



NEWSBRIEFS

Hueco Tanks

Hueco Tanks State Park and Historic Site has been selected to participate in the 2011 “This Place Matters” Community Challenge sponsored by the National Trust for Historic Preservation. One hundred sites were chosen from over 250 applicants from around the country to compete in a popularity contest for three cash prizes. The winning sites will be determined by the number of votes received through the National Trust’s Web site. The top prize is \$25,000. To vote for Hueco Tanks, anyone can visit the National Trust’s site to register. Voting closes June 30 at 4 p.m. “Winning this award would be a great gift to our community and visitors,” said Wanda Olszewski, Hueco Tanks Superintendent. If voted to receive funding through this contest, Hueco Tanks will use the prize to increase the park’s Lone Star Legacy endowment fund and provide additional funding for park staff, volunteers and partners to continue programs and services for visitors. “Hueco Tanks’ Lone Star Legacy endowment fund was built over the last ten years with many small contributions, such as a few dollars that local families could spare in appreciation for Native American dancing at our annual Interpretive Fair. Such an increase in the endowment would help us sustain the kinds of programs our visitors love most, while encouraging stewardship of this amazing site,” she said.

— Tom Harvey

Fireworks banned

Gov. Rick Perry granted a request by El Paso County Judge Veronica Escobar to extend the Judge’s Declaration of Local Disaster for Drought and Wildfire Danger. Last week the El Paso County Commissioners Court, in a 3-2 vote, approved a ban on the sale, use and possession of all fireworks in El Paso County which can statutorily only last for 60 hours. The extension now keeps the ban in effect until 7:00 am, July 5, 2011. Under Section 352.051 of the Local Government Code, the order for restricting or prohibiting the sale, use or possession of fireworks must occur before June 15th of each year for the Fourth of July season. El Paso County, in an extreme drought, is one of over 90 counties in Texas attempting to ban the sale, use and possession of fireworks altogether. El Paso currently has a KBDI of 693, that is in excess of the 575 index number required to declare a drought. The 14-day outlook predicts that El Paso County will exceed 700 on the index (the maximum is 800). Over the last 14 days alone, El Paso County has had 73 documented grass fires. The City of Socorro will allow the sale of fireworks

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Jelly is a food usually found on bread, children and piano keys.

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Fire leaves mark on fire department

By Rick Shrum
Courier Staff Writer

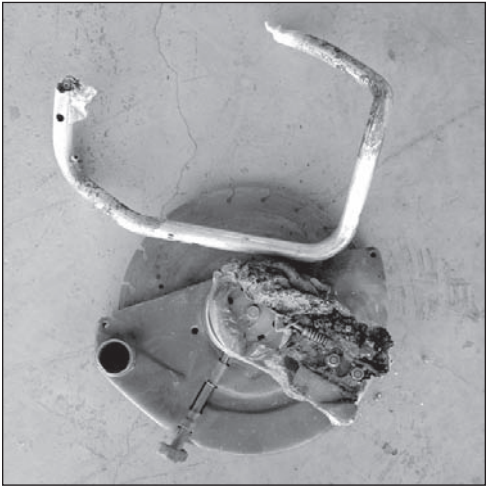
Saturday’s fire in Colonia Revolución – not Horizon (City) as it was widely reported – consumed two pallet manufacturing businesses, business equipment, 30-plus cars, homes and killed a horse. Property damages and losses are estimated into the millions of dollars for the people that lived and worked there. And one can certainly not underestimate the emotional impact to those people that have lost their homes, businesses and possessions.

However, there is a story within the story.

Men and women firefighters from all over El Paso County and New Mexico streamed into Colonia Revolución to put out a fire without immediate water resources and, on top of that, had to battle their way through crowds of looky-loos to do it.

One burned-out property owner cited the lack of water as a problem. To a degree he is right and the fire fighters would have loved a hydrant on or near the property. On-site water would have helped immensely in the effort to extinguish the fire. What isn’t being said is this: This colonia never had water services and the people chose to buy and build on the property with that knowledge. Additionally, they built highly flammable businesses on property that had fire history. One of the houses that burned on Saturday sat on the site of another pallet business that burned down a few years earlier.

Ironically, residents of Colonia Revolución had turned down the opportunity to obtain



— Photo by Rick Shrum

WHAT IS IT? – Before the fire, this was a fire fighting saw.



— Photo courtesy Horizon Fire Department

BIG DOG – HFD’s heavy duty, multiple function truck, QUINT #1, set up upwind of the fire on arrival. Unfortunately the wind turned 180 degrees for a few minutes during the height of the fire damaging the truck.

water from the Horizon Regional Municipal Utility District (HRMUD) that would have meant water on site for this fire. A HRMUD source said that HRMUD offered Colonia Revolución residents water. The residents would have to provide sweat equity labor or

funding to install the water lines and Colonia Revolución would be put on HRMUD’s water distribution system.

Colonia Revolución was started just before

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San Eli student’s anti-bullying message is a winner

By Cynthia P. Marentes
Special to the Courier

You would never know by looking into 14 year-old Alejandra Cevallos warm brown eyes that she was once a bully. However, the 8th grader at Garcia- Enriquez Middle School used to torment other students beginning when she was only eight-years-old. Her victims were mostly other girls that she treated badly and insulted on a regular basis but fortunately, Alejandra quickly put a stop to her bullying ways. Recently she wrote about her experiences and positive transformation for the regional “Do the Write Thing” contest earning her a trip to Austin and Washington

D.C. Alejandra’s essay also included a message for both victims of bullying and bullies.

“If you are a victim you have to tell somebody and not just stay there doing nothing. If you are a bully it is better if you change because everything else is better when you treat people the way you want to be treated,” Alejandra stated.

Alejandra’s winning entry began as a project for English teacher Brenda Jara who then encouraged her to enter the writing challenge. The “Do the Write Thing” competition is part of the National Campaign to Stop Violence that is aimed at middle school students to help reduce violence and the damaging consequences it has on their lives.

According to the Honorable Patricia Macias, Judge of the 388th District Court, the contest encourages students to become aware of their own personal responsibility in addressing the causes of and solutions to violence in their communities. Judge Macias is the El Paso Chair of the “Do the Write Thing” challenge which was initiated locally in San Elizario eight years ago. Three winners are selected for the El Paso jurisdiction but only two will travel to Austin and Washington D.C. as determined by a Blue Ribbon Committee consisting of area business and community leaders.

Alejandra was surprised to learn she had

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Veterans Post

By Freddy Groves

Blue Water Navy and Agent Orange

If you were Blue Water Navy and have illnesses that point to Agent Orange exposure, you’ve likely been turned down for benefits by the Department of Veterans Affairs.

The VA reasons that if you were offshore, you couldn’t possibly have been in contact with something that was sprayed on foliage on the land – unless your ship was “brown water” for some period of time.

We know better, of course.

The Committee on Blue Water Navy Vietnam Veterans and Agent Orange Exposure, at the request of the VA and in conjunction with the Institute of Medicine of the National Academy of Sciences, explored the “mechanisms and routes of exposure.” Unfortunately, its report on the findings took the middle road and failed to state with certainty that Blue Water veterans were exposed to Agent Orange.

But the report points out ways you could have been exposed, and these might refresh your memory about events.

If you’ve been turned down, here are some questions to ask yourself:

Did your ship ever dock? For the duration of that docking, your ship was brown.

Did it take on any local fruits or vegetables or fish? The water to grow those vegetables or the water the fish swam in could have been contaminated.

Did your ship ever take up water for distillation within 12 miles of shore? The rule was not to, as that water was considered polluted, but exceptions did occur.

Were you ever under overspray, perhaps near the Ranch Hand aircraft? It dumped chemicals as far as 6 miles offshore.

To read this report online for free, go to <http://books.nap.edu> and put Blue Water Navy Vietnam Veterans and Agent Orange Exposure in the search box. If you see the 2011 next to it, that’s the one you want. Do searches for words like “distill,” “expose,” “food,” “brown” and so on.

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What’s up doc?

By Albert Balesh, M.D.

Countdown

Publisher’s note: After many years of applying to become accredited to work as a medical professional in the US, Dr. Albert Balesh has been accepted into the Baylor College of Medicine Physician Assistant Program. A US citizen, Balesh received his medical training in Italy and was a fully accredited thoracic surgeon. When he returned to the US he was repeatedly denied admittance to residency programs he needed to become accredited in the US – even though he had been a practicing surgeon. This is Balesh’s last column – at least for a while – while he attends school.

The count to “down” has begun, and we’re all strapped in to take that power surge to lethargy, hopelessness, and feelings of worthlessness. No one is immune, in these times of economic hardship, when selling a mother-in-law for a tank of gas becomes not such a bad idea. How did it all start? Where did it come from? Why are the air waves and magazine ads so full of the trance-like visages and the artificial smiles of mental zombies hawking the wares of pharmaceutical leviathans bent on addicting us all to powdered sunshine, in the form of pills, capsules, and tablets, to the tune of greenback or euro billions in treasure trove earnings?

Down for the count, or count as we go down. Let’s face it, life is no picnic, and it’s getting no easier, as our worries mount and our life’s savings go the way of the horse and buggy. Sending our troops to war to keep them employed and off our streets has created an enormous financial shortfall and an army of the homeless and destitute middle class back home, who have no jobs, no health insurance, and no viable nest eggs to cover mortgage payments, spiraling gasoline costs, and the high price of sending junior to college. It’s no wonder that depression has become a best friend and bed partner, as we pray in Chinese to puppet masters across the Pacific, who produce everything today but our children. So, let’s do the math, as countdown numbers decrease, and our anticipatory downward trajectory begins.

Ten. Let it be known that depression affects 1 in 6 Americans, with women bearing the brunt of its weight. Diabetics are particularly vulnerable, although no one is sure what actually causes the illness. A sudden life event, a serious illness, or simple everyday chronic stress may trigger depression-causing biochemical changes in the brain, and then that’s all she wrote. In addition, the association of depression with diabetes, heart disease, stroke, HIV/AIDS, cancer, and Parkinson’s disease leaves the door open to a wealth of exotic theories on its origins.

Nine. The definition of depression has been hashed and rehashed ad nauseam. While we know that its signs and symptoms must last at least two weeks to fit the paradigm, we are often caught off guard when the former are atypical and run the gamut from irritability, restlessness, and anger to physical symptoms such as headaches, digestive problems, and a worsening of chronic pain symptoms.

Eight. While depression is often a subtle companion whose talons don’t draw blood, its toll on the ability to work, develop and maintain friendships, establish intimate relationships, raise families, and engage in self-improvement is undeniable. Swallowing a barrel and pulling the trigger is extreme in most cases; eating too much and cutting out physical activity to the point of obesity is not. When blood sugar goes up, depressive symptoms worsen, to the joy of cavity-drilling dentists caught in an economic slump, and the chagrin of those of us who cast daily headlong stares into our bathroom and dressing room mirrors.

Unlucky seven. Teaching a depressed person to think or behave differently, in order to shut down negative thoughts and actions, is not as easy as it sounds. Sad, sleep-deprived, emotionally exhausted patients with chronic aches and pains are fertile terrains for failure of behavioral modification. It’s not that they don’t want to improve and feel better. They just don’t have the bag of tricks at their disposal to be successful.

Six, and we’re halfway there. So, when teaching fails, it becomes necessary to call in the big guns, namely, the antidepressants. They come in all shapes and sizes, and one size does not fit all. Trial and error is the name of the game here, as only 6 out of 10 people feel better after following the treatment regimen with their first antidepressant. The most common and widely used antidepressants are selective serotonin reuptake inhibitors (SSRIs), which all of us have seen advertised between segments of our favorite morning news programs or at Sunday half-inning, quarter, or film intermission. Household names like Prozac (fluoxetine) and Zoloft (sertraline) work by increasing available serotonin in the brain, whose shortage is postulated to cause depression.

Five. Antidepressants do not kick into high gear immediately. In fact, they are downright slow, and can

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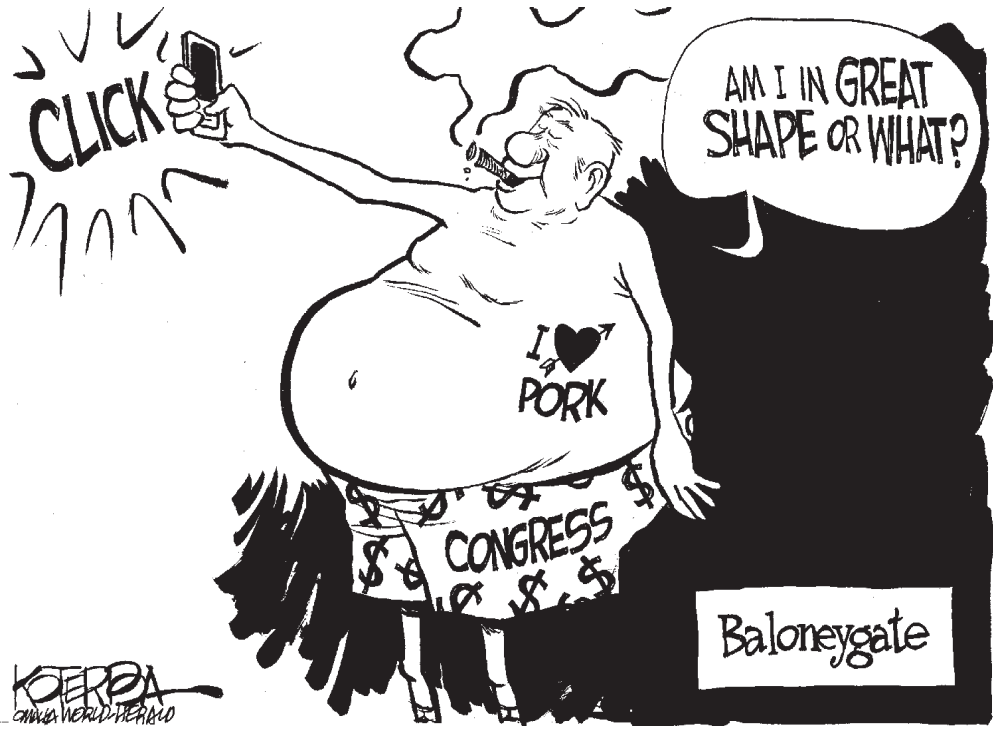
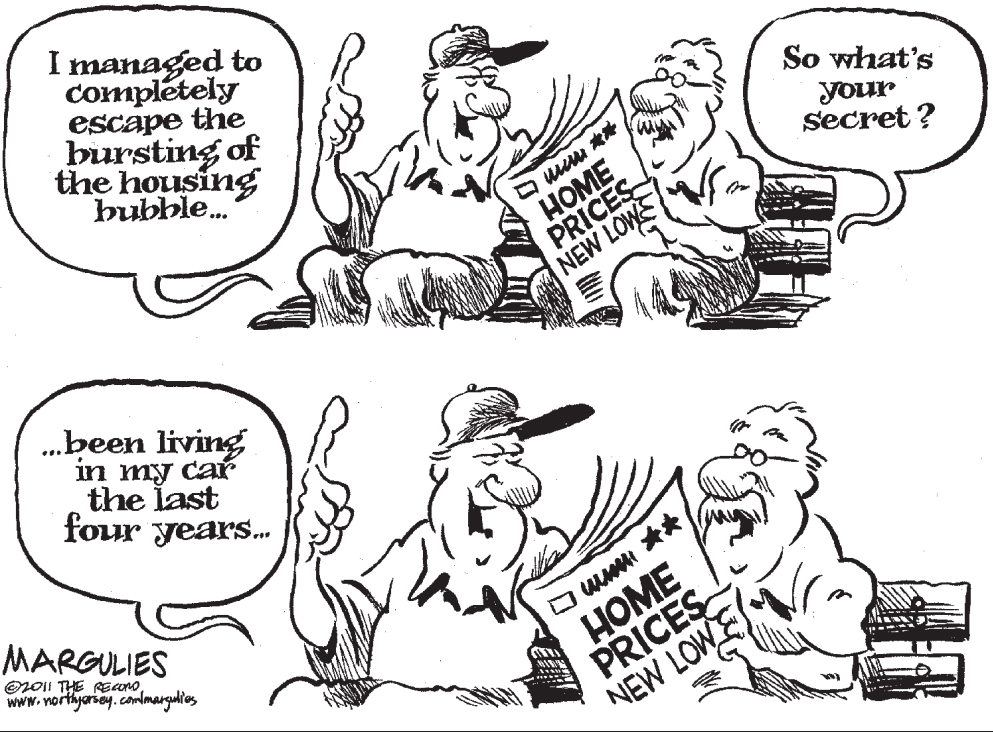
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Por la Gente

By State Rep. Chente Quintanilla

Some bills pass, some don't

Hola mi gente. Well the regular session is now history but I am still in Austin for the special session. Since some appropriation bills did not pass, and the session failed to pass other issues, the governor proclaimed a special session.

In the regular session, my office worked on several bills with the intent of passing them or incorporating them in other bills. This is the final one informing you about the priorities of my office.

Two days before Thanksgiving of 2009, my chief of staff, along with an enforcement officer from TCEQ, discovered a tire dump with over 19,000 tires in far-east El Paso county. This started a period of months researching the possibility of new legislation.

We did file House Bill 405 early in the session with the intent of getting an early hearing thereby improving the chances of passage. The bill basically imposed more regulations on those who transported scrap tires, required more reporting of dumped tires, and elevated some acts to criminal status. One of the problems that enforcement officers had was that the civil actions were not the ideal punitive action.

Even though the bill was supported by many, powerful forces imposed their will by delaying and amending the bill which prevented early consideration in committee and on the House floor. Our hopes for strengthening scrap tire laws were alive right up until the last hour of the last day possible for passing the bill. Unfortunately, it did not happen.

I also had two bills that addressed problem

bars. For some reason, a member who had higher seniority blocked both bills. It may have been because he was a bar owner. Who knows? One bill that we really needed to pass would have given the cities the authority to prevent very bad bars and bar owners from continuing the operation of a bar (where the liquor license was revoked for cause) as in a bring your own booze (byob) club. There was one particular bar that was in the news during the session that would have been closed for good had this bill passed.

I was successful in passing a bill, along with Senator Rodriguez, that allows the courts of El Paso County to operate more efficiently. The bill gave the courts the exclusively authority to accept requests for postponements.

The last bill that I will discuss with you was a cleanup of legislation that was filed over twenty years ago. That bill, by the El Paso state representative for District 75 at the time, was supposed to lawfully define the boundaries of the Fabens Water District. Because the wording was wrong, the District had experienced difficulties in many legal areas, including with the Central Appraisal District.

While it may seem simple, the process required an effort to document the exact boundary metes and bounds. After twenty years, any number of complications could have made the passage impossible. We did pass the bill and now the district can go about their business properly and expeditiously.

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

Band Director Rivera is looking for former students

By Alfredo Vasquez
Special to the Courier

When Frank Rivera leads his Santa Teresa High School Marching Band in this year's Rotary 4th of July Parade, it will herald his retirement after an illustrious thirty-eight year career as a high school band director.

To celebrate this milestone, Rivera is inviting all of his former students to join him one more time as part of the marching band. "This will be my last parade with Santa Teresa High School Marching Band, and I would like to have as many of my former students come to march

along with us," Rivera said.

El Paso's west side parade, which will be held on Mesa Street, Monday morning, July 4th, will begin at Thunderbird Drive and proceed to Coronado High School.

Rivera's teaching career includes 14 years at Santa Teresa High School, 21 years at Las Cruces High School, and three years at Silver City High School.

Former students of Rivera interested in marching with their high school band teacher are invited to attend rehearsals scheduled from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m., Wednesday and Thursday, June 29 and 30, at Santa Teresa High School.

For more information, call 915-256-2159.

Frank Rivera

Message

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been selected as a "Do the Write Thing" winner because she had also entered the writing contest last year and was not expecting to be picked. Her story is probably common among many middle school students but the difference for Alejandra is that she was able to show how she was able to make better choices, even at a young age, in order to make her life and those of her fellow classmates better. She is currently an A/B Honor Roll Student and a member of the National Junior Honor Society but Alejandra was not always a model student. In fact, she recalled how she used to get in trouble at school all the time. She is not sure why she picked on other girls but reasoned that she

was probably doing what her small circle of friends, mostly boys at the time, were also doing.

"I decided to change because I really didn't like treating people bad and making them feel bad. I also got tired of not having many friends," Alejandra said. When she switched schools a few years ago, she started approaching other students differently by talking and getting to know them instead of making fun of them.

Alejandra, who hopes to become a lawyer someday, is looking forward to starting high school in the fall and getting good grades but first she is anxiously awaiting the two trips she will take this summer to be recognized as a "Do the Write Thing" winner.

"I feel nervous and excited because I will see and experience many new things," she concluded.

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only. The Sheriff’s Office will be monitoring fireworks stands and checking cars leaving Socorro for fireworks. Any fireworks found will be confiscated and citations will be issued.

– Ruben John Vogt

Armed

Gov. Rick Perry signed a National Rifle Association backed measure that allows employees to store legally owned firearms in their locked, privately owned motor vehicles while parked at workplace parking lots into law. Senate Bill 321 prohibits employers from adopting and enforcing policies against employees who safely and lawfully store a firearm in their privately owned, locked vehicle while on an employer’s parking lot. This includes concealed handgun licensees who carry their firearm during their commute to and from work for personal protection, Texas sportsmen who hunt before or after work and competitive and recreational shooters who stop at the local shooting range before heading home for the day. The effective date of this legislation is September 1, 2011. “I’d like to thank Gov. Perry for signing this bill and for recognizing that a worker’s individual and constitutional right to self-defense does not end when they drive onto their employer’s property,” said Chris W. Cox, executive director, NRA Institute for Legislative Action. “This common-sense effort has been a top legislative priority for the NRA, because it is good public policy that provides workers with a means of viable self defense while commuting between their homes, their workplace and

anywhere in-between.”
– Rachel Parsons

Water law

A long-awaited groundwater ownership bill was signed into law by Gov. Rick Perry. SB 332, by Senator Troy Fraser (R-Horseshoe Bay) and Allan Ritter (R-Nederland), clarifies that landowners own the groundwater below their land as real property. Landowner groups across Texas, including the Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers Association (TSCRA), worked alongside members of the Texas Legislature to ensure SB 332 was passed and made law. SB 332 states that, “The legislature recognizes that a landowner owns the groundwater below the surface of the landowner’s land as real property.” The bill goes on to say that landowners are entitled to drill for and produce the groundwater below the surface of real property. SB 332 reaffirms this landowner ownership, but still allows local groundwater conservation districts the ability to manage groundwater. “We want to thank Chairmen Fraser and Ritter, Lt. Gov. Dewhurst, Speaker Straus and the rest of the legislature who worked hard to pass SB 332,” said Joe Parker Jr., rancher and TSCRA president. “And we want to especially thank Gov. Perry for recognizing the importance of this bill and signing it into law.” SB 332 will go into effect Sept. 1, 2011.

– Carmen Fenton

Breeding law

Gov. Rick Perry signed HB 1451 into law. The law initiates oversight of large-scale commercial breeding facilities, known as puppy mills. Sponsored by Rep. Senfronia Thompson, D-Houston, and championed in the Senate by Sen. John Whitmire, D-Houston, the bill establishes minimum standards for the humane handling, care, housing

and transportation of dogs and cats by breeders. The new law applies to large-scale cat and dog breeders who maintain 11 or more female breeding animals and sell twenty or more animals per year. HB 1451 requires that breeders be inspected and that enclosures have adequate drainage, are made out of safe materials and have adequate space for animals to comfortably stand, sit, turn around and lie down in a natural position. The ASPCA (American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals) worked with The Texas Humane Legislation Network and The Humane Society of the United States to support this bill. “Texas was one of the last states without a law concerning commercial breeding operations, so Gov. Perry’s signature today marks a new era in the Lone Star State,” said Jill Buckley, senior director of Government Relations for the ASPCA. “The public has become aware of the horrible conditions inside puppy mills and is no longer willing to tolerate animal cruelty in the dog breeding industry. Texans truly care about their pets and will not stand for cruelty in their commercial kennels.” For more information on the ASPCA’s efforts to fight puppy mill cruelty nationwide, please visit www.aspc.org.

– Rebecca McNeill

Crime Stoppers

The El Paso Police Department is investigating an aggravated robbery in which a man threatens a store clerk in the central part of town with a handgun, making this the Crime Stoppers “Crime of the Week.” Early Sunday morning, May 15, 2011, about 12:30 a.m., a man walked into the Cash It Here store at 1921 Montana. As he came up to a teller, the suspect reached into his waistband to show that he had a black handgun and said to hand over money. However, the teller did not respond and the suspect left the store on

foot. No money was taken in this incident. The suspect is described as a black man, 35 to 40 years of age, about 6-foot tall and weighing 140 pounds. He was seen wearing blue jeans and a red hooded sweater. Most interestingly, the suspect had gold “grilles” covering his front teeth. If you have any information about the identity of this suspect, please call Crime Stoppers immediately at 566-TIPS (566-8477) or on-line at www.crimestoppersofelpaso.org. You will remain anonymous and, if your tip leads to an arrest, you can qualify for a cash reward.

– James Klaes

Wanted

Enrique Lozano, 38, is this weeks Manhunt Monday’s Most Wanted Fugitive. He is wanted for sexually assaulting a young



teen for the past eight years. He also goes by Enrique Delgado. Lozano is 5’8” tall and weighs 195 pounds. He has black hair and brown eyes. In January 2011, El Paso County Sheriff’s Deputies were called to a home in the Upper Valley regarding information on a Sexual Assault involving a young teen girl. Deputies made contact with the caller who wanted to report a series of criminal acts on the part of Lozano dating back several years. Further investigation revealed that since 2002, Lozano had sexually assaulted a girl – now in her mid teens that will not be identified – on numerous occasions since she was a child. She recently came forward telling family members who reported the incidents authorities.

Lozano had previously been dating a member of the family. Charges have since been filed against Lozano. Lozano knows he is wanted and remains on the run. He may remain in the Borderland and has several contacts in the El Paso County. His criminal history shows arrests for drugs in 2003 and 2005. Sheriff’s officials are asking the public for any information on the whereabouts of Lozano (38) to please contact the Sheriff’s Office (915) 546-2280 or Crime Stoppers of El Paso at 566-TIPS (8477). Callers will remain anonymous and may be eligible for a reward if the information provided leads to the apprehension of the individual featured.

– Deputy Jesse Tovar

STRANGE BUT TRUE

By Samantha Weaver

• It was 19th-century German philosopher Arthur Schopenhauer who made the following sage observation: “There is no absurdity so palpable but that it may be firmly planted in the human head if you only begin to inculcate it before the age of five, by constantly repeating it with an air of great solemnity.”

• Those who study such things say that half of all money spent on food in the United States is spent in restaurants.

• If, like me, you are constantly finding excess wire hangers in your closets, you probably won’t be surprised to learn that more than 2.7 billion of them were imported in 2010 alone.

• You might be surprised to learn that beer brewers in Australia are on the cutting edge of alternative energy production. They have created a “beer battery” – the world’s first, they claim – in which electricity is generated by bacteria consuming the waste that is created by the brewing process.

• Companies today sometimes seem to go too far in advertising their products, but consider Richard Chesebrough, who invented the petroleum jelly Vaseline in 1872. In order to market his new creation as a salve for cuts and burns, he traveled around New York state demonstrating the efficacy of the product by burning his skin with acid, then applying Vaseline to the injury. A display of his past burns that had been healed with Vaseline would, in theory, convince people to buy the product.

• If you’re looking to brighten up your living space with some greenery, you might want to consider getting a bonsai tree. They live longer than any other houseplant.

Thought for the Day: “Hollywood is a place where they’ll pay you a thousand dollars for a kiss and fifty cents for your soul.”

– Marilyn Monroe

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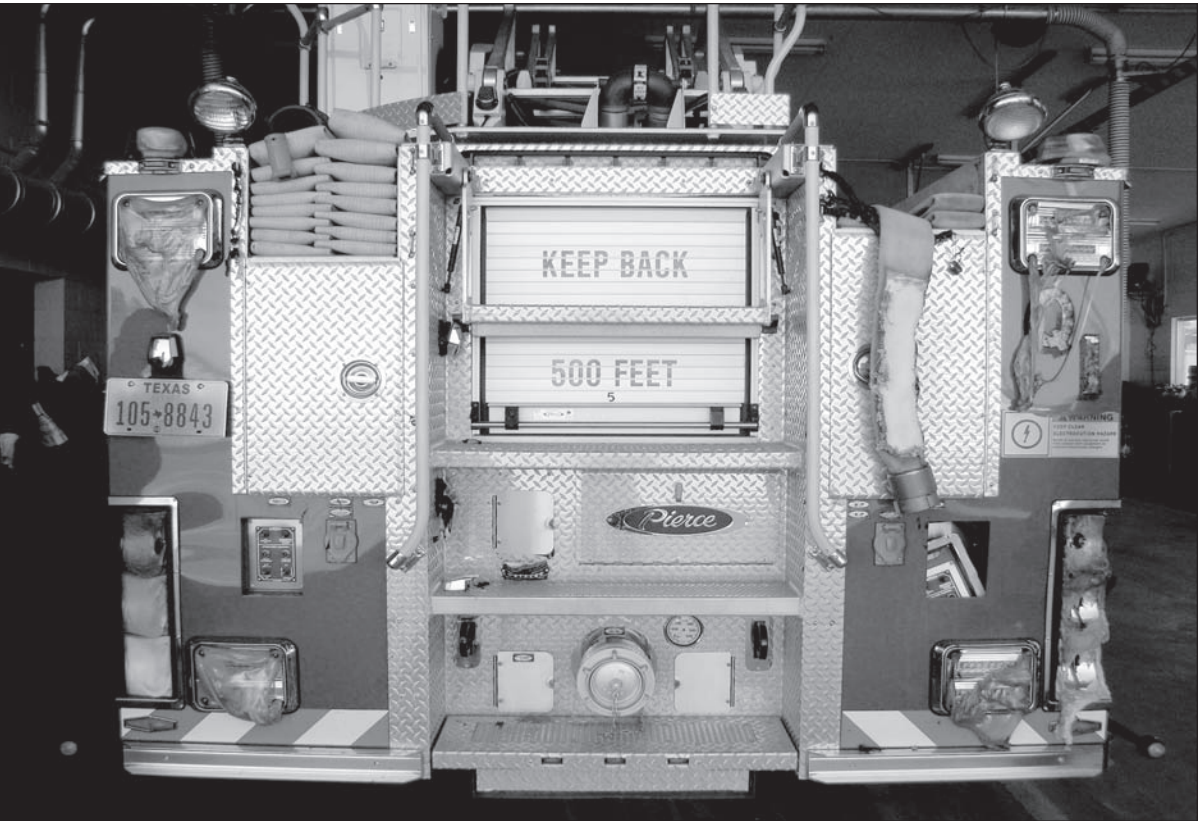
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CryptoQuip Answer

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HEAT DAMAGE – HFD Chief Allen Keys says there’s a reason the truck warns people to “KEEP BACK 500 FEET.” QUINT #1 suffered heat damage to the rear when the wind changed directions. The license plate is charred, the hose and multiple tail lights are melted, an electrical box (lower right, under hose) is destroyed and some of the diamond plate is warped. This truck may be out of service up to or more than 2 months when it is sent to Wisconsin.

Fire

From Page 1

HB1001 was passed in 1995. The bill makes most of the desert property in east El Paso County worthless. It makes it illegal to buy, sell or develop property that does not have proper services including water and sewer services. It known as the “colonias bill,” a bill “relating to the regulation of subdivisions in economically distressed areas and the delivery of water and sewer services to economically distressed subdivisions; providing civil and criminal penalties.”

Saturday’s fire bears out the wisdom of HB1001 (1995). Twenty tanker trucks from at least 10 fire departments and private fleets came to put down this fire. The nearest source of water was just over a mile away. Not ideal, but not too bad if you can get there. Unfortunately there were hundreds of cars and people that showed up – many beating the fire trucks – lining Berryville Rd. to watch the fire. Berryville is a narrow two-lane road. According to one fire fighter, a tanker would need to make the two-mile roundtrip every 15 minutes or so.

Ron Larson, an administrator and

Horizon Fire Fighter, said the crowds not only hampered the effort but also put themselves in danger. “The cars were blocking traffic. It’s a narrow road and we’re trying to move 1,500 to 2,000 gallons of water per tanker to the fire. It is actually a ticketable offense called ‘impeding emergency vehicles,’” said Larson.

The other issue was public safety. The people were too close to the fire scene. “It was a hot one,” said Larson. He pointed out that wind turned the fire 180 degrees at one point, heading toward Berryville Rd. “They would not been able to evacuate quickly enough.”

Bearing out Larson’s point is the



PAPERWORK – Ron Larson is already taking inventory of HFD’s damages and filing reports with the proper agencies.

damage sustained by Horizon’s equipment. The Horizon Fire Department (HFD) was first on the scene and their equipment closest to the fire. When the fire turned briefly, fire fighters had to abandon equipment and move. Rough initial estimates put HFD equipment damage at \$50 thousand. Fortunately only one fire fighter was hospitalized for heat exhaustion.

This fire will have an impact on the community-at-large for several months. QUINT #1, HFD’s heavy duty, multiple use truck will likely be sent to Wisconsin for a factory refit of some of its components including the ladder, damaged electrical boxes, the water cannon and melted lenses. Four other vehicles – Pumpers #1 and #2, Tanker #1 and Squad Truck #1 – will be rotated in and out of the

shop to repair cosmetic and minor damages one at a time. There is also hose and saw damage to repair or replace.

So far HFD has been to the fire site three additional times to tend to hot spots. The initial call kept them there for 13 hours. Larson and others have returned a combined 10 hours through Tuesday.

Rough estimates at water usage are staggering – 9,000 gallons of water every 15 minutes for the first six hours, then slowly tapering off.

The tankers sent by the City of El Paso Fire Department put their costs at \$77,000.

Then there’s the gas, oil and man-hours for every other entity involved. Taxpayers will be footing the bill for this incident. A final tally of costs isn’t yet available. Fortunately, in this case, no lives were lost.



BURNT BOX – QUINT #1’s ladder control box looks like a piece of frozen flag after melting. The water cannon on the ladder is also damaged.

Maybe It Wasn’t That Heavy Shopping Bag.

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but only in the first few hours after symptoms begin. Every minute counts.

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

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Lemonade stand cause quite a stir in world of golf

By Steve Escajeda
Special to the Courier

I’m sure many of you have seen that cute “Susie’s Lemonade” commercial on TV depicting a young girl who has opened a quaint lemonade stand in front of her house.

Her father sets out for work on the morning of her grand opening and lets her use his Verizon cell phone. As he gives it to her he says, “It has a calculator on it.”

Of course her dad thinks the idea of Susie opening a lemonade stand is a cute one and hopes the calculator will help her with the few cups of lemonade she might sell during the day.

But evidently her father doesn’t know about the true power this phone device can offer.

Very quickly, Susie sees all the possibilities, beyond just mathematical calculations, this cell phone provides.

The commercial goes on to show clip after clip of her expanding lemonade empire, all thanks to what she was able to accomplish with Dad’s cell phone.

The icing on the cake is when Dad comes home at the end of the day looking for Susie only to find her 10-year-old assistant, who asks her father if he’s made an appointment to see her.

The commercial is one of the best I’ve ever seen, but I’ll bet you’re probably wondering why I’m talking about this commercial at all

and what it has to do with sports?

Well, we all know that a 10-year-old can’t build a business empire over night, but at least they can open a small lemonade stand in their neighborhood – or can they?

At last week’s U.S. Open golf tournament some Susie-ish aged kids from two families opened a lemonade stand on their private property on a corner leading to the course entrance.

The kids, with the help from their parents, decided to sell lemonade and other cool bottled drinks to raise money for “Just Tryan It,” a non-profit organization that helps kids with cancer.

But unlike Susie in the commercial, these kids obviously didn’t have the power of a Verizon cell phone at their fingertips.

I’m not even sure if they had a calculator.

Any way, during the first round of the tournament they received two visits from county officials of Bethesda, Maryland, warning them to take down the stand because they didn’t have a permit, and that they were facing of up to \$500 and a court appearance.

Well, on the third visit the kids were given a citation for their underhanded deeds.

One of the parents asked one of the officials if every kid on every street corner had to have official papers to sell lemonade to neighborhood customers now?

Montgomery County spokesperson Bonnie Ayers answer was “yes.”

She went on to say that it was the law though it isn’t always enforced.

Golf officials said that the main reason they wanted the stand removed is because they didn’t want anything causing tie-ups in vehicular or pedestrian traffic into the tournament.

Of course the golf official didn’t mention whether he was concerned about all the traffic on the way to the tournament causing hardships on the neighbors trying to get in and out of their homes.

But lets be clear about one thing – the U.S. Open officials are not completely stupid. They do know that any publicity about them bullying little kids out of their lemonade stand can’t be good for business.

So they just relocated the dangerous stand down the street a ways to ease the traffic flow.

They took back the ticket and get this – they even waived the \$38 permit fee.

With all the local publicity about the kids, their lemonade sales have reportedly been very brisk.

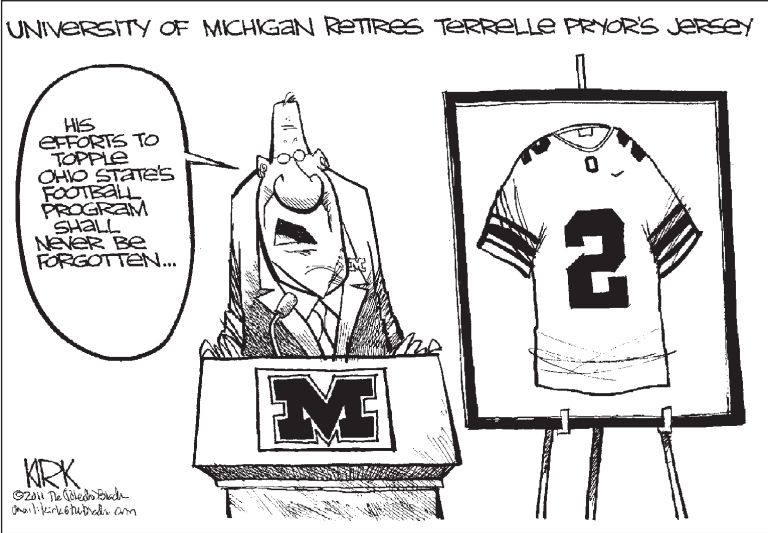
In fact, one person who heard about the kids’ plight drove to their new location and handed them a check for \$250.

Now I don’t know what the kids are going to learn from all of this but it really bothers me as a person who is old enough to remember the abundance of neighborhood lemonade stands.

Now you need a permit to sell the stuff in front of your yard? Is Country Time or Tropicana really that scared of losing revenue?

Maybe someone should inform them that Susie is just a fictitious character and they really have nothing to worry about.

Or maybe they should just invest in a cell phone with a really good calculator.



A sporting view By Mark Vasto

That’s not how you do it, LeBron

Long ago, during a heated late-night argument over nothing important with a few other guys whom I really didn’t like anyway, I decided to one-up by asking, “Yeah, well... what is it you do?”

Really, it was more of a sneer than a question, more of a statement than real curiosity. I was just out of college and blessed with a pretty good job, but it sounded terrible to say. Either way, it turned off my date for the night, who wanted nothing to do with me later on. And rightfully

so – I had sounded like a big jerk.

I was reminded of that episode while watching the post-game hijinks at the NBA Finals. The question posed to King LeBron James was, “How did it feel knowing there were so many people rooting for you to fail?”

LeBron said he didn’t care, adding this gem of jerkdom:

“They have to wake up tomorrow and have the same life they had before.”

I can’t say I was a LeBron James

hater. I maintain a strong dislike for the guy after that incredibly classless “decision” special where he dogged the entire state of Ohio, but I retain a healthy respect for his abilities.

Still, I woke up the next morning and had the same exact number of NBA championships and didn’t choke the night before in front a national audience.

My father used to ignore it whenever somebody said to him, “Aw, I would never work a desk job. I need to be out in the open air, picking ‘dem cabbages.” My dad was a very successful businessman. He often sat behind a desk when he wasn’t traveling and providing for his family

and working to send his kids to college. So yeah, he kinda resented the remark (though he never responded in kind).

Bobby Knight was known for dropping his resume whenever he felt overly challenged by someone in the media. His was more of a “Yeah, well when you win as many games and championships in the NCAA, you come back and ask that question.”

The “I have a better job than you” comeback has long been a staple of the sports brat. Super brat John McEnroe was known to drop a “Well, I made \$(umpteen) million dollars last year playing tennis... how much do you make, jerk?”

(One guy’s response: “You’re all class, John”).

But some people can get close to that one-up line without insulting anybody, and, like in the case of Dean Martin, even get a few laughs.

“Man, I feel sorry for all those people in the world who don’t drink,” Martin said. “When they wake up in the morning, that’s as good as they’re going to feel all day.”

Now that’s how you do it.

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

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LEGALS

Town of Clint Advertisement and Invitation for Bids

The Town of Clint, Texas, will receive sealed bids for construction of the Lawson Drive Phase II Water Main Replacement (Texas Department of Rural Affairs/Contract No. 729149) until 3:00 p.m. on July 07, 2011, at the Town of Clint offices located at 200 N. San Elizario Rd., Clint, Texas 79836, and at that time and place will be publicly opened and read aloud.

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

1. Approximately 980 linear feet of 8-inch (PVC) Water Line;
2. Nine (9) 8-inch gate valves with

associated fittings; 3. One (1) new fire hydrant with associated valves and fittings; 4. One Hundred and Forty (140) square yards of pavement removal and replacement; 5. Thirteen (13) square yards of concrete driveway removal and replacement; 6. Three (3) water service reconnection; and 7. Trench Safety & Traffic Control Systems.

Copies of Bid/Contract Documents, including Drawings and Technical Specifications may be picked up at the Town of Clint offices located at 200 N. San Elizario Rd., Clint, Texas 79836, a check of \$75.00 for each set of documents obtained. Checks made out to the Town of Clint.

A Pre-Bid

Conference will be held at 2:00 P.M. on June 23, 2011 at the Town Council Room in the Town of Clint offices located at 200 N. San Elizario Rd., Clint, Texas 79836.

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

Attention is called to the fact that 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. Adherence to the grant recipient's Section 3 Policy is required for contracts and subcontracts in excess of \$100,000.00.

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

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

Dale T. Reinhardt,
Mayor
Town of Clint
June 23, 2011

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

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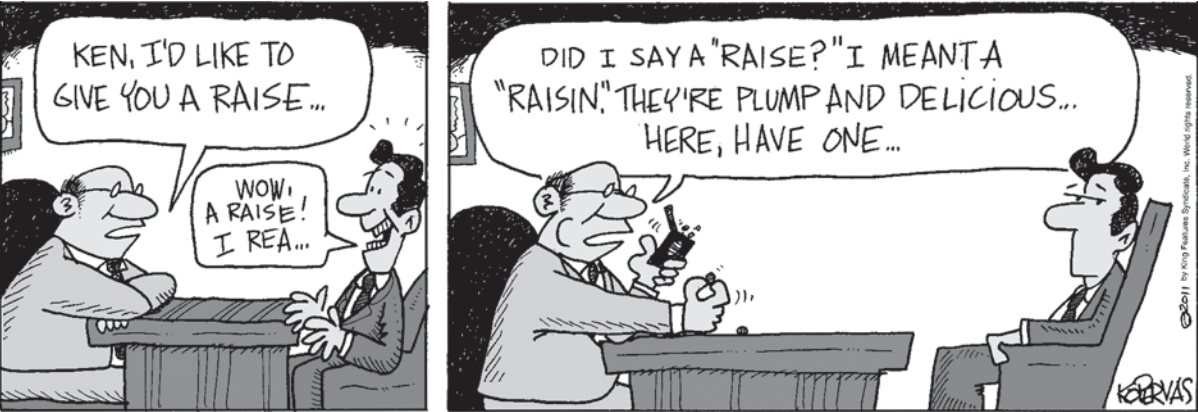
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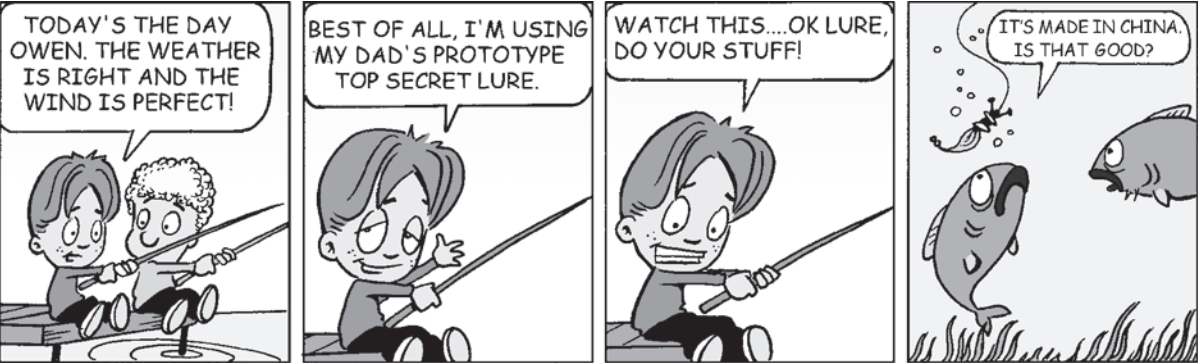
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By Gary Kopervas



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Super Crossword

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75 "Come Softly _"
(59 song)
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Your good health

By Paul G. Donahue, M.D.

DEAR DR. DONOHUE: *I have the dry type of macular degeneration. I take PreserVision with lutein tablets twice a day. I hear lutein is very good for my eyes, and I would like to take more than the 10 mg a day that I get in my tablets. I don't know how much is safe. My doctor said he didn't know. Will macular degeneration leave me completely blind? How long will it be before I cannot see anymore?* – C.B.

The macula is a small, round area in the center of the retina, the layer at the back of the eye that transmits incoming images to the brain so we can see. The macula is essential for clear, central vision, the kind needed to read, to drive and to recognize faces. Off-to-the-side vision remains. You won't go completely blind.

Furthermore, dry macular degeneration most often advances gradually. It's the more common variety, accounting for 90 percent of cases. It can stay at its present level for years, even for life. Wet macular degeneration comes about from the growth of blood vessels beneath the retina. Those vessels are fragile and leak fluid. It tends to advance more rapidly.

Currently no cure exists for dry macular degeneration. A combination of vitamin C, vitamin E, beta carotene (or vitamin A), zinc and copper appears to slow moderate macular degeneration's progression to a more advanced stage. Your PreserVision is one such preparation.

Lutein is a plant product that might aid in delaying the advance of dry macular degeneration. At this very moment, a large study is taking place to ascertain the place of lutein in the treatment of this common eye condition. The amount of lutein being tested in the study is 10 mg a day. Lutein appears to be a very safe substance, but I would stick with the 10 mg dose until the present

study defines lutein's place and its optimum dose.

The booklet on macular degeneration explains this prevalent eye problem in great detail. Readers can obtain a copy by writing: Dr. Donohue – No. 701W, Box 536475, Orlando, FL 32853-6475. Enclose a check or money order (no cash) for \$4.75 U.S./\$6 Can. with the recipient's printed name and address. Please allow four weeks for delivery.

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

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

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

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.

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Moore Texas by Roger Moore Early Texans put cow horn scrapings in a pipe and smoked it to supposedly relieve toothache.



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.

DIFFICULTY: ★★

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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ★

★ Moderate ★★ Challenging

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★★★ HOO BOY!

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Social Security Q&A By Ray Vigil

Q: My dad receives Supplemental Security Income (SSI) benefits. He soon will be coming to live with my brother. Does he have to report the move to Social Security?

A: Yes. He should report to us within 10 days any change in living arrangements. The change could affect his benefit. Failure to report the change could result in a penalty being deducted from his SSI benefits. Also, we need his correct address so we can send correspondence. Please have him call Social Security at 1-800-772-1213 (TTY 1-800-325-0778). Or, he can report the change by mail or in person at a Social Security office. Visit our website for more information at www.socialsecurity.gov.

Q: It's hard for me to get around because of my disability. Do I have to go to a Social Security office to apply for benefits?

A: Not anymore. You can prepare and submit your Social Security disability application and all the needed forms right over the Internet. Our online disability application is convenient and secure. Get started by visiting www.socialsecurity.gov/applyfordisability. When you decide to apply, begin by taking a

look at our Disability Starter Kit at www.socialsecurity.gov/disability/disability_starter_kits.htm. It will help you prepare for your application.

Q: Do I need a Social Security card? I want to get a summer job and my dad can't find my card.

A: If you know your number, you probably don't need to get a card. If you find out that you do need a replacement card, you can download and complete the application for a replacement at our website. Then, take or mail the application to your local Social Security office with the required documentation. The web address is www.socialsecurity.gov/ssnumber. If you do get a replacement card or find the original, you shouldn't carry it with you. Keep it in a safe place with your other important papers.

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: R equals B

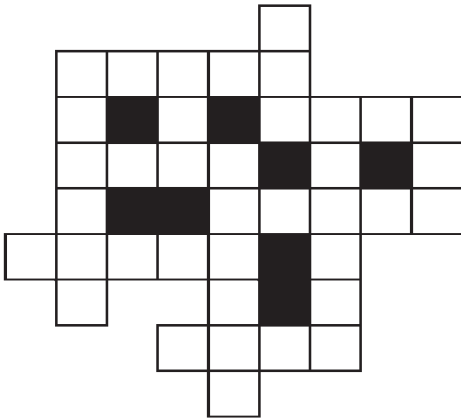
OJ V ROZ QDOTW-HWOEEYF
AVAAVM JYMQ OAVZOEVLG
OMMEYHHYH, OQ'H GLXRVRMC V
DOGGXTDXEFLOVT.

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RYD
♥ SMETRA
RAVAL
♥ SWE O
♥ NARAIM
WAJ
WAYN
RYTRA
YER
MAWLNA
JOMRA
♥ ADWR



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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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Countdown

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take up to several weeks to elicit their desired effects. Their ultimate success may come at a price, however, as weak and depressed patients may then find the force to carry out their suicidal ideations, or, at the least, fall victim to the potpourri of side effects inherent in the antidepressant beast. The latter encompass a daytime plethora of unfriendly fellas such as constipation, daytime sleepiness, diarrhea, dizziness, dry mouth, headache, nausea, sexual problems, shakiness (with exotic names such as tardive dyskinesia and others), lip smacking, trouble sleeping, and weight gain. While side effects may disappear in a few weeks, there is no guarantee that they will not last until discontinuation of the medication.

Four, and we're getting there. We've heard the horror stories, and we decide to go the herbal route. So, we mount our trusty, gas-guzzling SUVs, and go down to our local neighborhood Walgreens or Wal-Mart pharmacies to pick up the newest installment of St. John's wort or some such other herbal magic bullet in the good fight against depression. What we fail to recognize is the

fact that such over-the-counter herbal supplements, which require no prescription or authorized professional supervision, can be dangerous if used with certain drugs.

As the countdown reaches three, we make one last stand, before lowering our colors and hoisting the white flag. We begin an exercise program to alleviate the symptoms of depression. Many studies have linked physical activity to improved mood. Not only does exercise boost spirits, but it takes no Oprah, Doctor Phil, or Doctor Oz to attest to the innumerable ways in which it can improve general health.

Two. Almost there. Our engines begin to rumble, and we try to reign in stress. Actually, taking on too much stress, whether that be in the workplace, at home, or in our day-to-day relationships, can make us vulnerable to depression. Carefully monitoring our stress levels, whether that be via timeouts, vacations, yoga, or an "unplugging" at the same time everyday, can go a long way to aborting the count.

Finally, one. Sometimes God helps those who cannot help themselves. A simple distress call to the Almighty or to our friends and family will set the wheels in motion on the road to recovery. We can't solve the problem unless we acknowledge its full ramifications, admit our inability to go it alone, and call in the necessary players to act in our behalf and in concert with us.

If we permit the countdown to reach zero, blast-off will take us to new heights. Unfortunately, they will not be of this world!

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