

## NEWSBRIEFS

### Track team

The Falcons' summer track team for kids 7- to eighteen-years-old practices each Monday and Wednesday at 6:00 p.m. at the Col. John O. Ensor Middle School track. Like to run? Call (915) 203-7005 for information.

— Dick Harshberger

### Crime Stoppers

Suspects break into a church in the central part of town to steal money and cause thousands of dollars in damage, making this the Crime Stoppers "Crime of the Week." Between the hours of 10:00 p.m. on Thursday, Feb. 9, 2012, and 8:00 a.m. the next morning, the unknown suspects removed security bars and broke through a window from the alley behind Unity El Paso at 1420 Alabama. Once inside the sanctuary, they kicked in a door to the office and pried open a safe, taking cash and checks. They also broke into the bookstore where they took money from the cash register and ransacked the building, causing more than \$5,000 in damages. Several days later, some of the items taken from the church were found in a nearby backyard. Investigators are hoping that residents in the area may have noticed suspicious persons or vehicles moving through the alley on that night. If you have any information at all about the suspects in this case, or possibly a description of their vehicle, please contact Crime Stoppers at 566-TIPS (566-8477) or on-line at [www.crimestoppersofelpaso.org](http://www.crimestoppersofelpaso.org). You may also text CRIME1 (no space) followed by your tip information to CRIMES (274637). You will remain anonymous and, if your tip leads to an arrest, you can qualify for a cash reward.

— James Klaes

### Wanted

This time you can earn some cash in a Socorro Search that will catch some vandals on the run. Sometime Sunday, April 16, one or more vandals hit the Lujan Trucking Company on Socorro Road in the City of Socorro. They busted up 11 work trucks and some front end



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*The secret of success is to start from scratch and keep on scratching.*

— Quips & Quotes

## Border Book Festival offers literature, art, food, music

By Alfredo Vasquez  
Special to the Courier

The 18th Annual Border Book Festival (BBF) will bring healers (curanderos) from



**Dona Enriqueta Contreras is a highly respected and well known elder and healer of the Meso-American Zapotec indigenous people located in Oaxaca, Mexico. She is a descendant from a long line of Zapotec shamans that date back to 500 B.C. Enriqueta owns and operates a health clinic for her community and international visitors. Her history as a practicing midwife for more than sixty years has yielded a flawless career with no mother or infant ever lost during the birth process.**

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different

cultural traditions to Mesilla NM as part of this year's celebration which is scheduled for Thursday through Sunday, April 19-22.

This year's festival theme is The Shamanic Journey/La Jornada Chamánica. Presenters include Curandera/Healer/Herbalist/Midwife Doña Enriqueta Contreras from Oaxaca, México; Dr. Marta Moreno Vega, Yoruba priestess from New York; Catalina Delgado Trunk, Papel Picado artist; Esther Yazzie-Lewis, Navajo Earth activist and founder of the Diné Spiritual Land Recovery Project; and Navajo Medicine Man Ben Willie.

"These festival artists, writers, and healers are deeply involved with their communities' healing," stated Denise Chavez, one of the BBF coordinators, "and they will join us to share their vision of a world united."

Featured speaker Doña Enriqueta Contreras will present a session on the Zapotec principles of living entitled, "An Afternoon Gathering for Women/Sanación con Sabiduría/Una Tardeada Para Mujeres". Contreras will also offer a workshop called, Home Remedies and the Importance of a Basic Herbal Home Kit.

Dr. Moreno Vega will lead a session on Yoruba teaching using her documentary, "Cuando los Espíritus Bailan Mambo"/"When the Spirits Dance Mambo", a 90-minute documentary that is a tribute to the spiritual energy that traveled from West Africa to Cuba and New York.

Delgado Trunk, who is considered one of the top world paper artists, will present the history of Mexico's Día de los Muertos and its healing traditions, as well as two Papel Picado "Cut Paper" workshops. A special exhibit of

## Work Zone Awareness Week

*TxDOT encourages motorists to drive smart and arrive safely at destination*

Most folks realize that barreling through a work zone can have consequences. But, for those who don't, Texas has a message – "Drive Smart and Arrive Alive."

The 2012 National Work Zone Awareness Week (NWZAW) is April 23-27. As in past years, the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) will join the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), national transportation associations and other state DOTs to remember victims and raise awareness about safety precautions for workers and motorists in work zones.

Work zones can be hazardous for motorists and crews working to improve Texas' highways. However, TxDOT has seen a decrease in work zone fatalities in 2010 from the previous year because of increased safety measures and public outreach efforts.

In 2010, 100 people were killed in highway construction and maintenance zones in Texas, down from 108 the previous year. While work zone fatalities and crashes have declined, there is still work to do.

"Each year, Texas sees fewer work zone fatalities than the year before largely because of coordinated efforts to educate motorists on

the dangers of speed and distracted driving in work zones," said John Barton, TxDOT's deputy executive director. "Each of us has the power to protect lives as we drive. We just need to put our cell phones down, stop adjusting the radio and focus on driving safely."

TxDOT maintains approximately 80,000 miles of highway and oversees more than 1,000 construction or maintenance projects at any given time. With so much construction, motorists frequently encounter work zones.

- In 2010, there were 3,073 distracted driver crashes in work zones, involving 7,468 vehicles. These distracted driver crashes resulted in 14 fatalities.

- In 2010, 61 percent of work zone fatalities were male.

- Forty-five percent of all work zone fatalities for 2010 were 35 years old or younger.

- Nine out of every ten work zone fatalities are motorists traveling through the work zone.

- One in three work zone crashes is a rear-end collision.

- Of the 100 work zone fatalities in 2010, 54 were drug and alcohol-related.

Barton said everyone should take responsibility for work zone safety, from engineers and planners to drivers and pedestrians. For more information about work zone safety or to download our Public Service Announcements, go to [www.txdot.gov](http://www.txdot.gov), search work zone.

— Blanca M. Del Valle

## Brooks, Smith named Canutillo ISD Teachers of the Year

By Gustavo Reveles Acosta  
Special to the Courier

CANUTILLO – The Canutillo Independent School District today announced the winners of the CISD Teachers of the Year contest.

The Elementary Teacher of the Year is Karen Brooks, a special education teacher at Canutillo Elementary School. The Secondary Teacher of the Year is Brenda Smith, a theater arts teacher at Canutillo Middle School.

"These are two extraordinary educators who are known for their passion and dedication to the students of the Canutillo community," said Dr. Damon Murphy, Superintendent of Schools. "Ms. Brooks and Ms. Smith exemplify the very best of our employees. They will do a great job in representing CISD."

Brooks and Smith will now compete with teachers from El Paso and Hudspeth counties for the title of Region 19 Teacher of the Year. The winner of the regional contest is announced later this summer.

Ms. Brooks teaches special education at Canutillo Elementary School and is an active member of the CISD athletic community. She impressed the judges by her commitment to students with special needs.

"Our special-needs kids are so giving and so eager to learn," she said. "It is a pleasure to spend my day with my students and see them grow in tremendous ways each year. I am so blessed."

Ms. Smith is a theater teacher at Canutillo Middle School and often trains students in pantomime techniques. She has been with CISD for five years after spending many years teaching in the Gadsden Independent School District.

"My father was a beloved educator in Deming, N.M., and my wish is to be just a fraction of the teacher he was ... to provide the type of inspiration I know he gave his own students," she said. "The students at Canutillo are the best. They make my job easy."



Karen Brooks



Brenda Smith



Veterans Post

By Freddy Groves

Summer sports clinic

If you're a veteran with severe physical or psychological impairments, consider whether you'd enjoy participating in an adaptive sports clinic. The next National Veterans Summer Sports Clinic will be held in September 2012 in San Diego.

Clinic categories are surfing, sailing, cycling (hand and tandem), kayaking and track and field in venues all over the San Diego area.

Check the website [www.va.gov, then click Media Room] to be sure you qualify, but if you have spinal cord injuries, burns, injuries sustained in the past six years, psychological trauma, amputations or traumatic brain injuries, you're likely the veteran they're hoping will sign up.

Registration forms are available for download online. The deadline is June 1, so don't delay. (You'll pay a late fee after that.)

The application pack has multiple parts, and you'll need to fill out all of them: a registration checklist, application, medical/physical exam form, media and news release questionnaire, and application for health benefits (if you're not registered with the VA).

Once you have all your paperwork completed, send it all to:

Tristan Heaton (00SSC)SV  
National Veterans Summer Sports Clinic  
VA San Diego HCS  
3350 La Jolla Village Dr.  
San Diego, CA 92161

If you have questions or don't have a computer and need the forms sent to you, call the local organizing committee chair at 858-642-6426. If you don't think you can afford the trip, talk to the Veterans Service Organization at the VA center where you receive care.

The vision statement for the event says that these sports clinics and enjoying those sports later can improve independence, increase self-worth and quality of life, lower stress, reduce dependency on medications and serve as an addition to rehab you might be getting. Sounds like that could open some doors, doesn't it?

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– Photo courtesy El Paso County Water Control and Improvement District No. 4

**BUSINESS END – El Paso County Water Control and Improvement District No. 4 will hold ribbon-cutting ceremonies Saturday, April 28 marking completion of the community's new water infrastructure.**

Fabens water system upgraded

By Don Woodyard  
*Special to the Courier*

FABENS – In another “watershed” event, the quality of life has once again improved for the residents of Fabens.

El Paso County Water Control and Improvement District No. 4 will hold ribbon-cutting ceremonies Saturday, April 28 to mark the quality of life upgrades to its water

system. The public is invited to the event which will be held at 9 a.m. at 991 Walker Ave.

This is the second system improvement within two years for the approximately 2,200 residents of the Fabens water district. On May 1, 2010, a new \$6.9 million wastewater treatment plant was dedicated in Fabens.

With completion of the wastewater facility, plans then shifted to the water system improvements. The

\$3.5 million project was launched in September of 2010 and completed in October of last year, says Geri De La Torre, general manager of the water district.

She explains that the grant money came through the U.S. Department of Agriculture which contributed \$628,000 with the balance coming from the North American Development Bank.

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Briefs

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loaders. This looks like more than just some trouble-makers, this looks like a real effort to hurt the 50-year old Lujan Trucking Company and the community. Apparently nothing of real value was stolen; the vandals just bashed up the windshields and headlights on the work machines so workers could not use them. Eight workers are not able to earn a paycheck for a while, but the trucks should be back on the road in the next few days. Community leaders have put together \$500 as a reward for information that leads to the arrest and or conviction of whoever did this. Law enforcement officers all over the county are looking for these vandals and anyone hiding them from the law. If you know who they are, where they are or who's helping hide them, you can make some money when you call the police. In the City of Socorro, a detective has already been assigned to the case and is developing some leads. The number for the City of Socorro

Police Department is 858-6986.  
– David Garcia

Wanted II

Armando Bejarano have put together an assault charge against 26-year-old Armando Bejarano. Last week just after midnight on April 7, 2012, Bejarano is accused of assaulting his girlfriend, by pushing her arm through a glass window. She is recovering from a laceration to her arm. Bejarano is also wanted out of California for arson. He has since been on the run – leaving his house here in the City of Socorro. It also looks like friends or family could be hiding him from the law. If you know where he's hiding or who is hiding him, call the police. In the City of Socorro the phone number is 858-6986. If he does not turn himself in, he could face additional charges and a higher bond, and anyone hiding him also faces the possibility of charges as well.

– David Garcia

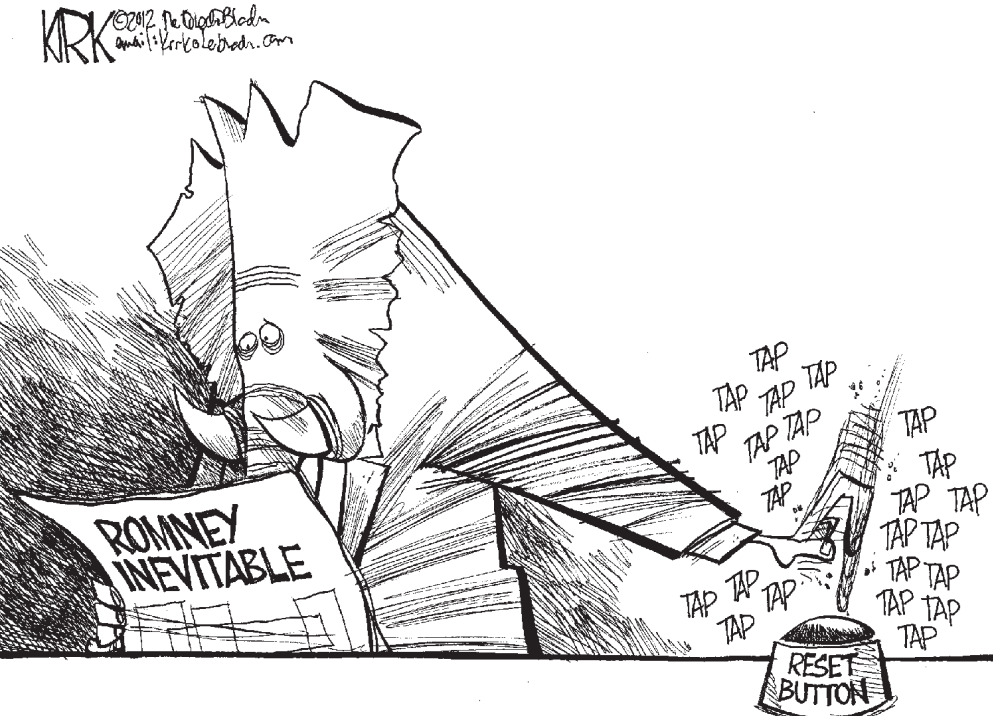
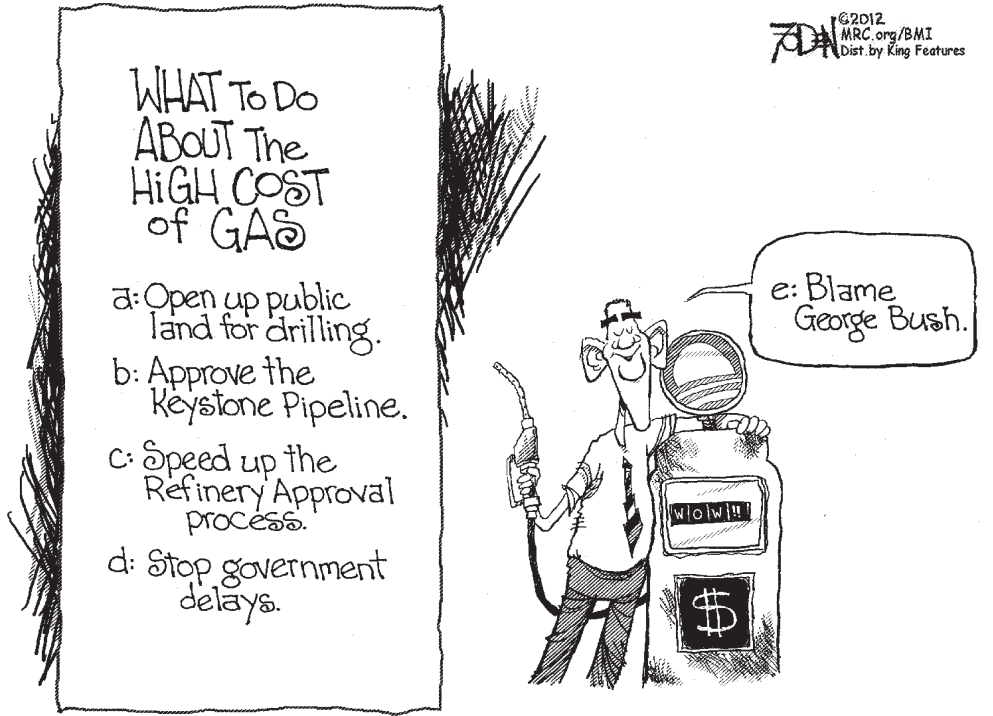
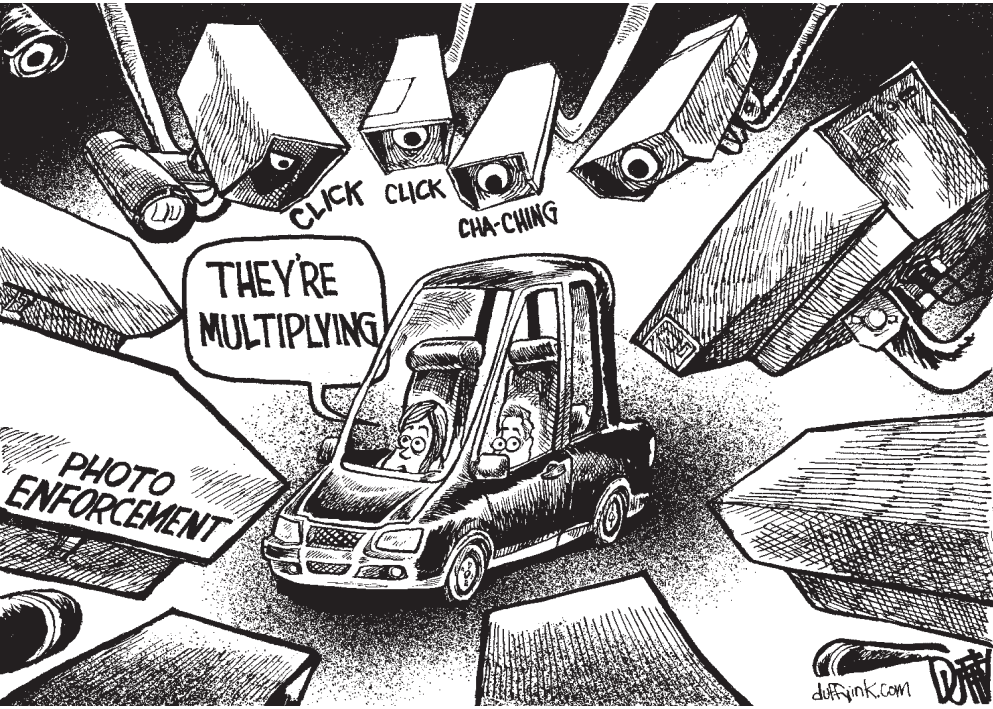
Wanted III

Jorge G. Rios, 44, is this week's Manhunt Monday Most Wanted Fugitive. He is a local con-artist scheming people out of money. Rios is 5'10 tall and weighs 195 pounds. He has black hair and

brown eyes. In recent months Rios' name has surfaced on various occasions pertaining to theft cases. Rios was recently employed by a Utah based Life Insurance Company. Acting as an agent, Rios was selling pre-need Funeral Insurance Policies in and around the east El Paso County area. He would sell a contract to a customer and would arrange monthly payments for his client. Rios would then return once a month to meet with his clients and collect the premiums, even providing a receipt. After further investigation, it was learned that Rios would submit the first installment made on the contracts and then he would keep the rest of the money. If anyone has made any business transactions with Rios they should contact the Sheriff's Office White Collar Crime Investigators at 538-2291 as you too could be his victim and not yet know it. Arrest warrants have been issued for Rios. He is believed to remain in the Borderland area. If anyone has seen or has any information on the whereabouts of Rios they can contact Crime Stoppers at 566-TIPS (8477). Callers will remain anonymous and may be eligible for a reward if the information provided leads to the apprehension of Rios.

– Deputy Jesse Tovar





# Por la Gente By State Rep. Chente Quintanilla

## Group discusses sewer project, more

Hola, mi gente. Saturday April 14 was one of those days that nobody could like. The morning was great with a mild temperature and very little wind. Those soccer moms who had their children at games in the morning were fortunate. Those that had afternoon games suffered.

About two in the afternoon, a dramatic change in the weather started. The wind started to approach 30, then 40 and eventually reaching close to if not exceeding 60 miles per hour. Adding insult to injury, our friends in Mexico and New Mexico were sharing tons of airborne dirt from their desert areas. Those with allergies or sensitive sinuses were well advised to stay indoors.

Incredibly, the temperature by four in the afternoon seemed almost winter-like. The cold wind continued well into the next early morning.

My staff and I had an early day visiting with constituents that morning. At points in the morning we were suffering from heat. After lunch, we joined Tina Silva at her house for an afternoon community meeting. The meeting was in the Montana Vista area.

Now for those who are not familiar with that area, it is very susceptible to worse dust storms than other parts of the county because that area is mostly fine sand. We had that dust in our system for a couple of days.

Even though the weather was terrible, a dedicated group of Montana Vista residents showed up to discuss community issues. Although the meeting was outside, the patio was free of much of the blowing dust.

I have to express my appreciation to newly appointed Commissioner Chozet for driving from her neighborhood in central El Paso to meeting with my neighbors in the outlying area. By the time she drove there, the dust was limiting visibility to a couple of blocks.

Commissioner Chozet connected very well with the group. I could see that the group was very happy with her comments.

The first questions that the Montana Vista residents had concerned a much needed sewer system. A little less than two years ago, I was asked by the residents about state bond money that had been approved by statewide voters for such a project. Apparently the county had started nothing at that point. I requested that staffers from the Austin office of the Water Development Board travel to meet with the constituents, PSB and county personnel to start the process. That meeting started the process of acquiring funding for the feasibility study.

Commissioner Chozet updated the residents about the ongoing preliminary study. She assured them that the project had momentum but that they should be patient.

After some additional conversations, the meeting ended in good spirits. I was happy to see how genuinely concerned Chozet was with the area problems. The commissioner's court may a very good selection to fill the unexpired term for the commissioner seat.

It appears that Commissioner Chozet and I are of one mind when it comes to listening and talking with constituents.

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

## Festival

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Trunk's papel picado will be on display at Galería Tepín.

A panel of artists/healers and scholars will discuss the future of societies' shared journeys. Among the panel members will be Dr. Arturo Madrid, professor of literature at Trinity University and author of "In The Country of Empty Crosses: The Story of A Hispano Protestant Family in Catholic New Mexico"; Margarita Nívar, healer and author of "Zapotec Woman of the Clouds"; and Dr. Antonia I. Castañeda, professor emeritus in the Department of History at St. Mary's University and editor of "Gender on the Borderlands: A Frontier Reader".

Other festival presenters include Diana Campoamor, director and CEO of San Francisco-based Hispanics in Philanthropy (HIP), and Lourdes Portillo, a documentary filmmaker whose film "Señorita Extraviada" won the Ariel (the equivalent of an Academy Award in México). Portillo's film is the story of the disappeared young women in Juárez, México.

The festival will end Sunday with a "Blessing of the Spirits: A Gathering of the Healers" program, which will include a talk by Esther Yazzie Lewis on her work with the Diné Sacred Land Recovery Project and her book, "The Navajo People and Uranium Mining". Ben Willie, a Navajo medicine man from Tohijille, New Mexico, will offer the final festival ceremony.

The book festival will also include a special Oaxacan Mole Fiesta beginning at 7 p.m., Thursday (April 19), in the San Albino Basilica parish hall on the Mesilla Plaza. The mole feast will feature master chef Pilar Cabrera, owner of the world famous La Olla Restaurant in Oaxaca, México.

Cabrera is an internationally renowned chef whose students include Rick Bayless, American Mexican chef. She was born in Oaxaca City, México and grew up in a culinary environment that included pre-Hispanic dishes. Cabrera earned a degree in food engineering and nutrition and worked for Herdez-McCormick in the development department and sensory evaluation before moving back to Oaxaca to open her own restaurant in 1994.

The mole buffet menu will include potato and chorizo taquitos, Oaxacan salad including a special Oaxacan quesilla/cheese with a chipotle/tamarind dressing, nopal salad, tortilla soup, Poblano rice with corn and fresh crème, black beans, black chicken mole and green pork mole, and drinks including café de la olla, Horchata and Jamaica, as well as Amor Secreto, a drink with Jamaica and sal de gusano (worm salt).

Additionally, musical performances by Brazilian Jazz group Oussa Bossa, Flamenco guitarist César Iván, and Mexican singer Verónica Carmona ...

Carmona will be showcased.

A plant exchange will take place in front of Galería Tepín. Individuals are invited to donate seeds or plants for the exchange. Also, a Mexican Silent art auction will be held during the four-day festivities.

BBF is a 501 (c) (3) nonprofit literary, literacy and arts organization that is housed in the historic Fietze Store in Mesilla that dates from the mid-1800s. This festival is New Mexico's longest running book fair. It began over 20 years ago as a small literary festival with readings, book and signings at the Holy Cross Retreat House. The event moved to Mesilla in 2004 and has evolved into a nationally renowned book festival. The event has expanded to include the Cultural Center de Mesilla and Galería Tepín, a multicultural art gallery.

For more information, contact BBF at 575-523-3988 or visit its website at [bbf@borderbookfestival.com2012](http://bbf@borderbookfestival.com2012).



## PUBLIC NOTICE

### TOWN OF ANTHONY, TEXAS

#### FAIR HOUSING STATEMENT

The Town of Anthony 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 Clint Town Hall between the hours of 8:00 A.M. and 5:00 P.M., Monday through Friday.

#### POLICY STATEMENT ESTABLISHING NONDISCRIMINATION BASED ON HANDICAPPED CONDITIONS

The Town of Anthony 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) 866-3944.

#### POLICY STATEMENT ON PROHIBITING THE USE OF EXCESSIVE FORCE BY LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES

The Town of Anthony 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) 866-3944.

#### COMPLAINT AND GRIEVANCE PROCEDURES

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) 851-3146. 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.

#### EQUAL OPPORTUNITY / AFFIRMATIVE ACTION STATEMENT

The Town of Anthony is an Equal Opportunity and Affirmative Action employer.

Art Franco  
Mayor

West Texas County Courier  
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## Fabens water

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Part of the money, in effect, was poured down a hole in the ground to turn dormant well site No. 4 on Camp Street into a functioning well – one of four operating in the district.

Funding went for new pipelines to link the Camp Street site to the main 10th Street collection site. Upgrades also include:

- A 500,000-gallon capacity fresh water storage tank
- New filtration system to better clean the water. This is particularly important, De La Torre points out, as the wells pump out increasingly brakish water. It also better removes the iron manganese and other particulate matter which had caused discoloration of the water and generated customer complaints.
- A pipeline booster station and pumps to maintain a steady flow of water throughout the system.
- A backup generator in case of power outages.

The general manager appreciates the patience of the residents for about 10 years when the water was brownish or yellowish in color and clothes were less than clean in appearance. She also appreciates what residents had to go through in adjusting to a new, more stringent, 30-day collection procedure imposed, by necessity, by the district in order to qualify for the grant money.

Although the water did not look good, De La Torre says the water always met state clean-water standards.

Fabens resident Nora Casillas remembers the pre-cleaner-water days. She recalls that sometimes the water was light yellow in color. “It seems to be cleaner now.

“Everything is OK now,” she says. “The water pressure is pretty good now – more steady.”

The general manager also praises the “daily and diligent efforts” of her staff and the hard work of her board of directors. The consulting engineering firm of Brown and Caldwell also draws her praise.

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## STRANGE BUT TRUE

By Samantha Weaver

• It was British doctor and author Alec Bourne who made the following sage observation: “It is possible to store the mind with a million facts and still be entirely uneducated.”

• In 2007, a world record was set off the coast of Brazil when a single wave was caught by 84 surfers.

• Have you ever heard of a book called “Never Again” by Doug Nufer? Probably not – it’s not on any bestseller lists and hasn’t been reviewed by any notable critics. It’s quite possibly unique in literary history, however; in its entire 192 pages, not a single word – even basic words such as a, an, the, of and for – is used twice.

• If you were to stack up a million \$1 bills, they would weigh about one ton.

• The Twist dance craze in the 1960s changed the culture in America and spread around the world. Most people don’t realize, though, that the song “The Twist,” which started the fad, wasn’t originally sung by Chubby Checker, though he was the one who sent the single up the charts and has since been irrevocably associated with the dance. The song was originally written and performed by an R&B singer named Hank Ballard. A deejay in Baltimore saw teenagers dancing to Ballard’s song and called Dick Clark, host of “American Bandstand.” Clark loved it and invited Ballard to perform the song on the show, but it didn’t work out. Instead, Clark found someone else to perform the song: Ernest Evans, who changed his name to Chubby Checker. It made his career.

• Colonel Sanders started selling chicken when he was 65 years old, and his only goal was to make \$1,000 a month.

Thought for the Day: “It takes only one drink to get me drunk. The trouble is, I can’t remember if it’s the thirteenth or the fourteenth.”  
– George Burns

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## CryptoQuip Answer

If everybody’s half-baked  
ideas cause you to get  
ill, I guess you  
have notion sickness.

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# Americas High School student-athletes sign for scholarships

By Christy Flores-Jones  
Special to the Courier

Americas High School football player Fernando Sanchez and soccer player Karina



– Photo by Willis De Young / Socorro ISD  
**Fernando Sanchez**

Cruz signed letters of intent to play their sports at the university level on March 30 in front of family and friends at the high school.

Cruz signed to play soccer at the University of the Southwest in Hobbs, N.M. She played center forward and defensive wing on the



– Photo by Willis De Young / Socorro ISD  
**Coach Don Koontz with Karina Cruz.**

Americas High School varsity soccer team. She was named player of the week two times at Americas this season.

“We’re excited to have that type of character and type of skills added to our team,” said Don Koontz, head coach for men’s and women’s soccer at the University of the Southwest. “She’ll be a good asset for our program and school.”

Sanchez signed with Texas A&M University-Commerce. He played left tackle on the Americas football team and was selected to the all-district team and the all-star team. Sanchez played on the East team in the all-star game.

“I’m really happy to get to play another four years of football,” Sanchez said. “Not a lot of people get that opportunity.”



– Photo by Amber Jipson

## Special Olympics

**FABENS** – An exciting day with beautiful weather for area athletes to remember took place when the Fabens ISD Special Education Department hosted the 5th Annual Lower Valley Special Olympics on March 30, 2012 at Fabens Wildcat Stadium. Over 70 athletes from the Fabens, San Elizario, Clint, Tornillo and Ft. Hancock ISD’s participated in this wonderful event. Athletes competed in events including the softball throw, shot put, mini-javelin throw, long jump, relay running event and various short distance running events and assisted walks. The athletes relished the opportunity to compete and enjoyed the camaraderie and interaction that came with participating in Special Olympics. Fabens ISD’s top athletes walking away with the most medals were Sergio Pacheco from Fabens High School, Manuel Perez and Jose Salcedo from Fabens Middle School and Rodolfo Trejo from Fabens Elementary School. The next competition for our athletes will be in the area games on May 5 from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at Burges High School.

– Jorge Saenz



– Photo courtesy Clint ISD

**GIVING BACK** – Alejandra Hernandez, left, and Paola Silva offer lessoned learned to Clint ISD students.

## UTEP students give back to their community

By Laura Cade  
Special to the Courier

Clint Independent School District graduates and current University of Texas at El Paso (UTEP) students gave back to their community by returning to the District to offer peer advice to high school students on how to become a successful college students as part of the UTEP Peer Leadership Program.

“Coming back to help this community makes me feel accomplished,” said Paola Silva, UTEP student and ‘08 graduate of Mountain View High School.

UTEP Peer Leaders, Paola Silva and AlejandraHernandez,also a UTEP student and ’10 graduate of Clint High School, met with juniors and seniors at Mountain View High School presenting workshops on the topics of Listening, Note taking, Better Reading, Time Management, Stress Management, Public Speaking. The final session provided students with information on resources at UTEP that can help in their success as a college student.


“I have benefited from the stress managementdiscussion

learning how to deal with stressful situations,” said Clarissa Alva, Mountain View Senior student.

“The workshop provided me with ideas about study skills that I had never thought of,” said Lisa Guile, Mountain View student.

This unique partnership between Mountain View High School and the Office of Undergraduate Studies at UTEP, headed by Dr. Donna Ekal, Associate Provost, was made possible through grant funding. UTEP was awarded the prestigious National Talent Dividend Prize and selected Mountain View HS based on criteria to implement a series of workshops which prepare students for college life.

“The workshops will help the students acquire or polish certain skills to help them to be successful in college,” said Sandra Blystone, Project Director, UTEP Office of Undergraduate Studies.

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# Too much too fast: Success stories don’t always end pretty

By Steve Escajeda  
Special to the Courier

In the world of sports there are several levels of competitors and leaders. Most athletes and coaches spend their careers in relative mediocrity; not quite the big star but better than the guys on the bench. And then there are the very few who make it big. But as wonderful as this lifestyle may seem to the rest of us, there are potential pitfalls just waiting to take down a wealthy victim or two. With all the changes a player or coach goes through, making the transition from “regular guy” to one of the “elite of society,” they soon realize there is one more thing they need that goes hand-in-hand with their new lifestyle. Responsibility. Some players and coaches like Derek Jeter and Tim Duncan and Gregg Popovich and Peyton Manning and Tony Dungy and Mariano Rivera and Oscar de la Hoya and Albert Pujols and Mike Krzyzewski (Coach K) and Adrian Peterson and many others have accepted the responsibility that comes with

their celebrity. But there are stories of players and coaches who took the stardom and the money, but said “no thank you” to a much-needed helping of responsibility. In recent days, three new guys have joined this undesirable list. Well, one was already on the list, but let’s just say he further solidified his chances for being named the all-time “not ready for primetime player.” The Arkansas Razorbacks football team had been one of those mediocre teams that always finished around .500. That is, until the arrival of coach Bobby Petrino. Petrino turned Arkansas’ fortunes around in a very short time and was quickly becoming one of the bigger commodities in college football. And the \$3.5 million he was making annually didn’t hurt things either – or did it? I’m sure all of you have heard of the trouble Petrino got into last week concerning a motorcycle and a 25-year-old female who did not happen to be his wife. Petrino must have thought all the money and all the accolades meant that he didn’t have

to follow the same rules mere mortals do. He had a hand in hiring his mistress at Arkansas over 150 other applicants. He lied about her being with him on the bike when they crashed. Now there are even rumors about photos surfacing soon that Petrino sent to his mistress of him in various stages of undress. And that’s the naked truth. There’s a little unwritten law in show business that always warns about the importance of knowing your audience. When Ozzie Guillen took over as manager of the Miami Marlins, he made no secret of the fact that he was going to try to bring in all the best Latin players that he could. What Ozzie evidently forgot was that a very large contingent of Miami residents escaped the tyranny of Cuban leader Fidel Castro. So when Guillen expressed his love and respect for Castro a couple weeks ago it ignited a firestorm in the area. After apologizing, he was suspended for five games. Time will tell if Ozzie can get his brain to beat his mouth to the punch in the future. The probable king of guys who didn’t have

the wherewithal to deal with fame is former NFL quarterback Ryan Leaf. Everyone knows about the meltdowns and the immaturity and the overall bust he was during his short time in the league. Leaf hit a new low last week when was arrested for breaking into a home and stealing prescription painkillers. He was arrested. Two days after he was released he was arrested again for breaking into someone else’s home for – you guessed it – stealing painkillers. No one ever said Leaf majored in critical thinking. This comes two years after he was fired as an assistant coach from West Texas A&M for burglarizing a player’s resident and the subsequent investigation found that he had obtained over 1,000 painkillers from various pharmacies. Leaf, who is still on parole for the 2010 arrests, could spend a long time in jail. What is it about fame and fortune that make some people lose the ability to think clearly? Maybe I’ll go ask Lindsay Lohan or John Edwards or Charlie Sheen or ...

## A sporting view By Mark Vasto

### The Smasher and the simply smashing

Before he hit the 40-foot hook shot out of the straw to take him to within two putts of the Green Jacket, a little bit of banter in the room turned to what Bubba Watson was wearing. As most of us know by now, Bubba Watson won the Masters, largely due to his monstrous 300-plus yard drives and unorthodox swinging style. But I, too, became curious about Watson’s game and, yes, his style, too. For the techies out there, Watson uses a PING G20 driver with a custom pink True Temper Grafalloy Bi-Matrix shaft. The same exact driver will be made available to pro shops this year, the company announced after the tournament. Pink is a color that most sports fans are becoming accustomed to. It appears in splashes on various uniforms these days to signify the

fight against breast cancer, a cause that has successfully managed to co-opt that color and increase awareness. Knowing this, we were all a little leery of making fun of the color. And we were right: Ping donates \$300 to Watson’s charity for every 300-foot drive he makes. His Phoenix-based charity aims to donate \$1 million to various organizations during the year, and after this win, it’s a safe bet to say it will do so. But his manner of dress and that unorthodox swinging style also reminded me of former PGA tournament winner from the 60s, Doug Sanders. Known as the “Peacock of the Fairways,” Sanders came out of nowhere to win the Canadian Open as an amateur. His best finish at the Masters was a fourth place tie,

and he won 20 events on the Tour, but Sanders was best known for his manner of dress. Sanders was famous for his “Mad Men”-esque devotion to what he wore. He was known to wear golf shoes that looked more like dress shoes, pleated golf plants, button-down cardigans and a golf polo. Each outfit had complimentary colors of the same shade, and he even made sure his golf bags matched his outfit.

While both Sanders and Watson are philanthropists and champions, they have something else in common – they’re both self-taught golfers. Neither has taken a lesson in his life. Sanders grew up a poor cotton farmer’s son; Watson’s father was a Green Beret Vietnam veteran who gave him a 9-iron once and told him to “beat it down the fairway.” Well, Watson surely will be beating it down the fairway for a

while now, and nobody will make fun of his clothes anymore, but I have one suggestion – and I’m sure Mr. Sanders would agree – you should at least shave before putting on the Green Jacket. Sure he won in a playoff, but this isn’t hockey, you know. *Mark Vasto is a veteran sportswriter who lives in Kansas City. (c) 2012 King Features Synd., Inc.*

## Classified Ads

### LEGALS

#### Rio Grande Council of Governments

#### PUBLIC NOTICE

#### Regional Review Committee Meeting

The Upper Rio Grande Regional Review Committee (RCC) will be conducting a Public Hearing to discuss and select the objective scoring factors that will be used to score Texas Community Development Block Grant applications at the regional level. The meeting will be on May 9th at 1:30 p.m. at the Van Horn City

County Library, 401 Crockett Street, Van Horn, Texas 79855. Any individuals who require auxiliary aids or services for this meeting should contact Raul Gonzalez at (915) 588-1375 or at raulg@riocog.org at least two (2) days before the meeting so that appropriate arrangements can be made.

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#### Request For Proposals:

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#### THURSDAY APRIL 26, 2012

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Proposal packets may be picked up beginning, Thursday, April 12, 2012 at the Fabens Administration Bldg., 821 NE G St., Fabens, TX 79838 between 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. Monday through Friday or call Gil-

bert Alarcon, Asst. Supt. of Finance at (915) 765-2600. **Note:** Proposals are also available at district’s website: www.fabensisd.net.

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**LOTS OF HARDWARE –The San Eli tennis team, coached by Pete Vasquez at right, claimed District 2-4A titles for boys doubles, girls doubles and girls singles.**

## San Elizario HS aces spring tennis titles

By Cynthia P. Marentes  
Special to the Courier

The San Elizario High School Tennis team netted all three District 2-4A titles this school year – a first for the program led by coach Pete Vasquez. With a tireless commitment and inspiration, Vasquez has nurtured the athletic abilities of many of his current players since middle school. “It has been a phenomenal year and it all began at the end of last

school year with the players working extra hard this summer to prepare for this season,” Vasquez stated. The district 2-4A qualifying tournament was held on April 5-6 at the Ellis Tennis Center where Stephanie Garcia and Eva Duran earned the girls doubles title, Juan Muñoz and Andy Melendez claimed victory in boys doubles, and senior Stephanie Murillo won the girls singles title. These five players advanced to compete at the Region 1-4A Tournament held in Abilene April 16-17.

According to Vasquez, weight training, conditioning, and tough match play early in the season enabled the Eagles to finish district competition capturing the team tennis championship in the fall, and the boys and girls spring championships. “Our spring preseason schedule included playing four of the top ten class 5-A teams in the city. That, plus a hard-nosed work ethic and the character needed to maintain

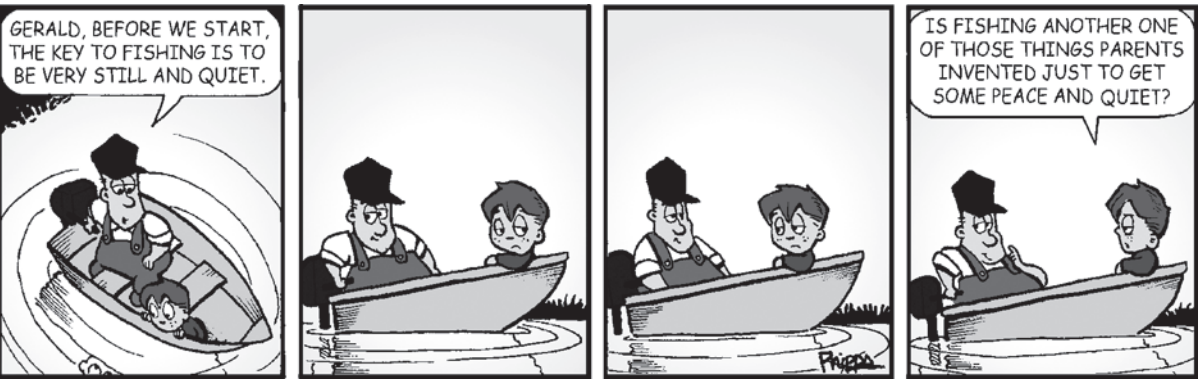


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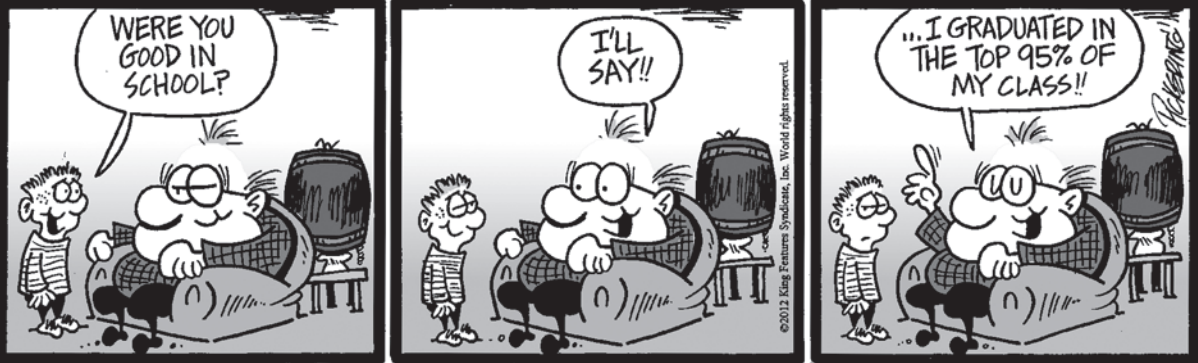
OUT ON A LIMBBy Gary Kopervas



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Super Crossword

**WEATHER OR NOT ACROSS**

1 Collectibles, collectively

4 "Crocodile Dundee" star

9 "The \_ Hurt" ('59 hit)

12 Word form for "large"

17 Composer Janacek

19 Persian, presently

20 Zsa Zsa's sister

21 Mead subject

22 MISTY

24 Perfect score

25 Statistical foci

26 Vessel part

27 Utah city

29 SHAEF commander

31 Fasten a brogue

32 Lacking principles

35 Kid heaven

38 Unisex garment

39 SNOW

42 Pageant prop

43 Word with farm or frog

46 "Casablanca" character

47 "Stroker \_" ('83 film)

48 Prepared to propose

50 Actress Hagen

51 Muslim title

53 Medical grp.

55 Left out

58 "Cabaret" setting

60 Feat

62 Sudden decline

64 Rover's restraint

66 Barcelona bravo

67 Turns soft

68 Compete

69 \_ Mawr

71 FAIR

74 Like May

75 W. Hemisphere grp.

76 Torrid and Frigid

78 Napa Valley vessel

79 Porthos' pal

82 Neighbor of Ethiopia

84 Park feature

86 Half the diameter

89 Diner patrons

90 Shaq's pack

92 Israeli coin

94 \_Locka, FL

95 Magna \_

97 Terrier's tidbit

99 Part of UCLA

100 Cut a cuticle

101 Extinct bird

102 RAIN

106 Actress Schneider

107 Heebie-jeebies

108 Folklore figures

111 Burro

112 Gray matter?

113 Annie Oakley's

birthplace

116 Impressive tales

118 Big name in temperance

121 Sprite

124 HURRICANE

127 Kampala's country

128 Scand. country

129 Once more

130 Faxed

131 Intrinsically

132 \_ milk

133 "The Haystacks" artist

134 Stephen of "The Crying Game"

**DOWN**

1 Charity

2 Range rope

3 Symbol

4 \_ nibs

5 Hosp. areas

6 Sheffield slammer

7 Frank or Francis

8 "One of These \_" ('75 hit)

9 Wager

10 " \_ had it"

11 '82 Attenborough film

12 Damage

13 Soul, to Sartre

14 HEAT

15 Salad veggie

16 Attack

18 \_ Tuesday

21 Footfall

23 Calvary inscription

28 Bit

30 Hook up with Mir

33 Indians and Indonesians

34 Soothe

36 Marina sight

37 Watch part

38 Sound

40 Sale stipulation

41 Some computers

42 '92 US Open champ

43 Bathroom fixture

44 Hwy.

45 STORM

49 TV's "Empty \_"

51 Security grp.

52 A shake in the grass?

54 Draft status

56 Malicious

57 Legal document

59 Actor Cariou

61 Novocaine target

63 \_ podrida

65 Suggestion

67 Robert of "Ryan's Daughter"

69 Augur

70 Punjabi prince

72 Chow \_

73 Gets what one basks for

74 '60s chic

76 Bernardo's boss

77 Force out

80 Claire of "Key

Largo"

81 "2001" computer

83 Like some eyes

84 Freighter

85 Coop crowd

87 News org.

88 Weaken

91 Match

93 Singer Eartha

96 "Lucky Jim" author

98 "Comin' - the Rye"

100 Successful dieters

101 Medical measure

103 Pericles' home

104 Guru's grounds

105 Director Nicolas

106 "... the mouse \_ the clock"

107 Novotna of tennis

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110 Tantrum

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115 In the twinkling \_ eye

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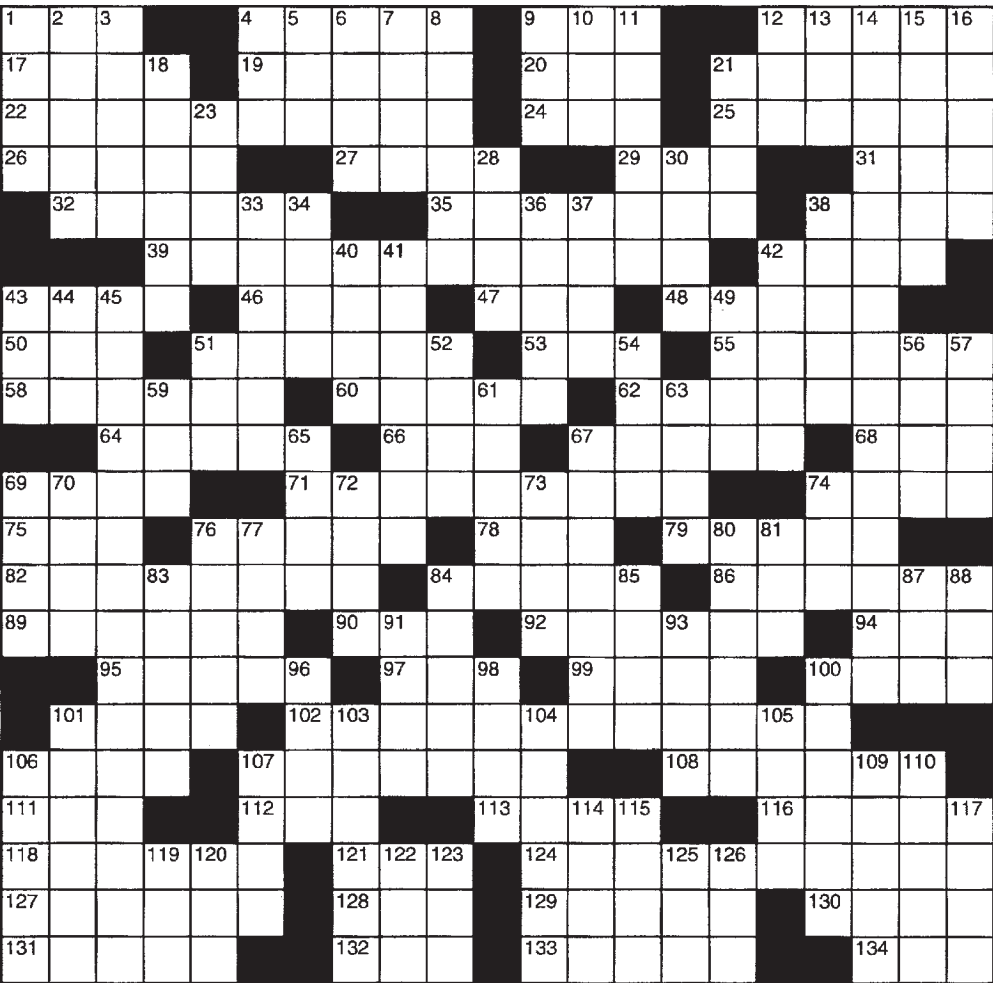
120 Lyric poem

122 London lavatory

123 Fish babies

125 "Pshaw!"

126 Bankbook abbr.





**TRUE TEXAS FACTS** *by Roger Moore* Feb. 13, 1991, Texas Legislature establishes a procedure to allow the Native American church to use peyote in their ceremonies.



### 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!

	-		x		21
x		+		x	
	x		-		17
-		÷		-	
	+		x		20
23		7		19	

1 1 2 3 4 6 7 8 9

Answer Page 4

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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: **U** equals **S**

KD IBIEFAVNF'U SHZD-AHJIN

KNIHU PHTUI FVT XV LIX KZZ, K

LTIUU FVT SHBI CVXKVC

UKPJCIUU.

Answer Page 4

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## FEAR KNIGHT

By: rj johnson

CONQUER THE WHIRLED

RNO  
PLUYER  
LUNCE  
AGPN  
CORNOB  
♥BDI  
UBPR  
♥GLUBE  
OPC  
♥GEYDER  
BOPER  
BUEC

Answer Page 4

Unscramble these twelve letter strings to form each into an ordinary word (ex. **HAGNEC** becomes **CHANGE** ). Prepare to use only **ONE** word from any marked ( ♥ ) letter string as each unscrambles into more than one word (ex. ♥**RATHE** becomes **HATER** or **EARTH** or **HEART** ). Fit each string's word either across or down to knot all twelve strings together.

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## Social Security Q&A

By Ray Vigil

*Q: How are my retirement benefits calculated?*

A: Your Social Security benefits are based on earnings averaged over your lifetime. Your actual earnings are first adjusted or “indexed” to account for changes in average wages since the year the earnings were received. Then we calculate your average monthly indexed earnings during the 35 years in which you earned the most. We apply a formula to these earnings and arrive at your basic benefit. This is the amount you would receive at your full retirement age. You may be able to estimate your benefit by using our Retirement Estimator which offers estimates based on your Social Security earnings. You can find the Retirement Estimator at [www.socialsecurity.gov/estimator](http://www.socialsecurity.gov/estimator).

*Q: I've heard there is a way for my daughter to get her disability application on the “fast-track.” How does this work?*

A: If your daughter has one of the more than 100 impairments on the Compassionate Allowances list at [www.socialsecurity.gov/compassionateallowances](http://www.socialsecurity.gov/compassionateallowances), her application might be “fast-tracked” for a decision. Compassionate Allowances make it possible for applicants to receive a decision on their disability applications within days instead of months or years as long as their medical conditions are so severe that they obviously meet Social Security’s definition of disability. Learn more at [www.socialsecurity.gov/](http://www.socialsecurity.gov/)

*Q: I am receiving Social Security retirement benefits and I recently went back to work. Do I have to pay Social Security (FICA) taxes on my income?*

A: Yes. By law, your employer must withhold FICA taxes from your paycheck. Although you are retired, you do receive credit for those new earnings. Each year Social Security automatically credits the new earnings and, if your new earnings are higher than in any earlier year used to calculate your current benefit, your monthly benefit could increase. For more information, visit [www.socialsecurity.gov](http://www.socialsecurity.gov) or call us at 1-800-772-1213 (TTY 1-800-325-0778).

*Q: I am expecting a child and will be out of work for six months. Can I qualify for short-term disability?*

A: No. Social Security pays only for total disability — conditions that render you unable to work and are expected to last for at least a year or end in death. No benefits are payable for partial disability or short-term disability, including benefits while on maternity leave.

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, 11111 Gateway West, Attn: Ray Vigil, El Paso, Texas 79935.

### Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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Place a number in the empty boxes in such a way that each row across, each column down and each small 9-box square contains all of the numbers from one to nine.

**DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ★★**

★ Moderate   ★★ Challenging

Answer Page 4   ★★ ★ HOO BOY!

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## ‘What do YOU think it means?’ workshop

By Alfredo Vasquez  
Special to the Courier

El Paso Museum of Archaeology presents *What Do YOU Think It Means? A Writing Workshop*, from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. April 28, at the museum’s conference room. The workshop is free to the public.

Workshop leader Mónica Gómez will present a fun and fascinating two hour workshop where participants will learn and write about images created by the greats – from Renoir to Kandinsky, Magritte to Hughie Lee-Smith, Diego Rivera to Ansel Adams – then explore and write about the images in the El Paso Museum of Archaeology Watercolor Paintings of Rock Art at Hueco Tanks exhibition.

Gomez stated, “Discover what inspires artists to create while you exercise your own creative process by putting your impressions and observations in writing, then enjoy sharing your thoughts with the other writers in a relaxed environment.”

Gómez is an award-winning writer, teaching artist, and on-air talent, known for her entertaining workshops filled with quick wit and insight. “A good workshop should turn us inside-out just enough to see how we’re all so different, yet so alike,” Gomez stated.

The workshop is free and open to anyone who can write. Participants must register in advance. For more information, call 915-755-4332.

The workshop is sponsored by the City of El Paso Museums and Cultural Affairs Department and the Texas Commission on the Arts.

### San Eli

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their focus on winning the ‘Triple Crown’ of tennis helped these student-athletes find success,” Vasquez added.

Since the inception of the San Elizario ISD tennis program with Vasquez at the helm, the high school tennis teams have amassed 10 combined and consecutive district titles. Additionally, with all but one of the 13 players returning next year as well as 8th-grade standout Maida Garcia joining the team, San Elizario High School expects to post another banner year in 2012-2013.

The Eagles tennis team members for 2011-2012 included: Stephanie Murillo, Stephanie Garcia, Eva Duran, Sarah Casado, Valerie Sanchez, Diana Diaz, Juan Muñoz, Andy Melendez, Alberto Luevano, Julian Lopez, Ricardo Melendez, Jesus Luevano, Jonathan Cardona and Victor Vasquez.

Mónica Gómez