

NEWSBRIEFS

Club

The Junior Woman's Club of El Paso will be holding a *Meet and Greet* for potential members from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. on Friday, Feb. 28 at the Woman's Club clubhouse located at 1400 North Mesa (parking is located across the street). If you are interested in learning about the club and what it does for the El Paso community, please come see what we are all about. All women 21 years and older are welcome. For questions or to RSVP please call Teri at 915-274-1141 or email us at jwcelpaso@yahoo.com or contact us through our website www.elpasojuniorwomansclub.org. The Junior Woman's Club of El Paso is a non-profit, service-based, volunteer organization dedicated to improving the El Paso community. Founded in 1934, club members devote their time and energy to local charitable organizations and social service agencies through community service projects and fundraising events including Spooktacular held each October and the Spring Fling golf tournament.

— Beth Podol

Tutors wanted

The David L. Carrasco Job Corps Center is accepting application for volunteer academic tutors. If you are knowledgeable in math, reading or other GED subjects, please apply at the Job Corps Center, 11155 Gateway West, Monday – Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. For more information contact Human Resources at 594-0022, Ext. 203.

— Susan Cooper

Open house

College starts in Pre-K! All San Elizario ISD parents are invited to a fun and exciting night to learn how they can assist their child in getting in to college on Thursday, March 6 from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. at San Elizario High School. This free event will feature various breakout sessions where parents will receive valuable information throughout the evening. There will also be food, entertainment, and door prizes! Don't miss it! The open house will be hosted by San Elizario High School at 13981 Socorro Rd., San Elizario, TX. For more information contact (915) 872-3970.

— Cynthia P. Marentes

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List your event. Send a paragraph or two to wtxcc@wtxcc.com. Be specific about dates and times. Be sure to include your contact information in case we have any questions.

The person that argues most about religion usually has the least of it.

— Quips & Quotes



— Photo by Alfredo Vasquez

SIGN, SIGN, EVERYWHERE A SIGN, BLOCKIN' OUT THE SCENERY... – The signs are everywhere for El Paso County's upcoming Democratic and Republican Party Primary Election. Election Day will be from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m., Tuesday, March 4. Early voting period ends Friday (Feb. 28). Visit El Paso County Elections website for polling locations.

El Paso primary races will be decided March 4

By Alfredo Vasquez
Special to the Courier

El Paso County voters will decide on Tuesday, March 4th, who will win political offices in next fall's general election as the Democratic and Republican primary elections include candidates for Texas House District representatives, El Paso County judge, and other county races that have only democratic candidates running. So, a win in March pretty much secures a win in November.

Some of the Democratic primary races for State Representative (Districts 75 through 79) seem to be in for close finishes.

The primary race for District 75 in far-east El Paso County has incumbent Mary

Gonzalez, of Clint, up against president of the Fabens ISD school board Rey "Coach" Sepulveda.

The primary race for the District 76 seat will have voters choosing between Naomi Gonzalez, who has held the office since 2011, and two challengers – Norma Chavez, who held the same office for 14 years before Gonzalez, and Cesar Blanco, who comes to the race after serving as chief of staff to U.S. Rep. Pete Gallego. The district they're vying to represent runs mostly south of Interstate 10 from the eastern edge of downtown El Paso to the western edge of Socorro.

In District 77, family lawyer and Stand with El Paso Women PAC co-founder Lyda Ness-Garcia is challenging Marisa Márquez. She is seeking her fourth term; she unseated Paul

Candidates for El Paso County Justice of the Peace Precincts 1 -7

Justices of the peace are elected to four-year terms and have no term limits. They don't have to be licensed attorneys, but must take related education courses. In El Paso County, justices of the peace are paid \$74,811 a year.

Democratic Primary

Precinct 1

Robert T. Pearson

Precinct 2

Becky Gonzalez, Brian J. Haggerty, Dan Watling

Precinct 3

Chuck Silva, Guadalupe Aponte, Rick Melendrez

Precinct 4

Jesus Urenda, Barbara Perez, Maria Anchondo, Yolanda "Yolie" Enriquez, Patrice Pena Loge

Precinct 5

John J. Chatman, Monica Teran, Nicolas Dominguez, Rene Gonzalez

Precinct 6 No. 1

Marco Martinez, Martin Renteria, Ruben Lujan

Precinct 6 No. 2

Enedina "Nina" Serna, Sergio Apodaca, Rosalie "Rosie" Dominguez

Precinct 7

Brian Kennedy, Reed Leverton, Sergio Coronado

Republican Primary

Precinct 7

Kelly Dickson, Ida Gardner, Robert Garcia



— Photo courtesy of Prestene Dehrkoop

TRADITION – The El Paso Harvey Girls of 2014 will be at the 108th Anniversary of the Fred Harvey Restaurant in full Harvey Girls costume from 2 to 4 p.m. on Sunday, March 9, at the El Paso Museum of Archaeology.

Harvey Girls of El Paso celebrate 108 years

By Alfredo Vasquez
Special to the Courier

El Paso Museum of Archaeology invites the public to relive the Harvey Girls' hospitality at the 108th Anniversary of the Fred Harvey Restaurant. The special

celebration will be held from 2 to 4 p.m., Sunday, March 9, at the museum (4301 Transmountain Road). This event also marks March as Women's History Month.

From 1906 to 1948, hundreds of El Paso residents worked in the El Paso Union

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Moreno in 2008. The district the women are vying to represent encompasses downtown El Paso, the West Side up to Doniphan Drive and a strip of the Northeast side along Dyer Street up to Loop 375.

The only current Texas Representative running unopposed in the primary election is Joe Moody, in District 78, which covers much of Northeast and West El Paso. District 79 in east El Paso will have incumbent Joe Pickett facing challenger Chuck Peartree.

The race for County Judge is a three-way contest on the Democrat's party primary between incumbent Veronica Escobar and two challengers – businesswoman Aliana Apodaca and city representative Eddie Holguin.

Two area county commissioners' seats are also up for grabs. The most notable is in Precinct 4, which was the seat left open by

Veterans Post

By Freddy Groves

Education benefits

New tools for vets

Whether you’re a veteran or a family member using GI Bill benefits or the DoD Military Tuition Assistance Program, if things go wrong, it’s hard to know where to turn. The Department of Veterans Affairs has launched a new complaint system online, in partnership with the Departments of Defense, Education and Justice, as well as the Federal Trade Commission and the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau – big guns all of them.

This reporting system will help in three ways: Veterans can report negative experiences with a school; the government can identify unfair or misleading practices; quality academic support will be available.

The range of complaint topics is broad and includes problems with credit transfers, changes in degree requirements and unfair recruiting practices, all covered by the Principles of Excellence that schools must follow if they receive government money for veterans programs.

The reporting program can be reached on the GI Bill and DoD websites. Once a complaint is received, the agencies will contact the school and work at a resolution.

Go to www.benefits.va.gov/gibill/ and click on GI Bill Feedback System. For DoD, go to www.militaryonesource.mil/ and put “school complaints” in the search box to reach the Postsecondary Education Complaint System.

At the same time, the VA has opened up the GI Bill Comparison Tool. This is quite a site, even though it’s in Beta testing (still being tried out). In one place you can explore your career, compare schools, choose a school, apply for benefits and more. Just by answering a few questions, you can get an estimate of your benefits and information about the school’s value (how much you’ll earn in your career).

For the comparison tool, go online to <http://www.benefits.va.gov/gibill/> and click on GI Bill Comparison Tool. If you don’t know exactly the direction you want to take, start with the CareerScope assessment tool.

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. (c) 2014 King Features Synd., Inc.

Finances

By Jason Alderman

Self-employed?

Don’t forget these tax-filing tips

Calculating income taxes is a royal pain, even when your situation is uncomplicated enough that you can file a 1040EZ Form. And if you’re self-employed, be prepared for extra layers of complexity. Not only must you file an annual return with numerous additional forms and schedules, you’re also responsible for paying quarterly estimated taxes, which can mean having to write a pretty hefty check while waiting for your clients to pay their overdue bills.

Add in that you’re also responsible for funding your own health insurance and retirement and you may start to miss having an employer manage a portion of your financial affairs. (Although many people go into business for themselves precisely to call their own shots.)

Here are a few things to remember when calculating your 2013 taxes:

First, some potentially good news for taxpayers who claim a home office deduction: You now may choose between the traditional method of calculating the business use of your home (which involves numerous calculations, filling out the onerous IRS Form 8829 and maintaining back-up records for years) and a new simplified option.

Under the new, so-called “safe harbor” method, you can simply claim a standard deduction of \$5 per square foot for the portion of your home used regularly and exclusively for business, up to a maximum of 300 square feet – a \$1,500 limit.

Contrast that with the traditional method where you must calculate actual expenses of your home office expressed as a percentage of the square footage your home office consumes. For example, if your office takes up 12 percent of your house, you can deduct 12 percent of your electricity bill.

A few additional details:


- You can choose either method from year to year; however, once you’ve elected a method for a given tax year it’s irrevocable.
- Under the safe-harbor method you cannot depreciate the portion of your home used for business in that particular year.
- With the new method you can still claim allowable mortgage interest, real estate taxes and insurance losses as itemized deductions on Schedule A. These deductions don’t have to be allocated between personal and business use, as under the traditional method.

You’ll need to weigh whether the recordkeeping hours you save justify the potentially smaller deduction – especially if you have a large home office or considerable deductions. Suggestion: Look at last year’s deduction and compare what it would have been using the \$5 per square foot calculation, factoring in time spent doing the math.

A few other self-employment tax-filing considerations:

- In addition to the home office deduction, you generally can deduct many other business-related expenses, including: legal and accounting fees; professional dues and subscriptions; business insurance and licenses; professional training and education; professional equipment and software; maintenance/repairs; and business-related mileage, travel and entertainment.
- You can also deduct the full cost of medical, dental, vision and long-term care insurance premiums for you, your spouse and dependents, even if you don’t itemize deductions.
- For more details on business expenses and deductions, see IRS Publication 535 (www.irs.gov). Also visit the IRS’ Self-Employed Individuals Tax Center.

Bottom line: Income taxes are often more



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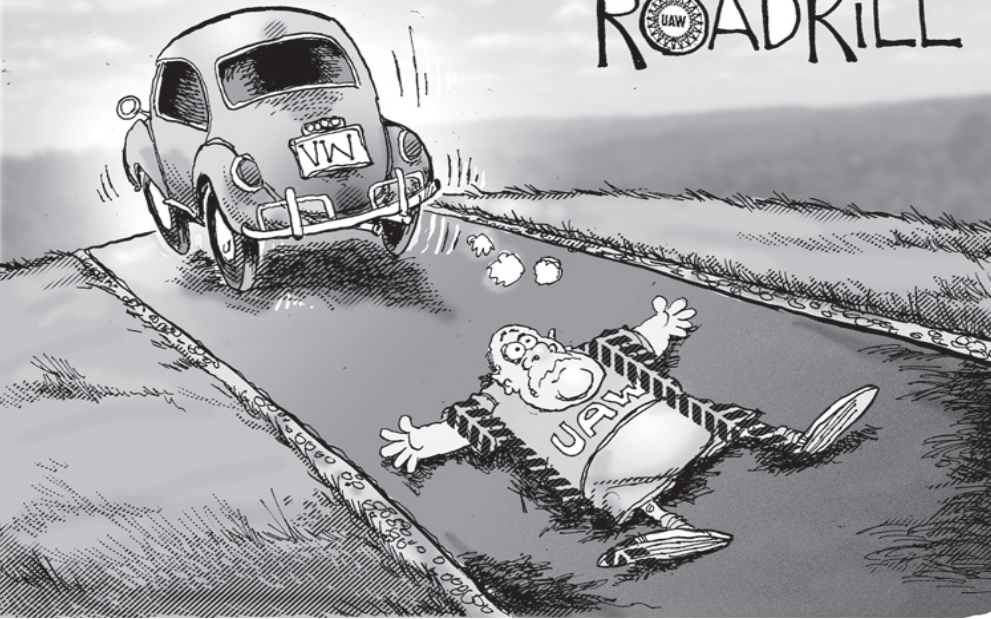
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– Photo courtesy of El Paso Museum of Archaeology

MAKING ART – Zoe Black, with her desert weeds artwork, was a participant in last year's desert weeds prints workshop.

Workshop participants create art with desert weeds

By Alfredo Vasquez
Special to the Courier

El Paso Museum of Archaeology will offer a free Desert Weeds Printmaking Workshop, from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m., Saturday, March 8, at the museum (4301 Transmountain Road).

Artists Oscar Moya and Lydia Limas will facilitate the workshop that is designed for adults and children age 3 and up. Moya stated that he has found that children as young as three years old easily get involved in creating potentially limitless unique art through this process.

Participants will learn to create art by including leaves and weeds in a drawing or painting on a board which is then transferred onto paper with a press, explained the

archaeology museum's education curator Marilyn Guida. The result is a unique collagraph print or mono-print which can be framed and taken home or given as a gift; and all materials are provided, she said.

Moya began his Desert Weeds series in 2009 by experimenting with plants and leaves in his backyard. He said that he is always amazed at the incredible detail and the beautiful textures that come out of the different prints.

Moya has participated in group exhibitions in the United States, Mexico, Canada, and in Europe. His recent collaborative printmaking projects include *Centenario de la Revolucion Mexicana*, and teaching Desert Weeds workshops throughout the El Paso region.

Limas is an award winning, published

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Primary

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the death of late County Commissioner Dan Haggerty. County Commissioner Precinct 4 Republican primary candidates are Bruce King and Andrew Haggerty. Democratic primary candidates for Precinct 4 are Julio Diaz, Melodya Salaices, and Ric Schecter.

County Commissioner Precinct 2 Democratic primary candidates are David Stout, Jorge Artalejo, and incumbent Sergio Lewis.

Other contested local races include the County Clerk position and Justice of the Peace posts. In the county clerk's race, incumbent Delia Briones will face Rosa Cervantes and Valerie Sanchez.

Twenty-eight candidates are vying for eight available seats in the justice of the peace primary races. Justices of the peace preside over minor misdemeanor criminal cases punishable by fines as well as minor civil matters involving less than \$10,000. They serve as judges on a sort of small

claims court.

The justices also issue search or arrest warrants, preside over hearings pertaining to suspension of driver licenses, and conduct marriage ceremonies. And perhaps they're best known for handling juvenile cases, including trancies and curfew violations. (A list of justice of the peace candidates is available above.)

Voters are reminded that they will have to show an approved form of photo identification to vote in the upcoming elections. Acceptable IDs include a Texas driver license issued by the Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS); Texas Election Identification Certificate issued by DPS; Texas personal identification card issued by DPS; Texas concealed handgun license issued by DPS; United States military identification card containing the person's photograph; United States citizenship certificate containing the person's photograph; and a United States passport.

Voters are advised to go to the El Paso County Elections website before Election Day to find out whether they are registered and where their polling place is.



OUTSTANDING IN HIS FIELD – Eudor Garcia was named the Division I Player of the Week for February 10-16 by the National Junior College Athletic Association. He plays third base for the El Paso Community College Tejanos. Eudor had a .636 batting average with four home runs and 17 runs batted in.
– Jim Heiney

Tax

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complicated for self-employed people and good recordkeeping is essential. Unless you're an accounting whiz, consider hiring a tax professional or financial planner who specializes in self-employment issues. The penalties and fees they can help you avoid – and hidden deductions they can uncover – will probably more than pay for their fees.

Jason Alderman directs Visa's financial education programs.

Art

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photographer and visual artist who has exhibited in the United States and Mexico. She and Moya are members of the Juntos Art Association of El Paso.

Space for the workshop is limited. Interested individuals should reserve a seat by contacting the museum by March 5 at 755-4332. The workshop is sponsored by the City of El Paso Museums and Cultural Affairs Department and the Texas Commission on the Arts.

For more information, contact the museum education curator, at 755-4332 or send email to guidamr@elpasotexas.gov.



– Photo courtesy of Katrina Parks

UP FRONT – The title image from Katrina Parks' documentary, *Harvey Girls – Opportunity Bound*.

Girls

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Passenger Depot. Many of them worked in the Fred Harvey Restaurant as Harvey Girls waitresses. To commemorate the unique restaurant's legacy, former employees of the Harvey House Restaurant are encouraged to attend and share their experiences.

The free event will include a screening at 2:30 p.m. of the newly released 51-minute documentary, *Harvey Girls: Opportunity*

Bound by Katrina Parks. The documentary notes that the Fred Harvey Company was among the first to promote cultural diversity in the workplace by hiring Hispanic and Native American women to be waitresses along with their Anglo peers.

A group of El Paso women that keep the Harvey Girls legacy alive will be at the museum in Harvey Girls costume to greet the public and show drawings of the interior of the El Paso Harvey House Restaurant

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Fabens Independent School District
Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balance
Governmental Funds
For the Year Ended August 31, 2013

Data Control Codes	10 General Fund	ESEA I, A Improving Basic Program	Cotton Valley Early College High School	50 Debt Service Funds	Other Funds	Total Governmental Funds
REVENUES:						
5700 Total Local and Intermediate Sources	\$ 1,744,100	\$ –	\$ 464,000	\$ 351,328	\$ 21,903	\$ 2,581,331
5800 State Program Revenues	17,183,443	–	–	1,450,299	175,561	18,809,303
5900 Federal Program Revenues	1,516,972	1,801,020	–	–	1,200,868	4,518,860
5020 Total Revenues	20,444,515	1,801,020	464,000	1,801,627	1,398,332	25,909,494
EXPENDITURES:						
Current:						
0011 Instruction	11,846,829	1,438,432	640,582	–	906,535	14,832,378
0012 Instructional Resources and Media Services	258,448	–	–	–	–	258,448
0013 Curriculum and Instructional Staff Development	91,579	134,376	752	–	14,873	241,580
0021 Instructional Leadership	184,902	137,880	–	–	190,161	512,943
0023 School Leadership	1,228,243	60,208	166,620	–	9,537	1,464,608
0031 Guidance, Counseling and Evaluation Services	574,354	–	72,286	–	144,595	791,235
0032 Social Work Services	32,505	–	–	–	67,609	100,114
0033 Health Services	326,168	–	200	–	915	327,283
0034 Student (Pupil) Transportation	474,548	–	–	–	120	474,668
0035 Food Services	1,236,821	–	–	–	18,374	1,255,195
0036 Extracurricular Activities	855,293	–	1,325	–	–	856,618
0041 General Administration	1,148,733	–	–	–	1,459	1,150,192
0051 Facilities Maintenance and Operations	2,605,696	–	34,213	–	286	2,640,195
0052 Security and Monitoring Services	300,561	–	–	–	–	300,561
0053 Data Processing Services	212,156	–	9,400	–	–	221,556
0061 Community Services	44,556	30,124	–	–	43,186	117,866
Debt Service:						
0071 Debt Service - Principal on Long Term Debt	–	–	–	675,000	–	675,000
0072 Debt Service - Interest on Long Term Debt	–	–	–	1,096,109	–	1,096,109
0073 Debt Service - Bond Issuance Cost and Fees	–	–	–	900	–	900
Capital Outlay:						
0081 Facilities Acquisition and Construction	206,596	–	–	–	–	206,596
Intergovernmental:						
0099 Other Intergovernmental Charges	23,986	–	–	–	–	23,986
6030 Total Expenditures	21,651,974	1,801,020	925,378	1,772,009	1,397,650	27,548,031
1100 Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	(1,207,459)	–	(461,378)	29,618	682	(1,638,537)
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES):						
7915 Transfers In	–	–	440,453	–	–	440,453
8911 Transfers Out (Use)	(488,453)	–	–	–	–	(488,453)
7080 Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	(488,453)	–	440,453	–	–	(48,000)
1200 Net Change in Fund Balances	(1,695,912)	–	(20,925)	29,618	682	(1,686,537)
0100 Fund Balance – September 1 (Beginning)	4,141,984	–	20,925	100,307	24,184	4,287,400
3000 Fund Balance – August 31 (Ending)	\$ 2,446,072	\$ –	\$ –	\$ 129,925	\$ 24,866	\$ 2,600,863



AN EL PASO LANDMARK – Some of the Harvey Girls waitresses worked at the Fred Harvey Restaurant in the El Paso Union Passenger Depot. This photo was taken by Bill Kirchner on October 21, 2012.

Girls

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a menu, dinnerware, and other memorabilia.
For more information, contact the El Paso Museum of Archaeology education curator Marilyn Guida, at 755-4332 or send email to guidamr@elpasotexas.gov.

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It’s too late to teach, enforce right character now

By Steve Escajeda
Special to the Courier

From the day we’re born our parents try to instill the laws of society into our fresh little minds.

From the first time we’re smacked upside the head by our dad for saying something inappropriate or for repeating some foul language we heard on the playground, we’ve been taught there are some words you can say and some words you can’t.

If you go back to the time when I was a kid that list of words has changed quite a bit.

Even some of George Carlin’s dirty words are now common place – much of that thanks to him.

There’s no doubt that in some segments of society, certain choice expletives are heard more frequently than in others.

That’s just the way it is. In some places certain language is tolerated and in other places – not so much.

One of the places where the expletives are allowed to fly is the sports locker room.

The “boys will be boys” mentality thrives

in the sanctuary that is the team’s most sacred gathering place.

And though some of the participants may not have the highest SAT scores, their ingenious creativity for insulting a fellow athlete would make Don Rickles proud.

And nothing is out of bounds. Insults about one’s body type, mother, mental capacity, religion, rap sheet, reproductive organ, skin color, language, ethnicity and sexual orientation are all fair game.

And for the most part, all these references are made in jest in the locker room, unless, of course, you happen to play for the Miami Dolphins.

Boys will be boys.

On the field, however, is a completely different matter.

The insults made against the opponent are done for two different reasons. Either because they hate the guy and are getting back at him for a previous incident or they are simply trying to get under the skin of a guy who is known for overreacting to everything.

And while I try very hard never to use profanity, I must admit that a choice word does slip out on occasion when things are not going

well... especially as deadline approaches.

But even if I do mess up, I have no fear of retribution from the language police mainly because there is no language police.

Yet!

There is no word I hate more than the N-word. I dislike everything about it and what it stands for.

I really hate the fact that it has become more watered down and accepted by today’s young people – especially by today’s younger African Americans. Of course they never had to go through what their parents, grandparents and great grandparents went through when that word was uttered.

And though I can’t stand to hear that word, we’re all very lucky that we live in a country that gives us the freedom to use language without the fear of incarceration – no matter how stupid or insulting the words.

That brings me to the National Football League and the fact that they have obviously failed to read George Orwell’s 1984.

In Orwell’s novel ‘Big Brother’ watches all aspects of our lives to make sure we toe the national line. Even thought and language are legislated.

The NFL may introduce a new rule next season. Fans may see a yellow flag being thrown for use of the N-word.

That’s right. There is talk about NFL referees being on the lookout for players using the N-word or any homophobic slur, which would result in a 15-yard penalty for a first infraction and ejection from the game for a second.

On the surface this sounds like a good idea but where will it lead?

What if a player makes an anti-Semitic remark? Isn’t making fun of someone’s sacred mother on par with making fun one someone’s sexual orientation?

Is making fun of mom going to be just a 5-yarder next season?

It’s true, the words are deplorable. But legislating language and thought is a very dangerous thing in a free society.

The NFL should worry about real dangers like illegal drugs, weapons violations, domestic violence, aggravated assaults, gambling, robberies, steroids and embezzlements.

Maybe they should work a little harder about keeping those things out of the game than a cuss word or two.

Tornillo Independent School District
Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balance
Governmental Funds
For the Year Ended August 31, 2013

Data Control Codes	10 General Fund	ESEA Title I Part A Program	Texas Literacy Initiative	Other Funds	Total Governmental Funds
REVENUES:					
5700 Total Local and Intermediate Sources	\$ 739,154	\$ –	\$ –	\$ 134,802	\$ 873,956
5800 State Program Revenues	10,165,362	–	–	715,743	10,881,105
5900 Federal Program Revenues	853,258	554,676	291,497	328,445	2,027,876
5020 Total Revenues	11,757,774	554,676	291,497	1,178,990	13,782,937
EXPENDITURES:					
Current:					
0011 Instruction	5,021,592	508,806	101,285	327,983	5,959,666
0012 Instructional Resources and Media Services	149,114	21,253	53,365	–	223,732
0013 Curriculum and Instructional Staff Development	43,293	1,430	115,863	30	160,616
0021 Instructional Leadership	143,303	–	20,984	6,568	170,855
0023 School Leadership	570,520	–	–	2,594	573,114
0031 Guidance, Counseling and Evaluation Services	65,173	–	–	–	65,173
0033 Health Services	56,768	–	–	–	56,768
0034 Student (Pupil) Transportation	313,863	–	–	–	313,863
0035 Food Services	770,404	–	–	13,406	783,810
0036 Extracurricular Activities	336,143	–	–	–	336,143
0041 General Administration	787,399	–	–	–	787,399
0051 Facilities Maintenance and Operations	1,365,933	–	–	–	1,365,933
0052 Security and Monitoring Services	120,894	–	–	–	120,894
0053 Data Processing Services	350,762	–	–	17,600	368,362
0061 Community Services	13,524	23,187	–	14,686	51,397
Debt Service:					
0071 Principal on Long Term Debt	65,000	–	–	308,762	373,762
0072 Interest on Long Term Debt	29,873	–	–	637,818	667,691
0073 Bond Issuance Cost and Fees	–	–	–	152,926	152,926
Intergovernmental:					
0099 Other Intergovernmental Charges	9,121	–	–	–	9,121
6030 Total Expenditures	10,212,679	554,676	291,497	1,482,373	12,541,225
1100 Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	1,545,095	–	–	(303,383)	1,241,712
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES):					
7911 Capital Related Debt Issued (Regular Bonds)	–	–	–	6,699,996	6,699,996
7916 Premium or Discount on Issuance of Bonds	–	–	–	910,478	910,478
8949 Other (Uses)	(31,350)	–	–	(7,458,098)	(7,489,448)
7080 Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	(31,350)	–	–	152,376	121,026
1200 Net Change in Fund Balances	1,513,745	–	–	(151,007)	1,362,738
0100 Fund Balance – September 1 (Beginning)	4,154,560	–	–	206,651	4,361,211
3000 Fund Balance – August 31 (Ending)	\$ 5,668,305	\$ –	\$ –	\$ 55,644	\$ 5,723,949

A sporting view
By Mark Vasto

Mount Rushmore’s identity problem

Mount Rushmore, America’s majestic carved-in-stone monument of four great U.S. Presidential heads, has been top of mind of late.

This is partly due to the recreational-vehicle boom, where people buy expensive motor homes and declare they will take them to Mount Rushmore. Interestingly, it only costs a onetime \$11 fee to park your RV there. Not a bad deal when you consider the price-tag of the RV (some of which can run between \$100,000 to \$600,000), and the fact that it’s located in the boondocks of the country, and those RVs only get around 8 mpg to 12 mpg. There are something like 8 million of them on the road, and the park gets about 3 million visitors per year, so I’m guessing not everyone makes the trip.

The other reason why is because Mount Rushmore has become a sort of measuring stick of late. Jerry Seinfeld often talks about his “comedy Mount Rushmore” comprised of Don Rickles, George Carlin, Bill Cosby and Richard Pryor (hard to argue, though I’d consider Ernie Kovacs in place of Carlin). A few weeks ago, King Lebron James named his NBA Mount Rushmore. If Lebron had a mountain to carve, he’d etch the visage of Michael Jordan, Larry Bird, Magic Johnson and... Oscar Robertson.

This surprised a lot of people, myself included. For one, I thought Lebron would have pictured himself on the mountain. Personally, my NBA Mount Rushmore would substitute Oscar Robertson for Wilt Chamberlin. This only contributes to the stir the list has made in the sports

Comix

OUT ON A LIMB

By Gary Kopervas



AMBER WAVES

By Dave T. Phipps



THE SPATS

By Jeff Pickering



R.F.D.

By Mike Marland



Your good health

By Paul G. Donahue, M.D.

DEAR DR. DONOHUE: What is the best way to get rid of tonsil stones, besides sticking my finger down my throat as far as I can and trying to dislodge the smelly things? More importantly, what is the way to prevent tonsil stones? I never had them until a year or so ago. – S.M.

Tonsil stones, or tonsilloliths, are the not uncommon (one study reported them in 7 percent of young adults) but seldom discussed clusters of calcified material that lodge in the tonsils. Your tonsils, those oval-shaped swellings on the sides of the back of your throat, are important for the cells of the immune system.

Tonsilloliths form in the crypts (deep valleys) of the tonsil, and sometimes are visible as white or yellow spots when looking in the mirror. They become bothersome if they are large enough to cause discomfort or difficulty swallowing, but often they are noticed because of their unpleasant odor. Tonsilloliths often spontaneously come out of the tonsils; they usually are described as waxy or hard, with a peculiar odor.

I don't recommend sticking your finger in the back of your throat. The gag reflex can be very strong, and the tonsils have a very good blood supply, so damaging them can be very bloody. Some authorities recommend removal using the tongue attachment of a Waterpik (or similar device), but I have had general success with saltwater gargles. Very large or recurrent tonsilloliths are an indication for a visit to the ENT doctor.

DEAR DR. DONOHUE: My blood count showed that my hemoglobin is too high. Everything else is normal. My doctor says the hemoglobin is high because I smoke. The doctor is on me, every time I see him, to stop smoking. I

want to, but I haven't been able to. Is he putting me on with another scare tactic? – S.C.

Hemoglobin is the stuff inside red blood cells that grabs onto oxygen as the blood cells pass through the lungs. Determining a person's hemoglobin is a surrogate for determining the number of red blood cells.

The carbon monoxide in cigarette smoke prevents the attachment of oxygen to the red blood cell. The body senses an oxygen deficit. It ups the production of red blood cells to compensate. The hemoglobin count rises. Your doctor is telling you the truth. Now you've got two doctors harping on you.

DEAR DR. DONOHUE: I am writing to see if the medicine I get in the United States is the same that I get from India. I took Evista by Eli Lilly, who says there is no generic; however, my supplier from India says there is a generic. – A.O.

India has no patent protection of medications, so many Indian companies make versions of U.S. pharmacologic drugs at greatly reduced cost. Some of the companies are exceedingly reputable, and the drugs are identical. However, you don't have the guarantee of purity that comes with government regulation of pharmaceuticals in the United States and Canada. While I understand wanting to save money on an expensive medication, you're taking a risk.

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) 2014 North America Synd., Inc. All Rights Reserved.

Super Crossword

CHIEF SODA PRODUCTS

ACROSS

1 Umpire's face wear

5 Consumer's antifraud gp.

8 Massive

15 Dating from

19 One of the Galápagos Islands

21 Kind of cable that conducts electrical signals

22 _ monster (lizard)

23 Start of a riddle

25 Pol. middle-of-the-roaders

26 Powerball, for example

27 "Evil Woman" rock gp.

28 Miss.-to-Mich. dir.

29 Dull-edged

30 Previous to

31 Riddle, part 2

36 Remove sodium chloride from

39 Villa d'_

40 Erie and Tahoe

41 Gold, in Spain

42 Keep attached

44 Most trifling

45 Prefix for "the same"

46 Riddle, part 3

49 Comedian Foxx

50 Swapped

52 With 6-Down,

what a sad person sings

53 Robbins or Rice

54 Elongated fish

55 Thickhead

57 Inuit homes

59 Riddle, part 4

65 Hat fabric

66 "Gilligan's Island" star

67 Villain in 113-Across

68 Riddle, part 5

71 _ frisé (small dog)

73 "Buy _ regular price, get..."

74 Mined matter

75 Give relief to

76 Past

77 Family name of old rulers of Florence

80 Bonny girl

82 Riddle, part 6

85 Suffix with percent

86 Rub with holy oil

88 Attaches with a pop

89 "Hold on a _!"

90 Put in a new cage

91 Contender

92 AOL notes

96 End of the riddle

100 Frat "T"

101 " _ a break!"

102 Prone (to)

103 " _-hoo!" ("Hey!")

104 Pick _ (draw from the deck)

106 Lariat, e.g.

107 Riddle's answer

112 Greek strife goddess

113 Shakespeare play

114 Drive while car shopping

115 Part of YTD

116 Curly-coated dogs

117 "Gotcha!"

118 It borders Vietnam

DOWN

1 Whimpered like a baby

2 On the beach

3 Floods

4 "Boston Public" actor Nicky

5 Ghost's cry

6 See 52-Across

7 Part of some hammers

8 Polar

9 Unification Church member

10 Hawaii's - Loa

11 Did very well

12 Vardalos of films

13 "I've got a mule, her name is _"

14 Right-angled annex

15 Nimble

16 Small blood cavity in organ tissue

17 Language of medieval Scandinavia

18 Fare from McDonald's or Wendy's

20 Sgt., say

24 Makes out all right

29 Eateries

31 Old video game systems

32 Pkg. for a dozen eggs

33 Tightly packed fish

34 _ out (barely earn)

35 Mix again

37 Hgt.

38 Caused

43 Verve

44 Hodgepodge

46 Rigid

47 "Gosh golly!"

48 Guy, informally

49 Splits anew

51 Top-floor storage area

54 Farthest from the start

56 Actor James Van _ Beek

58 German king, 936-73

59 Higher-priced

60 Kabuki sash

61 " _ seen enough"

62 Responses to groaners

63 Disco-era term meaning "galore"

64 "It hit me like a _ bricks"

66 "Maude" star Arthur

69 _-for (neglected)

70 Director Rob

71 Tendencies

72 Dialect

75 iPhone buy

77 Didn't ignite properly

78 Italian stage actress Duse

79 Dilapidated

81 Tempered with heat

82 What a cyclops has

83 Arctic regions

84 Genetic stuff

87 Pos., to neg.

88 Funny Caesar

91 ESPN sports analyst Dick

93 Roma's land

94 U.S.-Mexico border city

95 Washes with soapy water

97 Ed of Reagan's cabinet

98 Incantation

99 "There ought _ law!"

104 Trial fig.

105 Lower-left PC key abbr.

107 Vertex

108 1999 Seattle protest subj.

109 "Well now!"

110 Hairstyles

111 _ Kosh B'Gosh

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Answer Page 5

MOORE TEXAS
by Roger Todd Moore

The Spanish Explorers reportedly named the Nueces River (Nut River) after the plentiful pecans thereabout... I wonder...



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!

	+		÷		7
÷		-		+	
	x		-		27
x		+		x	
	x		÷		14
7		11		20	

2 3 4 5 5 6 7 8 9

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Rushmore
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world. This is because both Lebron and myself passed over Bill Russell. That’s a serious problem. How do you leave Bill Russell off the list? The 80-years-wise Russell, much to his credit, took the news about Lebron’s picks in his giant, massive stride, issuing a instant classic statement to Lebron that I share here for posterity:

“Hey, thank you for leaving me off your Mount Rushmore. I’m glad you did. Basketball is a team game – it’s not for individual honors. I won back-to-back state championships in high school, back-to-back NCAA championships in college. I won an NBA championship my first year in the league, an NBA championship in my last year, and nine in between. That, Mr. James, is etched in stone.”

With that, I started to think about other Mount Rushmores. Baseball’s Mount Rushmore? Babe Ruth, Willy Mays, Mickey Mantle and Ted Williams. The NHL Mount Rushmore? Gordy Howe, Bobby Orr, Wayne Gretzky and Ken Dryden. The NFL Mount Rushmore? Jim Brown, Johnny Unitas, Dick Butkus and Mark Gastineau.

Just joking about the last one... at least my picks aren’t set in stone.

Mark Vasto is a veteran sportswriter who lives in Kansas City.(c) 2014 King Features Synd., Inc.

Social Security Q&A By Ray Vigil

Q: How do I apply for Social Security disability benefits?

A: There are two ways that you can apply for disability benefits. You can:

1. Apply online at www.socialsecurity.gov; or
2. Call our toll-free number, 1-800-772-1213 (TTY 1-800-325-0778), to make an appointment to file a disability claim at your local Social Security office or to set up an appointment for someone to take your claim over the telephone.

If you schedule an appointment, we will mail a *Disability Starter Kit* to you. The kit will help you get ready for your disability claim interview. If you are applying online or want to get started on the kit right away, it is available online at www.socialsecurity.gov/disability.

Q: I heard there is a Social Security video available in American Sign Language. Where can I find it?

A: Yes, it’s true, and you can find the video on our website. The video is called “Social Security, SSI and Medicare: What You Need to Know About These Vital Programs.” The video is available in American Sign Language and it presents important information about our programs. You can watch the video now at www.socialsecurity.gov/multimedia/video/asl. The video is a part of our larger collection of on-demand videos and webinars available at www.socialsecurity.gov/webinars.

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

STRANGE BUT TRUE
By Samantha Weaver

- It was historian Barbara Tuchman who made the following sage observation: “War is the unfolding of miscalculations.”
- You might be surprised to learn that a polar bear’s skin is black and its fur is colorless. The transparent strands are so dense, though, that the fur takes on the color of the light around it.
- Unless you’re a literary scholar, you’ve probably never heard of the novel “Cup of Gold.” It was American author John Steinbeck’s first novel, and it was a flop. He was issued a \$250 advance to write the book, and the sales didn’t even make that much money for the publishing house. Of course, early failure was no indication of talent; Steinbeck continued writing and was awarded the Nobel Prize for Literature in 1962.
- Domestic diva Martha Stewart once dated actor Sir Anthony Hopkins. After seeing “The Silence of the Lambs,” though, Stewart broke it off. She just couldn’t get past the image of him as Hannibal Lecter.
- You might think of glaciers as lifeless places, but that’s not true. In addition to the polar creatures that live on and around these sheets of ice, there is one that actually lives in the ice. Though they’re only found in glaciers in certain areas of North America, the ice worm actually spends its entire life within the ice. In fact, the worms are so well-adjusted to the cold that when they are exposed to temperatures even slightly above 40 degrees Fahrenheit, they will liquefy.
- The banana and the telephone were introduced to North America at the same time, at the 1876 Philadelphia Centennial Exposition.

Thought for the Day: “Progress always involves risk. You can’t steal second base and keep your foot on first.”

– Frederick Wilcox

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Weekly SUDOKU
by Linda Thistle

		6	7			3	4	
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8					4		5	

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
★★★ HOO BOY!

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CryptoQuip

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

Clue: E equals G

WVOA ZVBWC AEEW H

LBNUKGWAF PVFGC GNA MAGNZC

HOLVWWHQZA PV WUNGOQZA.

PKAC UGM’P QA QAGP!

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FEAR KNOT
By: rj johnson
CONQUER THE WHIRLED

EES
HOTAUM
♥EPSOC
♥IREM
♥PASHER
♥UPT
♥RASC
REMP
MRI
CAPICE
♥TARHE
♥PTSO

Answer Page 5

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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