



NEWSBRIEFS

Election results

■ SCHOOL DISTRICTS

Anthony School District

Anthony ISD failed to convince its voters to approve a \$5 million bond issue. More than 400 voters showed up at the polls and narrowly defeated the bond issue by a 52.18 percent to 47.82 percent margin. Elected to the two at-large positions on the Anthony ISD board of trustees were Mary R. Jones and Chrissy Singh. Both candidates tied with 36.4 percent of the votes. A total of 577 votes were cast in this election.

Canutillo School District

Voters agreed to pay almost \$300 more a year in property taxes by approving a Tax Ratification Election (TRE) and the sale of \$43.9 million in bonds, which will be used to refurbish existing schools and build a new K-8 school campus. Over 1,700 voters showed up at the polls, with 54.08 percent of them passing the bond issue and 57.53 percent voting for the tax ratification increase.

Socorro School District

Voters approved a \$297 million bond issue that will result in a slight property tax increase. The bonds will be used to upgrade certain elementary schools' heating and cooling systems, improve science labs, construct three new schools, and expand two existing campuses.

■ MUNICIPAL

City of Socorro

Voters recalled Mayor Guillermo "Willie" Gandara Sr. by nearly 70 percent of the voters. Gandara becomes the first El Paso County official to be ousted from office in a recall election. He was elected mayor in May 2010.

Maria Reyes won in the Alderman District 1 race with nearly 49 percent of the 371 votes cast. She will fill the seat of Luis Varela, who resigned as a Socorro council member in December after being charged with possession of drugs.

Socorro voters also passed seven of the ten propositions on the ballot. Those passed revolved around Article 7 of the city charter which gives voters the power to recall elected officials; the only proposition involving recall power that was not successful was Proposition 9, which would have changed the time a recall could be filed against public officials from six months to nine months from the date they took office. The other two failed propositions had to do with mayor and council members' salaries and other full-time employee benefits.

Town of Anthony

In the Town of Anthony elections for its town council positions, Mayor Art Franco

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The secret of good health is to leave the table hungry, the bed sleepy and the tavern thirsty.

— Quips & Quotes



— Photo courtesy San Elizario ISD

DESIGNING WOMAN – San Elizario High School senior Betsabe Barrientos won first-place with this poster in a contest to discourage underage drinking.

San Elizario HS students design anti-drinking posters

By Cynthia P. Marentes
Special to the Courier

SAN ELIZARIO – San Elizario High School students have learned to take an

initial concept to create visually interesting promotional materials as part of their advertising and graphic design classes. On May 12, five of those students were rewarded for applying their talents to designing underage

sponsored by the El Paso Police Departments' (EPPD) Community Services/PAR.

San Elizario High School senior Betsabe Barrientos was the first-place winner in the

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Trejo and Delgado named Gates Millenium Scholars

By Laura Cade
Special to the Courier



— Photo courtesy Clint ISD

GATES SCHOLARS – Sarahi Trejo and Heather Delgado.

Clint High School Seniors, Sarahi Trejo and Heather Delgado, have both been named to the Gates Millenium Scholars Program which is the nation's largest scholarship program.

As Gates Millennium Scholars, Trejo and Delgado have been awarded good-through-graduation college scholarships. They will be among this year's cohort of 1,000 students selected. The scholarships can be used to pursue degrees in any undergraduate major at the accredited college or university of their choice. They will also be provided with personal and professional development through leadership programs along with academic support throughout their college career.

Sarahi Trejo, the Clint High School JROTC Battalion Commander, is set to attend Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University in Arizona to pursue a degree in mathematics and engineering.

Heather Delgado, a talented cross-country athlete, is deciding between Texas Tech and the University of Hawaii to pursue her undergraduate degree.

"Education has always been the best pathway to opportunity, and we believe

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Veterans Post By Freddy Groves

Bank owes millions to veterans

If you lost your home to foreclosure or were overcharged on your mortgage while you were called to active duty or were serving in harm's way, you could be due some relief.

Thanks to a lawsuit, a certain large bank will be paying out tens of millions of dollars. Six thousand members of the military accused the bank of overcharging them on mortgages, and they sued based on the protections of the Servicemember's Civil Relief Act.

The SCRA, an improved version of the Soldiers' and Sailors' Civil Relief Act, offers protections for debts that were incurred before becoming active duty or deploying. The act:

- Caps mortgage payments at 6 percent;
- Caps credit-card and installment debt at 6 percent interest, and any extra interest cannot be charged later;
- Bans evictions, if rents are less than \$2,400 per month;
- Prevents double taxation that comes from spouses working in a state different from the one that is the family's legal residence;
- Bans apartment or car-lease termination fees (if you're sent

elsewhere for more than 90 days); and

- Protects from default life-insurance policies up to \$250,000.

That big bank is going to be awhile mopping up the mess. Among other things it will be giving back homes it foreclosed on if the actions were done in violation of the SCRA, and giving money to those military families who were wronged. (How will they give the homes back if they've already been sold to others, we wonder?)

If you were wronged while you were on active duty, speak up. If your bank charged you too much for mortgage interest, it should be recalculating that and sending you a refund. If it foreclosed while you were on active duty, contact your state's attorney general.

To read more about this, search online for the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act.

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STAAR program to replace TAKS in schools

By Alfredo Vasquez
Special to the Courier

With completion of Texas Assessment of Knowledge and Skills (TAKS) testing this month in the state's more than 8,600 public schools, students have seen the last of TAKS.

House Bill 3, passed by the 81st Texas Legislature, required the development of a new state assessment program. The result of that legislation is the new State of Texas Assessments of Academic Readiness (STAAR) program.

The STAAR name, pronounced the same as star, will be used for the 12 end-of-course assessments mandated by SB 1031 in 2007 and the new grade 3-8 assessments mandated by HB 3 in the 2009 legislative session.

STAAR is a more rigorous assessment program that will provide the foundation for a new accountability system for Texas public education. STAAR will replace the Texas Assessment of Knowledge and Skills (TAKS), which is the criterion-reference assessment program that has been in place since 2003.

Beginning in spring 2012, the STAAR program at grades 3-8 will assess the same subjects and grades that are currently assessed on TAKS.

At high school, however, grade-specific assessments will be replaced with 12 end-of-course (EOC) assessments: Algebra I, geometry, Algebra II, biology, chemistry, physics, English I, English II, English III, world geography, world history, and U.S. history.

Students in the graduating Class of 2015, who are currently in seventh grade, will be the first students who must meet the end-of-course testing requirements, as well as pass their classes, in order to earn a diploma.

The new tests will be significantly more rigorous than previous tests and will measure a child's performance, as well as academic growth. The grade 3-8 STAAR tests in reading and mathematics, by law, must be linked from grade to grade to performance expectations for the English III and Algebra II end-of-course assessments, according to Texas Education Agency (TEA) officials.

During a recent speech at the Texas Association of School Administrators' Conference in Austin, State Education Commissioner Robert Scott said that the last TAKS-based school accountability ratings will be issued in 2011. Ratings will be suspended in 2012 while a new accountability system is developed. The new state rating system will debut in 2013.

With the new testing program, current test administration policies have been reevaluated and modified to ensure that they fit the new structure and purpose of the STAAR program. The following information provides updates to current policies and is intended to assist in preparations for the spring 2012 STAAR administrations:

Time Limits

TEA will establish a four-hour time limit for both the STAAR EOC assessments and the STAAR grades 3-8 assessments for the 2012 spring test administration. A

four-hour time limit should provide sufficient time for the majority of students to complete the test. At the high school level, the four-hour time limit will not preclude campuses from having two testing sessions within a given day. If two sessions are desired, early start times can be offered, sessions can overlap, or test sessions can extend beyond the typical school day. The agency will review the four-hour time limit for STAAR after the spring 2012 administration to determine if the policy needs to be reconsidered or adjusted.

Make-up Testing

Current plans for the STAAR program include offering make-up testing opportunities for all grades and subjects. Make-ups are planned for assessments given during all administrations, including summer administrations.

Dictionaries and Calculators

The STAAR program has new policies for dictionary and calculator use based on the new curriculum requirements. Dictionaries must be made available to all students taking STAAR reading assessments at grades 6-8; STAAR writing assessments at grade 7; and STAAR English I, II, and III assessments (including STAAR Modified and STAAR L). Calculators must be available to all students taking STAAR Algebra I, geometry, Algebra II, chemistry, physics, and biology assessments (including STAAR Modified and STAAR L).

Embedded Reference Materials

Reference materials (e.g., formula charts) for STAAR math and science assessments and graph paper for the STAAR math assessments will be included in test booklets.

Grade 3 Answer Documents

Students taking STAAR grade 3 reading and math assessments will now record their responses on a separate answer document. Grade 3 students will no longer record their answers to test items in a scoreable test booklet.


Dyslexia Accommodations

Current dyslexia accommodations for the TAKS program are limited to grades 3-8. However, for the STAAR program, TEA is expanding these testing policies to include high school students with dyslexia and other similar reading disabilities. Students will be allowed to take the STAAR English I, II, and III assessments as well as the grades 3-8 reading assessments with accommodations, such as the oral reading of item stems/answer options and extended time. These accommodations represent two of the three accommodations in the current dyslexia bundle. The only accommodation that will no longer be provided is the proper-nouns lists. More information about these accommodations as well as others that will be available to students will be provided in the future.

For additional information about STAAR, go to the STAAR resources pages on the Student Assessment website at <http://www.tea.state.tx.us/studentassessment/taar/>.

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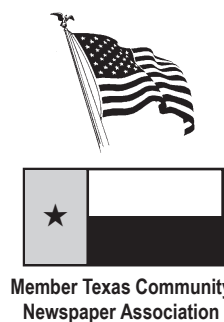
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Editor:

I am extremely humbled and proud of the Socorro ISD family and our community for the show of support we received surrounding Bond 2011. Nearly 2,700 (56%) voters, mostly administrators, teachers, staff and parents voted in favor of Bond 2011; the largest facilities bond referendum in the state of Texas this year. Bond 2011 will insure nearly \$300 million dollars to address the accelerated increase in student enrollment by providing the resources necessary to construct three new elementary schools and a new middle school; complete our two, newest comprehensive high schools; and, to re-modernize and improve eighteen existing campuses.

This is indeed a proud day for the Socorro Independent School District family and a defining moment in our rich history. Today, we stand shoulder-to-shoulder with a remarkable community dedicated to affording all students with access

to a world-class education. I want to personally thank all of you who supported this effort, you were the "game changers" and continue to be champions to our students!

I also want to thank and acknowledge the efforts of Mrs. Cynthia Hughes and Mrs. Kerry Mildon, Chairpersons of the, "Make it Happen" campaign and Ms. Glenda Hawthorne and the Socorro Education Association (SEA) for her outstanding leadership and tireless efforts surrounding this issue. Finally, I want to thank and acknowledge the endorsements we received from our Partners in Education; the Greater El Paso Chamber of Commerce; the El Paso Times Editorial Board; the Mayor of El Paso; and, the Mayor of Horizon City.

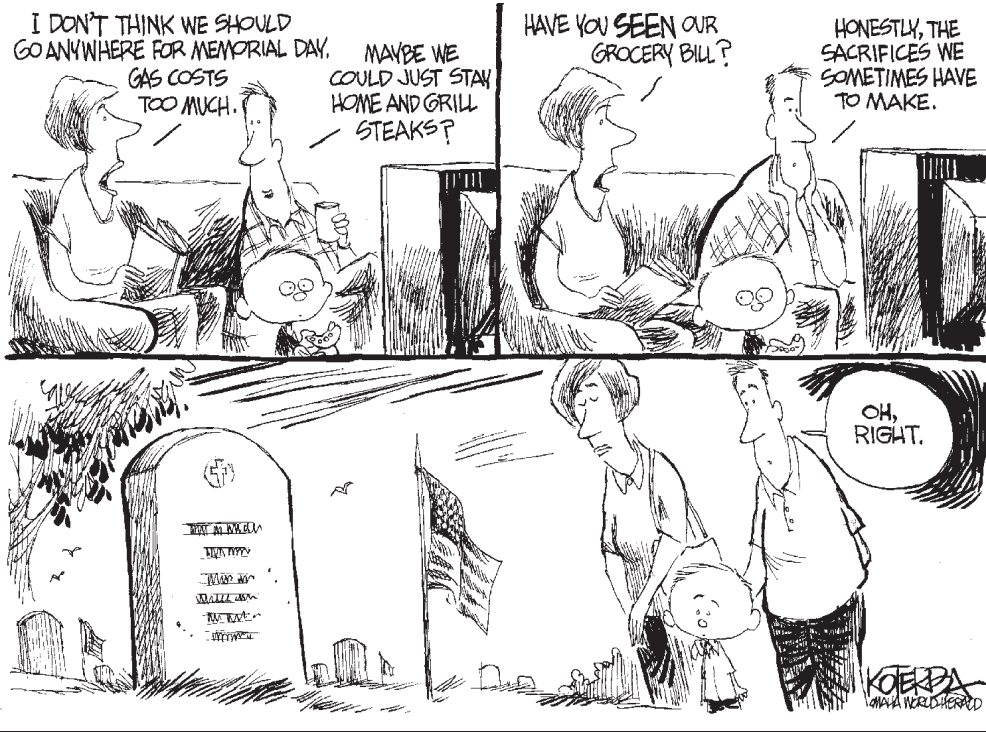
Later next week, the Board of Trustees will canvas the election results and immediately begin arranging the sale of the bonds and the search for qualified, local architects, engineers and contractors

to complete the projects listed in Bond 2011. All work under this bond is anticipated to be completed by the fall of 2014.

The development of Bond 2011 was driven by community input and the completion of projects will follow this established precedence. I commit to completing all work as advertised and in an inclusive, transparent manner. Our pledge is, "Promises Made, Promises Kept". To that end, we will convene a committee of citizens later this summer to ensure and promote communication and accountability surrounding all elements within Bond 2011.

On behalf of the Board of Trustees and myself, I would like to thank you for your continued trust, confidence, and support. YOU MADE IT HAPPEN!

Respectfully,
Xavier De La Torre, Ed.D.
Superintendent of Schools
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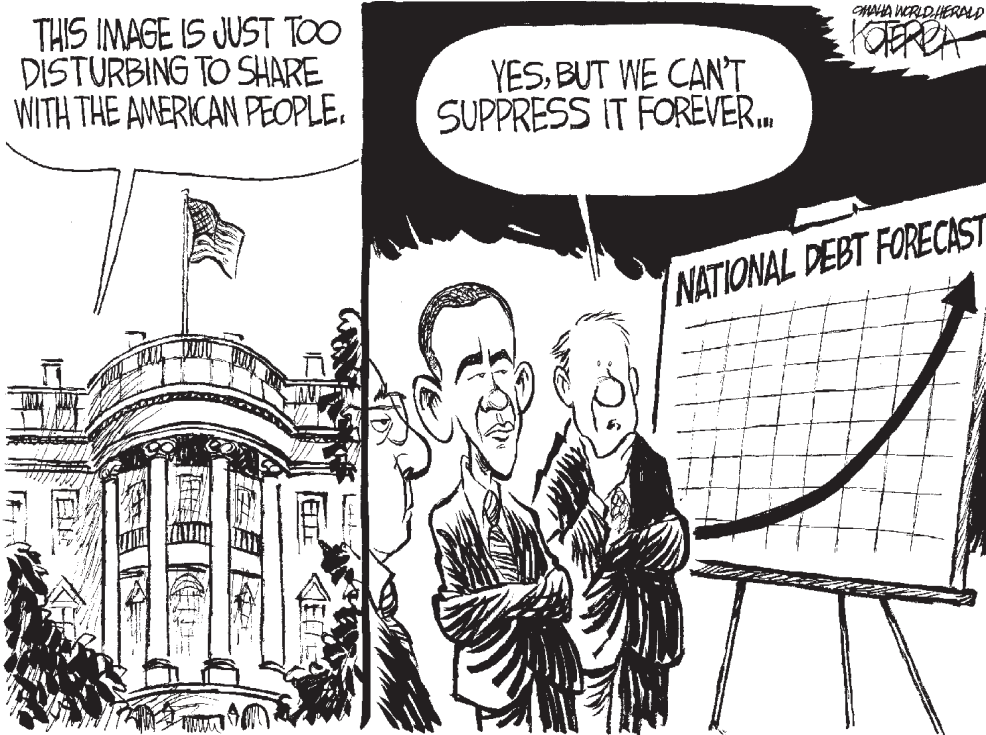
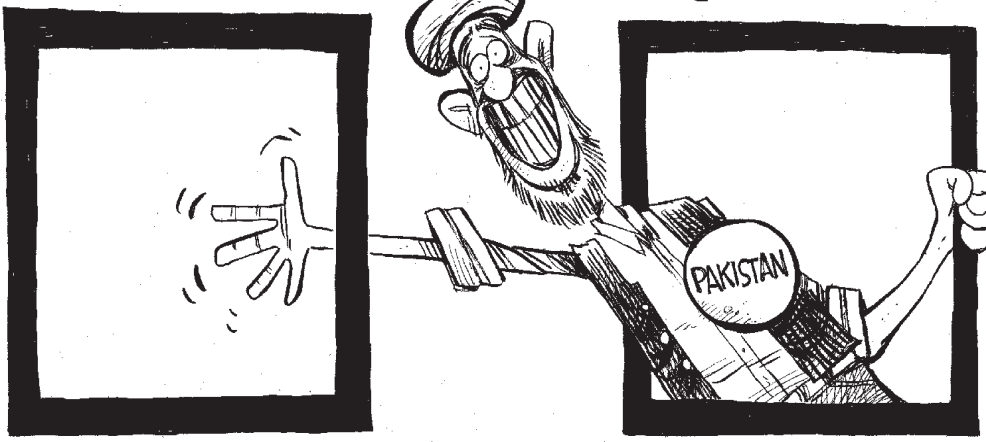


TERRORISM QUIZ

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Por la Gente By State Rep. Chente Quintanilla

One tough budget bill

Hola mi gente. There has been plenty of conversation during this session about how the conservative side of the house and senate are intent on not raising taxes. The budget bill is very close to being shelved this late in the session because of the impasse on increasing revenues – either by taxes or fees (a stealth tax in reality).

I find nothing wrong with “no new taxes” if there is truly no impact on taxpayers locally. That is what the big problem is with the efforts on our budget bill. I have mentioned previously that the burden will fall on El Paso County taxpayers because the state did not excuse anything that is required.

Healthcare and education will continue at current levels with the state revenue reductions being subsidized locally. Evidence of that already has manifested with the approval by voters in Canutillo of the property tax increase. Now, in the Canutillo Independent School District, the first year teachers can be retained. There will other local tax increases considered by schools and governments.

If requiring local taxes to cover state reductions wasn't bad enough, the conservative house has now approved new mandates that are covered by local taxpayers. The bill referred to as the “sanctuary city” bill passed. It prohibits local governments from avoiding immigration issues completely.

Although the bill states that the local governments may not establish policies that prohibit officers from immigration inquiries, the bill also establishes penalties for any local government that is found to avoid immigration enforcement. The penalty

would be loss of state grants.

Commissioners Court on May 16th correctly argued that the new law would create additional unfunded costs for the county– not to mention city and other government entities. Because the county funds the jails, it would bear the greatest burden under the bill.

Years ago, the county found itself fighting the federal government to cover the costs of jailing suspects detained on immigration charges. The reimbursements totaled over ten million dollars. Eventually, after several very public efforts, the feds began to pay our county what was owed. That is just the tip of the iceberg in potential costs.

Under Governor George W. Bush, the state of Texas went to court to fight against unfunded mandates requiring the state to pay for immigration enforcement. Eventually a federal appeals court decided against the frivolous court filing. The complaint that was filed alleged “that federal immigration policy and defendants’ (federal government) failure to pay for state expenditures related to undocumented aliens infringes on the right of Texas voters to determine the spending priorities of state government...”

Ironically, that is exactly what the state now wants to impose on the county, city and other local government entities. In our case, the failure of the state to pay for mandated immigration enforcement infringes on the right of El Paso county taxpayers to determine the spending priorities of the local governments.

The policies of conservatives continue to be consistently inconsistent.

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

Briefs

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was re-elected with nearly 58 percent of the 402 votes cast. Franco was first elected to the mayor's office nearly 18 years ago. Luis (Lee) Vela won another term as Alderman Place 1 representative. He ran uncontested. In the Alderman Place 2 race, Rosie Holguin won with a 55.53 percent of the 374 votes cast.

Town of Horizon

Two city council positions were unopposed in the Town of Horizon elections. Walter L. Miller was re-elected mayor, and Bill Armas kept his position as the Place 7 representative.

In other races, Luis Najera edged out his opponent by 10 votes; he received 50.95 percent of the votes cast to win the Alderman Place 3 office. Johnny (Doc) Duran won his first term as the Place 5 representative with 50.97 percent of the votes cast in his favor. About 524 voters came to the polls for this Horizon City election.

Horizon voters also overwhelmingly approved a change in the city charter to re-direct some of the monies raised through sales taxes to help with street and park improvements. This proposition passed by nearly 70 percent.

Village of Vinton

In the Village of Vinton, three town council seats were up for election. Martha O. Garcia won the Alderperson Place 3 position with nearly 54 percent of the votes. Juvencia Rios-Ontiveros took the Alderperson Place 4 slot with 52.53 percent. Maria Medina garnered over 52 percent of the votes to

take the Alderperson Place 5 position.
– Alfredo Vasquez

Crime Stoppers

The El Paso Police Department is investigating two incidents of a sexual nature that are very similar, including the description of the offender, making this the Crime Stoppers “Crime of the Week.” On Monday, February 28, 2011, about 4:00 p.m., the suspect drove up next to a young girl walking home from school at the intersection of Bob Hope and Vista del Sol on the eastside. The suspect asked if she wanted sex “right now” and exposed himself to the victim. The victim walked away immediately and reported the incident. About 30 minutes later, the same suspect pulled up next to another victim in the 12000 block of Paul Klee, only a few blocks away from the first incident. The suspect called the victim over to his car where the victim saw that he had his pants down. This victim walked away and called for assistance. The suspect in both incidents is described as an Hispanic male, 18 or 19 years old, with a mole on his right cheek and dark brown hair combed to the side. He was wearing a red long sleeve shirt and blue jeans. He was driving a small black car, possibly a Honda Civic, with a loud muffler, a small wing on the trunk lid, and an unknown item hanging from the rear view mirror. If you have any information about the identity of the suspect involved, 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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Hay places sixth at UIL competition

By Christine Gleason
Special to the Courier

FABENS – Fabens High School student, Natalie Hay placed sixth at the State UIL tournament on Thursday. She competed in the Editorial Writing competition.

Hay, a Fabens High School junior, placed fifth at state last year in the News Writing competition. “I was surprised because she was gong [to state] in a different event than last year. We definitely had to switch focus because the two events are so different.” Journalism coach Denise Peña said. However, Peña had no doubts Hay would do well. “She’s a natural journalist” Peña said.

Though advancing to the state competition in Editorial Writing was not what Hay expected, the news was more than welcomed. “It was a little more exciting than my first year because I left regional’s thinking I hadn’t qualified for state.” Hay said.

On the bus ride back to Fabens, Peña, who had stayed in Lubbock to wait for results, called Hay with the news she had qualified for state. “I screamed, which I probably shouldn’t have done because a lot of people were sleeping on the bus,” Hay said.

At the state competition in Austin, Hay was discouraged. “I walked out of competition and I gave Ms. Peña a hug because I didn’t expect to place at all. When they started announcing my event at the awards ceremony, I held my breath because I didn’t expect them to call my name.” Hay said.

Nonetheless, Hay came back home with a medal. “Next year I expect her to go in both events because her news writing paper was disqualified from the competition for a factual error,” Peña said. “She’s got potential and drive and I don’t see why she wouldn’t make it to state again.” Hay also has high expectations. “I’m hoping next year to qualify in both events and I’m also taking up headline writing next year.”

Guerra is tennis champ

By Loretta Aguilar
Special to the Courier

TORNILLO – Tornillo High School senior Jesse Guerra is the Class 2A Singles UIL State Champion. Jesse began his tennis career in seventh grade. Pat Guerra, Jesse’s dad, credits former coach Alex Macias for cultivating his interest in the game initially. Coach Macias suggested to Jesse that he could someday play in Austin and make Texas sport history.

The tennis courts became his

second home and he honed his skills against opponents like THS alumni Randy Gardea. Gardea was a state finals qualifier who finished second his senior year. Jesse’s devastating loss at regional’s last year made him question his abilities – but only momentarily. Not even an hour after his loss he was looking for someone to hit against. His quest for a state championship was still alive.

Jesse won a pair of three set matches in Monday’s first two rounds and then stayed

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Measles, a once-forgotten disease, is back

By Brent Annear
Special to the Courier

Measles, commonly regarded as a disease of the past, is back.

Recent news headlines tell the story: “Houston sees its first case of measles in years” (Houston Chronicle), “Officials investigate first Tarrant County measles cases in 17 years” (Fort Worth Star-Telegram), and “WHO reports measles outbreaks in European countries” (CNN). The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) affirms that health officials see a new uptick in the number of American measles cases. They add that at this rate, the United States will have more measles cases this year than any year in more than a decade, with

virtually all cases linked to people who have been in other countries.

Vaccines have done such a great job of eradicating the measles here that some people no longer fear the disease. “The measles vaccine is an excellent example of vaccine success,” says Edward A. Dominguez, MD, FACP, member of Texas Medical Association’s (TMA’s) TMA’s Be Wise – ImmunizeSM advisory panel, and former member of TMA’s Council on Health Promotion. Prior to routine vaccination, the infectious disease specialist says, the number

Prior to routine vaccination, the infectious disease specialist says, the number of U.S. measles cases averaged 450,000 annually, of which 450 were fatal.

of U.S. measles cases averaged 450,000 annually, of which 450 were fatal. Then vaccines slowed disease rates to a trickle.

In fact, health officials declared measles eliminated in the United States in 2000, greatly due to the measles-mumps-rubella (MMR) vaccine. When enough of a community is vaccinated against an infectious disease, it protects everyone in the community from contracting it – this is called herd immunity. Since measles is seemingly a disease of the past, some adults are choosing not to vaccinate their children or themselves against it. But physicians now are seeing some patients sick with the measles. In Texas, 177 measles cases occurred between 1993 and 2009. And earlier this year several Somalis living in Minnesota suffered a measles outbreak. Most of the sick children had not been vaccinated for fear of bad side effects from the vaccine. The outbreak hit after an unvaccinated Somali infant returned from a trip to Kenya and spread the disease to the other children. Without herd immunity, measles can spread easily.

Measles is highly contagious, transmitted through the air by coughing, sneezing, and merely breathing. Common measles symptoms include fever, runny nose, cough, and a reddish rash all over the body. Measles is potentially fatal.

TMA physicians say Texans must be vigilant and get their shots. The Advisory Committee for Immunization Practices (ACIP) and the American Academy of Pediatrics recommend the MMR vaccine for children at age 12–15 months, with a booster at age 4–6 years. U.S. children who travel or live abroad should be vaccinated at an earlier age than those who stay close to home. In fact, all international travelers should be up to date on vaccinations, health officials say.

“Parents, make sure you vaccinate your children according to the recommended guidelines,” says Dr. Dominguez.

Posters

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Underage Anti-drinking Poster Contest and received a prize of a brand new laptop computer and printer. Other San Elizario High School students who entered the contest included Rosalva Rodriguez earning a third-place finish and a digital camera; Misael Garcia winning a \$100 gift card; Denisse Gonzalez earning a \$75 gift card; and Anabel De La Rosa receiving a \$50 gift card. All five of them are career and technical education students in Jose Olivas’ advertising and graphic design class.

The awards ceremony was held at the David L Carrasco Job Corps Center where the top ten winners

were announced. Out of the more than 200 posters that were submitted for the contest, San Elizario High School students claimed five of the top ten spots. El Paso Chief of Police Greg Allen was also on hand speaking to the students about the importance of preventing underage drinking and recounted the story about the police officer who died last year in a car crash involving a 19 year-old drunk driver.

The EPPD Community Services /PAR will now send the winning posters from all the 12th grade students on to Austin where they will compete in the Texas Hospitality Association’s (THA) Underage Anti-Drinking Poster Contest for a \$10,000 educational scholarship. The winning poster will then be reproduced and distributed by THA as part of its statewide alcohol awareness campaign.

Scholars

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that college costs should not be an obstacle along that path,” said Jim Larimore the deputy director for student success at the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation. “That’s why scholarships like

the Gates Millennium Scholars Program and others are so important because they provide students who have the will to get a postsecondary education with a way to get one.”

The Gates Millennium Scholars (GMS) Program, funded by a grant from the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, was established

in 1999 to provide students with an opportunity to complete an undergraduate college education in any discipline they choose. The goal of GMS is to promote academic excellence by providing thousands of outstanding students, who have significant financial need, the opportunity to reach their full potential.

Canutillo Independent School District Public Notice

Public Meeting to Review Federally Funded Programs

The Canutillo Independent School District will conduct a public information meeting to review the following CISD 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 III, Part A – Limited English Proficiency (LEP)
- IDEA Part B – Formula
- IDEA Part B – Pre-School
- Career & Technical Education – Tech Prep
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There's more than a few surprises in the NBA

By Steve Escajeda
Special to the Courier

The NBA has reached the final-four version of its playoff season and this year's postseason has a very different feel to it.

It only took two rounds for the likes of the San Antonio Spurs, the Boston Celtics and the Los Angeles Lakers to be eliminated from the playoffs.

That's huge news considering those three teams have won 10 of the last 12 NBA titles.

It's not all that unusual that the Lakers, Celtics and Spurs won't win a championship this year. But it is strange that they all bowed out so early.

And the way the bowed out said a lot about their immediate future – which looks a little bleak.

The Spurs had the best record in the Western Conference and then lost to the 8th seeded Memphis Grizzlies in six games. The Spurs were outplayed throughout the series.

The Celtics looked old and injured in their series with the Miami Heat, which they lost in just five games.

Boston's Paul Pierce has lost a couple of steps and they have no inside game.

Where do we start with the Los Angeles Lakers, who fell apart in so many ways this season?

It's obvious that Kobe Bryant has lost a step-and-a-half. The Lakers need a point guard and a shooting guard.

And the Lakers need to take a serious look at their image, which was tarnished against the Dallas Mavericks.

The Mavericks not only swept the Lakers out of the playoffs, they toyed with the Lakers as if they were a mediocre college team.

But the lack of class from Lamar Odom and especially Andrew Bynum proved that there is something going on off the court with the Lakers.

Over the last month of the season you had Bynum opening his mouth about his teammates, Kobe showing his true homophobic self by calling a referee a blankity blank, Ron Artest being suspending for a playoff game for his unprofessional antics on the court and even coach Phil Jackson was fined \$35,000 on the morning of the Lakers final game for remarks about the officiating.

I'd expect that kind of behavior from so many lesser NBA franchises, but not the Lakers.

So what does that leave us with? Four new teams battling it out for the title, and that's a good thing.

We have the upstart Chicago Bulls and their 22-year-old MVP Derrick Rose, the Miami Heat with the big three, the Oklahoma City Thunder and their young stars Kevin Durant and Russell Westbrook and the Dallas Mavericks with Dirk Nowitzki and their 3-point sharpshooters.

I know change can be difficult but the fact that four new teams are vying for the title is a very good thing. Because all four teams are intriguing in their own way and have a lot to offer basketball fans.

Chicago may have the MVP, but offensively that's about it. Of course their forte is defense. But does this young team have enough defensive talent to stop the Miami Heat?

Rose may have won the MVP, but LeBron James is easily the best player in the league and can take a game over seemingly when he wants to. Now throw in Dwyane Wade, who is also probably better than Rose. Don't forget about 20-point, 10-rebound Chris Bosh.

This match up features the young guns (Chicago) against the anointed ones (Miami) in a fascinating contrast of styles.

On the western side of the ledger, the Mavericks feature a great combination of talented youth and wily veterans like Nowitzki, Jason Kidd, Jason Terry and Peja Stojakovic.

They may not be a bruising team under the basket but they play team basketball and can shoot the ball from anywhere on the court.

Oklahoma City can shoot from the outside but the emergence of Westbrook as one of the best point guards in the league makes OKC very dangerous.

Four new teams means there is a definite changing of the guard in the NBA.

Boston, San Antonio and Los Angeles will have winning records next season and they will make the playoffs but make no mistake, the intimidation factor is gone.

Players like Tim Duncan and Bryant and Pierce and Ray Allen and Kevin Garnett and Derek Fisher are a lot closer to the end of their careers than the beginning.

Like it or not, "change" is the most consistent thing in sports.

A sporting view By Mark Vasto

A big 'maybe' for May

On the ice, on the court (in the court), on the diamond and in the ring, the fifth month of 2011 yielded more than its fair share of meltdowns and missteps, at least in the early going.

In hockey, already down a superstar in Sidney Crosby this postseason, the NHL had a lot riding on the back of Alex Ovechkin and his top-seeded Washington Capitals. They dispatched the New York Rangers, but then quickly took a seat – literally – at the hands of the Tampa Bay Lightning in the second round of Lord Stanley's playoffs.

And while the Boston Bruins,

who stepped on the necks of the Philadelphia Flyers to meet the Lightning, may offset the sweep of the Capitals for some casual observers, it can hardly be enough for Boston fans. They die hard, but you could hear the howls of protest on Hanover Street as the Celtics got bounced from the NBA playoffs, feel the queasiness in Quincy as they witnessed the Red Sox limp out of the gate in a season that many picked them to win it all.

Still, in championship-starved Washington, D.C., even casual fans had to notice, as they did last year, the appalling performance

carved out before them on Capital ice.

How quickly the euphoria of slugging it out during the stretch run to make the playoff or tournament cut subsides when you're sent packing in less than a week of getting there. It's like getting into the college of your choosing and then sleeping through exam day. As such, the playoffs of any sport are graded on a pass/fail basis. And you know that's how they're looking at it in Los Angeles.

When you have a Phil Jackson-coached team stacked with talent, a roster that includes the league's best sixth man and biggest star, and you fail to even make a dent in the Dallas Mavericks, you know what the problem is. Instead of raising the bar, they closed them, and the outcome was "fail." The Lakers thought their talent could rise to

any occasion, that they didn't have to study hard. Now we'll see if they reapply next year.

In the ring, 1.2 million bought into the idea that Shane Mosely's warrior spirit could catch Manny Pacquiao in their championship bout. This, of course, didn't occur. Great to see Manny in action – not so good to see Shane's brains rattled for 12 rounds.

But then, in one weekend, Derek Jeter smacks two home runs to shut up the New York press for at least a millisecond, and a stallion named Animal Kingdom kicks it down the stretch in Kentucky.

You're only as good as your last game... so maybe May will work itself out all right.

Mark Vasto is a veteran sportswriter and publisher of The Kansas City Luminary. (c) 2011 King Features Synd., Inc.

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

DEAR DR. DONOHUE: Do you have information on gout? I am 65, and my son-in-law is 32. We both have it. It is so painful. My doctor was pretty vague. He asked me to go on the computer to find which foods I should or should not eat. I found that you can't eat meat and fish, but salmon and chicken are all right. Some vegetables can't be eaten. How about tomatoes and tomato products? Does one attack mean gout is forever? What is the medicine of choice? - C.B.

gout treatment in the old days. Now, with effective medicines, it takes a back seat. You ought to eliminate organ meats - liver, kidney, sweetbreads and brain. Decrease but don't eliminate red meat and shellfish. Beer should be avoided. Wine can be taken in small amounts. Soft drinks containing high-fructose corn syrup (and most do) shouldn't be drunk. You can eat all vegetables and any vegetable you want. That's the gout diet. Not complicated.

Gout comes about when the blood uric-acid level rises. Uric acid seeps into joints to form needle-shaped crystals that cause joint swelling and unspeakable pain. Uric acid, in turn, is a byproduct of cell chemistry. Its blood level rises because a person makes too much or passes too little into the urine.

The booklet on gout explains this common disorder in detail. To order a copy, write: Dr. Donahue - No. 302, 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.

A first gout attack most often occurs in the joint at the base of the big toe. The skin over the joint turns red, and the joint swells and becomes exceedingly painful. One of the best ways of diagnosing gout is to draw fluid from the affected joint and examine it with a microscope to see the needle-shaped uric-acid crystals. Gout can affect other joints: the knee, wrist, ankle and fingers. One attack of gout doesn't call for lifelong treatment.

DEAR DR. DONOHUE: Is distilled water bad for drinking? Can you chew too much gum? My husband chews about four pieces every day. - P.M.

Indocin (indomethacin) is the drug most often used for an acute gout attack. Colchicine and cortisone also work well.

Distilling water involves boiling water and condensing the water vapor by cooling it. Components dissolved in the water are left behind. You can drink distilled water. You will miss out on the minerals contained in most water and on fluoride added to city water, but you can get these elements in other ways. If you chew too much sugar-containing gum, you promote cavities. Too much sugarless gum can cause diarrhea. Four sticks are not too much.

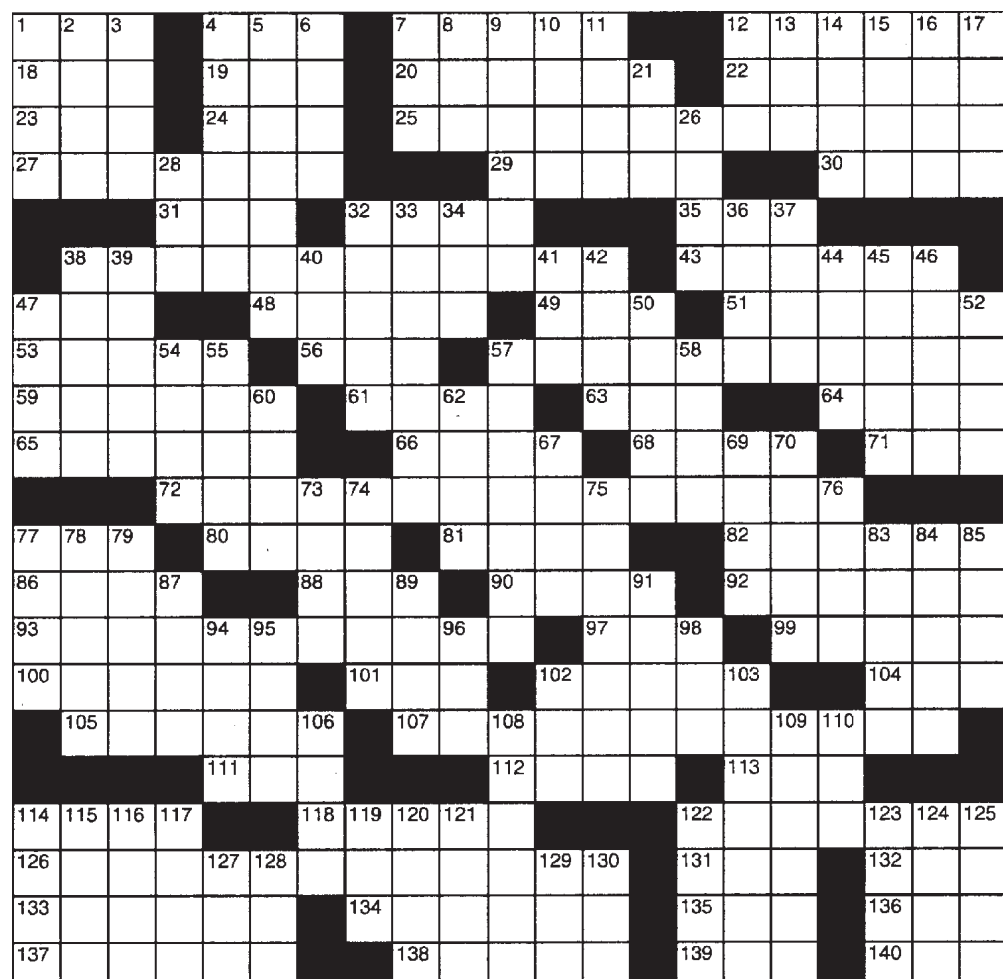
Medicines for gout prevention are taken if a person has frequent attacks (two or three a year), has formed uric-acid kidney stones, has kidney damage secondary to gout or passes large amounts of uric acid into the urine. Zylorprim (allopurinol) reduces uric acid production. Probenecid increases its elimination into the urine. Uloric, a new gout drug, is for those not responding to these two.

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)2011 North America Synd., Inc. All Rights Reserved.

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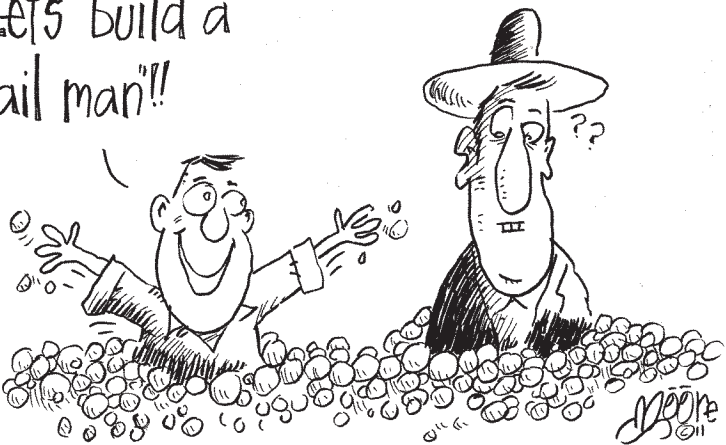
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- 24 Indefinite pronoun
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- 27 Theologian Thomas
- 29 Director Sergio
- 30 Lumberjack tools
- 31 Rocker Ocasek
- 32 "God's Little..." (58 film)
- 35 Wordless greeting
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- 47 "Whether... nobler in the mind..."
- 48 Groom's gangplank?
- 49 He'll give you a squeeze
- 51 Baltimore bird
- 53 Maestro Leinsdorf
- 56 Slippery character?
- 57 Source of ills
- 59 Like King's fans
- 61 "Ritorna vincitori!" singer
- 63 Mr. Mineo
- 64 Military chapeau
- 65 Uruguayan title
- 66 Adjusts an alarm
- 68 Undiluted
- 71 Provide rooms
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- 80 Mailer's "The... Park"
- 81 Stick in the mud
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- 100 Scott role
- 101 Mil. base
- 102 Slanted
- 104 Expert
- 105 Doesn't have to
- 107 Myron Floren's boss
- 111 Stroke's implement
- 112 Seldom seen
- 113 Joan Van...
- 114 Blind part
- 118 Emit
- 122 Spock's specialty
- 126 "Roseanne" actress
- 131 Pablum variety
- 132 Conduit fitting
- 133 Stang or Schwarzenegger
- 134 Author Collins
- 135 Buckingham (Abbr.)
- 136 Spider's snare
- 137 Tangled
- 138 Gravel-voiced
- 139 Ending for Capri
- 140 Boot part
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- 3 Computer selection list
- 4 Classical hunk?
- 5 Cure-all
- 6 Very, in Versailles
- 7 Subside
- 8 Rob Roy's refusal
- 9 Showy shrub
- 10 Blanchett of "Elizabeth"
- 11 Starch source
- 12 Bigwig
- 13 Give it... (try)
- 14 '87 Streisand film
- 15 Base stuff?
- 16 "... Leaf" ('71 film)
- 17 Ulrich of Metallica
- 21... Tin Tin
- 26 Lucy Lawless role
- 28 April initials
- 32 Perplexed
- 33 Ma, for one
- 34 Hwy.
- 36 Smell
- 37 "David Copperfield" character
- 38 She brought out the beast in men
- 39 Oriental
- 40 Equal an opponent
- 41 Cops' org.
- 42 Forever, so to speak
- 44 Jeopardize
- 45 Dynamite philanthropist?
- 46 Stowe sight
- 47 Hardy heroine
- 50 Hersey setting
- 52 Way out
- 54 Gator's cousin
- 55 "Salome" role
- 57 Hale or Revere
- 58 First name in fashion
- 60 Knight's better half?
- 62 Believe
- 67 Nimble
- 69 Part of MA
- 70 Gogol's "... Bulba"
- 73 Compote component
- 74 Metropolitan
- 75 End a space flight
- 76 French Sudan, today
- 77 Ostentation
- 78 React to a pun
- 79 Intense
- 83 South African province
- 84 Pottery defect
- 85 Thornfield governess
- 87 Poker stake
- 89 Inland sea
- 91 Notre Dame's river
- 94 Fuss
- 95 Moffo or Magnani
- 96 Fit... fiddle
- 98 RN's specialty
- 102 Coach Parseghian
- 103 4 p.m. vehicle?
- 106 In good shape
- 108 Inflicts
- 109 Twist and turn
- 110 Scrape by, with "out"
- 114 Act like a wrestler
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GO FIGURE! by Linda Thistle

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★ Moderate ★★ Difficult
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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

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★★★ HOO BOY!

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Social Security Q&A By Ray Vigil

Q: Is it true I can save about \$4,000 per year if I qualify for Social Security's Extra Help with the Medicare prescription drug program?

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Q: I can't seem to find my Social Security card. Do I need to get a replacement?

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

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: R equals G

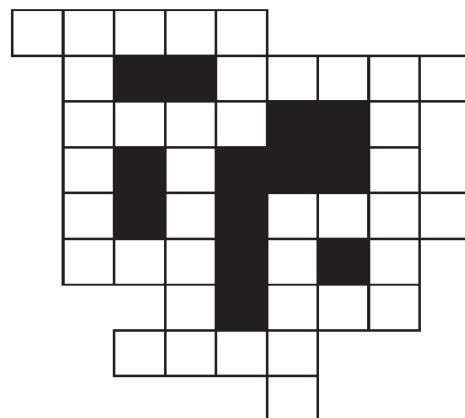
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- ♥SNAW



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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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Guerra

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to watch his future opponent, Jordan Jackson of Stockdale. Jesse used this information on his way to victory May 10 at the World of Tennis.

Watching the victory unfold was Martin Lechuga – Tornillo's last state tennis champion. Lechuga is now the tennis coach at Fabens. Also in the crowd were coaches Thelma Trevizo and Kika Saldana from Tornillo. "I will be forever be in debt to them for the way they made sure Jesse was at the top of his game," said Pat Guerra.

Jesse is ranked third in his graduating class and will major in criminal justice in the hope of working for a federal agency such as DEA or the FBI.

STRANGE BUT TRUE By Samantha Weaver

• It was French writer, artist and filmmaker Jean Cocteau who made the following sage observation: "The greatest masterpiece in literature is only a dictionary out of order."

• If you were in or near Springfield, Mo., at the end of April, I hope you took the opportunity to attend a popular local festival: the Typewriter Toss. Every year on April 22 – Administrative Professionals Day (also known as Secretaries Day), appropriately – a local radio station sponsors the event, in which contestants are raised in a lift truck to a height of 50 feet, then compete to see who can land a typewriter closest to the bull's-eye painted on the ground below.

• Those who study such things say that sharks burp. Evidently it's a mechanism for regulating the depth at which they swim.

• Technically speaking, the green pepper is a fruit.

• In the early 20th century, a wealthy Russian living in Odessa died but had no children to inherit his estate. Instead, he left his 4-million ruble fortune to his four nieces. This may not seem unusual, but he did include an odd provision in his will: Each of the girls had to serve for one year as a farm girl, a washerwoman or a chambermaid before she saw any of the money. They did as the will instructed, and during that year of service each received hundreds of proposals of marriage.

• The Sahara Desert is spreading southward at a rate of slightly less than one-third of a mile each year.

• Showman Buffalo Bill Cody, one of the most flamboyant figures of the Old West, portrayed himself in five films.

Thought for the Day: "All the world's a stage, and most of us are desperately unrehearsed."

– Sean O'Casey

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