



## NEWSBRIEFS

### Easter services

■ The Kiwanis Club of Horizon City will hold their 37th Annual Community Easter Service at 7:00 a.m., Sunday, April 8, 2012. The services will be at the Oz Glaze Center, 13969 Veny Webb in Horizon City.

— Ann Miller

■ The third annual non-denominational Lower Valley Community Easter "Sonrise" Service will be held Easter Sunday, April 8, 2012, at 6:30 a.m. at the Clint High School Football Stadium. Following this celebration service, you are invited to a Continental Breakfast at the Clint Community Center, 211 San Elizario Rd. in Clint. Call 851-3145 for more information.

— Erma Nelson

### Clean Horizon

On Saturday, April 21, 2012, Horizon City will participate in the "Don't Mess With Texas" and "Keep America Beautiful" campaigns. This is an opportunity for residents, businesses and civic groups to show their pride. The event will last from 8:00 a.m. to noon followed at 1:00 pm with a Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon at the Oz Glaze Senior Center, 13969 Veny Webb. Anyone interested in participating in this even should contact Anita Oswalt at aoswalt@horizoncity.org or Elvia Schuller at eschuller@horizoncity.org at (915) 852-1046 for registration and donation information.

— Bob Coleman

### EPCU watering

The time-of-day watering schedule for outdoor irrigation went into effect on Sunday April 1 and runs through Sept. 30, 2012. Watering is permitted before 10 a.m. and after 6 p.m. on designated days. Addresses that end in even numbers may be watered on Tuesdays, Thursdays or Saturdays. Addresses ending in odd numbers may be watered on Wednesdays, Fridays or Sundays. The watering days are Mondays, Wednesdays or Fridays for parks, schools, cemeteries, golf courses and industrial sites. The ordinance makes wasting water a violation, and failure to comply is a Class C misdemeanor that can result in fines of up to \$500.00 plus court costs. The water conservation ordinance was adopted in 1991 when El Paso Water Utilities launched its conservation program. Daily water use averaged 139 gallons per person in 2011. The goal is to reduce average daily water use to 130 gallons per person by 2020.

### Driver safety

An AARP Driver Safety Program for all drivers will be offered at 9:30 a.m.

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## CHS journalism students are 2-4A champions

By Rick Tate  
Special to the Courier

CANUTILLO – The Canutillo High School journalism team finished as district 2-4A champions for the third year in a row and will advance to Regionals in Abilene on April 21, after competing recently in the local UIL academic meet held at Hanks High School.

The students competed in four events, including news writing, editorial writing, headline writing and feature writing. The team won based on points from their individual competitions.

Sophomore Jackie Ribota finished first place in feature writing.

"I was surprised by the number of students competing and that out of all of them I won first place," she said. "I'm excited about going to Regionals because I get a chance to place and then compete at state contests."

Junior Evelyn Villarreal placed first in headline writing and second in editorial writing.

"I think our team has been successful for three years because we practice a lot. What we do for the school newspaper helps in UIL and vice-versa," she said.

Junior Brianna Hernandez finished first in



— Photo courtesy Canutillo ISD

Canutillo High School journalism students advancing to UIL Regional Meet in Abilene are, from left, Evelyn Villarreal, Brianna Hernandez, and Jackie Ribota.

editorial and second in headline writing. She has worked as the school newspaper editor for two years. Hernandez advanced to Regionals last year in news writing.

"I didn't place in the same event last year so it's different going to Regionals this year. It shows how versatile we are that we could place in multiple events," she said.



— Photo by David Garcia

**POURING PADS –** Homes throughout Socorro are getting new driveways. The project is on Abejeno St. and will move to Aldrin next.

## Socorro in Phase 3 of access project

By David Garcia  
Special to the Courier

SOCORRO – The City of Socorro Public Works Department has started Phase 3 of the Access Way program in all four City of Socorro Districts. More than 600 old and new City of Socorro homes now have paved access from the street to their property line.

The next 102 homes will have their new access way over the next 10 weeks. The homes are on streets in alphabetical order and were the first to ask for the access way.

Also called drive ways, The City of Socorro contracted for 15' by 20' cement pads that use 5 cubic feet of cement to pave the distance from the street to the property line at all locations. A variance is allowed

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## Don't Mess with Texas holds scholarship contest

EL PASO COUNTY – Texas high school seniors who care about the environment have the chance to win a college scholarship by composing a 350-word essay explaining what they've done to improve the litter situation in their community. The ninth annual Don't Mess with Texas Scholarship is sponsored by BASF Corporation in partnership with Keep Texas Beautiful.

"This scholarship is such a fit for what we at BASF are trying to accomplish. From the products we make that impact the quality of our lives every day to how we operate our facilities safely and as good stewards of our environment, we are living the 'Don't Mess with Texas' philosophy," said Chris Witte, a Sr. Vice

President for BASF.

The first-place winner will receive \$3,000. The second- and third-place winners will receive \$1,000 each.

Don't Mess with Texas is a litter prevention campaign sponsored by the Texas Department of Transportation. The scholarship is one of TxDOT's efforts to generate more youth involvement in the campaign.

"The scholarship requires students to write an essay explaining the litter prevention efforts they've made in their community, and we're always impressed with how hard many high school students work to keep Texas beautiful," said Brenda Flores-Dollar, program administrator for TxDOT's Travel Information Division, which manages

the Don't Mess with Texas campaign.

The eligibility requirements and dates for the contest are:

- Any high school senior graduating spring 2012, who currently resides and attends school in Texas;
- Seniors planning to further their education at an accredited two- or four-year college or university (public or private) in Texas;
- A 300 to 350 word-essay identifying a litter problem in the student's school or community and the action he or she took to address it; and
- A completed Don't Mess with Texas Scholarship application sent online or by mail with the essay by April 20, 2012. For the application, mailing address or further details, visit [www.DontMessWithTexas.org](http://www.DontMessWithTexas.org).

— Blanca Del Valle, PIO, TxDOT

*If you were another person, would you like to be a friend of yours?*

— Quips & Quotes



# SISD holds 2012 Volunteer Recognition luncheon

By Christy Flores-Jones  
Special to the Courier

SOCORRO – More than 500 Socorro ISD volunteers, faculty and staff enjoyed the 2012 Volunteer Recognition event on March 21 at the Region 19 Chito Samaniego Multi-Purpose Center. The annual luncheon is an opportunity for the district to thank the volunteers who help students and staff across

the SISD.

The top two outstanding district volunteers were named at the luncheon. The 2012 SISD Elementary Volunteer of the Year Award was given to Alejandro Caballero from Campestre Elementary School. The 2012 SISD Secondary Volunteer of the Year Award went to Rosalinda Martinez from Options High School.

Superintendent Xavier De La Torre thanked the volunteers for the many ways they help in

SISD schools, such as tutoring and mentoring, assisting faculty and participating as field trip chaperones and guest readers in classrooms.

“The list can go on and on... that is why we are here today to recognize that, to celebrate that, but most importantly to thank you,” De La Torre said.

SISD board members also attended to show their appreciation and congratulate the volunteers on their hard work.

“It is great to see so many individuals

being recognized. We have more than 5,000 volunteers and that is amazing,” said Michael A. Najera, SISD board president. “And, no task is too big for any of you. Everything is certainly appreciated.”

In addition, the top five parent volunteer groups were awarded and the Campus Volunteers of the Year were recognized.

The Top Five Parent Group Awards went to:

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## PUBLIC NOTICE VILLAGE OF VINTON, TEXAS

### FAIR HOUSING STATEMENT

The Village of Vinton hereby declares its support of fair housing practices. It is hereby declared to be the policy of the locality to bring about, through fair, orderly, and lawful procedures, the opportunity of each person to obtain housing without regard to race, color, creed, religion, sex, national origin, physical or mental handicap, marital status, parenthood, or age.

It is further declared that such policy is established upon the recognition of the inalienable rights of each individual to obtain housing and further, that denial of such rights is detrimental to the health, safety, and welfare of the inhabitants of the locality and constitutes an unjust denial or deprivation of such inalienable rights which is within the power and the proper responsibility of government to prevent.

The locality has a Fair Housing Policy that may be examined and copied by interested groups or individuals during office hours. The month of April has been proclaimed “Fair Housing Month”; copies of the official proclamation are available at the Village of Vinton Hall between the hours of 8:00 A.M. and 5:00 P.M., Monday through Friday.

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The Village of Vinton announces that it has adopted a policy of nondiscrimination based on handicapped conditions concerning access, participation, and benefit of programs and activities operated or conducted by the locality. This policy is in compliance with the requirements of Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended in 24 CFR, Part 8, “Non-discrimination Based on Handicap in Federally-Assisted Programs and Activities of HUD,” dated June 2, 1988. Interested individuals or groups may obtain copies of this policy statement by calling the Town Clerk, who has been assigned to coordinate compliance with this policy and may be contacted at (915) 886-5104.

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The Village of Vinton announces that it has adopted a policy prohibiting the use of excessive force by law enforcement personnel within its jurisdiction against an individual engaged in non-violent civil rights demonstrations. This policy is in compliance with Section 519 of Public Law 101-44, 1990, U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development Appropriations Act. Copies of this policy statement may be obtained by calling the Town Clerk at (915) 886-5104.

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In order to comply with the requirements of the Texas Community Development Program (TCDP) and of 10 T.A.C. Section 178.1 and Section 178.2, the locality has citizen complaint procedures intended to provide a timely written response to all complaints made against its proposed or completed TCDP efforts. Responses to complaints will be made within no more than ten (10) working days. A copy of the complaint procedures can be obtained upon request at (915) 886-5104. The established complaint procedures are an element of the local Citizen Participation Plan, and meet the requirements of USHUD Section 504 (24 CFR) concerning nondiscrimination based on handicapped conditions.

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Madeleine Praino  
Mayor

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## Veterans Post By Freddy Groves

# Disability benefits claims now online

Going paperless is an important part of the Department of Veterans Affairs “people-focused process and technology-centered improvements” and is supposed to streamline the claims steps and get rid of the backlog.

To that end, the VA has made it easier to file a claim online by providing 70 different Disability Benefits Questionnaires covering all types of conditions. Whether it’s cardiovascular, dermatological, endocrinological, gastrointestinal, neurological or something else, there’s a form for it. Additionally, if you don’t have a diagnosis yet, there’s a section for symptoms that will tell you to which form applies to you.

You can download it electronically for your doctor, or print out a copy to take in for your doctor to complete. Ideally your doctor will complete the digital questionnaire and submit it electronically. The instructions ask that your doctor file the form electronically in case of bad handwriting. Be sure to keep a copy for your records.

To find the forms, go online

to <http://benefits.va.gov/> transformation/ and scroll down the right side to Key Transformation Plan Initiatives. The link to the questionnaires are listed there. Note that there is a link on the right side to a video that helps with filing a claim.

Read the FAQ to make sure you know the process. One thing that’s common to all three forms is this statement: “VA will not pay or reimburse any expenses or costs incurred in the process of completing and/or submitting a DBQ.”

As usual, the devil is in the details. In the instruction section for doctors it says that the time to complete each form “varies from 15 minutes to 1 hour, depending on the complexity of the form and the conditions covered.”

Is your private doctor going to be willing to do that?

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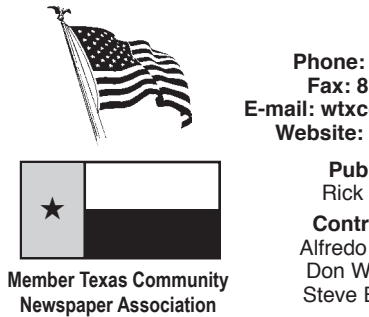
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## Por la Gente By State Rep. Chente Quintanilla

# Our seniors deserve decent care

Hola, mi gente. Even before I was elected to the office of state representative, I visited my friends at the senior centers throughout the county. As a representative, I acted on any comments by them about things that adversely affected their quality of life.

When you talk about the quality of life for some of the less fortunate elders, having a hard time taking care of the littlest daily activity is a major negative. If there was a means to eliminate the problem, lessen it, or provide the senior with a reason why we can’t resolve it, I put my staff to work. In most cases, we achieved one of the options above.

I have been very happy with the results that we achieved in most of the requests for help. We rely very much on agencies or organizations and their staff for resolving situations. On rare occasions, we ran into dead ends.

To illustrate a success, in 2008 my office was at a senior daycare center hosting a presentation informing the clients about low cost phone service provided through a state program called Lifeline. One of the seniors approached my chief of staff about difficulty getting her prescriptions because an insurance agent changed her plan. We had her once again eligible for her prescriptions by that afternoon. Also, as a result of this meeting I authored and passed legislation that stopped the victimization of vulnerable elderly women.

More recently, I received a call from an activist in Montana Vista who informed us about a senior who decided to stop attending the nutrition program provided at a center. The reason for him leaving was the constant harassment by the staff at the center. He was not enjoying his time there.

That was not the first time we addressed seniors terminating their participation there. I get very concerned for health and welfare reasons when any of the clients to the nutrition programs stops participating. The attendance by 70 and 80 year old residents is vitally important to their mental health. If they stop socializing, you can pretty much bet depression and illness will eventually overtake them.

The center in question and the staff are managed by a private well known non-profit organization. I have personally sat with the staff and even with the chief executive. Every time we were assured a change, nothing really happened.

With this last plea for assistance, I decided to approach the situation in a stronger manner. Since my past efforts had been ignored, I made the case why my office had a degree of jurisdiction over the management even though the contract was with the county.

Unfortunately, the executive took it as a threat to terminate state funding. The reality is that I cannot compel any agency to take action of that sort. I would not hesitate in discussing this concern with state agencies but only to facilitate some resolution, not to harm the non-profit.

It is up to the executive director to put aside any thoughts of threats and to focus on the seniors who are his customers. I have had any number of people mad at me and that is going to happen. But before acting on anger, I hope the way the center is managed is changed so that seniors return to participating. The priority at this moment must be their health and welfare.

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

## Briefs

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on Tuesday, April 17, at the Clint Senior Center, 200 N San Elizario Rd. The cost to attend is \$14 for the general public, \$12 for AARP members. Many insurance companies will give a discount for taking this course. This course will not dismiss a ticket. Call 851-3397 for information.

— Nancy Feetham

## Name change

The Border Children’s Mental Health Collaborative is now the El Paso County Department of Mental Health Support Services. Since its inception, the Border Children’s Mental Health Collaborative was not limited to only serving children as the name suggested. The El Paso Commissioners Court made official the name change on January 23, 2012 to reflect more accurately the County’s commitment to mental health for our community. This new name provides a better description of the services we provide and captures more precisely the mission of our organization: helping clients with mental health issues to achieve the best possible outcomes. The agency provides a wide array of services that includes working with families, adults, community agencies, organizations, schools, and other entities.

— Elhiu Dominguez

## Wanted

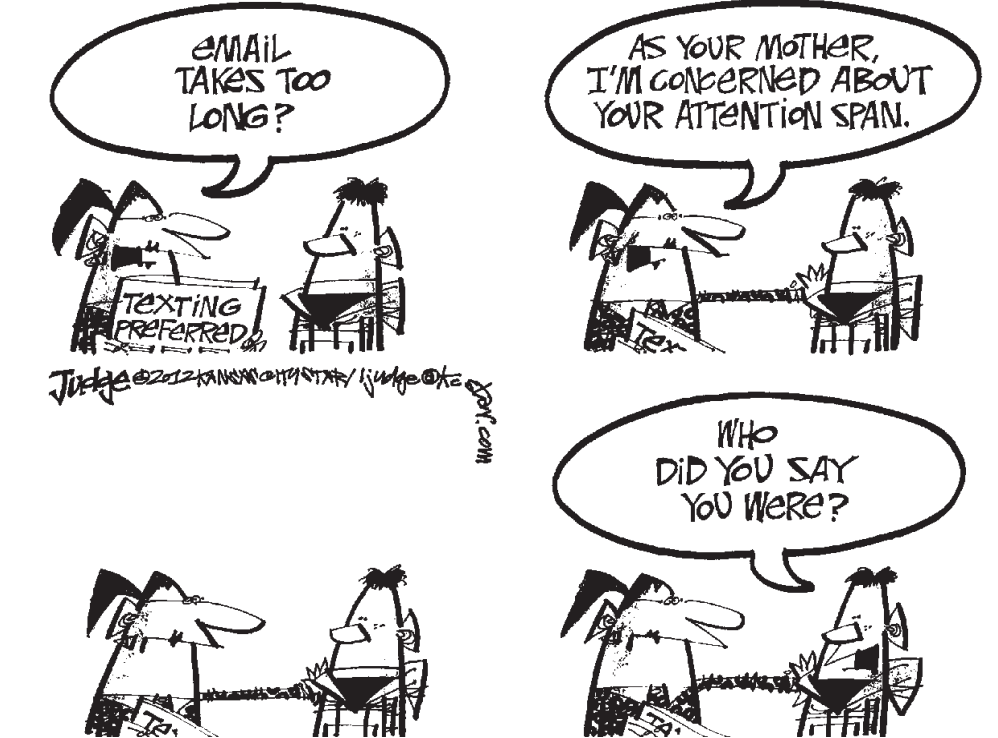
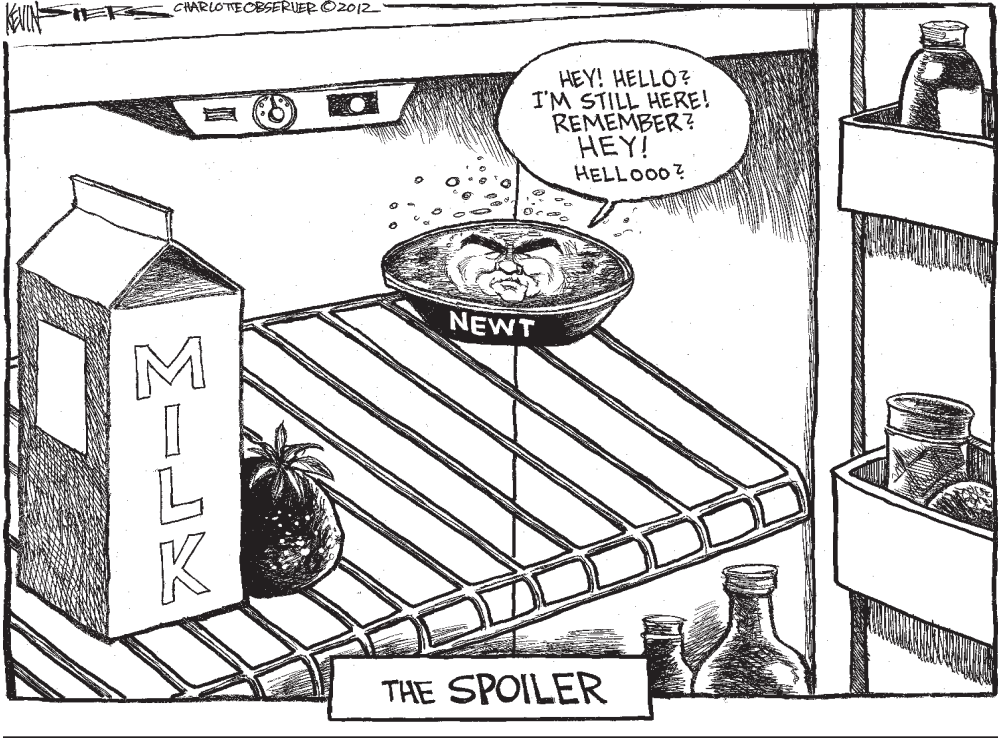
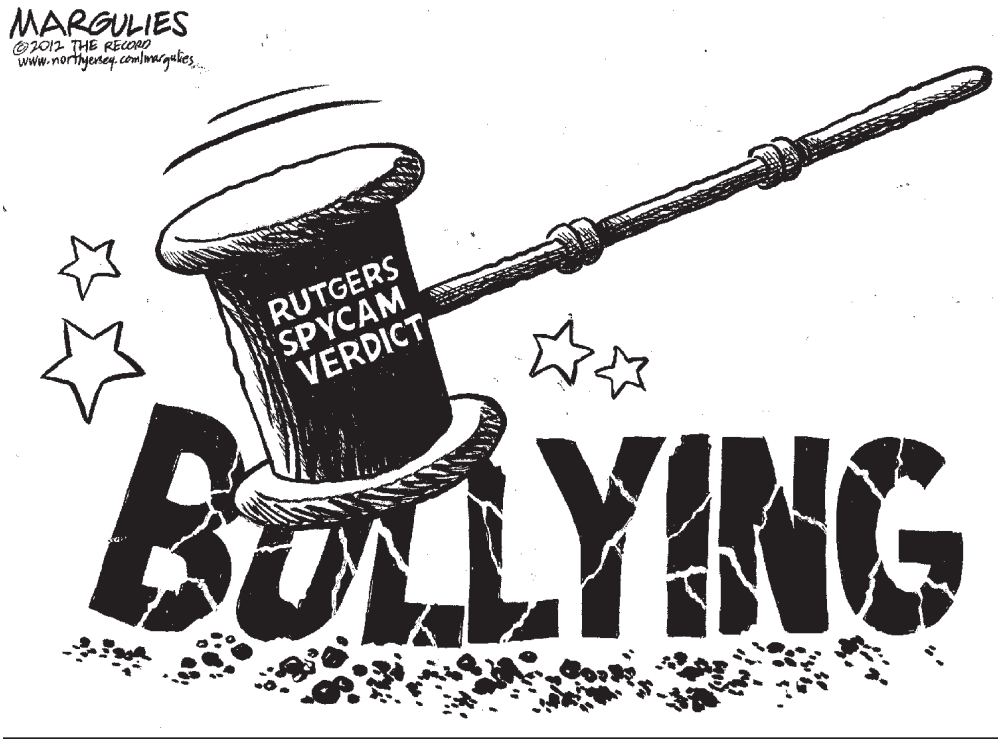
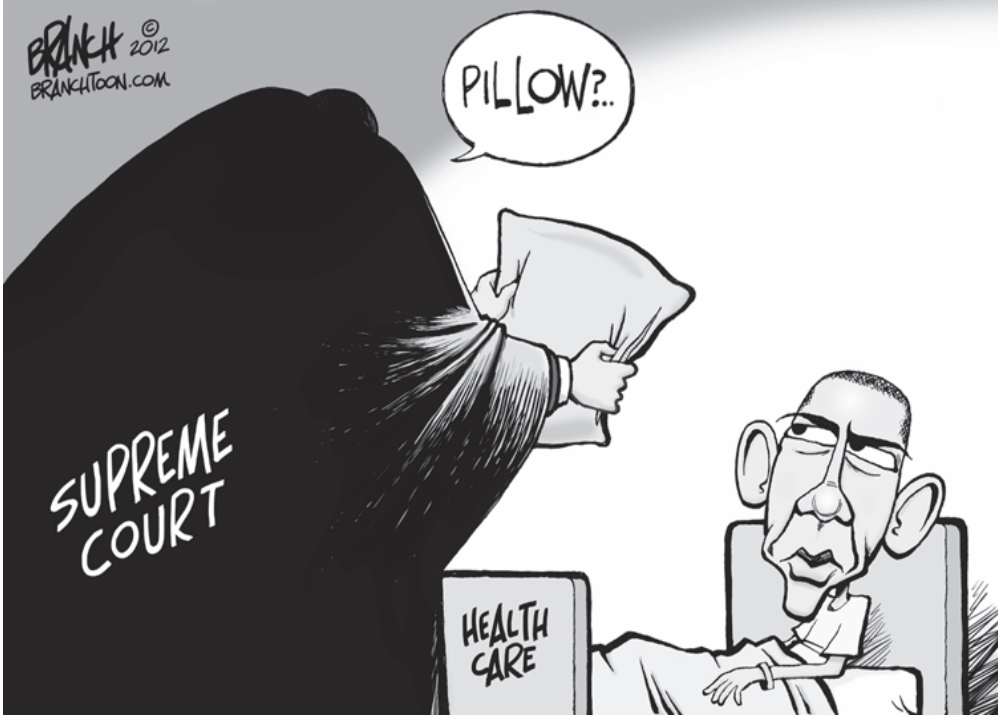
About this time last year, on March 26, 2011 at 11:00 p.m., Jesse Herrera, 20, picked up two underage females from their home in the City of Socorro. He

got behind the wheel of a four door 1992 Brown Toyota Corolla with license plates CC7P063. The victim and her friend were in the back seat of the car while there was an unknown Hispanic male in the front passenger seat. Herrera is accused

of drinking a beer while driving. When Herrera was cruising down the 500 block of North Moon, he let go of the steering wheel and the front passenger grabbed the steering wheel but over-steered to the right and caused the Corolla to veer

of the road and slam into a rock-wall on 525 Valle Calido in Socorro. When the front of the Toyota hit the rock-wall, it flew up into the air and landed on its top, basically rolling over. The suspect and the other male were able to crawl out of the car but as soon as they were out, they made a run for it and left the two girls to fend for themselves. Both young victims had several lacerations on their knees and arms. They were transported to Del Sol Medical Center. When the Socorro Search team catches up with Herrera he’ll face two counts of Accident Involving Injury and he’ll need more than \$10,000 to pay for his bonds. That’s not all, if the other guy doesn’t come forward on his own, he too might face charges. If you know where either of the two men are hiding or you know who’s hiding them, call the police. In the City of Socorro the number is 858-6986.

— David Garcia



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# Pompeii of the West hosted by museum

By Alfredo Vasquez  
Special to the Courier

El Paso Archaeological Society Program will host the Ozette Site, Pompeii of the West, presented by David T. Kirkpatrick, at 2 p.m., Sunday, April 15, at the El Paso Museum of Archaeology, 4301 Transmountain Road. The public is invited to attend this free event.

The Ozette Site has been called the Pompeii of the West because of the excellent preservation of baskets, mats, boxes, fishing and whaling tools, and the architectural features of six long houses buried under a clay-based landslide that occurred ca. AD 1700.

The site, located on Cape Alava, Olympic Peninsula, Washington, was occupied for over 2000 years by the Makah, a northwest coast tribe that lived off the resources of the ocean and forests, including whale hunting, a very prestigious occupation.

The special presentation will discuss aspects of the historic Makah culture and the material culture recovered from the excavations by archaeologists from Washington State University.

Dr. Kirkpatrick is an Associate Director of Research and Public Education with Human Systems Research. He has conducted research throughout New Mexico since 1977.

For more information, call 915-755-4332, or send email to guidamr@elpasotexas.gov.

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## Socorro

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for non-standard distances such as alcoves and cul-de-sacs’, as well as collecting points for storm water.

“I am so proud to say eventually, all homes in the City of Socorro will get their driveway and the next hundred or so homes are now realizing their request. This was a quality of life improvement goal we set for the City of Socorro and by the City Council working together, more homes are being targeted for new driveways,” said Councilman Willie Madrid.

The 300 square foot pad covers the park way currently maintained by the city. Once in place, the driveway will replace the dirt area now subject to pot holes every time it rains.

The next set of homes on City of Socorro Streets beginning with “A” receiving driveways are: Abejeno, Aldrin, Allison, Alma Wayne, Amado Place, Anaheim Ln, Anahi Court, Andy Court, Angus, Apodaca, Arlene Circle, Armstrong Dr, Artesiano, Artesano, Arvana and Arzate.

# FEAR KN&T

By: rj johnson

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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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## CryptoQuip Answer

I suppose it's an actual fact that Adam and Eve ate themselves out of house and home.

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## Social Security Q&A

By Ray Vigil

Q: I know you need to have limited resources to receive Supplemental Security Income (SSI). But what is considered a resource?

A: Resources are things you own that you can use for support. They include cash, real estate, personal belongings, bank accounts, stocks, and bonds. To be eligible for SSI a person must have no more than \$2,000 in countable resources. A married couple must have no more than \$3,000 in countable resources. If you own resources over the SSI limit, you may be able to get SSI benefits while trying to sell the resources. Not all of your resources count toward the SSI resource limit. For example:

- The home you live in and the land it's on do not count.
  - Your personal effects and household goods do not count.
  - Life insurance policies may not count, depending on their value.
  - Your car usually does not count.
  - Burial plots for you and members of your immediate family do not count.
  - Up to \$1,500 in burial funds for you and up to \$1,500 in burial funds for your spouse may not count.
  - If you are blind or have a disability, some items may not count if you plan to use them to work or earn extra income.
- You may also wish to read our material on “resources” in the booklet, Understanding SSI at

www.socialsecurity.gov/ssi/text-understanding-ssi.htm.

Q: Next month I'll turn 65 and, because of my financial situation, I thought I'd be eligible for Supplemental Security Income (SSI). But my neighbor told me I'd probably be turned down because I have a friend who said he might help support me. Is this true?

A: If your friend helps support you, it could have an effect on whether you get SSI and on the amount you receive. Whether you can get SSI depends on your income and resources (the things you own). If you have low income and few resources, you may be able to get SSI. However, if you are receiving support from your friend or from anyone else, that income will be considered when making a decision on your SSI eligibility and amount. Support includes any food or shelter that is given to you or is received by you because someone else pays for it. For more information, visit www.socialsecurity.gov and select “SSI.”

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

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# Boxing world loses two of its legends

By Steve Escajeda  
Special to the Courier

When I was a young sports fan many years ago I loved to watch football, baseball and basketball on TV.

I loved watching everything; the Olympics, Wide World of Sports, horse racing, even bowling, tennis and a little hockey.

But one of my favorite sports to watch was boxing.

Back then I watched guys like Muhammad Ali, Joe Frazier, George Foreman, Ken Norton, Sugar Ray Leonard, Alexis Arguello, Thomas Hearns, Marvin Hagler, Ruben Olivares and Roberto Duran.

Of course there were many other boxers I loved to watch but I don't have enough room to list them all here.

Over the years, corruption, greed and pay-per-view has reduced the "sweet science" almost into the science-fiction category.

The popularity of the boxing has dwindled to the point where it has been virtually replaced by the almost anything goes fight *clubish* sports of the Ultimate Fighting Championship and Mixed Martial Arts.

I truly believe that real boxing fans just can't get into this new form of pugilism that allows a man to kick another in the face.

I know that I'm in the minority but the true sport of boxing, whether you have two brawlers in the ring or two dancers who use technique to outscore their opponent, is a test of skill, spirit and sheer will.

Also, back then, fighters would enter the ring about three or four times a year and it would always be televised.

All the big fights were on regular TV and everybody learned who the great fighters were.

And that's how everyone who loved boxing learned about Angelo Dundee and Bert Sugar.

Angelo Dundee became famous after training Muhammed Ali and Sugar Ray Leonard. Bert Sugar became famous by writing and telling us all about the sport in newspapers, magazines, radio and TV.

Unfortunately for the sport of boxing, we lost both of these giants over the last couple of months.

Dundee was the smallish corner man who motivated Ali and Leonard to all those victories in the ring.

Just when you thought there was no way Ali could beat Forman; or Sugar Ray could beat Hagler or Duran, there was Dundee devising a way to victory.

I guess you can say that Dundee was a little like Mickey of the Rocky movies. He was the guy who used all the knowledge and experience he had to put his talented boxers over the top.

An Italian, Dundee's Philly accent only helped make him one of the most unforgettable characters in sports, let alone boxing.

And speaking of characters, there may not have been anyone in the world of boxing with the charisma, originality and knowledge of Bert Sugar.

For as long as I can remember, behind all the fights and all the champions and all the history, there was Bert Sugar.

The colorful boxing historian knew everything there was to know about the fighting game.

What made him ever more popular was his look. With his signature fedora and cigar, he always looked as if he'd just walked off the set of one of those film noir crime dramas.

There was nothing as cool as watching Sugar hold court sitting around other reporters talking about the history of boxing.

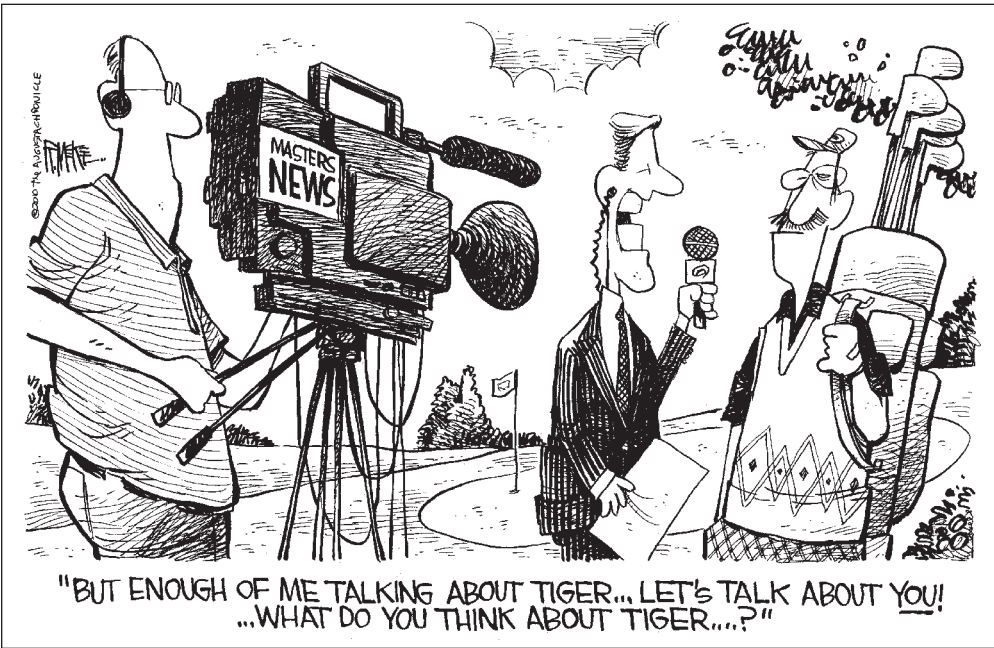
He always shared inside stories about the greatest boxers of all time and he did it with that great New York accent that took you back to an era that will probably never return.

Up until his death, Bert Sugar was doing what he loved best – and was doing it very well. Sugar had visited, via the phone, with El Paso's own Steve Kaplowitz during his ESPN 600 afternoon radio show fairly recently. Sugar was always sharp, witty and funny until the end. It's easy to say that he will never be replaced.

And neither will Dundee for that matter. Two boxing legends leaving the sport at practically the same time cannot be good for the future of the sport. For some reason those great boxing stories aren't being handed down from father to son like they used to.

It looks like the popularity of boxing will end with my generation.

But if it has to end, I'm just glad I was one of the last to enjoy it while it was still a knockout.



## A sporting view By Mark Vasto

# Ty Cobb on hitting

The old-timers come out of the woodwork every spring, don a practice jersey, put on the hat and offer their 2-cents worth of advice to rookies and veterans alike. Sandy Koufax used to join the Dodgers at Vero Beach, George Brett is a mainstay for the Royals, and old greats like Yogi Berra and Reggie Jackson still visit the Yankees at Legends Field.

But what would, say, Ty Cobb teach you about hitting? Luckily, thanks to a letter he received from a struggling ballplayer, we know the answer.

1. DON'T GRIP YOUR BAT AT THE VERY END; leave, say, an inch or two. ALSO, LEAVE AT LEAST AN INCH OR MORE SPACE

BETWEEN YOUR HANDS; that gives you balance and control of bat, and also keeps hands from interfering with each other during swing.

2. Take a position at plate, especially against right-hand pitchers, BACK OF PLATE, and against a man with a real curve, YOU CAN STAY ON BACK LINE OF BATTING BOX. ... Start now practicing to hit your right-handers to the opposite field. An inside ball from a right-hand pitcher you will naturally pull, say, to left-center.

3. DON'T SLUG AT FULL SPEED; LEARN TO MEET THEM FIRMLY, and you will be surprised at the results.

## Classified Ads

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#### TOWN OF CLINT

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**TUESDAY MAY 1, 2012**

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– Photo courtesy Anthony ISD

## Champs

The Anthony Middle School (AMS) Wildcats 7th grade boys basketball team are the 2012 El Paso County Athletic Conference champions. This is the first championship for the Anthony Independent School District school. AMS is one of the smallest schools in the division. They were 7-2 in division play and met Canutillo Middle School (CMS) at Canutillo on Feb 18 to decide which school would claim the championship. CMS was responsible for one of the losses suffered by AMS in the first game of the season. The Wildcats won this time, 48-46. The team members, not in order, are Beto Alaniz, Andrew Guerrero, Isaih Borrego, Brandon Espinoza, Isaih Montanez, Daymon Ramirez, Abel Ortiz, David Wrostock, Joe Belmontes, Patrick Rosales, Christian Haro, Julian Villalobos, Josh Montelongo, Jahir Castillo, and Wesley Guerrero. They are coached by Joel Olivas, a former Wildcat himself.

## Comix

### OUT ON A LIMB By Gary Kopervas



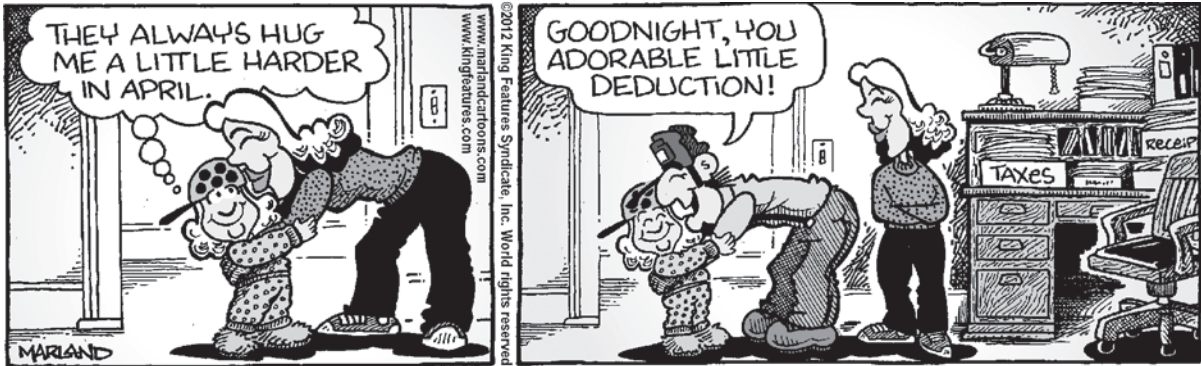
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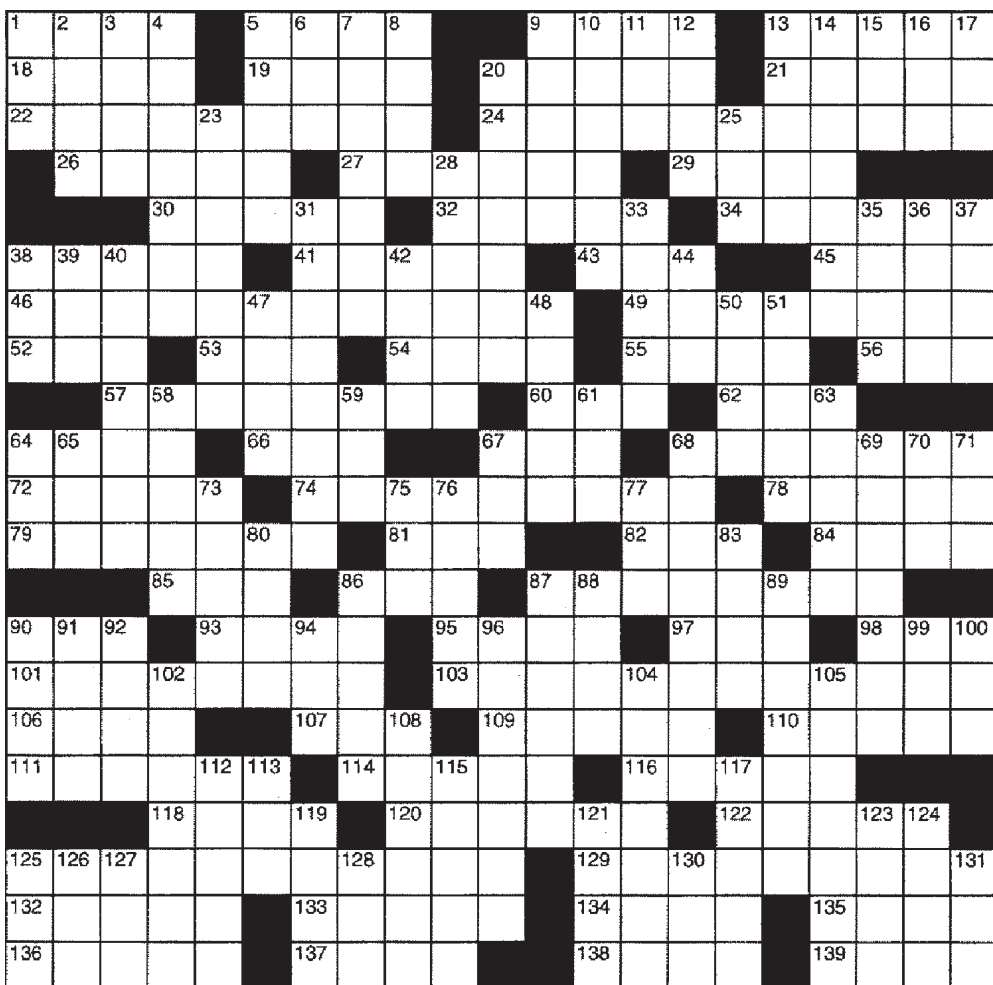


### R.F.D. By Mike Marland



## Super Crossword

<b>TEA PARTY ACROSS</b>	60 Nonclerical	125 What Lech Walesa drank	28 Endured	89 Produced a cryptogram
1 Clean the decks	62 Assumed mane?	129 What Gregor Mendel drank	31 Paul of "A Man for All Seasons"	90 Eye amorously
5 "Portnoy's Complaint" author	64 German chemist Otto	132 Saying	33 Storch or King	91 Parched
9 "Woe is me!"	66 Hound or hamster	133 Take the reins	35 Punta del	92 Sitarist Shankar
13 Strength	67 Forbid	134 Pennsylvania port	36 Actress Anna	94 "Cry _ River" ('55 song)
18 _ Krishna	68 Outtake	135 Atty.-to-be's ordeal	37 Warty one	96 "El Libertador"
19 Neutral tone	72 On the ball	136 Steven of "Wings"	38 Flock o' docs	99 Eflin
20 Manifest	74 What F. Lee Bailey drank	137 Guam, for one: abbr.	39 Wordless greeting	100 _ bran
21 Pointless	78 Billow	138 Horned vipers	40 Grinds	102 Trace
22 What the Three Stooges drank	79 Longed for	139 Actress Veronica	42 _ -de-camp	104 Meg, Jo, Beth, and Amy
24 What Yo-Yo Ma drank	81 Address abbr.		44 Herd word	105 Teach
26 _ pole	82 Exist		47 Interstate exit	108 Kilauaea, for one
27 "American Pie" singer	84 Tragic fate	<b>DOWN</b>	48 Dwight's competitor	112 Court cry
29 Overshoe	85 What's between Serena and Martina	1 "Quiet!"	50 Cry of distress	113 Teachers' org.
30 Range rope	86 Bat wood	2 Stick around	51 "Later, Luis!"	115 "Doe, _ , a female..."
32 Synthetic fiber	87 _ clover	3 Singer Guthrie	58 Remove a brooch	117 Rapiers
34 Brahman or lama	90 Paddle	4 '60s phenomenon	59 Sault _ Marie, MI	119 Formerly, formerly
38 Broadway backer	93 Siren	5 French city	61 Pangolin's morsel	121 Perlman of "Cheers"
41 Vulgar	95 Steel support	6 "Fall back" mo.	63 Dutch export	123 " _ , Heartache" (78 hit)
43 He may woo ewe	97 Myriads of moons	7 Aftershocks	64 Possessed	124 Shipbuilding wood
45 Concerning	98 _ Jima	8 Former Cong. group	65 Citrus cooler	125 Shorten a slat
46 What Sasquatch drank	101 What Isaac Newton drank	9 For the birds	67 Deli choice	126 Horatian creation
49 What Queen Victoria drank	102 What Martha Stewart drank	10 Loewe's lyricist	68 Kind of clasp	127 Research site
52 Oklahoma city	103 What Marsha Reside	11 _ deco	69 Makes money	128 Ideologue's suffix
53 Bull in a china shop	104 Reside	12 Pencil piece	70 _ trip	130 Tear
54 Exploit	105 Eyebrow shape	13 Sun screen	71 Sleep stage	131 Demolished dessert
55 Crucifix	107 The sky, at times?	14 First	73 Roman fountain	
56 "Howards _" ('92 film)	109 The sky, at times?	15 Gangster's gun	75 Helium or hydrogen	
57 Had a hunch	110 Beginning	16 TVs' _ . Step Beyond"	76 Plant pest	
	111 Bright inventor?	17 Singer Chris	77 - Claire, WI	
	112 _ point	20 Supervise	80 "L _ , c'est moi"	
		23 Property professional	83 Wells creatures	
		25 "Alley _"	86 In pieces	
			87 Feast's alternative	
			88 City near Provo	



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About Brown

Logan Brown, a senior at Anthony High School, stated that he has had an interest in creative writing and a passion for movies since he was very young. So, for his High School Senior Project (a required course at Anthony HS) he chose to explore the job of a Film Critic as the career that he wanted to “test out”.



“I have given a decent portion of my life watching movies from all time periods including the era of silent films,” stated Brown, who plans to attend UTEP and major in Criminal Justice.

To complete the senior project requirement, Brown was able to get his movie review published in the *West Texas County Courier*. Brown’s senior project mentor is Kimberley Jones of the *Austin Chronicle*, and his senior project instructor is Regina Bustillos, Anthony HS language arts teacher.

“I appreciate the opportunity I have been given, and I hope that everyone who reads my review enjoys it and benefits from it,” Brown stated.

– Alfredo Vasquez

Movies: Casa De Mi Padre

By Logan Brown

In this Spanish language parody, Will Ferrell plays a dim-witted Mexican Ranchero whose older brother (Diego Luna, *Contraband*, *The Terminal*) returns to the Ranch after having been in America for a long while. However it is soon apparent that his brother has been involved in dishonest business.

As Armando (Ferrel) tries to convince their father of Raul’s (Luna) dishonor, he is met with contempt and interference from family, police, gringos, and a dangerous rival drug dealer known as “La Onza” (Gael Garcia Bernal, *Letters to Juliet*). Before he knows it, Armando is being dragged into danger, action, and romance with the film’s leading female Sonia (Genesis Rodriguez, *Man on a Ledge*).

Overall the mood of the film stayed true to its comedic nature, with the exception of a few more serious scenes. *Casa De Mi Padre*, made the audience laugh, cheer, and most importantly laugh even more with a plethora of smart, witty comedy at their disposal.

Will Ferrell failed to disappoint as he was obviously the perfect person to fit the role of the quirky cattleman, and Genesis Rodriguez did well in one of her first major roles, especially considering that it is unlike any role she has

ever had before. Ferrell and Rodriguez both did excellent jobs of keeping up with the story and filling it with sarcasm and puns that made the entire experience a delight for all those watching.

Leaving few clichés unused, *Casa De Mi Padre*, scored its best laughs with simulations of low-budget moviemaking cheats: the obvious use of miniatures, shots that purposefully captured crew members. In that aspect, it also doesn’t know when to quit, as in a camera assistant’s apology for an action sequence gone wrong.

This movie also succeeded in bringing Ferrell’s substantial fan base into the world of sub-titled films. This was also a major accomplishment for director Matt Piedmont who has now directed his first feature film.

Overall I enjoyed *Casa De Mi Padre* because of its satiric humor and smart parodies of real issues in the world today. At the beginning of the movie, I was offset by the slow pace and lack of structure; however, at the end of the day, I was delighted to find out that my ticket money was not wasted.

I give *Casa De Mi Padre* a seven out of 10 for being an enjoyable Spanish language satiric comedy.

STRANGE BUT TRUE

By Samantha Weaver

• It was Scottish author and historian Thomas Carlyle who made the following sage observation: “The greatest of faults is to be conscious of none.”

• If you’re planning to travel to Washington state with nefarious plans, here’s an interesting law to keep in mind: Any motorist with criminal intent is required to stop before entering a town and inform the chief of police of his or her presence.

• Are you more afraid of lightning or sharks? If you look at the numbers, it makes more sense to fear lightning; more than three times as many people die from lightning strikes than do so in shark attacks.

• The acids in your digestive system are so corrosive that your stomach must produce an entirely new lining every three days.

• As the Black Plague was sweeping Europe during the Middle Ages, some people, for reasons surpassing understanding, believed that plague victims could cure themselves by smelling human waste.

• It was in 1893 that the zipper was invented, and it was originally intended to be used in shoes.

• If you’re familiar with the Disney film “Cinderella,” you might be surprised to learn some details about the Grimm brothers’ version of the folktale. In their story, Cinderella’s wicked stepsisters are so desperate to marry the prince that they mutilate their feet in order to try to make them fit in the slipper (which, in the Grimm version, is made of gold, not glass). Also, at the wedding of Cinderella and her prince, the stepsisters’ eyes are plucked out by pigeons.

Thought for the Day: “The tax which will be paid for education is not more than the thousandth part of what will be paid to kings, priests, and nobles who will rise up among us if we leave the people to ignorance.”

– Thomas Jefferson

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- Lujan-Chavez Elementary School PTA; and
- Anchors of Success in Excellence Team from Myrtle Cooper Elementary School.



Alejandro Caballero is SISD’s Elementary Volunteer of the Year.



Rosalinda Martinez is SISD’s Secondary Volunteer of the Year.

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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GO FIGURE!

by Linda Thistle

The idea of Go Figure is to arrive at the figures given at the bottom and right-hand columns of the diagram by following the arithmetic signs in the order they are given (that is, from left to right and top to bottom). Use only the numbers below the diagram to complete its blank squares and use each of the nine numbers only once.

DIFFICULTY: ★★★

★ Moderate ★★ Difficult  
★★★ GO FIGURE!

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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: V equals T

O APSSMAG OV'A BY BZVPBC

XBZV VRBV BIBH BYI GEG BVG

VRGHAGCEGA MPV MX RMPAG

BYI RMHG.

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