



NEWSBRIEFS

Mini Digie

Mini Digie, the mobile version of the El Paso Museum of History's Digital Wall, Digie, will be stationed at the El Paso Museum of Archaeology during April, museum officials announced during a recent opening reception at the archaeology museum (4301 Transmountain Road). Museum officials said that the Mini Digie program can be used actively by one person at a time but that groups of friends and families can use it together. Mini Digie is 28.25 inches wide, 77 inches high and 81.5 inches long. It weighs about 600 pounds and contains more than 7,000 images pertaining to El Paso. Plans are to have the Mini Digie component visit other public meeting places- such as the mission trails association, airport, schools, and libraries- in the following months, stated officials.

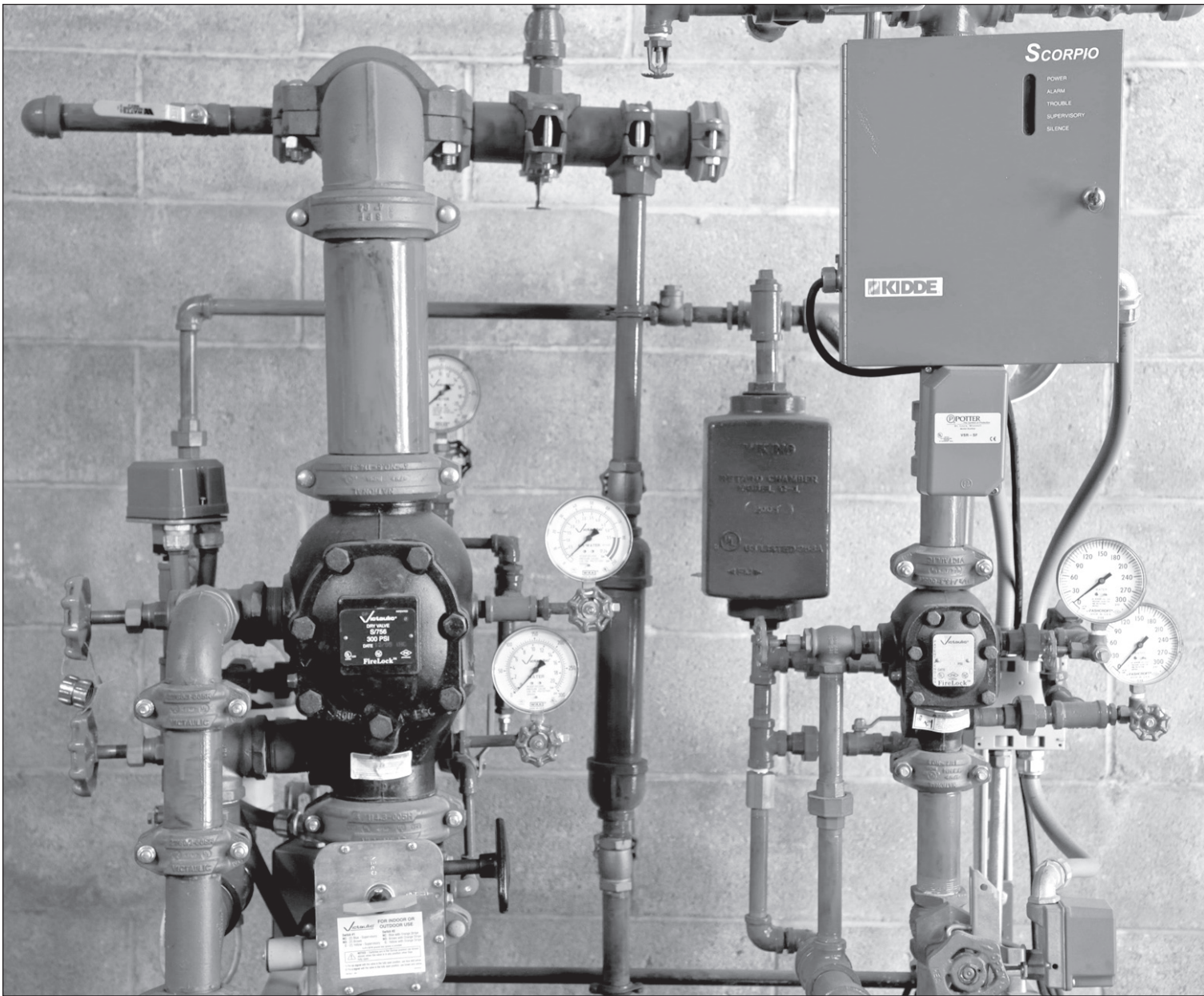
— Alfredo Vasquez

Renters' rights

Renters in the El Paso area will soon have a new resource available to educate them on their legal rights, thanks to funding from the El Paso Bar Foundation. Currently under development by Texas Rio Grande Legal Aid (TRLA), *Know Your Rights: Tenant Edition* is a comprehensive booklet that will contain information on a renter's legal rights regarding issues such as security deposits, repairs, landlord retaliation, breaking a lease, and eviction. The El Paso Bar Foundation has awarded TRLA funds that will allow the organization to develop the booklet in both English and Spanish as well as distribute it throughout El Paso County. "The support of the El Paso Bar Foundation is critical to producing this new resource and making sure it gets into the hands of El Paso renters," said TRLA Executive Director David Hall. "These funds will go a long way towards helping renters know their rights and how to advocate for themselves and their families." TRLA helps more than 2,500 El Paso families with their civil legal issues every year. Many of those families need assistance with housing problems including obtaining low-income housing, avoiding an eviction, and dealing with an unresponsive landlord. TRLA assists more than

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Hope sees the invisible, feels the intangible and achieves the impossibles.
— Quips & Quotes



H2O – Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service will offer two courses on irrigation systems, like the one above, Landscape Irrigation Auditing and Management short course, Tuesday, April 14, and Wednesday, April 15; and the Drip Irrigation Workshop, Thursday, April 16. Both sessions will be held at the TechH2O Center, 10751 Montana Ave.

Training provided for irrigation systems

By Alfredo Vasquez
Special to the Courier

EL PASO COUNTY – With the prevailing water shortage predicament this region has been experiencing for the past decade, conservation measures have become critical considerations in the way area residents and businesses irrigate their property.

To provide information in water-saving irrigation systems, the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service is offering special training sessions for anyone who works with or manages landscape irrigation systems.

"These courses are designed for Texas licensed irrigators, technicians and inspectors to get the required continuing education units to renew their licenses. However, other groups such as city or utility park employees can attend and benefit greatly from these classes. Even if not licensed, anyone who works with or manages landscape irrigation systems can benefit from these trainings," Charles Swanson, an AgriLife Extension irrigation specialist, stated in a recent news report.

The first irrigation course is the Landscape Irrigation Auditing and

Management (LIAM) short course, which will be held from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., April 14 and from 8:15 a.m. to 5 p.m., April 15, at the TechH2O Center, 10751 Montana Ave. Cost for the training sessions is \$265.

The second course, the Drip Irrigation Workshop, will be held from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., April 16 at the same location. Cost of this course is \$165.

Both courses are taught by College Station instructors, Swanson and Dr. Guy Fipps, an AgriLife Extension specialist and irrigation engineer. The courses are conducted by the Texas A&M School of Irrigation's Irrigation Technology Program, in cooperation with El Paso Water Utilities and AgriLife Extension for El Paso County.

The two-day LIAM course teaches students how to conserve water through landscape irrigation auditing. The course covers eight steps of auditing, including prioritizing audit sites, conducting field tests to measure system performance, calculating irrigation schedules and producing audit reports.

Students gain hands-on experience by performing two actual audits that include system troubleshooting, testing individual station performance, and identifying soil types and effective root depth, Swanson

explained.

Registration and completion of the course includes copies of the LIAM software and manual, Swanson said. The software is available to students upon completion of the class and is not for sale.

Students who complete the two-day auditing course will have the option to become a Texas Certified Landscape Irrigation Auditor through the Environmental Protection Agency's WaterSense Program. The certification exam is offered at the end of the second day at a cost of \$75.

The Irrigation Workshop on April 16 provides an overview of drip irrigation systems, their design and management, as well as a review of their hydraulics, Swanson stated.

"Instruction is provided on the types of drip products available in landscape applications and how to evaluate their performance characteristics and quality," Swanson said. "Topics include the advantages and disadvantages of drip irrigation in landscape applications and product selection."

Instruction is also provided on design and management considerations for

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Finances

By Jason Alderman

Affording Fido: A cost checklist for a new pet

Premium food, state-of-the-art veterinary care and creature comforts most humans would envy are now a regular part of life for many American pets. That’s why prospective pet owners should consider financial planning before bringing home

a dog, cat or other breed of animal.

For those considering purchasing or adopting a pet, do thorough research first about what owning that animal will cost. The wide range of products, services and advanced medical options for American pets have pushed U.S. pet industry expenditures to almost \$60 billion in 2014, nearly double the amount in 2004. With pet ownership tripling since the 1970s according to The Humane Society of the United States, it is no surprise that advanced pet products and services at high price points are making it very easy for many pet owners to overspend.

Prospective pet owners should begin their research with an idea of first-year costs. The ASPCA (<https://www.asPCA.org>) publishes an annual estimate for a variety of pets. Purchase and adoption costs may vary based on breed, so read as much as you can about a specific pet choice. Fortunately, virtually every kind of pet has an online presence, including sites for adoption and rescue. It’s particularly important to research the pet’s behavioral, care and health history and it might also be worthwhile to find a veterinarian who can offer additional insight about home

and medical care.

Keep in mind that average pet costs, not counting additional spending for toys, treats or non-routine veterinary care, can be daunting. For example, the ASPCA currently estimates that a large dog may cost roughly \$1,800 in his or her first year and \$780 a year afterward. That doesn’t include potential bills for major illness or accident care that might run into the thousands. If that dog lives eight to 10 years, that means spending a minimum of between \$7,260 and \$8,820 over a lifetime. Many experts and pet owners are still debating whether it makes sense to buy pet insurance, (<http://www.practicalmoneyskills.com/petinsurance>) and that is an option worth researching as well before a pet is purchased or adopted.

Many homeowners and renters should also check with their insurers for potential pet restrictions that may raise their premiums or risk voiding their coverage. In 2013, the Insurance Information Institute claimed that one-third of all homeowners insurance liability claims came from dog bites alone. Certain types of breeds may be considered higher-risk among some insurers, so before

a pet purchase or adoption, prospective pet owners should check their home or rental policies to see how the animal will affect the pricing or availability of coverage.

Finally, certain kinds of pet ownership situations may call for estate planning. Some pet breeds – birds and tortoises among them – may live well in excess of 20 years. If a pet owner becomes disabled or dies, pets at any age may have an uncertain future if there’s no plan in place for guardianship, care and ongoing financial support. Estate planners have recognized pet trusts as a potential legal solution for this purpose. Pet owners of advanced age, with disabling illness or living alone might consider leaving such specific instructions for their animals in their will or advance directives.

Bottom line: With the potential costs of veterinary and other forms of care, pet ownership requires its own form of financial planning. It’s important to do thorough research on costs related to specific species and breeds before you buy or adopt.

Jason Alderman directs Visa’s financial education programs.

Veterans Post

By Freddy Groves

Forms now required for claims, appeals

The back-of-the-envelope method of filing a disability-benefits claim with the Department of Veterans Affairs is no more. Any veteran wishing to file claims or appeals now will need to use the correct form. The forms will walk you through describing your symptoms or conditions, which will help get your claim moving in the right direction. The change is to help the VA clear up the backlog by the end of this year.

The following situations need the standardized forms:

Veteran or survivor application for disability compensation or pension: VA Form 21-526EZ, Application for Disability Compensation and Related Compensation Benefits, for veterans filing for disability benefits, or

Wartime veteran filing for pension: VA Form 21-527EZ, Application for Pension, or

Survivor filing for dependency and indemnity compensation, pension and

accrued benefits: VA Form 21-534EZ, Application for DIC, Death Pension, and/or Accrued Benefits.

Veteran wishing to appeal a disability decision: VA Form 21-0958, Notice of Disagreement. (Right now veterans and survivors won’t have to use that form to start appeals for pension or survivor benefit decisions.)

There are three ways to start the claims process with an intent to file (giving yourself a year to get it done): Access eBenefits online; complete a VA Form 21-0966, Intent to File a Claim for Compensation and/or Pension, or Survivors Pension and/or DIC; or call the VA at 800-827-1000.

The VA recommends that veterans filing claims or appeals work with a Veterans Service Organization representative, who’s skilled with a computer or familiar with the forms. Consider it a way to get your claim right the first time.

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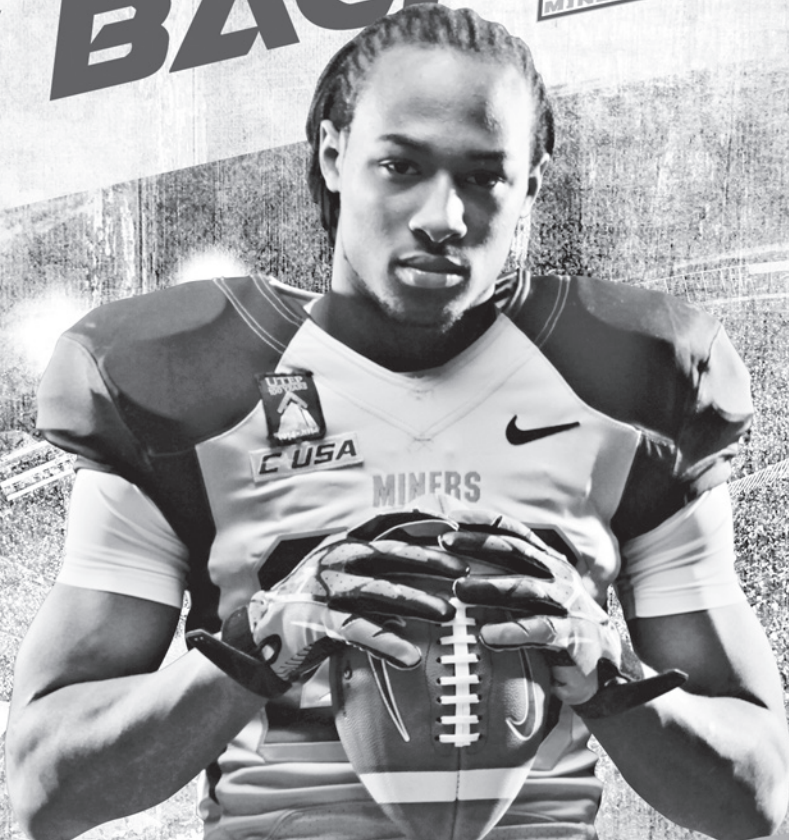
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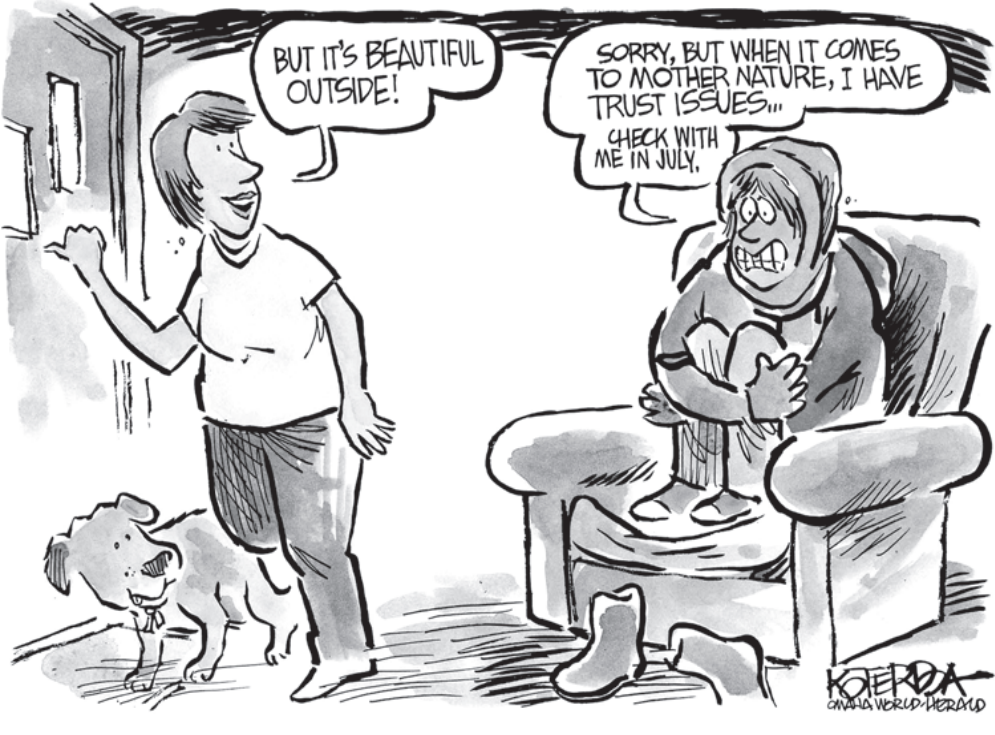
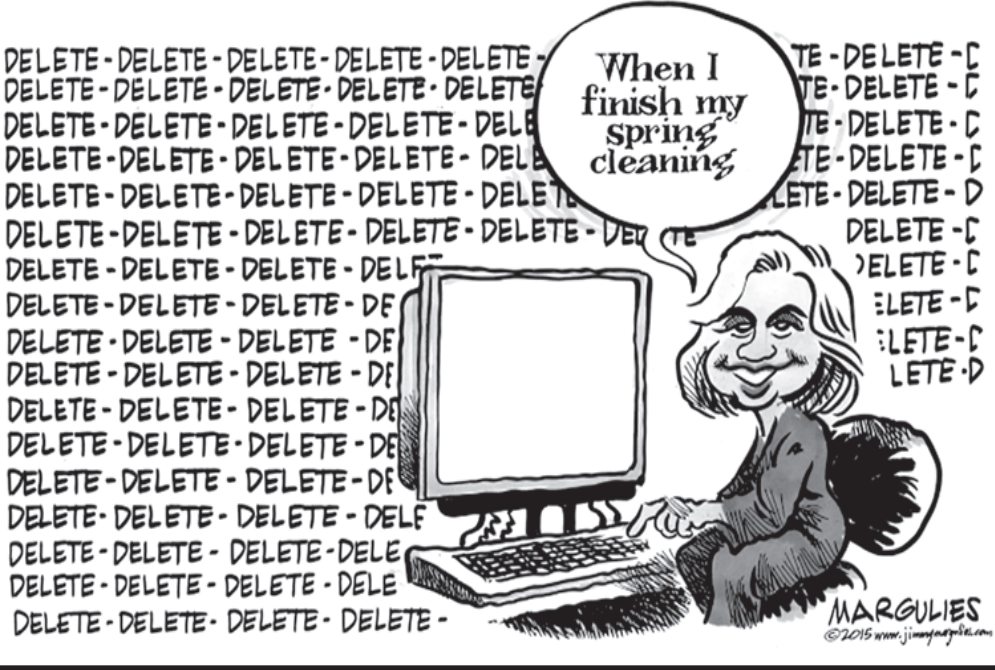
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Irrigation

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different plant materials and soils, as well as filtration and clogging control. Swanson said, “We also teach how to determine proper spacing of drip tubing and tapes, and how to select system components based on manufacturers product specifications.”

The Texas Commission on Environmental Quality has approved the LIAM course for 16 hours of continuing education units for licensed irrigators, irrigation technicians and irrigation inspectors.

The Drip Irrigation Workshop has been approved by the commission for eight hours of continuing education units for licensed irrigators: four hours in

introduction to landscape drip irrigation and four in the fundamentals of irrigation system hydraulics.

Swanson suggests students bring materials for taking notes and, while not necessary, they can bring laptop computers for use in the classes. For the LIAM short course, students should dress appropriately for outdoor field work, including rain gear.

For registration information, contact the AgriLife Conference Services at (979) 845-2604 or online at <http://agriliferegister.tamu.edu>.

The course and schedule information is available at the Texas A&M School of Irrigation website at <http://irrigation.tamu.edu>.

For more information about the program and course content, contact Swanson at (979) 845-5614.

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A message from the National Diabetes Education Program, sponsored by the National Institutes of Health and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

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STRANGE BUT TRUE
By Samantha Weaver

- It was 19th-century French historian Edgar Quinet who made the following sage observation: “Time is the fairest and toughest judge.”
- The Guinness brewery in Dublin, Ireland, has a 9,000-year lease on the property – and the rent is a mere 45 Irish pounds per year.
- Researchers at Yale University have determined that the most recognizable scent to American adults is coffee, followed by peanut butter in the No. 2 spot.
- In 1941, the British entered World War II, much to the relief of the USSR. One Soviet admiral was so grateful for the help that when a British naval captain on the submarine HMS Trident commented that his wife had a hard time pushing the baby carriage through the snow in Britain, the admiral declared, “You need a reindeer!” – and presented the sub’s crew with one. Dubbed Pollyanna, the reindeer spent six weeks aboard the sub, where it reportedly liked to sleep under the captain’s bed. Pollyanna eventually ended up at the Regents Park Zoo.
- The state of Mississippi takes its name (unsurprisingly) from the river. But how did the river get its name? Etymologists say that the modern pronunciation is from a French variant of “meshi-ziibi,” which in Algonquian Ojibwa means “big river.”
- Those who study such things say that 20 percent of modern relationships that end in marriage begin online.
- The red panda is a vulnerable mammal species found in parts of Asia. It’s about the size of a house cat, but its tail can grow up to 19 inches long.
- When the Crayola company was approaching a production milestone, executives asked Mister Rogers to come to the factory to pour the wax for the one billionth crayon.

Thought for the Day:
“Imitation is the sincerest form of television.”
– Fred Allen

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Sianez passes challenging IT certification exams

By Christina Flores-Jones
Special to the Courier

SOCORRO ISD – El Dorado High School’s Samantha Sianez, 16, has passed two of the most rigorous technology certification exams, the CompTIA Security+ and CompTIA A+ tests.

San Elizario ISD receives grant to support homeless education

By Cynthia P. Marentes
Special to the Courier

SAN ELIZARIO – The San Elizario Independent School District (SEISD) will now have more resources to serve children and youth experiencing homelessness. The District received notification on March 30 that it had been selected as a recipient of the Texas Support for Homeless Education Program (TEXSHEP) subgrant.

“Children in homeless situations may live in a chaotic environment. We hope this grant will help our staff bring a sense of normalcy to these students by providing a sense of support,” Superintendent Sylvia Hopp said.

There are currently 3,925 students enrolled in SEISD schools and approximately 5 percent are considered homeless. Students are considered as living in a homeless situation if they “lack a fixed, regular, and adequate nighttime residence,” according to the federal definition found in the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act of 2001 – Title X, Part C of the No Child Left Behind Act – Sec. 725.

SEISD was chosen to receive the TEXSHEP subgrant after a thorough evaluation by outside reviewers and staff as well as the quality of its application submitted back in December 2014. The award amount will be up to \$17,046 for the first year of a three-year project beginning on September 1, 2015.

The TEXSHEP sub grants come from the McKinney-Vento Education for Homeless Children and Youth federal funds and are administered in Texas by the Region 10 Education Service Center, the Texas Homeless Education Office at the Charles A. Dana Center at the University of Texas at Austin, and the Texas Education Agency. Funding must be used to facilitate the enrollment, attendance, and success in school of homeless children and youth.

She is the youngest person to pass both exams offered by CompTIA. She is now officially certified in computer maintenance and security.

Her achievement exceeds what most people enrolled in IT programs at EPCC, Western Tech, Southwest and OBC do, said David Caldwell, computer maintenance teacher at El Dorado High School.

Sianez intends to continue studying and learning more about the IT field and plans to become a cyber-security analyst when she graduates. Her next step is getting an internship for

more hands-on experience.

“I had no idea I would have an interest in IT,” Sianez said. “But all my hard work, with the help of Mr. Caldwell, has paid off.”

Sianez also was interviewed recently by the Creating IT Futures Foundation, the non-profit foundation of the global IT industry association CompTIA, for a feature on the foundation’s blog. The article was published on March 26 and can be viewed at <http://bit.ly/1bRn2mT>.


Fabens Independent School District PUBLIC NOTICE

The Fabens Independent School District Special Education Department will be destroying confidential student information on special education students who have graduated, moved or were dismissed in 2007. Parents of these students may come to the Special Education Department located at 821NE “G” Ave. in Fabens on Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. to claim their child’s file. The remaining files will be destroyed as per state directives 30 days from the date of this notice. If you have an questions, please call (915) 765-2690.

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NBA MVP is up for grabs for the best of the best

By Steve Escajeda
Special to the Courier

April 15, as we all know and dread, is tax day.

But it also represents something important on the sports calendar – it’s the final day of the NBA regular season.

These last few days are the last chance that teams have to place themselves in the best possible position for a playoff run.

It also happens to be the last time players who are in the hunt for the MVP trophy can show off their stuff.

Usually by this time of the season it’s pretty cut and dry as to who is going to win.

But this year it’s totally up in the air and there are no less than four guys who have a legitimate claim to the prize.

The four frontrunners are Golden State’s Stephen Curry, Houston’s James Harden, Oklahoma City’s Russell Westbrook and Cleveland’s LeBron James.

The funny thing is that this race is impossible to predict. When you listen to any of the sports talk shows out

there, the four different experts will give four different names.

And every player has the credentials to be named the MVP.

Curry, who may be the best pure shooter in the world, gets an immediate vote for being the best player on the best team.

This is a category I don’t agree with but people who make a lot more money than I do seem to think it is very important.

But besides that, Curry is sixth in the league in scoring, averaging 23.6 points per game while hitting a whopping 43 percent of his 3-point tries.

Curry can’t be categorized as a ball hog either because he’s sixth in assists at 7.7 per contest.

When you’re the best player on, not only the best team but the most exciting team in the league to watch, that goes a long way.

There’s more to fear in Harden’s game than just his beard. Harden is tied for the league lead in scoring at 27.5 per game. Harden is also eighth in assists dishing out seven a night.

But Harden isn’t doing it just on the offensive end of the court; he’s fifth

in the league in steals at nearly two an outing.

What makes Harden’s play even more impressive is that he’s had to do it almost entirely without big man Dwight Howard.

Though Westbrook has always been a great player, he’s had to toil in the shadow of last year’s MVP, Kevin Durant.

But after Durant went down with an injury earlier this season, Westbrook has gone on a rampage of historical proportions.

Westbrook has turned into a triple-double machine in the second half of the season and is doing things that only players like Michael Jordan, Oscar Robertson, Larry Bird and Magic Johnson have done.

He is tied with Harden for the league lead in scoring at 27.5, he’s fourth in assists at 8.6, he’s second in steals at 2.11 and not only does Westbrook lead the NBA in triple-doubles with 10, the next closest player has 3.

Everyone would probably agree that LeBron James is still the best player in the league and in the world. And just like with Michael Jordan, the best player isn’t necessarily voted the

MVP.

But James has, almost quietly, had another fantastic season, averaging 25.6 points, 5.9 rebounds and 7.3 assists per game.

Of course LeBron’s biggest impact can be seen in wins and losses.

Last year Cleveland was 33-49 without him, this year they are 49-27 with him. Last year Miami was 54-28 with him, this year they are 34-42 without him.

Without a doubt, James is one of those guys who makes everybody else around him better.

So all four of these guys has a legitimate claim to the MVP crown.

I believe it will go to Curry because the NBA, for some reason, is really big on that ‘best guy on the best team’ thing.

I think it should go to either Harden or Westbrook, because they both have led their teams without their injured superstar teammates.

Westbrook has been dominant in so many facets of the game that I believe he should get the nod.

But then again, if you consider what Harden and James and Curry have done ...

A sporting view By Mark Vasto

Mullin anticipation

Basketball legend Chris Mullin has been named the head coach of the St. Johns Red Storm. He’s a rookie coach, so this column is

for all the young recruits out there who don’t know about Chris Mullin, and all of the naysayers who may have forgotten.

See, a long, long time ago, probably in the same room you’re sitting in now, only different because the rugs were a bit shaggier and probably the color of burnt sienna, there was TV. And it was good.

The 2-inch-thick glass screen was set in an attractive wood cabinet that smelled vaguely

of lemon-scented furniture polish, and there were two dials set off to the right. The top dial was the one for the human race. When you turned it, you could tune in to these selections: 2 (there was no 1), 4, 5, 7, 9, 11 and 13. The bottom dial was apparently for the Druids, because nobody knew what that dial was for.

Then one day, the rabbit ears on top of the TV disappeared, replaced by a little brown box

with three rows of buttons and a long brown cable. With great anticipation, we all settled in to see what was on the other side of channel 13. For my group of friends, the afternoons were filled with wrestling. Jimmy “Superfly” Snuka, Andre the Giant, Sgt. Slaughter and the pesky Iron Sheik became staples of our enjoyment. At night the WWF gave way to

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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.

DIFFICULTY: ★★

★ Moderate ★★ Difficult
★★★ GO FIGURE!

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FEAR KNOT

By: rj johnson

CONQUER THE WHIRLED

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♥ GUNRIL
NADLE
TNGE
WRORNA
OWO
♥ UNTA
WROSN
♥ DNA
NUGTLE
WOGAL
♥ OLTO

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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Briefs

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8,000 low-income Texans with similar housing issues on an annual basis. Added Hall, “Educating renters on their legal rights is key to making sure that Texas families can live in safe, affordable housing. With the help of the El Paso Bar Foundation, local renters will now have the resources they need to protect themselves.” Established in 1970, Texas RioGrande Legal Aid, Inc. (TRLA) is a nonprofit organization that provides free legal services to low-income and disadvantaged clients in a 68-county service area. TRLA’s mission is to promote the dignity, self-sufficiency, safety and stability of low-income Texas residents by providing high-quality legal assistance and related educational services. For more information visit www.trla.org.

– Cynthia Martinez

burglars, through the Crime Stoppers, “Crime of the Week.” In the early morning hours of Monday, March 23, 2015, four suspects broke the glass door to the Target store located at 1901 George Dieter. The suspects made their way to the electronics department where they took 14 Apple I-Pads, four X-Box game consoles and other similar items. The suspects left the store quickly and fled the scene. In total they took more than eight thousand dollars in merchandize. The suspects were all dressed in dark clothing and hid their faces with masks. The burglary took place at about 3 a.m., and investigators are certain that someone knows the identity of those involved in this burglary. Anyone with information on these burglars is asked to call Crime Stoppers of El Paso immediately at 566-8477 (TIPS), on-line at www.crimestoppersofelpaso.org or you can send a text message by entering the key word “CRIME1” (no space and include the quotation marks) 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.

– Javier Sambrano

Mullin

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another league: The Big East. That little brown box and that fledgling sports network (third button from the left on the second row) changed everything. All of those phony wrestling story lines were replaced by an even more colorful cast of the most implausible group you can imagine – a bunch of kids and the coaches that loved them shooting hoops for the Tri-State area’s local Catholic colleges, colleges that most of the nation west of I-95 had never heard of. What’s a Hoya? Which exit for Seton Hall? You play games at Rhode Island? What’s with that guy’s sweater?

Let’s stop there for a moment. The guy wearing the sweater was Lou Carnesecca. He was the coach of St. Johns. His shooting guard was Chris Mullin, and the kid was lights out. He’s the guy that’s going to be recruiting you, the guy who’s going to be coaching you, and dealing with the boosters and the press. Real quick, here’s his resume:

Education: McDonald’s High School All-American, three-time Big East player of the year, three-time All-American and winner of both the Oscar Robertson and John Wooden Awards, which is basically the basketball Heisman.

Professional experience: Five-time NBA All-Star, averaged 20 points per game, GM of the Golden State Warriors, VP of the Sacramento Kings.

Volunteer work: Two-time Olympic Gold Medal winner, original member of the 1996 “Dream Team.”

Awards: Yeah. He’s in the Hall of Fame. All of them.

To the detractors, let’s reason this out. The kids may not know who he is, but the parents sure do, and he knows the academic part of the equation because he’s already done that... he went there. Boosters? You’re welcome. All that’s left for Mullin is our anticipation of what’s on next.

Mark Vasto is a veteran sportswriter who lives in Kansas City. (c) 2015 King Features Synd., Inc.

Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ★★

★ Moderate ★★ Challenging
Answer Page 4 ★★★ HOO BOY!

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Clue: H equals T

HON EOBL RN EHWHN OWE MNDJ

DNKNVHGJ WUBQHNU W VNL

HBSDXER EGBTWV: “RXEEBSDX

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