



NEWSBRIEFS

Anthony meeting

The Town of Anthony is working with the Rio Grande Council of Governments and the El Paso Regional Economic Development Corporation to establish an innovative and proactive strategy to bring good jobs to our community. To accomplish this, we are seeking to gain the thoughts, ideas and visions from a wide range of community leaders representing business, government, education, neighborhoods and others. Please join us in developing our future by attending a meeting today, March 10 from 10:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at Steven Lee Hall, 124 Franklin Street. Lunch will be provided. Please RSVP to Cindy Clarke, 886-3944 or cclarke@townofanthony.org.

— Mayor Art Franco

Socorro cleans up

In Socorro's continuing mission to clean dangerous and possibly unhealthy material from some properties, the Socorro Planning and Zoning, Public Works and Police Departments are teaming up for *Operation Clean Sweep*. "With the dry weather and rising temperatures, it's only a matter of time before some unkempt properties become a health threat to our community. It's time to clean them up now before a fire or health hazard hurts one of us," said Sam Leony, Director of Socorro Planning and Zoning. Last Friday, March 4, police officers and code enforcers began responding to complaints in the initial phase of the Socorro clean up effort. Residents will receive a letter stating the complaint, after that, they can be cited for failure to cooperate. Finally, if necessary, the city can move in and clean up the danger and place a lien on the property for the cost of the clean up. Yards with vegetation growth in excess of 12 inches, vehicles without current registration and un-inflated tires as well as properties with any accumulation of trash or materials, which could promote a health threat, could be cited. Also a site obstruction, such as a tree or building could also be considered.

— David Garcia

Car show

On Saturday, March 19 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Anthony Municipal Park, David Solis from Anthony High School will be hosting the 1st Annual Anthony Wildcat Car Show. There will be food, games, raffles and entertainment. Park entrance is \$1 for students and \$2 for adults. Participate and bring your car for showing. The registration for showing a car is \$10. Contact David Solis for your registration form at 867-3416.

— Odra Rodriguez

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Language is the dress of thought; every time you talk your mind is on parade.

— Quips & Quotes

By Cynthia P. Marentes
Special to the Courier

It would have been difficult to hear the sounds of children laughing and see them playing as overgrown dry brush and tall weeds some almost six-feet high obscured the Parque de los Niños, a community park in San Elizario, from street view. After learning about the dismal condition of the site, cadets with the San Elizario High School Navy Junior ROTC (NJROTC) program decided to do something to make the park more inviting for children in the neighborhood. On a recent Saturday morning, 20 NJROTC students led by Lieutenant Commander James W. Snarr and Chief Manuel P. Jaquez volunteered to clear all the dry vegetation



— Photos courtesy San Elizario ISD

WHACK-A-WEED — San Elizario HS NJROTC cadets cleaned up the Parque de los Niños on Saturday, Feb. 26. The park was full of weeds — some taller than the cadets themselves.

and debris from the park.

"Many times we ignore things that have a lot of meaning to us and we walk by them without lending a hand but when you help the community, you feel better because it helps everyone not just yourself," Chief Jaquez stated.

The cadets descended on the neglected park with shovels, hoes, and other tools borrowed from Chief Jaquez and their own homes to cut weeds off at the ground level and to pickup trash. They stacked enormous piles of weeds and collected about 15 huge bags full of trash



PLAYTIME — The cadets take a ride on the swings after finishing the clean up of Parque de los Niños.

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Downtown parks are backdrop for First Annual Neon Desert Music Festival

By Alfredo Vasquez
Special to the Courier

El Paso Downtown's San Jacinto Plaza and Cleveland Square parks will be the backdrop for the inaugural presentation of El Paso's Neon Desert Music Festival, which is scheduled for Saturday, April 30.

Festival grounds will cover the two parks and the space in between. Organizers estimate

that the designated area can hold up to 25,000 people, and they are aiming for at least 8,000. The twelve hour festival will include a variety of musical groups, arts and crafts displays, and food and drink vendors.

Latin Grammy-winning Venezuelan rock/jazz/funk band Los Amigos Invisibles, San Antonio's Girl in a Coma, Mexican rockers Kinky, electronic music duo Designer Drugs, Austin rockers Through the Trees, Subrosa Union and Nicosounds, San Marcos's

electronic/dance group Gobi and El Paso's DA, the Royalty, Lusitania, and Bulletproof Tiger will be among the 27 acts who will play on four stages that will be located in separate areas throughout the event premises.

Zach Paul, Gina Martinez, and Brian Chavez, of Austin's Splendid Sun Productions, are the promoters behind the new El Paso event. The three grew up in El Paso but now

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— Photo by Alfredo Vasquez

Cleveland Square Park is located between the El Paso Museum of History and the Main Public Library. The return of Cleveland Square Park to a beautiful green space that everyone can be proud of and enjoy came with the recent renovation and expansion of the Main Library and construction of the new Museum of History.

Veterans Post

By Freddy Groves

Stand Downs 2011

We're now at the beginning of the Stand Down season for 2011. The National Coalition for Homeless Veterans has geared up and is ready to roll.

Stand Downs started during the Vietnam War when combat troops were given a safe place to get cleaned up and just decompress.

Stand Downs now are for homeless veterans.

If you're a homeless veteran, these Stand Downs are for you. You are invited to attend and get any help or fellowship you may need. There will be medical and dental services, clothing, food, legal help, substance help, housing services, job counseling. Various agencies will have representatives there as well, such as Social Security and the Department of Veterans Affairs.

If your situation is different and you're in a position to either host or volunteer at a Stand Down, step up. Any number of organizations could use your help: the VA, veterans service groups, homeless shelters and more all get together to hold

Stand Down events.

If you want to host a Stand Down in your area, see the guide on the site or call them. They'll be able to direct you to an existing group that could use your help or your donations, but they'll also be able to assist in getting you started. There are different levels of Stand Downs. Some are health-centered. Some are full three-day events with a full range of services. Others focus on jobs and employment. Start now: It can take a year to fully prepare to host a Stand Down.

For a 2011 schedule of dates and locations, go to the coalition's website at www.nchv.org. Click on Stand Down, then on 2011 Stand Downs.

To contact the NCHV, call (800) VET-HELP.

For more Stand Down events, go to www.va.gov and put "Stand Down 2011" in the search box.

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View from here

By Tim Simmons

Be sure you're the only one receiving your Medicare benefits

What do the new health care law, hundreds of law enforcement officers and you have in common? They're all crucial in helping fight Medicare fraud.

Just last month, the federal government announced that it filed charges in fraud schemes around the country totaling more than \$225 million. All these alleged schemes had one thing in common – they sought to defraud Medicare.

Texas is one of the hot spots for these criminals who seek to steal Americans' hard-earned tax dollars at the expense of seniors. In Houston, the fraudulent claims involved physical therapy and chiropractors. In Dallas, they involved home health care and medical equipment.

The good news is that the new health care law will help crack down on waste, fraud and inefficiency in Medicare. The new law devotes \$350 million to fight fraud, which experts say will save the program as much as \$4.9 billion. Investigators will also be able to act more quickly when Medicare enrollees report fraud and even stop payments on suspected claims.

You also play a crucial role in helping fight fraud. As we celebrate Consumer Protection Week on March 6 through 12, AARP Texas

provides some timely tips on how to make sure you're the only one receiving your Medicare benefits.

Among the common ways that scammers try to steal from Medicare – intentionally or unintentionally – are: A doctor's or other provider's office might bill the government for treatment you never received; the office might double-bill a patient or an overly anxious patient might agree to accept unnecessary procedures or tests; a company might charge for equipment you never used; or someone may try to use your Medicare card for their own care.

What to do? Regularly check your bills and Medicare summary notices. If you see something wrong or that you're unsure of, ask your doctor or care provider. Be sure to verify the dates of service and the address listed for your doctor's office on the bill. Sometimes the billing address may be different from where you see your doctor or other care provider, but that's easy to check with the office. By carefully monitoring your statements for accuracy, you can help guarantee that services will be there when you really need them.

It may sound obvious, but also be sure to check the doctor's

name. The little details can be very important. Make sure it's your doctor or someone who works closely with your doctor. Safeguard your Medicare number just like your Social Security number. If you lose your card or it is stolen, report it immediately by calling 1-800-MEDICARE (1-800-633-4227). Don't let anyone but doctors and other medical professionals review your medical records.


Be cautious about any free gifts, services or supplies, such as scooters. Don't buy medical supplies from door-to-door salespeople, but instead ask for a way to contact them at a later date. If they respond by urging you to take action immediately, something is probably wrong. The same is true for calls you receive from people who say they're with the government or one of your medical providers. If you're suspicious, tell the caller you will call him back, and then verify his phone number.

If you find evidence of fraud, you can report it anonymously to the inspector general of the Department of Health and Human Services by calling 1-800-HHS-TIPS (1-800-447-8477). You

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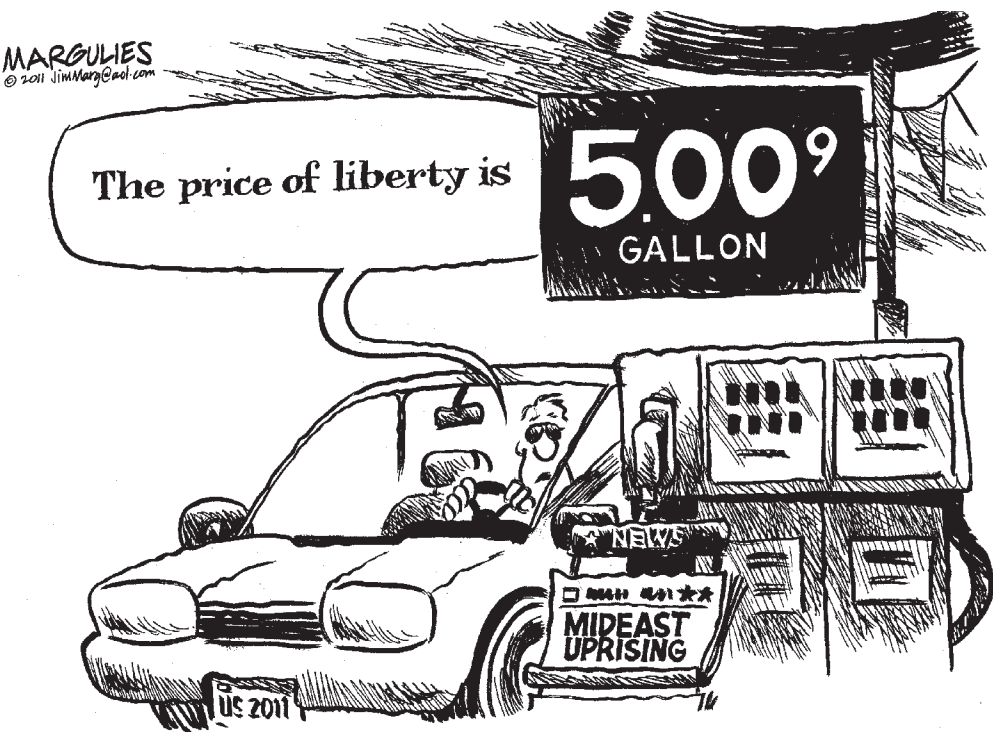
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Por la Gente By State Rep. Chente Quintanilla

Money tight in Texas

Hola mi gente. In ten days, the session will have reached the halfway point. The pace is picking up rapidly with more and more bills being heard in committees. Unsurprisingly, the bills that the governor designated as emergency have proceeded on the fast track in the Senate and should be close to a floor vote in the house.

Any person with common sense would be puzzled as to why those bills are emergency issues and not the budget. With each passing day, more dismal news is published about the impact of the cuts. After a period of consistent positive economic growth, this budget with the extremely high numbers of jobs lost will put the recovery at a complete halt. It doesn't seem like most of the leadership sees that.

That's the bad news. The better news is that Texans from all over are voicing their adamant demands that certain steps be taken to soften the budget impact. There are so many school districts that are strongly objecting to the cuts and also insisting that the rainy day fund be used that there is now a crack in the wall. Several members with seniority have finally spoken in favor of using the fund and also finding new revenues.

Only time will tell if the moderate voices take over. It is very obvious that the number of bills that have been filed is well below the number of past sessions. There is probably a pair of reasons for that reduction. One is, obviously, the budget crunch. None of the

bills that have a cost to the state associated with them will even get out of committee without a zero cost. Even bills that don't have a state cost but pass the cost to the local government will have a very hard time passing committees or floor votes.

Just this morning, I was in a hearing where a water bill which would make conservation easier for districts to measure was put on hold because it would cost water districts about \$32,000. Although that is a small amount in some budgets, smaller districts like the ones in east El Paso County would not be happy that a new expense was mandated by the state. Hopefully, there will be no unfunded mandates in this session.

At this point in time, we have a little more than eight weeks left to get bills passed. That is not a lot of time when you consider that redistricting and the appropriations bills will take up some of that time.

Over the next few weeks, I will update you on the progress of the bills that I have filed including a bill that will help reduce the amount of tires dumped in the east county open areas. We were just on the phone with the Governor's office discussing the merits of the bill. There was no mention of veto.

After Friday the 11th, no more new bills will be filed. Normally the house will have about four or five thousand bills filed. There are fewer than three thousand at this point.

That may be a good thing because sometimes we over legislate. I remain your friend and public servant, Chente por la gente.

Music

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live in Austin, and they have been working for over a year and a half to bring this event to fruition. The group hopes to make this an annual affair.

"We love El Paso, and our love for live music is why we decided to bring the music festival here. We felt that it was time for us to give back to our hometown. We want to provide an outlet for local artists and musicians to display their talents at a large scale event alongside national and international headliners," Martinez stated.

"Our goal is also to make an economic impact on El Paso, and hopefully have it become a success and something that people from El Paso, Juarez, Las Cruces, and the surrounding areas grow to love and enjoy," she added.

Paul said that the city's Museum and Cultural Affairs Department (MCAD) and the Convention and Visitors Bureau (CVB) helped

them navigate through the city permits process.

In January, city officials granted the production company \$20,000 to help get the Neon Desert festival off the ground. "They saw that we were really serious about this, that we had good intentions and that it was more than about having a business and making money. They saw that we want to do this for El Paso," stated Paul.

"It's a first time event but we are modeling it after successful events," stated Bill Blaziek, head of the El Paso Convention and Visitors Bureau. "In fact, we talked about the humble beginnings of events like Austin City Limits and South by Southwest."

Paul stated that it would be great if it ever happens to be like Austin's popular music festivals years down the road. "But we're not trying to do that, just something similar to that on a smaller scale," he stated.

Tickets will cost \$25 for the first 1,000 ticket-buyers and active military, and \$35 general admission after that. For more information, visit the festival's website at neondesertmusicfestival.com.



— Photo by Alfredo Vasquez

San Jacinto Plaza has been the center of downtown El Paso for over 100 years – a source of entertainment, a center for public transportation and a place to rest from the hustle and bustle of everyday life. There are often noon and afternoon concerts, and the traditional lighting of the city tree in the Plaza still officially begins the Christmas season in El Paso.

Briefs

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Art contest

The Texas Clean Rivers Program (CRP) for the Rio Grande of the United States Section of the International Boundary and Water Commission (USIBWC) is sponsoring a drawing contest for students from kindergarten through twelfth grade. The contest is in honor of World Water Day, celebrated March 22 as an international day of observance and action to focus attention on the importance of freshwater and advocate for the sustainable management of freshwater resources. The CRP is seeking student artwork about the Rio Grande or the importance of water. Winning entries will be published in the 2012 CRP Rio Grande Basin Calendar. The contest is open to all schools within the Rio Grande Watershed in Texas. All submissions must be turned in by a teacher. There will be at least three winning entries, one in each of the following age groups: kindergarten – grade 2, grades 3 – 6, and grades 7 – 12. All participants will receive a free calendar. Students are

encouraged to draw how water is important to them, how the Rio Grande is important to them, or how they enjoy the river. A committee will judge the entries based on creativity, representation of the Rio Grande, or representation of the importance of water. The deadline for entries is April 29, 2011. Complete contest rules are available at: <http://www.ibwc.gov/CRP/documents/studentdrawingcontest.pdf> or by contacting Elizabeth Verdecchia at Elizabeth.verdecchia@ibwc.gov. The goal of the Texas Clean Rivers Program for the Rio Grande is to maintain and improve the quality of water in the river basin in Texas through an ongoing partnership involving the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, other agencies, regional entities, local and state governments, industry, and citizens.

– Sally Spencer

Bray on board

Gov. Rick Perry has reappointed Michael Bray of El Paso to the Manufactured Housing Board for a term to expire Jan. 31, 2017. The board regulates the state’s manufactured housing industry. Bray is a Realtor with Prudential BKB Realtors. He is director of the National Association of

Realtors and Frontera Land Alliance, and a member of the Texas Association of Local Housing Finance Agencies and El Paso Medical Facilities Development Corporation. He is president of the El Paso Property Finance Authority, vice president of the El Paso Housing Finance Corporation and an alternate member of the City of El Paso Zoning Board of Adjustments. He is also past chair of the City of El Paso Building and Standard Committee, past regional vice president of the Texas Association of Realtors, and past vice president of El Paso Habitat for Humanity. Bray received a bachelor’s degree from the University of Texas at El Paso. He will continue to serve as presiding officer of the board for a term to expire at the pleasure of the governor. This appointment is subject to Senate confirmation.

– Katherine Cesinger

McLaughlin named

Gov. Rick Perry has reappointed Scott McLaughlin of El Paso as presiding officer of the Camino Real Regional Mobility Authority for a term to expire Feb. 1, 2013. Regional mobility authorities

allow local communities to develop regional transportation priorities and accelerate development and financing for critical transportation projects. McLaughlin is president of Stagecoach Cartage and Distribution LP. He is a member of the Truckload Carriers Association, American Trucking Association and Paso Del Norte Group, and a member and past chair of the El Paso Chapter of the Young Presidents Organization. He is also a former advisory board member of El Paso Chase Bank. McLaughlin received a bachelor’s degree from Texas A&M University and a Master of Business Administration from the University of Texas at El Paso. This appointment is subject to Senate confirmation.

– Katherine Cesinger

Crime Stoppers

Crime Stoppers of El Paso is assisting the El Paso Police Department in identifying and locating the person or persons responsible for murdering a man in the central part of town, making this the “Crime of the Week.” On Monday, Feb. 7, 2011,

officers responded to a call of “man down” in the parking lot of the Stagecoach Motel, 4110 Alameda. They found Elias Nicarsio Perez inside his van at that address. Perez was having difficulty breathing and was taken to University Medical Center. Investigators found that Perez was a field worker in New Mexico and was living out of his van while visiting El Paso. It seems that he was attacked sometime on Saturday, Feb. 5, or early Sun., Feb. 6. Perez is known to visit friends and bars in the area, and often carried large sums of money. It is not known who he might have been with that weekend. Perez died from his injuries the following Saturday, Feb. 12. If you have any information at all about the identity of the person or persons involved in this crime, please call Crime Stoppers of El Paso immediately at 566-TIPS (8477) or submit your tip online at www.crimestoppersofelpaso.org. You will remain anonymous and, if your tip leads to an arrest, you may earn a cash reward up to \$1,000.

– James Klaes

Fabens Independent School District PUBLIC NOTICE

The Fabens Independent School District Special Education Department will be destroying confidential student information on special education students who have graduated, moved or were dismissed in 2003. Parents of these students may come to the Special Education Department located at 821NE “G” Ave. in Fabens on Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. to claim their child’s file. The remaining files will be destroyed as per state directives 30 days from the date of this notice. If you have an questions, please call (915) 765-2690.

AVISO

El Departamento de Educacion Especial del Distrito Escolar de Fabens va a destruir los archivos confidenciales de estudiantes que estaban en programa de educación especial que han graduado, se han movido, o fueron despedidos en el año escolar de 2003. Los padres de estos estudiantes pueden venir a la oficina del Departamento de Educacion Especial del Distrito Escolar de Fabens en 821 NE “G” Ave., de lunes al viernes de 8:00-4:00 de la tarde a recoger los archivos de sus hijos. Los archivos que no sean recogidos van a ser destruidos como manda el estado en 30 días después de este aviso. Si tienen preguntas, llamen al teléfono (915) 765-2690.

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LEGALS

Village of Vinton, Texas



Invitation to Bid

The Village of Vinton, Texas has received funding through the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs for the Owner Occupied HOME Program and will be receiving bids for the rehabilitation of (1) residential unit and reconstruction of (3) residential units in the Village of Vinton, Texas. Bid Packets will be available at the city's Administration Building as of March 3, 2011 from 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday (excluding holidays) until 2:00 p.m. (local time) on March 18, 2011, at the Village of Vinton Administration Building located at 436 E. Vinton Rd., Vinton, Texas 79821.

All bid submittals must be sealed in an envelope and

should be plainly marked in the lower left corner; “IFB FOR TDHCA CONTRACT #1001172, ATTN: VILAGE CLERK” and Clearly marked Bid Project Address, Company Name, and return address on the envelope. Bidder may submit bid for anyone or all of the units to be assisted under project. All bids will be publicly opened and read aloud on March 18, 2011 at the Village of Vinton Administration Building located at 436 E. Vinton Rd. Vinton, Texas 79821 at 2:00 p.m. (local time).

The Contractor must be approved with the State of Texas, registered with the Village of Vinton, be insured and bonded. Rehabilitation / Construction must comply with the International Residential Code, Texas Minimum Construction Standards and Accessibility Requirements in accordance with Texas Government Code 2306.514.

The Village of Vinton, Texas

reserves the right to reject any or all Bids or to waive any informality in the bidding.

The Village of Vinton complies with all federal, state and local procurement regulations. The Village of Vinton will award the bid to the lowest responsive bidder.

The Village of Vinton promotes Fair Housing/ Affirmative Action and is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

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Lower Valley Water District

Notice Concerning Board Member Vacancy

To the Residents and Citizens of the Lower Valley Water District:

The Lower Valley Water District (“LVWD”) is currently accepting resumes for consideration to fill a vacant seat on the Board of Directors of the Lower Val-

ley Water District. The vacancy will be filled for the remaining unexpired term of the position at a Special or Regular board meeting scheduled by the LVWD in the next 60 days. All interested persons qualified for the position should submit a resume and written statement of interest to the office of the General Manager of the LVWD. Any questions or concerns regarding qualification(s) for this position should be provided in writing to the Office of the General Manager of the LVWD together with any statement of interest and resume.

All responsive materials can be hand delivered or mailed to the following address no later than March 22, 2011;

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STRANGE
BUT TRUE
By Samantha Weaver

• It was 20th-century German-American poet, novelist and short-story writer Charles Bukowski who made the following observation: “The difference between a democracy and a dictatorship is that in a democracy you vote first and take orders later; in a dictatorship you don’t have to waste your time voting.”

• In the 18 months that the Pony Express operated, carrying mail across the Wild West and its myriad hazards and dangers, only one pouch of mail was lost.

• It takes approximately 10 months for a Las Vegas slot machine to pay for itself.

• Benito Mussolini, Italian dictator and leader of that country’s National Fascist Party, grew up poor with a blacksmith father who, history indicates, spent most of his meager earnings on his mistress. When Benito was 27 years old, he met a 16-year-old girl named Rachele Guidi – who was the daughter of that same mistress and her deceased husband. Rachele eventually became Mussolini’s second wife.

• At one time, some churches banned the playing of Wagner’s “The Bridal Chorus,” also known as “Here Comes the Bride,” because the music was considered to be sexy and vulgar.

• You might not be surprised to learn that editor, lexicographer and textbook pioneer Noah Webster lobbied Congress to make his plan for simplified spelling the law of the land. Had he been successful, the United States would have been the only country in which incorrect spelling would be legally punishable.

• Many people claim that Worcestershire sauce does an excellent job of cleaning copper and brass.

• In Chicago, if you have a hatpin hidden under a lapel, you are considered to be carrying a concealed weapon.

ThoughtfortheDay: “Of all the preposterous assumptions of humanity over humanity, nothing exceeds most of the criticisms made on the habits of the poor by the well-housed, well-warmed, and well-fed.”
– Herman Melville

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San Elizario student council visits The Windy City

By Cynthia P. Marentes
Special to the Courier

It’s a long way from San Elizario, TX to Chicago, IL but several students from San Elizario High School recently made the long trip to The Windy City for a valuable leadership development opportunity and an unforgettable experience. From Feb. 18-20, seven students from the San Elizario Student Council attended the national 2011 Leadership Experience and Development (LEAD) Conference. The students returned to San Elizario excited about implementing some of the new ideas and strategies they learned in order to make a positive impact at their school.

According to Melanie Castillo, a junior who serves as Student Council President, the LEAD Conference offered a variety of sessions and workshops on numerous topics throughout the day. The students from San Elizario High School took full advantage of all the information presented at the conference by

separating and individually attending different sessions in order to gain as much knowledge as possible.

Everardo Lopez, Student Council Public Relations Officer, was impressed by the inspirational messages and guidance offered by the conference speakers. Everardo specifically mentioned the “Power of One” work session where participants learned a strategy of surrounding themselves with positive people, things, and physiology in order to make good choices in life.

“All of those three things make up who you are and what you will do in the future,” Everardo added.

“It was also great to meet and socialize with students from other places and share ideas, projects and ways to help our community,” Melanie concluded.

Over the course of one busy month, the San Elizario High School Student Council embarked on one fundraising activity after another in order to finance some of the expenses for their trip. The Mission Valley Lions Club also provided



– Photo courtesy San Elizario ISD

WINDY AND COLD – From left, sponsor Ruben Rodriguez, Chelsey Jurado, Everardo Lopez, Kassandra Martinez, Melanie Castillo, Armando Perez, Luis Alaniz, and Ann Luna huddle close together in front of their Chicago hotel.

funding for travel costs. While the was an eye-opening adventure since the conference was a memorable event, for some of the students the trip itself

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Fabens Independent School District
Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balance
Governmental Funds
For the Year Ended August 31, 2010

Data Control Codes	10 General Fund	60 Capitol Projects	Other Funds	Total Governmental Funds
REVENUES:				
5700 Total Local and Intermediate Sources	\$ 1,505,916	\$ 6,569	\$ 333,267	\$ 1,845,752
5800 State Program Revenues	17,519,630	–	1,854,099	19,373,729
5900 Federal Program Revenues	1,451,459	–	6,264,611	7,716,070
5020 Total Revenues	20,477,005	6,569	8,451,977	28,935,551
EXPENDITURES:				
Current:				
0011 Instruction	9,967,004	–	5,094,377	15,061,381
0012 Instructional Resources and Media Services	301,153	–	29,439	330,592
0013 Curriculum and Instructional Staff Development	125,623	–	302,889	428,512
0021 Instructional Leadership	321,230	–	499,970	821,200
0023 School Leadership	1,174,232	–	140,332	1,314,564
0031 Guidance, Counseling and Evaluation Services	371,960	–	254,388	626,348
0032 Social Work Services	51,938	–	101,980	153,918
0033 Health Services	279,335	–	61,050	340,385
0034 Student (Pupil) Transportation	329,811	–	196,932	526,743
0035 Food Services	1,133,877	–	17,447	1,151,324
0036 Cocurricular/Extracurricular Activities	803,768	–	2,663	806,431
0041 General Administration	1,026,163	–	6,036	1,032,199
0051 Facilities Maintenance and Operations	2,698,280	–	15,837	2,714,117
0052 Security and Monitoring Services	266,572	–	36	266,608
0053 Data Processing Services	172,602	–	761	173,363
0061 Community Services	62,527	–	23,896	86,423
Debt Service:				
0071 Debt Service - Principal on Long Term Debt	–	–	595,000	595,000
0072 Debt Service - Interest on Long Term Debt	–	–	1,175,471	1,175,471
0073 Debt Service - Bond Issuance Cost and Fees	–	–	900	900
Capital Outlay:				
0081 Facilities Aquisition and Construction	71,617	2,878,577	–	2,950,194
Intergovernmental:				
0099 Other Intergovernmental Charges	22,661	–	–	22,661
6030 Total Expenditures	19,180,353	2,878,577	8,519,404	30,578,334
1100 Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	1,296,652	(2,872,008)	(67,427)	(1,642,783)
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES):				
7915 Transfers In	9,849	–	110,325	120,174
8911 Transfers Out (Use)	(110,325)	–	(9,849)	(120,174)
7080 Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	(100,476)	–	100,476	–
1200 Net Change in Fund Balances	1,196,176	(2,872,008)	33,049	(1,642,783)
0100 Fund Balance – September 1 (Beginning)	4,629,963	4,387,042	137,865	9,154,870
3000 Fund Balance – August 31 (Ending)	\$ 5,826,139	\$ 1,515,034	\$ 170,914	\$ 7,512,087

Get ready to fill out your NCAA dance card on Sunday

By Steve Escajeda
Special to the Courier

Every year there is one event that has the entire nation riveted to the TV set. And that particular event is slated for this weekend. No, it has nothing to do with Americans who can sing and dance or 12 strangers who are suddenly thrown together on a deserted island. This, of course, is the hour-long show that tells Americas where they’re favorite teams will be dancing – dancing like in the NCAA Basketball Tournament. I don’t know about you but other than the Oscars, there’s no better feeling of anticipation wondering whether your favorite team will make the tournament and whom they will play. This year the tournament has expanded to 68 teams – why they added four more teams is a mystery to me but they did... probably has something to do with money. Any way, once the teams are set that means

that brackets are soon to follow. I’m one of those guys who fill out just one bracket every year. Any real man just fills out one bracket. I may go down in flames but it’s fun to see how your guesses stack up against everybody else. So now I guess it’s time to pick the teams I feel will finish in the final four and the teams I feel will be the big disappointments. And let’s not forget about the little guys that will stun the college basketball world. Let’s start with the little guys. Now in my defense I wrote this last Monday and the teams have not been picked yet so I don’t know who is playing who, but I’ll give it a shot. A few of little guys I think can make some noise include Vermont, Belmont, St. Mary’s and Utah State. You know there’s always a little guy or two who hits a shot at the buzzer to sneak past a heavy favorite. This is why college basketball is so much better than college football – the little guy, like Butler last year, gets a chance to play for the national championship.

As far the big disappointments, I have a list of teams who are the biggest pretenders in the tournament and don’t deserve the kind of respect they’re getting. Texas, Syracuse, Kentucky, Louisville and half of the Big East teams getting in will be utter disappointments and will say goodbye by the second round. As far as teams that have a legitimate chance to make the final four, Ohio State and Kansas have great shots and that’s it. This season is so even, I can’t think of two other teams who can make the final four. I guess if I really had to I’d pick Wisconsin, North Carolina, Duke and Notre Dame as four teams that could crack into the final four – but don’t bet on any of them. When I was growing up the dominant team was UCLA. The Bruins seemed to win it every year. Then after a while Bobby Knight and Indiana took over. Then Duke, UNLV, and even Florida won it back-to-back a few years ago. But there is nothing like that now. There are no dominant programs any more. There are

very good ones, but the tournament is wide open and about 20 teams have a real chance to raise that trophy this year. That is why this year’s selection show is so important. It’s all going to depend on where teams are positioned and whom they play. If somebody gets a right pairing in the right part of the country in the right bracket, anything can happen. I believe that because this year’s tournament is so wide open, it should make for the best set of games in years. I think that by the time we get to the final four, there will be at least a couple of four-seeds or lower still involved. And that makes for a more interesting tournament. So make sure and tune it this Sunday evening for the most riveting hour on television. This is my favorite kind of reality show. Young college guys waiting to hear that they will soon have a chance to make history. And with more teams with a chance to win, more guys have a chance to make a name for themselves. Let the dancing begin.

A sporting view By Mark Vasto

One of a kind

The world has a way of letting us know when we’re not in the right business. Certainly, there are very few among us who managed to grab onto one facet of their ability and

was absolutely one of the greatest sportscasters in American history. I didn’t necessarily believe it myself when I first moved to Kansas City all those years ago. By then, he was doing sparse color commentary for the Chiefs, and I knew him more as a pitchman for the town’s beef and jazz – as if that needed selling. Still, it didn’t take very long before I learned there was

a lot more to the equation. In fact, it took very little time – one meeting over breakfast, an afternoon on the course and an early-evening cocktail – before seeing how easily it all added up. He was known as the “longtime voice of the Kansas City Chiefs,” with 62 years of broadcasting, two Super Bowls, one Final Four and five kids... and one great wife. (Who do you think kept him in pressed pants and ironed shirts?) Still, most people you talk to seemed to know him simply as a friend.

It was his voice on the radio in the ‘50s announcing Kansas City A’s games (and he is no doubt collecting on the bet that Charlie Finley isn’t among their ranks.) He was the one who brought a seven-state radius the colorful wrestling stories, the NAIA basketball championships, and yes, the Chiefs broadcasts that made him famous, at least locally. He was the emcee at the local fairs, the marshal of the parades he helped create and

connect people through. Naturally, that sort of thing led to resentment from a few narrow minds, but Grigs never really stopped to listen to that noise. No, he was too busy keeping his eye on the real action and sharing those stories via broadcast. When he finally let the microphone go at age 89, surrounded by family and friends with more than an hour-long wait at his visitation, one thing immediately became clear to anyone of sound mind. Call yourself a sportsman, promoter, announcer, emcee, husband, father, cheerleader, a prince or an admiral. Call yourself whatever you like, but whatever you do, don’t ever say that you’re another Bill Grigsby. They simply do not make guys like that anymore.

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

Benefits

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don’t need to give your name if you don’t want to. If you’re comfortable coming forward publicly, however, it can make

the investigators’ jobs easier. You can also report fraud via email to HHSTips@oig.hhs.gov. For more information, visit stopmedicarefraud.gov. Want to do even more? We’re looking for volunteers to act as Medicare fraud educators in

their communities. Email us at aarptx@aarptx.org. Together, we can ensure that Medicare dollars only go to deserving Texans, not would-be thieves. *Tim Simmons is the director of outreach for AARP Texas.*



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

DEAR DR. DONOHUE: Please explain why I have to take my shoes off late every day because my feet and ankles have swollen and don't fit into the shoes. I flop around in slippers without heels. In the morning, after a night's sleep, my feet are back to normal. I am 77 and take no medicines. – K.M.

I can't give you an unequivocal response because there are numerous causes of foot and ankle swelling.

The medical name for such swelling is edema. Even in relatively healthy people, it occurs if people sit or stand for any length of time. Gravity pulls fluid out of the circulation, and it accumulates in the feet and ankles. This is especially true at older ages, when the circulatory system becomes somewhat leaky.

For this kind of swelling, the solution is to elevate the legs when sitting. The most effective elevation is raising the legs above heart level, something that can be done only by lying down with pillows propping up the legs. Getting up and moving about is another way to prevent fluid accumulation in the feet.

Heart failure is a more serious cause of such swelling. When the heart's pumping action becomes feeble, fluid escapes from blood vessels and again accumulates in the ankles and feet. Kidney disease with retention of body fluid is another cause of edema. Liver disease does the same.

Another condition called lymphedema produces the same picture. Lymph is fluid that normally escapes the circulation to percolate around tissues and organs to provide nourishment and to wash away germs. Small vessels called lymphatics vacuum up this fluid and return it to the circulation. Anything that disrupts lymphatics can lead to ankle/foot swelling. An old infection and surgery are two such disruptors.

Since ankle and foot swelling is a sign of many urgent medical conditions, don't fool around with this. See your family doctor.

The booklet on edema and lymphedema clearly describe these conditions and their treatment. Readers can obtain a copy by writing: Dr. Donohue – No. 106W, Box 536475, Orlando, FL 32853-6475. Enclose a check or money order for \$4.75 U.S./\$6 Canada with the recipient's printed name and address. Please allow four weeks for delivery.

DEAR DR. DONOHUE: I am concerned about my brother, who is 63, diabetic, weighs 300 pounds and is 5 feet 8 inches tall. He falls asleep, wakes and falls asleep repeatedly at the table and when he sits down. Why? He says he's tired. He picked a scab on his leg and blood squirted out 6 inches. What does that mean? – Anon.

Your brother might have sleep apnea. His body size suggests that it could be the reason for his daytime sleepiness. Spurting blood indicates that an artery was broken. No one should pick at scabs, especially a diabetic.

Your brother needs medical attention. He has to lose weight both for control of diabetes and for control of sleep apnea, if that is what he has. He is at great risk of incurring the complications of diabetes – heart attack, stroke, blindness, kidney failure – if he doesn't start paying attention to his health.

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

- ANIMAL ANATOMY ACROSS**
- 1 Tiller
 - 5 Grandpa McCoy
 - 9 Michelangelo masterpiece
 - 14 Ward of "Sisters"
 - 18 "Typee" sequel
 - 19 Callas or Caballe
 - 20 Confess
 - 21 Roman fountain
 - 23 Stubborn
 - 25 Courageous
 - 27 Fantastic bargain
 - 28 Envelop
 - 30 "Xanadu" rock group
 - 31 Trams transport it
 - 32 "Red Red _" ('88 smash)
 - 34 Girl Scout unit
 - 38 Diplomacy term
 - 41 Winked or waved
 - 45 Journalist
 - Buchanan
 - 46 Former autocrat
 - 47 Actress Massen
 - 48 Scrape by, with "out"
 - 49 Light weight
 - 51 Reformer Lucretia
 - 54 Montessori or Muldaur
 - 57 Less plentiful
 - 60 Van Dyke role
 - 62 Powerfully built
 - 65 Tractable
 - 67 Wooden strip

- 68 Flight maneuver
- 71 " _ Days" ('75 tune)
- 72 Hypocrisy
- 73 Bikini half
- 76 Foolhardy
- 79 Pigment
- 80 Masterson colleague
- 82 Ginger _
- 83 _ Haven, CT
- 84 Job opening
- 87 Ceylon, today
- 89 Coarse-featured
- 94 Tahini base
- 95 TV's "Three's _"
- 99 Loudly, to Liszt
- 100 Betting setting
- 101 Shallow area
- 102 Spring mo.
- 105 "Sat _ tuffet..."
- 106 Humorist
- Bombeck
- 108 Illinois city
- 110 Maritime
- 113 Nutritional need
- 116 "Frasier" pooch
- 118 " _ my lips!"
- 119 Loser to DDE
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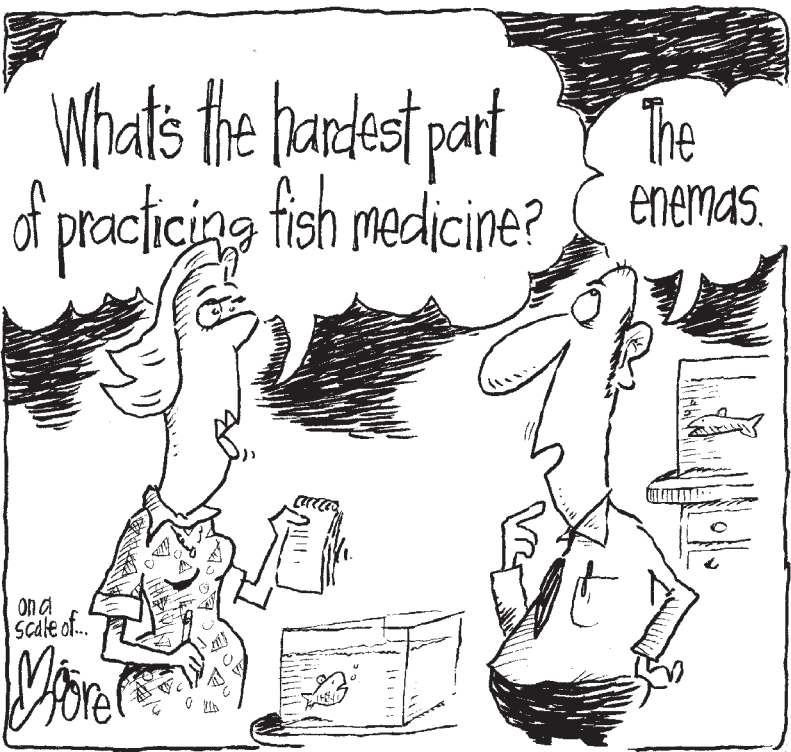
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 - 3 Theater section
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 - 5 "Tobacco Road" character
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 - 9 Chum
 - 10 Infamous Amin
 - 11 Phillips of "UHF"
 - 12 Antler part
 - 13 Strawberry, for one
 - 14 Police hdqrs.
 - 15 Drop a brick
 - 16 Divulge
 - 17 Ward off
 - 22 " _ fixe"
 - 24 Designer Fiorucci
 - 26 Billions of years
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 - 35 Aroma
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 - 37 French-door part
 - 39 Emulated Gebel-Williams
 - 40 Amatory

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- 42 Genesis redhead
- 43 Wilson or Weathers
- 44 " _ Set" ('57 film)
- 50 Vocalize like Vallee
- 52 Riser's relative
- 53 Metallic
- 55 Unwell
- 56 Literary collection
- 58 Soccer superstar
- 59 Hacienda material
- 60 Hawk
- 61 Diminutive suffix
- 63 Natural gas component
- 64 _ talk
- 66 Sanctify
- 69 "... man - mouse?"
- 70 Turkish title
- 73 Myerson or Truman
- 74 Not as common
- 75 Originate
- 77 Arrive at
- 78 " Blame _ the Bossa Nova" ('63 hit)
- 81 Telescope sighting
- 85 Oven setting
- 86 Eastern "Way"
- 88 Donizetti's "L'elisir d' _"
- 90 Jeri of "Star Trek: Voyager"
- 91 Gator's cousin
- 92 Sicilian volcano
- 93 Distribute the deck

- 96 Trickle
- 97 A sweeping success?
- 98 Soldier on
- 101 More granular
- 103 Ideal
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- 107 Director Nair
- 109 Long or Peebles
- 111 Surveyor's need
- 112 Most indolent
- 113 Cat's dogs
- 114 Harvests
- 115 Davis of "Evening Shade"
- 117 Vote in
- 121 _ Spumante
- 123 Challenge
- 125 Fontaine role
- 126 _ carotene
- 127 Cheeseboard choice
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- 130 Rainy
- 131 Yank
- 132 Maestro de Waart
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Moore Texas by Roger Moore In the early 70's Texas A and M (who else) instituted a one of a kind FISH MEDICINE program.



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
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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ★

★ Moderate ★★ Challenging

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★★★ HOO BOY!

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Social Security Q&A By Ray Vigil

Q: I just got a notice from Social Security that said my Supplemental Security Income (SSI) case is being reviewed. What does this mean?

A: Social Security reviews every SSI case from time to time to make sure the individuals who are receiving payments should continue to get them. The review also determines whether individuals are receiving the correct amounts. You can learn more about SSI by visiting our website on the subject at www.socialsecurity.gov/pgm/ssi.htm.

Q: What's the easiest way to apply for retirement benefits?

A: You can apply for retirement benefits using our online Retirement Application at www.socialsecurity.gov/retire.

It's fast, easy, and secure. There are no forms to sign and usually no documentation is required. Social Security will process your application and contact you if any further information is needed.

Q: I've been turned down for disability benefits. How do I appeal?

A: It's easy to appeal the decision online. Go to www.socialsecurity.gov and select "Appeal a disability decision" in the "Top Services" section on the left side of the page. This is the starting point to request a review of our medical decision about your eligibility for disability benefits. There are two parts to this Internet appeal process:

- An Appeal Request Internet form; and
 - An Appeal Disability Report that gives us more information about your condition.
- You can complete both forms online.

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.

Park

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in a matter of a few hours.

The San Elizario High School Navy JROTC worked in partnership with the Lower Valley Water District, Keep El Paso Beautiful, and Project Ayuda to complete this much needed public service project. According to Chief Jaquez, they asked the Keep El Paso Beautiful organization for the option of selecting a location to beautify that was within the San Elizario area. With input from the community, they identified the Parque de los Niños as a blighted site that was most in need of some care and attention. The Lower Valley Water District provided dumpsters, gloves, masks and water for the students. Project Ayuda offered access to restrooms and a space to place the bins while the San Elizario High School NJROTC unit worked on the park.

It took the San Elizario High School NJROTC about two weeks to coordinate the park clean up with the different entities but it is not the only community service activity they perform throughout the school year. Besides participating in other activities such as drill meets, rifle team, and color guard for example, the cadets are encouraged to give back to their community as part of the NJROTC program according to Commander Snarr. The San Elizario High School NJROTC program not only helps students develop self-discipline and leadership skills but also citizenship, responsibility and accountability by getting them involved in activities such as the sprucing up of the Parque de los Niños.

The park is no longer a sore spot in the neighborhood but a place of recreation for the families that live nearby once again thanks to the dedicated labor of the San Elizario High School cadets. Both Commander Snarr and Chief Jaquez could not have been more pleased with the effort made by the NJROTC students whom they treated to a pizza buffet at the completion of the project.

"They took an overwhelming job when they saw it and turned it into something more beautiful for the entire community," Chief Jaquez concluded.

The Parque de los Niños includes a simple set-up of three swing sets and monkey bars. It was erected in approximately 2001 and sits on top of a covered culvert located at 1400 Pampas Road.

Council

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it marked the first time they had ever traveled by plane, train, and taxicab.

The students attending the conference, who are all officers or committee chairs with the San Elizario High School Student Council, included Castillo, Lopez, Luis Alaniz, Chelsey Jurado, Ann Luna, Cassandra Martinez, and Armando Perez.

Still energized from their whirlwind journey to Chicago, Student Activities Manager and sponsor Ruben Rodriguez must now focus the students' attention on the upcoming Student Council competition season. Rodriguez and his 60 member council will next make presentations at the district and state conferences vying for a district vice-president position and one of the top 10 spots for student council projects in the state.

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: Z equals P

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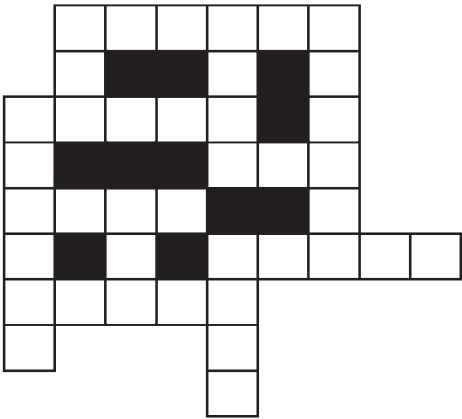
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Unscramble these twelve letter strings to form each into an ordinary word (ex. HAGNEC becomes CHANGE). Prepare to use only ONE word from any marked (♥) letter string as each unscrambles into more than one word (ex. ♥RATHE becomes HATER or EARTH or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

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