



– Photo courtesy San Elizario ISD

**THEY ARE NUMBER ONE** – The San Elizario Eagles walked off the pitch in Georgetown, TX as state soccer champions. The boys above are, from left, Luis Castro, Miguel Hernandez, Marco Utajara, Jaime Armenta (glasses), Bryan Rodriguez, Rene Monares, Jesus Franco, Jonathan Berumen (behind Franco), Francisco Ruiz and Edwin Marquez.

## San Elizario Eagles are state champs

By Cynthia P. Marentes  
*Special to the Courier*

SAN ELIZARIO – This past weekend the San Elizario High School (SEHS) boys soccer team became the newly crowned state champions backing up the boys cross-country state title in November. For head soccer coach Max Sappenfield, it was an accomplishment that he foresaw coming long before anyone else might have imagined that a state title was possible. On April 17 in Georgetown, TX Sappenfield saw his vision realized when the Eagles soundly defeated Liberty Hill High School 4-2 to claim the University Interscholastic League Boys Soccer State 4A Championship.

“They (players) were very relaxed and played amazing. All week they were well coordinated,” Sappenfield said

of the team’s performance.

On their journey to becoming the best in Texas soccer, the team from SEHS encountered some of the strongest players from across the state. They first came up against formidable Kilgore High School on April 15 in the semifinals whom they dominated 5-1 with three goals scored by junior Edwin Marquez, one by Marcos Utajara and another by Edgar Corral.

On April 17 the Eagles then faced the Panthers from Liberty Hill High School located just minutes from Birkelbach Field, the site of the state soccer tournament. The SEHS team was unfazed by the large home crowd especially with a small, but spirited group of San Elizario fans including Superintendent Sylvia Hopp cheering them on. The game itself was just as electrifying with the weather playing a part in the excitement of the match causing a 30-minute lightning delay in the second half.

However, it seemed that nothing was going to stop SEHS from laying claim to the state title as they marked four goals against only two from Liberty Hill. Scoring in the final match one goal each were Marquez, Abraham Escareño, Francisco Ruiz, and Utajara.

“This (state title) is all we’ve worked for since the summer,” senior and midfielder Francisco Ruiz said.

Many of the players on the team have in fact been working

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## Town of Anthony voters to elect new mayor

By Alfredo Vasquez  
*Special to the Courier*

ANTHONY – Voters in the Town of Anthony TX have a difficult, but fortunate, decision to make in the upcoming mayoral race; for they have two young, dedicated, and community-oriented candidates to consider.

Thirty-eight year old

Martin Lerma, a firefighter for the El Paso Fire Department (EPFD) and West Valley Fire Department (WVFD), and thirty-one year old Benjamin Romero, a current town council member and veterinarian technician, are vying for the opportunity to lead the Upper Valley township for, at least, the next two years.

Both, Lerma and Romero, grew up in Anthony

and attended Anthony Independent School District (AISD) schools. Lerma said that he is a 1995 graduate of Anthony High School (AHS) and presently has 65 credit hours completed in Fire Science at El Paso Community College (EPCC). Romero said that he had to leave school his senior year at AHS because he started working to help support his family, his

mother had just died, and he got in trouble with the law; but that in 2002 he earned a high school diploma after completing the GED (General Equivalency Diploma) requirements through a New Mexico State University (NMSU) program.

Regarding his scrape with the law, Romero related

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### Eagles Roster

Name	Grade	No.	Position
Humberto Aranda	JR	7	Defense
Jaime Armenta	SR	2	Defense
Jonathan Berumen	SO	18	Midfield
Luis Castro	JR	24	MF/GK
Alexis Cervantes	SR	1	Goalie
Edgar Corral	JR	4	Midfield
Brandon Diaz	SR	3	Defense
Abraham Escareno	SR	5	Defense
Jesus Franco	SR	14	Midfield
Miguel Hernandez	SO	12	Defense
Alfredo Lopez	JR	15	Defense
Alejandro Madrid	JR	9	Midfield
Edwin Marquez	JR	10	Forward
Jose Mendoza	SO	23	Midfield
Rene Monarez	JR	13	Defense
Angel Rangel	SR	16	Forward
Bryan Rodriguez	SO	6	Defense
Francisco Ruiz	SR	20	Midfield
Marcos Utajara	JR	11	Forward
Jaime Valenzuela	SR	19	Defense

**Finances** By Jason Alderman

**Your credit score: Updates you should know**

Credit scoring has evolved over the last three decades and this fall, FICO made one more important change. Borrowers who have struggled with medical debt and those with a limited credit history might see better FICO numbers in the future. Even if these situations don't apply to you, understanding how credit scoring is changing can help you better manage your credit over time.

FICO Score 9, rolled out last fall, is described as a more "nuanced" version of the original FICO Score that the leading credit scoring company introduced in 1989. It is offered by three major credit bureaus – Equifax ([www.equifax.com](http://www.equifax.com)), Experian (<http://www.experian.com>) and TransUnion. (<http://www.transunion.com>). It now bypasses collection agency accounts and weighs medical debt differently than non-medical debt on a person's credit record. Borrowers with a median score of 711 whose only negative credit data comes from medical collections will see their credit score go up 25 points under the new system.

As for consumers with limited credit histories – what the industry calls "thin files" – FICO says the new system will better determine the ability of someone in that situation to repay a debt.

What doesn't FICO 9 address? At this point, the latest credit-

scoring model really doesn't loosen or change requirements for mortgage and refinancing opportunities. Even so, there are many things ordinary borrowers can do to improve their credit scores and overall financial health over time.

The first step is for borrowers to review each of their credit reports once a year. Credit reports and credit scores are two different things. Consider credit scores are a three-digit summary of creditworthiness; credit reports are the detailed record of a borrower's credit history. Consumers can view each of their credit reports from Equifax, Experian and TransUnion once a year for free ([www.annualcreditreport.com](http://www.annualcreditreport.com)). Stagger receipt of each agency's credit reports throughout the year to weed out any inconsistencies, inaccuracies, or worse, indications of fraudulent credit applications or identity theft.

Borrowers are seeing something else that's new – some lenders are making the credit scores they apply to existing borrowers available for free. A few major lenders have taken part in the industry-only FICO Score Open Access Program, which lets current customers see the exact credit scoring data applied to them at no charge. FICO's site doesn't offer the names of participating lenders, but a customer should

ask their lender if they are offering free scores through that program.

Consumers should know how credit scores are compiled. FICO uses five key ingredients:

- Payment history (35 percent);
- Amounts owed (30 percent);
- Length of credit history (15 percent);
- New credit (10 percent); and
- Types of credit used (10 percent).

Visit [www.myfico.com](http://www.myfico.com) for a list of tips for borrowers to improve their scores. Base FICO scores have a 300 to 850 score range, and though FICO doesn't release what it considers good or bad scores, borrowers with excellent credit typically have scores in the mid-700s and up.

There are ways to preserve and raise existing credit scores. It might be wise for borrowers to ask if they can increase the credit limit on individual accounts while paying down existing balances on those accounts. Smart borrowers generally keep their outstanding balances at 30 percent or less of their available credit limit.

Bottom line: Smart credit management starts with an understanding of one's credit reports and credit scores.

*Jason Alderman directs Visa's financial education programs.*

**Veterans Post** By Freddy Groves

*Fixes don't cure wait times*

In spite of fixes, health care doesn't always get better at the Department of Veterans Affairs.

If you live in Jacksonville, Florida, your wait times for appointments are the worst in the country. While the national average of appointments beyond 30 days is 5.9 percent, Jacksonville's is an astounding 23.3 percent. Fayetteville, North Carolina, is right behind, with 23 percent of requested appointments going over 30 days.

While the VA announced a new 250,000-foot medical facility will be built in Fayetteville, that doesn't always help the wait-time problem. A new VA clinic in Colorado Springs, Colorado, hasn't relieved veterans' wait times for appointments. In the seven months the clinic has been open, the number of appointments delayed by 30 days or more has actually risen from 7 percent to 11.5 percent.

Besides these locations, other areas with still-high wait times are those with

a rural population, a large military presence, and those in Alabama, Georgia, Virginia and New Mexico.

In November, new VA chief Robert McDonald said he wanted to hire 28,000 doctors, nurses and other staff. That might be hard to pull off. The Association of American Medical Colleges said in a study it requested, "Projections from 2013 to 2025," that by 2025 "demand for physicians will exceed supply by a range of 46,000 to 90,000."

That leaves Choice, the VA program that allows veterans who live too far from a VA facility to get care in the community. The VA recently redefined the 40-mile requirement from as the crow flies to actual driving mileage. If you qualify, sign up for it. See [www.va.gov/opa/choiceact](http://www.va.gov/opa/choiceact), or call 866-606-8198.

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**Eagles**

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towards this state crown since at least middle school when they started playing soccer together at Garcia-Enriquez Middle School. When asked how they can communicate and anticipate one another's moves on the field several players responded that the reason is because the team is like a family and they feel connected to one another. Sappenfield added that it is not unusual for successful

teams to think of themselves as a family but besides having each other for support, the Eagles also now share a great sense of confidence.

"This team knows that very high goals can be set and very high goals can be achieved. State is a platform for them to jump from to even greater things in the future," Sappenfield said.

This is senior forward Angel Rangel's second state championship this school year. He also ran for the champion boys cross-country team.

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# NEWSBRIEFS

## Political forum

The Kiwanis Club of Horizon City will sponsor a political forum at 10:00 a.m., Saturday, April 25, at The Kiwanis Building, 1539 Pawling in Horizon City. The invited speakers include:

- A Clint ISD representative to speak about the CISD bond proposal; and
- Four candidates for the Socorro ISD At Large Board of Trustees position.

— Ann M. Miller

## Tire amnesty

Texas Commission of Environmental Quality, El Paso County Water Improvement District No. 1, and Lower Valley Water District, are jointly sponsoring a tire amnesty program to allow area residents free tire disposal. Only passenger tires will be accepted. People can turn in tires on Saturday, April 25, 2015 from 7:00 a.m. to noon at 12791 Williams St. in Clint or at Road Master – Northeast, 10299 Dyer Street (at Sun Valley). Tires from retailers, tires with rims and/or equipment tires will not be accepted.

— Pam Aguirre

## All in the name

Joel, 24, and his bride to be, Ashley, 23, of New Berlin, IL have been an item ever since kindergarten. So, it was no surprise they decided to tie the knot after all those years. But the reception they got when they announced their wedding made them the celebrity couple of the day, reports the Association of Mature American Citizens. Mr. Burger and Ms. King announced their betrothal by posting an engagement photo in front of their local Burger King restaurant. It's not known whether she'll take his name after the nuptials or to opt for a trendy hyphenated surname. It's a good bet that the hamburger chain would love to have Ashley start calling herself Mrs. Burger King. The company is overjoyed with the news and is picking up the tab for the marriage celebration. A spokesperson confirmed the company's delight, announcing that "Burger King wants to help give you a whopper of a wedding."

— John Grimaldi

## Wanted

A man holds up a west El Paso restaurant at gunpoint. Investigators from the El Paso Police Department are asking for your help in identifying this violent robber through the Crime Stoppers, "Crime of the Week." On the night of March 27, 2015, just minutes before 10 p.m., employees of the Subway restaurant located at 8026 N. Mesa, began to close for the night. As soon as the door was locked, a man began to knock and asked to use the restroom. The man was allowed inside and after going to the restroom

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*It's extremely difficult to believe that America was founded to avoid excessive taxation.*

— Quips & Quotes



— Photo courtesy Village of Vinton

**COMMUNITY SERVICE – Jaime Lopez** being sworn into office in 2014.

# Jaime Lopez dies

By Marina Ramirez  
Special to the Courier

VINTON – The Village of Vinton lost Alderman Jaime Lopez, 36, to cancer. Lopez died the evening of April 14 at University Medical Center after an eight year struggle with the illness.

Lopez was born and raised in the Vinton-Canutillo area. After high school he married and moved to New Mexico where he started an automotive business. Lopez moved back to Vinton and became a volunteer at the local schools where he encouraged students not to drop out of high school. He stressed the importance of education and volunteering for their community. Lopez was a great advocate for community involvement and hoped residents would take ownership of their city. During a recent interview Lopez stated, "I want Vinton to be the place to be not just pass by, a place where people want to live in and be part of."

"We are deeply saddened and filled with grief at Jaime's sudden passing yesterday. He was a man of great faith and exceptional integrity. I have been blessed to have met such a kind and thoughtful person," said Mayor Madeleine Praino.

Lopez was married. He leaves his wife, Edilia, and four children – Jonathan, 17, Alexis, 14, Joshua, 12, and Arizbe, 10. The Lopez family is accepting donations through gofundme to help assist with funeral services. They have raised just under \$1,000 at press time with a goal of \$2,500 for his funeral expenses.

People that want to donate can go to:

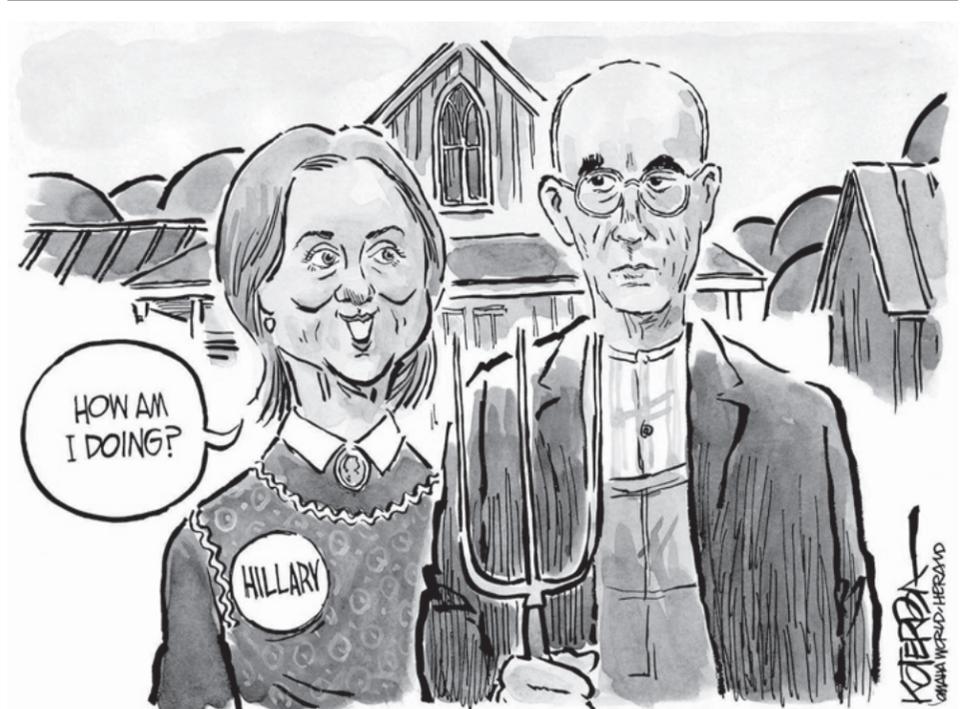
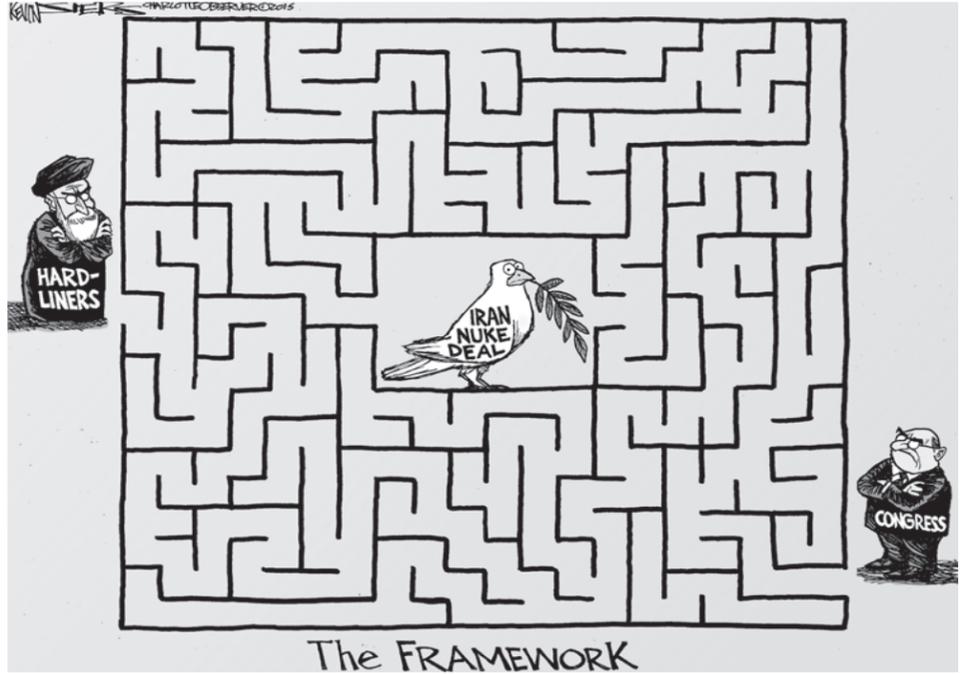
[www.gofundme.com/s3u87hw](http://www.gofundme.com/s3u87hw) and make an online contribution.

## Meet the San Elizario Eagles

### San Elizario High School holds fiesta

San Elizario High School is hosting its 3rd Annual Spring Fiesta on Friday, April 24 from 4:00 to 8:00 p.m. There will be fun and games for the entire family including music and food. The public is invited to come meet the Eagles state soccer champions. All proceeds go towards supporting San Elizario High School student clubs and organizations. The fiesta will be at the San Elizario High School Eagle Stadium located at 13981 Socorro Rd., San Elizario, TX. For more information call 872-3970.

— Cynthia P. Marentes



# Notice of Election – San Elizario Independent School District Aviso de Elección – Distrito Escolar Independiente de San Elizario

**To the Registered Voters of San Elizario, Texas:**

**A los votantes registrados de San Elizario, Texas:**

Notice is hereby given that the polling place listed below will be open from 7:00 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Saturday, May 9, 2015 for voting in a General Election, to elect four (4) San Elizario Independent School District Board Members (all places are four (4) year terms).

*Notifíquese, por las presente, que la casilla electoral citada abajo se abrirá desde las 7 de la mañana hasta las 7 de la tarde, el sábado, 9 de mayo 2015 para votar en la Elección General para elegir cuatro (4) Miembros de la Mesa Directiva del Distrito Escolar Independiente de San Elizario (todos lugares son por un periodo de cuatro (4) años).*

**LOCATION OF POLLING PLACE FOR ELECTION DAY VOTING:  
DIRECCION DE LA CASILLA ELECTORAL PARA EL DIA DE ELECCIONES**

**Precinct/Precinto 165  
Campestre Elementary  
11399 Socorro Road  
El Paso, Texas 79927**

**Precinct/Precinto 170  
Clint ISD Early  
College Academy  
13100 Alameda Avenue  
Clint, Texas 79836**

**Precinct/Precinto 171  
Ann M. Garcia Enriquez  
Middle School  
12280 Socorro Road  
San Elizario, Texas 79849**

**LOCATION OF POLLING PLACE FOR EARLY VOTING:  
DIRECCION DE LA CASILLA ELECTORAL PARA VOTACION ANTICIPADA**

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

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

**Ann M. Garcia Enriquez  
Middle School  
12280 Socorro Road  
San Elizario, Texas 79849**

between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. beginning

on Monday, April 27, 2015 and ending Tuesday, May 5, 2015.

*entre las 8:00 de la mañana y las 4:00 de la tarde empezando el lunes, 27 de abril 2015 y terminando el martes, 5 de mayo 2015.*

Monday, May 4, 2015 and Tuesday, May 5, 2015 between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.

*lunes, 4 de mayo 2015 y martes, 5 de mayo 2015 entre las 7:00 de la mañana y las 7:00 de la tarde.*

Early voting by personal appearance will be conducted at all locations including mobile voting locations within El Paso County at which Early Voting is conducted by the County Elections Department beginning on Monday, April 27, 2015 and ending on Tuesday, May 5, 2015. **(EXHIBIT A)**

*Para votar anticipadamente puede acudir en persona de lunes 27 de abril 2015 al martes, 5 de mayo 2015, a cualquier centro de votaciones inclusive las casillas móviles del Condado de El Paso donde el Departamento de Elecciones del Condado realice votaciones anticipadas. (EXHIBIT A)*

Applications for ballot by mail should be mailed to:  
*Las solicitudes para boletas que se votarán en ausencia por correo deberán enviarse a:*

**Antonio Rivera  
The County of El Paso  
Elections Department  
500 E. San Antonio Room # 314  
El Paso, Texas 79901**

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

*Las solicitudes para votar por correo deberán recibirse antes del término de horas hábiles el día 30 de abril de 2015.*

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**EXHIBIT A**

**May 9, 2015  
Early Voting Locations  
Locaciones para  
Votación Anticipada**

April 27, 2015 -  
May 5, 2015

**Ann 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 Rec. Center  
563 N. Carolina Drive  
9:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.**

**Clint Early  
College Academy  
13100 Alameda Ave.  
8:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.**

**\* Courthouse  
500 E. San Antonio Ave.  
8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.**

**\* Marty Robbins  
Rec. Center  
11600 Vista Del Sol Drive  
9:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.**

**Oz Glaze Senior Center  
13969 Veny Webb Drive  
8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.**

**\* Pavo Real Rec 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.**

**Socorro City  
Council Chambers  
860 N. Rio Vista Rd.  
8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.**

**\* Sunrise Shopping Center  
8500 Dyer Street  
9:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.**

**\* Sun Valley Center  
4525 Sun Valley Drive  
9:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.**

**\* Vista Estrella  
Shopping Center  
1830 George Dieter Dr.  
9:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.**

**\* Zaraplex Center  
1700 Zaragoza Road  
9:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.**

**April 27 to May 5, 2015**

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**\* May 2, 2015 (Sat.)  
7:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.**

**\* May 3, 2015 (Sun.)  
12 (noon) - 5 p.m.**

**May 4 and May 5, 2015  
(Mon. and Tues.)  
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**May 9, 2015  
Early Voting Mobile  
Locations**

**Locaciones Móviles  
para Votar Temprano**

**Monday, April 27, 2015  
9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.**

**South El Paso  
Senior Center  
600 S. Ochoa St. (79901)**

**Hilos De Plata  
Senior Center  
4451 Delta Dr. (79905)**

**Tuesday, April. 28, 2015  
Location and Times**

**UTEP Library  
Blumberg Auditorium, #111  
500 W. University Ave.  
(79968)  
8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.**

**EPCC Valle Verde Campus  
919 Hunter Dr.  
9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.**

**Wednesday,  
April 29, 2015  
Location and Times**

**EPCC Rio Grande Campus  
100 W. Rio Grande Ave.  
(79902)  
9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.**

**Gary Del Palacio  
Recreation Center  
Album Park  
3001 Parkwood St. (79925)  
9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.**

**Thursday,  
April 30, 2015  
9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.**

**Westside Branch Library  
125 Belvidere St. (79912)**

**Armijo Branch Library  
620 E. 7th Ave. (79901)**

**Friday, May 1, 2015  
9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.**

**Don Haskins Rec. Center  
7400 High Ridge Dr.  
(79912)**

**Pat O'Rourke Rec. Center  
901 N. Virginia St. (79902)**

**Saturday, May 2, 2015  
10:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.**

**Dorris Van Doren  
Regional Branch Library  
551 Redd Rd. (79912)**

**Esperanza Acosto  
Moreno Library  
12480 Pebble Hills Blvd.  
(79938)**

**Sunday, May 3, 2015  
Noon (12 p.m.) - 5:00 p.m.**

**Westside Regional  
Command Center  
4801 Osborne Dr. (79922)**

**Mission Valley Regional  
Command Center  
9011 Escobar Dr. (79907)**

**Monday, May 4, 2015  
8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.**

**El Paso Police  
Headquarters  
911 N. Raynor St. (79903)**

**YISD Central Office  
Franklin/Guadalupe Room  
9600 Sims Dr. (79925)**

**Tuesday, May 5, 2015  
8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.**

**Memorial Park  
Branch Library  
3200 Copper Ave. (79930)**

**Eastwood High  
School Library  
2430 McRae Blvd. (79925)**

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at any early voting site or  
mobile location.)**

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**CryptoQuip  
Answer**

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enjoys making jalapeños  
burst, I reckon she'd be  
called a pepper popper.

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# STRANGE BUT TRUE

By Samantha Weaver

- It was American playwright Wilson Mizner who made the following sage observation: "Copy from one, it's plagiarism; copy from two, it's research."

- If you went into a restaurant for breakfast in the 1930s and ordered "cluck and grunt," the server would know to bring you ham and eggs.

- Irish mom Maria Jones-Elliott holds the distinction of having twins with the longest interval between the two births. In 2012, she went into labor almost four months before her due date. After two days of labor, one of the girls was born, but then the contractions stopped. While Amy, born weighing just 1 pound, 3 ounces, continued to improve in the neonatal intensive care unit, her sister Kate continued to grow in utero – for another 87 days. Against all odds, both twins survived and are now thriving toddlers.

- If you're like 60 percent of American pet owners, your pet sleeps with you.

- A recent study conducted by researchers at the Nara University of Education in Japan found that music affects people's generosity. Specifically, if you're listening to music you enjoy, you're likely to be more generous than if there were no music playing at all. In this scenario, the inverse is also true: If you're listening to a song you dislike, you're more likely to be stingy.

- The next time you travel to Sweden for a vacation, try to catch a Kaninhoppning competition; you'll be treated to a spectacle of rabbit show jumping.

- You might be surprised to learn that seven out of eight battle deaths suffered by all countries participating in World War II were suffered by the Russians and the Germans.

Thought for the Day: "Never bear more than one trouble at a time. Some people bear three kinds – all they have had, all they have now, and all they expect to have."  
– Edward Everett Hale

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## Fabens Elementary tops at UIL meet

Fabens Elementary recently won first place at the 2015 University Interscholastic League (UIL) Meet held at Canutillo Elementary. This was Fabens Elementary's 7th consecutive year to take the UIL First Place Overall Winner's trophy. Other schools participating included O'Donnell Intermediate School with the Fabens Independent School District, Tornillo Elementary, Bill Childress Elementary and Garcia Elementary with the Canutillo Independent School District, Benito Martinez with the Fort Hancock School District and Canutillo Elementary. Fabens Elementary entered 11 events with 44 participants and 11 teacher coaches. Ms. Lara is UIL coordinator at Fabens Elementary

and thanked all participants and their coaches. Teacher coaches included Liliana Banez, Susan Chavez, Lilian Eisenberg, Bertha Fabela, Melissa Jacquez, Francesca Guzman, Sylvia Lara, Rodrigo Marin, Deborah Torres, Alejandra Rodriguez and Christina Revoco. Student participants were Sophia Salas, Autumn Gamez, Grace Salas, Miranda Hernandez, Soly Burgess, Violeta Flores, Jermain Saenz and Idaly Martinez. Other winners were Reina Gallegos, Mariana Martinez, Luis Tarango, Sienna Gonzales, Sophia Livas, Zuleyka Gomez, Matthew Hernandez, and Jalen Rosas.

– Emily Burnside

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that when he was a teenager, he was charged with possession of pot. "I've always admitted my mistakes, and I have learned from them," he claimed.

As for why they are running for the town's highest administrative position: It's not for the money (the mayor's position pays \$800 a month), they both noted; rather, each candidate said almost verbatim – in recent, separate interviews – that he was proud of his hometown and wants to help make it a better place to live, not just for his family and friends, but for all Anthony residents.

Lerma, who is also an AISD board of trustee member, said that the town has become stagnant and he wants to re-energize the community to move it forward.

Romero, who considers himself a community activist rather than a politician, said that he is willing to make the tough decisions that have been put-off for too long and that it is that lack of decision-making that has kept the town from thriving.

Each mayoral candidate hopes to pull-in at least one more vote than his opponent in a town election that typically attracts only about 300 of the more than 1,800 registered voters. Anthony has a population of approximately 5,200 residents, and it's annual budget is just over \$3.5 million, according to the town clerk Cynthia Clarke.



Mayoral candidate Martin Lerma said, "My family and friends live here, I was born and raised in Anthony. So, I want to help take care of my town. I will work hard for all residents, and I am always willing to learn new things."

On the ballot also in the town's upcoming election are the candidates running for the town council seat place 2. Those candidates are Rosie Holguin (incumbent), Shawn Weeks, and Edward Chavez. Joe Garcia is running unopposed for council

member place 1.

Clarke said that the town will run its own election, separate from El Paso County's election and that she will serve as the town's election administrator. The town clerk pointed out that those voters interested in using the ballot by mail option, should make their requests to the town clerk's office by Thursday, April 30.

Early voting is slated from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., beginning Monday, April 27 through Friday, May 1; and from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m., Monday and Tuesday, May 4-5. Election day is from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m., Saturday, May 9. The polling place for the election is at Anthony's town hall, 401 Wildcat Drive.

The mayoral race highlights two promising community leaders

who have demonstrated their commitment to the town by their active participation in all kinds of social and civic interactions

including youth sports, special events like parades and tournaments, and civic duties (one is a school board member and one is a town council member) in recent years.

Lerma stated that being a good community leader means being a public servant first and that he has gained that leadership quality through his experience as a firefighter for the past 19 years. He is presently a first responder with EPFD and a captain with WVFD, which is the Upper Valley's volunteer fire department.

Romero cited several accomplishments in his first year on the town council (he was elected to office in 2014) as proof of what he can do for his town. A couple of the accomplishments cited were that he was instrumental in creating Anthony's new master plan and zoning map by



Mayoral candidate Benjamin Romero said, "It doesn't take a college degree to make a positive impact in your community. Everyone is capable of accomplishing great things. All it takes is a strong heart, strong will, passion, dedication, and a desire to make a difference."

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## Briefs

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the man came out wearing a ski mask and was armed with a gun. The man threatened the employees and demanded money from the safe. After

learning that the employees could not access the safe, the man fled the scene on foot. According to witnesses the man was seen running on Conley Rd. and then east on Pansy Ct. The suspect is described as a light skinned Hispanic male, short and thin, approximately

5' and 120 lbs., with short black hair, and no facial hair. The suspect was wearing a blue jacket with a small white logo on the left side of the chest and a small white logo in the back, ripped blue jeans, white shoes and carrying a black backpack. Witnesses also

described the suspect appeared to have a limp. Anyone with information on this case 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

# Rodriguez had talent to do great things without juicing

By Steve Escajeda  
Special to the Courier

One of the very best things about sports is the rivalries it produces.

Just like whenever Superman and Lex Luthor meet up, or whenever Batman and Joker cross paths, the anticipation can be felt everywhere.

Let's face it; we all love a good rivalry.

Whether it's Bird and Magic, Michigan and Ohio State, the Red Sox and the Yankees, Coke and Pepsi, Democrats and Republicans, Nike and Reebok, Fox and CNN, Clinton and Bush, the Rolling Stones and the Beatles, NY and LA and even Bowie and Jefferson, the event is just that much more meaningful when two rivals go at it.

However, one of the strangest rivalries in the history of sports has emerged in the last year. And it isn't between two teams, or two players, or two owners or two cities.

This rivalry is between a proud franchise and one of its players.

The New York Yankees, like the Dallas Cowboys or the Los Angeles Lakers,

are always in the headlines. Whether it's news on or off the field, the Yankees are always at the epicenter of Major League Baseball.

There are players that share that kind of mystique. Players like LeBron James and Tiger Woods and Tom Brady can't make a move without it being reported in the press.

And the one player that has made the most noise over the last decade is probably Alex Rodriguez.

A-Rod has made news for his play on the field, his romances off the field, his taking of illegal human growth hormones, his lying on national TV about it, his throwing others under the bus because of it, his knack for suing everybody involved, his nearly year-long suspension and his ridiculously large baseball contract.

And no one seems to love the TV camera more than Rodriguez.

It's very simple, A-Rod is nearly 40 years old and still has three years left on his contract that guarantees him \$61 million.

After missing almost all of the 2014 season and seeing his baseball talent eroding quickly, the Yankees have looked

for every possible reason to void the contract and get rid of the A-Rod cancer sucking the life out of the team.

But it's to no avail.

Like one of those failing marriages that neither party can afford to get out of, the Yankees and Rodriguez must spend the hot summer together while giving each other the cold shoulder.

But something unexpected has happened at least in the early part of the 2015 season.

No one knows whether A-Rod is still taking steroids, but if not, it appears that he's taken a few swigs from the fountain of youth.

Over the first two weeks of the season, Rodriguez is hitting the ball the way he did when he was half his age.

The Yankees are batting just .222.

A-Rod is batting .344. In fact, Rodriguez leads the team in hits (11), home runs (4), runs batted in (11), on-base percentage (432) and total bases (25).

And that brings up the biggest question of all. Why did he ever begin taking steroids in the first place?

Since those days when he was young and skinny in Seattle, he was one of the

best players in the game.

In other words, he was "naturally" a Hall of Fame player. Just like Barry Bonds and Mark McGwire and Roger Clemens and many others, they were already fantastic players without the added juice.

But just like all those high school grading scandals cropping up all across the nation, when ridiculous sums of money are thrown at successful numbers – those successful numbers will be achieved by any means possible.

So now what do the Yankees do? Will A-Rod be hitting the ball this way in July? If the Yankees fall out of playoff contention do they sit A-Rod down and start developing a younger player for the future?

Either way, Rodriguez is still going to get his money.

Not bad – \$275 million for alienating, cheating and lying.

I guess the trade off is that A-Rod's name will be lumped into the history stockpile with the likes of Lance Armstrong, Pete Rose, Darryl Strawberry, Mike Tyson, John Daley and Dwight Gooden.

Guys who were on top of the world – and it still wasn't enough.

## A sporting view By Mark Vasto

### Time waits for no one

It's a rare occasion in life when you get to witness the passing of a torch.

Minutes dwindle for the basketball and hockey stars. The fabled quarterback gets handed a clipboard, and the slugger is told to get a first baseman's mitt. The former tennis champion packs them in for second-round matches that would otherwise have been ignored... before exiting stage right.

Golf, however, is a little more subtle. At this year's Masters Tournament, the legendary Ben Crenshaw played his last competitive round. He had

won the tournament twice – in 1984 and again in 1995 – the only majors he had ever won. Now 63, he decided this tournament, his 44th, would be his last. Crenshaw did not make the cut, and the Augusta National Golf Club, polite as ever, did not post the amiable Texan's score.

And while nostalgia always has its place – particularly at Augusta National, where names like Jones, Hogan and Snead still fall trippingly off the tongue, and a beer and a sandwich can be had for 1970s prices – the 2015 edition of the Masters was about

the future of golf.

Heading into the Masters, most of the talk surrounded three names: Tiger Woods, Rory McIlroy and Phil Mickelson. A few might have been wondering if Bubba Watson could defend his green jacket, but mostly, McIlroy's quest for a "career grand slam" and Woods' promised comeback special were the dominant themes. And while everyone was discussing that, a 21-year-old out of Dallas, named Jordan Spieth teed off and led the Masters from start to finish, wire-to-wire, in one of the most dominant performances the sport had ever seen.

That Spieth's record-tying 18-under-par victory came at the Masters should probably come as no surprise. After all,

he was streaking on his way into the tournament, and he was last year's runner-up. But he was a surprise. And he was the kind of surprise that everyone liked. Here was a clean-cut Catholic kid, competitive but not cocky, who ran a charitable trust for his autistic sister. His caddie is a former sixth-grade math teacher who, by happenstance, now has one of the best jobs on the circuit.

I never understood until this year's Masters why Jack Nicklaus would gripe how none of the players on today's tour would "go after" Tiger Woods. The breakthrough came courtesy

of Phil Mickelson. While Woods was hacking through the pine straw after every overblown drive Sunday and getting outplayed by McIlroy, Mickelson was playing more aggressively than ever. His shots were imaginative, using every pitch and undulating roll of the green, anything he could do to gain a stroke on Spieth, who set the record for birdies on the course. Mickelson finished four strokes off the pace at 14 under, a score that any other year wins the tournament.

Any other year but this year. This year – and for many more

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# MOORE TEXAS

by Roger Todd Moore

April 23, 1883: The Texas Legislature appropriates \$20,000 to purchase the ruins of the Alamo.



## 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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# Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ★

★ Moderate ★★ Challenging

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★★★ HOO BOY!

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## Anthony

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heading the Economic Growth & Development committee and that he helped revive communication lines between the town and the Texas Department of Transportation (TXDOT) which had been inactive for more than two years.

Both candidates agreed that transparency in town hall dealings is critical for establishing community residents and business owners' trust in their local government. Lerma said that he would utilize an open door policy, especially with all employees, and establish a strategic planning process for running the town government.

Romero said that he wants to upload the town's financial books online using a state program, called Texas Comptroller Leadership Circle, that would allow for easy public access. He said that he would also push for re-organizing the town's budget to secure funds for addressing the community's infrastructure needs, like street lighting, sidewalks, and crosswalks.

Both also said that they have a plan for promoting their

town's assets and improving its resources.

Some of the goals that Lerma listed in his mayoral campaign brochure include obtaining financial stability for the town through annexation efforts, expanding economic development through municipal enterprises, hiring an economic development officer, and pursuing an aggressive land development campaign. Also, he said that he would initiate partnerships with non-profit organizations to help build a community center, and he would start projects like a recycling program, tourist center, and transit station.

Romero said that he sees the Town of Anthony as part of a regional venture. To capitalize on tourism opportunities, he said that he envisions the town being the hub to a variety of attractions, such as building in-roads from Anthony to the Franklin Mountains and bicycle and walking paths to the Rio Grande. He said that he would promote more weekend activities and family events at the municipal park, as well as create coalitions with neighboring entities to incorporate their offerings such as the golf courses, wineries, and marketplaces to Anthony's

list of attractions. Romero said that he would also emphasize code enforcement regulations throughout the community to mitigate infractions and enhance the neighborhood's aesthetics.

To ensure a safe and secure town, the two candidates acknowledged that a strong, effective police department is essential. Currently, of the 37 employees working for the Town of Anthony, 21 of them are full time police officers and two are police dispatchers, according to the town clerk. To assist the police department, both candidates stated that they would re-introduce the Neighborhood Watch program and maintain a competitive salary schedule.

So, since current mayor Lee Vela decided not to run for re-election, the Town of Anthony voters now have an interesting dilemma to resolve come election day: Whom do they want as their new mayor?

A special candidates' forum has been scheduled to give voters the opportunity to meet and hear the candidates who are running not only for the mayor's office but also those individuals running for town council place 2. The forum will be held at 6:30 p.m., Thursday, April 30, at the AHS gymnasium.

## 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: M equals P

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DLQNPJ FZL'H KL QXGGLH X  
MLMMLD MPMMLD.

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## Time

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years to come – you'll be reading about Spieth and McIlroy the way you used to read about Mickelson and Woods, Watson and Crenshaw, Nicklaus and Palmer. Clearly, it is their time. The wait is over.

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

## Health

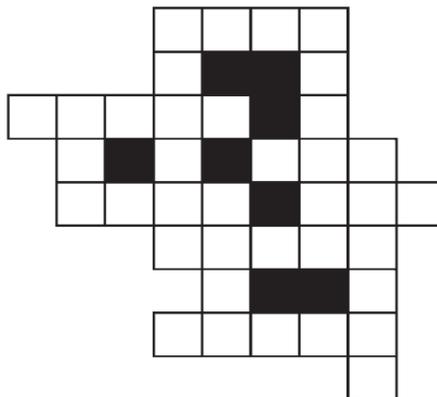
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Unscramble these twelve letter strings to form each into an ordinary word (ex. HAGNEC becomes CHANGE). Prepare to use only ONE word from any marked (♥) letter string as each unscrambles into more than one word (ex. ♥RATHE becomes HATER or EARTH or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

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