



## NEWSBRIEFS

### Sales tax holiday

Comptroller Susan Combs is reminding Texans the state's annual ENERGY STAR Sales Tax Holiday is this weekend, from Saturday, May 25, through Monday, May 27. The sales tax break applies to ENERGY STAR qualified air conditioners priced at \$6,000 or less; refrigerators priced at \$2,000 or less; ceiling fans; fluorescent light bulbs; dishwashers; dehumidifiers; and clothes washers. Clothes dryers are not ENERGY STAR certified. There is more information at: [http://www.window.state.tx.us/taxinfo/taxpubs/tx96\\_1331/](http://www.window.state.tx.us/taxinfo/taxpubs/tx96_1331/).

— R.J. DeSilva

### Fair Housing forum

A Fair Housing forum will be held on Friday, June 28, 2013 at 6 p.m. at the Women's Intercultural Center located at 303 Lincoln Street in Anthony NM. Come learn about the preliminary findings from Doña Ana County's Fair Housing Study, and offer your perspectives, commentary, and experiences with fair housing in the County. For more information about the forum contact Jessica Gardener via email at [jessicaga@donaanacounty.org](mailto:jessicaga@donaanacounty.org).

— Mary Carter

### Appointment

Gov. Rick Perry appointed Lee Chayes of El Paso as one of three appointees to the Assistive and Rehabilitative Services Council for terms to expire Feb. 1, 2019. The council assists the commissioner of the Texas Department of Assistive and Rehabilitative Services in developing rules and policies for the agency. Chayes is CEO of Innovative Education Solutions LLC and the International Business College. She is member of the American and Texas Counseling associations, and a board member of the Greater El Paso Chamber of Commerce and El Paso Better Business Bureau. She is also a board member of the Visiting Nurses Association, member of the United Way of El Paso County, and a past board member of the Paso Del Norte Health Foundation and El Paso Youth Advisory Board. Chayes received a bachelor's degree from the University of Texas at El Paso and a master's degree in counseling from Webster University. She is reappointed and will continue to serve as chair of the council for a term to expire at the pleasure of the governor.

— Josh Havens

### Wanted

This week's Manhunt Monday fugitive is Daniel Gordillo Jr., 21. He is 5'8" tall and weighs 160 pounds. He has black hair and brown eyes. Law enforcement officials are asking the community for assistance in locating Gordillo. In May 2012, he stole a 2002 Ford F-250 and was arrested for this

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*A college doesn't give you knowledge, it just shows you where it is.*

— Quips & Quotes

## Coalition seeks to reduce drug abuse

By Robert Grijalva  
Special to the Courier

EL PASO COUNTY – Substance abuse by minors has long been a major concern. A recently formed organization is seeking to reduce the incidence of juvenile drug usage.

The Montana Vista Coalition was formed 15 months ago under the auspices of the Texas A&M Prevention Resource Center (PRC). The Coalition consists of the PRC, the West Texas High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area, the El Paso County Sheriff's Department, Valley Ridge Community Church, Clint Independent School District, Region XIX Education Center, University Medical Center, Project VIDA and the office of Justice of the Peace Rosie Dominguez.

Susan Hernandez Hurt is the program director of the A&M Prevention Resource Center. She has been with the Center since its inception 16 years ago.

Hurt stated that the PRC is a clearinghouse for substance abuse and related materials that are provided free of cost. The principal recipient of the materials is law enforcement agencies. "The material is provided free to individuals or groups who are interested in reducing drug abuse by minors," said Hurt. "In addition to law enforcement, we make our resources available to schools, drug abuse treatment providers and parents."

According to Hurt, the Prevention Resource Center covers a wide area outside El Paso along the Rio Grande. The PRC also coordinates activities by agencies throughout the area. There are 11 similar centers throughout the state of Texas.

Melissa Garcia is also with the A&M PRC. She is the administrative assistant to Hurt but is also the administrator of the coalition. "There have been several accidents recently involving underage drivers under the influence of alcohol or other substances. The purpose of the coalition is the prevention and reduction of substance abuse by minors," said Garcia. "We have been receiving a lot of support from schools in addressing this problem."

According to Garcia, the coalition initiated a program recently targeting surplus drugs in the home. The "Take Back Initiative"



— Photo by Robert Grijalva

**SERIOUS BUSINESS** – From left are Deanne Rankin, Susan Hernandez Hurt and Rachel Quintanilla, counselor for Project Vida, discuss upcoming projects for the Montana Vista Coalition.

provides a means by which households may legally dispose of old or expired drugs thereby eliminating their availability to minors. The drugs are taken by the Drug Enforcement Agency and disposed.

The future goals of the coalition as outlined by Garcia is to obtain future funding to bring more resources to the area and to educate students and parents about the harmful consequences of substance abuse by minors and also adults.

Deanne Rankins is the Deputy Director of the West Texas High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area (HIDTA). HIDTA is a federally funded grant program intended to supplement law enforcement in reducing illegal drug consumption and trafficking. The West Texas HIDTA covers El Paso County as well as 11 other counties.

HIDTA is overseen by the Office of National Drug Control Policy and provides funding to law enforcement for task forces and prevention programs. Past studies showed some success in reducing underage use of cocaine and marijuana.

"However, we see the trend as stagnant or even reversing especially with the use of marijuana. The national dialogue on legalizing marijuana has undone years of law enforcement education efforts," said Rankins. "Legalizing marijuana has sent the wrong message to our youth."

The coalition meets regularly at the Project Vida Clinic, 14900 Gregg in Montana Vista.

For information on participating with or making monetary or in kind contributions to the coalition, contact Melissa Garcia at 860-9528.

## Vinton officials urge participation in EPA workshops

By Alfredo Vasquez  
Special to the Courier

VINTON – A new vision for healthier and sustainable growth is taking root in the Village of Vinton with the help of the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). And, village officials are encouraging residents, professionals, businesses, and school personnel to participant in this important endeavor.

Vinton was recently awarded a grant from EPA to receive technical assistance for green and sustainable growth, according to Jessica Garza, Village of Vinton clerk. "Our goal is to become a more economically and environmentally sustainable community for residents of all ages living in Vinton," Garza stated.

Through these workshops, Vinton's planning and zoning committee, other city staff and volunteers will have the opportunity to receive



— Photo by Alfredo Vasquez

**GETTING INVOLVED** – The Village of Vinton and the federal government's Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) are teaming up for a series of meetings to assist residents improve their health and quality of life.

training, consultation, and a list of steps the community of Vinton could take to improve the quality of life of its residents, stated Garza.

The grant project, which started in February

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## Veterans Post

By Freddy Groves

# Veterans’ claims still backlogged

Six months ago, we looked at the claims processing time for a number of small and large locations across the country. Given the Department of Veterans Affairs’ efforts to reduce the time to process a claim to less than 125 days, let’s check in with a few of the same locations and see how they’re doing.

In November, White River Junction, Vt., had 969 veterans awaiting claims, with 510 waiting an average 239 days. Now they have 834 veterans waiting an average of 239 days. However, average wait time for first claims is now at 559 days.

Lincoln, Neb., had 4,476 veterans waiting, 1,678 of them over 125 days. Now they have 2,560 veterans, with 695 over 125 days. Average wait time is 143 days. Clearly there’s been some progress made.

Let’s look at some of the more populated areas.

Last November, St. Petersburg, Fla., had 46,366 veterans waiting an average 207 days. Of those, 30,321 were past the 125-day

mark. Now there are 50,492 veterans waiting an average of 319 days. Of those, 34,860 are over 125 days. As usual, the devil is in the details. The office receives 4,293 claims per month and only completes 3,687.

Baltimore, Md., had 19,662 claims waiting last November, with 16,472 past the 125-day mark. Average claim time was 343 days. Now it has 18,421 veterans with 15,326 waiting over 125 days with an average claim time of 417 days. Here, too, the incoming exceeds the outgoing: 1,023 claims coming in each month, and only 880 completed.

To see how your local claims office is doing, go online to <http://cironline.org/> and click on Returning Home to Battle, then click on the backlog map.

*Freddy Groves regrets that he cannot personally answer reader questions, but will incorporate them into his column whenever possible. Send email to [columnreply2@gmail.com](mailto:columnreply2@gmail.com). (c) 2013 King Features Synd., Inc.*

## Finances

By Jason Alderman

# Avoiding hidden flight, hotel fees

The last few years have been tough economically for many people. Unemployment fears combined with plunging home, stock and retirement account values caused many to forgo big vacations – even though stressful times are when we most need to recharge our batteries.

But with the economy turning around, many families are cautiously dipping their toes in the travel pool once again. Hotel occupancy rates have risen in many areas and airports are as crowded as ever.

Airlines and hotels are notorious for tacking extra charges onto their bills. Here are a few to watch out for:

- A few airlines allow one free checked bag (Southwest still allows two), but most charge up to \$25 for the first checked bag each way, and even more for additional pieces. Plus, most now tack on hefty fees for overweight and over-sized checked and carry-on luggage, so measure and weigh your luggage carefully.
- Expect to pay extra for things like changing flights, extra leg room, priority boarding, unaccompanied minors, pets, Wi-Fi access and food. Some airlines even charge extra to speak to a live person or to buy your ticket at the airport counter or by phone.
- [Airfarewatchdog.com](http://Airfarewatchdog.com), [Travelnerd.com](http://Travelnerd.com) and [Kayak](http://Kayak.com) offer great fee comparison charts for various airlines; but always double-check the airline’s own posted rules before booking your flight.
- Some hotels charge extra if you check in before a certain time. Ask whether they’ll store your luggage for free until check-in so you can begin sightseeing unencumbered.
- Many hotels charge a hefty penalty if you don’t cancel a reservation 24 to 72 hours beforehand and some also charge an early-departure fee – sometimes the equivalent of one night’s lodging. Read the hotel’s cancellation policy before booking, especially if you’re

looking at a discounted, non-refundable rate.

- Minibars often have electronic sensors that trigger a charge if you simply move the contents. Also, water or snacks sitting on the dresser may appear to be complimentary, but double-check before consuming.
- Hotel parking in major cities can cost up to \$50 a day, and many have mandatory valet parking, which means adding a tip on top of that. Research nearby municipal parking lots beforehand, or check the city’s tourism bureau for hotels offering parking promotions. Sometimes using public transportation and taxis is cheaper overall than paying for parking.
- Some hotels and resorts automatically add housekeeping or spa gratuities to your bill, so ask first before leaving your own tip – unless of course the service was terrific.
- Most hotels charge exorbitant amounts for local and long-distance calls made from room phones, so use your cellphone.
- Resorts often charge extra for services they offer – such as gym access or daily newspaper delivery – even if you don’t use them. Find out the policy ahead of time and scrutinize your bill for unused services.
- Ask to see your bill the night before you check out, so you can review it carefully for overcharges.
- If you’re traveling abroad, be aware that using your cellphone can be mighty expensive. Research your carrier’s international calling plan and ask whether your phone is compatible with foreign networks. You may need to rent an international cellphone, or buy or rent an unlocked phone and international SIM card.
- If your budget’s in good shape and you’re getting wanderlust, maybe it’s time to venture out into the world again. Just be cautious about how hidden expenses can add up.

*Jason Alderman directs Visa’s financial education programs.*

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## It’s the law

By Texas AG Greg Abbott

# ID theft prevention

According to a recent federal report, Texas is among the top states for identity theft. In the Federal Trade Commission’s most recent Consumer Sentinel Network report, Texas ranks seventh in the nation for the most reported cases of identity theft per 100,000 residents. The FTC’s report indicates that in 2012, there were more than 28,000 reported cases of identity theft in Texas.

According to the FTC, Texans lost a staggering \$77 million to identity thieves, fraud and other related complaints in 2012 – making Texas third in the nation for consumer losses in this arena. The Austin, Round Rock and San Marcos metropolitan area – one of the most wired areas in the nation – led the way as the metropolitan area in Texas with the most identity theft, fraud and related consumer complaints on a per capita basis.

Professional identity thieves are relying upon increasingly sophisticated tactics to support their burgeoning criminal enterprise. In one recently uncovered scam, for example, identity thieves attempted to steal senior Texans’ sensitive personal information by posing as Medicare officials.

Falsely claiming to be affiliated with the federal Medicare program, identity thieves are contacting Texas seniors at home. The callers claim that the Medicare program’s current identification cards – which are well known for the red, white and blue stripes across the top – are being phased out and that replacement

Medicare cards must be obtained in order for seniors to continue receiving benefits.

To obtain the new Medicare card, seniors are told they must confirm their Medicare number and bank account number over the phone. Since a senior’s Medicare number is identical to his or her Social Security number, the caller’s request to “confirm” a Medicare number is nothing more than a thinly veiled attempt to steal the unsuspecting senior’s sensitive personal information.

Fortunately, a few wary seniors recognized the threat and questioned the would-be identity thief’s intentions. But increasingly savvy identity thieves are prepared and attempt to create the false impression that they already have the senior’s personal information. As proof, the callers often repeat some of the call recipient’s personal information such as name, address and telephone number. But because this information is easy to obtain, the caller’s verification effort is actually just a devious ruse that attempts to mimic the practices of legitimate enterprises – like a bank or insurance company – in an effort to steal the call recipient’s Social Security and bank account number.

When personally identifying information – including Social Security and bank account numbers – falls into the wrong hands, Texans may suffer credit and damage – and even incur debts that were falsely racked up in their names. Identity

thieves may use an individual’s personal information to open new credit card accounts or commit other financial crimes. When the identity thief fails to pay the bills on the accounts created in the victim’s name, the delinquent accounts show up on the ID theft victim’s credit report. Inaccurate credit history, if left uncorrected, may affect an ID theft victim’s ability to get credit, insurance or even a job.

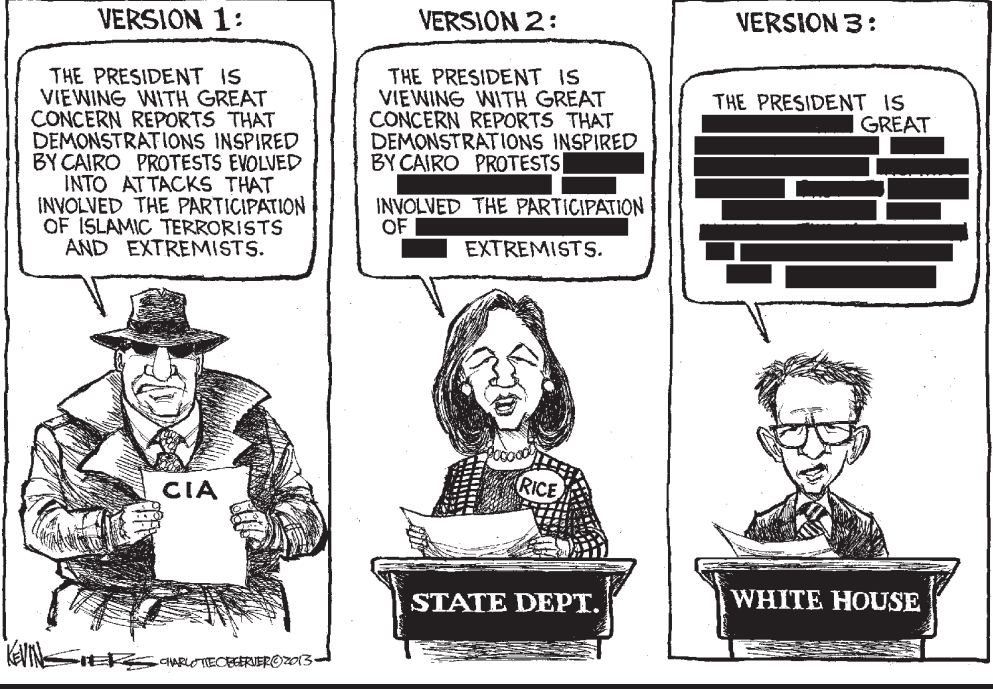
Every Texan should protect their personal information and never disclose sensitive information over an unsolicited phone call or at-home visit. Efforts to collect Texans’ personal information should always signal a red flag. Another wise step Texans can take to protect themselves from identity theft is to shred or otherwise properly discard financial statements and other sensitive documents.

Texans who believe an identity theft scam may have affected them should access the Attorney General’s Identity Theft Victim’s Kit online at [www.texasfightsidtheft.gov](http://www.texasfightsidtheft.gov). The kit is designed to help victims navigate the process of protecting their credit. It includes relevant forms and agency contact information that is necessary to help restore credit and prevent further financial harm.

Whether they use email, telephone calls or even face-to-face visits, con artists dangle baited hooks in front of honest Texans every. By recognizing the warning signs of an identity theft scam and sharing prevention tips with family and neighbors, Texans can help strengthen their communities and stop identity thieves in their tracks.



The **BENGHAZI** TALKING POINTS...



View from here By U.S. Sen. John Cornyn

Is this America or China?

The events that have unfolded over the past week are showing big government at its worst. First we learned more details about the Obama administration’s coordinated attempt to misrepresent the September 2012 terrorist attack in Benghazi, which claimed four American lives. Then a senior IRS official acknowledged that her agency had deliberately targeted conservative groups for harassment. Meanwhile, the administration was forced to admit that its top health regulator has been soliciting industry funds to help implement Obamacare. Finally, we discovered that the Justice Department has cast an extraordinarily wide net to capture the phone records of several journalists who work for the Associated Press.

All of these events highlight the Obama administration’s massive credibility gap. As someone who has spent a career in public service, I want government to work. As a conservative, I want government to be as small and efficient as possible. As an American, I cannot tolerate a government that actively deceives the people it is meant to serve, whether through negligence, incompetence, or malfeasance.

In 2011, my office began receiving complaints of unfair treatment by the IRS from various conservative groups in Texas – groups such as the King Street Patriots, True the Vote, the San Antonio Tea Party, and the Waco Tea Party. They cited excessive, unreasonable, and improper inquiries from the IRS and feared that they were being targeted for their political beliefs. I sent multiple letters to then-IRS commissioner Douglas Shulman expressing my concerns and asking for an investigation. He categorically denied that the IRS was targeting specific groups.

Two years later, we learned that he was wrong and the conservative groups were right: The IRS was systematically targeting people

of a certain ideology – one that happens to be at odds with the current administration. Furthermore, we have learned that senior IRS officials were aware of these accusations as early as June 2011. That is outrageous, but sadly not surprising from an administration that has chosen time and again to deceive the American people.

Indeed, whether the issue is a terrorist attack in Libya, partisan abuses by IRS agents, a potentially illegal effort to shake down health-care providers, or a questionably broad investigation by the nation’s top law-enforcement agency, this self-styled “most transparent administration in history” has consistently put politics ahead of truth, justice, and the rule of law.

Perhaps even more alarming is the total lack of responsibility assumed by the president. Americans have caught their government in multiple lies, and President Obama’s response has been a symphony of obfuscation, misdirection, and denial. At every turn, the president and his deputies have chosen not to be straightforward with the American people, and as a result they have seriously undermined both their credibility and their trustworthiness.

To review: Four American patriots are dead; U.S. citizens are being deliberately targeted and harassed by their government; journalists are understandably concerned about an intrusive Justice Department investigation; and a cabinet secretary is strong-arming the health industry to “voluntarily” fund a partisan, highly unpopular policy. Is this America or China? Any one of these issues is a “scandal.” Together they reflect an administration that is deeply flawed and has lost the faith of the public it is sworn to protect.

*Senator Cornyn (R) serves on the Finance and Judiciary Committees.*

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# El Paso Museum of Archaeology gets new curator

By Alfredo Vasquez  
Special to the Courier

EL PASO COUNTY – The El Paso Museum of Archaeology recently welcomed its new curator, George Maloof, III to its staff. Maloof will be responsible for the permanent and changing exhibits, care and management of the collection, and many other aspects of professional museum oversight.

Maloof is a Northern New Mexico native who earned his undergraduate degrees in History and Anthropology from Arizona State University (ASU) and a master’s degree at the University of Costa Rica.

Maloof and his Costa Rican wife have raised two children in Costa Rica during the last 11 years while he focused on the field of archeogeophysics. During his time in Costa Rica, he was only one of two archaeogeophysicists permanently living and working in all of Central America.

Maloof’s archeological work includes sites in Northeastern New Mexico, Central Arizona, Veracruz Mexico, Central El Salvador, and throughout the three principal archaeological regions of Costa Rica.

The new curator has been an academic researcher as well as participant in many cultural resource management projects, the most recent being the Diquís Hydroelectric Project, which is currently the largest dam project in Central America. He has also been employed by museums in both Arizona and Costa Rica. His professional interests include Southwest, Mesoamerican and Lower Central American archeology, geoarchaeology and the application of remote sensing and Geographic Information Systems use in an archeological context.

Maloof stated that he is looking forward to having his wife and children join him in El Paso in about two months.

On Saturday, May 25, at 2 p.m., Maloof will be presenting his PowerPoint illustrated talk, titled *From Hunter Gatherers to Complex Chiefdoms, the Archaeology of Prehistoric Costa Rica*. The public is invited to attend this free program and meet the museum’s newest addition.

For more information contact Julia Bussinger, director of the El Paso Museum of Archaeology and El Paso Museum of History, at 351-3588 or send email to bussingerjh@elpasotexas.gov.



– Photo courtesy of Christine Dixon

**FRESH FACE – George Maloof, III is the El Paso Museum of Archaeology’s new curator.**

## CanutilloIndependentSchoolDistrict Public Notice Destruction of Student Records

The Canutillo Independent School District Special Education Department will be destroying confidential student records related to special education students that either graduated, moved away from the District, or were dismissed from special education as of 2006. These adult former students or their parents may come to the Special Education Office at 7965 Artcraft, El Paso, Texas 79932 to make arrangements to claim their records. If not claimed within 30 calendar days after the date of this notice, the records will be destroyed in accordance with State record retention schedules and federal regulations. If you have questions, please call (915) 877-7450.

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El Departamento de Educación Especial del Distrito Escolar Independiente de Canutillo va a destruir archivos confidenciales relacionados con estudiantes de educación especial que graduaron, se mudaron del Distrito, o fueron despedidos de el programa de educación especial en el año 2006. Estos ex-estudiantes adultos o sus padres pueden acudir a la Oficina de Educación Especial en 7965 Artcraft, El Paso, Texas 79932 para hacer arreglos para obtener tales archivos. Si los archivos no son obtenidos dentro de 30 días, seran destruidos de acuerdo con reglamentos estatales y federales. Si tiene preguntas, favor de llamar al (915) 877-7450.

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– Photo courtesy of El Paso Museum of Archeology

The photo shows Effigy pots, cultural artifacts from Casas Grandes that are part of the El Paso Museum of Archaeology’s unique prehistoric collection.

## Archeology museum offers public gallery tour

By Alfredo Vasquez  
Special to the Courier

EL PASO COUNTY – The El Paso Museum of Archaeology will hold a special public gallery tour to give visitors an opportunity to explore the museum’s unique galleries. Facilitating the tour will be the museum’s curator of education Marilyn Guida.

The free tour, which is open to small groups and individuals, will be held from 3 to 4 p.m., Thursday, May 30, at the Archeology museum, 4301 Transmountain Road.

Guida said that participants will learn about the prehistoric people of El Paso and Mexico, as they take a journey through 14,000 years of El Paso’s Indian heritage including the Paleoindians, Archaic hunter-gatherers, Pit Dweller-Horticulturalists, Pueblo, Manso, Piro, Suma, Tigua and Mescalero Apache.

The museum’s galleries also include Casas Grandes culture and the ancient city of Paquime in Chihuahua, and the major regions of ancient Mexico – West, Central, North and Maya, according to the curator.

For information about the tour, call Guida at 915-755-4332 or send email to [guidamr@elpasotexas.gov](mailto:guidamr@elpasotexas.gov).

## Carter selected for national program

By Jim Heiney  
Special to the Courier

EL PASO COUNTY – El Paso Community College student Joshua Carter was among the 150 students selected nationwide for a competitive leadership development program led by People For the American Way Foundation. The Young People For (YP4) fellowship is a rigorous, yearlong program focused on identifying, engaging, and empowering young progressive leaders. The fellowship equips college students with the skills and resources necessary to create lasting change on their campuses and in their communities.

Of the more than 500 applications received, Carter was among those selected and will be representing El Paso Community College in the program’s regional and national trainings in the upcoming academic year.

The 2013-2014 fellowship class hails from 33 states and is made up of young people from community colleges, state universities, historically Black colleges and universities, Hispanic-serving institutions, tribal colleges, liberal arts colleges, and Ivy League universities, as well as young people carrying out community work while not in school.

“This class is one of our most diverse and talented yet,” said Joy Lawson, director of Young People For. “Each one of our Fellows represents the diversity and energy of the millennial generation, and has the potential to become a national leader in years to come. We look forward to helping Fellows develop the skills they need to make powerful, progressive change on their campuses, in their communities, and around the world.”



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Joshua Carter

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### Briefs

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offense a short time later. He has since failed to show for court on this crime and is now wanted for the theft and another unrelated charge. He knows authorities are looking for him. If anyone has seen or has any information on the whereabouts of Gordillo they can contact Crime Stoppers



Daniel Gordillo, Jr.

at 566-TIPS (8477). Callers will remain anonymous and may be eligible for a reward if the information provided leads to the apprehension of Gordillo.

– Deputy Jesse Tovar

### Tornillo Independent School District Notice of 2013 Summer Food Services Program

The Tornillo Independent School District announces the sponsorship of the Summer Food Service Program. Meals will be provided free of charge to children 1 year to 18 years of age at the **Tornillo ISD Junior High School Cafeteria**, 300 Oil Mill Rd., Tornillo, Texas. The program will begin June 10, 2013 through June 27, 2013, with serving days as follows: **Monday, June 10, 2013 through Thursday, June 27, 2013** breakfast being served from **7:15 a.m. to 8:15 a.m.** and lunch being served from **10:45 a.m. to 12:45 p.m.**, Monday through Thursday. Daily menus for the Summer Food Service Program will be available on May 27, 2013.

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### Aviso da Programa de Servicios para Comida en el Verano 2013 para el Distrito Escolar Independiente de Tornillo

El Distrito Escolar Independiente de Tornillo anuncia el patrocinio del programa de servicios para comida en el verano. Almuerzo y comida de mediodia se va servir en la cafeteria de le escolar **Secundaria del distrito de Tornillo**, 300 Oil Mill Rd., Tornillo, Texas. Es gratis para todos los niños de 1 año a 18 años de edad. El programa de servicios para comida en el verano empieza el 10 de Junio hasta el 27 de Junio, 2013, sirviendo **Lunes, 10, 2012 hasta Jueves, Junio 27, 2013**. Almuerzo se va server de 7:15 a.m. hasta las 8:15 a.m. y comida se va server de las **10:45 a.m. hasta las 12:45 p.m.**, Lunes a Jueves. Los menus van estar listos el 27 de Mayo, 2013.

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# Bad boys: Why don’t they ever learn?

By Steve Escajeda  
*Special to the Courier*

Well, we’re about to hit the dog days of summer pretty soon. The days when not much is going on in sports except for the boring regular-season Major League Baseball games that seem to blur into each other.

I know it’s still May, but before you know it – June and then July will make their appearance.

Around that time something wonderful will start to happen. NFL camps will open and visions of Tom Brady and Peyton Manning and Adrian Peterson and Tony Romo and Drew Brees and Calvin Johnson and Aaron Rodgers and J.J. Watt and Joe Flacco and Ben Roethlisberger and dozens of other big time players will start getting ready for the 2013 season.

It’s hard to know which guys are already working hard and getting ready for their time on the field but there are some guys who are acting as if they are right in the middle of the season – by being bad off the field.

Let’s start with the guy we formerly knew

as Ocho Cinco. Although the guy isn’t wanted anymore by any NFL teams, Chad Johnson is wanted by the State of Florida after failing to report with his probation officer.

The warrant issued for the arrest of the former NFL wide receiver stems from the domestic violence charge against his former wife.

Being the tough guy that he is, Johnson head-butted her during an argument.

She promptly filed for divorce.

He better have a good excuse or he’ll have to change his name to Ocho Cinco Tres Nueve Dos Uno Siete Cinco.

Then there are the exploits of former Detroit Lions receiver Titus Young.

At the age of just 23, this guy already has the makings of an Al Capone or John Gotti.

I mean who else could acquire such a bad reputation at such a young age?

Titus has been so bad off the field that he is currently looking for a team that will take a chance on him.

He certainly didn’t enhance his chances after being arrested twice on the same day on May 5. He was arrested for suspicion of drunk driving.

If you think that was reckless and stupid, 14 hours later he was arrested again for attempting to steal his car back from the impound lot.

That’s a special dropped-on-the-head-more-than-once kind of stupid.

And guess what – Young was arrested again on May 10 for burglary, resisting arrest and assaulting a police officer.

This is all separate from the actions that got him released from the Lions after less than two years with the team.

All he did was sucker-punch a teammate, sent home several times for bad conduct, intentionally lined up incorrectly during games and got into verbal confrontations with coaches.

Young’s father has said he is mentally ill.

The New York Jets have a had a tumultuous off-season and things got worse last week when newly acquired running back Mike Goodson was arrested on drug and weapons charges.

Goodson was stopped on the highway at 3 a.m. with marijuana, paraphernalia, a loaded .45 caliber semi-automatic handgun and hollow-point bullets.

Probably not the best way to start a

relationship with a new team.

These are just a few of the guys that have made negative headlines. In fact, since March, here is a list of NFL players behaving badly.

Arizona’s Daryl Washington (LB) arrested for assaulting his girlfriend; Cleveland’s Armonty Bryant (DL) arrested for driving under the influence; Jets’ Claude Davis (DE) and Cliff Harris (CB) arrested for marijuana possession; Baltimore’s Rolando McClain (LB) arrested for disorderly conduct and resisting arrest; Detroit’s Ronnell Lewis (LB) arrested for public intoxication; Atlanta’s William Moore (S) arrested for battery; Cleveland’s Quentin Groves (LB) arrested in prostitution sting; Detroit’s Amari Spivey (S) arrested on 3<sup>rd</sup> degree assault and risk of injury to a child.

Actually, due to limited space, I can’t list all the arrests since March but as you can see – many of the players have been pretty busy.

The start of the exhibition football season is less than three months away and like many of you, I can hardly wait.

But for the many buffoons in the NFL who also can’t wait for the season, let’s hope they enjoy the games from a nice jailhouse TV.

A sporting view

By Mark Vasto

## The Mantle of history

History is written by the winners.

President Harry Truman, the guy who dropped the big ones on Japan to end World War II, was a big fan of the expression. Years after his presidency, he was offered a “Frost/ Nixon” sort of deal that would have had him visit Japan to meet the newly installed government. Truman had

the gumption to fire the legendary Gen. Douglas MacArthur, but many still were surprised to learn that he agreed to go – with one specific caveat:

“I’m not going to kiss anyone’s ass.”

Though he left office with one of the lowest approval ratings ever,

Truman’s legacy has withstood the test of time, and he is now generally considered one of our greatest presidents.

Some 60 years later, former New York Mayor Rudolph Giuliani was running a disastrous campaign for president. A few years earlier, when America was sucker-punched on 9/11, Giuliani took the mantle as “America’s mayor” and offered some semblance of calm under fire. Before that career turn, he was putting away the mob as a U.S. attorney.

Now, Giuliani has picked up

another mantle – Mickey Mantle’s, to be precise – and once again, another historic figure and hero to many, another person who figures large in the record books and looms large in our minds, is being subjected to the firing line.

Almost two decades after his death and half a century after he hobbled off the field at Yankee Stadium for the last time, a two-bit auction house is claiming to sell an authentic bat of his. That would not be spectacular in and of itself, but this item is different, the auctioneers proclaim. For the bat in question has been X-rayed, and it has been deemed to be tampered with... corked.

Corking a bat is a tactic many sluggers have employed, in much the same way that pitchers use sweat and rosin to manipulate the movement of the ball. Essentially, the top part of a bat is removed, the barrel drilled out, replaced by cork sprig and capped with the same piece of wood to disguise the

ploy. Corking a bat gives a hitter maximum surface, but shaves off a few ounces in weight, allowing for a rapid swing.

The Mantle family is not amused. They have decided that they are not going to let Mickey Mantle – a man who wasn’t allowed inside his house at night until he hit 10 straight balls off his surly father who had spent all day mining coal in Oklahoma – be rewritten as a loser or a cheater. And the guy they hired to make sure of that? Rudy Giuliani.

For the record, Truman never made the trip to Japan. One assumes there was too much downside for the ex-president and no need to assist his detractors in their attempts to rewrite history. Lifelong Yankee fan Giuliani, however, is going to be swinging away in court within weeks.

Let the games begin.

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

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**TOWN OF HORIZON CITY**

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

A PUBLIC HEARING will be held at 6:30 pm on Tuesday, June 11, 2013, during a Regular Council Meeting at City Hall at 15001 Darrington Rd. (Court/Police Dept. Bldg.) in the Council chambers, Horizon City, TX.

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 hearing.

Karen Ellefson  
City Clerk  
Town of Horizon City

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**Town of Horizon City**

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

During a Regular City Council Meeting on Tuesday, May, 14, 2013 the Town Of Horizon City approved the following ordinance(s):

1) Ordinance No. 201. An Ordinance adopting the Comprehensive Plan for the Town of Horizon City; and providing for the following:

2) ORDINANCE 315, AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY

Repealer; Effective Date; and Severability.

Ordinances are always available for viewing or copying upon request from the City Clerk at Town Hall, 14999 Darrington Road, Horizon City, Texas, Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. or call 915-852-1046.

Karen Ellefson  
City Clerk  
Town of Horizon City

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**City of Socorro**

**Adoption of Ordinances**

On May 16, 2013 the City of Socorro, Texas adopted the following ordinance(s):

ORDINANCE 314, AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR A SYSTEM OF RECORDS RETENTION, RETRIEVAL, DESTRUCTION, AND REPEALING ORDINANCE NO. 121

2) ORDINANCE 315, AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY

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  
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## OUT ON A LIMB By Gary Kopervas



*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) 2013 North America Synd., Inc. All Rights Reserved.*



**Moore Texas** by Roger Moore May 18,1977:  
Socialite Sondra West is buried in San Antonio inside her 1964 powder blue Ferrari... wearing a nightie!



**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

**Q:** Is there a time limit on how long I can receive Social Security disability benefits?

**A:** Your disability benefits will continue as long as your medical condition has not improved and you cannot work. Social Security will periodically review your case to determine whether you continue to be eligible. If you are still receiving disability benefits when you reach your full retirement agehttp://ssa-custhelp.ssa.gov/cgi-bin/ssa.cfg/php/enduser/std\_adp.php?p\_faqid=160, your disability benefits will automatically be converted to retirement benefits. Learn more about disability benefits at www.socialsecurity.gov/disability.

**Q:** How long must I work to become eligible for retirement benefits?

**A:** Most people need 40 Social Security “credits” to be eligible. You can earn up to four credits per year. In most cases, you need at least 10 years to be eligible for retirement. During your working years, you earn credits based on earnings. The amount of earnings needed to earn one credit rises as average earnings levels rise. In 2012 and 2013, you receive one credit for each \$1,160 of earnings, up to the maximum of

four credits per year. If you become disabled or die before age 62, the number of credits you need depends on your age at the time you become disabled or die. You must have a minimum of six credits, regardless of your age. Retire online at www.socialsecurity.gov.

**Q:** My neighbor said he applied for Social Security retirement benefits on the computer. Can you really apply for retirement without traveling to an office?

**A:** Yes you can! And what’s more, it’s the easiest, fastest, and most convenient way to apply for retirement benefits. There’s no need to fight the traffic to visit an office and wait to be served. Our website makes it simple, allowing you to apply for retirement benefits in as little as 15 minutes. You can get started now at www.socialsecurity.gov/applyonline.

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, 11111 Gateway West, Attn: Ray Vigil, El Paso, Texas 79935.

**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 **O**

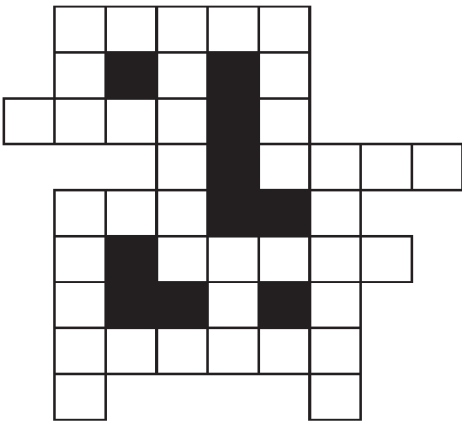
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Unscramble these twelve letter strings to form each into an ordinary word (ex. HAGNEC becomes CHANGE ). Prepare to use only ONE word from any marked ( ♥ ) letter string as each unscrambles into more than one word (ex. ♥ RATHE becomes HATER or EARTH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

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**STRANGE BUT TRUE**

By Samantha Weaver

• It was Albert Einstein who made the following sage observation: “The significant problems we face cannot be solved at the same level of thinking we were at when we created them.”

• According to some Native American tribes, all you have to do to make a wish come true is to catch a butterfly, whisper your wish to it and set it free.

• If you drive a white automobile, you have a lot of company. There are more white cars in the United States than any other color.

• You probably are aware that the names that foreign places are known by in the English language are not always the same as the names of those places in the local tongue. The capital of Russia is called Moskva in that country, and to Italians it’s not Venice, but Venezia. Not all names sound so similar, though; if you didn’t know the language, it would be nearly impossible to figure out that Ellinki Dimokratia is what Greeks call their country, and that Konungariket Sverige is Sweden to the Swedish. South Korea is known locally as Han Kook, China is Zhonghua Renmin Gonghe Guo, and Finland is Suomen Tasavalta.

• When Hernan Cortes reached the New World in the 1600s, he found the Aztecs drinking hot chocolate at their banquets.

• President Franklin Delano Roosevelt added both a swimming pool and a movie theater to the White House.

• You probably knew that cats were revered in ancient Egypt, but did you know that when a domestic cat died, the family went into mourning? Yep. People would shave their eyebrows to demonstrate their grief over the passing of their beloved pet.

Thought for the Day: “The nice thing about being a celebrity is that if you bore people they think it’s their fault.”

— Henry Kissinger

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