



NEWSBRIEFS

Letters

First Baptist Church of Horizon City will be hosting a Kickoff BBQ Event to introduce *Letters from Dad* to the community. It will be held at 17018 Darrington Road, Horizon City from 6:30 – 8:30 p.m. Admission is free. Anyone is welcome. *Letters from Dad* teaches men to open up their hearts and put into words their love for their wives, children and parents. It not only teaches men *why* to write letters, the men also learn the mechanics of letter writing and how to keep them safe for posterity. *Letters from Dad* has helped to restore family communication, produced healed marriages and reconciled parent child relationships, all through the lost art of letter writing.

Beat the heat

Libraries are a great escape from the summer heat. Libraries not only offer heat relief, but also have a large array of activities for the whole family to enjoy together. Besides books, library patrons can read all the latest magazines, newspapers, revistas and novelas, play board games and watch movies. They can also use the computers there to work on resumes, look for job and health information, get recipes, play online games, send email and much more. All public libraries are open Tuesday through Saturday during midday. Some are open on Sunday and Monday. To find a library near you visit www.elpasolibrary.org or call 543-5433.

— Juli Lozano

Fashion show

The Fashion Technology Program at El Paso Community College will have a fashion show at the Main Library of clothes made from recycled materials. The group calls their creations Trashion instead of fashion because of the fact that the clothing is made from discarded materials such as newspaper, plastic bags, soda cans and even pop bottles. The Trashion Show will be held on Saturday, June 12 at 3:00 PM at the Main Library located at 501 N. Oregon. Admission is free and open to the public. For more information call 543-5412 or visit www.elpasolibrary.org.

— Juli Lozano

Golf tourney

The 2nd Annual Jerry Antwine Memorial Scholarship Golf Tournament will start at 8:00 a.m. on Friday, June 25 at Vista Hills Country Club; 2210 Trawood. Teams and players should sign up by June 11. Cost is \$70 per player or \$280 per team. Business sponsorships are also available at different levels. All proceeds benefit

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The only thing more expensive than education is ignorance.

— Quips & Quotes

Socorro HS NJROTC is best in Texas

*Cadets place third
in world competition,
Deragisch receives
\$62,000 scholarship*

By Maria Y. Suarez
Special to the Courier

The Socorro High School Naval Junior Reserve Officers Training Corps (NJROTC) was selected as the 2009-2010 Most Outstanding Unit in Texas, earning the claim of state champions. In order to be selected the best unit in the state of Texas, NJROTC members have to meet strict criteria and obtain the highest scores in a comprehensive evaluation.

“Being selected means the diverse program presented to our cadets is actively being used by them for self improvement,” says Lieutenant Commander Ben Spaulding.

Retired and enlisted personnel provide cadets a challenging environment and teach them the Navy core values—Honor, Courage and Commitment.

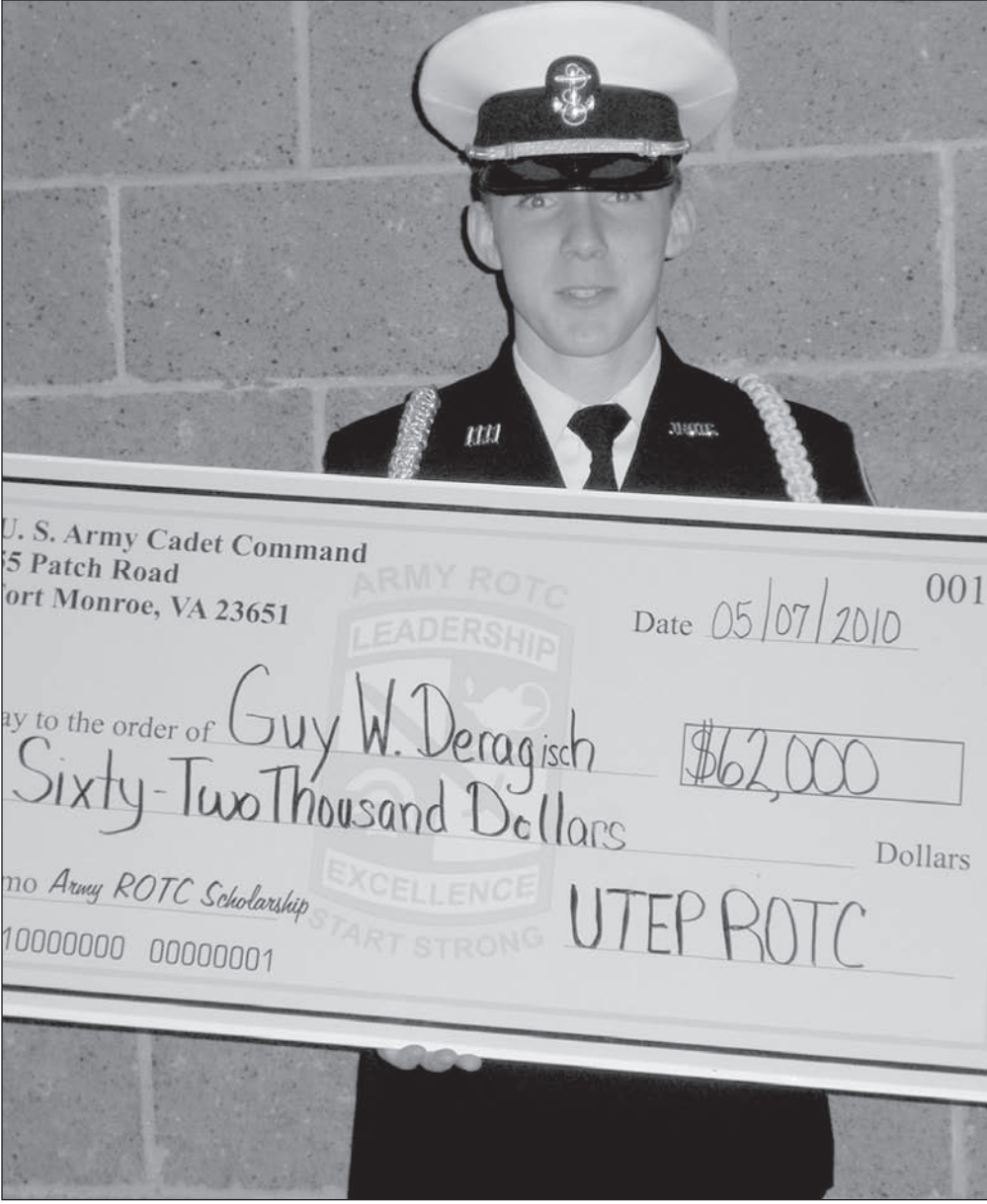
“We also reinforce positive attitude, discipline in all areas of life and stress the importance of being service minded in their community,” Spaulding added.

The most valuable lesson cadets learn is self-improvement.

“It takes them to the next level to become better citizens and prepares them to be successful in achieving their life goals no matter what challenges they face,” says Senior Chief Richard Diaz.

NJROTC encourages students to involve

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— Photo courtesy Socorro ISD

FULL RIDE — Cadet/Lieutenant Commander Guy Deragisch received a \$62,000 scholarship check from the Army ROTC Scholarship fund. Deragisch will continue with ROTC training and study mechanical engineering at UTEP.

Bank account established for Canutillo students hit by car

By Patricia Tidwell
Special to the Courier

CANUTILLO — The two Canutillo Middle School students who were hit by a car while crossing Doniphan in the Upper Valley on May 11 are continuing their recovery. In support of the two young girls, several community members have joined together to set up an account at Wells Fargo Bank to assist the families of 14-year-olds Vanessa Gonzalez and Cassandra

Lopez. People wanting to contribute can drop off their donation at any Wells Fargo branch and make the deposit into account 2425772429.

The girls were struck by Alfredo Alverado, 23, around 5:00 p.m. while trying to cross Doniphan. Deputies responding to the call said Alverado had a strong smell of alcohol about his breath and person. Alvarado informed investigators at the scene that he had been drinking earlier in the day. He provided a breath specimen but blew under the legal drinking limit.

Lopez is currently at an eastside facility undergoing rehab for brain injury related difficulties. She is said to be improving. As of May 20, she was able to move her right side (arms, legs and feet), however was unable to move her left side.

Gonzalez is recovering at home while undergoing therapy for her injuries. She is walking but still in pain due to her hip injury. The stitches that she received as a result of the accident have been removed.

(Deputy Jesse Tovar contributed to this story.)

Hundreds of people make good on bad checks

By Elhiu Dominguez
Special to the Courier

El Paso County Attorney Jo Anne Bernal said Tuesday that hundreds of individuals took advantage of the hot check amnesty period that began on May 14, 2010. During the amnesty period, persons who paid their outstanding balances avoided payment of various charges, such as court costs, attorney fees, and the cost of posting a bond after arrest.

Individuals who did not take advantage of

the amnesty period will be targeted during upcoming county-wide warrant round-ups being coordinated by the County Attorney’s Office with the assistance of the El Paso Sheriff’s Office, the Texas Department of Public Safety, local constables and the Fort Bliss Military police.

Since Friday May 14, 2010, when the amnesty program was announced, 451 El Paso residents took advantage of the program paying 562 outstanding hot-checks that amounted to more than \$74,300.

Individuals with outstanding hot-checks may attempt to avoid arrest in the upcoming

roundups by paying as soon as possible. However, the amnesty period is over, and law enforcement officers can conduct arrests at any time without prior notice. Payments can be made at the following locations:

- El Paso County Courthouse, 500 E. San Antonio, Room 503 (5th floor), Monday - Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.; and
- El Paso County Ysleta Annex , 521 Socorro Rd., Suite A-3, Monday - Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

During last fiscal year (2008-2009) the Hot Check Unit collected 1.2 million dollars in outstanding hot checks.

Por la Gente

By State Rep. Chente Quintanilla

Basins to control flood water

Hola mi gente. In last weeks article, I shared with you the plans by the El Paso Water Utility Stormwater District to abate the effects from intense rainfall. The area I wrote about was around the city of Socorro. The areas further out from the city of El Paso also are impacted by the flow of rainwater through many massive arroyos.

In 2006, the first flood event to occur was in the Clint area. Two areas primarily saw big flash floods. One was around Mankato road and the other area was just below the City of El Paso Landfill.

The Mankato area was impacted because of so much development on the plateau above it. The plateau development is parallel to Darrington Road that runs from Horizon to I-10. The other area was impacted by a breach on the landfill water retention dams. In both cases,

the flash floods originated at an altitude of about 4000 feet above sea level. The area where the floods bottomed out is about 3600 feet. That level of grade gave the water a great deal of speed. In addition to volume of water and sediment, the speed of the mudflow is not only a hazard to property, it is definitely a danger to life. We are fortunate no lives were lost.

In both areas, the storm water utility will construct basins that span a wide area and have a retaining wall in excess of six feet. There will also be some smaller basins closer to the impacted areas such as the Ramirez Pecan orchards. These basins will allow the sediment to settle and will release the water at a much slower and safer speed.

The problem for the Fabens community is much easier to resolve. There is an existing basin that requires some modifications. It already has the capability of holding back a great deal of water but only after the retaining wall is fortified and the actual basin is dredged open to increase the acre feet of water capacity. This basin is located between I-10 and Cattleman’s steak house. As with the other basins, the purpose is to allow any sediment to settle and then to release the water at a slower speed.

The community of Tornillo is also benefitting from the Stormwater

District. This is important to me because I, and my extended family, live in Tornillo. We have been there all of our lives. We have seen first hand how a tremendous thunderstorm nine or ten miles away can endanger the lives of my neighbors.

The District plans to reinforce an arroyo channel just before the water hits our high school. The flood water then is diverted to a basin. Another basin is located further down the arroyo. Both basins will prevent the flashfloods that have occurred in the past. This past summer, I took video of a massive flow of water just feet from my home.

The District has developed some very effective plans.

I remain your friend and public servant, Chente por la gente.

Veterans Post

By Freddy Groves

Fraud shortchanges disabled vets

Executive Order 13360 was signed to let small businesses owned by disabled veterans have more opportunities to do work for the federal government. The program, Service-Disabled Veteran-Owned Small Businesses, has been in place since the program’s inception in 2004.

Various federal agencies are able to set aside contracts for the veteran-owned small businesses. Requirements are stiff and appear to be non-negotiable. A business must be 51 percent owned by a disabled veteran and managed by a disabled veteran or that veteran’s caregiver or spouse. The veteran can own only one business in the program. Fifty-one percent of the profits must to go the business. In the case of a small business bidding jointly with a non-veteran business, both companies are required to qualify as small. The business must be an eligible SDVOSB at the time it bids. The business must re-apply every year for certification.

In one year alone, SDVOSB businesses had \$6.5 billion worth of contracts.

Sounds great, on the surface:

Disabled veterans getting to run their own businesses.

Unfortunately, there are problems — big ones. Last year the Government Accountability Office warned that the Small Business Administration, which runs the program, did not have enough safeguards in place against fraud.

The GAO did a study and discovered that there was no validation of eligibility information, no monitoring of program compliance and a lack of investigation into abuse. It identified 10 ineligible companies alone that had \$100 million in small-business contracts that should have gone to veteran business owners. The contracting agencies were notified to take action, but since last winter these same companies have been awarded \$5 million in new contracts.

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View from here

By John Stossel

Labor Department vs. unpaid interns

Do you employ unpaid student interns — college students who work in exchange for on-the-job training?

If so, President Obama’s Labor Department says that you’re an exploiter. The government says an internship is OK only if it meets six criteria, among them that the employer must get “no immediate advantage” from the intern’s activities. In fact, the employer’s work “may be impeded.”

Impeded? No immediate advantage?

I’m in trouble, then. I have an intern at Fox Business News, and I’m getting immediate advantages from her work all the time. I’ve had interns my whole career and gotten lots of immediate advantage from them. Occasionally, I’ve been impeded — but the better interns did the research that made my work possible. I’d asked my TV bosses to pay for research help, but they said, “You think we’re made of money?”

So I asked colleges if students wanted internships. Many did, and from then on I got much of my best help from unpaid college students.

Did I exploit them? Obama’s Labor Department says it’s hired 250 new investigators to catch exploiters like me. I tried to get the department to answer my questions, but it declined.

So I spoke with *Village Voice* writer Anya Kamenetz, who wrote a column titled “Take This Internship and Shove It” in The New York Times.

“We have minimum wage laws in this country for a very good reason,” she replied. “We had them to avoid exploitation like child labor.

But what’s wrong with a free internship if a student learns something about the career he wants to pursue?

I was a little stunned by Kamenetz’s answer: “Employers could say we cannot afford to pay anybody, so why should we be forced to pay the guy who cleans the floors?”

Because they wouldn’t get people to clean floors if they didn’t pay. But I guess I shouldn’t expect a New York writer to understand markets.

“Interns are people that come in and work for below minimum wage,” she said. “They pull the bottom out of the labor market, and it’s less fair for everybody.”

So it should be banned?

“There are a lot of ways to fill in the need for interns and the need for college students to get experience. One way is for colleges to pay stipends.”

But they won’t.

“They will if the law is enforced. Another way is for companies to hire students that are eligible for federal work-study.”

Oh, I see. The taxpayers should pay for my interns.

“Nobody is saying that these interns should go away,” Kamenetz added. “What they’re saying is a company should put money in their budgets to pay people the minimum wage to work for them, and that is just the basic issue of fairness. If you start working for free, where’s it going to end?”

Give me a break. It would end when the interns have the skills to earn market salaries.

Minimum-wage law and union rules already killed off apprentice jobs on construction sites. Contractors say: If I must pay high union wages, I’ll hire experienced workers. I’d lose money if I hired a kid and helped him learn on the job.

My interns often told me that working — unpaid — at WCBS or ABC was the best learning experience of their lives: “I learned more from you than at college, and I didn’t have to pay tuition!” It was good for them and good for me.

Kamenetz said, “Studies show that when companies pay their interns, they design the internships better.”

Please. A few years ago, my old employer, ABC, started paying our interns. That was good for well-connected students who got internships, but bad for those who were turned down. ABC cut the number of interns by more than half. There’s no free lunch.

What’s happened to the rights of contract and free association? If student and employer come to an agreement, both expect to benefit or it wouldn’t happen. The student is no indentured servant. If the employer “exploits” the student, the student can quit. The contract ought to be nobody’s business but theirs.

Butt out, federal bullies. Grown-ups can take care of ourselves.

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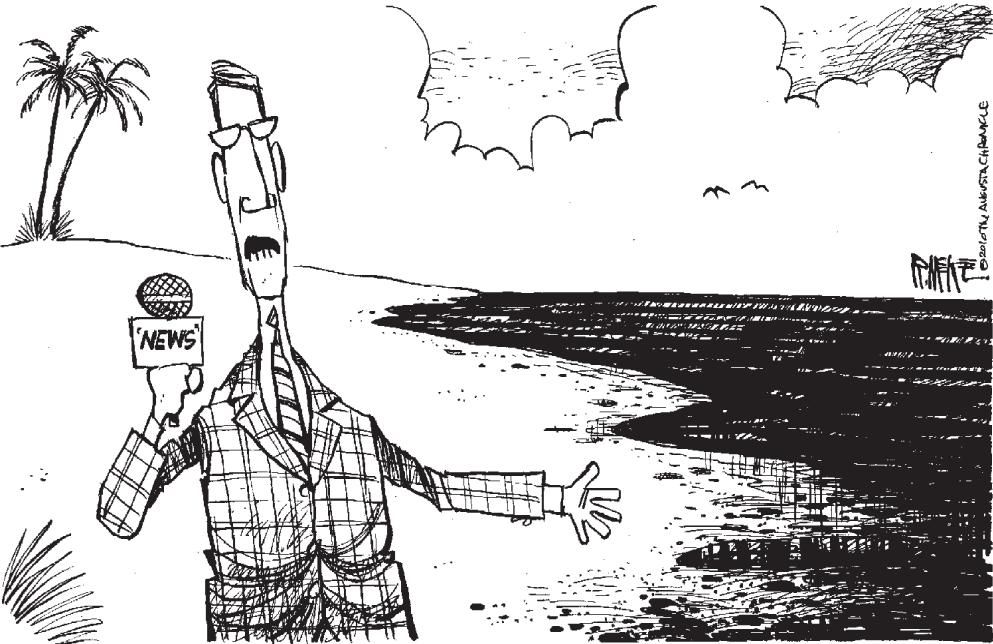
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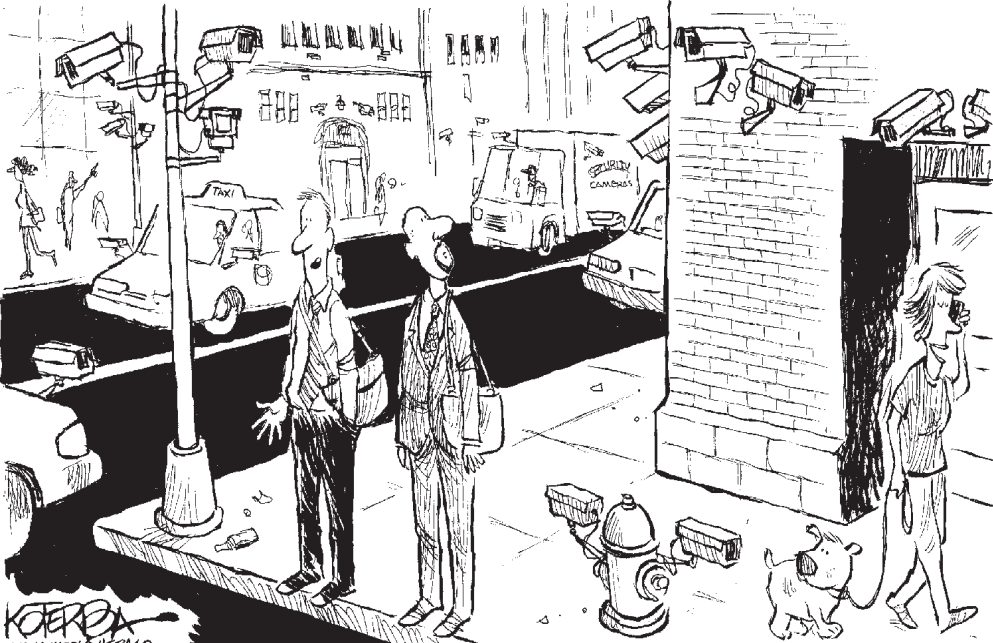
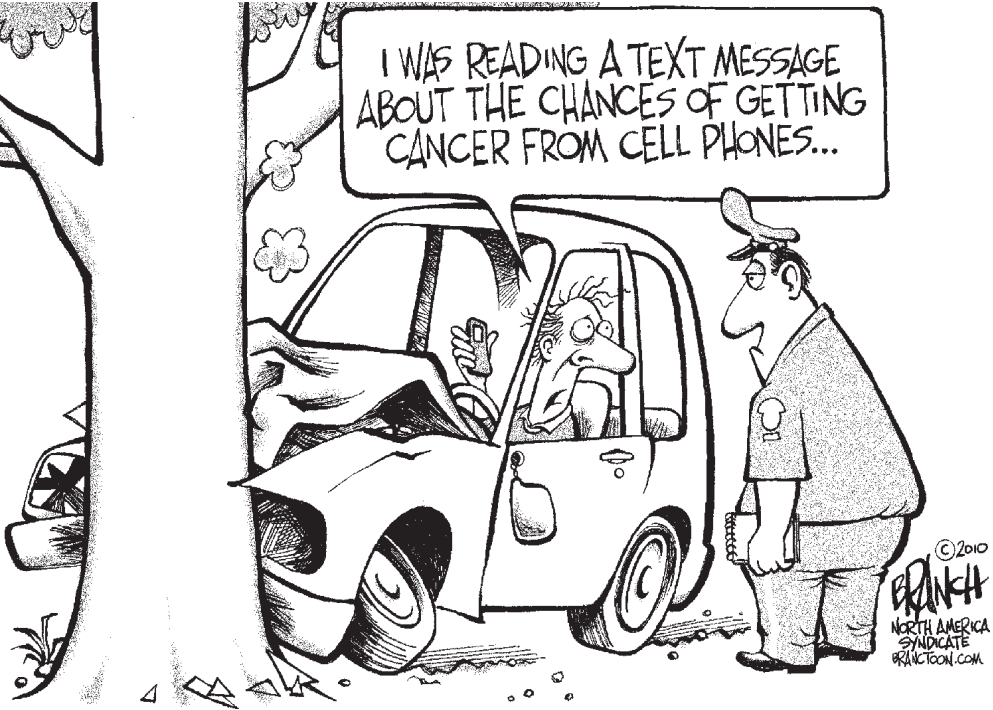
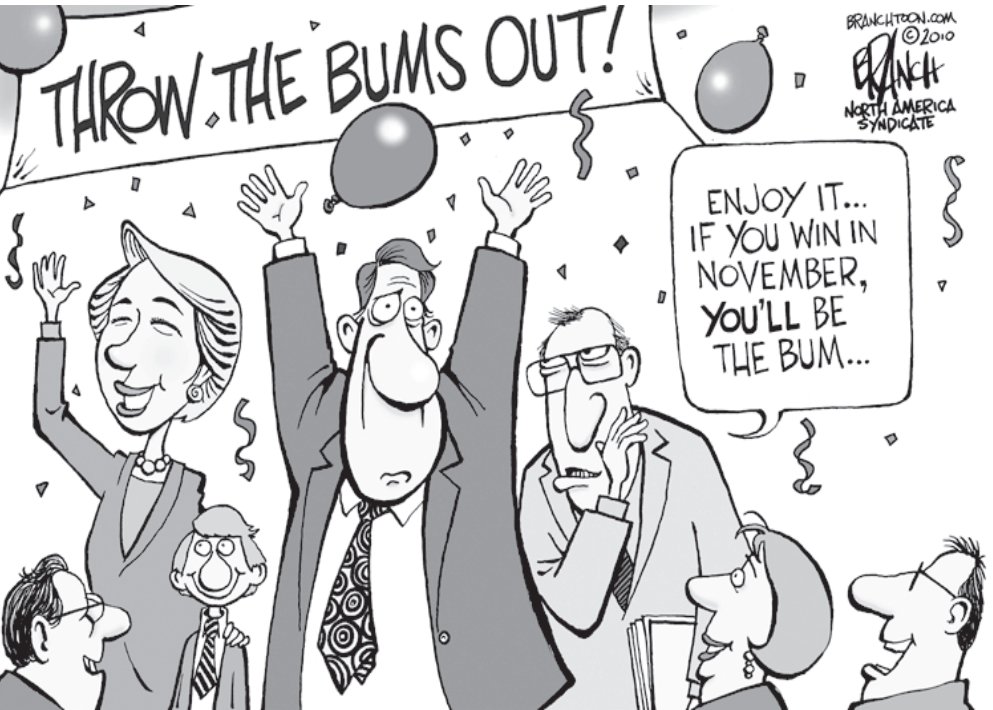
If a high school fails to hire an official director, I guess it's unprincipaled.

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"I DON'T KNOW ABOUT YOU, BUT I FEEL WAY BETTER NOW THAT FACEBOOK HAS ADDRESSED OUR CONCERNS ABOUT PRIVACY..."

It's the law By Texas AG Greg Abbott

Federal Credit Card Act imposes new rules

Last May, the U.S. Congress enacted the Credit Card Accountability Responsibility and Disclosure Act of 2009 (Credit Card Act). The Credit Card Act is intended to protect card holders from arbitrary rate increases and other lending practices that Congress deemed objectionable. The new law imposes dramatic reforms and is intended to encourage debtors to manage credit responsibly.

- Significant Provisions of the Act include:
- Under federal law, creditors generally cannot increase a cardholder's interest rates or any fees during the first 12 months after the cardholder opens an account. There are limited exceptions to this prohibition: (a) if a cardholder fails to make a payment within 60 days after the due date; (b) the cardholder's promotion rate period expired – provided that the promotional rate lasted at least six months; or c) when the increase is tied to a variable indexed interest rate.
 - No over limit fees may be charged unless cardholders have given their credit card company express permission to allow transactions that exceed the cardholder's credit limit.
 - Credit card issuers that increase interest rates because of market conditions or credit risk must review each cardholder's account every six months. If changed market conditions or credit risk warrant reducing a customer's interest rate, the card issuer must decrease the interest rate.
 - Before credit card issuers make changes to the terms of the card, they must give the cardholder the option to cancel the card before those changes take effect. If the cardholder chooses to cancel their card, the closed account will not be considered a breach of the cardholder agreement. Creditors cannot require immediate repayment of the entire credit card account balance, but rather must give the cardholder repayment options – including structuring the balance to be paid over at least five years.
- Before the new law's passage, credit card companies could raise their cardholders' interest rates to the default rate after a

cardholder defaulted on another credit card. Today, however, credit card companies cannot use other issuers' credit reports to increase their own customers' rates – so a single default can no longer trigger across-the-board rate increases on all of a customer's credit card accounts.

If a credit card company raises a customer's interest rate after the first year, the higher rate will apply only to new charges cardholders make. The old, lower interest rate still applies to the pre-existing account balance.

Additionally, credit card companies are only allowed to charge interest on balances that customers accrued during previous billing cycles. They are not permitted to charge interest on charges that are incurred and paid in full each billing cycle. As a result, cardholders who pay off their balance each month should not have to pay any interest to their credit card companies.

Under the new law, credit card companies must mail or deliver credit card bills at least 21 days before the customer's payment is due. Previously, it was 14 days. The due date should be the same date each month. Further, payments made by a cardholder by 5 P.M. EST on the due date are to be considered paid on time.

If the payment due date is on a weekend or holiday (when the company does not process payments), the law gives cardholders protection from late fees by extending the deadline to the following business day.

Credit card issuers are prohibited from charging additional fees for processing payment electronically – though there is an exemption for expedited payments arranged live through a service representative. As a result, customers can submit payments online or over the telephone without incurring additional cost.

The new law also imposes limits on credit card issuers' relationship with young customers. Anyone under 21 must show they are financially capable of servicing their debt. Those who cannot do so will need a co-signer in order to open a credit card account.

San Elizario Class of 2010 receives diplomas

By Cynthia P. Marentes
Special to the Courier

It was one of the very first days of the year to reach 100 degree temperatures, but that didn’t stop hundreds of families and friends from braving the heat to see 210 San Elizario High School seniors walk the graduation stage to receive their diplomas. Eagle Stadium slowly baked under the setting sun, filling to capacity on the evening of June 4 as the Class of 2010 completed their journey through high school ready to begin their next adventures.

The commencement program began with much excitement as the San Elizario High School Band played “Pomp and Circumstance” and the crowd took up any available seat or shady spot. Relatives and loved ones applauded as soon as the seniors began marching towards their seats in the middle of the football field flanked by members of the campus faculty. After the presentation of colors by the NJROTC Color Guard, senior student Joanna Maese delivered a flawless performance of the National Anthem. Principal Tony Baca then welcomed the audience to the school’s graduation festivities.

Following the greetings and other speakers, Orlando Martinez who was the number one ranking student took to the podium to deliver the

Valedictory Address. He recognized his family for their unconditional support and urged his fellow classmates to not let a number like class rank or other factors keep them from pursuing their dreams and reaching their goals. “Tonight you are the Class of 2010. Tomorrow you are the future,” Martinez concluded.

Joining Martinez in the top ten list of students were: Salutatorian Perla De La Torre, Victoria Valencia, Jesus Duran, Yecennia Gonzalez, Mireya Arredondo, Lizette Rubio, Amelia Peralta, Ashley Rodriguez, and Jose Conde. In total there were 22 students who earned a designation of Top Ten Percent in the graduating class of 2009-2010. San Elizario High School assistant principals Christine Jaksch, Frank Huizar, and Spanky Sanchez also presented the Aguila Awards to ten students who were nominated by the school faculty and staff for their outstanding contributions to the campus and for promoting school spirit. The winners of these awards were Yesenia Cardoza, Irazema Castillo, Perla De La Torre, Buster Delgadillo, Diego Flores, Manuel Gurrola, Christian Hernandez, Ashley Rodriguez, Arturo Serrano, Jr., and Victoria Valencia.

San Elizario ISD Board members Antonio Araujo, Vicente Delgadillo, Ramon Holguin, Irene D. Jaquez, Fernie Madrid, and Jose Rodriguez



— Photo courtesy San Elizario ISD
LISTEN UP — Valedictorian Orlando Martinez delivers the commencement speech to the San Elizario High School graduating Class of 2010.

awarded each of the seniors their high school diploma. Once board President Jaquez certified all the candidates for graduation, the new graduates turned their tassels over and flung their caps into the air concluding this school year’s commencement exercises.

Social Security Q&A

By Ray Vigil

Q: I’m a noncitizen. Can noncitizens receive supplemental security income (SSI) benefits?

A: You might be eligible receive SSI if:

- You were lawfully living in the United States on August 22, 1996, and you are blind or disabled;
- You were receiving SSI on August 22, 1996, and you are lawfully living in the United States; or
- You were lawfully admitted for permanent residence under the Immigration and Nationality Act and have a total of 40 Social Security work credits in the United States. (Your spouse’s or parent’s work also may count.)

• There are other categories of noncitizens that may be eligible for payments. If you are a noncitizen and want to apply for SSI benefits, it is best to contact us to see if you are eligible. To learn more, read the online factsheet, Supplemental Security Income (SSI) For Noncitizens, at www.socialsecurity.gov/pubs/11051.html.

For more information on the question 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.

STRANGE BUT TRUE

By Samantha Weaver

• It was American author, playwright, screenwriter and political activist Gore Vidal who made the following sage observation: “Any American who is prepared to run for president should automatically, by definition, be disqualified from ever doing so.”

• The next time you get a chance, you might want to check the pressure of your car’s tires; if they’re not inflated to the correct pressure, you’re contributing to the \$9 million in fuel that is wasted due to improper tire pressure, according to the Department of Energy.

• If you ever go to Rome, one of the sights that must be seen is the Trevi Fountain, the elaborate Baroque installment that was completed in 1762. According to legend, anyone who throws a coin in the fountain is ensured a return visit to Rome. This is, evidently, a popular tradition; every night approximately \$3,500 is retrieved from the fountain. The money is used to fund a supermarket for the city’s needy.

• In this era of ubiquitous technology and instant communication through e-mail and text message, the average American still receives 1.5 personal letters each week. Of course, you have to weigh that against the 10.8 pieces of junk mail that arrive on a weekly basis.

• Due to the rising prices of the materials used to mint coins, it now costs 2 cents to manufacture every penny and 9 cents to make a nickel.

• In 2006, an Illinois police officer was arrested for driving under the influence of alcohol. This probably would not be noteworthy, except that it was the same police officer who received an award for making the most DUI arrests in his county.

Thought for the Day: “I’m sick of following my dreams. I’m just going to ask them where they’re going and hook up with them later.” — Mitch Hedberg

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Fabens Independent School District Public Notice

A PUBLIC MEETING will be held at 4:00 P.M. on Thursday, June 10, 2010 at the Fabens Independent School District Administration Building, 821 NE “G” Avenue, Fabens, Texas. The purpose of the public meeting is to allow any interested member of the public who resides within the Fabens Independent School District the opportunity to provide input on the programmatic plans for the expenditure of federal funding from the program funding sources for the 2010-11 school year.

The Grant Applications are available through the “NO Child Left Behind Act” and include the following:

- Title I, Part A – Improving Basic Programs
- Title I, Part C – Education of Migratory Children
- Title II, Part A – Teacher and Principal Training and Recruiting
- Title III, Part A – English Language Acquisition, Language Enhancement and Academic Achievement

Additionally, information will be provided regarding the planned usage of federal stimulus funding from the A.R.R.A. Title I, Part A and the S.F.S.F. Title I, Part A programs for the 2010-11 school year.

Anyone that is unable to attend the public meeting may submit their questions, in writing, to the Fabens Independent School District or contact Mr. Neale Baker (915) 765-2600. Accommodations for disabled individuals in need of any special accommodations or assistance for attending and participating in the meeting are encouraged to contact Mr. Baker twenty four (24) hours prior to the meeting.

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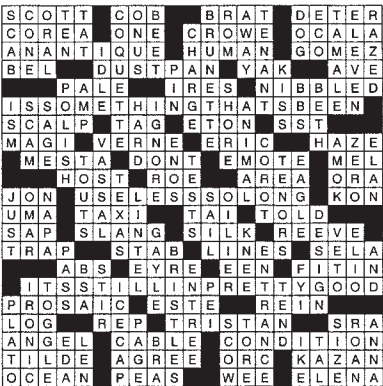
UNA REUNIÓN PÚBLICA el jueves a las 4:00 PM, el 10 de junio del 2010 en la administración del distrito escolar de Fabens, 821 NE “G” Ave, Fabens, Texas. El propósito de la reunión pública es permitir a cualquier miembro interesado del público que reside dentro del distrito escolar de Fabens la oportunidad de proporcionar sus ideas en los planes programáticos para los fondos de los programas federales y otros recursos de los programas por el año escolar 2010-11.

Los usos de la beca están disponibles a través del acto de “Ningún Niño Dejado Atrás” e incluyen el siguiente:

- Título I, Parte A – Mejoramiento de los programas básicos
- Título I, Parte C – Educación de los estudiantes migrantes
- Título II, Parte A – Capacitación y selección de directores y docentes
- Título III, Parte A – Adquisición del idioma ingles, enriquecimiento del idioma y éxito académico

Además, la información será proporcionada con respecto al uso previsto de los fondos federales del estímulo de programas A.R.R.A, título I, parte A y de S.F.S.F., título 1, parte A, por el año escolar 2010-11.

Los que no pueden asistir a la reunión pública pueden someter sus preguntas, por escrito, al distrito escolar o al Sr. Neale Baker, administrador de Fabens ISD, numero de contacto (915) 765-2600. Las comodidades serán posibles para los individuos necesitando cualquier comodidad especial o la ayuda para asistir y participar en la reunión con 24 horas de aviso, antes de la reunión



Canutillo High School seniors earn Red Honors Cord

By Kim Guzman
Special to the Courier

CANUTILLO — Forty-one Canutillo High School (CHS) seniors have earned the distinction of receiving Red Honors Cords from United Blood Services (UBS) and CHS’s Health Occupations Students of America (HOSA) in recognition for their gift of giving.

HOSA and UBS team up three times a year to help save lives through volunteer blood donations at CHS from students, staff, and community members. This year,

HOSA recruited enough donors to generate 356 units of blood and blood products for UBS, which supplies 18 hospitals throughout the area and rely heavily on the support of local high schools.

CHS seniors who received the Red Honors Cords were recognized for donating blood during the CHS blood drives at least three times during their high school years.

Seniors who received the cords were Alexa Alaniz, Isaac Alvarado, Ruben Alvearez, Oscar Aviles, Stephanie Banuelos, Raul Callejo, Clarissa Castillo, Ricardo Deluna, Gabriela Esparza, Jacqueline Estrada,

Vanessa Fernandez, Tiffany Gailey, Leony, Saul Macias, Dulce Marquez, Alan Garcia, Giovanni Garcia, Daisy Martinez, Robert Miller, Daisy Melanie Garcia, Stephanie Gomez, Pavia, Gilbert Quintana, Jacqueline Ramirez, Miguel Renteria, Dominick Ruiz, Susana Salinas, Arley Sanchez, Elizabeth Hernandez, Luis Hernandez, Reyna Siqueiros, Luis Tarango, Dolores Hidalgo, Alina Iniguez, Brissa Ricardo Terrazas, Aaron Trejo, and Nohemi Valdez.

“This is a major life-saving commitment, and we want to honor our seniors for their graduation success and their life-saving contribution,” said Robyn Weiss, HOSA advisor and CHS instructor.



— Photo courtesy Canutillo ISD

HITTING THE RIGHT CORD — 41 Canutillo High School seniors received Red Honors Cords through United Blood Services for their donation of blood. Representing the group, with their cords draped around their necks, are, from left, Ivette Gonzalez, Brissa Leony, Daisy Pavia, Dulce Maquez, Dolores Hidalgo, Nohemi Valdez, Dominick Ruiz and Kevin Guerrero.

Briefs

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the Jerry Antwine Memorial Scholarship Fund at San Elizario High School. Donations are gladly accepted. For more information or to register contact Spanky Sanchez at 915-872-3970 or asanchez@seisd.net.

— Cynthia P. Marentes

Crime Stoppers

A series of houses under construction in far east El Paso are intentionally set on fire within a two-week period, making this the Crime Stoppers “Crime of the Week.” On Thursday, May 20, at 7:00 a.m., the El Paso Fire Department responded to a fire at a house under construction on the 14000 block of Navajo Point. While firefighters were controlling this fire, dispatchers received a second call about a fire at another house under construction on the 3200 block of Gold Point, a quarter mile north of the first location. Both fires were quickly extinguished by firefighters. Damages in these fires amounted to \$100,000. On Sunday, May 30, just before 6:30 in the morning, Fire units were again called to three fires at homes under construction on the 12000 block of Hidden Grove. Two trailers were also on fire. Witnesses saw a white 4-door sedan with tinted windows fleeing the scene. Damages to the three homes and the two trailers were estimated at more than \$600,000. Investigators from the Fire Marshals office determined that all five fires were intentionally set, ruling them as Arson. The grand total of damages in all the fires amounted to over \$700,000.00. If you have information about the identity of the suspects in these Arsons, please call Crime Stoppers immediately at 566-TIPS (566-8477) or on-line at www.crimestoppersofelpaso.org. You will remain anonymous and, if your tip leads to an arrest, you can qualify for a cash reward.

— James Klaes

Wanted

The hunt is on for Diego Cuellar, a Sureno Gang Member, wanted for a violent assault in Westway, TX. Cuellar, 25, also goes by Diego Facio. He is 5’4” tall and weighs 140 pounds. Cuellar has brown hair, brown eyes and a

tattoo, Sur, on his upper left arm. The assault occurred on May 27, 2010 at approximately 8:00 p.m. Deputies were called to the area of the 8300 block of Tom Mays in



reference to a stabbing. The 19-year-old male victim said he was stabbed with a large butcher knife, repeatedly, by three or four “cholo-type” males following an earlier verbal altercation with the group. He sustained serious stab wounds to his upper back and right side of his head (one near the temple region of his skull). He was rushed to a local hospital where he underwent surgery. Following leads provided by patrol Deputies, CID Detectives have been able to identify one of the assailants as Cuellar. It is believed Cuellar remains in the Borderland hiding with relatives and friends. Cuellar has several relatives in Westway, Canutillo, and El Paso. He was sentenced to Texas Department of Corrections in 2004 for another crime. Sheriff’s Officials are asking the public for any information on the whereabouts of Cuellar. People can contact the Sheriff’s Office at 546-2280 or Crime Stoppers of El Paso at 566-TIPS (8477). Callers will remain anonymous and may be eligible for a reward if the information provided leads to the apprehension of the individuals featured.

— Deputy Jesse Tovar

Caught

Early Monday morning (06-07-10) at about 9:30 a.m., Sheriff’s Deputies were called to a residence in 19000 block Alameda where DPS Troopers had detained a subject, fugitive Mariano Feliz, Jr., who was wanted for a violent assault on his sister-in-law which occurred on May 20, 2010. In that incident Feliz and his brother had been physically assaulting a woman over the course of three days. DPS Troopers confirmed the identity of Feliz and turned him over to Sheriff’s Deputies. He was found asleep in one of the bedrooms of the residence where he was taken into custody without incident. His arrest is the 49th Manhunt Monday capture out of 76 profiled fugitives.

— Deputy Jesse Tovar

Public Notice / Aviso al Público

Canutillo Independent School District

Summer Meal Program / Programa de Servicio de Alimentos para el Verano

Canutillo Independent School District announces its summer food service program. Meals will be provided Monday through Thursday as follows: Breakfast from 7:00-9:00 a.m., Lunch from 11:00 a.m.-1:30 p.m., and Afternoon Snack from 2:00 to 2:30 p.m. Meals are free to all children ages one to eighteen years of age. Adults may purchase meals ala carte. All CISD facilities will be closed on Fridays beginning the week of June 7th, through August 9th.

El Distrito Escolar Independiente de Canutillo anuncia su programa de servicio de alimentos para el verano. Las comidas serán proporcionadas de lunes a jueves de la siguiente manera: Desayuno de 7:00-9:00 a.m., Comida de 11:00 a.m.-1:30 p.m., y Snack en la Tarde de 2:00 a 2:30 p.m. Las comidas son gratis para todas las edades de uno a dieciocho años. Los adultos pueden comprar su comida a la carta. Todas las instalaciones de CISD permanecerán cerradas los viernes a partir de la semana del 7 de junio y hasta el 9 de agosto.

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Unfortunate mistake made perfect by class and apology

By Steve Escajeda
Special to the Courier

I have to admit that too many of my sports thoughts concentrate on the negative.

But when you are focusing on today’s sports world – the truth is that the words “sports” and “negativity” have become blood brothers.

It seems that higher-level sports stories frequently contain words like dishonest, cheating, felony, disrespect, accusation, argument, suspension, arrest and imprisonment.

It’s rare when words like integrity, humility, kindness, respect, honesty, accountable, selfless, forgiveness and fairness are mentioned.

But I am so pleased to focus on two instances that remind me that there are still decent men and life-enhancing lessons surrounding today’s win-at-all-costs sports world.

By now everyone has heard of the blunder that cost Detroit Tigers pitcher Armando Galarraga only the 21st perfect game in the 134-year history of Major League Baseball.

I called my 16-year-old son over and we watched the final out together. Of course we had no idea what was about to happen. We both

raised our hands in triumph at the final out.

Then we lowered them in disbelief.

Forget slow-motion instant replay, it appeared obvious to me in real time that the throw had beaten Cleveland’s Jason Donald at first base by at least a full half-a-step.

Immediately following umpire Jim Joyce’s blown call, all the talk focused on the expansion of instant replay in professional baseball – along with how Joyce should be punished (suspension, water boarding, firing squad, Michael Bolton music?).

But a funny thing materialized on the way to Joyce’s inquisition – humanity.

At the exact moment that Joyce made his bad call, Galarraga looked shocked, surprised and maybe a little stunned – but he never lost his composure though he probably had every right to.

The entire stadium erupted in boos as replay after replay indicated that Joyce, one of the most respected umpires in the league, had just cost this young pitcher a place in baseball history.

But this story has quickly evolved from a potential Jim Joyce hatefest – to a lesson of understanding, respect and forgiveness.

And it’s all because of both men involved.

Instead of blaming the umpire for ruining

everything, the pitcher calmly said after the game that nobody was perfect. And Joyce, though it is no longer the norm, immediately admitted his mistake and personally apologized to Galarraga after the game.

Galarraga could have gotten in Joyce’s face and called him incompetent and Joyce could have stubbornly stuck to his call and avoided the media.

But both men showed the kind of mutual respect and dignity very rarely seen in professional sports these days.

What each exhibited was true class in every sense of the word.

Speaking of class, legendary class, the great John Wooden died this past week.

I remember growing up in the sixties and early seventies knowing three never-changing facts. The sun would rise, the sun would fall, and UCLA would win the NCAA basketball championship.

With Wooden at the helm, I saw guys like Lew Alcindor (Kareem Abdul Jabbar) and Bill Walton lead these incredible teams to win after win and title after title.

Back in those days you might see UCLA on TV about four or five times a year so it was an event when you got the chance.

But as good as those teams were under

Wooden, it isn’t the wins or the titles his former players remember him by – it’s the fact that he taught them how to be good men.

Wooden spent as much time teaching his players about how to conduct their lives off the court as well as on it.

He once said, “You can’t live a perfect day without doing something for someone who will never be able to repay you,” and “Talent is God given – be humble. Fame is man-given – be grateful. Conceit is self-given – be careful.”

Wooden told his players never to cuss, to always be on time and to always respect their teammates. Seems like pretty simple stuff – but unfortunately, definitely a thing of the past.

Too many times today, young men who know very little about anything except how to put a ball through a basket, are allowed to run the show.

At UCLA, no matter how good the player was – there was no doubt that Wooden was in charge – and they are all better men because of it

John Wooden’s examples of morality and decency will certainly be missed – but Armando Galarraga and Jim Joyce have proven that they will certainly live on.

A sporting view By Mark Vasto

Here’s looking at you, kid

By the time you read this, it will surely be over — “it” being the last era of culturally significant superstar baseball players and the career of

one of the game’s consensus all-time greats: Ken Griffey Jr.

His name inspires baseball fans from three generations. Indeed,

Griffey Jr. was the last link to the 1980s, a time when giants like Barry Bonds, Darryl Strawberry, Jose Canseco and Eric Davis (yes, Eric Davis) dominated discussion and propelled baseball back to the top of most sports fans’ minds. This is an important point: After a rather dull first half of the Reagan ‘80s — marred most notably by the 1981 strike — baseball welcomed the return of the superstar. Really, the game hadn’t had one since the heyday of Reggie Jackson.

Griffey had a head start in life. His father, standout outfielder Ken Griffey, was a proponent of “take your child to work day,” making his son a frequent presence in the Reds and Yankees clubhouses. It was there that America was first introduced to “the kid” when, during a Yankee broadcast, announcer Phil Rizzuto observed “that huckleberry” bouncing baseballs off the dugout walls.

He made his Major League debut at the age of 19, considered a “can’t miss” prospect by the long-beleaguered Seattle Mariner franchise. And both at the plate and in the field, he didn’t miss much. The statistics, in Griffey’s case, really do tell the story: Ten consecutive Gold Glove awards, an All-Star for 13 seasons, seven Silver Sluggers. He is the fifth most prolific home-run hitter in history.


But Griffey brought more to the game than that. It is, perhaps, ironic that one of the knocks on Griffey — his injury-filled stint in Cincinnati — is what will ultimately cement his legacy. For Griffey is the only superstar player of his era to have avoided being caught up in the steroid scandal that netted all too many of his peers.

Now a shadow of his former self at the plate and in the field,

one gets the sense of not seeing the champion in his prime. Griffey is the equivalent of the “Trevor Berbick” Ali. We don’t want to see him go, and it will be hard to stomach when it happens, but happen it surely will. Griffey will be released or given the option to retire, his patented swing relegated to the highlight reels that we’ll watch again and again. And it won’t be the last we’ll see of him, either. In five years he will be on the steps of the Hall of Fame in Cooperstown, accepting his plaque, his achievements on display for all time.

Here’s looking at you, kid. Well played.

Mark Vasto is a veteran sportswriter and publisher of The Kansas City Luminary. (c) 2010 King Features Synd., Inc.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

TXCDBG CONTRACT NO. 729149

The Town of Clint has been informed by the Texas Department of Rural Affairs that it is eligible for additional funding of approximately \$90,500 for its current Program Year 2009 Community Development Fund Grant Contract No. 729149 in the amount of \$234,859 consisting of water line replacement on Lawson Street from the Clint Lateral to Langford Street. The Town of Clint is proposing to utilize the additional funds in the approximate

amount of \$90,500 for additional water line replacement on Lawson Street from Langford Street to McKinney Street to include engineering and administration fees.

A public hearing to discuss the use of the proposed additional funds and to solicit citizens input is scheduled to be held at 6:00 P.M. on Tuesday, June 15, 2010 at the Clint Community Center located at 200 North San Elizario Road in Clint. Individuals who require auxiliary aids and persons with disabilities who wish to attend the meeting should contact the Office of the Town Clerk at (915) 851-3146 at least two days before the meeting so that appropriate arrangements can be made.

A copy of the funded water facility improvements application and proposed budget justification for the use of the additional funds is available for review during normal business hours at Clint Town Hall, 200 North San Elizario Road in Clint, Texas. For further information concerning the City's TxCDBG project, please contact the Town Clerk at (915) 851-3146.

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El Paso Collaborative for Community and Economic Development

Invitation to Bid

The El Paso Collaborative for Community and Economic Development a

local non-profit organization is requesting competitive sealed bids for the construction of a single family residence (1 new home) to be built in the County of El Paso, Texas (Montana Vista Area) starting Thursday, June 17, 2010 through Thursday June 24, 2010 (from 8:30 am to 4:30 pm. during these dates only).

Bid packets may be picked up at El Paso Collaborative 1359 Lomaland Dr. Suite 538, El Paso, Texas 79935. Packets include home design, a site plan and specifications. The house must be Energy Star and need to meet visitability guidelines. A \$50.00 refundable deposit required.

All sealed bids are to be submitted on the forms provided in a sealed envelope to:

El Paso Collaborative
c/o Lorraine Frias
1359 Lomaland Dr.
Suite 538
El Paso, TX 79935

All bids are due on Friday, May Friday, June 25th from 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

For further information, contact Lorraine Frias, Program Coordinator at the El Paso Collaborative (915) 590-1216 ext. 111.

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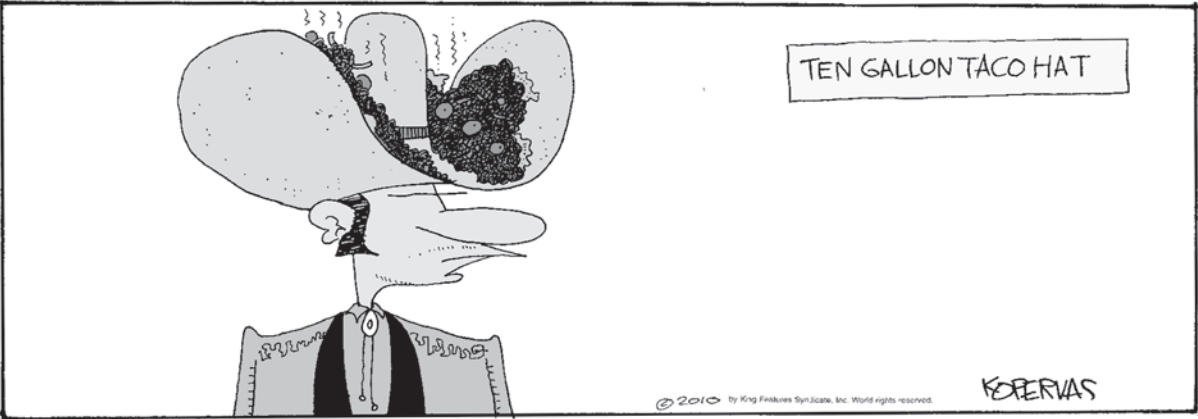
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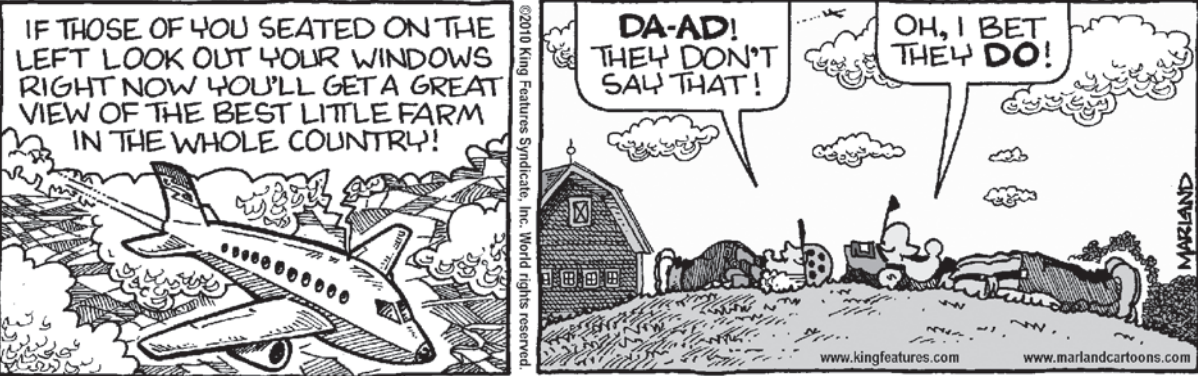
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Your good healthBy Paul G. Donahue, M.D.

DEAR DR. DONOHUE: I have read your column for many years, but I haven't seen anything about stomach flu. Will you write about it? Someone in my family of seven gets it every year, even in the summer. Does the flu shot protect you from it? — H.H.

At one time, I conducted a crusade to erase the term “stomach (or intestinal) flu” from the English language. I didn’t get very far, so I gave up on it. Real flu — influenza — is a respiratory illness, not an intestinal illness. The flu shot provides protection only against true flu, not “stomach” flu.

Four viruses are the usual culprits of stomach flu, and, for adults, the one that leads the pack is norovirus. Vomiting, diarrhea, fever and often headache are the main symptoms. It comes on suddenly, about one or two days after the virus enters the body. The sickness lasts only one to three days. A slight increase in number of cases occurs in the winter, but it comes in all seasons.

Norovirus infections usually spare infants. Older people have the worst symptoms, and they are the ones who can die from an infection, but death is rare. This is the illness that sweeps through cruise ships and can infect an entire nursing home. It’s also common in military settings and sports teams. The virus is passed in contaminated food and water, and it can live for long times on inanimate objects — another possible source of transmission.

No medicines kill the norovirus. Replacing fluid lost through diarrhea is the most important aspect of treatment. A homemade replacement solution is a mixture of half a teaspoon of salt, half a teaspoon of baking soda (sodium bicarbonate) and four tablespoons of sugar in a quart (about one liter) of water. Commercial fluid

replacements also are available, and drinks like Gatorade are suitable for infections that are not prostrating. Bismuth subsalicylate (Pepto-Bismol) controls diarrhea. Immunity to norovirus is not long-lasting, so second infections occur.

Many bacterial illnesses, like Salmonella, also lead to diarrhea, but that’s a subject for another day.

DEAR DR. DONOHUE: How can I get rid of bags under my eyes? — B.L.

In younger years, people don’t have bags under their eyes because a strong meshwork of tissue holds fat in place. With age, that meshwork loses strength, and fat pushes its way outward in the area under the eyes. That bulging fat is bags.

I wish I had a simple answer for you. The only way to get rid of those bags is surgical removal.

DEAR DR. DONOHUE: Since I was 12, I have played tennis. I still do, four times a week, and I am 77. I have had to cut the time I play tennis in half because I'm getting short of breath. What kind of lung exercises can I do? — R.K.

Forget lung exercises. See your doctor, and you should do that as soon as you can. Becoming breathless doing things you used to do without any trouble can be a sign of many serious illnesses.

Dr. Donohue regrets that he is unable to answer individual letters, but he will incorporate them in his column whenever possible. Readers may write him or request an order form of available health newsletters at P.O. Box 536475, Orlando, FL 32853-6475. (c) 2010 North America Synd., Inc. All Rights Reserved.

Super Crossword

- APPRECIATION ACROSS

1 Ivanhoe's creator

6 Corn holder

9 Wild child

13 Talk out of

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19 " _ Good Cop" ('91 film)

20 Russell of "Gladiator"

21 Florida city

22 Start of a remark by Franklin P. Jones

24 Type of primate

25 Morticia's man

26 _ canto

27 Janitor's item

29 Asian ox

31 Broad st.

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36 Munched like a mouse

39 Part 2 of remark

45 Profit from tickets

46 Playground game

47 School founded by Henry VI

48 Fast way to the UK

49 Christmas visitors

50 Famed futurologist

52 Stoltz or Severeid

54 Mist

58 Socialite Perle

60 "Stop!"

62 Overact

65 Sportscaster Allen

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78 " _-Tiki"

79 Thurman of "Dangerous Liaisons"

80 Prepare to fly

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82 Spilled the beans

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85 Casual speech

87 Luxurious fabric

89 Actor Christopher

92 Pitfall

94 Use a poniard

96 Fortifies with fleece

98 Actress Ward

100 Pecs' partners

103 Bronte heroine

105 Velvet finish

106 Conform

107 Part 4 of remark

112 Unimaginative

113 Tivoli's Villa d'_

114 Pull the Trigger?

115 Fireplace fuel

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118 Wagner hero

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124 TV's "Touched by an _"

127 Nautical rope

129 End of remark

132 Diacritical mark

133 Think alike

134 Tolkien villain

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1 Wound covering

2 Good place for a dip

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4 Word with take or hang

5 Make lace

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9 Swarthy sort

10 Computer acronym

11 "Up-Up and _"

12 Lodger

13 Kuvasz or Komondor

14 Author Umberto

15 Hot stuff?

16 Soccer team

17 Brought down the house

20 Pay with plastic

23 At rest

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30 Ghoulish rockers

32 Coming from Krakow

33 Current unit

35 Musical Dinah

37 Small shots

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39 The end?

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67 Where to find Alice

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72 Barbra's "Funny Girl" co-star

73 Oenophile's mecca

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91 Fiorucci of fashion

93 Generic grade?

95 Hog hair

97 Bewitch

99 Clause connector

101 Campy grp.?

102 " _ It Up" ('73 hit)

104 Steak or lobster

106 Memo letters

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Moore Texas

by Roger Moore

It was a tradition among the Tonkawas for the men to totally ignore his mother in law.

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: O equals S

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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

Answer Page 2 ★★★ HOO BOY!

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WORLD RANKED — Members of Socorro’s NJROTC squad took a little time out to pose for this photo upon learning their unit had been ranked third in the world in the Navy League Best Unit National Championship.

NJROTC

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themselves in drill teams, athletics, marksmanship teams and other extra-curricular activities.

“NJROTC has taught me to motivate myself and others, and also to excel in all areas of school and life,” says Bravo Company Commander Guy Deragisch. “This is an important honor because I’m proud to be part of the unit’s success.”

The corps also teaches self-confidence and leadership skills and helps cadets meet life’s challenges.

“It’s an important curriculum, the discipline we learn helps us with our studies, shows us respect for ourselves and others and keeps us in shape,” says first year Seaman Recruit Jasmine Rabelo.

The unit is made up of 164 cadets, 89 boys and 75 girls, who practice an average of three hours a day, four days a week. Their training consists of military knowledge and chain of command, readying for inspection, drill team and color guard regulation

marching.

“I have learned not only to be a better member of my community, but also to be a good leader,” says Petty Officer 2nd Class Adrian Dominguez. “As a squad leader with the unit, I have learned the proper way to march and do in-place drills and change my lifestyle.”

“Honor to me is to be thankful for the good deeds we do,” says Rabelo who along with the rest of her Unit are thankful to be granted the honor of being the state champions.

“It is an honor to be able to bring this recognition for the entire school. We now have two Socorro High School state champions, the baseball team and the NJROTC program,” says Dominguez.

“I helped, I was part of this great achievement,” says Platoon Commander and member of the unarmed drill team Alicia Diaz.

“All this work and dedication has paid off in a rewarding way. It motivates me to keep going with my studies and pursue a Criminal Justice degree.”

The President of the Navy League of the United States Lone

Star Region, Glenn Looney, bestowed the Distinguished Unit Award to the members of the Socorro Naval Junior Reserve Officers Training Corps. The ceremony took place at the Socorro High School Performing Arts Theatre this spring.

Cadets and their instructors were selected as the state champions by the NROTC Area 10 Texas Manager for their outstanding performance in the End of Year Report which evaluates a 12 month cycle of achievement by the members of the unit.

Among drill and color guard practice, the cadets also excel on the shooting range, academic team study and community service.

The unit was also nominated for the prestigious Navy League Best Unit National Championship which includes 13 NJROTC squads from around the world. On May 7, the Socorro NJROTC was awarded its third place ranking.

This is a great honor and, “a positive impact for the school, community and the country,” says Lieutenant Commander Ben Spaulding.

Cadets are not just learning skills for themselves.

Junior and Executive Officer Christina Marie Christian says there are many lessons she has learned being a member of the unit. “I have learned to be a good leader and set an example for others.”

“The program teaches discipline and respect. We are ready for whatever challenges life brings.”

Discipline is just one of the things that enrich a cadet’s education.

“The NROTC shows students how to prioritize, helps us track our grades, and shows us how to be part of a team,” says Petty Officer and senior Ismael Ortega.

Cadets plan to continue their training and pursue higher education.

“I will continue my ROTC into UTEP on a full ride scholarship studying mechanical engineering and I will be a commissioned officer,” says Cadet/Lieutenant Commander Guy Deragisch.

“I plan to go to college first and be in the medical field for the Navy,” says Christian.

FEAR KNIGHT

By: rj johnson

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Answer Page 2

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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