



NEWSBRIEFS

Business money

The U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) El Paso District Office and Accion Texas, a state wide micro-lender will present an Access to Capital Seminar on Friday, May 11, 2012 from 8:00 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. at the City Council Chambers, 860 N. Rio Vista, Socorro, TX 79927. Accion Texas does small business loans from \$500 to \$250,000 and has SBA loan making authority and can make SBA loans for land, building and equipment. There is no cost to attend and for more information and to RSVP call Accion Texas at (915) 629-6729. Additional information about SBA's programs and services is available at SBA's Web site: www.sba.gov

— Adrian Madrigal

Crime Stoppers

A family on the way to a quinceanera stopped for gasoline and, while there, had their vehicle attacked by two suspects, making this the Crime Stoppers "Crime of the Week." On Saturday, March 31, 2012, at 7:00 p.m., the father of the family was filling up with gas in the Diamond Shamrock station at 3898 Doniphan and Sunland Park when he saw his son run out of the station store yelling and followed by a suspect with a knife in his hand. The son got into the car and the father tried to drive off as the suspect attempted to slash the vehicle's tire and then stabbed at the vehicle hood. At the same time, another suspect punched at the passenger side door. The family was able to escape. Detectives from the Police Department's Crimes Against Persons unit determined that, while inside the store, the suspect who had the knife was noticing the wife in the car, which angered the son; and that's when the suspect took out his knife and began chasing the son out of the store. That suspect is described as an Hispanic man, 5'9", with a thin build, shaved head, white t-shirt and brown shorts, and tattooed "sleeves" on his arms. The other suspect, also Hispanic, was 6' tall, heavy build, shaved head, in brown nursing scrubs with tattooed "sleeves" on his arms. If you have any information at all about the suspects in this violent assault, please contact Crime Stoppers at 566-TIPS (566-8477) or on-line at www.crimestoppersofelpaso.org. You may also text CRIME1 (no space) and your tip information to CRIMES (274637). You will remain anonymous and, if your tip leads to an arrest, you can qualify for a cash reward.

— James Klaes

Wanted

At 1:00 p.m. on July 24, 2011 City of Socorro Police officers arrived San Felipe Church at 401 Passmore in Socorro. The officers met with the victim and witnessed a red mark on his right eye. The man told the officers he was just sitting in church when

See BRIEFS, Page 2

Getting the facts is only half the job; the other half is to use them intelligently.

— Quips & Quotes

Museum to showcase the art of belly dancing

By Alfredo Vasquez
Special to the Courier

In honor of International Museum Week, the El Paso Museum of History will host The Art of Belly Dance presentation, from 6 to 8 p.m., Thursday, May 17. The program is free and open to the public.

Sonia Flores and her daughter Seneé, of Snake Charmer and the Belly Dancer, along with other performers of this ancient art will present the many different forms of belly dancing including ones that use fire.

Seneé will also have her snake, Salome, to show the curves belly dancing can take. Also, a henna artist will be present to help participants decorate their hands. In addition, various exhibits of Middle Eastern articles will be on display.

For more information contact Sue Taylor at (915) 351-3588 or email her at taylorls1@elpasotexas.gov.

Sonia Flores (right) and her daughter Seneé will demonstrate the art of belly dancing at the El Paso of History Museum.



— Photo courtesy of Sonia Flores

Socorro High School teachers sweep Krispy Kreme Teacher of the Year contest

By Christy Flores-Jones
Special to the Courier

Three Socorro High School teachers achieved a first in the Krispy Kreme Teacher of the Year contest this school year. They were the first to be the top three winners all from one school and one school district, said Randy Willard, owner of Krispy Kreme Doughnuts in San Antonio, Austin, San Marcos, Laredo and El Paso.

The winners in the 2012 El Paso Krispy Kreme Teacher of the Year contest were Miguel Rivera, first place winner; Margaret McCarthy, first runner up; and Elva Vazquez, third runner up. The three winners in the El Paso contest were surprised with an awards presentation May 1 in the library at Socorro High School.

"I was pleasantly surprised," said Rivera, a government, economics and U.S. history teacher. "It was unexpected and I am extremely proud... because it was from

student nominations. That's the most flattering part of it."

The Krispy Kreme Teacher of the Year award is based on nominations from students, fellow teachers, parents and administrators. All three teachers were extremely grateful to be acknowledged by the Socorro community and Krispy Kreme.

"It is a great honor. It shows everything I do for the kids pays off," said McCarthy, a 10th through 12th-grade math teacher. "They recognize my dedication to them and all the hard work I put in for them and the hard work they put in to be successful."

Rivera, McCarthy and Vazquez were recognized in front of their students, several Socorro High School faculty and staff, principal Miguel Serrano and superintendent Dr. Xavier De La Torre. After the awards ceremony, students and staff were treated to Krispy Kreme donuts and Price's Creamery milk. Price's Creamery is a partner in the Teacher of the Year program.

"This honor is probably bigger than the

campus teacher of the year because it covers a bigger geographical area and it comes straight from my students," said Vazquez, a health occupations teacher. "It is gratitude from them in a very public forum."

This is the fourth year of the Krispy Kreme Teacher of the Year program in select Texas cities and is celebrated in honor of National Teacher Day in May. El Paso had the most nominations from all the cities with almost 150 nominations for teachers in the greater El Paso area.

The top 10 nominations were then given to an assistant principal in San Antonio who judged them to select the top winners, Willard said. The first place winner earned \$500, the first runner up earned \$250 and the second runner up earned \$100. In addition, the same amounts will be awarded to Socorro High School.

"We wanted to give back to our community," Willard said about the Teacher of the Year contest. "These teachers give a lot to their students. They need recognition and this is our opportunity to do that."



— Photo by Christy Flores-Jones / Socorro ISD

Krispy Kreme owner Randy Willard, from left to right; principal Miguel Serrano; teachers Margaret McCarthy, Elva Vazquez and Miguel Rivera; and superintendent Xavier De La Torre celebrate the three Socorro High School teachers winning the Krispy Kreme Teacher of the Year contest.

La Fe, San Vicente receive \$7 million in federal grants to improve health care

By Alfredo Vasquez
Special to the Courier

As part of the new federal health care law, the Department of Health & Human Services (HHS) awarded recently two grants to Centro de Salud Familiar La Fe totaling \$4,789,395 and a continuing grant to Centro San Vicente for \$2,685,479. The grants are intended to help build, expand and improve community health centers in the El Paso region, according to U.S. Congressman Silvestre Reyes. Centro de Salud Familiar La Fe Chief Executive Officer Salvador Balcorta stated, “The impact of this grant funding is immeasurable. True quality of life begins and ends with our community’s right to health. This funding paves the way for Centro de Salud Familiar La Fe to put our latest community-health programs into action.”

As a result of the grants, Balcorta stated that La Fe would be able to break ground soon in San Elizario to build a new, brick and mortar community-health center that will be four times larger than the current, 16-year-old modular facility, and that the La Fe Central Clinic in South El Paso would also soon have access to state-of-the-art, digital x-ray equipment and an expanded, modern laboratory-services area. La Fe provides low-income families with access to quality preventive and primary health care services. With nine primary clinics and over 300 qualified medical, dental, nursing, support, and community health professionals serving in the El Paso-area, La Fe has provided medical and dental services to over 23,000 clients in the community. Because La Fe is located in a Medically Underserved Area

(MUA) and Health Professional Shortage Area (HPSA), designated by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, La Fe can compete for federal grants to help provide critical health care services for the El Paso community. The continuing grant will help improve San Vicente’s procedures and operations such as X-ray examinations, lab tests, behavioral services and oral health services through the Health Centers Cluster program. The Health Center Cluster Program

See GRANTS, Page 5



– Photo courtesy of Centro de Salud Familiar La Fe

La Fe Clinic will be able to break ground soon in San Elizario to build a new, brick and mortar community-health center that will be four times larger than the current, 16-year-old modular facility, above, thanks to a grant from the U.S. Department of Health & Human Services.



LAURA STRATHMANN
for **388TH DISTRICT (FAMILY) COURT DEMOCRAT**

POLITICAL ADVERTISING PAID FOR BY LAURA STRATHMANN CAMPAIGN. PHOTUS A STRATHMANN, TREASURER, 5109 STRAHMAN RD. EL PASO TX, 79922 IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE VOLUNTARY LIMITS OF THE JUDICIAL FAIRNESS ACT

Vote Tony

San Roman

for State Representative

Democrat Dist 75

Early Voting:
May 14-25

Election Day:
May 29

Political Ad Paid for by Tony San Roman, 1790 Lee Trevino # 506, El Paso TX



1973
39
Years
2012

WEST TEXAS COUNTY

COURIER

SERVING ANTHONY, VINTON, CANUTILLO, EAST MONTANA, HORIZON, SOCORRO, CLINT, PARENS, SAN

PUBLISHED:
Published each Thursday by Homesteader News, Inc. Appreciation to our many contributors. Office open Monday through Thursday.

COPYRIGHT:
Entire contents © 2012 Homesteader News, Inc. Individual authors retain all rights. Pictures, drawings and written material appearing in the West Texas County Courier may not be used or reproduced without written permission of Homesteader News, Inc.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR:
Letters must not be more than 250 words in length. They should be dated, must be signed and have an address and daytime phone number. Only the name and city will be printed with the letter. The Courier reserves the right not to print letters to the editor or other submitted materials it considers inappropriate.


AD DEADLINE:
Monday 4 p.m. for Thursday publication.

CLASSIFIED RATES
\$10 for 25 words, \$15 for 40 words. Ad must be in writing and pre-paid. The Courier reserves the right not to print classified advertising it considers inappropriate.


DISPLAY RATES:
Open rate — \$25 per column inch. Call for more information or to set an appointment. The Courier reserves the right not to print advertising it considers inappropriate.

MAIL SUBSCRIPTIONS:
Minimum 50 issues for \$36. Delivery via 1st class mail.

MAIL:
15344 Werling Ct.
Horizon City, TX 79928




Phone: 852-3235
Fax: 852-0123
E-mail: wtxcc@wtxcc.com
Website: wtxcc.com



Publisher
Rick Shrum

Contributors
Alfredo Vasquez
Don Woodyard
Steve Escajeda

Member Texas Community Newspaper Association



Homesteader
Est. 1973
News, Inc.

Briefs

From Page 1

Rosie Mendez, his ex-girl friend confronted him about being with another woman. The conversation escalated and resulted in Mendez allegedly slapping him in the face. While the officer was there collecting information Mendez actually called the man on speaker phone and asked him not to press charges. He told her he did want to press charges and the police officer asked the Mendez to come to the Rio Vista Police offices to meet with officers but she declined and has since avoided officers and detectives. The 37-year-old Mendez could face additional charges if she doesn’t turn herself in. And anyone hiding her could also face charges. Ms. Mendez has a prior conviction of family violence within the year. The Socorro PD can be reached at 858-6986

– David Garcia

Wanted II

Hector Montelongo, 45, who also goes by Angel Montelongo, is this week’s Manhunt Monday Most Wanted Fugitive. He is wanted for violently assaulting a woman. Montelongo is 5’3” tall, weighs 175 pounds and has brown hair and eyes. He has tattoos on his back, chest and right arm. On April 8, 2012 at approximately 10:15 a.m., Deputies were called to a home in Montana Vista reference to an assault in progress. Deputies arrived and met with the female victim who told authorities she arrived home from church and was violently assaulted by her ex-boyfriend identified a Montelongo. During the assault, Montelongo grabbed her by the hair, threw her to the ground and proceeded to beat her on the head with a flashlight. In an attempt to rescue the victim, a third party had to strike Montelongo with a blunt object to get him to stop assaulting her. Montelongo fled from the scene shortly after when the victim called 911. She sustained several injuries as a result of this brutal attack and had to be transported to a local hospital. Charges were filed a short time later. Montelongo knows he is wanted and is believed to remain in the Borderland. He has a criminal history that includes violence and weapons. If anyone has seen or has any information on the whereabouts of Montelongo they can contact Crime Stoppers at 566-TIPS (8477). Callers will remain anonymous and may be eligible for a reward if the information provided leads to the apprehension of Montelongo.

– Deputy Jesse Tovar



H. Montelongo

Socorro Independent School District

PUBLIC NOTICE

Public Meeting to Review Federally Funded Programs

The Socorro Independent School District will conduct a public information meeting to review the following Sisd Programs funded by Federal funds:

- Title I, Part A - Improving Basic Programs
- Title I, Part C - Migrant Program
- Title I, Part D - SP 2 - Delinquent Youth
- Title II, Part A - Improving Teacher Quality
- Title III, Part A - Limited English Proficiency (LEP)
- IDEA-Part B, IDEA Pre-School

The meeting will be held:
Thursday, May 17, 2012, 5:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m. in the HR Orientation Room at the District Service Center, 12440 Rojas Drive.

S.I.S.D does not discriminate against any individual with regard to race, color, national origin, age, religion, sex, marital or veteran status, the presence of a medical condition, disability, or any other legally protected status. 42 U.S.C 2000e-2(a); 20 U.S.C. 1681: Labor Code 21-051.

AVISO PUBLICO

La junta Pública para Revisar los Programas de Fondos Federales

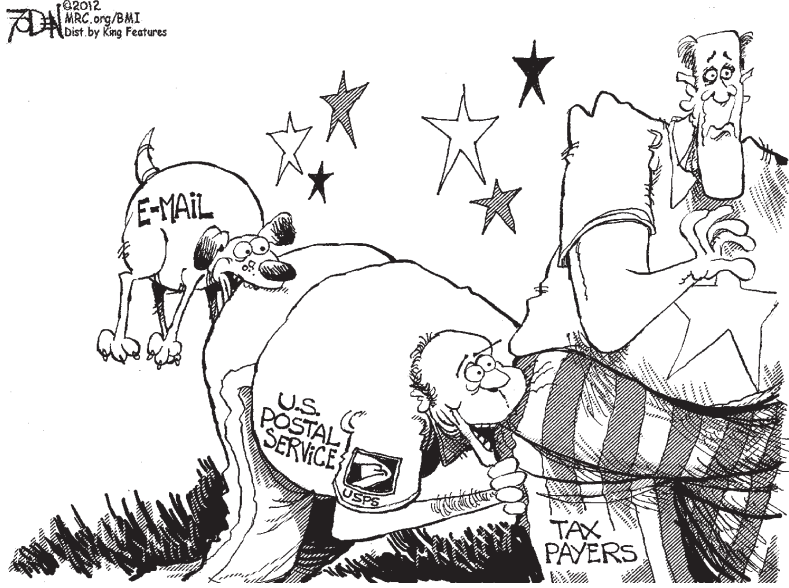
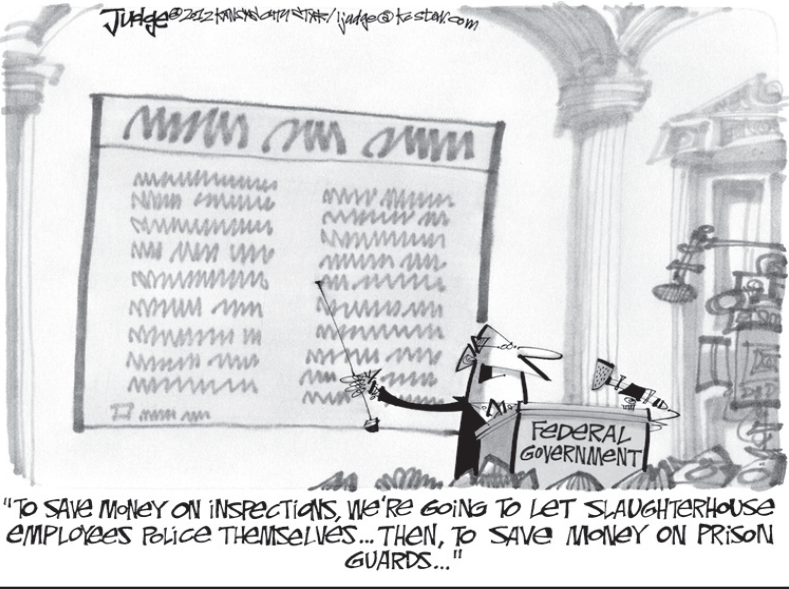
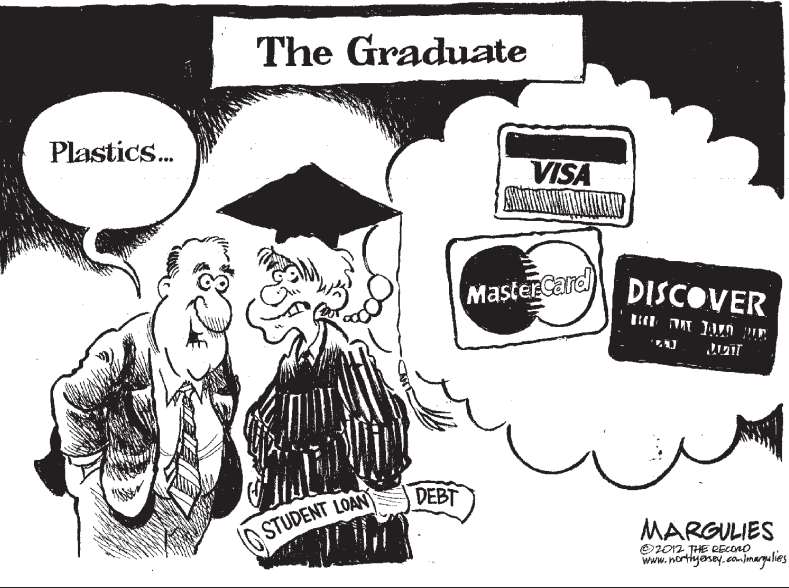
El Distrito Escolar Independiente de Socorro llevará a cabo una junta pública para revisar los siguientes programas federales:

- Título I, Parte A - Mejorando Programas Básicos
- Título I, Parte C - Programa Migrante
- Título I, Parte D - Jóvenes Delincuentes
- Título II, Parte A - Mejorando la Calidad de Maestros
- Título III, Parte A - Servicios de educación para estudiantes de segundo idioma
- IDEA-Parte B, IDEA Pre-Escolar

La junta se llevará a cabo:
jueves, 17 de mayo, 2012, 5:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m. en el Salón de Orientación de Recursos Humanos, 12440 Rojas Drive.

S.I.S.D no discrimina a ningún individuo a causa de su raza, de su color, de su nacionalidad, de sus creencias religiosas, de su género, de su estado legal, o de veterano, ninguna condición médica o incapacidad, o ningún otro estado legal. 42 U.S.C 2000e-2(a); 20 U.S.C. 1681: Labor Code 21-051.

WTCC: 05-03-12; 05-10-12



Clint ISD students participate in leadership program

By Laura Cade
Special to the Courier

Being community minded and having already demonstrated leadership, Emily Eveler from Clint High School and Iliana Ortiz and Zayahary Ortiz from Horizon High School have proven to be some of the brightest high school juniors in El Paso. The students will be mentored and involved in Junior Leadership El Paso, a program that will help them become the next generation of leaders.

“We attend sessions the first Wednesday of every month and we learn about the business opportunities in El Paso,” said Emily Eveler.

The students in the program have visited area hospitals, non-profit organizations, a federal courthouse



Emily Eveler

See LEADERS, Page 5

Veterans Post By Freddy Groves

Mental health help from the VA

Depression. Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder. Substance abuse. Thoughts of suicide. Trauma from sexual assault. Anxiety. If you’re a veteran with any of those mental-health struggles, there is help via the Department of Veterans Affairs.

You can take a big step forward in getting help for yourself or a veteran family member by going to the VA’s website, www.mentalhealth.va.gov. Click on:

- Screening tools: You’ll find screening tests for depression, PTSD and substance abuse, including drugs and alcohol.
- Where to get help: Click on the green HELP graphic, and you’ll find tabs for getting help right now (if you are in crisis, call 1-800-273-8255 and press “1”), program locators and treatment info. Click on the map graphic to find the nearest VA facility. Use the drop-down menu to find the type of facility you need. There is a special PTSD link on the left side of the screen.

• If you’re having suicidal thoughts (or if there is a veteran you’re worried about): If you

can get to a computer, consider checking in with the Veterans Crisis Online chat. Someone is there 24 hours a day. Go to www.mentalhealth.va.gov and click Suicide Prevention on the left side of the screen. (Or go to <http://veteranscrisisline.net/>) You also can send a text message to 838255. You don’t have to be enrolled in VA health care to get help.

Secretary of Veterans Affairs Eric K. Shinseki recently announced that the VA would be adding 1,600 more mental-health clinicians – nurses, psychologists, social workers, psychiatrists – plus 300 more support staff. The need is great – 1.3 million veterans were helped with mental-health services last year – and that number will only increase.

If you need help, it’s there. Don’t wait. Just take the first step.

Write to Freddy Groves in care of King Features Weekly Service, P.O. Box 536475, Orlando, FL 32853-6475, or send e-mail to columnreply@gmail.com. (c) 2012 King Features Synd., Inc.

Canutillo Independent School District Public Notice

Public Meeting to Review Federally Funded Programs

The Canutillo Independent School District will conduct a public information meeting to review the following CISD Programs funded with Federal funds:

- Title I, Part A – Improving Basic Programs
- Title I, Part C – Migrant Program
- Title II, Part A – Teacher and Principal Training & Recruiting
- Title III, Part A – Limited English Proficiency (LEP)
- IDEA Part B – Formula
- IDEA Part B – Pre-School
- Career & Technical Education – Basic Grant

The meeting will be held: Wednesday, May 16, 2012, at 6:00 p.m., CISD Administration Offices, 7965 Artcraft.

Individuals with disabilities or that require auxiliary aids and wish to attend this meeting should contact the Canutillo ISD Public Information Office at least 2 days before the meeting at (915) 877-7482 to arrange for assistance.

Distrito Escolar Independiente de Canutillo Aviso al Público

Junta Pública para Informar sobre los Programas proveídos con Fondos Federales

El Distrito Escolar Independiente de Canutillo llevará a cabo una junta pública para explicar los siguientes programas, fondos federales:

- Título I, Parte A – Mejora de Programas Básicos
- Título I, Parte C – Programa Migrante
- Título II, Parte A – Mejorar la Calidad de Maestros y Directores
- Título III, Parte A – Educación Bilingüe e Inglés como segundo Idioma
- IDEA Parte B – Formula
- IDEA Parte B – Pre-Escolar
- Educación de Carreras en Tecnología – Apoyo Financiero Básico

La junta se llevará a cabo: El miercoles, 16 de mayo, 2012, a las 6:00 p.m., en el Edificio de las Oficinas Administrativas localizado en 7965 Artcraft.

Individuos con discapacidades o que requieren ayuda auxiliara y desean asistir a esta reunión deben contactar a la Oficina Pública de Información de CISD al (915) 877-7482 para realizar arreglos por lo menos 2 días antes de la reunión.

Classified Ads

LEGALS

CITY OF SOCORRO, TEXAS
REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS

FOR PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING DESIGN SERVICES FOR PROPOSED CONNERS BRIDGE

ATTN: Manuel Rubio, City Clerk

DUE: JUNE 5, 2012 2:15 P.M.
124 S. HORIZON BLVD. SOCORRO, TEXAS 79927

ANNOUNCEMENT

The City of Socorro Texas is soliciting Statements of Qualifications from qualified Civil Engineering Firms to provide Engineering Design Services for the proposed Connors Bridge Project. Consideration will be limited to firms, which demonstrate successful experience in the design of facilities of a similar scope for public sector entities.

The Request for Qualifications is pursuant to the Professional Services Procurement Act, Subchapter A, Chapter 2254, Texas Local Government Code.

Statements of Qualifications are due by 2:15 P.M. TUESDAY JUNE 5th, 2012; Statements of Qualifications must be marked with description on lower front left corner of envelope “RFQ FOR PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING DESIGN SERVICES”. Statements may be hand delivered to the following location: City of Socorro, Texas 124 S. Horizon Blvd Socorro, Texas 79927 Attention: Mr. Manuel Rubio, City Clerk

Any proposal received after the stated closing time will not be accepted. RFQ's sent by mail must be received by the City of Socorro no later than the deadline provided above.

Bids will be publicly opened and reviewed on June 5th, 2012 at 2:30P.M.

Until the final award of contract by the City of Socorro, the City reserves the right to reject any and/ or all proposals, to waive technicalities to re-advertise, to proceed otherwise when the best interest of the city will be realized hereby.

RFQ's must be signed by someone having the authority to bind the entity submitting the proposal.

For more information or questions regarding submission requirements, please contact the City of Socorro City Clerk Office at (915) 858-2915 or mrubio@ci.socorro.tx.us

Technical questions or comments can be directed to Samuel A. Leony, Planning and Zoning Director of the City of Socorro, at (915) 872-8531, Monday through Friday, during regular business hours of 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

INTRODUCTION

The City of Socorro desires to select a qualified Engineering Firm capable of performing all the activities normally associated with the full development of a bridge project developing plans, specifications, and cost estimating for the development and construction of the proposed bridge.

The scope of services for the proposed bridge project should include, but are not limited to, to

the following tasks:

- Complete engineering design plans
- Complete construction documents
- Complete technical specification documents
- Current traffic count data for design purposes
- Traffic congestion projection for impacted by the bridge once Las
- Margaritas Subdivision is complete.
- Permit coordination with utility companies and official agencies.
- Energy efficiency, utility and cost savings utilizing latest technologies.
- Overall design of the bridge including egress and ingress for traffic flow.
- Preparation of contract documents, bidding, and construction
- Administration services.

The design of the bridge is expected to contribute to the community's role to promote connectivity between Alameda Ave. and Las Margaritas Subdivision, a new residential development in process.

The bridge must include all the latest technologies in engineering design and innovations in the terrestrial transportation area.

The Civil Engineering firm selected will join the City team to develop the ultimate scope for the proposed bridge and conduct a series of meetings with key participants to incorporate needs in the development of the bridge design. The firm selected will also represent the City team during the development phase as well as the project leader during the construction phase.

STATEMENT OF QUALIFICATIONS

The Statement

of Qualifications must include the following elements:

- Letter of interest
 - Demonstration and recognition of accomplished design experience.
 - Experience of firm as lead landscape architect with park of similar size, scale and budget.
 - Engineering firm's record of meeting estimated budgets.
 - Identification and resumes of personnel to be directly involved in this project.
 - Principal and Project Engineer and others instrumental in the expected completion of the design work.
 - Identify current workload of firm and personnel assigned to project.
 - Experience of the firm with public sector and municipal bridges.
 - Experience of the proposed personnel with similar projects, emphasizing similar budgets and schedules.
 - Demonstrated experience in sustainable engineering design.
 - Description of the firm's design and project management philosophy.
 - References from recent similar projects, to include: key contact, owner, citizen participation, project manager, key designer.
- The Statement of Qualifications may not exceed 20, 8 ½ x 11 inch double-sided pages in length, including photos or graphic material.

CRITERIA FOR SELECTION

Interested firms must be able to demonstrate an established record of design excellence in their Statement of Qualifications and intent to provide a bridge that is:

- Well planned.
- Well designed.
- A source of Civic Pride.
- A positive

addition to the City of Socorro, TX and the Mission Valley.

- Functional and efficient bridge design.
- Structurally sound and traffic efficient.

In addition to design excellence, the following criteria will be used for screening an engineering team:

- Interested firms must be able to demonstrate experience with building bridges of similar complexity and scale.
- Experience with municipal/client on projects of similar scale.
- Record of bridge designs, which provide functionality.
- Record of designing bridges which are sensitive to site context.
- Record of bridge designs which use natural building materials effectively.
- Record of designing bridges within budget constraints.
- History of effective schedule and budget management.
- Availability of sufficient qualified staff to the project throughout the bridge development.
- Demonstrated experience in bridge construction administration.

Interested firms must be able to demonstrate successful experience with public involvement in a project design should have experience with city/county staff at many levels in the planning stages and expect open community review during the design phase. The city may contract with the chosen firm to plan and coordinate public involvement. The selected engineering firm will be expected to work collaboratively with this communications effort.

EVALUATION PROCESS

The City of Socorro may use a two

step process for the selection of an engineering. The first step in the selection process will require the firm to submit and focus on the following topics. Each firm will be scored on the following point system with a maximum total of 100 points:

Topic Points

- a. Project Approach: 20
- b. Past performance of Firm: 20
- c. Project Team and Capacity to Perform: 25
- d. Qualifications of Firm; Experience on comparable projects: 25
- e. Number of Public Sector Bridge Projects: 10
- Total Points: 100

The first submission of qualifications will require the interested firms to submit a response to this request for qualifications. A committee will evaluate the submissions and score each submission according to the criteria outlined in this RFQ. If a firm has a clear lead in the scoring, that firm will be the chosen firm.

If not, a list of short listed firms will be invited to participate in the second phase process. A letter will notify short listed firms of their participation in the second step; the letter will contain specific instructions, which will consist of an in-person interview with the review committee. The scores of the first (RFQ submission) and second phase (interview) will be combined and the firm scoring the highest will be recommended as the design firm for the Bridge.

The Selection Committee will make the final recommendation to the Socorro City Council.

Firms submitting proposals must provide one (1) loose original and

four (4) bound copies of the complete Request for Qualifications and must be received no later than 2:15 P.M., Tuesday, June 5th, 2012.

GENERAL CONDITIONS

Limitations

This request for qualifications does not commit the City of Socorro to award a contract or to pay any costs incurred as a result of preparing such a response. The City reserves the right to accept or reject any and all responses received in response to this request, to negotiate with all qualified respondents or to cancel in part or in its entirety this request for proposal if it is in the best interest of the City. The Consultant Selection Committee may require consultant/ attorney participation in negotiations, the result of which may require revisions to the response as submitted.

Manuel Rubio
City Clerk

WTCC: 05-10-12

CITY OF SOCORRO, TEXAS
REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS

FOR PROFESSIONAL LANDSCAPE DESIGN SERVICES FOR PROPOSED MAURO ROSAS PARK

ATTN: Manuel Rubio, City Clerk

DUE: JUNE 5, 2012 2:00 P.M.
124 S. HORIZON BLVD. SOCORRO, TEXAS 79927

ANNOUNCEMENT

The City of Socorro Texas is soliciting Statements of Qualifications from qualified Landscape Architecture Firms to provide

Landscape Architectural Design Services for the proposed Mauro Rosas Park. Consideration will be limited to firms, which demonstrate successful experience in the design of facilities of a similar scope for public sector entities.

The Request for Qualifications is pursuant to the Professional Services Procurement Act, Subchapter A, Chapter 2254, Texas Local Government Code.

Statements of Qualifications are due by 2:00 P.M. TUESDAY JUNE 5th, 2012; Statements of Qualifications must be marked with description on lower front left corner of envelope “RFQ FOR LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURAL DESIGN SERVICES”. Statements may be hand delivered to the following location:

City of Socorro, Texas 124 S. Horizon Blvd Socorro, Texas 79927 Attention: Mr. Manuel Rubio, City Clerk

Any proposal received after the stated closing time will not be accepted. RFQ's sent by mail must be received by the City of Socorro no later than the deadline provided above.

Bids will be publicly opened and reviewed on June 5th, 2012 at 2:15 P.M.

Until the final award of contract by the City of Socorro, the City reserves the right to reject any and/ or all proposals, to waive technicalities to re-advertise, to proceed otherwise when the best interest of the city will be realized hereby.

RFQ's must be signed by someone having the authority to bind the entity

submitting the proposal.

For more information or questions regarding submission requirements, please contact the City of Socorro City Clerk Office at (915) 858-2915 or mrubio@ci.socorro.tx.us

Technical questions or comments can be directed to Samuel A. Leony, Planning and Zoning Director of the City of Socorro, at (915) 872-8531, Monday through Friday, during regular business hours of 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

INTRODUCTION

The City of Socorro desires to select a qualified Architecture Firm capable of performing all the activities normally associated with the full development of a municipal park developing plans, specifications, and cost estimating for the development and construction of the proposed park. The scope of services for the proposed municipal park should include, but are not limited to, the following tasks:

- Hike/jogging trail
- Bike trail
- Outdoor Exercise Equipment
- Skate Park
- Sand Volleyball Court
- Tennis Courts
- Basketball Court
- Playground area child/infant
- Mini Golf Field
- Water splash park
- Picnic Table Area
- Bar-B-Q Area
- Park Benches
- Gazebo
- Parking area
- Lavatory facilities with water fountains
- Baseball field with seating & lighting
- Soccer Field
- Football Field
- Energy efficiency, utility and cost savings utilizing latest technologies.
- Overall design of the park including

egress and ingress for traffic flow.

- Preparation of contract documents, bidding, and construction.
- Administration services.

The design of the park is expected to contribute to the community's role to promote recreation and fitness. The park must include all the latest technologies in landscape architecture and innovations in the recreation and fitness area. The landscape architectural firm selected will join the City team to develop the theme for the park and conduct a series of meetings with constituents to provide input from the community in the development of the park. The firm selected will also represent the City team during the development phase as well as the project leader during the construction phase.

STATEMENT OF QUALIFICATIONS

The Statement of Qualifications must include the following elements:

- Letter of interest
- Demonstration and recognition of accomplished design experience.
- Experience of firm as lead landscape architect with park of similar size, scale and budget.
- Architectural firm's record of meeting estimated budgets.
- Identification and resumes of personnel to be directly involved in this project.
- Principal and Project Landscape Architect and others instrumental in the expected completion of the design work.
- Identify current workload of firm and personnel assigned to project.
- Experience of the firm with public sector and municipal parks.

CLASSIFIEDS, Continued On Page 5

To Advertise Call 852-3235 • Archives: www.wtxcc.com

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

S	M	E	A	R					
O		N		E					
U		M		S				R	
L	E	E		U				E	
			S	A	L	M	O	N	
			H	U	T			A	
			G			A	L	L	Y
			E			R			
			R	U	T	H			

R	U	I	N		C	H	I	A		P	R	O	P		H	I	E	S														
A	C	N	E		R	A	N	G		T	R	A	D	E	R		A	N	D	A												
T	H	E	W	A		A	R	C	H		T	H	E	G	I	R	A		W	H	I	M										
					R	O	E								A	N	T			D	E	B	I	T								
G	A	W	A	I	N				A	S	S		O	S	L	O		E	R	I	C	A										
E	C	R	U						I	V	E	S			P	A	N	D	A		T	E	X									
T	H	E	K	I	D	S		A	R	E					A	L	L			S	T	I	L	L								
Z	E	N			R	A	H			A	L	C	O	A						O	S	I	R	I	S							
										D	A	N	T	E						H	E	S	T	E	R		L	A	C	E		
D	E	E	R	E		A	L	I	V	E					W	H	E	N		T	A	N	Y	A								
A	C	R	E			A	R	I	S	E	S				A	Z	T	E	C													
M	O	R	A			S				A	R	O	O	M						Y	E	S		H	E	M						
						M	Y	H	U	S		B	A	N	D					C	O	M	E	S	H	O	M	E				
B	U	S				S	E	N	S	E					E	I	R	E			A	L	M	A								
I	N	E	P	T		D	E	L	E						T	I	E			S	A	L	M	A								
N	I	C	H	E						L	I	T			S	I	R															
										F	R	O	M		W	O	R	K			I	V	E	D	I	O	N	E	M			
P	O	E	T							O	R	I	A	N	A							I	R	A	N		I	A	G	O		
O	R	T	O							W	A	L	T	O	N							V	A	I	N		P	I	L	L		
T	M	E	N							N	E	E	R									E	L	L	A		S	L	E	D		

CryptoQuip
Answer

If someone were very wealthy but never cleaned himself, I suppose he'd be filthy rich.

3	–	1	×	8	16
×		×		÷	
9	–	5	×	4	16
–		+		×	
7	+	6	+	5	18
20		11		10	

Grants

From Page 2

provides financial assistance to individuals who would generally not have access to health care services by funding health centers to support comprehensive primary and preventive health care services to underserved or rural areas. The funds may be used for oral health care, mental health care and substance abuse services.

Centro San Vicente provides community-based primary healthcare with particular concern for the poor and needy. With a coordinated and holistic approach in caring for body,

mind, and spirit, San Vicente offers affordable health care, social service, and health education programs in collaboration with other health, social service, and educational agencies.

“One of the goals of the new health care law is to help community health centers meet the growing demand for health care services,” Reyes said. “Community health centers like La Fe and Centro San Vicente are part of an important system that ensures our most vulnerable community members receive the medical attention they need. These funds will not only help our community health centers care for additional patients but will also create jobs.”

Leaders

From Page 3

and met a district judge.

“We get to experience and see many things in El Paso that we didn’t



Iliana Ortiz

opportunities, which for Zayahary and Iliana, has set them on a path for a career in the medical profession after visiting the hospitals and touring an operating room in full surgical suits.

even know were here,” said Zayahary Ortiz.

For Iliana Ortiz she said, “We also got to go to the jail, which was pretty scary.”

The program introduces students to the different career

Junior Leadership El Paso, a program of the Greater El Paso Chamber of Commerce, targets high school juniors and provides them with the opportunity

to meet and interact with El Paso business, government and community leaders. After a review process of ninety-five applications, the Junior Leadership El Paso program

announced the roster for Class 9 made up of 41 candidates representing five school districts. The students will participate in a semester long program in seven sessions designed to support their high school education and understand the community’s social and economic issues and opportunities.



Zayahary Ortiz

FOOTBALL

SEASON TICKETS

*MILITARY DISCOUNT



UTEP
utepathletics.com
747-5234

Classified Ads

Continued From Page 4

- Experience of the proposed personnel with similar parks, emphasizing similar budgets and schedules.
- Demonstrated experience in sustainable landscape architectural design.
- Description of the firm’s design and project management philosophy.
- References from recent similar projects, to include: key contact, owner, citizen participation, project manager, key designer.

The Statement of Qualifications may not exceed 20, 8 ½ x 11 inch double-sided pages in length, including photos or graphic material.

CRITERIA FOR SELECTION

Interested firms must be able to demonstrate an established record of design excellence in their Statement of Qualifications and intent to provide a park that is:

- Well planned.
- Well designed.
- A source of Civic Pride.
- A positive addition to the City of Socorro, TX and the Mission Valley.

- Functional and efficient park designed for it’s users.
- Durable and energy and utility efficient.

In addition to design excellence, the following criteria will be used for screening a landscape architectural team:

- Interested firms must be able to demonstrate experience with building parks of similar complexity and scale.
- Experience with municipal/client on projects of similar scale.
- Record of park designs, which provide functionality.
- Record of designing parks which are sensitive to site context.
- Record of park designs which use natural building materials effectively.
- Record of designing parks within budget constraints.
- History of effective schedule and budget management.
- Availability of sufficient qualified staff to the project throughout the park development.
- Demonstrated experience in park construction administration.

Interested firms must be able to demonstrate successful experience with public involvement in a project design should have experience with city/county staff at many levels in the planning stages and expect open community review during the design phase. The city may contract with the chosen firm to plan and coordinate public involvement. The selected landscape architectural firm will be expected to work collaboratively with this communications effort.

EVALUATION PROCESS

The City of Socorro may use a two step process for the selection of a landscape architectural firm. The first step in the selection process will require the firm to submit and focus on the following topics. Each firm will be scored on the following point system with a maximum total of 100 points:

Topic Points

a. Project Approach: 20

b. Past performance of Firm: 20

c. Project Team and Capacity to Perform: 25

d. Qualifications of Firm; Experience on comparable projects: 25

e. Number of Public Sector Park Projects: 10

Total Points: 100

The first submission of qualifications will require the interested firms to submit a response to this request for qualifications. A committee will evaluate the submissions and score each submission according to the criteria outlined in this RFQ. If a firm has a clear lead in the scoring, that firm will be the chosen firm.

If not, a list of short listed firms will be invited to participate in the second phase process. A letter will notify short listed firms of their participation in the second step; the letter will contain specific instructions, which will consist of an in-person interview with the review committee. The scores of the first (RFQ submission) and second phase (interview) will be combined and the firm scoring the highest will be recommended as the design firm for

the Park.

The Selection Committee will make the final recommendation to the Socorro City Council.

Firms submitting proposals must provide one (1) loose original and four (4) bound copies of the complete Request for Qualifications and must be received no later than **2:00 P.M., Tuesday, June 5th, 2012.**

GENERAL CONDITIONS

Limitations – This request for qualifications does not commit the City of Socorro to award a contract or to pay any costs incurred as a result of preparing such a response. The City reserves the right to accept or reject any and all responses received in response to this request, to negotiate with all qualified respondents or to cancel in part or in its entirety this request for proposal if it is in the best interest of the City. The Consultant Selection Committee may require consultant/attorney participation in negotiations, the result of which may

require revisions to the response as

Manuel Rubio
City Clerk
WTCC: 05-10-12

City of Socorro PUBLIC HEARING

A PUBLIC HEARING will be held at 6:00 p.m. at a Regular Council Meeting on May 17, 2012, at City Hall, 860 Rio Vista, Socorro, Texas. The purpose of the Public Hearing is to allow any interested person to appear and testify at the hearing regarding the following:

1) AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF SOCORRO, TEXAS REGULATING MUNICIPAL PARKS, ESTABLISHING PROCEDURES FOR SPECIAL EVENTS AND PERMITS WITHIN CITY PARKS, ESTABLISHING A MUNICIPAL PARK COMMISSION ADVISORY BOARD, PROVIDING FOR HOURS OF OPERATION, SPECIAL EVENTS, ISSUANCE OF SPECIAL USE PERMITS PROVIDING FOR REPEAL OF CONFLICTING

ORDINANCES A N D PROVIDING FOR SEVERANCE.

Those unable to attend the public hearing may submit their views to the City of Socorro. Accommodations for handicapped persons will be available; handicapped persons in need of special assistance for attending the hearings are encouraged to contact the City Clerk (915) 858-2915, forty-eight (48) hours prior to this meeting. Copies of ordinances are available for review at City Hall, 124 S. Horizon Blvd., upon request.

Manuel Rubio
City Clerk

WTCC: 05-10-12

City of Socorro

PUBLIC HEARING

A PUBLIC HEARING will be held at 6:00 p.m. at a Regular Council Meeting on May 17, 2012, at City Hall, 860 Rio Vista, Socorro, Texas. The purpose of the Public Hearing is to allow any interested person to appear and testify at the hearing regarding the following:

1) AN ORDINANCE

OF THE CITY OF SOCORRO, TEXAS ADOPTING AN AMENDED BUDGET FOR THE FISCAL YEAR COMMENCING OCTOBER 1, 2011 AND ENDING ON SEPTEMBER 30, 2012, IN REFERENCE TO BALANCING OF DEPARTMENT BUDGETS.

Those unable to attend the public hearing may submit their views to the City of Socorro. Accommodations for handicapped persons will be available; handicapped persons in need of special assistance for attending the hearings are encouraged to contact the City Clerk (915) 858-2915, forty-eight (48) hours prior to this meeting. Copies of ordinances are available for review at City Hall, 124 S. Horizon Blvd., upon request.

Manuel Rubio
City Clerk

WTCC: 05-10-12

City of Socorro Adoption of Ordinances

On May 3, 2012 the City of Socorro, Texas adopted the following

ordinance:

1) ORDINANCE 295, AMENDMENT NO. 1: AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING AN AMENDED ORGANIZATIONAL CHART FOR THE CITY OF SOCORRO, TEXAS.

Copies of the ordinance are available for review at the City Administration Building, 124 S. Horizon Blvd., Socorro, Texas 79927; Monday through Friday between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.

Manuel Rubio
City Clerk

WTCC: 05-10-12

AYUDA, Inc.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Adults and Youth United Development Association (AYUDA) Inc. is a recipient of Home Contract for Deed #1001280 and HRA Contract #1001309.

AYUDA Inc. will accept seal bids for up to 10 residential new constructions and rehabilitation for each contract. Contractors can pick up a Bid Packet starting May 10, 2012

through May 24, 2012 from 8.00 a.m. to 3.00 p.m. Bid Packets can be picked up from and delivered to: AYUDA Inc. 1325 Beverly Ann, San Elizario, TX 79849.

Submitted Bid Packets must have Home Deed Conversion and HRA Bids written on the lower left hand side of the envelope. A public opening of the Bid Packets will take place on May 30, 2012 at 10.00 a.m. at the office of AYUDA Inc. phone (915) 851-0272. The contractor must ensure that employees and applicants are not discriminated against because of their race, color, religion, sex, or national origin age sex or disability.

AYUDA Inc. has a conflict of interest procedure in accordance with 24CFR 92.356. AYUDA has a Bidders Protest Rights Procedure. AYUDA Inc. reserves the right to reject any bids or to waive any informality in the bidding.

AYUDA Inc. is an Affirmative Action/ Equal Opportunity Employer.

WTCC: 05-10-12

Last week would be a good week for a complete do over

By Steve Escajeda
Special to the Courier

The world of sports has provided its fans with overwhelming joy for years and years. But once in a while, sports can be a source of disappointment, irritation and frustration – like this past week.

The week started in Chicago when the team with the NBA’s best record battled the Philadelphia 76ers in what many believed would be a lopsided series.

The Bulls were enjoying a comfortable victory over the 76ers in game one when with just over minute left in the game, the unthinkable happened.

The former NBA MVP Derrick Rose lay on the floor with a major knee injury.

It had already been a tough season for Rose and his nagging injuries, but a torn ACL is much more serious. He was suddenly out for the rest of the playoffs just like that.

Although you hope for the best, injuries are part of the game and can come at any time.

The injuries, however, that occur above the neck are harder to notice.

Junior Seau was one of the most dominant, energetic, inspiring and tenacious players I ever saw on the football field.

Yet, he was always a gentleman off the field.

The jury is still out on what kind of a person he was once he retired from the game.

Seau committed suicide by shooting himself in what was a complete shock to everyone.

There was talk that Seau had some domestic problems and financial issues but evidently his friends were unaware of any serious internal problems with the former NFL superstar.

Dozens of teammates and players who knew him have come forward to tell the world what kind of a person Seau was. And all of it has been extremely positive which makes his actions more difficult to understand.

The knee-jerk reaction to his suicide is that it must have been the concussions he received while playing football, though no one really knows if it was coping without the game anymore, some other form of depression, or something else.

Whatever the reason, Seau meant a lot to a lot of people and always be considered one of the giants of professional football.

Then there were a couple tragedies of a different sort.

They both involved the brain but it was more about the 98-percent of it they forgot to use.

Rajon Rando, the Boston Celtics star point guard was suspended for a playoff game after getting so upset at a call that he bumped the referee with his body during the last second of game-one against Atlanta.

Luckily for Rondo, the Celtics went on the win game two without him but you can’t cost your team like that by doing something so stupid.

Everyone in life knows you don’t spit into the wind, you don’t tug on Superman’s cape and you don’t ever make contact with a referee.

Even dumber than Rondo were the actions of New York Knicks forward Amare Stoudemire.

After his Knicks were pummeled once again by the Miami Heat in their second playoff game, a frustrated Stoudemire needed to blow off some steam.

So he hauled off and punched one of those glass enclosed fire extinguishers.

Needless to say, the glass won the battle.

Stoudemire cut his arm badly, requiring a ton of stitches and forcing him to miss the next playoff game – which the Knicks lost.

Stoudemire has never been mistaken for a Harvard graduate but c’mon, sometimes you have to use your head for something more than just growing hair on.

And then there were two examples of just plain bad luck.

Baltimore Ravens defensive player of the year Terrell Suggs will probably miss the entire 2012 season after tearing his Achilles tendon during a practice session.

Suggs says he will be back in November but medical experts doubt it.

And then there was the troubling news that the great Mariano Rivera will miss the rest of the baseball season after suffering a knee injury shagging balls before a game.

Rivera has always been a great humanitarian and an unbelievable relief pitcher for the Yankees.

Rivera, 42, says he will definitely be back next season.

I just hope he does come back. I also hope we don’t see another week like this past one for a long time.

A sporting view

By Mark Vasto

Best sports apps for your iPad

According to the Gartner Group, purchased some type of tablet more than 66 million people computerlast year(myself included).

There are thousands of applications for the iPad, Android and Windows-based tablets. Here are some of the Top 10 apps I’ve found for the sports fan with an iPad:

10. Flipboard This just may be the best

application for the iPad, period. It allows users to pick up to 36 websites, Facebook or Twitter accounts and presents them in a magazine-like fashion. While not a sports app per se, it is easy enough to plug in your favorite teams and other sports information sites. Flipboard keeps it all in one central location. I use it every day.

9. Zite This app is CNN’s version of Flipboard, but with a twist. Like Flipboard, it presents the web, Facebook and Twitter like a magazine, but it sorts information by topic instead, and it lets you pick as many of them as you like from a pre-approved list. Again, one convenient location makes it easy and convenient to follow your favorite teams or sport.

8. The Masters Already outdated for this year, nonetheless, Augusta National came through with a truly excellent app for the most famous golf tournament in the world. Everything you’d expect from an app that focuses solely on one event, at one venue, is included. HD video, detailed maps of each hole and the history of the club and tournament are covered in exquisite detail and during the tournament, the scoreboard is active and there

is a live feed from the course and a highlight reel. This is the standard that every tournament should be measured by.

7. Asphalt 6 This is a racing game that has great graphics and utilizes the iPad’s gyroscopic abilities in that you treat the tablet like a steering wheel. It’s pretty difficult and very fast-paced. (Don’t play it before bed – your adrenaline will keep you up all night, and I speak from experience.) The game is free, and as you win races you earn points and get to upgrade to other car models. I’m not much of a game player, but this one has me hooked.

6. NBC Sports Talk I’ve found this to be the best “inside” sports-information app available. The stories are well written, often a bit pithy but usually very insightful. Every major sport is covered in an easy-to-use interface, and it provides a daily schedule, scores, the Vegas line and even lets you buy tickets to an event. Far better than ESPN or any other sports-news app I’ve found to date.

Next week: the top 5.

Mark Vasto is a veteran sportswriter who lives in Kansas City. (c) 2012 King Features Synd., Inc.

Canutillo Independent School District

Public Notice

Any interested representative of a non-profit private school or non-profit home school

- operating within the boundaries of the Canutillo Independent School District, or
- operating outside of the boundaries of the District, but serving students who live within the boundaries

is encouraged to call for an appointment to receive information regarding the Consolidated Application for Federal Funding for 2012-2013. The application provides the following programs, through the “No Child Left Behind”.

- Title I, Part A — Improving Basic Programs
- Title I, Part C — Education of Migratory Children
- Title II, Part A — Teacher and Principal Training and Recruiting
- Title III, Part A — Limited English Proficient

Interested persons should call the office of the External Funding Coordinator at (915) 877-7497 to schedule an appointment. Representatives will need to provide their school’s tax exempt identification number to the District to confirm eligibility. Accommodations for handicapped persons will be made available upon request.

Distrito Escolar Independiente de Canutillo

Aviso al Público

Cualquier representante de un colegio privado no lucrativo o que ofrezca educación en casa, que esté interesado, y que

- opere dentro de los límites del Distrito Escolar Independiente de Canutillo, o
- fuera de los límites del Distrito, pero que sirva a estudiantes que viven en el Distrito se le invita a hacer una cita para recibir información sobre la Solicitud Consolidada para el Financiamiento Federal 2012-2013. Esta solicitud provee a los siguientes programas, a través de la Ley “No Child Left Behind”.

- Título I, Parte A — Mejoramiento de Programas Básicos
- Título I, Parte C — Educación de Niños Migrantes
- Título II, Parte A — Entrenamiento y Reclutamiento de Director y Maestro
- Título III, Parte A — Adquisición del Idioma Inglés

Las personas interesadas deben llamar a la oficina de la Coordinadora de Fondos Externos al (915) 877-7497 para hacer su cita. Cada representante deberá proporcionar el número de identificación de exención de impuestos de la escuela para confirmar su elegibilidad. Habrá adaptaciones adecuadas disponibles para discapacitados, si lo solicita con anticipación.

WTCC: 05/10/12



– Photos courtesy Clint ISD

Athletes of the Year selected by El Paso Athletic Hall of Fame
Outstanding student athletes were honored at the El Paso Athletic Hall of Fame 57th Annual Awards Dinner Wednesday, April 25, 2012. Horizon Girls Basketball guard, Janelle Perez, left, District 2-4A, and Clint Football running back, Rolando Parra, District 3-3A, took home Female and Male Athletes of the Year honors.

– Andrew Reynoso

Comix

OUT ON A LIMBBy Gary Kopervas



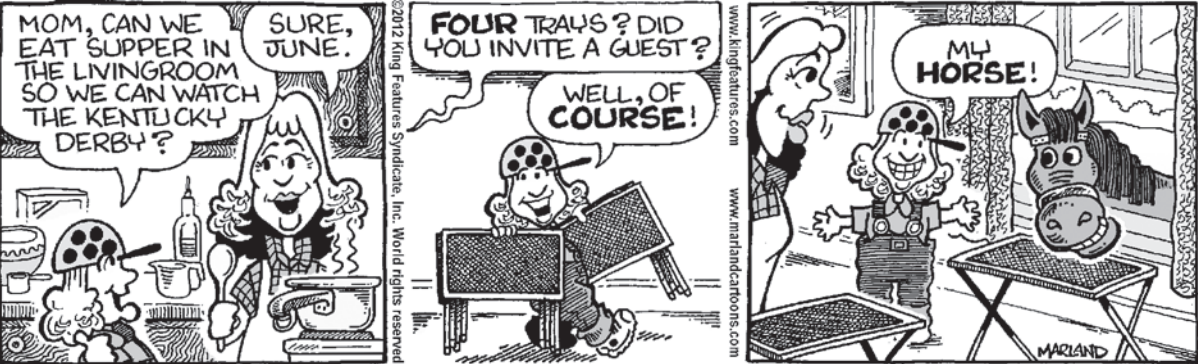
AMBER WAVESBy Dave T. Phipps



THE SPATSBy Jeff Pickering



R.F.D. By Mike Marland



Super Crossword

THE MINIMOM

ACROSS

1 Word with dance or hero

5 _Pet

9 Play thing?

13 Rushes

17 Destroy

18 "You _?" (Lurch's line)

19 Merchant

21 "_ partridge in ..."

22 Dermatological problem

23 Foot part

24 Event of 622

25 Fancy

26 Start of a remark by Roseanne

30 "Sheila" singer

31 Echidna's tidbit

32 Account entry

34 Arthurian knight

38 Dunce

40 Scandinavian capital

44 Susan Lucci role

45 Beige

46 Burlly Burl

47 Black and white delight

49 Neighbor of Okla.

50 Part 2 of remark

56 Way to satori

57 Team scream

58 Light metal group?

59 Spouse of Isis

63 Football's Lavelli

65 "The Scarlet Letter" heroine

68 Curtain fabric

69 Agricultural inventor

72 Part 3 of remark

75 Tucker or Roberts

76 Land measure

77 Crops up

78 Montezuma, for one

80 Peat's place

82 Foster's " _ With a View"

85 "To be sure!"

86 Shorten a skirt

89 Part 4 of remark

94 Carry to class

97 Intuit

98 Green land

99 Kruger or Gluck

100 Clumsy

102 Prune a paragraph

104 Present for pop

105 Writer Rushdie

107 Pigeonhole

108 Glowing

110 Private reply?

111 End of remark

122 Meter reader?

123 Journalist Fallaci

124 Where to speak Farsi

125 Emilia's husband

126 " _ take arms against a sea ..."

127 "The Compleat Angler" author

128 Arrogant

129 It may be bitter

130 Govt. agents

131 _-do-well

132 Actress Joyce

133 Toboggan

DOWN

1 College club

2 "That hurts!"

3 Queue

4 Had no doubts

5 Kindergarten item

6 Writer Bret

7 Foot part

8 Eastern leader

9 Rapidly, to Rossini

10 Frenzy

11 Garfield's pal

12 Gilpin of "Frasier"

13 Nautical rope

14 Check

15 Impressive building

16 TV's "My Sister _"

19 Dilute

20 Sneaky sort

27 Meyers of "Kate & Allie"

28 Ornamental

29 Principles

33 Duty

34 Saxophonist Stan

35 Need a rubdown

36 Small bird

37 Great bird?

38 Actress Gardner

39 Doris Day refrain

41 Cavort in the pool

42 _ Cruces, NM

43 Can. province

46 '87 Warren Beatty film

48 Last name in fashion

51 "Dies _"

52 Rowan or Rather

53 Truman Cabinet member

54 Movie mogul

55 Whitman's

60 Bloomer

60 Fled

61 Frigid

62 Monsarrat's "The Cruel _"

63 Night vision?

64 Inventor Whitney

66 Actress Leoni

67 Pepsin or lipase

69 Barrier

70 Word form for "environment"

71 Goof

73 Sanford of "The Jeffersons"

74 Ralston or Miles

75 Hardy woman

77 Tennis legend

79 Golfer's gadget

81 Nervous _

83 "Swan Lake" heroine

84 1,102, to

Calpurnia

86 Ian of "The Borrowers"

87 Role for 27 Down

88 Nasty

90 Sturm _ Drang

91 Compass pt.

92 Mine find

93 Lyricist David

94 Coal container

95 Doughboy's duds

96 Conceal

101 Light quantum

103 Poet Wylie

105 Burnt _

106 Branch

109 Terrible name?

110 Periwinkle, for one

112 "Would you look at that!"

113 Algerian port

114 Vex

115 Winslet of "Hamlet"

116 Jackknife, e.g.

117 _ surgery

118 Puppy protests

119 Monopoly destination

120 Stare salaciously

121 Daring

122 Ample abdomen

1

2

3

4

5

6

7

8

9

10

11

12

13

14

15

16

17

18

19

20

21

22

23

24

25

26

27

28

29

30

31

32

33

34

35

36

37

38

39

40

41

42

43

44

45

46

47

48

49

50

51

52

53

54

55

56

57

58

59

60

61

62

63

64

65

66

67

68

69

70

71

72

73

74

75

76

77

78

79

80

81

82

83

84

85

86

87

88

89

90

91

92

93

94

95

96

97

98

99

100

101

102

103

104

105

106

107

108

109

110

111

112

113

114

115

116

117

118

119

120

121

122

123

124

125

126

127

128

129

130

131

132

133

Answer Page 4

TRUE TEXAS FACTS *by Roger Moore*, May 18, 1977,
Millionairess, Sondra West, is buried in her '64 blue
Ferrari.



GO FIGURE! by Linda Thistle

The idea of Go Figure is to arrive at the figures given at the bot-
tom 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: ★★

★ Moderate ★★ Difficult
★★★ GO FIGURE!

	-		x		16
x		x		÷	
	-		x		16
-		+		x	
	+		+		18
20		11		10	

1 3 4 5 5 6 7 8 9

Answer Page 4

© 2012 King Features Syndicate, Inc.

Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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

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

Answer Page 4

★★★ HOO BOY!

© 2012 King Features Synd., Inc.

Social Security Q&A By Ray Vigil

Q: My grandfather, who is receiving Supplemental Security Income (SSI), will be coming to live with me. Does he have to report the move to Social Security?

A: Yes. An SSI beneficiary must report any change in living arrangements within 10 days after the month the change occurs. If the change is not reported, your grandfather could receive an incorrect payment and have to pay it back, or he may not receive all the money due. Just as importantly, your grandfather needs to report the new address to Social Security to receive mail from us. You can report the change by mail or in person at any Social Security office or call Social Security’s toll-free number at 1-800-772-1213 (TTY: 1-800-325-0778). You can get more information by reading the booklet Understanding SSI, at www.socialsecurity.gov/ssi.

Q: Is there a time limit on Social Security disability benefits?

A: Your disability benefits will continue as long as your medical condition has not improved and you cannot work. Social Security will periodically review your case to determine whether you continue to be eligible. If you are still receiving disability benefits when you reach your full retirement age

http://ssa-custhelp.ssa.gov/cgi-bin/ssa.cfg/php/enduser/std_adp.php?p_faqid=160, your disability benefits will automatically be converted to retirement benefits. Learn more about disability benefits at www.socialsecurity.gov/disability.

Q: How many Social Security numbers have been issued since the program started?

A: Since 1935, we have assigned more than 465 million Social Security numbers and each year we assign about 5.5 million new numbers. With approximately 1 billion combinations of the 9-digit Social Security number, the current system will provide us with enough new numbers for several generations into the future. To learn more about Social Security numbers and cards, visit www.socialsecurity.gov/pubs/10002.html.

Q: Why is there a five-month waiting period for Social Security disability benefits?

A: The law states that Social Security disability benefits begin with the sixth full month after the date your disability began. You are not entitled to benefits for any month prior to that. Learn more at our website: www.socialsecurity.gov/disability.

For more information on any of the questions listed, 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.

STRANGE BUT TRUE

By Samantha Weaver

- It was British mathematician, philosopher and social critic Bertrand Russell who made the following sage observation: “Every advance in civilization has been denounced as unnatural while it was recent.”
 - If you’re like most adults, you have approximately 1,000 hairs per square inch of your scalp. That might seem like a lot, but consider the otter: Its 1 million hairs per square inch of skin make it the owner of the densest fur in the world.
 - Before the 19th century, it was déclass   to wear clothing with pockets. All the well-dressed members of the upper classes had servants to carry things for them.
 - The next time you’re out for a walk in the country, kneel down and scoop up a cupful of soil. You might be surprised to learn that that single cup of dirt could hold more bacteria than there are people on the planet.
 - Those who study such things say that more Frisbee-type discs are sold every year in the U.S. than footballs, baseballs and basketballs combined.
 - People sometimes fight over the silliest things. Countries, too. For example, in 1925, Greece and Bulgaria were at war for 10 days, all because of a dog. Evidently, tensions were high in October of that year, when a Greek soldier’s dog ran away from him – across the border. The soldier chased his dog into Bulgaria, where he was shot dead by a sentry. In retaliation, the Greek army invaded, and the League of Nations had to step in to restore order to the region.
 - There is a species of frog found in Indonesia that breathes entirely through its skin; it has no lungs at all.
- Thought for the Day:
“Everyone, in some small sacred sanctuary of the self, is nuts.”
– Leo Rosten

(c) 2012 King Features Synd., Inc.

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: U equals B

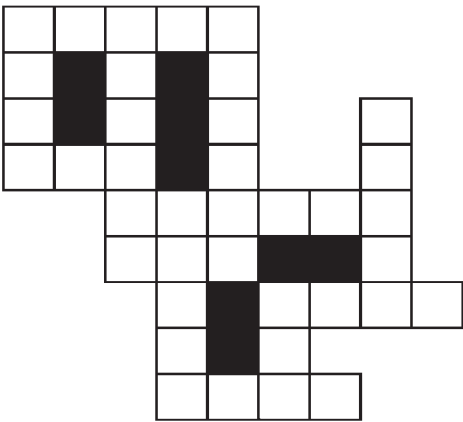
EI XAFHARH PHCH WHCL
PHZBSGL UTS RHWHC DBHZRHV
GEFXHBI, E XTKKAXH GH'V UH
IEBSGL CEDG.

Answer Page 4

© 2012 King Features Synd., Inc.



THU
MOLSNA
♥AMERS
LYLA
♥TURSEL
♥ELE
♥THUR
♥NARLE
♥TRA
HENSEM
♥RAUGE
OLUS



Answer Page 4

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.

© 2012 King Features Syndicate. All rights reserved.