



NEWSBRIEFS

Grand opening

The Village of Vinton will officially open Dr. Howard Applegate Park on Saturday, Nov. 3, from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. at 7966 Quejette (at Vinton Rd). The project was funded by the Texas Department of Agriculture, Texas Parks and Wildlife, the County of El Paso, and the Village of Vinton.

— Jessica Garza

Crime Stoppers

A man with a shotgun enters an eastside restaurant, orders customers to the floor and demands money from the cash register, making this the Crime Stoppers “Crime of the Week.” On Friday afternoon, September 21, 2012, about 2:30 p.m., a man carrying what witnesses described as a black shotgun with a pistol grip walked into Popeye’s Chicken at 10430 Montwood and shouted, “This is a stickup.” The suspect pointed the weapon at an employee and demanded, “Give me all the money.” He then pointed the weapon at customers and ordered them to lie on the floor. He took a laptop computer from one customer and went behind the counter but was unable to open the register; however, he took an employee’s purse from under the counter. The Police Department Crimes Against Persons unit determined that the suspect fled in a silver 4-door Ford Taurus with a wing on the trunk, and a male or female passenger inside with a pony tail. The suspect is described as Hispanic, in his 20s, 5’8”, medium build and complexion. He wore a baseball cap, blue bandana with white print over his nose and mouth, long sleeve grey shirt, blue slacks, and white with black tennis shoes. He spoke English with a Spanish accent. If you have any information at all about the identity of the suspect in this case, contact Crime Stoppers of El Paso at 566-TIPS (566-8477), on-line at www.crimestoppersofelpaso.org or you can send a text message by entering the key word CRIME1 (no space) plus your tip information, and text it to CRIMES (274637). You will remain anonymous and, if your tip leads to an arrest, you can qualify for a cash reward.

— James Klaes

Corrections

Last week’s edition incorrectly listed Patricia Tidwell as the writer for the Texas Teacher of the Year story. The story was submitted to the *Courier* by Cynthia P. Marentes. Our apologies to both writers.

— Rick Shrum

Sometimes it takes a large throat to swallow your pride.

— Quips & Quotes

By Alfredo Vasquez
Special to the Courier

EL PASO COUNTY – In observance of Veterans Day, the Young El Paso Singers will perform songs and dramatic readings to highlight the history of American military servicemen’s sacrifice and commitment to duty.

The special performance, which is under the direction of Dr. Cindy Jay, will be held at 2 p.m., Saturday, November 10, in the lobby of the El Paso Museum of History (510 N. Santa Fe Street).

The performance is free and open to all, especially to veterans, currently serving armed forces personnel, and their families. All military who attend will be individually recognized and thanked with a special memento.

The program is presented by the Young Elite Singers, an advanced group of director-selected performers from the Young El Paso Singers. The singers and director will be accompanied on piano by Ruben Gutierrez.

Young El Paso Singers is an up and coming group that has performed in various venues including The Border AIDS Project, Candlelighters Christmas party, Hands of Hope Across the Border at Chamizal, El Paso



— Photo courtesy Young El Paso Singers

SING IT – The Young El Paso Singers will pay special tribute to US military service personnel- past, present and fallen- during the group’s patriotic performance which is scheduled for 2 p.m., Saturday, Nov. 10.

Museum of History, Texas Veteran’s Home, La Tierra Café Easter Concert, Sacred Concert for S.D.A. on McRae, Summer Vocal Camp “Rockin’ El Paso”, Elvis El Paso Fundraiser Event and December’s “Star in the Desert”.

This year’s Veterans Day program is

sponsored by the City of El Paso Museums and Cultural Affairs Department and the Texas Commission on the Arts.

For more information and to RSVP, contact Sue Taylor at (915) 351-3588 or send email to taylorsl@elpasotexas.gov.

Langborg emerges as new Fire Chief in Socorro

By Dave Garcia
Special to the Courier

“It’s been my long time goal to become the Fire Chief of a small fire department... I have found these (fire departments) have the best... potential to provide the highest level of service under proper leadership.

— Jim Langborg
City of Socorro Fire Chief

SOCORRO – The current Fire Chief in Templeton, California will move to the City of Socorro to become the city’s first modern era Fire Chief. Chief Jim Langborg and City Manager Willie Norfleet, Jr. came to terms on a deal that will move the new chief and have him on the job December 17, 2012.



— Photocourtesy City of Socorro

HE’S OUT – Talks with Patrick Kelly stalled.

“Unfortunately these contract negotiations are confidential, but I will say it’s our responsibility to work out an agreement that is best for City of Socorro citizens and during our dialogues with Mr. Kelly it became apparent we were not going to hammer out a good deal,” said Norfleet.

Langborg brings with him 19 years’

experience as a fire fighter, 18 years as a paramedic, and more than 10 years as a chief officer. He is a Summa Cum Laude graduate of Columbia Southern University and graduated the National Fire Academy’s Executive Fire Officer Program.

The new City of Socorro Fire Chief was a paramedic and medical specialist in the U.S. Air Force and was the Deputy Fire Chief in White River, Arizona before taking over the top job in Templeton. Langborg currently oversees more than a dozen volunteers. The new chief will earn \$88,000 per year.



— Photo courtesy City of Socorro

HE’S IN – Jim Langborg will be the new Fire Chief in the City of Socorro after talks stalled with Jim Kelly.

School named for Reyes

By Gustavo Reveles Acosta
Special to the Courier

CANUTILLO – The newest campus in the Canutillo Independent School District will be named Congressman Silvestre & Carolina Reyes School.

The new school, which will have grades pre-kindergarten through eighth, will be built along Paseo del Norte Road in the Cimarron Subdivision. It is scheduled to open for classes during the 2014-15 school year.

Born in Canutillo, Silvestre Reyes graduated from Canutillo High School in 1964 and sat on the CISD Board of Trustees in the late 1960s. After serving in the Vietnam War, he began a career in the U.S. Border Patrol. He retired as the first Hispanic Sector Chief. Reyes was then elected to represent El Paso in the U.S. House of Representatives, where he served eight terms.

Carolina Reyes is a 1965 graduate of Canutillo High School and a lifelong volunteer. She is the first Hispanic to be elected as President of the Congressional Club, a non-partisan organization for the spouses of members of Congress, the Supreme Court and the president’s Cabinet in Washington, D.C.

“We are so very proud to be able to recognize two of our very own by naming this school after Congressman Reyes and his wife, Carolina. They both represent the determination and drive that is characteristic of our students and our community of Canutillo as a whole,” said Board President Laure Searls.

The Board on Tuesday also voted unanimously to name the football stadium at Congressman Silvestre & Carolina Reyes School as Veteran’s Memorial Field in honor of those Canutillo residents who have served in the US military.

Veterans Post

By Freddy Groves

Horses for therapy

Unless you look for it, you wouldn't suspect that research literature is full of glowing praise for using animals as therapy for wounded veterans. Whether it's traumatic brain injury, post-traumatic stress disorder or a physical injury, horses are being used as "animal therapists" in equine-facilitated therapy.

Here's why it works:

- Immediate feedback. Pull a horse's reins one way, and it goes in that direction. Groom a horse and the blood pressure goes down.
- Success with the horses increases confidence in skills that can be used in day-to-day life.
- Animals don't judge. They don't care if their human has scars or a slower gait. They care only about the interaction with their human.
- Caring for an animal can provide the steps to reconnecting on an emotional level.
- Relaxation... deep-down genuine ease and relaxation.

If you think you can benefit from an animal therapy program, inquire at your VA medical center. There are 30 centers that participate in the horse

therapy program. Here are a few examples:

- Horses for Heroes [www.horsesforheroes.org] is a non-profit, working New Mexico ranch that provides free hands-on experiences to veterans and active-duty military who have PTSD or physical injuries. While veterans heal, they work toward the goal of training horses for future veterans who will participate in the program. For more info, call 505-798-2535.
- Injured soldiers with TBI and PTSD ride and take care of horses in the Therapeutic Riding Program near Fort Belvoir, Va. The horses and the soldiers who run the program are from the 3rd Infantry, the Old Guard.
- The Lexington VA Medical Center in Kentucky has an alternative rehab program that pairs veterans with horses. Again the emphasis is on veterans with PTSD and TBI.

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Have the ‘good debt’ vs. ‘bad debt’ rules changed?

By Jason Alderman
Special to the Courier

Before the Great Recession of 2008 overturned many long-held financial beliefs, it wasn't uncommon for people to differentiate between "good debt" and "bad debt." The thinking was that certain kinds of debt were worth taking on because you come out ahead in the long run. Buying a home and financing a college education were two notable examples.

But when home values plummeted and the cost of a bachelor's degree soared into five or six digits, those once-safe investments in your future suddenly seemed risky or unattainable.

Now's a good time to step back and examine the concept of good debt vs. bad debt and why, in certain cases, acquiring debt may still make sense – provided you plan carefully and don't exceed what you can reasonably expect to repay.

This simple distinction still applies: Taking on so-called good debt can help boost your credit rating or allow you to buy something that will increase in value over time, whereas bad debt often fuels the purchase of items that are disposable, unnecessary or rapidly depreciable.

One of the best ways to build strong credit history is to show lenders you can pay off debt responsibly. You're more apt to qualify for a mortgage, car loan, or other large debt if you've demonstrated sound repayment behavior. Just remember: Carrying multiple loans or high-limit credit cards could harm your rating, since lenders might worry you're taking on more debt than you can repay.

Student loans. The average college graduate earns \$47,422 a year, compared to \$26,349 for high school graduates – a difference of \$21,073. Using simple math, some calculate the difference in total earnings over a 40-year work life as more than \$800,000.

However, such estimates don't factor in the crippling student loan debt many graduates face or their inability to find work in a chosen field during difficult times. But still, the unemployment rate among college grads is roughly half that of high school grads – 4.5 percent vs. 8.4 percent. College is still a worthwhile investment for many people if they don't go overboard on loans and choose a degree with good earnings and employment potential.


Mortgages. Before the real estate crash, homeownership was considered good debt because historically, when someone finally

paid off their mortgage, their home was usually worth much more than the purchase price. For many, this probably still will be true, unless they bought during the market upswing or are forced to sell before prices can recover. After all, mortgage interest rates are historically low and interest and mortgage points are still tax-deductible.

Just don't buy more house than you can afford. Factor in expenses like property tax, primary mortgage insurance, homeowners dues, utilities and repairs – and if you get an adjustable rate mortgage, calculate how high rates could climb.

Bad debt. What qualifies as bad debt hasn't changed since the recession, but budget-conscious consumers are paying more attention now. Meals out, excessive vacations, and unnecessary clothing or electronics – wants vs. needs – all qualify if you're spending beyond your means. Basically, if you can't pay the bill in full within a month or two, reexamine whether it's a worthwhile expense; particularly if you don't have at least six to nine month's pay stashed in an emergency fund or you're trying to save for a car or home.

Jason Alderman directs Visa's financial education programs.



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Fellow Citizens of Horizon City:

The Horizon Regional Municipal Utility District (HRMUD) has placed a 73 million dollar bond issue on the November 6, 2012 ballot – Proposition 1. I want you to know that I support this bond issue, as it is needed to fund future growth of Horizon City. These funds will be used over the next 10 to 15 years to improve and add to HRMUD's infrastructure, which includes:

- The R.O. plant, currently producing 6.1 million gallons of blended potable water per day, soon to be increased to 8.2 million gallons of blended potable water per day;
- The wastewater (sewer) treatment plant, currently with the capability of treating 3 million gallons per day;
- The upkeep and replacement of water wells and water storage tanks; and
- Sprayfields for effluent discharge.

Horizon Regional Municipal Utility District is obligated by Texas law to stay in compliance with Texas State rules and regulations which are monitored and enforced by the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ).

The last bond issue (45 million dollars passed in May, 2003) was used to fund water projects over the last 10 years with NO increase in tax rate. In the event that the tax rate increases during the next 10 to 15 years, any such increase will be only a matter of pennies per hundred dollars of property value.

If an increase is needed, it will be applied to the reduction of bond debt service. The entire community would benefit from any such increase.

Please vote YES with me at the November 6, 2012 election for Proposition 1. The future of Horizon City depends on all of us supporting the growth of Horizon City.

Thank you,
Benny Davis

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Cesar Chavez Border Highway Toll Road stirs dilemma

By Alfredo Vasquez
Special to the Courier

Work on the nine-mile Cesar Chavez Border Highway project is doggedly making its way through El Paso’s river valley, as construction crews rehabilitate the existing four main lanes and add two inside lanes.

The additional lanes are part of Texas Department of Transportation (TXDOT) toll-road plan, also known as Loop 375 Border Highway West Extension Project that will run from the Bridge of the Americas to Racetrack/ Paisano Drive.

The west extension project will also add noise barriers to several areas along

residential neighborhoods abutting the highway, and landscaping will be placed in certain rights of way, according to TXDOT official reports.

The border highway west portion of the Loop 375 extension project is expected to cost about \$54 million. Contractor for this particular project is J.D. Abrams of Austin. It is scheduled for completion in March of 2013.

The overall Loop 375 extension project, from US-54 in El Paso’s northeast side to the Ysleta’s Zaragoza Port of Entry, is expected to cost between \$400 million to \$600 million. Completion of the entire extension work is

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– Photo courtesy Tornillo ISD

Literacy at the movies

ROLL FILM – Tornillo High School students reading *Bless Me Ultima* by Rudolfo Anaya were able to see the screen adaptation on October 10. Students went to Tinseltown West to view the movie as part of their curriculum in their Spanish II and III classes. Spanish teacher Alejandra Candelaria had attended the premier of the movie at the Plaza Theater earlier in the month. She wanted to share the experience so that “students [could] be able to make a meaningful connection between both pieces of work.”

– José Luis Silva



Need Help Paying Your Propane Bills?

Funding is currently available through Project BRAVO for qualified low-income residents of El Paso County who need assistance paying their propane home-heating bills.

Project BRAVO Neighborhood Centers

- Ysleta: 400 S. Zaragoza (915) 629-7664
- San Elizario: 13680 Socorro Road (915) 872-3939
- Southside: 4838 Montana Avenue (915)307-4951
 - Eastside: 11206 Montwood (915) 565-1377
 - Northeast: 8815 Dyer (915)757-0199
- Upper Valley: 7000 5th Street, Canutillo (915) 877-7694



– Photo courtesy San Elizario ISD

San Eli HS is tops in tennis again

For six straight years the San Elizario High School tennis team has captured the District 2-4A Fall Team Tournament Championship. On October 19, the Eagles bested Horizon High School 10-0 to win the district tournament and advance to regional competition. The team lead by longtime coach Pete Vasquez had already earned the top seed in regular district competition to become season winners for the 11th consecutive time. The Eagles' streak began by winning the team round robin with an 8-0 record and then the tournament with three shutouts (10-0) against Parkland, Eastlake and the final match against Horizon. "We had a stellar fall season in that our overall record was 24-4. Playing a tough pre-district schedule was beneficial to our team as it honed their skills and prepared them for district competition," said Coach Vasquez. With 13 seniors, the San Elizario High School Tennis Team was heavy with experience and skill, both of which were crucial to their outstanding performance on the courts.

– Cynthia P. Marentes



– Photo courtesy San Elizario ISD

Alarcon goes pink

LEADING THE PACK – Third grade teachers, from left, Aurora Melendez, Ana Moctezuma and Adriana Soto, along with students, students at Alarcon Elementary School shed their standard uniform of khakis and blue polos for one day and instead wore pink outfits in an effort to support breast cancer research. The San Elizario ISD campus held the “Outrageously Pink for the Cure” event in observation of National Breast Cancer Awareness Month in October. According to school nurse Elizabeth Luna, the day was a great way for students to participate in the fight against breast cancer and learn about the disease while having fun. Students, faculty, and staff were encouraged to wear pink shirts, hats, scarves, ties, wigs or any other wacky accessory on October 16. The more pink and outrageous the outfit the better since prizes were also awarded to the three participants with the craziest, rose-colored ensemble. Providing an educational activity to the celebration was the San Elizario High School Health Occupations Students of America (HOSA). Student officers with HOSA presented information about breast cancer risk factors, prevention, treatment and answered questions from students during their P.E. class period. The school also raised funds for the Susan G. Komen Foundation and collected a total of \$552.50 in donations.

– Cynthia P. Marentes

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**TOWN OF
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**PUBLIC
NOTICE**

A PUBLIC HEARING will be held at **6:30 pm on Tuesday, November 13, 2012**, during a **Regular Council Meeting** at City Hall at 15001 Darrington Rd. (Court/Police Dept annex) in the Council chambers, Horizon City, TX. The purpose of the public hearing is to allow any interested persons to appear and comment regarding a proposed Special Use Permit for a property presently zoned M-1 (Industrial) to allow a Trucking & Transportation Business Office.

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Those who are unable to attend may submit their views in writing to the City Clerk of Horizon City. Accommodations for handicapped persons will be available and individuals in need of special assistance for attending the hearing are encouraged to contact the City Clerk at 915/852-1046, forty-eight (48) hours prior to this hearing. Ordinances are available for viewing or copying upon request from the City Clerk at the above address, Monday through Friday from 8: a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

*Karen Ellefson
City Clerk
Town of
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HEARING will be held at 6:30 pm on Tuesday, November 13, 2012, during a Regular Council Meeting at City Hall at 15001 Darrington Rd. (Court/Police Department annex) in the Council chambers, Horizon City, TX. The purpose of the public hearing is to allow any interested persons to appear and comment regarding a proposed vacation of Howard Lowe Drive 60' wide Public Right-Of-Way, Town of Horizon City, El Paso County, Texas containing in all 28,568.29 sq. ft. or .06588 acres of land more or less.

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and Lots 2 & 3,
Block 1, Cross
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subdivision)**

Current
Surrounding
Zone:
C-1 Light
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Karen Ellefson
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**NOTICE OF CHANGING ADDRESS OF OFFICE
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THE STATE OF TEXAS §
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TO THE RESIDENTS AND TAXPAYERS OF PASEO DEL
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THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF SUCH DISTRICT:

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Board of Directors of Paseo del Este Municipal Utility District No. 1, has previously established meeting places outside the boundaries of the District at various places and the Board wishes to change two of their offices and meeting places to reflect a change of address of that previously established office and meeting place and to establish an additional meeting place outside the boundaries of the District. District offices are hereby changed to reflect a change in the District's Engineer. The offices of Gray - Jansing & Associates located at 10737 Gateway West, Suite 206, El Paso, Texas shall be deleted from the District's official offices. The offices of TRE & Associates, LLC located at 801 N. El Paso Street, Suite 150, El Paso, Texas 79902, are hereby established for the purpose of opening bids for construction contracts and for the purpose of filing and maintaining the District's records. Meeting places of the Board are hereby changed to reflect a change of address for Hunt Communities, LLC and TRE & Associates, LLC. The new addresses are 4401 N. Mesa, El Paso, Texas 79902, and 801 N El Paso Street, Suite 150, El Paso, TX 79902, respectively, which are hereby declared to be public places and open to the public. An additional meeting place is hereby established at the DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel located at 600 N. El Paso Street, El Paso, Texas, 79901. The addresses of all other offices and meeting places previously established by the Board of Directors of the District remain the same. The addresses of other out-of-District meeting places of the Board of Directors of the District remain the same as previously published.

All residents and taxpayers of Paseo del Este Municipal Utility District No. 1, and all other interested persons are hereby invited to attend all meetings of the Board of Directors.

/s/ THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
PASEO DEL ESTE MUNICIPAL UTILITY DISTRICT NO. 1
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Road

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slated for 2015.

One ofTXDOT’s main goals has been to complete the loop in this region, and as state funds become available, the transportation department has steadily worked on the loop for many years, according to TXDOT engineer Eduardo Calvo.

The loop’s extension includes a new four lane toll facility that will connect the border highway from where it currently ends (downtown near Santa Fe Street) to Paisano Drive in the Race Track and I-10 area, Calvo related.

Plans also call for connecting Loop 375 to Doniphan Avenue on the west side, Mesa and Campbell streets in downtown, and Coles Street in Central El Paso. Under the plan, motorists traveling from the west side to downtown will be able to exit on the new Spur 1966, which will connect Schuster Avenue to Paisano Drive. The existing access from I-10 into Downtown will also remain open, according to TXDOT officials.

TXDOT reports state that the border highway toll lanes will have an electronic tolling system, the same kind that has replaced tollbooths in other parts of the state. Vehicles sporting toll tags are charged as they speed past electronic readers. Those without a tag are sent a bill by mail.

But, as El Paso prepares for its first toll lanes, city officials are struggling with the question: Will Mexican drivers pay their share?

More than 30,000 vehicles cross the bridges northbound from Mexico daily, according to the El Paso Regional Economic Development Corporation. And, local officials are worried that few Mexican drivers will bother to pay the tolls.

During a recent TXDOT conference on the loop’s progress, both El Paso Mayor John Cook and State Representative Joe Pickett expressed concerns that eventually the paying drivers are going to feel like they are subsidizing the Mexican drivers, if this issue is not addressed soon.

“The tolls will only be for Texans, not for



– Photo by Alfredo Vasquez

STANDING TALL – The looming, 196-foot tall piece of public art sculpture, known as “The X” on Rivereno Avenue in Juarez, can be seen in the (photo) background as TXDOT crews continue work on the Cesar Chavez Border Highway West Extension Project in El Paso. “The X” was designed by Sebastian, a well-known artist from Chihuahua. He said that the sculpture is meant to symbolize the mestizaje, or Mexican Indian and Spanish, heritage shared by many of this region’s inhabitants. The huge art structure will house museums, recreational areas, and a restaurant. It is scheduled to be completed in December, according to Ciudad Juarez officials.

Mexicans. It’s going to be highly unpopular, and I don’t think the revenue is going to be there for it,” stated the mayor.

And, it seems that the situation some El Paso officials fear is already emerging in a border community more than 800 miles away, according to a recent news report. The first portion of State Highway 550 opened in Cameron County last year. When completed, the toll road will connect the Port of Brownsville to U.S. Highway 77. David Garcia, assistant coordinator for the Cameron County Regional Mobility Authority, reported recently that cars from Mexico that use the toll road were not being billed.

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The Price is not right anymore

By Steve Escajeda
Special to the Courier

The UTEP Miners lost another one last week. This time it was the Houston Cougars. Though they lost by the respectable score of 45-35, the game was not that close at all. The Miners committed mistake after mistake to trail the Cougars 35-7 at halftime and were down as much as 45-7 before Houston started putting in the subs. What was most surprising about this game was not the loss; the Miners are 2-7 after all. But the way the team performed after coach Mike Price declared that week’s win over Tulane was the first of their five-game winning streak. The loss guarantees UTEP of another losing season. This is the seventh straight non-winning season for the Miners. With Price in the final year of his contract it seems rather apparent that the school will go in another direction next season. UTEP Athletics Director Bob Stull has done a tremendous job in hiring talented coaches,

including bringing Price in to begin with. Unfortunately, the wins haven’t been coming as often as they did when Price opened his tenure at UTEP with consecutive 8-4 campaigns. So it is rather evident that Stull will soon, if not already, start searching the country for that great fit between coach and university. The bigger reason to go in another direction is financial. The crowds at the Sun Bowl have dwindled from the 45,000-50,000 in Price’s early years, to around 20,000-25,000 these days. Going to a UTEP football game in the mid 1990s meant getting tickets early and plenty of tailgating all around the stadium. I remember when the school even implemented tailgating rules because of the overflow around the Sun Bowl and adjacent neighborhoods. When was the last time you heard of an overflow crowd problems at a UTEP game? Even the availability of beer at the games can’t save the season or the inevitable coaching change. The beer will definitely help bring in some

more money. But the fans will eventually learn that they can enjoy a beer at home without having to pay to watch bad football. Listening to the Houston game last Saturday, it appeared as if the Cougars could have scored 70 points if they wanted to. The UTEP defense that was supposed to be much improved seemed to get up mentally for those big games against Oklahoma and Wisconsin. Otherwise, it was the same poor tackling, poor covering, poor responding defense that we’ve all come to expect. The whole team seemed to have the same problem of getting up mentally for the big games but just going through the motions against same-sized opponents. With the Miners sitting in a must-win situation to keep their postseason bowl hopes alive, an effort like that brings into question Price’s hold on the team. Does he have their undivided attention and loyalty? With the season and the coach’s future on the line, you would expect the players to go all out and perform to the very best of their ability. But they didn’t. In fact, until Houston mercifully called off the dogs,... or Cougars, this was probably

their worst effort of the season. The offense committed six turnovers last Saturday and by the seventh game of the season one might think that the constant barrage of mistakes would have been corrected. But they still come in droves and usually at the most inopportune times. And in the end, the bottom line is always the coaching staff. The coaches are seen as geniuses when the team is winning and as dopes when the team struggles. And while the UTEP coaches are far from dopes, the team isn’t winning and looking worse as the season goes on. Mike Price is a great person and a wonderful ambassador for the university but with no winning record for the past seven years, it’s time for a change. Sometimes there’s nothing like a fresh change for everybody involved to shake things up for the better. When the status quo isn’t working the obvious answer is to change things. With three games remaining on the schedule, players and assistant coaches will be going into auditioning mode for next season and the next head coach. Let’s hope he has the same kind of start here that Mike Price did.

A sporting view By Mark Vasto

A world without heros

I had a bout of insomnia the other night, so I went down to my office (office... not a “man cave” ... will somebody please retire that stupid phrase already?) and picked, what I assumed, would be the most boring book in reach of my chair. It was the 1964 Annual of the Americana Encyclopedia. (For those of you wondering, encyclopedias were well-sourced books containing information about a variety of things in alphabetical order.) As I am wont to do, I flipped to the sports page.

It was a fine year, 1964. Arnold Palmer won the Masters, staving off a challenge from that angry, poor dressed, up-and-comer Jack Nicklaus. A.J. Foyt won at Indy, and some guy named Cassius Clay beat Sonny Liston in a remarkable “though dull” heavyweight title fight in boxing. Oh, the article added, Clay changed his name after the fight or something silly like that. Clay, they also took time to note, admitted that his pre-fight antics were designed to drum up gate

receipts. In that regard, they said Clay was similar to the year’s other phenomenon, The Beatles. Clearly the “Fab 4” were just a “Fad 4” (snicker), and now let’s get back to the year’s classical and jazz music scene. What struck me about the article was how they really had little sense at just how heroic Palmer, Nicklaus, Foyt, Ali, Lennon, McCartney and Harrison would go on to become (sorry, Ringo). Because the other day, I read about the fall of Lance Armstrong, and even though I wasn’t really surprised to hear the news – that he was the biggest scam in sports history and had to vacate seven Tour de France titles – it didn’t

make me feel any better. Armstrong was one of the kings of sport for the millennial/generation X era. He and guys like Tiger Woods, Barry Bonds, Mark McGwire, Sammy Sosa, Roger Clemons, Mike Tyson and Floyd Mayweather. It’s been all drugs, dope, drugs, addiction, violence. And there are so many I could add to that list of disappointments... Ben Johnson, Florence Griffith Joyner, Martina Hingis. John McEnroe... not because of performance enhancers, but because his talk show was the worst ever. These people robbed a generation of their superstars. McEnroe, in particular, robbed us of the Patty Smythe and Scandal reunion tour.

There’s no excuse for that. Last weekend, watching the Jets-Patriots game with my 3-year-old, we were treated to a commercial that had a ninja assassin, ostensibly fighting for America during the Revolutionary war, shoot someone in the back, throw a hatchet through someone’s face and walk off a field leaving a dozen or so British soldiers dead in the snow in his wake. Who greenlights something like that? Have we all lost our minds. Thankfully... not all of us have. Next week: the heroes.

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Notice of Public Meeting To Discuss San Elizario Independent School District's State Financial Accountability Rating (FIRST)

The San Elizario Independent School District will hold a public hearing at 5:30 p.m., Wednesday, November 14, 2012 in the boardroom of the San Elizario ISD Administration Building, 1050 Chicken Ranch Road, San Elizario, Texas.

The purpose of this hearing is to discuss San Elizario Independent School District's rating on the state's financial accountability system. This meeting will be held in conjunction with the scheduled board of Trustees' Meeting.

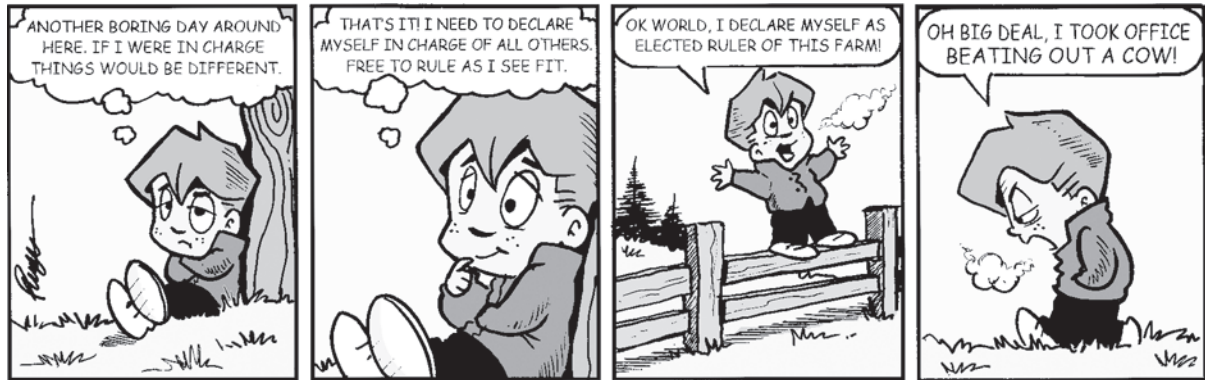
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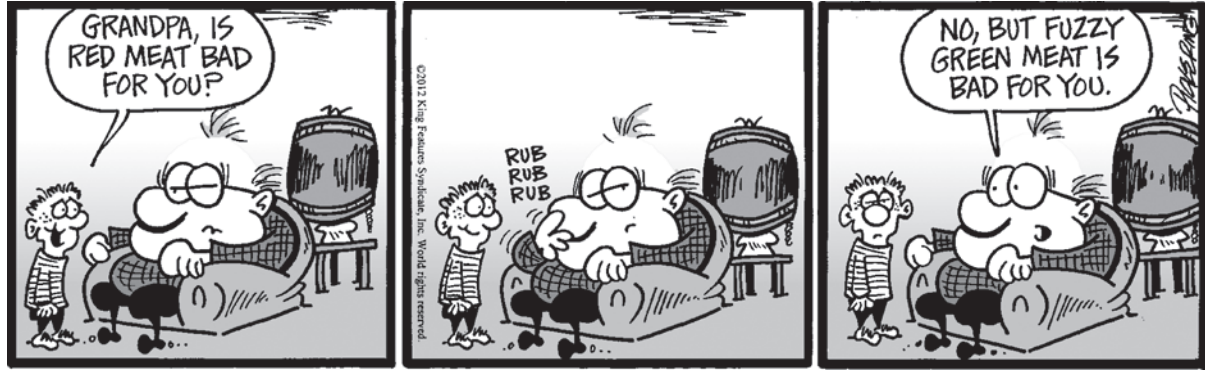
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Super Crossword

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| 1 | Sailors' mops | 66 | Riddle, part 4 |
| 6 | Black sheep | 72 | Fifth-cen. pope |
| sound, in song | | 75 | Central Sicilian |
| 12 | Tic _ (tiny mint) | | city |
| 15 | Huge-screen film format | 76 | Microscopic creatures |
| 19 | Tiny hairs | 80 | Riddle, part 5 |
| 20 | Physicist Einstein | 86 | Stephen of |
| 21 | "Def Comedy Jam" airer | | "Ondine" |
| 22 | Horror film staple | 87 | Kind of deer |
| 23 | German king called "the Great" | 88 | Q.E.D. part |
| 24 | Irregular spot | 89 | Just managing, with "out" |
| 25 | Suffix with north or south | 90 | - Reader (eclectic magazine) |
| 26 | Giant in elevators | 92 | "I, break!" |
| 27 | Start of a riddle | 96 | "Have _" (host's invitation) |
| 31 | Lassos | 99 | Bible bk. after Ezra |
| 32 | Press agent? | 100 | End of the riddle |
| 33 | Tolkien monster | 105 | Have lunch |
| 34 | Riddle, part 2 | 106 | Prefix with 4-Down or 70-Down |
| 42 | Viper type | 107 | Metallic playing marble |
| 45 | Book of maps | 111 | Riddle's answer |
| 46 | "Ye olde" settlement | 117 | Injury reminder |
| 47 | Have _ tolerance for | 118 | Gerund ender |
| 48 | Brooch part | 119 | Menlo Park inventor |
| 51 | Arabian royal | 120 | Cruller's kin |
| 53 | "Woe _" (Patricia T. O'Connor grammar book) | 121 | It fills barrels |
| 55 | Flock mother | 122 | 19th-century humorist Bill |
| 56 | Riddle, part 3 | 123 | "No, you _!" |
| 63 | Apply heavily | | |

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| 124 Rub away | 30 Suffix with dull | 81 Just sit there |
| 125 Cry | 35 Dogs may pull it | 82 Cook Paula |
| 126 "My _ Sal" | 36 Not exciting | 83 British baby |
| 127 Utters | 37 " _ true?" | buggy |
| 128 Is fearless | 38 Prof.'s place | 84 Allay |
| | 39 Anacin rival | 85 "Up and _!" ("Rise and shine!") |
| DOWN | 40 A or I, e.g. | |
| 1 Angry look | 41 Tom of "Adam's Rib" | 91 Vine unit |
| 2 SWAK part | 42 Put-ons | 93 The gospel |
| 3 Sacrifice site | 43 Not at all fat | 94 Car ding |
| 4 Of living things | 44 Meat spread | 95 Pregame songs |
| 5 Vocalized for the doctor | 49 Ballot lists | 97 R e m o v e s (oneself) |
| 6 Get paid to watch Junior | 50 Part of m.p.h. filling | 98 Four: Pref. |
| 7 Other: Pref. | 52 Bureaucratic form-54 How some things are carved | 101 Purring one |
| 8 Leigh Hunt's " _ Ben Adhem" | 57 _ job on | 102 Tethered |
| 9 "Miss Lulu _" (old novel, play, and film) | 58 Picnic crasher | 103 Made grooves on, as the edge of a coin |
| 10 Bunker of TV | 59 Co. top dog | 104 Spanish Mrs. |
| 11 Desirous | 60 Nugent of rock | 108 Moon-related |
| 12 In _ (aware of a secret) | 61 Oath reply | 109 C u r r e n t l y occupied |
| 13 " _ - C a - D a b r a" (1974 hit) | 62 "Rats!" | 110 "90210" actor Rob |
| 14 Certain central African | 67 Giggle part | 111 Highest point |
| 15 "Understood, man" | 68 Raggedy _ (doll) | 112 A person goes by one |
| 16 Flame-fancying flier | 69 Genetic stuff | 113 New Age music star |
| 17 Opera tune | 70 Giant fight | 114 Escalate |
| 18 Crosses (out) | 71 The Monkees' " _ Believer" | 115 This, in Havana |
| 28 Spanish for "other" | 72 Play, as a mandolin | 116 Policy guru |
| 29 Section of Lower Manhattan | 73 Eta-iota link | 117 Cutting tool |
| | 74 Rimes with Grammys | |
| | 77 "Oh, to _ England" | |
| | 78 Outstanding | |
| | 79 D-I filler | |
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