



NEWSBRIEFS

Bowlers invited

Bowlers of all ages are invited to join participate in the Second Annual Rotary Club of West El Paso Bowling Tournament that is scheduled to begin at noon, Saturday, April 18, at Fiesta Bowling Lanes, 5850 Onix Drive. Tournament Committee Chairperson Ofelia Mletzko said that the annual bowling event will benefit the club's Rotary Foundation for Youth activities. "The Youth Activities program support's Rotary International's guiding principles to encourage the advancement of international understanding, goodwill, and peace through a world fellowship of business and professional persons united in the ideal of service," Mletzko stated. Sponsors for this year's tournament include United Blood Services, One Source FCU, Mortgage Professionals, Federal Reserve, First Tee of El Paso, Plains Capital, Nationwide Insurance, United Bank, Sun City Carpets, State Farm Insurance, Hospice of El Paso, ASA Architects, Holdingstar Group, and the Rotary Clubs of El Paso. To reserve a lane for a team of four contact Mletzko, at 474-0113 or send email to ofeliamletzko@gmail.com. Fee and a sign up form are posted at <http://rotarywestelpaso.org>

— Alfredo Vasquez

Job fair

The Career Services Department at El Paso Community College presents Job Fair 2015. The job fair will bring numerous employers who will offer job and internship opportunities. The fair will be held from 10:00am-1:00 p.m., Wednesday, May 6, 2015 at the Valle Verde campus, Building C Cafeteria Annex, 919 Hunter. This event is free and open to the public. Job seekers should dress professionally, bring copies of their resume and be ready to interview on the spot. Only serious job seekers should attend. For more information on Job Fair 2015, please contact (915) 831-2636, via email at careerservices@epcc.edu or visit us at www.epcc.edu/careerservices.

— Jim Heiney

Info sought

An eleven-year-old boy is seriously injured in El Paso's eastside by a hit and run driver. Investigators from the El Paso Police Department are asking for your help in identifying the driver

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A good example has twice the value of good advice.

— Quips & Quotes



— Photo courtesy Fabens ISD

MEDALS ALL AROUND – Fabens brought home 33 medals, 18 ribbons and 7 first place team plaques after the District 4A competition in Clint on March 28. 29 students advanced to the regional competition to be held in Lubbock on April 25.

FHS excels in academic competition

By Denise Peña
Special to the Courier

FABENS – After winning the title of UIL Academic District Champions for the ninth time in a row, Fabens High School is advancing 29 students to the regional competition held in Lubbock on April 25.

In total Fabens brought home 33 medals, 18 ribbons and 7 first place team plaques after the District 4A competition in Clint on March 28.

In addition, 11 students advanced to One-Act bi-district competition in Seminole, TX on April 9 with awards for Best Actress for Vanessa Rodriguez and Best Stage Manager for Lauren Wilson.

All these successes come after months of hard work and preparation. "My students read intensively all year long," Literary Criticism coach Lorena Flores said. "Then we'd meet to break apart the texts and discuss their components."

Principal Ruben Carrillo could not

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— Photo by Keri Moe

LOTS OF HARDWARE – The El Paso Community College Forensics Team cleaned up in the Phi Rho Pi National Competition. In front, from left, are Sean Diaz, Camille Acosta and Joaquin Castañeda. In back, from left are Charles Kolodgy, Keith Townsend, Angelo Madrigal and Joel Anguiano.

EPCC Forensics Team cleans up at Nationals

By Jim Heiney
Special to the Courier

EL PASO COUNTY – El Paso Community College's (EPCC) Forensics Team triumphed once again at the Phi Rho Pi National Competition. Results were announced April 11, 2015 in Cleveland, Ohio, location of this year's event.

As a team, EPCC won the Phi Rho Pi Gold Sweepstakes Award for Individual Events, which the team has won four consecutive years. The EPCC team won Silver in the National Championships Overall Sweepstakes.

Individual awards include: Camille Acosta-Gold in Duo and Dramatic Interpretation; Sean Diaz-Gold in Duo and Prose, Bronze in Dramatic Interpretation, 5th Place Bovero-Tabor Award which recognizes the highest accumulated points

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Finances By Jason Alderman

Resetting your retirement after divorce

Retirement planning can face derailment after a divorce. Married, two-income couples have the advantage of splitting living expenses and pooling all their investment assets, including retirement accounts. Once the marriage is over, costs for separate households may limit the ability of ex-spouses to keep their retirement on track.

After a divorce, individuals generally walk away with a share of joint retirement assets based on how they negotiate that split. However, returning to singlehood means the end of shared expenses with housing, food, transportation and related expenses now being paid out of one wallet, not two. This can mean considerably less money to direct toward retirement and other savings and investments.

To assure a comfortable retirement, many experts advise individuals to save and invest over time so they can live annually on at least 70 percent of their pre-retirement income. Divorcing couples should retain separate qualified financial experts to assure an equitable split of assets and a continuing plan to build a solid retirement

in single life.

Here are a few steps to reset one's retirement goals after divorce.

Gather a personal finance team. It's a good idea to hire a financial professional to offer advice on all relevant financial, investment, tax, estate and retirement details of a divorce negotiation. Afterward, individuals may continue with these advisors or interview new ones. Personal referrals are best, but the following resources may help:

- The Certified Planner Board of Standards;

- The Association for Financial Counseling and Planning Education;

- The Financial Planning Association; and

- Your state CPA society.

Budget. Spending priorities can change after a divorce. Newly divorced spouses should track all new spending diligently so they can reset their budget for retirement. (<http://www.practicalmoneyskills.com/retirementcalc>) Qualified financial advisors can help review a divorcing individual's budgeting strategy to make sure

as much money goes to savings as possible.

Evaluate all retirement assets. When divorce is finalized, it is a wise idea to take inventory of all retirement assets to determine whether they still fit investment goals. If one's 401(k) or employer plan administrator does not have a calculator to help estimate how accounts will grow under certain investment scenarios, refer to Bankrate.com's various retirement calculators for help.

Review Social Security benefits. Most experts urge individuals to wait as close to age 70 as possible to start drawing their Social Security benefits. Check the Social Security Administration's Delayed Retirement Benefits page (<http://www.ssa.gov/retire2/delayret.htm>) for a discussion of how and when to start taking payments. Also keep in mind that retirees married 10 years or longer who have stayed single may be entitled to Social Security benefits on their ex-spouse's record if they meet certain requirements.

Be honest about new financial limitations. If a serious retirement shortfall emerges after divorce, it's important to reset financial

priorities. That may mean speaking with family members about necessary cutbacks in certain expenses. It is important to have retirement in the best shape possible to avoid stress on family finances later.

Bottom line: The personal

and financial disruption caused by divorce can make it easy for newly single individuals to neglect their retirement planning. It is important to seek advice and take all necessary steps to keep one's retirement on track.

Jason Alderman directs Visa's financial education programs.

Veterans Post By Freddy Groves

PTSD book for kids

Veterans with PTSD carry a big burden: not always knowing how to control a reaction to a trigger. Veterans who have small children have an even bigger burden when the little ones don't understand what's wrong.

Seth Kastle, a career veteran with multiple deployments under his belt, has taken matters in hand and written a book to help them understand why he is the way he is now – and that it's not their fault.

While some PTSD includes symptoms of nightmares or insomnia or any number of other symptoms, Kastle's manifested in anger, and he couldn't explain it to his daughters.

"Why Is Dad So Mad?" should be mandatory reading for veterans with PTSD and their small children. The book is loaded with kid-friendly pictures, with the tale told by a family of lions.

The most overriding message

about the book came from Kastle's 6-year-old daughter: "No matter what, when they're mad or sad at you, they still love you."

To order the book, go to Kastle's website at www.kastlebooks.com or look at Amazon.com for "Why Is Dad So Mad? A Book About PTSD and Military Families." It's even available on Kindle (but remember that little kids having a bedtime story read to them love to see the pictures as the pages are flipped). On Amazon, click the "Look Inside" button on the cover to view a sample of the graphics and text.

If you're on Twitter, go online and give Kastle a big thumbs-up at @kastlebooks. Coming soon will be the female veteran version: "Why is Mom So Mad?"

Note to VA: Buy this book in bulk, and stock all the VA hospitals and clinics.

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SISD schools get ready for STAAR tests with rallies

By Christina Flores-Jones
Special to the Courier

Socorro – Socorro Independent School District (SISD) students have studied and practiced for the next round of STAAR tests, which are scheduled for the week of April 20. SISD schools are offering encouragement and fun this week to get ready for the test days.

Bill Sybert School will have two rallies on April 17. At both events, SISD's board trustee Michael Najera will talk to students and offer words of encouragement before the big test.

Ernesto Serna School will be having a carnival-themed rally called Target the STAAR. The games will include strategies that students have learned to help with STAAR content objectives, such as analyze, check twice, focus and pace yourself. SISD superintendent José Espinoza will be the guest speaker.

At Benito Martinez, the rally will include grilled hamburgers, inflatable toys, water toys and a mechanical bull. There also will be an extreme obstacle course for kids. The theme is STAAR Warrior, based on the TV show American Ninja Warrior.

"We just want to give the students a day where they can relax and enjoy themselves," said Benito Martinez Principal Greg Hatch. "Next week they will be ready."

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WHICH IS SEEN BY THE OBAMA ADMINISTRATION AS A PLACE GUIDED BY RELIGIOUS ZEALOTS WHO CAN'T BE TRUSTED?



View from here By John Grimaldi

'Income confiscation' is taking away the good life from American wage earners

The liberal notion of 'income inequality' is a divisive political ploy

NATION – It's not "income inequality" that threatens the future economic growth of our country, it is "income confiscation" that saps our strength, according to Dan Weber, president of the Association of Mature American Citizens (on the web at www.amac.us).

America was built on the premise that "hard work deserves to be rewarded, not deterred, and we reward hard work in a free society with what we call income," Weber explained.

He said that "the economy slows when the incentive to work is replaced by government programs that create dependence. It happens when our leaders beat the war drums of class warfare and income inequality, instead of encouraging Americans to work and allowing them to keep the income they sacrifice to earn."

In an Opinion Article published at Townhall.com this week, Weber railed against the "unconscionably divisive" tactics that liberal politicians are using these days to win votes. "Chief among their ploys is the fabricated notion of income inequality, a campaign phrase with a nice ring to it, if you are a politician who has little else to offer."

Weber pointed out that while "all men are created equal," as the Declaration of Independence phrases it, each of us is

"blessed with different talents, levels of opportunity, ambitions and the proclivity or disposition for work." The incentive for that disposition for work is a paycheck, he said.

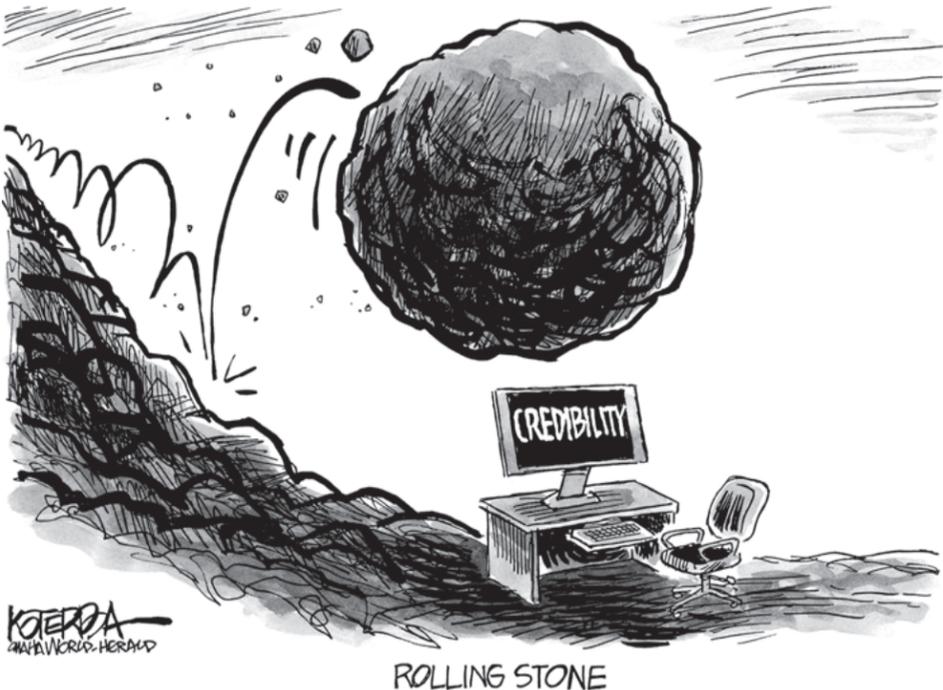
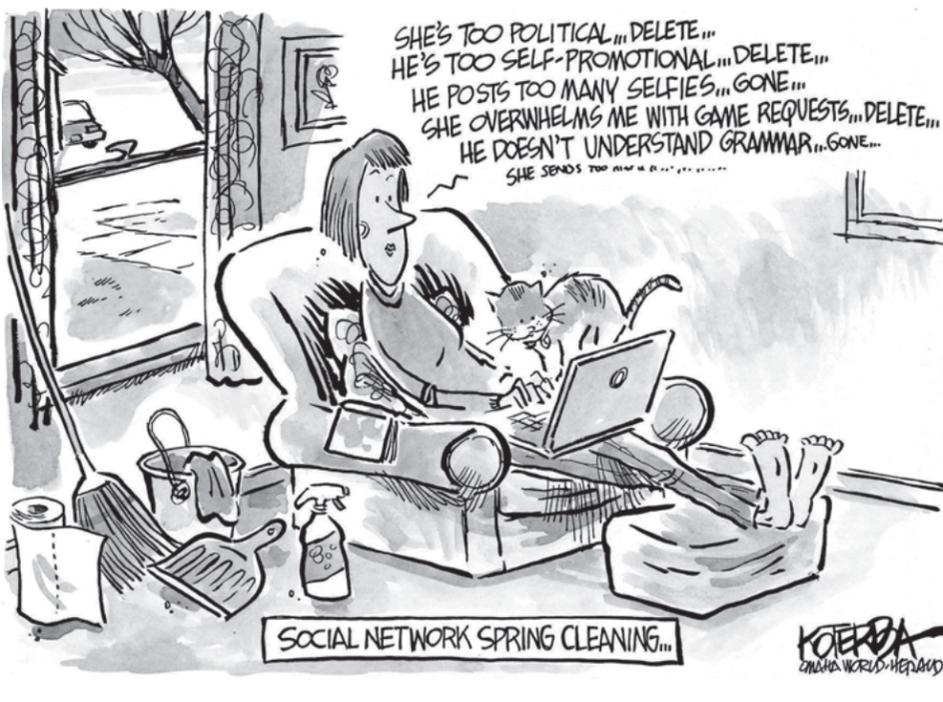
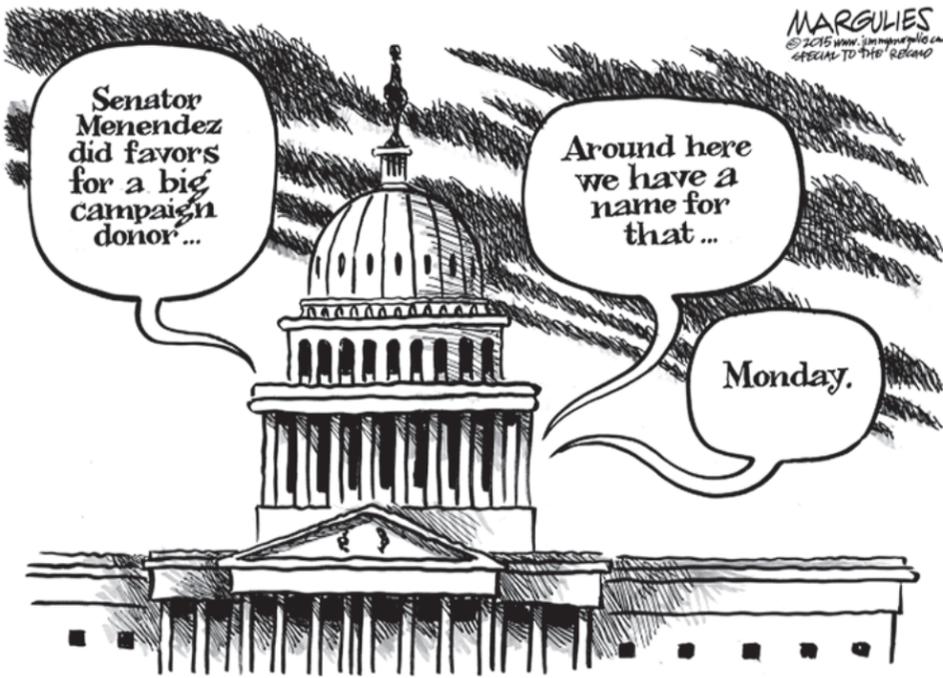
Therefore, he added, "The real culprit that is hurting American workers is not income inequality, it is government gluttony, or in a phrase, income confiscation. We work hard, and the government takes more and more of what we earn. Bloated taxation, or income confiscation, is destroying the country we love."

Weber offered solutions as well as opinion. He said: "We have to cut taxes and discontinue programs that do not work, that take away jobs and responsibilities from the private sector that belong there, that the president thinks buy him votes, or that a congressman considers his personal pet project – all with your money. We have to root out the pervasive overspending and fraud in government and genuinely commit to eliminating wasteful spending."

The AMAC chief said we need to neutralize the impact of the invective that left leaning politicians are using to recruit voters.

"The liberals have used the term Income Inequality in conjunction with their attacks

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Canutillo ISD adjusts school boundary lines

By Shane Griffith
Special to the Courier

The Canutillo Independent School District established new

boundary lines for its elementary schools as it prepares to open its newest elementary campus this summer. The CISD Board of Trustees approved the boundary changes in a unanimous vote on

Feb. 24, 2015, after reviewing three different scenarios.

The adopted scenario, "Scenario 2," established an opening enrollment of 406 students for the new Congressman Silvestre and Carolina Reyes Elementary School and will alleviate overcrowding at three CISD elementary schools. No boundary changes occurred to the Deanna Davenport Elementary School located in the Westway neighborhood. The opening enrollment number at Reyes Elementary was intentionally set low to accommodate the arrival of additional students in the fast-growing neighborhoods along the I-10 and Transmountain

Road corridors.

"We invested a large amount of time to collect sound data, establish effective decision objectives, and include our entire community to review and comment on these changes," said CISD Superintendent Dr. Pedro Galavíz. "These transparent efforts have paid off so that we can focus on the final construction and staffing of our new school together with registering new and returning students at all of our high quality campuses."

The process to redraw the boundary lines began last year with district administrators compiling information from the district, the city's planning and inspections department, the county, and from developers and homebuilders in the district. CISD established five objectives for redrawing

the boundary lines: anticipate growth; keep neighborhoods together; recognize federal funding implications based on student demographics; alleviate overcrowding at target schools; and maximize CISD facilities. CISD officials held 10 community meetings throughout the district to present the proposed changes to parents and students as well as to district staff and administrators.

The new elementary school boundary map is posted on the homepage of the CISD website. Registration for the 2015-2016 school year will occur May 4-8 for elementary schools, May 18-21 for middle schools, August 10-14 for Canutillo High School and the first week of August for Northwest Early College High School.

Income

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on our free enterprise system. I feel sure that they tested that message with a focus group and received good feedback. So we must find a way to counter their indoctrination. I asked a number of people if they had heard that term

and 95% said they had. If conservatives started to explain income confiscation and how it hurts people and the economy, we could cancel out their campaign and start educating voters on what is really causing most of our problems. The truth is, income confiscation by government, is taking away the good life from American wage earners."

Town of Anthony, Texas Notice of Municipal Election Aviso de Elección Municipal

TO THE REGISTERED VOTERS OF ANTHONY

A LOS VOTANTES DE LA CIUDAD DE ANTHONY, TEXAS

A general election will be held in the Town of Anthony, Texas on May 9, 2015 for the purpose of electing the following officials:

MAYOR; ALDERMAN, PLACE ONE and ALDERMAN, PLACE TWO FOR TWO (2) YEARS TERMS EACH.

In accordance with an order adopted by the Town Council of Anthony, Texas on February 10, 2015 with the election to be held at the Anthony Town Office, 401 Wildcat, Anthony, Texas. Voting hours on election day, May 9, 2015 shall be from 7 a.m. until 7 p.m.

Se llevara acabo una eleccion general el dia 9 de mayo 2015 con el proposito de elegir a los siguientes funcionarios para dicha ciudad.

ALCALDE; MIEMBRO DEL CONCILIO, POSICION UNO; y MIEMBRO DEL CONCILIO, POSICION DOS POR DOS (2) ANOS

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En acuerdo con la orden adoptada por el concilio de la ciudad de Anthony el 10 de febrero, 2015 se llevara acabo en el siguiente lugar:

La oficina de la Ciudad de Anthony, Texas, 401 Wildcat, Anthony, Texas. El horario para votar en el día 9 de mayo 2015 de la eleccion sera de las siete de la mañana hasta las siete de la noche.

The early voting for the above will be held at the Anthony Town Office, 401 Wildcat, Anthony, Texas and said place for early voting shall remain open from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. weekdays, which is not a Saturday or Sunday, or an official state holiday, beginning April 27, 2015 through May 5, 2015 (7 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Monday, May 4, 2015 and Tuesday, May 5, 2015).

La votacion de antemano para dicha eleccion se llevara acabo en la oficina de la Ciudad de Anthony, 401 Wildcat, Anthony, Texas. Dicho sitio para la votacion de antemano se mantendra abierto por lo minimo ocho horas cada día, de las 10:00 a.m. a 4:00 p.m., menos el sabado, domingo,

o dias festivos del estado comensando el 27 de abril, 2015 y continuando hasta el día 5 de mayo, 2015 (7 de la mañana a las 7 de la tarde empezando el día 4 de mayo de 2015, y el día 5 de mayo de 2015).

The early voting clerk's mailing address to which ballot applications and ballots voted by mail may be sent to:

La direccion postal de la secretaria de votacion de antemano para votar por correo y a donde se pueden enviar solicitudes para balotas y enviar las balotas con votos es:

Town of Anthony TX Elections
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Anthony, Texas 79821

Applications for ballots by mail must be received no later than the close of business on April 30, 2015.

Las solicitudes para boletas que se votaran en ausencia por correo deberan recibirse para el fin de las horas de negocio del 30 de abril 2015.

Luis Vela
Mayor, Alcalde
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Fabens

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be more proud. "Fabens High School has a tradition of maintaining high expectations for our students," Carrillo said. "The medals reflect the rigor implemented in the classroom and the amount of time and dedication put forth by the faculty and students."

Students who participate plan to take the lessons learned through competition beyond high school. "It was my first

time competing and I had to put a lot of effort into really focusing on my writing," senior Bianca Gomez said about the News Writing event. "I expect to use these skills in college."

Student participation in academic events is highly stressed because its benefits go beyond school application. "It is crucial for students to get involved in competition," Carrillo said. "Not only does it encourage them to maintain good academic standing, but also, it builds self-esteem and promotes unity among the student body."

EPCC

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in individual events; Joaquin Arturo Castañeda-Bronze in Dramatic Interpretation.

Camille Acosta also won

the Warren-Dahlin Student Fellowship Award given to the outstanding student at the Phi Rho Pi National Tournament. Camille exhibited the finest qualities of fellowship which is voted on by the more than 500 students attending the tournament.

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School districts, Town of Anthony schedule elections for May

By Alfredo Vasquez
Special to the Courier

EL PASO COUNTY – Elections for school boards, a bond issue, and a municipality in out-lying El Paso County communities are less than a month away as early voting period is slated to start Monday, April 27 and continue through Tuesday, May 5. Election Day is scheduled for Saturday, May 9.

On the ballot for May 9 are elections for Anthony Independent School District, San Elizario Independent School District, Socorro Independent School District, Clint Independent School District, and El Paso Community College (EPCC). The Town of Anthony is set to elect a new mayor and fill two council member slots.

Anthony ISD will have three at-large board of trustees seats up for election in May. Only three candidates are running for election, so they will not be contested races. Current board president Christine Singh is seeking re-election, as is board secretary Mary R. Jones. Roberto Guerrero Jr. is campaigning for the other spot on the board as current trustee Robert M. Haro Jr. is not seeking re-election.

Four at-large board of trustee seats for San Elizario ISD are included in the upcoming election. The seats are numbered 4 through 7. Place 7 will be the only contested race with

two candidates on the ballot. Current board member Armando Martinez will face challenger Bernice Barragan. Incumbents Vicente Delgadillo (Place 4), Antonio Araujo (Place 5) and Irene Jaquez (Place 6) are running uncontested.

Socorro ISD has incumbent Hector Gonzalez running unopposed in District 1 (Montwood); and two at-large seats are being sought by Antonio “Tony” Ayub (incumbent), Michael Najera (incumbent), Frank Del Toro, and Kenneth Gezelius.

Voters in the Clint ISD will be asked to approve a bond issue in the May election. Clint ISD officials are proposing an \$80 million bond sale to address facility upgrades and overcrowding.

Under the proposal, the tax rate would increase by about 7 cents to about \$1.41 per \$100 property valuation. That translates to an increase of \$49 a year on the district’s portion of a tax bill on a home valued at \$75,000 with a standard exemption, according to Clint ISD officials. The Clint

district, which serves about 11,800 students in 14 schools, has an annual operating budget of about \$84 million.

EPCC also will hold elections in May for two Board of Trustees positions. Three candidates have filed to run. The race for the District 3 seat, primarily representing Central El Paso and the Fort Bliss area, will be the only competitive race. Current trustee Belen B. Robles, a consultant, is seeking re-election. She will run against U.S. Army Master Sgt. Joe Fierro Jr., who oversees mobilizations and deployments of all units in the Fort Bliss area. Incumbent Brian Haggerty is the lone candidate for the District 2 position, which represents Northeast El Paso.

As for the Town of Anthony, up for election are Mayor, Place 1 and Place 2. Current mayor Lee Vela has decided not to seek a second term, and running to replace him are current council member Benjamin Romero and Martin Lerma, a firefighter for the West Valley Fire Department



Besides the elections within El Paso city limits, voters in some of the other county communities will also go to the polls this May 9. Anthony ISD, San Elizario ISD, Socorro ISD, Clint ISD, El Paso Community College (EPCC), and the Town of Anthony are scheduled to hold early voting from April 27 through May 5.



– Photo courtesy San Elizario ISD

PLAYING FOR THE STATE TITLE – The San Eliario Eagles are the Conference 4A Regional Champs.

San Elizario HS boys soccer in final four

By Cynthia P. Marentes
Special to the Courier

SAN ELIZARIO – The San Elizario High School (SEHS) boys soccer team made history by capturing the Conference 4A Regional Championship in the University Interscholastic League State Soccer Tournament this weekend and advancing to the final four. The Eagles will now face Kilgore High School in Georgetown, TX on April 15 in the semifinals, the only team they need to beat before they can make a run for the state championship on April 17.

“Our boys soccer team is on a mission to capture a state title,”

Peter Morales, San Elizario ISD Athletics Director stated.

The Eagles defeated Gainesville High School 3-0 on April 10 in the regional semifinals. Junior forward Edwin Marquez scored the opening goal for SEHS during the first half followed by one each from juniors Marcos Utajara and Alex Madrid.

The following afternoon on April 11 SEHS battled Life Oak Cliff High School to clinch the regional title with a score of 3-1. Once again in that game Marquez placed the first number on the scoreboard for the Eagles within 15 minutes into the first half. Senior goalkeeper Alexis Cervantes then made an incredible stop to keep the

score at 1-0 for the remainder of the half. Madrid also made a successful shot at the goal three minutes into the second half. The Life Oak Cliff Lions came back 2-1 in an attempt to close the gap with 18 minutes remaining in the game. However, midfielder and forward Edgar Corral sealed the victory for the Eagles by scoring the third goal just minutes before the final whistle blew.

Head coach Max Sappenfield also guided the Eagles to the regional semifinals of the state playoffs during the 2011-2012 school year.

(Publisher’s note: The results of the April 15 match were not available before press time.)

Briefs

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involved in this hit and run through the Crime Stoppers, “Crime of the Week.” On the evening of December 14, 2014 the boy was playing on a skateboard on a driveway of a home at the 2800 block of Chasewood. During this time he got on his stomach on the skateboard and skated into the street. While in the street, the driver of a gold colored car struck the boy and fled the scene. According to witnesses at the scene the driver never attempted to stop or slow down before or after the crash. The incident took place just before six in the evening. The boy suffered broken bones as a result of the crash. The vehicle is described as a gold colored sedan similar to a Pontiac Grand Am. Anyone with information on this hit and run crash, 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

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The Chihuahuas are an El Paso success story

By Steve Escajeda
Special to the Courier

It's amazing how quickly, no matter how bright and shiny it was coming out of the box, a child will become board of a new toy.

Maybe it's the short attention span; maybe it's one of those "the grass is always greener" kind of things, but in the mind of a child – the clock is ticking on the newness factor of a toy and the meter speeds up with each passing day.

When that meter hits zero, usually in a couple months, the toy is tossed aside never to be played with again.

Don't get me wrong, the toy will always hold some sentimental value with the kid and will always be thought of fondly, but it will become an afterthought.

And when you really think of it, adults aren't very different.

We get excited about the unveiling of a new gadget or a new restaurant or a new blockbuster movie, but soon after, we jump ship and begin our search for the next big thing.

Nowadays, if anything stays around for

more than a few months it is considered a success.

Well the biggest success story of professional baseball last summer was the El Paso Chihuahuas.

Rarely does a minor league team get the kind of national attention the Chihuahuas did in their first year of existence.

And remember that this came after months of litigation and vocal resistance from El Pasoans who had developed a four-decades-long intolerance to change.

In fact, many locals are so fearful of change that they vigorously fought the demolition of a couple of dirty non-working smokestacks.

By the way, now that they're gone, does anybody miss them? Has anybody even thought of them?

Case in point.

When it was inevitable that the franchise would become a reality, many on the opposition said that the novelty would fade quickly. That the newness factor would dwindle after the first season and fans would lose interest.

And instead of hoping for an El Paso success story, many of the more vocal opponents have been monitoring the

situation closely just waiting for that "I told you so" moment once the attendance figures proved their somber predictions correct.

Usually it's sad to bring bad news to people. This bad news I deliver with much delight and an ear-to-ear smile.

Over 10,000 fans crammed Southwest University Park last Thursday for the Chihuahuas season opener. Over 8,000 followed on Friday and over 9,000 attended the game on Saturday.

And it was amazing how many of those fans were wearing El Paso Chihuahuas caps and t-shirts and jerseys. Even the babies and small kids they were carrying around were decked out in Chihuahuas' garb.

Whether it was the game itself, the food, the drink, the between-innings entertainment or just the idea of having something else to do in El Paso – the fans were having a blast.

I looked around closely and I didn't see a single person lamenting the fact that city hall was no longer standing on that site.

The team's general manger Brad Taylor told me that ticket sales were way ahead of the over half-a-million that attended in

season one.

He said the interest in the franchise was skyrocketing and that he felt the city had totally embraced the team as its own mainly because they had tried so hard to keep the style and feel of those "Jim Paul" days at Dudley Field and Cohen Stadium.

You can also throw in the fact that the Chihuahuas play in the best minor league ballpark in the United States. Plus let's not forget that this is Triple-A baseball; one small step from the major leagues. So the quality of play is the best it's even been here.

So while there are still some here that have stubbornly proclaimed they will never attend a game, the vast majority of the city, some kicking and screaming, will go out to the ballpark and have a great time.

They'll take their visiting family and friends to a ballgame... and they'll go a second and third time.

And as El Pasoans come to the realization that taking a chance can actually pay off, they may start looking around the city and ask themselves, "what else around here can we change?"

A sporting view By Mark Vasto

Into the fire

Opening Day for Major League Baseball was a rather lackluster affair this year. The only record of note that was set was one related to payroll – the Dodgers have a \$270 million one – and that's kind of hard to cheer for.

"Yay, payroll!" In the Bronx, it was 1 A.D. (after Derek). They say the Yankees are the most improved team in baseball defensively, just by replacing him and A-Rod on the left side of the diamond. Seeing

the shortstop Didi Gregorius throw lasers to first without having to jump, they may be right... but Jeter wouldn't have made the last out of an inning trying to take third base. Anyway, that's about it for the youth movement with the Yankees. They are old. Joe Torre threw out the first pitch, and half the stadium thought he was young enough to be the starter. There seems to be little

doubt that their ace Masahiro Tanaka will need Tommy John surgery at some point. You know that Mark Texeira and Carlos Beltran are going to get hurt. It's nerve wracking to watch the Yankees. It's like watching a senior citizen with a bag full of groceries trying to walk across an icy parking lot. Meanwhile, Red Sox fans were paying \$8 for beers and having a blast, but the ownership was STILL griping about how much money they were losing by playing at Fenway Park... the last of the cool stadiums in America.

It never ends with those guys. They make a kajillion dollars a year, but they want more and more and more. They can't be happy with just making Fenway into the greatest experience it can be. No... they have to blame dark forces like the Yankees. That is why they must move to some saccharine suburb and ruin the whole thing for everyone. That brings us to Wrigley Field, which was somehow transported to Yemen on opening day. The unfinished bleachers were

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by Roger Todd Moore

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Social Security Q&A By Ray Vigil

Q: I applied for Medicare benefits last week. How can I check the status of my application?

A: Checking the status of your application is easy. If you applied for benefits, you can check the status at our secure website, secure.ssa.gov/apps6z/IAPS/applicationStatus, but you must wait

5 days from the date you originally filed. You will need to enter your Social Security number and the confirmation number you received when you filed your application. Your application status also shows the date that we received your application, any requests for additional documents, the address of the office processing your application, and whether a decision has been made about your benefits. If you are unable

to check your status online, you can call us at 1-800-772-1213 (TTY 1-800-325-0778), Monday through Friday from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Q: I receive Supplemental Security Income (SSI), and I just got promoted and received a pay increase at my job. Do I need to tell Social Security about the promotion?

A: Because the Supplemental Security Income program is needs-based, the amount of the payment you receive is partly based on your income. You will need to report your wages monthly to make sure you get timely and accurate payments. The law requires you to report your earnings by phone or mail or take your pay stubs to Social Security at the beginning of

each month. When you report your earnings, make sure to include overtime, vacation pay, and bonuses. If your income changes because of a job loss or promotion, Social Security will likely either increase or decrease your payments. Learn more by reading the fact sheet, *Reporting Wages When You Receive Supplemental Security Income (SSI)*, at www.socialsecurity.gov/pubs.

For more information on any of the questions listed above, visit our website at www.socialsecurity.gov or call us at 1-800-772-1213. If you have any questions that you would like to have answered, please mail them to the Social Security Office, 1111 Gateway West, Attn: Ray Vigil, El Paso, Texas 79935.

GO FIGURE! by Linda Thistle

The idea of Go Figure is to arrive at the figures given at the bottom and right-hand columns of the diagram by following the arithmetic signs in the order they are given (that is, from left to right and top to bottom). Use only the numbers below the diagram to complete its blank squares and use each of the nine numbers only once.

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DIFFICULTY: ★★★

★ Moderate ★★ Difficult
★★★ GO FIGURE!

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Fire

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covered with a blanket, and there were no bathrooms. Not even Porta Pottys. I used to cover up my laundry piles in college

with a blanket so my girlfriend wouldn't see them, but then I wasn't a baseball exec. And even the smallest festival director in whatever small town around say, Glenview, knows that people go to the bathroom after drinking beer in the sun.

What is the matter with the Cubs organization? Seriously. What is it about you that has gone so terribly wrong for so terribly long? How many times have you made Bill Murray cry? You know, according to "Back to the Future Part II," this is the Cubs' year, so you're making Michael J. Fox look bad on top of it all. How do you sleep at night, Cubs management?

It doesn't matter. I see the White Sox and Nationals as the top contenders for the throne... the Dodgers in that mix, too. But October is a long way off. We all know what the beginning of summer is for: Stanley Cup hockey! Baseball can wait.

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

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: E equals T

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YPEAWRZQ EVV JPZT FGVHEF
GHVQHPJF, JT ZMY JVEEV RF
"JVIMHPERVZ RZ LPCC EWRZQF."

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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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

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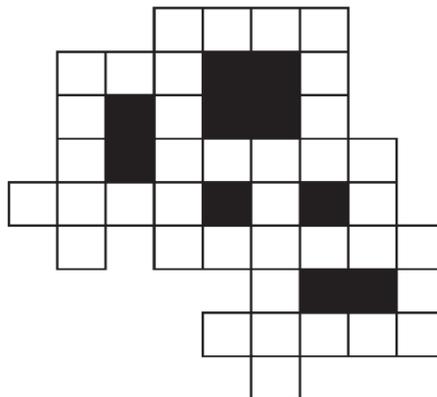
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- ♥ E M R A
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- ♥ R M A
- D A M E N T
- ♥ I M E A D
- ♥ L O D T



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

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Health

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taking testosterone. Fortunately, the available evidence so far suggests that this risk may be much lower than feared. Careful follow-up remains essential.

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