



NEWSBRIEFS

Barefoot

“Go Barefoot for a Day” with El Paso Community College (EPCC) Student Government Association (SGA)! On September 29th, join SGA for a day to help support the children of El Paso who are without new shoes for school. Donations of shoes, sizes 0-13, socks or money donations will be accepted at Valle Verde Campus in room C-102. The purpose of SGA is to enhance education and encourage cooperation and communication between students, faculty, administration, professional and classified staff, and all other college and community organizations and their purposes. For more information or if you have any questions, please contact EPCC SGA at (915) 831-2180.

— Jim Heiney

Bloodhounds

In a friendly and community minded competition, two Socorro ISD high schools were out for blood. El Dorado HS collected 417 pints of blood in one day, and Montwood HS brought in 350 pints. Both schools were winners for helping their community by providing blood to local hospitals. El Dorado HS, however, will take this year’s trophy and earned a new, unexpected title – national record holder. With 417 pints collected, El Dorado HS now holds the national record for the largest amount of blood units collected in a day for the entire United Blood Services system throughout the country. It takes 175 blood donations every day to meet the needs of area patients and to be ready for emergencies. Some 45 percent of the blood donated during the school year comes from our high schools and colleges.

— Daniel Escobar

CISD financial rating

The Canutillo Independent School District earned a rating of Superior Achievement in the Financial Integrity Rating System of Texas, or FIRST. The Texas Education Agency using the FIRST rating to indicate a school district’s financial health and fiscal responsibility. Canutillo’s Superior Achievement rating is the highest awarded by the TEA. “The people of Canutillo trust us not only with the education of their children, but also with the proper management of their tax dollars,” said Superintendent Dr. Damon Murphy. “The Superior Achievement rating is proof positive that we have taken every step possible to guarantee that we are being fiscally sound and solvent.” The state uses the data to measure 22 indicators of financial responsibility. The indicators measure issues like tax collections, cash reserves, expenditures and audit results. Canutillo passed 21 of

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Close your eyes to the faults of others and watch the doors of friendship swing wide.

— Quips & Quotes



Tom Lea (1999, photo © James H. Evans)

Tom Lea Institute perpetuates artist’s legacy through education

By Alfredo Vasquez
Special to the Courier

EL PASO COUNTY – Tom Lea (1907-2001) was a genius of the twentieth century whose extraordinary gifts as a muralist, illustrator, war correspondent, portraitist, novelist, historian and easel painter brought fame to himself, to El Paso, and to Texas.

Lea’s murals of the 1930s express the history and character of the Southwest on walls of public buildings from Washington, D.C. to Dallas, Texas.

Lea traveled thousands of miles to record U.S. and Allied soldiers, sailors and airmen and their machines waging war worldwide as an eye-witness artist correspondent for Life Magazine during World War II.

Lea wrote and illustrated bestselling novels – The Brave Bulls and The Wonderful Country – that were adapted into Hollywood movies, and a dozen other books about subjects as diverse as mountaineering in Wyoming, horse training in 16th century New Spain, and the history of the mammoth King Ranch.

Lea was largely unknown outside Texas when he died on January 29, 2001 despite his accomplishments. His work had taken him to every continent, but he always returned home to El Paso – to paint and to write near Mount Franklin.

Lea never sought the approval of a critic or the favor of a museum director, placing the majority of his paintings in the private collections of his personal friends.

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Railroad tracks dangerous for hunters, trespassers

By Raquel Espinoza
Special to the Courier

EL PASO COUNTY – Union Pacific Railroad urges hunters to resist the temptation to hunt on railroad property this season. Wildlife will migrate and feed along the edges of freshly harvested fields; making these areas prime hunting spots. With many fields adjacent to Union Pacific tracks, hunters find it very tempting to hunt on or near the tracks.

The Federal Railroad Administration recorded 33 injuries and 28 deaths related to trespassing on Union Pacific Railroad tracks in Texas in 2010.

“Too many people have been injured or killed trespassing on railroad property over the years. ... We want to remind hunters that walking on or near railroad tracks is extremely dangerous because you never know when a train will come along,” said Dennis Jenson, Union Pacific assistant vice president-chief of police.

“It can take a mile or more to stop a train, and, by the time a locomotive engineer sees you on the track, it is too late to stop,” said Dale Bray, Union Pacific director – public safety. “Locomotives and rail cars overhang the tracks by at least three feet on either side of the rail. If you are too close to the tracks, you can be hit by the locomotive or a rail car,” added Bray.

Hunters are not the only ones drawn to railroad tracks – hikers, bikers, fishermen and snowmobilers are – as well. Anyone choosing to walk on or near railroad tracks could face a tragic consequence. Last year, 442 people died and 388 were injured while trespassing on railroad property throughout the United States according to the Federal Railroad Administration.

People who enter railroad property can be arrested for violating trespassing laws. They can serve jail time and/or have to pay a fine. Do not become a statistic; stay away from railroad tracks during this hunting season.

Fierro named Canutillo High School’s 2011 Outstanding Ex

By Kim Guzman
Special to the Courier



Christian Fierro

CANUTILLO – Canutillo High School (CHS) has named Christian Fierro as the 2011 Outstanding Ex. Fierro, a 1999 graduate from CHS, is being honored during the traditional homecoming activities being held this week (Sept. 26-30).

Upon graduation from CHS, Fierro received an appointment to the United States Military Academy at West Point where he earned his bachelor’s Degree in Systems Engineering and a Commission in the U.S. Army. His initial deployment was to Germany, but he then served in the Middle East as part of Operation Iraqi Freedom. While on a mission into Baghdad, Fierro was injured and lost a leg.

While hospitalized at Walter Reed Army

Medical Center, Fierro became highly involved with Veteran’s Affairs and the Wounded Warrior Project, which helps soldiers faced with situations like his. Fierro medically retired from the Army after reaching the rank of captain. He was a Motorized Rifle Platoon Leader/ Company Executive Officer and served in the Army Field Artillery branch. His military awards include:

- Army Commendation Medal (3 awards);
- National Defense Service Medal;
- Global War on Terror Expeditionary Medal;
- Global War on Terror Service Medal;
- Army Service Ribbon; and
- Overseas Service Ribbon.

Chris has continued his mission of public service through volunteer work and community involvement. Fierro has been able to assist and counsel wounded soldiers about the day

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View from here By Michael Quinn Sullivan

Excuse me, but it is a Ponzi scheme

With apologies to Shakespeare, a Ponzi scheme by any other name is still a Ponzi scheme. Texas Gov. Rick Perry is just the first major political figure to have the courage to stand by saying what we all know to be true.

Former Massachusetts governor Mitt Romney says Social Security shouldn't be criticized because so

many people have been convinced to consider it a "successful" program. That it has been sold as "successful" doesn't change the nature of the scheme; indeed, Ponzi schemes always look successful – or else they wouldn't last.

Here is how the Securities and Exchange Commission defines a Ponzi scheme: "A Ponzi scheme is

an investment fraud that involves the payment of purported returns to existing investors from funds contributed by new investors." Sound familiar?

It is precisely how the Social Security system works: legal when government does it, illegal when Bernie Madoff does it.

Consider the first SS monthly beneficiary, Ida May Fuller of Vermont. According to the Social Security Administration, she paid \$25 into the system before retiring in the late-1930s, but received nearly \$23,000 in benefits. She hit the jackpot; her descendents got the bill.

The Wall Street Journal noted this week that "young people today are putting more into the system than they can possibly get out in retirement."

For Social Security to be considered "successful," one must carefully massage how to define "success" in regards to a long-term investment. The Social Security Administration employs bureaucrats by the thousands to administer a program that provides a smaller return on investment than a simple passbook savings account.

Would Mr. Romney and his family would consider "successful" any financial advisor they employed who provided them the same return on their fortune as the government has on Social Security? Absolutely not.

Social Security has only truly been successful in providing generations of politicians and bureaucrats with extra dollars to finance big government programs. The Social Security "trust fund" was drained empty long ago, replaced with IOUs from a government that could repay them only with higher taxes and

shakier budgeting.

The program could be called "solvent" only as long as it has more people paying in than cashing out. That by law we are all forced to participate, with threat of jail if we don't, doesn't make the scheme alright. If anything, it makes it less so. (At least Mr. Madoff didn't get to threaten his victims with time in the federal pen if they didn't buy into his program.)

Social Security exists as a running scheme because of the threat of getting a late-night visit by a couple revenue officers. Just try not paying your Social Security taxes. In fact, the biggest fear proponents of the Social Security status quo admit is that the idea of giving people an option to leave would destrot the system. (Any financial product that relies on coercion can safely be

age, and the population is aging.

The criticism associated with naming Social Security what it actually is isn't much different than the tearful and angry response one finds from the victims of any scheme: They don't want to believe they were had, or that they fell victim to a con-man.

In the case of Social Security, the con-man has been a long line of congressmen. They promised a retirement check, counting on IRS agents to fund the benefits with taxes levied on someone a little younger, that was being similarly conned.

Every reasonable plan proposed for years to transition away from the status quo Social Security system has included a solid guarantee of payments to current beneficiaries. All the fear-mongering to the contrary is a lie of the worst sort.

Veterans Post By Freddy Groves

Getting medical test results from the VA

When you see a doctor and he or she orders tests, you need to know what those results are. If they're normal, you can relax. If there is a problem, you need to know that as well so there can be a follow up.

One way or the other, you expect a call.

Back in 2002, the Department of Veterans Affairs Office of the Inspector General issued a report with recommendations for handling the communication of abnormal test results.

A recent inspection to check on the management of test results looked at three areas to see if further improvement is necessary: 1) Whether the written policies effectively cover the communication of critical test results for radiology, lab and pathology; 2) whether practitioners notify patients of critical test results within the correct time frame; and 3) whether practitioners notify patients of normal test results.

The recent inspection and report, "Management of Test Results in Veterans Health Administration

Facilities," checked outpatient test results at 25 VHA facilities.

Here are some of the findings:

- Patients not informed (at all) of critical lab results: 4 percent; of critical radiology results: 11 percent;
- Patients not informed within the required time frame of critical radiology results: 10 percent; of critical pathology results: 12 percent; and
- Patients not informed (at all) of normal pathology results: 45 percent.

When you're getting medical care, you need to be proactive. When a doctor orders tests, write down what those tests are for. Starting at the 72-hour mark after the tests are done, call your doctor and leave a message, saying that you'd like the results of your tests. The reason: The results of most tests will be completed by then.

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considered unsound almost without further review.)

For seven decades the legal threat associated with non-payment, coupled with the numerical reality of more working young people than retired old people, has given the scheme the veneer of success. But it's just a veneer; a thin one at that.

When Social Security began in 1935, the retirement age was set at 65, though life expectance was just shy of 63. Most people didn't live long enough to qualify for the benefits for more than a few years, if at all. Today, people live many years beyond the entitlement collection

The con is way past up. A 1994 survey found more people believe they will see a UFO than in the viability of Social Security. Economists like the late Nobel Prize winner Milton Friedman have repeatedly warned of the inherent problems presented by the system.

Yes, the Social Security system is a Ponzi scheme. Finally, in Rick Perry, someone on the national stage is calling out the scheme for what it is. Now it's time to explore ways to move beyond it.

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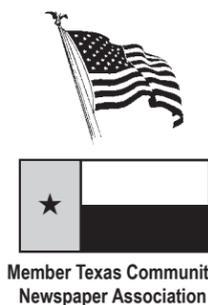
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The West Texas County Courier will publish two editions early. The October 13 and October 20, 2011 issues will go to press on Thursday, October 6, 2011.

All material for these publications must be submitted to the West Texas County Courier no later than Monday, October 3, 2011.

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"I USED TO PRAY FOR HOPE and CHANGE... NOW, I JUST HOPE SOMEBODY WILL GIVE ME SOME CHANGE."

Por la Gente By State Rep. Chente Quintanilla

Constitutional changes

Hola, mi gente. Every November that follows a legislative session, this year being the 82nd in the history of Texas, we have a limited election to approve or disapprove changes to the constitution. This year there are ten amendments.

During the last regular session, there were 25 amendments to the state constitution filed in the house. Many of those resolutions originated from the radical agendas of ultra conservative members. The historical tendency of past legislatures has been to pass more moderate amendments to the constitution. This session was no exception. None of the radical resolutions was passed.

In a very general way, I provide you with an introduction to the amendments you will be voting on in November. I can follow up with more detailed explanations over the next weeks.

The first proposition will extend the property tax exemption to the widow of a deceased veteran who was disabled. During a previous session, vets with 100% disability were granted the tax exemption; but the exemption did not carry over to the surviving spouse.

Proposition number two would allow the state to continue issuing bonds for water projects such as those that have improved, or will improve, the standards of living of residents in low income or colonia communities.

The third proposition can help students pay for higher education. If approved, the amendment would allow the sale of bonds dedicated to loan programs by the Higher Education Coordinating Board.

Proposition number four would authorize counties to issue bonds or finance notes for

the purpose of certain types of development in areas outside municipalities.

If approved by the voters, proposition number five would allow certain interlocal contracts among cities and/or counties with specific restrictions.

Proposition six would allow more flexibility in tapping the permanent school fund for public and charter schools. The permanent fund is the available wealth from which a portion is transferred to the available school fund. This particular amendment will probably require an entire article to clearly provide the pros and cons.

The city and county of El Paso could have a central parks and recreation district that will fund facilities by its own taxing authority if voters approve. Proposition seven was a very important piece of legislation advocated for by the city and county governments.

Proposition eight would authorize certain taxation on open space land devoted to water control. There would be certain parameters based on its best use potential.

If approved, proposition nine would allow the governor to grant a pardon, reprieve, or commutation if certain requirements are met by a tenant of our prison system.

And finally, proposition number ten adjusts the unexpired term period for local elected officials announcing for another office from one year to one year and 30 days. If you are wondering why, stay tuned for future articles to find out.

The date for this election is Tuesday, Nov. 8. This election is just as important as are the elections for public office. Please don't shrug it off. Vote!

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

Free flu mist times, locations

Free flu mist immunizations will be available to underserved school children in El Paso County through Nov. 19. Immunize El Paso, The Caring for Children Foundation and Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Texas are working together to provide this service. In addition to children's flu vaccinations, the group is also offering flu vaccines to adults. To help offset the cost of vaccination for adults, Medicare and many major insurance plans are accepted. The *Courier* will continue run the schedules on a regular basis.

Saturday, Oct. 1

- 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m., Escontrias Elementary, 205 Buford Road, 79927
- 9:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m., Armendariz Middle School, 2231 Arizona, 79930

Monday, Oct. 3

- 2:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m., Montana Vista Community Center, 14664 Greg Drive, 79938
- 2:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m., Dowell Elementary, 5249 Bastillo, 79924

Tuesday, Oct. 4

- 9:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m., Carlos Rivera Elementary, 6445 Escondido, 79912
- 10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m., Seville Community Center, 6700 Sambrano, 79905
- 2:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m., Lancaster Elementary, 9230 Elgin, 79907
- 2:30 p.m.-4:30 p.m., Lorenzo Loya Primary School, 13705 Socorro Road, 79849
- 2:30 p.m.-4:30 p.m., Tippin Elementary, 6541 Bear Ridge Drive, 79912

Wednesday, Oct. 5

- 10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m., South El Paso Senior Center, 600 South Ochoa, 79901
- 2:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m., Anthony Elementary, 620 Sixth Street, 79821
- 2:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m., Capistrano Elementary, 240 Mecca, 79907
- 2:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m., Chapin High School, 7000 Dyer, 79904

Thursday, Oct. 6

- 8:00 a.m.-10:00 a.m., Herrera Elementary, 350 Coates, 79932
- 10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m., Canutillo Nutrition Center, 7361 Bosque, 79835
- 2:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m., Crosby Elementary, 5411 Wren, 79924
- 4:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m., Montana Vista Elementary, 3550 Mark Jason Drive, 79938
- 4:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m., San Elizario High School, 13981 Socorro Road, 79849

Friday, Oct. 7

- 10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m., San Juan Senior Center, 700 North Glenwood, 79905
- 1:00 p.m.-3:00 p.m., Burnett Elementary, 3700 Thomason, 79904
- 1:00 p.m.-3:00 p.m., Mission Valley Elementary, 8674 Northloop, 79907
- 2:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m., Lundy Elementary, 6201 Highridge, 79912

Saturday, Oct. 8

- 9:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m., Desert Hills Elementary, 300 North Kenazo, 79928

Flores recognized as Teacher of the Year

By Natalie Hay
Special to the Courier

Sandy Flores, math teacher at Fabens High School, is the recipient of the 2011 Region 19 Secondary Teacher of the Year.

Flores was awarded the title at a recognition banquet at the El Paso Convention Center on April 13.

"I was honored because all of the teachers I competed against from the other districts were very eloquent," Flores said.

The process of becoming a Teacher of the Year is a long one. Flores was first nominated by other teachers at Fabens High School and won after the majority of the teachers voted in her favor. After competing against the winners from Fabens Middle School and Cotton Valley Early College High School, she won district Secondary Teacher of the Year. All winners from every district in Region 19 then wrote an essay and had an interview consisting of six questions in front of a panel of judges. From there, one winner from all secondary schools was chosen.

"The other teachers were very inspiring,"

Flores said. "Any one of them would have been a good candidate."

Flores graduated from Fabens and moved on to attend the University of Texas at El Paso, where she received her Bachelor of Arts, Teacher's Certification and Graduate Degree. She then went on to teach at various schools and returned to Fabens High School in 2008 to teach calculator strategies and geometry.

She had originally attained her Bachelor's in Electronic Media and Communication, but later explained with disappointment to one of her high school math teachers she no longer wanted to pursue a career in television or radio.

"He smiled and said, 'Well, you were always good in math,'" Flores said. "He told me that there would be a long-term substitute teacher position opening up."

Flores agreed to fill the position while she figured out what she wanted to do with her life.

"I fell in love with teaching," she said. "To see those students transform before my eyes was inspiring. To see that I could make a difference was life changing. I was hooked and I knew from that moment that teaching



FABENS GRAD – Sandy Flores is the 2011 Region 19 Secondary Teacher of the Year.

was my calling in life."

Fabens High School Principal Robert Sepulveda is succeeded through her achievements.

"I was elated to hear the news that she had won," Sepulveda said. "I was her math teacher in high school, so I taught her

everything she knows."

Flores says she could not have achieved her success without her family.

"They keep me centered," she said. "Everyone, including my extended family has always been very supportive and going through the competition was no different."

Lea

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Those friends have generously responded to efforts to preserve Lea's work, establishing repositories at the University of Texas at Austin, the University of Texas at El Paso and the El Paso Museum of Art.

Friends have also established the Tom Lea Institute, a not-for-profit corporation, to perpetuate his legacy through collaboration and education.

And so, in collaboration with the Tom Lea Institute, the El Paso Museum of Archaeology will hold a series of workshops in October as part of the institute's Tom Lea Month Program.

The first of four workshops will be presented by Jan Dreher, a master gardener and artist. Dreher will showcase the desert plants in the art of Tom Lea. Her presentation

will start at 2 p.m., Sunday, Oct. 2. Dreher is a master gardener and an abstract artist who works with encaustic waxes.

"Tom Lea had a reverence for the world around him and used his skills as an artist to capture the Almighty's majestic handiwork in portrait likeness," Dreher stated.

Dreher will share slides of Lea's paintings and point out details of a variety of high Chihuahuan Desert plants before taking visitors onto the slopes of Mount Franklin to discover the plants for themselves.

"At the El Paso Museum of Archaeology we interpret how the ancient people made a living in the desert. Our focus on the Chihuahuan Desert plants is expanded in this presentation because it goes beyond seeing native plants as vital for ancient life to desert plants celebrated in the art of Tom Lea," said Marilyn Guida, curator of education for the El Paso Museum of Archaeology.

The second workshop, titled Tom Lea and the Indian People of the Southwest, will be presented by Nicholas P. Houser, an anthropologist. His showing will begin at 2 p.m., Sunday, Oct. 9, in the Settlement Legacy exhibit gallery, an exhibit he curated.

Houser has conducted historical research for the Tigua Indians, created exhibits for museums and cultural centers, and has worked with over 36 Native American communities in the American Southwest and Latin America. He has published books and articles, created and edited websites, and served as documentary video consultant.

According to Houser, Lea studied the ways of Southwest Indians throughout his life, resulting in paintings that are currently on display throughout the Southwest including Snake Dancers in the Santa Fe Museum of Fine Arts; Ghost at Noon Came Riding at the El Paso Museum of Art; Comancheros in the Seymour, Texas Post Office; and Sitting Bull in the Texas Capitol.

Using visual slides of Lea's work, Houser will share his analysis of the details in his art and what they tell viewers about the lives of Native Americans in the Southwest.

The third workshop, labeled The Mystery of Our Mountains: How the Franklin and Sierra de Juarez were formed, will be presented by Phil Goodell, Ph.D., UTEP Geologist, at 3 p.m., Saturday, Oct. 15.

"The Franklin Mountains and Sierra de Juarez stand silent and majestic against the sky. Our knowledge has developed from mystery to a reasonable understanding of a sequence of evolutionary events, from the catastrophic to the monotonous," Dr. Goodell related. The UTEP professor and native El Pasoan



Snake Dancers by Tom Lea, © Tom Lea Institute

will discuss his observations and interpretations of these events.

Dr. Goodell was born and raised in El Paso and graduated from El Paso High School. He earned a PhD in Geology from Harvard. He has taught at UTEP since 1975, specializing in mineralogy, economic geology, and geochemistry and applies these to northern Mexico.

The final workshop will be presented as a family affair that will

take a closer look at Lea's landscapes in his paintings. This workshop will be held from 1 to 4 p.m., Sunday, Oct. 23.

"We are hoping families will participate and be inspired to create their own landscapes just as Tom Lea did," stated Guida. "The Franklin Mountains, with their dramatic canyons, jagged peaks,

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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 19, 2011, 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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CryptoQuip Answer

The new cologne, sold in a crimson bottle, smells terrible. It's not worth a red scent.

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PSB oversees Canutillo water projects

Courier Staff Writer

CANUTILLO – The Texas Water Development Board (TWDB) has approved two grants totaling \$172,000 for water projects in Canutillo. The El Paso Water Utilities Public Service Board (PSB) will oversee the Economically Distressed Areas Program grants to provide first-time water services to the Canutillo area.

The PSB will use an \$82,000 grant for the planning, acquisition and design phases of a project to provide water services to approximately 96 residences on La Mesa, Vinton and Seventh Streets in the Canutillo area. Residents of this area rely on private water wells for water supply and the

existing water supply is inadequate and contaminated. The proposed project consists of installing approximately 7,000 linear feet of water line, valves, meters and fire hydrants, and hooking up residential connections.

The PSB will use a \$90,000 grant for the planning phase of a project to provided water services to approximately 64 residences on Norma and Georgia Streets. Residents of this area also rely on private water wells for water. The proposed project consists of installing approximately 5,000 feet of water line, valves, meters and fire hydrants, and hooking up residential connections.

The PSB currently provides service to 198,390 water connections and 183,990 wastewater connections.



The Smelter from Mesa Road by Tom Lea, © Tom Lea Institute

Lea

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and ever-changing light are a stunning backdrop to the Museum of Archaeology. Participants can imagine the landscape as it was in prehistoric times – and how the ancients lived,” she stated.

With professional staff to guide them, participants will learn how to observe elements in the landscape – the place, time of day, and weather. They will also learn placement of figures in the foreground, middle ground and background, and describing the

expanse of space.

“Families will work as a group using a variety of materials to create a landscape collage populated with authentic Chihuahuan Desert plants, animals, and people,” Guida explained.

The four workshops will be held at the El Paso Museum of Archeology, located on Transmountain Road near Highway 54. The workshops are free to the public, but each has limited space. Pre-registration is recommended.

For more information, call 915-755-4332 or send email to guidamr@elpasotexas.gov; www.elpasotexas.gov/arch_museum/.

Fierro

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to day life of being an amputee. He participated in the 21st Annual Harford Ski Spectacular, one of the nation’s largest winter sports festivals for people with disabilities; as well as the Bataan Memorial Death March held in 2010.

“Since Mr. Fierro is one of our own hometown heroes, he is an excellent choice for our 2011 Outstanding Ex, celebrating our

theme, “Heroes...Some Wear Capes Others Are Eagles”, said Jim Fry, CHS principal.

Fierro now lives in San Antonio with his wife Jessica, and their two daughters: 4-year-old Laci and six-month-old Lena.

“It’s an honor to be named Canutillo High School’s 2011 Outstanding Ex. So many people deserve this recognition and to a representative of that population is truly a blessing. I owe my success to my family, who has stood by me throughout my professional career.”

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Briefs

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the 22 indicators, receiving a total score of 75 points. The passing score is 56. Martha Aguirre, Canutillo’s executive director for finance, said the one indicator that was not met by the district dealt with investment earnings, which are out of the district’s control. “Interest rates for the last two years have plummeted, and we’ve seen a considerable decrease in interest revenue,” she said. “At this point, we feel we have hit every single indicator that we can actually control. The district’s finance practices are in great shape.”

– Gustavo Reveles Acosta

Appointment

Gov. Rick Perry has appointed Maceo Crenshaw Dailey Jr. of El Paso as one of four new members to Humanities Texas, which approves and administers grants to projects focusing on matters of public interest and concern, and fosters public appreciation for the humanities. He is the director of the University of Texas at El Paso African American Studies Program and an associate professor in the Department of History. He is a member of the Philosophical Society of Texas, and a board member of Texas A&M University Press and the El Paso County Historical Association. He is a past board member of the Child

Crisis Center of El Paso, El Paso Symphony, El Paso Art Museum Advisory Board, Burnham Wood Charter School, and McCall Neighborhood Center. Dailey received a bachelor’s degree from Towson State University, a master’s degree in history from Morgan State University, and a doctorate of history from Howard University. He is reappointed for a term to expire Dec. 31, 2012.

– Catherine Frazier

Crime Stoppers

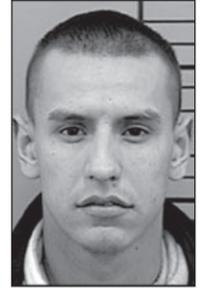
A man in central El Paso uses a knife to threaten a store clerk and steal money, making this the Crime Stoppers “Crime of the Week.” On Sunday, August 28, 2011, about 10:15 in the morning, a lone suspect entered the Dollar General store at 3028 Pershing and pretended to be looking for something to buy. He then walked behind the cashier’s counter, holding a large knife, and demanded money from the cash register. Afterwards, he left the store and was seen walking south on San Marcial. The suspect is described as a Hispanic man in his 30s, 5’ 6” tall, with a thin build. He was wearing a long sleeved red shirt, a yellow construction-type reflective vest, and a blue bandana covering the bottom of his face. If you have any information at all about the identity of this suspect, please call Crime Stoppers of El Paso 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

Wanted

Jose Martinez, 22, also known as Jose De Las Rosa and Joey, is this week’s Manhunt Monday Most Wanted Fugitive. He is 5’8” tall, weighs 160 pounds and has brown hair and eyes. He has



Jose Martinez

tattoos on both arms. Martinez is wanted for a violent assault that happened on Monday, Sept. 5 in Westway. He has been identified as one of three men that attacked another man with a baseball bat and stole his car. A woman that lured the victim to the crime scene, Sonia Reza, and one of the other men involved, Oscar Tarango have already been arrested for this crime. It is believed that Martinez is in the area hiding with friends or relatives. Anyone has seen or has any information on the whereabouts of Martinez can contact Crime Stoppers of El Paso at 566-TIPS (8477). Callers will remain anonymous and may be eligible for a reward if the information provided leads to the apprehension of Martinez.

– Deputy Jesse Tovar



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Miners go from one tough game to another

By Steve Escajeda
Special to the Courier

The UTEP Miners are coming off a big loss to the 14th ranked South Florida Bulls.

And usually, after a game against an elite program, the next week's opponent is a much easier chore.

But not for the Miners, they get the University of Houston Cougars – the 4-0 Houston Cougars.

And when you mention the Houston Cougars, you have to mention the name of quarterback Case Keenum.

Keenum is ranked second in the nation in total passing yards and passing yards per game.

Houston is averaging 44.2 points per game and 585 total yards per contest.

This is especially troubling for a UTEP defense, which hasn't been able to stop anything for years now.

The good news for UTEP is that they'll probably get starting quarterback Nick Lamaison back from injury.

With Lamaison in the game, the Miners are far more able to compete with a good team,

but it's that defense that allows huge chunks of yardage to everyone.

And as long as the defense does its Swiss cheese imitation, the Miners may not win another game this season.

Another problem the Miners have is their running game – or rather the complete lack of a running game.

In four games this season, UTEP is averaging a paltry 2.8 yards per carry.

And everybody knows that without a running game or a defense, that's a recipe for disaster.

This Thursday's game in the Sun Bowl will be nationally televised on the CBS Sports Network. It'll be a nice opportunity to show off the city of El Paso.

It would be nice for the Miners to put together a great effort and stay competitive for the whole game.

It always seems that the Miners play Houston pretty tough every time they go at it. But to stop Keenum will take a monumental defensive effort.

I don't know if UTEP has the talent to make this a good game, all the stats say no.

But when players know they are on national TV and their family and friends are watching,

they have been known to rise to the occasion and play at their very best.

Maybe the Miners will take advantage of the atmosphere Thursday night and play their best game of the season and pull the huge upset.

Or maybe they'll get manhandled again like they did in Florida last week.

Cry baby

First of all, I want to apologize to all of you for the rest of this column.

I know it isn't going to be any good because there's a baby crying near my window and I can't really concentrate on what I'm doing.

I don't know who this baby belongs to but the constant crying is driving me crazy.

It's not a cute kind of cry, it's more like an irritating whine that just gets louder and louder and... wait a second.

I'm sorry, that's not the cry of a baby. That's not a baby at all.

That unrelenting cry is actually coming from none other than Philadelphia Eagles quarterback Michael Vick.

The sniveling Vick seems to be upset about the officials of the National Football League.

Seems Vick feels that the referee's

aren't treating him the same as all the other quarterbacks.

Vick said after his game last Sunday that he isn't getting the same kind of calls the other quarterbacks get when they are hit hard.

I told you the crying was irritating.

I think Vick is throwing a tantrum because his team has lost four of his last five starts and he is looking nothing the star quarterback he was last year.

And he's got to blame somebody.

Vick received a concussion two weeks ago and suffered a bruised right hand last week.

I think right now he's suffering from a bruised ego.

Vick is being treated no different than any other pro quarterback. He carries the ball more than any other quarterback so of course he's going to get hit a little more.

It's funny, when he was winning last season he didn't whine a bit about the officiating.

I think if Vick spends more time working on his game and less time crying about his problems – things will start going his way.

Until then, Michael, please stop crying – the sound is excruciating.

A sporting view By Mark Vasto

This sucker punch wasn't a cheap shot

It wasn't a cheap shot that Floyd Mayweather threw in his championship bout against Jayhawker Victor Ortiz... after all, the undefeated and still champion of the worrrrrld walked out of the ring with \$25 million boxes of ziti after that fight.

In other words, Ortiz got it on the chin, Mayweather got in the bank.

For those of you who missed it, Floyd "Money" Mayweather (42-0) defended his title a few weeks ago against Victor Ortiz (29-3-2), a fighter 10 years his junior and in an entirely different league.

Though the 34-year-old Mayweather appeared a bit paunchy, he retained and/or won a portion of the welterweight title, if anyone out

there cares, and he did so in dramatic fashion – namely, by smacking Ortiz around the ring for three rounds, in merciless fashion.

Finally, Ortiz fought back. He summoned up the courage and landed a few combinations. He got Mayweather on the ropes and instead of using his fists, he bulled into Mayweather, head butting him in mouth.

The referee, Joe Cortez, immediately separated the two fighters and took a point from Ortiz. And then Ortiz inexplicably went all peacenik on Mayweather.

Watch the fight on YouTube (I did... I wasn't paying the \$50 for

the pay-per-view) and you will see Ortiz touch gloves with Mayweather, then hug him, then kiss him on the cheek. As Cortez handled ringside business, Ortiz again tried to make peace with Mayweather, but was unable to score another kiss. Then Cortez gave the signal to resume, but Ortiz kept his gloves down and moved in for a little more sugar.

Mayweather had enough smooching. He smashed Ortiz with a left hook, then dropped him with a straight right. Cortez stopped the fight.

The crowd boomed. It looked like a wrestling scenario... it was as if you were waiting for the British

Bulldogs to come running into the ring with folding chairs as "Mean" Gene Ockurland tried to make sense of the fracas.

Instead, Mayweather sparred with HBO's Larry Merchant (who comically said he'd have decked Mayweather if he was 50 years younger... yeah, in an alternate universe, maybe) and told the truth.

"We touched gloves and we were back to fighting and then I threw the left and right hand after the break," Mayweather said. "In the ring you have to protect yourself at all times."

Cortez agreed, even if he seemed stunned as it happened in the ring.

"I made the signal," he said. "You don't have to say anything. These guys know the rules. Victor made two mistakes – his first one was being a bad boy, and his second one was being too much of a good boy."

And that's the lesson learned here, kids. Cheap shot? Naw... you're in the ring to fight, not hug and kiss. Roger that, Victor?

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

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LEGALS

Town of Horizon City

PUBLIC NOTICE

A PUBLIC HEARING was held at 6:00 P.M. at a Special City Council Meeting on September 20, 2011, at City Hall at 14999 Darrington Road, Horizon City, Texas. The following ordinances were approved.

1) **Ordinance No. 0192.** An ordinance of the Town of Horizon City, Texas, establishing regulations, prohibitions, requirements, remedies, and penalties to protect storm water in the municipal separate storm sewer system and surface water within the Town of Horizon City, TX.

2) **Ordinance No. 0189.** An Ordinance approving the Assessment roll and fixing the Valorem Tax Rate for the Town of Horizon City, Texas,

for the Budget Year 2011 – 2012, and providing for the assessment and collection thereof.

3) **Ordinance No. 0190.** An Ordinance authorizing assessment and collection of property taxes within the Town of Horizon City, Texas and further, authorizing the El Paso City Tax Office to perform the actual assessment and collection of said property taxes on behalf of the town of Horizon City for the Fiscal Year of October 1, 2011 to September 30, 2012.

4) **Ordinance No. 0188.** An Ordinance adopting a budget for the Fiscal Year commencing October 1, 2011 and ending on September 30, 2012.

Ordinances are always available for viewing or copying upon request from the City Clerk at Town Hall, 14999 Darrington Road, Horizon City, Texas, Monday

through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. or call 915-852-1046.

Karen Ellefson
City Clerk
Town of
Horizon City

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City of Socorro

Adoption of Ordinances

On September 20, 2011 the City of Socorro, Texas adopted the following ordinances:

1) **ORDINANCE 293, AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING A BUDGET FOR THE FISCAL YEAR COMMENCING OCTOBER 1, 2011 AND ENDING ON SEPTEMBER 30, 2012 FOR THE CITY OF SOCORRO, TEXAS.**

2) **ORDINANCE 294, AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ASSESSMENT AND COLLECTION**

OF PROPERTY TAXES WITHIN THE CITY OF SOCORRO, TEXAS AND FURTHER AUTHORIZING THE EL PASO CITY TAX OFFICE TO PERFORM THE ACTUAL ASSESSMENT AND COLLECTION OF SAID PROPERTY TAXES ON BEHALF OF THE CITY OF SOCORRO, TEXAS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR COMMENCING OCTOBER 1, 2011 AND ENDING ON SEPTEMBER 30, 2012.

3) **ORDINANCE 295, AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF SOCORRO, TEXAS ADOPTING AN AMENDED ORGANIZATIONAL CHART FOR THE CITY.**

Copies of the ordinance are available for review at the City Administration Building, 124 S. Horizon Blvd., Socorro, Texas 79927; Monday

through Friday between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.

Manuel Rubio
City Clerk

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Public Notice

San Elizario Independent School District

Request for Statements of Qualification

RFQ NO. 11-23 FROM ACCOUNTANTS FOR SERVICES BASED ON AGREED PROCEDURES

The Board of Trustees of the San Elizario ISD are requesting Statements for Qualification from accounting firms to provide certain services based on agreed procedures. The services sought include review and report on certain business transactions, records, reporting and other matters specified in the RFQ.

Interested firms may obtain a copy of the full Request for Statement of Qualifications by contacting Mr. L.P. Estrada at the phone number or email address listed below.

Sealed Statements for Qualification will be received by the School District until 2:00 p.m. on October 3, 2011. All Statements for Qualification must be delivered by hand or mail to the School District at the following address:

San Elizario Independent School District
P.O. Box 920
1050 Chicken Ranch Road
San Elizario, Texas 79849
Attn: Mr. L.P. Estrada
Phone: 915-872-3939 Ext. 3502
Email: lpestrada@seisd.net

Facsimile Statements for Qualification will not be accepted. Statements of Qualification not received timely will not be considered.

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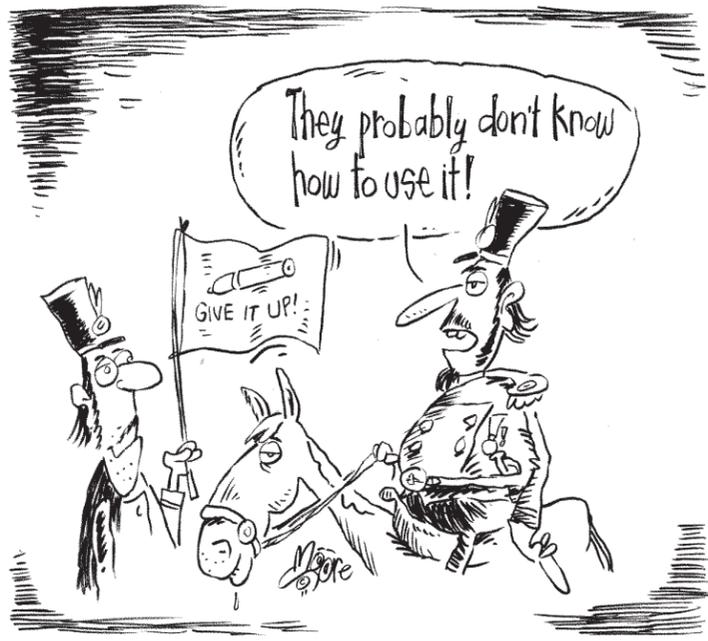


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Moore Texas by Roger Moore Sept 27, 1835
 Lt. Francisco de Castaneda is ordered to take back a cannon loaned to the settlers at Gonzales. Rather than surrender the cannon to the Mexicans, the colonists fired the cannon at the contingent on Oct. 2, and yelled, "COME AND TAKE IT!"



Social Security Q&A By Ray Vigil

Hunting a drug plan is no game

It's that time of year again. "Open season" is right around the corner for the Medicare Part D prescription drug plan. Hunting down the best plan for you is no game. Newly eligible Medicare beneficiaries, and current beneficiaries who are considering changes to their Medicare Part D plan, should mark their calendars for October 15. The "open season" will run from October 15 to December 7.

The Medicare Part D prescription drug program is available to all Medicare beneficiaries to help with the costs of medications. Joining a Medicare prescription drug plan is voluntary, and participants pay an additional monthly premium for the coverage. While all Medicare beneficiaries can participate in the prescription drug program, some people with limited income and resources also are eligible for "Extra Help" to pay for monthly premiums, annual deductibles, and prescription co-payments. The Extra Help is worth about \$4,000 a year. To figure out whether you are eligible for the Extra Help, Social Security needs to know your income and the value of any savings, investments, and real estate (other than the home you live in). To qualify, you must be receiving Medicare and have:

- Income not over \$16,335 for an individual or \$22,065 for a married

couple living together. Even if your annual income is higher, you still may be able to get some help with monthly premiums, annual deductibles, and prescription co-payments. Some examples where your income may be higher include if you or your spouse:

- Support other family members who live with you;
- Have earnings from work; or
- Live in Alaska or Hawaii; and
- Resources not over \$12,640 for an individual or \$25,260 for a married couple living together. Resources include such things as bank accounts, stocks, and bonds. We do not count your house or car as resources.

You can complete an easy-to-use online application for Extra Help at www.socialsecurity.gov. Go to the Medicare tab on the top of the page. Then go to "Apply For Extra Help With Medicare Prescription Plan Costs." To apply for the Extra Help by phone or have an application mailed to you, call Social Security at 1-800-772-1213 (TTY 1-800-325-0778) and ask for the Application for Extra Help with Medicare Prescription Drug Plan Costs (SSA-1020). And if you would like more information about the Medicare Part D Prescription Drug Program itself, visit www.medicare.gov or call 1-800-MEDICARE (1-800-

633-4227; TTY 1-877-486-2048). So this open season (October 15 to December 7), after you track down the perfect prescription drug plan for you, hunt for something that could put about \$4,000 in your pocket — bag the best Medicare prescription drug plan for you and see if you qualify for the Extra Help through Social Security.

STRANGE BUT TRUE

By Samantha Weaver

• It was 20th-century American novelist, poet and performer William S. Burroughs who made the following sage observation: "Most of the trouble in this world has been caused by folks who can't mind their own business, because they have no business of their own to mind, any more than a smallpox virus has."

• The first traffic signal, which began operating in Cleveland in 1914, wasn't much of a labor-saver. To operate it, a police officer had to sit in a nearby booth where he could oversee the traffic.

• Those who study such things claim that at any given moment, there are 850,000 people inside a Walmart store. And that's just in the United States — there's no telling how many people are shopping at Walmarts abroad.

• California Tech conducted a study in which consumers were offered two samples of the same wine, but each sample was labeled at a different price point. Unaware that the wines they were drinking were identical, most participants said they preferred the more expensive sample.

• If you're planning a trip to Turkey, be sure to book a stay at the Marmara Antalya on the country's southern coast. This unique hotel revolves, offering ever-changing views of the Mediterranean Sea to its guests.

• Are you a phonophile? If so, you might be finding it hard to pursue your passion in this digital age — a phonophile (also known as a gramophile) is a collector of phonograph records.

• Between 70 percent and 80 percent of all the Earth's fresh water is stored in glaciers, 99 percent of which are found in the Arctic and in Antarctica.

Thought for the Day: "You know you're getting old when you stoop to tie your shoelaces and wonder what else you could do while you're down there."

— George Burns

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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.

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DIFFICULTY: ★

★ Moderate ★★ Difficult
 ★★★ GO FIGURE!

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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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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: Y equals T

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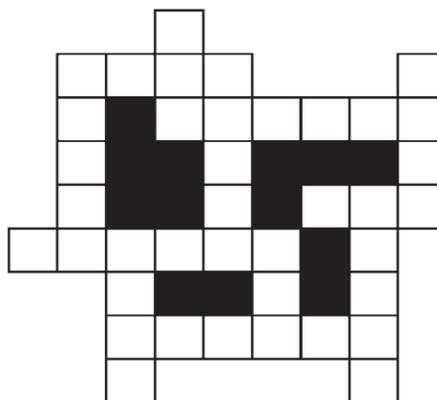
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- REGOUM
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- DRUNGE
- NIN
- ♥IMRE
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- GULN



Answer Page 4

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

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