



NEWSBRIEFS

San Elizario ISD

The San Elizario Independent School District will request a waiver from the Texas Education Agency (TEA) for two of the four days missed during the recent inclement weather closure. Campus Site Based Decision Making Committees (SBDM) have also recommended the addition of June 6 and 7 as make up dates for the other two lost instructional days. The San Elizario ISD Board of Trustees will review and vote on these school calendar adjustments on February 23.

— Cynthia P. Marentes

Canutillo ISD

Students in the Canutillo Independent School District will make up two of the four instructional days they missed during the winter storm earlier this month. Superintendent Dr. Damon Murphy announced today that students will attend a full day of classes on two days that had been previously designated as half-day for instruction. Those days are Friday, Feb. 18; and Friday, Feb. 25. Canutillo ISD joins other area school districts in using Memorial Day (Monday, May 30) as a make-up day. This decision by district administrators will place Canutillo ISD in full compliance of state regulations for making up for lost instructional time due to inclement weather. The district is in the process of requesting a waiver from the Texas Education Agency for the other two missed instructional days. For more information please contact Public Information Officer Gustavo Reveles Acosta at 877-7481 or 256-3273.

— Gustavo Reveles Acosta

Fabens services move

Effective March 1, 2011, all services provided by Project BRAVO's Fabens Center currently located at the University Medical Center Facility at 101 Potasio Road in Fabens, will be moved to the agency's Ysleta Center located at 400 S. Zaragoza, Suite A. Client services including energy assistance, referrals and information will be delivered by the staff at the Ysleta Center. For additional information, call 915-562-4100.

— Roy Ortega

Crime Stoppers

Crime Stoppers of El Paso is assisting El Paso Water Utilities in identifying and locating the unknown persons who have removed almost two dozen storm drain grates in various parts of the city, leaving behind very dangerous holes in the roadway, making this the "Crime of the Week." Heavy storm drain grates serve a valuable purpose in that they prevent large objects from falling into the stormwater system. Although usually two to three feet long and located along the curb of a street,

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— Photo by Elhiu Dominguez

WELCOME – Judge Yahara Lisa Gutierrez welcomed and made a few remarks to the 50 plus people in attendance to mark the first day of El Paso's new Protective Order Court.

Protective Order Court open for business

By Elhiu Dominguez
Special to the Courier

EL PASO COUNTY – 65th District Court Judge Yahara Lisa Gutierrez presided over the ribbon cutting ceremony for the new Family Violence Court, also known as the "Protective Order Court," on Monday, Feb.

14. Some of the participants in the ceremony included County Commissioner Precinct 1 Anna Perez, El Paso County Attorney Jo Anne Bernal, Philip Mullin from the Family Bar Association, and Stephanie Karr, Director of the Center Against Family Violence.

During the ceremony, Michelle Little Locke was also sworn-in as the new Associate Family Court Judge and will be presiding over

this new court.

El Paso's first Protective Order Court is dedicated exclusively to deal with victims of domestic violence and was made possible thanks to a \$93,000 grant Judge Gutierrez received from the Office of the Governor of Texas. El Paso County Commissioners

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Canutillo ISD receives technology grant

By Alfredo Vasquez
Special to the Courier

CANUTILLO – Technology is changing the way children learn, and this evolution is happening right now at Canutillo High School in the Upper Valley.

The school will soon purchase 11 SMART Boards and 11 SMART Board calculators for use in all freshman math and science classrooms. The technology was made possible by a grant from ArcelorMittal Vinton, a part of the world's leading steel company, located in Vinton, TX.

"ArcelorMittal invests in STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) education initiatives to help develop tomorrow's leaders," stated Katherine Patterson, ArcelorMittal spokesperson. "By combining the simplicity of a whiteboard, power of a computer and front projection, SMART Boards are an essential tool for the 21st century classroom and provide children with a multimedia learning experience."

The new technology is expected to impact 569 ninth grade students this year with subsequent classes being introduced to it each year. And, teachers utilizing the technologies will participate in training seminars to gain a better understanding of the use and capabilities of the new equipment, school officials reported.



— Photo courtesy Canutillo ISD

UPGRADE MONEY – ArcelorMittal Vinton representatives Penny Sexton and Fernando Leyva present a grant check for \$10,000 to Dr. Damon Murphy, Canutillo Independent School District superintendent. The presentation took place recently during the Business Education Success Team Luncheon.

"An important part of our commitment to the local community is the support of local educational initiatives," said Penny Sexton, Corporate Responsibility Manager, ArcelorMittal Vinton. "We are committed to empowering today's youth to manage the

challenges of the future and to help make learning Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math more exciting. With these important STEM building blocks in place, we are helping the next generation obtain the skills to help transform tomorrow."

A task worth doing and friends worth having make life worthwhile.

— Quips & Quotes

City of Socorro offers amnesty period on some warrants

By David Garcia
Special to the Courier

The Socorro Municipal Court and the Socorro Police Department have initiated an Amnesty Period for people with warrants in the City

of Socorro. From February 16 to March 16, Socorro Municipal Court will not charge any Failure to Appear (FTA) or Violation of Promise to Appear (VOPTA) warrants.

Amnesty Policy:

- When processing warrants, all FTA(s) or VOPTA(s) are waived;

- For a CAPIAS warrants the warrant execution fee(s) will be collected;

- For FTA warrants, the warrant execution fee(s) will be collected; and

- If paid in full, Judge A Vidales will recall the warrants immediately.

If the defendant does not pay the full amount:

- Defendants will need to speak to Judge Vidales about a new payment plan;

- Any payment will be accepted;
- If defendant pays half the balance, the warrant will be recalled; and
- If defendant pays less than half, the warrant may or may not be recalled.

If defendants set up a new payment and do not comply, then another FTA or a VOPTA will be issued with the additional fines.

The amnesty will not be in effect

if the violator is stopped for another offense before taking advantage of the Amnesty Period on previous citations.

There are warrants for more than 2,000 violators, including some who reside in El Paso. The publication of violators' names and a Warrant Round Up, will start on March 17.

For more information on the Amnesty Period call the Socorro Municipal Court at 872-8574.

Canutillo Independent School District Public Notice

Canutillo Independent School District will hold a public hearing to discuss the District's 2009-2010 Academic Excellence Indicator System (AEIS) report as part of a SPECIAL School Board meeting, which is scheduled for 6:00 p.m., Thursday, February 24, 2011, at the CISD Administrative Offices, 7965 Artcraft.

The public is invited to attend. The AEIS report will also be available for review after the hearing at all Canutillo ISD campuses and central office.

For more information, call 877-7482.

Distrito Escolar Independiente de Canutillo Junta Publica

El Distrito Escolar Independiente de Canutillo tendrá una Reunión Pública para informar sobre el reporte "Sistema de Índices de Excelencia Académica" (AEIS) del año escolar 2009-2010. El reporte será parte de la reunión ESPECIAL de la Mesa Directiva del distrito programada para el Jueves, 24 de febrero 2011 a las 6:00 p.m. en el edificio de las oficinas administrativas localizado en 7965 Artcraft.

Todos los interesados están invitados a asistir. El reporte AEIS estará disponible después de la reunión en todas las escuelas del distrito y en el edificio de las oficinas administrativas.

Para mas información, favor de llamar al 877-7482.

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Court

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Court approved the creation of the new court on January 10, 2011 by authorizing the use of a special family violence fund to help pay for the salary of the new judge.

The idea behind Protective Order Courts is to provide a one stop venue for all issues involving the family during the duration of the protective order, including child support, custody of children and visitation issues. The new court will allow for the consolidation of a majority of the protective order caseload by transferring most of the

cases to the new court.

The court will operate under the supervision of the 65th District Court, and will allow victims of domestic violence to have expedited access to the court system on their application for protective orders. This consolidated approach will also allow for a more efficient supervision

of all protective order cases, while permitting the other family courts to dedicate more time to other types of family cases.

Gutierrez said this new court is a giant step forward in helping the victims of domestic violence in El Paso County.

"I am grateful for the support of the Commissioners Court and the Governor's Office. There must be recognition by the community that no amount of violence is acceptable in El Paso," said Gutierrez.



- Photo by Elhiu Dominguez

NEW JUDGE – Judge Yahara Lisa Gutierrez swears-in Michelle Little Locke as the new Presiding Associate Family Court Judge.

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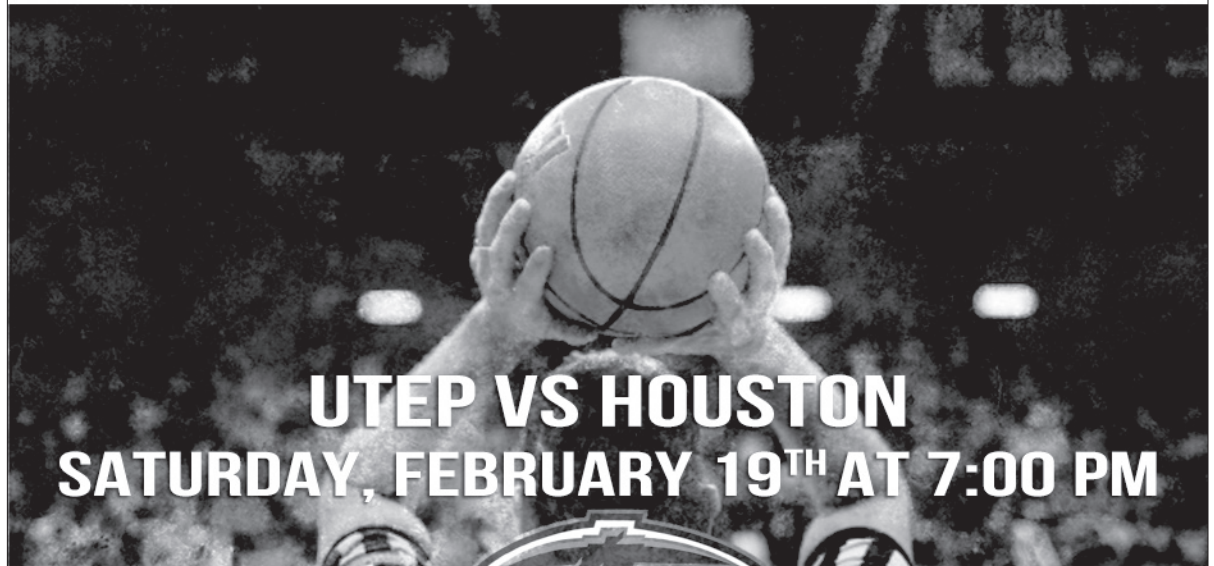


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Por la Gente By State Rep. Chente Quintanilla

El Paso Days in Austin

Hola mi gente. One big event that many House members look forward to is El Paso Days (EPD). Every session during the month of February, a whole lot of El Pasoans pack their bags and head on to Austin.

few meetings with specific officials. The next day would also be filled with meetings. And then the EPD reception in the early evening signaled the last event.

The plans for this visit begin very early in the preceding year. It is an effort that is spearheaded by the El Paso Greater Chamber of Commerce. Richard Dayoub may be the director of the chamber, but it is the hard work of Mica Short that has made the event a success for many sessions now. Both, however, deserve the highest commendations from constituents.

This year, the participants were greater in number and the event was a continual lobby effort by El Pasoans on behalf of our city and county that started on Tuesday and did not cease until five o'clock on Thursday. For the most part, each meeting involved select officials who have direct impact on programs essential to El Paso. In some cases, the meetings were with the Chief of Staff.

You may wonder why other representatives might be looking forward to EPD. It is simply because our event always has a different flavor. In one sense, you can take that literally.

The bottom line is that the visits served an important purpose for our community. Being that El Paso is so far from Texas, our voice is not as prevalent as communities within as much shorter driving distance.

The most famous EPD featured uniquely flavored margaritas named after some of our best know icons. The only one I truly remember was the Texas Tech margarita. Each different flavor was colored with a unique shade. The event was a terrific success.

El Paso has a great and united delegation. Unfortunately, no delegation from any area can do the best job alone. It does take the community to reinforce the message that we the members put on the table.

Another EPD milestone was the session where the Governor, Lt. Governor and every Representative and Senator were given one of the famous Spira sport shoes. Those are the shoes with the spring built in. It was a logistic nightmare for Mica and those assisting her to get the 200 plus shoes delivered. And then there were the do overs. Several members requested a swap.

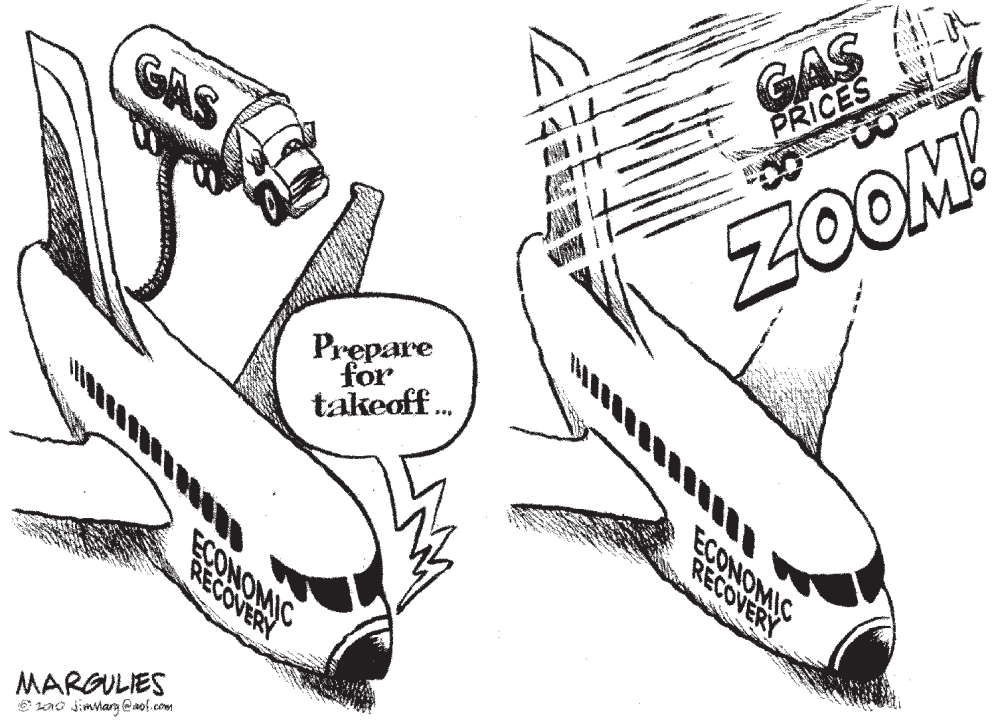
Our entire community should be very grateful to the Chamber for finding the private sector money to pay for this event. It is not cheap at all. That information is for the Chamber to disclose but I am astounded that the organizers can find the revenue.

EPD may have its casual side, but there is a very serious side to the event. And, that is especially true this session.

Richard Dayoub and Mica Short have come through for El Paso in a big way this session. The session may not provide El Paso with as much as we need, but the effort by the Chamber and the visitors during EPD provided an important message to legislators and it was well received.

Most sessions, the visit was a two-day affair. The first day would be the distribution of memorable gifts to each legislator and a

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

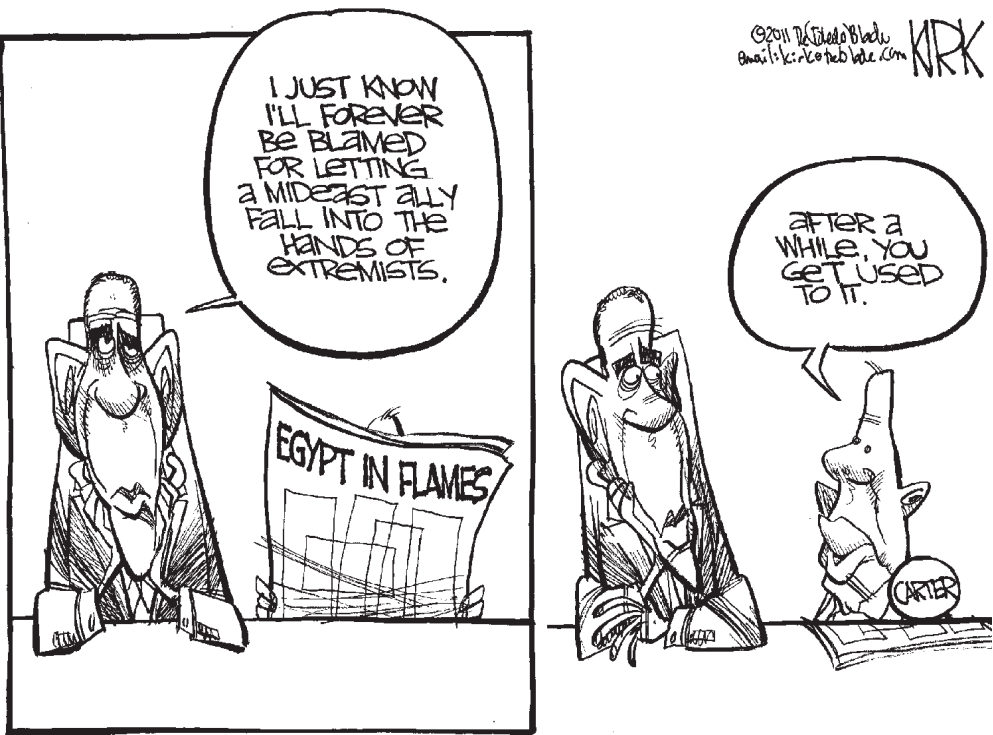


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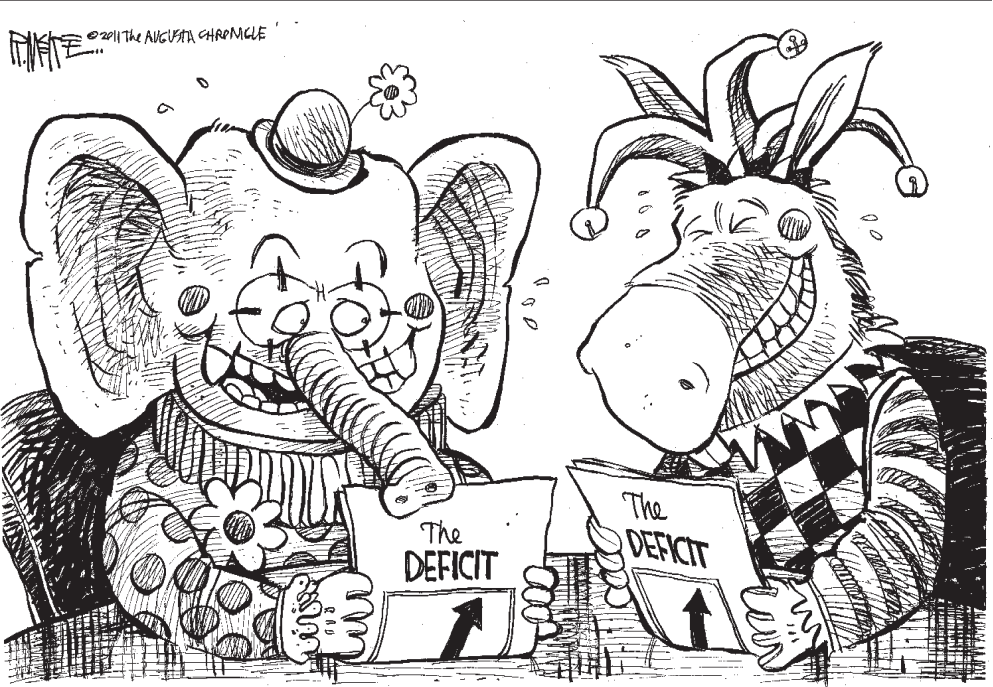


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"I DIDN'T SEE MANY OF THE BEST PICTURE NOMINEES THIS YEAR, DID YOU...?"



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"OK, OK... (HEE HEE) IT'S TIME WE GOT... SERIOUS ABOUT THIS!"

Veterans Post By Freddy Groves

Agent Orange benefits expanded for Korea Vets

When the Department of Veterans Affairs added three illnesses as presumptives for Agent Orange exposure last year, service in Korea was added to the list of locations for a limited scope of time, 1968 to 1969.

regulations.gov and search for Docket ID: VA-2009-VBA-0021 entitled Herbicide Exposure and Veterans with Covered Service in Korea.

That time period has now been expanded to April 1, 1968 through Aug. 31, 1971, and you must have been in a specific unit that the VA and Department of Defense determine did indeed serve near the demilitarized zone (DMZ) where Agent Orange was sprayed.

If you can't get to a computer, you can call to get help in determining if your service in Korea qualifies: Helpline: 1-800-749-8387 Press 3.

If that describes your service, and if you have an illness on the list of Agent Orange presumptives, or if you served at that place and time and your child has spina-bifida, get your paperwork in. File your claim for health care and compensation as soon as possible.

If you want to get started with the free Health Care and Agent Orange Registry Health Exam, call 1-877-222-8387 and ask to speak to the Environmental Health Coordinator. You also can get the free exam at your closest VA medical facility.

For more information, go to www.publichealth.va.gov and click on Hazardous Exposure, then scroll down to Agent Orange.

If you're looking for your buddies, check www.koreanwar.org, the Korean War Project. Search by service and unit. They also have an Agent Orange section with additional information.

For more information on AO in the Korean Demilitarized Zone, the Agent Orange page has a special announcement link near the top of the page.

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they can also be quite a bit bigger and extend out across all or part of the street. It would take two people working together to remove even the smaller storm drain grates. The major problem is the very large hole they leave behind, putting pedestrians, children and pets in danger of falling in. Also, the holes can be very damaging to vehicles and motorcycles. Most of the thefts have occurred in the central, east, and Mission Valley areas;

but other areas have also been targeted. In addition, replacing the stolen grates, even the smaller ones, costs approximately \$1,000 to \$1,200 each and diverts stormwater crews from other, more essential functions. If you have any information at all about the identity and location of the individuals responsible for these thefts, 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

San Eli HS soccer stars sign scholarships

By Cynthia P. Marentes
Special to the Courier

SAN ELIZARIO – With snow blanketing the El Paso area, on February 2 many people hunkered down at home avoiding the outdoors altogether. Yet, San Elizario High School seniors Juan Madrid and Jose Luis Rodriguez had a very good reason to venture outside in the middle of a winter storm, they were about to sign letters of intent to continue playing soccer at the college level.

The two talented student athletes committed to a future college

education and more time honing their abilities on the soccer field with Western Texas College in Snyder, TX, a member of the National Junior College Athletic Association (NJCAA). Both Jose Luis and Juan have played on the varsity soccer team all four years as students at San Elizario High School and have been named to the All District Teams multiple times in their high school careers.

As a sophomore Jose Luis was named to the All City Boys Soccer First Team and District 3-4A offensive MVP. Jose Luis serves as a forward on the squad and has also played with the El Paso Texas

Fire Soccer Club. Once in college, he would like to study to eventually become an LVN.

“I’m very happy and excited about playing college soccer and I’m looking forward to new opportunities,” Jose Luis said. Jose Luis stated that he was also very thankful for the unconditional support of his brother Miguel Rodriguez and mother Modesta Barron, allowing him to continue playing soccer over the years.

Juan Madrid was named to the All City Boys Soccer Team as a junior. Juan plays all positions from defense to forward and is currently playing midfield for the Eagles. He is still undecided on what academic major to pursue and is a little nervous about playing on a college team.

“I’m very excited about playing soccer in college and I hope I do very well,” Juan said.

The San Elizario High School Eagles soccer team is lead by Max Sappenfield who has been coaching at San Elizario High School for the past four years developing a highly competitive



– Photo courtesy San Elizario ISD

KICKIN’ IT – Juan Madrid, left, and Jose Luis Rodriguez have both signed to play soccer for Western Texas College in Snyder, TX.

program with skilled student Texas Association of Soccer athletes who have since earned Coaches (TASCO) currently ranks a district championship and two the Eagles a top ten team in the visits to sectional playoffs. The Region 1 Class 4A Boys division.

PUBLIC NOTICE TOWN OF ANTHONY, TEXAS

T.D.A. TEXAS CAPITAL FUND PROGRAM
GRANT CONTRACT #727102

PROJECT COMPLETION AND CLOSEOUT

The Town of Anthony will conduct a public hearing to solicit the input of its residents in the closeout process of an infrastructure project that has been carried out with assistance from a Texas Capital Fund (TCF) Program grant from the Texas Department of Agriculture. Residents are encouraged to attend this hearing and voice opinions concerning the completion of the infrastructure improvements that have been developed in support of the location of the Foxworth Galbraith Lumber Company plant in Anthony. Topics of discussion will be the completed activities of the project, including location, general cost, project benefits, and the town’s performance in implementing the project.

LOCATION: ANTHONY TOWN HALL
DATE: FEBRUARY 23, 2011
TIME: 5:00 P.M.

The Town of Anthony has a Citizen Participation Plan that provides for and encourages citizen participation in its community development projects; copies can be made available upon request. Residents unable to attend this public hearing may submit their views at Anthony Town Hall during regular office hours.

Accommodations for handicapped residents will be available at the hearing location. Those in need of special assistance for attending this hearing are encouraged to contact the Town Clerk at (915) 886-3944, at least 24 hours prior to the hearing, so that arrangements can be made.

El publico en general esta invitado a asistir a esta audiencia. La presentacion y la discusion del Programa Texas Capital Fund del Departamento de Agricultura se haran en espanol para aquellas personas que asi las prefieran.

Art Franco, Mayor
Date published: February 17, 2011

Legal Notice

Important information about the \$3.4 billion Indian Trust Settlement

For current or former IIM account holders, Owners of land held in trust or restricted status, or their heirs

There is a proposed Settlement in *Cobell v. Salazar*, a class action lawsuit about individual Indian land held in trust by the federal government. This notice is just a summary. For details, call the toll-free number or visit the website listed below.

The lawsuit claims that the federal government violated its duties by (a) mismanaging trust funds/assets, (b) improperly accounting for those funds, and (c) mismanaging trust land/assets. The trust funds include money collected from farming and grazing leases, timber sales, mining, and oil and gas production from land owned by American Indians/Alaska Natives.

If you are included in the Settlement, your rights will be affected. To object to the Settlement, to comment on it, or to exclude yourself, you should get a detailed notice at www.IndianTrust.com or by calling 1-800-961-6109.

Can I get money?

There are two groups or “Classes” in the Settlement eligible for payment. Each Class includes individual IIM account holders or owners of land held in trust or restricted status who were alive on September 30, 2009.

Historical Accounting Class Members

- Had an open individual Indian Money account (“IIM”) anytime between October 25, 1994 and September 30, 2009, and
- The account had at least one cash transaction.
- Includes estates of account holders who died as of September 30, 2009, if the IIM account was still open on that date.

Trust Administration Class Members

- Had an IIM account recorded in currently available data in federal government systems any time from approximately 1985 to September 30, 2009, or
- Owned trust land or land in restricted status as of September 30, 2009.
- Includes estates of landowners who died as of September 30, 2009 where the trust interests were in probate as of that date. This means you have asked a court to transfer ownership of the deceased landowner’s property.

An individual may be included in one or both Classes.

What does the Settlement provide?

- A \$1.5 billion fund to pay those included in the Classes.
- A \$1.9 billion fund to buy small interests in trust or restricted land owned by many people.
- Up to \$60 million to fund scholarships to improve access to higher education for Indian youth.
- A government commitment to reform the Indian trust management and accounting system.

How much can I get?

- Historical Accounting Class Members will each get \$1,000.
- Trust Administration Class Members will get at least \$500.
- If you own a small parcel of land with many other people, the federal government may ask you to sell it. You will be offered fair market value. If you sell your land it will be returned to tribal control.

If you believe you are a member of either Class and are not receiving IIM account statements, you will need to call the toll-free number or visit the website to register.

What are my other rights?

- If you wish to keep your right to sue the federal government about the claims in this Settlement, you must exclude yourself by April 20, 2011.
- If you stay in the Settlement you can object to or comment on it by April 20, 2011. The detailed notice explains how to exclude yourself or object/comment.

The U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia will hold a hearing on June 20, 2011, to consider whether to approve the Settlement. It will also consider a request for attorneys’ fees, costs, and expenses in the amount of \$99.9 million. However, Class Counsel has fee agreements that would pay them 14.75% of the funds created for the Classes, which could result in an award of \$223 million. The Court may award more or less than these amounts based on controlling law. If approved, these payments and related costs will come out of the Settlement funds available for payment to Class Members.

If you wish, you or your own lawyer may ask to appear and speak at the hearing at your own cost. For more information, call or go to the website shown below or write to Indian Trust Settlement, P.O. Box 9577, Dublin, OH 43017-4877.

For more Information:

1-800-961-6109

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CryptoQuip Answer

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LEGALS

Village of Vinton, Texas



Invitation to Bid

The Village of Vinton, Texas has received funding through the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs for the Owner Occupied HOME Program and will be receiving bids for the rehabilitation of (1) residential unit and reconstruction of (3) residential units in the Village of Vinton, Texas. Bid Packets will be available at the city's Administration Building as of February 10, 2011 from 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday (excluding holidays) until 2:00 p.m. (local time) on February 24, 2011, at the Village of Vinton Administration Building located at 436 E. Vinton Rd., Vinton, Texas 79821. All bid submittals must be sealed in an envelope and should be plainly marked in the lower left corner; "IFB FOR TDHCA C O N T R A C T #1001172, ATTN: VILAGE CLERK" and clearly marked Bid Project Address, Company Name, and return address on the envelope. Bidder may submit bid for anyone or all of the units to be assisted under project.

All bids will be publicly opened and read aloud on February 24, 2011 at the Village of Vinton Administration Building located at 436 E. Vinton Rd. Vinton, Texas 79821 at 2:00 p.m. (local time).

The Contractor must be approved contractors with the State of Texas, registered with the Village of Vinton, be insured and bonded. Rehabilitation/Construction must comply with the International Residential Code, Texas Minimum Construction Standards and Accessibility Requirements in accordance with Texas Government Code 2306.514.

The Village of Vinton, Texas reserves the right

to reject any or all Bids or to waive any informality in the bidding. The Village of Vinton complies with all federal, state and local procurement regulations.

The Village of Vinton will award the bid to the lowest responsive bidder.

The Village of Vinton promotes Fair Housing/Affirmative Action and is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

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Village of Vinton, Texas

Request for Qualifications

Design-Build Services

The Village of Vinton will be receiving Qualification Statements from companies interested in providing Design-Build services for the construction of a Multi-purpose Center for the Village of Vinton, Texas.

The site is located on Vinton Road across from the Vinton Administration Offices. The new Multi-purpose Center is estimated to be approximately 25,000 square feet with an anticipated budget of approximately \$4 million.

The selected Design-Builder will be responsible for all architectural planning and design, cost estimating, scheduling, value engineering, constructability review during the design and construction document phases, preparation of all necessary design, bidding and construction documents with required architect and engineer seals, and the bonding, construction and warranty of the entire project.

Qualifications must be received no later than 2 p.m. on Thursday, February 24th, 2011, at 436 E. Vinton Road, Vinton, Texas 79821, Attention: Ms. Jessica Garza, Village Clerk.

The Village of Vinton reserves the right to accept or reject any and all proposals or waive any irregularities.

Interested firms shall submit three (3) copies of the information requested in the attached questionnaire in the sequence and format prescribed. Evaluation criteria will be based on the information provided, including experience, references, and the best value for the Village of Vinton. An initial evaluation of the responses to the RFQ will be made. At that time, a single proposer may be selected with whom to negotiate a Design-Build Agreement or up to three (3) firms may be invited to interview. Final agreement is subject to approval by the Village Council of the Village of Vinton.

For questions regarding this RFQ, please contact Ms. Jessica Garza, Village Clerk at the above address or phone 915-886-5104.

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VILLAGE OF VINTON, TEXAS

INVATATION TO BID

CITY HALL RENOVATION PROJECT BID 01-11

Separate competitive sealed proposals for the construction of:

The Project includes a major mechanical system upgrade with the required attendant electrical work, some additional lighting, systems controls, and installation of both power outlets and data/telephone ports. It also includes demolition and patching of some existing interior gypsum board partitions as well as the installation of new partitions, new ADA/TAS compliant male and female toilet facilities with finishes and accessories, relocation of existing cabinets and installation of new cabinets and countertops. Install new exterior door and window frames with insulated glazing in existing masonry walls. Remove existing roofing, flashing, and counter-flashing and install new fully adhered thermoplastic roofing system. Remove and

Each Proposal shall be submitted in accordance with the Instructions to Proposers and be accompanied by a Bid Bond in the amount of five percent (5%) of the amount proposed, by an acceptable bid surety. A certified cashier's check or bank draft payable to the Village of Vinton may be submitted in lieu of the Bid Bond.

The Successful Bidder must furnish a 100 percent Performance Bond and a 100 percent Payment Bond, in accordance with the Instructions to Bidders and the General Conditions.

protect the existing suspended lay-in ceiling system and extend as necessary into remodeled spaces to match. Patch existing floor coverings to match as required and/or indicated.

will be received by Jessica Garza, City Secretary at the office The Village of Vinton, 436 E. Vinton Road, Vinton, Texas 79821 until 2:00 pm (Local Time) on Thursday February 24, 2011 and then said office publicly opened and read aloud. The Contract Documents may be examined at the Offices of Parkhill, Smith & Cooper, Inc., 810 E. Yandell, El Paso, TX. 79902 upon refundable payment of \$35.00 for each set February 10, 2011. The project is being funded by the Village of Vinton Tax Bond Series 2010.

Contract documents may be examined/obtained at the office of PARKHILL, SMITH & COOPER, INC., (ARCHITECT), 810 East Yandell, El Paso, Texas, 79902, (915) 533-6811. A non-refundable payment of \$20.00 in cash or check payable to Parkhill, Smith & Cooper, Inc., will be required for each compact disc (CD) of Contract Documents. Documents may be downloaded from the Architects. Newforma® Info Exchange Website. Hard copy documents will not be offered by the Owner or Architect.

A pre-bid meeting will not be held. Proposals may be held by the Architect for a period not to exceed 45-days from the date of the Bid Opening for the purpose of reviewing the Proposals and investigating the Proposer's qualifications, prior to awarding the Contract.

The Village of Vinton, Texas, is an Affirmative Action and Equal Opportunity Employer. Small, Minority and Female Owned firms are encouraged to submit Proposals for this project.

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By submission of the proposal, Proposer fully understands the requirements of the Contract Documents and agrees to comply with all requirements thereof.

Attention is called to the fact that the Contractor on this project must comply with the provisions of the Labor Standards contained in the specifications and must pay not less than the prevailing wage rates, as issued by El Paso County, Texas. The successful Proposer must ensure that employees and applicants for employment are not discriminated against because of their race, color, religion, sex or national origin.

The Village of Vinton, Texas reserves the right to reject any or all Proposals or to waive any informality in the Proposals.

All contractors/subcontractors who are debarred, suspended or otherwise excluded from or ineligible for participation in federal assistance programs may not undertake any activity in part or in full under this project.

Proposals may be held by the Architect for a period not to exceed 45-days from the date of the Bid Opening for the purpose of reviewing the Proposals and investigating the Proposer's qualifications, prior to awarding the Contract.

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TOWN OF HORIZON CITY

PUBLIC NOTICE

STORM WATER MANAGEMENT PROGRAM MS4

MS4 - PERMIT

NO. TXR 040057

It's our water... let's keep it clean

The Rio Grande is more than an important part of our historical heritage. It is a substantial source of our drinking water. We need to guard the river against unnecessary pollution to protect this important water source.

During dry weather, pollutants such as car oil and landscape chemical end up on the street and in our driveways. When it rains, these pollutants are washed into the Rio Grande through storm drains and streets. Additional contamination comes from what we pour down household drains and from pollutants poured directly into storm drains and the streets.

To protect the Rio Grande and prevent the pollution of our drinking water, we need to change some of our own personal habits. Whether at home, on the job, or in our cars, our activities can cause pollution of our waterways and river.

Use the following tips to reduce and prevent pollution of our water.

- Buy non-toxic biodegradable and recyclable products.
- Select multi-use products (such as detergent that cleans and bleaches).
- Clean paint brushes in a sink that drains into the sewer system.
- To protect your family and the environment, substitute household chemicals with less toxic alternatives.

Outdoor Watering Tips

- Reduce water runoff by aiming sprinkler heads away from paved surfaces.
- Use slow release natural fertilizers.
- Use the pesticide "diasinon" only as a last resort. (Diasinon is extremely difficult to remove from wastewater and can end up in the river where it will kill aquatic life.
- Most fertilizers, herbicides and pesticides are considered harmful. They must be disposed of according to the instruction on the product.
- Never pour

chemical products down any storm drain, sewer manhole or your household drain. Use these chemicals carefully and sparingly. Try natural remedies.

Auto Care Helpful Hints

- Repair the following as soon as possible: oil, transmission fluid, gasoline or antifreeze leak.
- Use absorbent materials (kitty litter or sand) to dry up puddles of oil or antifreeze left under vehicles.
- If you can't use commercial car wash facilities, limit car washing frequency. Use minimal amount of detergent and wash your car on a grassy area.

Outdoor Chemical Storage

If chemical cannot be stored indoors, then every effort should be made to prevent the contamination of storm water from these outdoor containers. The containers should always be closed when not in use. Any spills that occur should be cleaned immediately with a dry absorbent, and containers should be stored in such a way that storm water will not enter the area of storage (overhead canopy, secondary containment). It is also recommended that all hazardous liquid products in bulk quantities and all hazardous liquid waste materials be stored in a secondary containment area.

Remember these important rules to prevent water contamination:

- Don't dump hazardous chemical, used motor oil or other hazardous waste into the storm water drains or down the sewer.
- Don't dump hazardous chemicals or household hazardous waste along the roads or on the ground.
- Don't buy hazardous chemical or other hazardous materials unless you are willing to take responsibility for their proper disposal.

Call for more information about environmental issues:

- Town of Horizon City Storm Water Management - 852-1046
- Illegal Storm

Water Discharge Hotline (24 hours) - 1-877-ID-FLOWS • C o d e Enforcement - 852-1047

Other Agencies:

- Texas Environmental Hotline - 1-800-CLEANUP
- U . S . Environmental Protection Agency Region VI - 1-800-887-6063
- Texas Commission on Environmental Quality - 834-4949

*Karen Ellefson
Town Clerk
Horizon City*

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Town of Horizon City

PUBLIC NOTICE

A PUBLIC HEARING will be held at **6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, February 22, 2011 during the Regular Council Meeting** at City Hall, 14999 Darrington Road, Horizon City, Texas. Purpose of the public hearing is to allow any interested persons to appear and testify regarding the following proposed ordinance(s)/ amendment(s):

1) **2nd Reading of Budget Ordinance No. 0187.** An Ordinance ordering an election by the qualified voters of the Town of Horizon City, Texas, on the second Saturday in May being, the 14th day of May 2011, for the purpose of electing the Mayor and three council members for two year terms each and an election to approve or deny the redesignation of one half of one percent of the Sales Tax to be used for projects



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allowed under Sections 501.101, 505.151, 505.152 and 505.155 of the Local Government Code.

Those who are unable to attend may submit their views in writing to the City Clerk of Horizon City. Accommodations for handicapped persons will be available and individuals in need of special assistance for attending the hearing are encouraged to contact the City Clerk at 915-852-1046, forty-eight (48) hours prior to this meeting. Ordinances are available for viewing or copying upon request from the City Clerk at the above address or call 915-852-1046, Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

*Karen Ellefson
City Clerk
Town of Horizon City*

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POSITION OPEN

Town of Horizon City

Administrative Services Director

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City Clerk
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POSITION OPEN

Town of Horizon City

Accounting Financial Clerk

Experienced with Municipal Government, bilingual a plus. Applications and resumes will be accepted, starting 2/18/2011 through 2/25/2011. Town of Horizon City, 14999 Darrington Rd., Horizon City, EOE.

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City Clerk
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Tiene problemas con el alcohol? Hay una solución. Informacion: 838-6264.

Miners put together an exciting basketball season under Floyd

By Steve Escajeda
Special to the Courier

The UTEP Miners are headed into a critical stretch of the Conference USA season and there are no gimmies from here on out.

Tim Floyd has his troops in the same place they were last year – first.

That comes as a shock to me because the team suffered two nearly crippling losses off last year's squad, and didn't replace them with any players of note.

After Derrick Character left the team for the big bucks of the NBA, and Arnett Moultrie decided that working extra hard under Floyd was just not in his best interest, it didn't look like UTEP would repeat as league champ.

To be honest, early in the season I figured the Miners would hover just above the .500 mark all season and finish with something like a 17-14 record.

I mean look at it realistically. If Character had come back for his senior season, he would have been an NBA lottery pick for sure.

Imagine Moultrie a year older and a year stronger. And imagine how much both guys would have learned under Floyd and new big-

guy coach and NBA veteran Greg Foster.

With those two guys back the Miners would definitely be one of the very best rebounding teams in the country.

Then you throw in the fact that Tony Barbee leaves the team for Auburn, leaving all the guys to learn an entirely new system under Floyd.

A new system that combines the Memphis racehorse style of play with the Don Haskins-like in-your-face defense and find-the-open-guy passing offense.

Also, all the Miners brought in were two freshmen that will definitely help the team in the coming years but are spending this season learning and maybe contributing 2-6 points a game each.

Sharp-shooting guard Michael Perez and skinny center John Bohannon are averaging about 5-12 minutes a game once the tough C-USA season started.

Perez is not fast enough to stay with most conference guards defensively yet and Bohannon has been treated like the world's largest rag doll being pushed and pounded by thicker big men under the basket.

But there's no doubt Bohannon will be a force a couple years and 40 pounds from

now.

Okay, let's come back to this season. With last Saturday's hard-fought victory over SMU, the Miners are now 19-5 and more importantly 7-2 and all alone in first place in the conference.

So the big question is, how are they doing it?

I guess the number-one reason is unselfishness. Players like Randy Culpepper and Christian Polk have bought into the new system.

For them that means sacrificing some scoring for more team play. Don't take the first shot you see; make the extra pass in an attempt to find a better shot.

What both guards are also doing more is playing a suffocating style of defense that Floyd insists on.

Just like under Don Haskins, the Miners may go through a game where they shoot the ball miserably, but they are never out of the game because their defense is causing their opponent to shoot miserably.

It's rather obvious who can be credited with keeping this team together through the turmoil on and off the court – Julyan Stone.

Stone is not only the most unselfish player

on the team, but he is growing into quite the leader.

The senior from California could always pass the ball, but now his rebounding and scoring skills are improving with every game.

It's true the Miners lack talented big men. With the young Bohannon, and seniors Claude Britten and Wayne Portalatin, the team is a far cry from where they hoped they'd be big-guy wise.

But Floyd has the guards crashing the boards, along with forwards Jeremy Williams and the re-emerging Gabe McCulley.

Another reason the Miners are clinging to the top spot in the league is their experience. The Miners have a ton of seniors that have been through this kind of thing before and know what it takes to finish off close games.

Tim Floyd has done an extraordinary job transforming this team in less than a year and if he doesn't win the conference's Coach of the Year honors there should be a criminal investigation.

I have learned my lesson and will never underestimate Mr. Floyd again.

Now let's get the fans to the Don Haskins Center to watch these guys play.

A sporting view By Mark Vasto

Roger that

Flashing his now trademark perma-smirk and hoisting the Lombardi Trophy high into the air, one thing had become clear for Aaron Rodgers: The proverbial monkey was off his back – the Bart Starr era was finally over in Green Bay.

Of course, Starr has two Super Bowl wins to his credit, but it can be argued that Rodgers' performance on Super Bowl Sunday equaled Starr's numbers from both games.

And while it was a different era and a different style of play, it's hard to believe Starr or any of the Hall of Fame quarterbacks in attendance could match Rodgers in terms of sheer talent.

Oh yeah, the guy Rodgers replaced? That No. 4 guy they called the "gunslinger"? In terms of accuracy – or, more precisely – proximity, Brett Favre's passes wouldn't have been in the same ZIP code by comparison.

"He was throwing lasers out there," Steve Young said on a recent edition of Michael Kay's ESPN

radio show. Young, of course, knows something about following a legend. Joe Montana certainly left a huge shadow hanging over Young at San Francisco in the '80s. In terms of achieving continued success at the helm of a team, he's one of the few quarterbacks in recent memory that delivered. Young is quick to point out one small difference, however: "My [legend] was standing on the sideline!" (Montana hadn't yet made the move to Kansas City.)

Normally you'd feel bad for a guy like Rodgers. He led the Green Bay Packers through an incredible march to the championship. Facing elimination during the regular season and having to win the hard

way – their road to the Super Bowl was, literally, spent playing on the road – it was Rodgers' cool smile and rocket arm that propelled this year's champion. He deserves to stand on his merit... he shouldn't have to hear his name in the same sentence as Favre's every time someone mentions this victory.

But it's a form of "schadenfreude" for anyone remotely attached to the Packers, die hard or even casual sports fans. They've endured years of tear-drenched press conferences from Favre, the boring "will he or won't he" conjecture from the sports-talk gurus. He's a guy that went from Title Town's savior to "Purple Judas" in a span of three years. But before

he took over the reins in Minnesota, Favre made that disastrous turn off the New Jersey Turnpike, his very bonfire of the vanities played out in text message after text message. He moved on after that one season as quarterback for the Jets, but his reputation has been left stuck in the mud somewhere in the swamps of Jersey.

At 28, Rodgers has more than enough gas in his tank, and after that Super Bowl performance, it's clear he has the drive, too.

Mark Vasto is a veteran sportswriter and publisher of *The Kansas City Luminary*. (c) 2011 King Features Synd., Inc.

Silvas signs with New Mexico Military Institute

By Gustavo Reveles Acosta
Special to the Courier

CANUTILLO – Canutillo High School standout Josh Silvas will play football for the New Mexico Military Institute in Roswell this fall.

Silvas signed a letter of intent to play guard for the Broncos on Feb. 4 – a week after National Signing Day festivities in El Paso were canceled because of severe winter weather.

"I'm so excited to be playing football at NMMI. It's a great school," Silvas said. "And I know that I will be going up there to Roswell on my own, but I will not be going solo. I have my family, my team and my school with me always."

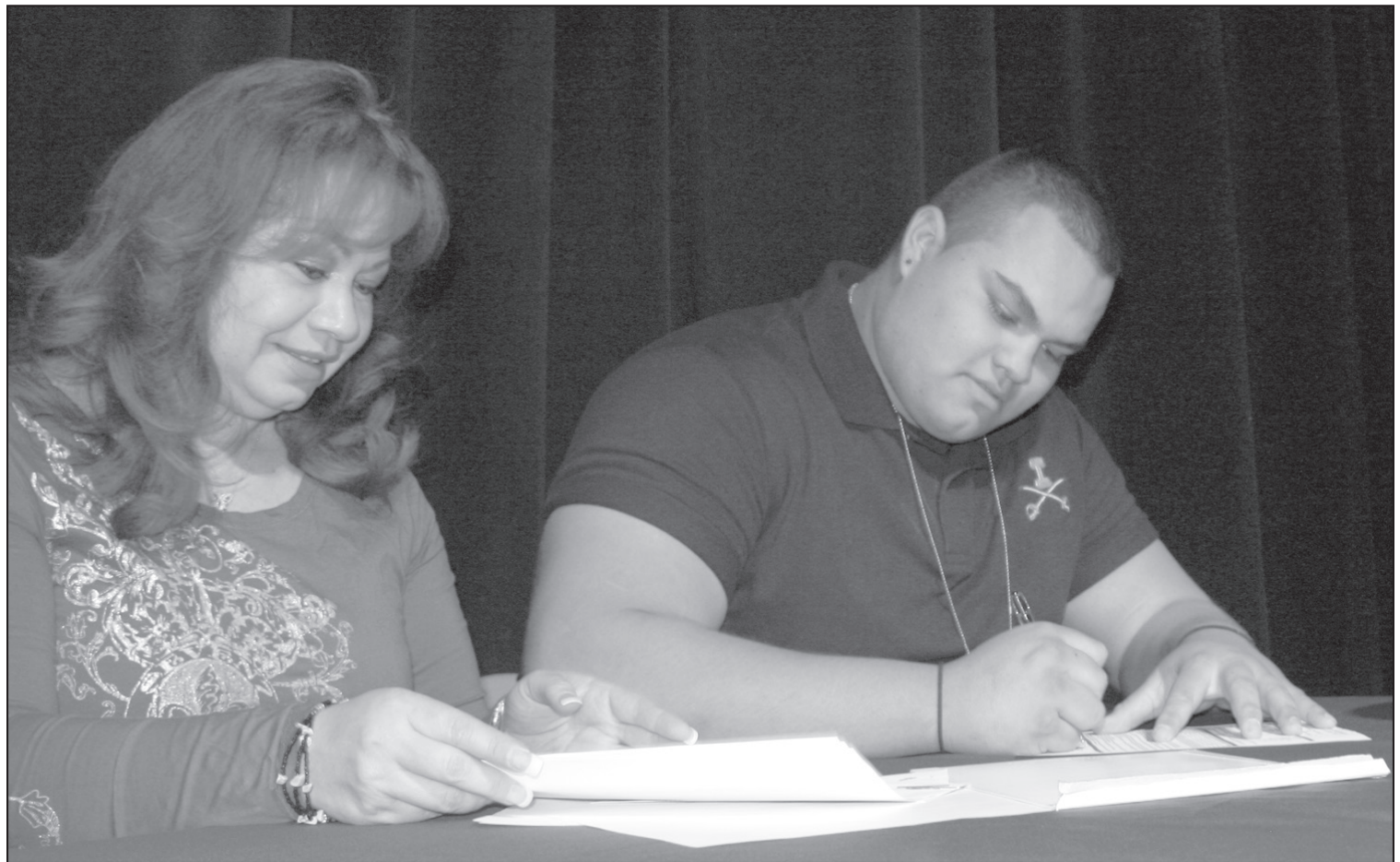
The 6-foot 4-inches, 350-pounds All-District and All-City offensive guard was a leader in the Canutillo Eagles football team. The three-year varsity player was also selected by area coaches to play in the El Paso All-Star Game last December.

Canutillo Head Coach Scott Brooks said he's not surprised to see Silvas sign a letter of intent to play football after high school.

"He is a leader and one of the best players I have ever coached," he said during the signing ceremony. "Josh is a dedicated player who never missed a practice. He will definitely do well in Roswell."

Brooks said he hopes Silvas shines at NMMI and then make the jump to a Division 1 college and university. Silvas shares in that dream.

"I don't really care if it's in Texas or anywhere else," Silvas said. "I just want to get the chance to play at a big school. (NMMI) is



– Photo courtesy Canutillo ISD

SIGNING UP – All-District and All-City offensive guard Josh Silvas signed to play football for New Mexico Military Institute in Roswell, NM as his proud mother looked on.

famous for making that happen."

Canutillo Principal Jim Fry said the entire school is proud of Josh, a popular athlete at the campus.

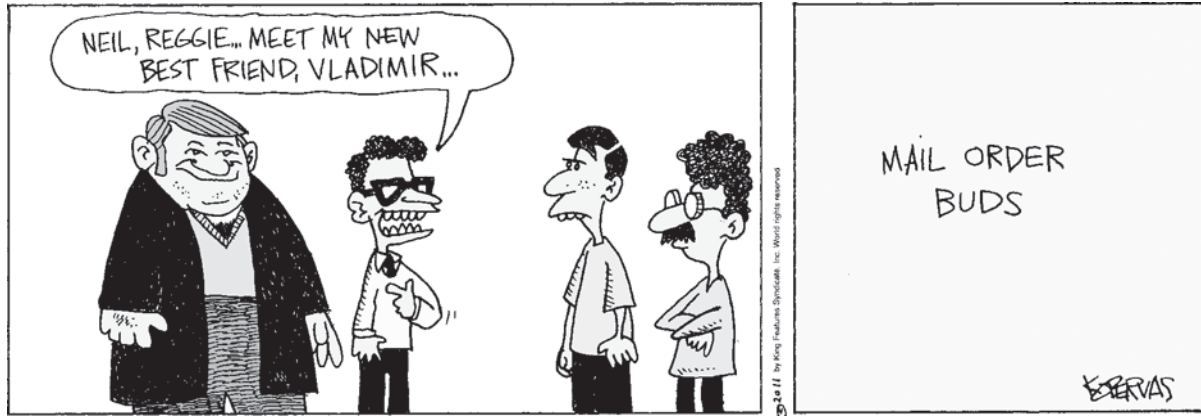
"He is not only an outstanding student

athlete, he's a good student and a great citizen," he said. "It is a very rare opportunity for anyone to play at the collegiate level. It's very well deserved for Josh to get that opportunity."

NMMI is a military school with a junior college program. Its football team plays in the National Junior College Athletics Association's Western States Football League.

Comix

OUT ON A LIMB By Gary Kopervas



AMBER WAVES By Dave T. Phipps



THE SPATS By Jeff Pickering



R.F.D. By Mike Marland



Your good health By Paul G. Donohue, M.D.

DEAR DR. DONOHUE: A friend in his late 40s thought he had the flu and called his doctor for medicine. Later he had trouble breathing and went to the emergency room, where they said he was having a heart attack. Several hours later, he passed away. An autopsy showed that a virus had attacked his heart. I know there are many types of viruses, but what kind did he have? How does a person get this kind of virus? If it had been found in time, could something have been done to stop it? - R.R.

can order a copy by writing: Dr. Donohue - No. 103W, Box 536475, Orlando, FL 32853-6475. Enclose a check or money order (no cash) for \$4.75 U.S./\$6 Canada with the reader's printed name and address. Please allow four weeks for delivery.

DEAR DR. DONOHUE: I am 90 years old. About three years ago I developed foot drop. A neurologist diagnosed the condition. My general health is good, considering my age. This foot drop has become debilitating. Is there anything I can do to take care of it? -M.S.

Your friend had myocarditis, an inflammation of the heart. Viruses are one cause of it. The virus most often involved is the Coxsackie virus, named after the New York town where it was first identified.

Myocarditis can be so mild that it produces no symptoms. Or it can be so overwhelming that it is fatal. It occurs at any age. Often, a respiratory infection (even a common cold) or a gastrointestinal disorder (stomach flu) might precede it. A young person - and your friend is considered young - struggling to breathe puts the doctor on alert to suspect that a failing heart is responsible and that a viral infection of the heart could be the cause.

Coxsackie viruses are transmitted from one person to the next through respiratory droplets or from foods, hands or utensils contaminated with the virus.

We have no medicine that kills this virus. Most of the time, none is needed, since nearly all Coxsackie infections are minor troubles. In cases like your friend's, medicines to keep the heart beating forcefully usually can tide a person over the dangerous period of heart failure.

Your friend's story is tragic. The booklet on congestive heart failure describes the more common kinds of it, not the kind due to viral infections. Readers

Foot drop isn't really a diagnosis. It's an observation of what's happened to your foot. You cannot raise the front part of your foot off the ground when you take a step. The drooping foot makes it hard to walk. You have to lift the leg very high so the foot clears the ground. Finding out what made the foot drop is going to be your diagnosis.

Nerve damage, back problems, stroke, diabetes and muscle illnesses are some of the causes of foot drop, and they are the actual diagnosis. Many times, the problem is nerve malfunction. Quite often, health cannot be restored to the nerve, but things can be done. One of those things is a lightweight brace that keeps the foot from flopping downward when you take a step.

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) 2011 North America Synd., Inc. All Rights Reserved.

Super Crossword

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Moore Texas by Roger Moore Snyder
 Texas was originally named "Hide Town" because buffalo hides served as walls for so many houses in the city.



GO FIGURE! by Linda Thistle

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

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15		25			21

DIFFICULTY: ★

★ Moderate ★★ Difficult
 ★★★ GO FIGURE!

2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9

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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

2				8				7
	3		5			8		
		1	3		2			9
5			6					2
	6			7		9	1	
		3			4			5
		8			9	1		
	1		4					8
7	4			3				6

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

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ★★

★ Moderate ★★ Challenging

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★★★ HOO BOY!

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Social Security Q&A By Ray Vigil

Q: What is the difference between the disability application and the disability report? Do I have to complete both?

A: A disability application is a claim for Social Security disability benefits. A disability report provides information about your current physical or mental condition that we need to process your disability application. To establish a claim for disability benefits, you need to file a disability application, submit a disability report, and provide an authorization to release medical records. The best place to start is at www.socialsecurity.gov/applyfordisability.

Q: I saw a poster that advised individuals 65 or over with limited income and resources to apply for Supplemental Security Income (SSI). Next month I'll turn 65 and I thought I'd be eligible for SSI. I planned to apply until my neighbor told me I probably would be turned down because I have children who could help support me. Is this true?

A: Whether your children are capable of helping to support you does not affect your eligibility. SSI eligibility depends solely on your income and resources (the things you own). If you have low income and few resources, you may be able to get

SSI. However, if you are receiving support from your children or from anyone living inside or outside of your home, it may affect your eligibility or the amount you can receive. Support includes any food or shelter that is given to you, or is received by you because someone else pays for it. Learn more about SSI at www.socialsecurity.gov/pgm/ssi.htm.

Q: Can I delay my retirement benefits and receive benefits as a spouse only? How does that affect me?

A: It depends on your age. If you are full retirement age and your spouse is receiving Social Security benefits, you can choose to file and receive benefits on just your spouse's Social Security record and delay filing for benefits on your own record up until age 70. By filing for just benefits as a spouse, you may receive a higher retirement benefit on your own record later based on the effect of delayed retirement credits. You can earn delayed retirement credits up to age 70 as long as you do not collect your own benefits – and those credits can increase your benefit by as much as 8 percent for each year you delay. You can use our online Retirement Estimator to test out different scenarios. Go to www.socialsecurity.gov/estimator.

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

STRANGE BUT TRUE

By Samantha Weaver

• It was British author and publisher Ernest Benn who made the following observation: "Politics is the art of looking for trouble, finding it whether it exists or not, diagnosing it incorrectly, and applying the wrong remedy."

• If you live in Michigan, make sure you keep this in mind: If you want to hunt with a slingshot, you'll need a special license.

• If you took all the other planets in our solar system and rolled them into one big ball, that ball would fit inside the gas giant Jupiter.

• The next time you're heading to Chicago, plan a stop in the nearby town of Niles. While there you can visit the Leaning Tower of Niles, a recently renovated half-size replica of the somewhat more famous Leaning Tower of Pisa. The attraction was built in 1934 by industrialist Robert Ilg as part of a recreation park for employees of his Hot Air Electric Ventilating Company of Chicago.

• Although Billy the Kid was a notorious 19th-century outlaw, he never robbed a store, a stagecoach, a bank or a train.

• A flea can jump 13 inches in a single leap. That may not seem like much, but to achieve a comparable feat, you would have to make a 700-foot jump.

• Those who wish to cut federal spending today might want to take note of this historical fact: In 1790, United States senators earned a grand total of \$6 per day – and only when Congress was in session.

• The ancient Romans appreciated smooth, hairless skin – but to get that look they used pumice stones to sand off the hair. Ouch.

Thought for the Day: "It is absurd to divide people into good and bad. People are either charming or tedious."
 – Oscar Wilde

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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: O equals U

SYHX VYH HFHBVJEBEVM AQHC

QOV PXU MQO'JH PXAHJHU, E

CODDQCH VYPV'C P DQSHJ

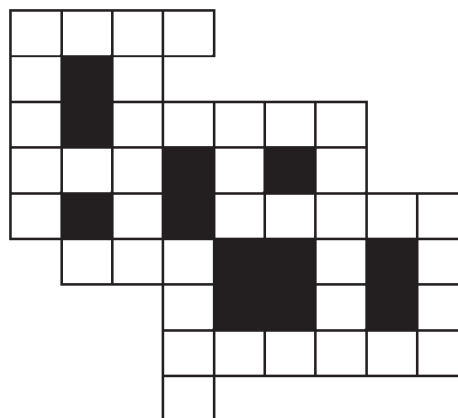
QOVJPAH.

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- MIP
- YAMDWI
- NIRDG
- ♥EMPO
- YAGDRE
- ♥EWN
- ♥ENDO
- GONDI
- MGY
- GLEEPD
- WAPNR
- MEAG



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

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