



## NEWSBRIEFS

### Cookbook on sale

The food and nutrition students at San Elizario High School have produced a beautiful cookbook that is now on sale. San Elizario students, community members and others contributed to the cookbook which features 350 recipes. Proceeds from the sale will be used for student scholarships. To purchase a cookbook or for more information, please contact Debra Harris at 872-3970 ext. 3749.

— Cynthia P. Marentes

### Crime Stoppers

A victim invites someone he just met to his house, which results in the victim losing his car, his wallet, and his credit cards to the suspect, making this the Crime Stoppers “Crime of the Week.” On Friday, April 2, about 7:45 p.m., the victim left Chiquita’s Bar, 310 E. Missouri, with a person known only as “John.” At his house, the victim fell asleep and awoke a couple of hours later to find that his houseguest was gone, along with his vehicle and his wallet and the credit cards in it. When the victim reported the loss of his credit cards, he was informed that approximately \$700 had already been charged to the cards at Wal-Mart on the eastside. As detectives investigated surveillance video from Wal-Mart, they discovered that the two persons who used the credit cards were not the same as the houseguest that stole them. However, the suspects using the credit cards were also seen to be driving the victim’s vehicle. The houseguest named “John” is described as a white male, approximately 6’2” and 190 pounds, with brown hair, brown eyes, no facial hair, and wearing prescription eye glasses. The suspect seen in the surveillance video using the credit cards is described as a black or dark Hispanic male with a shaved head, wearing shorts, a white or blue striped shirt, and black jacket. He was in the company of a female wearing blue jeans, white tennis shoes, and a black jacket. If you have information about the identity of these suspects, call Crime Stoppers immediately at 566-TIPS (566-8477) or on-line at [www.crimestoppersofelpaso.org](http://www.crimestoppersofelpaso.org). You will remain anonymous and, if your tip leads to an arrest, you can qualify for a cash reward.

— James Klaes

### Summer hours

In an effort to conserve energy and minimize the district’s utility costs, Canutillo Independent School District (CISD) will implement a new rolling closure program this summer. In addition, the CISD summer hours schedule (four day/10 hour workweek) will begin

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*People who can hold their tounge rarely have any trouble holding their friends.*

— Quips & Quotes

## Truck owner fined for illegal dumping

By Elhiu Dominguez  
Special to the Courier

CLINT — 63 year-old Enrique Alfredo Trujillo pled guilty this month to violating the Texas Health and Safety Code by illegally dumping demolition waste on private property in Clint, Texas. Trujillo, who is a board member for the Lower Valley Water District, does business as Henry Trujillo Trucking. He pled guilty to two counts of illegal dumping, more than 5 pounds but less than 200 pounds, for a commercial purpose, in violation of the Texas Health and Safety Code § 365.012.

The offense was discovered on March 15, 2007 by TCEQ’s [Texas Commission on Environmental Quality] Criminal Investigator Richard Talamantes who was patrolling the U.S. 54 Highway expansion project at Dyer. At the site, the investigator noticed trucks marked with “Henry Trujillo” on them, removing demolition waste.

Talamantes followed one of the dump trucks from the site to 1570 FM 1110 Rd., in Clint, Texas. When he arrived, he observed one dump truck had just finished unloading demolition waste into an arroyo. The truck Talamantes followed then proceeded to dispose of the demolition waste contained inside its trailer. The demolition waste contained litter as well as permissible solid waste for fill. The illegal dump site is only 1.5 miles from the Clint landfill and is across the street from the Lower Valley Water District office.



— Photo by Richard Talamantes

**CAUGHT IN THE ACT** — Richard Talamantes, a criminal investigator for the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ), was patrolling the U.S. 54 Highway expansion project at Dyer on March 15, 2007. At the site, the Talamantes noticed trucks marked with “Henry Trujillo” on them, removing demolition waste and followed one to an illegal dumping site across the street from the Lower Valley Water District (LVWD) near Clint. Ironically Enrique “Henry” Trujillo, owner of the truck, is on the board of directors for the LVWD.

On Friday, May 13, 2010, County Criminal Court #1 Judge Alma Trejo ordered Trujillo to pay a \$4,000 fine plus court costs, for two counts of illegal dumping.

“Illegal dumping is a serious environmental crime which affects health and quality of life,” said El Paso County Attorney Jo Anne Bernal. “The illegal dumping of demolition waste and its illegal use for filling in natural arroyos is a disaster waiting to happen because it blocks the natural flow of water after heavy rains causing flooding in the area. Illegal dumping costs taxpayers thousands of dollars every

year in investigation, prosecution, and clean-up costs, moneys that we could be spending on other worthwhile projects.”

The penalty for illegal dumping ranges from a fine up to \$10,000, or up to 2 years in jail, or both.

To report illegal dumping, the Illegal Dumping Hotline: 1-888-6EL-PASO or call your local law enforcement agency: El Paso Police Dept. at 832-4400, or El Paso Sheriff’s Office at 546-2280.

For more information contact Assistant County Attorney Cristina Viesca-Santos at 546-2050.

## San Elizario ISD names top employees and teachers

By Cynthia P. Marentes  
Special to the Courier



— Photo courtesy San Elizario ISD

**SAN ELI STARS** — Receiving district-wide honors for their stellar performances were, from left, Perla Andujo, Secondary Teacher of the Year; Melanie Mendez, Elementary Teacher of the Year; and Jose Maese – Employee of the Year.

SAN ELIZARIO — On May 20 the stars were in alignment for three individuals who received top honors from the San Elizario Independent School District. Close to 100 guests celebrated the accomplishments of the employee, elementary teacher and secondary teacher of the year nominees at the district’s annual Star Recognition Banquet. The event was held on a perfect spring evening at the Lancers Club where Board President Irene D. Jaquez announced the names of the three winners. Receiving district-wide honors for their stellar performances were: Jose Maese, Employee of the Year; Melanie Mendez, Elementary Teacher of the Year; and Perla Andujo, Secondary Teacher of the Year.

A total of 13 nominees were recognized for demonstrating dedication and excellence at their campus or department during the 2009-2010 school year. Among this select group of candidates, the three winners chosen excelled in five particular selection criteria which were: reliability, quality of work, initiative,

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Por la Gente

By State Rep. Chente Quintanilla

# State budget deficit looms large

Hola mi gente. Last month, I shared with you some information from the upcoming legislative session regarding our budget and some viable options for balancing it. Since then, additional data has come to my attention that is not very positive.

In that article, the general estimate for a budget deficit was in the neighborhood of 10 billion dollars. Just last week, after reviewing a significant amount of data, House Appropriations Chair Jim Pitts revised the project maximum deficit to around 18 billion dollars. Needless to say I was shocked.

This is not the first time that project budget numbers changed by

ridiculously high amounts. Back in the fall of 2008, we were told that there would be a budget surplus approaching 10 billion dollars. Then, shortly after the election that number turned to a budget deficit approaching the same figure that we have today. The deficit projection did eventually lower just as we convened for the 81st legislative session in 2009.

We managed to pull through that session with the assistance of federal American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA). Billions of dollars were available that helped the legislature balance the budget without too many cuts to existing programs.

We won't be bailed out by the feds this session.

The increase in the deficit is fueled mainly by two programs. Medicaid, because of a dramatic increase of indigent clients, will need an additional 2.5 billion dollars. Public education will need about 2.8 billion dollars more as well. The education portion is driven upwards because lower property values have reduced the amount of local funding. This creates a mandate for the state to increase funding. In that manner, the basic funding dollars remain level.

One facet of our economy that was positive was the stock market until the problems arose on the European

continent. Rising stock prices could have contributed some relief to the Permanent School Fund thus reducing the projected deficit for education. The public employees' retirement plans would have less of a deficit. However, those ups and downs are all part of a global market.

There are still strong signs of an increase in tax revenues from sales taxes. Consumers are just starting to loosen their pocketbooks and to buy more products. This may reduce the deficit somewhat.

The bottom line is that we, the legislators, are going to have to make some tough decisions. There are programs that will need to be reduced in funding. I hope that before

we take the scalpel and aim the cuts at social programs, the funding for other basically non-essential or non-health related programs are cut first. I cannot support reducing any programs that help poor communities when programs such as Courthouse Renovations are still in effect. Agencies such as the Historical Commission or the Commission on the Arts are nice but they have little impact on everyday people.

It has been the practice of the legislature to make the biggest cuts to programs that help the most in need. Hopefully, the leadership will have a bigger heart than in past sessions.

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

Veterans Post

By Freddy Groves

## Veterans' charities split \$13 million

Back in May 2006, an analyst who worked for the Department of Veterans Affairs took home a laptop that contained the personal information on 26.5 million veterans. That information included disability ratings, birth dates and Social Security numbers. Of course the laptop was stolen.

Various veterans groups filed a class-action lawsuit and asked for damages, among other things.

It took a couple years, but in 2009 the lawsuit was settled for \$20 million. The plan was that veterans who suffered damages would be reimbursed for their expenses, including credit monitoring, with the balance of the money going to charities.

It looks like all the tallying is complete now, and two charities are getting a windfall.

The Intrepid Fallen Heroes Fund and the Fisher House Foundation are going to share in the remaining \$13 million.

Intrepid Fallen Heroes Fund (www.fallenheroesfund.org) was started in 1982 to "provide financial support for the dependents of United States military personnel lost in performance of their duty."

The Fund also helped to build the world-class catastrophic injury rehab center at Brooke Army Medical in Texas. Additionally, it is building the National Intrepid Center for Excellence in Bethesda, Maryland, another world-class facility, this one for Traumatic Brain Injury.

The other recipient of the lawsuit money, the Fisher House Foundation (www.fisherhouse.org), runs the 45 houses at VA medical centers that enable the families of wounded veterans to be present and live together as a family while the veteran is getting treatment. The families stay for free. So far more than 130,000 families have been helped.

The original data theft should never have been allowed to happen. But all in all, this donation of the lawsuit proceeds is not a bad outcome.

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### 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 2010-2011. The application provides the following programs, through the "No Child Left Behind Act".

- Title I, Part A — Improving Basic Programs
- Title I, Part C — Education of Migratory Children
- Title II, Part A — Teacher and Principal Training and Recruiting
- Title II, Part D — Enhancing Education through Technology
- Title III, Part A — Limited English Proficient
- Title IV, Part A — Safe and Drug-Free Schools
- Title I, Part A — ARRA
- Title II, Part D — ARRA

Interested persons should call the office of the External Funding Coordinator at (915) 877-7497 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.

Information on the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act: Saving and Creating Jobs and Reforming Education will also be provided upon request.

### Distrito Escolar Independiente de Canutillo Aviso al Público

Cualquier representante de un colegio privado no lucrativo o que ofrezca educación en casa, que esté interesado, y que

- opere dentro de los límites del Distrito Escolar Independiente de Canutillo, o
- fuera de los límites del Distrito, pero que sirva a estudiantes que viven en el Distrito

se le invita a hacer una cita para recibir información sobre la Solicitud Consolidada para el Financiamiento Federal 2010-2011. Esta solicitud provee a los siguientes programas, a través de la Ley "No Child Left Behind".

- Título I, Parte A — Mejoramiento de Programas Básicos
- Título I, Parte C — Educación de Niños Migrantes
- Título II, Parte A — Entrenamiento y Reclutamiento de Director y Maestro
- Título II, Parte D — Promoción de la Educación a Través de la Tecnología
- Título III, Parte A — Adquisición del Idioma Inglés
- Título IV, Parte A — Escuelas y Seguras y Libres de Drogas
- Título I, Parte A — ARRA
- Título II, Parte D – ARRA

Las personas interesadas deben llamar a la oficina de la Coordinadora de Fondos Externos al (915) 877-7497 para hacer su cita. Cada representante deberá proporcionar el número de identificación de exención de impuestos de la escuela para confirmar su elegibilidad. Habrá adaptaciones adecuadas disponibles para discapacitados, si lo solicita con anticipación.

Si lo solicita, se ofrecerá además información sobre la Ley Norteamericana de Recuperación y Reinversión para Mantener y Crear Nuevos Empleos y Reformar la Educación.

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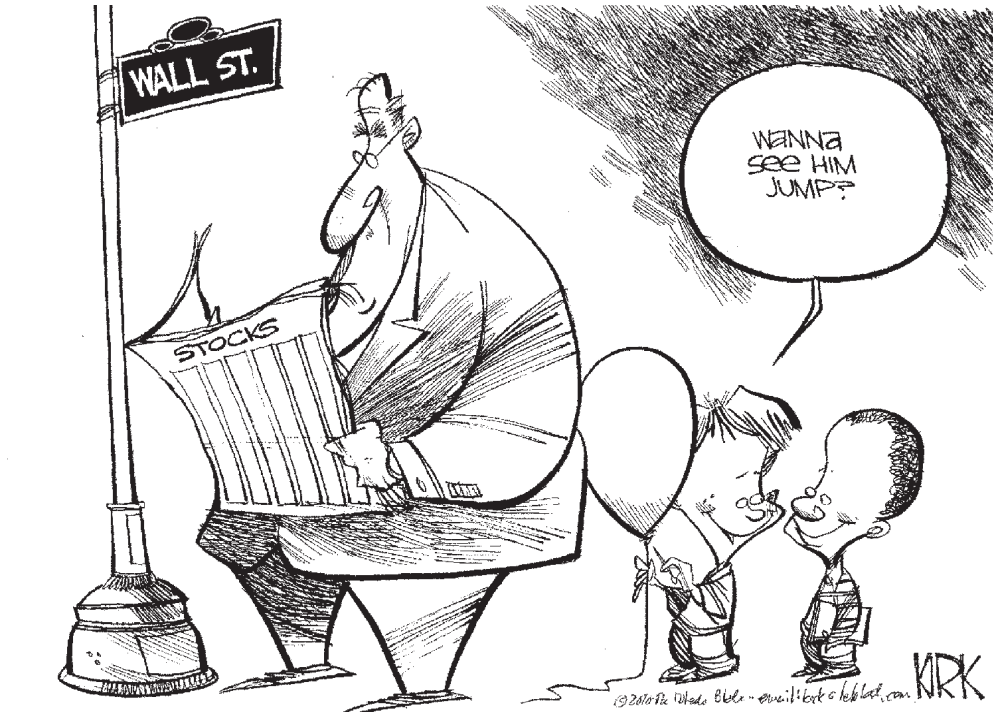
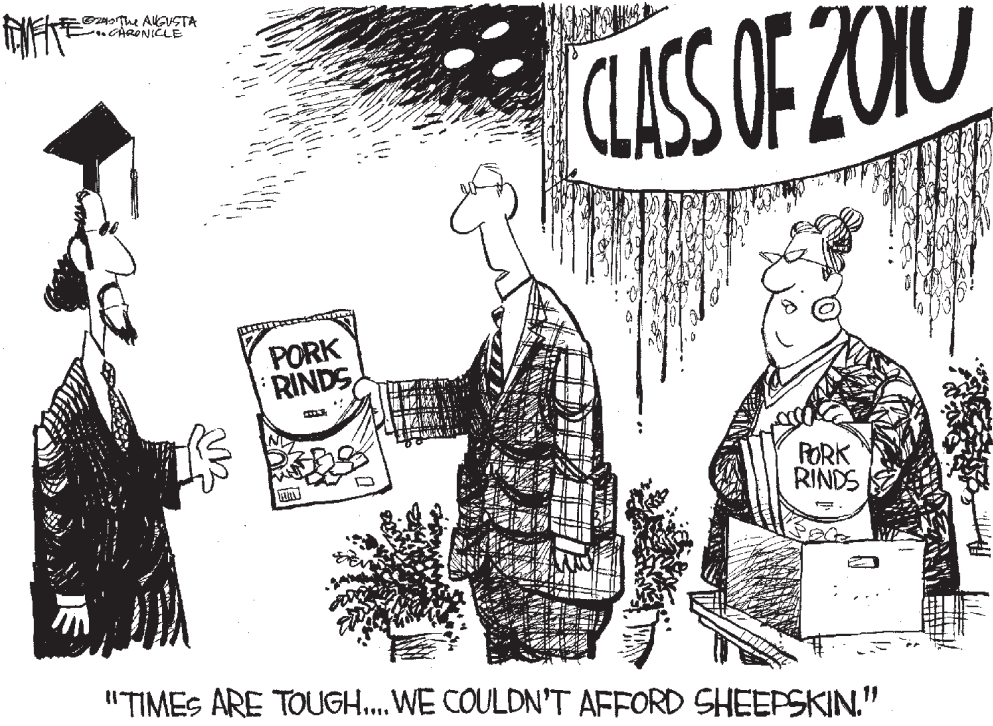
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## View from here By Chris Slavens

### What if there were no political parties?

“However [political parties] may now and then answer popular ends, they are likely in the course of time and things, to become potent engines, by which cunning, ambitious, and unprincipled men will be enabled to subvert the power of the people and to usurp for themselves the reins of government...”

So said George Washington, the only president in U.S. history to be elected as an Independent. Two others, John Tyler and Andrew Johnson, switched to Independent while in office, but otherwise the presidency and all levels of American government have been controlled by a handful of powerful political parties. Republicans and Democrats have dominated since the Civil War, and even the third-largest party, the Libertarian Party, wins only a small percentage of the vote in most elections.

The two-party system has effectively stifled competition, made it more difficult for the average citizen to become involved in government, and emphasized nonessential valence issues to the point of dividing the country.

We think in terms of left vs. right. Red vs. blue. “Them” vs. “us.” The two-party system is needlessly divisive by forcing a wide variety of ideologies to be crammed into one of two camps, when clearly there are more than two sides to any given issue.

While many believe that Republicans will retake the federal government through victories in the 2010 and 2012 elections and immediately transform the U.S. into a limited-government paradise, it is far more likely that another two to four years of partisan bickering will ensue, until Democrats are in power once again. And so the cycle continues.

What would American government and politics be like if political parties did not play a prominent role? What if voters were faced with a ballot that listed the names of candidates, but not their respective parties? What if representatives were seated geographically, or even alphabetically,

rather than by party affiliation (which practically begs for partisanship)? What if the President of the United States was not a Democrat, or a Republican, but simply an American?

It might break the cycle. In such a system, political parties could continue to exist (banning them would violate a number of rights), but candidates would have to sell themselves to voters based on their positions, rather than lean on stereotypes and outdated myths about certain parties. “I’m a Democrat. I fight for the working man,” or “I’m a Republican. I stand up for family values,” would no longer cut it. Candidates’ ideas would stand or fall on their own merit, rather than be tainted by association with a particular party.

What if party-line votes were eliminated? Instead of selecting an entire column of candidates of one party, some of whom they had never heard of before, voters would have to make either informed decisions about which candidates to support, or random selections.

The latter might be preferable to blind allegiance to a particular party.

Whenever the idea is brought up, elected officials invariably chuckle and refuse to address it seriously. After all, they owe a debt, and probably some favors and backroom deals, to one party or the other (or both)—which is yet another strike against the current “good ol’ boys” system, in which an endless line of backs are scratched to ensure that the “right” person stays in office.

While it is not to be expected that parties will cease to be a powerful force in American politics anytime soon, it is an idea worth considering, lest we eventually be forced to choose sides in a second civil war, which might be the inevitable result of decades of Democrat-Republican mudslinging.

Chris Slavens, former contributor to the *Wilmington News Journal*, is a *Liberty Features Syndicated* writer.

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## Fabens Independent School District Public Notice

### Public Meeting to Review Federally Funded Programs

The Fabens Independent School District will conduct a public information meeting to review the following FISD Programs funded with Federal funds:

- Title I, Part A – Improving Basic Programs
- Title I, Part C – Migrant Program
- Title II, Part A – Teacher and Principal Training & Recruiting
- Title II, Part D – Enhancing Education Through Technology
- Title III, Part A – Limited English Proficiency (LEP)
- Title IV, Part A – Safe and Drug-Free Schools
- IDEA Part B – Formula
- IDEA Part B – Pre-School
- Career & Technical Education – Tech Prep
- Career & Technical Education – Basic Grant
- ARRA Title I, Part A
- ARRA Title II, Part D
- ARRA IDEA B – Formula
- AARA IDEA B – Pre-School
- SFSF Title I, Part A

The meeting will be held:  
Thursday, June 17, 2010 at 4:00 p.m., Fabens ISD Board Room, 821 NE G Avenue, Fabens, Texas. For more information call (915)765-2600.

## Distrito Escolar Independiente de Fabens Aviso al Público

### Junta Pública para Informar sobre los Programas proveídos con Fondos Federales

El Distrito Escolar Independiente de Fabens llevará a cabo una junta pública para explicar los siguientes programas, fondos federales:

- Título I, Parte A – Mejora de Programas Básicos
- Título I, Parte C – Programa Migrante
- Título II, Parte A – Mejorar la Calidad de Maestros y Directores
- Título II, Parte D – Mejorar los Servicios Educativos por medio de Tecnología
- Título III, Parte A – Educación Bilingüe e Inglés como segundo Idioma
- Título IV, Parte A – Escuelas Seguras y Libres de Drogas
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- ARRA Título I, Parte A
- AARA Título II, Parte D
- AARA IDEA B – Formula
- AARA IDEA B – Pre-Escolar
- SFSF Título I, Parte A

La junta se llevará a cabo:  
Jueves, Junio 17, 2010 a las 4:00 p.m., en el Edificio de las Oficinas Administrativas localizado en 821 NE G Avenue. Para mayor información, favor de llamar al (915)765-2600.

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## San Elizario Independent School District PUBLIC NOTICE

### Public Meeting to Review Federally Funded Programs

The San Elizario Independent School District will conduct a public information meeting to review the following SEISD Programs funded by Federal funds:

- Title I, Part A – Improving Basic Programs
- Title I, Part C – Migrant Program
- Title II, Part A – Improving Teacher Quality
- Title III, Part A – Limited English Proficiency (LEP)
- Title I, Part A – ARRA
- Title II, Part D – Technology - ARRA

The meeting will be held:  
Thursday, June 10, 2010 from 5:00 pm

Public review of the Federal Application for Educational funding for San Elizario ISD will be in the San Elizario ISD Administration Board Room at 1050 Chicken Ranch Rd., San Elizario, Texas.

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## San Elizario Independent School District AVISO PÚBLICO

### La junta Pública para Revisar los Programas de Fondos Federales

El Distrito Escolar Independiente de San Elizario llevará a cabo una junta pública para revisar los siguientes programas, fondos federales:

- Título I, Parte A – Mejorando Programas Básicos
- Título I, Parte C – Programa Migrante
- Título II, Parte A – Mejorando la Calidad de Maestros
- Título III, Parte A – Servicios de educación para estudiantes de segundo idioma
- Título I, Parte A - ARRA
- Título II, Parte D – ARRA mejorando los Servicios Educativos através de Tecnología

La junta se llevará acabo:  
Jueves, 10 de Junio del 2010 a las 5:00 pm

La Revisión Pública de la Solicitud Federal para Fondos Educativos para el Distrito de San Elizario se llevará acabo en el salón de juntas en las oficinas administrativas localizada en 1050 Chicken Ranch Rd.

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## STRANGE BUT TRUE

By Samantha Weaver

• It was French emperor Napoleon Bonaparte who made the following sage observation: “In politics, absurdity is not a handicap.”

• You may consider the bikini to be a modern phenomenon, but in the ruins of Pompeii, which was buried by ash from an eruption of Mt. Vesuvius in 79 A.D., there are murals depicting people in two-piece bathing suits.

• Are you a librocubicularist? If, like me, you like to read in bed, then you are.

• Academy Award-winning actress Bette Davis was evidently so concerned about the possibility of gaining weight between roles that in the 1940s she took out an insurance policy on her waist, in the amount of \$28,000.

• According to statistics from the Social Security Administration, about one-third of people who claim to be more than 100 years old aren't telling the truth. It seems that people age 75 and older tend to add years when asked how old they are, while those under age 75 tend to say they're younger than they are.

• Beer steins have covers to keep flies out.

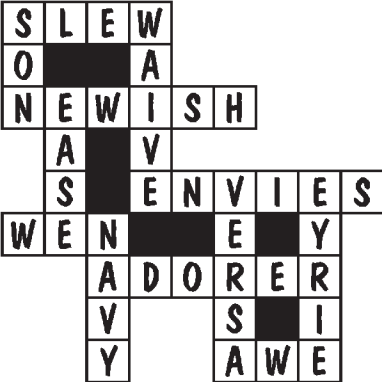
• Last year, much was made of the Obama family's plan to adopt a dog. Many first families have had pets, though, and some presidents have not been content with a run-of-the-mill dog or cat. For instance, Thomas Jefferson kept two bear cubs in a cage on the front lawn of the White House, and Theodore Roosevelt had a zebra. An alligator was the pet of choice for John Quincy Adams, and James Buchanan kept an elephant.

• Jujiro Matsuda was a blacksmith before he founded the Mazda auto manufacturing company.

Thought for the Day: “The kiss originated when the first male reptile licked the first female reptile, implying in a subtle way that she was as succulent as the small reptile he had for dinner the night before.” — F. Scott Fitzgerald

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# Hay places fifth in her first UIL state writing competition



Natile Hay

— Photo courtesy Fabens ISD

By Christine Gleason  
Special to the Courier

FABENS — Fabens High School Sophomore, Natalie Hay, placed fifth at the UIL News Writing State Competition in Austin, TX last week. A first year UIL contestant, Hay beat out other 3A contestants from across the state.

“Natalie was surprised at regionals to find out she had advanced to State. She really thought her work had not been her best,” Journalism Coach Edna Pena said. “I knew better though.” Pena says she recognized Hay’s potential as a writer right after she read a personal narrative she had written for her class and encouraged her to join UIL.

“I felt so excited and mostly shocked [when I won] because I

didn’t think my article was that good” said Hay. “But I went into the competition positive because I made it this far and I was ready.”

Hay plans to become a News Writer and credits her UIL success to her Journalism teacher Ms. Dominique Polonco-Rangel and her UIL coach Ms. Edna Pena. “They taught me everything I know about news writing. Ms. Pena pushed me this far and convinced me to join” said Hay. Hay also credits her family for believing in her and supporting her desire to become a journalist.

“This was Natalie’s first time competing in this event, so it’s very impressive to have her ranked fifth at the state level. And since she is only a sophomore, we’re excited to see her progress these next two years” Pena said.

The Journalism events have

seen many accomplishments under Pena’s stay. Hay is Pena’s third state qualifier over the past five years. Sarah Sepulveda placed seventh in News Writing in 2007. Crystal Castro took first place and received the “Tops In Texas” Award because she beat out all other divisional first place contestants in News Writing in 2008.

Other noteworthy contestants who did well at the Regional competition in Lubbock, TX, this year were Elijah Bidwell who placed 6th in Poetry, Alejandra Salinas who is the Alternate for Calculator Applications, and Sara Renteria who placed 6th in Ready Writing.

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In the coming weeks El Paso County Attorney Jo Anne Bernal, El Paso County Sheriff Richard Wiles, along with the Texas Department of Public Safety, local Constables and the Fort Bliss Military Police will conduct county-wide warrant round-ups against hot check writers.

The arrest round-ups will be preceded by an **amnesty period** that runs until **Monday, June 7, 2010**, in which residents can pay their outstanding amounts without fear of being arrested. Individuals who pay during the amnesty period will also avoid the payment of additional fees, such as court costs, attorney fees, and the cost of posting a bond.

On **Monday, May 31, 2010**, the names and addresses of more than 3,600 individuals with outstanding hot check warrants will be published in the El Paso County’s web page — [www.epcounty.com](http://www.epcounty.com) — and in the web-sites of **Diario de El Paso**, **ABC-7**, **NewsChannel 9**, **KFOX-TV 14**, and **Univision 26**.

Residents with outstanding hot check warrants can make their payments in person at the **El Paso County Courthouse, 500 E. San Antonio, room 503 (5th floor), Monday through Friday 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. or at the El Paso County Ysleta Annex, 9521 Socorro Rd., Suite A-3, Monday - Friday 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m**

Forms of payment accepted include most credit cards, money orders, cashiers checks, and cash; those paying cash will have to bring the exact amount (cashiers can’t give change).

In addition, residents can make payments online 24 hours a day, 7 days a week through “**Hot Check E-pay**,” by visiting the El Paso County Attorney’s Office web-page at [www.epcounty.com/CA](http://www.epcounty.com/CA).

For more information regarding hot check payments and balances please contact the **El Paso County Attorney’s Office Hot Check Unit at 546-2051**.

La Procuradora del Condado Jo Anne Bernal, la Oficina del Sheriff Richard Wiles, junto con los Constables del Condado, el Departamento de Seguridad Publica de Texas, y la policia militar de Fort Bliss realizarán redadas contra personas con órdenes de arresto pendientes por girar cheques sin fondos.

La Procuradora del Condado ha decretado un **periodo de amnistía** que vence el **lunes 7 de Junio, 2010**. Durante la amnistía los deudores podrán pagar sus cheques sin enfrentar cargos criminales. También ahorrarán dinero al evitar los gastos derivados del encarcelamiento, tales como el pago de costos de corte, honorarios de un abogado, y el pago de fianzas.

Una lista con los nombres de las personas con órdenes de arresto pendientes será publicada el lunes 31 de Mayo en la página de Internet del gobierno del Condado [www.epcounty.com](http://www.epcounty.com), así como en los portales de Internet de **El Diario de El Paso**, **Canal 26**, **Canal 7**, **Canal 9**, y **Canal 14**.

Las personas pueden acudir a hacer sus pagos en persona al quinto piso del **Edificio de la Corte del Condado, 500 E. San Antonio de lunes a viernes de 8:00 a.m. a 5:00 p.m.** También pueden hacer sus pagos en el **Edificio del Condado en Ysleta**, ubicado en el 9521 **Socorro Rd. Suite A-3, de lunes a viernes de 8:30 a.m. a 5:30 p.m.**

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Los interesados también pueden hacer pagos por Internet las 24 horas del día, los 7 días de la semana utilizando el servicio “**Hot Check E-Pay**” visitando la página de Internet de la Procuradora del Condado en la dirección [www.epcounty.com/CA](http://www.epcounty.com/CA).

Para mas información comuníquese a la **Unidad de Cheques sin Fondos, al teléfono 546-2051**.

**PAY ON TIME AND AVOID ARREST — THE DEADLINE IS MONDAY JUNE 7, 2010**

**PAGUE A TIEMPO SU DEUDA Y EVITE EL ARRESTO — LA FECHA LIMITE ES EL LUNES 7 DE JUNIO**



# Milton Bradley has a tough time playing a kid’s game

By Steve Escajeda  
Special to the Courier

Through the ages, professional athletes have come in all shapes, sizes and mental states. Some athletes are just too dumb to know the difference between right and wrong – some just don’t care. Some have spent their lifetime running from the law and now that they have oodles of money, they feel even more empowered. And still others come into their league as good guys but succumb to the negative influences huge amounts of money can attract. And then there are those athletes with real mental problems. Athletes who, win or lose, have lost the ability to control their actions. I’m not talking about guys like Michael Vick and Dave Bliss and Pacman Jones and Pete Rose and Lawrence Taylor and Tiger Woods and Stephen Jackson and O.J. Simson and Randy Moss and Denny McLain and Dwight Gooden and Darryl Strawberry and Mark McGwire and Marion Jones. These are people who knew exactly what they were doing and did it anyway.

I’m talking about athletes with real emotional problems. Paranoid people who never feel comfortable in their skin no matter how much success they receive or how much money they make. Some examples of these troubled souls include Ricky Williams, the NFL running back who never seemed to have a grip on reality once he joined the league. Drugs, quitting the league and suicide watches have headlined his career. Mike Tyson has always had serious anger issues. Drugs, alcohol and his appetite for human ears are now his legacy. Don’t think he’s got issues – just look at his face. Tonya Harding and her gang that couldn’t think straight, couldn’t beat an athlete on the ice – so they tried to beat her on the knee. If any of you have listened to Harding speak at any time since the incident – I needn’t say any more. Dennis Rodman was one of the fiercest rebounders the NBA ever saw – when he wasn’t wearing women’s clothing. Rodman’s wild hair color was kind of funny, until you think about his suicide attempt. John Daly burst onto the golf scene with his 1991 PGA championship. But he soon fell off

it with his bouts with alcoholism, cigarettes, gambling, marriages, assault charges and weight problems. Daly has admitted to losing \$50-\$60 million on bets the last 15 years. Now these poor souls have a new member to keep them company. And this guy is still playing professional baseball today. He may not be a household name – oh wait, yes he is. The Seattle Mariners’ Milton Bradley has made a name for himself as an unreasonable hothead. But he may be slowly learning that despite his name – life is no game. First of all, Bradley is regarded to be so unstable that he has played for eight different teams in 10 years. In 2004, he fled the police as they were writing up a speeding ticket against him. He’s gotten into some classic arguments with umpires, but once got so upset he threw a bucket of balls onto the field and threw one ball out toward the warning track almost starting a riot with fans at Arizona’s Bank One Ballpark. In San Diego, a fan threw a plastic bottle in Bradley’s direction. He went nuts and picked up the bottle and raced from his right field spot and hurled it as hard as he

could toward the first row of the stands. That was the last game he played for the Dodgers that year. In 2005, police were summoned to Bradley’s house on several occasions for allegedly slapping around and choking his pregnant wife. Bradley once claimed all-star teammate Jeff Kent wasn’t a good leader because he didn’t know how to deal with black players. There was even a time when Bradley’s manager tried to physically keep him away from another umpire, Bradley fell and tore up his right knee. In 2008 with the Texas Rangers, Bradley heard the radio broadcaster talking about his negative behavior. So Bradley left the clubhouse and raced up four flights of stairs to get to the broadcaster during the game. Fortunately his manager and general manager stopped him just in time. When he returned, Bradley was yelling at his teammates, then he started crying and mumbled something about being misunderstood. How can I blame Milton Bradley for acting like a spoiled little kid? After all, he gets paid \$30 million to play a kid’s game.

## A sporting view By Mark Vasto

### Kansas City making the Yost of it

When the Twin Towers were hit by terrorists, the Johnson County Administration Building in Olathe, Kan., immediately shut down for security reasons. Olathe is a suburb of about 100,000 people — roughly the size of Green Bay — and is, admittedly, a vital part of the Kansas City metropolitan region. Still, it’s hard to imagine that it was on the radar of terrorists. (One could imagine the conversation in Torah

Borah: “Right after we attack the World Trade Center, White House and Pentagon, we strike the Olathe courthouse.”) It’s not that Kansas Citians think they’re unduly important or a geographic center essential to the nation’s defense like, say, a major port... they just take things a bit literally. When someone says they’re “going to strike at the heart of America,” due to its central location, they assume that means them. It’s a stressful notion for a town that basically is content eating its strip steaks and barbecue. All the populace really wants is a winning season from the Chiefs. The bar for the Royals, once one of baseball’s elite teams, has been set

considerably lower. “I’d settle for a .500 season,” one fan recently told me at a game that happened to result in the team’s seventh straight loss and proved to be the penultimate game for Royals manager Trey Hillman. I can’t say I wasn’t advocating Mr. Hillman’s departure. Look, you can’t fire the lineup. Someone has to play these games. But under Hillman, the Royals were lackluster, listless and lifeless. There was simply no intensity, and with a team full of young players that the Royals must develop quickly in order to have any chance at being a competitive team in the next few years, it was an intolerable situation. Hillman was a nice guy, and with apologies to Leo Durocher, he finished last. In a gambit more than likely orchestrated to show the fans in KC that the ownership would try

and at least pretend they cared about winning, Ned Yost was called out of the managerial bullpen. For the Royals, the hire shows a break from their recent tradition of hiring untested, rookie managers, but it does echo the hiring of Buddy Bell, who, like Yost, came to KC with a resume of mostly losing seasons. Yost is, by all accounts, a “player’s manager” who is good with young talent. What the Royals really need

is a fan’s manager — and that person is someone who can win and has won before. This team needs energy, someone who can shake the barbecue sauce off; otherwise, the recent tradition of losing will remain up to date in Kansas City.

Mark Vasto is a veteran sportswriter and publisher of The Kansas City Luminary. © 2010 King Features Synd., Inc.

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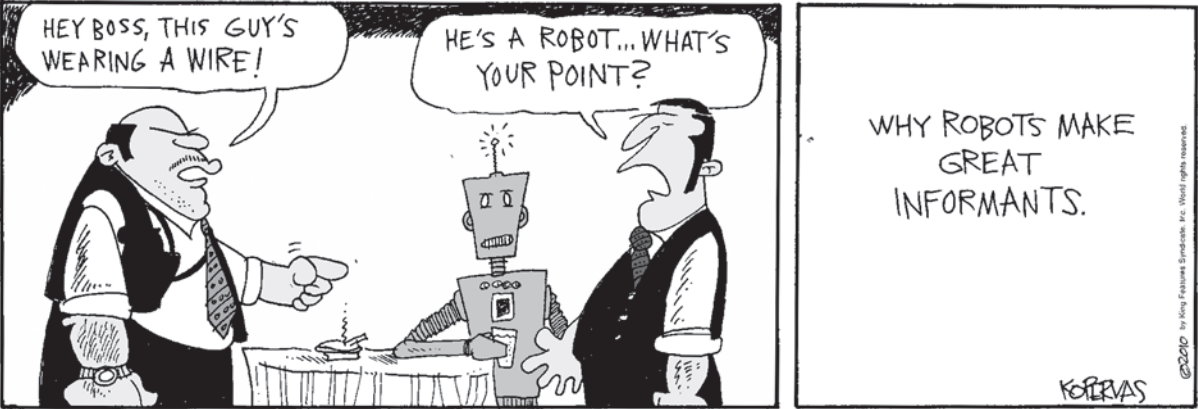
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I’m trying to teach some baby ducks how to sing. Do you suppose that’s a cheep trick?



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Your good healthBy Paul G. Donahue, M.D.

*DEAR DR. DONOHUE: Recently, my daughter attended a sweet-16 birthday party for one of her best friends. She is a beautiful girl. When my daughter showed me pictures of her friend, I was shocked. Her face and arms were deeply tanned. I have no idea how many hours she must have spent under a tanning machine. I am very concerned about her. Would you write about the dangers of tanning?* — Anon.

Ultraviolet light, the kind of light we don't see, has powerful effects on the skin. Ultraviolet A rays constitute 95 percent of the UV light that makes its way to earth. UV A rays do not burn and tan skin as much as UV B rays, but they do damage skin. They cause skin wrinkling; they dry skin; and they produce age spots (liver spots). And they also add to the risk of skin cancer.

Ultraviolet B rays are more destructive. They are the burning rays, and they have a greater effect on skin cancer production. Both A and B reduce the skin's innate immunity.

Exposure to both UVA and UV B injures the skin cells' DNA, and that's what sets the scene for future skin cancer. Humans have learned to cope with UV light by tanning. A tan offers some protection against further damage. UV light activates melanocytes, and they pass their melanin — a dark pigment — to other skin cells. That has the effect of providing an umbrella for the skin. However beneficial that might be, the fact remains that in obtaining a modicum of protection with a tan, skin-cell DNA has been dealt a major blow.

No tan can be considered healthy. Sun exposure in adolescence might be the most dangerous time for ultraviolet damage. Tanning booths and tanning beds are considered

a threat equal to the sun for promoting future skin cancer. People of all ages should protect their skin from exposure to UV light. Such exposure happens every time a person goes outdoors. Cloud cover is a poor absorber of UV rays and offers little skin protection. Sunscreen application should become a habit.

*DEAR DR. DONOHUE: What's considered ideal pool-water temperature? In our apartment complex, we have a large pool that is so cold I rarely use it. I am getting a thermometer to measure its temperature. I would like to have a reference temperature to present to management if the water is colder than it should be.* — N.U.

Pool water is comfortable for most when its temperature is between 82 and 86 degrees F (28-30 C). The water is cool enough to keep strong swimmers from overheating, but warm enough to keep floaters from freezing.

*DEAR DR. DONOHUE: What's the purpose of ear wax? I seem to produce tons of it. I can't find an answer to this question, so I thought I would write to you.* — C.N.

Ear wax keeps the ear canal moist. Without it, the canal's lining dries up and itches. It also traps foreign debris, including bacteria, viruses and fungi that find their way into the ear canal.

*Dr. Donohue regrets that he is unable to answer individual letters, but he will incorporate them in his column whenever possible. Readers may write him or request an order form of available health newsletters at P.O. Box 536475, Orlando, FL 32853-6475. (c) 2010 North America Synd., Inc. All Rights Reserved.*

Super Crossword

- HEALTH SCARE

ACROSS

1 Matterhorn, e.g.

4 It's a long story

8 Steel support

12 Iridescent stones

17 Ocho \_ , Jamaica

19 Move through mud

21 Submarine base?

22 Warhol subject

23 Start of a remark

25 Not give \_ (be indifferent)

26 Play

27 Moshe of Israel

28 Growl

30 Appearance

32 Pro foe

33 Walked

35 Part 2 of remark

39 Lillie or Straight

43 Coasted

44 \_ Pea (Popeye's kid)

45 "The Greek Tycoon" subject

46 Actress Tyne

48 Rock's Fleetwood \_

50 Layette fasteners

54 Unwell

55 Fall in a heap

58 "The Messiah," for one

61 Electrical inventor

63 Word form for "large"

64 Morticia, to

Pugsley

65 Coarse flour

66 Clean-air org.

68 Dutch painter

70 Ram's remark

71 Compass pt.

72 Casino cubes

75 Part 3 of remark

79 New Mexico resort

80 Curie or Arden

81 Actress Tyler

82 General Bradley

83 \_ Canals

85 A bad figure?

87 Alias initials

88 Corpulent

91 Furnishings

95 Noisy quarrels

97 Like some butter

99 Exist

100 Innsbruck's locale

101 Cable channel

103 Littler than little

104 JVC competitor

105 Summer stinger

108 Promise

111 Part of PG

114 Part 4 of remark

118 New York county

119 Sopranos' network

120 Geometry calculation

121 Trepidation

125 67 Down feature

128 \_ beaver

131 Can openers?

133 End of remark

135 Put on

136 Frozen capital

137 Flynn of films

138 Fabled racer

139 Mortise's mate

140 Have to have

141 '60s talk-show host

142 TV's "The Flying \_"

DOWN

1 Parched

2 One of the Simpsons

3 Youthful hairdos

4 Fast flier

5 "Oh, woe!"

6 Wedding wear

7 Disoriented

8 Journalist Tarbell

9 \_ onion

10 Actor Delon

11 Matures

12 "Grumpy \_ Men" ('93 film)

13 Norm

14 You can count on them

15 " \_ Tree" ('62 hit)

16 Street talk

18 Get cracking

20 Rosemary and basil

24 "Are you \_ out?"

29 " \_ Abner"

31 Hot off the press

34 "The Aeneid" character

36 Use a stopwatch

37 Take a breather

38 Poison

39 Angler's dangles

40 Agatha's colleague

41 Unruffle

42 Grasso or Raines

47 Marina sight

49 Small band

51 Where the action is

52 Perahia's instrument

53 Pump parts

55 Graduation gear

56 Bandleader Perez

57 Wise guy

59 Laugh loudly

60 Pile up

62 Poe's "Annabel \_"

67 Book of maps

69 Strikebreakers

72 Dutch pottery

73 Tower material?

74 Composer Franck

76 Walk in the woods

77 "Stop, sailor!"

78 Pick up the check

79 Low digit

84 Eccentric

86 Crab's expression

89 Lingerie item

90 Empedocles' last stand?

92 \_ coordinates

93 Namu or Willy

94 Genuine

96 Be \_ unto oneself

97 Home of the Osmonds

98 Thornfield governess

102 Distinguished

106 - Na Na

107 C&W's Dolly

109 It's in the bag

110 Chrissie of The Pretenders

112 Hockey's Lindros

113 Last inning

114 It's often heaved

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124 '82 Jeff Bridges film

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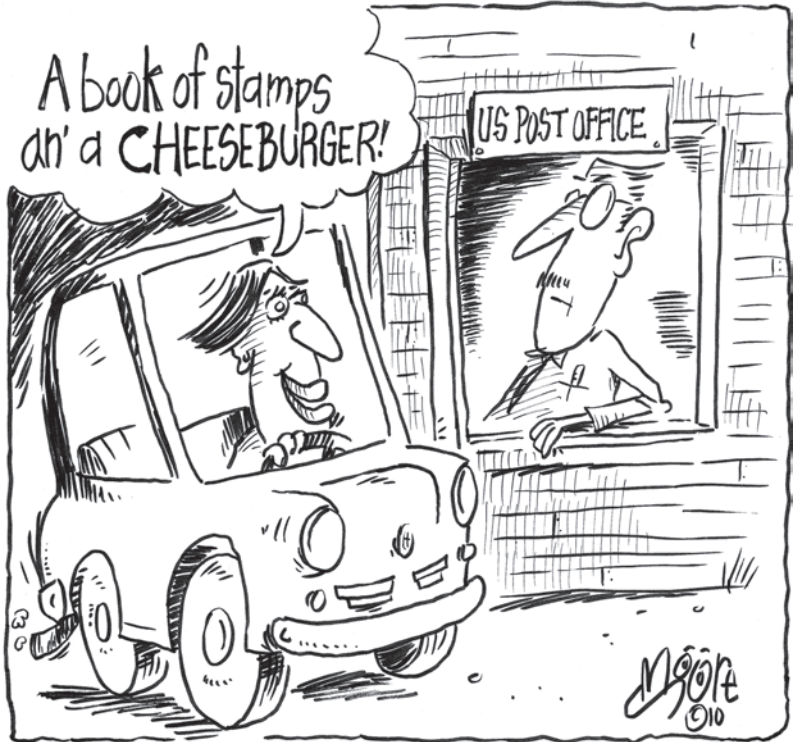
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132 Turf

134 Flagon filler

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**Moore Texas** *by Roger Moore* The town of WHON in Coleman County once had a DRIVE IN Post Office.

## CryptoQuip

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

Clue: E equals M

B'E JFDBHO JN JLZPM KNEL  
TZTD AIPRK JN KBHO. AN  
DNI KIVVNKL JMZJ'K Z  
PMLLV JFBPR?

Answer Page 6

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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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# Soto advances to national HOSA meet

By Kim Guzman  
Special to the Courier

CANUTILLO — Canutillo High School student Clarissa Soto, junior, advanced to national competition after recently placing among the top three finishers at the state Health Occupations Students of America (HOSA) Leadership Conference. She will compete for a national title in Orlando, Florida at the HOSA National Conference, June 24-26.

Soto earned a second place finish in Interviewing Skills during the Texas competition held in Houston last month. Soto will serve as one of the Texas National Voting Delegates at the National convention. She also served as the Canutillo HOSA Voting Delegate for both Area IV and the State conferences.

Soto has been a member of the CHS Heath Occupations Students of America for the past three years, and is currently enrolled in the Health Science Technology program at

CHS. She plans to take the Certified Nursing Assistant (CNA) state exam next year. Soto would like to work with children in the pediatric field.

According to Robyn Weiss, CHS Health Occupations teacher and HOSA advisor, Canutillo HOSA students numbered well over 60 for medical competitions this year. CHS advanced 40 to Area IV competition in Amarillo in February, and 24 went on to the state competition in April.

“Clarissa is an outstanding HOSA member who has earned her place going to the National competition. It takes quite an effort to top students from larger metropolitan areas of Texas. Clarissa was up against competitors from Austin, Houston, and Dallas, so I really expect her to do well at Nationals,” said Weiss. “This has been an exceptional year, and I am very proud of all our HOSA students,” she added.

“This is such a great opportunity; to have a chance to do something with my life and get an award for it. Going to Nationals is an



— Photo courtesy Canutillo ISD

Clarissa Soto

amazing honor, and I will never forget this time in my life and how much it prepared me for my future,” said Soto.

## Social Security Q&A

By Ray Vigil

*Q: I applied for a replacement Social Security card last week but have not received it. When should I expect to receive my new card?*

A: It takes approximately 10 to 14 days to receive your replacement Social Security card. We’re working harder than ever to protect you, prevent identity theft, and ensure the integrity of your Social Security number. To do that, we have to verify documents you present as proof of identity. In such cases, we must verify the documents before we can issue the card. For more information about your Social Security card and number, visit [www.socialsecurity.gov/ssnumber](http://www.socialsecurity.gov/ssnumber).

*Q: What can I do if I think someone has stolen my identity?*

A: You should do several things, including:  
• File a report with the local police or the police department where the identity theft took place, and keep a copy of the police report as proof of the crime;

- Notify the Federal Trade Commission (1-877-ID-THEFT or 1-877-438-4338); and
  - File a complaint with the Internet Crime Complaint Center at [www.ic3.gov](http://www.ic3.gov); and contact the fraud units of the three major credit reporting bureaus: Equifax (800-525-6285); Trans Union: (800-680-7289); and Experian: (888-397-3742).
- If your Social Security card has been stolen, you can apply for a replacement card. But you usually don’t need a new card as long as you know your number. To protect yourself in the future, treat your Social Security number as confidential and avoid giving it out. Keep your Social Security card in a safe place with your other important papers. Do not carry it with you. Learn more by reading our publication, Identity Theft And Your Social Security Number, at [www.socialsecurity.gov/pubs/10064.html](http://www.socialsecurity.gov/pubs/10064.html).

*Q: How should I decide when to start receiving my Social Security*

*retirement benefits?*

A: The decision regarding when to start receiving retirement benefits is highly personal and depends on a number of factors, such as your current cash needs, your health and family longevity, whether you plan to work in retirement, and the amount of your future Social Security benefit. You may start receiving benefits as early as age 62. However, if you start benefits early — before your “full retirement age” — your benefits are reduced for each month before your full retirement age. For help in making your decision, as well as all the factors to consider, read our publication When To Start Receiving Retirement Benefits at [www.socialsecurity.gov/pubs/10147.html](http://www.socialsecurity.gov/pubs/10147.html).

For more information on any of the questions listed 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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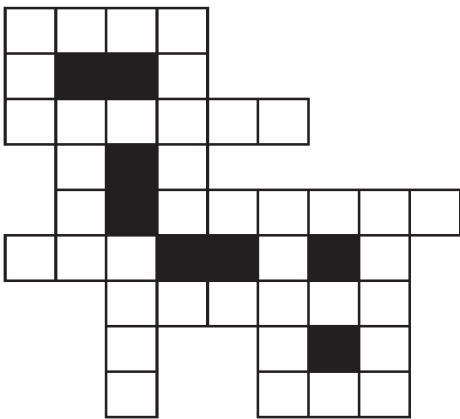
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Wednesday, June 9, and run through Tuesday, August 10, 2010. CISD employees will work four, ten-hour days from Monday through Thursday, with the entire district being closed on Fridays. All Canutillo ISD facilities and schools, including the Administration offices will be officially closed for business from Friday through Sunday. Business hours for the public at the administration facility will be from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Thursday. Throughout the summer months, campuses and facilities will be closed during specific time periods, but staff from each closed campus will be available to conduct business at a sister campus.

— Kim Guzman



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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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