



## NEWSBRIEFS

### Bible school

Clint First Baptist Church will offer Vacation Bible School to area children K-6th grade July 11-15, 2011, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Crafts, Bible study, recreation and snacks each day. Register on opening day. Call 851-3145 for information.

— Erma Nelson

### Emergency farm loans

Applications for emergency farm loans for losses caused by drought, excessive heat, high winds, and wildfires are being accepted at the Farm Service Agency (FSA) office located in Fort Stockton. Brewster, Crane, Culberson, Ector, El Paso, Hudspeth, Jeff Davis, Loving, Pecos, Presidio, Reeves, Terrell, Ward and Winkler Counties are one of 254 in Texas recently named by Secretary of Agriculture Thomas J. Vilsack eligible for loans to cover part of actual production and/or physical losses) resulting from the disaster. Farmers may be eligible for loans of up to 100% of their actual losses or the operating loan needed to continue the agricultural business, whichever is less. For farmers unable to obtain credit from private commercial lenders, the interest rate is 3.75 percent. FSA is a credit agency of the U.S. Department of Agriculture. It is authorized to provide disaster emergency loans to recognized farmers who work at and rely on farming for a substantial part of their living. Eligibility is extended to individual farmers who meet U.S. citizenship requirements and to farming partnerships, corporations, or cooperatives in which U.S. citizenship requirements are met by individuals holding a majority interest. The FSA office in Fort Stockton is open from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. Additional Information regarding Disaster Assistance Programs may be found online at <http://disaster.fsa.usda.gov>.

— William H. McAnally

### SBA in Horizon

ASBA seminar will be held on Wednesday, July 21 from 7:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. at the Oz Glaze Senior Center, 13969 Veny Webb in Horizon City. Participants can:

- Meet local and national SBA lenders;
- Find out about SBA Express Loans;
- Loans to start and grow your business;
- SBA 504 loans for land, building and equipment;
- Patriot Express Loans for out-processing military, spouses of military, veterans and reservist;
- Export Express Loans; and
- Learn about SBA resources to help you on business plan.

For information, call the SBA at 834-4600.

— William H. McAnally

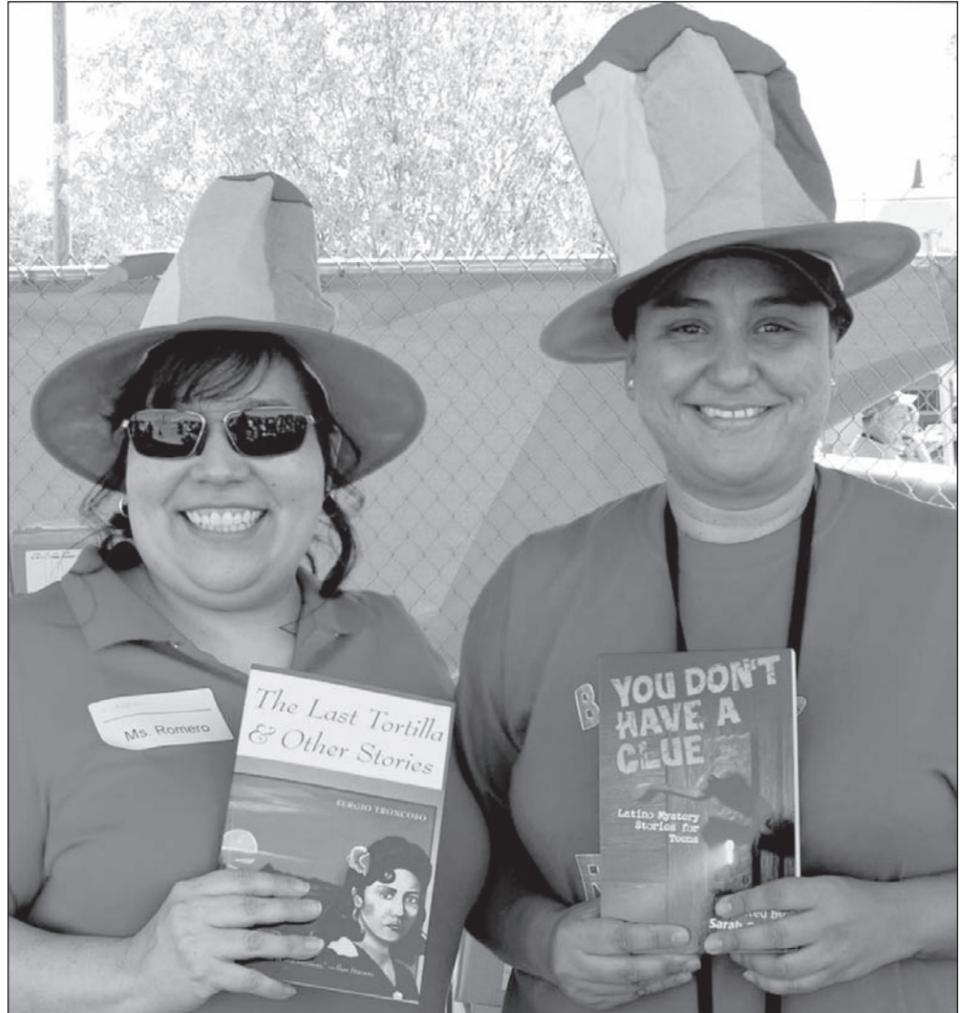
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### Telles leads parade

**LEADING THE TROOPS** – World War II veteran, Joe Telles – a member of the VFW Post 4384 in Anthony, NM – was this year's honorary leader in the 4th of July Parade put on by the Town of Anthony, TX. Telles was born November 22, 1912 and is one of the few surviving veterans of World War II. He joined the army on May 13, 1942 in Los Angeles, California and was discharged on October 30, 1945 with the rank of sergeant. During his time in service he was in the European Theater of Operations in Scotland for one and a half years. He received the Bronze Battle Star for serving in the air offensive and the distinguished Unit Badge for the 1944 European Theater of Operations. Telles is a life long resident of Anthony, NM. He worked at the United States Post Office for twenty-five years. On November 25, 1972 he was appointed Postmaster and served until his retirement on June 30, 1981. The Town of Anthony was proud to honor a man who served his country and community.

— Art Franco



— Photo courtesy San Elizario ISD

**MAKING BOOKS FUN** – San Elizario ISD librarians Sandra Romero and Nancy Jacquez show off some of the books that were given away at the Family Reading carnival.

## San Eli ISD hosts reading carnival

By Cynthia P. Marentes  
*Special to the Courier*

SAN ELIZARIO – Alarcon Park was the site of colorful tents, balloons, and hundreds of excited children who were part of the celebration for a different type of carnival, the San Elizario Independent School District's Family Reading Carnival: A Side Show of Absolutely Exciting, Interesting, and

Fascinating Books. The event held on June 23 was sponsored by a \$5,000 grant the district received through Macy's and Reading Is Fundamental (RIF).

Approximately 990 children and parents came out for the first ever literacy celebration held in San Elizario in spite of the hot summer morning. Additionally, almost 6,000 books were also distributed with each child receiving

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## School districts make move to online science resources



— Photo by Alfredo Vasquez

**GOING TECH** – Science teachers from the different school districts in El Paso County took time during their summer break recently to visit with various textbook publishers to review science supplemental resources available for adoption this school year. The science materials presentations were held at Ysleta ISD's central administration facility. Above, science teachers visit with McGraw-Hill Glencoe's presenters who demonstrate how to access the new online, web-based science resources.

By Alfredo Vasquez  
*Special to the Courier*

The State Board of Education's (SBOE) latest textbook adoption process has science teachers from all over Texas browsing the internet to identify the best supplemental materials for science instruction in grades fifth through twelfth.

The adoption of supplemental science materials is scheduled to occur by the end of July for both science grades 5-8 and for high school science courses including Biology, Chemistry, Integrated Physics and Chemistry (IPC), and Physics.

And for the first time, the resources consist of online web-based materials only. No printed textbooks or other printed materials were accepted for consideration.

The adopted web-based materials are scheduled to be implemented in schools next school year. They are intended to support the expanded science TEKS (Texas Elements

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*By the time most folks learn to behave themselves they're just too old to do anything else.*

— Quips & Quotes

## Veterans Post By Freddy Groves

### Sexual assaults in VA facilities

Put "military sexual assault" in an Internet search engine and you'll find more links than you'd ever want to read.

A recent report by the U.S. Government Accountability Office has a very telling title: "Actions Needed to Prevent Sexual Assaults and Other Safety Incidents." The report to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs was to determine whether sexual assaults at VA facilities are fully reported, and if not, what might account for that underreporting.

Here's what the GAO found:

- Most incidents of sexual assault reported to VA police were not reported further up the chain of command, especially to the VA Office of the Inspector General.
- Two-thirds of incidents involving rape in VA facilities were not reported to the VAOIG.
- The VA doesn't have the tools to determine if a patient is a risk for committing sexual assault. (The GAO went online and looked up patient names on sex-offender registries.)
- Precautions to prevent assaults, including monitoring and security in mental-health units, were deficient. Cameras weren't watched, and alarms failed.

• And here is a chilling statement: "Several clinicians raised concerns about the safety of women veterans in mental-health programs at one VA medical facility."

The GAO's overall recommendation: That the VA "improve both the reporting and monitoring of sexual assault incidents." The VA concurred.

Concurred? One of its excuses during the reporting period was that it's understaffed. Is that going to change?

The policies and rules for reporting have been in place. Offenses of a certain nature must be reported up the chain of command within two hours, although the GAO report hedges and says that might not have been clear.

For example, the VA failed "to provide a consistent definition of sexual assault."

Seems like a guarantee of physical safety in a VA facility isn't too much to ask for.

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## It's the law By Texas AG Greg Abbott

### Preventing bullying and cyber bullying

Bullying was once considered an unfortunate – but relatively harmless – schoolyard malady. Today, however, parents, educators and law enforcement officials are increasingly recognizing that bullying is anything but harmless.

Young victims of bullying can suffer long-term consequences that haunt them long into adulthood. For the perpetrators, bullying can cross the line and become a criminal violation with lifelong consequences. A recent study by Fight Crime: Invest in Kids showed that nearly 60 percent of boys who were classified as bullies in sixth to ninth grade faced criminal prosecution and conviction of at least one crime by the age of 24. Of that same population, 40 percent had three or more criminal convictions.

Bullies typically choose their victims based upon a particular vulnerability or a specific trait. Some simply choose victims randomly. For example, a bully may target a child because of the child's height or academic successes. To intimidate their victims, bullies rely upon a variety of harmful behaviors such as hitting, teasing, threatening, spreading rumors, damaging belongings and excluding others from social groups.

In an increasingly electronic world, cyber bullies rely on technology to torment others. Cyber bullying occurs when teenagers use the Internet, cell phones or other devices to send or post texts or images that are intended to hurt or embarrass their victims. Put differently, cyber bullies may attempt to destroy or smear a victim's reputation with emails, blogs, social media posts, text messages and other

electronic media. Bullying situations often involve seemingly powerful aggressors and victims who feel helpless. Sadly, some students who suffer bullying at school may believe that violence is the only way to defend themselves – but it is not. Texas law allows bullied students' parents to request that their children be transferred to another classroom or school. The law also requires that all schools display a student code of conduct that imposes disciplinary consequences for young bullies.

Parents and students alike should be aware that some instances of cyber bullying can cross the line and become criminal conduct. Texas law defines criminal harassment as "sending repeated electronic communications in a manner reasonably likely to harass, annoy, alarm, abuse, torment, embarrass, or offend another." Texas teenagers who suffer from cyber bullying or harassment should save all communications from a bully and report those threatening or hurtful messages to a parent, teacher, law enforcement officer or other trusted adult.

By working to prevent young Texans' bullying, harassment and intimidation, adults can help protect young people and make our communities safer. Parents and teachers are often best poised to build a child's self-confidence and teach the student how to peacefully resolve their problems. Parents and school personnel should always take bullying seriously so that children are not embarrassed or afraid to tell adults that they have been bullied.

To help children deal with bullies, parents should work to bolster

children's self-assertiveness and self-esteem. They should also teach their children to solve problems without resorting to violence. Victims of bullying should be taught to immediately report the bully or cyber bully to an adult.

Parents should also teach children that if they witness bullying, there are positive steps to end a potentially dangerous situation and help the victim. Witnesses must not watch or encourage the bully, since bullies typically desire an audience. Instead, witnesses and bystanders should go to the victim's aid if it is safe to do so and report the incident to an adult. Parents who observe any bullying should take action to stop it right away – even if their own child is responsible for the bullying.

To ensure children and teenagers know how to safely resolve a bullying incident, parents and teachers should teach students to:

- Report to an adult any type of bullying – including theft, physical attacks, online harassment, abusive text messages, etc.
  - Protect themselves and others. Young Texans should follow rules and stay out of trouble, avoid gangs, walk to school with friends, and be aware of their surroundings.
  - Be cooperative and respectful. Conflict resolution exercises, parental involvement in school or summer activities, and spending time with family can help offer children opportunities to experience appropriate social interaction with their peers.
- Together, parents, children, teachers and law enforcement authorities can help prevent bullying and cyber bullying, reduce crime and build a brighter future for all Texans.

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UTEP fans who renew or purchase football season tickets prior to June 1 will be entered into a special "30 Prizes in 30 Days" drawing. For each day in the month of June, a variety of prizes will be given away, including polos, t-shirts, back packs, jerseys, flags, footballs and more. The grand prize, to be awarded on June 30, is a trip for two to the Miners' game at UCF in Orlando. Award-winners will be contacted and posted on the UTEP Athletics Facebook page.

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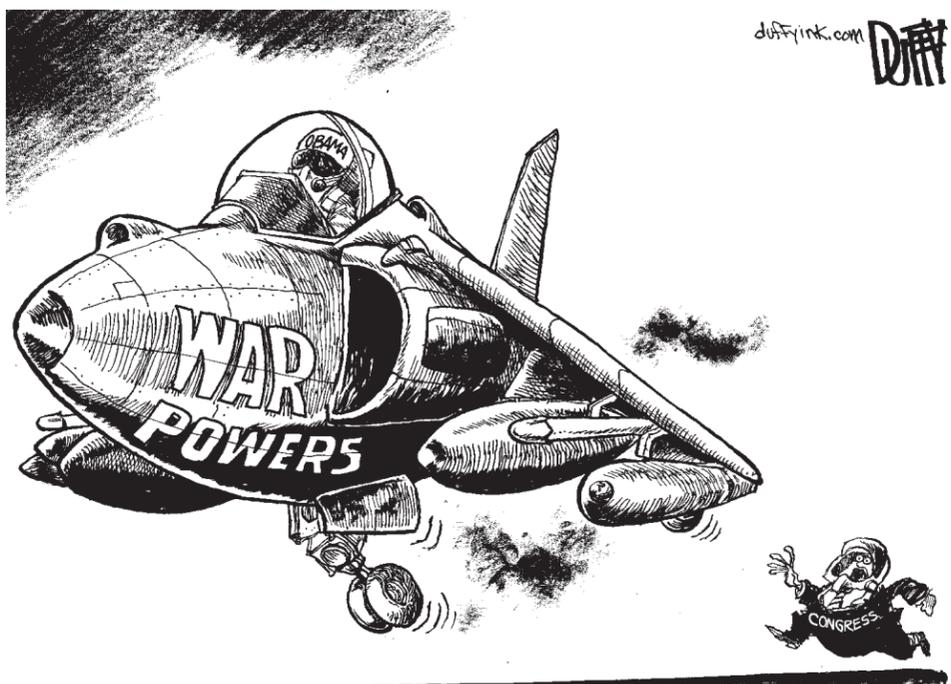
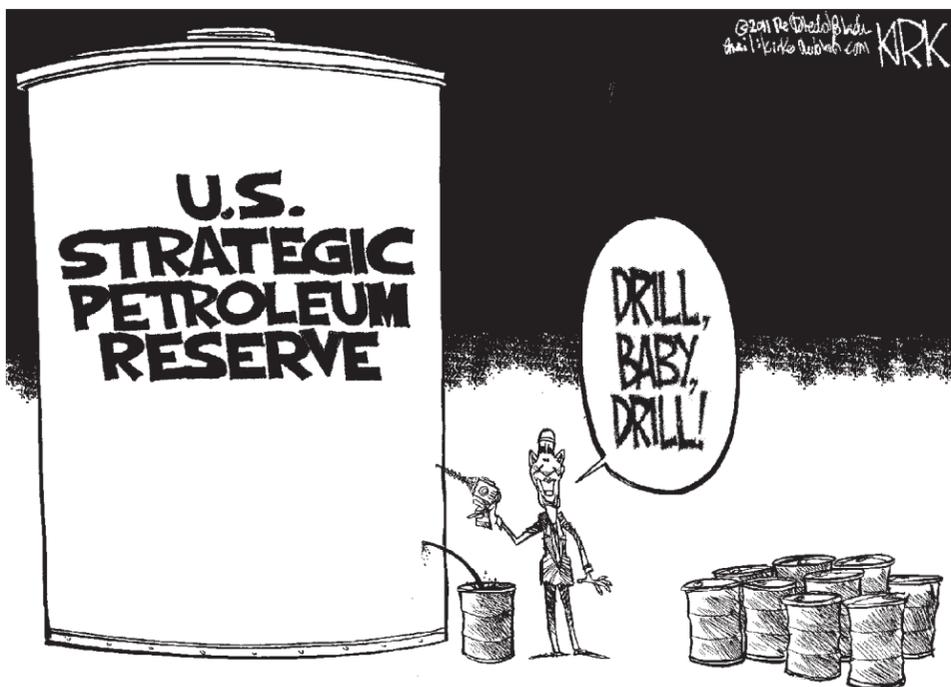
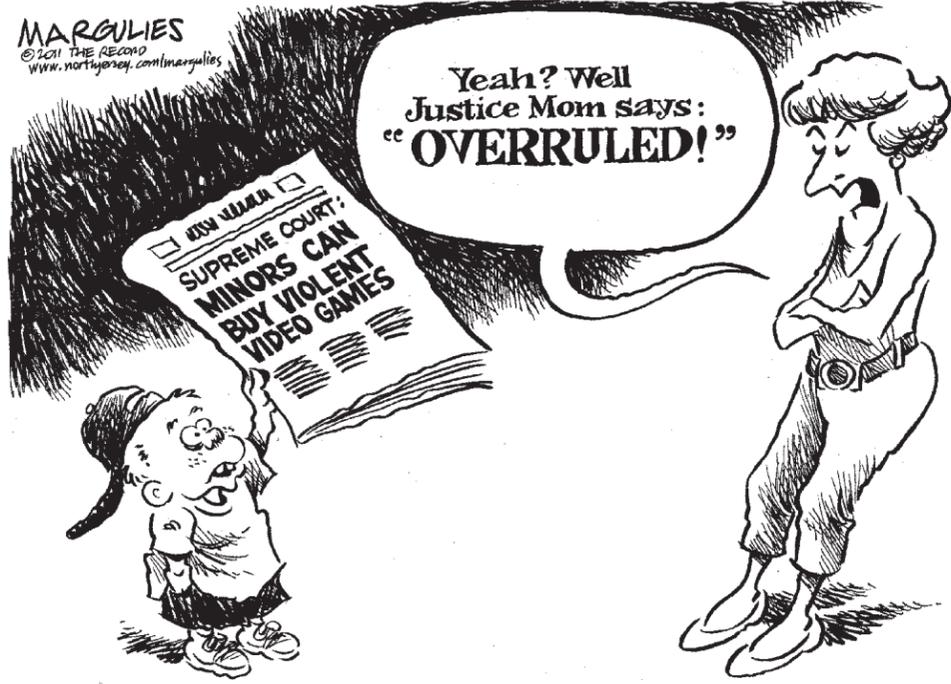


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**Por la Gente** By State Rep. Chente Quintanilla

*Every vote counts*

Hola mi gente. We have reached the halfway point of 2011 already. With just a little breather between now and the end of August, we can expect the political climate to start heating up.

Several candidates have been in the presidential campaign since the fall of 2010. If you have read anything about the regular and special sessions, you will probably be aware of the possible candidacy of our governor who is still undecided; or so he says.

Although the primary and general elections are still months away, it is not too early to emphasize how important it is to vote; especially for groups of citizens whose best interests are adversely affected by low voter turnout. Even if people think it is too early, this is an issue I will be constantly discussing from this point forward. We can't afford to have any of our communities in El Paso county fail to vote in massive numbers.

As I stated in the article last week, the weak voting numbers of Hispanics in Texas is well documented. Here in El Paso, you can always count on weak turnout in certain areas.

While I, and many of my colleagues in the House, have not been prone to pounding my chest with patriotism during campaigns, I think it is time to put voter apathy in starker terms than laziness.

Hundreds of thousands of Hispanics have fought bravely in wars going back to the 1800's. Tens of thousands have died bravely

in battle, especially during this past hundred years. The Congressional Medal of Honor for bravery over and above the call of duty has been awarded to 39 Hispanics. Eleven of the recipients were from Texas – three from El Paso and Fort Hancock.

If those brave soldiers didn't go to war to give Chicanos, Latinos, Tejanos, Mexican Americans, or however label the culture is defined, the right to determine their political destiny, then what was the purpose of their sacrifice?

I don't believe any of those heroes went to war so that our state could reduce the funding for Hispanic children; make college harder for young Hispanic adults; or balance the budget on Hispanic seniors or those with mental health problems.

The impact on Hispanics from this past six months of legislative sessions was our own doing. The voter apathy in the Hispanic community empowered those who would benefit wealthier communities and place more burdens on poorer communities.

Unless the fire is lit now, opportunities for young Hispanics along the border, in rural communities and poor urban areas will diminish.

If you don't vote, you are part of the problem. If you know someone who doesn't vote, light their fire. That is the only way we can change things for the better.

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

**Briefs**

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**Crime Stoppers**

Crime Stoppers of El Paso is assisting the El Paso Police Department in bringing about a resolution to two of the city's unsolved murders, making this the "Crime of the Week." On Friday, July 20, 2007, 71-year-old retired teacher Joyce Villalobos was found murdered in her home at 3804 Cambridge in central El Paso. Investigators found evidence of a struggle inside the home, and Police believe Mrs. Villalobos was killed sometime during the afternoon or early evening of July 20. So far, no suspect has been identified. The other unsolved murder occurred on Monday, June 9 of 2008, about 8:30 p.m. After refusing demands for money, three victims were assaulted in an aggravated robbery at 7100 Stiles. At the time, 43-year-old Javier Vallejo suffered head injuries but refused medical treatment. Tragically, he died from his injuries three days later. The suspect who brandished a handgun in the robbery is described as a Hispanic male with a medium build, wearing a ski mask, and spoke English and Spanish. His accomplice was a Hispanic male, medium build, with very short hair. They were last seen fleeing in a dark-colored, full-sized SUV, possibly a Ford Expedition, with tinted windows and a beige or tan colored stripe across the middle. The SUV was driven by a third, unknown suspect. If you have any information about these crimes, please call Crime Stoppers of El Paso at 566-TIPS (8477) or submit your tip online at [www.crimestoppersofelpaso.org](http://www.crimestoppersofelpaso.org). You will remain anonymous and, if your tip leads to an arrest, you may earn a

cash reward up to \$1,000.

— James Klaes

**Wanted**

Arturo Blanco, 56, also known as Arturo Campa is this week's Manhunt Monday Most Wanted Fugitive. He is wanted for sexually assaulting a then 15-year-old Jeremiah McCrimmon in 1995. Blanco is 5'5" tall and weighs 165 pounds. He is bald and has brown eyes. McCrimmon, now in his 30s, recently requested Blanco once again be profiled on Manhunt Monday to help bring closure to him in this horrific experience.



**Arturo Blanco**

On July 5, 1995, young McCrimmon was selling newspapers on a street corner in Northeast El Paso when he approached by Blanco claiming to own a music business. Blanco offered Jeremiah a job and after talking to his mother he accepted.

Blanco took the Jeremiah to his residence and proceeded to sexually assault him. Blanco dropped off Jeremiah at a nearby bus stop and told him never to tell. Blanco was arrested for the incident a short time later but was released on bail. Blanco showed for a pre-trial hearing but fled afterwards, never reporting for another hearing. The public is asked for any information on the whereabouts of Blanco. People can contact the Sheriff's Office at 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 individual featured.

— Deputy Jesse Tovar



– Photo courtesy San Elizario ISD

**LISTEN UP** – Writer Richard Yañez speaks with San Elizario ISD students at the Family Reading Carnival.

## Tornillo Independent School District Public Notice

### Notification of Nondiscrimination in Career and Technology Education Programs at Tornillo ISD for 2011-2012 School Year

1) Tornillo Independent School District offers career and technology programs in Business Education, Agricultural Science and Technology Education, Health Science Technology Education, Family and Consumer Science Technology Education (Home Economics), Trade and Industrial Education, and Marketing Education. Admission to these programs is based on current enrollment in the Tornillo ISD and completion of any necessary prerequisites.

2) It is the policy of Tornillo ISD not to discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, gender, or disability in its vocational programs, services, or activities as required by Title VI of the Civil Rights Act for 1964, as amended; Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972; and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended.

3) It is the policy of Tornillo ISD not to discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, gender, disability, or age in its employment practices as required by Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended; Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972; the Age Discrimination Act of 1975, as amended; and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended.

4) Tornillo ISD will take steps to assure that lack of English language skills will not be a barrier to admission and participation in all educational and vocational programs.

5) For information about your rights or grievance procedures, contact the Title IX Coordinator, Paul Vranish, Superintendent, at P.O. Box 170, 19200 Cobb Avenue, Tornillo Texas, 79853 or call (915) 765-3000.

## Noticia Pública

### Notificación de No-Discriminación en los Programas Educativos de Carrera y Tecnología en Tornillo ISD por el año escolar 2011-2012

1) El Distrito Escolar Independiente de Tornillo esta ofreciendo programas de carreras y tecnología en Educación de Negocios, Ciencia y Educación en Tecnología, Ciencia de Salud, Tecnología Educativa, Familia y Ciencia de Consumidor de Tecnología Educativa (Economía del Hogar), Comercio y Educación Industrial, y Educación de Mercado. La admisión a estos programas es basada en la inscripción actual en el distrito escolar de Tornillo, y también que se allá cumplido cualquier requisito de antemano.

2) Es póliza del Distrito Escolar Independiente de Tornillo no-discriminar según la raza, color, origen de nacionalidad, genero, o incapacidad en estos programas de carreras y tecnología, servicios, o actividades requerido por el Acta de Derechos Civiles Titulo IV de 1964, como enmienda; Titulo IX de las Enmiendas Educativas de 1972; y al sección 504 de la Acta de Rehabilitación, de 1973 como enmienda.

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4) El Distrito Escolar Independiente de Tornillo tomara pasos para asegurar que la falta de ingles no sea un obstáculo para la admisión y participación en todos los programas vocacionales y educativos.

5) Para mas información de sus derechos y procedimiento de agravios, puede ponerse en contacto con el coordinador de Titulo IX, Paul Vranish, Superintendente, PO Box 170, 19200 Cobb Ave., Tornillo Texas 79853 o llame al (915) 765-3000.

## Books

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up to six books and some also given away to the parents in attendance according to Ernesto Rodriguez, San Elizario ISD Executive Director for Research & Development.

“The carnival was a tremendous accomplishment and all the volunteers proved that we can work collectively to make events like these a success,” Rodriguez said.

The group of district staff that submitted the grant proposal to Macy’s and made the event possible included Sylvia Graves, Nancy Jacquez, Corina Lugo, Belinda Muñoz, Idania Rodarte, Laura Rodriguez, and Sandra Romero with the assistance of many other district employees and departments. The committee selected the carnival theme because they wanted to host an event that would be the most visual and have the biggest impact on the community for one day in the summer that parents would be able to attend.

“We wanted to have a family event that would give families an opportunity to enjoy reading and to provide them with books that could be shared within the family,” Idania Rodarte, librarian at Alarcon Elementary School, stated.

Inside the Alarcon Elementary School cafeteria students, parents, and community members enjoyed listening to noted writers Lupina Vela, Sergio Troncoso, and Richard Yañez who read some of their well-known stories and answered questions about their literary careers.

“It was very important for us to have an author like Sergio Troncoso who understands where our kids are coming from,” San Elizario High School librarian Belinda Muñoz said.

Meanwhile outside at the park and headlining their own storytelling booths were Margaret Barber from The Bookery, Leticia Morachiz from the Medical Institute, Border Patrol Agents from the Ysleta Station Bike Patrol Unit, Joann Moreno, Olivia Ruiz, Cynthia Gonzalez, Diana Velasco, and students from the San Elizario High School Library Club. Children snacked on freshly popped popcorn, fruit, and refreshments while they were entertained by the guest readers.

“It was an amazing sight to see employees, parent volunteers and community members come together to help families bring literature into their homes. We are proud to say that San Elizario ISD is the first school district in the El Paso area to have a reading event like this one.” Rodarte added.

Nearly 150,000 books have been distributed throughout the community over the 12 years that the San Elizario Independent School District has offered the RIF program at it schools. Having initiatives such as RIF and opportunities like the family Reading Carnival, have helped to fill the void of not having a public library in the community. Muñoz, Rodarte and Rodriguez, all stated that they hope to continue offering this type of literacy event for San Elizario families if funding such as the Macy’s and RIF grant is available next year.

## Tornillo Independent School District Public Notice

### 2011-2012 School Meal Policy

The Tornillo Independent School District serves breakfast and lunch every school day. All children in the district will receive a reimbursable meal at no charge through the academic year of 2011-2012. All children will receive a free breakfast and free lunch regardless of income. In the operation of the child feeding program, no child will be discriminated against because of race, color, religion, gender, disability, age or national origin. For information about your rights or grievance procedures, contact the Title IX Coordinator, Paul Vranish, Superintendent, and/or the Section 504 Coordinator at P.O. Box 170, 19200 Cobb Street, Tornillo, Texas, 79853, or call (915)765-3000.

## Noticia Pública

### Póliza de Comida del Año 2011-2012

El Distrito Escolar Independiente de Tornillo servirá desayuno y almuerzo cada día escolar. Todos los niños del distrito recibirán comida sin cobro durante el año escolar 2011-2012. Todo los niños recibirán un desayuno gratis y un almuerzo gratis a pesar de sus ingresos. En la operación del programa de comidas para niños, ningún niño será discriminado por su raza, color, religión, genero, incapacidad, edad u origen de nacionalidad. Para más información sobre sus derechos y procedimiento de agravios, puede ponerse en contacto con el coordinador de Titulo IX, Paul Vranish, Superintendente, y/o el coordinador de la Sección 504, P.O. Box 170, 19200 Cobb Street, Tornillo, Texas, 79853 o llame al (915) 765-3000.



**Staying active**

**GET YOUR HAT ON** – The El Paso City-County Nutrition Center in Fabens has different activities for all senior citizens who attend. On June 15, 2011, the lady seniors participated in Hat Day. Everyone looked like a model with their beautiful hats on. This event brought smiles to everyone at the center. The ladies and staff want to invite all seniors from the community to visit, make friends and have a little fun. The Center is located at 201 W. Camp Street. For information about activities call 764-3580.

– Elena Slape

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The Tornillo Independent School District is fully committed to meeting its responsibilities as specified by Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended; Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972; prohibiting sex discrimination, the Age Discrimination Act 1975, as amended; Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act 1973 as amended; and the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA).

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**Tornillo Independent School District Public Notice**

**Special Needs Programs at Tornillo ISD for 2011-2012 School Year**

Tornillo Independent School District provides the following educational program/ services to identify children with disabilities who reside within the district beginning on the third birthday through age twenty-one. Instructional Program: Including Early Childhood (beginning on the third birthday through age five), Resource (grade K-12), Diagnostic Services, Transportation Services, Speech Therapy, Assistive Technology Equipment, Occupational Therapy, Physical Therapy, School Health Services, Homebound Services, and Career & Technology.

Services are provided to identify audible and visual impaired children who reside within the district from birth through age twenty-one.

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If you would like more information or know of a disabled child who is not receiving educational services, please contact: Paul Vranish, Superintendent, Tornillo ISD, at (915) 765-3000.

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**Aviso de Programas de Necesidades Especiales en Tornillo ISD para el Año 2011-2012**

El distrito escolar independiente de Tornillo provee los siguientes programas/ servicios educativos para niños que son identificados como niños con incapacidades que viven dentro del distrito comenzando con el tercer cumpleaños hasta los 21 años. Programa de instrucción: infancia temprana (comenzando con el tercer cumpleaños hasta la edad de cinco años), Recursos (grados K-12), incluyendo servicios diagnósticos, servicios de transportación, terapia de habla, equipo auxiliar de tecnología, terapia física, servicios de salud escolar, servicios de clases en el hogar y servicios de carrera y tecnología.

El servicio se provee para identificar niños con incapacidades audibles y visuales que viven dentro del distrito desde su nacimiento hasta la edad de 21 años.

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# Jeter chases the 3,000 hit club as career winds down

By Steve Escajeda  
Special to the Courier

There's a big sports moment waiting to happen this week for one of the most popular athletes in American sports.

Of course I'm talking about New York Yankees shortstop Derek Jeter, who just came off the disabled list this week to continue his chase for 3,000 hits.

This is a monumental achievement for one of the good guys in team sports.

But it's no secret that the 37-year-old Jeter has not exactly been himself the last couple of years.

Jeter, who normally hits anywhere between .310 to .340, has been struggling around the .260 range all season.

And though he was named to this year's all-star game, it was obviously because of what he's done throughout his career.

Jeter, who used to supply some occasional power, has turned into a pure singles hitter and rarely gets more than a single hit in any game.

So what are the Yankees to do? They just signed the long-time captain to a three-year

contract but it appears as if it may have been a dreadful mistake.

During Jeter's recent stint on the disabled list, the Yankees went 14-3 and his replacement, Eduardo Nunez, batted .339 in his absence.

As bad as things have gone for Jeter over the last couple of years, they're made that much worse when another player, only 24, is playing much better.

Now that Yankee fans know what Nunez can do, there's going to be a lot more pressure on Jeter to carry his weight again.

But even though Jeter is quickly approaching 40, I wouldn't be surprised if he made an impressive run toward the .300 mark over the second half of this season.

Let's face it, the Yankees are going to need Jeter to be his usual self if they are going to hold off the Boston Red Sox for first place.

But the way he looks at the plate, I really don't think Jeter will be able to provide much for his team during the second and third years of his new contract.

And who can blame him? Have you seen the numbers from Albert Pujols? He's 31 now and his total numbers will be the worst of his career when the season is over.

Is it solely their age? Yes. Every player (at least those not on steroids) eventually slows down as they get older. It catches up to all of us.

It's no fun watching Jeter as a shell of what he once was. It's no fun for the Yankees either.

Let's hope a good guy like Jeter can finish this season with a bang. I'd like to see him as I remember him at least one more time.

## Long live memories

There's no doubt that I love all kinds of sports.

Over my 50 years on this planet I've stored away thousands of sports memories in my very limited mind.

There are literally thousands of sports videos I can play in my brain of either last-second touchdowns and thunderous dunks and tape-measure home runs and come-from-behind victories and all sorts of little known or widely historic events.

One of my favorites is in the world of college basketball.

No, it isn't Texas Western's 72-65 upset of Kentucky back in 1966 – that was a little bit before my time.

It took place back in 1983 and included another Texas team, the Phi Slamma Jamma

Houston Cougars with Akeem Olajuwon and Clyde Drexler.

But the memory is not of them.

It's of North Carolina State guard Dereck Whittenburg putting up a long shot at the end of a tie game and the shot coming up short.

Lorenzo Charles leaped in the air, seemingly out of nowhere, caught the ball and stuffed it through the basket as the buzzer sounded to give the Wolfpack the improbable championship.

Of course that memory was made even more special by coach Jim Valvano running onto the court desperately looking for someone to celebrate with.

Well, we know that Valvano passed away a few years ago to cancer.

Now another member of this fantastic memory has passed away. Lorenzo Charles died last week after the bus he was driving crashed on the highway. He was the only person in the bus.

It's hard to believe that two of the three members of that awesome memory are no longer with us.

Even though he's gone, Charles' famous put back will live on forever via videotape – and for many more years in my sports memory.

## A sporting view By Mark Vasto

### Double trouble

Growing up, we all knew at least one set of twins. It's as if it was a pre-requisite for most American elementary schools to feature them, wearing the same clothes on picture day, speaking that weird "twin-speak" that nobody but them could understand (or care about). They seemed to have an advantage.

Later on in life, we would hear about the "uncanny" abilities

twins had that we common babies, born from a single embryo, did not possess. Like, twins could just think about each other and one of them would immediately pick up a phone from Oregon and call the other in Pennsylvania and discuss the disposition of their cats.

But, like most things in life, the whole "twin thing" began to lose its luster the older and, presumably,

wiser we all became. The whole split zygote thing didn't seem to offer as much of an advantage as was believed. Aside from a few (alleged) cases where one twin would substitute for the other during exam time, little more was made of the distinction (and even then, it was only if you were an identical twin, so good luck).

There have been plenty of times when one half of the twin equation fails to achieve heights enjoyed by the other. Nowhere, perhaps, is that more amplified than in the world of sports.

Jim Thorpe had a twin brother

named Charlie. Jose and Ozzie Canseco hardly shared the pages of the record books (if not the needle). And did you know that John Elway has a twin sister named Jana? Where's her Super Bowl ring?

And while some believe the Vitali and Wladimir Klitschko heavyweight brotherhood are the result of twinship, they are wrong: Vitali is five years older and has a slightly different nickname. Venus and Serena? Not twins.

The world of sports actually records very few "twin" wins. Ronde and Tiki Barber both set records for the respective teams, but they never came near the heights achieved by Bob and Mike Bryan, the twins from Camarillo, Calif. Those two have dominated the doubles tennis field in record-setting fashion.

They have won more doubles titles than any team in history – 72 as of this writing – and have been the world

No. 1 doubles players for almost a half-decade. They have set records in match wins (more than 600) and they even hold the record for attracting the largest crowd in tennis history at 27,200 (the Billie Jean King exhibition victory over Bobby Riggs in front of 39,472 at the Astrodome wasn't an "official" match).

So there you have it. In one fell swoop of their tennis rackets, the Bryan brothers have dispelled the notion that for every Mario Andretti there must be a non-racing brother Aldo, and that the U.S. cannot be competitive in worldwide tennis competition.

When taken together, they rewrote the record books – and they did so doublehandedly.

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## Resources

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of Knowledge and Skills) that go into effect next school year also. In addition, the science resources are expected to help students master the new End of Course exams

that will replace the TAKS (Texas Assessment of Knowledge and Skills) tests in the spring.

Since April, science teachers have had the opportunity to browse the Internet to view the various online, web-based science programs being offered by about 20 different publishers that have met the Texas Education Agency's (TEA) supplemental science materials requirements.

At the recent Ysleta ISD publishers fair, most teachers said that they already used some form of computer-generated materials in their classrooms, so they liked the idea of having more resources available to them when developing lesson plans.

"We need resources that give teachers and students quick access to science materials that are already on the internet; so that, we don't have to take extra time to look for materials online. We need something that is like a data base without the fluff," said Hevila Ramos, science teacher at Canutillo High School.

A big concern among these teachers, however, was the lack of student access to the technology required for using these online resources in the classroom and at home.

"The new online web-based science supplemental materials being offered to school districts this year is the beginning of a trend to move away from printed textbooks and towards digital technology," said Lilia Martinez, a McGraw-Hill

consultant.

Texas is one of 22 states with a process for approval or adoption of instructional materials for schools. Instructional materials are adopted every six years according to an adoption cycle, and the Texas Constitution requires that the SBOE set aside sufficient money to provide free textbooks, in this case online licensing, for children attending public schools in the state.

"If electronic books and the Internet are the routes that public schools are going to take, then school districts need to invest in upgrading the campuses' technology infrastructure and in providing more student access to computer devices," said Ramos.

Each local board of trustees is responsible for determining appropriate local policy for selecting new instructional materials, which is purchased by the state for districts.

"This year, it is not a textbook adoption; it is a supplemental materials adoption. This adoption is designed to provide resources for science teachers who must ensure that their lessons include the objectives that were added to science TEKS curricula in 2008 and scheduled to be implemented this coming school year," explained Martinez. "This adoption is supposed to hold science teachers over until 2014, when the next science textbook adoption is scheduled. Whether it's printed or electronic textbooks, remains to be seen," she added.

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

**DEAR DR. DONOHUE:** Please address Meniere's disease in your column. I am 88, a female and in good general health. I do not smoke or drink alcohol. I weigh 125 pounds and am 5 feet 1 inch tall. My diet consists mostly of health foods. — G.R.

can evaluate you and determine if you are a candidate for these treatments or for other treatments I haven't discussed.

The booklet on vertigo discusses its many causes and treatments. Readers can obtain a copy by writing: Dr. Donohue — No. 801W, Box 536475, Orlando, FL 32853-6475. Enclose a check or money order (no cash) for \$4.75 U.S./\$6 Can. with the recipient's printed name and address. Please allow four weeks for delivery.

Vertigo (dizziness), ear noises (tinnitus) and fluctuating hearing loss are the three signs of Meniere's (men-YAIRS) disease. Vertigo comes in spells lasting 20 minutes or more, and they leave the person off balance for several days. Tinnitus can be ringing, roaring, hissing or other sounds that come and go but eventually stay permanently. The same happens with episodes of hearing loss. It becomes a permanent problem in time. All these signs are due to a buildup of fluid in the inner ear, the place where hearing and balance take place.

**DEAR DR. DONOHUE:** I have a pain that starts near my elbow and shoots down my arm to the little finger. It doesn't happen all the time. I don't know what brings it on. It just appears to happen for no reason. What could this be? — E.J.

I'm sure you've heard of carpal tunnel syndrome. It's due to a compression of a wrist nerve as it passes through a tunnel of ligaments and bones on its way to the hand and fingers.

Treatment of Meniere's focuses on ridding the inner ear of the fluid buildup. A strict low-salt diet goes a long way in reducing symptoms. The reason is that salt brings on fluid retention. Restricting caffeine and alcohol also helps. Diuretics — water pills — might be needed to get rid of the fluid.

You describe something similar, compression of the ulnar nerve at the elbow. This nerve supplies the little finger and the adjacent side of the ring finger. Compression of the nerve causes the kind of symptoms you have. You can try a simple treatment, an elbow splint. Your wear it at night, and the elbow should be bent about 60 degrees. Give it a week. If the pain doesn't leave, you should have an exam. Other conditions can cause the same kind of pain.

A hearing aid usually overcomes deafness.

Dizzy spells are accompanied by nausea and vomiting. Antivert and Phenergan relieve all three.

Should these measures fail, more-heroic efforts are called into play. One is an injection in the ear of the antibiotic gentamicin, which destroys the ear's balance organ and eliminates dizziness. Another approach is the Meniett device, a little gadget that creates pressure pulses that are transmitted to the inner ear. The pulses pump fluid out. A doctor has to make a small hole in the eardrum so the pressure waves can make their way to the inner ear.

*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.*

An ear, nose and throat doctor

# Super Crossword

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- 1 Sagan or Sandburg
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  - 44 "The Optimist's Daughter" author
  - 45 Bonanza material
  - 46 Coveleski or Musial
  - 47 Vichyssoise veggie
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# Moore Texas by Roger Moore July 4, 1883:

The first rodeo ever was held in Pecos...one event, Tag Team Bronc ridin', never caught on.



## GO FIGURE! by Linda Thistle

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

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

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ★★★

★ Moderate ★★ Challenging  
★★★ HOO BOY!

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## Social Security Q&A By Ray Vigil

**Q:** What can I do if my Medicare prescription drug plan says it won't pay for a drug that my doctor prescribed for me?

**A:** If your Medicare prescription drug plan decides that it won't pay for a prescription drug, it must tell you in writing why the drug isn't covered in a letter called a "Notice of Denial of Medicare Prescription Drug Coverage." Read the notice carefully because it will explain how to ask for an appeal. Your prescribing doctor can ask your Medicare drug plan for an expedited redetermination (first level appeal) for you if the doctor tells the plan that waiting for a standard appeal decision may seriously harm your health. For more information, visit [www.medicare.gov](http://www.medicare.gov).

**Q:** I'm retiring early, at age 62, and I receive investment income from a rental property I own. Does investment income count as earnings?

**A:** No. We count only the wages you earn from a job or your net profit if you're self-employed. Non-work income such as annuities, investment income, interest, capital gains, and other government benefits are not counted and will not affect your Social Security benefits.

Most pensions will not affect your benefits. However, your benefit may be affected by government pensions earned through work on which you did not pay Social Security tax. You can retire online at [www.socialsecurity.gov](http://www.socialsecurity.gov). For more information, call us toll-free at 1-800-772-1213 (TTY 1-800-325-0778).

**Q:** I was turned down for disability. Do I need a lawyer to appeal?

**A:** You are fully entitled to hire an attorney if you wish to, but it is not necessary. In fact, you can file a Social Security appeal online without a lawyer. Our online appeal process is convenient and secure. Just go to [www.socialsecurity.gov/disability/appeal](http://www.socialsecurity.gov/disability/appeal). If you prefer, call us at 1-800-772-1213 (TTY 1-800-325-0778) to schedule an appointment to visit your local Social Security office to appeal.

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.

## 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.

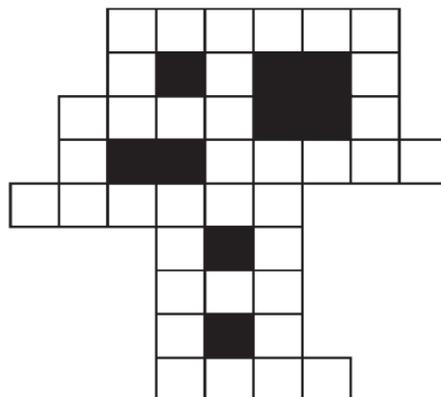
Clue: R equals D

D DMFDKOR KGO PVJEM KV  
GOTX JO QBO KGO SUVPCU  
COSEQBO D RDRM'K PEMK KV  
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- ♥REFSI
- ♥SOEP
- ♥MAPTRI
- EFI
- ♥IREM
- ♥ROSEP
- ♥ARP
- HERFSI
- ERRAR
- ♥EFTE



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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## STRANGE BUT TRUE

By Samantha Weaver

- It was American publisher and author William Feather who made the following sage observation: "The petty economies of the rich are just as amazing as the silly extravagances of the poor."

- The parents of one first-grade student at Hampton Day School in Bridgehampton, N.Y., once sued the school for not assigning homework to their 6-year-old son. In a victory for students everywhere, the parents lost.

- You probably know that the Chinese script is made up of ideograms: pictures that represent objects or ideas. Often, words are formed by pairing simple symbols to convey a more complex idea. For instance, the symbol for "eye" combined with the symbol for "water" creates the word "teardrop." Pair "mouth" with "bird" and you get song. And, interestingly, pairing two women together makes the symbol for "quarrel," and three means "gossip."

- Census data show that women in the South tend to live longer than their counterparts in northern states.

- You may be surprised to learn that President Abraham Lincoln's son, Robert Todd Lincoln, was on the scene of three presidential assassinations. The first time was in 1865, when he was with his father after he was shot at Ford's Theatre. In 1881, Lincoln, who was then serving as Secretary of War, arrived at Union Station shortly after President James A. Garfield had been shot. Finally, in 1901, he was at the Pan-American Exposition in Buffalo, N.Y., when President William McKinley was assassinated.

- If you're like the average American man, over the course of 10 years you'll shave off a full pound of whiskers.

- The vast nation of China is home to half of all the world's domesticated pigs.

Thought for the Day: "I like long walks, especially when they are taken by people who annoy me."

— Noel Coward

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