



## NEWSBRIEFS

### Horizon bans fireworks

The Horizon City Police Department is reminding residents that all fireworks are prohibited in Horizon City. It is illegal to either possess or ignite fireworks and both violations carry up to a \$500 fine each. Police patrols will be increased over the holiday weekend with officers strictly enforcing possession/igniting of fireworks, DWI, reckless driving, speeding, seat belt violations and child restraint violations. Violations should be reported to 546-2280.

### Anthony celebration

The Town of Anthony is having its annual Fourth of July Parade and Festival on July 4 and 5. The annual parade is starting at 10:00 a.m., July 4, and will wind down Main Street on the New Mexico side and head south to Texas and up Franklin Street ending at the Anthony Municipal Park. This year's special guest and parade marshal is Chuck DeBroder, chief meteorologist for KTSM Channel 9 weather. Mr. DeBroder has been a part of our parade in the past and we look forward to welcoming him again this year. Currently the parade has 52 participants and we expect 65 units by July 4. All participants are welcome and information is available at the Town of Anthony City Hall at 401 Wildcat Drive or by calling 886-3944. This year the Town is also hosting a festival with carnival rides, food booths, wrestling and music. Gates to the festival open at noon on Friday right after the parade and ends at 1:00 a.m. On Saturday the gates open at 2:00 p.m. and close at 1:00 a.m. Music entertainment is headlined by "Los Rodhuiz" and Los Fronteras along with five other bands. There will be a charge for the festival and information are available at 726-6788 or 886-3944. On Friday the Town will also sponsor a public fireworks display at the Anthony Municipal Park on Richard White Street.

— Contributed by Art Franco

### City garbage

Garbage and recycling collections operated by the City of El Paso Environmental Services Department will not be affected by the Fourth of July holiday. The collection routes will remain on a regular schedule for the week of June 30. The landfill and the Citizen Collection Stations will be closed on Friday, July 4, in observance of the holiday. El Pasoan's can call 621-6700 for more information about collection of trash or recyclables.

### Bus schedule

In observance of Independence Day on Friday, July 4, 2008, Sun Metro buses will operate on a holiday schedule. Sun Metro will operate as follows:

- All bus routes will follow a regular Sunday Schedule;
- LIFT service will run on a Sunday

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*One solution to the energy problem is to bale up all the government red tape and use it for fuel.*

— Quips & Quotes

## Estrada named Region 19 Superintendent of the Year

By Laura Cade  
Special to the Courier

Ricardo Estrada from the Clint Independent School District (CISD) has been named Superintendent of the Year for Region 19.

Under his leadership, CISD academic ratings have improved each year, CISD remains financially stable and sound, CISD teachers are among the highest paid in the region, a \$90 million Bond Election was approved with community support, and the CISD School Board was named Outstanding School Board of Texas.

"Mr. Estrada's untiring commitment to the Clint District is apparent on a daily basis. His life revolves around Clint ISD. The community associates Clint ISD with quality and a tradition of excellence," said Jim Pendell, Board President.

Estrada began his career in education with CISD in 1969. since then he has served the District as a



See ESTRADA, Page 5 Ricardo Estrada

## County to close roads on Fourth of July

By Aracely Lazcano  
Special to the Courier

EL PASO COUNTY — Commissioner Court Members have approved the closing of at least 9 streets located east of the county for Fourth of July celebrations.

The decision came after concerned residents petitioned the court to allow the closings of the streets to the public.

Hacienda del Norte resident Humberto Rivera told the court during public comment that he is tired of cleaning up after neglectful residents visit the city outskirts to celebrate Independence Day.

"Every Fourth of July they come to our front yards and incur in violations — from loitering to public intoxication," he said.

Commissioner Miguel A. Teran represents residents in the east county areas. He supported the measure and agreed that the street closings will eliminate people overcrowding and traf-

fic overload.

"We will be able to push celebrating people farther east where there are no families at risk," he said.

El Paso County Judge Anthony Cobos said the County will look for future long term solutions to this problem. One of the possibilities is to designate a specific location where people can go and use fireworks.

The decision to hinder public access to streets like Flagger, Krag, Swanee, Oshea, Vista del Este, and others was made under the Transportation Code 251.158 that allows street closures for festivals.

The vote was four to zero in favor of the closures. Precinct 2 Commissioner Veronica Escobar left the meeting before the final vote was cast.

Law Enforcement Bureau Commander Assistant Chief Deputy, Ralph Mitchell, told the court the Sheriff Department will increase patrolling east of the county during the Fourth of July celebrations.

## Rio Grande flood project to cover 91 miles

By Sally Spener  
Special to the Courier

EL PASO COUNTY — The International Boundary and Water Commission, United States and Mexico, has identified works it will be undertaking during the current year to maintain the Rio Grande flood control project and stabilize the international river boundary in the area of El Paso, Texas-Cd. Juarez, Chihuahua. The works are being carried out in conformance with Minute No. 313, Maintenance in the Rectified Channel of the Rio Grande, a Commission agreement concluded earlier this year. Minute No. 313 makes recommendations for works in critical locations where the Rio Grande channel has problems conveying normal and flood flows as a result of sediment, vegetation growth, and levees in poor condition.

"This agreement will enable the Commission to undertake critical work to remove sedi-

ment caused by the 2006 flood," said U.S. Commissioner Carlos Marin. Mexican Commissioner Arturo Herrera stated, "This Minute helps to address the problem by establishing a clear mechanism for distribution of maintenance works in the Rio Grande channel between both countries for this region." The agreement covers a 91-mile (146.5 km) reach of the river from El Paso, Texas-Ciudad Juarez, Chihuahua downstream to Fort Quitman, TX. In accordance with the agreement, each country will be responsible for removing sediment from specific river reaches totaling 45.5 miles (73.23 km) each. The works will be carried out by personnel or contractors from the U.S. Section and the Mexican Section of the International Boundary and Water Commission. Each Section will also be responsible for maintaining the floodway and levees in its own country. Minute No. 313 identifies priority sites

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## Tomato risk hits El Paso

*Salmonella saintpaul found in 53 year-old woman*

By Joanne Bates  
Special to the Courier

EL PASO COUNTY — The first laboratory-confirmed case of Salmonella saintpaul has been reported in El Paso County. The patient is a 53 year-old female. The Department of Public Health is conducting interviews and an investigation of the case.

At this time, the City of El Paso Department of Public Health is recommending consumers limit their tomato consumption to cherry tomatoes, grape tomatoes, tomatoes sold with the vine still attached, and tomatoes grown at home. Consumers should be aware that raw tomatoes are often used in the preparation of fresh salsa, guacamole, and pico de gallo, are part of fillings for tortillas, and are used in many other dishes. People who want to reduce their risk of Salmonella infection avoid eating raw red plum, red Roma or round red tomatoes other than those sold attached to the vine or grown at home.

Customers are advised to:

- Avoid purchasing bruised or damaged tomatoes and discard any that appear spoiled.
- Thoroughly wash all tomatoes under running water.
- Refrigerate within two hours or discard cut, peeled or cooked tomatoes.
- Keep tomatoes that will be eaten raw separate from raw meats, raw seafood and other raw produce items.
- Wash cutting boards, dishes, utensils and counter tops with hot water and soap when switching between types of food products.
- Wash your hands thoroughly and often with soap and warm water especially after going to the restroom, before preparing or serving food and after changing a diaper.

### Clinical features of Salmonella Infection

Most persons infected with Salmonella develop diarrhea, fever, and abdominal cramps 12 — 72 hours after infection. Infection is usually diagnosed by culture of a stool sample. The illness usually lasts 4 — 7 days. Although most people recover without treatment, severe infections may occur. Infants, elderly persons, and those with impaired immune systems are more likely than others to develop severe illness. When severe infection occurs, Salmonella may spread from the intestines to the bloodstream and then to other body sites and can cause death. In these severe cases, antibiotic treatment may be necessary. In some cases, people with severe diarrhea may need to be hospitalized. People with symptoms should drink plenty of water, get extra rest and visit a doctor as soon as possible. Cases should be reported to the City of El Paso Department of Public Health at 771-5810.

More information can be found at <http://www.cdc.gov/salmonella/saintpaul/>.

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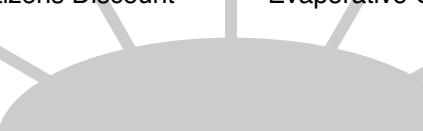
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## Por la Gente By State Rep. Chente Quintanilla

# Property tax reform

Hola mi gente. So far, I have attended two hearings as a member of the Select Committee on Property Tax Relief and Appraisal Reform. The first was held in Austin and the second one was held in McAllen; another border community for those who are unfamiliar with the city.

We heard basically the same opinions about the runaway appraisals and the ever increasing tax rates. There is no where in Texas that is not hurting from this. I almost felt like I was talking to residents from El Paso.

We did, however, receive testimony from knowledgeable individuals who have been studying this dilemma for some time. The information presented opened my eyes to things impacting property values of which I had not been familiar.

We are all familiar with the correspondence from our local appraisal district which provides us with good news and bad news. The good news for the most part is that the appraised value of our property has increased. This is an indication of appreciating sales of property in the community which translates to more wealth for

each property owner.

The bad news is that the same increase in appraised property values means that the taxing entities, cities, counties, school districts, hospital districts, will in all likelihood be getting more tax revenues from us. That is an immediate hit to our pocket books.

During both hearings, the committee members were informed about how the appraisal system tends to consistently value high. The problem is not necessarily with our local appraisal districts. A committee that is charged with reviewing appraisal district values. According to testimony, this committee has, with very little deviation, required local districts to raise appraisals based on comptroller numbers.

We were presented with documents which showed over a period of years how the comptroller's numbers were higher than local districts. If the districts fail to appraise within five percent of the comptroller's numbers, there are certain sanctions that may be imposed.

The purpose of the committee is to make sure that some school districts are not appraising too low and

being awarded more undeserved state education funding supplements; or richer districts failing to share property wealth with poorer districts. In any case, as the local appraisals are driven upward, the end result is that local school districts receive less state money.

When that happens, there is only one means of supplementing the reduction of state funds: local tax rate increases. This is really where the process affects all of you who are reading this.

My greatest concern is that there is no accountability to elected officials or to the tax payers. Both are subject to the numbers without the opportunity to debate them; a form of taxation without representation which I hope the next legislative session can drastically change.

I realize that I have only slightly touched on the subject, but it would pretty much take this entire newspaper to provide you with the full picture. Over the next weeks, I shall add to this brief informational about property taxes and appraisals; and sales taxes.

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



## Reyes Reports By U.S. Rep. Silvestre Reyes

# US aides Mexico to quell crime

This week, the President signed the Emergency Supplemental

Appropriations Act into law. This legislation includes \$400 million for Mexico under the Merida Initiative, a program that will provide training, technology, equipment, and intelligence to help Mexican law enforcement combat the well-equipped drug cartels. These resources are vital to President Calderón's efforts to quell the escalating violence and to halt the flow of illegal narcotics that enter the United States.

In no other time in recent memory, has the Mexican government been more committed to fundamentally changing their law enforcement and judicial institutions, while also addressing human rights abuses and corruption. Over the past year, President Calderón and the Mexican government have taken significant steps to fight organized crime. The Merida Initiative will augment these efforts by providing assistance for institution building, and will enhance Mexico's capacity to investigate and prosecute individuals who are involved in drug trafficking, homicide, and other

crimes.

Support from the Merida Initiative will help improve the efficiency and responsiveness of the judicial system and will facilitate criminal prosecutions with greater transparency throughout the whole process, from the collection of evidence to sentencing. The Merida Initiative will provide Mexico's Office of the Attorney General with training and equipment to improve the country's criminal investigative techniques and will establish new information management and forensics systems for law enforcement.

The violence that is taking place does not exist in a vacuum. The number of assassinations of high-ranking Mexican police officers is alarming. The brazen, and often indiscriminate, attacks against police officers and others reflect the ruthless nature of these cartels. These drug traffickers, who are battling for control of Mexico's narcotics industry, are doing so because drug users in our country have made it a very profitable enterprise. As the largest consumer of illicit drugs, we have an obligation to protect our own citizens from the drug traffickers who are supplying and transporting these

harmful and addictive narcotics to our country.

As the largest border community in the United States, we know that Mexico's social, economic, and environmental problems do not stop at border. That is why I have been a vocal proponent of the Merida Initiative. Mexico's ability to combat crime and the illegal flow of narcotics into the United States ultimately impacts our own safety and security.

In El Paso, we frequently work with Mexico to address critical problems that affect both of our countries. We coordinate efforts in several areas where we have shared interests including transportation, water, border infrastructure, law enforcement, and others. We know that the only effective way of solving our shared problems is through binational cooperation, and the Merida Initiative will open a new chapter in our two countries' long history of working together to solve mutual problems.

The U.S. and Mexico must continue to work cooperatively to make the border region, and our two nations, safe from drug-related crime. The approval of funding for the Merida Initiative is certainly a step in the right direction.

## Substitute teacher workshops run through July 16

**By Irma Flores**  
*Special to the Courier*

Socorro Independent School District is hosting training sessions to better prepare substitute teachers. Through the month of July, Socorro ISD is of-

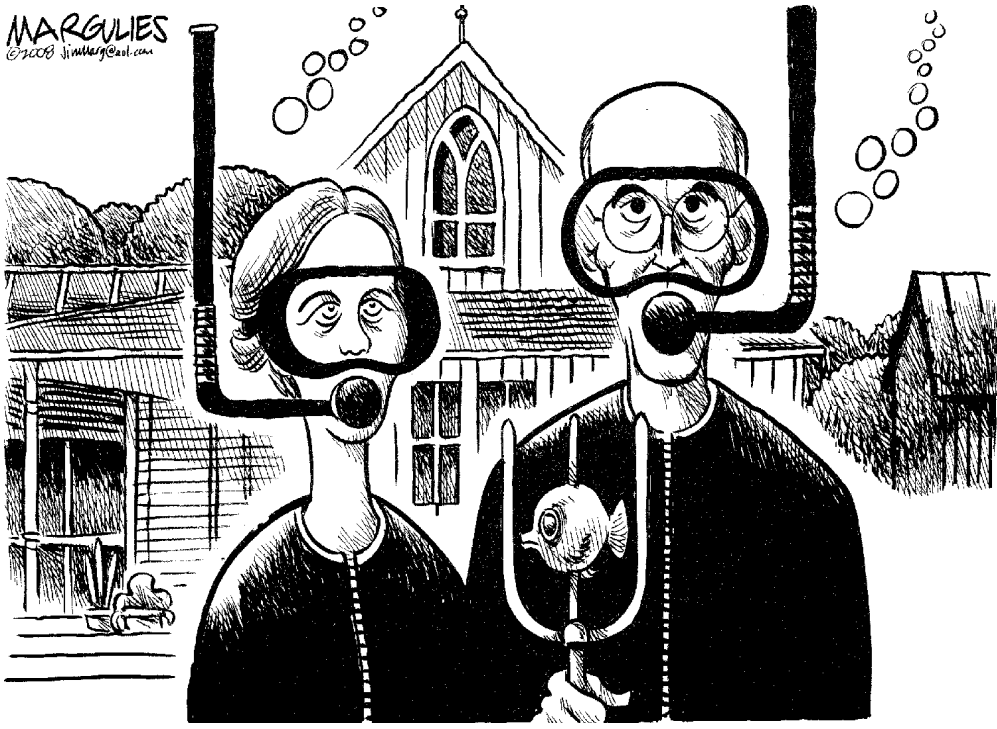
fering substitute training workshops that include teaching strategies, legal issues, first aid and classroom management. The workshop was coordinated through the Education Service Center Region 12, which started the training to help meet the demand for substitute teachers in the Waco area. The train-

ing is based on research from the Utah State University's (USU) Substitute Teaching Institute.

"We started our sub program five and half years ago because we saw the need for quality educators in our

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### What's up, doc? By Albert Balesh, M.D.

## Cost of freedom is people

The Fourth of July is upon us, and flags are unfurled to annual demonstrations of jingoism, victory, and God Bless America. Forgotten in the mix, however, are the indelible reminders of what freedom or national foolhardiness costs. Car bombs and improvised explosive devices (IEDs) go off in Iraq, Afghanistan, and other faraway places, and body bags find their way back to the Patria, to the sounds of marching bands blaring the Star Spangled Banner. And that might just be the more merciful side of the coin for countless victims of conflict and their families, as something far more sinister, sad, and long-lasting clouds the horizons of young adults whose outlooks would most certainly have been rosier had financial circumstances, oil, terrorism, and political innuendo not won the day. What am I alluding to here? What could possibly be worse than lives cut short before their prime? As Old Glory is raised to the hustle and bustle of backyard barbecues and the hoisting of beers, give a thought to traumatic brain injury and its devastating effects on modern-day patriots, their loved ones, and our pocketbooks.

with the term "concussion") has been significantly associated with psychiatric symptoms, most notably PTSD and depression. In fact, more than 40% of soldiers whose injuries involved a loss of consciousness met the criteria for PTSD. No direct link between PTSD and injury to brain tissue from the concussion or trauma itself has been found, and current theories implicate a wide variety of factors operating prior to PTSD onset, such as exposure to extreme stress, traumatic changes in the pituitary gland, altered immune system responses, disturbed sleep physiology, and distorted perception of symptoms.

Perhaps "mild" traumatic brain injury is a misnomer, as the myriad of physical and mental health symptoms resulting from it are anything but mild. While postconcussive symptoms usually resolve rapidly, usually in a matter of days or weeks, multiple concussions lengthen the recovery period, with no answers forthcoming to explain persistent postconcussive symptoms after injury. The neurologic effects of primary blast explosion on the brain are also hard to explain, which does nothing to alleviate the anxieties and concerns of U.S. military personnel about the nature of their symptoms.

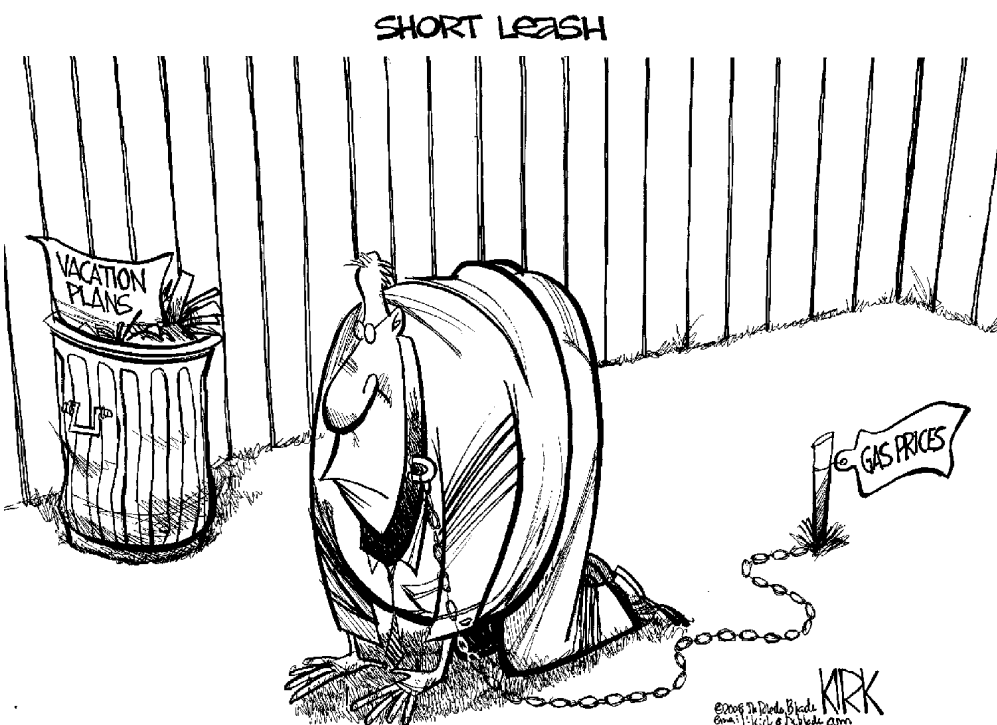
Do the math, which may not be intended for the faint of heart or mind. Since the start of hostilities back in 2001, more than 1.5 million U.S. servicemen and women have been deployed to Iraq or Afghanistan. They have been better equipped than ever, and protective body armor has resulted in the survival of hundreds, if not thousands, of wounded who would have perished in previous wars. Nonetheless, the situation is double-edged, as hand-in-hand with increased survival struts a concomitant increase in head and neck injuries, including severe brain trauma. According to some estimates, the proportion of U.S. military personnel with mild traumatic brain injury, defined as an injury with loss of consciousness or altered mental status (e.g., dazed or confused), may be as high as 18%, and, even if that figure were found to be exaggerated, there is no denying that postconcussive symptoms such as irritability, memory problems, headache, and difficulty concentrating are on the rise in returning "keepers of the peace." The growing frequency of episodes of domestic violence in military families may also be tied into the rising incidence of mild traumatic brain injury and post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD).

Treatment methods for persistent postconcussive symptoms are unproven and have as yet to reach a medical consensus, at a time when medical disability and compensation processes have reached an all-time high, and the expectation and belief systems of patients regarding their injuries are being sorely tried. With neuroimaging and neuropsychological testing procedures often inconclusive and medical management simply symptomatologic at best, patient education has become exceedingly important in the recovery and rehabilitative phases of brain injury.

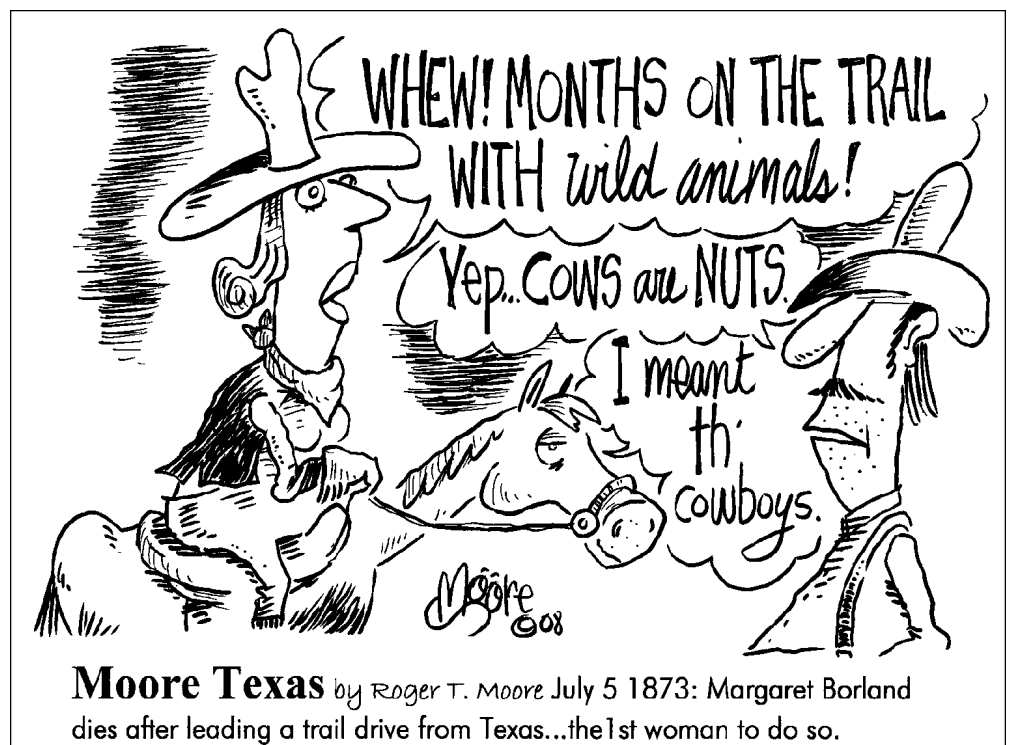
Mild traumatic brain injury is extremely difficult to diagnose and treat, and, yet, the persistent PTSD, depression, and physical health symptoms resulting from inadequate management warrant further investigation into the timeliness and cost-effectiveness of improved interventions. Digest that, along with your barbecued ribs, on the 4th of July, as U.S. troops remain on the ground in Iraq and Afghanistan!

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Mild traumatic brain injury (synonymous



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**HOW HOT IS IT? — Summer Camp Science Project teaches students about different environmental issues. This group created a model that demonstrates the pressing concerns of global warming. The students, from left, are Juan Garcia, Sergio Galaviz, Ricardo Morales, Juan Flores, Fabian Nieves, Aracely Martinez, Aren Miranda, Jennifer Perez, Fabian Soto, Lauren Hernandez, Oscar Montañó and Luis Valdez.**

## Canutillo ISD, Big Brothers Big Sisters hold summer camp

By Kim Guzman  
Special to the Courier

CANUTILLO — Canutillo Independent School District (CISD) and the Big Brothers Big Sisters program have teamed up to offer students a variety of academic enrichment and

fun activities through a six-week summer camp held at Canutillo High School (CHS). The program, which is held from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Thursday and ends July 24, is funded in part by the Canutillo Alcohol Reduction Program grant.

The summer camp consists of a wide range of activities in science,

social studies, math, nutrition, and health education. Some of the activities include working on computer-controlled devices, such as robots and rockets; studying different cultures including their food, dance, games, clothes, and language; using math through games and art; learning healthy diet habits through hands-on

activities; and discovering the harmful effects caused by alcohol and drugs.

Over 100 third through fifth grade students, mostly from CISD but some from neighboring school districts, have been attending the program since June 9, said Kenny Cooper, Canutillo Elementary School teacher

and summer camp coordinator.

Another aspect of the summer camp is the Around the World Reading Camp offered by El Paso Community College (EPCC) at its Northwest campus, which is adjacent to CHS. On Wednesdays, students, in groups of 25, are taught art by Sharon Rhine, local artist, in the Jenna & Laura Bush Community Library, then they rotate to the writing lab for creative writing instruction taught by Marcia Moyer, EPCC writing instructor. In another course, they receive geography lessons. Each week a different instructor teaches a lesson about another country including Japan, India, Egypt, China, Arabia, and Africa.

“The program is proving to be very successful. Students are kept active during the ten-hour day because we rotate them through the five different components each day. The focus is on exploration and fun activities in the morning and academic enrichment in the afternoon,” Cooper said. “Many of these kids would normally just be sitting at home watching TV or doing nothing, so this program is a really positive initiative to keep kids off the street and out of trouble,” he added.

## Workshops

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classrooms. We found the model from Utah State and it has grown from doing it 10 times a year to making monthly presentations,” said Kathy Gentry, Ed Specialist II/Team Leader Substitute Teacher Training for ESC Region 12. “Now we’re starting to train across the state because it’s a good program and it’s an easy program to model.

“The workshop is open to current substitute teachers in Socorro ISD. This provides them with better management skills and helps them be better prepared for the classroom,” said Rudy Campoya, Director of Personnel.

The workshop is being at the Socorro ISD Service Center at 12440 Rojas from 8 am to 2:30 p.m. The class is limited to 60 spaces. The training workshop will be held on the following dates: July 1, 2, 3, 14, 15, & 16.

ESC 12 does this training because there are non-teachers who have the heart, the willingness and the desire to teach and to help kids but they often do not have the tools to become quality teachers, said Gentry.

For more information please call either Betty Legarreta, 937-0224; Adriana Balandran, 937-0218; or Jorge Garza, 937-0285; in the SubFinder Department.

**“As we celebrate our cherished Independence Day, let’s prayerfully and gratefully remember our troops who uphold and defend our freedom.”**

— Congressman  
Silvestre Reyes



### Substitute facts:

- One full year of a student’s K-12 education is taught by substitute teachers.
- 90 percent of school districts have difficulties finding quality substitute teachers.
- 84 percent of districts nationwide spend less than four hours training substitute teachers.
- Over \$2 billion is spent annually on substitute teacher pay.
- 77 percent of teachers miss school to attend professional development classes.
- Over half of the 50 states allow individuals to substitute teach with only a high school diploma.

(Source: Utah State University)

## School board notes By Don Woodyard

EL PASO COUNTY — In our monthly roundup of area school board meetings, we learn of academic successes in the San Elizario school system and of Canutillo ISD's position on storm water fees.

A slowdown in growth in the Clint ISD was a topic of discussion and concern at its board's June 18 meeting.

### San Elizario ISD June 11

There were smiles on the faces of board members with the report of results of 2008 preliminary TAKS scores from the Texas Education Agency. Three elementary school campuses earned Recognized status.

With gains in all of the five academic categories, the district overall was rated Acceptable. It had

Recognized honors in reading and social studies. Writing was pegged as Exemplary. Mathematics and science were Acceptable.

A breakdown:

With Exemplary ratings in writing and mathematics, Borrego Elementary earned that honor for the fourth year in a row. Other Recognized schools were Alarcon Elementary which ranked Exemplary in writing and Sambrano which was also Exemplary in writing.

San Elizario High was Acceptable with Recognized ranking in reading and social studies. Garcia-Enriquez Middle had three Recognized categories — reading, writing and social studies.

"This was a great year for us," said Dr. Mike Quatrini, the district superintendent. "We have a lot of excellent teachers." He sees the district earning Recognized status.

"I expect nothing but improvement," he said. "Success brings success."

### Estrada

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teacher, coach, assistant principal, principal, Bilingual Coordinator, Director of Special Programs and Bilingual Education, Assistant Superintendent for Support Services, and Deputy Superintendent. He was named Superintendent in 2005. He currently serves as Chair of the Texas Association of School Administrators (TASA) School Board Awards Committee. He also serves on the Texas Association of School Boards Honor Board Selection Committee, the TASA Leadership Development Committee and the El Paso Sheriff's Department Training Advisory Committee.

Nominated by the board for Superintendent of the Year, Estrada was selected for this honor based on criteria which included school climate, student performance, board relations, school improvement, fiscal management, facilities management, instructional management, student management, personnel management and school-community relations.

"Mr. Estrada's contributions to Clint ISD schools and the community are immeasurable. For forty years, Clint ISD has been blessed to have Ricardo Estrada as its number one fan," said Pendell.

Board member Ramon Holguin added, "We are very proud of you."

In other action, support services director George Luevano reported that the old Kellogg Clinic building on Socorro Road is being moved by El Paso County to Ascarate Park. He also said the new middle school library now has all of its books and "looks real nice."

### Canutillo ISD June 18

The following statement by Alfredo Vasquez, spokesman for the school district, was not an action item on the school board agenda, but reflects the administration's position on the controversial storm water fees.

"The Public Service Board's new fee schedule is a move in the right direction," Vasquez said.

"However, Canutillo ISD, along with other school districts, will continue to work towards a total water fee exemption just like EPCC and UTEP have been given. We are poor school districts, and our monies need to be directed toward educating students," he continues.

"Also, Canutillo ISD has already addressed storm water infrastructure at the three facilities that are located within the city limits. We have made provision for storm water retention by allocating areas for drainage and ponding at these three sites."

Agenda items:

The board recognized and honored the district's teachers of the year. They are Carmela Lopez, Elementary Teacher of the Year; and Laura Biernacki, Secondary Teacher of the Year. Each received a check for \$250. They advance to the Region 19 Teacher of the Year program.

Armando Rodriguez, chairman of the Finance/Audit/Planning Committee, reported that his group has reviewed and recommends approval of the conceptual design for the Northwest Early College master plan.

He also reported that his committee reviewed and recommends for approval a Lobby Guard System which would monitor access

to district facilities.

### Clint ISD June 18

Janice Armstrong, school board secretary, expressed concern about student population not being what was expected. She was also concerned about whether there would be enough students to fill the planned new middle school in Horizon City.

According to CISD's report on the board meeting:

"Superintendent Ricardo Estrada responded that the administration has also been concerned about the slowdown of growth in the Horizon attendance area, and yet the district is expecting a 300-student increase in enrollment.

The report continues. "However Mr. Estrada noted several developers intend to go ahead with plans for new developments. He also reported that all campuses in the Horizon attendance area at capacity..."

The report went on to point out that total district enrollment is 10,376 as of May of this year. Estrada said the new middle school will be completed two years after construction begins, and students will be there to enroll.

In reference to the new buildup at Fort Bliss, the superintendent said "we anticipate an increase in the Horizon/Socorro area of quite a few military families."

In other actions, the board approved two recommended hirings — Annette Loomis as assistant principal of Horizon High School and Irene Ortega as principal of Montana Vista Elementary.

## Passports will be required to return from Mexico next June

By Aracely Lazcano  
Special to the Courier

EL PASO COUNTY — Starting June of next year every, visitors returning from Mexico must show a US Passport before re-entering the US and no exceptions will be allowed.

In anticipation of the new entry requirements, the District Clerk Office is now taking applications for the Passport card, a less expensive and more portable alternative to the traditional Passport book issued by the US Department of State. This card was created in response to the needs of border resident communities and the federal government expects to be in full production in the month of July.

"This wallet-sized card is an excellent alternative for border residents and other travelers who make frequent trips across the border," said District Clerk, Gilbert Sanchez.

In addition, the passport card will also facilitate entry and expedite document processing at the ports of entry.

The cost is \$45 for first-time adult applicants, \$35 for children 15 and younger and \$20 for current passport holders seeking the

new documents.

Meanwhile, the government expects to start producing its first round of Passport cards as early as next month. The newly designed document, which uses radio frequency identification (RFID) technology to facilitate wireless reading, is valid only for crossings by land or sea (not by air) between the U.S. and Canada, Mexico, Bermuda and the Caribbean.

The new federal document will have the same validity period as a passport book: 10 years for an adult, and five for children 15 and younger.

The traditional Passport book is \$75 for adults' payable by check or money order and \$60 for children; in addition there will be a \$25 cash processing fee.

First time applicants for both documents will pay only one execution fee.

Passport Requirements:

- Two photographs (Photography service available for \$10);
- Proof of citizenship; and
- A valid form of identification like Texas Driver's License.

People interested in applying for a Passport card or book can do it at the lower level of the County Courthouse located at 500 E. San Antonio.

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### Public Notice Town of Anthony, TX

#### COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG)

The Town of Anthony will hold a public hearing on at 6:30 PM on Tuesday, July 8, 2008, at the City Hall (401 Wildcat Dr, Anthony, Texas 79821) regarding submission of Texas CDBG applications to the Office of Rural Community Affairs. Citizens are encouraged to attend this public hearing to discuss the citizen participation plan, local housing and community development needs, available funding, eligible activities, past use of funds, and development of Tx-CDBG applications. Written comments may also be submitted to the Mayor's office at the City Hall (address above). Persons with disabilities who may require auxiliary aids or services to attend this meeting should contact the Mayor's Office at 915-886-3944 at least two days before the meeting to make arrangements.

Art Franco  
Mayor

Date Published:  
July 3, 2008

### Public Notice Town of Clint

#### COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG)

The Town of Clint will hold a public hearing at 5:30 PM on July 8, 2008, at the Clint Community Center (200 N San Elizario Road, Clint, Texas 79836) regarding submission of Texas CDBG applications to the Office of Rural Community Affairs. Citizens are encouraged to attend this public hearing to discuss the citizen participation plan, local housing and community development needs, available funding, eligible activities, past use of funds, and development of Tx-CDBG applications. Written comments may also be submitted to the Mayor's office at the City Hall (address above). Persons with disabilities who may require auxiliary aids or services to attend this meeting should contact the Mayor's Office at 915-851-3146 at least two days before the meeting to make arrangements.

Dale T. Reinhardt  
Mayor

Date Published:  
July 3, 2007

# Maybe there's something in Chacon's drinking water

By Steve Escajeda  
Special to the Courier

I've never had the pleasure of visiting the great city of Houston but whenever I do, I can assure you that I will not drink the water there.

How can I? There's obviously something in it that makes the average citizen turn overly aggressive.

What else can it be?  
Just the other day Houston Astros pitcher Shawn Chacon had a little disagreement with one of the team's office types that got a little out of hand.

Chacon, who had been struggling as a starter all season, was informed that he had been demoted to the bullpen.

Needless to say, Chacon didn't handle things diplomatically.

Houston's General Manager Ed Wade walked into the team's dining room and asked Chacon if he would please accompany him to manager Cecil Cooper's office.

Chacon refused and told the GM that anything he had to say to him — he could say right there in front of the team.

So Wade did.  
And Chacon responded by leaping at Wade, grabbing him around the throat and wrestling him to the ground. You know, like a family get-together at Britney Spears' house.

Players had to get up and pull Chacon off of Wade. Of course the least of Chacon's worries will be performing well as a reliever for the Astros; or doing anything for the Astros for that matter.

He was waived by the team after the incident and hopefully, the water from another city will do wonders for his temper.

Of course, one incident means absolutely nothing, but a second incident in the same week is absolute proof the Houston water system has been sabotaged with some sort of aggression-enhancer.

Want more proof? How about the actions of Boston Red Sox' outfielder Manny Ramirez, who also had a negative reaction to news he

didn't agree with.  
While in Houston over the weekend for three games against the Astros, Ramirez wanted as many friends and family members to come see him play as he possibly could round up.

So when the star player asked his team's travel secretary for 16 extra tickets for the game, he wanted one answer and one answer only. When Jack McCormick informed Ramirez that it probably wasn't doable, the big slugger reacted the only way he knew how — he yelled "just do your job" and then shoved him to the ground.

Boy, Manny must have had a half a gallon of water that day.

As always, all Manny had to do after the incident was apologize for his actions and it's as if nothing ever happened.

Presto! All fixed.  
But in Manny's case I've got to believe he buys his bottled water from Houston because this is not the first time he's gone through a melt down this season.

Ramirez, who became the 24th major leaguer to hit 500 home runs earlier this year, had to be separated from teammate Kevin Youkilis earlier this month after apparently taking a swing at him during a dugout argument.

The following day you can probably guess what happened — Manny Ramirez apologized by saying, "It's in the past," and "It's a new day."

That's the scary thing, a new day means anybody near him could be his next target.

Wow, that last story was so full of violence that I'm going to get up and grab me a glass of water — some El Paso water!

## You go Goodell

The more I hear relatively new NFL commissioner Roger Goodell speak, the more I like him.

The new NFL sheriff said recently that something has to be done with the salaries that untested NFL rookies sign.

Goodell said the fact that rookies sign huge contracts before even taking a step on a pro-

ment has changed due to the impact of the arroyos). This year, Mexico will be removing sediment along the river channel between American Dam and International Dam, with work expected to be undertaken from June through October, and at three other segments totaling 11 miles (18.4 km) between the Zaragoza International Bridge and Ft. Hancock, TX-El Porvenir, Chih. The Mexican Section will also be doing work on its levees.

The Commissioners observed that prior to Minute No. 313, there was not a clear understanding of the responsibilities to be undertaken by each Section, making it difficult to schedule and arrange necessary maintenance work on an ongoing basis. Failure to remove silt and attend to other maintenance tasks presents a risk of municipal flooding and could result in a change in the river's course, altering the international boundary. Minute No. 313 also allows each country to better plan and allocate funding.

The International Boundary and Water Commission is responsible for applying the boundary and water treaties between the United States and Mexico, including treaties related to Rio Grande flood control.

## Project

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affected by flood flows during storms in August 2006. The priority works include sediment removal and levee repairs in both countries. Both Sections began work at priority sites in 2007. The U.S. Section has already restored the U.S. river levee from near Asarco to the Zaragoza International Bridge. The Mexican Section, using funds provided by the U.S. Section, removed sediment from a portion of the concrete-lined Chamizal Project channel through central El Paso-Ciudad Juarez. The Mexican Section, in cooperation with Mexico's National Water Commission, also removed sediment from critical reaches of the river channel in the Juarez Valley and did vegetation removal and clearing along the Mexican levee in the same area.

In accordance with Minute No. 313, the U.S. Section Work Plan for 2008 includes stabilization of the river bank for 200 feet (60 m) downstream of International Dam, which has already been completed, silt removal and channel realignment between International Dam and the Chamizal

Project, and environmental permitting to realign the river in future years at the Guayuco and Diablo Arroyos in Hudspeth County (the river align-

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essional football field is ridiculous. He said it isn't fair that they automatically make more money on potential than guys make who have proven themselves for years.

Isn't that what the average NFL fan has been saying for years?

This year's top draft choice, Jake Long, signed a five-year \$57.75 million contract with \$30 million of it guaranteed.

To this Goodell said, "He doesn't have to play a down in the NFL and he already has his

money."  
The commissioner said he was going to try to institute a new pay scale for NFL rookies. But of course, he'll have to deal with the league's players' union, which only cares about two things — money for the players and more money for the players.

Go get 'em Goodell, I don't think anyone (except maybe Hilary Clinton) has a problem with the idea of a person going out and actually earning their money.

## Classified Ads

### LEGALS

#### TOWN OF HORIZON CITY

#### Horizon City Parks Department

#### Invitation to Bid

Bid Number: 2007-008

Date Issued: July 3, 2008

Bid Opening Date: July 21, 2008

The Town of Horizon City is seeking rock wall construction and playground fill material for two Municipal parks. Sealed bids will be received at the Town of Horizon City, 14999 Darrington Rd., Horizon City, TX 79928 until 2:00 pm July 21, 2008. Bids will be opened on July 21, 2008 at 4:00 pm at the Town of Horizon City Hall. All bids must be sealed. Specifications may be obtained at the City Clerk's office at 14999 Darrington Rd., Horizon City, TX or by calling (915) 852-1046.

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Proposals will be received at Business Services

Dept., 12440 Rojas Drive, El Paso, Texas 79928 until the specified times. Detailed specifications are available from the above office between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. Mondays through Fridays.

Proposals are also available at the District's website: www.sisd.net WTCC-07/03/08

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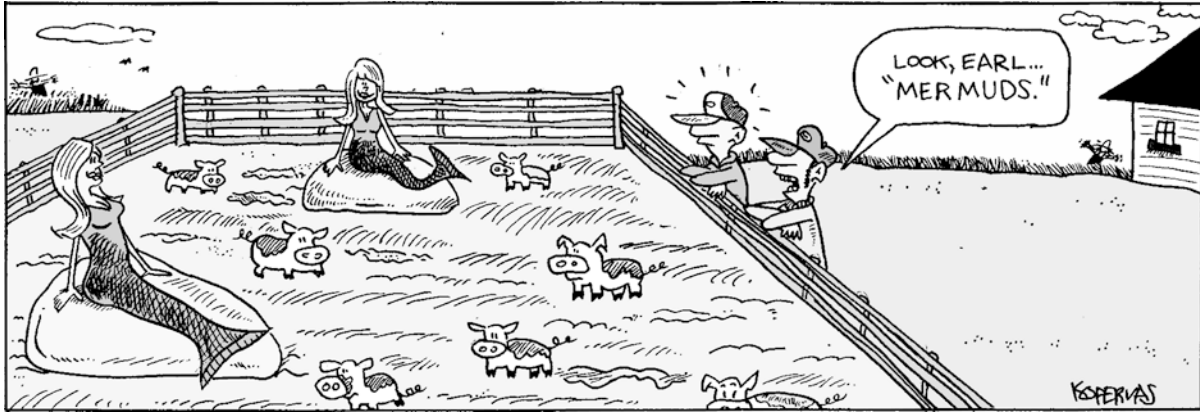
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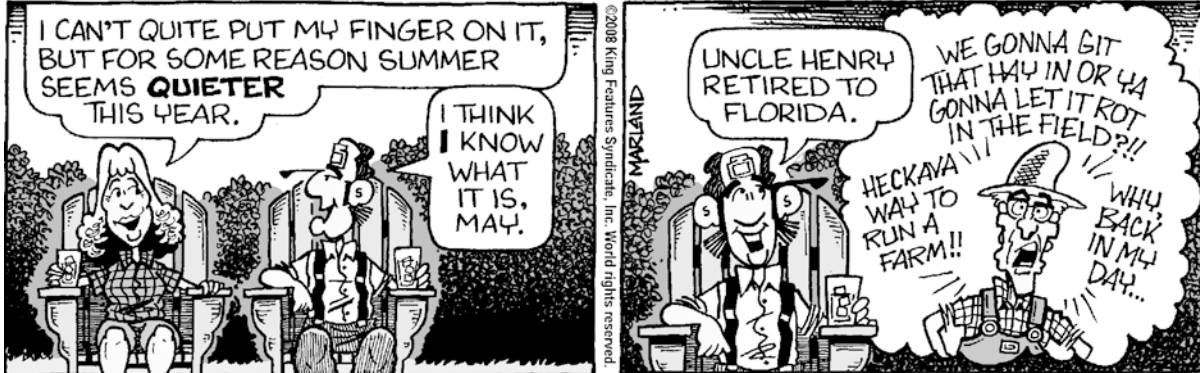
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# Googling for the VP

By Don Flood

Actual headline: "McCain says using Google to vet VP candidates."

This is great news in so many ways.

First, it shows that McCain isn't some fusty old candidate from the 11th century. With help from this new-fangled technology, he's eager to plunge head first into the 12th century.

Second, it will greatly expand the number of people who might be considered for the No. 2 slot (assuming Dick Cheney is willing to give it up), especially if McCain begins Googling random names like "John Smith" to see who pops up.

And Google is just the beginning. McCain should also launch a Facebook page and start "friending" everybody possible. With tons of new "best friends," it will be no time before he finds people who would be very happy to be vice president, especially if they just got laid off from the music store.

Also on the campaign front, it's obvious that some women will continue to be very angry and upset about Hillary Clinton not being the Democratic nominee for president.

In particular, there are Jennifer Flowers and Paula Jones, who a few years back had a fling with fame (and Bill Clinton).

The two, in the interest of enhancing our nation's political discourse, are offering, according to AP, "their thoughts on Clinton, his wife Hillary and other matters" — the "other matters" being the "lurid details" of their respective encounters with Bill Clinton that are the videos' chief selling point (\$1.99 apiece for various videos).

Unfortunately for our two heroines, Sen. Clinton's failure to cap-

ture the nomination means this exercise in civic awareness has a shorter shelf-life than room-temperature eggnog.

But it's not too soon for Flowers and Jones to begin supporting Hillary's 2012 — or 2016 — campaign!

Which brings us to — or at least I hope it does — one of this election's leading issues: the hit to our economy caused by flight delays, which is now estimated at \$41 billion, including \$12 billion in "lost business and leisure opportunities."

If anything, that figure is way low, because I myself once suffered through a five-hour delay that cost me at least \$2 billion, give or take \$100 million, in lost "leisure opportunities" in Las Vegas.

And before you get any ideas, this was back when Vegas was styling itself as a "family resort destination," a Bizarro World idea it quickly abandoned for the classic "What happens in Vegas, stays in Vegas" campaign, which basically translates as, "Come Enjoy the Depravity!" — a concept that appeals to everybody, and not just families.

Sadly, some people don't experience the depravity they feel they've been promised and leave Vegas without the satisfaction of having to keep disgusting secrets about themselves.

Instead, they go back to work bragging about how they went to Vegas that weekend, and wink-wink here, wink-wink there, soon everybody in the office knows that no acts of debauchery or moral turpitude of any kind took place, leaving them even more humiliated.

On the other hand, they might make good vice-presidential candidates for John McCain.

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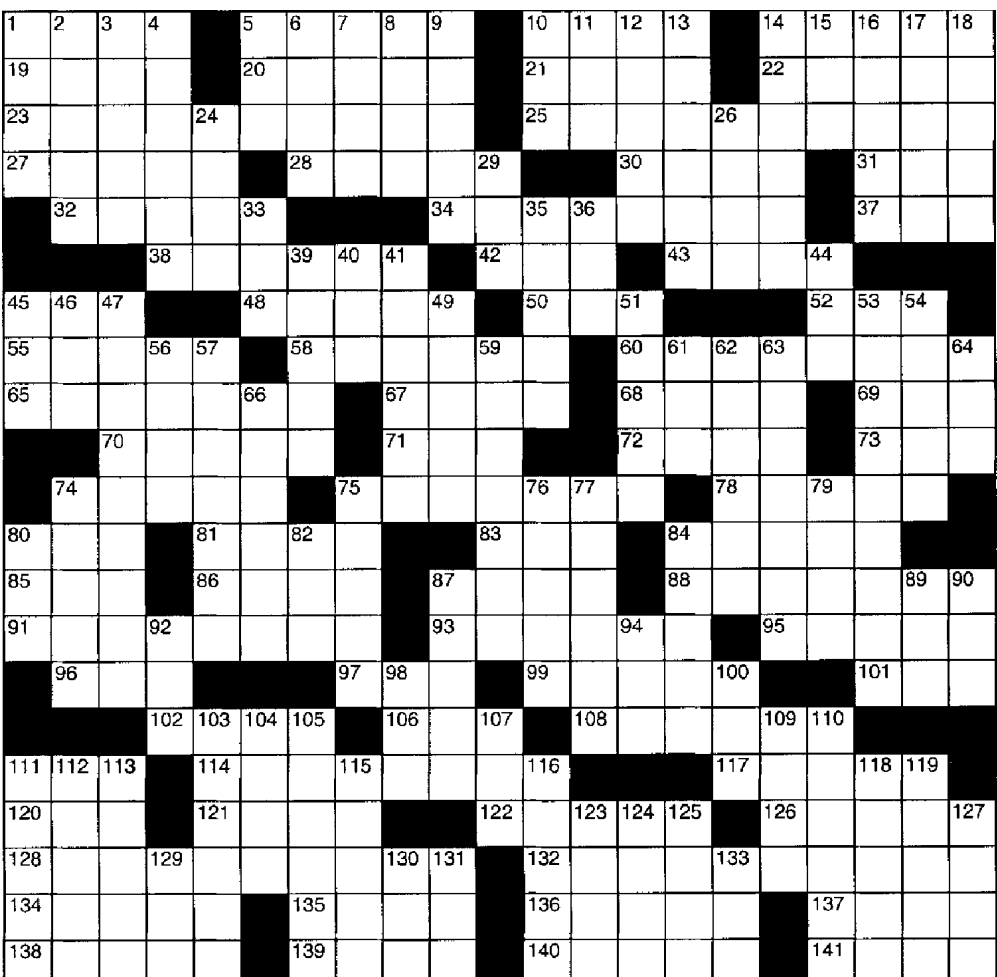
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by Linda Thistle

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## Social Security Q&A By Ray Vigil

### Declare your independence by going online

With Independence Day right around the corner, now is a good time to free yourself from the need to visit your local Social Security office.

Go to [www.socialsecurity.gov](http://www.socialsecurity.gov) to take care of important matters. What will you find there? For starters, you will find just about anything you want to know about Social Security.

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If you have Medicare coverage, you can get a replacement Medicare card by visiting [www.socialsecurity.gov/mediinfo.htm](http://www.socialsecurity.gov/mediinfo.htm). Or learn all about direct deposit — how to set it up or change your account info — by visiting [www.socialsecurity.gov/deposit](http://www.socialsecurity.gov/deposit).

You even can find fun facts such as a list of the most popular baby names at [www.socialsecurity.gov/OACT/babynames](http://www.socialsecurity.gov/OACT/babynames).

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Schedule (LIFT passengers please note: Only same day trips will be scheduled);

- The customer service line will be open from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.; and
- The ETT or Eastside Transit Terminal (1165 Sunmount Drive) and UPTT or Union Plaza Transit Terminal (400 W. San Antonio) stores will be closed. On Monday, July 7, 2008 all administrative offices will resume a regular schedule. The Customer Service Line is 533.3333.

### Navy promotion

Navy Seaman Iliana J. Aldaco, a 2003 graduate of Montwood High School, El Paso, TX, was recently promoted to her current rank upon graduation from recruit training at Recruit Training Command, Great Lakes, Ill. Aldaco received the early promotion for outstanding performance during all phases of the training cycle. Training which included classroom study and practical instruction on naval customs, first aid, fire fighting, water safety and survival, and shipboard and aircraft safety. An emphasis was also placed on physical fitness.

### Canutillo arson solved

Earlier this month, Sunday, June 8, 2008 at 3:45 p.m., Sheriff Deputies responded to an arson call in

Canutillo, TX at the Gaslight Square mobile home parking lot. Sheriff's Detectives and the El Paso Fire Department Fire Marshals arrived to investigate the suspicious fire. It was determined by investigators the fire was set intentionally and was labeled as arson. Two RV's and a pick-up truck were damaged. The total loss was over \$15,000. On June 25, Sheriff's Detectives received a tip leading investigators to a residence at 850 Talbot Rd. (Transmountain Village), located next to Gas Light Square mobile home & RV Park. After a brief investigation, Sheriff's Detectives determined that a 10-year-old resident of the park was in fact responsible for the fire. Sheriff's Detectives took the 10 year-old boy into custody for arson on June 27. He admitted to Sheriff's Detectives he used a propane torch to set the fire. After being processed by the Texas Juvenile Probation Department he was released to his mother.

— Contributed by Deputy Jesse Tovar

### Fabens Alumni Assoc.

All graduates of Fabens High School and adults who attended the Fabens schools are invited to a meeting of the Fabens Alumni Association (FAA) on Wednesday, July 9, at 7 p.m. at the Lower Valley Women's Club, 521 Mike Maros, in Fabens. Refreshments will be served. Evening meeting dates for the remainder of the year are September 10 and November 12. Weekly breakfast meetings are Tuesdays at 8:30 a.m. at the Lunch Box Cafe, 667 N. Carolina, in El Paso, with FAA business conducted the last Tuesday of each month.

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