



## NEWSBRIEFS

### Exhibits extended

The El Paso Museum of Archaeology has extended the dates for the two visiting exhibits currently on display free to the public at its museum, located on Transmountain Road.

- The Ancient Mexico Exhibit will be open for viewing through Sunday, April 1. Featured in the Ancient Mexico exhibit are five Maya ceramic vessels loaned by the University Museum of New Mexico State University and artifacts from the museum of archaeology's collection representing the Maya, Aztec, and West Mexico cultures.

- Watercolor Paintings of Rock Art at Hueco Tanks Exhibit will be open for viewing through June 3. The twenty six images in this exhibit, which include hundreds of pictographs, are reproductions of watercolors by Forrest Kirkland, the first artist to systematically document prehistoric rock art in Texas. These images are provided courtesy of Texas Archaeological Research Laboratory, University of Texas at Austin.

— Alfredo Vasquez

### Trees

Here's an ideal way to get into the mood for spring planting: Join the Arbor Day Foundation and receive 10 free trees to plant when the weather turns warm. Every person from Texas who joins the Arbor Day Foundation in February 2012 will receive 10 free Eastern redbud trees. "Redbuds will add beauty to landscapes across Texas for years to come," said John Rosenow, chief executive and founder of the Arbor Day Foundation. "They will also add to the proud heritage of Texas' 73 Tree City USA communities. The trees will be shipped postpaid at the right time for planting, between March 1 and May 31, with enclosed planting instructions. The 6- to 12-inch trees are guaranteed to grow, or they will be replaced free of charge. Arbor Day Foundation members also receive a subscription to the Foundation's colorful bimonthly publication, Arbor Day, and The Tree Book, which contains information about tree planting and care. To become a member of the Foundation and receive the free trees, send a \$10 contribution to TEN FREE EASTERN REDBUD TREES, Arbor Day Foundation, 100 Arbor Avenue, Nebraska City, NE 68410, by February 29, 2012, or visit [arborday.org/February](http://arborday.org/February).

— Sean Barry

### Solar homes

The University of Texas at El Paso and El Paso Community College have been selected to compete in the U.S. Department of Energy Solar Decathlon 2013. The

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*Experience is what you have left after you've completely messed up.*

— Quips & Quotes



— Photo courtesy of Fabens ISD

**HITTIN' THE ROAD** – Fabens High School students Miguel Medrano, left, and Chris Tarin have been selected to perform with the Texas All State Band. The performance is part of the annual Texas Music Educators Association Convention in San Antonio.

## Medrano, Tarin to perform in state band

By Natalie Hay  
and Alfredo Vasquez  
*Special to the Courier*

Christopher Tarin and Miguel Medrano will travel to San Antonio on Feb. 8, to represent Fabens High School (FHS) as members of the All-State Band. This is the sixth year in a row FHS Band students have earned All-State recognition after competing in the state qualifier in Lubbock.

Tarin, a senior, and Medrano, a junior, are among the top musicians in Districts 3A, 2A, and 1A that were selected to perform at the Texas Music Educators Association/ Association of Texas Small School Bands Clinic and Convention, scheduled for Feb. 8-11, in San Antonio. Texas is divided into five areas. Each area selected one baritone sax and one oboe player to participate in San Antonio for the state convention. Once there, students will perform a final audition for chair (top) positions, Gonzales explained.

"Some schools never or rarely place a student on the All-State Band – FHS has done it for the past six consecutive years," asserted Robert Gonzales, FHS band director. "This recognition denotes that these students are among the top high school musicians in the state," Gonzalez said.

Tarin plays baritone saxophone and Medrano plays the oboe. Earning the spots was no easy task. Both players put a lot of work into their

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## Clint ISD Named to Comptrollers Gold Leadership Circle

By Laura Cade  
*Special to the Courier*

Clint Independent School District has been named to The Comptroller of Public accounts Gold Level Leadership Circle transparency program. This program recognizes local governments across Texas that are striving to meet a high standard for financial transparency online.

Clint ISD was selected for the program based on criteria including opening its books to the public; providing clear, consistent pictures of spending; and sharing information in a user friendly format that lets taxpayers easily drill down for more information.

The Gold level is awarded to those who post current budget, annual financial report, and check register, have a Web page dedicated to financial transparency and other criteria.

The District also earned a Superior Achievement rating on the Financial Integrity Rating System of Texas receiving a score of 75 of a possible 80 points.

"These acknowledgements by the state are a clear indication that the District is committed



— Photo courtesy Clint ISD

**CRYSTAL CLEAR** – From left, Board President James Pendell, Executive Director of Business Services Donna Cline and Superintendent Dr. Edward Gabaldon happily display the plaque recognizing Clint ISD's transparency efforts.

to handling our finances responsibly for the students and the taxpayers in a cost-effective and efficient manner," said Dr. Edward Gabaldon, Superintendent of Clint ISD.



View from here

By Don Kirkpatrick

# The costs of corruption

We tend to see public corruption through a very narrow lens, recognizing only the price of a contract and the amount of a bribe. Those costs are miniscule in comparison to the true price ordinary citizens pay for public corruption. One unseen cost is the services that were not delivered. Another is the quality of the services offered. Companies that bribe their way to a contract are not usually providers of quality services. But the greater costs go unseen and unrecognized. The first of these unseen costs is its contribution to the

growth of the cancer of corruption. The greater and more prevalent the corruption cancer, the higher the odds are against its removal. When citizens cannot trust law enforcement or other public officials, they are helpless to fight corruption.

But, above all, the greatest cost of corruption is failing to achieve our potential. That is always the worst loss and one not usually recognized. The vision of a corrupt public official is usually too small and too short term to meet a community’s needs. The plan for a community must be viewed in the long term and must be large enough to meet a community’s needs. Those who are corrupt think at most in the low millions of dollars

– and it seems that quite a few in El Paso didn’t even get much beyond a few thousand dollars – while public officials in El Paso must think of projects and budgets in the hundreds of millions of dollars. An elected official cannot consider moving big projects if his or her mind is filled with items of petty corruption. This is all too bad for El Paso.

Public corruption devastates a community. When private gain is valued over public good, the public suffers. A cycle of corruption is difficult to overcome.

Bribes ultimately are paid by taxpayers, making less money available for public goods or services. Inevitably, bribes go up and government quality goes down.

The public loses trust in elected officials. People stop voting. Government finally grinds to a halt.

For years, many voices warned the community about Luther Jones

and his friends who were corrupting the city, county, school districts and other governmental bodies. What Jones did had never been done before. He allegedly recruited candidates, meticulously directed their campaigns and influenced elections as part of well-planned schemes to carry out corruption. Candidates were carefully groomed so that after elections they served private interests, not the public good.

Few listened to the warnings. And anyone who stood in the way of those corrupt schemes was removed without much trouble.

Revelations of corruption these past several years should be an inspiration to every El Pasoan to root out corruption and to be very alert to signs that it is going on.

The corruption we allow to continue is robbing El Paso’s children of their future.

Veterans Post

By Freddy Groves

## Vets with ALS now 100 percent disabled

Back in 2008, amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (ALS) was classified as a presumptive for service-related disability, and benefits were given. The level of disability was classified at 30 percent, with frequent rechecks as time went on and the disease progressed. It was that ever-changing rating that held up a lot of benefits and needed equipment.

An item in the Federal Register for Dec. 20 says that the disability evaluation criterion has been revised. Veterans who have ALS now will be considered 100 percent disabled and much of the paper chase will be dispensed with.

The jump from 30 percent to 100 percent could mean a significant increase in benefits money. At 30 percent disability, a single veteran would be eligible for \$389 a month. At the 100 percent level, that amount goes up to \$2,769. The amount increases if there is a spouse or children.

Additionally, there might be Special Monthly Compensation (SMC) monies due to the level of disability.

ALS is found in those veterans

who served in Gulf I back in 1991 at a rate twice that of those who served elsewhere. Initial research was published in the Neurology journal in 2003. A second study determined that the rate also was twice that of the general population. Hardest hit were those in the Army and Air Force. Initial research was even able to narrow down a time frame for exposure: Between August 1990 and July 1991. An environmental trigger was suspected.

Studies done later, in 2005 and 2009 at Harvard, found that veterans in any branch with any military service anywhere were 60 percent more likely than the general population to be diagnosed with ALS. After fine-tuning the data, service in war was suspected as a component. But a 2006 review concluded that any military service is related to increased risk for ALS.

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## Local artist, Gaytán, presents Maya workshop

### Meaning of ancient Maya calendar to be examined

By Alfredo Vasquez  
Special to the Courier

Join renowned artist Gabriel Gaytán as he leads participants on a hands-on journey to the picture-writing world of the ancient Maya.

El Paso Museum of History will present the Maya Picture Writing Hands-on Workshop featuring Gaytán, at 6:30 p.m., Thursday, February 16, in the Museum Seminar Room. The workshop is free to the public, and materials will be provided.

“2012 is here and the Maya Calendar Prophecy is on everyone’s mind. Here is your chance to learn how the ancient Maya communicated their ideas and words. Once you take this class, perhaps you can figure out exactly what the ancient Maya calendar meant,” stated Sue Taylor, Museum of History representative.

Gaytan, a native El Pasoan, is recognized as a visual artist and his works grace the walls of many private collections and public

buildings in Texas, New Mexico, Nevada, and California.

The revival of this ancient literacy is a dominant theme in Gaytan’s work. He said that he explores his cultural heritage using images and symbols (color and form) that evoke messages for the soul which stem from his Mesoamerican ancestors–the creators of this artistic language of colors and sounds. He added that his Chicano roots also provide a mosaic influence of ancient and contemporary experiences to his art work.

Gaytán majored in Fine Arts and received a Bachelor of Arts degree in Education from the University of Texas at El Paso. Currently he is a staff artist and television producer with El Paso Community College Television department and a part-time art instructor at EPCC.

His additional studies include Mesoamerican art, history and culture. In 2005 he launched his web site, [www.gaytanartworks.com](http://www.gaytanartworks.com), where interested individuals can access information regarding his artwork and himself as an artist and educator.

For more information about the



– Photo courtesy of Gabriel Gaytán

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Maya Picture Writing Hands-on Workshop, call Sue Taylor at (915) 351-3588 or email her at [taylorssl@elpasotexas.gov](mailto:taylorssl@elpasotexas.gov).

## Binge drinking prevention program launched

By Kim Davey  
Special to the Courier

AUSTIN – *The Unconscious Truth: Physical and Legal Effects of Underage Binge Drinking* is a new program meant to deter young people from binge drinking. The Texas Young Lawyers Association (TYLA) is spearheading the effort.

TYLA President Natalie Cobb Koehler became interested in the issue when she read about the 2008 death of Shelby Allen. Allen was a vivacious and articulate 17-year-old athlete and honor student. She attended a party where she drank 15 shots of vodka. When she became ill and passed out, her friends let her “sleep it off.” In the morning, she was pronounced dead. The cause was acute alcohol poisoning.

“We wanted to make young adults and their parents aware of not only

the legal liabilities involved with underage binge drinking, but also the more tragic physical consequences, like death or permanent brain damage, that can result from alcohol poisoning,” said TYLA Community Education Committee Chair Brooke Ulrickson Allen.

Binge drinking is generally defined as consuming five or more drinks for males and four drinks for females during a two-hour period. Binge drinking is a leading preventable cause of death in the United States and is responsible for more than half of the 79,000 excessive drinking-related deaths each year. According to the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, in 2008, 2.3 million people between the ages of 12 and 20 engaged in binge drinking five or more times per month.

Alcohol poisoning occurs when a person’s blood alcohol concentration

becomes dangerously elevated, which can slow or stop involuntary actions such as breathing, heartbeat and gag reflex.

Koehler reached out to Shelby Allen’s parents, who run Shelby’s Rules, an alcohol poisoning education foundation, and they worked with TYLA on creating “The Unconscious Truth” to help educate others about the dangers.

The program also contains information about Texas Senate Bill 1331, the “911 lifeline” law that grants immunity from prosecution to 911 callers who suspect someone is suffering from alcohol poisoning. Former TYLA president Sen. Kirk Watson sponsored the bill.

*The Unconscious Truth* will be available soon at [tyla.org](http://tyla.org) and on DVD. People or organizations can contact TYLA at (800) 204-2222 ext. 1529 to request a copy. The program is funded by a grant from the Texas Bar Foundation.

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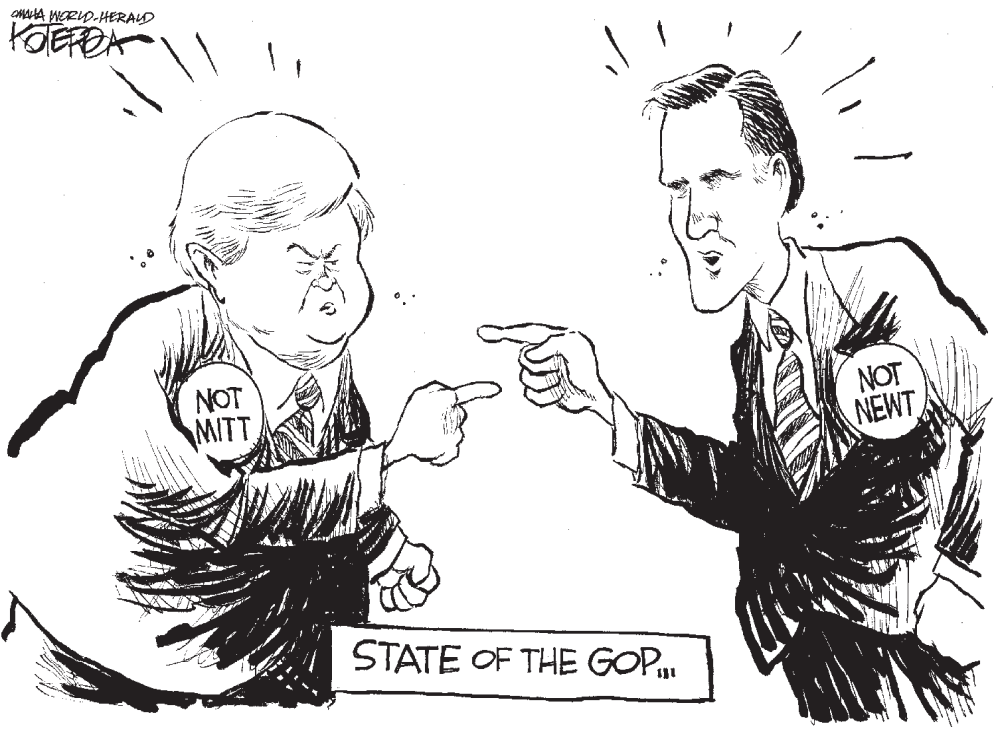
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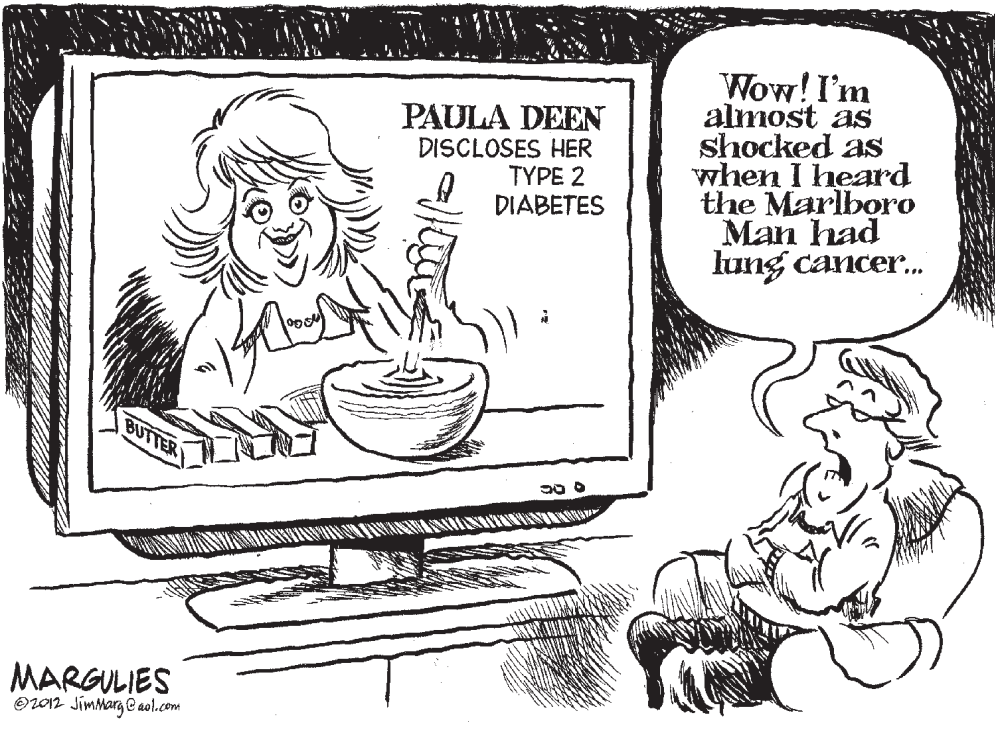


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NEWS ITEM: PRESIDENT SINGS AL GREEN AT APOLLO THEATER ...



Por la Gente By State Rep. Chente Quintanilla

New test on the block

Hola, mi gente. This school year has passed by very quickly and it is now past the halfway mark to completion. That means students will soon be experiencing the annual standardized testing. During the past two or three legislative sessions, TAKS testing has been under fire from educators. According to the critics, education had morphed into the process of teaching the test; something I agreed with.

Since the federal mandate by the “No Child Left Behind” program was passed during the first Bush administration, Texas school districts have battled with the right direction to take when addressing educational accountability.

Since I took office in 2003, I cannot recall a moment when there was any solid consensus for TASS, TAKS or now for State of Texas Assessment of academic Readiness (STAAR). I believe that a big part of the problem is that parents were never clear on what the content or intent of the testing was for.

STAAR attempts to change that by making the test an end of course exam. At least with this measure, there might be some better understanding for parents who want to help their children do well on the exam.

However, at this point with the exams looming on the very near horizon, even local school officials are vague on what the tests will be like. What is known is that the end of course exams will count fifteen per cent toward a student’s grade point average (GPA). There are indications that parents may not know the full GPA until weeks or even months after the end of the school year. Once again, there is in place the academic standards, as measured by the end of course exams, that will not provide the parents a clear picture of their students performance.

A reasonable person would probably scratch his or her head in amazement as to how disconnected the process is.

It is easy to understand why there is such disconnect; since 2003, educators in the

legislature have been locked out of the room when education bills were drafted. Committee leaders with no educational background were guided by lobbyists with different priorities than parents or teachers.

Another part to this problem is the application of the legislation by the bureaucrats. They read the bill and write the rules in the manner by which they interpret the law. I have seen where the interpretation is nowhere close to the legislative intent.

This problem exists because legislators, who historically supported better legislation, have been voted out of office; or, the majority in the house and senate support the lobby driven educational programs.

There is a solution: VOTING.

Educators have changed the legislature more than once. Governor Mark White was voted out of office because he imposed on teachers things they did not want. Representative Greusendorf was voted out of office because of legislation he filed and, in some cases, passed that was worse than anything else filed.

In 2012 and 2014, educators must make the difference. During the last session, my office received dozens of calls, letters and emails from educators demanding action against certain bills that were harmful to teachers. We researched the voting records of those who contacted the office and found that only around 40% voted in 2010; 25% of those households had no registered voters; and, that many of those households had multiple registered voters but only one actual vote in the 2010 general election. That level of participation will change nothing.

I am asking that every teacher and their families vote; especially in the year we elect the governor because those statewide races impact local education more than the presidential year elections.

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**Town Of Horizon City**

**PUBLIC HEARING**

A PUBLIC HEARING will be held during a **Special Planning & Zoning Commission Meeting** on **T u e s d a y , February 21, 2012 at 6:30 p.m.**, at the Town of Horizon City, Municipal Courts/ Police Department building (rear of City Hall), City Council Chambers, 14999 Darrington Road, Horizon City, Texas. The purpose of the public hearing is to allow any interested persons to appear and comment regarding a proposed rezoning of the following property:

**Rezoning**

**Application #12-001RZ of the property described as:**

**Legal: Horizon City Subdivision, all of lots nineteen (19) and twenty (20), Block Four Hundred Eighty-Four (484), Unity Sixty-Three (63) P I D # 2 0 4 4 5 0 Address: 1459 Ischua Ave, Horizon City, TX 79928.**

Proposed is the following change of zoning:

**Current Zoning: R-2 Single Family Dwelling**

**Proposed Zoning: C-2 Heavy Commercial**

Those who are unable to attend may submit their views in writing to the City Clerk at 14999 Darrington Rd., Horizon City,

TX, 79928 or call 915-852-1046. Accommodations for handicapped persons will be available; and individuals in need of special assistance for attending the hearing are encouraged to contact the City Clerk at 915-852-1046, forty-eight hours (48) hours prior to the meeting.

*Karen Ellefson  
Town Clerk  
Horizon City*

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**TOWN OF CLINT**

**POSITION OPEN**

**Chief of Police**

The Town of Clint, TX is accepting applications for Chief of Police. Applicants must be TCLEOSE certified, have ten (10) years police experience, have a valid Texas driver's license, a clear driving record, a clear criminal history and meet other qualifications as prescribed by the laws of the State of Texas. Background investigations and a pre-employment drug screen will be completed prior to hire.

Council will consider qualified applicants in

an upcoming Council Meeting. Applicants may submit a resume by Wednesday, February 29, 2012 at 5:00 p.m. at Town Hall, 200 N. San Elizario Rd., Clint, TX 79836 or by fax at 851-0040 or by e-mail at townofclint@sbcglobal.net., attn: Dale Reinhardt.

For additional information contact Susana Rodriguez at 851-3146, Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

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**VILLAGE OF VINTON**

**RFQ NOTICE**

**Texas Department of Agriculture Community Development Block Grant Contract # 711500**

The Village of Vinton has recently received a Contract award from the Texas Department of Agriculture-Rural Affairs (TDA) for water system improvements. Accordingly, the City is seeking to contract with a qualified engineering firm

registered to practice in the State of Texas to prepare all preliminary and final design plans and specifications, and to conduct all necessary interim and final inspections.

Please submit your proposal of services and a statement of qualifications for these proposed services to the address below:

**Village of Vinton Attn: Village Clerk 436 E. Vinton Rd. Vinton, TX 79821**

Proposals must be received by the City no later than 4:00 pm on the 16th day of February, 2012 to be considered. The City reserves the right to negotiate with any and all individuals, engineers or firms that submit proposals, as per the Texas Professional Services Procurement Act and the Uniform Grant and Contract Management Standards.

The full RFP is available online at: <http://www.vinton.tx.gov/office2.com/>

The Village of Vinton is an Affirmative Action/ Equal Opportunity Employer.

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NOTICE OF CHANGING ADDRESS OF OFFICE AND REGULAR MEETING PLACE OF PASEO DEL ESTE MUNICIPAL UTILITY DISTRICT NO. 1

THE STATE OF TEXAS §  
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TO THE RESIDENTS AND TAXPAYERS OF PASEO DEL ESTE MUNICIPAL UTILITY DISTRICT NO. 1 AND TO ALL PERSONS INTERESTED IN THE MEETINGS OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF SUCH DISTRICT:

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Board of Directors of Paseo del Este Municipal Utility District No. 1, has previously established meeting places outside the boundaries of the District at various places and the Board wishes to change one of their offices and meeting places to reflect a change of address of that previously established office and meeting place. District offices are hereby changed to reflect a change in the District's Engineer. The offices of Gray - Jansing & Associates located at 8217 Shoal Creek Boulevard, Suite 200, Austin, Texas 78757, shall be deleted from the District's official offices. The offices of TRE & Associates, LLC located at 5524 Bee Cave Road, Suite E-2, Austin, Texas 78746, are hereby established for the purpose of opening bids for construction contracts and for the purpose of filing and maintaining the District's records. Meeting places of the Board are hereby changed to reflect a change of Engineer for the District. The offices of Gray - Jansing & Associates located at 8217 Shoal Creek Boulevard, Suite 200, Austin, Texas 78757, shall be deleted from the District's official meeting places. TRE & Associates, LLC, located at 5524 Bee Cave Road, Suite E-2, Austin, Texas 78746, which is hereby declared to be a public place and open to the public, is hereby established as an official meeting place of the Board. The office and meeting place of the District located at 801 North El Paso Street, Suite 150, El Paso, Texas 79902, shall remain an office and meeting place of the District, formerly being the offices of Gray - Jansing & Associates and now being the offices of TRE & Associates, LLC. The addresses of all other offices and meeting places previously established by the Board of Directors of the District remain the same. The addresses of other out-of-District meeting places of the Board of Directors of the District remain the same as previously published.

All residents and taxpayers of Paseo del Este Municipal Utility District No. 1, and all other interested persons are hereby invited to attend all meetings of the Board of Directors.

/s/ THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
PASEO DEL ESTE MUNICIPAL UTILITY DISTRICT NO. 1

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STRANGE BUT TRUE

By Samantha Weaver

- It was 19th-century German philosopher, composer and poet Friedrich Nietzsche who made the following sage observation: "At times one remains faithful to a cause only because its opponents do not cease to be insipid."
- Despite all the cartoons you've seen throughout your life, rabbits generally prefer greens to carrots, and mice would rather eat grains and fruit than cheese.
- The area that is now the state of California had a population of about 700 in 1854. In 2010, the population had increased to 37,253,956. In the span of just over one and a half centuries, the population increased a whopping 53,000 times.
- Rice paper is not made from rice. It's made from the pith of the rice paper plant.
- You may be surprised to learn that, according to the National Sleep Foundation, 33 percent of all preschoolers have a TV in their room, and 20 percent of infants and toddlers have one.

- If you ever make a trip to Italy (lucky you!) and visit the town of Modena, be sure to go to the bell tower. There you might see an item that is, to the best of my knowledge, unique in the world: a wooden bucket that started a war. In 1325 a group of soldiers from the then-city-state of Modena raided rival city-state Bologna and returned home with the bucket. Greatly desiring to get the bucket back, Bologna declared war. The war raged on for years, but Bologna never did get its bucket back.
  - If you're a schoolteacher in Arkansas, you should be aware of an arcane law there: If you bob your hair, you'll be ineligible for a pay raise.
- Thought for the Day: "A committee is a cul-de-sac down which ideas are lured and then quietly strangled."  
— Sir Barnett Cocks

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# Doctors say take steps now to prevent memory loss later

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You may not realize it, but you can take steps to keep your brain fit and flexible as you age. In fact, some experts now say that through proper diet and routine mental health exercises, you even can delay the onset of Alzheimer’s disease long enough to avoid experiencing the symptoms.

“The sooner you start to protect your brain against Alzheimer’s, the sooner you will notice improvement – not only in recall and mental focus, but also in energy level, mood, general health, and sense of well-being,” says Dr. Gary Small, M.D., Professor at UCLA, and author of the new book “The Alzheimer’s

Prevention Program” (Workman Publishers).

Small offers these stay-sharp tips to help you get started:

- Eat brain food: Stock up on food filled with antioxidants like berries, avocados, and raw vegetables; omega-3 rich, anti-inflammatory food choices, like fish, whole grains, and legumes; and memory-boosting spices like turmeric and cumin. Alcohol in moderation can be beneficial too, so don’t shy away from a glass of wine or beer at dinner.

- Train your brain: You can cross-train your brain, by jumping from right-brain to left-brain workouts. “The Alzheimer’s Prevention Program,” offers great daily mental workouts that combine wordplay,

letter scrambles, 3-D drawings, tricky equations, logic challenges, and number sequences. For more information, visit [www.drgarysmall.com](http://www.drgarysmall.com).

- Be flexible: Try simple tasks like writing and eating with your non-dominant hand. By engaging neural circuits in ways that are different from their usual patterns, you will provide your brain a good mental stretch.

- Make discoveries: Like any muscle you’d work out at the gym, your brain needs variety and stimulation to stay in shape. Find new challenging mental activities that you also enjoy, so that engaging your brain is never a chore. For example, explore a genre of music you haven’t before, or take up a new

thought-provoking hobby.

- Get Moving: Hopefully you are already exercising for optimum physical health. If you aren’t, consider this: physical activity increases blood flow, oxygenating the brain. So turn off that mindless television program and take a brisk walk!

- Reduce your stress: Practice yoga, meditate; take a vacation or even just a bubble bath.

“Stress can temporarily impair one’s learning and recall,” says Small. “By taking away sources of stress, or reacting to stress differently, you can improve your memory.”

Alzheimer’s is already affecting 5 million people in the U.S. alone. But a memory lapse today doesn’t need to become a bigger problem tomorrow. Take charge and help sharpen your memory now.

## State offers more money to catch sex offenders

By Lucy Nashed  
*Special to the Courier*

AUSTIN – The Governor’s Criminal Justice Division (CJD) is providing additional funding for Texas Crime Stoppers and the Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS) to increase rewards for the Texas 10 Most Wanted Sex Offenders program to \$2,000, with some rewards reaching up to \$5,000.

“Crime Stoppers has created an effective method for helping citizens take back control of their communities,” Gov. Perry said. “These rewards will encourage Texans who may have details about these sex offenders to speak up, ensuring that individuals who commit these horrendous crimes in the Lone Star State are apprehended and

receive the appropriate punishment.”

Texas Crime Stoppers has previously rewarded \$1,000 cash to any person who provides information that leads to the arrest of one of these sex offenders. Thanks to this increased funding from CJD, awards will now vary between \$2,000, \$3,000 or \$5,000 for each offender.

“Sexual assault is a despicable crime, and increasing the rewards will better enable law enforcement to apprehend sex offenders who have preyed upon innocent victims and escaped arrest,” DPS Director Steven C. McCraw said.

Since the Texas 10 Most Wanted Sex Offenders program began in July 2010, 12 arrests have been made, with seven arrests coming from tips. The Office of the Governor has paid out a total of \$13,300 in rewards to tipsters.

In 2010, Gov. Perry announced increased rewards to the Texas 10 Most Wanted Fugitives program from \$1,000 to \$5,000, with some rewards reaching up to \$50,000 to any person providing information that leads to the arrest of a Top 10 fugitive. Since the reward increase, 24 arrests have been made, and the Office of the Governor has paid out \$58,000 in rewards to tipsters.

Anyone with information about Texas’ Most Wanted sex offenders or fugitives can provide anonymous tips by calling the Crime Stoppers hotline at 1-800-252-TIPS (8477), or by texting the letters DPS – followed by your tip – to 274637 (CRIMES) from your cell phone.

To view Texas’ 10 Most Wanted Sex Offenders and Fugitives lists, please visit <http://www.txdps.state.tx.us/wanted/index.htm>.

### Briefs

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schools will represent Team Texas in this worldwide competition to build solar-powered, highly energy-efficient homes that combine affordability, consumer appeal and design excellence. The 20 selected teams from colleges and universities across the United States and from around the world will now begin a two-year process to design, construct and test their homes before reassembling them at the Solar Decathlon 2013 competition site in Irvine, CA. As part of the Solar Decathlon, teams compete in 10 different categories – ranging from best architecture and engineering to energy production for heating and cooling – while gaining invaluable real-world experience in a growing global industry. People can follow the progress of Solar Decathlon 2013 on Facebook, Twitter, and Energy.gov. To learn more about the Solar Decathlon and take a virtual tour of Solar Decathlon 2011, visit [www.solardecathlon.gov](http://www.solardecathlon.gov).

### Crime Stoppers

An alarm sounds at a northeast business and, when officers arrive, they discover a broken window and a large hole in the wall with broken display cases

inside, making this the Crime Stoppers “Crime of the Week.” At 3:00 a.m. on Saturday, Dec. 10, 2011, an alarm sounded at Media Exchange, 9155 Dyer. Arriving officers found that a window had been broken and there was a large hole into a display area in the store. They found several display cases had been broken into; and the owner reported that more than 20 Apple I-Phones and about 14 Apple I-Pads were missing from the display cases, plus about 30 other high-end cell phones. This is just one of a series of such burglaries in the northeast. Investigators found that surveillance cameras captured three suspects in the act of the burglary. One suspect appears to be taller than the other two and is seen carrying an orange or grey backpack. He is wearing a red or orange bandana over his face. Another suspect appears to be wearing a full facemask. The third suspect is wearing a G Unit shirt under a hoodie that appears to have decals or markings on the bottom of the back of the hoodie. This suspect did not have a facemask, and was wearing gloves. If you have any information at all about the identity of the suspects in this case, please call Crime Stoppers of El Paso at 566-TIPS (8477) or submit your tip online at [www.crimestoppersofelpaso.org](http://www.crimestoppersofelpaso.org). You will remain anonymous and, if your tip leads to an arrest, you may

earn a cash reward.

– James Klaes

### Wanted

Gabriel Bernal, 32, is this week’s Manhunt Monday Most Wanted Fugitive. He also goes by Gabriel Delgado and Gabriel Rodriguez. He is 5’5” tall, weighs 180 pounds and has brown hair and eyes. Bernal is wanted for sexually assaulting a 13-year-old



Gabriel Bernal

girl in June 2000. He violated the terms of his probation and in 2003, Bernal walked away from a halfway house on Horizon Blvd. He was profiled by Manhunt Monday in December 2008 and his whereabouts are still unknown. Bernal is originally from San Jose, CA, has family in Los Angeles, CA and has numerous contacts in El Paso. If anyone has seen or has any information on the whereabouts of Bernal they can contact Crime Stoppers of El Paso at 566-TIPS (8477). Callers will remain anonymous and may be eligible for a reward if the information provided leads to the apprehension of Bernal.

– Deputy Jesse Tovar

## Clint Independent School District Notice of Public Hearing

Clint Independent School District will hold a public hearing for the discussion of the 2010-2011 district Annual Report on Wednesday, February 15, 2012, at the Clint Independent School District Administration building board room, located at 14521 Horizon Blvd., at 5:00 p.m. during the regularly scheduled School Board meeting. All interested individuals are welcomed to attend. The report will be available to the public after the hearing at all Clint District School Campuses, the Clint Public Library and the Montana Community Center.

### Audencia pública

El distrito escolar de Clint tendra una junta para discutir el Reporte Annual del Distrito de 2010-2011 el miercoles, 15 de febrero del 2012 en las oficinas administrativas localizadas 14521 Horizon Blvd. a las 5:00 p.m. Todos individuos interesados estan invitados a asistir. El Reporte se puede obtener en estos lugares; todas las escuelas publicas del distrito, la biblioteca publica de Clint, y el Centro Comunidad de Montana Vista.

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## Fabens Independent School District PUBLIC NOTICE

The Fabens Independent School District Special Education Department will be destroying confidential student information on special education students who have graduated, moved or were dismissed in 2004. Parents of these students may come to the Special Education Department located at 821NE “G” Ave. in Fabens on Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. to claim their child’s file. The remaining files will be destroyed as per state directives 30 days from the date of this notice. If you have an questions, please call (915) 765-2690.

### AVISO

El Departamento de Educacion Especial del Distrito Escolar de Fabens va a destruir los archivos confidenciales de estudiantes que estaban en programa de educación especial que han graduado, se han movido, o fueron despedidos en el año escolar de 2004. Los padres de estos estudiantes pueden venir a la oficina del Departamento de Educacion Especial del Distrito Escolar de Fabens en 821 NE “G” Ave., de lunes al viernes de 8:00-4:00 de la tarde a recoger los archivos de sus hijos. Los archivos que no sean recogidos van a ser destruidos como manda el estado en 30 días después de este aviso. Si tienen preguntas, llamen al teléfono (915) 765-2690.

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# Company, food, commercials, halftime and the Giants vs. Patriots

By Steve Escajeda  
Special to the Courier

Well it’s all come to this.

Some of the better teams like Green Bay, New Orleans, Pittsburgh, Baltimore and San Francisco have been knocked out of the playoffs and we’re stuck with the New York Giants and the New England Patriots.

But it is still the Super Bowl and it’s the biggest annual non-holiday event we have in this country.

Though the truth is that this isn’t the sexiest of match-ups.

The Giants finished the season with a mediocre 9-7 record. And last week’s win over the Ravens (a game where the Patriots were totally outplayed) was the only victory New England has recorded over a team that finished with a winning record.

And the fact that these two teams met in the big game just four years ago doesn’t help get fans excited about this one.

What else can you say about a Super Bowl week that has been dominated about talk surrounding Peyton Manning and his

relationship with the Indianapolis Colts rather than the Giants and the Pats.

But thank goodness there is more to the big game than just the big game. The four-hour pre-game show does offer a lot of great side stories and serves as a good teaser for the kickoff.

I always look forward to the halftime show. I just don’t know if Madonna is the best choice for a football crowd. Of course we’ll all be on the lookout for another one of those wardrobe malfunctions.

And then there are those zany commercials, which will be going for \$3.5-million for a 30-second spot.

Last year’s crop of commercials didn’t impress as much as they have in the past but maybe they’ll supply plenty of laughs on Sunday.

Oh I almost forgot, there is one other thing that makes the Super Bowl one of the greatest days of the year – food.

Everyone will break out the snacks, desserts, drinks and tons of beef that will make most of us feel like we did on Thanksgiving. In other words, make sure those stretchy pants are ready to go.

Well that covers all the non-football action on Sunday. Now it’s time to talk about the game itself.

The Patriots are going into game about a three-point favorite mostly based on their better season record. But New England was very lucky to get this far thanks to a receiver who couldn’t make a catch and kicker who couldn’t kick it straight.

Tom Brady is the marquee player in this year’s game. He’s already played in four Super Bowls and won three. That experience will really help the Patriots, though Brady looked downright human against the Ravens last week.

The Patriots are known for their aerial game, which uses short, sharp passes to get down the field with Wes Welker. Then as soon as they get inside the red zone they look for one of the bookend tight ends, Gronkowski or Hernandez.

New England’s defense gives up a lot of yards between the twenties but they get tougher as teams get closer to the goal line.

The New York Giants are red hot and have really picked it up during the playoffs but let’s

not kid ourselves, they aren’t as good as the average Super Bowl team.

They were only 4-4 at home this season and lost to the Seattle Seahawks and the Washington Redskins, twice.

In fact, they were 7-7 with two games to go and were outscored in the regular season by six points.

Those aren’t exactly impressive numbers. Let alone, Super Bowl worthy numbers.

Eli Manning, who has been practically anointed as the best quarterback of all time by ESPN, is a good quarterback who can either drive his team down the field for a touchdown or throw an interception that’ll have you scratching your head trying to figure out what he was thinking.

One huge advantage the Giants do have is their pass rush, which will ruffle any quarterback. But will it be enough?

In the end, the Giants have all the momentum and they are the choice of most prognosticators. And I must agree to the tune of 23-17.

But please, don’t say that Eli is better than his brother after he wins his second Super Bowl.

## A sporting view By Mark Vasto

### Ali hurt more than himself

Burgundy carpet, beige couches and reheated pepperoni pizza from the night before, television tuned to WABC to watch the Wide World of Sports... that was a typical Saturday spent with my father during the late ‘70s and early ‘80s.

It’s hard to understand now, in the SportsCenter and Yahoo Sports world, but for the sports fan of the Jimmy Carter era, it was Sports Illustrated, the back of your local

evening tabloid newspaper if you lived in a town lucky enough to have one, and the Howard Cosell hovel that was ABC’s “Wide World of Sports.” And there could be no Cosell without a peculiarly great heavyweight boxer by the name of Muhammad Ali.

By this time, Ali – the one shown on our Sylvania cabinet television – was not “the Greatest,” at least not in the way my father used to speak

of him. I watched him lose three out of four fights. I saw a lumbering, slurring man that people cheered on relentlessly even though he was clearly losing, and laughed at all of his jokes even though they weren’t funny. Maybe only a child could see the truth – that there was something wrong – but I’m not too sure about that. My mother noticed and called what “they” were doing to him “barbaric.”

The “they” in that statement was basically all of us. We were all enablers. But what could we do? Ali had been given the best advice, and he chose to keep going.

Ali was warned after his third fight with Ken Norton (one of the hardest hitters in boxing history, a fighter who had previously broken Ali’s jaw) to hang up the gloves. The Mayo Clinic said his muscles weren’t in sync with his brains, resulting in slurred speech.

His own doctor, Ferdie Pacheco, sent him medical exam results and warned Ali that if he continued fighting, he “would have no shot at a normal life” after his career.

But Ali promised easy fights. Pacheco stayed on for one last bout, a brutal mess of a war with Ernie Shavers, a fighter with 54 wins and 52 knockouts (still widely considered to be the best boxer to have never won a title) and somehow won the decision. But Pacheco had seen enough. He jumped ship.

“[Shavers] was about the strongest guy in boxing,” Pacheco said at the

time. “That was easy?”

I watched Ali get pummeled by Larry Holmes, and hang on just long enough to lose a decision to Trevor Berbick. Before the Berbick fight, which took place 30 years ago, it was already too clear that we were sending the guy to the gallows for our own amusement. Unable to talk at press conferences, he used to perform magic tricks.


My dad would just shake his head. Ali, he explained to me, used to perform magic in the ring. “He’s only hurting himself,” he would say. It was painful to watch. But I could see, sitting on that rug next to his chair as my mother read her book, refusing to watch, that Ali was hurting everyone else in the room, too.

Mark Vasto is a veteran sportswriter who lives in Kansas City. (c) 2012 King Features Synd., Inc.


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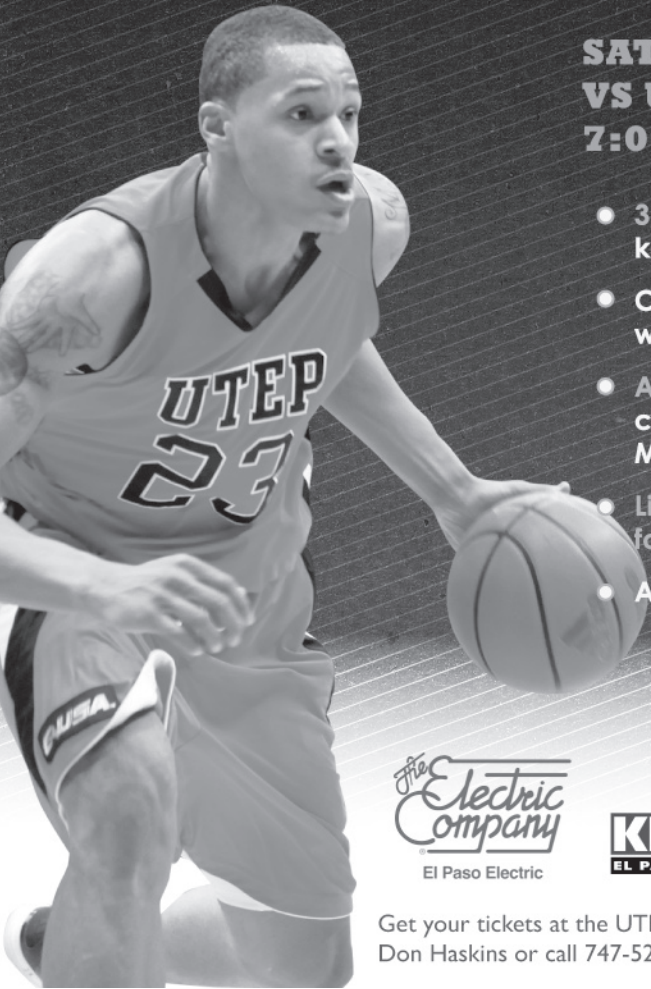


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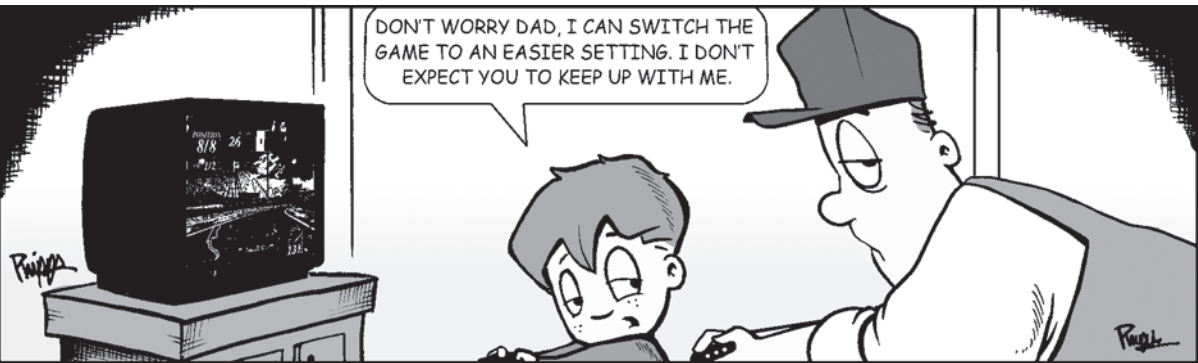


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Your good health By Paul G. Donahue, M.D.

DEAR DR. DONOHUE: I am a 78-year-old woman, and five months ago I came down with sciatica in my left leg underneath the buttock. It's very painful. I'd like to know if there is something that can be done. – S.M.

The sciatic (sigh-ATTIC) nerve is the body's longest and largest nerve. It springs from nerve rootlets that emerge from the spinal cord in the lower back. Those rootlets intertwine to form this big nerve. It travels from the back, through the buttocks and down the leg to the foot. Anything that presses on or irritates the nerve in its long course gives rise to sciatica (sigh-ATTIC-uh), painful inflammation of the nerve.

A bulging back disk can press on the nerve. Arthritic spurs on the spine are another source of irritation. A collapse of a backbone from osteoporosis is another trigger for pain, and the pain can be in the lower back, the buttocks or down the leg to the foot.

Have you tried Tylenol (acetaminophen) for pain relief? Aleve, Advil, Motrin and the many other nonsteroidal anti-inflammatory drugs dull pain and quiet inflammation. Icing the painful back area for 10 to 15 minutes three times a day is another way to numb pain. If ice doesn't work, turn to heat – hot compresses or a heating pad.

Stretching the back might take pressure off the nerve. Sit on a firm chair with feet on the floor and knees shoulder-width apart. Turn slightly to the left. Then, with your right arm dangling down between the knees and left arm dangling down on the outside of the left knee, bend down to the floor as far as you can and hold that position for five seconds. Straighten up and reverse the process by turning to your right and arranging your arms with the right arm outside the right

knee and the left arm between the knees. If this exercise hurts, stop. If it doesn't, perform five bends each, to the right and then to the left. Do the exercise three times a day.

Five months is a long time to put up with back pain. I'm not sure if self-treatment will do much for you. You need a doctor's intervention, along with physical therapy.

The booklet on back pain delves more deeply into its causes and treatments. To order a copy, write: Dr. Donohue – No. 303W, 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: Some time ago, you answered a letter from an 80-year-old lady who asked if she still needed to have mammograms. I say an unqualified yes. Two years ago, at the age of 82 1/2, my mammogram detected cancer. Surgery was followed by radiation. Two years later, I am feeling fine and doing well. – A.S.

Experts argue about the value of mammograms late in life. Stories like yours make me side with those who promote having mammograms as long as a woman is in reasonable health. If a woman has an estimate of living at least four more years, mammograms are a good idea.

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) 2012 North America Synd., Inc. All Rights Reserved.

Super Crossword

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  - 10 Cartographer's creation
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  - 40 Tennis stroke
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  - 43 Bulldogs
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  - 64 Muppet drummer
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  - 69 Hosts
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  - 71 Ancient deity
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  - 77 German poet
  - 78 Air bear?
  - 79 Flexed, as
  - 85 Born
  - 87 Italian wine
  - 88 "The Jungle Book" bear
  - 89 Glum drop?
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- 96 Sgt. or cpl.
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**Moore Texas** by Roger Moore Our annual visitors to the Eagle Lake area , the amazing SNOW GOOSE , can fly 60 MPH...and they're noisy.



**GO FIGURE!** 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: How do I update or correct the name on my Social Security card?*

A: To update or correct the name on your Social Security card:

- Complete an Application for A Social Security Card (Form SS-5), available at [www.socialsecurity.gov/online/ss-5.pdf](http://www.socialsecurity.gov/online/ss-5.pdf);
- Show us original documents proving your legal name change, identity, and U.S. citizenship (if you have not already established your citizenship with us), or immigration status if you are not a U.S. citizen; and
- Take or mail your completed application and original documents to your local Social Security office. Note that we must see originals and cannot use photocopies. We will return any original document you mail to us.

Learn more at [www.socialsecurity.gov](http://www.socialsecurity.gov).

*Q: I work in retirement. How much can I earn and still collect full Social Security retirement benefits?*

A: Social Security uses the formulas

below, depending on your age, to determine how much you can earn before we must reduce your benefit:

- If you are younger than full retirement age: \$1 in benefits will be deducted for each \$2 you earn above the annual limit. For 2011, that limit is \$14,160.
  - In the year you reach your full retirement age: \$1 in benefits will be deducted for each \$3 you earn above a different limit, but we count only earnings before the month you reach full retirement age. For 2011, this limit is \$37,680.
  - Starting with the month you reach full retirement age: you will get your benefits with no limit on your earnings.
- Find out your full retirement age at [www.socialsecurity.gov/pubs/ageincrease.htm](http://www.socialsecurity.gov/pubs/ageincrease.htm).

*Q: How do I report a lost Social Security card?*

A: You do not have to report a lost Social Security card. In fact, reporting a lost or stolen card to Social Security will not prevent misuse of your Social Security

number. You should let us know if someone is using your number to work (call 1-800-772-1213; TTY 1-800-325-0778).

If you think someone is using your number, there are several other actions you should take:

- Contact the Federal Trade Commission online at [www.ftc.gov/bcdp/edu/microsites/idtheft](http://www.ftc.gov/bcdp/edu/microsites/idtheft) or call 1-877-ID-THEFT (1-877-438-4338);
- File an online complaint with the Internet Crime Complaint Center at [www.ic3.gov](http://www.ic3.gov);
- Contact the IRS Identity Protection Specialized Unit by calling 1-800-908-4490, Monday – Friday, 8 a.m. – 8 p.m.; and
- Monitor your credit report.

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

**Band**

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playing and had plenty of dedication. “I practiced almost every day and I

skipped more than a few lunches to practice,” Tarin said.

“I felt really glad as soon as I found out the results,” Medrano said. “I’ve been trying to earn a spot with All-State band for two years.”

**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: K equals E

MQ T RYMPPKN YKNK FX

RCXASMQF QNXP T

RDAKNPTNZKF, M RDAAXRK CK

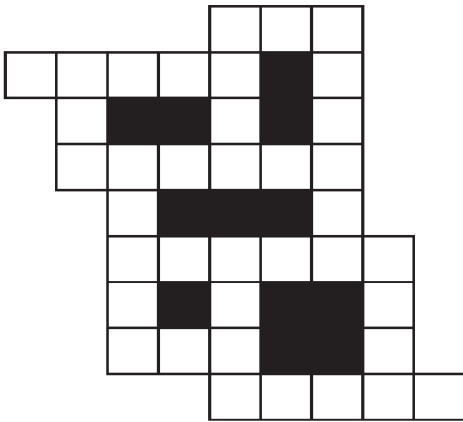
YXDSB FTZK T BMA.

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- HE
- HAGNIC
- TINGL
- ♥LPGU
- HLTPIG
- CSA
- EHLE
- ♥HASLE
- ♥PLA
- TENRIC
- ♥APSEL
- ♥GSAT



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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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Medrano will be competing against other oboists from across Texas for a first chair position on the band. “Right now I’m working on my audition material, which is one of the two songs played at Area,” Medrano said. “They’re both a big challenge for me, but I trust I’ll get them in time.”

Tarin will be competing in the Solo and Ensemble categories and has high hopes for the outcome of the state competition. “I have a quartet piece and a solo piece,” he said. “Since the competition is [soon], I’m practicing whenever I can. As long as I continue practicing the way I am now, I’ll come home with the first place medal.”

Medrano also holds high expectations for himself. “I have to say the outcome will be a mystery,” Medrano said. “But even if I don’t reach my expectations, I’d still be very honored and glad.”

Statewide, more than 1,580 students were selected through the process that began with about 60,000 students competing to perform in one of 13 ensembles including bands, orchestras and choirs, according to association officials. A panel of judges selected the students to be part of the all-state groups that perform during the convention before an audience of more than 25,000 persons.

Tarin and Medrano, accompanied by their band director, will fly to San Antonio for the annual event. Both students will perform during the final concert that is scheduled for 9:30 a.m., Feb. 11, at the Lila Cockrell Theatre at Gonzales Convention Center.

Tarin said that his educational goal is to major in music education at New Mexico State University and become a band director. He is son of Earvey and Nancy Tarin.

After he graduates from high school, Medrano said that he plans to attend the University of Texas at Austin and possibly major in engineering but would like to continue playing his instrument as a hobby. He is son of Miguel and Juana Medrano.