably, the gold coins' estimated value may exceed \$250,000. The law enforcement team returned the coins to Texas for safekeeping by the Federal Bureau of Investigation's San Antonio office. The MFCU has filed a civil asset forfeiture petition in district court seeking authority to sell the coins to reimburse the Texas Medicaid program.

Anunobi's prosecution and the State's seizure of a quarter million dollars worth of gold coins was the result of a joint investigation facilitated through the partnerships with the Bexar County District Attorney, Health and Human Services Office of Inspector General, the Texas and Delaware Medicaid Fraud Control Units, and the FBI in San Antonio. The case's progress so far demonstrates how a cooperative and multi-jurisdictional law enforcement effort helped prevent taxpayers' hard-earned dollars from being wasted on Medicaid fraud.

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TOWN OFANTHONY, 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 March 15, 2011 at 401 Wildcat, Anthony, Texas 79821. The bids will be publicly opened and read aloud at 2:00 P.M. on March 15, 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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EI PASO ELECTRIC COMPANY

NOTICE OF APPLICATION TO IMPLEMENT AN INTERIM FUEL REFUND

On February 18, 2011, El Paso Electric Company

(EPE or Company) filed an Application with the Public Utility Commission of Texas (PUC or Commission) to implement an interim refund of a net over-recovery of fuel costs billed under its fuel factors through December 2010. The docket number assigned to this proceeding is PUC Docket No. 39159. This filing was made under P.U.C. Subst. R. 25.237(a)(3)(B). The filing impacts only the fuel portion of the rates charged by EPE for electricity in Texas and has no effect on EPE's non-fuel base rates. This application, if granted, will affect all Texas retail customers who take service under a tariff that has fixed fuel factors.

The total amount of the net over-recovery balance to be refunded through the

proposed refund is \$11,780,174, inclusive of interest through the completion of the refund period. The effect of the refund on customers' bills will vary depending on the rate schedule under which they take service.

EPE proposes a refund period of one month and requests that the proposed refund be effective with the first billing cycle for the April 2011 billing month and conclude with the final billing cycle for the April 2011 billing month. This change will be subject to final review by the Commission in EPE's next fuel reconciliation.

Persons with questions or who want more information on this petition may contact El Paso Electric Company at 100 N. Stanton,

El Paso, Texas 79901 or call toll-free at 1-(800) 351-1621 during normal business hours and enter "0" when prompted and request additional information concerning the EPE fuel refund beginning in April 2011. A complete copy of the petition is also available for inspection at the address listed above. Persons who wish to formally participate in this proceeding, or who wish to express their comments concerning this petition, should contact the Public Utility Commission of Texas, Office of Customer Protection, P.O. Box 13326, Austin, Texas 78711-3326, or call (512) 936-7120 or toll-free at (888) 7828477. Hearing and speech-impaired individuals with text telephones (TTY) may call (512) 936-7136 or use Relay Texas (toll-free) 1-800-735-2989.

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EI PASO ELECTRIC COMPANY

AVISO DE SOLICITUD PARA IMPLEMENTAR UN REEMBOLSO PROVISIONAL POR COMBUSTIBLE

El 18 de Febrero de 2011, El Paso Electric Company (EPE ó Company) presentó una Solicitud ante la Comisión de Servicios Públicos de Texas (PUC ó Comisión) para implementar un reembolso provisional de costos netos de combustible recuperados de la solicitud más que fueron facturados como parte de sus factores de combustible hasta Diciembre de 2010. El número de agenda asignado por la PUC para este procedimiento es el 39159. Esta solicitud fue realizada en base a P.U.C. Subst. R. 25.237(a)(3) (B). La solicitud afecta solamente a la porción de combustible de las tarifas que EPE cobra por electricidad en Texas y no tiene ningún efecto en las tarifas básicas de EPE que no están relacionadas con combustible.

Esta solicitud, de ser aprobada, afectará a todos los clientes de menudeo en Texas que reciben servicio con una

tarifa que tenga factores fijos de combustible. El importe total neto recuperado de más a ser reembolsado a través del reembolso es de \$11,780,174 incluyendo los intereses hasta la conclusión del período del reembolso. El efecto del reembolso en los recibos de los clientes variará dependiendo de la tarifa bajo la cual reciban el servicio.

EPE propone un período de reembolso de un mes y solicita que el reembolso propuesto sea efectivo en el primer ciclo de facturación del mes de facturación de Abril de 2011 y concluya con el ciclo final de facturación de mes de facturación de Abril de 2011. Este cambio estará sujeto a aprobación final de la Comisión en la siguiente reconciliación de combustible de EPE.

Las personas que tengan dudas o que deseen mayor información acerca de esta solicitud pueden acudir a El Paso Electric Company en 100 N. Stanton, El Paso, Texas 79901 o pueden llamar gratis durante horas hábiles al 1-(800) 351-1621 y oprimir el "0" cuando le sea requerido para solicitar información adicional en relación al reembolso de combustible de EPE que iniciará en Abril de 2011. En la dirección arriba mencionada, puede usted encontrar una copia completa de la solicitud para su consulta. Las personas que deseen participar formalmente en este procedimiento o que deseen expresar sus comentarios en relación a esta solicitud, deberán comunicarse a la Oficina de Protección del Consumidor de la Comisión de Servicios Públicos de Texas, P.O. Box 13326, Austin, Texas 78711-3326 ó pueden llamar al (512) 936-7120 ó al número gratuito (888) 782-8477. Las personas con problemas del oído o del habla que cuenten con teléfonos de texto (TTY) pueden llamar al (512) 936-7136 o utilizar Relay Texas (llamada gratuita) al 1-800-735-2989.

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San Elizario 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	Title XIV ARRA XIV Stabilization	Other Funds	Total Governmental Funds
REVENUES:				
5700 Total Local and Intermediate Sources	\$ 2,195,169	\$ –	\$ 137,136	\$ 2,332,305
5800 State Program Revenues	29,002,463	–	1,079,329	30,081,792
5900 Federal Program Revenues	3,502,024	2,461,179	5,672,699	11,635,902
5020 Total Revenues	34,699,656	2,461,179	6,889,164	44,049,999
EXPENDITURES:				
Current:				
0011 Instruction	13,676,558	1,910,923	4,320,973	19,908,454
0012 Instructional Resources and Media Services	466,920	8,971	95,695	571,586
0013 Curriculum and Instructional Staff Development	155,840	–	375,555	531,395
0021 Instructional Leadership	346,190	–	443,602	789,792
0023 School Leadership	1,851,421	23,289	54,687	1,929,397
0031 Guidance, Counseling and Evaluation Services	1,065,216	21,585	49,491	1,136,292
0032 Social Work Services	35,130	–	215,356	250,486
0033 Health Services	310,632	4,612	106,014	421,258
0034 Student (Pupil) Transportation	1,263,393	–	–	1,263,393
0035 Food Services	2,704,509	–	56,998	2,761,507
0036 Cocurricular/Extracurricular Activities	708,142	–	–	708,142
0041 General Administration	1,451,054	–	–	1,451,054
0051 Facilities Maintenance and Operations	3,584,230	–	–	3,584,230
0052 Security and Monitoring Services	620,061	–	–	620,061
0053 Data Processing Services	683,897	–	96,573	780,470
0061 Community Services	155	–	281,653	281,808
Debt Service:				
0071 Debt Service - Principal on Long Term Debt	1,377,000	–	653,998	2,030,998
0072 Debt Service - Interest on Long Term Debt	622,115	–	249,256	871,371
0073 Debt Service - Bond Issuance Cost and Fees	8,262	–	–	8,262
Capital Outlay:				
0081 Facilities Aquisition and Construction	–	491,799	11,480	503,279
Intergovernmental:				
0093 Payments to Fiscal Agent / Member Districts of SSA	50,248	–	–	50,248
0099 Other Intergovernmental Charges	26,135	–	–	26,135
6030 Total Expenditures	31,007,108	2,461,179	7,011,331	40,479,618
1100 Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	3,692,548	–	(122,167)	3,570,381
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES):				
7915 Transfers In	–	–	83,952	83,952
8911 Transfers Out (Use)	(83,952)	–	–	(83,952)
7080 Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	(83,952)	–	83,952	–
1200 Net Change in Fund Balances	3,608,596	–	(38,215)	3,570,381
0100 Fund Balance – September 1 (Beginning)	217,129	–	186,225	403,354
1300 Prior Period Adjustment	45,203	–	–	45,203
3000 Fund Balance – August 31 (Ending)	\$ 3,870,928	\$ –	\$ 148,010	\$ 4,018,938

STRANGE BUT TRUE

By Samantha Weaver

• It was English biologist Thomas Henry Huxley who made the following sage observation: “There is no greater mistake than the hasty conclusion that opinions are worthless because they are badly argued.”

• In 1955, a woman in Italy gave birth to a baby who weighed 22 pounds, 8 ounces.

• Two United State first ladies ran away to get married: Florence Harding, future wife of President Warren G. Harding, eloped with her first husband when she was 19, and Anna Harrison eloped with the future ninth U.S. President William Henry Harrison (also known as “Old Tippecanoe”) when she was 20 and he was 22.

• The substance now known as cat litter was originally designed to be used as nesting material for chickens.

• Early in the history of the Christian church, tea was considered to be a dangerous intoxicant.

• Louis Diat, chef at the New York City Ritz-Carlton in the early 20th century, is usually credited with first creating the soup known as vichyssoise. He based the recipe on one his mother and grandmother used to make, but he had to change the name to something a bit more fancy; it seems that “Mama’s Potato-Leek Puree” didn’t fit in with the other menu items.

• The blood of the icefish has no color.

• Have you ever noticed that there’s a pale crescent of flesh at the base of each of your fingernails? If you want to be technical, the word to describe it is “lunula.”

ThoughtfortheDay: “Animals have these advantages over man: They never hear the clock strike, they die without any idea of death, they have no theologians to instruct them, their last moments are not disturbed by unwelcome and unpleasant ceremonies, their funerals cost them nothing, and no one starts lawsuits over their wills.”

– Voltaire

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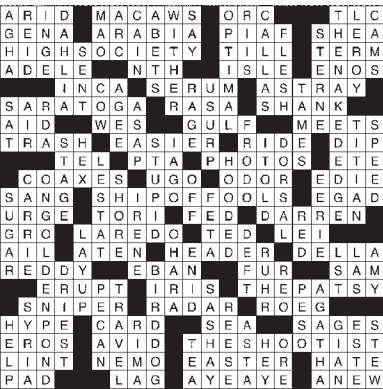
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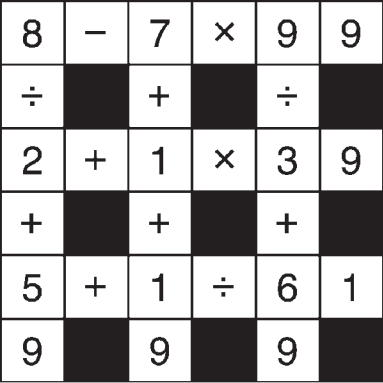
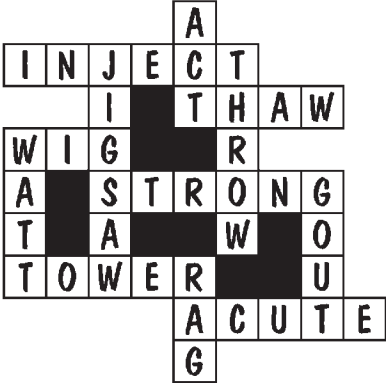
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For the Year Ended August 31, 2010

Data Control Codes		10 General Fund	Title XIV ARA State Stabilization	Congestion Mitigation & Air Quality	Other Funds	Total Governmental Funds
REVENUES:						
5700	Total Local and Intermediate Sources	\$ 1,572,095	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 230,244	\$ 1,802,339
5800	State Program Revenues	5,002,284	-	-	468,599	5,470,883
5900	Federal Program Revenues	744,174	362,609	164,144	967,881	2,238,808
5020	Total Revenues	7,318,553	362,609	164,144	1,666,724	9,512,030
EXPENDITURES:						
Current:						
0011	Instruction	3,625,066	229,322	-	882,708	4,737,096
0012	Instructional Resources and Media Services	178,950	-	-	699	179,649
0013	Curriculum and Instructional Staff Development	13,852	133,287	-	218,261	365,400
0021	Instructional Leadership	96,883	-	-	974	97,857
0023	School Leadership	450,564	-	-	4,681	455,245
0031	Guidance, Counseling and Evaluation Services	146,425	-	-	29,052	175,477
0032	Social Work Services	8,142	-	-	-	8,142
0033	Health Services	120,064	-	-	493	120,557
0034	Student (Pupil) Transportation	163,298	-	164,144	-	327,442
0035	Food Services	512,769	-	-	35,940	548,709
0036	Cocurricular/Extracurricular Activities	272,481	-	-	-	272,481
0041	General Administration	578,760	-	-	-	578,760
0051	Facilities Maintenance and Operations	964,738	-	-	19,957	984,695
0052	Security and Monitoring Services	36,959	-	-	2,835	39,794
0053	Data Processing Services	398,404	-	-	-	398,404
0061	Community Services	-	-	-	24,225	24,225
Debt Service:						
0071	Debt Service - Principal on Long Term Debt	-	-	-	234,000	234,000
0072	Debt Service - Interest on Long Term Debt	-	-	-	150,170	150,170
Intergovernmental:						
0093	Facilities Acquisition and Construction	-	-	-	9,007	9,007
0099	Other Intergovernmental Charges	23,351	-	-	-	23,351
6030	Total Expenditures	7,590,706	362,609	164,144	1,613,002	9,730,461
1100	Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	(272,153)	-	-	53,722	(218,431)
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES):						
7915	Transfers In	314,484	-	-	-	314,484
8911	Transfers Out (Uses)	(300,005)	-	-	(14,479)	(314,484)
7080	Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	14,479	-	-	(14,479)	-
1200	Net Change in Fund Balances	(257,674)	-	-	39,243	(218,431)
0100	Fund Balance – September 1 (Beginning)	2,591,336	-	-	60,470	2,651,806
3000	Fund Balance – August 31 (Ending)	\$ 2,333,662	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 99,713	\$ 2,433,375

High flying competitor, Griffin, has feet on firm ground

By Steve Escajeda
Special to the Courier

I have no idea if the NBA Slam Dunk competition is still as popular as it once was, but people are talking about this year’s event because it was so unusual.

Oh, you still had plenty of no-name players trying virtually the same kid of dunks you’ve seen over the last three decades, with one exception.

Los Angeles Clippers sensation Blake Griffin was the only player competing that anyone has ever heard of so that made him the favorite to win.

That’s a lot of pressure on a young guy.

You may recall that Griffin was the top player selected in the draft the year before last but an injury in the preseason cost him his entire rookie season.

So a lot people had doubts as to whether he would come back this year and live up to the hype he carried with him a year ago.

At 22.6 points and 12.6 rebounds a game, it’s obvious the league has a legitimate superstar on its hands.

Any way, back to last weekend’s dunk-a-

thon. Griffin was in a tight battle going into his last attempt and he needed a kind of dunk that would stand out.

He needed to do something that would dazzle the judges and the anxious Los Angeles crowd.

I mean, what the heck hasn’t been tried in a dunk contest, right?

Griffin found something. His Clippers’ teammate, Baron Davis, drove a 2011 Kia Optima into the arena, onto the court, and parked it under the basket.

Now this was something new. Griffin was about to try to jump over the car and dunk the basketball without killing or seriously injuring himself.

I’ll bet the Clippers’ hierarchy were thrilled to him try this. He probably started his attempt before they could run onto the court and tackle him.

But try it he did. And Griffin thrilled the crowd with a thunderous slam after flying over the vehicle with ease.

Naturally, this won him the coveted award.

But Griffin’s slam-dunk story is far from over. In fact, it’s just beginning.

It turns out that dunking the basketball was not the only thing on Griffin’s mind that night.

Half of his attention was on someone he didn’t see at the Staple Center.

In fact, it was on someone he will never see again.

Just three days before Griffin’s heroics, he learned that a close high school teammate of his had died after a long fight with Hodgkins lymphoma.

There were reports of Griffin sitting, crying in his locker room last Wednesday after getting the call about his childhood friend.

That’s when Griffin developed an ulterior motive for be crowned slam-dunk champion.

“I wanted to do this, not just for myself but for him,” Griffin said. “I think I’m actually going to give this [trophy] to his family. That’s why I really wanted to win.”

Griffin dedicated his performance to Wilson Holloway, who received his frightening diagnosis about three years.

Holloway, a 6-foot-6, 275-pound offensive lineman, signed to play football at Tulsa in 2007. After some time there he began to notice that he was quickly running out of breath and a coach suggested he get some medical attention.

That’s when Griffin’s young friend got the

terrible news about the softball-sized tumor in his chest.

What makes Holloway’s death even more difficult to take is that after months of chemotherapy treatments, he was suddenly declared cancer free.

He played six games in 2008 before the cancer returned for good.

Blake Griffin played in the all-star game and then flew straight to Oklahoma City for Holloway’s funeral on Monday.

In this day of selfish high-maintenance athletes it’s good to see someone who is still grounded and carries himself with class and empathy.

Griffin has a history of being a little different, like his dunks. He doesn’t clamor for attention. He doesn’t brag on himself and he doesn’t pout when things aren’t going his way on the court.

He is the kind of person we all wish would be the norm in sports, but his is the exception.

An athlete who is comfortable in his own skin and hasn’t forgotten the things that are truly important in this world – like family, honor, decency, and close friends he made along on the way.

A sporting view By Mark Vasto

Tinker and Evers wouldn’t stand a chance

Nick Wright, a Syracuse, N.Y.-born sports-radio host, calls it the “TMZ-ization of sports journalism.”

For those that are into that sort of thing, TMZ.com is a website best known for sharing everything you didn’t want to know about Paris Hilton and Lindsay Lohan (and in some cases, things you probably didn’t want to see, at least at work).

This year, however, the site has served up stories about golfer Tiger Woods, NFL quarterbacks Brett Favre, Ben Roethlisberger and Mark Sanchez, and even Jets coach Rex Ryan. Not for their onfield exploits, mind you, but for their off-field adventures.

Wright asked his listeners if they were sick of this trend, these salacious stories that used to once be

the domain of a newspaper’s gossip column. Surprisingly, most listeners said they didn’t mind it very much, and the ones that did clearly were informed enough to have read up on the scandals enough to form an educated opinion about them.

They used to say the best writing in the newspaper was found in the sports section. Guys like Grantland Rice who would coin magnificent phrases and wax poetic about the “four horsemen” of Notre Dame have long since vanished from the sports pages. What sells now, apparently, is the transcript of texts and twitter feeds featured on TMZ and sports-based websites like

Deadspin.com.

It’s important to note that in most all of these recent cases, the stories were not broken by sports writers. The Woods scandal, for instance, took the golf news corps by surprise. It was their “entertainment” colleagues who took the lead. Without denigrating an entire division of my media colleagues, let’s be honest with ourselves – the paparazzi tactics of freelance photographers and the willingness to “out” anyone remotely approaching celebrity status, as distasteful as they are to many, sell far better than the reserved reportage of, say, a Davis Cup match. And while the allure of celebrity gossip has always found a home in the sports page (the gin mill brawls of Billy Martin, the love match of Jimmy Connors and Chris Evert, the not-so-love matches of Mike Tyson) there were always limits. Sportswriters used

to draw salaries from the teams they covered, and most often they were the guys on the barstool right next to the players who were their primary sources on game day, but off-limits after-hours.

Today we’d know that the really tall tennis player from the 1920s was a closeted homosexual, that the hockey star from the ‘60s was a serial wife beater and the ‘90s-era reliever who suddenly couldn’t find the strike zone just lost his high-school sweetheart in a divorce. Nobody talks about the infield combo that turns a double play around the water cooler anymore. In the face of competition like Hilton, Lohan and Britney Spears, Tinker and Evers don’t even stand a chance.

Mark Vasto is a veteran sportswriter and publisher of The Kansas City Luminary. (c) 2011 King Features Synd., Inc.

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OUT ON A LIMB By Gary Kopervas



Super Crossword

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

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True Texas Facts by Roger T. Moore
Feb. 26, 1888- The less than beautiful Goddess of Liberty is placed atop the state Capital.



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: R equals O

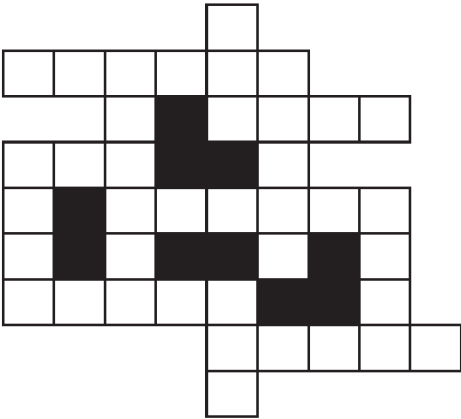
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Unscramble these twelve letter strings to form each into an ordinary word (ex. HAGNEC becomes CHANGE). Prepare to use only ONE word from any marked (♥) letter string as each unscrambles into more than one word (ex. ♥RATHE becomes HATER or EARTH or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

Social Security Q&A By Ray Vigil

Q: What are the four parts of Medicare?

A: The four parts of Medicare include:

- Hospital insurance (Part A), which helps pay hospital bills and some follow-up care. The taxes you (or your spouse in some cases) paid while working financed this coverage, so it's premium free. For those who are not "insured," coverage may be purchased.
- Medical insurance (Part B), which helps pay doctors' bills and other services. There is a monthly premium you must pay for Medicare Part B and you may refuse this coverage.
- Medicare Advantage (Part C) plans, which generally cover many of the same benefits a Medigap policy would cover, such as extra days in the hospital after you have used the number of days Medicare covers. People with Medicare Parts A and B can choose to receive all of their health care services through one of these provider organizations under Part C. There might be additional premiums required for some plans; and
- Prescription drug coverage (Part D), which helps pay for medications doctors prescribe for treatment.

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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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DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ★★ ★

★ Moderate ★★ Challenging

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have any questions that you would like to have answered, please mail them to the Social Security Office, 1111 Gateway West, Attn: Ray Vigil, El Paso, Texas 79935.

Briefs

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equipped workforce,” Gov. Perry said. “Although Texas has not been immune to the global recession, our commitment to these priorities has helped make us the best place to live, work and raise a family, and businesses looking to escape over-taxation and over-regulation know they can come to Texas for a better chance at success.” Texas’ exports in 2010 totaled more than \$206.6 billion, up 26.7 percent from \$162.9 billion in 2009, outperforming overall U.S. exports, which grew by 20.9 percent in 2010. The state’s top export recipients were Mexico, Canada, China, Brazil and South Korea, which respectively imported \$72.3 billion, \$18.6 billion, \$10.2 billion, \$7.1 billion and \$6.4 billion in Texas-manufactured goods. Additionally, Texas’ top exporting industries in 2010 were computers and electronics, chemicals, petroleum and coal, machinery, and transportation equipment.

– Katherine Cesinger

Crime Stoppers

Crime Stoppers of El Paso is assisting the Federal Bureau of Investigation in identifying and locating the person responsible for a central bank robbery, making this the “Crime of the Week.” On Saturday, January 29, 2011, at approximately 10:00 a.m., a woman entered the Wells Fargo Bank located in Bassett Center Mall at 6175 Gateway West, and handed a note to the teller demanding money. Fearing for the safety of everyone in the bank at the time, the teller complied with the demand. The subject was then seen to leave the bank in a red Ford F-150 pickup truck heading west on Gateway West. The subject is described as a white female, approximately 45-50 years old, 5’02” tall, and weighing approximately 140 pounds. She was wearing a black coat, large clear glasses, and had a black scarf over her head covering her hair. She also appeared to have a discolored mole on the lower part of her face, possibly on the left side. This case is being worked by the FBI’s Violent Crimes Task force, which includes the El Paso Police Department and the El Paso County Sheriff’s Office. If you have any information at all about the identity of the person involved in this crime, or about the location of the vehicle, 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

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