

## NEWSBRIEFS

### Spring forward

Daylight Savings Time begins at 2:00 a.m., Sunday, March 10. Clocks should be set forward one hour.

### Character luncheon

The Southwest Character Council Monthly Luncheon Westside will be held Wednesday, March 13 at the Great American Steakburger, 701 S. Mesa Hills. The Eastside luncheon will be held Thursday, March 14 at the Great American Land & Cattle Company, 2220 N. Yarbrough. Both meetings run from 11:45 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. The Character quality for March is Sincerity. The cost is just \$10 per person for lunch, networking and training. RSVP to (915) 779-3551 to reserve your spot, and make sure enough meals are prepared. Cash or check only please.

— Kelly McCullough

### Crime Stoppers

A man is shot three times in the parking lot outside a bar in the central part of town, making this the Crime Stoppers "Crime of the Week." On Sunday, Nov. 4, 2012 at 1:30 a.m., the victim was walking across the parking lot in front of The Doll House bar located at 5711 Trowbridge when the suspect yelled at him and then shot him multiple times. The suspect was accompanied by a female that drove the two of them away following the shooting. As seen in surveillance video, the suspect who fired the weapon is an Hispanic, 25 to 30 years of age, medium build, approximately 5'9" in height, 170 pounds, black hair combed back and short on the sides with long sideburns, and tattoo sleeves on both arms. He was wearing a blue t-shirt with unknown logo and writing on the front. The female is Hispanic and in her 30s, 5'5", medium-thick build, tattoo sleeves on both arms with long brown hair. Both fled the scene in a midsize red 4-door sedan. If you have any information about the identity of the suspects in this case, contact Crime Stoppers of El Paso at 566-TIPS (566-8477), on-line at [www.crimestoppersofelpaso.org](http://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

Michael Joseph Nowell, 51, is this week's Manhunt Monday Most Wanted Fugitive. He also goes by Noel. He is 6' tall and weighs 240 pounds. He has black hair and brown eyes. In June 2012 Nowell

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If you're not in style, the chances are you're out of debt.

— Quips & Quotes



— Photo by Alfredo Vasquez

**LOOK INTO MY EYES – Hector Giron (right) of the Lions Club of Anthony NM and Bryson McCool, of the Lions Club of La Mesa NM, were at Anthony Elementary School, in the Gadsden Independent School District, recently to photo screen students in the school's kindergarten classes. Photo screening is an automated technique that uses the red reflex to identify many types of eye problems. An advantage of this screening is that it is quick and thus useful with young children, as well as provides immediate information about eye conditions.**

## Lions Club KidSight provides free vision screening

By Alfredo Vasquez  
Special to the Courier

Lions Clubs International (LCI) wants to ensure that every Pre-K through first grade (3-6 years old) student is checked annually for vision disorders including near-sightedness,

far-sightedness, astigmatism, and other eye problems through a free photo screening program called Operation Kidsight.

The screening program is headed by LCI volunteers who have been trained to organize and conduct non-invasive, vision-screening sessions in local schools. The results are interpreted by trained-staff and

returned to families.

"The first six years of a child's life are critical in the development of good vision," said Hector Giron, one of the coordinators of the Dona Ana County Lions Club Operation Kidsight program.

The eye, muscles that control the eye, optic nerve, and the area of the brain that gives a child vision are completely developed, no matter how perfectly or imperfectly, by the time he or she enters first grade, explained Giron, who is a local educator with over 30 years of public schools experience.

"Eye problems are not always evident by simply looking at a child. Each day that the problems go undetected and untreated, a child's vision may deteriorate to the point of irreversibility," Giron stated. Consequently, undetected vision problems can be a serious barrier to learning. Poorly developed vision skills make learning difficult and stressful often resulting in reading avoidance, difficulty with comprehension, short attention spans and misbehavior in the classroom, he said.

"That is why early detection is so important," said Giron, a member of the Lions Club of Anthony NM. "The earlier these conditions are detected, the more easily and successfully they can be treated."

Giron and Bryson McCool, a member of the Lions Club of La Mesa NM, were at Anthony Elementary School, in the Gadsden Independent School District, recently to screen students in the school's pre-K classes. Since January, they along with other volunteers have provided screening and education about early detection and treatment of vision impairments to about 2,300 pre-K through first grade students in the Gadsden school district.

Collectively, the seven Lions Clubs in Dona Ana County NM have screened over

## Praino attends Pan American health conference

By Alfredo Vasquez  
Special to the Courier

VINTON – To share ideas on how to improve and afford health and quality of life resources for low-income communities, Village of Vinton Mayor Madeleine Praino attended the 2013 Pan American Health Organization (PAHO) Conference of Local and Municipal Leaders held in Antigua, Guatemala in February.

According to the mayor, the purpose of the conference was to prepare a resolution from the Americas to be presented at the World Health Organization's upcoming conference.

During the two-day conference, community government leaders from North, Central, and South America discussed a variety of issues including updates on the 2015 Development Agenda and Millennium Development projects, best practices in community-level healthcare, and universal health care coverage, the mayor stated.

Discussions focused on several areas: maternal and newborn mortality, chronic malnutrition and communicable diseases in rural communities; gender inequality and violence against women; the right to universal

health systems; and the availability of quality, equitable resources and capacity to meet people's needs, according to the mayor.

Praino's trip was sponsored by PAHO. She was the only mayor from the United States in attendance. Other countries represented included Spain, Ecuador, Bolivia, Colombia, Chile, Peru, Panama, Costa Rica, Honduras, Nicaragua, El Salvador, Argentina, Paraguay, Uruguay, Mexico, Belize, El Salvador, Dominican Republic and Guatemala.

"It was interesting to see that despite the economic differences of the countries, there were many similarities in the politics we face as mayors to obtain adequate health care, water and sewer infrastructure in our respective communities," Praino said.

PAHO, founded in 1902, is the world's oldest international public health agency. It provides technical cooperation and mobilizes partnerships to improve health and quality of life in the countries of the Americas, according to the organization's website.

PAHO is the specialized health agency of the Inter-American System and serves as the Regional Office for the Americas of the World Health Organization (WHO). Together with WHO, PAHO is a member of the United Nations system.



Madeleine Praino

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# Village of Vinton gets ready to come clean

By Alfredo Vasquez  
Special to the Courier

VINTON – Keep Vinton Beautiful (KVB) will kick-off this year’s Great American Cleanup, Saturday, March 9, with its “Helping Hands” painting program, which is funded by the Home Depot Foundation and donations from local construction contractors.

Student volunteers from UTEP’s Project MOVE will lend a hand in this year’s house painting program.

Each year thousands of volunteers gather throughout the country as part of Keep America Beautiful’s Great American Cleanup. The nation’s largest community improvement program is held annually, from March 1 through May 31.

In the 2012 cleanup campaign, KVB volunteers assisted six homeowners paint their homes through the Helping Hands project. They also removed 3,020 pounds of litter plus tires and other miscellaneous trash from Texas Highway 20 (Doniphan Drive) and 1,220 pounds of litter, 7 tires and 1 carpet from the Rio Grande, according to Jessica Garza, Village of Vinton clerk.

In addition, last year’s efforts netted 14,400 pounds of paper and plastics, and the village’s recycling center took in 8,000 pounds of scrap metal. Furthermore, 191 households disposed 28 tons of waste and 270 used tires during the village’s bulk waste collection events, Garza reported.

KVB activities scheduled through May 31 include the Don’t Mess With Texas Trash-Off, Rio Grande River cleanup, Arbor Day Festival, a family movie night at the park, among other events. All events are open to volunteers of all ages and local community organizations.

For more information or to volunteer, contact 886-5104, email: [kvb@vinton.tx.us](mailto:kvb@vinton.tx.us), or visit the Vinton website at: [www.vinton.tx.govoffice2.com](http://www.vinton.tx.govoffice2.com).

Finances By Jason Alderman

## Tax deadlines are real

Congress could well debate the debt ceiling, tax reform and other important economic issues until the cows come home, but one thing’s for sure: If you don’t pay your income taxes – or at least file for an extension – by April 15, you could be in for a world of financial hurt.

That’s because the IRS probably won’t give you a break on the penalties it levies on unpaid taxes unless you were the victim of a natural disaster, suffered death or serious illness in your immediate family, or experienced another catastrophic event.

You must file your 2012 federal tax return (or request an extension) by midnight on April 15, 2013, otherwise the penalty on any taxes you owe will increase dramatically. You’ll be charged an additional 5 percent of taxes owed for each full or partial month you’re late, plus interest, up to a maximum penalty of 25 percent of the amount owed. (The interest rate currently charged is 3.22 percent.)

If you file your return or extension request on time, however, the penalty drops tenfold to only 0.5 percent per month, plus interest.

Here’s how it adds up: Say you owe \$2,500 in federal income tax. If you haven’t requested an extension, you would be charged an additional \$125 (5 percent), plus interest, for each month you’re late in paying off your bill. Had you filed for an extension, the penalty

would drop to only \$12.50 per month (0.5 percent).

Be sure to contact the IRS early if you won’t be able to pay on time so you keep as many payment options open as possible – either call 800-829-1040 or visit your local IRS office. Also check out the IRS’ “Filing Late and/or Paying Late” webpage for helpful information ([www.irs.gov](http://www.irs.gov)).

One way to avoid this penalty is to pay by credit or debit card before the filing deadline. You’ll pay a convenience fee, which is tax-deductible if you itemize. Fees vary depending on which payment processor you choose. (See “Pay Your Taxes by Debit or Credit Card” at [www.irs.gov](http://www.irs.gov) for details.) If you use a credit card, make sure you can pay off the balance within a few months; otherwise the accrued interest might exceed the penalty.

Other payment options include:

- If you can pay the full amount within 120 days, you may qualify for a Short-Term Extension. If granted, you’ll still owe interest on your debt, but will avoid the application fee for an installment agreement.
- If you need longer than 120 days, an Installment Agreement lets you pay off your bill in monthly installments.
- To apply for either, fill out an Online Payment Agreement Application at [www.irs.gov](http://www.irs.gov) or call an IRS representative at 800-829-1040.
- Under certain dire financial-hardship circumstances, the IRS will allow some taxpayers with annual incomes of up to \$100,000 to negotiate a reduction in the amount owed through an Offer in Compromise. For step-by-step instructions, read the IRS Form 656 Booklet.

If you’re unable to make payments on your installment agreement or offer in compromise, call the IRS immediately for alternative payment options, which could include reducing the monthly payment to reflect your current financial condition.

Also read the IRS’s guide, “The What Ifs for Struggling Taxpayers,” which contains helpful information on the tax impacts of different scenarios such as job loss, debt forgiveness or tapping a retirement fund.

## Veterans Post

By Freddy Groves

# Adaptive sports for disabled vets

Disabled veterans who participate in adaptive sports experience less stress, less dependency on medication – and more independence.

The Department of Veterans Affairs knows this and has loaded their calendar with the Golden Age Games (for those age 55 and older), Summer Sports Clinics, Training-Exposure-Experience (TEE) Tournament (golf), Wheelchair Games and the Winter Sports Clinic.

Coming July 13-18 is the 33rd National Veterans Wheelchair Games in Tampa, Fla. The 17 competitive events include air guns, archery, basketball, bowling, track and field events, handcycling, motorized wheelchair rally, nineball, power soccer, quad rugby, slalom, softball, swimming, table tennis, trapshooting and weightlifting.

Registration deadline is April 15 and is limited to 550 athletes. Get your registration packet online ([www.va.gov/opa/speceven/ssc](http://www.va.gov/opa/speceven/ssc)) or call Paralyzed Veterans of America 800-424-8200, ext. 752 or 657. If you were OEF/OIF/OND, there is a grant program for expenses if this will be your first Games. If you want to go, get started on the paperwork. One requirement is that your doctor must sign a Physical Exam Form (Forms C & D).

If you’re unable to attend, check for a sports club near you. The Sports Club Finder on the VA’s webpage linked above has a searchable index of clubs by state and ZIP code. For example, ZIP code 83709 (Boise, Idaho) lists Paralympic Sport Boise, which has summer swimming and triathlon.

ZIP code 27105 lists Triad Trackers, which is a member of the National Wheelchair Basketball Association (NWBA) in Winston-Salem, N.C. The listing notes that 15-percent of the membership are disabled veterans.

ZIP code 68134, which is Omaha, Neb., lists a chapter of the Paralyzed Veterans of America. It offers both summer and winter paralympic sports, including archery, shooting, wheelchair basketball, wheelchair rugby, boccia, powerlifting, track and field, sled hockey and bowling.

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Jason Alderman directs Visa’s financial education programs.





## EPCC graphic artists strike gold

Monica Tarin and Luis Flores won the Gold Award from the 2012 Collegiate Advertising Awards (CAA). Both are El Paso Community College (EPCC) Marketing and Community Relations graphic artists. The design of the poster was for the EPCC Quality Enhancement Project (QEP). The poster was in the top 5% of those entered in the Poster/Designs category. “The promotion of the QEP initiative was a collaborative effort of the entire Marketing Department,” said Joyce Cordell, Director of Marketing and Community Relations. “With the short deadlines that were presented to us, the creativity of Monica and Luis really came to the forefront.” The Collegiate Advertising Awards is an elite program designed to recognize today’s most talented educational marketing professionals for outstanding excellence in all forms of advertising, marketing and promotion. A complete list of winners can be viewed by visiting [www.collegiateadawards.com](http://www.collegiateadawards.com).



– Photo by Fernie Garcia

– Jim Heiney

## DPS increases Spring Break enforcement

By Steven McCraw  
*Special to the Courier*

TEXAS – The Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS) will increase DWI patrols from March 8 to March 17, one of the most active Spring Break periods in Texas. DPS troopers will focus DWI patrols in high-risk locations at times when alcohol-related crashes are most frequent. The enhanced patrols that target intoxicated drivers are funded through a grant from the Texas Department of Transportation.

Too frequently people choose to drink and drive during Spring Break, which is an extremely dangerous decision that often leads to senseless tragedy. Getting impaired drivers off the roads during Spring Break is a major priority for the department, and the DPS urges the public to make responsible decisions, such as designating a non-drinking driver or finding alternative transportation if they are impaired.

During last year’s Spring Break enforcement period, DPS troopers made more than 1,000 DWI arrests, and approximately 300 were the direct result of the increased patrols funded by the grant. DPS enforcement also resulted in more than 9,400 speeding citations, 1,500 seat belt/child safety seat tickets and 12,500 other citations. In addition, troopers made 545 fugitive arrests and 402 felony arrests during routine patrol operations.

The drinking age in Texas is 21, and any

driver under that age with any detectable amount of alcohol in their system can be charged with breaking the law. Additional troopers will also be patrolling in areas with high concentrations of Spring Break activity.

The DPS offers the following tips for safe travel during the Spring Break holiday:

- Slow down – especially in bad weather, construction areas, heavy traffic and unfamiliar areas.
- Eliminate distractions while driving, including the usage of mobile devices.
- Buckle up everyone in the vehicle – it’s the law.
- Don’t drive fatigued, and allow plenty of time to reach your destination.
- Drive defensively, as holiday travel may present additional challenges.
- Make sure your vehicle is properly maintained before your trip begins.
- Slow down or move over for tow trucks and police, fire and EMS vehicles stopped on the side of the road with emergency lights activated – it’s the law.
- Avoid travel to Mexico. (U.S. citizens who do travel to Mexico should always check the U.S. Department of State website for the latest information regarding security issues in Mexico, and they should register with the Smart Traveler Enrollment Program by visiting [http://travel.state.gov/travel/cis\\_pa\\_tw/cis/cis\\_970.html](http://travel.state.gov/travel/cis_pa_tw/cis/cis_970.html).)

Steven McCraw is the Director of DPS.

## KidSight

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6,500 children throughout the county school districts including Las Cruces.

“Younger children usually don’t report problems with their vision, especially if the problem is in just one eye and the other eye is compensating for it. Because vision may change frequently during the school years, a child should receive an eye examination at least once every two years or more frequently if specific problems exist. Detecting vision problems early can make a difference in future success in school, work, and life,” McCool said.

“Vision screening is an efficient and cost-effective method to identify children with

visual impairment or eye conditions that are likely to lead to visual impairment so that a referral can be made to an appropriate eye care professional for further evaluation and treatment,” McCool stated. He said that about 12 percent of the children they have screened received referral certificates.

Plans are to coordinate an Operation Kidsight program with LCI’s El Paso area chapters in the near future, according to McCool.

LCI has 46,000 clubs and 1.35 million members world-wide, which makes it the world’s largest service club organization.

“LCI is one of the most effective service organizations in the world,” stated Giron. “Our members do whatever is needed to help their local communities, especially when it comes to children’s eye care.”



# Construction contractors meet with Canutillo officials

By Gustavo Reveles Acosta  
Special to the Courier

CANUTILLO – More than 100 potential subcontractors met with officials from the Canutillo Independent School District’s Facilities Division last week to talk about work opportunities tied to the CISD bond construction program.

The meeting was organized by CISD and the El Paso Hispanic Chamber of Commerce to explain how the District will tackle contracting opportunities for about \$13 million worth of new construction and renovations.

“We understand there are a lot of small-business owners who want to do work for public entities like the Canutillo school district, and we want to be able to do everything we can to make sure they’re afforded that possibility,” said Jennifer Matthews, CISD’s executive director for facilities and transportation. “During this meeting, we outlined requirements, explained procedures and laid out the plans that will be used to get these construction projects completed.”

The meeting at the Great American Land & Cattle in Vinton featured presentations on proper procurement processes and a welcome by CISD Board President Armando Rodriguez.

Canutillo ISD is in the midst of a \$44-million bond program that will make significant additions to many existing campuses and upgrade all facilities. It also will fund the construction of Congressman Silvestre & Carolina Reyes School, a pre-kinder through eighth-grade campus in the Cimarron Subdivision.

Trustees have decided to have a construction manager at risk (CMR) undertake all new building additions and new construction under the charge of an architect. The CMR does not include the construction of Congressman Reyes School.



– Photo courtesy Canutillo ISD

**DOWN TO BUSINESS** – Small-business owners attended a session with CISD construction officials at Vinton Great American Land & Cattle to discuss potential contracts for work in upcoming construction projects.

Some of the major projects under the CMR include gym additions at Canutillo High School and Alderete Middle School, classroom upgrades at Canutillo Middle, a fine arts facility at Alderete and a new cafeteria/multi-purpose room at Northwest Early College.

Contractors in the fields of earthwork, concrete, plumbing, metals, carpentry, roofing and insulation, safety, communications, mechanical, electrical and others attended

the meeting.

“The work the CMR will be charged with touches every corner of the District and affects every student we serve,” Matthews said. “We want to make sure that all work done is within budget and conforms to the quality that the children and taxpayers of Canutillo deserve.”

CISD Trustees have not yet selected the firm that will be given the CMR contract, but through a request-for-proposals system the list

of potential CMR firms has been narrowed to five: Banes, Bradbury Stamm, Buyers, Dantex and ESA Construction.

A pre-solicitation meeting with these firms will be conducted early in March and the Board will select a firm by the end of May.

“We expect a busy summer,” said Board President Rodriguez. “We are excited to see some of these projects come online for the benefit of our students.”

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STRANGE  
BUT TRUE  
By Samantha Weaver

- President Harry Truman was once told there were ghosts in the White House. His response? “I’m sure they’re here, and I’m not half so alarmed at meeting up with any of them as I am at having to meet the live nuts I have to see every day.”
  - Pet food is the third most profitable item for supermarkets, following meat and fresh produce.
  - The warmest parts of your body are your eyes and nose, while the coldest parts (unsurprisingly) are your fingers and toes.
  - In the African country of Zaire, more than 200 different languages are spoken.
  - It was more than 30 years ago, in 1982, that a man in suburban Los Angeles tied 24 weather balloons to his lawn chair in an attempt to fly. A pretty successful attempt, too – he made it to 16,000 feet, alarming air traffic controllers and pilots in the process.
  - Those who study such things say that the rate of divorce increases during the winter months.
  - The Baltimore Orioles had a pretty bad season in 1988. After the team lost its first 10 games, Bob Rivers, a deejay at Baltimore radio station WIYY, announced that he would stay on the air until the home team won a game. He kept his word, sleeping only between songs, for 10 days. When the Orioles finally defeated the Chicago White Sox, Rivers played “I’m Free” by The Who, and finally left.
  - Queen termites can live for up to 100 years.
  - When respondents to a survey are guaranteed that the results will be anonymous, fully 40 percent of the people admit to cheating on their taxes.
- Thought for the Day: “When two men in business always agree, one of them is unnecessary.”
- William Wrigley, Jr.

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‘Movies in the Park’ return to Horizon City

By Mike McConnell  
Special to the Courier

HORIZON CITY – Horizon City will host a full slate of movies again this year on Saturday nights at Corky Corcoran Park. Because of the continued community participation, we have expanded our program to 18 movies beginning on Saturday, June 1 and concluding on September 28, 2013.

There is no admission fee to these movies, so families are encouraged to come to the park at dusk on Saturday nights as a family and enjoy the shows. Our Police Explorers provide some concessions as a fundraising effort to help with their law enforcement post. They will have a large selection of goodies for you to enjoy as you watch the movie.

All movies will be preceded with about 15 minutes of cartoons. Bring your blankets or lawn chairs and find a spot in the park. This is the fourth year for this program. Last year’s program was very well attended and we anticipate even bigger crowds this year.

We use local businesses to sponsor the movies. If your business is interested in sponsoring a movie, contact Officer Casillas at 852-1047 or [mcasillas@horizoncity.org](mailto:mcasillas@horizoncity.org). We also encourage local musical talent to play music for 30 minutes prior to the movie. If you are a musician or band and would like to showcase your talents, please contact Sgt. Mitre at 852-1047 or email him at [jmitre@horizoncity.org](mailto:jmitre@horizoncity.org) to make arrangements.

*Mike McConnell is Chief of Police for the Town of Horizon City.*

Horizon City ‘Movies in the Park’

June 1 .....	Madagascar 3
June 8 .....	Amazing Spider Man
June 15 .....	Skyfall
June 22 .....	The Lucky One
June 29 .....	Rise of the Guardians
July 6 .....	Dark Knight Rises
July 13 .....	Men in Black 3
July 20 .....	Thunderstruck
July 27 .....	Wreck It Ralph
August 3 .....	Hunger Games
August 10 .....	Breaking Dawn Part 2
August 17 .....	Avengers
August 24 .....	Bourne Legacy
August 31 .....	The Hobbit
September 7 .....	Brave
September 14 .....	G.I. Joe
September 21 .....	Escape From Planet Earth
September 28 .....	Frankenweenie



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# Magic moment puts El Paso on the good guys list

By Steve Escajeda  
Special to the Courier

The world of sports can be pretty ugly sometimes.

Instead of talk about what happened on the field or the court, more times than not is it dominated by talk of drugs, fights, infidelity, money, cheating, scandal and even murder.

Sports can sometimes reveal the dangers of mixing ridiculous amounts of money with ridiculously inexperienced athletes who have a ridiculous amount of free time on the hands.

At one time a very long time ago, professional sports athletes still had the passion for the game they love. Now the passion for money far outweighs the thirst for winning.

And why not, today’s athletes get millions of dollars whether the team wins or not. In fact, they get millions whether they have a good game or not.

When anyone has that kind of leverage it’s got to affect the way they view themselves and the way they expect society to view them.

Even today’s college athlete is thought of as

a moneymaker for the school he attends and many believe they should get compensated for it.

Of course what many forget is that they are compensated very handsomely for their contributions. Does anybody know how much college tuition is at Texas or Ohio State or Duke or UCLA or Michigan or Alabama or North Carolina or Stanford?

We’re talking hundreds of thousands of dollars that these kids receive to go to school for free.

Now if they want to receive about \$500 a month and pay their own way to school that’s fine with me but I don’t think you’ll get many takers.

Let’s face it, the one last bastion for pure love for sports can be found in the average American high school.

About 98 percent of the athletes in high school will never again play sports of any kind for the rest of their lives and yet they compete in every game as if they’re getting ready for the Super Bowl or the Olympics.

And why do they do this? They do it because simply, they love the game. Because they’re still too young to have been corrupted

by money and all the outside influences that chase the almighty dollar.

But once in a while something happens to restore faith in sports and the humble uncorrupted youngsters who remind us why it’s so special.

By now almost everyone in El Paso has heard of what happened at the Coronado-Franklin basketball game on Feb. 12. Actually, most of the country knows about it now.

Coronado trainer Mitchell Marcus, a special-needs student who is used to handing towels and water to his teammates, got the ultimate reward from coach Peter Morales and was allowed to suit up and sit on the bench for the T-Birds final game of the regular season against rival Franklin.

That was unexpected enough, but the coach put Marcus in the game with about a minute left in the game.

His teammates got him the ball several times near the basket but no matter how many shots he had near the end, Marcus couldn’t make a single bucket and fumbled his last chance to score out of bounds with 13 seconds left on the clock.

What happened then was magical.

All Franklin’s Jonathon Montanez had to do was bring in the ball to one of his teammates and the game is basically over.

But somehow, somehow, Montanez found the true meaning of sportsmanship and the truly meaningful things in life and he threw the ball in to his opponent, Mitchell Marcus, so that he could possibly score two points on the basketball court as a part of the team.

Marcus got the ball and threw a shot through the hoop just before the buzzer sounder and all bedlam broke loose. The students ran out on the floor chanting Mitchell’s name and carried him off the court like a hero.

The other heroes in this episode were coach Morales, who thought of Marcus before the game and wanted to give him something he’d have forever, and Montanez, who put the heated rivalry aside for what he knew was the decent thing to do.

I guess regardless of what you see on ESPN every night, there still are people in the world who are good, kind, decent, humble and giving.

It’s a little nicer to know that they live in El Paso.

## A sporting view By Mark Vasto

### Spring training

About 3.5 million people make the pilgrimage to Florida or Arizona every February and March to take in a few baseball spring training games in the Cactus or Grapefruit leagues. Along the way, those pilgrims will drop a cool \$1.1 billion for the opportunity to see an old baseball god or the team’s next savior.

And after watching all of the batting practice, the stalking of your kid’s favorite player for his autograph, the shakedown at the hands of the popcorn, soda and memorabilia vendors, you still have a game to watch. While most fans really don’t care about the guys with the high numbers on their back (the Yankees had a kid wearing the number 98 at first base the other day), there are always a few who really, really do.

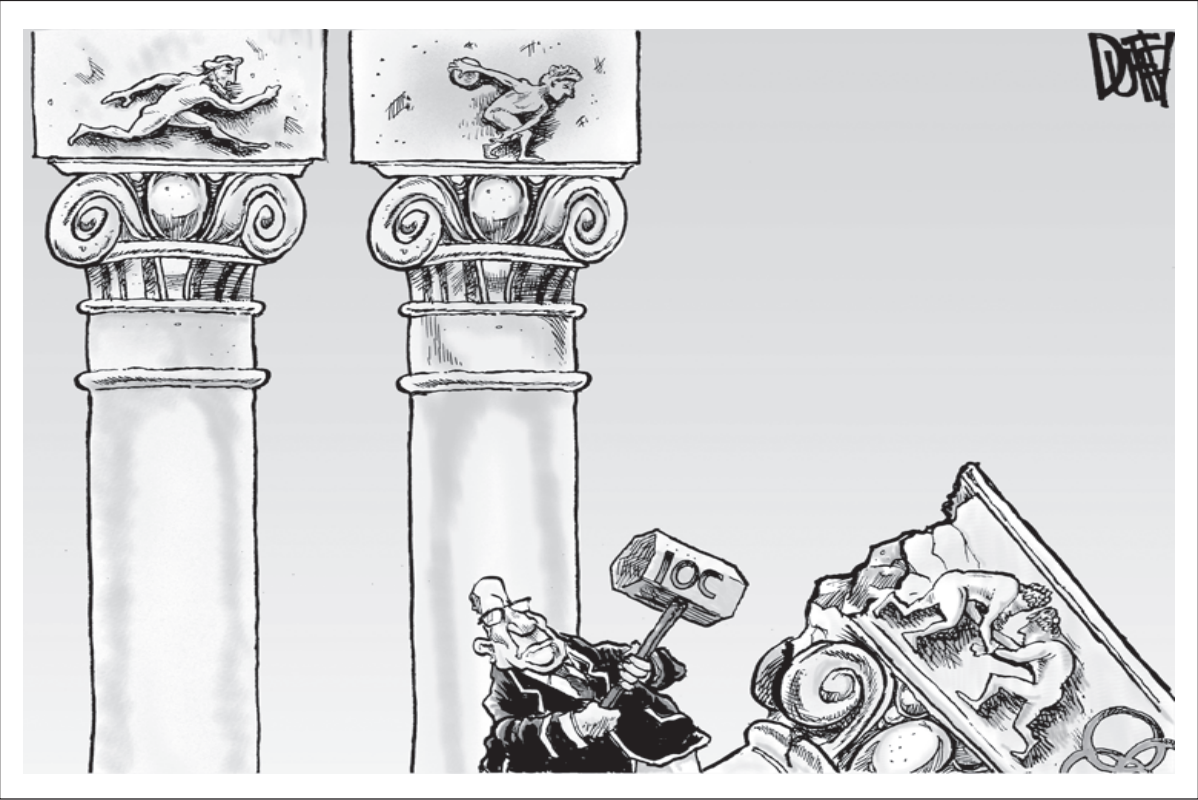
The profile is two to three older guys wearing mesh-backed caps or one of those floppy fishing hats. They eagerly tuck into their first round of beer but they don’t drink more than one or three a game. They’re the ones who like the peanuts in the Crackerjack. Actually, they’re the only ones eating the Crackerjack.

and didn’t win a game for the better part of a month). What the Dodgers did was build “Dodgertown” in Vero Beach, Fla. The City of Vero had an old Navy compound and the Dodgers had the league’s largest farm system with 26 minor-league teams. The barracks came in very handy for accommodating all of those players and families (and cost a lot less than a bunch of hotel rooms).

2. “The Cactus League started so West Coast teams could be closer to home.”

Traveling wasn’t really the problem... though it was a lot tougher then. The Pittsburgh Pirates used to train in Honolulu, for instance. The Cactus League was born more out of the desire to avoid racism. Bill Veeck, the legendary baseball owner of the Indians and White Sox, moved the Indians to Phoenix as soon as he starting signing black baseball players like Larry Doby. He then used the “stay close to home” argument in order to lure the San Francisco Giants to state.

3. “War is stupid.”



If those guys’ mesh-backed caps have the emblem of a battleship, destroyer, aircraft carrier or submarine, then they’re not talking about the statistic “wins over replacement.” Even if they are, thank them for the service, agree with them on this one and offer to buy the next round.

Mark Vasto is a veteran sportswriter who lives in Kansas City. (c) 2013 King Features Synd., Inc.

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**PUBLIC NOTICE**

**A PUBLIC HEARING** will be held at **6:30 pm on Tuesday, March 12, 2013, during a Regular Council Meeting** at City Hall at 15001 Darrington Rd. (Court/Police Dept annex) in the Council chambers, Horizon City, TX. The purpose of the hearing is to allow any interested persons to appear and testify regarding the following:

**1) 2nd Reading, Ordinance No. 0200.** An Ordinance regulating the permissible routes of large trucks and other vehicles within the city limits of the Town of Horizon City, Texas; and providing for the following: findings of fact; repealer; severability; effective date;

proper notice and hearing; the penalty being as provided in Section III of the Ordinance.

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

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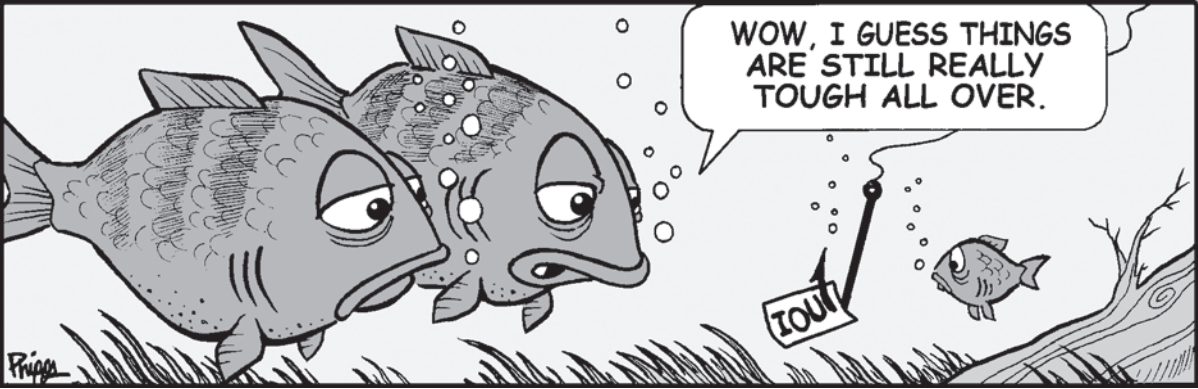
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ALPHABETICAL ACTS A-TO-A ACROSS

1 Wise to

8 Raven calls

12 Salve target

15 Vacation facilities

19 Sticky stuff on a bat

20 Andy's radio sidekick

21 Abnormal

23 Curry does a patisserie job?

25 Ripped open

26 Olds antiques

27 Gains a lap?

28 Big scuffle

29 Petroleum

30 Hopper lifts weights?

35 Lighter fuel

38 Atop, to poets

49 \_ Lady of Fatima

50 Setback

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55 Carrey is amorous with gals?

60 Big name in sportswear

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65 Justices' org.

66 Astor feeds her infant?

73 Lyric-writing Gershwin

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84 Tattered cloth

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86 City map

87 Suffix with krypton

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93 Alito gets an arena worker's attention?

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3 \_ Domini (in the year of the Lord)

4 Graycoats

5 Greek letter

6 Sturdy wood

7 \_ lens (spotlight component)

8 Prickly desert plants

9 Garner

10 Asian pan

11 Tampa-to-Ft. Myers dir.

12 Provide food

13 Letter-shaped iron bar

14 Mother with a Nobel

15 \_ Lanka

16 Sweeping views

17 Against lawbreaking

18 Embezzled

22 Scuba spots

24 Moral lapse

28 \_ mortal

30 Morse bits

31 Space chimp of 1961

32 Nearly an eternity

33 Deletes, with "out"

34 Platte River tribe

35 "Stop panicking!"

36 Old 7UP

37 No-frills shirt

40 Chess, e.g.

41 " \_ dare?"

42 Total amount

43 Rankle

44 Western actor Lee Van

45 Lean-\_ (hovels)

47 " \_ a pity..."

51 Stinging hits

52 Native Israeli

55 \_ de mots (pun, in Paris)

56 Henrik who wrote "Peer Gynt"

57 \_-mo (replay choice)

58 End-of-word add-on: Abbr.

59 Voiced

61 Actor La Salle

62 Pancake pour-on

63 Sluggish sort

67 Jamaican with dreadlocks, often

68 "Yes, \_"

69 Time chunk

70 Contract need: Abbr.

71 "Nick and \_ Infinite Playlist"

72 Brings honor to

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77 Explode

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80 Prof's aides

81 Shop \_ you drop

82 Addams family cousin

83 School lobby gp.

88 Dumb \_ ox

89 Attract

90 Free TV ad

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94 Tullius' 2,020

95 180, slangily

96 Right angle

97 City northwest of Tucson

99 Stupid, clumsy sort

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104 Norwegian currency

105 Brazil's Espírito \_

106 Colonel North, briefly

107 Cheesy pie

108 Medical care gp.

112 Italian "dear"

113 Cereal that's "for kids"

114 Lacoste of tennis

115 Fails to keep up

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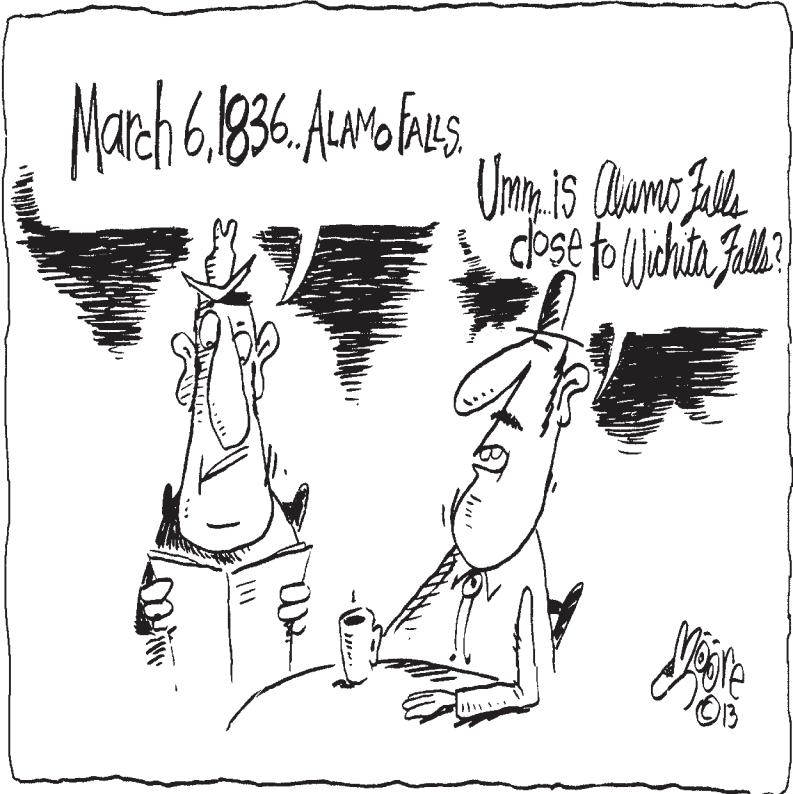
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**Moore Texas** by Roger Moore **March 6, 1836:**  
The Alamo is overrun by Santa Anna's army. All the Texian defenders are killed.



**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.

**DIFFICULTY: ★★**

★ Moderate   ★★ Difficult  
★★★ GO FIGURE!

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**Weekly SUDOKU**

by Linda Thistle

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

**DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ★★**

★ Moderate   ★★ Challenging

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★★★ HOO BOY!

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**Social Security Q&A** By Ray Vigil

*Helping people get back to work*

The summer of 2007 felt like a bad dream for Terry Anderson. Reeling from a recent cancer diagnosis, she was downsized from the company where she'd worked for 11 years. "There was no severance. I had no insurance," she said. "I was terrified."

Terry began receiving Social Security disability benefits and took an extended period of time away from work. Later, Terry learned about 'one-stop career centers' that provide free employment-related support services through Social Security's Ticket to Work program to people receiving Social Security benefits. She decided to see what the Iowa Workforce Development Center, her local one-stop, had to offer. There are more than a thousand one-stop career centers across the nation.

The one-stop staff explained that the Ticket program is designed for people who receive Social Security disability benefits and are committed to achieving self-sufficiency through eventual full-time employment. Through the Ticket program, Iowa Workforce helped Terry coordinate her career preparation and job hunt. She updated her computer skills and built confidence in her prospects for long-term success. "They offered

workshops on interview skills," she said. "I had my resume refurbished. I learned fresh strategies. At first, I was too proud to ask for help. I'm glad that I did."

While Terry was eager to move on, she was apprehensive about finding work and losing her benefits. Terry learned about special Social Security rules called "work incentives," that help people who receive disability benefits transition to the workforce and become financially self-sufficient.

For example, people receiving disability benefits can keep their Medicare coverage and their cash benefits while gaining work experience during the Trial Work Period. Terry was relieved to learn about another Work Incentive called 'expedited reinstatement,' allowing her Social Security cash benefits to restart without a new application if she has to stop work within five years because of her disability.

Another helpful Work Incentive, known as a Plan to Achieve Self-Support (PASS), allows Social Security disability recipients who meet the income rules for Supplemental Security Income (SSI) to set aside money to pay for items or services they need to

reach a specific work goal. These can include educational expenses, training, job-related transportation, business startup costs, tools and equipment, child-care costs and even the cost of job interview clothes. By approving a PASS, Social Security agrees to exclude certain income that would normally lower an SSI payment amount. At the same time, the person agrees to go to work, with the goal of eventually leaving disability benefits behind and becoming financially self-sufficient.

In 2009, Terry found work as a Loan Servicing Specialist and a second job in retail where she trains cashiers and enjoys interacting with customers. Terry was grateful that Social Security helped her "get through the storm." She built a better life through work. She no longer receives Social Security disability benefits. "Now I'm healthy. I have two jobs. I love both of them. Life is good."

With support from Ticket to Work and Iowa Workforce Development Center, Terry found her path to self-sufficiency. To learn more about the Ticket to Work program, call the Ticket to Work help line at 1-866-968-7842 (TTY/TTD, 1-866-833-2967) or visit [www.socialsecurity.gov/work](http://www.socialsecurity.gov/work).

**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: V equals Y

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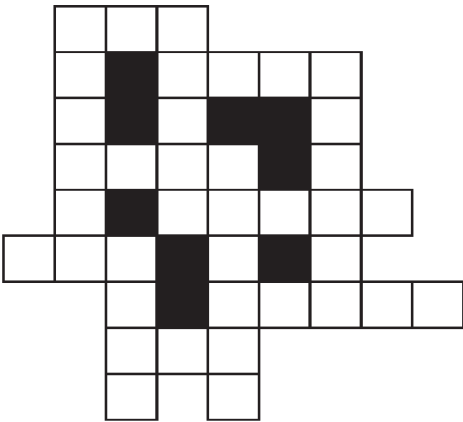
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Unscramble these twelve letter strings to form each into an ordinary word (ex. HAGNEC becomes CHANGE). Prepare to use only ONE word from any marked (♥) letter string as each unscrambles into more than one word (ex. ♥RATHE becomes HATER or EARTH or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

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**Briefs**

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went to a car rental business and made an agreement with the company that he would



Michael Nowell

drive the rental car to an ATM to obtain money for the cost. He never returned a n d took the vehicle to California. Charges were soon filed. Nowell is also wanted on five unrelated theft charges. His criminal history shows 19 previous arrests for multiple offenses – most for theft and probation violations. Nowell also has previously appeared on the County Attorneys "Hot Check" wanted list. He knows he is wanted and may still be in the Borderland. If anyone has seen or has any information on the whereabouts of Nowell 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 Nowell.

– Deputy Jesse Tovar