



NEWSBRIEFS

Main St. communities

Applications to become a designated Texas Main Street community are accepted only once a year. Communities of all sizes with a historic downtown are eligible to become a Main Street community, and that process begins with a Letter of Intent that is due to the Texas Historical Commission (THC) Main Street office by May 15. Each year, the THC may select up to five Texas cities for official Main Street designation. Historic neighborhood commercial districts are also eligible to apply. With the designation, communities become part of a powerful statewide and national network, and receive a range of services from the Texas Main Street Program staff, including design and technical consultation, strategic planning, on-site manager training, and more. There is no application fee. Each year, the First Lady of Texas travels to newly announced Main Street communities. This year, First Lady Anita Perry recently visited the newest Main Street communities of Sealy, Caldwell, and Waco with THC commissioners and staff. The Independent Bankers Association of Texas (IBAT) sponsors the tours. This is IBAT's 20th year to sponsor the tour. For more information, and to download an application, visit www.thc.state.tx.us or call the THC's Community Heritage Development Division at (512) 463-6092.

— Debbie Head

City cleanup

The Town of Horizon City will again participate in the "Don't Mess With Texas" and "Keep America Beautiful" campaigns. The "Clean-Up" will be held Saturday, April 26, 2014, from 8:00 a.m. to noon. This is an opportunity for residents, businesses and civic groups to take pride in their city by volunteering. A "Volunteer Appreciation Party" for everyone that helped with the clean-up effort will be held at the Oz Glaze Senior Center from noon to 1:00 p.m. Anyone interested in participating in this program can contact Elvia Schuller (eschuller@horizoncity.org) or Anita Oswalt (aoswalt@horizoncity.org) at the Town of Horizon City — (915) 852-1046 — for registration and donation information.

— Anita Oswalt

EPCC closed for day

El Paso Community College (EPCC) will be closed Monday, March 31 in observance of César Chávez Day. EPCC classes and office hours will resume on Tuesday, April 1.

— Jim Heiney

Wanted

A group of teens was captured on

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By nature all men are much alike, but by education they become different.

— Quips & Quotes



— Photo by Alfredo Vasquez

THE ODDS ARE — Speaking Rock Casino which is owned by the Tigua Indian Tribe of Ysleta del Sur Pueblo operated a casino until 2001 and still offers other forms of gaming. The tribal leaders have been legally battling the State of Texas for over a decade regarding the Tribe's right to operate gambling casinos on their reservation land. The latest skirmish took place in a district court hearing that was held in March.

Tiguas vs. State of Texas rematch due in October

By Alfredo Vasquez
Special to the Courier

It's business as usual for the Tigua Tribe's casinos at Speaking Rock and the Socorro Entertainment Center, at least until October, that's when a final hearing is scheduled to be held in El Paso before U.S. District Judge Kathleen Cardone.

"We will continue to operate within strict compliance of the law. That's what we've been doing, and we'll continue to do that so we can show the judge that in October,"

Tiguas' Attorney Randolph Barnhouse stated shortly after the district judge postponed the court hearing.

The latest hearing in the continuing saga of the Tiguas versus the State of Texas was held in March. Despite the fact that the state shut down the casino in 2001, the state's Attorney General's Office insists that the Tribe is still violating state gaming laws by continuing to operate casinos at Speaking Rock and the Socorro Entertainment Center.

This time, the state wants the Tribe to pay more than \$750,000 in fines plus \$58,000 for undercover operations. They also want

the Tribe to remove all electronic gaming equipment.

However, the Tigua's attorney argues the electronic gaming or "sweepstakes" available at the entertainment centers don't violate any laws. "The court has ordered that the tribe can offer third party giveaways operated by national vendors and that's what we are doing," said Barnhouse.

The state names four vendors as parties to the lawsuit. During the recent court hearing, two of the vendors said that they have filed for a dismissal of the lawsuit, and the other two vendors said that they intend to do the same.

Barnhouse argued that because of the Restoration Act which in part, categorizes the Tiguas as a sovereign nation, the tribe does not have to comply with Texas gaming laws, only federal ones.

"We are in compliance with that federal law because the Ysleta Del Sur Pueblo is an Indian Tribe; it has the sovereignty of an Indian Tribe. It's controlled by federal law," Barnhouse asserted.

Apparently, however, the bulk of the state's evidence comes from several undercover operations where they said both venues have the characteristics of a casino including cash-out kiosks, roving drinks services, and hundreds of machines.

But according to Barnhouse, the undercover investigations should be thrown out because the state did not have jurisdiction to conduct them in the first place.

William Dean, who represented the Attorney General's Office, countered by stating that the centers are open to the public and the State of Texas, having a greater right than the general public, is entitled to greater access. Dean also cited the opinion of the Fifth Circuit court of appeals that in 2011 denied the Tiguas' efforts to prevent the state from looking at its financial gaming records.

So the legal struggle continues, at least until October.

Jeannie Meza-Chavez is finalist for Tornillo ISD superintendent

By Alfredo Vasquez
Special to the Courier

Tornillo Independent School District Board of Trustees, in a five to one vote, recently named Jeannie Meza-Chavez, as the lone finalist for superintendent. Tornillo ISD Trustee Rachel Avila abstained from the vote because she had not been present at all of the candidate interviews, district officials said. Only trustee Javier Escalante voted against Meza-Chavez.

The vote comes more than a year after former superintendent Paul Vranish resigned in June 2012. Tornillo trustees are expected to officially hire Meza-Chavez during their regularly scheduled board meeting on April 17.

Meza-Chavez is currently the director of secondary personnel and recruiting at El Paso Independent School District. She was previously the principal at Richardson Middle School.

Meza-Chavez is also the wife of former Bowie High School principal, Jesus Chavez. In 2012 Chavez was removed from his position after he was linked to a scheme to rig state and federal accountability measures.

Despite her close connection to the former Bowie High School principal, the majority of trustees of Tornillo ISD said Meza-Chavez's impressive education



Jeannie Meza-Chavez

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Finances

By Jason Alderman

Spend your tax refund wisely

Last year the IRS doled out over 110 million income tax refunds averaging \$2,803. Another way to look at it is that collectively, Americans overpaid their taxes by nearly \$310 billion in 2012.

Part of that is understandable: If you don't have enough tax withheld throughout the year through payroll deductions or quarterly estimated tax payments, you'll be hit with an underpayment penalty come April 15. But the flip side is that by over-withholding, you're essentially giving the government an interest-free loan throughout the year.

If you ordinarily receive large tax refunds, consider withholding

less and instead putting the money to work for you, by either saving or investing a comparable amount throughout the year, or using it to pay down debt. Your goal should be to receive little or no refund.

Ask your employer for a new W-4 form and recalculate your withholding allowance using the IRS' Withholding Calculator (at www.irs.gov). This is also a good idea whenever your pay or family situation changes significantly (e.g., pay increase, marriage, divorce, new child, etc.) IRS Publication 919 can guide you through the decision-making process.

Meanwhile, if you do get a hefty refund this year, before blowing it all on something you really don't need, you might consider the following options.

Pay down debt. Beefing up credit card and loan payments can significantly lower your long-term interest payments. Suppose

you currently pay \$120 a month toward a \$3,000 credit card balance at 18 percent interest. At that pace it'll take 32 months and \$788 in interest to pay it off, assuming no new purchases. By doubling your payment to \$240 you'll shave off 18 months and \$441 in interest.

Note: If you carry balances on multiple cards, always make at least the minimum payments to avoid penalties.

The same strategy will work when paying down loans (mortgage, auto, personal, etc.) Ask the lender to apply your extra payment to the loan principal amount, which will shorten the payoff time and reduce the amount of overall interest paid. Just make sure to ask whether there's a prepayment penalty before trying this strategy.

Boost your emergency fund. As protection against a job loss, medical emergency or other financial crisis, try to set aside enough cash to cover six to nine months of living expenses. Seed the account with part of your refund and then set up monthly automatic deductions from your paycheck or checking account going forward.

Increase retirement savings. If

your debt and emergency savings are under control, add to your IRA or 401(k) accounts, especially if your employer matches contributions; remember, a 50 percent match corresponds to a 50 percent rate of return – something you're not likely to find anywhere else.

Finance education. Enroll in college courses or vocational training to gain additional skills in case you lose your job or want to change careers. And ask whether your employer will help pay for job-related education.

You can also set money aside for your children's or grandchildren's education by contributing to a 529 Qualified State Tuition Plan. As an incentive, the government allows your contributions to grow tax-free until they're withdrawn.

And finally, to check on the status of your refund, go to the IRS's Where's My Refund site. You can usually get information about your refund 24 hours after the IRS acknowledges receipt of your e-filed return or about four weeks after filing a paper return.

Jason Alderman directs Visa's financial education programs.

Veterans Post

By Freddy Groves

Medal of Honor

In 2002, the Defense Authorization Act required a review of the records of 600 Hispanic and Jewish veterans who'd been in combat as far back as World War II. The purpose was to be sure that none of them had been denied the Medal of Honor due to prejudice and discrimination, and were given a lesser award instead.

Last month, 24 veterans received the award. Only three were still alive to attend the ceremony; the rest of the awards were given posthumously.

It's been 12 years since the order was given to review the documents, and more than half a century since the Medals of Honor were earned. Besides the pride of knowing they'd earned the nation's highest military honor, what else did the men miss out on all those years?

The money: Yes, retroactive lump sums can be handed out now (calculations start with the first day of the month following the date of the event), but it might have made a difference in some of their lives if they'd had the cash coming in all along. At this point, it amounts to \$1,259 monthly extra.

Other benefits: Parking spaces on most military bases. Commissary and Exchange privileges. MOH license plates, if the state has them. Flying Space A. Children can go to one of the military academies, if they qualify. Invitations to inaugurations and balls.

Granted, many of the new MOH recipients were killed in action, but not all of them. One passed away in 1977. Another in 1986. Another in 2001. One last year, in 2013.

While the military gets a thumbs-up for reviewing the records, here's hoping it's put procedures in place so that this never happens again. The army.mil website says it can take 18 months to get a determination on awarding a Medal of Honor. That's plenty of time.

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.

Archaeology museum features Australian Rock Art and similarities with El Paso area

By Alfredo Vasquez
Special to the Courier

Australian Archaeologists Drs. Michael Hermes and Tim Stone will showcase Australian rock art and facilitate an open forum on mutual topics about El Paso, the Southwest, and Australia during a special presentation hosted by the El Paso Museum of Archaeology (4301 Transmountain Road). The

free presentation will be from 2 to 5 p.m., Saturday, April 12.

Drs. Hermes and Stone elected to visit El Paso for its reputation for unique ancient rock art, stated Marilyn Guida, education curator for the museum. "Their goal in coming to El Paso is to learn about our rock art, indigenous people, and landscape and to share their knowledge of these aspects of Australia with us," Guida stated.

In the first part of a three-part

program, Dr. Hermes will shares a PowerPoint presentation on Australian rock art that depicts the Anangu world view and religion, which can be understood as Dreamtime or Dreaming in the Tjukurpa language. The first part of the program will also include the earliest Australian rock art of the Panaramittee complex and later regional diversity of rock art from sites in Kimberley, Kakadu, and Sydney, Guida explained.

In the second session (beginning at 3:15 p.m.), Dr. Hermes will give a 30-minute presentation on Australian rock art case management studies involving Uluru (Ayers Rock) National Park and Namadji National Park and on the history, management and future prospects for these parks.

The third session (starting at 3:45 p.m.) involves a discussion forum, a less formal time for sharing ideas and experiences. Professionals, professors, scholars, college and university students are encouraged to participate in discussions on topics including Terminal Pleistocene/Holocene landscape history with parallels between the Murray River of Australia and the Rio Grande, balancing a quality visitor experience and the need to protect cultural places, involving indigenous communities in the management, interpretation and conservation of cultural places, and land use conflict between indigenous values and the need for resource/infrastructure development.

Hermes is an archaeologist and heritage consultant with wide experience in training in cross-cultural contexts. He has worked in the field of heritage management in the private sector, academia and public administration in all parts of Australia. He currently works on projects in Queensland and the Northern Territory.

Stone is an archaeologist and geomorphologist with an expertise



– Photos courtesy of Michael Hermes

OLD WORKS – Both photos are examples of Aboriginal Australian Rock Art. Above is Gunbalanya rock art of an early European ship. Below is Kakadu rock art discovered in the 1960s, possibly of a birthing scene.



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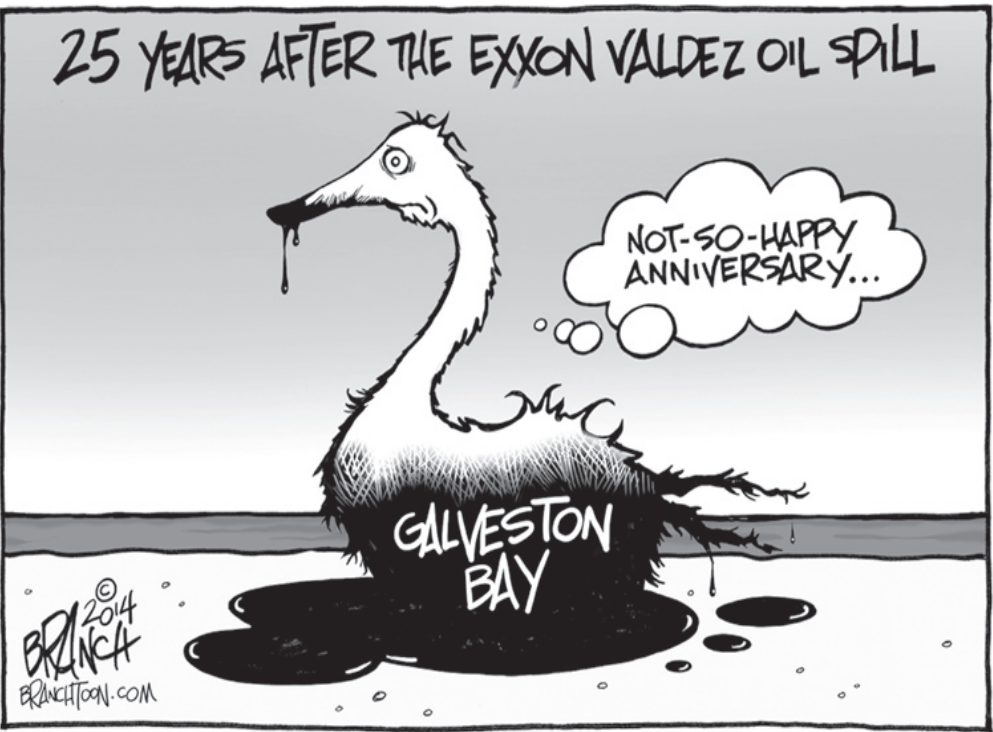


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Moore, 96, dies

Ruby Lou Beach Moore, 96, died on March 23, 2014. A life-long resident of Fabens, she was born December 31, 1917.

Moore was a member of the First Baptist Church where she was a church clerk, historian, organist and held many other positions in the church. She was a Worthy Matron of the Fabens Chapter 764, Order of the Eastern Star and past president of the David G. Burnet Chapter, Daughters of the Republic of Texas.

Moore was preceded in death by her husband, Leo Moore; her son, Kenneth Ray; her parents, Walter and Lila Beach; her brothers: Olin, Fred, Clyde and Carl. She is survived by many nephews and nieces; brother-in-law, Stanley Moore; brother-in-law, Noel Adams; sister-in-law, Theollie Moore and sister-in-law, Rosemary Beach.

She was interned at Restlawn Memorial Park in El Paso on March 28.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to the memorial fund of First Baptist Church of Fabens, P.O. Box 35, Fabens, Texas 79838 or the charity of your choice.



Free tax filing services available to qualified Texans

By Lisa Givens
Special to the Courier

TEXAS – April 15, the deadline for filing 2013 federal income tax returns, is just around the corner. For Texans trying to wade through their federal income tax returns, it can often be a challenge. Fortunately, the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) and the Texas Workforce Commission (TWC) stand ready to assist taxpayers with information on preparation services.

With Free File, everyone can file Form 1040 series tax returns at no cost. Free File is a complimentary, federal income tax preparation and electronic filing program for eligible taxpayers. Those with a 2013 Adjusted Gross Income of \$58,000 or less who meet additional requirements can qualify for Free File. For more information on the program, visit www.irs.gov/uac/Free-File:-Do-Your-Federal-Taxes-for-Free.

TWC also encourages qualifying taxpayers to take advantage of the Earned Income

Tax Credit (EITC), which allows lower-income individuals and families to pay less or no federal income tax, or receive cash payments. Local Workforce Solutions offices offer tax preparation help, including how to file for EITC. Individuals can find more information on specific services provided by local Workforce Solutions offices at www.texasworkforce.org/dirs/wdas/directory-offices-services.html.

For Tax Year 2012, the IRS reported approximately 2.6 million Texans claimed more than 6.6 billion in EITC credits. This number reflects 36.8 percent of tax returns filed in Texas with EITC. In past years, Texas has ranked first in the nation in the number of EITC dollars claimed by taxpayers.

Under certain limitations for 2013, individuals may qualify if their adjusted gross income is less than:

- \$46,227 (\$51,567 married filing jointly) with three or more qualifying children
- \$43,038 (\$48,378 married filing jointly)

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Northwest Early College High School Piano Studio
2nd Annual Piano Recital
EPCC Northwest Library Annex
6701 S. Desert Blvd.
April 10th, 6:30 p.m.

Various works from beginning, intermediate, and advanced students will be performed. Admission is FREE and light refreshments will be served after the program. Information: Mrs. Anji Morgan-Thornton, (915) 877-1700, ext. 1721



Rocks

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in interpreting landscape histories through the Late Pleistocene and Holocene. His doctoral research looked at the human and landscape history of the

Murray River basin. He has extensive field experience in Tasmania, Victoria, and the Northern Territory. For more information on the upcoming presentation, contact the museum’s education curator, at 915-755-4332, or send email to guidamr@elpasotexas.gov.

Briefs

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surveillance video placing graffiti on a building in Central El Paso. Detectives from the El Paso Police Department’s



You know them? Crime Stoppers of El Paso immediately at 566-8477(TIPS), on-line at www.crimestoppersofelpaso.org or you can send a text message by entering the key word “CRIME1” (no space and include the quotation marks) 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.

– Javier Sambrano

Crime Stoppers

A man breaks into an east El Paso restaurant in the early morning hours and is recorded by surveillance cameras. Detectives from the Pebble Hills Regional Command Center are asking for the public’s assistance in identifying this burglary through the Crime Stoppers “Crime of the Week”. The break in took place on Sunday, March 16, 2014, just before 2 a.m. at the Viva Ay Que Rico Burritos located at 7100 Airport. The suspect in this case broke out the glass front door to the business. Once inside of the business, the suspect began to search the restaurant for money. The man managed to force his way into the office and after ransacking the business located money used to make change for the cash register. The suspect fled the scene with the undisclosed amount of cash. The suspect is described as a White or Hispanic male, average build, and is observed wearing what appears to be a light colored baseball cap and windbreaker. Investigators in this case believe that someone knows who was involved in this break in. Anyone with any information on this burglary is asked to call Crime Stoppers of El Paso immediately at 566-8477 (TIPS), on-line at www.crimestoppersofelpaso.org or you can send a text message by entering the key word “CRIME1” (no space and include the quotation marks) 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.

– Javier Sambrano

Scholarships available for domestic violence survivors

By Elhiu Dominguez
Special to the Courier

El Paso County Attorney Jo Anne Bernal has announced the “Cycle for Change” Scholarship Program. The program is a collaborative between Bernal’s office and Villa Maria, a local shelter for homeless women who are survivors of domestic violence. The first “Cycle for Change” cycling event took place in October of 2013, raising more than \$5,000.

The program was designed to provide monies to take victims of domestic violence beyond surviving, to thriving as members of the community. “We’re extremely excited to begin accepting applications from survivors of domestic violence for ‘Cycle for Change’ scholarships starting April 1st,” Bernal said. Any primary survivor of an intimate partner, domestic violence relationship may apply for the scholarship. The funds can be used in the pursuit of any endeavor – academic, therapeutic or otherwise – that is focused on raising the survivor’s self-esteem and taking her beyond breaking the cycle of domestic violence, to thriving as a survivor of the social disease.

“Scholarships may be used to pay for costs associated with furthering one’s education or for therapeutic services, or any activity that a survivor can articulate will help her in guaranteeing she will never be a victim of domestic violence again,” Bernal explained.

Scholarship applications may be downloaded at www.epcounty.com/ca; www.villamaria.org; www.notedejes.org; or www.dontletyourself.org.

The scholarship committee began receiving applications April 1, with a deadline of May 31.

Spring scholarship applications may be submitted beginning August 1 and must be postmarked no later than October 31.

All inquiries may be directed to the El Paso County Attorney’s Office at (915) 546-2153.

The second “Cycle for Change” cycling event is currently being planned for October 2014.

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Salmonella warning for New Mexico poultry

By David Morgan
Special to the Courier

NEW MEXICO – The New Mexico Department of Health and the New Mexico Livestock Board are warning families that plan to purchase baby chicks or other baby birds this spring to use extreme caution in order to avoid Salmonella infection, especially if buying the birds for young children. Last year, New Mexico had 19 human cases of Salmonella related to baby chicks and ducklings. Many of the cases were in young children and there were 5 hospitalizations.

“While raising poultry can be a great experience, it is important to take some simple precautions to protect your children and your family,” said Department of Health Secretary Retta Ward, MPH. “Poultry can carry Salmonella germs and still appear healthy and clean. That makes it easy for people to let their guard down, and that’s when they run the risk of getting Salmonella.”

Early symptoms of Salmonella in people include fever, diarrhea and abdominal pain. These symptoms develop one to three days after exposure to baby chicks and their droppings. Other symptoms might include nausea, chills or headaches.

“Salmonella can contaminate a bird’s body and anything in the area where they are housed or allowed to roam,” said Dr. Paul Ettestad, state public health veterinarian at the Department of Health. “This means infection can occur when parents

keep the baby birds inside the house and allow their small children to handle and snuggle with them or when parents don’t wash their hands properly after handling the birds, indirectly giving the infection to their children.”

The Department recommends that people young and old take the following preventive measures:

- Wash your hands thoroughly with soap and water immediately after touching live baby birds or anything in the area where they live and roam. Use hand sanitizer if soap and water are not readily available.
- Adults should supervise hand washing for young children.
- Don’t snuggle or kiss baby birds.
- Don’t touch your mouth, or eat or drink around live baby poultry.
- Don’t let baby birds inside the house or in areas where food or drink is prepared, served, or stored, such as kitchens, dining rooms, pantries, and outdoor patios
- Don’t clean any equipment or materials associated with raising or caring for live poultry (such as cages, feed, and water containers) in the house.
- Do not let children younger than 5 years old touch chicks, ducklings, or other live poultry.
- Visit your physician if you experience abdominal pain, fever and/or diarrhea.

To learn more about Salmonella infection from live baby poultry, visit the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention website at: <http://www.cdc.gov/Features/SalmonellaBabyBirds/>

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record stood on its own. Only trustee Escalante expressed concern.

It is not known yet what Meza-Chavez’s base salary will be because the contract is still under negotiations. Former superintendent Vranish’s base salary was \$117,000 a year.

The search for a superintendent

began in June 2013, when trustees hired Educational Services Center – Region 19 to conduct the search. But after several months, trustees were not satisfied with the number of candidates that applied and in December trustees renewed the search and hired the Texas Association of School Boards (TASB).

The district, which is 30 miles east of El Paso, has four campuses and more than 1,300 students.

payments will not be used to determine eligibility for Medicaid, Supplemental Security Income (SSI), the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), low-income housing or most Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) payments.

More information on EITC can be found at www.eitc.irs.gov.

Services

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with two qualifying children

- \$37,870 (\$43,210 married filing jointly) with one qualifying child
- \$14,340 (\$19,680 married filing jointly) with no qualifying children
- The maximum credit for 2013 is:
- \$6,044 with three or more qualifying children
- \$5,372 with two qualifying children
- \$3,250 with one qualifying child
- \$487 with no qualifying children

Investment income must be \$3,300 or less for the year to qualify for EITC. The Earned Income Tax Credit has no negative effect on an individual’s eligibility to receive certain public assistance benefits. In most cases, the credit

PUBLIC NOTICE TOWN OF ANTHONY, TEXAS

FAIR HOUSING STATEMENT

The Town of Anthony hereby declares its support of fair housing practices. It is hereby declared to be the policy of the locality to bring about, through fair, orderly, and lawful procedures, the opportunity of each person to obtain housing without regard to race, color, creed, religion, sex, national origin, physical or mental handicap, marital status, parenthood, or age.

It is further declared that such policy is established upon the recognition of the inalienable rights of each individual to obtain housing and further, that denial of such rights is detrimental to the health, safety, and welfare of the inhabitants of the locality and constitutes an unjust denial or deprivation of such inalienable rights which is within the power and the proper responsibility of government to prevent.

The locality has a Fair Housing Policy that may be examined and copied by interested groups or individuals during office hours. The month of April has been proclaimed “Fair Housing Month”; copies of the official proclamation are available at the Anthony Town Hall between the hours of 8:00 A.M. and 5:00 P.M., Monday through Friday.

POLICY STATEMENT ESTABLISHING NONDISCRIMINATION BASED ON HANDICAPPED CONDITIONS

The Town of Anthony announces that it has adopted a policy of nondiscrimination based on handicapped conditions concerning access, participation, and benefit of programs and activities operated or conducted by the locality. This policy is in compliance with the requirements of Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended in 24 CFR, Part 8, “Non-discrimination Based on Handicap in Federally-Assisted Programs and Activities of HUD,” dated June 2, 1988. Interested individuals or groups may obtain copies of this policy statement by calling the Town Clerk, who has been assigned to coordinate compliance with this policy and may be contacted at (915) 886-3944.

POLICY STATEMENT ON PROHIBITING THE USE OF EXCESSIVE FORCE BY LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES

The Town of Anthony announces that it has adopted a policy prohibiting the use of excessive force by law enforcement personnel within its jurisdiction against an individual engaged in non-violent civil rights demonstrations. This policy is in compliance with Section 519 of Public Law 101-44, 1990, U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development Appropriations Act. Copies of this policy statement may be obtained by calling the Town Clerk at (915) 886-3944.

COMPLAINT AND GRIEVANCE PROCEDURES

In order to comply with the requirements of the Texas Community Development Program (TCDP) and of 10 T.A.C. Section 178.1 and Section 178.2, the locality has citizen complaint procedures intended to provide a timely written response to all complaints made against its proposed or completed TCDP efforts. Responses to complaints will be made within no more than ten (10) working days. A copy of the complaint procedures can be obtained upon request at (915) 886-3944. The established complaint procedures are an element of the local Citizen Participation Plan, and meet the requirements of USHUD Section 504 (24 CFR) concerning nondiscrimination based on handicapped conditions.

EQUAL OPPORTUNITY / AFFIRMATIVE ACTION STATEMENT

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

Luis Vela
Mayor

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El Paso played hardball to get Triple-A baseball to town

By Steve Escajeda
Special to the Courier

It’s finally here.

After years of hoping someday to go from Double-A baseball to Triple-A, it’s finally here.

After years of tolerating the well meaning but woefully underwhelming Independent League baseball, it’s finally here.

After a couple years of often-heated debate, grandstanding and posturing, the city of El Paso is about to take one of those “before April 3 and after April 3” kind of life altering moves that define an entire future.

El Paso will begin its new history this week as members of the Triple-A Pacific Coast League.

Though the Chihuahuas won’t play a game in town for another three weeks, fans are beginning to feel that anticipation of something new and exciting landing in their city.

And let’s face it, that doesn’t happen very often in El Paso; which doesn’t exactly have the best reputation for embracing change.

The fight to bring Major League affiliated baseball to El Paso was a stroke of genius.

A very small window of opportunity opened for the city and unlike many other small openings in the past, El Paso took the bold step of grabbing it before someone else did.

So many times in the past, other cities have swooped in and taken advantage of an opportunity while El Paso pondered, argued and tabled away its future.

This time, El Paso did what the Phoenix’s, San Antonio’s and Austin’s of the region have done so successfully for years. It aggressively took action, battled in court, stood its ground and threw its weight around.

In other words, El Paso played hardball.

In the animal world, invertebrates are the little guys with no spines. In other words, they possess no backbone.

Unfortunately, over the last 40 years El Paso has been doing its best invertebrate imitation to the secret of no one.

The snickers coming from other cities have been pretty audible. The spineless decisions of the past have even led to this city’s own citizens often reciting those familiar words,

“there’s nothing to do in El Paso.”

April 3 doesn’t mean the official end of the El Paso our parent’s knew, but it does mean the beginning of a paradigm shift. It signifies a change in direction and an attitude that accepting the status quo is no longer acceptable.

There have been many bumps on this rapidly paved road to change. Much of it is the cost of doing business. Much of it is growing pains. Much of it is a stubborn resistance to any kind of change whatsoever.

Yes, there was the destruction of City Hall and the Insights Museum to make room for the new stadium that came along with the team.

Many citizens are on record as saying that Cohen Stadium was plenty good enough for Triple-A baseball. That’s like saying Eddie Holguin’s Christmas light display was good enough for El Paso.

I believe that as people drive by and take a close look at the Chihuahuas’ new Southwestern University Park, they are saying to themselves, “Oh yeah, this is something different. This is first-class.”

El Paso has this unfortunate knack for not

believing it is worthy of “first class” status.

Again, maybe after April 3, it will begin to accept nothing less.

Of course there is still a pack of locals who won’t give up their fight to keep this city in its place. There are those who will try to assure that post-April 3 El Paso remains as opposed to change as ever.

But this is just the beginning.

Don’t forget that next year talks will begin on the new multi-purpose arena that is part of the bond issue approved by the voters.

There will be as much resistance about the arena as with the ballpark.

There are those who will have the gall to claim that El Paso doesn’t need another huge arena-type facility, we already have the Don Haskins Center.

And many of them will fight to keep the facility from being built downtown, blah, blah and double blah.

For those who wake up every morning feeling their day is already half-gloomy, I’ve got some even more depressing news for you.

April 3 is coming – and there’s no looking back.

A sporting view By Mark Vasto

Cuban rules

“Pigs get fat; hogs get slaughtered.”

Such homespun “rules of thumb” have been hard to come by ever since Ross Perot pulled out of the 1992 presidential election race with a “giant sucking sound” before re-entering the race while reminding us of his business prowess. Sold his company for \$2.4 billion after an initial investment of \$1,000. Failed to close his first 77 sales but

it didn’t matter because “failure was like a skinned knee; painful but superficial.”

Mark Cuban was born in Pennsylvania to Jewish parents who had their name changed on Ellis Island. Like Perot, Cuban worked relentlessly toward his goals and built his wealth mainly by following extreme methods of thriftiness and the philosophy that cash was king. Like Perot, he built a business

from scratch centered around IBM products and sold his company for several million. Not as impressive as Perot, you might say, but it helps to know that the person he sold his company to was none other than Mr. Perot.

And the Perots owned a basketaball team. A miserable floundering team called the Dallas Mavericks. And that’s how Mark Cuban parlayed his computer company success to franchise ownership. That’s how Cuban ended up in Dallas, and why his mug ends up on your TV screen more than some would like to see.

As owner of the Mavericks, he’s

on TV more than 82 times a year. There he is on “Dancing With the Stars.” There he is, stealing headlines from his own team as he gets fined hundreds of thousands of dollars for courtside outbursts. There he is getting sued by the government for anti-trust issues. There he is battling patent trolls with Adam Corolla. There he is on the hit show “Shark Tank.”

A lot of people have negative views of Cuban – one of the 500 richest men in America. Personally, I love the guy. He is a champion of journalism and the freedom of speech, having funded several investigative efforts through the years and tirelessly fighting off patent trolls.

Cuban knows a few things – business, broadcasting and relationships being chief among them. He turned the Mavericks into two-time champions by

building the best team on a budget. He rarely appears wrong. At least when it comes to dealing with the Perots.

Except when it comes to football. Cubes has made a run on buying an MLB franchise and an NHL team, but when it comes to football, Cuban thinks they have too much of a good thing as they begin to eye more and more of your weekly TV schedule. That pig versus hog quote?

“When you try to take it too far, people turn the other way,” Cuban warns. “I’m just telling you, when you’ve got a good thing and you get greedy, it always, always, always, always, always turns against you.”

Cuban sounds “drunker than a boiled owl” in this one, but hey, “eagles don’t fly in flocks.”

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

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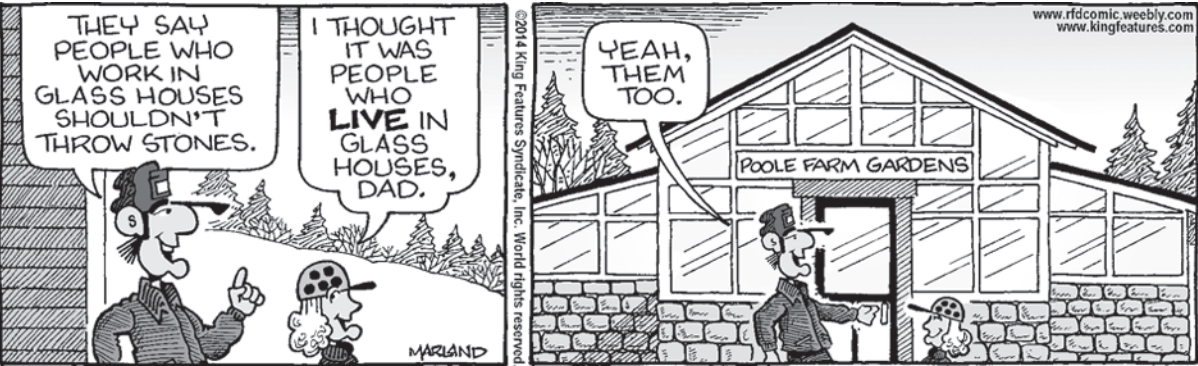
THE SPATS

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Your good health

By Paul G. Donahue, M.D.

DEAR DR. DONOHUE: I have a 13-year-old boy who's having asthma attacks. At least, that's what they sound like to me. It started early this year when the weather was still cold. He plays or practices baseball three times a week. When he'd run the bases, he'd start coughing and wheezing. Now that the weather is warmer, he still has attacks, but not so bad. Does this sound like asthma to you? I don't know that he's allergic to anything. – W.O.

asthma varieties.

The booklet on asthma explains this common illness and its treatments in detail. To obtain a copy, write: Dr. Donohue – No. 602W, Box 536475, Orlando, FL 32853-6475. Enclose a check or money order (no cash) for \$4.75 U.S./\$6 Canada with the recipient's printed name and address. Please allow four weeks for delivery.

DEAR DR. DONOHUE: What's the lowest number of calories a woman can safely eat in a day to lose weight? I would like to lose 20 pounds. How long will that take? – G.K.

Asthma is an inflammation of the airways, the bronchi. They become very sensitive, and suddenly narrow and fill with mucus when provoked. Both the constriction and the mucus make it difficult to get air into and out of the lungs. Included in the definition of asthma is reversibility. The constriction and mucus buildup are not permanent, in most cases.

The signs of asthma are a feeling of chest tightness, shortness of breath, wheezing and coughing. In your son's kind of asthma, exercise-induced asthma, the attack comes on five to 10 minutes after beginning an activity. Exercise-induced asthma is not so dependent on allergy triggers. It comes on because cold, dry air irritates the airways. The warmer, moister air is perhaps the reason why his attacks are not as pronounced as they were.

You need to have a doctor examine the boy to be sure if this is exercise-induced asthma. Even if he has no symptoms at the time of his doctor visit, the doctor can induce them in a number of ways. He or she also can put an end to them.

If exercise-induced asthma is proven, a multitude of medicines are available for control. Most can be taken as mouth sprays. Taking the medicine before physical activity can prevent asthma symptoms for two or three hours. That's long enough to get him through a practice or a game.

The above is for exercise-induced asthma. It's not for other

An active woman needs around 1,800 calories a day. If she gets much less than that, she'll have a hard time meeting her vitamin and mineral requirements.

If she deducts 500 calories from her daily diet, she should lose a pound in a week – 20 pounds in 20 weeks.

If she actively exercises, she needs to lower her daily intake by only 300 calories to get the same results.

DEAR DR. DONOHUE: You printed two letters on headaches. I don't see you mention the medicine that works for me – Excedrin. It takes only half a pill to end my headaches. My grown son has tried it, but he didn't get good results. Just wanted you to know how well it works for me. – J.R.

Thanks. Excedrin is a combination of aspirin and acetaminophen (Tylenol). Many Excedrin products also contain caffeine, which is said to enhance pain-relief. I'm sure readers will appreciate your testimonial.

Dr. Donohue is retiring after writing "To Your Good Health" for three decades. Dr. Keith Roach will be taking over the popular King Features syndicated column. (c) 2014 North America Synd., Inc. All Rights Reserved.

Super Crossword

COMPONENTS IN COMMON ACROSS

1 Precede all others

10 At the apex

15 Family of the 27th U.S. president

20 In a harshly insulting way, say

21 Opening installment of a series

22 Nebraska's most populous city

23 Arrangement of a troop in war

25 Football great

26 Have _ (dine)

27 Celtic speaker

28 Cock-a-_ (hybrid dog)

29 Rations (out)

30 Young guy

31 "... all good!"

33 It might be repaired in a hangar

36 Fey of "30 Rock"

38 Hollywood's Hathaway

39 _ out an existence

40 "Come Back, Little Sheba" playwright

41 Puck-pushing squad

46 Roast VIPs

48 "Just _ you know..."

49 Prior to

50 Prefix with marathon

53 Everything

54 Re

56 White-as-a-ghost look

59 Granters of three wishes

64 Molokai necklaces

66 It may have a helipad on its roof

69 Foist (upon)

71 _ nous (between us)

72 Vitamin B3

73 Café or bistro, often

78 "Take _ your leader"

79 Short line holding a fishhook

80 "The Bronze Bow" author Elizabeth George _

81 Appear on the horizon

83 Fish with bobbing bait

84 Occupy, as a table

86 Vegas action

87 Set _ (aspire to something)

89 Ziti and rotini

93 Bird on a dollar bill

98 Maui, e.g.

99 Bleating female

102 Little _ ("Hairspray" girl)

103 Throw out

104 Place for Broadway performers

107 Perch in church

108 Experiment site

111 Terre _, Indiana

112 Cry in Köln

113 Out there

115 Met offering

117 Prefix with venous

118 Theme of this puzzle

122 Upper sky

123 Old skating star

124 Phrase on an invoice

125 Climbs

126 Pledge

127 Events for bargain hunters

DOWN

1 Plotting band

2 He defeated McCain

3 Toned down

4 This, to José

5 Pervade

6 "... got your number"

7 Match arbiter

8 Walks through mud

9 Fashionable

10 Iridescent

11 Rebellion figure

12 Linda in 1998

13 Peter of "Becket"

14 Tree with small acorns

15 Singer Mel

16 Like some single-celled organisms

17 Dirty trick

18 Risky thing to live on

19 Gives assent

24 Signified

31 Mag for an entrepreneur

32 Become fond of

34 Stephen of "Blackthorn"

35 _-do-well

36 Much-used article

37 Sorority letter

38 "For" vote

41 Stressful type?

42 Big name in camping gear

43 Oval

44 Greek god of love

45 Person cogitating

47 Bruno _ (shoe brand)

51 Arcing throw

52 Capote, to his friends

55 Silverstein of kid-lit

56 1492 vessel

57 Flower-petal perfume

58 Western film actor

60 Mild Dutch cheese

61 "Good boy, Rover"

62 Primary

63 Dishonorable

65 Spirit

67 Pre-euro Spanish

coin

68 See 105-Down

70 Dip for chips

74 Q-U string

75 Green org.

76 Baldwin of "30 Rock"

77 Write music

82 Ginnie and Fannie

85 "So it is"

86 "That's show _!"

88 Ozone, e.g.

89 More meaty

90 1979 Caine/Ustinov film

91 Private eyes

92 Tall myrtle-family shrub

94 "Mamma _!"

95 Employee hirer, e.g.

96 Atoll features

97 This instant

100 Furies

101 Avoid

105 With 68-Down, really yells at

106 "To _ own self be true"

107 _ ballerina

108 Netman Ivan

109 Have a spat

110 Gls' places

114 Absent

115 Possesses

116 Gyro bread

119 Actress Long

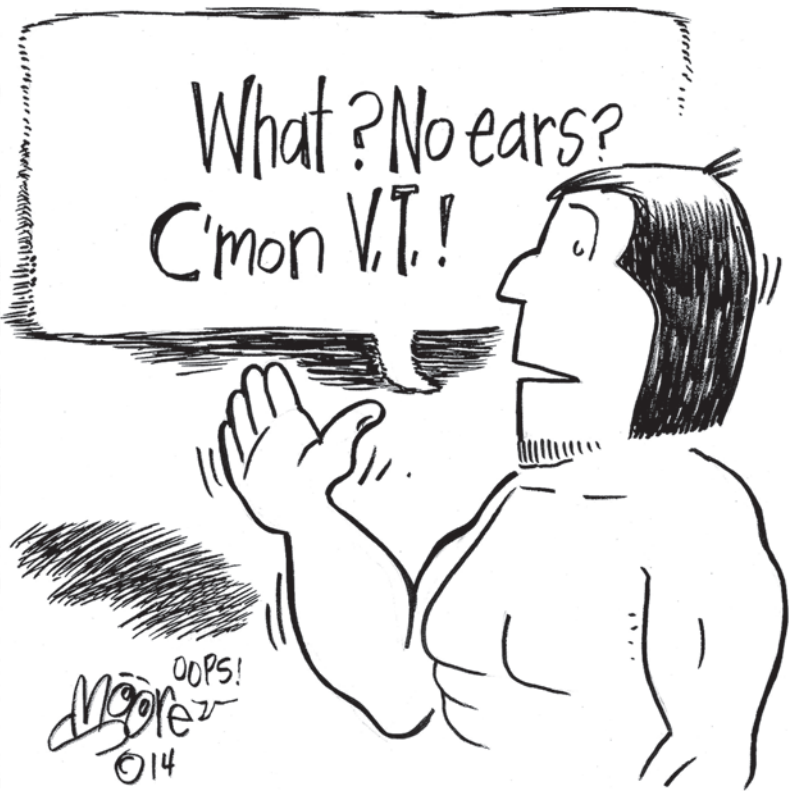
120 Craggy peak

121 Certain cabinet dept.

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MOORE TEXAS
by Roger Todd Moore
V.T.Hamlin conceptualized his famous ALLEY OOP comic strip while living in Iraan , Texas.



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
Answer Page 4 ★★★★★ HOO BOY!

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Social Security Q&A By Ray Vigil

Q: I need proof of my Social Security income. Can I get verification online?

A: Yes! And the best way to get a benefit verification letter is by using a my Social Security account. Your personal my Social Security account is a convenient and secure way for you to check your benefit and payment information, change your address, phone number, and direct deposit information, and to get your benefit verification letter. You can use your benefit verification letter to verify your income, retirement or disability status, Medicare eligibility, and age. When you use my Social Security to get it, you can request which information you would like included in the letter. Learn more, use my Social Security, and get your benefit verification letter now at www.socialsecurity.gov/myaccount.

Q: I need to get a benefit verification letter. Do I need to come into the office?

A: No, you can get it online. There’s no need to fight traffic and visit a busy government office in order to obtain proof of your benefits. To get your benefit verification letter, simply visit us online at www.socialsecurity.gov/myaccount and set up a my Social Security account. After you’ve spent a few minutes to establish your account, it will be simple to get your benefit verification letter immediately and much more, at any time. For example, in addition to getting another benefit verification letter in the future, you can check your benefit and payment information, as well as your earnings record. You also can change your address, phone number, and direct deposit information. Get your benefit verification now at www.socialsecurity.gov/myaccount.

Q: If I go back to work, will I automatically lose my Social Security disability benefits?

A: No, Social Security has several work incentive programs to help people who want to work. You may be able to receive monthly benefits and continue your health care coverage during a trial work period. For information about Social Security’s work incentives and how they can help you return to work, you should:

- Visit our special work site at www.socialsecurity.gov/work;
- See the Red Book on work incentives at www.socialsecurity.gov/redbook; or
- Check out our publications at www.socialsecurity.gov/pubs and type “work” in the search box. For more information, visit our website at www.socialsecurity.gov

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: X equals Y

LO HEQZPERX PZKB K QKGLUZ

QKQQKC LU K MEUBZHB,

MEJCR XEJ HKX VZ RZOKBZR

BVZ AEGAEHZZ?

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FEAR KNOT

By: rj johnson

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♥ TICESH

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♥ PHACE

♥ IPN

♥ ERPNEO

♥ RETCU

T PRO

Answer Page 4

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

STRANGE BUT TRUE
By Samantha Weaver

- It was beloved and sometimes maligned British Prime Minister Sir Winston Churchill who made the following sage observation: “Sometimes it is not enough that we do our best; we must do what is required.”
- If you’re of a certain age, you might be surprised to learn that the Bruce Willis film “Die Hard” is older than the World Wide Web.
- Those who study such things say that a new mom accumulates anywhere from 450 to 700 hours of lost sleep during the first year after her baby is born.
- You may be surprised to learn that the average American man spends 10,585 hours hanging out in a bar. Or you may not.
- Those who are looking for love might want to consider the following statistics: In a 2013 survey, a quarter of adults said that their spouse/partner is not the type of person they thought they’d settle down with. More than half of respondents said that their significant other is their complete opposite.
- If you just can’t seem to resist shouting sometimes, you may suffer from klazomania.
- Nobel and Pulitzer prize-winning author John Steinbeck did not start out his career as a great success. In fact, his first novel, “Cup of Gold,” was a complete flop, not even earning enough money to cover the advance the publishing house paid him. He was not discouraged, however; after the book’s publication Steinbeck wrote to a friend, “The book was an immature experiment. ... The next one won’t be good, nor the next one, but about the fifth, I think I will be above the average.”
- Even a chameleon that is born blind can take on the colors of its environment.

Thought for the Day: “If a window of opportunity appears, don’t pull down the shades.”

— Tom Peters

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