



NEWSBRIEFS

Art exhibit

The El Paso Public Library is hosting an exhibit by Anping (Anne) Tao through July 31, 2010. Tao is an artist and assistant professor of Chinese painting at Sichuan University. She is also a member of China Artist Association, Sichuan Artist Association, Sichuan Claborate-style Painting Association, and senior painter of Oriental Art Institute. She was born in 1971, and acquired her bachelor's degree of art at South West Normal University in 1996 and her master's degree of art at Sichuan University in 2001, focusing on landscape painting. She excels at exquisite modern landscape painting, especially elegant courtyard and tasteful room, which are distinguished by their rich colors and a combination of detailed and delicate line drawing (Gongbi) and abstract, impressionistic (Xieyi) paintings. Many of her paintings have been featured in both provincial and national art exhibitions.

— Julie Lozano

Crime Stoppers

Crime Stoppers of El Paso is assisting the El Paso Police Department in locating the vehicle involved in a fatal hit and run, and its driver, making this the "Crime of the Week." On Monday night, May 5, 2008, just before 9:00 a.m., Police officers responded to a hit and run collision at 10100 Cross Street in northeast El Paso. Unfortunately, it was a fatal hit and run. The preliminary investigation by officers from the Special Traffic Investigation unit revealed that 72-year-old Flavia Estrello was pushing her granddaughter, 2-year-old Aliana Gonzalez, in a stroller when they attempted to cross the street. A vehicle headed north on Cross struck both pedestrians, killing Estrello and seriously injuring the child. The vehicle then fled the scene, making a left turn from Cross onto Sun Valley Drive. Witnesses describe the suspect vehicle as dark colored and possibly a late model Ford Mustang. This vehicle would have shown damage to the windshield and to the right side of the front hood. If you have any information at all about the location of this vehicle or the identity of its driver, please call Crime Stoppers of El Paso at 566-TIPS (8477) or submit your tip online at www.crimestoppersofelpaso.org. You will remain anonymous and, if your tip leads to an arrest, you may earn a cash reward up to \$1,000.

— James Klaes

Wanted

The hunt is on for a confirmed Barrio Azteca Gang member sought for a series of crimes he committed on July 16. Fernando Magalde, 34, is wanted for multiple offenses. He is 5'10" tall and weighs 185

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— Photo by Alfredo Vasquez

COMMUNITY SERVICE — West Valley Fire Department in the Upper Valley has 55 volunteers and 17 mobile units on call. West Valley Fire Department Chief Bill Adler, left, and Captain Roger Esparza stand in front of their newest fire truck.

West Valley Fire Department receives 911 grant

By Alfredo Vasquez
Special to the Courier

VINTON — Fire, medical, and law enforcement communications system in the Upper Valley will get a much needed boost thanks to the efforts of West Valley Fire Department (WVFD) Chief Bill Adler.

Chief Adler received notification recently that the El Paso County 911 District has awarded WVFD a \$29,530 grant for a transmitter antenna to enhance pager reception for fire, medical, and law enforcement personnel who serve Anthony, Vinton, Canutillo, Westway, and El Paso's Westside.

The new antenna equipment will be placed on an existing tower located on the WVFD premises in the Town of Vinton. The project should be completed by mid August,

according to Adler.

"All of our WVFD personnel use pagers to receive emergency calls, and we often have a weak signal in some of the Upper Valley areas because the antenna tower we are currently using is situated atop of the southern-end of the Franklin Mountains," said Adler. "The new antenna will improve response time from all emergency units in the area," he added.

Adler said that because all WVFD firefighters and emergency medical technicians (EMTs) are volunteers, they depend heavily on the pager transmitter system when their services are needed. The WVFD currently has 55 volunteers and 17 mobile units on-call. In 2009 they responded to 1,460 calls, he said.

"In fact, all of the fire departments in El Paso County proper including Clint, Fabens, Horizon, Montana Vista, San Elizario, and Socorro are staffed 100 per cent by volunteers,"

stated Adler, who has been a WVFD volunteer since 1996 and became chief in 2000.

The chief said that six WVFD members, including himself, are active firefighters for the El Paso Fire Department; the rest of his staff have varied backgrounds. "They range from tow truck drivers, locksmiths, engineers, project managers, detention officers, automotive technicians, security guards, welders, fire protection engineers to countless other occupations. When you get all of these individuals together, the possibilities are endless," Adler stated.

Besides responding to emergency calls, WVFD volunteers provide many forms of help to their communities, such as fire prevention and fire safety education to local schools, building plan reviews, inspections, community services, and rescues from almost anything or anywhere.

To become a firefighter or EMT volunteer, recruits must undergo an application process, a six month probationary training period, and must attend weekly training sessions to maintain their membership.

Roger Esparza, a WVFD volunteer for 18 years, said, "I am a volunteer firefighter because there is always a different scenario every time I respond to an emergency call; it is a real thrill, and I get to help my community." Esparza was appointed the first Fire Inspector for the El Paso County Emergency Services District #2 about two years.

WVFD, which is funded by the El Paso County Emergency Services District #2, operates on approximately a \$600,000 annual budget, said the chief.

"I am very proud to be associated with all of the fine folks that compromise the West Valley Fire Department. And, I encourage interested individuals to join their local volunteer fire department. It is a very rewarding experience," Adler said.

San Elizario ISD boosts teacher salaries

By Cynthia P. Marentes
Special to the Courier

Teachers beginning their careers at San Elizario ISD stand to receive a desirable starting salary package for the 2010-2011 school year. The base salary for first year teachers will now be \$42,126 up from \$41,000 last year. Additionally, all new and returning classroom teachers will receive a \$2,500 retention incentive, increased from \$2,000 in 2009-2010. Newly hired teachers will earn up to \$44,626 during their first year with San Elizario ISD. The district's Board of Trustees recently approved this modest increase to the teacher compensation scale in order to recruit and retain the best,

qualified classroom teachers.

The district's salary review committee worked diligently for several months to identify needed pay adjustments prior to presenting recommended changes for trustees to consider.

"The committee compared our salaries with those of the neighboring districts, and found that San Elizario currently offers very competitive salaries in most areas," said Connie Prieto, Interim Director of Human Resources.

Overall, the school board approved the following district-wide salary increases to be implemented in 2010-2011:

- A two percent increase to the teacher

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Veterans Post

By Freddy Groves

Bronze medallions for Veterans graves

When a veteran is buried in a national or state veterans cemetery, the grave has a government-issued marble or granite headstone or a marker. But the graves of veterans who are buried in private cemeteries without the government headstone often don't indicate that the deceased was a veteran. This easily can be rectified now. The Department of Veterans Affairs has bronze medallions that can be affixed to privately purchased headstones or markers of those veterans.

Eligibility is for veterans who died on or after Nov. 1, 1990, are buried in a private cemetery and who did not receive a government-issued headstone or marker.

The bronze medallions come in three sizes: 5 inches, 3 inches and 1-1/2 inches in width and include a kit (hardware, adhesive) used to attach the medallion to an existing headstone or grave marker. It is also suitable for a mausoleum or columbarium niche cover. Each includes the word VETERAN and the branch of service.

There's no specific application yet (one is being created),

so for now use VA Form 40-1330 Application for Standard Government Headstone or Marker. (Leave block 11 blank. Use block 27 to describe the medallion being requested, for example "Medallion 3 inch").

Only next of kin can apply, but the next of kin list goes by lineage: surviving spouse, children by age, parents (biological, adoptive, step, foster), brothers/sisters (half, step), grandparents, grandchildren, uncles, aunts and others down the family tree. Additionally, a person authorized in writing by the next of kin or a personal representative authorized in writing by the decedent also can order the marker.

For more instructions on getting a medallion, go to www.cem.va.gov/hm_hm.asp or call Memorial Programs Service 1-800-697-6947.

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Por la Gente

By State Rep. Chente Quintanilla

Decisions based solely on profit are shortsighted

Hola mi gente. Last week, I shared with you my thoughts about how private worker's compensation insurance seemed to have significantly fewer problems than the state program. In this case, I do believe that the private sector had a better record than the government program.

Does that mean that I wholeheartedly support zero oversight? No. There are many examples that reinforce government regulation of business practices.

In too many instances, when big businesses are charged with regulating themselves, events occur that show it was not such a good idea. Some businesses become their own worst enemy.

British Petroleum (BP) enjoyed many years of lax government intervention and regulation in their pursuit of under sea oil wells. Their desire to maximize profits at the expense of safety, if the employee allegations are true, cost the company and stockholders a good chunk of wealth.

Apparently, after being informed by employees about deficiencies in the well, BP ordered the drilling to continue. Had there been more regulation and had BP been wary of government sanctions, the decision may have been different.

If BP had operated properly, that corporation would now be \$20 billion wealthier at the very least. That amount is the deposit made to the federal government as a minimal guarantee for claims arising from the disaster. In addition to that, stockholders would have a much higher price on their stocks. And the cost is far from over. Just imagine the lawsuits.

Another example is clearly tied to the financial breakdown over the past two years. The economic backbone of our nation was nearly irrevocably broken by the feeding frenzy in the stock market arena. The basis for the frenzy was a form of money marketing based on almost no solid value for the stocks.

My chief of staff told me a story about Walgreens during the time he lived in Chicago. At that time, the Federal Trade Commission regulated business in the 50 states. Walgreens had been sanctioned for retail practices that were found to be deceptive to the public. The sanctions required that Walgreens

take steps to make sure that all advertised sale items be available on the days of the sale.

During the time that the sanctions were in force, a funny thing happened to Walgreens: their sales started to skyrocket. The eventual president of Walgreens commented to my chief of staff that the sanctions greatly benefitted the company. It made the company focus on what was best for its customers. If the government had not changed its practices, Walgreens may not have become the strong company that we know today.

By pointing out these stories, it is not my intention to promote government regulation of business. Sometimes, business becomes its own worst enemy by prioritizing its profits over what is best for the public. When the feeding frenzy goes overboard, the consequences invariably are much worse than if the practices were restrained by some sort of regulation.

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

Anthony Independent School District SPECIAL EDUCATION SERVICES

Anthony Independent School District provides the following educational programs/services to identified children with disabilities who reside within the district beginning on the third birthday through age twenty-one.

Instructional Program including 1) Early Childhood (beginning on the third birthday through age five), Resource (grades K-12) and Self-Contained (grades K-12); 2) Diagnostic Services; 3) Transportation Services; 4) Speech Therapy; 5) Counseling Services; 6) Adaptive Equipment Services; 7) Physical Therapy; 8) Occupational Therapy; and 9) School Health Services.

Services are provided to identified auditory and visually impaired children who reside within the district from birth through age twenty-one.

In compliance with the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974 and Public Law 105-17, parents and adult students have the right to inspect educational records. District policies FL and FL-E provide for record access, confidentiality, and complaint procedures.

If you would like more information or know of a child with disabilities who is not receiving educational services, please contact: Melissa Bautista, 840 Sixth Street, Anthony, Texas 79821, (915) 886-6509.

El Distrito Escolar de Anthony SERVICIOS DE EDUCACION ESPECIAL

El Distrito Escolar de Anthony provee los siguientes programas/ servicios educacionales a niños que son identificados como desabilitados que viven dentro del distrito comenzando con el tercer cumpleaños hasta los 21 años.

Programa de Instrucción: 1) infancia temprana (comenzando con el tercer cumpleaños hasta la edad de cinco años), cuarto de recurso (K-12), y clases contenidas (K-12); 2) servicios diagnósticos; 3) servicios de transportación; 4) terapia del habla; 5) servicios de consejo; 6) servicios de equipaje adaptivo; 7) terapia física; 8) terapia ocupacional; y 9) servicios de salud escolar.

Se provee servicios a niños identificados como desabilitados audible y visualmente que viven dentro del distrito desde nacimiento hasta la edad de 21 años.

Conforme al Acto de Derechos y Confidencia Educacionales de Familia de 1974 y Ley Publica 105-17, padres y alumnos adultos tienen el derechos de ver los archivos educativos. Polizas FL y FL-E explican los derechos, la confidencialidad, y el proceso para quejarse.

Si usted desea más información ó sabe de un niño/niña desabilitado que vive en el Distrito Escolar de Anthony que no esta recibiendo servicios educacionales, favor de comunicarse con: MrMelissa Bautista, 840 Sixth Street, Anthony, Texas 79821, (915) 886-6509.

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base pay scale which includes the \$1,300 stimulus incentive;

- A \$500 increase to the federally funded retention incentive for all teachers (from \$2,000 to \$2,500);
- A three percent increase to the support staff pay scales; and

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View from here By Rick Manning

Toyota rapid acceleration case raises questions of government motives

Did the United States government deliberately use its regulatory enforcement power to damage Toyota, and benefit government owned General Motors?

Reasonable people are asking this question around the world, as the U.S. Department of Transportation's National Highway Traffic Safety Administration's early tests of Toyota's supposedly sticky accelerators have found that driver error was the cause of the problem, not faulty parts.

Just six months ago, the Obama Administration's public relations machine was in full gear deriding Toyota for putting consumers at risk, fining them more than \$16 million, and declaring Toyota guilty for everyone in the world to hear. Lawsuits were filed, Congressional hearings were held, and most importantly Toyotas went unsold, while GM sales increased.

Now, it looks like this sudden acceleration problem was caused by, get this, drivers hitting the accelerator pedal rather than the brake, and Toyota owners not being smart enough to keep their floor mats from underneath the accelerator, causing it to stick in the fully-engaged position.

I guess that the government's next step will be to require a safety yellow sticker on every dashboard that says, "Warning: Pressing down on the accelerator will result on sudden acceleration."

The real issue here is that the very motives of the government are in question in publicly convicting Toyota before any real evidence had been collected.

Was the rush to judgment based upon the Obama Administration's general dislike for every business, or was it based upon the need to jumpstart the sales of General Motors vehicles?

We will never actually know the truth. Government control over functions that

are rightly in the private sector like auto manufacturing leads everyone to wonder whether regulatory justice is truly blind, or are the regulators blinded from justice by the inherent conflict of interest of being competitors in the marketplace?

Imagine if a prosecutor and judge stood to benefit financially from the outcome of a case. That great oxymoron, legal ethics, requires that they not participate in the case in order to allow an indisputably, honest outcome to be achieved.

The foundation of our legal system is found in the Biblical Book of Deuteronomy which states, "Hear the disputes between your brothers and judge fairly, whether the case is between brother Israelites or between one of them and an alien. Do not show partiality in judging; hear both small and great alike."

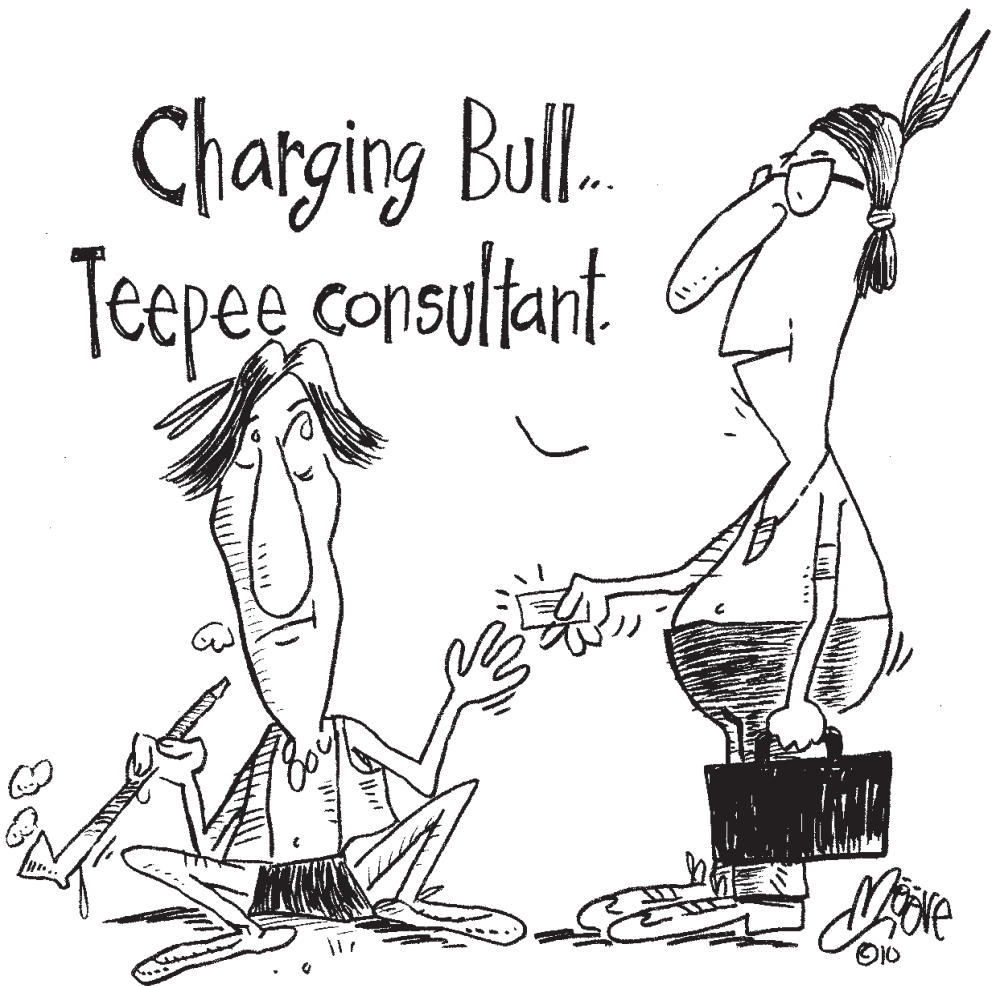
Beyond the moral implications of ensuring that everyone gets a fair, impartial judgment, the assumption that the U.S. government does not play favorites is foundational to our successful free enterprise system.

In many third world countries it is the norm for "favored" companies to receive government grants and other favored treatment over their private sector competitors. This expectation of an uneven playing field serves as a great disincentive to developing new business ventures that are separate from the government-controlled enterprises with the economy and people suffering as a result.

The very fact that the question could be reasonably asked about the U.S. government's motives in the Toyota sudden acceleration case further undercuts the belief that winners and losers are created in our economy based upon innovation, guts, business acumen, hard work and a willingness to risk everything

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Moore Texas by Roger Moore When the house dwelling Alabama-Coushatta Indians needed a TeePee to draw tourists they hired Plains Indians to show them HOW !



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For additional information regarding Canutillo Independent School District's policy of nondiscrimination contact: Renee O'Donnell, (915) 877-7423, 7965 Artcraft Road, El Paso, Texas 79932.

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Canutillo ISD names new principals

By Kim Guzman
Special to the Courier

CANUTILLO — The Canutillo Independent School District (CISD) Board of Trustees have approved Connie Parker as the new principal of Canutillo Elementary School (CES) and Elvia Moreno as the new principal of Bill Childress Elementary School (BCE), during the regular July board meeting.

“CISD welcomes our two new principals and wishes them all the best. As superintendent I have high confidence that both of these individuals will serve our district with distinction,” said Dr. Damon Murphy, CISD Superintendent.

Parker, who has been serving as the interim principal at CES since March, will now continue to lead the school of over 730 students and 82 faculty and staff members. Parker previously served as assistant principal at Alderete Middle School for three years and has a total of 13



Connie Parker

years of educational experience, all with CISD.

Parker earned her Bachelor's degree in Interdisciplinary Studies from the University of Texas at El Paso and her Master's degree from Sul Ross University. She is currently pursuing her superintendent's certification also through Sul Ross.

Moreno replaces Dr. Christine Althoff, who retired in June. She will



Elvia Moreno

now take over the leadership role for BCE's more than 500 students and 63 staff members. Moreno has served as assistant principal for BCE for the past three years and has over 21 years of experience in education.

Moreno earned her Bachelor's Degree from UTEP and her Master's degree in Administration from the University of Phoenix.

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If you would like more information or know of a disabled child who is not receiving educational services, please contact: Janine Hammock, Special Education Director, P.O. Box 100, Canutillo, Texas 79835, (915) 877-7450.

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Si usted desea mas información o sabe de un niño/niña desabilitado que vive en el distrito escolar de Canutillo que no esta recibiendo servicios educacionales, favor de comunicarse con: Janine Hammock, Special Education Director, P.O. Box 100, Canutillo, Texas 79835, (915) 877-7450.

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Motives

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to achieve success. Instead, it reinforces the notion of who you know in DC, is more important than what you know in your business.

So long as the U.S. government has a car czar who oversees the activities at General Motors and Chrysler Corporations, every other auto manufacturer will always wonder whether these competitors are being tipped off to new regulations, and if they have any chance of getting a

fair shake through the regulatory process.

Selling the federal government stake in GM and Chrysler is the only way to restore a belief that the many regulatory arms of the government are acting in good faith, rather than capriciously. This should be job one of the new Congress in 2011.

Rick Manning is the Communications Director of AmericansforLimitedGovernment and the former Public Affairs Chief of Staff for the U.S. Department of Labor.

Canutillo Independent School District 2010-2011 Meal Policy

The Canutillo Independent School District serves breakfast and lunch every school day. All enrolled students in the district will receive a reimbursable meal at no charge, regardless of income, through the academic year of 2010-2011. All children will receive free meals under the universal free provision II program.

Canutillo Independent School District Food Service Meal Programs do not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, age or disability. Anyone who believes that they have been discriminated against should write immediately to:

USDA, Director, Office of Civil Rights,
Room 326-W Whitten Building
1400 Independence Avenue, SW
Washington, D.C. 20250-9410

or call (800) 795-3272 or (202) 720-6382 (TTY)

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Política sobre Alimentos para 2010-2011 del Distrito Escolar Independiente de Canutillo

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Los programas de alimentación del Distrito Escolar de Canutillo no discriminan en base a raza, color, origen, sexo, edad o discapacidad. Cualquier persona que considere haber sido discriminada puede dirigirse por escrito inmediatamente a:

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1400 Independence Avenue, SW
Washington, D.C. 20250-9410


o llamar al (800) 795-3272 o al (202) 720-6382 (TTY)

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C'mon people – James only changed employers

By Steve Escajeda
Special to the Courier

They should make a movie. Maybe they could call it Dumb and Dumber... and Dumbest.

How else would you describe the antics and aftermath surrounding the whole LeBron James situation.

First James disappoints an entire state by announcing he's leaving for the more winnable waters of Miami.

What did LeBron do that was so wrong — absolutely nothing. Mr. James has every right to play with any team that will have him.

The only thing that looked a little unsavory was the way he did it, by hosting a one-hour special on ESPN.

Bron Bron, you're changing basketball teams — not announcing that during one of your practice sessions you suddenly discovered a cure for cancer.

I guess LeBron cam play the “Dumb” character.

Then there was the over-the-top, take-my-toys-and-go-home, I'm-gonna-hold-my-breath-till-I-turn-blue response by Cleveland Cavaliers' owner Dan Gilbert.

Gilbert called LeBron selfish and arrogant and a coward — and accused him of quitting on his team during the playoffs a couple months ago.

Gilbert's words made him sound like more like a distraught radio show listener with mustard on his chest than a distinguished owner of an NBA franchise.

He was fined \$100,000 by the NBA and is widely considered a joke by every fan outside of Cleveland — I guess he can play the

“Dumber” character.

That leads us to the third character in our movie who will undoubtedly play the role of “Dumbest.”

The reverend Jesse Jackson decided to weigh in on the subject last week, though once again nobody asked him to.

And though I didn't believe anyone could do it, he actually was able to sound less intellectual than Dan Gilbert.

Jackson said the Cavaliers owner's words were “mean, arrogant and presumptuous, as many would agree. In fact, Gilbert's feelings of betrayal personified a slave-master mentality. The owner saw James as a runaway slave rather than a respected partner in an owner-employee relationship whose contract James had honored.”

Excuse me — a slave-master mentality and runaway slave? What is Jesse Jackson talking about?

Maybe Jackson is going senile but I don't remember many slave owners offering to pay their slaves \$130 million. And I don't remember slaves being able to deny their owners' offer and enjoy the freedom to work for whomever they wanted.

In other words, Jesse Jackson will obviously go to any length to inject race into any subject.

What a shock!

If Jackson is looking for injustice, he doesn't have to go any further than his own words, which are blatantly offensive to the memory of any real slave whose life was just a little bit less desirable than that of King James.

But before we close down this look on “guys with runaway egos and the fans who are beginning to hate them,” we actually have a contender to play the role of Dumberest.



Dwyane Wade, who of course is on the same Miami Heat team LeBron just joined, had a few choice words of his own this past weekend.

Words he now wishes had never left his lips.

Seems Dwyane feels the media will be all over the Heat if they suffer through some kind of losing streak next season. And there's no doubt they will.

But Wade may have his priorities a little mixed up as he said in an interview Sunday.

“We're going to be wearing a bullseye,” Wade said. “But that's what you play for. If we lose a couple in a row this season, it will be like the World Trade (Center) is coming

down again.”

I wonder whether Wade has already forgotten what the events of 9/11 were really like? Could those events really be so trivial to be compared to losing a couple games in a row? I guess he thinks so.

I don't think anybody considers D Wade a bad guy, but at some point these millionaires in the national spotlight, like Dumb, Dumber, Dumbest and Dumberest, have got to start using their heads for more than just a place to grow hair on.

I wonder if someone is going to emerge to play the role of Dumberester in our movie? I don't know, I guess I'll wait to see if Sarah Palin has anything to say on the subject.

A sporting view By Mark Vasto

The Voice and the Boss

Black bat in hand, Reggie Jackson strode from the on-deck circle to thunderous applause. It was the biggest stage — October in the Bronx, the Yankees on the cusp of their first World Series win since the early 1960s. He had swung the bat only twice that game, but both swings had resulted in home runs. The mood in the stadium wasn't electric — it was positively nuclear.

And as he held his hand up and dug into the batter's box, Bob Sheppard's voice came over the Yankee Stadium public-address system.

“Right fielder..Reggie...Jack...son.”

And that was it. Any other

ballpark, any other game, and the PA announcer all but screams his tonsils out when Jackson steps to the plate in that situation. Not at Yankee Stadium, though... not with Sheppard at the mic. To play favorites or play to the crowd was beneath him and undignified. To him, Yankee Stadium was baseball's temple; to players and fans his voice was, as Jackson succinctly put it, “the voice of god.”

For many New York sports fans, Sheppard's voice was the only one they had ever known. In a town that changes from minute to minute, he had been a mainstay at Yankee Stadium since 1951. Even after the

brash Cleveland shipbuilder George Steinbrenner bought the Yankees from CBS in 1973, Sheppard was almost overlooked in the deal. He basically came with the place.

Everything else, however, was pretty much tossed out, soup to nuts. And Steinbrenner was pretty much nuts — at least at first.

To be sure, “The Boss” was a great businessman. As a baseball executive, he ushered in the free-agency era and was the first to really understand the stadium makeover business. But as a Yankee owner, he led with his heart, and as such was quick to flame out. In his first 23 seasons he fired 20 managers. He would woo free agents like a star-crossed lover only to berate them when the honeymoon was over. Even the hot-dog concession contracts were cause for controversy.

In the end, Steinbrenner finally “got religion.” Mellowed by age, he sat patiently in his box seat and watched the Yankees form a late-century dynasty. And when the Yankees moved to their new stadium, it was ironic that Sheppard and Steinbrenner didn't make it to the new park. Oddly, it seemed fitting that the two would leave us at the All-Star break.

Steinbrenner was famous for commandeering the back pages

whenever the Yankee's weren't supposed to be front and center, and his sense of timing didn't leave him, even in death.

Fittingly, Sheppard went first. After all, who better to announce Steinbrenner's heavenly arrival than the “voice of god” himself?

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PUBLIC NOTICE

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG)

The Town of Anthony will hold a public hearing at 6:00 PM on Tuesday, July 27, 2010, at City Hall Council Room located at 401 Wildcat Drive, Anthony, Texas regarding submission of Texas CDBG applications to the Texas Department of Rural Affairs. Citizens are en-

couraged to attend this public hearing to discuss the citizen participation plan, local housing and community development needs, available funding, eligible activities, past use of funds, and development of TxCDBG applications. Written comments may also be submitted to the Office of the Mayor at P.O. Box 1269, Anthony, Texas 79821. Persons with disabilities who may require auxiliary aids or services to attend this meeting should contact the Mayor's Office at (915) 886-3944 at least two days

before the meeting to make arrangements.

Art Franco Mayor

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CryptoQuip Answer

Not a lot of people are proficient at coloring hair these days. It's a dyeing art.



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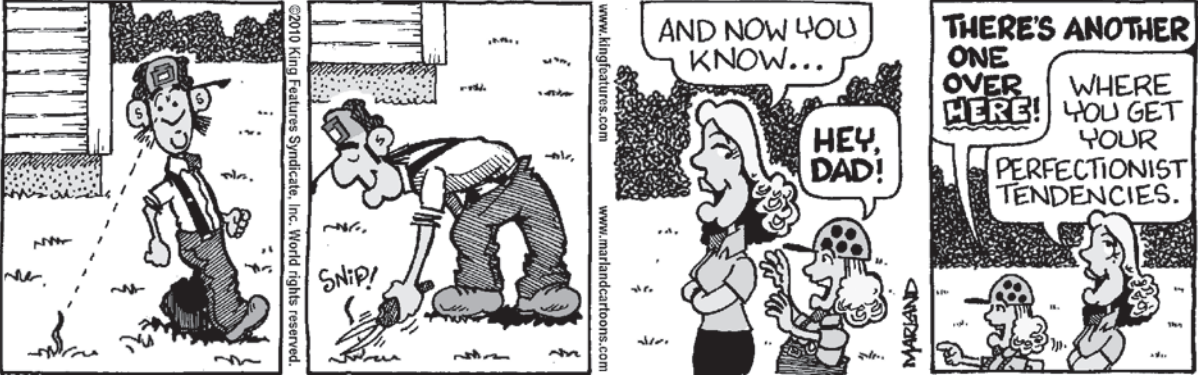
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Your good healthBy Paul G. Donahue, M.D.

DEAR DR. DONOHUE: I, like the letter-writer P.G., had to run to the bathroom constantly in order not to have an accident. I wanted to see my grandson graduate from college, so I consulted a urologist. He sent me to a place where treatments with an electrical probe were given. I went for six weeks and also did Kegel exercises. The quality of my life changed for the better, and now I square dance and do aerobics. Incontinence is no longer a problem. — E.M.

Electrical stimulation of the pelvic muscles has successfully allowed many women to regain bladder control. It doesn't work for all, however. The stimulation strengthens muscles that keep the bladder closed, and controls overactive bladder wall muscles that contract forcefully and frequently.

Another technique is a device that delivers electric current to spinal nerves in the lower back. If those nerves respond to the current and keep the bladder closed, then a small unit is implanted under the skin for a permanent solution to this problem. One such device is called the InterStim.

DEAR DR. DONOHUE: I have an EKG done every year. I also have worn a monitor that records heart activity for three days. Everything is fine. When I fall asleep most nights, I wake after about 10 minutes with a rapid heartbeat, and sometimes it takes quite a time before it settles down and I can get back to sleep. I rarely have such a rapid beat at any other time of the day. Do you know what causes this, or what it might be? I am 57. — S.B.

If I had to make a guess, it would be paroxysmal atrial tachycardia, a sudden heart speedup for no reason. It's usually not a serious condition, and it doesn't indicate heart disease. If the rate is really

fast or if the episode lasts for a prolonged period, then treatment would be needed.

No one can be sure unless the rhythm comes on when a doctor is present or when you are hooked up to an EKG machine. That monitor you wore for three days can be left on for longer stretches of time. Or you could have someone take you to the emergency department of a hospital if you can reach it somewhat quickly. You can't obtain a diagnosis without such information.

The booklet on heartbeat disorders discusses their more common forms. Readers can order a copy by writing: Dr. Donohue — No. 107W, Box 536475, Orlando, FL 32853-6475. Enclose a check or money order (no cash) for \$4.75 U.S./\$6 Canada with the recipient's printed name and address. Please allow four weeks for delivery.

DEAR DR. DONOHUE: My wife, 76, has degenerative arthritis of the spine. Can you tell me if this condition will progress to total disability? — J.D.

Degenerative arthritis is another name for osteoarthritis, the most common kind of arthritis. Almost every 70-year-old has a touch of it. It can be in the back, knee, hip, hand, fingers and ankle, or any of these locations. The rate of progression is unpredictable. A good many can continue to do most of the activities of life with minimum disruption.

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

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1 "Li'l Abner" cartoonist
5 Mann or Greeley
11 Lloyd Webber musical
15 Owns
18 Fragrance
19 Military helicopter
20 Tigris-Euphrates land
21 Convent cubicle
22 African
Revolutionary War heroine?
24 Hunt's " _ Ben Adhem"
25 Wells' creatures
26 Stun
27 Author Follett
28 Actress Massen
29 Primer pooch
30 Nobelst Wiesel
33 Operetta composer
37 _ out (eradicate)
39 African sitcom?
44 Actress Talia
45 Relished a roast
46 King of comedy
47 Grind
49 _ cotta
52 "America's Most Wanted" host
55 Jubilant
57 Belfry sound
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60 Roller-coaster unit
62 LAX letters
63 Desire
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67 _ -Magnon
69 Roll-call reply
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72 African appetizer?
74 Crewel tool
76 European capital
77 Memo start
79 "Agnus -"
80 Wonderful
81 Conductor Queler
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83 _ deco
85 Lodge brother
86 Part of MPH
87 Stalk
88 Infantry action
91 Cosmetician
93 Nobelst Wiesel
95 Take the honey and run
97 Walker's "The _ Purple"
99 Pat on the buns?
101 Sign a contract
102 Declaim
104 Start of an African anthem?
108 Nasty
109 Puccini's " _ Lescaut"
110 Secure the ship
111 Scoundrels

112 Cow's cry
114 LP successors
117 Most minute
121 Potpourri
122 British buggy
124 African movie theme song?
127 Wise _ owl
128 Turner or Wood
129 Aromatic plant
130 Mrs. Charlie Chaplin
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4 Much valued
5 "Bali _"
6 Select, with "for"
7 Pinion's partner
8 Flu symptom
9 Chinese Olympic skater
10 Chariot follower
11 Security grp.
12 Ann _ MI
13 New Mexico resort
14 Court sport
15 Beach Boys' African hit?
16 Knock for _

(astonish)
17 Skirt feature
21 One of the Borgias
23 Soccer superstar
31 Tempest _ teapot
32 Parisian pronoun
34 TV's "The _ of Night"
35 Card collection
36 Actress Alicia
38 Deed
39 Shorten a slat
40 Actress Hagen
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42 Connecticut campus
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44 Start wool gathering
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50 Upshot
51 Proverb
53 It'll give you a weigh
54 Jackrabbit, for one
56 O'Hara homestead
58 Settle a score
61 Go to bed
63 Certain singer
65 Make a pile
66 African actress?
68 Peculiar
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71 _ suzette
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75 Perry's creator
78 Sib's kid

82 Trepidation
84 It may be small
88 Mindy of "The Facts of Life"
89 Approximately
90 Abound (with)
92 Archaic contraction
93 Compass pt.
94 Scrape by, with "out"
96 Bastille, e.g.
98 Mauna _
100 Yoko _
103 Curly Shirley
105 Stick-in-the-mud?
106 Cry of distress
107 " _ Lonesome Tonight?" ('60 hit)
108 Taco topping
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111 Paint layer
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Social Security Q&A

By Ray Vigil

Less time spent inside means more time outside

The sun is out and there are a thousand and one things you could be doing outside.

The last thing you want to do is sit in traffic on your way to the Social Security office, or to wait in line once you get there. From your doorstep to the local office and back again, you could spend a lot of extra time taking care of your Social Security business. Or, you could choose to visit our online office at www.socialsecurity.gov and complete your Social Security business in a matter of minutes with no commute whatsoever.

There are so many things you can do at our online office. For example, you can apply online for retirement benefits. Our website makes it simple, allowing you to apply for retirement benefits in as little as 15 minutes. In most cases, once you fill out the application, you're done. There are no forms to sign and no documents to submit. The direct link to applying for benefits online is www.socialsecurity.gov/applyonline.

Not ready to retire yet, or not sure? We have online resources that can help you plan ahead or make your decision. Our Retirement Estimator will allow you to enter different scenarios to come up with the retirement plan best for you. You can find it at www.socialsecurity.gov/estimator.

Perhaps you need to file an application for disability benefits. A Disability Starter Kit explains the documentation and information

you'll be required to provide on the application, and includes checklists and worksheets to help take the mystery out of applying. You can find the Disability Starter Kit at www.socialsecurity.gov/disability on the left-hand side of the page.

You can apply online for Medicare, if you're within four months of your 65th birthday. Most people, even those who don't plan to start getting retirement benefits right away, need to apply for Medicare coverage at age 65. The application takes as little as 10 minutes, from start to finish. Learn more at www.socialsecurity.gov/pubs/10530.html.

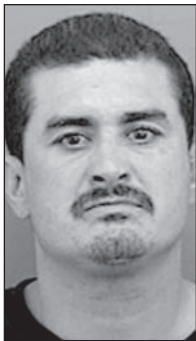
There are other things you can do online, such as apply for a replacement Medicare card, and request an SSA-1099 for tax purposes. You can learn about these and other online services at www.socialsecurity.gov/online services.

So if you'd like to soak up some sun this summer, we suggest you take your Social Security business online. You may even be able to take your laptop outside and conduct your business in the great outdoors. See for yourself at www.socialsecurity.gov.

For more information on this article, 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, 11111 Gateway West, Attn: Ray Vigil, El Paso, Texas 79935.

Briefs

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Magalde

Deputies were called to a residence in San Elizario in reference to a family violence incident that had just occurred at the San Elizario Mission grounds. Deputies met with a female victim who advised Deputies that her husband, Magalde, had violated an active Protective Order. She said that about an hour earlier she was attending the festival at the San Elizario Mission when she was approached by Magalde who began to argue with her. She said when she tried to walk away, Magalde proceeded to repeatedly punch her in the face with a closed fist. When she attempted to call 911 from her cell phone, he took it away from her. Magalde then took her truck keys and forced her into her dark blue 2001 Dodge Durango against her will and drove to a

residence in San Elizario. During that time he continued assaulting her, even biting her on her right arm. Magalde then took her wallet from her purse and drove off in her truck. Charges for all offenses mentioned have since been filed (Violation of Protective Order, Interfere with Emergency Call, Assault Causes Bodily Injury/Family Violence, Aggravated Kidnapping, Robbery, and Unauthorized Use of Motor Vehicle). Deputies searched the area for the stolen Durango, bearing Texas License Plate BP1-H517, but were unable to locate it. Magalde is a confirmed Barrio Azteca Gang member whose criminal history shows various arrests for Assault (Family violence), Probation Violation, Parole Violation, Violation of Protective Order, Possession of Marijuana, Burglary of Habitation and DWI. He is believed to remain in the Borderland hiding with friends or relatives. Sheriff's officials are asking the public for any information on the whereabouts of Magalde. 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

STRANGE BUT TRUE

By Samantha Weaver

- It was British mathematician, historian and philosopher Bertrand Russell who made the following sage observation: "If there were in the world today any large number of people who desired their own happiness more than they desired the unhappiness of others, we could have paradise in a few years."
- Do you know why camels are artiodactyls, while humans aren't? It's because dromedaries have an even number of toes (two) on each foot, while we have an odd number.
- According to a poll conducted in the United Kingdom, 80 percent of male college freshmen and sophomores in that country have never done a load of laundry in their lives.

- At weddings here in the United States, it is common for the bride to toss her bouquet to determine who will be the next to be married. At weddings in Finland the custom is a bit different, though the outcome is the same: There, the bride traditionally wears a golden crown, and at the reception she is blindfolded and spun around. Then all the single girls in attendance dance around her while the bride, still blindfolded, tries to place the crown on one of them. It's believed that the lucky girl who ends up wearing the crown will be the next to wed.
- It takes about 2.5 pounds of grapes to make a single bottle of wine.

- Ever wonder where the phrase "cool as a cucumber" came from? It's actually an established fact that the interior of a cucumber can be up to 20 degrees cooler than the ambient air temperature surrounding it.
- Thought for the Day: "Any intelligent fool can make things bigger, more complex and more violent. It takes a touch of genius — and a lot of courage — to move in the opposite direction."
- Albert Einstein

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CryptoQuip

This is a simple substitution cipher in which each letter used stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Solution is accomplished by trial and error.

Clue: J equals T

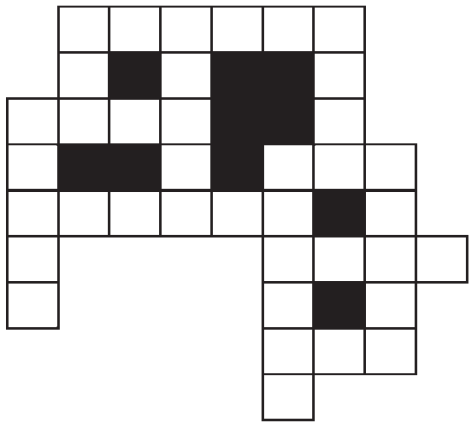
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OMED JOQAQ BMNA. EJ'A M
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- ♥ YEB
- FLAURT
- KLAYT
- LEBL
- GRAYEL
- GFA
- ♥ GLOE
- GUNYO
- ♥ ELA
- FEBTER
- ♥ REBAL
- OURE



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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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ★

★ Moderate ★★ Challenging

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★★★ HOO BOY!

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