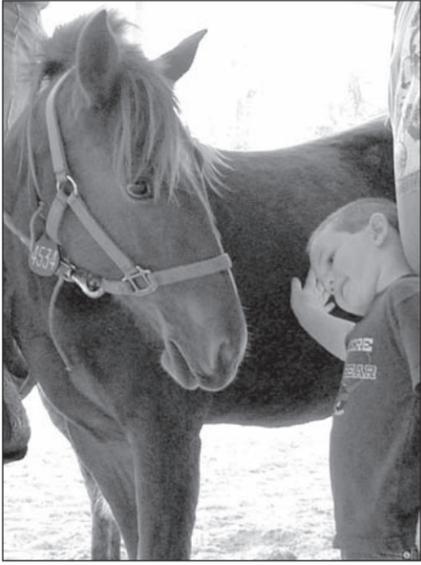




NEWSBRIEFS



Wild horse and burro adoption postponed

The wild horse and burro adoption scheduled for this weekend, April 7 through 9, in Canutillo has been postponed. Due to budgetary uncertainty in Congress, the U.S. Bureau of Land Management has postponed the event for a date to be determined later. Visit www.blm.gov or call toll-free 866-4-MUSTANGS (866-468-7826) for updated information.

— Paul McGuire

Social Security scam

Residents of El Paso already receiving Social Security benefits have reported receiving correspondence in the mail titled "2011 Social Security Tax Law Update". Correspondence advises individuals about an increase in Social Security taxes due to government budget shortfalls. Furthermore, individuals are asked to submit their names, spouse's names, dates of births and telephone numbers as legislation is available to reduce or avoid these taxes. Social Security wants to alert seniors receiving Social Security/Supplemental Security Income benefits to be aware of this tax fraud. This is indeed is another effort to scam Social Security beneficiaries. This is not an official Social Security notice. Call the Social Security Administration at 1-800-772-1213 if you have any concerns.

— Ray Vigil

Golf tourney

The Junior Woman's Club of El Paso is gearing up to host its 9th Annual Spring Swing Golf Tournament to be held April 29, 2011 at Painted Dunes Golf Course. Entry includes continental breakfast, beverages on the course, luncheon with raffle prizes, and a great goodie bag! The entry fee is \$400 for a team of 4. All men and women in El Paso are welcome to play. Proceeds this year will be going to local charities. If you are interested

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— Photo courtesy San Elizario ISD

GOING FOR DISTANCE — Sambrano Elementary School student Bryan Arriaga competed in the long jump during the Special Olympics hosted by San Elizario ISD. Volunteers stand ready to measure his effort.

San Elizario HS hosts Lower Valley Special Olympi™cs

By Cynthia P. Marentes
Special to the Courier

SAN ELIZARIO — More than 90 athletes gathered at the San Elizario High School Eagle

Stadium on March 30 to demonstrate their physical abilities in front of family, friends and supporters at the 4th Annual Lower Valley Special Olympics. The event empowers athletes with disabilities in an atmosphere of acceptance and healthy competition while

promoting physical development.

The San Elizario Independent School District (SEISD) hosted student athletes from neighboring districts Clint, Fabens,

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Hueco Tanks is unlike any other place in the world

By Alfredo Vasquez
Special to the Courier



EL PASO COUNTY — Present-day Native American communities view the rock imagery and landscape of Hueco Tanks State Park and Historic Site as meaningful and essential components of their heritage and history. Subsequently, special use permits are made available for Native American ceremonial and religious activities.

And so it was that descendants of the Kiowa, Navajo, and Tigua of Ysleta tribes visited the park recently to reconnect with this sacred ground and pay homage to their ancestors.

Dr. Mark Palmer, a Kiowa and associate

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— Photo by Alfredo Vasquez

BACK TO THEIR ROOTS — Descendants of the Kiowa, Navajo, and Tigua of Ysleta tribes visited Hueco Tanks State Park & Historic site recently to reconnect with this sacred ground and pay homage to their ancestors. Shown in photo, from left, are Benjamin Paiz, Tigua traditional tribal leader; Rafael Gomez Jr., Tigua traditional tribal leader; Sylvia Granillo, Tigua Historic Preservation assistant; Rene Lopez, Tigua tribe member; Alex Mares, Navajo Nation Tribe member, and Dr. Mark Palmer, a Kiowa and associate professor at the University of Missouri in Columbia.

The best things in life are free — plus tax, of course.

— Quips & Quotes

Por la Gente By State Rep. Chente Quintanilla

HB1 is a bad bill for Texans

Hola mi gente. Every session, the legislature has only one genuine responsibility. That is to pass an appropriations bill. Work on this bill started back in early February with the members of that committee working 12-hour days for two months.

The committee breaks into different committees to set the funding for different programs such as public education, higher education and health and human services. Eventually, the committees make recommendations to the committee of the whole and the bill is written. With that amount of hard work and the input of thousands of Texans, we hoped that a reasonable bill would be drafted. As time passed, the comments made publicly gave every indication that the bill was not going to be good for communities like El Paso.

The senate version, at this time, appears to be a more responsible bill. While that version also addresses cuts, senators have stated their intent

to find revenue to reduce the cuts.

Hopefully that will be reflected in the final budget. Anyway, back to the bill the House passed.

I voted no on the passage of House Bill 1, a bad piece of legislation in this hard economic period. This state is slowly moving away from the peak number of Texans out of work. This bill is projected by reputable sources to increase the number of Texans out of work by over 300,000 people over the next biennium. No one can argue that those consequences would be good for our state.

The budget as written is very bad for my constituents. While I recognize that some monies were transferred into programs that educate our students or protect our elderly and disabled, there should never have been such drastic cuts to those programs. Texas has the wealth to fund public education at the state level in the manner mandated by the state constitution. There is wealth enough to care for our indigent,

mentally ill, and elderly. Texas has, after all, the eighth largest economy in the world. Isn't that what our state leadership brags about?

The process that shaped the bill that I voted against was badly tarnished. Those who worked on the bill in committee never even considered calling for many of the wealthiest corporations to lose exemptions from taxation. Isn't it fair for those corporations to pay the taxes, as you and I do, that sustain the programs that benefit Texans?

Additionally, the process also did something that should be done only in committee and with public testimony. Through committee oversight, we determine the scope of responsibilities for the agencies. Some agencies were dismantled by amendments that were filed defunding them. The end result would be more unemployment.

It was wrong to ignore the rainy day fund. This is exactly the crisis for which voters approved the constitutional amendment.

I want to vote for a good bill for Texas. If we don't get it done in this session, then we must have a special session. We can do way better than this bill.

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

Veterans Post By Freddy Groves

PTSD – The stigma of invisible wounds

Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) can manifest in any number of ways – anger, sleepless nights, overt behavioral acting out, upset stomach, exaggerated startle response, flashbacks, drug and alcohol use, withdrawal from people and activities, and dozens more.

PTSD is real... and it's invisible, unlike a physical injury that can be seen. Therein lies a problem that far too many veterans have faced: not having their reactions and their concerns taken seriously. Veterans are told to "get over it" by well-meaning people who don't understand.

Because of negative reactions, too many veterans aren't seeking help. They're worried about seeming weak, or are concerned about what others think.

Does this describe you?

If you have PTSD symptoms, go here: www.ptsd.va.gov. It's the Department of Veterans Affairs website on PTSD. Click on Veterans and the General Public. There's lots of information there, including an overview, common reactions, the types of trauma, assessment and treatment, family

and friends, and returning from war. Don't miss the section on self-help and coping. Follow the link to What Can I Do if I Think I Have PTSD?

Even if you took a PTSD screening test and passed it when you came home, maybe things have changed.

Here is one big reason to get help: Symptoms can get worse, as chronic stress can set off physical illnesses.

Here's another: It might not be PTSD. You're not going to know unless you are evaluated. Don't try to self-diagnose.

The list of treatments for PTSD is getting longer as time goes by. If you weren't successfully treated before, try again. Give treatment a chance.

If you're in crisis, call this number: 1-800-273-8255. It's a hotline staffed by people who can help. Veterans: press 1.

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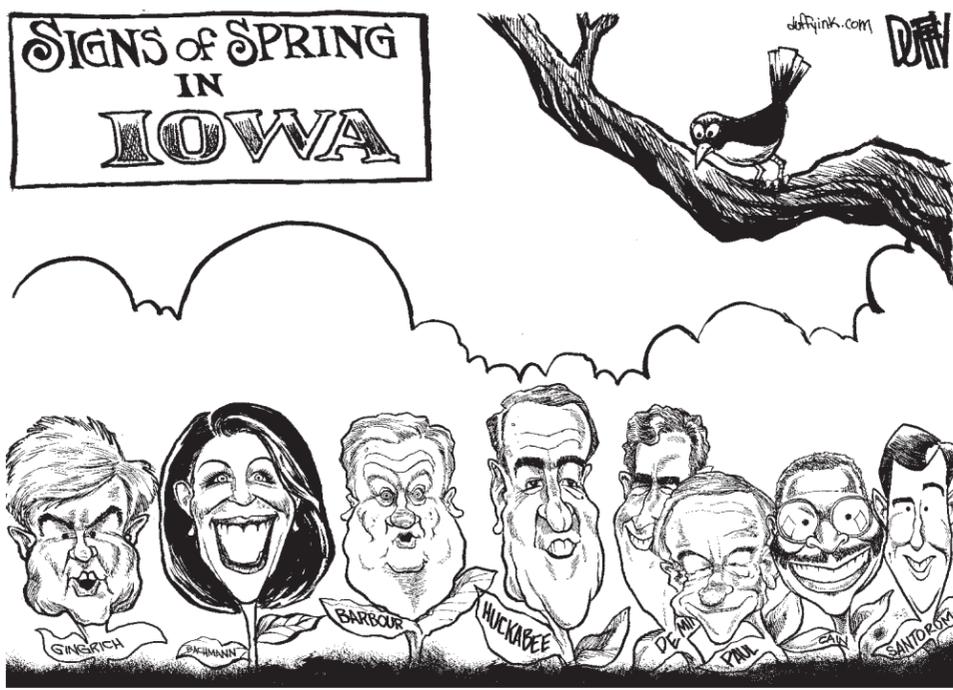
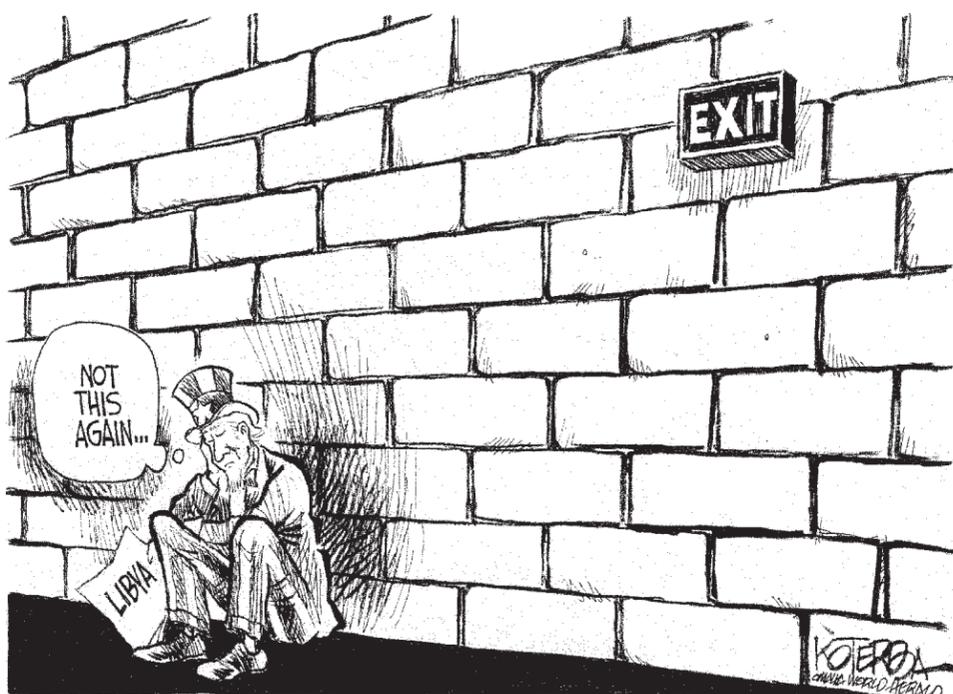
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What's up doc? By Albert Balesh, M.D.

Publisher's note: Dr. Albert Balesh has been a Courier contributor since 2003. He chose to study medicine and tried to pursue his studies in America. Grades were not an issue, but Affirmative Action was – dictating that certain quotas must be met. Balesh was accepted to medical school in Italy where he became a General and Thoracic Surgeon. He returned to America in 1993 at age 40 and for 19 years has been denied the opportunity to practice medicine. He has footed the bill for his own board exam – passed – but cannot obtain a residency program to qualify him to practice medicine in this country. Now at age 59, he faces the same issues that many other professionals have confronted regarding age. He is not alone. Lawyers for the Office of Shortage Designation, Bureau of Health Professions of the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) in Rockville, Maryland are currently looking into the numerous allegations of discrimination against foreign-trained international medical graduates – US citizens like Balesh – in the selection process for US graduate medical education (i.e., medical internships and residencies). The investigation questions whether positions are being unfairly awarded to non-US citizens and foreign aliens, and whether this constitutes a violation of US labor and citizenship laws. Age discrimination has also been cited in the allegations.

Glue factory

I come to you, my readers, in my 100th piece for the *West Texas County Courier*, a disillusioned man. Life has not been what I or many of us envisioned for ourselves, in this age of medical miracles, information super highways, quick-draw plastic, and the burning of Stars and Stripes and Mom's apple pie. As unbridled imagination seeks to establish a beachhead and the complexions of kindergartens become an experience in the color spectrum, niches become harder than ever to carve in the human collectivity. With laptops plugged into walls, earphones into any orifice that will take them, and cellular phones into our privacy, something as simple as reading a good book on a lazy Sunday afternoon becomes tantamount to SAT calisthenics for disenfranchised youths bred on a healthy diet of white noise versus productive brain waves. Whoever said the meek will inherit the earth? That primacy will rest with the unqualified of stellar résumé legions of international under-thirty stamp, whose English is heavily accented, intelligible only in the darkest recesses of remedial ESL classrooms, and written correctly only to the rattle, hum, and glow of spellcheck and Google Search. And all the while Baby Boomers are looked upon with disdain, called "old" and "bald," and readied for 21st century furnaces, "soylent green," or the glue factory.

Nothing new. It has always been that way, you say. Well, I say, "Enough!" Sometime, someone, somewhere must draw a line in the sand, and with the world currently on a downward rollercoaster spiral toward Sodom and Gomorrah, perhaps it is time to roll out the old and reign in the new. Unrealistic, you protest. Well, so was \$5.00 a gallon gasoline several years ago. And while a cure for cancer goes the way of the horse and buggy, we continue to be held hostage by a generation whose only claim to fame is a resting on forefathers' laurels and a relentless conviction that "honor student" bumper stickers are a true sign of worth and gauge of future success. Bah, humbug! My dog is smarter than your honor student! Then, again, maybe the 78 million Baby Boomers, born between 1945 and 1964, don't have what it takes to compete with the current trade school or college-age population, as they are prepared for entry onto or continued longevity on U.S. employment scrolls.

God help us, and God help this country of ours! It is a sad commentary on life and times when chronological age is equated more with a readiness for the glue factory, than with experience to not only be passed on to others but also to increase productivity in the workplace. While 50- and 60-year-olds continue to be discarded from the job market, in favor of twenty- or thirty-somethings whose nimble fingers make laptops, iPods, iPads, smart phones, and every imaginable (and, most often, totally useless) electronic gadget dance, literacy, math, and science skills, and the ability to read and write clearly and coherently, continue to be outsourced to China, India, and Pakistan. America, shame on you! The worth of a nation is not measured by how it values the new, but by how it treasures the old. The Japanese would most certainly attest to that assertion, while at the same time having done away with the traditions and inner nobility of the Samurai. The American Indian admonishment should

be chiseled in the stone of the Washington Monument, that "That which you take will always be taken from you." Fast forward to twenty or thirty years from now, and I'll be gone, leaving the so-called "young and able" to write the follow-up piece, in God only knows what language and with how much incorrect syntax.

When young and playing fast-pitch on a brick wall with only enough money in the pocket for a soda pop, one longs for the day when adulthood brings riches and the American Dream. That shiny red sports car that zooms by is not seen as an object of envy to be coveted, but rather a goal to be reached with hard work at the coming of age. No longer true today, however, as financial solvency walks a tightrope between soup kitchen and fast-food restaurant, as prescription medications are cut in half by the sick and indigent to make them go farther, as families must decide between winter heating oil and sending junior to college, and as a missed paycheck marks the beginning of the yellow brick road to invasion of privacy by collection agencies, as the number of unemployed workers 55 and over continues to swell to 2.2 million and beyond. That is triple the 2005 figure, with half the vagrants, unemployed, homeless, jobless, migrants, old bags, welfare cons, hand-out abusers, or whatever else one chooses to call the innocent out of work for more than six months. All the while, establishment big-wigs tell the rest, "You should be grateful to have a job in these times." Translation: be miserable, earn a minimum wage not commensurate with your educational level, pay off those expensive student and high interest credit card loans, and with the change in your pocket be glad you're alive. After all, you brought this on yourselves.

Is "recareering" the answer for laid off auto workers, engineers, bankers, builders, and doctors, like myself? Not in a long shot, especially in the current economic climate of heartless foreclosures, devastating tsunamis, readily available iodine pills to forestall the immediate effects of fallout particles on the thyroid while placing the subsequent leukemias twenty years down the road on the backburner, and a bloated and ravenous military fighting losing battles on three fronts in order to keep its uneducated masses gainfully employed and out of sight, out of mind of job recruiters and Ivy League-trained economists in a sputtering civilian job market. The latter echoes the "Let's make war, not love" mentality that has made American great in times of economic downturn.

In 1905, world-renowned physician William Osler stated in no uncertain terms that ages 25-40 were the golden years of productivity, with workers aged 60 and above being basically useless. The fight for survival, lack of food, and scarce resources made Darwinian logic a mantra during the subsequent Great Depression, with older Americans refusing to retire and causing great unemployment among younger workers. After that, it became all too evident that the only way to get old people to stop working was to pay them enough to stop working. Now, however, you cannot either pay them enough to stop working or work them enough to start paying. The "glue" will just continue to flow.

The history lesson and venting are over. I guess I'll just make my way down to the factory.



– Photo by Alfredo Vasquez

VINTAGE STRUCTURE – Nick Vosbein, Hueco Tanks campground host and volunteer guide, stands in front of the Escontrias Ranch House, which was built around 1904 by Silverio Escontrias, who owned the land on which Hueco Tanks is located from 1898 to 1956.

Hueco Tanks

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professor at the University of Missouri in Columbia, and Dewey Tsonetokoy, also a Kiowa and co-founder of the Kiowa Ethnographic Endeavor Preservation organization in Carnegie OK, along with Alex Mares, a member of the Navajo Nation Tribe, came together with Tigua traditional tribal leaders Benjamin Paiz and Rafael Gomez Jr., Tigua Historic Preservation assistant Sylvia Granillo, and tribe member Rene Lopez on a sunny, warm Friday morning in late March.

They came to perform a sacred ceremony to honor their ancestors, but they also came to perform modern day research. Dr. Palmer is developing a mapping system

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To protect the Rio Grande and prevent the pollution of our drinking water, we need to change some of our own

personal habits. Whether at home, on the job, or in our cars, our activities can cause pollution of our waterways and river.

Use the following tips to reduce and prevent pollution of our water.

- Buy non-toxic biodegradable and recyclable products.
- Select multi-use products (such as detergent that cleans and

bleaches). Clean paint brushes in a sink that drains into the sewer system.

To protect your family and the environment, substitute household chemicals with less toxic alternatives.

Outdoor Watering Tips

- Reduce water runoff by aiming sprinkler heads away from paved surfaces.
- Use slow release natural fertilizers.
- Use the pesticide "diazinon" only as a last resort. (Diazinon is extremely difficult to remove from wastewater and can end up in the river where it will kill aquatic life.
- Most fertilizers, herbicides and pesticides are considered harmful. They must be disposed of according to the instruction on the product.
- Never pour hazardous chemicals down any storm drain, sewer manhole or your household drain. Use these chemicals carefully and sparingly. Try natural remedies.

Remember these important rules to prevent water contamination:

- Don't dump hazardous chemical, used motor oil or other hazardous waste into the storm water drains or down the sewer.
- Don't dump hazardous chemicals or household hazardous waste along the roads or on the ground.
- Don't buy hazardous chemical or other hazardous materials unless you are willing to take responsibility for their proper disposal.

Auto Care Helpful Hints

- Repair the following as soon as possible: oil, transmission fluid, gasoline or antifreeze leak.
- Use absorbent materials (kitty litter or sand) to dry up puddles of oil or antifreeze left under vehicles.
- If you can't use commercial car wash facilities, limit car washing frequency. Use minimal amount of detergent and wash your car on a grassy area.

Outdoor Chemical

Storage

If chemical cannot be stored indoors, then every effort should be made to prevent the contamination of storm water from these outdoor containers.

The containers should always be closed when not in use. Any spills that occur should be cleaned immediately with a dry absorbent, and containers should be stored in such a way that storm water will not enter the area of storage (overhead canopy, secondary containment). It is also recommended that all hazardous liquid products in bulk quantities and all hazardous liquid waste materials be stored in a secondary containment area.

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• Code Texas 79838 Enforcement – 852-1047

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STRANGE BUT TRUE

By Samantha Weaver

- It was French novelist, essayist and critic Marcel Proust who made the following sage observation: "There is nothing like desire for preventing the things one says from bearing any resemblance to what one has in one's mind."

- The city of Denver holds the distinction of being the first major metropolitan area to allow women to vote in elections, back in 1893.

- Connectivity may finally be going too far. Way too far. Beyond death, even. It seems that someone has now invented the solar-powered Tomb, a headstone that stores information from the deceased's social networking sites. Visitors to the grave can use a laptop or a smartphone to download photos, blog posts and even videos via a Bluetooth connection.

- Famed screenwriter and director Woody Allen started his career in show business in the 1960s as a writer for the TV series "Candid Camera."

- In a traditional Moroccan wedding, the bride must be purified in a milk bath and have her hands and feet painted with henna before the ceremony.

- A man named Stephen Burns holds a rather odd world record: He managed to hitchhike through all of the contiguous 48 states in less time than anyone else – 26 days and 6 hours.

- You might be surprised to learn that the largest supplier of foreign oil to the United States isn't Saudi Arabia, Libya, Iraq or Kuwait. In fact, we buy more of our oil much closer to home: from Canada.

- Between 70 percent and 80 percent of all the world's fresh water is frozen, stored in Arctic and Antarctic glaciers.

- Not all black bears are black; individuals in some populations around the world can be brown, white, cinnamon or even blue.

Thought for the Day: "I envy people who drink. At least they have something to blame everything on."

– Oscar Levant

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Hueco Tanks

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delineating historic and cultural sites associated with the historic Kiowa. Tsonetokoy wants to document the park's pictographs as they relate to the Kiowa's oral history. Mares, a former Hueco Tanks lead ranger and now a law enforcement ranger in a neighboring state, and the Tigua tribe members served as guides for this recent visit with the assistance of Texas State Park staff.

Dr. Palmer said, "My principle question: How does culture like language, story, pictorial, or ceremony influence the use and understanding of geographic information? I use maps and geographic information systems (GIS), as technology, for testing this question out."

Mares said, "Our visit is to add to the body of knowledge about Hueco Tanks using modern technology and to impress upon everyone that these mountains are not only historical but also sacred grounds that hold extraordinary potential for amazing discoveries."

The Hueco Tanks State Park and Historic Site spans 860 acres and is located about 24 miles from El Paso's northeast city limits boundary, off of Montana Road/ Highway 180. It is a place unlike any other in the world, according to park officials.

"Its unique geology includes the huecos (hollows in the rock) which catch and store rain water. The water gives life to the plants and animals in the woodland, grassland, and aquatic environments of Hueco Tanks, making the site an oasis in the desert. Added to this are more than 2,000 Native American rock paintings, each one a priceless and irreplaceable testimony to Hueco Tanks' importance to the people of the past and present," states the park's visitors' brochure.

For thousands of years, desert dwellers and travelers have used the rainwater trapped in the natural basins, or huecos, of the three mountain formations found at the historic site. The majority of the rock art is attributed to pueblo-type farmers, the Jornada Mogollon people, who lived there around 1000 A.D. Later, nomadic Plains Indians and stagecoaches stopped at the site. Today, visitors may explore the rocks and caves to see the ancient pictographs.

Generations of families from the El Paso-Juarez region have picnicked and hiked among the Hueco Tanks rocks and marveled at the beauty of the enormous boulders stacked on top of each other. To certain American Indian tribes, however, it marks the discovery of a sacred place from a prior world.

Hueco Tanks was a focal point in the spiritual landscape of the eastern Hueco Bolson for 1,000 years or more, according to a 2010 Texas Parks & Wildlife report, titled 10,000 Years at Hueco Tanks.

According to the report, the abundant rock imagery primarily appears to represent ritual petitions for rain; some pictographs date back more than 6,000 years. Sacred areas were established high on the hills,

and many persons were laid to rest at the Tanks. Native groups traveled a trail through Hueco Tanks toward water and salt sources on the east for centuries, and their descendants guided military scouts and travelers along it beginning in 1692.

Although a stagecoach station was established in the 1890s, the first permanent historic occupation was the Escontrias Ranch, which

operated from 1898 to 1956. Fort Bliss conducted military training at Hueco Tanks in the 1940s and 50s.

Recreational activities began at the turn of the twentieth century and continually increased, culminating in the establishment of a state park in 1970.

A plan is now in place that provides for management and protection of the significant cultural resources

in Hueco Tanks State Park & Historic Site, and recommendations are made periodically for future investigation and interpretation at the park. The artifacts and records from these investigations are curated by the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department in Austin.

For more information, call 915-857-1135, or visit website www.tpwd.state.tx.us.

PUBLIC NOTICE TOWN OF HORIZON CITY, TEXAS

FAIR HOUSING STATEMENT

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

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

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

POLICY STATEMENT ESTABLISHING NONDISCRIMINATION BASED ON HANDICAPPED CONDITIONS

The Town of Horizon City announces that it has adopted a policy of nondiscrimination based on handicapped conditions concerning access, participation, and benefit of programs and activities operated or conducted by the locality. This policy is in compliance with the requirements of Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended in 24 CFR, Part 8, "Non-discrimination Based on Handicap in Federally-Assisted Programs and Activities of HUD," dated June 2, 1988. Interested individuals or groups may obtain copies of this policy statement by calling the Town Clerk, who has been assigned to coordinate compliance with this policy and may be contacted at (915) 852-1046.

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

The Town of Horizon City announces that it has adopted a policy prohibiting the use of excessive force by law enforcement personnel within its jurisdiction against an individual engaged in non-violent civil rights demonstrations. This policy is in compliance with Section 519 of Public Law 101-44, 1990, U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development Appropriations Act. Copies of this policy statement may be obtained by calling the Town Clerk at (915) 852-1046.

COMPLAINT AND GRIEVANCE PROCEDURES

In order to comply with the requirements of the Texas Community Development Program (TCDP) and of 10 T.A.C. Section 178.1 and Section 178.2, the locality has citizen complaint procedures intended to provide a timely written response to all complaints made against its proposed or completed TCDP efforts. Responses to complaints will be made within no more than ten (10) working days. A copy of the complaint procedures can be obtained upon request at (915) 852-1046. The established complaint procedures are an element of the local Citizen Participation Plan, and meet the requirements of USHUD Section 504 (24 CFR) concerning nondiscrimination based on handicapped conditions.

EQUAL OPPORTUNITY / AFFIRMATIVE ACTION STATEMENT

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Walter Miller
Mayor

West Texas County Courier
April 7, 2011

NBA playoffs are right around the corner

By Steve Escajeda
Special to the Courier

The NBA regular season is coming to a close and like the sun coming up in the morning or Jesse Jackson finding the front of a running video camera, the same old thing is happening.

The Los Angeles Lakers are starting to do what they always do heading into playoff time – winning games even before the referee tosses the ball in the air to start play.

It's called intimidation. The Lakers opponents see that logo on the front of the jersey and Los Angeles already is up by eight points in the hearts and minds of the guys in the opposite jerseys.

And it pains me to say this because I don't know if there is anyone in the world who hates the Lakers more than I do.

But as a sports reporter I have to be honest and call it the way I see it.

The Lakers are a gifted team, but no more talented than Dallas or Boston or Oklahoma City or Miami, but it's that intangible that

gives them the edge.

L.A. knows they are going to win another championship, the other teams feel that they might probably be able to somehow keep up with the guys in purple and gold.

It's all about what's between in the ears. And the player I dislike the most, Kobe Bryant, is probably the most determined and confident in the league.

Is Kobe more talented than LeBron James? Of course not.

But in a game of poker, where it takes wits, and patients, and experience, and a quiet determination, I'll take Kobe every time.

Boy, that hurts to say.

Going into the playoffs, the Lakers have been phenomenal since the all-star break while Boston and San Antonio and Miami and Dallas and Orlando have struggled.

The only other team playing great basketball right now is the Oklahoma City Thunder.

By the way, I think Oklahoma City is the only team with the temperament and talent to give the Lakers a battle in the west.

I think L.A. is already in the heads of San Antonio and Dallas.

I've heard some of the guys on ESPN hinting that maybe Kobe Bryant should be the MVP instead of Chicago's Derrick Rose – please people.

Kobe is a very good player but anyone who really knows anything about basketball knows that even with Kobe running things a few years ago, the Lakers didn't start winning titles again until they made the trade for Pau Gasol.

Gasol is the true MVP of the Lakers. Kobe puts the fans in the seats with his spectacular, and sometimes erratic play. But it's Gasol who puts the Lakers over the hump.

Going into the playoffs, I'll be cheering loudly for every team the Lakers face, but I have to be honest. I don't just feel like L.A. will win another championship, I think they're going to dominate the field.

The only other team that I thought really had a chance, the Boston Celtics, will not be intimidated by the Lakers, but their mid-season trades still have me scratching my head.

Getting rid of Kendrick Perkins, the Celtics' force under the basket, has not worked out in

the least and that will really Boston against the Lakers' big guys – if Boston even gets that far into the playoffs.

Another thing that makes the Lakers even tougher this season is the improved play of their other two big guys, Lamar Odom and Andrew Bynum.

Odom, who in the past has carried a kind of I'll-play-every-other-game attitude around with him is playing hard every night in was is probably his best season with the Lakers.

The first thing about Bynum is that he's still on the disabled list by now. The fact that he's still playing makes the Lakers just that much tougher than they were last year.

Between them, Odom and Bynum are averaging 26.1 points and 17.6 rebounds per game. Throw that in with Gasol's 18.9 points and 10.2 rebounds a game and that's a pretty formidable front line.

So will I have to sit there in utter frustration on my couch watching Kobe and the rest of my mortal enemies lifting the NBA championship trophy in June?

No comment...

A sporting view By Mark Vasto

There are no more 'Mid-Majors'

It was a condescending term to start with, "mid-major," as if the colleges that happened to be born outside of the vaunted Bowl Championship Series conferences were "sub-human" or something.

That's not to say the well-endowed teams that comprise the ACC, SEC, Big East, Big 10, Big 12 and Pac-10, and their alumni, don't look

down their noses at their smaller conference brethren – they certainly do. The six "major" conferences consider it their birthright to take the lion's share of the revenue that's up for grabs each year. They get the huge TV deals, the lucrative shoe contracts and whatnot. They have the ways and means to fly not only their teams across the country, but

their school bands, too.

Yes, they gobble up the majority of those considered to be the best national recruits. They are virtually guaranteed an invite – usually as a top seed – in the NCAA tournament if they merely manage to hash out a semi-convincing winning record.

Take – like many opponents did this year – the Big East, for example. With 16 basketball members (Big East football is a little more complicated), it set the all-time record for the most teams sent to the NCAA's by a single conference with

11 this past season.

The result as far as your bracket was concerned? UConn – the No. 9-ranked Big East team – was the conference's sole Final Four representative.

But what's that got to do with the price of beer in Richmond, home of the Virginia Commonwealth University Rams? They never thought in a million years they'd be in the NCAA tournament, let alone compete for the championship. The VCU team didn't even bother watching the NCAA selection show, and only TWO people out of the 5.9 million who filled out brackets on ESPN.com picked the correct Final Four of Butler, VCU, Kentucky and UConn.

And really, the instant VCU stepped onto the court and proceeded to usher the Kansas Jayhawks out of town, the term "mid-major" should have gone with them. There's nothing "mid-

major" about shooting the smart three and grabbing more rebounds than your opponent; nothing "mid-major" about recruiting programs, student bodies and alumni like those who participate in the programs at Gonzaga, Butler and George Mason.

In fact, it was No. 11 George Mason, under the guidance of Coach Jim Larranaga, that drew first blood. Larranaga guided Mason to the Final Four in 2006, and he's a staunch booster of the smaller programs.

"There's going to be a mid-major win a national championship," Larranaga said in an interview with The New York Times. "There's no doubt in my mind."

All things considered lately, that would seem to be a safe bet.

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



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U.S. General Services Administration

Got game – sign
up for volleyball

The Town of Anthony is sponsoring an Amateur Sand Volleyball Tournament on April 17 at the Anthony Municipal Park. The town wants to showcase another part of its on-going park construction and at the same time raise money for the American Red Cross.

The tournament will start at 11:00 a.m. and end at 7:00 p.m. on Sunday the 17. Teams are invited to sign up for the event. First prize is \$300.00 dollars, 2nd prize \$200.00 and third prize is \$100.00 and applications for the tournament are available on the our web site, townofanthony.org and by calling the Town of Anthony at 915-886-3944.

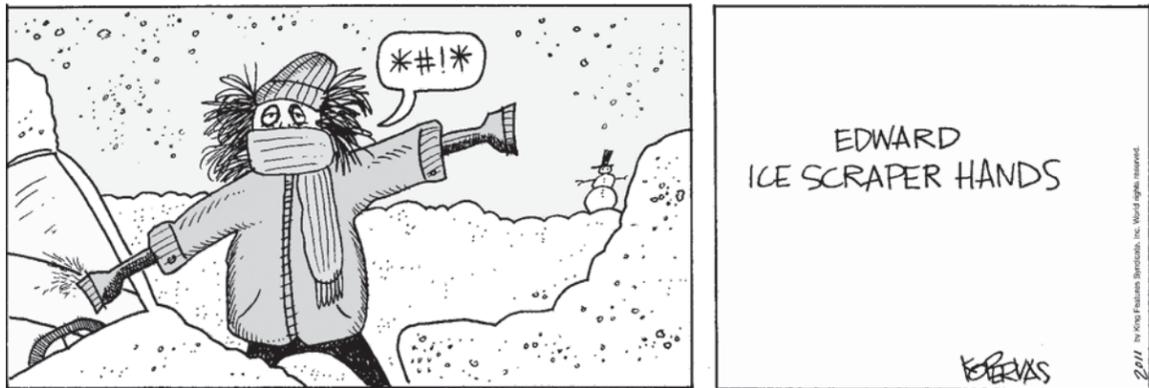
Bring your umbrellas, sun block and chairs and join us for a day of fun in the sun in Anthony, Texas. A remote appearance by 104.3 FM will supply music along with give aways to include season tickets to Wet N Wild Waterworld.

– Art Franco

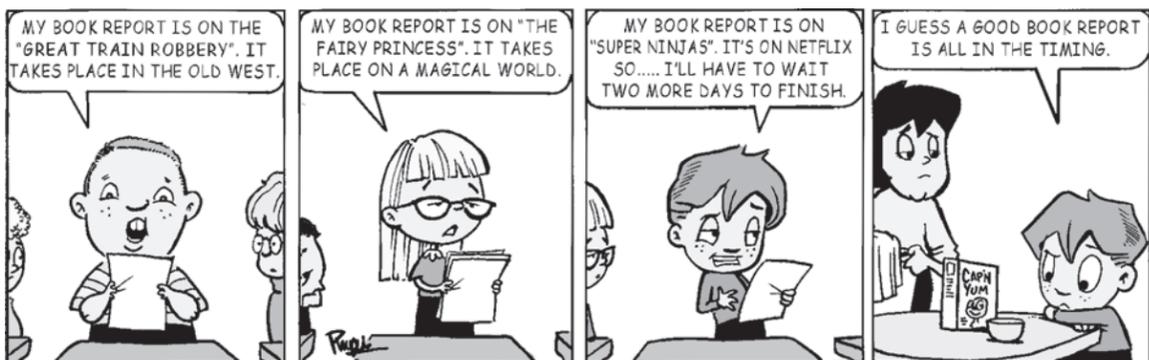
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Your good health By Paul G. Donahue, M.D.

DEAR DR. DONOHUE: Please explain urinary tract infections. Why do they recur? My doctor prescribes antibiotics, but shortly after I've completed taking them, I have another infection. What do you suggest as treatment? A pharmacist told me that I needed one or two days in the hospital to flush out my kidneys. — S.A.

recurrence is to give the woman a prescription for an antibiotic that she takes after intercourse. Home remedies can be helpful. Drinking 8 ounces of cranberry juice daily benefits prevention of the most common cause of these infections. The kidney flush suggestion is not a good one.

Urinary tract infections fall into one of two types. Upper tract infections indicate that the kidneys are involved. These are serious and less-common infections. Lower urinary tract infections are bladder infections, and they are very common. That's the kind of infection I believe you have.

The booklet on urinary tract infections delves deeper into these common maladies. To obtain a copy, write: Dr. Donohue — No. 1204W, 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.

Women are prone to develop bladder infections for a number of reasons. One, the tube (urethra) that empties their bladder is much shorter than in males, so bacteria can gain access to the bladder more easily. Secondly, the opening of the female urethra is in a place with a large population of bacteria. And thirdly, sexual relations massage bacteria into the female urethra and bladder.

DEAR DR. DONOHUE: I have a small lump on the back of my left wrist. It's soft and doesn't hurt even when I push on it. It's been there for at least two months. I don't remember injuring it. Lumps freak me out. My brother had bone cancer. When I see things sprouting on me, I think of cancer. Could it be? — F.L.

A bladder infection — cystitis — provokes frequent trips to the bathroom, an urgent need to quickly empty the bladder or suffer an accident, and pain, usually described as burning, during urination.

It's not likely to be bone cancer. A more likely bet is a ganglion. That's a kind of cyst filled with thick, gelatinous material. It communicates with the wrist joint or with one of the wrist tendons. If it doesn't hurt or interfere with wrist motion, you can ignore it. If it does, a doctor can remove it without much fuss. Many ganglion patients want their doctor to drain it. Drainage is possible, but the recurrence rate is very high.

Women with repeated bladder infections need to be evaluated to see if the infection is a relapse (an infection with the same bacterium) or a new infection (infection with a different bacterium). The approach to treatment hinges on that information.

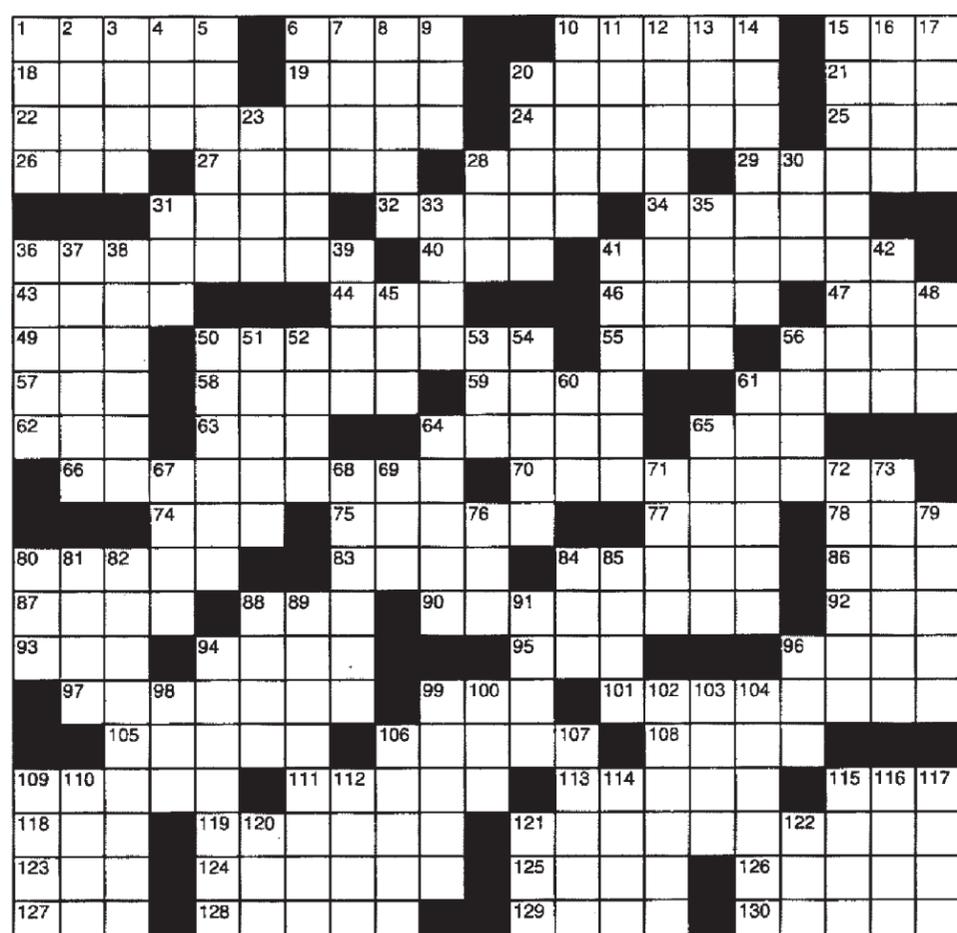
Dr. Donohue regrets that he is unable to answer individual letters, but he will incorporate them in his column whenever possible. Readers may write him or request an order form of available health newsletters at P.O. Box 536475, Orlando, FL 32853-6475. (c) 2011 North America Synd., Inc. All Rights Reserved.

If a woman has another infection with the same bacterium, the doctor can put her on the same antibiotic for a longer period of time and can continue to treat long after symptoms have gone. The continued treatment is with a reduced antibiotic dose.

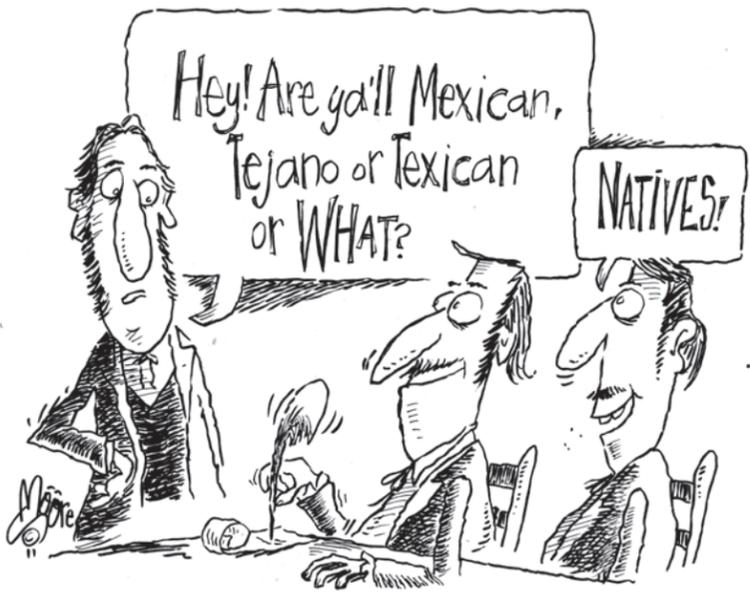
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Moore Texas by Roger Moore **The only Texas born signers of the 1836 Declaration of Independence were Francisco Ruiz and Jose Navarro .**



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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	÷		+		10
21		18		14	

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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'm expecting a baby this June. What do I need to do to get a Social Security number for my baby?

A: You can apply for a number at the hospital at the same time you apply for your baby's birth certificate. The State agency that issues birth certificates will share your child's information with us, and we will mail the Social Security card to you. You can learn more about Social Security cards and numbers by reading our online publication on the subject.

Just visit www.socialsecurity.gov/pubs/10002.html.

Q: How long does it take to complete the online application for retirement benefits?

A: It can take as little as 15 minutes to complete the online application. In most cases, once your application is submitted electronically, you're done. There are no forms to sign and usually no documentation to mail in. Social Security will process

your application and contact you if any further information is needed. There's no need to drive to a local Social Security office or wait for an appointment with a Social Security representative. To retire online, go to www.socialsecurity.gov.

For more information on any of the questions listed above, visit our website at 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.

Olympics

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Fort Hancock, and Tornillo. The Lower Valley Special Olympics was created by the five districts in order to provide special needs students an opportunity to participate in Olympic-type sports in a smaller and encouraging setting where they are able to interact with other students from the different schools.

Before the games, all the athletes and coaches marched in a parade as part of the official opening ceremony. Athletes seven years of age and younger competed in different motor activities inside the San Elizario High School auxiliary gym. Meanwhile, participants between seven- and 21-years-old took part in various track and field contests including

softball throw, mini javelin, long jump, wheelchair races, and relays.

Planning and coordination for this year's Lower Valley Special Olympics was carried out by the SEISD Special Education Department with other district staff pitching in to put on the event. Students from SEISD began preparing for competition in January with the assistance of family, instructors, and volunteers. All the athletes received medals or ribbons at awards ceremonies held at the conclusion of each contest.

This is the second time that SEISD has hosted the event, which rotates duties with Fabens and Clint ISDs every year. Lunch was also provided to all the participants and guests courtesy of Wal-Mart, Labatt Food Service, and the SEISD Child Nutrition Services Department.

Briefs

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in participating in this worth while event, please contact us at jwcelpaso@yahoo.com or call Edith at 731-1585.

Woman's Club

The Junior Woman's Club of El Paso will be hosting its annual Friendship Luncheon on Saturday, April 9, 2011 at 11am. The luncheon will be held at the Woman's Clubhouse located at 1400 N. Mesa. This years theme will be "A Day at the Derby". If you are interested in finding out what the Junior Woman's Club of El Paso is all about, please join us for this event. The Friendship luncheon is also a time to reflect on our history and recognize past presidents and former members. Cost for this event is \$10 for non-members. RSVP (or questions) please call 276-6417 by April 5, 2011. Parking is located on Mesa and River, across the street from the Woman's Club House.

Crime Stoppers

A man trying to flee from a vehicle that was following him in the northeast ends up passing by that vehicle, and is shot in the head, making this the Crime Stoppers "Crime of the Week." On Saturday, January 22, 2011, about 7:45 p.m., officers responded to a shooting in the 10400 block of Kendall in the northeast. Upon arrival, they found a white Chevrolet Caprice on the sidewalk with its front end against a tree. The driver of the Caprice, 19-year-old Isaiah Luna, had a gunshot wound to his head and was transported to University Medical Center where he died later that night. The investigation revealed that Luna and a friend were driving around the northeast, visiting friends, when Luna noticed that he was being followed by a small dark blue pickup truck. Luna attempted to flee from the vehicle, however they passed each other on Kendall and the suspects from the pickup truck fired several shots at Luna, fatally wounding him. If you have any information about the identity of the suspects involved, or the description of the vehicle, please call Crime Stoppers immediately at 566-TIPS (566-8477) or on-line at www.crimestoppersofelpaso.org. You will remain anonymous and, if your tip leads to an arrest, you can qualify for a cash reward.

- James Klaes

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: N equals L

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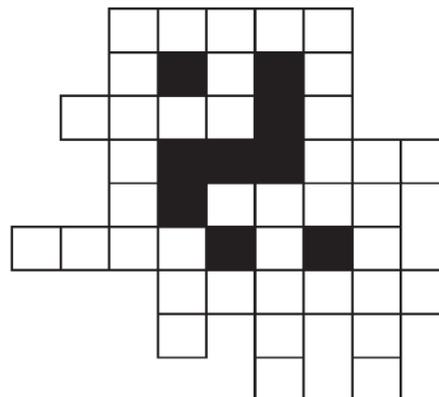
"ERA FMWEEQ FTDXR."

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- KDI
- KANTIE
- MAUTD
- HATI
- CLINEK
- ♥NTA
- KINO
- ♥NAAMI
- ♥KNI
- ♥MEDONA
- ♥THEDA
- ♥EDNA



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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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