



## NEWSBRIEFS

### Libraries help beat the heat

As temperatures become more extreme this summer, the El Paso Public Library would like to remind everyone that libraries are a great escape from the summer heat. Libraries not only offer heat relief, but also have a large array of activities for the whole family to enjoy together. Besides books, library patrons can read all the latest magazines, newspapers, revistas and novelas, play board games and watch movies. They can also use the computers there to work on resumes, look for job and health information, get recipes, play online games, send email and much more. All public libraries are free to visit and open Tuesday through Saturday during midday. Some are open on Sunday and Monday. To find a library near you visit [www.elpasolibrary.org](http://www.elpasolibrary.org) or call 543-5433.

### Heat tips

The El Paso City/County Office of Emergency is issued an Extreme Weather Health Warning this week. This warning is to remind our citizens to avoid and/or limit direct exposure to the heat during this or any other time. High-risk groups included the low income and the elderly who may not have an air-conditioned environment in which to stay. Infants under one year of age in homes without air conditioning, the ill, disabled and persons taking certain prescription medications, such as diuretics, sedatives, and narcotics. Citizens are asked to be aware of the following methods to stay cool:

- Wear loose, preferably light cotton clothing. Wear a hat to protect the head from the sun.
- Eat light, cool, easily digested foods.
- Drink lots of water and natural juices. Avoid alcoholic beverages, coffee and cola.
- Take a cool bath or shower periodically.
- Take advantage of air-conditioning. Persons without home air conditioning should be encourage and assisted in taking advantage of air-conditioned environments in private or public places such as libraries, shopping malls, theatres.
- Do not leave children or pets in a car.
- Keep shades drawn and blinds closed, but windows open slightly.
- Avoid physical activity, especially outside work and recreational activity.

### Trash bin repairs

The City of El Paso Environmental Services Department is encouraging the public to report damaged trash or recycling containers. Broke lids or missing wheels of the 96-gallon containers are repaired at no cost. Service requests for repairs are usually carried out within five weekdays. If a container must be replaced because it cannot be repaired, it is replaced at no charge unless the damaged was caused by the customer. A \$48 replacement fee is

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*Kindness is the ability to treat your enemy decently.*

— Quips & Quotes

## Clint junior headed to Yale

By Laura Cade  
*Special to the Courier*

Betty E. McKenzie, a junior at Clint High School has been accepted to attend Yale University during the summer. Betty is one of 180 students nationwide who will be taking college level courses taught by Yale professors. She will be taking a rigorous course in Advanced Placement U.S. Government/Politics and an Honors Speech Communication course. Betty was invited to the prestigious program because of her interest in politics and government as well as her background in leadership, academics, extra curricular activities, and community involvement.

McKenzie is one of the top ranked students in her class. She is active in and holds leadership roles in band, and JROTC at Clint High School. She plays percussion and is currently the section leader. She has placed first in the All Region Band Compe-

titution and first in the NTGA-WG Percussion competition. McKenzie carries the highest possible rank of Lieutenant Colonel Battalion Commander in JROTC. She received a perfect score of 40 during a formal inspection this year.

"Betty was committed to giving up some of her Saturdays and after school time in order to prepare. This is an example of her discipline and commitment to do more than is expected of her," says Elizabeth McKenzie, Betty's mother. McKenzie also participates in volleyball, track, and community service activities.

Along with the intense academic challenges of the month long leadership seminar at Yale University, McKenzie will have opportunities to meet and question political leaders to gain insight into our country's system of government.

"I have found that the most rewarding career to have is one where I can make the most difference," says Betty McKenzie. After graduation in 2010, she plans to pursue a career in law and government.



Betty E. McKenzie

## Benham is acting superintendent for SISD

Mary Benham will be the Acting Superintendent for the Socorro Independent School District (SISD) until the SISD Board finds a permanent replacement for Dr. Sylvia Atkinson.



Sylvia Atkinson

Atkinson, who was the SISD Superintendent for 18 months, resigned her position effective June 30, 2008 during a June 10 board meeting. She received a reported \$205,000 severance package from SISD.

In a released statement Atkinson said she enjoyed working with some of the finest people in this region and desired what was best for the children of Socorro ISD.

Benham comes to the position of Acting Superintendent from SISD's Finance Department.



Mary Benham

## County to hire Parks Director

By Aracely Lazcano  
*Special to the Courier*

EL PASO COUNTY — In this week's regular meeting, the members of the Commissioners Court approved to start the hiring process of a permanent County Parks Director.

The motion to post the position immediately and to conduct a regional and state wide search was made by Precinct 2 Commissioner, Veronica Escobar and seconded by Precinct 1 Commissioner, Luis Sariñana.

"We need someone who focuses full-time in the parks we have, as we try to develop quality of life for county residents," said Escobar.

The Pct. 2 Commissioner also praised the work of the current Director of Family and Community Services, Rosemary Neill, who has

served as an interim director for that department for the last three years. "Rosemary has done a phenomenal job but she is overwhelmed," Escobar added.

The position has been vacant since 2004.

The responsibilities of this position are to manage contracts, be the liaison with other departments, overseeing general operations and personnel activities, and setting up and implementing internal policies.

According to the Human Resources Director, Betsy C. Keller, the Parks Director position pays \$94,653 a year.

The position could be open as early as the end of this week and the review and selection process could occur during the last week of July.

El Paso County owns Ascarate Park and the Sports Park as well as several parks located east and west of the county.

## Franco will head RGCOG Solid Waste Committee

By Don Woodyard  
*Courier Staff Writer*

ANTHONY — There was good news last week not only for the residents of Anthony, but for its mayor as well.

The first good news came in two actions by the Town Council at its June 10 meeting presided over by Mayor Pro-tem Orlando Garcia because Mayor Art Franco was in Van Horn for a Rio Grande Council of Government's (RGCOG) meeting.

Trash pickup rates will not increase for residents even though El Paso Disposal raised its rates for the town by 4 percent. After discussion, council agreed to absorb the cost and not pass it on to consumers. It will mean a smaller margin of profit for the town.

Hotel/motel owners can breathe a small sigh of relief. Town Council decided not to model its new hotel/motel tax entirely on the City of El Paso's plan. The owners will pay only a 4 percent tax on its revenues, not the 7 percent rate in El Paso. The new tax ordinance went into effect on May 1. A public hearing was held on an amendment to the ordinance during the council session. However, there was no community input on the amendment.

In a recent *Courier* story, Franco estimated the tax revenues would be \$30,000-\$40,000 a year. Money can be used only to promote tourism and benefit the town through such things as special events, promotional materials as well as billboards.

The other good news was Franco's election as chairman of RGCOG's Solid Waste Advisory Committee. Moving up from vice chairman, he will serve a one-year term.

The 12-member committee distributes money for solid waste cleanup allocated by the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ). In August, Franco says, his committee reviews and then recommends the allocation of money based on applications submitted by member communities in El Paso, Brewster, Hudspeth, Jeff Davis, Presidio and Culberson counties.

Franco says that TCEQ has allocated \$251,000 to the Rio Grande Council.

"I'm just excited to be working with the committee," says Franco. "I feel good about it." In this role, he emphasizes the importance of getting to know and building working relationships with these communities.

The mayor said Anthony has submitted a request for \$28,000 to clean up areas of the community that have been trashed. He indicated he would be allowed to vote on his own town's application.

In other action, the Town Council approved a request by Police Chief Edward Miranda for a second dispatcher. He says his goal is to have a 24-hour dispatch capability for the community.

Miranda also told council members that he hopes to get three more police officers certified for bike patrol. Two presently are certified for bike patrol. He points out that this is part of his community policing program where his officers interact more closely with the town.

# Keep animals safe from the heat

By Joanne Bates  
Special to the Courier

Summertime is upon us and as we take precautions to take care of ourselves and our loved ones by keeping hydrated, staying out of the sun and applying sun block, we should also be conscientious of the needs of pets.

Pet owners are responsible to ensure the well-being of their pets and to comply with all applicable laws pertaining to their care. Pet owners are reminded to:

- Ensure that your pet dog/cat has access to appropriate shelter and shade.
- Provide your pet with sufficient and wholesome food as well as clean, fresh water throughout the day.
- Clean all feces and excrement from the area where the animal lives to maintain safe and sanitary conditions for their health and that of the public.

As we have seen an increase in accidental deaths associated with dogs that are chained, it is important to ensure that restraining or chaining a dog does not become unlawful. Owners may not leave a dog outside and unattended by the use of a restraint that unreasonably limits the dog's movement:

- Between the hours of 10:00 p.m. and 6 a.m.
- In cases of extreme weather conditions
- By using a choke-type, pinch-

type or prong-type collar, or a collar that is not properly fitted,

- By using a restraint that is not at least five (5) times the length of the dog (minimum length is 10 feet),
- By using a restraint that is in an unsafe condition, or which causes injury (or death) to the dog

The owner of the dog should supervise and interact with the dog throughout the day whether the dog is chained or not. Remember that neglect and carelessness are acts of animal cruelty and are sanctioned by the law.

Moreover, it is unlawful for any person with custody or ownership of an animal to place or confine the animal. It is also unlawful to allow the animal to be placed or confined in a motor vehicle or livestock trailer under any period of time which may endanger the health or well-being of the animal due to heat, lack of food and/or water or other circumstances that may cause suffering, disability or death (as per 7.08.020 of the El Paso City Code).

Any animal control officer finding an animal inside or confined to a motor vehicle or a livestock trailer is authorized to obtain a locksmith at the owner's expense; enter the vehicle if necessary; remove the animal; and issue a citation of up to \$2000.

Joanne Bates is an El Paso Public Health Communications officer.

# SISD names Teachers of the Year

By Irma Flores  
Special to the Courier

Education is not the filling of a pail but the lighting of a fire." — William Butler Yeats

Patience, resiliency, and passion are just a few of the traits of Socorro Independent School District's 2008 Teachers of the Year. On May 16, SISD announced its Elementary Teacher of the Year and Secondary Teacher of the Year. With a combined 25 years of experience Adria Wauson from Dr. Sue Shook Elementary and Barbara Dickerson from Montwood High School will represent SISD in the Region 19 Teacher of the Year competition. The pair was among the 39 Campus Teachers of the Year who were honored at the annual banquet held at the Centennial NCO Club.

"I congratulate Adria and Barbara for their outstanding work and commitment to our students. They are great examples of the many excellent teachers we have here in Socorro," said Dr. Sylvia P. Atkinson. "Our Teacher of the Year Banquet is their night to shine. They represent the more than 2000 teachers who serve

our students and they all deserve our praise and admiration for what they do for the children of Socorro."

As an eternal optimist, Adria Wauson works on instilling a passion in her 3rd grade students. As described by Dr. Shook principal Al Garcia, Wauson is relentless when it comes to the success of her students.

"This really feels like a dream. It's the most humbling experience," said Wauson. "My goal was to be a campus teacher of the year and when I

has also worked with UTEP student interns and is the UIL 2nd and 3rd grade English Storytelling Coach.

"It's important to take time to thank our teachers and honor the hard work they do in the classroom," said SISD Board President Karen P. Blaine. "Adria and Barbara are to be commended for their accomplishment and for being an inspiration to their students as well as fellow educators."

SISD Secondary Teacher of the Year, Dickerson has spent the past



Barbara Dickerson and Adria Wauson.

— Photo by Stacy Kendrick / SISD

four years encouraging and guiding freshmen at the Montwood Freshman Center. Now as seniors, many of those students credit Dickerson with their success.

"I'm thankful to be surrounded by a wonderful group of teachers. I feel that everyone at Montwood should be

teachers of the year. Our goal is to improve the quality of education for every student," said Dickerson.

Dickerson graduated from UTEP with a B.S. degree in English and American Literature and a Master's degree in Education. She has 14 years teaching experience and spent the past four at Montwood High School. At Montwood, she has taught English, World and American History and has led the Content Mastery Lab and the Freshman Center.

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**Por la Gente** By State Rep. Chente Quintanilla

# Fireworks legislation

Hola, mi gente. In just a little over one week, those familiar stands that sell fireworks will open and we will be on the verge of our annual Fourth of July celebration. I know that this is a favorite for a lot of young people; and perhaps even more for some young and middle aged adults.

There is nothing wrong with celebrating the birth of our nation with fireworks. But to those of you who do, it is very important to act safely and to have consideration for the communities in which you visit to light up your fireworks.

During the May 12 meeting of the County Commissioners Court, Judge Cobos stated that it was his intention to "add this (fireworks) to our legislative agenda." In other words, he was committing the County resources to fight and lobby for a bill that would give the county the authority to restrict the sale and use of fireworks in the unincorporated areas.

I have already received the draft of a bill that addresses the concerns of some communities, especially

Montana Vista, to petition for a ban of fireworks around their homes. My office will be working with the County Attorney's office and Judge Cobos' office in the next few weeks to go forward with this legislation.

This legislation will be up against many obstacles. Other counties may oppose it. The fireworks industry surely will strongly oppose it. Many residents of the city of El Paso may not like it. And the County of El Paso may not spend the money to enforce it. But it is my duty to put forth legislation that is requested by the county and to work with county attorney's office to pass it or amend it to make it acceptable and affordable.

In the same May 12 meeting, Commissioners expressed interest in mandating that fireworks be restricted to certain areas; in essence to carve out an area in El Paso County for the sale and use of fireworks. A draft of this possible legislation has also been requested.

I also intend to resurrect a bill that taxed the sale of fireworks with the express intent of paying for emergency services and cleanup; both of which are annual costs to the area

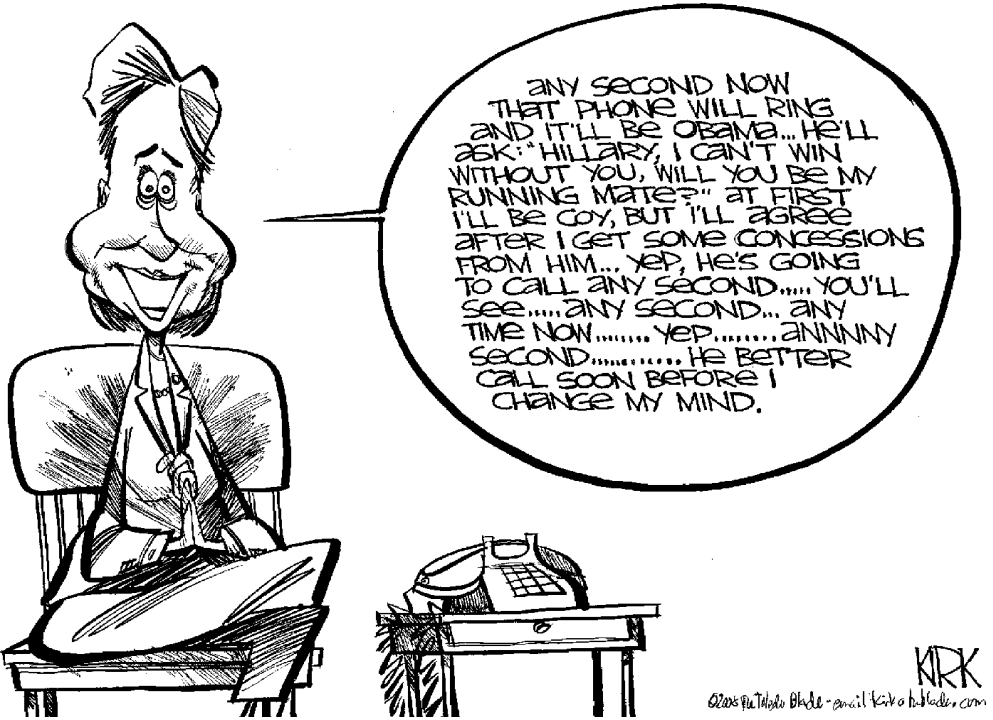
residents. I don't like new tax bills, but the fireworks business is very rich and there needs to be proper attention paid to public safety and environmental cleanliness. There will be a small increase on each purchase; but also a substantial appropriation for safety and cleanup.

The celebration of the Fourth of July with fireworks is a solid tradition in El Paso. It is also the stimulus for a great deal of commerce. If the county is truly dedicated to spending its resources to pass the bills and to funding the enforcement of the provisions, then the legislation has a chance.

Unfortunately, the public safety and cleanliness of some neighborhoods is trumped by massive commercial enrichment and by the desire of a majority in the county to utilize fireworks.

I hope those of you who read this and have concerns one way or the other will contact either the commissioners court or my office. Both numbers are listed in the blue pages of the phone book.

Gracias, mi gente, and I remain your friend and public servant, Chente por la gente.



NEWS ITEM: MICHELLE AND BARACK OBAMA SPOTLIGHT THE 'FIST BUMP'



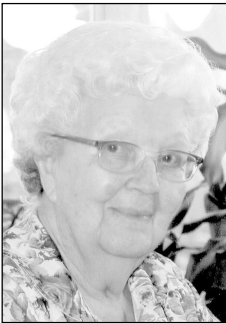
### Brown dies at age 87

Longtime Horizon City resident, Henrietta Brown, 87, died May 22, 2008. She was in Pendleton, OR where she had moved to in 2004 so she could be near her daughter and family. Her funeral is scheduled for 10 a.m. on June 24 at the Horizon Bible Church. Services will be conducted by Pastor Marco Butler with the burial to follow at Ft. Bliss Cemetery.

Henrietta was born September 16, 1920 in Colorado Springs, CO to Roy and Carrie Weisner Culver. She graduated from high school and college in Omaha, NE. Then she moved to La Paz, Bolivia to work at the US Embassy. She met Walter R. Brown, a US Marine guard at the Embassy, and they married in 1952. He died in 2001.

The Browns settled in Horizon City after careers and raising a family. Henrietta was an avid golfer, active in her church and enjoyed studying the Bible. She also wrote frequently for the *Courier*.

She is survived by her daughter, Lucy Hearn; a sister, Roberta Morgan of Chula Vista, CA; grandchildren Jason Hearn and Anita Stiffler; and two great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by two sisters, Melva Hanks and Leora Birginal and a brother, Merritt Culver.



### What's up, doc? By Albert Balesh, M.D.

## One leg up

They buzz, they tingle, they irritate, and they're just downright nasty! When sleep beckons, those "creepy crawlers" intervene, keeping us awake at night, watching old reruns, and making for yawning sprees and fatigue at work or at play, when the sun comes up. Restless leg syndrome (RLS) is the culprit and source of the tingling legions that strike under cover of darkness, perplexing us, and leaving us with questions unanswered. Unfortunately, current medical literature on the subject is wanting, so our illustrious health care providers must run for cover or snag the latest medical journal piece of relevance or the latest edition of the "Bible of internal medicine," Harrison's Principles of Internal Medicine (17th Edition, ©2008, McGraw Hill Medical, New York).

What do we know? What answers can we give the 1-5% of young and middle-aged adults and the 10-20% of adults aged 60 years and greater, who suffer from the deep aching of the upper and/or lower extremities inherent in RLS? Let's first try to corner the pest, and define its modus operandi. It appears in the evening, usually when we are inactive, and it keeps us from falling asleep. The deep muscular aching it provokes can be temporarily relieved with movement, but that is only a stop-gap measure that we can't rely on at night, when we need our sleep. The symptoms of RLS come and go, and, frankly speaking, they can be aggravated not only by our vices, like caffeine and alcohol, but also by sleep deprivation, some antidepressants, and pregnancy. So, we're damned if we do, and damned if we don't, especially those of us who suffer from depression. Are we willing to accept a tingling in our toes in exchange for peace of mind and freedom from the debilitating effects of depression? You be the judge, jury, and victim!

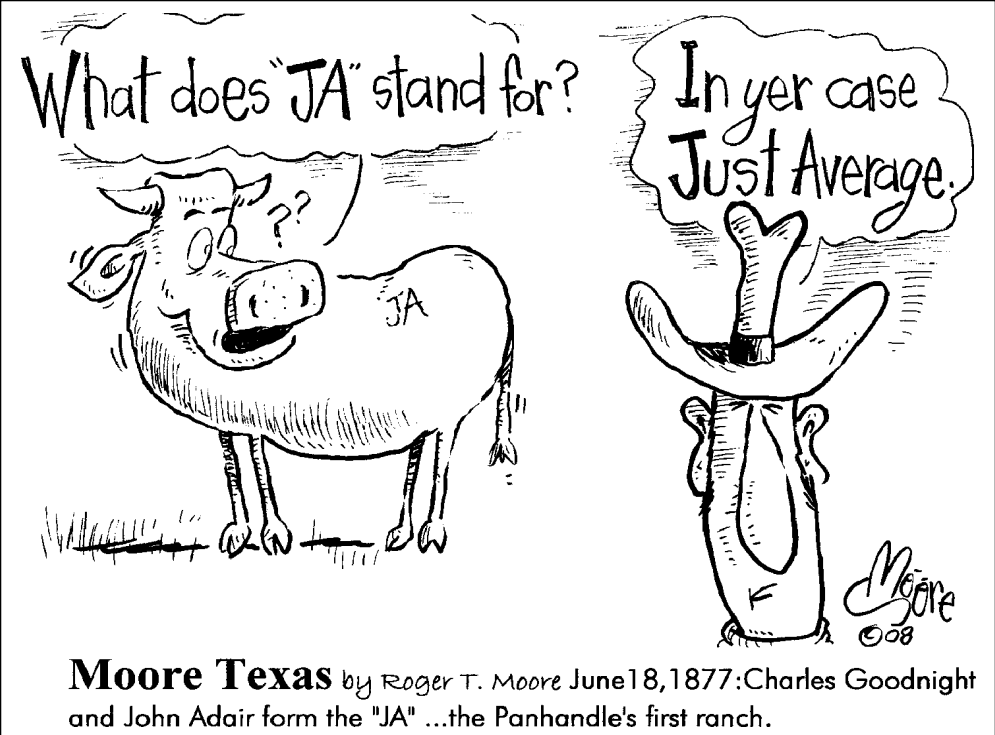
Are there any silver linings here? Perhaps for those of us who are not White Caucasians, there may be, as RLS appears more commonly

in those of Northern European extraction, a sort of reverse discrimination, if you will, and if you'll excuse my poor attempt at humor. Multiple family members may be affected, although pinpointing the malady to a specific gene on a particular chromosome is beyond the reach of current medical and genetic research on the heredity of the disorder. So, hapless victims continue to trudge over to their doctors' offices in search of a magic elixir or cure-all, only to find that their "pillars of medical knowledge" are as clueless as they themselves. Those in the know can assert, with some degree of confidence, that RLS can be caused by iron deficiency and renal failure in some instances. The vast majority of sufferers, however, must consider their condition an enigma, which gives no comfort when restless legs wish to walk right out from under them.

The symptoms are there, including disturbed sleep, musculoskeletal pain, and fatigue; a profound knowledge of the causes is not. That doesn't mean that relief is not near. Success has been achieved with neurologic drugs such as pramipexole (0.25-0.5 mg, every evening at 8 p.m.) or ropinirole (0.5-4.0 mg, every evening at 8 p.m.). The latter has been marketed consistently on television, under the commercial name Requip™, by pharmaceutical giant GlaxoSmithKline. Nonetheless, while a suitable "leg up" on symptoms can be attained with such medications, until the cause of RLS is individuated and targeted, our legs will continue to run away with us at any given moment. If that were not all, we have also seen the rise of periodic leg movements of sleep (PLMS), consisting of the raising of the big toes and feet, which can accompany its big brother RLS.

Restless legs syndrome has given new life to the concept of Mexican jumping beans. Hopefully, with time, the former will be silenced. That will leave us with only Montezuma's revenge to quell.

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# Canutillo High School graduates largest class ever

By Alfredo Vasquez  
Special to the Courier

Canutillo Independent School District (CISD) celebrated the largest class to participate in Canutillo High

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School commencement exercises in its 49-year history as 328 seniors walked the stage before a stadium-filled audience of about 6,000 proud parents, family members, and friends, Friday, June 6, at CHS’s beautiful Julius & Irene Lowenberg Eagles Stadium.

Canutillo ISD was started in 1959 and graduated its first CHS senior class in 1963. Before 1959, students attended El Paso County’s Lone Star Elementary School in Canutillo and had to travel to El Paso High School if they wanted to continue their education after eighth grade.

Leading the Class of 2008 through this auspicious evening event were Miriam Garcia, valedictorian, and Erika White, salutatorian. The two top students were the featured speakers as they shared the stage with the CHS Principal, CISD Board of Trustees, Superintendent and administrators.

Garcia also led in the amount of scholarship monies garnered by her class. Among a list of scholarship awards she received is the 2008 Gates Millennium Scholarship, which will provide financial assistance throughout her college career. She plans to



Miriam Garcia

attend Baylor University in Waco, Texas beginning in the fall, where she will major in biology and work towards a medical degree.

“I am extremely happy and relieved to have been chosen as a Gates Millennium Scholar. This award will relieve my family and me of a huge financial burden and will allow me to expand my educational horizon,”



Erika White

said Garcia.

The Salutatorian said that she accepted a merit-based scholarship to attend St. Mary’s University in San Antonio. White added that her plans are to major in biology and pursue a medical degree.

The Class of 2008 graduates received nearly \$6 million in scholarships and grants. Jaime Montes was

awarded a scholarship by the University of Notre Dame. Karla Aguirre received the University of Texas at Austin Longhorn Scholarship. Alfonso Frias III, Ismael Lopez, and Kyle Miller were awarded scholarships to the University of Texas at El Paso. Brandon Reid and Regino Ramos III received scholarships to Texas Tech University.

Other CHS graduates receiving university scholarships include Noemi Limones, Houston Baptist University; Nolberto Padilla, Johnson & Wales University; Maria Zamarron, New Mexico Highlands University; Ana Nuefeld, New Mexico State University; Kayla Hinson, Our Lady of Corpus Christi University; Jamaysa Ricci, Our Lady of the Lake University; Richard Deval, St. Mary’s University; Jonna Booth, University of Minnesota at Morris; Eddie Rascon, Fernie De La Rosa, and Drew Norris were awarded scholarships to Western New Mexico University.

## Tax advice for newlyweds

HOUSTON — It may not be high on the list of wedding plan activities, but there are a few, simple steps that can help keep tax issues from interrupting newly-wedded bliss, according to the Internal Revenue Service. The summer wedding season in full swing and new couples may want to review their changing tax situation. Among the tax-related changes that newlyweds should think about now are notification of change of name and change of address as well as updating their withholding on IRS Form W-4. Later, as next year’s filing season approaches, they should consider itemizing their deductions, selecting the right tax return form to use and choosing their filing status.

### USE THE CORRECT NAME

Taxpayers must provide correct names and identification numbers on their tax returns. If a bride takes her husband’s new last name, but doesn’t tell the Social Security Administration about the name change, a complication may result. If the couple files a joint tax return with her new name, the IRS computers will not be able to match the new name with the Social Security Number. A taxpayer who changes a last name upon marrying should let the Social Security Administration know and should update the Social Security card so the number matches the new name. Form SS-5, “Application for a Social Security Card,” is available through the SSA Web site at [www.ssa.gov](http://www.ssa.gov) or by calling toll-free 1-800-772-1213.

### REPORT YOUR CHANGE OF ADDRESS

If one or both spouses are changing their address, they should notify the IRS, as well as the US. Postal Service, to be sure they receive any tax refunds or IRS correspondence. It’s a simple process. To notify the IRS, all they have to do is send in Form 8822, “Change of Address Form.” This form is available by calling the IRS at 1-800-TAX-FORM (1-800-829-3676) or on the IRS Web site at [IRS.gov](http://IRS.gov). Or they can write to the IRS center where they filed their most recent return. They should include their full name, old and new addresses, SSN and signature. And they should remember to let their employers know about any name or address changes so they can continue to receive their paychecks and W-2s.

### GET THAT REFUND CHECK

Each year, thousands of tax refund checks are returned by the Post Office to the IRS as undeliverable, usually because the recipient has moved. Notifying both the Post Office and the IRS of an address change in a timely manner can help ensure the proper delivery of any refund checks. To check the status of a tax refund, use the “Where’s My Refund” service available on the IRS Web site at [IRS.gov](http://IRS.gov) or call the toll-free automated refund line at 1-800-829-1954.

### SELECT THE RIGHT FORM

Choosing the right individual income tax form can help save money. Newly married taxpayers may find that they now have enough deductions to itemize on their tax returns. Deductions for money paid for medical care, mortgage interest, real estate taxes, state and local income taxes or general sales taxes, charitable contributions, casualty losses and certain miscellaneous costs can reduce federal taxes. Form 1040, which is used to report all types of income, deductions and credits, is the one to use if itemizing. Forms 1040EZ and 1040A do not allow such itemization. Tax forms may be obtained from the IRS Web site at [IRS.gov](http://IRS.gov) or by calling the toll-free Forms and Publications line at 1-800-TAX-FORM (1-800-829-3676).

### CHOOSE THE BEST FILING STATUS

A person’s marital status on December 31 determines whether the person is considered married for that year. The tax law allows married couples to choose to file their federal income tax return either jointly or separately in any given year. Choosing the right filing status can help save money. A joint return (Married Filing Jointly) allows spouses to combine their income and to deduct combined deductions and expenses on a single tax return. Both spouses must sign the return and both are held responsible for the contents. With separate returns (Married Filing Separately), each spouse signs, files and is responsible for his or her own tax return. Each is taxed on his or her own income, and can take only his or her individual deductions and credits. If one spouse itemizes deductions, the other must also. Figuring the tax both ways can determine which filing status will result in the lowest tax — usually, it’s filing jointly. More detailed information on filing status can be found in Publication 501, “Exemptions, Standard Deduction, and Filing Information,” on the IRS Web site at [IRS.gov](http://IRS.gov) or requesting the publication by calling the IRS at 1-800-TAX-FORM (1-800-829-3676).

### CHECK YOUR WITHHOLDING

Individuals should also check their withholding due to a change in their filing status. The change in filing status may alter the amount of taxes due at years’ end. Wage earners can adjust the amount withheld by giving the employer a new Form W-4. This form asks for marital status, withholding allowances and any additional amount that needs to be withheld. Employers use the information on the W-4 to figure the taxes to be withheld from employee compensation according to calculation methods provided by the IRS. Those looking for assistance in figuring out whether they are withholding enough can get help from IRS Pub. 919, “How Do I Adjust My Tax Withholding?” Pub. 919 and Form W-4 are available at [www.irs.gov](http://www.irs.gov) or by calling 1-800-TAX-FORM (1-800-829-3676). On-line help is also available at the IRS Web site. Click on “IRS Withholding Calculator” on the “Individuals” page. With the help of current pay stubs and a copy of last year’s tax form, users can check to see if they are withholding the right amount. Information from this calculator can then be used to revise a W-4.

— Contributed by Lea C. Crusberg

## Canutillo Independent School District PUBLIC NOTICE

Any interested representative of a non-profit private school or non-profit home school

- operating within the boundaries of the Canutillo Independent School District, or
- operating outside of the boundaries of the district, but serving students who live within the boundaries

is encouraged to call for an appointment to receive information regarding the Consolidated Application for Federal Funding for 2008-2009. The application provides the following programs, through the “No Child Left Behind Act.”

- Title I, Part A — Improving Basic Programs
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Interested persons should call Jose Lopez at (915) 877-7445 to schedule an appointment. Representatives will need to provide their school’s tax exempt identification number to the district to confirm eligibility. Accommodations for handicapped persons will be made available upon request.

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# San Elizario High School festivities signal new beginnings for seniors

By Cynthia P. Marentes  
*Special to the Courier*

A number of festivities were held at San Elizario High School not only to mark the end of the school year but also to formally bid farewell to the graduating class of seniors.

On Friday, May 30, as the senior students prepared to take the next step



—Photo courtesy San Elizario ISD

**Valedictorian Jose M. Valencia spoke to his San Eli classmates.**

in their lives, junior students were ceremoniously ushered in as the new class of seniors at the school’s annual Rose Ceremony. Senator Elliott Shapleigh (D-El Paso) greeted the audience of students, parents, faculty, staff and other guests while also commending the culture and community of San Elizario before the presentation of numerous scholarships and awards.

Counselor Ricardo Garza, announced that 42 of the senior students had together earned approximately \$226,000 in financial scholarships as of the date of the ceremony. That figure did not include seven military award packages totaling almost \$488,000. Garza also estimated that at least 70% of the senior class had been accepted to a postsecondary institution.

The first ever Jerry Antwine Memorial Fund Scholarship was presented to senior Diana Jaquez by two of the late Antwine’s children. Other awards, honors, and scholarships announced by the San Elizario High School administration included the Top Eagle Awards, Student Athlete of the Year Award, National Honor Society certificates, UIL Academic Scholar certificates, and academic subject awards.

The Rose Ceremony has become a tradition at San Elizario High School where students are honored for achievements earned during the four years of their high school edu-

cation. According to Counselor Ricardo Garza, the event is also, “A rite of passage because as the seniors leave they are handing the torch to the juniors to continue the traditions of San Elizario High School and to improve and enhance those traditions.”

During the ceremony, the seniors presented a rose, which symbolized the torch of leadership, to a junior student. The junior who received the rose from the senior then took the senior’s chair on the floor signaling the start of their own journey through their last year of high school.

On a clear Friday night on June 6, friends and family gathered at Eagle Stadium to witness approximately 150 senior students walk across the graduation stage to receive their diplomas. Board members Vicente Delgadillo, Ramon Holguin, Irene D. Jaquez, Armando Martinez, and Priscilla Ortega were on hand to help San Elizario High School Administration award high school diplomas to all the candidates certified for graduation by Principal Joe Keith.

Valedictorian, Jose M. Valencia addressed the Class of 2008 with inspiring words and acknowledged the support and importance of family throughout the high school journey. Valencia was that first of the top ten students who also included: Nikki Campos, Danairy Rueda, Paola Barraza., Stephanie Lopez, Adriana Rincon, Adrian Ortega, Antonio Holguin, Jackie Huerta, and Nicole Cenicerros. It was also announced during the commencement exercises that the San Elizario Independent School District would be recognizing the achievements of the top ten students with a billboard announcement prominently displaying their graduation photo and name. The district expects to establish a tradition, with the graduating group of 2008 being the first, of honoring the top ten students in this manner. This billboard will also be an opportunity to show the quality of teaching that can be expected in the San Elizario Independent School District as exemplified by the top ten students who also represent teachers, staff, students and the community.

Several presentations were also made of other recognitions received by students including awards for seniors graduating under the Distinguished Achievement Program and the Aguila Awards. Finally, Deputy Becerra, a School Resource Officer, presented student Abraham Reyes with a class ring. The gift of a class ring is made annually to a San

Elizario High School graduate which is provided by the El Paso County Sheriff’s Office.

Finally, as the ceremony drew to a close, the senior song rang through the stadium speakers and friends and family descended on the football field to congratulate the new graduates of San Elizario High School.

## COMBINED NOTICE OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT ON THE ENVIRONMENT AND NOTICE OF INTENT TO REQUEST RELEASE OF FUNDS

June 19, 2008  
City of El Paso, Texas  
2 Civic Center Plaza  
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915/541-4643

This Notice shall satisfy the above-cited two separate but related procedural notification requirements.

### REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF FUNDS

On or about July 7, 2008, the City of El Paso will authorize Housing Assistance Council (HAC) to submit a request to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for the release of SHOP funds to undertake a project known as Desert Palms Unit Five for the purpose of developing self-help housing. The total expected amount to be funded is \$570,000 in SHOP funds from HAC. The project will be located in El Paso County.

### FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT

The City of El Paso has determined that the project will have no significant impact on the human environment. Therefore, an Environmental Impact Statement under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA) is not required. Additional project information is contained in the Environmental Review Record (ERR) on file at the Department of Community and Human Development; 8th floor of City Hall; 2 Civic Center Plaza; El Paso, TX 79901, and may be examined or copied weekdays from 8:30 A.M. to 4:30 P.M.

### PUBLIC COMMENTS

Any individual, group, or agency disagreeing with this determination or wishing to comment on the project may submit written comments to the Department of Community and Human Development; 8th floor of City Hall; 2 Civic Center Plaza; El Paso, TX 79901. All comments received by July 7, 2008, will be considered by the City of El Paso prior to authorizing submission of a request for release of funds. Comments received after July 7, 2008, cannot be considered. Commentors should specify which part of this Notice they are addressing.

### RELEASE OF FUNDS

The City of El Paso certifies to HUD that Joyce Wilson in her capacity as City Manager consents to accept the jurisdiction of the Federal Courts if an action is brought to enforce responsibilities in relation to the environmental review process and that these responsibilities have been satisfied. HUD’s approval of the certification satisfies its responsibilities under NEPA and related laws and authorities, and allows the City of El Paso to use Program funds.

### OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS

HUD will consider objections to its release of funds and the City of El Paso’s certification for a period of fifteen days following the anticipated submission date or its actual receipt (whichever is later) only if they are on one of the following bases: (a) the certification was not executed by the Certifying Officer or other officer of the City of El Paso approved by HUD; (b) the (RE) has omitted a step or failed to make a decision or finding required by HUD regulations at 24 CFR Part 58; (c) the grant recipient or other participants in the project have committed funds or incurred costs not authorized by 24 CFR Part 58 before approval of a release of funds by HUD; or (d) another Federal agency acting pursuant to 40 CFR Part 1504 has submitted a written finding that the project is unsatisfactory from the standpoint of environmental quality. Objections must be prepared and submitted in accordance with the required procedures (24 CFR Part 58) and shall be addressed to HUD at 801 Cherry Street, Unit # 45, Suite 2500; Fort Worth, Texas, 76102, Attention: Environmental Division. Potential objectors should contact HUD to verify the actual last day of the objection period.

Robert A. Gott  
Environmental Review Officer

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# Basketball has serious credibility issues with refs

By Steve Escajeda  
Special to the Courier

I knew it! I knew it! I knew it!

Back in 2002 I watched in utter disbelief as the Los Angeles Lakers defeated the Sacramento Kings 106-102 in game six of their Western Conference playoff series.

The Lakers were the two-time defending NBA champions, but the Kings were every bit as good as Los Angeles, if not better.

The Kings were up three games to two and on the verge of eliminating the Lakers. But the Lakers were the darlings of the NBA. With Shaquille O’Neal, Kobe Bryant and Jack Nicholson, Los Angeles always seemed to get most of the calls.

But that fact was never more evident than in game six of that series.

The referees bailed the Lakers out over and over in that game and I thought it was rather obvious. The Lakers hit 34 of 40 free throws in the game while Sacramento was just 18 of 25.

But the real damage was done during crunch

time. With the game still very much in doubt, the Kings went to the free throw line nine times in the fourth quarter, the Lakers went to the line 27 times.

That is not a misprint. The Lakers were 21 of 27 at the free throw line in just the fourth quarter alone. Not too many NBA teams score 27 points in a single quarter anymore let alone take 27 free throws.

And the game was played in Sacramento!

I’ve always said the easiest job in professional sports is being an NBA referee. You can be lousy at your job, get only half of your calls right and nobody can even question your performance. You can call what you want or not call what you don’t want.

Many times NBA referees have appeared to be totally incompetent, and there have been times when their calls have bordered on something more sinister.

The guy the NBA executives wish would just go away — convicted former official Tim Donaghy — now says some of his referee buddies helped fix the game.

In other words, Donaghy claims the referees did everything they could to make sure the

Lakers won the game. He also claims the officials did their dirty deeds with the backing of the higher-ups of the NBA.

That’s an awfully big accusation. When asked about what the chances were that Donaghy’s accusations are true, NBA Commissioner David Stern simply scoffed at the idea.

Predictably, he didn’t give it any credibility whatsoever, and I think that may have been a mistake.

Remember, we’re living in the time of “no way.” You know what I’m talking about — remember how things were before the following happened.

Everyone said “no way” when Pete Rose was accused of gambling, “no way” when O.J. was accused of murder, “no way” when Canseco accused everybody of taking steroids, “no way” when Michael Vick was accused of staging dog fights, “no way” when Marion Jones was accused of taking steroids, and “no way” when NBA coaches and players complained about embarrassingly questionable calls.

Well guess what — no one is saying “no

way” anymore.

That’s why Mr. Stern had better start taking these accusations a little more seriously. If he thinks that poor little Tim Donaghy was the only ref on the take he’d better think again.

The biggest problem with NBA referees is that they are human — not superhuman — just human. And this makes them just as open to the temptations of making a fast buck as any player, coach or fan.

Anyway — I just knew that playoff game was fixed.

## Tiger’s paw

There’s no doubt that Tiger Woods is the best golfer ever to put on a pair of plaid pants. But just when you thought his legend couldn’t possible grow any more — it did.

Woods hadn’t played a single round of golf in two months after having surgery on his left knee. And I think it’s rather evident that Tiger came back to the game a couple weeks early.

But how could he miss this tournament? This was the U.S. Open.

Tiger limped up and down the Torrey Pines

course for 91 holes, and at times the pain in his face was difficult to look at.

But when it was all said and done, Tiger defeated the loveable Rocco Mediate by a stroke. This was Michael Jordan and Willis Reed, winning a championship in extreme pain.

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#### PUBLIC NOTICE

A PUBLIC HEARING will be held at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, June 24, 2008 during the Regular Council Meeting at City Hall, 14999 Darrington Road, Horizon City, Texas. Purpose of the public hearing is to allow any interested persons to appear and testify regarding the following proposed ordinance(s)/ amendment(s):

- 1) Amendment No. 024, Ordinance No. 0102 — 2nd reading — An Ordinance amending Ordinance No. 0102 of the Town Of Horizon City, Texas to amend Section 405.5.1, “Garage Standards,” Section 807.1 (H), (J) and (L).

Those who are unable to attend may

submit their views in writing to the City Clerk of Horizon City. Accommodations for handicapped persons will be available and individuals in need of special assistance for attending the hearing are encouraged to contact the City Clerk at 915-852-1046, forty-eight (48) hours prior to this meeting. Ordinances are available for viewing or copying upon request from the City Clerk at the above address or call 915-852-1046, Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Karen Ellefson  
City Clerk  
WTCC: 06-19-08

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#### JANITORIAL SUPPLIES CSP NO. 199-0630-8074 ACCEPTED UNTIL 2:00 P.M.

Proposals will be received at Business Services Dept., 12440 Rojas Drive, El Paso, Texas 79928 until the specified times. Detailed specifications are available from the above of-

fice between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. Mondays through Fridays.

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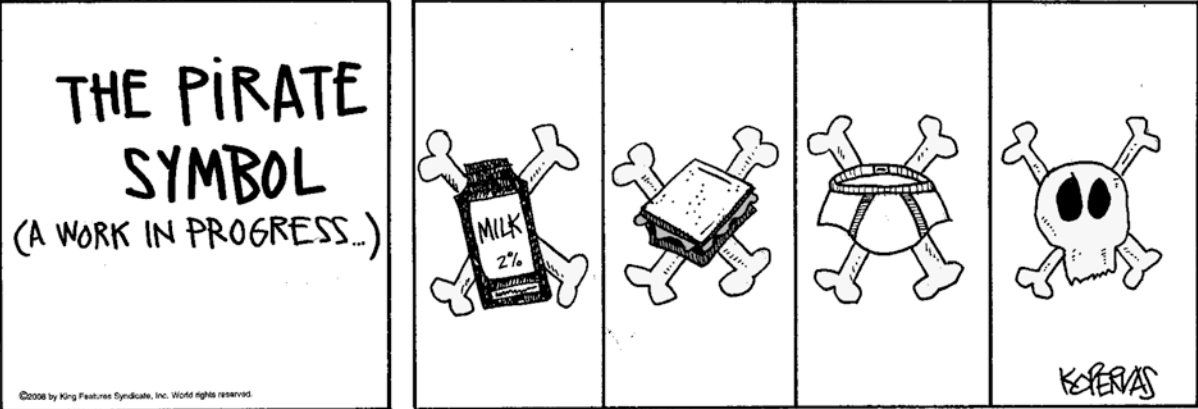
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Tribe loses feathers but Redskins remain

By Don Flood

Recently, I became — through my son’s acceptance into the College of William & Mary — a proud parental unit member of “The Tribe.”

Tribe of what? Good question. It used to be a tribe of Indians. Sorry. Native Americans. Nope, can’t say that either. In fact, the college’s team logo will no longer even suggest the name ever had anything to do with American Indians.

Soon after we heard the news that my son would be attending the school, my wife purchased a sweatshirt that included a logo — “WM,” followed by two feathers.

This sweatshirt may well become something of a collector’s item because those two feathers have been judged offensive by the NCAA. The review committee ruled that the name “Tribe” itself is neither “hostile or abusive,” but it recommended the innocent-looking feathers be dropped from the logo — so presumably they are offensive.

Was one feather “hostile” and the other “abusive?” I have no idea. But the college folded and came out with a new logo, without feathers.

But if these two feathers, which look like leaves, might be considered “hostile” or “abusive,” I wonder what the NCAA committee would make of the over-the-top Washington Redskins logo, the black jockey lawn ornament of NFL football team symbols. In comparison to the two feathers, the Redskins’ name and logo would seem akin to calling a team the New York Nazis, complete with helmet logo of the Fuhrer.

The problem with changing the name, of course, is coming up with a new one that both fits the city and strikes fear in opponents. Here are some suggestions:

CONGRESSMEN — An obvious loser, Congressmen recalls the

Washington Senators, one of the worst franchises in sports history. Also, Congress’s battle with the executive branch has shown it to be a toothless opponent.

LOBBYISTS — Not a traditional team name, but one clearly associated with D.C. (Feel free to insert your own Utah Jazz joke here.) The Lobbyists could be the kind of team that other cities would love to hate, especially since they would always come up with a sneaky, backdoor way to come out ahead.

VICE PRESIDENTS — In years past, the Vice Presidents might have been considered as weak as the Congressmen, but that was before Dick Cheney rewrote the Constitution to make his office the most powerful in the federal government. (His office has refused to release minutes of the meeting where this was decided, or even a copy of the new Constitution.)

Not only would Cheney’s snarling countenance make a terrifying logo, but opposing teams would have to live with the fear that if his team were down late in the fourth quarter he would likely call in air strikes.

EARMARKS — Not a fearsome name, but there’s no question that earmarks are becoming more and more popular. Also, the Earmarks might qualify for special earmarks that would help buy the city another Super Bowl title.

UNFUNDED MANDATES — This would be my personal choice. The Unfunded Mandates would inspire dread all over the country and they could only come from the nation’s capital.

Let’s all sing (to the tune of “Hail to the Redskins!”) the team’s new theme song, “Hail to the Unfunded Mandates!”

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23 Be a blacksmith  
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32 Speakeasy patron  
33 Hoover, for one  
35 Part 2 of remark  
40 Beginning on  
42 ’72 Michael Jackson smash  
44 Impact sound  
47 Downey of “Touched by an Angel”  
48 Woodworking tool  
50 New York university  
52 “Butterfield 8” author  
54 Rouse  
56 Singer Payne  
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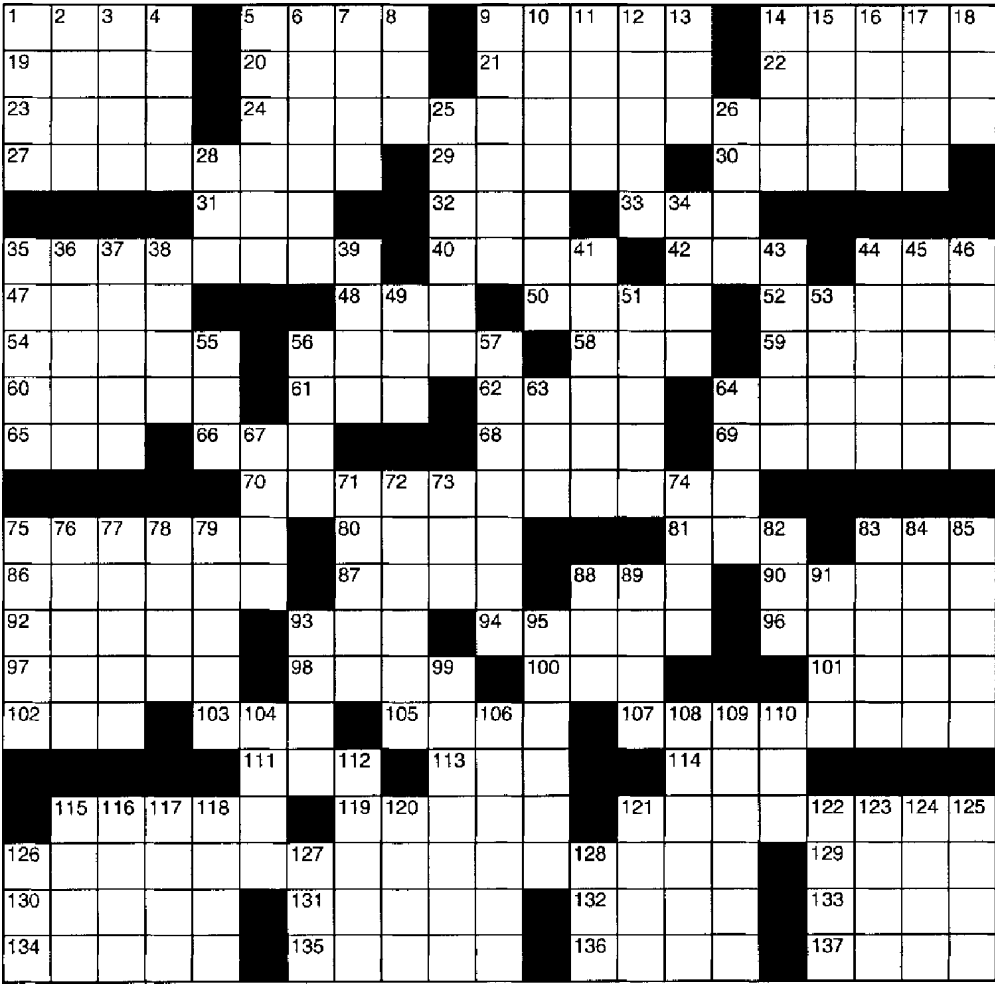
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76 Lowest point  
77 Absurd  
78 Sheet of stamps  
79 Carve a canyon  
82 Furniture wood

- 83 “Thanks, Robespierre!”  
84 Idolize  
85 Surrenders  
88 In-your-face item  
89 Guinness or Baldwin  
91 Sport  
93 Does Little work  
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Social Security Q&A

By Ray Vigil

Baseball and Social Security: More than numbers

Baseball is America's pastime. It's also game known for its numbers. Joe DiMaggio's 56-game hitting streak, Cal Ripken's record of 2,632 consecutive games played and Hank Aaron's 755 career home runs all tell stories much larger than the numbers themselves. Mention any one of these numbers to a baseball fan and you're sure to call to mind memories and anecdotes.

Social Security's numbers tell stories too. The first lump sum Social Security payment was made to Ernest Ackerman in 1937 for the whopping amount of 17 cents. That wasn't a bad return, considering Mr. Ackerman only worked one day and contributed five cents in Social Security taxes before retiring. The first monthly Social Security check went to Ida May Fuller in January of 1940, for \$22.54. Miss Fuller lived to be 100, which means she collected Social Security benefits for 35 years.

In 2008, over 50 million Americans will receive nearly \$614 billion in Social Security benefits. That's one out of every five dollars spent by the federal government. The average monthly benefit for a retired worker in 2008 is \$1,079 ñ a far cry from Miss Fuller's \$22.54.

Social Security benefits represent about 40 percent of income for the elderly. Ninety percent of Americans age 65 and older receive Social Security benefits.

An estimated 164 million workers are covered under Social Security — that's 96 percent of the workforce. And Social Security is more than just retirement benefits. Disabled work-

ers and their dependents account for 18 percent of the total benefits paid, while survivor's benefits account for 13 percent. Almost one in four workers will become disabled before reaching age 67 and the majority of these workers have no long-term disability insurance besides their Social Security coverage.

Not only do these numbers paint a picture of Social Security today, they also help us predict how that picture will change in the future. In 1935, the life expectancy of a 65-year old was 12.5 years. Today it's 18 years. There are currently 3.3 workers for every Social Security beneficiary. That number will decrease to 2.1 workers per beneficiary in 2034. By that time, there will be almost twice as many older Americans as there are today.

Another exciting statistic: more than one million people have applied for retirement benefits the fast, easy, convenient way—online.

So when you're up to bat for retirement, visit [www.socialsecurity.gov](http://www.socialsecurity.gov) and you're sure to hit a home run.

Baseball and Social Security: America's pastime and America's retirement program. Both have long and storied histories and associations with numbers that can evoke recollections of days gone by, reflections of present times and predictions of the future. Learn more about Social Security by visiting [www.socialsecurity.gov](http://www.socialsecurity.gov).

*For more information about the article above, visit our website at [www.socialsecurity.gov](http://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.*

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charged in those rare cases where the damage was caused by the customer. The department would like to remind the public that each customer is provided with a gray container for trash and a blue container for recyclables. Additional trash bins are available for those customers who would like to have an extra container. However, there is a \$10 reoccurring monthly fee charged for each additional trash container. Currently, the department does not offer additional

containers for recyclables. For more information about repairs or additional containers, citizens may visit: [www.elpasotexas.gov/environmental\\_services](http://www.elpasotexas.gov/environmental_services) or call 621-6700.

Sun Bowl golf tourney

A limited number of spots are still available for the 75th Anniversary Brut Sun Bowl Golf Tournament. The scramble tournament will be played at Painted Dunes Golf Course with a shotgun start at 1 p.m. on Friday, June 27. For more information or to register your team, call (915) 533-4416 or visit [www.sunbowl.org](http://www.sunbowl.org).

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by Linda Thistle

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DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ★

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