



NEWSBRIEFS

Free flu vaccinations

Immunize El Paso and the Caring for Children Foundation, which operates the Care Van Program, announced today that the two programs have extended their partnership to provide un/under-insured children flu vaccinations at no out-of-pocket expense to the child's family. The group will visit over 100 area schools, community centers and outreach partners throughout the area. In addition to children's flu vaccinations, IZEP also offers flu vaccines to adults. To help offset the cost of vaccination for adults, Medicare, Medicaid and many major insurance plans are accepted. With the start of school and fall beginning to set in, now is a great time to start thinking about protecting yourself against the flu. Community-wide benefits of a comprehensive flu vaccination program can only be seen if a majority of the community gets vaccinated. Outreach clinics have been set up from Anthony to Tornillo making immunization accessible to absolutely anyone who wants to stay healthy. Each of Immunize El Paso's clinics will be open to allow for children and adults (\$25) to access the free and/or low cost flu vaccines. To find a location near you, call 533-3414 or visit www.immunizeelpaso.org.

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— *Dusty Warden*

Health fairs

The Canutillo Independent School District will host several health fairs during the upcoming Parent/Teacher Conferences. The October health fairs will be held from 1:30 – 6:00 p.m. at the following dates and schools:

- Oct. 9 – Alderete Middle School, 801 Talbot Rd.;
- Oct. 10 – Canutillo High School, 6675 South Desert Blvd.;
- Oct. 11 – Bill Childress Elementary School, 7700 Cap Carter Rd.; and
- Oct. 11 – Canutillo Elementary School, 651 Canutillo Ave.

The Canutillo Campus Coordinated School Health Teams in collaboration with El Paso First Health Plans Inc. will have various service-oriented vendors on hand to promote fitness, nutrition, free health screenings, immunizations, community involvement, violence and substance abuse prevention, among other services. Informational stations and children's health and safety programs will also be available for parents and

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*A pessimist can hardly wait for the future
so he can look back with regret.*
— Quips & Quotes



— Photo by Alfredo Vasquez

The U.S. Citizen and Immigration Services (USCIS) office in El Paso is located at 1545 Hawkins Boulevard. Immigration officials opened an application process that will allow thousands of young undocumented immigrants to apply for work permits and protection from deportation. The forms are at the U.S. Citizen and Immigration Services' website, uscis.gov. The initiative could mean work and temporary peace of mind for thousands of young people.

Immigration program offers temporary protection

By Alfredo Vasquez
Special to the Courier

EL PASO COUNTY – Estimates are that there are about 15,000 young immigrants in the El Paso area who are eligible to apply for protection from deportation and for work permits under a new initiative that was ushered in by President Barack Obama in August.

The initiative, called the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) Program, gives undocumented students a chance at temporary legal status and an opportunity to get a job legally. The new program will allow qualifying applicants to apply for deferred deportation for two years and for permits to

work legally in the country.

It is directed to people who entered the country before the age of 16; are younger than 30; continuously lived in the United States for five years before the date of the memo; have never been convicted of a felony or a serious misdemeanor; and don't pose a threat to national security. Some people in removal proceedings may also be eligible, according to immigration specialists. They must also have graduated from high school, have a general educational development certificate or have served in the military.

To start the process, applicants have to fill out and mail forms I-821D for consideration for deferred action, I-765 to apply for employment authorization, and I-765WS to

establish economic need for employment. The cost of the application and the biometric background check is \$465. The program allows for two years of deferred actions, and beneficiaries will be able to apply for extensions.

The forms are at the U.S. Citizen and Immigration Services' website, uscis.gov.

According to estimates from the Washington D.C.-based Immigration Policy Center (IPC) about 9,420 young people between the ages of 15 and 30 who could immediately benefit from the initiative live in Texas' 16th Congressional District – most of El Paso. An additional 6,210 young undocumented immigrants between the ages of five and 14 could benefit in the future if they graduate from high school, obtain their GEDs or serve in the U.S. armed forces.

Nation-wide, IPC estimates that there are about 1.3 million immediate and future potential beneficiaries. About 226,700 live in Texas, which is second behind California as the state with the most potential beneficiaries.

The program has been criticized as a costly administrative measure that will redirect resources from legal immigration applications. Anti-immigration organizations also say the program is equivalent to amnesty.

Pro-immigrant organizations, which favor creating a path to citizenship for the same young undocumented immigrants who will benefit from the program, disagree. Advocates assert that the measure is only a stopgap that does not substitute for the Development, Relief, and Education for Alien Minors Act, or Dream Act, which Congress has twice rejected.

Mexico's consul general in El Paso said the consulate plans to host events to inform and help applicants obtain documents like passports, consular IDs and birth certificates. For more information call the consulate office, at (877) 639-4835.

The Catholic Church's Diocesan Migrant and Refugee Services and Las Americas Immigration Advocacy Center are also offering informational sessions.

Clint sees economic surge

By Don Woodyard
Special to the Courier

CLINT – The town of Clint is experiencing economic growing pains.

Mayor Dale Reinhardt points to major construction on Texas 20/Alameda east of the intersection with FM 1110.

- The new Clint High School which opened this fall.
- A new Border Patrol complex nearing completion.
- The planned \$40 million construction project is of a mix of apartments and single-family housing by Tropicana Homes.

These major projects are not the only signs of growth in Clint whose population, the mayor says, stands at about 1,000 with about 360 home sites.

Six new businesses have come to the Lower Valley community within the last year, the mayor's staff reports. They are The Flower Shop, Clint Flower Shop, Banderas

Mariscos Seafood Restaurant, JR Second Hand Store, Subway, and Clint Car Wash.

"The economy is doing pretty well
"Our challenge is to deal with this growth," Reinhardt says. "I feel equal to the challenge. We are striving hard to deal with sensible growth and keep small businesses.

"There will be changes; that is inevitable."

Reinhardt, who has been mayor since 2004, is working on one of the major changes. He is in the process of annexing approximately 60 acres of land for construction of 250 single-family homes and 76 apartments.

The apartments will be a mix of one-, two- and three-bedroom units, according



Dale Reinhardt

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When seniors need financial assistance

By Jason Alderman
Special to the Courier

When the last national census was taken in 2010, 48 percent of the population was classified as poor or low-income (earning less than 200 percent of the poverty level). Anyone who’s ever tried to live on a low income knows how difficult it can be to make ends meet when cost increases for essentials like healthcare, housing, food and energy outpace their earnings. This can be especially challenging for seniors living on a fixed income.

The good news is there are literally thousands of federal, state and private assistance programs designed to help seniors and others cover their basic needs. Your challenge might be finding ones for which you’re eligible. Here are a few suggestions:

The nonprofit National Council on Aging offers BenefitsCheckUp (www.benefitscheckup.org), a free, confidential web-based service that helps seniors and their caregivers find financial assistance for healthcare, housing, food, utilities, in-home services and much more. After answering several questions, you’re issued a personalized report

describing programs and services for which you may be eligible, including links to their websites and applications.

Several government-sponsored programs help people with limited income and resources pay for medical coverage, including Medicaid and Medicare. For a good round-up of these programs, go to www.medicare.gov and click on “Get Financial Help.”

Most pharmaceutical companies offer patient assistance programs (PAPs) that provide uninsured and low-income people access to prescription drugs they couldn’t otherwise afford. Ask your doctor,

pharmacist or health clinic for details. Other good resources include: Medicare’s alphabetical list of drugs available through PAPs (www.medicare.gov/pap/index.asp); Partnership for Prescription Assistance (www.pparx.org); RxAssist (www.rxassist.org); and NeedyMeds (www.needymeds.com).

In addition, as a result of the Affordable Care Act, Medicare Part D participants who reach the so-called doughnut hole coverage gap now receive a 50 percent discount on brand-name prescription drugs and a 14 percent discount on generics. (These discounts will gradually increase until 2020 when the doughnut hole will disappear altogether.)

The IRS tax code includes several benefits that target seniors (and often, other lower-income taxpayers), including:

- A higher standard deduction amount for most people who don’t itemize deductions if they and/or their spouse are over 65 or blind.
- An additional tax credit for lower-income people who are over 65 or disabled and file a 1040 or 1040A tax form. (For full details and eligibility, see IRS Publication 524 at www.irs.gov.)
- Free tax return preparation assistance and counseling from IRS-trained volunteers is available to people over age 60, as well as low-to-moderate income folks and

military families.

- IRS Publication 554 provides comprehensive help for seniors to prepare their tax returns.

Many government-sponsored benefits, grants and financial aid programs exist to help seniors, low-income families and others pay their bills, including:

- LIHEAP (Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program) provides grants to help pay utility bills. To see if you qualify, go to www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/ocs/liheap.
- SNAP (Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program) helps millions of lower-income Americans buy nutritious food each month. Visit www.fns.usda.gov/snap for qualification requirements.
- Rental assistance for low-income families is available from several U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development programs as well as other state and local agencies (see www.hud.gov/renting/index.cfm for details).
- Go to www.usa.gov/Citizen/Topics/Benefits.shtml for a comprehensive overview of additional aid programs.

And of course, don’t forget to ask about senior discounts whenever you shop, travel or buy insurance – 10 percent here and there can really add up.

Jason Alderman directs Visa’s financial education programs.

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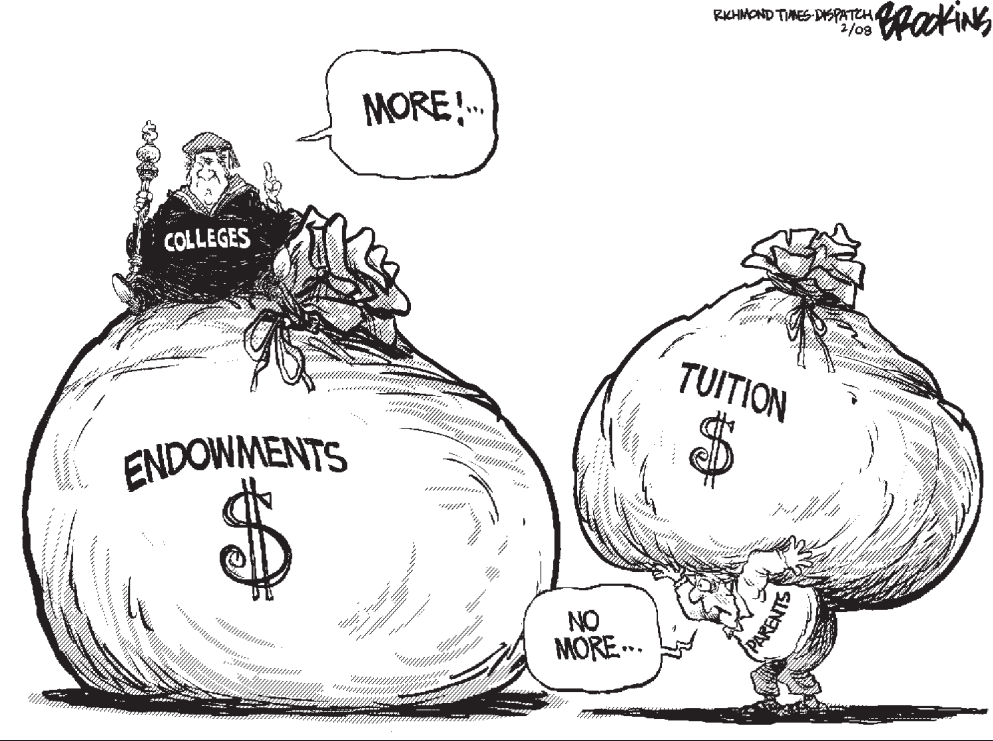
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By Dick Lavine

Eliminating the local property tax is a bad idea for Texas

Let's say you and your neighbors want to improve your local school, or want to request cleaner parks, or more books at your local library. Because those basic and essential services are funded directly by your local property tax dollars, all you and your neighbors would have to do is take your requests and concerns to your city council, which would then vote on the measures. But, if the local property tax were replaced by a statewide sales tax – an idea swirling among Texas officials – you and your neighbors would have to take up local funding issues with the state legislature, which only meets every two years and is in some cases hundreds of miles from your hometown. The relationship between you, your community, your schools, and your local services would look wildly different.

Eliminating the local property tax – the primary source of funding for our schools, police, fire, and emergency services – and replacing it with a statewide sales tax is a bad idea for Texas for several reasons. First, it would sever an important link between your community and your schools. Next, it might also require us to pay a sales tax on many daily necessities that are currently not taxed, like household gas, electricity and groceries. And finally, this tax swap would ultimately increase your family's tax bill if you earn less than \$125,000 a year.

Texas cities, counties, school districts, and special districts (community colleges, hospital districts, etc.) are funded by some \$42 billion a year in local property taxes. To support these same services with a sales tax would require a statewide rate of close to 18 percent; nearly triple the current 6.25 percent sales tax. Add the current 2 percent local sales supporting cities, counties, and transit authorities, and consumers and businesses would face a 20 percent tax on most purchases.

As an alternative to this punishing rate, proponents of the tax swap suggest expanding the sales tax to items and services not currently taxed. Taxing business and professional services, such as legal, accounting, and brokerage services, could be a positive step toward modernizing the sales tax to better reflect the service economy of the 21st century. But even taxing all business and professional services, except health care, would bring in only enough extra revenue to reduce the tax rate by 3/4 percent.

Taxing even more items to lower the rate, as proponents of this scheme suggest, would force taxation of such items family purchases as residential utilities such as gas, electric and water, and business expenditures such as manufacturing machinery and materials.

We need to ask exactly what problem we are trying to solve. Texas property taxes are high compared to other states, but that's largely because we have no state personal income tax to help finance public services. And with the homestead exemption for all homeowners and school tax freeze for seniors, we protect those who can least afford to pay.

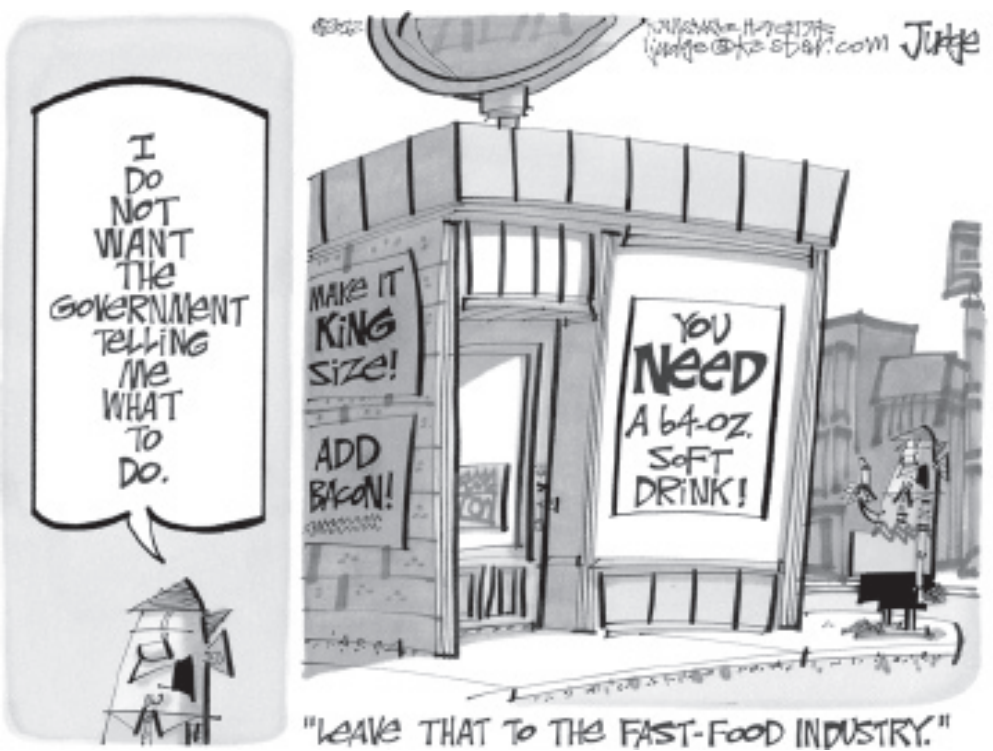
On top of which, the sales tax takes a much larger percentage of the income of low- or moderate-income families than of higher-income families. For 80 percent of Texans, replacing local property taxes with a higher statewide sales tax would mean a much larger overall tax bill. Only families earning more than \$125,000 would benefit.

When it comes to something as important as our schoolchildren and our local police, fire and EMS protection, we should not place all our bets on one horse. Using both property and sales taxes buffers our schools and local emergency services from economic downturns. While the sales tax is the major source of state tax revenue, collections can be quite volatile. In fact, sales tax revenue fell in 2002 and 2003 and again in 2009 and 2010. In contrast, property tax values are much more stable and can provide a better base of support of public education and city and county services.

Forcing local communities to become totally dependent on the state's distribution of revenue from an expanded sales tax would sever an important link between a community and its public schools. Under the current system, if a community wishes to raise its own property taxes to improve its local schools, public safety, or recreation, it can vote to do so. If city, county, and school funding were centralized into a state sales tax, this opportunity would largely disappear. For instance, schools would have only the amount of money per student assigned by the state to all school districts, without regard for any local commitment to improve funding. In addition, cities or counties looking to combat urban blight by foreclosing property-tax liens on abandoned property would lose a valuable tool.

Texas moves along with two major tax supports for public services – the property tax and the sales tax – like a bicycle that occasionally wobbles, but keeps going straight. Relying on solely a high-rate sales tax would be more like riding a unicycle, going sometimes forward and sometimes backward, with the real chance for a crash at any moment.

Dick Lavine is a senior fiscal policy analyst at the Center for Public Policy Priorities. © Texas Lone Star Forum.





– Photo courtesy Tropicana Building Corp.

RECENTLY COMPLETED – The new 80-unit San Elizario Palms Apartments – which are across the street from San Elizario High School – offer a good idea of what the planned 76-unit Clint Palms Apartments will be like.



R. L. “Bobby” Bowling IV

Clint

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to Bobby Bowling, IV., president of Tropicana Building Corp. The majority will be two- and three-bedroom homes.

The average price of a home will be in the \$130,000-\$140,000 range.

Bowling says the single-family housing will take the lions’ share of the construction cost – \$30 million.

The land was deeded to Tropicana by Janet Sparks, says Bowling. He expects construction to begin in November or December with a two-to three-year buildout on the single unit phase.

Bowling adds that the company is putting its funding package together. Presently it is going through the platting phase for the development, site preparation and obtaining permits

The project draws praise from both Reinhardt and Bowling.

Reinhardt: “It is a real pleasure to deal with Bowling on this project.”

Echoes Bowling: “They (the city) have been very open to us. People have been very friendly and helpful. It’s been a real pleasure to work with them.”

Bowling says he was “enticed” to build in the area because of the “improvement in the area.

“I am real excited about building here.”

The Clint housing project is not the first one in the area. There are three Tropicana Homes projects in the San Elizario area.

They are San Elizario Homes, Presidio Palms and Mission Palms.

“We like San Elizario,” Bowling says. “We see it as a good growth market. They are hard-working people.”

Bowling says that the area still has building potential.

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Notice of Public Meeting to Discuss Anthony Independent School District’s State Financial Accountability Rating (FIRST)

The Anthony Independent School District will hold a public meeting at 6:30 P.M. on Wednesday, October 17, 2012 in the Board Room, 813 Sixth Street, Anthony, Texas 79821.

The purpose of the meeting is to discuss Anthony Independent School District’s rating on the State’s Financial Accountability Rating System.

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Notice of Public Meeting to Discuss Clint Independent School District’s State Financial Accountability Rating

Clint Independent School District will hold a public meeting at 5:30 PM, Wednesday, October 17, 2012, in the Central Office Board Room, 14521 Horizon Blvd., El Paso, Texas 79928.

The purpose of this meeting is to discuss Clint Independent School District’s rating on the state’s financial accountability system.

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Notice of Public Meeting To Discuss Fabens Independent School District’s State Financial Accountability Rating (FIRST)

The Fabens Independent School District will hold a public hearing at 6:30 p.m., Wednesday, October 17, 2012 in the boardroom of the Fabens ISD Administration Building, 821 NE “G” Avenue, Fabens, Texas.

The purpose of this hearing is to discuss Fabens Independent School District’s rating on the state’s financial accountability system.

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Notice of Public Hearing to Discuss Tornillo Independent School District’s State Financial Accountability Rating

Tornillo Independent School District will hold a public meeting at 6:00 PM, Tuesday, October 24, 2012, in the boardroom of the Tornillo Administration Building, at 19200 Cobb Ave., Tornillo, Texas 79853.

The purpose of this hearing is to discuss Independent School District’s rating on the state’s financial accountability system.

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Briefs

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community members. “Our goal is to help promote wellness and provide information to our parents and community during both our fall and spring parent/teacher conferences. The conferences provide the ideal opportunity to serve the bulk of our parents since they are visiting campuses,” said Jose Escobedo, CISD Coordinated School Health Facilitator.

– Kim Guzman

Military friendly

El Paso Community College (EPCC) is included in the coveted Military Friendly Schools® list. The 2013 list honors the top 15 percent of colleges, universities and trade schools that are doing the most to embrace America’s military service members, veterans, and spouses as students and ensure their success on campus. The Military Friendly Schools® media and website, found at www.militaryfriendlyschools.com, feature the list, interactive tools and search functionality to help military students find the best school to suit their unique needs and preferences. The 1,739 colleges, universities and trade schools on this year’s list exhibit leading practices in the recruitment and retention of students with military experience. “Our men and women in uniform have served us as a nation so well; therefore our goal at El Paso Community College is to serve them just as well as they enroll in higher education. Being designated a Military Friendly School is one step in ensuring that we are meeting that goal,” said EPCC President Dr. William Serrata.

– Jim Heiney



William Serrata

Notice of Public Hearing

TOWN of HORIZON CITY, TEXAS

The City Council of the TOWN of HORIZON CITY, Texas, Hereby Gives Notice of a Public Hearing on Tuesday, OCTOBER 16, 2012 at 6:30 p.m. at Town Hall, 14999 Darrington Road, Horizon City, Texas 79928, to Discuss its Intent to Establish a Transportation Reinvestment Zone to Promote Transportation Projects Within the Proposed Zone.

This notice is provided in accordance with the requirements of Chapter 222.106(e) of the Texas Transportation Code, whereby notice of a public hearing on a proposed transportation reinvestment zone must be published in a newspaper having general circulation in Horizon City, Texas not later than the seventh day before the date of the public hearing.

At the public hearing, the City Council of the Town of Horizon City, Texas, will discuss the proposed creation of a transportation reinvestment zone and its benefits to the municipality and to the property in the proposed zone.

Pursuant to Section 222.106(e) of the Texas Transportation Code, any interested person may speak for or against the creation of the zone or its boundaries.

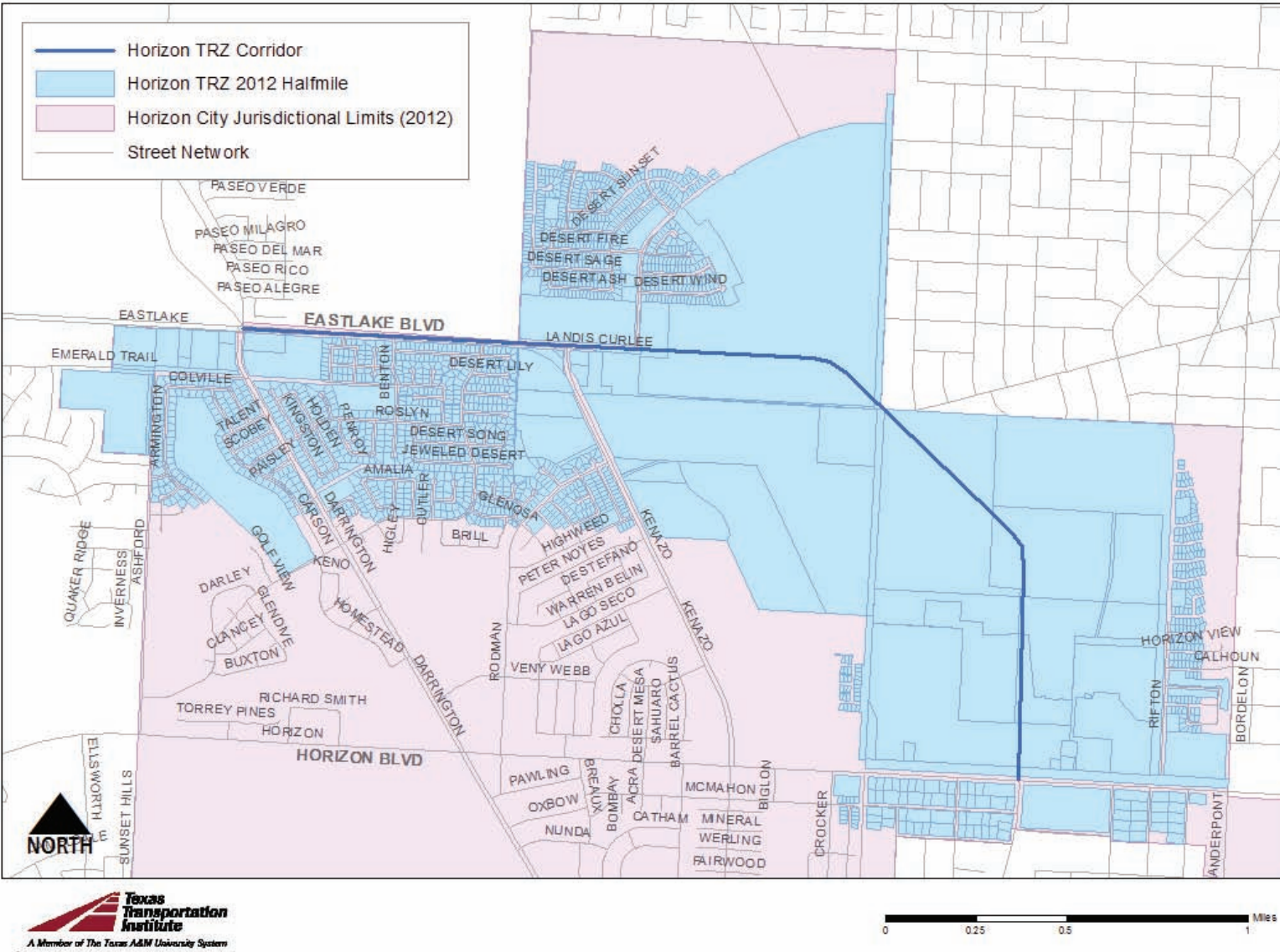
Description of the Proposed Boundaries for the Proposed Zone:

The proposed transportation reinvestment zone includes all parcels of property, any portion of which is within 1/2 mile of the centerline of Eastlake Boulevard, beginning at the Town of Horizon City limits to the west, ending at the Town of Horizon City Limits to the south of the intersection with Horizon Boulevard.

See map below.

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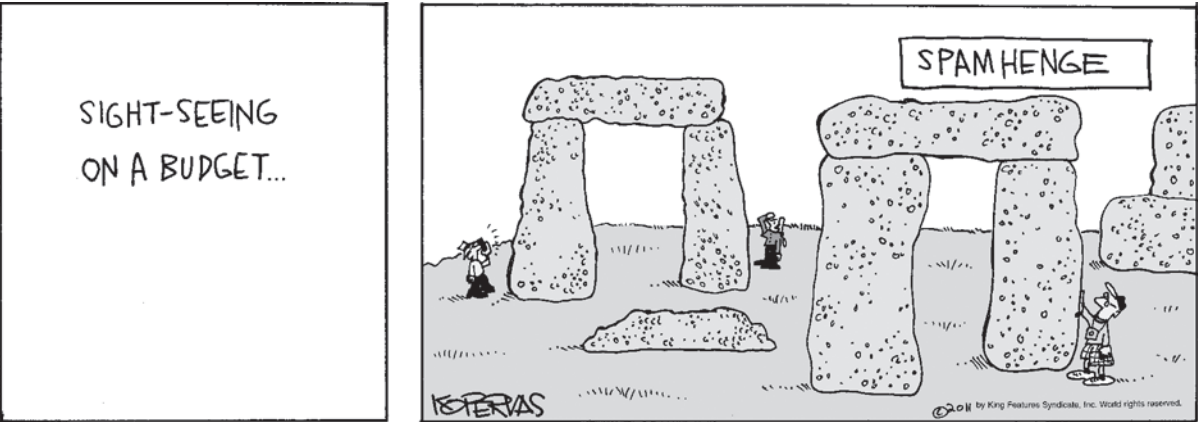


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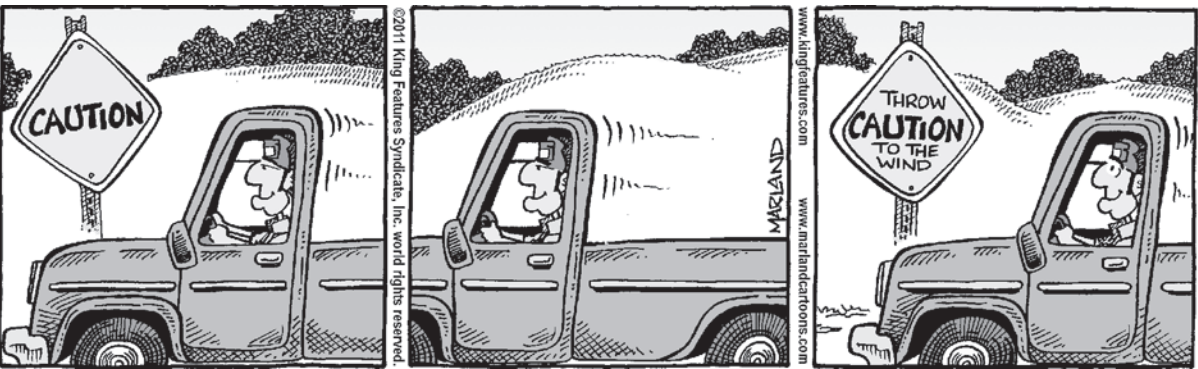
AMBER WAVES By Dave T. Phipps



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

DEAR DR. DONOHUE: What gives? When I was a kid, I had asthma. Then it went away completely. Now, at age 37, it's come back. As a child, I took only one medicine, and did well. Now I have a number of medicines and inhalers, and I'm confused. Will you simplify asthma for me? It isn't the same as it used to be. Do you think I have developed allergies that brought it back? – H.F.

In the more developed countries of the world, around 15 percent of children and 12 percent of adults suffer from asthma. Asthma resolves for many children as they reach adolescence, but it can come back. Adults also can develop asthma for the first time. It's not strictly a childhood problem.

Cough, wheezing and shortness of breath are the signs of an asthma attack. Asthma comes in attacks separated by periods when the asthmatic is well. The goal of treatment is to extend the well periods and shorten any attacks, something that wasn't all that possible when you had only one medicine as a child.

The basis of an attack is constriction of the breathing tubes, the airways, the bronchi. Along with narrowed airways, inflammation strikes them, and they fill with thick mucus. The combination makes it difficult to get air into and out of the lungs. Exhaling is particularly difficult.

Triggers for asthma attacks include cold air, exercise, viral infections like the common cold and allergens. If your doctor believes that allergens are leading to your asthma attacks, then testing for them is worthwhile. For many, allergy doesn't lead to bouts of asthma.

Exercise as a trigger needs some clarification. Everyone gets short of breath when exercising, but recovery is quick, within five minutes. Breathlessness brought on by an exercise-induced asthma attack lasts much longer, 30 to 60 minutes.

An attack of asthma often can

be stopped in its tracks with an inhaler medicine like albuterol (Ventolin and Proventil). For longer control, cortisone inhalers or inhalers containing cortisone and a long-acting drug that expands airways keeps a person attack-free. Advair is an example.

The booklet on asthma has a more detailed explanation of the common illness and its treatments. To obtain a copy, write: Dr. Donohue – No. 602W, Box 536475, Orlando, FL 32853-6475. Enclose a check or money order (no cash) for \$4.75 U.S./\$6 Canada with the recipient's printed name and address. Please allow four weeks for delivery.

DEAR DR. DONOHUE: What can you tell me about glossopharyngeal? My doctor says I have it. He has me on medicine for it. – K.L.

The glossopharyngeal (GLOSS-oh-fair-IN-gee-ul) nerve is one of the 12 cranial nerves, nerves that come directly from the brain. They are the nobility of the nerve kingdom. The glossopharyngeal nerve is the nerve of taste and the nerve that activates some throat muscles.

Glossopharyngeal neuralgia consists of episodes of knife-like pain in the throat and back of the tongue. Swallowing, chewing and even talking can provoke an attack. Carbamazepine, gabapentin, phenytoin and valproic acid are some of the drugs used to curtail such attacks. Surgically freeing the nerve from an encircling and pulsating artery is another treatment for this condition.

Dr. Donohue regrets that he is unable to answer individual letters, but he will incorporate them in his column whenever possible. Readers may write him or request an order form of available health newsletters at P.O. Box 536475, Orlando, FL 32853-6475. (c) 2011 North America Synd., Inc. All Rights Reserved.

Super Crossword

- SIMPLE MATH ACROSS

1 "That was a close one!"

5 Horror-film extras

9 E-junk?

13 Football team

19 Troubadour's instrument

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51 Compete

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54 Take in, perhaps

56 Actress Thurman

57 Fury

59 Part 2 of remark

61 Standish's

63 Day or Duke

66 Foreman's fortes

67 French port

69 Rap session?

70 Dry run

74 Part 3 of remark

77 Encounter

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80 Plaza Hotel kid

81 Ewe said it!

83 Massenet opera

84 Mistreat

85 Part 4 of remark

90 Diocese

91 Fix a fight

92 Spartan serf

95 Pith helmet

96 Make lace

98 They're out of this world

101 Early emancipator

103 TV's "The Twilight _"

104 Kimono closer

105 Snowy bird

106 Relative of -ator

107 Mad general?

109 Duncan's murderer

112 Olive product

114 Tighten the tent

115 End of remark

124 "On the Waterfront" star

127 Gymnast Korbut

128 Plunder

129 Carry out orders

130 Confer

131 Singer Campbell

132 Frank or Francis

133 Forsaken

134 Ringed orbiter

135 Manuscript enc.

136 Pilsner

137 _ ranch

DOWN

1 Realty map

2 O'Brian or Downs

3 Raison d'_

4 Put on

5 '71 Woody Allen film

6 Separately

7 Shopper's sack

8 Primer pooch

9 Like some cheddar

10 Coaching legend

11 Burn remedy

12 Cadfael, for one

13 Fervent

14 Yorkshire city

15 Surrealist Max

16 Hefflin or Cliburn

17 When Paris sizzles

18 Badminton divider

28 Bend someone's _ (yak)

29 Dispatch

30 Delhi denizen

34 Shirley's sidekick

35 Ransom _ Olds

36 Scottish river

37 Complaint

38 Perched on

39 Rational

40 Brazilian kicker

41 Address abbr.

43 Learned

44 Snare

46 Mr. Ziegfeld

48 "America's Most Wanted" host

50 Conceal

53 NASA affirmative

55 English explorer

58 Wander

60 Greenhouse items

62 Miss

64 " _ Station Zebra" ('68 film)

65 Salon request

67 Toilet water

68 Ever's partner

69 Mikita or Musial

70 Pt. of the whole

71 Team scream

72 Stretchy

73 Ballet movement

75 More mysterious

76 Diminish

79 Disoriented

82 Tread the boards

84 Flying brother

85 Price

86 Glopoy

87 "Once _ a midnight dreary..."

88 Hawaii's state bird

89 Placekicker's prop

93 Zola or Griffith

94 Rock's _ Lobos

96 Hen's hubby

97 "The _ Daba

Honeymoon" ('14 song)

99 Disappoint

100 Silly trio

102 Fall fashion

108 FBI employee

110 Swahili, e.g.

111 Witch's home

113 Pointless

114 Conversation piece?

116 Grabs all the goodies

117 Poet Wilcox

118 Thick slice

119 Actor Franchot

120 Winter woe

121 Hunt's " _ Ben Adhem"

122 Dweeb

123 Actress Daly

124 Small shot

125 Stephen of "Ready to Wear"

126 Nova Scotia hrs.
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Moore Texas by Roger Moore Dec 22,1996:

Houston Oilers play their last game in Houston before running off to Tennessee.



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: ★★★

★ Moderate ★★ Difficult
★★★ GO FIGURE!

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×		÷		×	
	-		×		20
-		+		+	
	+		+		19
23		11		11	

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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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

Answer Page 4 ★★★★★ HOO BOY!

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Social Security Q&A By Ray Vigil

Q: What can I do to protect myself against identity theft?

A: First, don't carry your Social Security card in your wallet. Keep it at home with your other important papers. Second, avoid giving out your Social Security number. While many banks, schools, doctors, landlords, and others will request your number, it is your decision whether to provide it. Ask if there is some other way to identify you in their records.

To report identity theft, fraud, or misuse of your Social Security number, the Federal Trade Commission, the nation's consumer protection agency, recommends you:

1. Place a fraud alert on your credit file by contacting one of the following companies (the company you contact is required to contact the other two, which will then place alerts on your reports):
 - Equifax, 1-800-525-6285;
 - Trans Union, 1-800-680-7289; or
 - Experian, 1-888-397-3742.
2. Review your credit report for inquiries from companies you have not contacted, accounts you did not open, and debts on your accounts you cannot explain;
3. Close any accounts you know, or believe, have been tampered with or

opened fraudulently;

4. File a report with your local police or the police in the community where the identity theft took place; and
5. File a complaint with the Federal Trade Commission at 1-877-438-4338 (TTY 1-866-653-4261).

Q: My neighbor, who is retired, told me that the income he receives from his part-time job at the local nursery gives him an increase in his Social Security benefits. Is that right?

A: Retirees who return to work after they start receiving benefits may be able to receive a higher benefit based on those earnings. This is because Social Security automatically re-computes the retirement benefit after crediting the additional earnings to the individual's earnings record. Learn more by reading the publication, How Work Affects Your Benefits, at www.socialsecurity.gov/pubs/10069.html.

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, 1111 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: V equals O

HEV WSZSKNXF JVED,
JSKSRWPHNXF EPI HVV
XVNDNKI, RVHU UPC
JVQQNHHS C P
QVVNXF ZNVKPHNVX.

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FEAR KNQT

By: rj johnson

CONQUER THE WHIRLED

HMO
♥RAWRED
TWIER
♥LSWO
♥IGEMER
WTI
♥SEDO
SINMU
♥ELE
SOLIGO
♥SANMO
♥ERRA

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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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STRANGE BUT TRUE

By Samantha Weaver

- It was 19th-century American humorist Josh Billings who made the following sage observation: "Don't mistake pleasure for happiness. They're a different breed of dog."
- Those who study such things say that the immortal bard, William Shakespeare, used a grand total of 17,677 words in his works. (That must have been a tedious calculation.) They also say that fully one-tenth of those words had never been used in writing before.
- If you're like the average American, you eat approximately 10 pounds of chocolate every year.
- You might be surprised to learn that the first automobile insurance policy was sold way back in 1897. One Gilbert J. Loomis of Dayton, Ohio, was evidently concerned about the potential damage that could be done by his newly acquired car, so he got general liability protection in case driving his car resulted in someone's death or injury, or in case property was damaged.
- High-quality opals can be more valuable than diamonds.
- If you are of a certain age, you might remember that in the mid-1960s, root beer-flavored milk was available for purchase. Then again, you might not; the marketing experiment was a flop and the product was pulled in short order.
- When people who are blind from birth dream, they don't see images; instead, they hear and feel the dream. For this reason, it's said that their dreams can seem much more real. Those who become blind later in life do see images in their dreams, but the images fade the longer they live without sight.
- In the early 1900s, the average American got about nine hours of sleep every night. (I presume that statistic excludes the parents of new babies, who have been sleep-deprived since time immemorial.)

Thought for the Day: "Fear is the tax that conscience pays to guilt."

– George Sewell

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