

NEWSBRIEFS

Crime Stoppers

In the middle of the night a suspect pours an accelerant over a family's car and then sets it on fire, making this the Crime Stoppers "Crime of the Week." On Friday, August 24, 2012, approximately 2:30 a.m., surveillance cameras at a home in the 8500 Block of Danube in the Mission Valley show the suspect pouring an unknown type of accelerant over the hood of a private vehicle, and then setting the vehicle on fire. The suspect then got into one of two waiting vehicles and fled. The suspect shown on the surveillance video appears to be in his teens or 20s, but there is no further description of him or of the two vehicles that appeared to be accompanying him. A woman at the home said she had received a threatening telephone call from an unknown person about one month prior to this incident. If you have any information at all about the identity and location of the suspects in this case, contact Crime Stoppers of El Paso at 566-TIPS (566-8477), on-line at www.crimestoppersofelpaso.org or you can send a text message by entering the key word CRIME1 (no space) plus your tip information, and text it to CRIMES (274637). You will remain anonymous and, if your tip leads to an arrest, you can qualify for a cash reward.

— James Klaes

Wanted

On August 29, 2012 Jose Armando Hernandez, 32, allegedly forced a five-



Jose Hernandez

year-old girl touch his private parts and then proceeded to warn her not to say anything to anyone. When the girl told her parents, they proceeded to confront him and he denied all allegations. However, he immediately vacated the residence that he was renting from the girl's parents and has not been seen since. The Socorro PD Criminal Investigations has attempted to locate him with family but he continues to elude capture and still remains in the El Paso area.

— David Garcia

Wanted II

Jesus Valles, 28, is this week's Manhunt Monday Most Wanted Fugitive. He also goes by Jesus Simental. He is 5'8" tall, weighs 205 pounds and has brown hair and eyes. He has tattoos on his right arm, both wrists and his back. Deputies were dispatched to the parking lot of a service station located in East El Paso on September 3, 2012 in reference to an assault. Authorities arrived and met the

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A true friend is like a good book – the inside is better than the cover.

— Quips & Quotes

Museum presents 'Walking with the Ancestors'

By Alfredo Vasquez
Special to the Courier

EL PASO COUNTY – The El Paso Museum of Archaeology's new temporary exhibit, *Walking with the Ancestors: From Mesoamerica to the Southwest*, will be on view beginning September 22 and continue through January 13. The exhibit is free and open to the public.

The exhibit's guest curator Dr. Yolanda Chávez Leyva, chair of the History Department at the University of Texas at El Paso, will inaugurate the exhibit with a special presentation, which is scheduled for 2 p.m. Saturday, September 22, at the El Paso Museum of Archaeology, 4301 Transmountain Road. The talk will be followed by a reception from 3 to 4:30 p.m. Both are open to the public without charge.

The *Walking with the Ancestors: From Mesoamerica to the Southwest* exhibit is about the connections among peoples across time and space, according to the museum's education curator Marilyn Guida.

"Although the movement of people shaped the El Paso del Norte region of El Paso and Ciudad Juarez for thousands of years, we often think of migration as a relatively new development. Yet, we are surrounded by traces of much, much older movements of peoples and cultures moving from south to north, from what is now Mexico to what is now the Southwestern United States," stated Guida.

Utilizing pottery, photographs, stories and other artifacts, the exhibit draws on themes of corn, rain, parrots, the peyote cactus and the rabbit in the moon to trace the movement of life: the movement of the ancestors.

Leyva stated, "My ancestors believed that without movement there is no life. The heart beats, moving our blood through our bodies. The earth rotates around the sun and the moon circles the earth. The history of

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— Image courtesy Dr. Yolanda Chávez Leyva

Tolteca-Chichimeca-Chicomostoc Chicomoztoc, the place of the seven caves, illustrates the mythical origin of the "nahuatlaca" tribes. From the "Historia Tolteca chicimeca", this illustrated annal dates to between 1545 and 1565. Its narrative concerns the history of the altepetl (ward) of Cuauhtinchan in Puebla, over four hundred years from the mid-twelfth century through the mid-sixteenth.

Canutillo ISD works to stop bullying

By Gustavo Reveles Acosta
Special to the Courier

CANUTILLO – The scene has become all too familiar for most students and faculty members at Deanna Davenport Elementary School in Westway.

Every school year in the fall, students and teachers break out their favorite pen and sign their name on a dotted line near the bottom of an official-looking document called a Resolution of Respect.

With that signature, children and adults at Davenport Elementary are making a commitment to celebrate differences in other people, learn more about other cultures and – more importantly – guarantee that anyone who is a victim of bullying receives help in a timely manner.

This scene at Davenport will be repeated eight more times in every campus of the Canutillo Independent School District as part of the school system's effort to achieve a No Place For Hate designation from the Anti-Defamation League for a third year in a row.

Canutillo ISD is the only district in the region with the designation, which celebrates schools and districts that have developed significant anti-bullying programming.

"We are now in our third year and we are seeing great results," said Davenport Elementary Principal Marta Strobach. "We are seeing fewer cases of bullying incidents in our schools because of No Place For



— Photo courtesy Canutillo ISD

GETTING ALONG – Students at Deanna Davenport Elementary School in Westway participated in a ceremony to kick off the Canutillo Independent School District's activities in the No Place For Hate anti-bullying program. Canutillo is the only school district in West Texas to receive No Place For Hate designation from the Anti-Defamation League.

Hate, and our students are learning to recognize and celebrate differences among each other."

To achieve No Place For Hate designation, all students and faculty members must sign the Resolution of Respect. Each campus must then organize at least three school-wide activities aimed at celebrating diversity and

fighting bullying.

In the past, Canutillo schools have organized anti-bullying art shows, recitals and poetry readings. CISD schools have also built peace gardens in their schools and even dedicated all homecoming activities at

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Government proposes simplified mortgage disclosure forms

By Jason Alderman
Special to the Courier

No doubt many wannabe first-time homebuyers have been sitting on the sidelines of the volatile housing market, unsure when or how to enter the game. If that describes you, you're probably fortunate to have missed out on the housing bubble and lax lending standards of a few

years ago, when millions of people took out mortgages they couldn't afford – or understand.

Homeownership is a long-term commitment filled with expenses (both expected and unexpected) and responsibilities. The upsides – not to mention the tax advantages – are why approximately two-thirds of Americans own instead of renting. But homeownership is not always right for everyone or at every stage of life.

Here's hoping that now, as home prices have plummeted and loan interest rates are at historic lows, you can resist the temptation to get in over your head and first bone up on the many one-time and recurring costs involved in owning your own home.

A good place to start is Know

Before You Owe, the financial education initiative launched last year by the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau (CFPB) to ensure that people receive concise, easy-to-understand information regarding mortgages, credit cards and student loans, among other major financial decisions (www.consumerfinance.gov).

After soliciting input from thousands of consumers, lenders, mortgage brokers and consumer advocates, the CFPB recently developed new prototypes for the federal disclosure forms borrowers receive after applying for a mortgage and before closing on the loan.

“When making what is likely the biggest purchase of their life, consumers should be looking at paperwork that clearly lays out the terms of the deal,” said CFPB Director Richard Cordray.

The proposed forms combine several different but overlapping documents now required by various federal agencies. But they will simplify the language and format and make it easier to compare different mortgages and more easily understand loan terms, including interest rates, monthly payment amounts, closing costs and how the loan amount might change over time (e.g., with an adjustable-rate loan). They also highlight features borrowers may want to avoid such as prepayment penalties and negative amortization.

In the meantime, if you're considering buying a home, review the proposed forms to get an idea of which costs you should be watching out for. And, even if you're already comparing loans or in escrow, ask your lender to show you where the various costs highlighted in the new forms are located in your current disclosure documents – it might help avoid costly last-minute surprises.

Here are some factors future homebuyers should keep in mind:

- Start planning now. It could take years to save enough for a down payment and closing costs.
- Don't forget ongoing expenses like a monthly mortgage payment, mortgage insurance, homeowner's insurance, property taxes, furnishings, maintenance and repairs.
- People with poor credit ratings usually either don't qualify for loans or pay much higher interest rates. Work on repairing your credit at the same time you launch a savings plan.
- If your down payment isn't at least 20 percent, you'll probably be required to buy Private Mortgage Insurance (PMI), which protects the lender if you default.

For a comprehensive overview of how different types of mortgages work, check out Bankrate.com. Also, watch the easy-to-follow video explaining mortgages at Practical Money Skills for Life (www.practicalmoneyskills.com), a free personal financial management program run by Visa Inc.

Jason Alderman directs Visa's financial education programs.

Fabens Independent School District SPECIAL EDUCATION SERVICES

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

Instructional Program: including Early Childhood (beginning on the third birthday through age five), 1) 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; 9) School Health Services; and 10) Homebound 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: Richard Ortega, Special Education Director, P.O. Box 697, Fabens, Texas 79838, (915) 765-2690.

El Distrito Escolar de Fabens SERVICIOS DE EDUCACION ESPECIAL

El distrito escolar de Fabens 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: infancia temprana (comenzando con el tercer cumpleaños hasta la edad de cinco años), 1) cuarto de recurso (K-12), y clases contenidas (K-12); 2) servicios diagnósticos; 3) servicios de transportación; 4) terapia de habla; 5) servicios de consejo; 6) servicios de equipaje adaptivo; 7) terapia fisica; 8) terapia ocupacional; 9) servicios de salud escolar; y 10) servicios de clases en el hogar.

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 explica los derechos, la confidencialidad, y el proceso para quejarse.

Si usted desea mas información o sabe de un niño/niña desabilitado que vive en el distrito escolar de Fabens que no esta recibiendo servicios educacionales, favor de comunicarse con: Richard Ortega, Director de Educación Especial, P.O. Box 697, Fabens, Texas 79838, (915) 765-2690.

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Veterans Post By Freddy Groves

March to a million

Money is tight everywhere, but there is one group that truly deserves any holiday donations you'll make this year. I want to get first dibs on at least 15 of the dollars you have earmarked for charity.

Operation Gratitude (www.operationgratitude.com) recently reached a milestone of 800,000 packages sent to service members stationed far away. Started by Carolyn Blashek at her dining-room table in 2003, OpGrat's efforts have been constant, ever expanding and heartfelt. Here are the stats since 2003:

- 6.4 million pounds of donated product;
- \$8 million in shipping expenses;
- 40 million items; and
- \$80 million worth of product shipped.

The number and type of corporate donations are proof positive that OpGrat is an organization worth getting behind. That 800,000th package was a special one that contained a week's vacation, a web cam, a DVD player, a digital camera -- and the keys to a custom-built American Chopper motorcycle.

Of course not all of the 100,000 packages sent every year contain the keys to a vehicle, but each one, addressed individually to a service member by name, is packed with at least \$125 worth of excellent products, as well as individually written letters and cards.

That \$15 I mentioned? It's for postage. In spite of all the donations from corporations, OpGrat can't get any kind of deal on mailing the packages. It costs \$15 to send each box.

If you want to donate, the address is:

Operation Gratitude
16444 Refugio Road
Encino, CA 91436

A bonus, too: Those who donate at least \$15 before Oct. 31 will receive a special limited edition "March to a Million" dog tag that reads "I am a part of Operation Gratitude History." If the \$15 is out of the question, check the website. There are other ways you can help.

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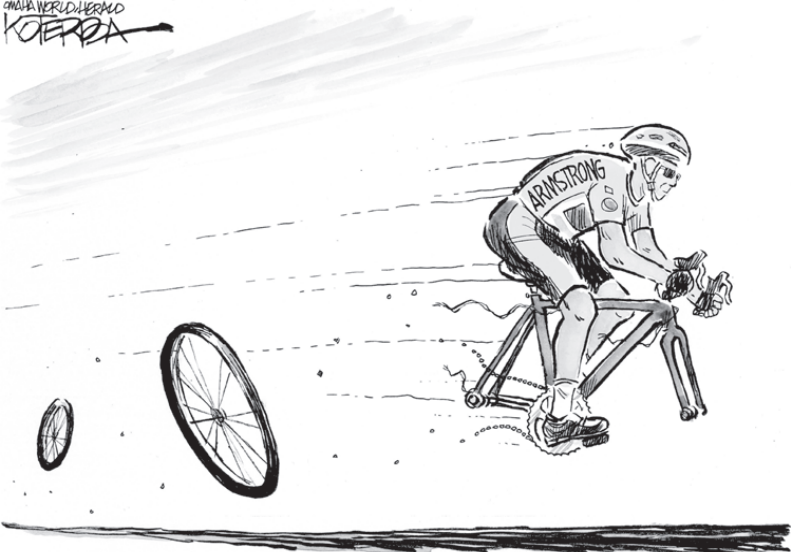
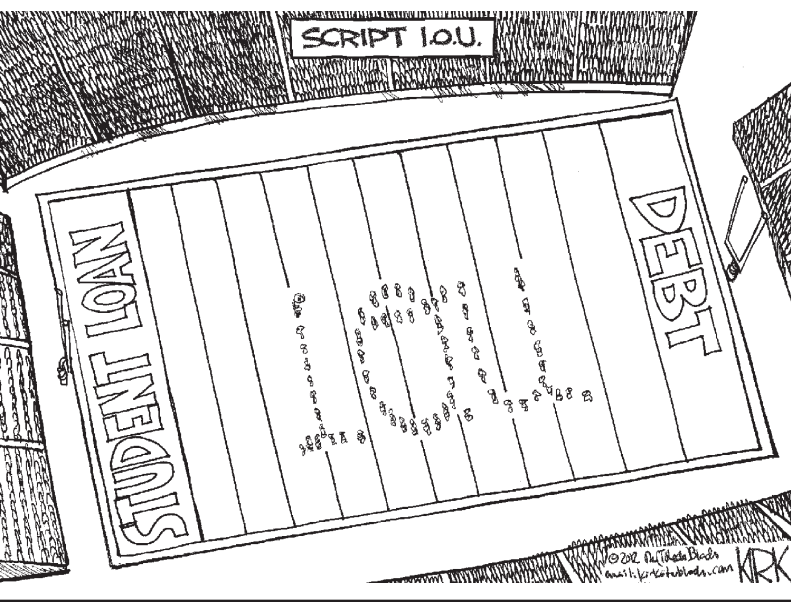
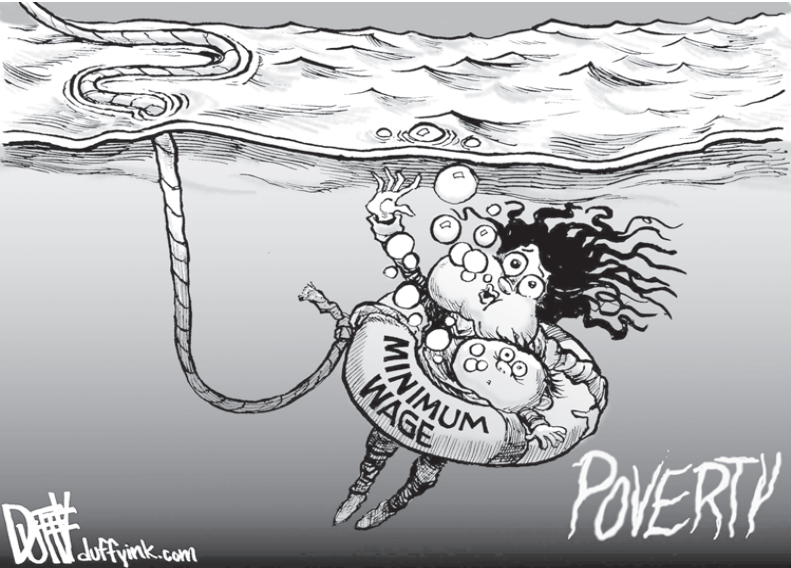
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Are you better off now than you were four years ago ?

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PUBLIC NOTICE

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS AND PARTIES:

The *West Texas County Courier* office is closed.
The office will open again on Thursday, October 11, 2012.

Public Notice Fabens Independent School District SECTION 504 SERVICES

The Fabens Independent School District provides the following educational services/options to identified disabled students who reside within the district.

- ◆ Child find activities to notify students with disabilities and their parents of the their rights and the district's obligation to provide a free, appropriate public education.
- ◆ Referrals to Sections 504 when it is believed the students have a physical or mental impairment that substantially limits one or more major life activities and the students are in need of educational accommodations.
- ◆ Procedural safeguards under Section 504.
- ◆ Evaluations of students to determine eligibility for the Section 504 program.
- ◆ Placement into the Section 504 program, which means the student may receive:
 - ✓ individually planned modifications in the regular classroom,
 - ✓ transportation services to and from school,
 - ✓ health services from the school nurse,
 - ✓ accommodations regarding access to any part of the campus, or
 - ✓ assistance in reading for students with dyslexia in a reading program which meets the state's standards for a dyslexia reading program.
- ◆ Special education services are available to Section 504 students, if the students qualify for one of the specific disabilities under special education.

If you would like more information or know of a disabled child who is not receiving educational services, please contact Dr. David Rueda, Section 504 Coordinator, P.O. Box 697/821 NE "G" Avenue, Fabens, TX 79838, (915) 765-2600.

SERVICIOS DE LA SECCION 504

El distrito escolar independiente de Fabens provee los siguientes servicios/ opciones educacionales a los estudiantes con discapacidades identificados que residen dentro del distrito.

- ◆ Actividades para encontrar a niños para notificar a los estudiantes con discapacidades y a sus padres de sus derechos y de las obligaciones del distrito a proporcionar una educación publica que sea gratuita y apropiada.
- ◆ Referimientos a la Sección 504 cuando se cree que el estudiante tiene una discapacidad mental o fisica que limita substancialmente una o mas actividades vitales importantes y los estudiantes necesitan modificaciones en su educación.
- ◆ Derechos legales garantizados bajo Sección 504.
- ◆ Evaluaciones de estudiantes para determinar si califican para el programa de la Sección 504.
- ◆ Colocación dentro del programa de la Sección 504, lo que significa que el estudiante puede recibir:
 - ✓ modificaciones en el salon de educación regular planeadas individualmente,
 - ✓ servicios de transporte para la escuela y para atras,
 - ✓ servicios de salud por la enfermera de la escuela,
 - ✓ cambios que garanticen el acceso a cualquier parte de la escuela,
 - ✓ ayuda en lectura para estudiantes con dislexia en un programa de lectura que cumpla con los requisitos que pide el estado a un programa de lectura de dislexia.
- ◆ Se ofrecen servicios de educación especial a los estudiantes Sección 504, si los estudiantes califican para una de las discapacidades especificas bajo educación especial.

Si usted desea más información o conoce a niños con discapacidades que no estan recibiendo servicios educativos, por favor comuniquese con Dr. David Rueda, Coordinador de la Sección 504, P.O. Box 697/821 NE "G" Avenue, Fabens, TX 79838, (915) 765-2600.

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LEGALS

City of Socorro

Adoption of Ordinances

On September 14, 2012 the City of Socorro, Texas adopted the following ordinance:

1) **ORDINANCE 293**, AMENDMENT NO. 4, AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF SOCORRO, TEXAS ADOPTING AN AMENDED GENERAL FUND BUDGET.

2) **ORDINANCE 306**, AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING A BUDGET FOR THE FISCAL YEAR COMMENCING OCTOBER 1, 2012 AND ENDING ON SEPTEMBER 30, 2013 FOR THE CITY OF SOCORRO, TEXAS.

3) **ORDINANCE 307**, AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE EL PASO CITY TAX OFFICE TO PERFORM THE ACTUAL ASSESSMENT AND COLLECTION OF SAID PROPERTY TAXES ON BEHALF OF THE CITY OF

SOCORRO, TEXAS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR COMMENCING OCTOBER 1, 2012 AND ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2013.

Copies of the ordinance are available for review at the City Administration Building, 124 S. Horizon Blvd., Socorro, Texas 79927; Monday through Friday between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.

*Sandra Hernandez
City Clerk*

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Town of Anthony, TX

Public Service Announcement: Fair Housing, It's the Law

To promote fair housing practices, the Town of Anthony, TX encourages potential homeowners and renters to be aware of their rights

under the National Fair Housing Law. Title VIII of the Civil Rights Act of 1968, as amended, prohibits discrimination against any person on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, handicap, familial status or national origin in the sale or rental of units in the housing market. For more information on fair housing or to report possible fair housing discrimination, call the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development's toll-free hotline at 1-800-669-9777.

Equal Employment Opportunity Statement: The Town of Anthony does not discriminate on the basis of color, national origin, sex, religion, age and handicapped status in employment or the provision of services.

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Briefs

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female victim who had visible signs of a violent assault. She told officers she was at a local sports bar with friends and a male acquaintance identified as Valles. She said that Valles began arguing with her over getting a phone call from a male friend. After leaving the establishment together, an argument ensued and Valles violently struck her six times in the face with a closed fist causing her pain and injury. During the assault

a telephone connection was established and Valles was heard telling her to wipe the blood from her nose – the open phone line was disconnected shortly after.



Jesus Valles

put gasoline in his vehicle. She ran to another vehicle and was helped by another couple. She called 911 a

short time later. Charges have since been filed and Valles is now wanted for the crime and on other unrelated charges. He remains in the Borderland area hiding with friends or family. He is known to frequent numerous sports bars and nightclubs in the El Paso area. If anyone has seen or has any information on the whereabouts of they can contact Crime Stoppers at 566-TIPS (8477). Callers will remain anonymous and may be eligible for a reward if the information provided leads to the apprehension of Valles.

– Deputy Jesse Tovar

archives: www.wtxcc.com

Public Notification of Nondiscrimination in Career and Technology Programs at Fabens ISD

1) Fabens Independent School District offers career and technology education programs in Home Economics, Business Education, Drafting, Graphic Arts, and Automotive Technology. Admission to these programs is based on courses offered, age appropriateness, class space available, and individual graduation plans.

2) It is the policy of Fabens Independent School District not to discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex or handicap in its vocational programs, services, or activities as required by Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended; Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended.

3) It is the policy of Fabens Independent School District not to discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, handicap or age in its employment practices as required by Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended; Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, the Age Discrimination Act of 1975, as amended; and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended.

4) Fabens Independent School District will take steps to ensure that lack of English language skills will not be a barrier to admission and participation in all educational and vocational programs.

5) For information about your rights or grievance procedures, contact the Title IX Coordinator: Gilbert Alarcon, 208 N.E. 4th St., (915) 765-2600 and/or Section 504 Coordinator: Dr. David Rueda, 821 N.E. G Ave., (915) 765-2600.

Notificacion Publica de no Discriminar en los Programas de Carrera y Tecnologia de Fabens ISD

1) El Distrito Escolar Independiente de Fabens ofrece programas programas vocacionales en Carrera y Tecnología en Economía Domestica, Educación de Negocios, y Mecánica. La admisión a estos programas se basa en registrado en la escuela de Fabens y completar los requisitos necesarios.

2) Es norma de El Distrito Escolar Independiente de Fabens no discriminar por motivos de raza, color, origen nacional, sexo, o impedimento, en sus programas, servicios, o actividades vocacionales, tal como lo requieren el Título VI del Acta de Derechos Civiles de 1964, que fue enmendada, Título IX de las Enmiendas Educativas de 1972, y la Sección 504 de la Acta de Rehabilitación de 1973, como enmendada.

3) Es norma de El Distrito Escolar Independiente de Fabens no discriminar por motivos raza, color, origen nacional, sexo, impedimento o edad en sus procedimientos de empleo, tal como requieren el Título VI del Acta de Derechos Civiles de 1964, según enmienda, Título IX de las Enmiendas Educativas de 1972, la Ley de Discriminación por Edad de 1975, según enmienda, y la Sección 504 de la Acta de Rehabilitación de 1973, según enmienda.

4) El Distrito Escolar Independiente de Fabens tomará las medidas necesarias para asegurar que la falta de habilidad en el uso de la lengua inglés no sea obstáculo para la admisión y participación en todos los programas vocacionales y educativos.

5) Para más información sobre sus derechos y procedimiento para quejas, comuníquese con el Coordinador del Título IX: Gilbert Alarcon, 208 N.E. 4th St., (915) 765-2600 y/o Coordinador de la Sección 504: Dr. David Rueda, 821 N.E. G Ave., (915) 765-2600.

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Fabens Independent School District Public Notice of Non-Discrimination

It is the policy of the Fabens Independent School District to prohibit discrimination on the basis of race, color, national origin, gender or any person who has a disability in the admission or access to programs, delivery of services or employment.

The Fabens Independent School District is fully committed to meeting its responsibilities as specified by Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended; Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972; prohibiting sex discrimination, Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended; the Age Discrimination Act of 1975, as amended; and the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA).

Inquiries concerning your rights may be referred to Gilbert Alarcon, P.O. Box 697, Fabens, TX 79838. Phone: (915) 765-2600. Fax: (915) 764-3115.

Notificion Publica

Es la norma de conducta de el distrito escolar de Fabens prohibir la discriminación a base de raza, color, origen nacional, sexo o deshabilidad en la admisión o el acceso a programas, entrega de servicios o empleo.

El distrito escolar de Fabens esta comprometido a cumplir con las responsabilidades especificadas por el Título VI del Acta de Derechos Civiles de 1964, como enmendado, el Título IX de la Enmienda de Educación de 1972, como enmendado, que prohíbe la discriminación sexual, la Sección 504 del Acta de Rehabilitación de 1973, como enmendado, la Ley de Discriminación por Edad de 1975 como enmendado, y el Acta de Americanos con Deshabilidades.

Para información tocanta a sus derechos comuníquese con Gilbert Alarcon, P.O. Box 697, Fabens, TX 79838. Phone: (915) 765-2600. Fax: (915) 764-3115.

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Ancestors

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humanity is a story of movement, of migration from one place to another for a season or for generations. Walking with the Ancestors connects us to each other because it asks us to remember what we share. At a time when immigration is one of the most contested and emotional issues in our nation, this exhibit calls on us to stop for a moment and think about the ancient history of movements of people and culture.”

Leyva is a Chicana historian and writer who was born and raised on the border. She is currently chair of the Department of History and an associate professor at UTEP. She specializes in border history, public history, and Chicana history.

Most recently, Leyva served as guest curator for *Healing Hands, Healing Ways: Traditional Medicine in the Borderlands* at the El Paso Museum of History and as project developer for *El Paso: The Other Side of the Mexican Revolution*, a groundbreaking museum exhibit on El Paso’s role in the Revolution.

Leyva also currently serves as co-director of Museo Urbano, an indoor-outdoor museum that highlights the untold histories of Mexican Americans and of South El Paso, especially el Segundo Barrio.

For more information about the reception and/or exhibit, call (915) 755-4332, send email to guidamr@elpasotexas.gov, or visit the museum’s website at www.elpasotexas.gov/arch_museum/.

Bullies

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Canutillo High School to anti-bullying programming.

CISD Superintendent Dr. Damon Murphy said he expects all nine schools in the District to meet the No Place For Hate designation standards by the spring.

To celebrate the designation, the district is already planning a spring fine arts and career and technology event that will showcase the No Place For Hate-themed work students have created throughout the year. The event is preliminarily planned for May.

“Our schools have done such a wonderful job of adopting the mantra of No Place For Hate. It truly has become part of our culture here in Canutillo,” he said. “I look forward to celebrating with them in May another successful year of battling the type of bullying tactics that have been so disruptive to the children of this country.”

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Does Maya calendar predict end of the world?

By Alfredo Vasquez
Special to the Courier

EL PASO COUNTY – El Paso Museum of Archaeology will feature an interesting presentation by astronomer Dr. John Carlson on the supposed Maya Calendar’s prediction that the world will end on December 21, 2012.

The special presentation, which is free and open to the public, will be at 2 p.m., Saturday, Sept. 29, at the El Paso Museum of Archaeology, 4301 Transmountain Rd. Sign language interpreters will be available to assist the hearing-impaired.

Carlson will discuss the precise archaeological evidence for the notion in popular culture that the Maya predicted the imminent end of the world. His lecture will focus on the images of mythological events depicted on two late classic Maya vessels including the enigmatic “Vase of the Seven Gods.”

Carlson, who holds a Ph.D. in astronomy, is director of the Center for Archaeoastronomy and editor of Archaeoastronomy, The Journal of Astronomy in Culture. He is also senior lecturer for the University Honors College at the University of Maryland.

Carlson’s PowerPoint presentation is made possible in part by a grant from Humanities Texas, the state affiliate of the National Endowment for the Humanities.

For more information about the upcoming event, call 755-4332, or email guidamr@elpasotexas.gov, or visit www.elpasotexas.gov/arch_museum/.

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Wildcards, close competition and Jeter making baseball fun

By Steve Escajeda
Special to the Courier

There’s little doubt that Major League Baseball has taken a bit if a dive, popularity wise, over the last three decades.

The reasons are numerous, the play can be slow, more great athletes are playing football and basketball, their promotion has been horrible and let’s not forget about those nasty steroids. As far as instant replay goes – or any technology for that matter – the league is stuck in the 1950s.

But I will admit that they did something this year that has made the season more exciting. And I’m not sure I was for the idea when the season started.

The league added an extra playoff team this year. Well, it’s an extra wildcard team.

This year the two wildcard teams will meet in a one-game playoff.

My first thought was, “How can you have two teams play 162 games over six months and then meet for just one game?”

And I now realize that it’s not the one-game playoff that’s important, it’s the fact that so

many more teams are in contention at the end of the season for those last two playoff slots.

And that makes for a more intriguing final two weeks of the season.

And speaking of the final two weeks, the New York Yankees and the Baltimore Orioles and the Tampa Bay Rays are all fighting for the American League East title.

Who thought the Yankees would have this tough of a time and who dreamed the Orioles would still be in the hunt this late in the year?

The Chicago White Sox are going down to the wire against the Detroit Tigers in the Central and the Oakland A’s have come from nowhere to challenge the Texas Rangers for the Western crown.

And all that is just in the American League.

The National League has 10 teams with a shot at the five available playoff spots.

The Stephen Strasburg-less Washington Nationals, Cincinnati Reds, San Francisco Giants and Atlanta Braves have pretty much clinched four spots.

But the second, and final, wildcard slot is being fought for by the Philadelphia Phillies,

St. Louis Cardinals, Pittsburgh Pirates, Milwaukee Brewers, Los Angeles Dodgers and Arizona D-Backs.

And though the playoff race is like nothing we’ve ever seen before, the real feel-good story of the season has to be the incredible play of Yankees shortstop Derek Jeter.

The 38-year-old future Hall-of-Famer is having one of the best seasons of his illustrious career.

He began to show his age in 2010, when he hit only .270 and collected 179 hits and struck out 106 times.

People around the league and in New York were talking about Jeter being overpaid and that he should be traded or simply retire.

Although he only had 162 hits last season, he did rally to end the season with a .297 average.

These were still unJeter-like performances.

But in 2012, he must be carrying a water bottle from the fountain of youth, because with two weeks to go in the season, he’s already collected over 200 hits (a category in which he leads every player in baseball) and is batting over .320.

Watching Jeter play at his best is like watching an aging Michael Jordan or Tiger Woods or Peyton Manning still teaching the young guys a thing or two.

The sport is better when the superstars are still able to give it the kind of effort they are known for.

Major League Baseball isn’t the way it was. It isn’t the National pastime anymore, but it is getting a badly needed shot in the arm this season.

And we’re not even at the playoffs portion of the season yet.

I’m still not sure how a one-game playoff is going to work but I’m sure it will be fine.

One strike against the league this season is the fact that Strasburg will not pitch for Washington no matter how far the Nationals advance in the playoffs.

It’s a tremendous marketing loss for the league but I guess nothing’s perfect.

The only thing I really hate about the playoffs is that the “boys of summer” as they are called, play the most important games of the season in October and November.

No matter how good you are, it’s tough to throw a curveball wearing a parka.

A sporting view By Mark Vasto

40 is the new 20

No less than five games out of the 17 played during the opening week of the NFL season were won by teams that plundered their foes for 40 points or more.

According to the good folks at the Elias Sports Bureau, you have to go all the way back to the 1950s – 1954 to be exact – to find a like performance during the first week of the season. For a little context, that

was the year that Bill Haley and His Comets topped the newly formed “Rock ‘n’ Roll” charts with “(We’re Gonna) Rock Around the Clock,” and Cousin Brucie was manning the wheels of steel.

According to various sources, the average career of an NFL player is anywhere between 3.5 to 6 years. Using that as a sample we unearth the following numbers for teams

scoring 40 or more points during the past few seasons: 2011-2; 2010-0; 2009-1; 2008-1; 2007-2.

Clearly – as if you needed to be told this – the NFL is a passing league and you can expect to see scores like these become more and more commonplace.

The pass-happy, always-go-for-it-on-fourth-down, “John Madden Football” gamers and the fantasy football players whose very lives seem to be pinned on their quarterback and wide receiver play helped shape this culture. As a topic, the passing game dominates the sports-radio call-in

shows.

But there’s another reason for this phenomenon: player injuries.

Time was a team would run a back 40 to 50 plays per game. But that style of play wreaked havoc on not only the running back, but the people tackling him, too.

The cry from the stands is always for “DE-FENSE! DE-FENSE!” I can’t ever recall a time I’ve heard the fans chant “OFFENSE! OFFENSE!” But the writing was on the wall when the NFL instituted the “in the grasp” rule for quarterbacks in 1991. The rash of concussions, particularly among high-profile quarterbacks like Steve Young and Troy Aikman, made it a... well, no brainer.

And as players became bigger and stronger each year, injuries and concussions grew in lock

step. This has led to great concern among players and parents, who are increasingly keeping their kids off the Pop Warner fields.

The game has progressed since the early 1900s, when people used to actually die due to trampling during a “flying wedge” play (since outlawed). Talk about points? The Chicago Bears crushed the Washington Redskins in the 1940 championship, 73-0. The Bears rushed for 382 yards and their starting quarterback only attempted 4 passes the entire game.

Well that day is done. Forty is the new twenty folks, and if you ask me, we’re all the richer for it.

Mark Vasto is a veteran sportswriter who lives in Kansas City. (c) 2012 King Features Synd., Inc.



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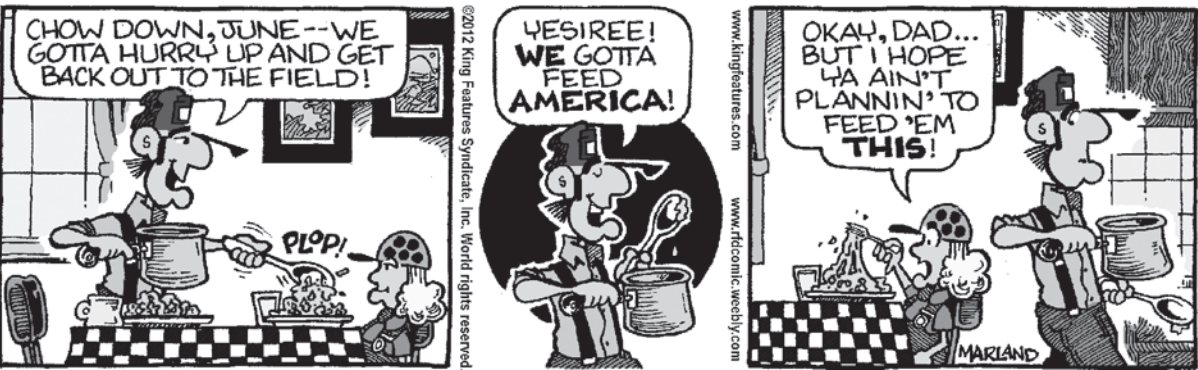
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Your good health

By Paul G. Donahue, M.D.

DEAR DR. DONOHUE: I have suffered with restless leg syndrome for 25 years. What causes it? Is there a cure? I do take Requip. Some say that having the veins in your legs stripped helps. Does it? – C.K.

Stabbing pain, a burning feeling and a creepy-crawly sensation in the legs are some of the ways people describe restless leg syndrome. The sensation mostly comes on in the evening when sitting in a chair or, more often upon going to bed. The night is punctuated with interruptions of sleep, as the sensations wake a person. They drive the person to get up and walk about until these annoying feelings go way. Walking does get rid of them, but the respite is only temporary. The attacks reach peaks at midnight and again around 4 a.m.

For most, a cause cannot be found. Sometimes it's a family affair, passed by the parent to the children. In a few instances, iron deficiency anemia, renal failure and Parkinson's disease are associated with it. The anemia connection is worth checking out, since it has a definite cure – iron tablets.

The medicine you mention, Requip (ropinirole) is one often prescribed for this problem. If you've been taking it for some time without relief, you ought to try some of the other medicines used for it. Mirapex (pramipexole) and Neurontin (gabapentin) are two others. A new variety of gabapentin called Horizant comes as an extended-release tablet, so medication is delivered to the body throughout the night.

A warm bath before going to bed, coupled with a leg massage afterward, often can cut down on the number of attacks and their intensity. Restricting alcohol and caffeine works for some people. Removing leg veins will not help.

The booklet on restless leg syndrome and nighttime leg cramps goes into greater detail

on both these subjects. Readers can obtain a copy by writing: Dr. Donohue – No. 306W, 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 mother has lived in an assisted-living facility for two years. She's mentally clear, but physically unable to take care of herself. The last time I visited her, a nurse was taking her blood pressure. She told me that my mother's pressure in her right arm was normal, but the pressure in her left arm was 165 over 95. Which is her true blood pressure? – E.L.

A 10-point discrepancy in blood pressure between the two arms is considered acceptable. With a larger difference, the actual blood pressure is the higher one.

DEAR DR. DONOHUE: How does pancreatitis relate to cancer of the pancreas? Is it an early stage of that cancer? – D.B.

Pancreatitis is an inflammation of the pancreas brought on by many different conditions, including viral infections. Pancreatitis is not an early stage of cancer.

Chronic pancreatitis, a long duration of pancreas inflammation, is a slight risk for eventual development of pancreatic cancer, but even it is not a common prelude to cancer.

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) 2012 North America Synd., Inc. All Rights Reserved.

