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NEWSBRIEFS

Housing fair

The City of El Paso and other agencies will hold a housing fair on Saturday, June 19, 2010 from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. at the Boys and Girls Club, 801 South Florence Street. The event is free to the public. People can learn how to buy and keep their first home. There will be information about managing money and credit, increasing earning power through education, home safety, utility assistance and home energy saving. Credit counseling, information on housing rehabilitation and much more information will be available. Participating agencies include:

- United Way
- IRS
- Community and Human Development
- El Paso Collaborative
- City of El Paso ADA Compliance
- City of El Paso Neighborhood Stabilization Program
- El Paso Affordable Housing
- El Paso Housing Finance Corporation
- YWCA
- Project Bravo

For more information call 541-4377.

Juliet Lozano

Enrollment

Premier HS El Paso, located at 1035 Belvidere, is currently enrolling students now through August 20, 2010, at the school for 2010-2011. If information is needed, please contact the school at (915) 581-4300 and interested applicants must secure an application and participate in an interviewing process for enrollment. The school serves grades 9-12 and all credit requirements for graduation are being provided to include TAKS preparation and testing.

Lionel Rubio

Service club

On June 5, during a ceremony held at the Lancer's Club, the Junior Woman's Club of El Paso installed Ms. Barbara Garcia-Vasquez as president for the 2010-2011 year. Installed as the Executive Board were: President Elect Grace Condardo, Vice President Jennifer Gomez, Recording Secretary Yvette Lugo, Communications Secretary Edith Ochoa, Treasurer Mireya Ortiz, and Director At Large Rosanna Moulton. Eight new members were also installed into full membership with the club. They were: Leia Alaniz, Pema Garcia, Veronica Marquez, Angelina Morales, Lucy Peden, Elsa Quezada, Alicia Rascon, and Idania Villegas. In addition, the Ways and Means Committee Chairs and Spooktacular Committee Chairs were presented. During the event the Veronica Marquez was named Provisional (New Member) of the Year, Mary DeHarde was named Club Woman of the year and Ruth Blankenship was named Board Member of the Year. The Club is currently

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The greatest power for good is the power of example.

- Quips & Quotes

Horizon officially reopens building

By Rick Shrum Special to the Courier

HORIZON CITY — The Town of Horizon City held a small celebration on June 2 when officials cut the ribbon on the renovated Town Hall. In brief remarks, Mayor Walter Miller



Walter Miller

thanked the group of thirty or so people for coming to the ceremony. He pointed out that this project was done out of necessity, as anyone who had done business in Town Hall in recent years would know, and invited everyone to tour the facilities and enjoy the refreshments. With that said, he and Councilman Bill Armas cut the red

ribbon strung across the entry doors.

Horizon City has occupied the building for over 20 years. It was originally built as a real estate office over 40 years ago for the defunct HCA group — not to be confused with Horizon Communities Improvement Association that sold property to people in the late 60s and 70s with promise of a lake and golf course anchored retirement community. The median age in Horizon City is now 32.

The Courier sat down with Horizon's



COME ON IN — Bunny Gray, front, and Delia Dominguez greet people as they enter Horizon's redesigned and renovated Town Hall. There is fresh paint on the walls and new tile on the floors.

Planning Director, Dr. Robert Coleman, who also keenly aware of tangibles surrounding specializes in economics and finance to talk about the completed project. Coleman had all the facts and figures for the project, but he is

Town Hall and the Town for the present and into the future.

One of the tangibles was curb appeal. "We want the building to be an attractive, inviting place to do business. It wasn't before. What people see as they come into Horizon should be appealing and the Town should lead from the front," he said.

In fact, there were 35 employees working in 4,000 square foot building that was not ADA compliant. Storage rooms and closets were used for office space. The council/court room also served as an eating area. The bathrooms were single use only. "It was a hodgepodge," said Coleman.

The first action to alleviate the overcrowding was to lease and renovate the 4,000 square foot building adjacent to Town Hall that is now the Horizon City Municipal Court and Police Department. Horizon City contributed \$34,000 to that project with the building owner footing the rest of the costs.

The Town has relocated 20 employees to the building. There were 17 police officers, a dispatcher and two court clerks that made the move. This building also houses the new council and court chambers with upgraded audio-visual capabilities. The chamber

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DOUBLE DUTY — Planning Director Robert Coleman shows off the council and court chamber located in the Horizon City Municipal Court and Police Department building. There is a new sound and projector system in place. The occupancy limit, 80, is double the old hall's capacity.

Araujo to lead San Elizario school board

By Cynthia P. Marentes Special to the Courier

SAN ELIZARIO - The San Elizario Independent School District's Board of Trustees recently elected long time trustee Antonio Araujo as its new president on



- Photo courtesy San Elizario ISD

See SEISD, Page 8 RAISE YOUR RIGHT HAND — JP Ruben Lujan swears Antonio Araujo into office.

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Veterans Post By Freddy Groves

Worn flags

and lowering the flag were all in June 14. the rec room.

moment pass, I ended up giving do the same thing, either with a the kids a few instructions for kids group or a school class, or the proper care and handling even by yourself if necessary. If of the flag. To their credit, they you start now, by next summer took it seriously, working out the flags in your area should be in daily assignments for putting the great shape and the worn flags can flag up and taking it down. They practiced folding and clipping the flag to the halyard.

they're going to hold fundraisers columnreply@gmail.com. to replace the worn flags on the 2010 King Features Synd., Inc.

I think the worst thing I ever poles outside the stores along saw, flag-wise, was a flag in a the main drag of our town. Next puddle at the bottom of a tall pole summer they'll take all those in front of a youth center. Driving worn flags and participate in rainstorm or not, I was out of the the flag-retiring ceremony at the car in a heartbeat and rescued the local American Legion. Posts of soggy cloth. The next day, after the American Legion hold flag I'd dried the flag, I took it back to retirements, called The Ceremony the center, and it turned out that for Disposal of Unserviceable the teens responsible for raising Flags, each year on Flag Day,

You know where I'm going with Never one to let a teaching this, right? I'm calling on you to be retired with dignity.

Write to Freddy Groves in care One thing led to another, of King Features Weekly Service, and those kids developed their P.O. Box 536475, Orlando, FL own project: Over the next year 32853-6475, or send e-mail to

TO ALL INTERESTED

PERSONS AND PARTIES:

Starrfoam Manufacturing, Inc., has applied to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) for renewal of Air Quality Permit No. 45016, which would authorize continued operation of the Foam Manufacturing Facility located at 1004 Omar Street, Anthony, El Paso County, Texas 79821. Additional information concerning this application is contained in the public notice section of this newspaper.

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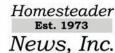
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Por la Gente By State Rep. Chente Quintanilla

Texas voter fraud quite small

cast in November general elections. resolved; guilty as charged, plea the millions of votes that have these numbers one step further, been registered in primaries, local elections (such as municipal or votes cast may have been by voter school district elections) and bond elections that have occurred during the same time.

It might very well be that the total of votes cast since 2002 number is in excess of 30 million.

In a recent hearing by the House Committee on Elections, a representative from the Texas Attorney General's office testified that the office had received a total of 267 referrals of alleged voter fraud between November 2002 and today. Voter fraud includes such things as voting twice, voting in the wrong election or voter impersonation.

According to the testimony, out of the more than 20 million votes cast between 2002 and today, the amount of alleged voter fraud that was referred for investigation amounted to .001335% of the total votes cast.

than 20 million votes have been testimony only nine were fully Keep in mind, this does not include deal or dismissal of the case. Taking less than one in every 2.3 million impersonation.

> It is important that El Pasoans understand these numbers. Voter impersonation was the basis of the infamous Voter ID bill: SB 362 by Senator Fraser. According to the most conservative in the Senate and House, our election process was under attack by hordes of people stealing identities of legitimate voters and using that stolen id to vote. Of course the insinuation was that Democrats were benefitting from the voter impersonation.

If you recall, there were constant rebuttals by the House Democratic leadership refuting the need for a Voter ID bill. We maintained all along that there was absolutely no evidence that warranted a law that could have resulted in reducing voter participation. The stand off between Of the 267 that were placed into the proponents and opponents of servant, Chente por la gente.

Hola mi gente. Since 2002, more the legal process, according to the the bill resulted in a tense few days where filibustering (chubbing as House members refer to it) killed many good bills.

I had two important bills that addressed constituent needs die in the Senate because of the controversy. Based on the testimony from the Attorney General's office, it didn't have to happen that way.

Why does it matter? The Voter ID bill gave poll workers the authority to question your right to vote. You may have been required to file a provisional vote which may or may not have even been counted. The process by which voters could be disenfranchised would have been codified with this law.

Hispanics who are legal voters but who speak limited English and Hispanic seniors would have been particularly vulnerable to being denied a vote. The heat that Democrats took for the stall tactics was proven unjustified by the Attorney General's office. We were right to fight.

I remain your friend and public

View from here By Rebekah Rast

America's land grab

Do you remember the folksy song "This Land is Your Land"?

This land is your land, this land is my land

From California to the New York Island

From the Redwood Forest to the Gulf Stream waters

This land was made for you

Well, if you head west you will quickly realize that much of the land is not yours — it's theirs — the federal government's.

In fact, the federal government owns almost 650 million acres of nation and includes national parks, forests and wildlife refuges.

grabbing can have negative economic growth. impacts on job markets, economic development and tax revenues for not win its battle against the federal those states.

"The federal government has more control over the economy of states than elected governors and legislatures do," says Don Todd, senior research director at Americans for Limited Government (ALG). "The feds decide where you can fish and harvest."

A state that knows this all too well is Utah. More than 60 percent land from the western states. of Utah is owned by the federal government and Utah Gov. Gary Herbert and other policy makers say it creates problems for the state, and they want their land back.

In late May 2010, Gov. Herbert authorized the use of eminent domain to take some of their land back from the federal government. He is hoping to spur the rest of the western states to do the same thing.

By the federal government restricts economic development for owned land.



land in the U.S. That's about 30 those resource-rich states. Because percent of all the land area in the these states are not allowed to benefit Administration will only choose from economic development on two to three out of the 14 eligible these federal-government protected areas highlighted in the memo to This federal government land lands, it greatly limits their overall

> government, lawmakers believe what they are doing is the case of Nevada — where more necessary and that the government than 80 percent of the state is owned should keep its hands off their land.

> But that likely won't happen. In a memo leaked to a Utah Congressman from the Department of Interior, the Administration has a wish list of more land it would like to takeover from a 13.7 percent unemployment — and yes, on that list is much more

Some of these land grabs, which the Administration hopes to make into monuments — meaning they will have to remain untouched by the state, exceed the size of the states of Rhode Island and Delaware combined. What's worse, the Administration can make this decision on its own, without state or congressional approval. How? The Antiquities Act of 1906. This law gives presidents the right to designate any area of land that presents historic claiming ownership of their land, it or scientific significance as federally

Though it is likely designate as monuments, it will still greatly impact these states giving Though the state of Utah might them less land to develop and grow.

Much of the decision-making there comes down to who knows who. In by the federal government — Sen. Harry Reid gets exactly what he wants out of this Administration, on or off federally owned land.

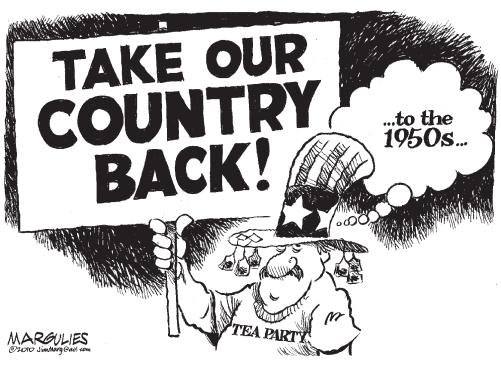
Despite Nevadaresidents suffering rate, Sen. Reid still found it favorable to the state to block a pit mining operation on federally owned land, which was intended for such a project. This mine would have provided millions of tons of sand and rock throughout the next 20 years to be used by companies for cement and other purposes.

In an article in the Las Vegas Review Journal, Sen. Reid is quoted as saying, "The potential negative impacts of the proposed operation far outweigh any benefit the mine may

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It's the law By Texas AG Greg Abbott

Father's Day

On Father's Day, dads across Texas will be celebrated from the Panhandle to the Rio Grande Valley. It is on this special day that dads receive the praise and thanks they deserve year round.

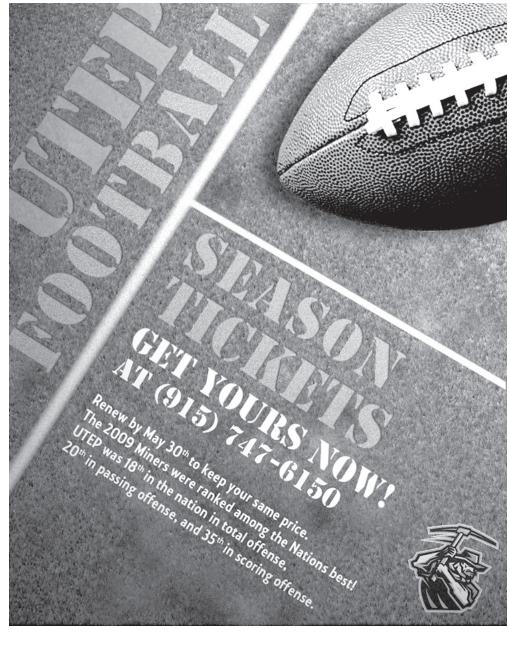
A father's job is an important one and it often is not easy. Parenting requires countless sacrifices, unconditional love and lots of patience. The Child Support Division (CSD) thanks you for doing the right thing by taking care of your children and giving them the love and support they deserve. Last year, the CSD collected \$2.7 billion in child support — and most of the money came from fathers. You are the unsung heroes in your children's lives.

The CSD demonstrates its commitment to fathers by recognizing the important and irreplaceable role they play in their children's lives. Several notable resources that serve Texas fathers include:

- The Paternity Opportunity Program gives unmarried fathers the opportunity to acknowledge their children's paternity at the time of birth. The Office of the Attorney General (OAG) trains and certifies hospital and birthing center staff to assist parents with the Acknowledgement of Paternity process so that the child will have a legal father right from the start. Last year, POP gave more than 128,000 Texas children a good start in life by helping their fathers establish legal paternity.
- Maps for New Dads: Handbook for Expectant and New Fathers is a publication designed to help expecting dads transition into fatherhood. Maps covers everything from what to expect on a prenatal visit to making homes "baby safe" all in a manner designed to reinforce the special role fathers play. Additional resources developed by the OAG include posters recognizing the important role fathers play, a Parenting Two-gether Handbook for New

Parents and the For Our Children DVD.

- Access and Visitation programs promote noncustodial parents' access to and visitation with their children, when appropriate, through a variety of shared parenting projects. Awarding funding to local organizations is one way the Attorney General's Office can help children whose parents are engaged in custody or visitation disputes, since federal funding to run the child support program cannot be used to handle these issues. The services provided under this grant include early intervention, co-parenting education, mediation and enforcement. The OAG also funds a toll-free assistance hotline and provides a Web-based directory of services available in Texas communities.
- The Parenting and Paternity Awareness (p.a.p.a.) program is an innovative educational curriculum designed for secondary school students and young adults. The p.a.p.a. program focuses on the "rights, responsibilities and realities of parenting." Key themes in the curriculum focus on the importance of father involvement, the value of paternity establishment, the legal realties of child support, the financial and emotional challenges of single parenting, the benefits of both parents being involved in a child's life, healthy relationship skills and relationship violence prevention.
- The No Kidding: Straight Talk From Teen Parents project trains and equips young parents to deliver educational curriculum on the realities of being a young parent to students in middle and high school. No Kidding educators use their experiences as teen/young parents to deliver a memorable message about paternity establishment, father involvement, the challenges of parenting and the benefits of postponing parenthood until economically stable and in a marital relationship. The program is implemented through local collaborations of community-based organizations, school districts and the OAG.



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provide. This legislation makes sure that the proposed gravel operations at Sloan Hills will not go forward."

Way to hurt the very industry Nevada was founded upon, not to mention possibly putting more residents of the state out of work.

Money was lost and hundreds of jobs that could have boosted Nevada's economy are now gone. When will Nevadans wake up and realize what is being done to their state — especially by those who are supposed to have the state's best interests in mind?

have disappeared as a result of federal land grabs and political favors because you don't see them. Nevada is a good example," says Todd. "It's a tragedy that people don't see."

Other states are suffering as a result of federal land ownership.

Just look at what has happened to the logging industry in Washington State. It's virtually gone. Because of protected forestry laws, small towns that survived off of the logging industry were choked out. Sawmills are shuttered, and timber men are unemployed. Formerly thriving areas have essentially become ghost towns.

"The forest service holds life or

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1) Ordinance No.

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2) Ordinance No.

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"It is difficult to measure jobs that death over the timber industry," Todd says. "They have leases that decide where to sell timber or whether or not a road can be built to get the timber out."

Federal land grabs, political favors, regulators and laws restricting use are causing a slow death for the very industries that created America and made her what she is today.

The state of Utah is taking action to protect itself from the consequences of being choked by the federal government. Until other states do the same, the federal government will continue to pick away at America's land and longestablished industries.

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PERMIT NO. 45016

APPLICATION

Starrfoam Manufacturing, Inc., has applied the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) for renewal Air of Quality Permit Number 45016, which would authorize continued operation of a Foam Manufacturing located <u>1004</u> Omar Anthony, Street. El Paso County, Texas 79821. The existing facility and/ or related facilities are authorized to emit the following air contaminants: carbon monoxide, particulate including matter particulate matter with diameters of 10 microns or less and 2.5 microns or less, organic compounds, nitrogen oxides, and sulfur dioxide.

application This submitted was to the TCEQ on 7, 2010. application be available will for viewing and copying at the central office, TCEQ EI

CryptoQuip Answer

For this week's regatta, you could make a welcoming sign that reads "yachts of luck!"

regional office. and the Anthony Town Hall. 401 Wildcat Drive, Anthony, El Paso County, Texas. beginning the first day of publication of this notice. The facility's compliance file, if any exists, is available for public review in the El Paso regional office of the TCEQ. The executive

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will conduct a review technical of the application. addition to In the renewal. this permitting includes incorporation the following of authorizations changes to authorized facilities related to this permit: alterations and amendments. The reasons for changes or incorporations, to extent they the are included in the permit, renewed may include the enhancement of operational control at the plant or enforceability of For permit. information about this permit application or the permitting process, call the Office of Public Assistance. Toll at 1-800-Free. 687-4040. The TCEQ may this application without seeking further public comment or providing opportunity for a

criteria are met. **PUBLIC COMMENT**

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below. The TCEQ is within will consider all public comments day developing a final decision on application. the for The deadline to be submit public comments days after Act § newspaper notice is published. After hearing the deadline for only public comments, if the executive director will prepare a response to all relevant and material, significant public comments. Issues such as property values, noise, traffic on safety, and zoning are outside of the TCEQ's jurisdiction to address in the permit process. After the technical review is complete executive the may only grant a director will hearing on those the issues and

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consider comments prepare a response all relevant and material, or significant comments only comments received are the response to comments, along with the executive director's decision on the application. will then be mailed to everyone who submitted public comments or who is on the mailing list for this application, unless the application is directly referred to a contested case hearing.

OPPORTUNITY FOR A CONTESTED **CASE HEARING**

You may request contested case hearing. The You may submit applicant or the executive director may also request that the application be directly referred to a contested case hearing after technical review of the application. A contested case hearing is a legal proceeding similar to a civil trial in state district court. Unless a written your request for a contested case

hearing is filed

within 15 days from this notice, the the executive director may act on the application. If no hearing request the received this 15or period, further opportunity hearing will provided. According to the the Texas Clean Air 382.056(o) a contested case must mav be granted the applicant's your compliance history is in the lowest the classification under applicable compliance history your requirements and if the hearing request is based disputed issues of fact that are relevant and the material to Commission's decision on the address below. application. Commission If any requests for

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during the public comment period and not withdrawn. Α person who may be affected by emissions of air contaminants from the facility is entitled to request hearing. lf requesting а contested case you hearing, submit following: (1) your name (or for a group or association, representative), mailing address, daytime phone number, and fax number, any; (2) applicant's name and permit number; (3) the statement "[I/ we1 request contested а hearing;" case (4) a specific description of how you would be adversely affected by the application and emissions from the facility in a way not common to the

general public; (5) the location and distance of property relative to the proceeding. facility; and (6) description

of how you use property which may be impacted by facility. request is made by a group association. the one or more members who have standing to request a hearing and the interests group or association seeks to protect also be identified. You may also submit proposed adjustments to application/ permit which would satisfy concerns Requests for a contested case hearing must be submitted in writing within 15 days following this notice to the Office of the Chief Clerk at the

a contested case hearing are timely filed, the executive director will forward the application and any requests for a contested case hearing the Commissioners for their consideration at a scheduled Commission Unless meeting. application is directly referred to а contested case hearing, executive will mail director the response to comments Commission meetina to everyone who submittedcomments or is on the mailing list for this application. If a hearing is granted, the subject hearing will be limited to disputed issues of fact relating to relevant and materialairquality concerns raised during the comment period. Issues such as property values. traffic noise. safety, and zoning are outside of the Commission's jurisdiction address in this

MAILING LIST In

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Stanley, President

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June 30, 2010

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Horizon City, Texas denying the change **INFORMATION** in rates requested by El Paso Electric public Company. for

contested Meeting case Council Tuesday, hearing should be submitted to the May 25, 2010 the Texas Commission Town Of Horizon Environmental City Quality, Office the the Chief ordinance: Clerk, MC-105 P.O. Box 13087, Austin, Texas 78711-3087, or electronically at Amendment www.tceq.state tx.us/about/ comments. html. For more information

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WEST TEXAS COUNTY Office of Public

of the Town of with in the Town limits of the Town of Horizon City, Texas. During the Special Council Meeting During the Regular on Tuesday, June 2010 14. the Town Of Horizon City approved the following ordinance:

Amendment sponsored the Horizon of professional

Call 858-3857 for movie equipment in the amount of \$21,495.

Meeting Council Tuesday, June 8, 2010 the Of Horizon Town approved following Darrington ordinance: Horizon Texas, Ordinance through

No. 0181 ordinance An p.m. or call 915regulating parks

2) Ordinance No. 0176, Amendment No. 002 - A Budget to fund a Community Outreach Program City Police Department for the purchase

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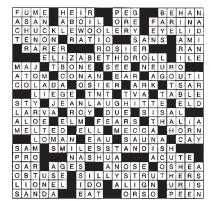
STRANGE BUT TRUE

By Samantha Weaver

- It was Swiss journalist and commentator Esther Dyson who made the following sage observation: "The Internet is like alcohol in some sense. It accentuates what you would do anyway. If you want to be a loner, you can be more alone. If you want to connect, it makes it easier to connect."
- The world's largest colony of ants reaches all the way from northern Italy to Spain's Atlantic coast.
- The first U.S. patent was issued in 1790 for a soap-making formula developed by Samuel Hopkins.
- · In May of this year, Canadian chef Ted Reader attempted to break the Guinness record for the world's largest hamburger. The patty alone weighed more than 300 pounds, and the bun was 105 pounds. Once the burger was decked out with lettuce, cheese, tomatoes, red onions, pickles and barbecue sauce, the grand total was a whopping 590 pounds. Guinness has not yet certified the giant hamburger, but it seems a shoe-in to beat the current record holder, which is a measly 158.8 pounds.
- Hasbro's Easy-Bake oven was so popular when in was released in 1963 that it sold a half million of the toys within the first year.
- If getting out on the road these days is making you nervous, you have good reason: According to the 2010 GMAC Insurance National Drivers Test survey, approximately 38 million American drivers would fail a written drivers test—that's 20 percent of licensed drivers. The nation's best drivers can be found in Kansas, while the worst drivers perhaps unsurprisingly are in New York.

Thought for the Day: "As far as the laws of mathematics refer to reality, they are not certain; and as far as they are certain, they do not refer to reality." — Albert Einstein

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Briefs

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accepting new members for the 2010-2011 year and will be holding their first general meeting of the year on Saturday, June 26, at the Woman's Club clubhouse located at 1400 North Mesa (parking is located across the street). New and potential members will meet at 9:30 a.m. followed by the general meeting at 10:30. If you are interested in learning about the club and all that it does for the El Paso community, please come join us or contact Veronica at 740-4140. All women 21 years and older are welcome.

- Beth Podol

Crime Stoppers

A man with a black handgun robs a local credit union, making this the Crime Stoppers "Crime of the Week." On Friday, May 21, about 3:30 in the afternoon, a man walked into the El Paso Employees Credit Union located at 9305 North Loop. The man was wearing a surgical mask over his face and was armed with a black semi-automatic handgun when he approached a teller and demanded money. At the same time he handed over a grocery bag to put the money in. The teller feared for his life and handed over an undetermined amount of money. The suspect, who spoke only Spanish, fled on foot and was last seen running east on North Loop. The suspect is described as an Hispanic male in his early 30s, approximately 5'9" with a medium build. He was wearing a blue baseball cap with the U.S. flag on front, clear safety style glasses, white surgical mask, and a grey hooded sweatshirt turned inside out. He had on tan colored gloves, blue jeans, and dark tennis shoes with white lines. If you have information about the identity and location of this suspect, please call Crime Stoppers immediately at 566-TIPS (566-8477) or on-line at www. crimestoppersofelpaso.org. You will remain anonymous and, if your tip leads to an arrest, you

can qualify for a cash reward.

— James Klaes

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Horizon

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occupancy is limit is 80 — double the old hall. Coleman says it routinely handles 50 or so during court sessions.

Next, a temporary office trailer was brought in to house the other employees while Town Hall underwent renovation.

Another tangible is an extension of the first. The interior is very pleasant both to work in and do business in. There is new tile on the floor and fresh paint on the walls. The 15 employees that work out of the upgraded Town Hall have a well lit, climate controlled environment that includes nine offices, a conference room and break room. The restrooms have been upgraded. There is more storage space. Coleman says the building is more efficient.

"It's important for people to have a good working environment — for social well-being," said Coleman. "This building is ADA compliant now. We have a break room for people to eat in. When somebody comes in to do business they're in a comfortable, attractive situation. We have space for private meetings."

The project has also been financially sound (see By the numbers). Coleman credits both the cost controls and increased building efficiency to good planning. "We had very thorough front-end meetings with the architects on this project," said Coleman. "We looked for ways to save." Pablo Aguirre of McCormick Architects was the lead man on the project according to Coleman.



- Rendering courtesy Huitt-Zollars Engineering

PHASE II — Better parking lots, landscaping and storage facilities are the next upgrades on the drawing board for Horizon City Town Hall.

By the numbers

- · Length of renovation project was 120 days.
- Horizon has doubled its office space from 4,000 to 8,000 sq. ft.
- Temporary office facilities cost \$25,000.
- Renovating Town Hall, to date, cost \$304,950. The budget was set at \$295,000 plus 20% for change orders. To date, the change orders are at 10%.
- New furniture costs are at \$104,000 out of \$150,000 budget.
- New technology phones, servers and audio-visual equipment \$8,000.

Coleman says the job is not done better parking lots, landscaping and yet. Still to come in Phase II are equipment storage facilities.



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Strasburg lives up to baseball hype and then some

By Steve Escajeda Special to the Courier

On June 8th I did something I never thought I would do — I actually went out of my way to watch a Washington Nationals baseball game.

Normally, sitting through a Nationals game is a kin to watching an episode of The View, the Big Bang Theory or anything on

But this night was special because a young kid was taking the Major League mound for the first time in his career.

And although he is just 21 years old, everybody knew his name and expected nothing but the best from him.

And boy did they get it.

Stephen Strasburg made his debut against the Pittsburgh Pirates on June 8 and every time he took the mound I stopped what I was doing (making dinner) and watched every pitch.

I honestly can't remember the last time I did that. It must have been during a Nolan Ryan start or back in the days when Detroit had a phenom of its own, Mark "The Bird" Fidrych.

Any way, like everyone else I heard all the talk about Strasburg being a "can't miss" prospect but I've heard that before.

Names like David Clyde and Todd Van Poppel immediately come to mind.

These were a couple of pitchers who were brought up to the majors way too quickly and ended up being known for the failures instead of their successes.

But the Nationals brought Strasburg up slowly, spending two months in the minors. And this is after the kid spent four years in

Strasburg's opening night was brilliant. I have to admit that I haven't seen that kind of movement and speed on a baseball since...

Nolan Ryan and Randy Johnson would just blow guys away but neither one had several exceptional breaking pitches, which Strasburg

Strasburg threw many pitches 98-100 mph. That is tough enough, but then he'd pull out an 83 mph breaking pitch and the poor batters had no chance.

In that memorable first outing, Strasburg went seven innings and struck out 14 batters without issuing a single walk.

But that's not the most impressive stat dangerously attractive females and we've related to the young pitcher.

The Washington Nationals have now become "must-see TV" — at least every time Strasburg pitches.

The overnight ratings for Washington's local broadcast went through the roof. It averages about 14,000 households tuning in per game — during Strasburg's debut it recorded 165,000.

The Nationals average crowd for a Tuesday night is around 16,000 fans. Strasburg drew

Soon after his first game Strasburg appeared on David Letterman and read Dave's Top Ten list — if that is not instant celebrity I don't

Some restaurants in the Washington area are even beginning to serve Strasburgers.

The world of sports is paved with a milelong list of guys who were hyped up as being the next true superstar but didn't quite get there. Guys who lost their competitive edge right after signing that huge endorsement deal and that massive contract extension.

a sleazy sports agent, a greedy "come out of the kind of illegal injections it's been of the woodwork" entourage and a bevy of making news for.

got another victim of the darker side of professional sports.

But to his credit, Strasburg appears to be a kid with his head on straight. It appears that he's had the upbringing that will keep his name out of the headlines except for what he accomplishes on the field.

And so far he can do almost anything he wants on the mound.

The movement on his pitches is unlike anything I've ever seen. Batters have to swing quickly because he throws so fast.

By the time they swing at his breaking pitch, the ball is just off the ground. If batters wait on his breaking pitch, the fastball is a blur and they have to take the umpire's word that it was a strike.

Of course, no one really knows whether we'll be talking about Strasburg as a superstar or as a complete bust 10 years from now, but wouldn't it be nice for a good humble kid to rewrite the record books while giving baseball the kick start it needs.

After the past few years, baseball could use Take those millions of dollars, throw in an injection of genuine excitement — instead

A sporting view By Mark Vasto

Twelve is the loneliest number

I can't say it happened overnight His name was Christian Peter. maybe it took a year — but the guy sitting at the end of my lunch table wasn't exactly the same guy I remembered the year before. He was a skinny kid who was very preppy, very well-dressed, the son of very well-to-do restaurateurs. Anyway, he used to be that guy... this new guy was a behemoth. Suddenly, a kid that didn't look like he could beat you in hopscotch looked like he could beat you into next Tuesday.

It took him, oh, about one traipse through the halls of Middletown South before the football coaches took notice and put him on the line for what became a team that took the New Jersey state championship. And Peter delivered: On and off the field, he leveled people.

Anyway, it was a pretty interesting team, those 1990 South Eagles. Other than the fact they won the a porch in Missouri, listening to a state championship that year, I

remember just a few of their vital statistics. Behind center was Jeff Cuozzo, the son of Gary Cuozzo, the former Colts, Cardinals and Vikings quarterback. The running back was a kid named Steven Michael Pitts, the Atlantic Highlands highlight reel and class guy who rewrote the state's record books during his four-year run. After the season, these players had decisions to make. Cuozzo chose God (he's now a missionary), and Pitts and Peter chose the state schools of New Jersey — Penn State and Nebraska.

I'm reminded of this as I sit on

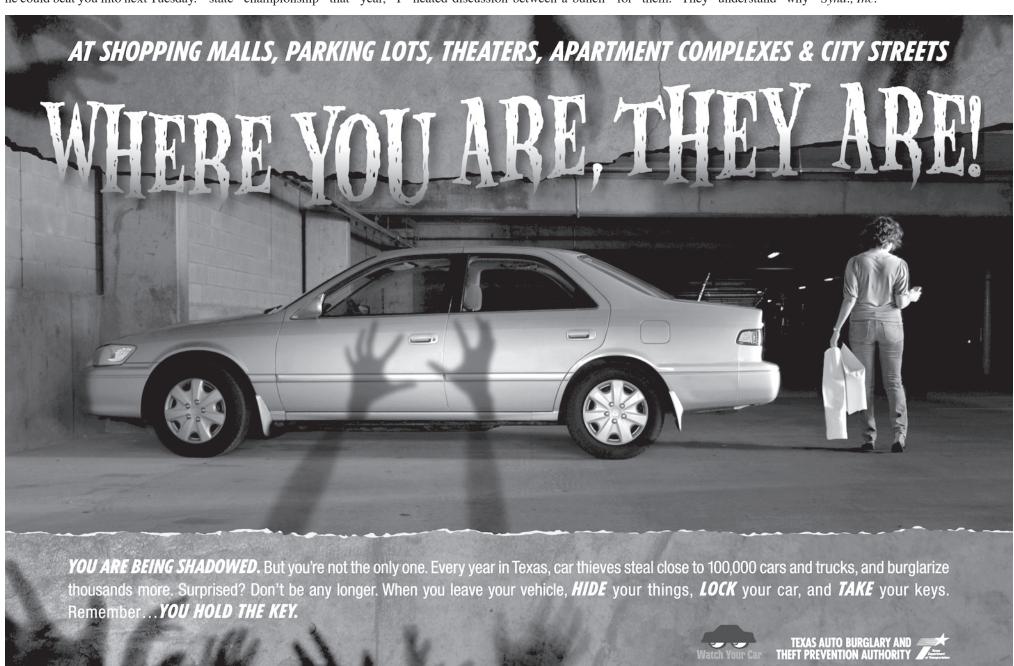
of Kansas and Mizzou grads. They know that the Big 10 and Pac 10 are knocking on Missouri's door, and they wonder what it could mean to their respective programs. Missouri seems like a natural fit to join the Big 10, as it has a strong rivalry with Illinois and its endowment matches up well with the other schools in the conference. Kansas has been the wallflower in this courtship dance, embroiled in a ticketing scandal and led by an athletic director, Lew Perkins, who is looking increasingly more inept with every passing press conference.

The situation is a puzzling one heated discussion between a bunch for them. They understand why

the Big 10 is important. Television revenues that would follow a move, particularly if Notre Dame joins the conference, are incredibly enticing. The question appears to center around Texas and Oklahoma. Why would they move to the Pac 10, as rumored, since both schools can write their own ticket and save the Big 12 on their own? Who knows?

But within a year, like Peter, the BCS picture will be transformed, and decisions will have to be made.

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Your good health By Paul G. Donahue, M.D.

DEAR DR. DONOHUE: Please write something about bladder infections. Can you have a bladder infection with no symptoms? -A.

The signs and symptoms of bladder infections are the same for men and women. The irritated, bladder demands frequent, urgent trips to the bathroom so it can be emptied. People have a burning sensation when passing urine. Pain is felt in the bladder area. Sometimes blood appears in the urine.

Men have far fewer bladder infections than women. Women have a shorter urethra than men. The urethra is the tube that empties the bladder of urine. Women's urethras open in an area that has a large bacterial population. Bacteria can ascend the female urethra without trouble. It's harder for them to climb the male urethra. And men's prostate glands secrete substances that have antibacterial properties.

The presence of bacteria in the urine without any signs of bladder infection is called asymptomatic bacteriuria. Doctors treat pregnant with asymptomatic bacteriuria to prevent symptoms from arising, as they often do during pregnancy. Infected urine, even without symptoms, can lower the birth weight of babies who were in the uterus during that period.

Otherwise, asymptomatic bacteriuria in women or men, at any age, usually does not require treatment. In women, bacteria in the bladder are often transiently there. They disappear many times on their own. Treatment can lead to the development of resistant bacteria and can produce side effects. Furthermore, it is costly. The guidance from most experts, therefore, is not to treat asymptomatic bacteriuria.

Exceptions exist. Diabetics might benefit from treatment.

The topic of urinary tract infections and their treatment are

covered in the booklet on that topic. Readers can order a copy by writing: Dr. Donohue — No. 1204W, Box 536475, Orlando, FL 32853-6475. Enclose a check or money order (no cash) for \$4.75 U.S./\$6 Canada with the recipient's printed name and address. Please allow four weeks for delivery.

DEAR DR. DONOHUE: I would like to know why you lose flesh with age, but not bone, nor skin, nor fat. One doctor told me that's why people get colder when they get older. I am rapidly losing flesh. - L.J.

People lose muscle with age. The process is called sarcopenia (SAHR-coe-PEA-knee-uh). never thought of it until you brought it up, but it could be a reason why older people chill quickly. Muscles generate heat, and they serve as insulation. Shivering is a response to a cold environment. Shivering muscles give off heat.

Lots of unpleasant things happen with aging. Metabolism slows, and that's another reason why older people complain of the cold. Our bodies don't repair themselves as well as they did when we were young. Bones do lose strength and size with age. Growing old is not for the faint of heart.

Sarcopenia and bone loss can be kept to a minimum and possibly reversed if people exercise. The kind of exercise they must do is "resistance" exercise - lifting weights. It sounds nutty, but it's for real. Weights don't have to be of the same magnitude that people use to prepare for a bodybuilding contest. You can start with onepound weights and gradually increase the poundage when you become comfortable with that amount of weight.

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Super Crossword

HUMORISTS **ACROSS**

- 1 Pollutant
- 5 Next in line
- 9 Viola part
- 12 Irish playwright
- 17 Strong ox 18 Extremely hot
- 20 Prospector's prize
- 21 Breakfast food
- 22 Humorous TV host?
- 25 Shadowy site? 26 Half a joint
- 27 Math relationship
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- 31 Not as common 33 More promising

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- 113 New Hampshire 114 Intense 117 Item in a lock 118 Seasons firewood 120 Win by 124 Milo of "Ulysses" 126 Dull

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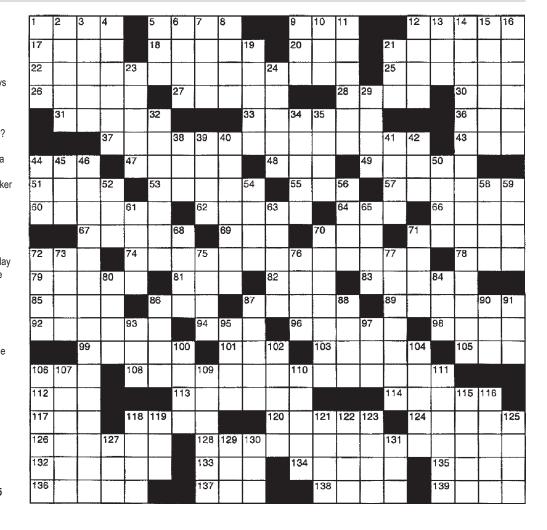
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Canutillo ISD offers a new tool to parents

By Patricia Tidwell Special to the Courier

CANUTILLO — The Canutillo Independent School District (CISD) has unveiled its district Parent Portal. The Parent Portal is a unique web-based tool that allows parents to securely view their child's grades and attendance online. It will be online for the 2010-11 school year.

"It is critical that CISD provide resources for parents, and our new Parent Portal certainly adds an important resource to our community," said Dr. Damon Murphy, Superintendent of Schools.

Through a secure connection, parents can register on the district's at their child's school for access.

website to review when their child is absent or when his or her grades drop below a certain point. Additionally, parents can communicate directly with their child's teachers and review daily assignments, demographics, class schedules, progress reports and report card grades. Parents can also sign-up to receive notifications.

"This is a great tool because in this just-in-time information age that we are living in, parents can now check in and feel they are a part of their child's academic success," said Annette Brigham, Director of School Resources.

One of the primary goals of the Parent Portal is to pave a tech-friendly avenue for parents to stay informed and involved with their child's education.

The CISD Parent Portal is available at all CISD campuses; parents can find additional information at our website: www.canutillo-isd.org. Parents can register at this site, but will need to verify their identification

Social Security Q&A By Ray Vigil

Q: My mother receives supplemental security income (SSI) benefits. She may have to enter a nursing home to get the proper care she needs. Will this affect her SSI benefits?

affect your mother's SSI benefits, but it depends on the type of facility it is. In many cases, the SSI payment will be reduced or stopped. Be sure to notify Social Security when your mother enters or leaves a nursing home, assisted living facility, hospital, skilled nursing facility, or any other kind of institution. Call Social Security's toll-free number, 1-800-772-1213 (TTY 1-800-325-

Q: How many parts to Medicare are Part C; and

Medicare:

- pay for inpatient hospital care, skilled nursing care, hospice care and must opt out if you do not and other services;
- Part B (doctor insurance) helps pay A: Moving to a nursing home can for doctors' fees, outpatient hospital visits, and other medical services and supplies that are not covered by Part A;
 - Part C (Medicare Advantage) plans, available in some areas, allow you to choose to receive all of your health care services through a provider organization. These plans may help lower your costs of receiving medical services, or you may get extra benefits for an additional monthly fee. You must A: No. When each member have both Parts A and B to enroll in of a married couple works in
- Part D (prescription drug coverage) is voluntary and the A: There are four parts to costs are paid for by the monthly

premiums of enrollees • Part A (hospital insurance) helps Medicare. Unlike Part B in which you are automatically enrolled want it, with Part D you have to opt in by filling out a form and enrolling in an approved plan. More information may be found in our publication Medicare at www. socialsecurity.gov/pubs/10043. html or by visiting www.medicare.

> entitled to our own Social Security benefits. Will our combined benefits be reduced because we are married?

> covered employment Social Security and both meet all other eligibility requirements to receive retirement benefits, their lifetime earnings are calculated independently to determine their benefit amounts. Therefore, each spouse receives a monthly benefit amount based on his or her own earnings. If one member of the couple earned low wages or failed to earn enough Social Security credits (40) to be insured for retirement benefits, he or she may be eligible to receive benefits as a spouse. To learn more about retirement, visit www. socialsecurity.gov/retirement.

For more information on any of the questions listed above, visit our website at www.socialsecurity.gov or call us at 1-800-772-1213. If you have any questions that you would like to have answered, please mail them to the Social Security Office, 11111 Gateway West, Attn: Ray Vigil, El Paso, Texas 79935.

June 9. Araujo returns to the office of board president after he was unopposed for re-election for the position of Trustee Place 5 during the district's recent board elections

Araujo takes the place of Jaquez who had served as board president since May 2008. This is the third time that he is chosen to lead the San Elizario ISD school board since becoming a trustee back in 1994. Araujo is currently the Executive

Director of Organización Progresiva de San Elizario, a non-profit organization that provides a range of housing services and assistance

Other members re-elected to

the San Elizario ISD school board

are Vicente Delgadillo as Trustee

Place 4, Irene D. Jaquez as Trustee Place 6, and Armando Martinez as

Trustee Place 7. Judge Ruben Lujan

administered the oath of office

for the new and re-elected board

at the board after a brief hiatus

replacing Priscilla Ortega. He is one

of the longest serving trustees with

over 20 years of service. Trustee

Ramon Holguin remains in the

office of vice president while the

newest member of the board, Jose

Rodriguez, takes over the position

Martinez returns to take a seat

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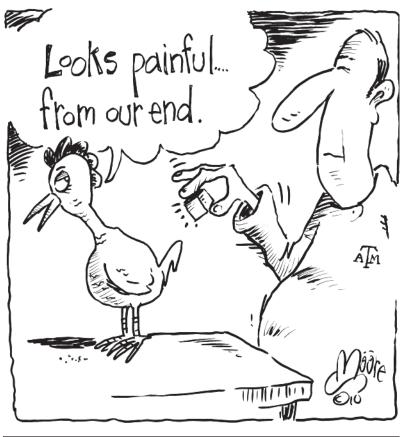
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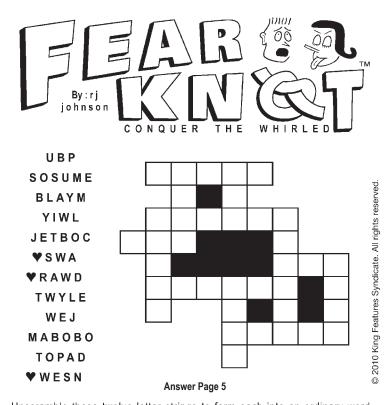
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Moore Texas by Roger Moore Scientists in Aggieland once tried to create a square egg, citing shipping efficiency etc ...





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.

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: W equals Y

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WUM IUMYV AQTR Q

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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 **★★★ HOO BOY!** Answer Page 5

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