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## Chubby Checker joins Social Security chief for *Extra Help*

Michael J. Astrue, Commissioner of Social Security, and Chubby Checker, Grammy Award winner and rock and roll legend, have launched a new campaign to inform millions of Americans about a new "twist" in the law that makes it easier to qualify for *extra help* with Medicare prescription drug costs. The *extra help* program currently provides assistance to more than nine million senior and disabled Americans -- saving them an average of almost \$4,000 a year on their Medicare prescription drug plan costs. To apply for *extra help*, there is an easy-to-use online application available at [www.socialsecurity.gov](http://www.socialsecurity.gov).

"The changes in the Medicare law that take effect this month will allow hundreds of thousands of Americans who are struggling to pay their prescription drug costs to get *extra help* during these tough economic times," said Commissioner Astrue. "I am thrilled that Chubby Checker has volunteered to help us spread this important message through a new television, radio, and Internet spot as well as pamphlets and posters."

"Listen up, America! For 50 years, people of all ages

and backgrounds have danced the Twist," Chubby Checker said. "Now it's important everyone learn about this new twist in the law. Check it out at [www.socialsecurity.gov](http://www.socialsecurity.gov)."

To qualify for *extra help*, people must meet resource and income limits. The new Medicare law eases those requirements by eliminating the cash value of life insurance from counting as a resource and eliminating the assistance people receive from others to pay for household expenses, such as food, rent, mortgage or utilities, from counting as income. The application for *extra help* can now start the application process for Medicare Savings Programs, state programs that provide help with other Medicare costs. These programs help pay Medicare Part B (medical insurance) premiums. For some people, the Medicare Savings Programs also pay Medicare Part A (hospital insurance) premiums, if any, and Part A and B deductibles and co-payments.

To learn more about the *extra help* program and to view the new TV spot featuring Chubby Checker, go to [www.socialsecurity.gov/extrahelp](http://www.socialsecurity.gov/extrahelp).

## Briefly

### Library offers 'Healthy Snacks'

Hoopeston Public Library and University of Illinois Cooperative Extension-Vermilion County Unit will host a Health Snacks program for children ages 5-13.

The program will be held from 4:30-5:30 p.m. Tuesday at the library, 110 N. Fourth St., Hoopeston.

The program will include hands-on activities and a snack.

For more information, call the library at (217) 283-6711 and ask for the Children's Department.

### Tuition waiver available

A tuition waiver is available for children of veterans

living in Illinois. The waiver may be used for any University of Illinois campus.

Up to six waivers per Illinois county are awarded each year, one for each of the following conflicts: World War II, Korean Conflict, Vietnam Conflict, Southeast Asia Conflict, Operation Enduring Freedom and Operation Iraqi Freedom.

Applications are now available and the deadline is March 1. To learn more about this tuition waiver, go to: <http://www.DanRutherford.com>

Questions may be directed to The Office of Student Financial Aid, Ph: 217-333-0100.

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Ice by Linda Howard  
Last Night in Twisted River by John Irving  
Gloryland by Shelton Johnson  
The Ladies’ Lending Library by Janice Kulyk Keefer  
Other Men’s Horses by Elmer Kelton  
Under the Dome by Stephen King  
A Wish for Christmas by Thomas Kinkade and Katherine Spencer (inspirational)  
The Last Thing I Remember by Andrew Klaven (youth)  
Breathless by Dean Koontz  
Hold Still by Nina LaCour (youth)  
The Piano Teacher by Janice Y.K. Lee  
Bad Traffic: an Inspector Jian novel by Simon Lewis  
A Creed Country Christmas by Linda Lael  
A Christmas Promise by Anne Perry  
Angel Time by Anne Rice  
Kindred in Death by J.D. Robb (regular & large print)  
New York by Edward Rutherford

No Less Than Victory: a novel of World War II by Jeff Shaara  
Earthway: an Ella Clah Novel by Aimee Thurlo and David Thurlo (mystery)  
Liberating Atlantis by Harry Turtledove  
The God Cookie by Geoffrey Wood (inspirational)  
**Non-fiction:**  
Today I Will: a Year of Quotes, Notes and Promises to Myself by Eileen and Jerry Spinelli  
A History of Ghosts: the True Story of Séances, Mediums, Ghosts and Ghostbusters by Peter H. Aykroyd  
The Ultimate Happiness Prescription: 7 Keys to Joy and Enlightenment by Deepak Chopra  
Leadership as an Identity: the Four Traits of Those Who Wield Lasting Influence by Crawford Loritts  
The Real Messiah: the Throne of St. Mark and the True Origins of Christianity by Stephan Huller  
The Last of His Mind: a Year in the Shadow of Alzheimer’s by John Thorndike  
Too Politically Sensitive by Michale Callahan

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Careers in Nursing  
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A Career as a School Counselor

Career as a Certified Public Accountant  
Careers in the Machine Trades: Precision Machinist & Toll and Die Maker  
Careers with Zoos and Aquariums



Bowling Scores



Will Bruens Thursday Men’s City League

12/22/09

	Points Won	Points Lost
1.Hoopeston Monument	78	41
2.Hensons	78	41
3.Wilson Race Cars	74	45
4.BJ’s Pump	66	52
5.JT’s	66	53
6.U-Need	62	57
7.NAPA	61	58
8.Crown Ford	51	68
9.Rated PG	44	75
10.Watseka Interstate	15	104

**High Team Handicap Game:** Hoopeston Monument 961, Wilson Race Cars 955, Rated PG 954; **High Team Handicap Series:** Hensons 2692, Hoopeston Monument 2651, Wilson Race Cars 2650; **High Individual Scratch Game:** Tim Coon 279, Joe Compton 253, Jay Ferdinand 247; **High Individual Scratch Series:** Tim Coon 661, Curt Page 645, Chad Bruens 635.

Monday Night League

12/28/09

	Points Won	Points Lost
1.Olympic Hardware	37.5	26.5
2.R and R Body Shop	36	28
3.Weber’s	35	29
4.BJ’s Pump	32.5	31.5
5.Out of Towners	32.5	31.5
6.Fast Lanes	32	32
7.Silver Brothers	31	33
8.DWBs	29	35
9.Gillins Oil	28	36
10.Adda Girls	26.5	37.5

**High Team Handicap Game:** Silver Brothers 858,

Weather



Partly sunny today. High 26. Tonight, Mostly clear. Low 17. Tomorrow, sunny. High 33, low 25.  
For current weather conditions, call Hoopeston Weather Service, (217) 283-6221.

Adda Girls 853, BJ’s Pump 801; **High Team Handicap Series:** Adda Girls 2516, Silver Brothers 2428, BJ’s Pump 2341; **High Individual Scratch Game:** Karen Porth 234, Michelle Maxwell 192, Shelly Snyder/Barb Rethelford 189; **High Individual Scratch Series:** Karen Porth 574, Shelly Snyder 518, Barb Rethelford 514.

Will Bruens Thursday Men’s City League

12/31/09

	Points Won	Points Lost
1.Hensons	85	41
2.Hoopeston Monument	83	43
3.Wilson Race Cars	79	47
4.JT’s	71	55
5.BJ’s Pump	71	55
6.U-Need	64	62
7.NAPA	63	63
8.Crown Ford	53	73
9.Rated PG	46	80
10.Watseka Interstate	15	111

**High Team Handicap Game:** Hoopeston Monument 948, Wilson Race Cars 947, JT’s 937; **High Team Handicap Series:** Hoopeston Monument 2686, Wilson Race Cars 2648, JT’s 2627; **High Individual Scratch Game:** Mike Dean 276, Brandon Hamilton 269, Jay Ferdinand 268; **High Individual Scratch Series:** Brandon Hamilton 724, Jay Ferdinand 703, Roy Kohl 676.

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