



## NEWSBRIEFS

### Lawsuit reform

Gov. Rick Perry has urged lawmakers to maintain the principles that have helped Texas' economy lead the nation, and to build upon previous improvements to the state's legal system by further expanding lawsuit reform. To keep Texas' legal system accountable, transparent and efficient, and maintain Texas' competitive economic position, the governor wants to expand lawsuit reform in Texas by:

- Creating an early dismissal option for frivolous lawsuits;
- Ensuring victims of frivolous lawsuits do not bear the financial burden of defending themselves through the creation of a "loser pays" system;
- Ensuring new laws cannot create causes of action unless expressly established by the Legislature; and
- Setting up expedited trials and limited discovery for lawsuits with claims between \$10,000 and \$100,000.

— Katherine Cesinger

### Coins

The International Coin Club of El Paso, Inc. will hold its 48th Annual Coin Show from February 18 to 20, 2011 at the El Maida Shrine Center, 6331 Alabama Street, El Paso. The show hours are 1:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. on the 18th; 9 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. on Saturday the 19th and 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. on Sunday the 20th. There will be over sixty tables of coin dealers anxious to buy and sell coins, banknotes, tokens and medals. Dealers from Texas, New Mexico, Colorado, Arizona, Indiana, Pennsylvania and Maine will be participating. For additional information call 915-533-6001. The International Coin Club of El Paso, Inc. meets the 1st Monday of every month at the Travelodge Motel - La Hacienda, 6400 Montana Avenue. A business meeting starts at 6:30 p.m. with coin talks and auction beginning around 7:00 p.m. Visitors are always welcome.

— John Grost

### Crime Stoppers

A central El Paso convenience store is burglarized. The El Paso Police Department is asking for the public's assistance in identifying the suspect through Crime Stoppers. On Wednesday, Oct. 13, 2010, at approximately 2:30 a.m., the Howdy's store located at 715 N. Stanton was burglarized. The suspect in this case forced his way into the business by smashing the front glass door with a rock. Once inside the suspect went to the counter and moved one of the cash registers to the center of the counter. The suspect then walked over to a second register and placed it on top of the first. The suspect then grabbed cigarettes, picked up both cash registers and exited

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*The future is the time when folks will be wishing they'd done all the things they ain't doin' now!*

— Quips & Quotes



— Photo by Alfredo Vasquez

**GUARD THAT CARD** – El Paso consumers can help protect themselves from fraud by being vigilant when using credit and debit cards.

## Credit card skimming usually goes undetected

By Alfredo Vasquez  
Special to the Courier

One of the most significant problems facing the credit card industry is skimming, as it can happen anywhere a credit card is accepted.

According to special agents of the U.S. Secret Service's El Paso Resident Office, the best way for consumers to protect themselves from skimming is by paying attention to the details of credit card usage.

"Fraudulent transactions frequently occur within 24 to 48 hours of a compromise, but most cardholders are not aware that they have been victimized until they receive statements showing the fraudulent charges," said Edwardo Garcia Resident Agent in Charge of the El Paso Resident Office. "That's why one important step every individual can take is to regularly review your credit card statements online."

When a credit card is skimmed, data on the card, including the account number, is electronically transmitted or stored. The credit card information can then be encoded onto a lost, stolen, or counterfeit credit card and used anywhere in the world.

Since there are legitimate uses for many of the devices used to read or skim credit cards, paying attention to where you use your credit cards can also help prevent fraud. Examples of skimming instances include:

- A collusive store employee completes a valid sale, then captures a second (unauthorized) swipe covertly on a portable

device before returning the card to the cardholder.

- A skimming device is added to the front of an ATM or gas pump and captures the credit card information as the consumer attempts to use the machine.

- A skimming device is added inside an ATM or gas pump and captures information during a valid transaction. In many cases a covert camera is also set up to capture the cardholders personal identification (PIN) number.

To protect against these instances of skimming, the Secret Service advises consumers to pay attention to their cards at the point of sale.

"Watch to make sure your card is swiped only once at a register," said Garcia. "Another easy thing to do is to cover up your PIN number as you enter it into an ATM or credit card reader."

The U.S. Secret Service was originally founded in 1865 for the purpose of suppressing the counterfeiting of U. S. currency. Over the years it has grown into one of the premier law enforcement organizations charged with investigating financial crimes. The agency has taken a lead role in the emerging arena of cyber-crime, establishing partnerships with the public and private sectors to address such issues as protection of critical infrastructure, Internet intrusions and associated fraud.

If you suspect you may be a possible victim of skimming or other financial fraud, contact local police and/or the U.S. Secret Service's El Paso Resident Office at (915) 532-2144.

## Rick Perry sworn in

By Katherine Cesinger  
Special to the Courier

AUSTIN – Gov. Rick Perry took the oath of office for his third full term as Texas' 47th governor on Tuesday. In his inaugural address, the governor celebrated the priorities that have helped make Texas the best state to live, work and raise a family, and committed to strengthening those principles to ensure the Lone Star State's future remains prosperous.



Gov. Rick Perry

"Throughout our history, in good times and bad, Texans have endured by identifying opportunities, counting the cost and outworking their competitors in the race for success," Gov. Perry said. "As we plant the seeds of opportunity that bloom beyond our years, we

will show the world the endless possibilities of freedom and free enterprise, and make this century the Texas century."

Gov. Perry was joined at the inauguration ceremony by veterans from various wars in our nation's history, including World War II, Vietnam, Iraq and Afghanistan. In the spirit of their individual sacrifices, the governor called on state leaders to remember that the dedication of these brave heroes and their defense of our nation's freedom are what make it possible for lawmakers to serve the people of Texas.

The governor noted that while there are difficult decisions to be made in the 82nd Legislative Session, the steps taken by lawmakers this year will help set Texas' course for success in the future. By living within our means and upholding the principles that have kept our state strong – low taxes, restrained spending, predictable regulations, a fair legal system, safe communities and accountable public schools – Texas will emerge even stronger, remaining a national model for economic success and accountable government.

"Texas is still the engine of America's economy, and we're proud to lead the nation in Fortune 1000 companies, international exports and job creation," Gov. Perry said. "These jobs are more than just statistics, they provide wealth and opportunity for our citizens and families."

The governor credited Texas' comparative success during these challenging economic times to policies that have fostered an environment that encourages job creation and innovation. Additionally, he called on legislators to continue strengthening Texas' public and higher education systems in order to ensure young Texans receive the education necessary to compete in the global workforce.

"We must continue investing in our people, developing young minds, grooming and attracting the best and brightest in the fields of science and medicine, and giving individuals the tools

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**Veterans Post** By Freddy Groves

# Ripchair: Mobility for disabled Vets

Did you see the Discovery Channel episode on Howe and Howe's Ripchair? Mike and Geoff Howe build high-tech toys for the military. Part of their arsenal includes a remote-controlled tank called the Ripsaw. For SWAT teams, they have the world's smallest manned assault tank, the Badger. Now they've built an all-terrain wheelchair for disabled veterans.

Think what that could mean for a disabled veteran who wants to get into the woods for a little fishing, or anything else.

The bottom of the Ripchair is similar to the treads on a tank but with bigger teeth to grab dirt and forge ahead. It runs on a 30-horsepower diesel engine, climbs hills up to 50 degrees and runs at 10 mph. It'll go through mud and sand. Even more, it's made of steel.

An online video shows an employee giving the prototype Ripchair a test run. He ran it around a dirt parking lot and then took it into woods, going down steep inclines and mowing down small trees.

In an interview with the

Portland Press-Herald, the Howe brothers said they're not going to make the Ripchairs for profit. Instead, they'll look for donations and create a non-profit so they can give the chairs away to disabled veterans.

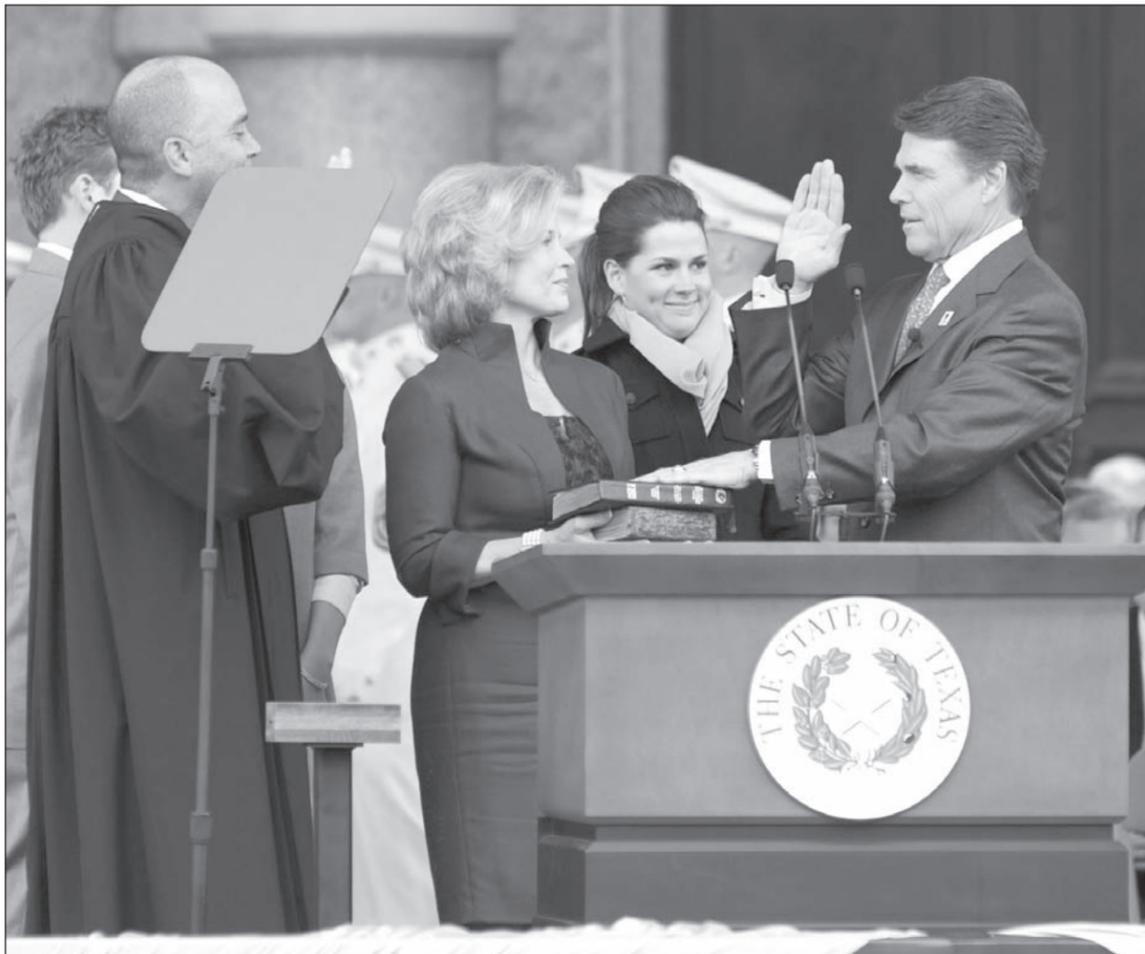
Check the Internet for more information. Use this as your search parameter: Ripchair Howe and Howe. And check this site: [www.pressherald.com](http://www.pressherald.com) and put Operation Enduring Mobility in the search box on the right side.

Also check them out at [www.howeandhowetechnologies.com](http://www.howeandhowetechnologies.com) - don't miss the demonstration videos of their other equipment.

Want to send a donation to help get their non-profit off the ground so they can start giving Ripchairs to disabled veterans? Send a check and a copy of this column to:

Howe & Howe Technologies, Inc.  
661 Main St.  
Waterboro, ME 04087

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**REPEAT AFTER ME** - Anita Thigpen Perry holds a bible for her husband, Rick Perry, as he took the oath of office for his third full term as Governor of Texas on the south steps of the State Capitol. The couple's daughter, Sydney, watches proudly.

- Photo courtesy Office of the Governor

## Perry

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### PUBLIC NOTICE Village of Vinton, Texas

A PUBLIC HEARING will be held at 6:00 p.m. on Thursday, February 3, 2011 during the Planning and Zoning Commission Meeting at Vinton Village Hall, 436 E. Vinton Rd., Vinton, Texas. Purpose of the public hearing is to allow any interested persons to appear and testify regarding the following proposed item(s):

- 1) Consider and recommend action on request for Special Permit to allow for 1 Vinton Hills Commercial Park Unit 1, Lot 8, Block 1, Village of Vinton, El Paso County, Texas (also known as 281 E. Vinton Rd.) for the purpose of building a church.

Those who are unable to attend may submit their views in writing to the Village Clerk at 436 E. Vinton Road, Vinton, Texas 79821. Persons with disabilities that wish to attend this meeting should contact City Hall at (915)886-5104 to arrange for assistance. Individuals who require auxiliary aids or services for this meeting should contact City Hall at least two days before the meeting so that appropriate arrangements can be made.

Jessica Garza  
Village Clerk

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and the freedom to prosper."

Gov. Perry was also joined by a delegation of governors from several bordering Mexican states, and highlighted the long-standing cultural and economic bonds between Texas and Mexico. Gov. Perry noted that these bonds would be further strengthened by putting an end to the ongoing drug violence that has terrorized the Mexican border region, and reiterated Texas' commitment to securing our southern border in the absence of adequate federal resources.

"Our state's efforts to secure the border have made our citizens safer, and must be continued to prevent the flow of cross-border violence," Gov. Perry said. "For all of us, a secure border means a more stable economy, safer families and a brighter future."

In closing, the governor noted that Texas is leading the way out of the current economic turmoil, making this century the "Texas Century."

"We have the resources to meet our challenges, and the vision to apply them for a more prosperous future," Gov. Perry said. "As we do so, our vision must extend beyond the next 140 days, into the next decade, and the next century."

To view the governor's full remarks, please visit <http://governor.state.tx.us/news/speech/15585/>.

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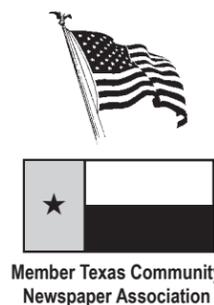
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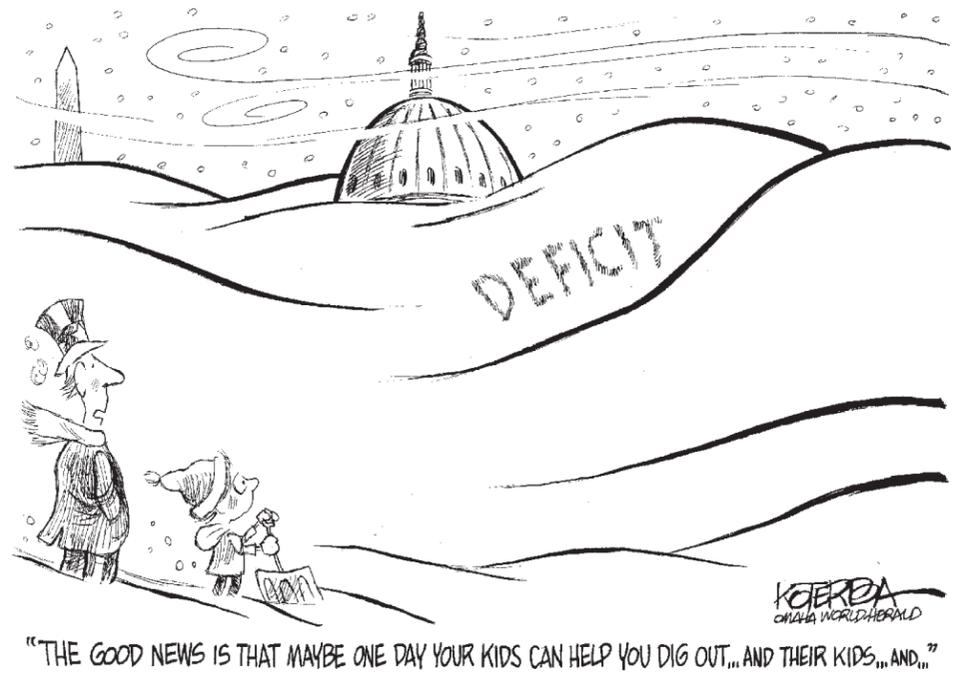


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**Por la Gente** By State Rep. Chente Quintanilla

# School funding debate

Hola mi gente. We now know how much less the State of Texas has to spend on government and assistance programs. The Comptroller announced a shortfall from the last session of almost \$28 billion. If it was the intention of the legislature to continue every program at the same levels of the past two years, then the \$28 billion would be considered a budget deficit. We would have to find a way to produce the revenues in order to maintain the status quo.

That is not the way the Texas constitution allows the process to go forward. Unlike the federal budget, there are no loans to bridge deficits. We have \$28 billion less to spend and that is it.

In case you missed it, I posed the problem in absolutes in the above paragraphs. Neither option is the best. That is the peril of politics: one becomes blind to compromise for the sake of political expediency.

Yes, we have a budget problem. But Texas is also a very wealthy state. There is an abundance of wealth that can bridge the gap between the two extremes.

The House Appropriations Chair, Representative Jim Pitts, made a grim announcement about the appropriations bill which is being filed this week. His comment was that there was going to be a lot of pain. That is the easy way of avoiding the arduous task of compromise.

One of the issues that we know will be dramatically impacted is public education. The reality with this issue is that the state is going to require the status quo on standards set by the state; but, in the end, will pass the funding problem to the local communities.

What is ironic about passing the funding locally is that public education, as opposed to all of the other provisions in an appropriations bill, is specifically dedicated in the Texas Constitution as a state charge.

A general diffusion of knowledge being essential to the preservation of the liberties and rights of the people, it shall be the duty of the Legislature of the State to establish and make suitable provision for the support and maintenance of an efficient system of public free schools.

Those are the words in our constitution. It is obvious that public education should be funded by the state at a level that meets the lofty goal for the diffusion of knowledge. Unfortunately, the wording is conveniently vague so that those wish not to increase state revenues can conveniently pass the buck to local taxpayers.

When it comes to education, that is a poor decision. Tap the wealth and raise the education bar. This would require wealthier communities to share their property tax wealth with poorer communities.

While the level of public education, in comparison with other states, languishes in the lowest percentiles, the future of our state grows increasingly dim. Without highly educated workforces in the future, we will be restricted in the types of industries or businesses that locate here. The future prosperity of Texas teeters on the brink while decision makers mindlessly pursue the policy, in absolute lockstep, of no new tax revenues.

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

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**MARCH 2011**

There is a Texas law **STILL** on the books that mandates no one carry pliers that **COULD** cut a fence.

2 Texas Independence Day - Celebrate Texas!

1924: Charles Lindbergh starts pilot training at Brooks Field in San Antonio.

1908: Movie actress Joan Crawford is born in San Antonio.

1925: Football player Earl Campbell is born in Tyler.

1868: Jennie Holcomb, famous trailblazer, dies of food poisoning in Oklahoma.

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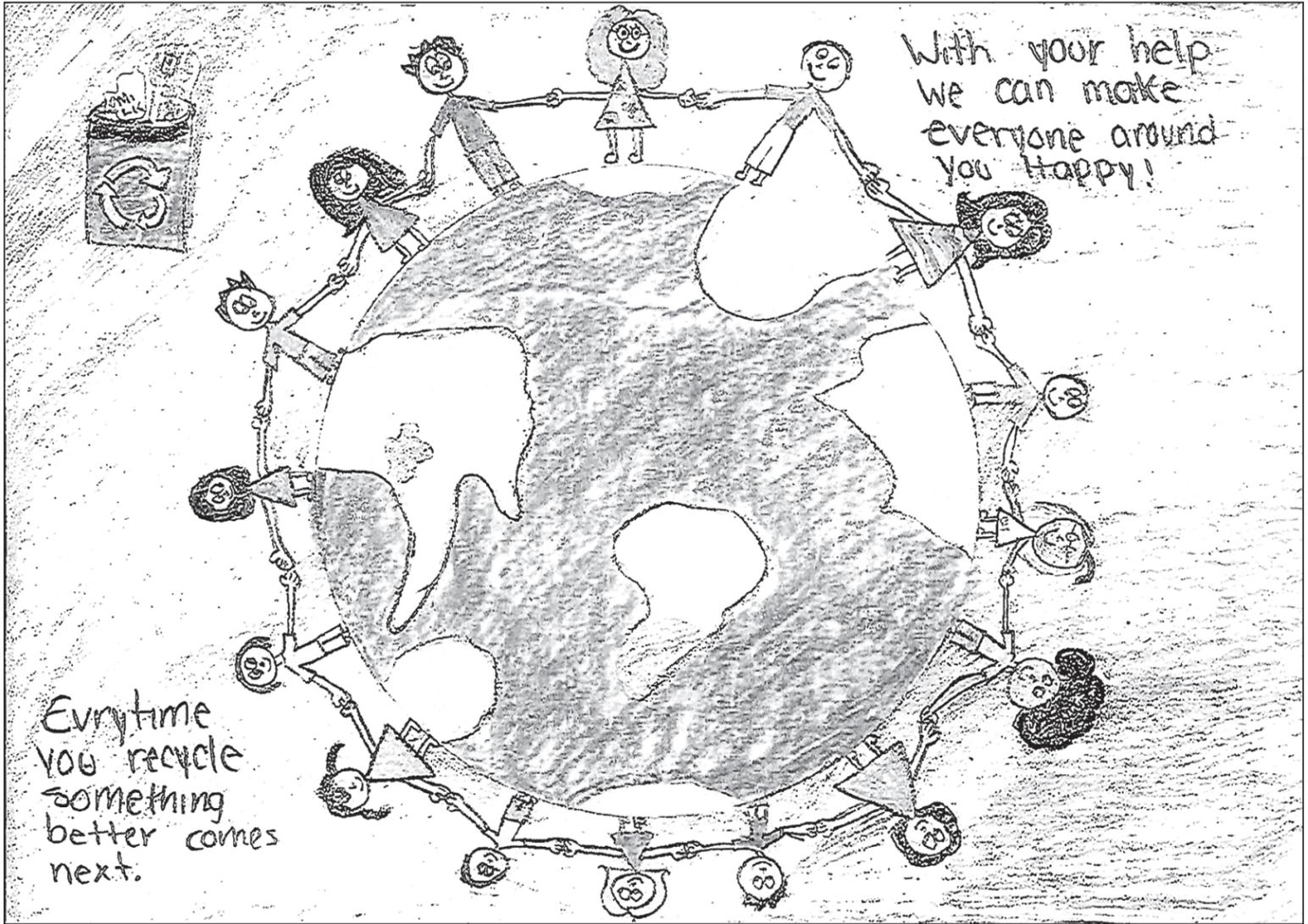
# Estrada e-card garners award

By Gustavo Reveles  
Special to the Courier

CANUTILLO – The artwork of a fourth-grade student at Bill Childress Elementary School is being recognized at a national level. Astryd Estrada, a student in the dual-language program, was the grand prize winner of the local ArcelorMittal Foundation New Year's E-card Contest. She also won second place in the national contest held in the ArcelorMittal headquarters in Chicago.

The contest's theme this year was "Make Everyone Around You Happy." Astryd's whimsical artwork depicted children of the world united around the globe holding hands. As the second-prize winner she will receive several gifts, including a drawing kit and a \$250 U.S. Savings Bond.

Another Childress fourth-grader, Gary Richter, was also recognized as a local winner for his colorful cityscape. He will receive a drawing kit as a prize. Both Richter and Estrada are



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See CARD, Page 5 **WINNING WORK – Astryd Estrada's e-card placed second in a national competition sponsored by ArcelorMittal.**

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## Classified Ads

**LEGALS**

**TOWN OF ANTHONY, TEXAS**

**NOTICE OF REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS FOR AUDIT SERVICES FOR FY2010**

The Town of Anthony, TX is seeking to contract for audit services for FY2010 complying with GAAP and GASB requirements. Audit must be completed no later than March 30, 2011. In order to be considered, the proposal must be submitted no

later than January 21, 2010. Contact Cynthia Clarke, Town Clerk 915/886-3944 for more information, or submit proposal to Town of Anthony P.O. Box 1269, Anthony, TX 79821 or [cclarke@townofanthony.org](mailto:cclarke@townofanthony.org).

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**TOWN OF ANTHONY, TEXAS**

**NOTICE OF REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS FOR ENGINEERING SERVICES, FINANCIAL**

**ADVISOR AND BOND COUNSEL**

**TEXAS WATER DEVELOPMENT BOARD, DWSRF**

The Town of Anthony has applied for and been granted funds from Texas Water Development Board under its Drinking Water State Revolving Fund. Accordingly, the Town of Anthony is seeking to contract for the following:

1) With a qualified Engineer or Engineering Firm

registered to practice in the State of Texas to prepare all preliminary and final design plans, maps and specifications to conduct all necessary interim and final inspections for a municipal wide waster water system;

2) With an individual or firm to provide Financial Advisory services to include strategic planning analysis of market condition, investment of bond proceeds and provide recommendations

to the Town for financing or capital projects or refinancing of current debt.

3) With an individual or firm to serve as Bond Counsel to the Town for any capital financing or refinancing as may be necessary.

In order to be considered, proposal must be submitted prior to January 24, 2011. A complete request for proposals, outlining services required by the locality, submission requirements, and evaluation criteria, has been prepared. Interest parties may obtain copies of this request at :

**Town Hall  
Town of Anthony  
401 Wildcat Dr.,  
Anthony, TX  
79821  
915/886-3944 or  
[cclarke@townofanthony.org](mailto:cclarke@townofanthony.org).**

The locality reserves the right to negotiate with any and all individuals or firms submitting proposals, in accordance with the Texas Professional

Services Procurement Act and the Uniform Grant and Contract Management Standards Act, and may choose to retain services for three consecutive funding cycles. The locality reserves the right to reject any or all proposals.

This contract is contingent upon release of funds from the Texas Water Development Board (TWDB). Any contract or contracts awarded under this Request for Qualifications (RFQ) are expected to be funded in part by a loan from the TWDB. Neither the State of Texas nor any of its departments, agencies, or employees are or will be a party to this RFQ, or any resulting contract. The Town of Anthony is an Affirmative Action and Equal Opportunity Employer and encourages Historically Underutilized Businesses to submit a proposal.

This contract is subject to the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) 'fair share policy', which includes EPA approved 'fair share goals' for Minority Business Enterprise (MBE) & Women Business Enterprise (WBE) firms in the Construction, Supplies, Equipment and Services procurement categories. EPA's policy requires that applicants and prime contractors make a good faith effort to award a fair share of contracts, subcontracts, and procurements to SMWBE's. Although EPA's policy does not mandate that the fair share goals be achieved, it does require applicants and prime contractors to demonstrate use of the six affirmative steps.

All qualified applicants will receive consideration for employment without regard to race, color, religion, sex, age, handicap or national origin.

Bidders on this work will be required to comply with the President's Executive Order No. 11246, as amended by Executive Order 11375, and as supplemented in Department of Labor regulations 41 CFR Part 60. Small, minority, and women owned business enterprises are encouraged to respond. A complete version of TWDB document, "SMWBE State Revolving Fund Program Guidance Document for the Utilization of A Small, Minority, and Women-Owned Business Enterprises in Procurement" is available on line at: [http://www.twdb.state.tx.us/publications/forms\\_manuals/SRF052.rtf](http://www.twdb.state.tx.us/publications/forms_manuals/SRF052.rtf)

Art Franco, Mayor

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**Town of Horizon City**

**Administrative Assistant  
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**POSITION OPEN**

**Town of Horizon City**

**Municipal Court  
Deputy Clerk**

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## STRANGE BUT TRUE

By Samantha Weaver

• It was American astronomer, astrophysicist and author Carl Sagan who made the following sage observation: "The fact that some geniuses were laughed at does not imply that all who are laughed at are geniuses. They laughed at Columbus, they laughed at Fulton, they laughed at the Wright brothers. But they also laughed at Bozo the Clown."

• If you're like the average American woman, you will eat 4 to 6 pounds of lipstick during your lifetime.

• You probably won't be surprised to learn that Alaska is the most northern and western state in the Union, but would you believe that it's also the easternmost state? Yep. Because the state crosses over into the Eastern Hemisphere, it's technically farther east than Maine.

• In Alabama, lawmakers once thought it necessary to pass a law forbidding the operation of a vehicle while wearing a blindfold.

• Traffic is so bad in Tokyo that for most trips shorter than 50 minutes, it's faster to ride a bicycle than it is to drive a car.

• You're almost certainly familiar with the grouping of stars known in the U.S. as the Big Dipper, made up of the seven brightest stars in the constellation Ursa Major. You might not know, though, that other cultures call it by different names. In India, for example, the stars are known as the Seven Sages, and Mongolians call them the Seven Gods. Many in Northern England see a Butcher's Cleaver rather than a dipper. Scandinavians think it looks like King Charles' Wagon, those in Finland call it the Salmon Net, and the Dutch have named it the Saucepan.

• A shrimp's heart is located in its head.

Thought for the Day: "If history repeats itself, and the unexpected always happens, how incapable must Man be of learning from experience."

— George Bernard Shaw

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# Comptroller to hold free seminar about state taxes

By R.J. DeSilva  
Special to the Courier

A diverse economy, growing work force and friendly business climate attract more businesses to the Lone Star state every day. Texas Comptroller Susan Combs' office regularly presents free taxpayer seminars throughout the state to help new and existing business owners understand their state tax

responsibilities.

The next seminar in the El Paso area will be offered on Wednesday, January 26, from 6 to 8 p.m., at El Paso Community College's Administrative Office Board Room, located at 9050 Viscount Blvd.

At the seminar, taxpayers can learn about sales tax forms, filing and paying taxes electronically, taxable goods and services, e-services to help taxpayers manage their accounts online, the Comptroller's

e-mail subscription service that alerts taxpayers when new tax information is posted online, and the array of other services and information available from the Comptroller's office to assist taxpayers. Comptroller representatives will answer questions and provide assistance to attendees.

"A strong and diverse business community is the key to Texas' economic strength," Combs said. "We are committed to assisting Texas businesses by making taxes

simpler, smarter, faster and, above all, transparent. We owe it to our taxpayers to provide the best customer service possible."

For more information about the seminar, call the Comptroller's El Paso Field Office at (915) 533-0506.

Those who are unable to attend the seminar can call the Comptroller's tax assistance line at (800) 252-5555. Tax forms and tax information can also be found on the Comptroller's website, [www.window.state.tx.us](http://www.window.state.tx.us).

## New court to fast-track domestic legal issues

By Elhiu Dominguez  
Special to the Courier

El Paso's first Protective Order Court dedicated exclusively to deal with victims of domestic violence has been established. 65th District Court Judge Yahara Lisa Gutierrez made the announcement earlier this month. Gutierrez received a \$93,000 grant from the Office of the Governor of Texas to fund the creation of a county court dedicated exclusively to hear protective order cases.

The El Paso County Commissioners Court who assisted in the creation of the court approved the new Protective Order Court by approving the use of a special family violence fund to pay for the salary of the judge of the Protective Order Court.

The new Protective Order Court will allow victims to have timely access to the courts on their application for protective orders. The court will provide a one-stop venue for all issues involving the family during the duration of the protective order, including child support, custody of

children and visitation issues.

The plan calls for the transfer of all protective order cases filed in each of the three family courts to the proposed "Protective Order Court," which will operate under the supervision of the 65th District Court. This consolidated approach will allow for a more efficient supervision of all protective order cases, and will allow the other family courts to dedicate more time to other types of family cases.

A single court will have the expertise and knowledge to deal with these very

important cases. Commissioner Anna Perez stated "This is an important day for victims of domestic violence in our community. There will now be one single court where domestic violence victims will obtain expedited hearings."

Gutierrez said the creation of a Protective Order Court would be a giant step forward in helping the victims of domestic violence in El Paso County. "I am grateful for the support of the Commissioners Court and the Governor's Office. There must be recognition by the community that no amount of violence is acceptable in El Paso."

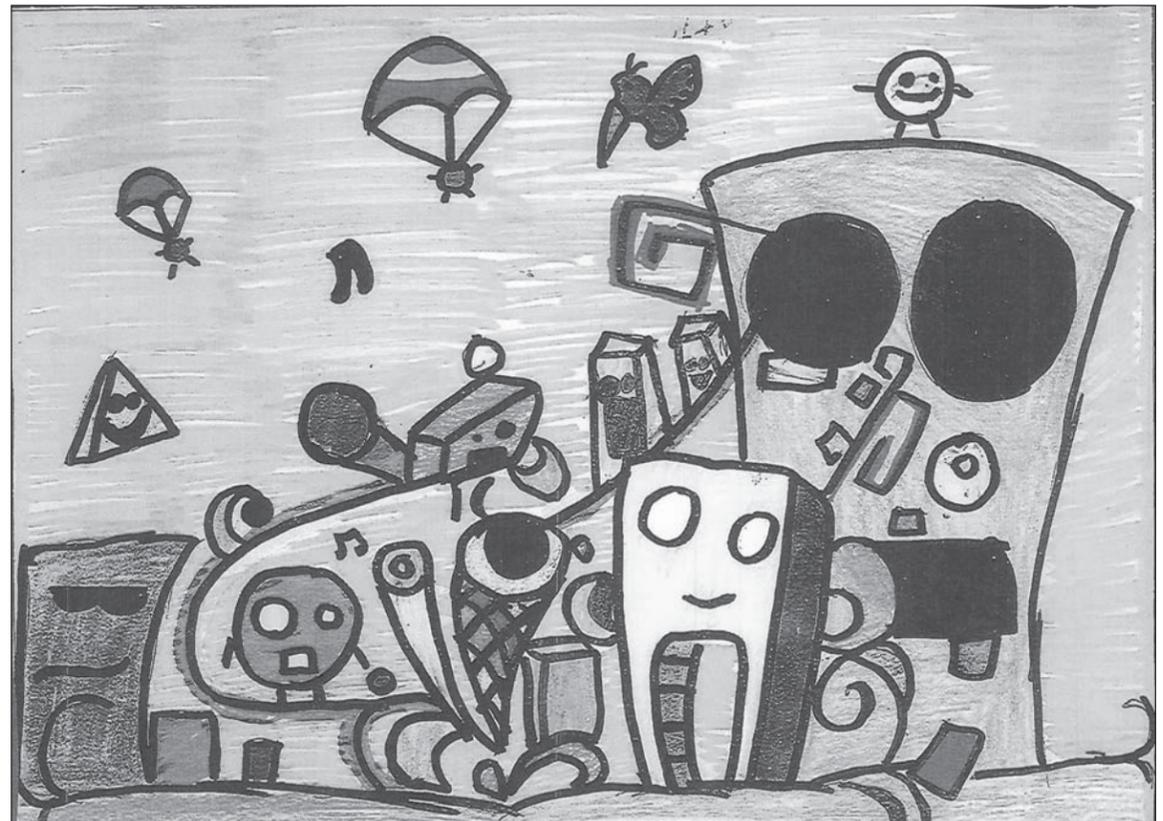
## Card

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taught by Rosa Kirker and Lorena Salas.

"We received many fantastic e-card entries that depicted the theme, however these stood out above the rest," said Kesavan Rangaswamy, the general manager of operations of the ArcelorMittal plant in Vinton. The winners of this year's local Vinton contest embraced the theme and demonstrated how ArcelorMittal expresses its commitment to the community."

ArcelorMittal is a Business Education Success Teams (BEST) partner with the Canutillo Independent School District. BEST Partnerships are designed to encourage a cooperative relationship between Canutillo and the business community, keeping the needs of the students at the forefront.



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# Two will go home, two will meet in the Super Bowl

By Steve Escajeda  
Special to the Courier

The best weekend of the professional football season is coming up and I must admit I am really surprised about three of the four teams still alive in the playoffs.

I think everyone knew that the Pittsburgh Steelers were a legitimate threat to make it this far, but the New York Jets, the Green Bay Packers and the Chicago Bears were thought to be a few steps behind teams like Dallas, Minnesota, New England, San Francisco, Baltimore, New Orleans and San Diego at the start of the season.

But as ESPN's Chris Berman and so many before him have always said, "that's why they play the games."

The really peculiar thing to me is how badly the two top seeded teams fared at home last weekend.

The Atlanta Falcons looked more like pigeons against the Packers and the Patriots sounded the retreat against the Jets.

But let's look more closely at the NFC.

The Falcons' defense had no answer for Green Bay quarterback Aaron Rodgers and

Atlanta's vaunted running attack did very little.

Had the Falcons been pretenders all season?

Though they hadn't beaten very many good teams this season, they did knock off the Packers back in November.

And speaking of the Packers, they may be the hottest team left in the playoffs and are the darlings of the NFL playoff talking heads.

They will continue their long-standing rivalry with the Chicago Bears in the NFC Championship game at Soldier Stadium this weekend.

The Bears put away the Seattle Seahawks, who finished their year with an 8-10 record.

The Pack and Bears split their two regular season meetings with each winning by single digits at home.

This sets up an interesting battle between two quarterbacks who had never won a playoff game before this season.

Chicago's Jay Cutler and rival Aaron Rodgers have been on the verge of joining the league's elite signal callers for a couple years now.

One of them will certainly make that jump this weekend while the other will continue to

carry the tag of "good quarterback" instead of one of the great ones.

Who will it be? I'm afraid that Cutler will reach into his bag of bumbling tricks and throw at least three interceptions.

Rodgers will be as cool as a cheese-head can be and lead the Packers to a 27-17 win.

As far as the AFC, everybody figured this would be another Super Bowl season for the New England Patriots. Tom Brady will win the league's MVP award and is there any coach smarter than Bill Belichick?

Well I don't know if he's smarter, but New York Jets coach Rex Ryan is obviously louder.

But like Muhammad Ali once said, "it ain't bragging if you can back it up."

If you go by that - it appears that Ryan does not brag.

The Jets shocked the Pats 28-21 by doing the one thing Brady cannot recovery from - being smacked in the face.

The Jets hounded Brady all game long. They were relentless on defense and never gave the future Hall of Famer a moment's peace.

Now they will have to try to do the same thing to Pittsburgh's Ben Roethlisberger.

And trying to bring this guy down is like

to trying to pry a Philly cheese steak out of Rosie O'Donald's fingers.

The Steelers, who will be at home when they take on the Jets this weekend, came from two touchdowns behind to beat the Baltimore Ravens.

And Baltimore, like the Jets, is very shaky on offense. But while the Ravens' defense is getting a little older, the Jets' defense is young, quick, and loves to hit you hard.

The real battle will come at quarterback. Big Ben has already won two Super Bowls and looks like he belongs in big games like this.

Mark Sanchez is still learning how to play the position at this level but has certainly improved with each game.

So which team will take the next step to Cowboys Stadium for the big game?

On paper you have to favor the Steelers, they're playing at home, they have the experienced and proven quarterback and they've been there before - a lot.

But sometimes you have to throw the paper in the trash.

It's been a crazy playoff season with road teams winning all over the place.

That's why the Jets will win this one 20-17.

## A sporting view By Mark Vasto

### The best of 2010

#### The Butler (almost) did it

All of the usual cliches had been trotted out - Cinderella, Hoosiers, Rudy, David and Goliath - and sports editors all over the country had a version of the "Butler Did It" headline playing in their heads as Butler squared off against Duke in the 2010 NCAA finals. But the

manufactured marketing hype about March Madness and Mike Krzyzewski, Blue Devils and Bulldogs evaporated as soon as Butler's Gordon Hayward launched his desperate buzzer-beater with seconds remaining, down by two points, in the Finals. It seemed like an eternity for the world's sports fans, all of whom saw their focus narrow on one single ball, flying

through the air toward a small goal a half-court away. Could it actually happen? Could the Horizon Conference upstart Butler topple the ACC royalty of Duke? Would Jim Nantz have his "do you believe in miracles" moment? The answer, left clanging off the backboard and missing the net by a half-inch told us no, but it was hardly resounding... even in defeat, it felt like Butler won.

#### Who dat?

A few years separated from Hurricane Katrina and on the cusp of the BP oil spill - the biggest

skirmish with Britain the city has had since Andrew Jackson and the War of 1812 - the Saints of New Orleans finally made their long prophesized stand. By winning Super Bowl in a masterful performance over the favored Indianapolis Peyton Mannings, they not only brought bragging rights back to the bayou - they reminded us about the impact a beloved team coupled with an onside kick and a strong Brees can have on a city's psyche and soul. (And word has it the notoriously conservative, old-fashioned and stodgy French Quarter of New Orleans finally figured out how to throw a party after the win.)

#### Perfection

The answer is 20, five and two. And there is no question about it... the guy tied to those numbers is one of the greatest pitchers in the history of baseball. For only Roy "Doc"

Halladay can lay claim to being just the 20th pitcher in Major League history to throw a perfect game, one of five pitchers to throw two no-hitters in a season and only the second pitcher to ever throw a post-season no-no.

But there's more to this Cy Young award-winning story. Halladay, you see, doesn't just leave it up there on the mound. First and foremost, Halladay is a grounded family man with two kids and a legacy of putting in time at the local children's hospitals. When considering both on and off field performances, who can match Halladay? The answer, just like those based on the amount of hits he allows, is very, very few.

Mark Vasto is a veteran sportswriter and publisher of The Kansas City Luminary. (c) 2011 King Features Synd., Inc.



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

**DEAR DR. DONOHUE:** What can you tell me about peripheral artery disease in my legs? How about the ballooning of those clogged arteries? Where is a good place to go for that procedure? – E.K.

Activity causes chest pain in people with clogged heart arteries. It causes leg pain for people with clogged leg arteries – peripheral artery disease. Angina is the chest pain of heart artery clogging; intermittent claudication is the leg pain that comes from clogged leg arteries. The obstructed arteries can't deliver enough blood to leg muscles when a person walks. The leg muscles signal they're being shortchanged in their blood supply by rebelling with pain.

The pain can occur anywhere in the legs. If the blockage is high up, then thigh pain is the result. If a bit lower down, it's calf pain. Lower down even more produces foot pain. "Intermittent" indicates that the pain leaves when the person rests.

Diabetes, cigarette smoking, high blood pressure and high blood cholesterol are some of the things that lead to artery clogging. Aging is, perhaps, the biggest contributor to it. About 17 percent of men and women older than 65 have this problem.

A doctor confirms the diagnosis by measuring blood pressure at the ankle and comparing it with blood pressure in the arm. The two readings should be about equal. If the ankle blood pressure is much lower, it indicates that there's an obstruction in the leg arteries.

Treatment involves a diet that reduces the amount of fat and cholesterol; it's essentially a diet of fruits, vegetables and whole grains, with less red meat and more fish. Although walking brings on pain, walking is a treatment, too. The person walks to the point of pain, rests and then resumes walking. Medicines like aspirin, Plavix and Pletal can be

beneficial. You ask about the balloon treatment. It's the same kind of procedure used to open clogged heart arteries. A slender tube with a deflated balloon at its tip is inched through the artery to the point of obstruction. When that's reached, the doctor inflates the balloon to squash the obstruction. The population of your city is 50,000. I am sure many competent doctors there are versed in this procedure and can treat PAD as well as it can be treated anywhere. Ask your family doctor for a name.

The booklet on PAD explains the ins and outs of this common problem in detail. To obtain a copy, write: Dr. Donohue – No. 109W, 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.

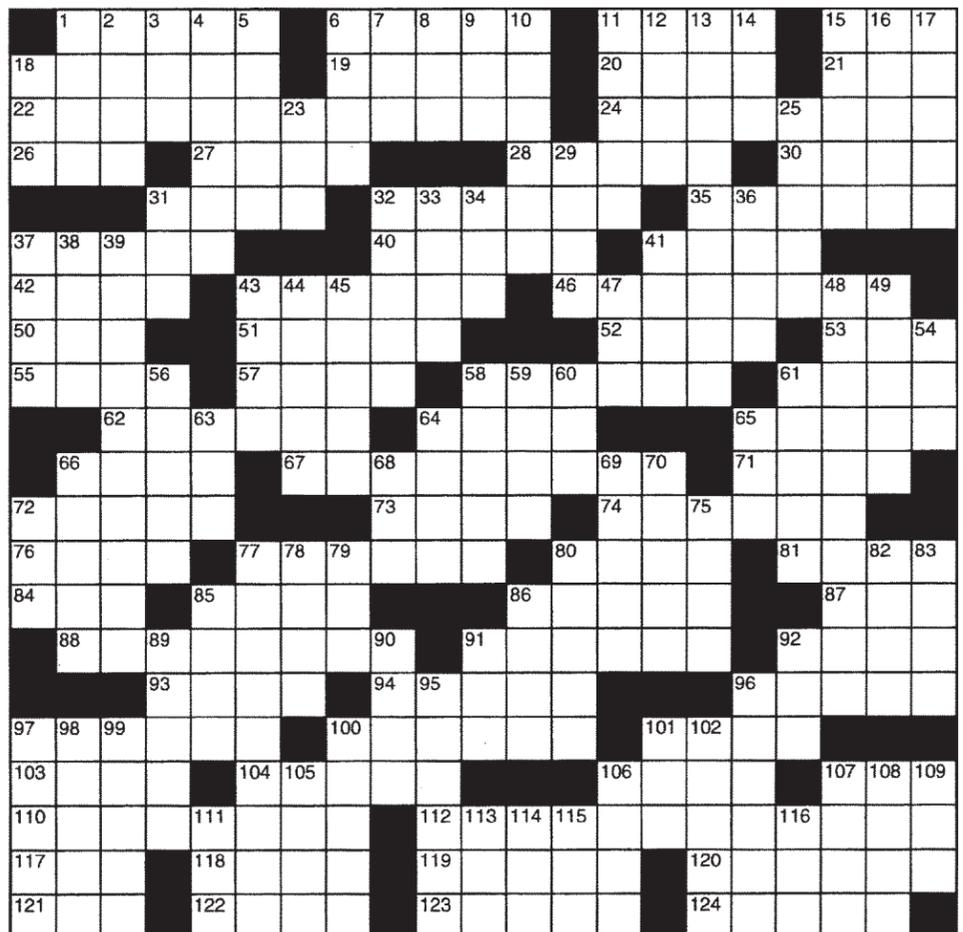
**DEAR DR. DONOHUE:** I expect sore muscles the day after I exercise hard. They tell me I had a real workout. When my muscles are sore, I take the day off. I've been told to exercise regardless of sore muscles. Do you agree? – M.O.

A low level of exercise circulates blood to aching muscles and quickens healing. All-out exercise doesn't give the muscles a chance to fully recover. You shouldn't do resistance exercises (weightlifting) with the same muscles on consecutive days.

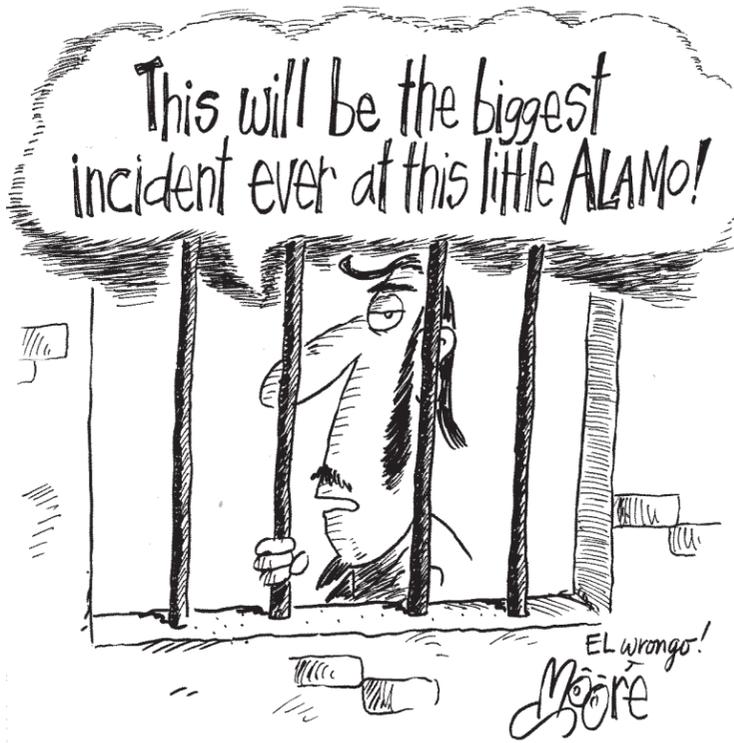
Dr. Donohue regrets that he is unable to answer individual letters, but he will incorporate them in his column whenever possible. Readers may write him or request an order form of available health newsletters at P.O. Box 536475, Orlando, FL 32853-6475. (c) 2011 North America Synd., Inc. All Rights Reserved.

# Super Crossword

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|--------------------------------|-------------------------------|----------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|
| <b>GENE POOL ACROSS</b>        | 62 Annette of "48HRS."        | bandleader                 | Partridge                 | 77 "Shaft" star           |
| 1 "Lil" actress                | 64 Privy to                   | 117 Sky light?             | 31 Actress                | 78 Without _ (daringly)   |
| 6 Decorous                     | 65 Refuse                     | 118 Part of NB             | Wanamaker                 | 79 Decimal base           |
| 11 Jack of "Rio Lobo"          | 66 Out of range               | 119 Stalin's predecessor   | 32 African antelope       | 80 Big-name               |
| 15 With 10 Down, "Cheers" star | 67 Gene Sarazen invention     | 120 Stereo components      | 33 "Why don't we?"        | 82 Secretary, e.g.        |
| 18 Entice                      | 71 Architect Saarinen         | 121 Choose, with "for"     | 34 Berg or Drabowsky      | 83 Diminutive suffix      |
| 19 It's tossed with sauce      | 72 "Die Fledermaus" maid      | 122 Bird food              | 36 "New Jack City" actor  | 85 Blue hue               |
| 20 Waiter's offering           | 73 "Oh, woe!"                 | 123 "Maria _" ('41 song)   | 37 Saharan                | 86 Ire                    |
| 21 Medical grp.                | 74 Irrational                 | 124 Clear the slate        | 38 Actor Calhoun          | 89 Court cry              |
| 22 Gene Barry role             | 76 Stocking stuffer?          | <b>DOWN</b>                | 39 Gene Chandler hit      | 90 Spilled the beans      |
| 24 Gene Atruy's horse          | 77 Somewhat                   | 1 " _ All Over" ('64 hit)  | 41 Barber Sweeney         | 91 Negligent              |
| 26 Maestro de Waart            | 80 Scenter of your face?      | 2 Choir member             | 43 Leander's love         | 92 Tenor Peerce           |
| 27 Evened the score            | 81 _de-camp                   | 3 Cadge                    | 44 Iniquities             | 95 Weak                   |
| 28 Prophets                    | 84 Blunder                    | 4 Wind instrument?         | 45 Iniquities             | 96 Circuitous course      |
| 30 "So _ You" ('77 song)       | 85 Top-notch                  | 5 Varnish ingredient       | 46 Crete's capital        | 97 Lowdown crooner?       |
| 31 Torrid or Frigid            | 86 Fido's friend              | 6 Tore                     | 47 Dawson of football     | 98 Behave like a brat     |
| 32 Bluesman James              | 87 Fido's physician           | 7 Pine product             | 48 Gene Hackman film      | 99 Endowment              |
| 35 Le Carre title start        | 88 Silver-tongued             | 8 Burro                    | 49 Museum piece           | 100 Pretended             |
| 37 Zeal                        | 91 Not long ago               | 9 Robert of "Quincy, M.E." | 54 Computer acronym       | 101 Berle bit             |
| 40 Tea of "Deep Impact"        | 92 Kid                        | 10 See 15 Across           | 56 Play for time          | 102 Knocked out a novel   |
| 41 Diplomacy                   | 93 Litter's littlest          | 11 Roast host              | 58 Statesman Sadat        | 105 Artist Magritte       |
| 42 Libertine                   | 94 Mead's "Coming _ in Samoa" | 12 Annealing oven          | 59 Departs                | 106 Sociable starling     |
| 43 "Macbeth" role              | 96 Trier "Thanks!"            | 13 '56 Ingrid Bergman film | 60 Goal                   | 107 The - Brothers        |
| 46 Kind of sale                | 97 " _ Cafe" ('88 film)       | 14 Silent                  | 61 Amphitheater feature   | 108 Reduce, with "down"   |
| 50 Vex                         | 100 Popped one's pecs         | 15 Use one's noodle        | 63 Nev. neighbor          | 109 USNA grad             |
| 51 Linda of "Dynasty"          | 101 Actress Verdon            | 16 Overact                 | 64 Unemployed             | 111 Recipe abbr.          |
| 52 Revise a manuscript         | 103 Farm measure              | 17 Patron                  | 65 "Agnus _"              | 113 Conger or moray       |
| 53 Start to snooze             | 104 Swap                      | 18 Vigoda or Fortas        | 66 Cherish                | 114 Compass pt.           |
| 55 Colors                      | 106 Shopping center           | 23 Placekicker's prop      | 68 Uh-uh                  | 115 Palindromic diarist   |
| 57 Gouda garbage               | 107 Zoo attraction            | 25 It's spotted out West   | 69 Florida feature        | 116 "Jurassic Park" stuff |
| 58 Schedule                    | 110 Gene Roddenberry creation | 29 Lexicographer           | 70 Blackboard support     |                           |
| 61 Fluffy hairdo               | 112 Gene Krupa's              |                            | 72 "Stroker _" ('83 film) |                           |
|                                |                               |                            | 75 Quite                  |                           |



**Moore Texas** by Roger Moore Jan 23, 1811  
**Rebels jail the Spanish Governor in the Alamo during the Mexican Revolution.**



**GO FIGURE!** by Linda Thistle

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

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**DIFFICULTY: ★★**

★ Moderate ★★ Difficult  
 ★★★ GO FIGURE!

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**Weekly SUDOKU**

by Linda Thistle

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

**DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ★★★**

★ Moderate ★★ Challenging

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★★★ HOO BOY!

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**Social Security Q&A** By Ray Vigil

**Q:** I need help. My husband three months ago and still haven't was diagnosed with early-onset received an answer. When should I Alzheimer's disease. We need Social Security disability benefits. What expect to be notified of the decision? should we do?

**A:** You should apply for disability benefits. You can complete an application for Social Security benefits online at [www.socialsecurity.gov/applyfordisability](http://www.socialsecurity.gov/applyfordisability). Then, fill out an Adult Disability Report, which you also can find online. The disability application is a claim for benefits, while the disability report provides us with information about your husband's current impairment. You should be able to complete these on your own, but you can call us toll free at 1-800-772-1213 (TTY 1-800-325-0778) to set up an appointment to help you complete the application in person or over the phone. Early-onset Alzheimer's falls under the purview of Compassionate Allowances. This means Social Security will be able to expedite the processing of your husband's disability claim. Claims involving Compassionate Allowances conditions can be processed in a matter of days rather than the months and years other disability decisions sometimes can take. For a list of Compassionate Allowances conditions see [www.socialsecurity.gov/compassionateallowances](http://www.socialsecurity.gov/compassionateallowances).

**A:** The length of time it takes to receive a decision on your disability claim is usually from three to five months. It can vary depending on several factors, but primarily on:

- The nature of your disability;
- How quickly we obtain medical evidence from your doctor or other medical source;
- Whether it is necessary to send you for a medical examination to obtain evidence to support your claim; and
- Whether your claim is randomly selected for quality assurance review of the decision.

The more information you can provide about your disability and medical providers during the initial application, the more likely the process will go faster. The best way to prepare for a disability application is to use the Disability Starter Kit located online at [www.socialsecurity.gov/disability/disability\\_starter\\_kits.htm](http://www.socialsecurity.gov/disability/disability_starter_kits.htm).

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

**Q:** I applied for disability benefits

**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: X equals H

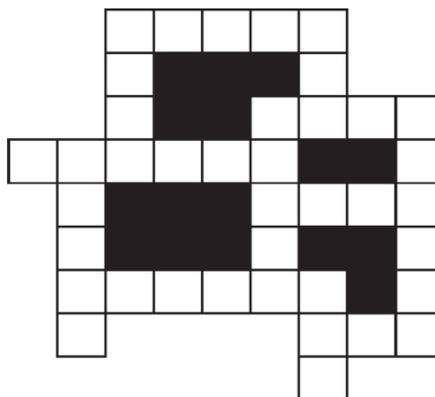
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 CHAOS VHA DEOO MW  
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- FOF
- ♥KROEST
- ♥LETIS
- OKDC
- MEKIOS
- UNF
- FOIN
- ♥RADEM
- OTO
- TINKET
- HEFIT
- ♥ASET



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

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**Briefs**

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The suspect is described as a Hispanic male, medium build, bald, wearing a Dallas Cowboys jersey with the number 94 on it, and blue denim jeans. Investigators from the Central Regional Command know that someone has information on the suspect that is depicted in the surveillance images. Anyone with any information on this case is asked to call Crime Stoppers of El Paso immediately at 566-8477 (TIPS). Remember your information is always anonymous and if your information leads to an arrest you qualify for a cash reward.

- James Klaes

**Wanted**

Manhunt Monday's Most Wanted Fugitive is Diego Cuellar, 25, a known Sureno Gang Member. He uses Diego Facio and Borrego. He is 5'4" tall, weighs 140 pounds and has brown hair and eyes. Sur is tattooed on his upper left arm. Cuellar is wanted for a violent May, 27, 2010 assault in Westway, TX. Deputies were called to the area of the 8300 block of Tom Mays around 8:00 p.m. in reference to a stabbing that just occurred. Three or four "cholo-type" males stabbed the 19-year-old male victim with a large butcher knife repeatedly following an earlier verbal altercation with the group. The victim sustained serious stab wounds to his upper back and right side of his head - one near the temple region of his skull. The victim was rushed to a local hospital where he underwent surgery. Cuellar was identified as one of the assailants and is wanted on multiple charges. He has several relatives in Westway, Canutillo, and El Paso. In 2004, he was sentenced to Texas Department of Corrections for another crime. Officials are asking the public for any information on the whereabouts of Cuellar. People can contact the Sheriff's Office (915) 546-2280 or Crime Stoppers of El Paso at 566-TIPS (8477). Callers will remain anonymous and may be eligible for a reward if the information provided leads to the apprehension of the individuals featured.

Diego Cuellar

- Deputy Jesse Tovar

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