



NEWSBRIEFS

San Eli health fair

The San Elizario Independent School District will hold its annual health fair from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 29 at San Elizario High School, 13981 Socorro Rd. Health screenings such as glucose, blood pressure, vision and other basic assessments will be provided to participants at no cost. Immunizations for children will also be available. The theme for this year's health fair is "A Pumpkin Autumn" and will include entertainment, games and activities for children, and a car show. For more information contact Rebecca Madrid, R.N. at bmadrid@seisd.net or (915) 872-3973.

— Cynthia P. Marentes

Life skills conference

The 14th Annual Regional Parental Engagement Conference will be on Saturday, Nov. 5 from 7:30 a.m. to 3:45 p.m. at Canutillo High School. El Paso native and award-winning author, Sergio Troncoso, is the keynote speaker. Participants will attend sessions on Healthy Lifestyles, Academics, College and Career Readiness, Community Resources, Healthy Communication, At-Risk Behaviors and much, much more. Sessions are in English and Spanish. Register online at www.esc19.net. For more information contact your local district parent involvement coordinator or Juan Alderete at 915-780-6570, jalderete@esc19.net.

— Janice Masters

San Eli parade

The historic town of San Elizario will be celebrating its 15th Annual Veterans Day Parade and Patriotic Celebration, on Saturday, Nov. 5, 2011. The parade starts at 9:00 a.m., at Thompson and Socorro Road and heads east on Socorro Road to Main Street in San Eli, ending at Veterans Memorial Plaza in front of the San Elceario Mission. The Celebration will continue with the presentation of the colors and the playing of the National Anthem. Special guests and the 2011 Grand Marshals, Robert and Saul Pedregon, will be introduced. The lighting of the Candles and the POW-MIA table ceremony then continues. Five Veterans will be honored that day for their service. There will be patriotic music played by local high school bands. Refreshments and food will be served. The Veterans Committee and the town of San Elizario, cordially invite everyone to attend our Veterans Event. Bring your families and enjoy a day honoring our veterans. Then visit our church, the Portales Museum, the Eduardo M. Pedregon Veterans Museum, the old jail, the Veterans Memorial Walk Project and

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— Photo by Alfredo Vasquez

AGAINST THE MACHNE – Occupy El Paso participants hold up signs to bring attention to their protest at San Jacinto Plaza in downtown El Paso.

Occupy Wall Street comes to El Paso

By Alfredo Vasquez
Special to the Courier

EL PASO COUNTY – Occupy Wall Street is a leaderless resistance movement which began as a call to action from Adbusters, a Canadian-based anti-consumerist organization.

You've probably heard about Occupy Wall Street by now. It has spiraled into something that even the original protesters didn't

anticipate. In less than a month, Occupy Wall Street has spread to cities across the country including El Paso. It has now become a global movement. Occupy Wall Street has expanded to other countries like England, Italy, France, and Greece.

It all started on September 17th, when men and women of all races, backgrounds, political and religious beliefs, began to organize in a nonviolent protest in New York City. These men and women declared that they represent

the 99% with the goal of ending the greed and corruption of the wealthiest 1% of America.

"Corporations, which place profit over people, self-interest over justice and oppression over equality, run our governments, and we have peaceably assembled here, as is our right, to let these facts be known," said Hugo Reynosa, a 28 year-old Army veteran from El Paso who has participated in the Occupy

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— Photo courtesy San Elizario ISD

CHAMPIONS – The San Elizario Eagles HS tennis players gather for a team photo with their assistant principal, Christine Jaksch; their coach, Pete Vasquez; and their trophy.

San Elizario HS tennis finish season as champs

By Cynthia P. Marentes
Special to the Courier

SAN ELIZARIO – The San Elizario High School tennis team knows that it takes a lot of hard work to be at the top of the sport and any opportunity for improvement of their game should not be taken for granted. Last year after a stand out season, the team fell just a few

points short of winning the district 2-4A title for that final feather in their cap. However, the team was determined and fully prepared this time around to cap their perfect record with a district title.

This fall, the team has played exceptionally well dominating most of their opponents, with the exception of one team, with scores of 10-0. They have blown away their competition by dedicating their time whenever possible

to strengthening their physical abilities and refining their technical skills.

"I believe our success is attributed to a combination of good, smart athletes," Coach Pete Vasquez added since 12 out of the 17 players on the team roster are also currently in the top ten percent of their class.

Additionally, Vasquez stated that the

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When you look for trouble, you don't need too much help.

— Quips & Quotes

Veterans Post By Freddy Groves

Returning Veterans at risk for crashes

If you're newly back from Iraq or Afghanistan, it's possible that you're different behind the wheel of a car now than before you left. If that's the case, you're not alone. According to a Department of Defense report to Congress, vehicle crashes are the largest cause of deaths among veterans.

As reported in a recent study, within the first 30 days home, 25 percent of veterans had gone through stop signs, 49 percent were anxious when approached quickly by another vehicle, 31 percent experienced anxiety when there was something by the side of the road and 20 percent were anxious when the situation was normal.

Here are some questions to ask yourself: Have you scared anybody with your driving or been told you drive dangerously? If you're driving in the middle of the road to avoid the edges, weaving in traffic or making sudden changes, going through stop signs or not yielding to other drivers, or driving over the speed limit, then your driving hasn't calmed down yet. How about risky stuff like not using a seatbelt, or driving after

drinking, or owning a fast car?

And let's be frank: There could be an adrenaline component there too. It could take up to 12 months before driving behaviors return to normal. In the meantime, you don't want to put yourself and others at risk. You're home now.

The Department of Veterans Affairs has a program called the Safe Driving Initiative, which is designed to help returning veterans understand why their driving behavior is different and to give tips about how to calm down while driving. Look at www.safedriving.va.gov. Check Richard Petty's video.

Take a look at a brochure called, "Shifting Gears: Soldiers Returning to Driving on the Homefront" for veterans and families. Go online to www.armymedicine.army.mil/prr/post_combat.html

Welcome home. Now stay safe.

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— Photo by Alfredo Vasquez

SIGN OF THE TIMES? – Different signs appear throughout San Jacinto Plaza to express the frustration felt by Occupy El Paso supporters.

Occupy

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El Paso protest since its inception October 15th at the Downtown San Jacinto Plaza.

"Occupy Wall Street is an exercise in real democracy. Since we can no longer trust our elected representatives to represent us rather than their large donors, we are creating a microcosm of what democracy really looks like. We do this to inspire one another to speak up. This is the simplest, most effective democratic exercise we have left to employ, and we all must participate in order to be heard," asserted Bill Addington, 56, of Sierra Blanca and a participant of Occupy El Paso.

"We want what everybody wants: the ability to have a home, to make a livelihood, to have a family or a community, to live free. We all want economic and social justice," said Art (last name withheld), a 30 year-old El Pasoan and Occupy El Paso participant.

"This movement is comprised of thousands of people who have committed themselves to nonviolence. The

an unemployed technician from El Paso who has been camping out at San Jacinto Plaza from the start.

While hundreds of Occupy protesters throughout the U.S. have been arrested, no one has been charged so far with committing a violent act. According to Mazuca, Occupy Wall Street has a good neighbor policy to keep



things as peaceful as possible during their occupation. They have a zero tolerance policy on drugs, violence, and abuse toward anyone.

The El Paso contingent, which at times has grown to about 100 supporters, has been given permission by the city to camp out at the plaza for 24 days. "We are here to voice our concerns and we urge others to join us. If they can't camp out with us, that is okay, they can show their support by donating materials like food, water, blankets, and items for sign-making for this cause; or just spend 15 minutes with us," said Mazuca.

According to a statement posted on an Occupy Wall Street website, "We will stay until change happens! Until broad swaths of the American population realize that it is only we, the 99% that can reclaim society from the domination of the 1%. Democracy has never been a spectator sport, and Americans have an obligation, particularly if we claim to love our country, to build serious and meaningful change from the bottom up."



one thing the powers that be understand and employ incredibly effectively around the world is the power of violence. We aim to offer a different model: a model of nonviolent direct democracy," said Alvaro Mazuca, 26,

They say...

Occupy Wall Street Movement has a litany of abuses that supporters claim corporations have perpetrated. Below are some of these allegations as posted on the Occupy Wall Street website.

- Corporations have taken our houses through an illegal foreclosure process, despite not having the original mortgage.
- Corporations have taken bailouts from taxpayers with impunity, and continue to give executives exorbitant bonuses.
- Corporations have poisoned the food supply through negligence, and undermined the farming system through monopolization.
- Corporations have profited off of the torture, confinement, and cruel treatment of countless animals, and actively hide these practices.
- Corporations have continuously sought to strip employees of the right to negotiate for better pay and safer working conditions.
- Corporations have held students hostage with tens of thousands of dollars of debt on education, which is itself a human right.
- Corporations have consistently outsourced labor and used that outsourcing as leverage to cut workers' healthcare and pay.
- Corporations have influenced the courts to achieve the same rights as people, with none of the culpability or responsibility.
- Corporations have spent millions of dollars on legal teams that look for ways to get them out of contracts in regards to health insurance.
- Corporations have donated large sums of money to politicians, who are responsible for regulating them.
- Corporations continue to block alternate forms of energy to keep us dependent on oil.
- Corporations continue to block generic forms of medicine that could save people's lives or provide relief in order to protect investments that have already turned a substantial profit.
- Corporations purposefully keep people misinformed and fearful through their control of the media.
- Corporations continue to create weapons of mass destruction in order to receive government contracts.

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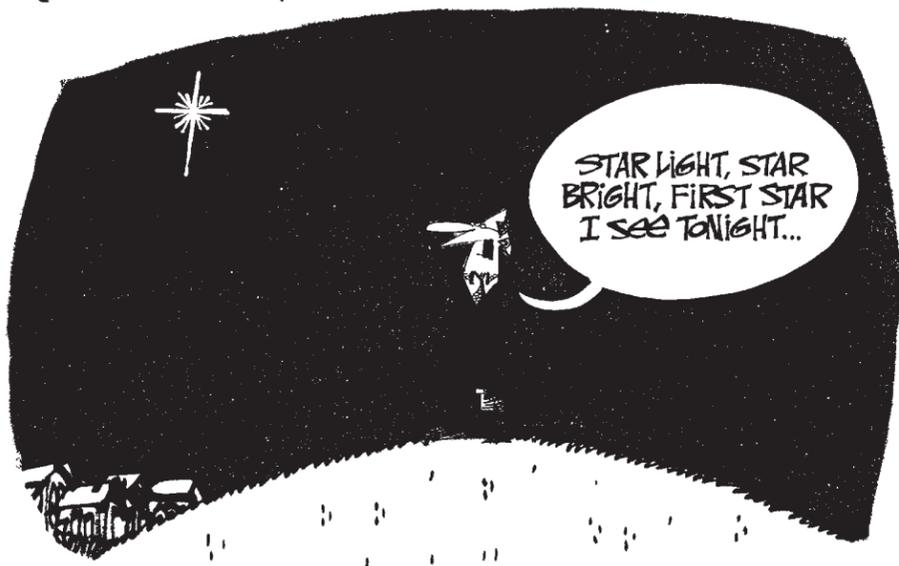
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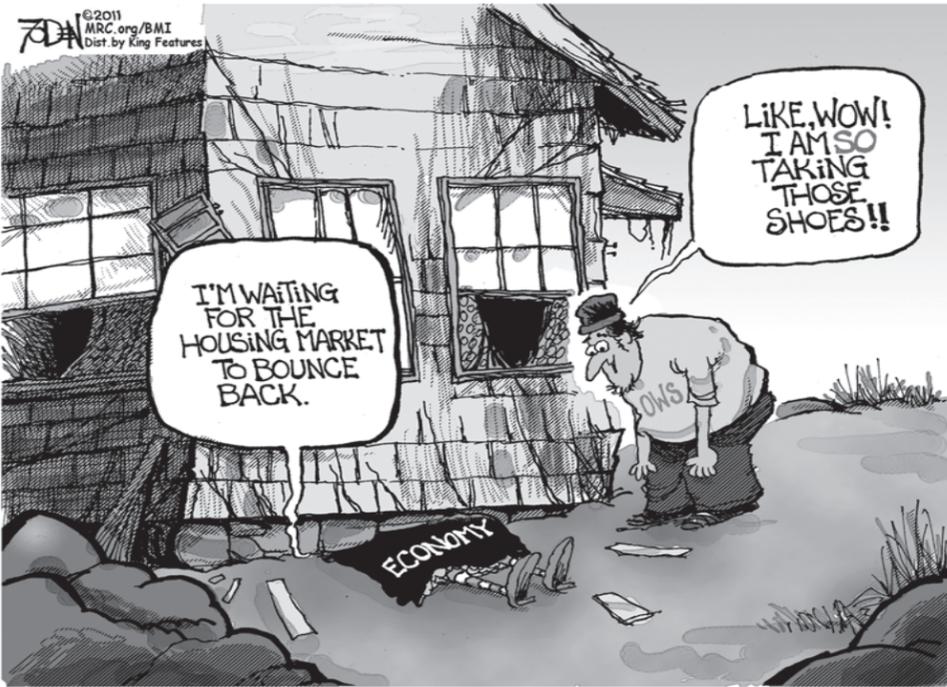
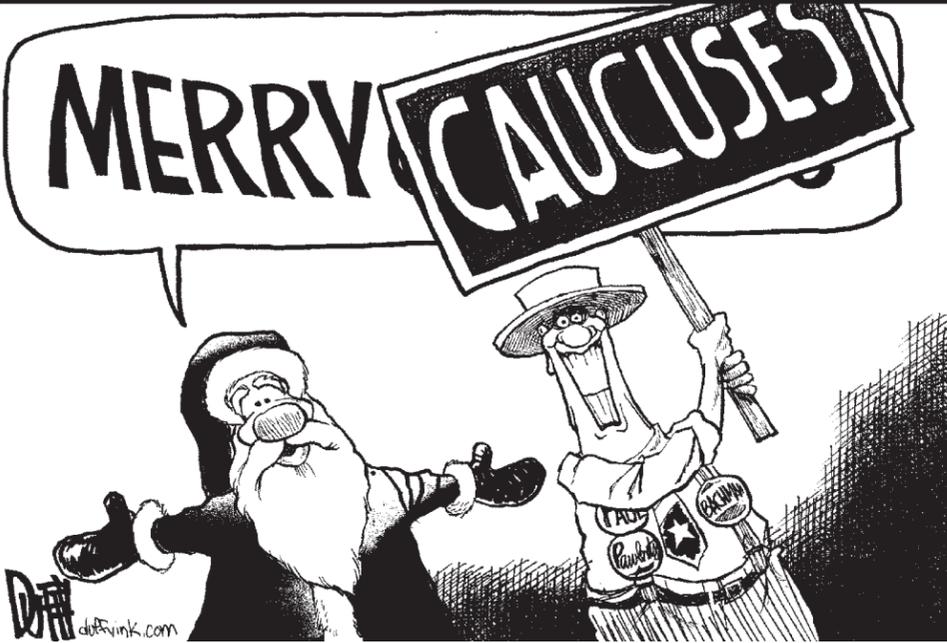
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THE FEDERAL RESERVE COMES UP WITH A NEW ECONOMIC STRATEGY.

WITH THEIR 1ST IN THE NATION STATUS IN JEOPARDY, IOWA IS LOOKING TO MAKE A MOVE.



Por la Gente By State Rep. Chente Quintanilla

Amendments on November 8 ballot

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.

This is the final summary of the amendments for your consideration. It is now up to you to decide which pass.

Proposition number one would allow a property exemption granted to a disabled veteran to pass on to his surviving spouse in the event of his death. A couple of sessions back, the constitution was changed to grant veterans with 100% disability the exemption but did not make accommodations for a surviving spouse. It is easy to understand the hardship for the widow that would result in the resumption of levying property taxes on the homestead.

The amendment recognizes the sacrifice by the veteran and by the spouse.

The only rationale for not passing the amendment is the impact on local property taxes. While not substantial, the exemption will be subsidized by the other tax payers.

Proposition seven is the only amendment that pertains exclusively to El Paso. The city and county have begun preliminary talks on merging the parks departments of both entities into a regional taxing authority.

Consolidation of the departments could create a uniform parks policy throughout the county. This might encourage the development

of larger regional parks that benefit city and county dwellers. Other communities in Texas larger than El Paso have such districts.

Even if the amendment passes, there is no legislation that would allow the creation of the parks district at this time.

Finally, proposition seven would allow more funds to be diverted from the permanent school fund into the available school fund.

The permanent school fund is the entire portfolio of lands or revenue streams that are dedicated to funding the schools in Texas. The interest from the fund is diverted by formula into the available school fund.

By using a calculation tweak, the market value of the permanent fund would increase in value. Thus, the interest would also increase providing more funds to the available fund.

The proposition also amends wording throughout Section 5(a) under Article VII of the constitution, resulting in more uniformity.

Some contend that diverting more funds from the corpus (or portfolio) would result in a weaker permanent fund in the future. If the increase in investments returns were kept in the permanent fund, it could grow substantially also providing more revenues.

The date for this election is November 8, a Tuesday. 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. These are the last dates available for this program.

Thursday, Nov. 3

- 3:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m., Valley View Middle School, 8660 North Loop Drive, 79907
- 4:30 p.m.-6:30 p.m., Hillcrest Middle School, 8040 Yermoland, 79907

Saturday, Nov. 5

- 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m., Escontrias Elementary, 205 Buford Road, 79927

Monday, Nov. 7

- 2:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m., Riverside High School, 301 Midway, 79915
- 2:30 p.m.-4:30 p.m., Montana Vista Community Center, 14618 Greg Drive, 79938

Wednesday, Nov. 9

- 2:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m., Ysleta ISD Central Office, 9600 Sims, 79925
- 2:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m., Cooley Elementary, 107 North Collingsworth, 79905

Friday, Nov. 18

- 2:30 p.m.-4:30 p.m., Ysleta High School, 8600 Alameda, 79907

Saturday, Nov. 19

- 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m., Eastside Family Care Center, 1742 North Zaragoza Bldg. A, 79907
- 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m., Oshea Keleher Elementary, 1800 Leroy Bonse, 79936

Champs

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tennis team has been victorious this season because they have instilled a "no excuse" attitude and an extremely hard work ethic. The Eagles have also enjoyed a productive, quality preseason and tournament schedule. In fact, the San Elizario High School squad has played against and overwhelmed some of the region's traditional tennis powerhouses a development that has really helped to boost the players' confidence in their abilities to compete at a higher level.

With the bulk of the team, 15 juniors and

one sophomore, returning next year plus the addition of several talented incoming freshmen, Vasquez is expecting another banner year for the San Elizario High School tennis team. For now the Eagles are looking forward to the upcoming University Interscholastic League team tennis regional tournament in Wichita Falls, Texas on October 28-29 and a successful spring season.

Since the inception of the San Elizario ISD tennis program in 2004 and with the leadership of Vasquez, the San Elizario High School team has won a total of eight consecutive fall and spring titles combined and expect many more to come.

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the Art Galleries – all within walking distance.

– Ray Borrego

Appointments

Transportation

Gov. Rick Perry has named Ted Houghton of El Paso chair of the Texas Transportation Commission for a term to expire at the pleasure of the governor. The commission oversees the Texas Department of Transportation. Houghton is owner of Houghton Financial Partners. He is a member of the Paso del Norte Group, former vice chair of the El Paso Civic Center Board and a past member of the School Land Board, El Paso Water Utilities Public Service Board, and El Paso Electric Company Board of Directors. He is also past president of the Sun Bowl Association, and a member of the 1984 Los Angeles Olympic Committee. Houghton received a bachelor's degree from the University of Texas at El Paso.

Examiners of Dietitians

Aida "Letty" Moreno-Brown of El Paso is one of three members appointed by Perry to the Texas State Board of Examiners of Dietitians for terms to expire Sept. 1, 2017. The board regulates the licensing and education of dietitians in Texas. She is a registered clinical dietitian, regional lead dietitian for Fresenius Medical Care, and an adjunct professor at El Paso Community College. She is chair of the El Paso Council on Renal Nutrition, a member of the American Dietetic Association, and a member and past president of the El Paso Dietetic Association. Moreno-Brown received a bachelor's degree from New Mexico State University and a master's degree in advanced nutrition from the State University of New York College at Oneonta.

Independent Living Council

Richard Couder of El Paso is one of eight members appointed

by Perry to the State Independent Living Council. The council leads, promotes and advances an independent living philosophy, and advocates for the rights of individuals with disabilities. He is a special education teacher in the El Paso Independent School District. He is president of the St. Pius Catholic Church Special Needs Group, and past president of Assistance for Special Kids of El Paso. Couder received a bachelor's degree from the University of Texas at El Paso, and teacher certification from the Alternative-South Texas Educator Program. He is appointed for a term to expire Oct. 24, 2012.

Emerging Technology

Richard Schoephoerster of El Paso is one of 13 members appointed by Perry to the Texas Emerging Technology Advisory Committee. The committee recommends proposals eligible for funding through the Emerging Technology Fund to the governor, lieutenant governor and speaker of the Texas House of Representatives. At the first committee meeting, members will draw lots to determine which members will serve one-year terms and which will serve two-year terms. He is dean of the University of Texas at El Paso College of Engineering. He is a fellow of the American Heart Association and American Institute of Medical and Biological Engineering. He is also secretary/treasurer of the El Paso Water Utilities Public Service Board, and a member of the Biomedical Engineering Society and American and Texas societies of Professional Engineers. Schoephoerster received a bachelor's degree, master's degree and Doctorate of Mechanical Engineering from the University of Iowa.

– Lucy Nashed

Crime Stoppers

A man enters a restaurant and waves a black handgun around while demanding money from the cash register, making this the Crime Stoppers "Crime of the Week." On Sunday, Sept. 25, 2011, shortly before 3:00 a.m., a male subject walks into the Hamburger Inn located at 115

McCarthy in the Mission Valley and begins to wave around a black handgun while demanding money from the cash register. The subject then fired the weapon towards the general area of the cash register, whereupon one of the employees opened the register and let the man take the money. The subject was last seen walking south on McCarthy where he then entered a vehicle driven by another man and left. Detectives from the Police Department's Crimes Against Persons unit obtained surveillance video from the restaurant which shows the subject but further investigation revealed no bullet holes, leading detectives to believe that the weapon fired a blank. The suspect is described as an Hispanic man in his 30s, 5'8" to 6'1", weighing 200-230, with green eyes. He was wearing a hair net. The vehicle that he was a passenger in was dark colored and might possibly be an older model Ford Mustang. If you have any information at all about the identity of the suspect, or the location of his vehicle, 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.

– James Klaes

Wanted

Raul Lopez, 53, also known as Raul Sierra is this week's Manhunt Monday Most Wanted Fugitive.



Raul Lopez

were dispatched to the area of Montana and Zaragoza in reference to a theft call (fuel run) at the Flying J Truck Stop. Responding units were looking for a Gold or Bronze colored truck tractor (no trailer) traveling west on Montana. A Sheriff's

Deputy spotted a truck tractor matching the description given and conducted a traffic stop on a 1994 International Truck Tractor, with Mexico license plates at the intersection of Montana and Joe Battle. The Sheriff's Deputy made contact with the driver and noticed he was acting extremely nervous. The Deputy then instructed the driver exit the vehicle but he refused. The driver was again given verbal commands and did not comply, but instead attempted to drive off and flee. The Deputy took hold of the driver while standing on the driver's side of the tractor truck. The driver of the vehicle then assaulted the Deputy by punching him repeatedly and shoving him off the vehicle while in motion traveling westbound on Montana. The driver lost control of the vehicle and veered right striking a light pole knocking it down. The Sheriff's Deputy sustained several injuries to his head, face, neck, arms, back and legs. Texas Department of Public Safety Troopers and multiple of units from the El Paso Police Department / K-9 tracking teams assisted in the search for the suspect. After nearly a four-hour manhunt, the search for the suspect was unsuccessful and was terminated. Lopez, of Fabens, TX, was later positively identified as the assailant. Numerous tips were sent in after Lopez was featured on Americas Most Wanted and Manhunt Monday (May 2009), however his trail has once again gone cold. It is said he possibly fled to California or to Mexico. Please help us in bringing Lopez to justice. It is believed Lopez who just recently celebrated his 53rd birthday stays in contact with friends and family in Clint, Fabens, El Paso, TX and Juarez, Mexico. Someone here in our area knows his whereabouts. If anyone has seen or has any information on the whereabouts of Lopez they can call 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 Lopez.

– Deputy Jesse Tovar

STRANGE BUT TRUE

By Samantha Weaver

- It was French Renaissance essayist Michel de Montaigne who made the following sage observation: "Nothing is so firmly believed as what is least known."

- If someone called you a "mumpsimus," would you be flattered or insulted? It seems that the appropriate reaction would be to take offense. According to the Merriam-Webster dictionary, a mumpsimus is "a stubborn person who insists on making an error in spite of being shown that it is wrong."

- The English language is unique in the number of collective nouns it possesses. For instance, a group of frogs is known as an "army" and a group of crows is called a "murder." We have a "shrewdness" of apes, a "wisdom" of wombats, a "congregation" of crocodiles, a "smack" of jellyfish, a "wiggle" of worms, a "crash" of rhinoceroses, a "waddle" of penguins and a "scourge" of mosquitoes, to name a few. Geese flock together in "gaggles," unless they're in flight, in which case they are collectively known as a "skein."

- In the Baltic region, it's traditional for a bride to wear black.

- You've probably never heard of Harvey Lowe, but in the 1930s he enjoyed a certain amount of notoriety; in 1934 he won the first World Yo-Yo Contest. Now that you know who he is, can you imagine what he had in common with Rolling Stones guitarist Keith Richards and notoriously flamboyant entertainer Liberace? It turns out that all three took out insurance policies on their hands.

- If you're like 20 percent of the respondents in a recent poll, you find it embarrassing to order tap water when you're in a restaurant.

Thought for the Day: "A great deal of intelligence can be invested in ignorance when the need for illusion is deep."

– Saul Bellow

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Canutillo ISD forms bond oversight committee

By Gustavo Reveles Acosta
Special to the Courier

CANUTILLO – Twenty-three parents, community members and employees of the Canutillo Independent School District will make up the Canutillo Bond Accountability Committee (CBAC) that will oversee nearly \$44 million in construction projects and upgrades on behalf of the voters in the district.

The CISD Board of Trustees voted unanimously on Wednesday, Oct. 19, to create the CBAC and to appoint every person who submitted an application to serve on the committee.

“We have a dedicated and strong group of individuals who have stepped up to the plate and become

a voice for their community,” said Board President Sergio Coronado. “The formation of the CBAC was a pledge that the Administration and the Board made to the public during the campaign for the bond, so I am very happy that the committee is finally formed.”

The CBAC will be charged with assisting the Board and Superintendent Dr. Damon Murphy by monitoring the plans, process and progress of bond program that was part of the Decision Canutillo 2011 referendum voters approved in May. Committee members will serve as an extra layer of accountability for the public in guaranteeing that all bond projects are completed as promised.

CBAC members will meet quarterly to review district documents and tour construction sites. They also will provide

reports to the Board of Trustees, who will take their information into consideration when making decisions about bond projects.

The first meeting of the CBAC is

scheduled for 6 p.m. on Wednesday, Nov. 30 at the CISD Central Offices, 7965 Artcraft.

“We look forward to working with each and every one of the members

of the CBAC,” Dr. Murphy said. “Their backgrounds and experiences are varied, so their input into the progress of our bond projects will be invaluable.”



– Photo courtesy Canutillo ISD

CHS cheerleaders win competition

GIVE ME A ... – Canutillo High School’s Cheerleading Squad recently competed in the Outlet Shoppes of El Paso’s “Something to Cheer About” cheer competition. The cheerleading team was successful, winning the grand prize of \$1,000 in the competition. “Even though our girls were the last to perform, the excitement and adrenaline kept them going, as they performed five cheers and two dances,” said Cynthia Arteaga, CHS Cheerleading Sponsor. “With great pride, we were able to announce that our own Canutillo High School Cheer Squad won the grand prize at the competition! The cheer squad would like to thank our beautiful Canutillo community for all of the support they have poured out to us,” added Arteaga. Additionally, prior to participating in the competition, the CHS Squad held its annual Community Cheerleading Camp at Canutillo High School, providing more than 100 girls, ages 4 to 13 an opportunity to participate, have fun and learn about chanting, cheering and dance routines. Participants were able to perform what they learned with the CHS squad during the most recent home football game against Del Valle.

– Kim Guzman

Social Security Q&A By Ray Vigil

Ticket to work

Millions of Americans receive disability benefits from Social Security and there could be good news for many of those who want to work. A free and voluntary program called Ticket to Work gives individuals who receive Supplemental Security Income (SSI) or Social Security disability benefits access to meaningful employment while maintaining control over benefit choices.

Ed Bairos, a farmer and mechanic, went back to the work he loved with the help of the Ticket program. He began receiving Social Security disability benefits after suffering from severe arthritis, complicated by a knee injury that would require 20 surgeries. He was concerned about losing the cash payments and health care he needed to survive and

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Lower Valley Water District Public Notice MCL Coliform Violation (TCR 22)

The Lower Valley Water District / PWS ID 0710154 water system collected 4 water samples during May 2011, that contained coliform bacteria. This water system is required to submit a minimum of 50 routine water samples each month for bacteriological analysis. Four routine samples were coliform-found and none repeat samples were coliform-found for the month and year indicated above.

The Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) sets drinking water standards in Texas and has determined that the presence of total coliform is a possible health concern. Coliforms are bacteria that are naturally present in the environment and are used as an indicator that other potentially-harmful, bacteria may be present. Coliforms were found in more samples than allowed and this was a warning of potential problems.

For water systems analyzing at least 40 samples per month, no more than five (5) percent of the monthly samples may be positive for total coliform. For systems analyzing fewer than 40 samples per month, no more than one (1) sample per month may be positive for total coliform.

After these positive samples we identified, the Lower Valley Water District performed further testing no further positive samples were found, which means that there was no health concern. If you have questions regarding this matter, you may contact Saul Trejo, P.E. at 915-791-4480.

WTCC: 10-27-11



Saturday, November 5, 2011
7:30 am - 3:45 pm

Canutillo High School, 6675 South Desert Blvd., El Paso, TX 79932
Registration will begin at 7:30 am
Fee: \$25 per person. Event Code: 11526



“Diversity”: Respecting Strengths & Differences

Participants will attend a morning general session which will include a keynote address by Sergio Troncoso. Sergio is an El Paso native. He graduated from Harvard College, and studied international relations and philosophy at Yale University. He won a Fulbright scholarship to Mexico and was inducted into the Hispanics Scholarship Fund’s Alumni Hall of Fame. He is a member of PEN. The morning and afternoon breakout sessions will cover a variety of topics to include but are not limited to: Healthy Lifestyles, At-Risk Behaviors, Students with Special Needs, Academics/ College and Career Readiness, Healthy Sexuality, Financial Planning, Healthy Communication, Community Resources, Military Transition and many other topics. There will be sessions in English and Spanish.



Register online at www.esc19.net. Click on the word “Workshops” or the Click & Learn Logo. Log onto your account. For more information, contact your local district parent involvement coordinator or Juan Alderete at ESC-R19 at (915) 780-6570, jalderete@esc19.net or Selina Ruiz, sruiz@esc19.net.

Size doesn't matter when ugly gets going

By Steve Escajeda
Special to the Courier

When it comes to college football, the big schools get all of the attention – and why not – they have the best players, coaches and stadiums.

They have quarterbacks that can throw the ball a mile; running backs who are all aiming for the NFL and receivers who have the speed of a gazelle.

And let's not forget the big fellas on the big teams. There are linemen that weigh 350 pounds and linebackers that can knock you into next week.

But when it comes down to fisticuffs, Ohio State and Alabama and Texas and Oklahoma and Notre Dame, etal, have nothing on the itty-bitty schools out there.

This was made evident by the extracurricular activity that went on after the Southern University-Arkansas-Pine Bluff game on Oct. 15.

It all started when Southern University scored on the last play of the game to get to within 22-21 of those guys from Pine Bluff.

But the potentially tying extra point was blocked to cut the comeback short.

After that play, let's just say some players jumped around in jubilation while others hung their heads in disappointment.

Sometimes when you put those two polar emotions right next to one another, and then add some highly-volatile immature 18-20 year olds – things can get out of hand quickly.

And they did. The resulting postgame brawl went on for a while before coaches and authorities were able to pull the two teams apart.

This brawl didn't take a back seat to any major college melee.

Things got so out of hand that no less than 41 players received suspensions of either one or two games for what officials termed as using excessive force.

In other words, they took part in the pigskin pugilism.

Pine Bluff received 25 suspensions while Southern had 16 players get the pink slip.

The SWAC commissioner and administration members from both schools said afterward that they had to send a strong message that behavior like this cannot be tolerated.

The suspensions are nice but they will obviously do very little to stop young players from letting their fists do their thinking for

them. A brawl like this got the little guys a little extra publicity this week, but was it worth it?

This incident only proved that thugs come in all sizes, colors and college levels.

Trading for life

There's no doubt that the National Football League can supply fans with some of the best entertainment they'll receive all year long.

But players know that the NFL is a business first and foremost.

Players can enjoy money and fame beyond their wildest dreams and then suddenly find themselves looking for work.

A lot of players go through this reality and things usually end in an ugly mess.

But sometimes the harshness of being let go or being traded to another team can end positively.

And sometimes it can even potentially save a life.

In this case, we're talking about running back Jerome Harrison.

The Detroit Lions were trying to trade the runner to the Philadelphia Eagles, which required him to take physical.

Nothing unusual about that, except that Harrison failed his physical. Seems the

28-year-old didn't know he was suffering from the early stages of a brain tumor.

No player wants to hear that he is being traded for one reason or another but in Harrison's case, he can thank his lucky stars that Detroit was trying to trade him for the Eagles' Ronnie Brown.

Because without a trade, Harrison would never have had a reason to take a physical and the tumor would not have been detected until much later.

Authorities close to the situation are saying that the trade may have actually saved Harrison's life.

Harrison is not expected to play again this season and because he failed the physical, the trade is void.

But in a case like this, when a man's life is at stake, I don't think the teams will mind very much.

Often the cold hard reality of the business end of the league can be absent any emotion or remorse.

But here, I think everyone can feel good about the final results.

I don't know which team Jerome Harrison will play for next year but just the fact that he'll likely be around is probably enough for him and his family.

A sporting view By Mark Vasto

I'll slap to that

Jim Harbaugh deserves to be commended, not reprimanded... at least not this time.

No, even in the "No Fun League," a hearty backslapping and "hard handshake" of Detroit Lions head coach Jim Schwartz after his San Francisco 49ers handed the Lion's their first defeat of the 2011 campaign falls a bit short of the

standard when it comes to levying a fine. At least one would hope.

By now, you've no doubt heard of the pseudo-controversy. Harbaugh shakes hand, slaps back. Schwartz then breaks the longest run by a Lion not named Barry Sanders in recent memory, bounding after Harbaugh, yelling incomprehensibly. Harbaugh is then put in the awkward position

of having to explain, what? Enthusiasm?

Handshaking after a game is a long tradition. I would go so far as to surmise that if you hail from a country that recognizes the shaking of hands as a polite gesture or symbolic in some fashion, if said country plays sports, they've been shaking hands after a contest since the dawn of the republic.

And why do we do this? No, not to show sportsmanship... to show awkwardness. Maybe your country-club tennis match ends in a handshake out of graciousness,

but in the professional and college ranks the handshake is a televised moment. Every time. Think about it. Have you ever seen a football game broadcast cut out before the handshake? No, you have not. Same goes with basketball and tennis.

Let's admit it... every time we watch we look to see who is the sore loser, arrogant winner or, in some cases, we're secretly pinning for another match... as if the game just played wasn't enough. Will Jimmy Connors punch John McEnroe in the face? Will Mike Tyson eat Lennox Lewis' children?

And if the fans don't want it, the media certainly do. I don't remember the outcome of the games, but I do remember the analysts discussing the terse handshakes

between Bill Belichick and Eric Mangini. Belichick doesn't like the coverage.

[Handshakes are] so heavily scrutinized by the media that it's an event bigger than the game itself, which is so absurd," Belichick said in a recent ESPN interview. "I think it's pretty ridiculous that the media focuses on it the way it does."

Belichick doesn't understand all of the fuss, but former New York Giants baseball manager John McGraw did.

"Sportsmanship and easygoing methods are all right, but it is the prospect of a hot fight that brings out the crowds," he said.

I'll slap to that.

Mark Vasto is a veteran sportswriter who lives in Kansas City. (c) 2011 King Features Synd., Inc.

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Avalos, Terrazas selected for jazz group, scholarships

By Laura Cade
Special to the Courier

CLINT – Clint ISD students Sebastian Avalos and Christopher Terrazas were selected to play in the El Paso Friends of Jazz Scholarship Jazz Band group this summer. The group performed at the eastside Lancer's Club in June under the direction of classic jazz trumpeteer, Marty Olivias. The students were also given scholarships of \$250 by the organization.

"This is a group that is formed by the best of the best musicians in all the El Paso area" said Rogelio Avalos, East Montana Middle School Jazz Band Director.

Sebastian Avalos on guitar and Christopher Terrazas on trombone were selected while performing for the East Montana Middle School Jazz Band in the Hanks Jazz Festival earlier this year. Several music educators from outside El Paso were here back in March to make the selections. From all the bands that participated in this three day Festival, only a few were chosen to



– Photo courtesy Clint ISD

Christopher Terrazas, left, and Sebastian Avalos

form this prestigious group. Avalos and Terrazas were the only 8th grade musicians selected. The group is typically formed by 9th through

12th grade students. "They were tremendous! We should be very proud of those two students," said Avalos.

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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worried that employers might not want to hire him.

Then Bairos learned about the

Ticket to Work program when he received a notice in the mail from Social Security. The notice was a "ticket" that Bairos could use with an employment network of his choosing. Employment networks are organizations that offer specialized

services such as career counseling, job search assistance, vocational rehabilitation and training. Bairos decided to use his ticket with an employment network and returned to work. He continued to receive health care and cash benefits because of work incentives, which are special considerations that make it easier for beneficiaries to explore whether going back to work is right for them.

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: J equals H

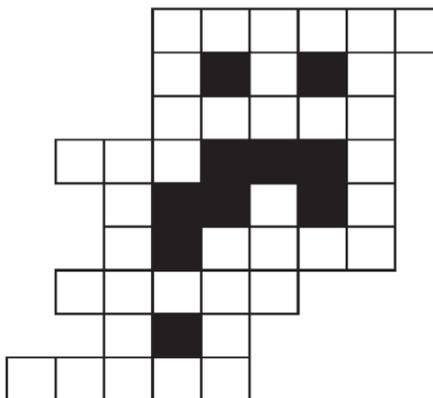
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Unscramble these twelve letter strings to form each into an ordinary word (ex. HAGNEC becomes CHANGE). Prepare to use only ONE word from any marked (♥) letter string as each unscrambles into more than one word (ex. ♥RATHE becomes HATER or EARTH or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

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Pleased with Bairos' industry knowledge and skills as a farm manager, his employer gave him a promotion and a raise. Now he is self-sufficient, working for another division within the company.

Bairos earns more money than he would have by relying solely on disability benefits. By using his Ticket, Bairos' medical reviews were put on hold and he is eligible to receive Medicare coverage for up to eight and a half years after discontinuing his disability payments.

"Returning to work has made me whole again, especially being able to work in the area that I love. My self-esteem was at its lowest when I wasn't working and on disability. Returning to work not only improved my self-worth but also my financial wealth. The Ticket to Work program and the ability to keep my Medicare was the reason I was able to return to work," he said.

If you receive Social Security or SSI benefits due to disability, are between 18 and 64 years old and want to work, getting started is easy.

Visit www.socialsecurity.gov/work for more information on the Ticket to Work program and work incentives. You also may call (866) 968-7842 (TDD (866) 833-2967) to learn how going back to work may affect your benefits.

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.