



NEWSBRIEFS

Clint ISD needs volunteers

Volunteers and nominations for open positions on the Clint ISD District Site-Based Decision Making Committee are now being taken for the 2013-2014 school year. One parent representative of enrolled students from the Horizon attendance zone in the district is needed. Community members are needed to represent the Horizon and Montana areas of the district. Business members are also needed. Committee volunteers will be required to complete a Clint ISD volunteer application and meet other requirements as well. If you would be willing to serve, or you would like to nominate an individual to serve, please contact Amy Chase, Secretary at (915) 926-3255 by October 11.

— Serena Rivera

Tornillo health fair

The 1st. Annual Santa Rita Health Fair will be held Saturday, Oct. 12, 2013 from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at the Santa Rita Catholic Church Hall (19211 Cobb Street) in Tornillo. Twenty health and education agencies will be on hand. Some of the services offered will be free screenings for glucose, blood pressure, glaucoma, vision and HIV. Flu shots from Immunize El Paso will be available for a small fee. For more information contact Emma Munoz (915) 494-5681.

— Rev. Antonio Mena

EPCC dinner

El Paso Community College (EPCC) Diversity Programs will conclude the celebration of Hispanic Heritage Month 2013, “Descúbrete: Empowerment Through Wings of Knowledge,” with the annual Mentor’s Dinner. The event will take place at 6:30 p.m., Wednesday, October 16th in the EPCC Administrative Services Center Auditorium, 9050 Viscount, Building A. The Keynote Speaker will be Dolores Huerta, President of the Dolores Huerta Foundation and Co-Founder of United Farm Workers. During the ceremony, Huerta will receive the Lifetime Achievement Award and EPCC will honor other mentors for their contributions to the community. Tickets for the Mentor’s Dinner are \$20 and available at any EPCC Cashier. For event information, contact EPCC Diversity Programs at 831-3324 or visit www.epcc.edu/hispanicheritage.

— Jim Heiney

EPCC Theater

The El Paso Community College

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Spreading gossip is impossible if we refuse to listen – or to believe it.

— Quips & Quotes

San Eli groups give families food relief

By Cynthia P. Marentes
Special to the Courier

The San Elizario Independent School District (SEISD) joined forces with several organizations to bring some needed relief for families in the community and the timing could not have come at a better time. Approximately 913 families from San Elizario and surrounding areas received hams, canned goods and other food staples on October 3.

The food distribution was made possible by El Pasoans Fighting Hunger who secured the food donation and delivered it to the San Elizario Community Food Bank. Abundant Living Faith Center also provided bread to the families as well as volunteers who helped to sort, pack and distribute all the groceries. Other agencies providing volunteer assistance included SEISD, Project Bravo, Border Patrol and UTEP.

The planning and coordination for the event took place over a period of four weeks involving social worker Nora Garcia, SEISD Board President Antonio Araujo, and El Pasoans Fighting Hunger. Garcia and Araujo approached the hunger-relief organization, El Pasoans Fighting Hunger, about creating a partnership to provide food staples for



— Photo courtesy San Elizario ISD
HELPING HANDS – Mayela Molina receives a ham and other food staples.

families in the community. Around the same time the non-profit had just received a grant for a food distribution event to take place in one concentrated area and all they needed was another entity to host it. In a span of over four

weeks, Garcia and other social workers from the district started filling out paperwork and signing up families in preparation for the large ham distribution at the weekly giveaways held at the San Elizario Community Food Bank. Once they completed their intake forms the families would receive a bracelet that they then turned in as they passed through the food distribution line.

Garcia believes that the event took place at the most opportune time for families, the majority from San Elizario, who only last month had endured damages to their homes due to the severe rains that impacted the area.

“A lot of them were still fixing their homes and using that little extra money they had for repairs. This (food distribution) came at a time when they needed it the most,” Garcia said.

That Thursday morning families waited patiently in line, some since 2:00 a.m., to receive a large 12 pound ham, canned goods, pasta, cereal, and bread. Additionally, over 70 food packages were delivered to homebound disabled and elderly residents.

The San Elizario Community Food Bank usually provides a small amount of staple foods to families in need every Thursday. The food bank is located next to the Organizacion Progresiva de San Elizario at 1444 Main in San Elizario.

El Paso Archaeological Society investigates Sierra Diablo Cave

By Alfredo Vasquez
Special to the Courier

El Paso archaeologist Jose ‘Javi’ Vasquez will show artifacts – that date back nearly 10,000 years and were discovered in a nearby West Texas cave—during a special presentation that is scheduled for 2 p.m., Saturday, October 19, at the El Paso Museum of Archaeology (4301 Transmountain Road).

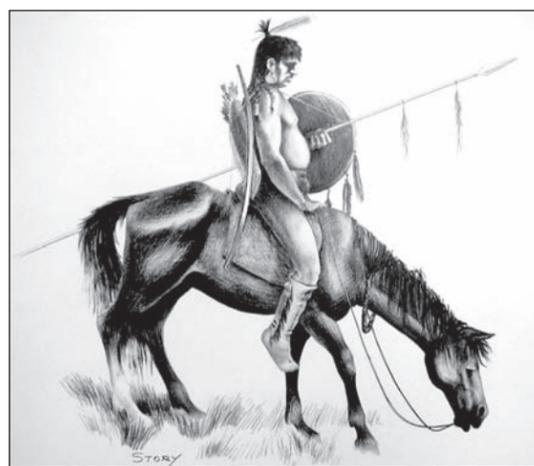
The Saturday afternoon showing is designed to highlight the archaeological investigations by UTEP archaeology students that have occurred at Sierra Diablo Cave since 2008. The Sierra Diablo cave is located in the Sierra Diablo Mountains near Sierra Blanca and Van Horn, Texas.

In his talk, Vasquez will tell about some of the interesting Archaic period (8,000 B.C. to A.D. 1) finds that exhibit great preservation



HISTORIC FINDS – Sandals, matting, basket fragments, and other Archaic period (8,000 B.C. to A.D. 1) perishables have been excavated from a cave in the Sierra Diablo Mountains that are located near the West Texas towns of Sierra Blanca and Van Horn.

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— Image courtesy of Texas Beyond History

HISTORY THROUGH ART – This etching of an American Indian is on exhibit at the El Paso Museum of History.

Museum presentation reveals San Elizario’s missing mission

By Alfredo Vasquez
Special to the Courier

Before the old Spanish presidio at San Elizario was built, a small mission existed that was constructed for the Apache Indians. This mission, however, had deteriorated by the time work on the presidio had begun in the 1880s.

Local historian Nicholas P. Houser will give an interesting account entitled *The Unknown Mission at San Elizario: Before the Presidio*, which documents the existence of that missing mission. His talk is part of The Missions of Spain in the Borderlands Lecture Series sponsored by

the El Paso Museum of History.

Houser’s presentation will begin at 2 p.m., Saturday, October 12, at the history museum (510 North Santa Fe Street). The free event is open to the public and is being held in conjunction with the Fourth Wall of Giants exhibit which is currently on display at the museum.

Houser, who has degrees in anthropology, history, and public health, is historian/archivist for the Ysleta Del Sur Pueblo that is located in El Paso’s Lower Valley. He has conducted extensive historical research for the Tigua Indians and on the history of the El Paso region.

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City of Socorro, Texas Notice of Election / Aviso de Elección

To the registered voters of the City of Socorro, Texas:

A los votantes registrados de la Ciudad de Socorro, Texas:

Notice is hereby given that the polling places listed below will be open from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., on Tuesday, November 5, 2013, for voting in a General Election to elect a District 1 Representative, District 2 Representative and District 3 Representative for the City of Socorro, Texas.

Notifíquese, por la presente, que las casillas electorales sitados abajo se abriran desde las 7:00 a.m. hast alas 7:00 p.m. el 5 de noviembre de 2013 para votar en la eleccion regular para elegir un Represente Distrito Uno, Represente Distrito Dos y Represente Distrito tres de la Ciudad de Socorro, Texas.

On Election Day, voters must vote in their precinct where registered to vote.

El dia de la eleccion, los votantes deberan votar en su precinto donde estan inscritos para votar.

Precinct/Recinto 160
Hilley Elementary School
693 Rio Vista Rd.

Precinct /Recinto 161 & 163
Robert R. Rojas
Elementary School
500 Bauman Rd.

Precinct/Recinto 162
Socorro High School
10150 Alameda Ave.

Precinct/Recinto 164
Escontrias
Elementary School
205 Buford Rd.

Precinct/Recinto 165
Campestre
Elementary School
11399 Socorro Rd.

Precinct/Recinto 169
Carroll T. Welch
14510 Mc Mahon Ave.

Precinct/Recinto 170
Clint ISD Early
College Academy
13100 Alameda Ave.

Precinct/Recinto 180
Desert Wind Pre-K School
1100 Colina De Paz Dr.

**Early Voting by Mail
Votar Temprano de Correo**

Applications for ballot by mail shall be mailed to:

Solicitudes para una boleta de ausencia por correo deben ser enviadas a:

**Early Voting Clerk
500 E. San Antonio, Lower
Level, Rm. L115
El Paso, TX 79901-2154**

Application for ballots by mail must be received no later than the close of business on:

Las solicitudes para boletas de votación adelantada por correo deberán recibirse para el fin de las horas de

negocio él:

Last Day to **receive** request for a ballot by mail ABBM (application for a ballot by mail **CIVILIAN**): **October 25, 2013** (date received, **NOT** postmarked) (Sec.84.007 (c) Senate bill 910, 2013 Legislative Session)

*Ultimo día para **recibir** la solicitud para pedir una boleta electoral para votar por correo SBP (solicitud de boleta postal **CIVIL**): **25 de Octubre de 2013** (día recibida, no sellada por el Correo) (Sec.84.007 (c) Proyecto de Ley del Senado 910, 2013 Sesión Legislativa).*

Last Day to **receive** request for a ballot by mail FPCA (federal post card application **MILITARY AND OVERSEAS** **October 29, 2013** (date received, **NOT** postmarked) (Sec.84.007 (c) Senate bill 910, 2013 Session).

*Ultimo día para **recibir** la solicitud para pedir una boleta electoral para votar por correo FPCA (tarjeta de aplicación federal **MILITARES Y VOTANTES EN EL EXTRANJERO**): **29 de Octubre de 2013** (día recibida, no sellada por el Correo) (Sec.84.007 (c) Proyecto de Ley del Senado 910, 2013 Sesión Legislativa).*

For additional information call (915) 858-2915, Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Para más información por favor llame al (915) 858-2915 de lunes a viernes de 8 a.m. a 5 p.m.

Issued this 7th day of October, 2013

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Sandra Hernandez
City Clerk
Secretaria de la Ciudad

**November 5, 2013
Early Voting Locations**

October 21, 2013 -
November 1, 2013

**Locaciones Móviles para
Votar Temprano**

Early voting by personal appearance will be conducted each weekday at:

La votación adelantada en persona se llevará a cabo de lunes a viernes en:

ANA M. GARCIA-ENRIQUEZ
MIDDLE SCHOOL
12280 Socorro Rd.
8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

BASSETT PLACE
6101 Gateway West
9:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

CAROLINA
RECREATION CENTER
563 N. Carolina Dr.
9:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

EL PASO
COUNTY COURTHOUSE
500 San Antonio

8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

MARTY ROBBINS
RECREATION CENTER
11600 Vista Del Sol Dr.
9:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

OZ GLAZE
SENIOR CENTER
13969 Veny Webb
8: 00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

PAVO REAL
RECREATION CENTER
9301 Alameda Ave.
9:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

PEBBLE VILLAGE CENTER
10780 Pebble Hills Blvd.
9:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

POLLY HARRIS
SENIOR CENTER
650 Wallenberg Dr.
9:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

REGENCY OF EL PASO
221 Bartlett Dr.
9:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

ROGELIO SANCHEZ
CENTER
1331 N. Fabens St.
9:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

SOCORRO CITY
COUNCIL CHAMBERS
860 Rio Vista
8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

SUNRISE SHOPPING
CENTER
8500 Dyer
9:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

SUN VALLEY CENTER
4525 Sun Valley
9:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

ZARAPLEX CENTER
1700 Zaragoza Rd.
9:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

**October 21 to 25, 2013
(Mon. - Fri.)**

**Follow Above Schedule
(No Saturday or Sunday)
21 a 25 de octubre 2013
(lunes - viernes)
Use el horario previo
(No sabado o domingo)**

**October 28 to 30, 2013
(Mon. -Wed.)**

Follow Above Schedule

**28 a 30 de octubre 2013
(lunes - miércoles)
Use el horario previo**

**October 31 &
November 1, 2013
(Thurs. & Fri.)**

**7:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.
All Stations
31 de octubre y
1 de noviembre 2013
(jueves y viernes)
7:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.
Todos Locaciones**

**Election Day
Tuesday, November 5, 2013
El Paso County
Courthouse
7:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.
ONLY FOR ADA & 65
YEARS OF AGE OR OLDER**

**Día de Elección
martes, 5 de noviembre
El Paso County
Courthouse
7:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.
Solemente por ADA o
65 años o mas**

WTCC: 10-10-13

Cave

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in solid archaeological context. "Multiple excavation areas across the cave have yielded distinctive items within the upper layers of excavation units. The chronological parameters are explored as they relate to radiocarbon-dated charcoal, time-diagnostic projectile points, and diverse faunal and archaeobotanical (plant) assemblages," Vasquez stated in a recent report.

Since 2008, Vasquez has directed the excavation project at Sierra Diablo Cave in Hudspeth County, located within Circle Ranch boundaries. With sponsorship from the National Geographic Society, the Argonaut Archaeological Research Fund, Circle Ranch, and collaborator Dr. Vance T. Holliday (University of Arizona at Tucson), Vasquez said that he plans to continue his research on this fascinating site.

"It is generally rare to find archaeological sites in the Southwest that retain the type

of contextual integrity that the Sierra Diablo Cave exhibits. Often times, cave sites such as the one currently studied offer excellent preservation of cultural materials due to the general lack of moisture and isolation from wind and water erosion. The research aims to determine when the site was occupied as well as the types of activities that were occurring during those occupations," stated Vasquez.

Vasquez, who is from Socorro TX, is currently working as a project director for Statistical Research, Inc. He received his undergraduate and graduate degrees at UTEP. Since 2006, Vasquez has participated in dozens of projects in the Southwest, many of which have been on Fort Bliss TX property, in varying capacities.

Vasquez's upcoming presentation is provided by the El Paso Archaeological Society in partnership with the El Paso Museum of Archaeology. For more information about the upcoming event, contact Marilyn Guida, the museum's curator of education, at 755-4332.

Notice of Public Meeting To Discuss Canutillo Independent School District's State Financial Accountability Rating

The Canutillo Independent School District will hold a public meeting at 6:00 p.m., Tuesday, October 22, 2013 in the boardroom of the Canutillo ISD Administration Facility, 7965 Artcraft Road, El Paso, Texas.

The purpose of this meeting is to discuss Canutillo Independent School District's rating on the state's financial accountability system.

WTCC: 10-03-13 and 10-10-13



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Finances By Jason Alderman

Reevaluate your needs during open enrollment

If you're among the 170 million Americans who receive health insurance through an employer-provided plan, you'll probably receive your 2014 open enrollment materials shortly. Although it's a pain to wade through all that information, simply opting for your current coverage could be a costly mistake. Here's why:

Health insurance has undergone major changes since the 2010

Affordable Care Act was passed, including the elimination of annual and lifetime coverage limits and preexisting conditions exclusions, expanded free preventive care and allowing children up to age 26 to remain on parents' plans.

In response, many employers have altered their benefit plans. Plus, if your family or income situations have changed since last year, your current plans may no longer be the

best match. And, if your employer offers flexible spending accounts and you're not participating, you're leaving a valuable tax break on the table.

Here's what to look for when reviewing your benefit options:

Carefully compare all costs and features of the different plans offered and note how your existing coverage may be changing next year. Common changes include:

- Dropped or replaced medical plans.
- Increased monthly premiums, deductibles and copayment amounts.
- Revised drug formularies.
- Favored doctors or hospitals withdrawing from a plan's preferred provider network.
- Changes to the number of allowed visits for specialty care (acupuncture, chiropractic, physical therapy, etc.)

If offered, healthcare and dependent care flexible spending accounts (FSAs) can significantly

offset the financial impact of medical and dependent care by letting you pay for eligible out-of-pocket expenses on a pre-tax basis; that is, before federal, state and Social Security taxes are deducted from your paycheck. This reduces your taxable income and therefore, your taxes.

You can use a healthcare FSA to pay for IRS-allowed medical expenses not covered by your medical, dental or vision plans. Check IRS Publication 502 for allowable expenses. Dependent care FSAs let you use pre-tax dollars to pay for eligible expenses related to care for your child, spouse, parent or other dependent incapable of self-care.

Here's how FSAs work: Say you earn \$42,000 a year. If you contribute \$1,000 to a health care FSA and \$3,000 for dependent care, your taxable income would be reduced to \$38,000. Your resulting net income, after taxes, would be roughly \$1,600 more than if you had

paid for those expenses on an after-tax basis.

Remember these FSA restrictions:

- Employee contributions are limited to \$2,500 a year for health care FSAs and \$5,000 for dependent care.

- Health care and dependent care contributions are not interchangeable.

- Estimate planned expenses carefully because you must forfeit unused account balances. Some employers offer a grace period of up to 2.5 months after the end of the plan year to incur expenses, but that's not mandatory, so check your company's policy.

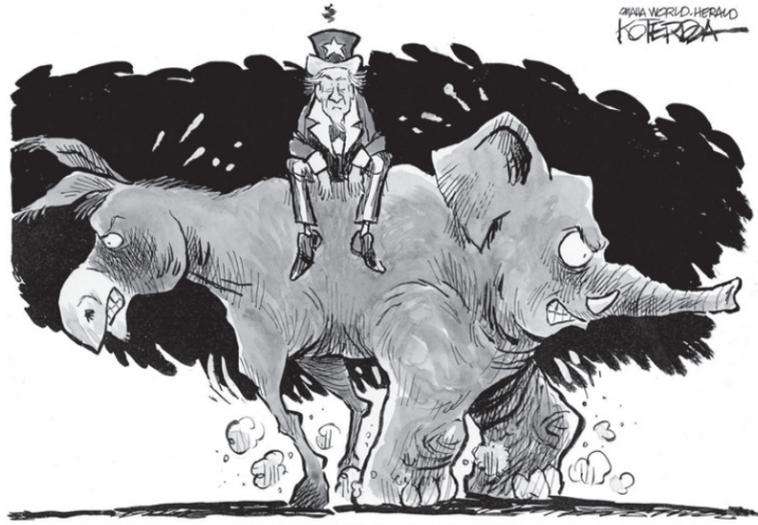
- Outside of open enrollment, you can only make mid-year FSA changes after a major life or family status change (marriage, divorce, death of a spouse, birth or adoption, etc.) If one occurs mid-year, re-jigger your FSAs accordingly for maximum savings.

- You must re-enroll in FSAs each year – amounts don't carry over from year to year.

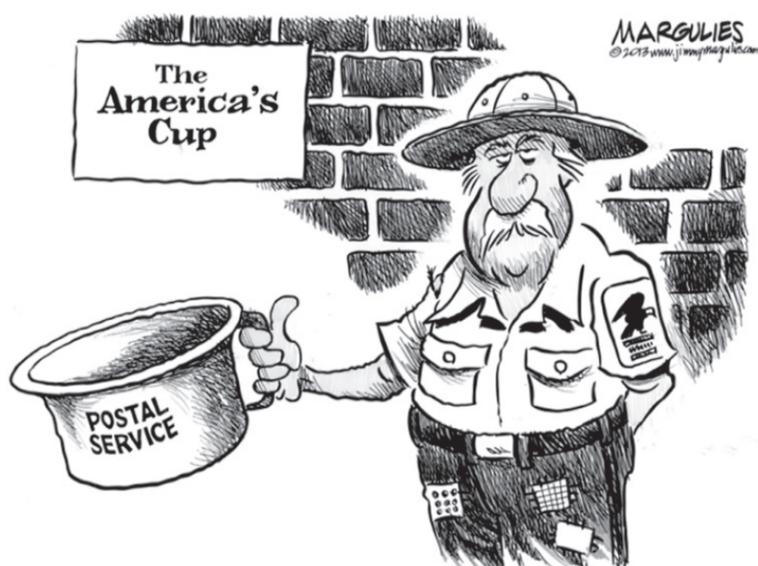
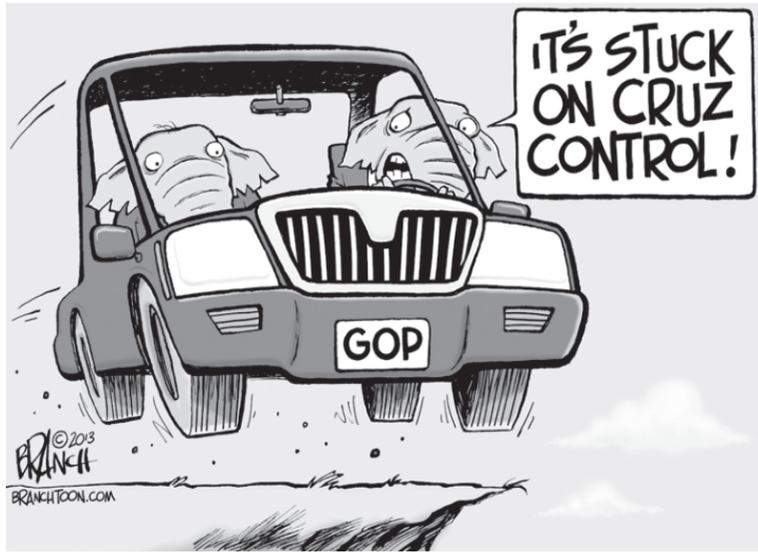
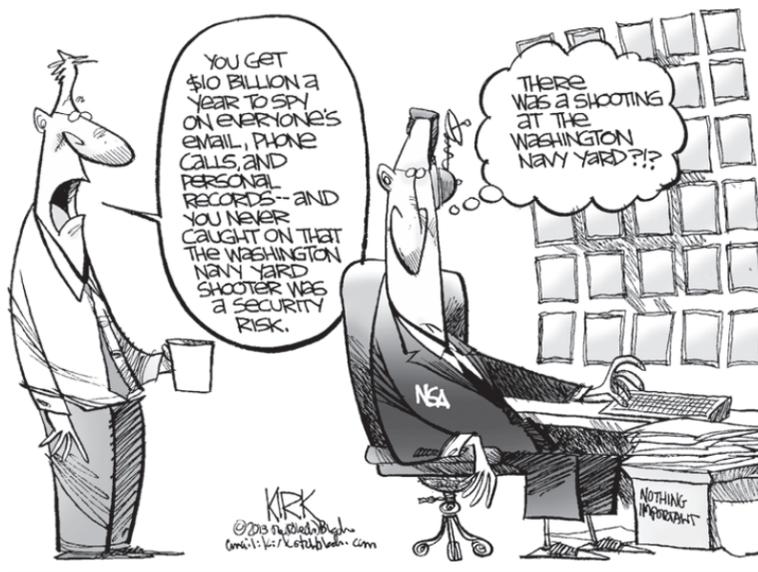
Compare your employer's plans alongside those offered by your spouse's employer, particularly when deciding where to insure your children. Also remember that if you marry, divorce, or gain or lose dependents, it could impact the type – and cost – of your coverage options.

It's worth spending a few minutes to review your benefit coverage options for next year, especially when you consider the potential financial consequences.

Jason Alderman directs Visa's financial education programs.



GOVERNMENT STANDSTILL



Veterans Post By Freddy Groves

Veteran suicides

Operation S.A.V.E. is a Department of Veterans Affairs training program designed to prevent suicide in veterans. While the program is geared for suicide-prevention coordinators, there are points that can be helpful for family and friends of veterans who might be at risk.

The initials themselves outline parts of the program:

- Signs of suicide;
- Asking about suicide;
- Validating feelings; and
- Encouraging help and expediting treatment.

Those who work or live with veterans can help stop many veteran suicides. Here are some must-have resources:

- Go online and study the program that is given to VA suicide prevention coordinators. Google this title: Operation S.A.V.E.: VA Suicide Prevention Gatekeeper Training.

- Google "veteran suicide" and look for the .pdf entitled "Department of Veterans Affairs Operation SAVE Suicide Prevention." As you scroll, don't miss the Myths and Misinformation section, as well as the S.A.V.E steps.

- Go to www.mentalhealth.va.gov and click Suicide Prevention on the left side. You'll

find a full menu of choices, including warning signs and resources.

The official guesstimate of the number of veteran suicides is 22 per day. As more people and groups read the "Suicide Data Report 2012" they eventually come to the conclusion that the number is low, for many reasons: Not all states participated in the survey and didn't provide numbers. Information in some cases was provided by funeral homes (who got their information from family members) and not by the VA. Information from states with large veteran populations wasn't used. Information wasn't current, and so on. In other words, the problem might be even worse.

For more-immediate help for yourself or someone you know, call 1-800-273-8255 and press 1. Or you can chat online at www.VeteransCrisisLine.net. Or send a text message to 838255 for free support.

Freddy Groves regrets that he cannot personally answer reader questions, but will incorporate them into his column whenever possible. Send email to columnreply2@gmail.com. (c) 2013 King Features Synd., Inc.

Notice of Public Hearing to Discuss Tornillo Independent School District's State Financial Accountability Rating

Tornillo Independent School District will hold a public meeting at 6:00 PM, Tuesday, October 23, 2013, in the boardroom of the Tornillo Administration Building, at 403 D Oil Mill Road, Tornillo, Texas 79853.

The purpose of this hearing is to discuss Independent School District's rating on the state's financial accountability system.

WTCC: 10/03/13 & 10/10/13



NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING To Discuss Socorro Independent School District's State Financial Accountability Rating

Socorro Independent School District will hold a public meeting at:

**6:00 PM
October 15, 2013
in the Board Room
District Service Center
12440 Rojas Drive El Paso, Texas 79928**

The purpose of this meeting is to discuss Socorro Independent School District's rating on the state's financial accountability system.

The Socorro Independent School District does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, disability or age in its programs, activities or employment.

WTCC: 10/03/13 & 10/10/13

Town of Horizon City, Texas

Notice of City / Municipal Election • Aviso de Elección Municipal

To the registered voters of the Town of Horizon City, Texas:

Notice is hereby given that the polling places below will be open from 7:00 am to 7:00 pm on Tuesday, November 5, 2013 for voting in a City Election, to elect the Mayor and City Council Members, Places 3, 5, and 7 to a two (2) year term and to vote on proposed amendments to the City Charter.

A los votantes registrados del Pueblo de Horizon City, Texas:

Notifíquese, por presente, que las casillas electorales sitadas abajo se abren desde las 7 de la mañana hasta las 7 de la tarde el martes 5 de noviembre de 2013 para votar en la elección para elegir el Alcalde y 3 Miembros del Consejo, posiciones 3, 5 y 7 (cada puesto es por un período de dos (2) años.

Town of Horizon City 2013 Proposed City Charter Amendments / Enmiendas Propuestas a la Carta Constitutiva

Ballot Proposition No. 1:

FOR () Shall Sections 3.01 (D) and (E) and 3.02 of the City Charter, relating to the date of the City regular elections, the terms of office, and the qualifications for office be amended: to move the City's general elections from November each year to May in odd-numbered years beginning in 2017; to change the terms of office for the Mayor and Members of Council from two years to four years; and to change the term limitation for holding elective office to generally be a maximum of 8 consecutive years?

AGAINST ()

Proposición Sometida a Votación No. 1

A FAVOR () ¿Se enmendarán las Fracciones 3.01 (D) y (E) y 3.02 de la Carta Constitutiva de la Ciudad relativas a la fecha de elecciones ordinarias, gestiones de funcionarios y requisitos aplicables a los mismos: cambiar las elecciones generales de la Ciudad del mes de noviembre de cada año al mes de mayo en años nones a partir de 2017; modificar las gestiones del Alcalde y Regidores del Cabildo de dos años a cuatro años; y modificar la limitación de gestiones en puestos de elección popular para que en general sea un máximo de 8 años consecutivos?

EN CONTRA ()

Text of Amendment:

Proposal to amend Sections 3.01(D) and (E) and 3.02 (C) and (D) of the City Charter, relating to the date of the City regular elections, the terms of office, and the qualifications for office, to read in pertinent part as follows:

Texto de la Enmienda:

Propuesta para enmendar las Fracciones 3.01(D) y (E) y 3.02 (C) y (D) de la Carta Constitutiva de la Ciudad, relativas a la fecha de las elecciones periódicas de la Ciudad, gestiones y requisitos de los cargos, a ser como sigue en lo conducente:

Section 3.01 Number, Selection, and Terms of Office, Subsections (D) and (E)

(D) Council Members for places 1, 2, 4 and 6 elected in 2012 shall serve two-year terms. The Mayor and Council Members for places 3, 5 and 7 elected in 2013 shall serve two-year terms.

Beginning in 2014, the terms of

office for the Mayor and Council Members shall be adjusted and lengthened to allow extension of the terms of office from two-year terms to four-year terms, and the regular elections shall be moved from annual elections held on the election uniform date established in the Texas Election Code during the month of November to the uniform date established during the month of May in odd numbered years, according the following schedule. The regular City elections held in 2014 and 2015 shall be held on the uniform election date established in the Texas Election Code during the month of November. Council Members for places 1, 2, 4 and 6 elected in 2014 shall be elected to terms greater than two years but less than three years such that the ending date of the term shall coincide with an election on the uniform date established during the month of May in 2017, and they shall thereafter be elected to four-year terms. The Mayor and Council Members for places 3, 5 and 7 elected in 2015 shall be elected to terms greater than three years but less than four years such that the ending date of the term shall coincide with an election on the uniform election date established during the month of May in 2019, and they shall thereafter be elected to four-year terms. Beginning in 2017, the regular City elections shall be held on the uniform election date established in the Texas Election Code during the month of May with a run-off election to be held on the earliest date practicable in accordance with the law.

(E) Any person who has served on the City Council for eight (8) consecutive years will be ineligible to occupy any position on the council for a period of two (2) years, provided however, the Mayor and Council Members elected in 2015 shall be eligible to serve for nine (9) consecutive years. Service of a period of time of less than one (1) year, regardless of whether the service was to fill a vacancy or was part of a term that was lengthened for the purpose of moving the regular election date or lengthening terms of office, will not count in determining the number of consecutive years of service. Any person who has not served on the Council during the previous two (2) consecutive years shall be eligible to serve under the same conditions as and with no more restrictions than a person who has never served on the Council. The time periods under this provision are measured based on the corresponding uniform election dates in the applicable years, regardless of the fact that the date falls a number of days over or short of the requisite period.

Fracción 3.01 Número, Selección y Gestiones, Subincisos (D) y (E)

(D) Los Regidores del Cabildo correspondientes a los curules 1, 2, 4 y 6 electos en 2012 tendrán una gestión de dos años. El Alcalde y los Regidores del Cabildo correspondientes a los curules 3, 5 y 7 electos en 2013 tendrán una gestión de dos años.

A partir de 2014, se ajustarán y se ampliarán las gestiones correspondientes al Alcalde y Regidores del Cabildo a fin de permitir la ampliación de las gestiones de dos años a cuatro años, y las elecciones periódicas anuales ya no se verificarán en la fecha uniforme de elección que establece el Código Electoral de Texas Elección durante el mes de noviembre sino en la fecha uniforme establecida durante el mes de mayo en años nones según el programa a continuación.

Las elecciones periódicas de la Ciudad verificadas en 2014 y 2015 se verificarán en la fecha uniforme de elección que establece el Código Electoral de Texas Elección durante el mes de noviembre. Los Regidores del Cabildo correspondientes a los curules 1, 2, 4 y 6 electos en 2014 quedarán electos a gestiones mayores de dos años pero menos de tres años de tal modo que el fin de la gestión coincidirá con una elección verificada en la fecha uniforme establecida durante el mes de mayo de 2017, quedando electos posteriormente a gestiones de cuatro años. El Alcalde y los Regidores del Cabildo correspondientes a los curules 3, 5 y 7 electos en 2015 quedarán electos a gestiones mayores de dos años pero menos de tres años de tal modo que el fin de la gestión coincidirá con una elección verificada en la fecha uniforme establecida durante el mes de mayo de 2019, posteriormente quedando electos a gestiones de cuatro años. A partir de 2017, se verificarán las elecciones periódicas de la Ciudad en la fecha uniforme de elección que establece el Código Electoral de Texas durante el mes de mayo con segunda ronda electoral a ser verificada en la primera fecha viable conforme a la ley.

(E) La persona que permanezca en el Cabildo durante ocho (8) años consecutivos quedará sin derecho a ocupar cargo alguno en el cabildo por un lapso de dos (2) años; no obstante, el Alcalde y Regidores del Cabildo electos en 2015 estarán en posibilidades de permanecer durante nueve (9) años consecutivos. El servicio durante un lapso menor que un (1) año, haya sido con el motivo de llenar una vacante o forme parte de una gestión ampliada con el fin de cambiar la fecha de elecciones periódicas o la ampliación de gestiones, no se tomará en cuenta en la determinación del número de años consecutivos de servicio. La persona que no haya prestado servicio en el Cabildo durante los dos (2) años consecutivos anteriores tendrá el mismo derecho a ocupar cargo en las mismas condiciones y sin más limitaciones que una persona que nunca haya prestado servicio en el Cabildo. Los lapsos de tiempo en la presente disposición se calculan con base en las fechas correspondientes a las fechas uniformes de elección en los años aplicables, sin tomar en cuenta que caiga la fecha varios días más o varios días menos del período respectivo.

Section 3.02 Qualifications, Subsections (C) and (D)

(C) Candidates for Mayor and Council Member shall be eligible for that elective office only when holding that office for a term of four years shall not result in the candidate exceeding the term limitation established in Section 3.01(E).

(D) If the Mayor or Council Member shall cease to possess any of these qualifications or shall cease to reside in the city or shall be convicted of a felony or is absent from three (3) regular Council meetings without being excused by the Council, he or she shall automatically forfeit the office and will not be allowed to participate in any meetings or actions taken by City Council.

Fracción 3.02 Requisitos, Subincisos (C) y (D)

(C) Los candidatos a Alcalde y Regidores del Cabildo únicamente tendrán derecho a dicho cargo por elección cuando el resultado de su permanencia durante una gestión de cuatro años no exceda la

limitación de gestión que establezca la Fracción 3.01(E).

(D) Si el Alcalde o Regidor del Cabildo dejara de cumplir con alguno de los requisitos a continuación o dejara de radicarse en la ciudad o fuera condenado por delito grave o se ausentara de tres (3) juntas ordinarias del Cabildo sin otorgamiento de excusa por el Cabildo, perderá en forma automática su cargo y no se permitirá su participación en juntas ni actos emprendidos por el Cabildo.

Ballot Proposition No. 2:

FOR () Shall Sections 7.05 (B), 7.08 (D), 7.10 (B) and 7.11 of the City Charter, relating the holding of elections for an initiative, referendum or recall, be amended: to provide for the scheduling of these special elections on dates when the election will be conducted by the County Elections Administrator; to allow the City Clerk to hand-deliver a notice of recall to an elected official or send it by certified mail; and to provide that no recall petition may be filed less than six months prior to the end of the term of office?

AGAINST ()

Proposición Sometida a Votación No. 2:

A FAVOR () ¿Se enmendarán las Fracciones 7.05 (B), 7.08 (D), 7.10 (B) y 7.11 de la Carta Constitutiva de la Ciudad relativas a la celebración de elecciones correspondientes a una iniciativa, referéndum o remoción: contemplando la programación de dichas elecciones extraordinarias en las fechas en que lleve a cabo la elección el Administrador de Elecciones del Condado; permitiéndole al Secretario Municipal entregar en persona la notificación de remoción a un funcionario electo o enviar la misma por correo certificado; y disponer que no se podrá presentar solicitud de remoción a menos de seis meses antes del final de la gestión respectiva?

EN CONTRA ()

Text of Amendment:

Proposal to amend Sections 7.05 (B), 7.08 (D), 7.10 (B) and 7.11 of the City Charter, relating to holding of an election for an initiative, referendum or recall election, the sending of a recall notice and to provide that no recall petition may be submitted within six months of the end of the term of office, to read in pertinent part as follows:

Texto de la Enmienda:

Propuesta para enmendar las Fracciones 7.05 (B), 7.08 (D), 7.10 (B) y 7.11 de la Carta Constitutiva de la Ciudad, relativas a la verificación de una elección de iniciativa, referéndum o remoción, el envío de notificación de remoción y estableciendo que no se podrá presentar petición de remoción dentro de los seis meses del final de la gestión, a ser como sigue en lo conducente:

Section 7.05 Submission to Voters, Subsection (B)

(B) An initiative or referendum election shall be held on the next uniform election date thereafter permitted by the Texas Election Code or the date of the next election that will be conducted by the County Elections Administrator, as directed by the Council.

Fracción 7.05 Presentación Ante el Electorado, Subinciso (B)

(B) Se verificará elección de iniciativa o referéndum en la siguiente fecha uniforme de elección posterior permitida por el

Código Electoral de Texas o bien la fecha de la siguiente elección a ser verificada por el Administrador de Elecciones del Condado por instrucciones del Cabildo.

Section 7.08 Recall Procedure, Subsection (D)

(D) The City Clerk shall immediately notify by hand-delivery or by certified mail the officer whose removal is sought.

Fracción 7.08 Proceso de Remoción, Subinciso (D)

(D) El Secretario Municipal notificará de inmediato al funcionario cuya remoción se pretende por entrega personal o correo certificado.

Section 7.10 Recall Election (B)

(B) The recall election shall be held on the next uniform election date thereafter permitted by the Texas Election Code or the date of the next election that will be conducted by the County Elections Administrator, as directed by the Council.

Fracción 7.10 Elección de Remoción (B)

(B) Se verificará la elección de remoción en la siguiente fecha uniforme de elección posterior permitida por el Código Electoral de Texas o bien la fecha de la siguiente elección a ser verificada por el Administrador de Elecciones del Condado por instrucciones del Cabildo.

Section 7.11 Recall Limitation

No recall petition shall be filed against an elected official within six (6) months of the end of the term of office for the elected official.

Fracción 7.11 Limitación de Remoción

No se podrá presentar petición de remoción contra un funcionario electo dentro de los seis (6) meses del final de la gestión correspondiente al mismo.

Ballot Proposition No. 3:

FOR () Shall Sections 3.14, 3.15 (A), 3.16 and 5.09 of the City Charter, relating to preparation of ordinances, a municipal code and the capital program plan, and providing for additional methods of public notice of ordinances and the plan before and after Council action, be amended: to provide that amendments to ordinances summarize the revisions; that clear and concise captions be prepared and published for ordinances; to allow notices for ordinances and the capital program plan to be posted on the City website or published in a newspaper when required by state law; to provide for the creation of a codified municipal code; and to correct a charter section reference in Section 3.16?

AGAINST ()

Proposición Sometida a Votación No. 3:

A FAVOR () ¿Se enmendarán las Fracciones 3.14, 3.15 (A), 3.16 y 5.09 de la Carta Constitutiva de la Ciudad, relativas a la elaboración de ordenanzas, código municipal y el plan del programa de capital y señalando métodos adicionales de notificación al público de ordenanzas y el plan antes y después de acción por el Cabildo: disponiendo que las enmiendas a ordenanzas lleven un resumen de las modificaciones; que se elaboren títulos claros y concisos y que se publiquen los mismos correspondientes a las ordenanzas

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a fin de permitir la publicación de la notificación de ordenanzas y plan del programa de capital en la página electrónica de la Ciudad o en un periódico cuando así se exija por ley estatal; contemplar la elaboración de un código municipal codificado; y corregir una referencia a fracción de la carta de la Fracción 3.16?

EN CONTRA ()

Text of Amendment

Proposal to amend Sections 3.14 (A)(2) and (4), (B)(4) and (5) and (D), 3.15 (A)(1), 3.16 (B) and 5.09 of the City Charter, relating to preparation of ordinances, a municipal code and the capital improvement plan, and providing for additional methods of public notice of ordinances and the plan before and after Council action, to read as follows:

Texto de las Enmienda:

Propuesta para enmendar las Fracciones 3.14 (A)(2) y (4), (B)(4) y (5) y (D), 3.15 (A)(1), 3.16 (B) y 5.09 de la Carta Constitutiva de la Ciudad, relativas a la preparación de ordenanzas, un código municipal y el plan de mejoramiento capital, brindando métodos adicionales de notificación de ordenanzas y el plan al público antes y después de actos del Cabildo, a ser como sigue:

Section 3.14
Ordinances in General,
Subsections (A)(2) and (4), (B)
(4) and (5) and (D)

(A) Form
(2) every ordinance shall concern only one subject which shall be clearly expressed in its title.
(4) Any ordinance which repeals or amends an existing ordinance or a part of a City code shall summarize the ordinance, sections or subsections to be repealed or amended When requested by the Council, a copy of the ordinance indicating the matter to be omitted by enclosing it in brackets or by strikeout type and indicating new matter by underscoring or by italics shall be prepared and be made available.

Fracción 3.14
Ordenanzas en General,
Subincisos (A)(2) y (4), (B)(4) y
(5) y (D)

(A) Formato
(2) Cada una de las ordenanzas abarcará un solo tema, mismo que se expresará con claridad en el encabezado respectivo.
(4) La ordenanza que derogue o modifique una ordenanza o parte de un código municipal existente, resumirá la ordenanza, fracciones o subincisos a ser derogados o modificados. Cuando así lo solicite el Cabildo, se elaborará y quedará a disposición el texto de la ordenanza indicando el asunto a ser omitido, destacado entre corchetes o tachado con indicación del nuevo asunto con subrayado o letra itálica.

(B) Procedure

(4) After the hearing, the Council may adopt the ordinance with or without amendments or reject it. Adoption of an ordinance requires that a least four (4) members vote in favor of the ordinance. If the ordinance is amended as to any matter not included in the caption or published summary of the ordinance, or as to any matter of substance if the entire ordinance was published in a newspaper, the Council may not adopt it until the ordinance or its amended section have been subjected to all the procedures required in the case of a newly introduced ordinance. In any event, the publication must be written so as to be understood by an average person.

(5) As soon as practicable after adoption of any ordinance, the City shall publish a notice of its adoption.

(D) Publish Defined

(1) as used in this Section, the term "publish" means to give notice by any contemporary means of information sharing, including but not limited to, publication in a newspaper of general circulation in the City or placement on a web site;

(2) the ordinance or the caption of an adopted ordinance that summarizes the purpose of the ordinance and any penalty for violating the ordinance;

(3) the places where copies of it have been filed and the times when they are available for public inspection.

(B) Procedimiento

(4) Verificada la audiencia, podrá el Cabildo adoptar la ordenanza con o sin modificaciones o rechazarla. La adopción de una ordenanza requiere el voto de cuatro (4) regidores cuando menos a favor de la ordenanza. Si se modifica la ordenanza respecto de algún asunto que no comprenda el encabezado o sea publicado en el resumen de la misma, o bien referente a un asunto substancial si se publicó la ordenanza en su totalidad en un periódico, no podrá el Cabildo adoptarla mientras la ordenanza o su fracción modificada no hayan quedado sujetas a todos los procedimientos exigidos en el caso de una ordenanza recién presentada. En todo caso, deberá redactarse la publicación de tal manera de poder ser entendida por una persona común.

(5) En el primer momento viable posterior a la adopción de una ordenanza, publicará la Ciudad la notificación de su adopción.

(D) Definición de Publicación

(1) En la presente Fracción, el término "publicar" se refiere a notificación por cualquier medio contemporáneo de comunicación de información, en forma enunciativa y no limitativa, publicación en un periódico de circulación general en la Ciudad o su colocación en una página electrónica;

(2) La ordenanza o el encabezado de una ordenanza adoptada resumiendo el propósito de la ordenanza y posible castigo por infringir la misma;

(3) Los lugares donde obren ejemplares de la misma y horarios de disponibilidad para su consulta por el público.

Section 3.15
Code of Technical Regulations,
Subsection (A)(1)

(1) a copy of each adopted code of technical regulations as well as or the adopting ordinance shall be authenticated and recorded by the City Clerk pursuant to Section 3.16 of this Article.

Fracción 3.15
Código de Reglamentos
Técnicos, Subinciso (A)(1)

(1) Asimismo el texto de todo código de reglamentos técnicos adoptado u ordenanza de adopción quedará autenticado e inscrito por el Secretario Municipal en términos de la Fracción 3.16 del presente Artículo.

Section 3.16
Authentication and Recording,
Subsection (B)

(B) The Council may provide for the preparation of a general codification of this Charter and its amendments, and of those ordinances selected by the Council. Such a codification will be known and officially cited as the **Horizon City Municipal Code**. Copies of such a Code will be produced as required by State law and the City Clerk shall make such Code available to the public by any contemporary means of information sharing for free public reference.

Fracción 3.16
Autenticación e Inscripción,
Subinciso (B)

(B) El Cabildo podrá disponer la elaboración de una codificación

general de la presente Carta Constitutiva y sus enmiendas, así como las ordenanzas que elija el Cabildo. Dicha codificación se denominará y se citará oficialmente como **Horizon City Municipal Code (Código Municipal de Horizon City)**. Se reproducirá el texto de dicho Código conforme exige la ley del Estado y el Secretario Municipal pondrá dicho Código a la disposición del público por cualquier medio contemporáneo de comunicación de información para su consulta gratuita por el público.

Section 5.09
City Council Action on Capital Projects

(A) The Council shall publish by any contemporary means of information sharing, the general summary of the capital budget and a notice stating:

(1) the times and places where copies of the capital program plan are available for inspection by the public; and

(2) the time and place, not less than two weeks after such publication, for a public hearing on the capital program plan.

(B) The Council by resolution shall consider the adoption of the capital program plan with or without amendment after the public hearing and on or before the fifteenth (15) day of the twelfth (12) month of the current fiscal year.

Fracción 5.09
Actos del Cabildo en Proyectos de Capital

(A) Publicará el Cabildo por cualquier medio contemporáneo de comunicación de información, el resumen general del presupuesto de capital y una notificación de:

(1) Las horas y lugares en que queden a disposición ejemplares del plan del programa de capital para su consulta por el público; y

(2) La hora y el lugar, no menos de dos semanas después de dicha publicación, de una audiencia pública sobre el plan del programa de capital.

(B) El Cabildo por resolución considerará la adopción del plan del programa de capital con o sin modificación después de la audiencia pública y a más tardar para el día quince (15) del doceavo (12^o) mes del ejercicio actual.

Ballot Proposition No. 4:

FOR () Shall Sections 5.04, 5.16 and 5.17 of the City Charter, relating to the budget and finances of the City, the establishment of a restricted cash reserve fund, and the use of leases and lease purchases for procurement, be amended and added: to provide that the City budget may not include funding for a defined benefits pension plan for City employees or expanded employee insurance benefits without voter approval; to require the creation of a restricted cash reserve fund in an amount not less than 8% of the prior year's general fund operating expenditure budget; and to allow the use of leases and lease purchases as a method of procurement.

AGAINST ()

Proposición Sometida a
Votación No. 4:

A FAVOR () ¿Se enmendarán y se adicionarán las Fracciones 5.04, 5.16 y 5.17 de la Carta Constitutiva de la Ciudad, relativas al presupuesto y finanzas de la Ciudad, la constitución de un fondo de reserva limitado en efectivo y el uso de arrendamientos y compra en adquisiciones: contemplando que el presupuesto de la Ciudad no podrá comprender el financiamiento de un plan de pensiones de prestaciones definidas aplicable a empleados de la Ciudad ni prestaciones amplias de seguros a empleados sin la aprobación del electorado; exigir la constitución de un fondo de reserva limitado en efectivo en un monto no menor que el 8% del

presupuesto del fondo general de erogaciones de gastos operativos correspondiente al año anterior; y permitir el uso de arrendamientos y arrendamiento y compra como método de adquisición.

EN CONTRA ()

Text of Amendment:

Proposal to amend Section 5.04 to add subsections (F) and (G) and adding Sections 5.16 and 5.17 of the City Charter, relating to the budget and finances of the City, the establishment of a restricted cash reserve fund, and the use of leases and lease purchases for procurement, to read as follows:

Texto de la Enmienda:

Propuesta para enmendar la Fracción 5.04 agregando los Subincisos (F) y (G) y agregando las Fracciones 5.16 y 5.17 a la Carta Constitutiva de la Ciudad, relativas al presupuesto y finanzas de la Ciudad, el establecimiento de un fondo limitado de reserva en efectivo y el uso de arrendamientos y arrendamiento y compra en adquisiciones, a ser como sigue:

Section 5.04
Budget, Subsections (F) and (G)

(F) The budget may not include funding for a defined benefits pension plan for City employees unless such plan has first been authorized by the qualified voters of the City.

(G) The budget may not include funding for the direct costs of providing insurance coverage for persons other than City employees who may be eligible to obtain coverage under any insurance policy offered in whole or in part to City employees as a benefit of employment, unless the payment of such costs is part of a negotiated employment contract with an employee or has first been authorized by the qualified voters of the City.

Fracción 5.04
Presupuesto, Subincisos (F) y (G)

(F) El presupuesto no podrá comprender el financiamiento de un plan de pensiones de prestaciones definidas aplicable a empleados de la Ciudad sin la aprobación previa de los electores habilitados.

(G) El presupuesto no podrá comprender el financiamiento de los costos directos de cobertura de seguros a personas que no sean empleados de la Ciudad y que puedan hacerse acreedoras a cobertura por cualquier seguro ofrecido total o parcialmente a empleados de la Ciudad como prestación laboral, salvo que el pago de dichos costos quede comprendido en un contrato laboral negociado con un con empleado o haya sido autorizado en forma previa por los electores habilitados de la Ciudad.

Section 5.16
Cash Reserve Fund

A cash reserve fund in the general operating fund of the City shall be maintained in an amount no less than eight percent (8%) of the prior year's adopted general fund operating expenditure budget. The cash reserve fund shall be maintained and reported as restricted under applicable Governmental Accounting Standards Board rules and must be invested in accordance with the laws of Texas. Short term borrowing from the cash reserve fund shall be for a period of no more than one calendar year and must be approved by the Council.

Fracción 5.16
Fondo de Reserva en Efectivo
Se constituirá un fondo de reserva en efectivo en el fondo general operativo de la Ciudad en un monto no inferior al ocho por ciento (8%) del presupuesto adoptado del fondo general operativo de gastos del año anterior. Se constituirá y se

indicará que el fondo de reserva en efectivo queda restringido conforme al reglamento de la Junta de Normas de Contabilidad Oficial, debiendo invertirse en términos de las leyes de Texas. Los préstamos a corto plazo del fondo de reserva en efectivo serán por un período que no exceda un año calendario y deberán ser aprobados por el Cabildo.

Section 5.17
Lease and Lease Purchase

The City may execute, perform, and make payments under a contract with any person for the use, purchase or other acquisition of any real or personal property, or the financing thereof, including a lease, a lease with an option or option to purchase, an installment purchase or other form considered appropriate by the Council.

Fracción 5.17
Arrendamiento y Arrendamiento y Compra

Podrá la Ciudad otorgar, ejecutar y efectuar pagos en los términos de un contrato con persona alguna para el uso, compra u otra adquisición de bienes inmuebles o muebles o el financiamiento de los mismos, arrendamiento inclusive, arrendamiento con opción u opción de compra, compra a plazos u otra modalidad que estime conveniente el Cabildo.

Ballot Proposition No. 5:

FOR () Shall Section 3.05 of the City Charter, relating to the compensation for the Mayor and Members of the Council be amended to provide that effective January 1, 2014, each Member of Council will receive a \$125 stipend for each Council meeting attended, not to exceed a total annual stipend of \$3,000, and the Mayor will receive an annual salary of \$18,000; and to allow the Mayor and Council Members to waive the right to all or part of such compensation or the payment of their necessary and actual expenses.

AGAINST ()

Proposición Sometida a
Votación No. 5:

A FAVOR () ¿Se enmendará la Fracción 3.05 de la Carta Constitutiva de la Ciudad relativa a la remuneración del Alcalde y Regidores del Cabildo contemplando que a partir del 1 de enero de 2014, a cada Regidor del Cabildo se le otorgará un estipendio de \$125 por sesión del Cabildo a que asista, sin exceder un estipendio anual total de \$3,000, y se le otorgará al Alcalde un salario anual de \$18,000; y permitirles al Alcalde y Regidores del Cabildo renunciar a su derecho a la totalidad o una porción de dicha remuneración o al pago de sus gastos necesarios y reales.

EN CONTRA ()

Text of Amendment:

Proposal to amend Section 3.05 of the City Charter, relating to the compensation for the Mayor and Members of the Council, to read as follows:

Texto de la Enmienda:

Propuesta para enmendar la Fracción 3.05 de la Carta Constitutiva de la Ciudad, relativa a la remuneración del Alcalde y Regidores del Cabildo, a ser como sigue:

Section 3.05
Compensation

(A) Commencing on January 1, 2014, each member of the City Council, with the exception of the Mayor, shall receive as a stipend, the sum of one hundred twenty five (\$125.00) dollars for each regular or special City Council meeting attended during each

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Hard to tell who's on top in NFL

By Steve Escajeda
Special to the Courier

What in the world is going on in the National Football League this year?

There have been some traditional powers over the years that you just know will be in the playoff mix every year.

Some teams appear to be on permanent roller coaster rides, up one year and down the next.

But there are teams that are consistently at, or near, the top of the league standings every single year.

Like the sun coming up every morning, or the moon going out every night, or Republicans and Democrats engaging in a disagreement of some kind, we've

grown accustomed to expecting things to be a certain way.

Football fans expect to see the usual suspects challenge for titles, but there are a few teams who have prognosticators scratching their heads this year.

The New York Giants have been the glue of the NFC East for many years. With two Super Bowl wins in recent seasons, Eli Manning and that tough Giants defense always seem to put together that late season surge and play their best going into the playoffs.

But this year has been a nightmare for the Giants, who are not only suffering through a losing season, they're getting blown out of games.

The usually machine-like Eli Manning is playing like a rookie and that usually strong defense has

apparently taken the first month of the season off.

The Pittsburgh Steelers have also won a couple Super Bowls in recent years, led by quarterback Big Ben Roethlisberger.

But the Steelers, who seem to have had a good team every year since the Terry Bradshaw era, are a mere shell of what they usually are.

A powerful running game and nasty defense has served the Steelers well over the years. But the lack of quality running backs and a Swiss cheese defense has led the Steelers to a place they almost never experience – last place.

The Green Bay Packers are seemingly always in the Super Bowl talk. And why not, with one of the very best quarterbacks in the league, Aaron Rodgers leading the way.

The Packers aren't out of the playoff hunt this year by any means, but they are struggling on defense and aren't the same dominant offense they've been lately.

It isn't hard to figure out why the Packers aren't the offensive machine they've been in recent years. To put it simply, they have no running game.

So teams key on the passing game and although Rodgers still manages to put together good games, it isn't enough to compensate for an iffy defense.

There was a lot of talk about the Atlanta Falcons taking that big championship step this year.

We all know about quarterback Matt Ryan's struggles in the playoffs, but many believed that a breakthrough win in the postseason

last year would lead to better things this season.

But the Falcons have played the role of underachiever so far this season.

On paper, they appear to be one of the favorites to represent the NFC in the big game at the end of the year but they have to learn how to get out of their own way first.

The Houston Texans are obviously one of the better teams in the league; but the one thing they lack is that killer instinct.

They are notorious for playing great football for three quarters, but quarterback Matt Schaub is quickly developing a reputation for making that big mistake that will eventually cost his team in the end.

What's troubling about the Texans is that they undoubtedly have the

best running game in the league with Arian Foster and Ben Tate, and the league's best defensive player in J.J. Watt.

The Philadelphia Eagles opened the season going about 90 mph in coach Chip Kelly's new college hurry-up offense.

Since the opener that offense has been stuck in neutral. They are trying to wear down their opponents but it looks more like the Eagles are wearing themselves out.

There is still plenty of time for these teams to get their act together but new contenders – the Colts and the Titans, Chiefs, Browns, Lions and Dolphins – might have something to say about that.

Either way, it makes for a more exciting, but still confusing, NFL season.



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CryptoQuip Answer

Magazine featuring zinging responses from unsatisfied product users: "Consumer Retorts."

Briefs

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(EPCC) Theater Ensemble continues the 2013-14 season with Little Shop of Horrors. Performances will be October 24, 25, 26, 30 and November 1 and 2 at 8:00 p.m. There will be two Sunday matinees, October 27 and November 3 at 2:30 p.m. The EPCC Theater

Ensemble performs at the EPCC Transmountain Campus Forum Theater, 9570 Gateway North. General Admission is \$15, non-EPCC students and military are \$10; and EPCC students, staff and senior citizens are seven dollars. Tickets are available at the box office two hours before each performance. For Forum Theater information, call 831-5056.

- Jim Heiney

9th Annual Canutillo Heights Garage Sale

Saturday, Oct. 12 • 7 a.m. to 1 p.m.
Over 50 Residents – Come to Canutillo!
S. Desert Rd. & Los Mochis/Doniphan

Horizon City Notice Continued
Horizon City Noticia Continuar

fiscal year, not to exceed a total annual stipend of three thousand (\$3,000.00) dollars.

(B) Commencing on January 1, 2014, the Mayor shall receive a salary of \$18,000.00 per year.

(C) In addition to the above, the Mayor and Council Members shall receive reimbursement for actual and necessary expenses incurred in the performance of their duties, as approved by City Council.

(D) Nothing herein shall prohibit the Mayor or a member of the City Council from waiving the right to all or any part of such compensation or payment of expenses.

Fracción 3.05 Remuneración
(A) A partir del 1 de enero de 2014, se le otorgará como estipendio a cada uno de los regidores del Cabildo de la Ciudad, con la excepción del Alcalde, la suma de ciento veinticinco (\$125.00) dólares por sesión ordinaria o extraordinaria del Cabildo a que asista durante cada ejercicio, sin exceder un estipendio anual total de tres mil (\$3,000.00) dólares.
(B) A partir del 1 de enero de 2014, se le otorgará al Alcalde un salario de \$18,000.00 anuales.
(C) Además de lo anterior, se les otorgará al Alcalde y Regidores del Cabildo el reembolso de sus gastos necesarios y reales en que incurran en el desempeño de sus cargos, previa aprobación por el Cabildo de la Ciudad.
(D) No hay nada en el presente que le prohíba al Alcalde o Regidor del Cabildo de la Ciudad renunciar a su derecho a la totalidad o una porción de dicha remuneración o al pago de gastos.

POLLING PLACES ON ELECTION DAY
LOCALIDADES DE LAS CASILLAS ELECTORALES

Pct. #158
Horizon Heights Elementary School
13601 Ryderwood Ave.

Pct. # 168
Desert Hills Elementary School
300 N. Kenazo Dr.

Pct. # 169
Carroll T. Welch Intermediate School
14510 McMahan Ave.

Pct. # 180
Desert Wind Pre K – 8 School
1100 Colina De Paz Dr.

Early Voting by Mail
Votar Temprano de Correo

Applications for ballot by mail shall be mailed to:

Solicitudes para una boleta de ausencia por correo deben ser enviadas a:

Early Voting Clerk
500 E. San Antonio, Lower Level, Rm. L115
El Paso, TX 79901-2154

Application for ballots by mail must be received no later than the close of business on:

Las solicitudes para boletas de votación adelantada por correo deberán recibirse para el fin de las horas de negocio él:

Last Day to **receive** request for a ballot by mail ABBM (application for a ballot by mail **CIVILIAN**): **October 25, 2013** (date received, **NOT** postmarked) (Sec.84.007 (c) Senate bill 910, 2013 Legislative Session)

Ultimo día para **recibir** la solicitud para pedir una boleta electoral para votar por correo SBP (solicitud de boleta postal **CIVIL**): **25 de Octubre de 2013** (día recibida, no

sellada por el Correo) (Sec.84.007 (c) Proyecto de Ley del Senado 910, 2013 Sesión Legislativa).

Last Day to **receive** request for a ballot by mail FPCA (federal post card application **MILITARY AND OVERSEAS October 29, 2013** (date received, **NOT** postmarked) (Sec.84.007 (c) Senate bill 910, 2013 Session).

Ultimo día para **recibir** la solicitud para pedir una boleta electoral para votar por correo FPCA (tarjeta de aplicación federal **MILITARES Y VOTANTES EN EL EXTRANJERO**): **29 de Octubre de 2013** (día recibida, no sellada por el Correo) (Sec.84.007 (c) Proyecto de Ley del Senado 910, 2013 Sesión Legislativa).

For additional information call (915) 852-1046, Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Para más información por favor llame al (915) 852-1046 de lunes a viernes de 8 a.m. a 5 p.m.

Issued this 10th day of October, 2013

Emitada esta 10 día de octubre 2013

Elvia Schuller
Interim City Clerk
Secretaria Interino de la Ciudad

November 5, 2013
Early Voting Locations
October 21, 2013-November 1, 2013
Locaciones Móviles para Votar Temprano

Early voting by personal appearance will be conducted each weekday at:

La votación adelantada en persona se llevará a cabo de lunes a viernes en:

- ANA M. GARCIA-ENRIQUEZ
MIDDLE SCHOOL
12280 Socorro Rd.
8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
- BASSETT PLACE
6101 Gateway West
9:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.
- CAROLINA
RECREATION CENTER
563 N. Carolina Dr.
9:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.
- EL PASO
COUNTY COURTHOUSE
500 San Antonio
8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
- MARTY ROBBINS
RECREATION CENTER
11600 Vista Del Sol Dr.
9:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.
- OZ GLAZE SENIOR CENTER
13969 Veny Webb
8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
- PAVO REAL
RECREATION CENTER
9301 Alameda Ave.
9:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.
- PEBBLE VILLAGE CENTER
10780 Pebble Hills Blvd.
9:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.
- POLLY HARRIS
SENIOR CENTER
650 Wallenberg Dr.
9:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.
- REGENCY OF EL PASO
221 Bartlett Dr.
9:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.
- ROGELIO SANCHEZ CENTER
1331 N. Fabens St.
9:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.
- SOCORRO CITY
COUNCIL CHAMBERS
860 Rio Vista
8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

- SUNRISE SHOPPING CENTER
8500 Dyer
9:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.
- SUN VALLEY CENTER
4525 Sun Valley
9:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.
- ZARAPLEX CENTER
1700 Zaragoza Rd.
9:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.
- October 21 to 25, 2013**
(Mon. - Fri.)
Follow Above Schedule
(No Saturday or Sunday)
21 a 25 de octubre 2013
(lunes - viernes)
Use el horario previo
(No sabado o domingo)
- October 28 to 30, 2013**
(Mon. -Wed.)
Follow Above Schedule
- 28 a 30 de octubre 2013**
(lunes - miércoles)
Use el horario previo
- October 31 & November 1, 2013**
(Thurs. & Fri.)
7:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.
All Stations
31 de octubre y
1 de noviembre 2013
(jueves y viernes)
7:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.
Todos Locaciones
- Election Day**
Tuesday, November 5, 2013
El Paso County Courthouse
7:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.
ONLY FOR ADA & 65 YEARS OF
AGE OR OLDER
- Día de Elección**
martes, 5 de noviembre
El Paso County Courthouse
7:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.
Solemente por ADA o
65 años o mas
- WTCC: 10-10-13

Comix

OUT ON A LIMB By Gary Kopervas



AMBER WAVES By Dave T. Phipps



THE SPATS By Jeff Pickering



R.F.D. By Mike Marland



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

DEAR DR. DONOHUE: I have corrected my high blood pressure using medication, exercise and diet. My blood pressure is now between 105/65 and 110/70. I started medication when I had consistent readings in the high 130s and low 140s for systolic and 85 to 90 for diastolic. When considering all the warnings and risk factors for people with high blood pressure, do I fit into that category? Or, can I safely assume I no longer have high blood pressure? – D.R.

order (no cash) for \$4.75 U.S./\$6 Canada with the recipient's printed name and address. Please allow four weeks for delivery.

DEAR DR. DONOHUE: I have a serious sweet tooth, and I'm concerned about getting diabetes. Mostly, I crave candy. My last fasting blood sugar reading was 109. I am an 84-year-old woman weighing 134 pounds. Do I have to worry? –

Normal blood pressure is now defined as systolic (the top number) of less than 120 AND diastolic of less than 80. High blood pressure is systolic over 140 OR diastolic over 90. Any levels in between are now labeled "prehypertension," indicating that these often go up over time. High blood pressure puts a person at higher risk for heart disease and stroke.

A fasting blood sugar level of 109 is not normal, but is not high enough to say that you have diabetes (the number for that diagnosis is 126 or higher).

In your situation, you said it exactly right. You have "corrected" your high blood pressure. If you were to stop your medicine, stop exercising and no longer be careful with your diet, we would expect your blood pressure to go back up, so it's important to keep doing all those things – and you are to be congratulated on outstanding control.

It does mean you need to follow up with your doctor.

Medical authorities are still divided about whether treated high blood pressure gives the same low risk for heart disease and stroke as natural low blood pressure, but it is my opinion that after years of careful blood pressure control, the risks of heart disease lower to the same level as if you had never had high blood pressure, especially if, like you, you were treated early.

DEAR DR. DONOHUE: I had an exploratory laparotomy with a right hemicolectomy. The postoperative diagnosis was perforated appendix and hemicolectomy specimen. What is this? – L.J.

High blood pressure is one risk factor for stroke. The booklet on stroke explains this condition that is deservedly feared by all. Readers can obtain a copy by writing: Dr. Donahue – No. 902W, Box 536475, Orlando, FL 32853-6475. Enclose a check or money

Your appendix, the narrow wormlike tube that dangles from the base of the right side of the colon, became inflamed. Its slender central cavity was blocked, and bacteria grew in the blocked cavity. That caused swelling. The appendix finally burst and spilled bacteria into the abdominal cavity. Treatment included surgical removal of the appendix and the right side of the colon. You are proof that appendicitis (inflammation of the appendix) is not always a routine matter.

Dr. Donahue regrets that he is unable to answer individual letters, but he will incorporate them in his column whenever possible. Readers may write him or request an order form of available health newsletters at P.O. Box 536475, Orlando, FL 32853-6475. (c) 2013 North America Synd., Inc. All Rights Reserved.

Super Crossword

- OPPOSITE EFFECT ACROSS**
- 1 Microwave brand
 - 6 Elocution pro
 - 12 Where to trade used articles
 - 20 Actresses Rue and Ramirez
 - 21 Kid-lit "pest"
 - 22 Slim cigar
 - 23 He acquired 1,093 U.S. patents
 - 25 Drastic measures
 - 26 Fashionable Giorgio
 - 27 Bouncers' requests
 - 28 Tree for a bark beetle
 - 29 _ accompli (thing done)
 - 30 Wiped out
 - 31 Unlawfully loud sound
 - 37 Boss _ ("The Dukes of Hazzard" role)
 - 39 Creature catchers
 - 40 "Milk" Oscar winner Penn
 - 41 Entreat
 - 44 Waitress at Mel's Diner
 - 46 Boise-to-Phoenix dir.
 - 47 German "a"
 - 48 Post- opposite
 - 51 Moo shu and fu yung, e.g.
 - 55 Little _ (small fry)
 - 56 Lab rodent
 - 57 Giving sort
 - 58 Hebrides isle
 - 59 Global financial org.
 - 60 " _ la vie"
 - 61 Top-billing sharers
 - 63 Pants folds
 - 67 Kansas city
 - 69 Area with lots of lofts
 - 72 Nor'easters, e.g.
 - 74 Eyeballer
 - 75 Joy, for one
 - 78 With 109-Down, military centers
 - 79 "Conan" ailer
 - 81 Be on a slant
 - 83 New, to Juan
 - 84 Poolroom stick
 - 85 Big beagle feature
 - 86 Judge's rejection
 - 90 He's a real doll
 - 91 Lilted song syllable
 - 92 Rainbow part
 - 93 Cameron of "In Her Shoes"
 - 94 Three, in Bari
 - 95 Killer serves
 - 96 Perfect
 - 99 Individuals
 - 101 It's often given by business suppliers for bulk ordering
 - 106 Melville whaler
 - 110 Baldwin of "The Edge"
 - 111 Suffix with salt
 - 112 Catering vessel
 - 113 91-Across follower, perhaps
 - 115 Opened, as an envelope
 - 118 They're hidden in this puzzle's six longest answers
 - 121 Revealed
 - 122 Meets with old classmates
 - 123 Unsensible
 - 124 When required
 - 125 Is napping
 - 126 Big parties
 - DOWN**
 - 1 Take _ at (attempt)
 - 2 Olympic skier Phil
 - 3 Sweet smell
 - 4 Football great Joe
 - 5 Comfortable _ old shoe
 - 6 Galena, e.g.
 - 7 Circle lines
 - 8 In among
 - 9 One hurling something
 - 10 Lady with Lennon
 - 11 Legged it
 - 12 Wheat sold in health-food stores
 - 13 Madame Tussauds, e.g.
 - 14 Colony critter
 - 15 Duffer's goal
 - 16 Tennis great
 - Edberg
 - 17 Virile dude
 - 18 _ acid (fat substance)
 - 19 Cut and _
 - 24 Scorches
 - 28 Tricky curves
 - 32 Monstrous
 - 33 Bit of pepper
 - 34 " _ dixit"
 - 35 Notify again
 - 36 Makes taboo
 - 38 Kind of pitch
 - 41 Electrically flexible
 - 42 "Scat!"
 - 43 Sisters and aunts, e.g.
 - 45 Hoopla
 - 48 Most beautiful
 - 49 Skin problem
 - 50 Disk attachment?
 - 52 Document validator
 - 53 Enter via keyboard
 - 54 Zesty dip
 - 59 Mag. edition
 - 60 Sticking plant
 - 62 Pull-off place
 - 64 At any time, to a bard
 - 65 One-named singer of "Someone Like You"
 - 66 Fatigued
 - 68 Treat as a celebrity
 - 70 Old spy gp.
 - 71 Tight feeling
 - 72 Bag
 - 73 Provable
 - 76 Completed
 - 77 Lymph bump
 - 80 Lingerie top
 - 82 Give support
 - 85 Scratch with acid
 - 86 Rebuke
 - 87 Autobahn auto
 - 88 Eyeballs
 - 89 Mickey of the diamond
 - 100 Briny
 - 101 Zahn of TV
 - 102 Lower arm bones
 - 103 Pine product
 - 104 Completed
 - 105 Diplomat in NYC, maybe
 - 107 Lit into
 - 108 Coeur d' _ Idaho
 - 109 See 78-Across
 - 114 "Yeah, right!"
 - 116 "Honest" guy
 - 117 Tyke
 - 118 Monopoly buys: Abbr.
 - 119 Electric _
 - 120 Mil. draft org.

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Moore Texas by Roger Moore Marshall has a Fire Ant festival with a fire ant "calling" contest .



Museum offers Dia de los Muertos Memory Box workshop

By Alfredo Vasquez
Special to the Courier

Local artist Maria Natividad will conduct a family workshop on how to make a *Dia de los Muertos* (Day of the Dead) Memory Box, beginning at 6:30 p.m., Thursday, October 17, at the El Paso Museum of History (510 North Santa Fe Street). All ages are welcome to participate in the free workshop.

"The celebration of the Day of the Dead is one of love, honor and memory. In this workshop participants will have the opportunity to make a memory box for a deceased loved one," stated Sue Taylor, museum representative. The celebration takes place November 1 and 2 in connection with the

Catholic holidays of All Saints' Day and All Souls' Day.

Taylor said that all materials will be provided for the workshop including the boxes which are about the size of a shoe box. "All participants have to do is bring a picture of the person they wish to honor and anything else that is descriptive of that person," she added.

Natividad, an El Paso native, has been a teacher with Ysleta School District for the past 20 years. She said that she grew up surrounded by the rich culture and heritage of her Hispanic background and that as a visual artist she tries to put emotion into her artwork so that it draws the viewer into her work.

For more information, contact Taylor at (915) 351-3588 or send email to taylorl1@elpasotexas.gov.

Mission

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He has published books and articles, created and edited websites, and served as a documentary video consultant on these subjects.

Houser resides with his family in El Paso and is also project historian and

co-fundraiser for the XII Travelers Memorial of the Southwest. His upcoming presentation is made possible in part with a grant from Humanities Texas, the state affiliate of the National Endowment for the Humanities.

For more information, contact Sue Taylor at (915) 351-3588 or send email to taylorl1@elpasotexas.gov.

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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.

	-		x		16
x		+		+	
	x		-		15
+		x		+	
	-		x		18
25		25		26	

DIFFICULTY: ★

★ Moderate ★★ Difficult
★★★ GO FIGURE!

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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

7				6		2		
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		7	3			5		
	9				8		2	
3			6		5			8
		2		9		1		

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: A equals Z

YMQMAXIJ BJMVOFXIQ AXIQXIQ

FJDUNIDJD BFNY OIDMVXDBXJC

UFNCOPV ODJFD:

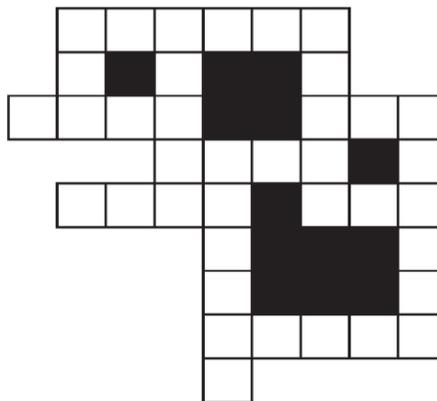
"PNIDOYJF FJVNFVD."

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- ITH
- ♥ DEFRIN
- MURRO
- KAOR
- ♥ RICHO
- ♥ NKI
- ALRO
- ♥ HERET
- ♥ AFR
- ♥ CATERK
- KHACL
- ♥ OTMA



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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STRANGE BUT TRUE

By Samantha Weaver

• It was Mark Twain who made the following sage observation: "The man who does not read good books has no advantage over the man who cannot read them."

• It's interesting that an herbal cold remedy and a type of sea urchin share the same name: Echinacea. Both words are derived from the Greek word "echino," which means "hedgehog."

• In a recent survey, more than one-third of respondents admitted that they had dinged the car, then lied to their spouse, saying someone else was responsible for the damage.

• Presidential security was not as always as formidable as it is today. In 1913, former President Theodore Roosevelt was walking down a Milwaukee street, heading to a speech he was scheduled to give. A man named John Schrank pulled out a gun and shot toward Roosevelt, who staggered but did not fall. There was no blood evident, and Roosevelt, who was campaigning for a second term, insisted on delivering his speech. When he pulled from a coat pocket the 100 pages on which his speech was written, he saw a bullet hole through the sheets of paper. Still determined to carry on, he gave the speech before going to the hospital, where it was discovered that the bullet had penetrated 4 inches into his body. After the perpetrator was arrested, it became evident that Shcrank was insane; he claimed that President William McKinley had revealed to him in a dream that Roosevelt was responsible for McKinley's assassination. Shrank spent the next 32 years in an insane asylum.

• You know that the Pacific Ocean is large, but you might not be aware of quite how large: It covers fully half the surface of the planet.

Thought for the Day: "We are not retreating - we are advancing in another direction."

- Gen. Douglas MacArthur

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