

NEWSBRIEFS

Hillman to retire

Dr. Bob Hillman, Texas' state veterinarian and executive director of the Texas Animal Health Commission (TAHC), has announced that he will retire December 31, ending his nearly seven-year tenure with the state's livestock and poultry health regulatory agency. The TAHC's 13 governor-appointed commissioners will establish a committee to conduct a nationwide search to fill Dr. Hillman's position. Lauded as one of the country's most influential state veterinarians, Dr. Hillman was the 2001 president of the U.S. Animal Health Association, and has chaired the organization's cattle tuberculosis, government relations and animal identification committees and served on the wildlife disease and brucellosis committees. He has served as president of the Western States Livestock Health Association, the National Assembly of State Animal Health Officials, and the Southern Animal Health Association. In 2007, he received the National Assembly Award, the highest honor from state regulatory animal health officials. "I have wrestled with the decision to retire, but it is time to put family first," Dr. Hillman told TAHC commissioners in his announcement. "Texas has made progress in many of our livestock health programs, and we have challenges to overcome in others. Just about every major disease event that has occurred in the United States in the past 6-plus years has impacted Texas and our livestock industries. With the support of TAHC commissioners and the livestock and poultry industry, we have addressed and resolved many of these issues." Dr. Hillman and his wife, Martha, will return to Idaho after retirement, where he can fish, hunt, pursue hobbies and they can spend time with their children and grandchildren.

— Carla Everett

Crime Stoppers

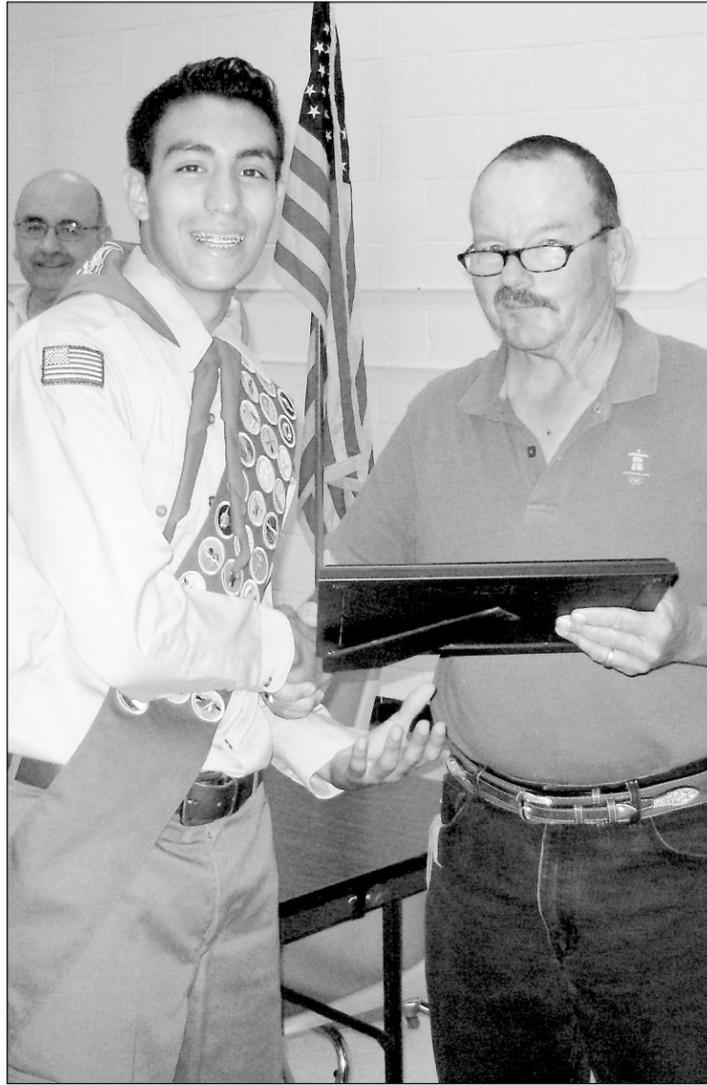
Crime Stoppers of El Paso is assisting deputies from the El Paso County Sheriff's Office in identifying and locating two suspects who committed three aggravated robberies in one night, making this the Crime Stoppers "Crime of the Week." On Wednesday night, September 9, about 9:20 p.m., deputies were called to the La Bannana store at 3582 Mark Jason in the Montana Vista area about an aggravated robbery. While en route, they received another call about the same offense at El Pasito meat market in the 4000 block of Desert Meadows. And while at that location, a third call came in about yet another aggravated robbery at the Dollar General store located at 14392 Montana. As deputies went to the Dollar General store, they saw an all-terrain vehicle leaving the area at a high rate of speed with the headlights off. They attempted to catch the ATV as it continued to speed through the desert, but lost sight of it a short time later. The

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Criticism should always leave a person with the feeling he has been helped.

— Quips & Quotes

Paredes to be awarded rank of Eagle Scout



— Photo by Ruben Paredes, Sr.

JOB WELL DONE — Soon to be Eagle Scout Ruben Paredes, Jr. accepts a certificate of appreciation from Clint's Mayor Dale Reinhardt. Paredes, along with other Troop 338 Scouts and their parents, completed a service project in Clint to meet his final requirement to become an Eagle Scout. Councilman Jesus Oropeza can be seen smiling in the background.

By Don Woodyard
Courier Staff Writer

CLINT — If you've noticed some changes recently that have brightened the town of Clint, thank the Boy Scouts of Troop 338.

More specifically, you can thank Boy Scout Ruben Paredes, Jr. who spearheaded a beautification effort in the Lower Valley community. It was Paredes' required Eagle Project, the final test, the final step on the trail to earning the rank of Eagle.

According to statistics from the Boy Scouts of America, only two percent of all Boy Scouts earn that coveted rank, the highest a Boy Scout can attain.

Ruben and his father, Ruben Paredes, "Scouted" out the area last November, driving through Fabens and Clint in search of a suitable project. "We were thinking that small communities have lots of needs, and we wanted to do something for that community," the father recalls. They took pictures and gathered information.

They found that "something," or rather some things to do, in Clint. "It was a good mix," the father says. "It was an interesting project."

Those somethings were:

- A coat of white paint on 48 safety posts that line Clint streets and driveways;
- Planting four fruit trees, two peach and two apple, at Town Hall;
- Repairing and painting Clint Police Department sign;
- Repairs and a coat of white paint on five town benches; and
- Special protective white paint on tree trunks to prevent insect infestation.

The project took 136 hours to complete and was accomplished the weekends of August 15 and 22. Young Paredes, a senior at Hanks High School, coordinated the work of 15 other Boy Scouts from his Troop 338. Twenty-four parents also toiled alongside their sons in the project.

"I had no doubts about doing this because I had lots of desire to do it," the Eagle candidate said. "It made me really proud to help the town of Clint," he adds.

The town was also proud of what he did.

At a Town Council meeting on Sept. 9, Mayor Dale Reinhardt presented the youth with a certificate of appreciation. "It was a lot of work," Reinhardt said.

The mayor later added that the work of these young people goes a long way to counter the negative things you hear about kids. "There

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El Dorado High School unveils College Corner

By Daniel R. Escobar
Special to the Courier

With the help of a special group of graduates, El Dorado High School has taken an extra step to provide its students with additional college readiness resources. On Monday, August 31, the school held a ribbon cutting ceremony to officially open its new College Corner, a special resource center located in its library which contains over 200 books to help students prepare for college.

"Our job as educators is to help our students make lifelong decisions and this is just one more resource we can now provide," said Nora Paugh, principal. "Students need to know that college is available for everyone."

The concept for the College Corner was developed by the school's 2009 class of Go Center Students. Also known as G-Force, the group's main goal is to create a college-ready atmosphere by helping students access post-secondary information. Knowing the advantages and importance of studying for tests such as the SAT and ACT, the students began to raise money to purchase study guides for the cam-



— Photo courtesy Socorro ISD

LET 'ER SNIP — Student Council President Alex Quezada and Vice President Brittney Price cut the ceremonial ribbon opening the new College Corner as campus El Dorado High School counselors look on.

pus. Working with the school's administration, the students were able to attain additional funds and purchase much more than study guides.

"If I had this available when I was here, I could have done so much better on my tests," said Holly Doerflinger, who graduated from El Dorado in May 2009 with an IB Diploma and was accepted to Brown University. "We

wanted to leave something behind that would help all the students that followed us."

The school Librarian Cat Gomez dedicated a portion of the library to house the new collection of books and accentuated the area with college memorabilia. The main benefit to the

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Veterans Post By Freddy Groves

Disability benefits and due process

A veteran who applies to the Department of Veterans Affairs for benefits for a service-connected disability is entitled to due process protection under the Fifth Amendment, the United States Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit recently concluded. Once you have due process, it's required that a fair and impartial evaluation follows.

It all started with a suit by a veteran whose medical records were changed at some point before 1980. Those altered documents followed the veteran through years of denied appeals, unbeknownst to him. When he applied for Social Security disability benefits, those same "tainted" records were sent, and his claim was denied. It wasn't until 1997 that he discovered that there were two versions of his records — the original and the altered.

Some specifics from the court:

• "The admission of improper evidence is a denial of due process." No matter how many times the veteran appealed and applied

for benefits, he never did get his due-process right to a fair hearing — because of the altered records.

• Disability benefits are "statutorily mandated." If we're eligible, we get benefits.

But... how long is too long to wait for a benefits decision? When you're hurting or broke and only want what's supposed to come to you anyway, what's a reasonable length of time?

That's the part the lawsuit decision left out — the specific waiting time before it can be said that a veteran wasn't given due process. I suspect it will take another lawsuit to get that answer.

If you want to read the whole decision, go to: www.cafc.uscourts.gov, then click on Opinions & orders. Scroll down to Cushman v. Shinseki.

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Por la Gente By State Rep. Chente Quintanilla



Home issues on Nov. ballot

Hola, mi gente, The month of November always has an election event

and this year is no exception. On the 3rd of that month, voters will cast ballots to approve or disapprove eleven changes to our state constitution.

There are three amendments which pertain to property appraisals for the purpose of taxation. One amendment, Proposition 5 does not apply to El Paso County. If approved, it would allow consolidating appraisal districts when adjoining counties would benefit. The El Paso CAD is unlikely to consolidate with any adjoining county.

Proposition number two may be very important to many El Pasoans. This amendment would require that any residential properties be appraised only by the homestead value of the property and not by the highest and best use. The protections provided in this amendment already apply to agricultural property.

The best way to understand the concept of highest and best use is to

think about the value of your property as a home and then to think about the value of the property if Walmart were to open a store on it. As it stands now, if your neighborhood is suddenly zoned commercial, and the trend in the area is toward commercialization, the appraisal district would be required to increase the appraisal to reflect the highest and best use of the property; in other words, you would be taxed based on a Walmart property appraisal.

My chief of staff lives on a street that two decades was intended to be transitioned to commercial. That was because the street was designated as a major entrance to Ft. Bliss and plans were on the books to make the entire street lined with commerce.

Without this amendment, had the transition been made official, his property appraisal may have doubled or tripled even though he was still living in the house and declaring it as his homestead.

The amendment further protects property owners.

Proposition number three is perhaps the most important amendment on the ballot. If approved, this

amendment would change the enforcement of administrative and judicial enforcement of uniform standards and procedures from the local county entities to the state. This will put into place statewide uniform appraisal standards and a different accountability for the appraisal districts.

The current wording in the constitution has been interpreted to mean that the state has no authority to hold any appraisal districts accountable. This amendment would put into place a uniform standard for appraisals and allow the local populace to seek redress from the state as opposed to what many perceive is a closed door process in the county.

There is an argument that this amendment would allow unwanted intrusion by the state into local business. That will have to be decided by the voters.

Early voting starts on October nineteenth and continues through the thirtieth. I encourage all of you who read this to vote.

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

Alderete Middle School recognized for healthy habits

By Kim Guzman
Special to the Courier

CANUTILLO — Jose Alderete Middle School (AMS), in the Canutillo Independent School District, has been recognized for its hard work in implementing good health in the school and community. The award was given during the 2008-2009 Coordinated School Health, and Safe and Drug Free Schools Recognition Ceremony, held at the Region 19 Education Service Center.

AMS's efforts to educate students

and parents about healthy lifestyles was implemented through their Coordinated School Health Program, which is an approach that brings together the resources of families, schools, and communities to help students stay healthy and make the most of their educational opportunities. Effective coordinated school health and safety programs reinforce positive behaviors throughout the day and make it clear that good health and learning go hand in hand.

The program has components that include: health education; physical education; school health services; counseling, psychological, and social

services; school nutrition services; a healthy school environment; staff wellness programs; and family and community involvement.

According to Region 19, AMS was nominated anonymously for this award by someone in the community who believed that their best practices and accomplishments deserved to be recognized.

"I am extremely proud of my staff, students, and parents for their continued participation and efforts in making our coordinated school health program a successful initiative," said Annette Brigham, AMS Principal.

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students; in addition to being able to study for tests and research college opportunities in school, the students

can check out the resources and take them home to work with their parents in making the important lifelong decisions regarding college.

Student Council President Alex Quezada and Vice President Brittney Price represented the current student body and cut the ceremonial ribbon.

"This new area will help me a lot," said Quezada, who plans to study occupational therapy at Texas Woman's University in Denton, Texas after graduation. "My parents are always asking me to find scholarships and other financial aid opportunities, now I have no excuse."

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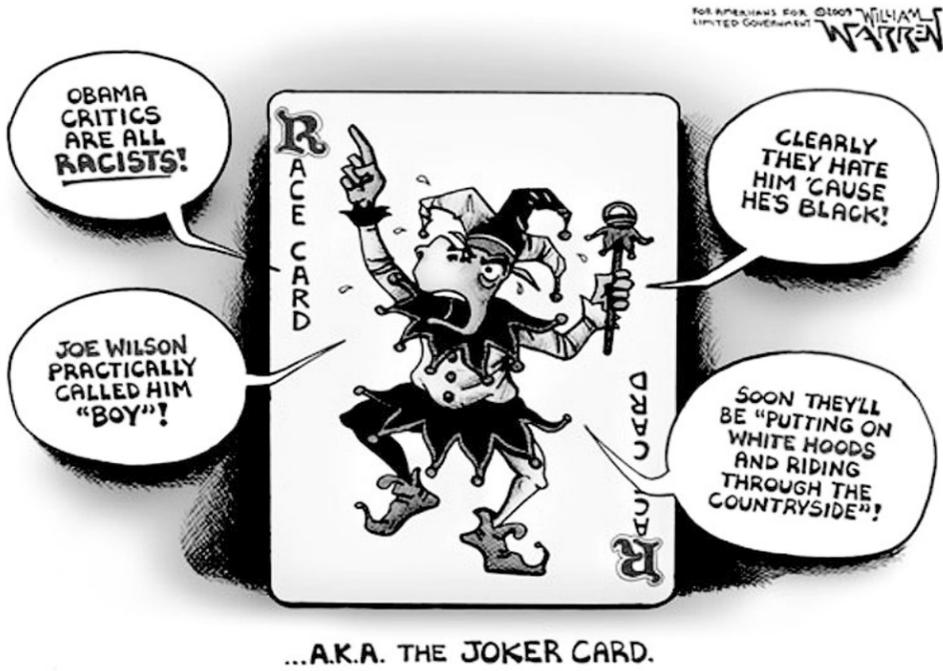
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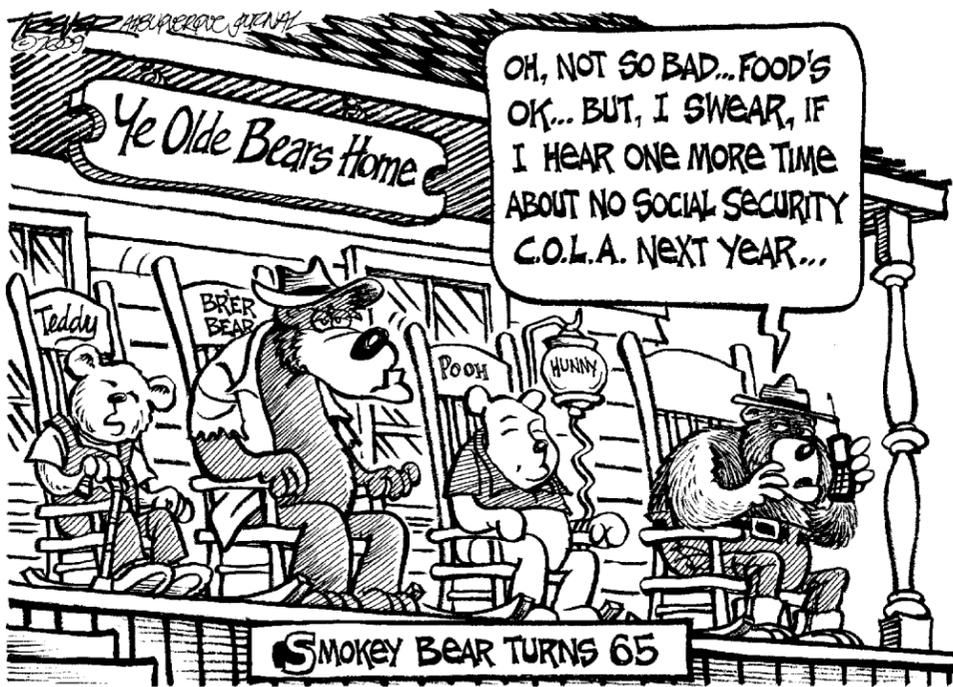
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Health matters By Russell Smith

Kids: Play is what the doctor ordered

A stock conversational topic in any middle-agers' social gathering is How Things Were Better When We Were Kids. Once this discussion starts, it's just a matter of time until some exasperated parent serves up their own video-addicted, couch potato kids as Exhibit A: "You never see kids just playing in sprinklers, riding bikes or throwing frisbees anymore!"

This trend is blamed for many negative outcomes including, almost invariably, childhood obesity. But is that really true? And, if so, how can parents encourage their children to pull out the iPod earbuds, lay down the Wii controller and go outside for some healthy physical activity?

To answer the first question, scientific opinion is divided as to how the growing percentage of overweight kids relates to their perceived lack of physical activity. Researchers agree that diet is a key factor, but opinion diverges on the role of physical activity levels.

Smart parents will ignore the controversy and focus on two clear facts: Weight gain happens when more calories are consumed than burned, and active kids with healthy diets tend to be physically healthier than their less active, junk food-eating peers.

Since most moms and dads find it easier to influence what pre-teen children eat (by purchasing healthier foods and monitoring how much is consumed at home) than to get them up and moving, we'll focus on the exercise side of the equation.

Here are a few practical tips from the Mayo Clinic and National Association of Sport and Physical Education:

1. Start 'em Early — Children between 1 and 3 need at least 90 minutes of physical activity every day. This should include a mix of structured activity (holding your child's hands while he or she jumps, exploring the backyard together, climbing stairs) and unsupervised play (crawling, exploring or playing with toys).

Toddlers shouldn't be inactive for more than an hour at a time, except when sleeping. One way to discourage inactivity is to limit TV and DVD-viewing from an early age. This not only encourages independent physical activity but reduces the "cold turkey" effect of weaning older kids off established video habits.

2. Be the Example — As passionately as kids may deny it, parents are major influ-

ences on their thought and behavior. Parents who "reward" themselves after work by ripping open a party-sized bag of Tostitos and settling in for a Law and Order marathon have little credibility when they urge their children to be more active. So, set the tone by making physical activity a standard feature of your daily life.

Ride your bike or rollerblade around the neighborhood. Walk the dog. Jog to the drugstore instead of driving. Organize a game of pickup basketball or softball. What you do isn't so important. What matters from your children's standpoint is seeing that you believe in what you're selling to them.

3. Sell It as Activity, Not Exercise — Although it may not always be obvious, kids are drawn to physical activity as long as it looks like fun, not work. With smart planning, the fun factor can be added in many ways.

If you're hosting a birthday party, hold it at a bowling alley, batting cage, paintball field or indoor climbing wall. Or, make it a So You Think You Can Dance? party with your child as the deejay.

To encourage daily activity, fill your home (and yard, if you have one) with opportunities for spontaneous play: basketball goals, "beach volleyball" pits, badminton nets or treehouses, just to name a few. If your child looks bored, throw down a basketball or touch football challenge. Games between kids and parents not only promote health but also encourage closeness and may inspire conversations that wouldn't naturally occur in other settings.

4. Don't Push Too Hard — Some children enjoy organized team or club sports such as soccer, baseball, swimming and gymnastics. Others, however, chafe under Mom and Dad's efforts to schedule their lives and may come to think of physical activity as a chore to be abandoned at the first opportunity. Watch and listen to your kids to learn their preferences. Then, respect and work with those preferences. A boy or girl who dislikes team sports may take readily to hiking, skateboarding, bicycling, martial arts or dancing.

Be open-minded and focus on the bottom line. Games that you cherished as a child may not have the same appeal or relevance to your kids. Activity is activity. After all, when was the last time you saw an overweight skateboarder?

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— Photo by Ruben Paredes, Jr.

HELPING HANDS — Troop 338 Scouts and their parents pitch in, digging tree holes, to help Ruben Paredes, Jr. become an Eagle Scout through a service project in Clint.

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are still a lot of good young men and women out there.

"They are just good kids."

The father saw special benefits in the work project. "I wanted my son to have the experience of helping other people." He adds, "This was a good opportunity for me to work with him."

He also fondly remembers the people who drove by, waved their arms and honked their horns as the people worked. "It made us feel appreciated."

He describes his son as being "very excited, very self confident and very humble" about the Eagle project.

Ruben, 17, will receive his award at an Eagle Court of Honor this fall.

He plans to attend UT El Paso next fall, majoring in business administration.

STRANGE BUT TRUE

By Samantha Weaver

- It was Chinese philosopher Confucius who made the following sage observation: "Choose a job you love, and you will never have to work a day in your life."

- In 1875, a locust plague of epic proportions descended upon the Great Plains. Observers say it was 110 miles wide, and, at 1,800 miles long, stretched from Canada all the way down to Texas.

- If you ever travel to China, keep in mind that the menu item known colorfully as phoenix talons are actually just chicken feet.

- Farming is against the law in Washington, D.C.

- When business magnate Bill Gates was a student at Harvard, he probably wasn't taken very seriously when he told his professors that he would be a millionaire by the time he was 30 years old. Imagine their surprise when, by the time he turned 31, he was a billionaire.

- Before entrepreneur Eddie Bauer founded his eponymous clothing line, he sold tennis and badminton equipment.

- In ancient Rome, an augur was someone who devoted his time to predicting the future based on the behavior of birds. Yep, birds.

- In honor of National Pizza Month (which is October, in case you didn't know), here's an interesting tidbit: The average American eats 23 pounds, or 46 slices of pizza each year.

- When "Star Wars: Episode III — Revenge of the Sith" was released in 2005, hardcore fans went to great lengths to be among the first to see the film. One man spent 139 days camping out in front of a theater to ensure his spot, remaining connected to work via his cell phone and laptop.

Thought for the Day: "As far as the laws of mathematics refer to reality, they are not certain; and as far as they are certain, they do not refer to reality." — Albert Einstein

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Four San Elizario ISD schools are 'Recognized'

By Cynthia P. Marentes
Special to the Courier

Texas Education Agency reports released at the end of July show that the San Elizario Independent School District made tremendous gains in Texas Assessment of Knowledge and Skills (TAKS) performance. As a result, four out of five campuses in the district will receive a state accountability rating of "TEA recognized."

Borrego and Alarcon Elementary were the only two campuses that received a recognized rating last year

based on results of the standardized test. Due to scores from the 2008-2009 TAKS administration, Sambrano Elementary and San Elizario High School will join Alarcon Elementary and Borrego Elementary in being designated as recognized campuses. Overall, San Elizario missed receiving a district-wide recognized rating by only one percentage point in the subject area of science and will be rated as an academically acceptable district.

This year TEA added a new method to the calculation of the achievement of one of four possible state account-

ability ratings which are exemplary, recognized, academically acceptable, and academically unacceptable. This new addition to the system used to determine state accountability ratings is known as the Texas Projection Measure (TPM). The TPM applies a formula to estimate whether a student is likely to pass the TAKS at a future grade based on the student's current performance on TAKS and the previous year TAKS scores of all students on the campus that the student attends. Through use of the TPM, San Elizario ISD was able to experience a noticeable rise in student TAKS performance.

Alarcon Elementary will be assigned a rating of recognized campus for the second year in a row. The school achieved an exemplary rating for student performance in the subjects of Reading/ELA and Writing and a recognized rating in the subjects of Math and Science.

Borrego Elementary earned a recognized rating in Science and exemplary ratings in all other subject areas. It is the only school in the district to

receive a designation of recognized campus for five years in a row.

Sambrano Elementary narrowly missed being a recognized campus last year. This year the campus earned exemplary ratings in reading/ELA and writing. In math and science the school received recognized ratings.

Garcia-Enriquez Middle School was one subject shy of earning a recognized rating. The campus scored exemplary ratings in Reading/ELA, Social Studies, and Writing. It earned a recognized rating in mathematics and an acceptable rating in science.

San Elizario High School made remarkable gains achieving exemplary ratings in Reading/ELA and Social Studies and recognized ratings for mathematics and science. The campus also received a recognized rating for exceeding the standard required for its completion rate.

With four out of five campuses receiving a recognized rating, At-Risk Director Adam Starke believes the district may be in the best position to reach a recognized status district-wide in the upcoming school year.

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— James Klaes

In the Navy

Navy Seaman Recruit Christopher J. Sanford, son of Socorro Perez of Tornillo, recently completed U.S. Navy basic training at Recruit Training Command, Great Lakes, Ill. During the eight-week program, Sanford completed a variety of training which included classroom study and practical instruction on naval customs, first aid, firefighting, water safety and survival, and shipboard and aircraft safety. An emphasis was also placed on physical fitness. Castro is a 2009 graduate of Socorro High School.

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to appear and comment regarding a proposed rezoning of the following property:

Rezoning application #09-003RZ:

362.27 acres situated in Section 30, Block 78, Township 3, T&P RW CO. in El Paso County, Texas.

(Detailed zoning description Exhibit "A" available at 14999 Darrington Road, Horizon City, Texas)

The following change of zoning is proposed:

Current Zoning: R-2, Single-Family Dwelling; R-3, Single-Family/Multi-Family (Duplex); R-4A, Apartments; A-2, Townhouses; and C-1, Light (General) Commercial (multiple zoning designations - undeveloped)

Proposed Zoning: HM-PUD, Horizon Mesa Planned Unit Development

(Detailed HM-PUD description Exhibit "B" available at 14999 Darrington Road, Horizon City, Texas)

Those who are unable to attend may submit their views in writing to the City Clerk at the above address or call 915-852-1046. Accommodations for handicapped persons will be available; and individuals in need of special assistance for attending the hearing are encouraged to contact the City Clerk at 915-852-1046, forty-eight (48) hours prior to the meeting.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that it is the intention of the Town Council of the Town of Anthony, Texas, to issue one or more series of the interest bearing certificates of obligation of the Town for the purpose of paying all or a portion of the Town's contractual obligations incurred in connection with (1) acquiring, constructing, installing and equipping additions, extensions and improvements to the Town's sewer system, including expansion and upgrade of the Town's sewer treatment plant and replacement of sanitary sewer lines, and (2) paying legal, fiscal, engineering and architectural fees in connection with these projects. The Town Council tentatively proposes to adopt an ordinance authorizing the issuance of said certificates of obligation at the regular meeting place thereof, Town Hall, 401 Wildcat, Anthony, Texas, at a meeting to commence at 7:00 p.m. on October 27, 2009. The maximum amount of certificates of obligation indebtedness that may be authorized to be sold on said date for such purposes described above is \$4,000,000. The Town proposes to provide for the payment of such certificates of obligation from the levy and collection of ad valorem taxes in the Town as provided by law, and from surplus revenues of the Town's water-

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TOWN OF ANTHONY, TEXAS

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TOWN OF CLINT

PUBLIC NOTICE
Fair Housing, It's the Law

To promote fair housing practices, the Town of Clint encourages potential homeowners and renters to be aware of their rights under the National Fair Housing Law.

Title VIII of the Civil Rights Act of 1968, as amended, prohibits discrimination against any person on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, handicap, familial status or national origin in the sale or rental of units in the housing market.

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PUBLIC NOTICE
POLICY OF NONDISCRIMINATION ON THE BASIS OF HANDICAPPED STATUS

The Town of Clint does not discriminate on the basis of handicapped status in the admission or access to, or treatment or employment in, its federally assisted programs or activities.

The Mayor of Clint (P.O. Box 350, Clint TX 79836-0350, (915) 851-3146), has been designated to coordinate compliance with the nondiscrimination requirements contained in the Department of Housing and Urban Development's (HUD) regulations

implementing Section 504 (24 CFR Part 8, dated June 2, 1988).
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Don't bet on it: Escajeda picks baseball's winners and losers

By Steve Escajeda
Special to the Courier

The Major League Baseball regular season is winding down without something it usually can rely on — playoff races.

Every division of the American and National leagues has all but been decided with very little suspense.

With the four playoffs teams in each league virtually accounted for, it's as good a time as ever to take a look at the upcoming playoff matchups.

In the National League, the defending champion Philadelphia Phillies will probably meet the Colorado Rockies in one series while the Los Angeles Dodgers and the St. Louis Cardinals will likely meet in the other series.

The National League playoffs should be very interesting and competitive since every team has won at least 20 games more than they've lost.

But we'll come back to them.

The American League playoffs will feature the New York Yankees and the Detroit Tigers in one series while the Boston Red Sox and the Los Angeles Angels of Anaheim (I feel stu-

pid every time I type that stupid name of a team) go at it in the other series.

Anyway, the American League has three heavyweights and one underdog in the playoffs. It'll be fun to see if the upset can be achieved.

Back in the National League, the defending champion Phillies will knock off the upstart Rockies in their five-game series for one reason and one reason only — pitching.

The Phillies can start Cole Hamels, Cliff Lee, A.J. Happ and Pedro Martinez. That's an awesome starting staff, but don't forget about the bats of Ryan Howard, Chase Utley, Shane Victorino, Jimmy Rollins, Jayson Werth and Raul Ibanez.

The Dodgers have enjoyed sitting in first place more than any other team but they will be knocked out of the playoffs by the Cardinals.

The pitching of Chris Carpenter, Adam Wainwright, Joel Pineiro and reliever Ryan Franklin, and the hitting of Albert Pujols and Matt Holliday is going to be too much for the Dodgers to overcome.

That means the Phillies and the Cardinals will meet for the National League pennant.

The Yankees, with the lineup of Derek Jeter, Alex Rodriguez, Mark Teixeira, Johnny

Damon, Hideki Matsui, Robinson Cano, Jorge Posada, A.J. Burnett, Andy Pettitte, C.C. Sabathia and Mariano Rivera, will be way too much for the Tigers.

Enough said.

In what could be the best opening series of them all, the Red Sox should squeak by Angels.

Boston's pitching staff of Josh Beckett, Clay Buchholz, Jon Lester, Tim Wakefield, Daisuke Matsuzaka, Jonathon Pabelbon and Billy Wagner will keep the Angels' bats off balance just enough to win the series.

Of course that sets up a Red Sox-Yankees American League pennant battle, who could ask for more?

The Phillies are loaded with pitching and hitting but there is something about the way St. Louis has been playing at the end of the season.

I wouldn't be surprised if this series goes the entire seven games with Pujols having something to do with the wining hit for the Cardinals.

When it's all over the St. Louis Cardinals will find themselves in the World Series.

Naturally, they will need an opponent.

And that will be the best team in baseball in 2009, the New York Yankees.

The Yankees got off to a terrible start this

season, especially against the Red Sox. But over the second half of the year, the Yankees have looked as good as they have in a long time.

The combination of hitting for average, hitting for power, speed, defense and Mariano Rivera, will make New York just too much for Boston to deal with.

And that brings up to the World Series between the New York Yankees and the St. Louis Cardinals.

I know the Yankees have disappointed in the playoffs the last few years but in 2009, the Bronx Bombers will add to their championship resume.

The addition of Teixeira has not only given the Yanks more power, but it will take the pressure off A-Rod, who will have his best World Series.

And though Jeter and Damon and Cano will get their share of hits, the key player in the series will be Matsui.

Godzilla, as he is affectionately known, will be the star of the series and the Yankees will take it all over the Cards by the tune of four games to two.

Now here are next week's winning lottery numbers...

A sporting view By Mark Vasto

Dump legends at your own risk

For many New York Knickerbocker fans, Patrick Ewing, despite being the best shooting center the NBA has ever known, will always be remembered for the missed finger roll and his inability to beat Michael Jordan's Bulls or Hakeem Olajuwon's Rockets. Still, it was Michael Jordan who aired out his feelings when Ewing was sent packing to the Seattle Supersonics.

In essence, he predicted it would spell doom for the franchise.

"You can't lose a legend like that... when you thought about New York, you thought of Patrick Ewing. He came and gave life back into the city," Jordan said.

Much the same thing can be said about the Atlanta Braves. Atlanta wasn't considered much of a baseball town after Hank Aaron launched

his final home run out of Fulton County Stadium, and during the '80s — apologies to Dale Murphy, Zane Smith and Glenn Hubbard — didn't inspire much of the populace. It was the trio of Greg Maddux, Tom Glavine and John Smoltz who brought the moribund franchise to life, and started filling seats. In six out of seven years, one of the three won the Cy Young award.

Maddux, as we know, went on to become one of the top 10 pitchers of all-time. Glavine, who won two of those Cy Youngs, left the Braves via free agency to sign with the Metropolitans of New York, posting sub-

standard numbers for a pitcher with his pedigree — 10 all-star games, 300-plus wins and a lifetime 3.54 ERA (which was fattened during his years with the Mets). He came full circle and tried to end his career with the Braves, but was unceremoniously — some might say cruelly — dumped by the team as he was completing a successful rehab assignment at their A affiliate, the team choosing not to pay him the \$1 million he would have earned that season.

Echoing the sentiments of Jordan, John Smoltz, slammed the Braves.

"That ain't right. It's not how you treat people," Smoltz said, implying that the rehab assignment was little more than a charade. "They talked about his velocity being kind of funny, but no one's ever talked about his velocity before."

And just as Jordan made his comments from another team's uniform (the Washington Wizards), Smoltz made those comments donning the jersey of the Boston Red Stockings, where he pitched — but not very well, and not for very long. Smoltz, who also felt spurned by the Braves in the off-season, parted from Boston amicably and ended up in St. Louis, where as of this writing, seems to have revived his career, allowing only one run in 11 innings.

All of which only goes to show, in team sports, dump legends at your own risk.

Mark Vasto is a veteran sports-writer and publisher of The Kansas City Luminary. (c) 2009 King Features Synd., Inc.



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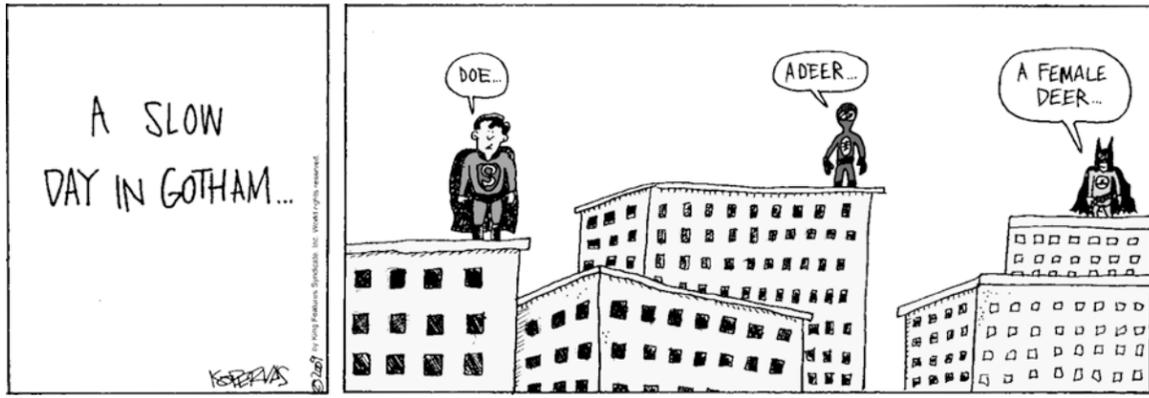
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CryptoQuip Answer

Although my fingers often agreed with me, my thumb always seemed to be opposed.

Comix

OUT ON A LIMB By Gary Kopervas



AMBER WAVES By Dave T. Phipps



THE SPATS By Jeff Pickering



R.F.D. By Mike Marland



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

DEAR DR. DONOHUE: I'm just an old country woman who needs to know more about gout. I have it at least twice a year, and it's so painful I can't put my foot to the floor. Please list the things not to eat so that I can kind of keep it under control. — E.W.

Uric acid crystals that bore their way into joints are the cause of gout. Uric acid is a byproduct of the daily turnover of body cells. As long as blood uric acid stays within a normal range, all is well. When its blood level rises, the uric acid infiltrates joints and causes intense joint pain, swelling, redness and heat.

Gout mostly happens to middle-aged and older men and to women who have gone through menopause. The base of the big toe is often the first joint to suffer an attack. Further attacks can target the heels, ankles, knees, elbows, wrists and fingers.

The definitive proof of gout is finding uric acid crystals in joint fluid. A rise in blood uric acid level is another tip.

The gout diet is not very restrictive. In the days before medicines effectively controlled gout, diet was the only remedy. It's in second place these days. The consumption of red meat and especially organ meat (kidneys, heart, liver, brain and sweetbreads) should be minimized. It's best to avoid gravies. Seafood, especially anchovies, sardines and shellfish, should be eaten in moderation. Alcohol — beer in particular — can provoke an attack. All vegetables and fruits are permitted, and low-fat dairy products appear to prevent attacks.

Gout medicines are of two varieties: ones for an acute attack and ones for prevention. Indomethacin is an example of medicine for an acute attack, as is colchicine. Zylorprim (allopurinol) and Benemid (probenecid) prevent at-

tacks. Zylorprim decreases uric acid production, and Benemid enhances its excretion by the kidneys.

The pamphlet on gout discusses this common ailment in greater detail. To order a copy, write: Dr. Donohue — No. 302W, Box 536475, Orlando, FL 32853-6475. Enclose a check or money order (no cash) for \$4.75 U.S./\$6 Canada with the recipient's printed name and address. Please allow four weeks for delivery.

DEAR DR. DONOHUE: I coach junior-varsity football. In the past three years, I have had three boys have a tooth knocked out. I am trying to prepare if this ever happens again. Can you help? — H.J.

A knocked-out tooth can be saved if quick action is taken. Don't scrub or rub the tooth. Ligament tissue clings to it, and preserving that tissue is necessary to re-establish its mooring in the tooth socket. Rinse it with tap water. Keep the tooth moist. Reposition in the mouth if that's possible. If it isn't, put it in a container with cold milk or sterile saltwater. Transport solutions to preserve teeth are commercially available. One is Save-A-Tooth, and it would be good to keep some vials of it on hand at all games and practices.

Get the injured player to a dentist promptly. Make arrangements with a dentist to be on call at home during all games and in the office during practices. Are your players wearing mouth guards? They should be.

Dr. Donohue regrets that he is unable to answer individual letters, but he will incorporate them in his column whenever possible. Readers may write him or request an order form of available health newsletters at P.O. Box 536475, Orlando, FL 32853-6475. (c) 2009 North America Synd., Inc. All Rights Reserved.

King Super Crossword

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| 5 Stomach remedy | 72 Raven maven? | 135 Clementi compositions | 38 Ovid's fate | 89 Scheme |
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| 19 Literary pseudonym | 78 Mil. address | 138 Carrere or Mowry | 41 "_ ignorance is bliss..." | 96 Cognizant |
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Social Security Q&A By Ray Vigil

Lesson plans and retirement plans

If you're a teacher, chances are you know the lessons you're going to teach like the back of your hand, inside and out. That's because you took some time and prepared ahead with lesson plans. But how much time have you de-

voted to your retirement plan?

Whether you're 30 years in, or in your freshman year as a teacher, it's important to spend time learning your retirement plan.

You may be a teacher or other government employee covered by state or local government retirement plans instead of Social Security. And, even if you do work at a second job and pay into Social Security, your benefits would most likely be affected by your other retirement plan. So take a lesson from us and learn about two important provisions that may affect you: the Government Pension Offset (GPO) and the Windfall Elimination Provision (WEP).

Who is affected by GPO and WEP?

Government employees who didn't pay Social Security taxes on their government earnings are affected. The Government Pension Offset (GPO) reduces the potential Social Security spouse's/widow's/widower's benefit amount someone could receive if he or she also receives a pension from a federal, state or local government for work on which no Social Security taxes were paid. The Windfall Elimination Provision (WEP) can reduce a worker's monthly Social Security benefit amount, if he or she also receives a pension from work not covered by Social Security.

What is the purpose of these provisions?

GPO and WEP are designed to ensure that all American workers are treated equally under the Social Security program. GPO generally requires that Social Security spouses' or surviving spouses' benefits be reduced by two-thirds of the entitled person's government pension. Why? Because GPO removes an advantage that some government workers once had. Before GPO, a person who worked in a government job that was not covered under Social Security could receive, in addition to a government pension (based on his or her own earnings), a full Social Security spouse's or surviving spouse's benefit. No other workers had this option because Social Security benefits payable to a person as a spouse or surviving spouse must be offset, dollar for dollar, by the amount of that person's own Social Security benefit.

Similarly, WEP takes away an advantage that the regular Social Security benefit formula would give people who have substantial pensions from non-Social Security covered jobs. Without WEP, a worker who spent most of his or her career in employment not covered by Social Security and who worked for a short time to get Social Security coverage would end up with much higher benefits than if all of his or her work were done under Social Security. This is because we calculate Social Security benefits using a formula that gives proportionately higher benefits to workers with low lifetime earnings.

Want to learn more? You can dig deeper, and see some examples of just how the two provisions work in real-life situations, at www.socialsecurity.gov/gpo-wep. Or you can call toll-free, 1-800-772-1213 (for the deaf or hard of hearing, call our TTY number, 1-800-325-0778) and ask for Social Security publications on the Government Pension Offset or the Windfall Elimination Provision.

There's no pop quiz now, but the real test will come when you're ready to retire. A little time preparing for your retirement now can help you ace your final exam: retirement. To learn more, visit www.socialsecurity.gov.

Notice of Public Hearing to Discuss Tornillo Independent School District's State Financial Accountability Rating

Tornillo Independent School District will hold a public meeting at 6:00 PM, Tuesday, October 20, 2009, in the boardroom of the Tornillo Administration Building, at 19200 Cobb Ave., Tornillo, Texas 79853.

The purpose of this hearing is to discuss Independent School District's rating on the state's financial accountability system.

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Notice of Public Meeting To Discuss Canutillo Independent School District's State Financial Accountability Rating

The Canutillo Independent School District will hold a public meeting at 6:00 p.m., Tuesday, September 29, 2009 in the boardroom of the Canutillo ISD Administration Facility, 7965 Artcraft Road, El Paso, Texas.

The purpose of this meeting is to discuss Canutillo Independent School District's rating on the state's financial accountability system.

WTCC: 09/17/09 & 09/24/09

Notice of Public Meeting To Discuss San Elizario Independent School District's State Financial Accountability Rating

The San Elizario Independent School District will hold a public hearing at 5:30 p.m., Wednesday, October 7, 2009 in the boardroom of the San Elizario ISD Administration Building, 1050 Chicken Ranch Road, San Elizario, Texas.

The purpose of this hearing is to discuss San Elizario Independent School District's rating on the state's financial accountability system.

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Public Notice TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS AND PARTIES:

The *West Texas County Courier* will publish two editions early. The October 8 and October 15, 2009 issues will go to press on Tuesday, September 29, 2009.

All material for these publications must be submitted to the *West Texas County Courier* no later than Friday, September 25, 2008.

The *West Texas County Courier* office will close beginning Monday, September 28, 2009. The office will open again on Wednesday, October 14, 2009.

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.

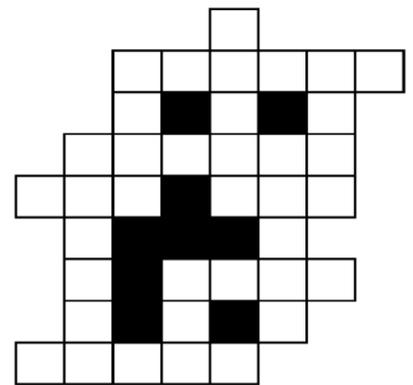
Clue: T equals E

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- ♥NERMIA
- DIH
- ♥STEV
- BUTMH
- ♥NBU
- ANIMUL
- ♥TEINU
- DALB



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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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

2			1		6		5
	9	7			5		4
6				7	2		8
		1	9		8	4	
4			7				5 1
	5	8		2		7	
	3	2		6		1	
	7		8				9 6
8				4	9		3

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
★★★ HOO BOY!

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