



## NEWSBRIEFS

### Farmers Market

The Oz Glaze Senior Center will hold a Farmers Market on the 3rd Saturday of each month through December. The market will be at in the parking lot at Horizon City's Town Hall, 14999 Darrington Rd. The charge for vendors is \$10 per month and all items must be handmade or home grown. The number to call for information is 852-0062. The market hours are 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

— Julie Tucker

### Mexican cattle

Stray livestock wandering between Chihuahua, Mexico, and Texas continue to present animal health concerns along the Rio Grande River in far West Texas according to Texas Animal Health Commission (TAHC) and United States Agriculture (USDA) officials. A total of 96 head of cattle (72 adults and 24 calves) originating from Mexico were recently captured and transported to government pens for inspection and testing. Luckily, all of the animals tested negative for both bovine tuberculosis and brucellosis, diseases found commonly in Mexico. According to Dr. Grant Wease, field veterinarian for USDA/APHIS Veterinary Services in El Paso, the primary purpose of this gather was to prevent the introduction of livestock diseases into the State of Texas and the U.S. "We have had indications that some cattle were being taken off the river and sold through various livestock markets in Texas and New Mexico, and that is an illegal entry of animals in the U.S." Dr. Wease also stated that, "So far a total of 310 head of cattle and 140 head of equine have been captured this year along the Texas/ Mexico border." According to the Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers Association (TSCRA) brand inspectors, all fire brands found on the cattle appeared to be of Mexican origin. There were 20 head of cattle that had no brands at all.

— Bonnie Ramirez

### Crime Stoppers

A man comes to the aid of another who is involved in a fight outside an adult nightclub, only to end up being shot in the chest, making this the Crime Stoppers "Crime of the Week." About 2:30 a.m. on the morning of Monday, April 2, 2012, a fight broke out in the parking lot of Jaguar's night club located at 11377 Gateway West and, when a patron tried to help the person being assaulted, the victim received a gun shot to the chest and the person being assaulted was stabbed. Officers from the Police Department's Mission Valley Regional Command discovered that a third person involved had been knocked out during the fight and, when he awoke, he found that victim one had been shot and victim two had

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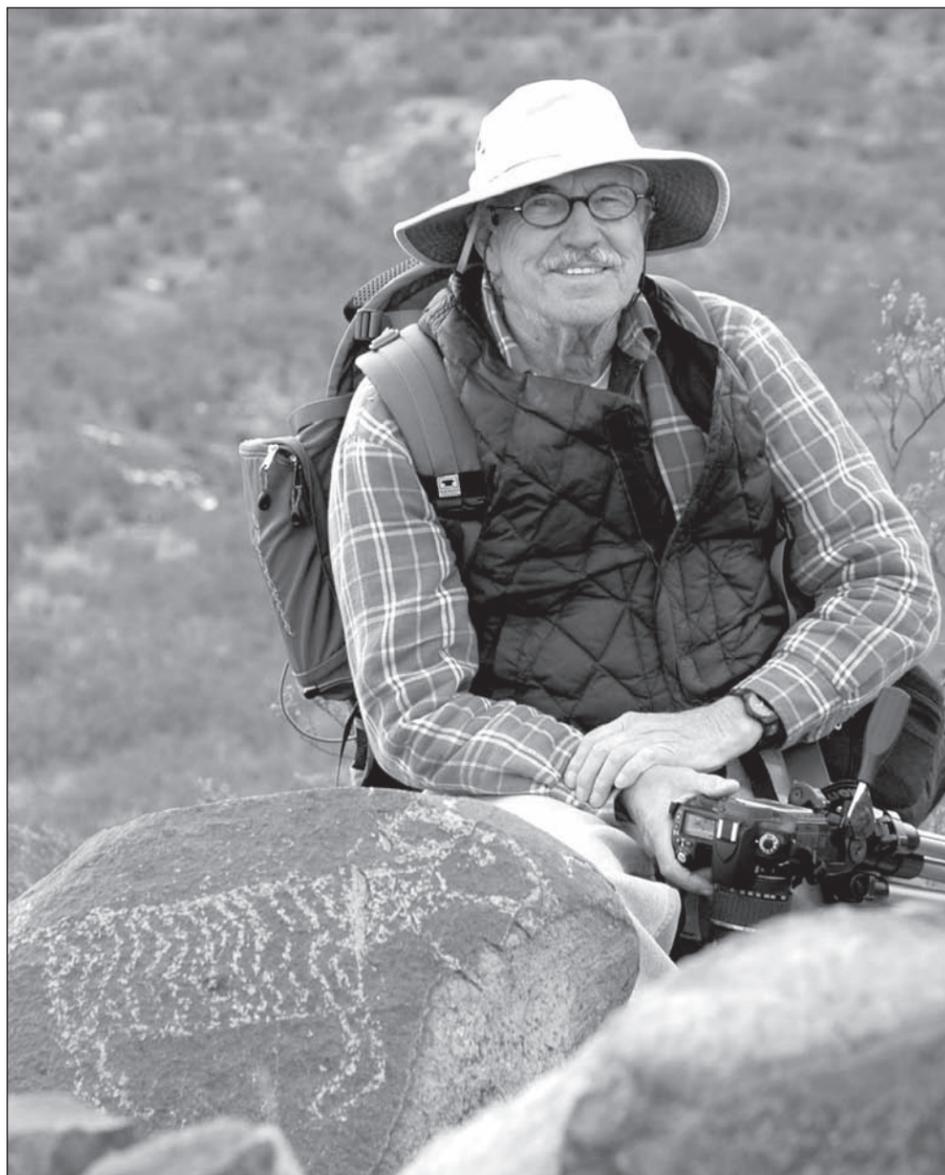
Going out to meet trouble is one of life's shortest walks.

— Quips & Quotes

## Rock art seminar scheduled at El Paso museum

Presentation spotlights Jornada Mogollon people of southeastern New Mexico and west Texas around 3500 AD

By Alfredo Vasquez  
Special to the Courier



— Photo courtesy LeRoy Unglaub

**ROCK ART** – LeRoy Unglaub with a petroglyph from the Three Rivers site. Over 21,000 petroglyphs are found in about 50 acres near Three Rivers, NM. Most of the petroglyphs decorate a long, basalt ridge rising from the upper Tularosa Basin at the base of the Sacramento Mountains. These rock carvings were created by a group of prehistoric Native Americans now referred to as the Jornada Mogollon. Mogollon is the name given to the agricultural, prehistoric inhabitants of southwest New Mexico and west Texas. Those who lived in the mountains are referred to as the Mimbres Mogollon, while desert dwellers such as those who lived on the banks of Three Rivers Creek are called the Jornada Mogollon.

EL PASO COUNTY – El Paso Archaeological Society invites you to take a journey to the land of the Jornada Mogollon people to view their amazing rock art without having to leave town.

Archeology enthusiast LeRoy Unglaub will give an insightful overview of the predominate symbols and images found in the rock art of Southern New Mexico and West Texas during his presentation, titled *Jornada – Mogollon Iconography*, which will be held at 2 p.m., Sunday, July 15, at the El Paso Museum of Archaeology, 4301 Transmountain Road. Admission is free to the public.

According to Unglaub, iconography is the study and interpretation of the symbols and images used in a genre of paintings. From the iconography and the association with village sites, it seems that the Jornada Mogollon people inhabited Southeastern New Mexico and West Texas and were descendants of early farmers who migrated from farming regions in central Mexico around 3500 BC.

Unglaub, a retired electronics engineer, stated that he got bitten by the rock art bug about 18 years ago and it has been his passion ever since. He resides in Las Cruces NM and is currently a member of three archaeological societies: the Doña Ana Archaeological Society, the El Paso Archaeological Society and the Archaeological Society of New Mexico. He is also a member of three rock art associations: the American Rock Art Research Association, the Utah Rock Art Research Association, and the Southern Nevada Rock Art Association.

Unglaub has participated in the recording of a number of rock art sites and has given lectures on rock art to archaeological societies, rock art associations, and various other clubs and organizations throughout the region.

For more information, call the archeology museum at 915-755-4332, or visit its website at [www.elpasotexas.gov/arch\\_museum](http://www.elpasotexas.gov/arch_museum).



— Photo courtesy Canutillo ISD

**FRAMED** – TASB rep Bill Rutherford, left, presents Canutillo ISD board member Armando Rodriguez with a Master Trustee certificate ready for hanging.

## Rodriguez earns Master Trustee title

By Gustavo Reveles Acosta  
Special to the Courier

CANUTILLO—Armando Rodriguez, the vice president of the Canutillo Independent School District Board of Trustees, has earned the designation of

Master Trustee – the highest distinction for a school-board member given by the Texas Association of School Boards, or TASB.

Rodriguez earned his designation as Master Trustee upon completion of the Leadership TASB program last month. During a TASB conference in San Antonio, Rodriguez and the other members of his Leadership TASB class presented the findings of year-long study of college readiness, student health, board leadership, funding inequities, classroom adaptations and parental involvement.

He is the first school board member from Canutillo to earn the distinction.

"It has been an honor to represent Canutillo in Leadership TASB and to finish this prestigious program on behalf of children and the community I represent," Rodriguez said. "I hope to use the knowledge I gathered during my year in Leadership TASB to improve the services and programs we provide to the children and employees of Canutillo."

Rodriguez is one of 31 trustees who completed the program this year. In its history, TASB has awarded the title of Master Trustee to only around 700 people.

TASB is a voluntary, nonprofit association established in 1949 to serve local Texas school districts. School board members are the largest group of publicly elected officials in the state. The districts they represent serve more than 4.9 million public school students.

# El Paso County Water Control and Improvements District No. 4 Public Notice of Availability

The USDA, Rural Utilities Service has received an application for financial assistance from the El Paso County Water Control and Improvements District No. 4 (District). As required by the National Environmental Policy Act and agency regulations, the Rural Utilities Service has prepared an Environmental Assessment that evaluated the potential environmental effects and consequences of the proposal. This notice announces the availability of the Environmental Assessment for public review and comment.

The proposal consists of water and wastewater improvements within the town of Fabens, El Paso County, TX and is summarized below.

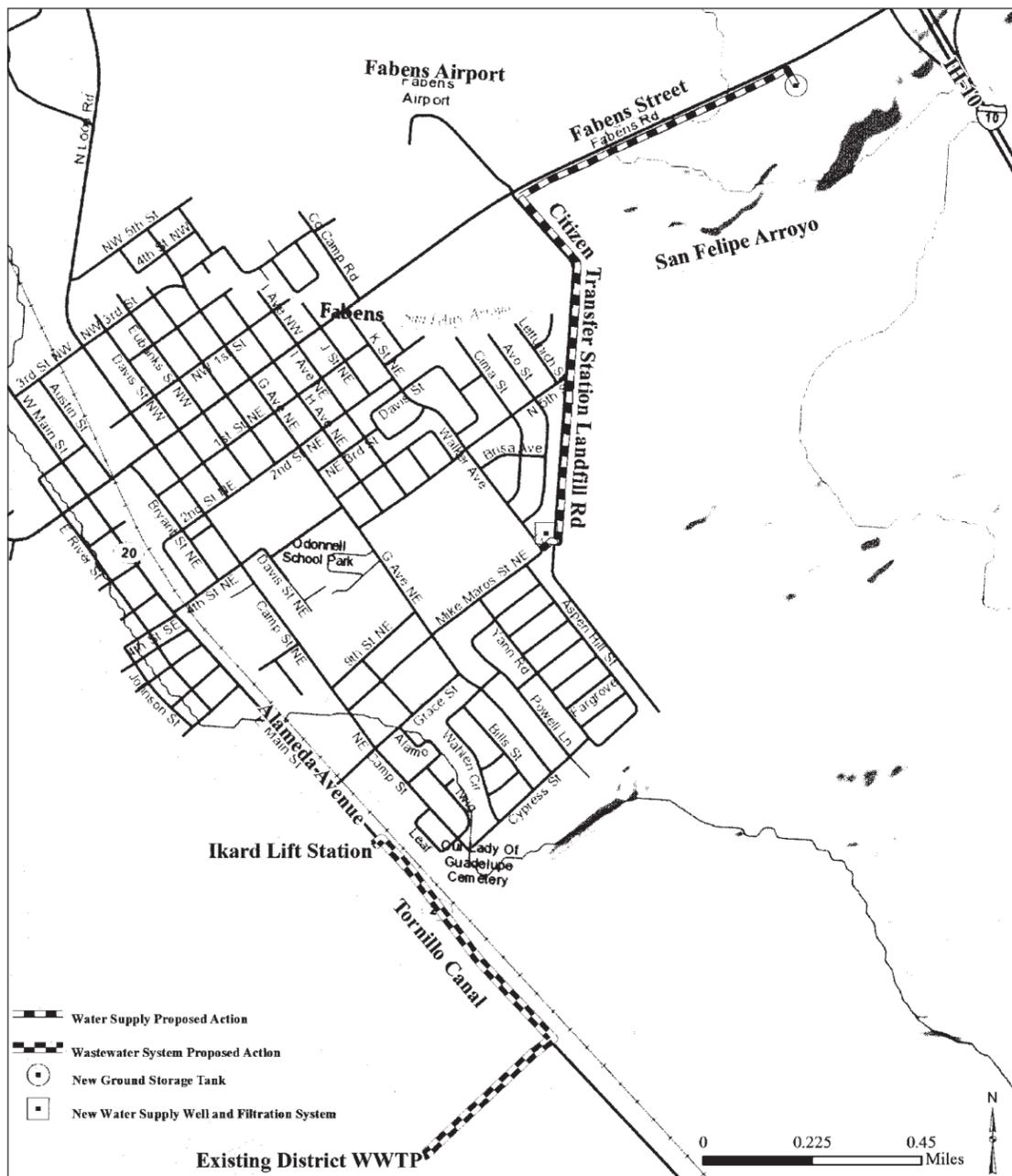
- A new 500,000-gallon ground storage tank (I-10 site) would be constructed adjacent to 1770 N. Fabens Street.
- A new 450-foot deep water supply well (10th Street site) would be drilled within the existing Booster Station at 991 Walker Street.
- A new 700 gallon per minute nano-filtration system (10th St. site) would be installed within the existing Booster Station at 991 Walker Street.
- 8,100 feet of 16" water main pipeline would be constructed between the 10th Street Booster Station site at 991 Walker Street and the proposed 500,000-gallon ground storage tank (I-10 site) adjacent to 1770 N. Fabens Street.
- 5,025 feet of 12" force main would be constructed between the Ikard Lift Station at 1212 E. Main Street. and the District's wastewater treatment plant (WWTP) at 17270 Alameda Street.

Proposed mitigation and best management measures to minimize any adverse environmental effects of the proposal include: ceasing all work in the immediate area of discover if cultural materials are encountered during construction and notifying the appropriate authorities; implementing standard dust and noise minimization measures with construction activities occurring between 7:30 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. restoring disturbed areas to pre-construction condition or better, and accessibility to all residential, commercial, and institutional facilities would be ensured during construction; implementing erosion control measures including boring under San Felipe Arroyo and installing the wastewater line along the existing bridge across Tornillo Canal; and protect state and federally listed species by following state and federal guidance.

The alternatives considered to the proposal include: doing nothing; installing the water line along Walker Ave.; and installing the wastewater line along either the entire south side of Alameda Ave. from the Ikard Lift Station to the District's WWTP access road or along the south side of Alameda and a portion of the Tornillo Canal right-of-way from the Ikard Lift Station before intersecting the District's WWTP access road.

Copies of the Environmental Assessment are available for review at the USDA, Rural Development Office at 2306 W. Dickinson Blvd., Ste 2, Fort Stockton, TX 79735; and at the District office at 117 E Main, Fabens, TX 79838. For further information contact Mr. John Perkins at (432) 336-7585 ext. 4. Any person interested in commenting on this proposal should submit comments to the address above by August 11, 2012.

A general location map of the proposal is shown below.



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## Veterans Post By Freddy Groves

# Stand Downs: Help for homeless vets

Homeless veterans are frequently at a disadvantage when it comes to getting services and help. Stand Down events are held specifically to assist homeless veterans. While Stand Downs can be held almost year-round, most communities and organizations host events during the summer. If you or someone you know is a homeless veteran in need of any services, now is the time.

Services provided at Stand Downs include assistance with food, shelter, clothing, health screenings and benefits counseling for both VA and Social Security. If a veteran needs referrals for jobs, drug- or alcohol abuse or housing, they can find that, too. Events run from one to three days, depending on location.

Many people, volunteers and groups step forward to host the Stand Downs – community homeless agencies, the Department of Veterans Affairs, veterans service organizations – all for one purpose: to help homeless veterans.

If you're homeless (or you know someone who is) and can

get to a computer, go online to the list of Stand Downs held in conjunction with the VA: [www.va.gov/HOMELESS/standdown.asp](http://www.va.gov/HOMELESS/standdown.asp). The listings include a contact telephone number in your area. If you can't get online, call the Homeless Veterans Programs Office at 202-461-1857.

The National Coalition for Homeless Veterans also sponsors Stand Downs. Find it online at <http://nchv.org/index.cfm>. Click "Stand Down" on the left column. The NCHV site includes resource, health and job fairs. As with the VA list, each listing includes a local contact number, or call NCHV at 1-800-VET-HELP.

Don't let a lack of transportation keep you from getting the help you need at a Stand Down. If you inquire in advance, it's likely that you'll be given a ride to and from the event.

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## Briefs

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been stabbed. Nobody involved could provide an adequate description of the assailant; only that he was an Hispanic male, approximately 30 years of age.

Investigators received information that the assailant may possibly have been involved in a hit and run accident that occurred a few minutes later at Lee Trevino and Gateway West, but this has not been verified. If you have any information at all about the identity of the suspect in this case, please contact Crime Stoppers of El Paso at 566-TIPS (566-8477), on-line at [www.crimestoppersofelpaso.org](http://www.crimestoppersofelpaso.org) or you can send a text message by entering the key word CRIME1 (no space) plus your tip information, and text it to CRIMES (274637). You will remain anonymous and, if your tip leads to an arrest, you can qualify for a cash reward.

- James Klaes



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# Martinez heads to Summer Olympics, Farris must wait

By Don Woodyard  
Special to the Courier

Thurton, a 100-and 200-meter runner in the 1968 and 1976 Olympic Games, shares common UT El Paso track roots with Franks Munene back in the 1970s. Both learned under Coach Ted Banks.

EL PASO COUNTY—This is the story of two Olympic dreams.

With a “fire burning brighter,” Kaina Martinez is a young female sprinter from Belize. For her, it is a dream fulfilled with a trip to London where she will compete in the upcoming 2012 Summer Olympics.

Martinez is one of only two members of the Belize Olympic delegation. She is a Central American record-holder in the 100-and 200-meter dashes in 2009, 2010 and 2011.

(Formerly British Honduras, Belize is a Central American nation nestled between Guatemala to the south and Mexico to the north.)

The national coach for the Belize delegation is Colin Thurton, a native of Belize and presently assistant track coach at Andress High School.

Through aerobic conditioning, Munene is working with Martinez to improve her chances in London. Thurton says Munene is “instrumental” in getting her ready for London. He “has been positive in many ways.”

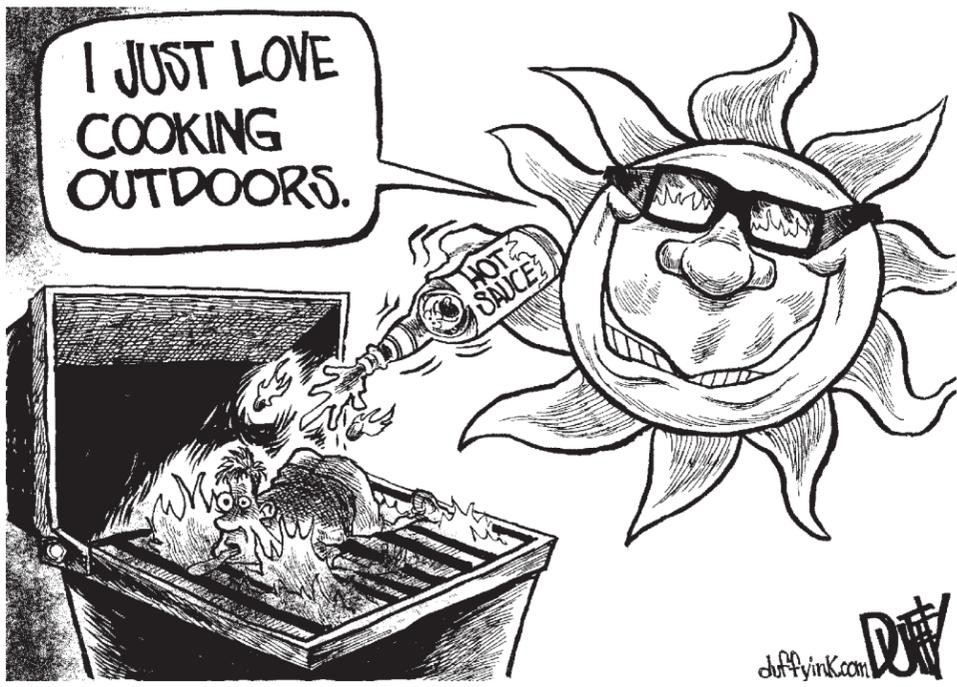
Adds Thurton, “she will do very well in the Olympics. The field is very competitive.” To this, Munene adds that “Colin will do a good job.”

Martinez, who is a member of the Belize Coast Guard, has a different view. “Honored” to compete and represent her country, she sees herself as “competing with herself to be a better runner” rather than against the other runners.

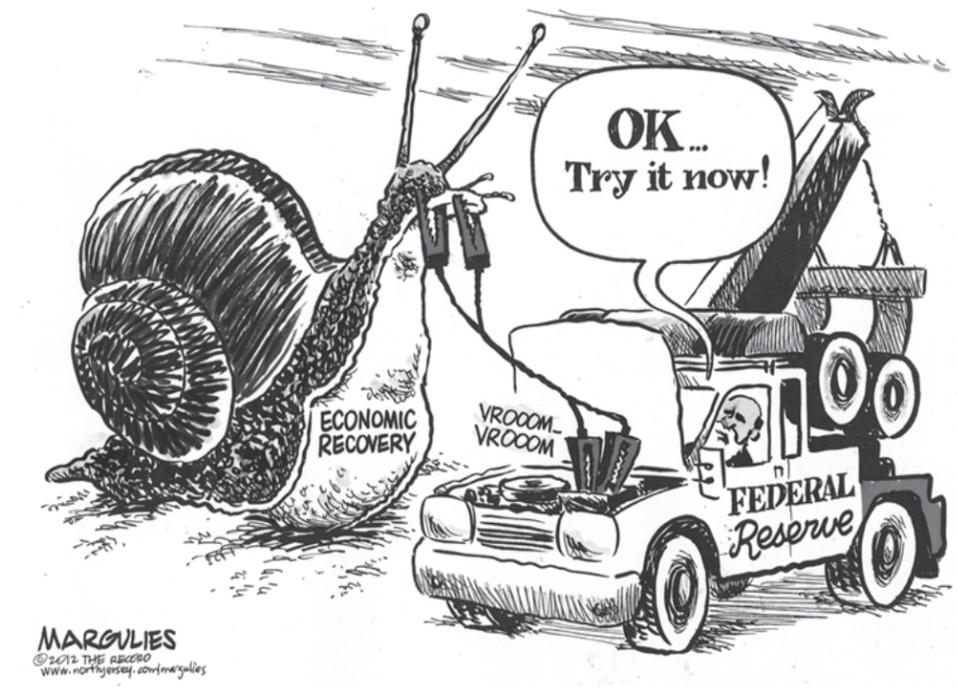
She wraps up her El Paso training on July 19th to return to Belize. She leaves for

**“This is something I have always wanted to do.”**

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# First round of STAAR tests counts towards students' cumulative scores

By Alfredo Vasquez  
Special to the Courier

TEXAS – After releasing recently preliminary results for the State of Texas Assessments of Academic Readiness, or STAAR, test, Texas Education Agency (TEA) officials concluded that ninth grade students performed as expected on the new assessment tests.

Early state-wide results from the STAAR show varying passing rates for five rigorous key end-of-course tests- from 55 percent in English writing to 83 percent in algebra I, and 87 percent in biology.

Just as it did with the TAAS and TAKS tests, the state is phasing in the passing requirements for STAAR. The number of questions students must answer correctly will increase at intervals until 2016, when the final passing requirements will be in place. The purpose of

this extended phase-in is to provide students and educators with sufficient time to adjust to the increased rigor of the assessments and higher performance expectations.

“While we know there is always an adjustment period for students and teachers in a new testing program, results from the first STAAR assessments are encouraging overall, showing that students generally performed as expected or better and that educators focused intensely on the state curriculum. These results give us the opportunity to focus on subject areas that need improvement, and we will continue to work with school districts, teachers and parents to ensure we continue to improve education for Texas students,” Texas Commissioner of Education Robert Scott said in a news release.

Although the scores look promising, still thousands of students were back in class this summer because of low scores on the new end-of-course exams, and many incoming

10th-graders have to retake the test in July.

According to school officials, the scores on the exams don't count toward high school students' final grades or toward school districts' accountability ratings this year. Nonetheless, a requirement that students retake a test if they do not achieve a minimum score remains in place. Also, this year's round of tests still counts towards a student's cumulative score.

If a student does not pass an end-of-course test, he or she will have three opportunities each school year to retake the test, and the state does not require the student to retake the class if he or she doesn't pass the test. However, as part of the new accountability system, high school students – starting with this year's ninth-graders – must achieve a cumulative score across 15 standardized tests in order to graduate.

According to TEA officials, parents will receive a Confidential Student Report (CSR) for each STAAR assessment their child took

in January 2013. The CSR is a report on a student's test performance including test results for each reporting category and overall scale score and academic performance level achieved.

STAAR's academic performance standards represent the degree to which students are learning the content and skills required to be taught, as demonstrated by performance on a test. On the STAAR assessments, there are three levels that describe student performance: Level III – Advanced Academic Performance; Level II – Satisfactory Academic Performance; and Level I – Unsatisfactory Academic Performance.

The CSR will also include a unique access code for the student data portal that can be found at <http://www.TexasAssessment.com/students>. Through the student data portal, parents and students can see test results across

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## Tornillo Independent School District Public Notice

### Special Needs Programs at Tornillo ISD for 2012-2013 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.

In compliance with the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974 and Public Law 94-142, parents and adult students have the right to inspect educational records. District policy FL provide for record access, confidentiality, and complaint procedures.

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.

### Noticia Pública

#### Aviso de Programas de Necesidades Especiales en Tornillo ISD para el Año 2012-2013

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.

Conforme al Acto de Confidencia y de Derechos Educativos de la Familia de 1974 y Ley Publica 94-142, padres y alumnos adultos tienen el derecho de ver los archivos educativos. La Póliza del Distrito FL y FL-E provee acceso a archivos, confidencialidad, y proceso de reclamación.

Si usted desea más información o sabe de un niño/niña incapacitado que vive en el distrito escolar de Tornillo que no esta recibiendo servicios educativos. Favor de comunicarse con: Paul Vranish, Superintendente, Tornillo ISD, (915) 765-3000.

## Tornillo Independent School District Public Notice of Nondiscrimination

It is the policy of the Tornillo Independent School District to prohibit discrimination on the basis of race, color, national origin, gender or any person who has a disability in the admission or access to programs, delivery of services or employment.

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).

Inquires concerning your rights may be referred to Superintendent Paul Vranish, P.O. Box 170, Tornillo, TX 79853. Phone: (915) 765-3000. Fax: (915) 765-3099.

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Es la norma de conducta del distrito escolar de Tornillo para prohibir la discriminación a base de raza, color, origen de nacionalidad, sexo o cualquier persona que tenga una incapacidad en la admisión o el acceso a programas, entrega de servicios o empleo.

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# Olympics

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London on July 23rd. She competes Aug. 3rd.

“This is something I have always wanted to do,” Martinez says. “I feel blessed.

“The payoff is coming. The fire is burning brighter knowing that my determination is paying off.”

For Elliott Farris, a 19-year-old distance runner from El Paso, it is a dream only unfulfilled for now, but not forgotten. While looking for a university to attend, he also looks ahead four years to renew and finally fulfill that dream at the 2016 Summer Olympics in Buenos Aires, Argentina.

The *County Courier* has chronicled the track achievements of Farris. Under the training regimen of Coach Munene for the past three years, he had learned to run smarter, not faster.

With sights set on the Olympic trials

in Eugene, Ore., a confident Farris took first in the 3,000-meter race in the New Mexico Tailwind Invitational in Albuquerque in mid April.

Because of a worsening cyst and wisdom tooth problem in his mouth, he ran a poor race in the Oregon Olympic trials. His overall good health, he explains, masked the extent of the problem and the damaging effect on his running. To an extent, he was able to brush it off. Although he ran “a little faster” in a San Diego meet the week following Oregon, he and his family could ignore it no longer. Oral surgery was performed, and Farris reports he has recovered fully.

He has run two races since surgery. Three weeks after surgery, he finished ninth or 10th in the 1,500-meter run in a field of 13 in Phoenix in May. In June, he ran alone in the 1,500 meters in the U.S. Track and Field Championships.

Although he has abandoned his dream for the upcoming Olympics, he philosophically says that there

will be more Oregons to come. “I will be ready.”

In the meantime, his field of competition will be at the university level through NCAA track meets.

He says things have changed for the better. He “enjoys running for running’s sake and not what it would accomplish. I am not defeated.

“I have a new appreciation for running.”

**LONDON BOUND – Kaina Martinez holds four medals from last year’s Central American Championships. She received three gold medals for the 100M, 200M, 4x100M; and one medal for being the best female athlete in the competition. Martinez leaves to compete in the 2012 Summer Olympics on July 23.**



– Photo by Tracy Farris

**OUT FOR NOW – Elliott Farris at the Willie Williams Invitational Track Meet earlier this year.**



– Photo courtesy Kaina Martinez

## Tornillo Independent School District Public Notice

### Notification of Nondiscrimination in Career and Technology Education Programs at Tornillo ISD for 2012-2013 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 or 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.
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- 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 2012-2013

- 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.
- 3) Es póliza del Distrito Escolar Independiente de Tornillo no-discriminar según la raza, color, origen de nacionalidad, genero, incapacidad, o edad en sus practicas de empleo como esta requerido por el Acta de Derechos Civiles Titulo IV de 1964, como enmienda, Titulo IX de las Enmiendas Educativas de 1972; y el Acta de discriminación a la edad de 1975 como enmienda; y al sección 504 de la Acta de Rehabilitación, de 1973 como enmienda.
- 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.

## Tornillo Independent School District Public Notice

### 2012-2013 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 2012-2013. 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 2012-2013

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 2012-2013. 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.

# No time for rest in the trade happy NBA

By Steve Escajeda  
Special to the Courier

The 2011-12 NBA season came and went so quickly because of the short-lived players' strike that cut the regular season down to just 66 games.

Teams rallied to get ready, signing players with the speed of a 1980s "Showtime" Lakers fast break.

I don't know how they did it, but they did it. The season went off without a hitch and the Miami Heat eventually won the sprint at the end.

With that tumultuous season now over, you would think that these exhausted franchises would be able to sit back and take a break.

But that is not even close to being the case.

The NBA is smack dab in the middle of the trading period where teams are positioning themselves to get the best players and draft choices they can stockpile.

Some of the trades have been eye opening; some have you scratching your head and

others (calling Mr. Dwight Howard) are taking their sweet time.

So far we know that Jason Kidd will leave the Dallas Mavericks for the New York Knicks. I think Kidd will be great for the Knicks – but more as an additional coach on the bench rather than as a player.

Ray Allen has left Boston for the champion Miami Heat. If Allen can stay healthy and just keep doing in Miami what he did in Boston, the Heat will be tougher than ever.

Joe Johnson has left the Atlanta Hawks for the Brooklyn Nets. For a team that already has guard Deron Williams and could get Dwight Howard, Johnson's shooting could make this team an instant Eastern contender.

Lamar Odom may actually stop crying now that he is back in Los Angeles. The Clippers also picked up Jamal Crawford and resigned Blake Griffin. With a healthy Chauncey Billups, the Clippers will be a force in the West.

Before Celtics' fans become too bereaved over the loss of Allen, the team signed sharp-shooting guard Jason Terry from the

Mavericks. This looks like a lateral transfer for Boston so they shouldn't lose a thing from a 3-point shooting aspect.

There have been other trades out there but the one that has received the most attention involves the Los Angeles Lakers and Steve Nash.

Nash left the struggling Phoenix Suns for the glitzy Lakers, who are much closer to being one of the elite teams in the league than the Suns.

What surprises me the most is that some so-called experts in the field are now making the Lakers the team to beat for the championship next year.

Now don't get me wrong, Steve Nash is a great player and a great ambassador for the NBA. But the guy is 38 years old and isn't playing anywhere near how he was five years ago.

The talk is that the Lakers are also going after 39-year-old Grant Hill.

The joke in some NBA circles is that after requiring these players and adding them to the roster with the soon-to-be 34-year-old Kobe

Bryant – the Lakers are now the favorites to win the 2004 NBA title.

Anyway, Nash's scoring average has dipped 33 percent over the last five years (to just 12.5 points per game last season) although his assists per game (10.7) led the league last year.

But that really doesn't matter, because although Nash has played in the NBA for 16 seasons, Kobe Bryant has also played in the league for 16 seasons and 99.9 percent of the time an old dog refuses to learn any new tricks.

In other words, though Nash is the point guard, he is going to bring the ball across mid court, hand it off to Kobe and nobody else on the team will ever see it again.

That's the way it's always been and that's the way it always will be.

If the Lakers are ever in a fast break situation, Nash will be very good. But in the half court, it'll be the same old everybody sits down and watches Kobe go one-on-three.

And by the way, who are Nash and Kobe going to guard?

Last season I saw so many guys go right around both Nash and Kobe that I could have sworn I saw each twirling a red cape behind them as they went by.

## A sporting view By Mark Vasto

# Being first

There is a peculiar desire in all of us to be first in something, and there are very few activities we can engage in that exemplify that characteristic more than in sports or journalism. (Even politicians don't want to win all the time... there are some jobs you just don't want.)

Through the centuries, numerous maxims have been handed down regarding this unceasing need to be first. "First come, first served," "There can only be one," "If you're not the lead dog, the view never changes," are but a few that immediately come to mind.

Often, being first is associated with winning. "Winning isn't everything; it's the only thing." That comment, of course, gets challenged by many

deep thinkers who would like to see people evolve a little bit. In many situations, the drive to be first can lead to lots of collateral damage, such as a stampede.

A few weeks ago, the mediaverse was all atwitter when CNN announced, wrongly, that the federal healthcare bill had been repealed by the U.S. States Supreme Court when, in fact, it did just the opposite. Instead of being first with the news, CNN lost credibility and are last in the cable news game.

Being second really has little worth in our society. Neil Armstrong was the first man to set foot on the moon. Who was the second guy? But it's better to be right than first in something. If Neil Armstrong and

the moon crew were off on their calculations by just a fraction, they would have ended up hurtling into space, lost forever.

Charles Lindbergh became the first man to fly solo across the Atlantic Ocean, and he did it without a front windshield (the term "flying blind" applies here). Amelia Earhart attempted to fly around the world, and we all know how that ended... uhh, actually, we don't.

In June we watched Nik Wallenda walk across Niagara Falls on a tightrope. Some thought he was the first to do so, but we know he was not. Popular theory has Emile Gravellet doing the stunt first in 1859, but nobody can really be sure. What we do know is that he was the first (and only) tightrope walker to cook an omelet on a wheelbarrow filled with hot stones and then lower the frying pan to passengers floating on the "Maid of the Mist" below him.

The first person to win a marathon was a Greek soldier, but it wasn't a

game for him... he was delivering a message from the battlefield of Marathon to Athens – 26.2 miles. Upon delivery, legend has it, he died.

So remember, when you're breathing your last breath, make

sure you can say that whatever it was that drove you in life, it was worth it in the end.

Mark Vasto is a veteran sportswriter who lives in Kansas City. (c) 2012 King Features Synd., Inc.



## Classified Ads

**LEGALS**  
**City of Socorro**  
**PUBLIC HEARING**  
A PUBLIC HEARING will be held on August 7, 2012 at 6:30 p.m. during the Planning and Zoning Commission meeting at City of Socorro Chambers, 860 N. Rio Vista

1) On proposed rezoning of Lot 3, Block 1, Algodon Subdivision, from R-1 Single Family Residential, to R-2, Medium Residential.

Those unable to

attend the public hearing may submit their views to the City of Socorro. Accommodations for handicapped persons will be available; handicapped persons in need of special assistance for attending the hearings are encouraged to contact the City Clerk (915) 858-2915, forty-eight (48) hours prior to this meeting.

Olivia Navarro  
Assistant  
City Clerk

WTCC: 07-12-12

**City of Socorro**  
**Adoption of Ordinances**

On July 5, 2012 the City of Socorro, Texas adopted the following ordinance:

1) **ORDINANCE 304, AN ORDINANCE**

**OF THE CITY OF SOCORRO, TEXAS, ESTABLISHING RULES AND PROCEDURES FOR CONDUCT OF MEETINGS OF THE SOCORRO CITY COUNCIL AND ALL OF THE CITY OF SOCORRO BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS.**

Copies of the ordinance are available for review at the City Administration Building, 124 S. Horizon Blvd., Socorro, Texas 79927; Monday through Friday between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.

Olivia Navarro  
Assistant  
City Clerk

WTCC: 07-12-12

**Town of Horizon City**  
**Invitation to**

**Bid:**  
**Bid Number: 2012-006**  
**Date Issued: July 12, 2012**

**Bid Close Date: August 3, 2012**

**Bid Opening Date: August 10, 2012**

The Town of Horizon City is soliciting bids for the following drainage pond projects within the City Limits. The project consists of clearing of nuisances (weeds, vegetation, trash, litter, and dumped material) for 26 separate drainage pond facilities in the city as listed in the bid specifications.

Proposals will be received at Horizon City Town Hall, City Clerk's office, 14999 Darrington Rd., Horizon City,

TX 79928 until 5 p.m., Friday, August 3, 2012. Envelopes should be marked in the lower left hand corner with the bid number. Bids will be opened on August 10, 2012 at 2 p.m. Only the names of the proposers will be read out loud at the Horizon City Town Hall. A contract is anticipated to be completed between the city and successful bidders and City Council approval on September 11, 2012.

Detail specifications and proposal packages are available from the above office between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. Monday through Friday or by calling Administration office (915) 852-1046.

Karen Elleson  
Town Clerk  
Horizon City

WTCC: 07-12-12

## STAAR

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administrations and years. The released data for the first administration of STAAR provides the percentage of students passing the end-of-course tests at the first phase-in standard and the passing rates if the final passing standards had been in place this year. While there is no required course sequence in Texas, most high school freshmen take biology, world geography, Algebra I, and English I.

The following is a statewide snapshot of the results in these subjects:  
• **Biology** – 87 percent of all students who took the biology end-of-course test passed it, and 9 percent of those students reached Level III: Advanced Academic Performance. If final passing standards had been in place this year, 41 percent of all students would have passed biology.

• **Algebra I** – 83 percent of students passed the Algebra I test by reaching Level II: Satisfactory Academic Performance, while 17 percent reached Level III. If the passing standards had been fully phased in, 39 percent of all students would have passed the Algebra I test.

• **World Geography** – 81 percent of students passed the world geography test and 13 percent achieved Level III. If the final passing standards had been used, 40 percent would have passed.

• **English I** – English I content is assessed using two tests (reading and writing skills). 68 percent of students passed the reading test with 8 percent achieving Level III, and 55 percent passed the writing assessment with 3 percent achieving Level III. If there had been no phase-in of standards, 46 percent of students would have passed reading, and 34 percent would have passed writing.

While students in grades 3–9 took STAAR this year, students in grades 10 and 11 took TAKS. Students in the Class of 2013 and the Class of 2014 must pass the 11th grade exit level TAKS to meet their graduation requirements. TAKS has been used as the state test since 2003.

This year's TAKS passing rates for sophomores were 91 percent on English language arts, which is a combined reading and writing test; 94 percent on social studies; 74 percent on mathematics; and 75 percent on science. Most students who failed TAKS failed only one portion of it.

Students in 11th grade earned the following passing rates: 93 percent for English language arts; 98 percent for social studies; 91 percent for mathematics; and 94 percent for science. TEA does not have scores yet for individual districts or campuses.

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# Comix

## OUT ON A LIMB By Gary Kopervas



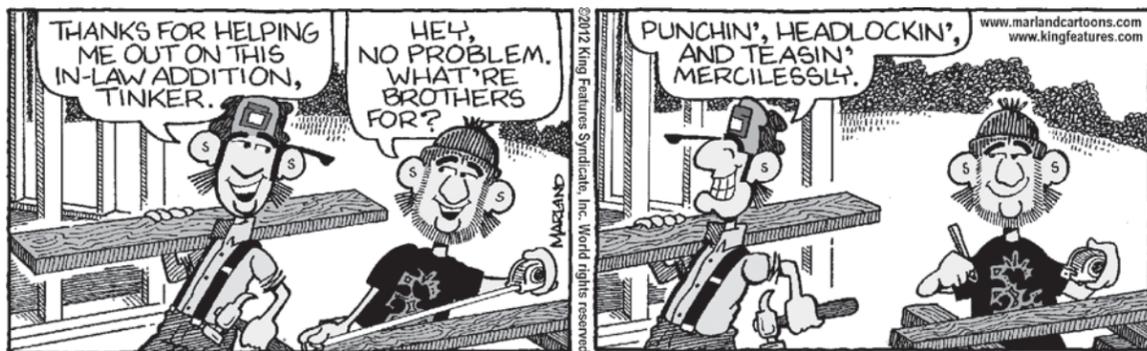
## AMBER WAVES By Dave T. Phipps



## THE SPATS By Jeff Pickering



## R.F.D. By Mike Marland



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

**DEAR DR. DONOHUE:** A friend of mine, 46 years old, with a wife and two children, died of a stroke. I also heard he died of a subarachnoid hemorrhage. Are they the same? He was the picture of health and was devoted to exercise. Could his exercise be responsible? He was almost a fanatic about it. – P.M.

possible reason for rupture of this kind of artery problem.

The booklet on strokes describes the more common stroke causes and their treatment. People can order a copy by writing: Dr. Donohue – No. 902W, 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.

A subarachnoid hemorrhage is a special kind of stroke. It's due to the bursting of an aneurysm on one of the brain arteries. Aneurysms are small, balloon-like protrusions of a brain artery. They're weak spots. "Subarachnoid" indicates that the artery is below one of the brain's coverings – the arachnoid. It's the same place where cerebrospinal fluid circulates. A rush of a large volume of blood into this space compresses the brain and compromises its function. The increased pressure on the brain adds to the threat of death.

**DEAR DR. DONOHUE:** Recently a friend passed away from Creutzfeldt-Jakob disease. The total course of the disease took about 10 weeks, although some recall subtle changes earlier. This has been described as human mad cow disease, or very rapid Alzheimer's. What can you tell us about it? – T.H.

Sometimes these weak bulges have been there from birth. In most instances, they arise during life. High blood pressure, smoking and excessive intake of alcohol contribute to their development. From 10 million to 15 million Americans have a cerebral aneurysm. Only a small percentage of these people die from it.

It's an infection due to a new kind of germ, one that is totally protein. No other living thing, if this truly is living, is composed only of protein. The germ is called a prion. When it finds its way into the brain, it causes a rapidly progressive and profound dementia. The prion might have been there for decades, however, before signs appear.

At the onset of bleeding, the involved person complains of a terrible headache, the worst he or she has ever had. The person then becomes unresponsive and slips into a coma. This sort of stroke has a high fatality rate, around 50 percent.

It is a truly rare disease that occurs in all parts of the world. Most of the time, it is fatal in a short time, about one year. No medicine stops its progress or improves its symptoms. Transmission of CJ disease to family members living under the same roof as the patient has not been described.

Answering your question about your friend's devotion to exercise and its influence on his death is hard. Exercise did not cause the aneurysm to form. In unusual circumstances, it might have caused the aneurysm to break. Straining to lift a very heavy load while simultaneously holding the breath has been described as a

*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) 2012 North America Synd., Inc. All Rights Reserved.*

# Super Crossword

### SHARPEN YOUR WITS

- ACROSS**
- 1 Mineral suffix
  - 4 Awaited
  - 9 Two, in Tijuana
  - 12 Out of line
  - 17 Worthless
  - 19 Pad
  - 20 Journalist Tarbell
  - 21 Hapsburg capital
  - 22 Like a spy story
  - 25 Actress Jennifer
  - 26 Former Pentagon head
  - 27 Big name in locks
  - 28 Dweeb's cousin?
  - 30 Competitor
  - 31 Germ type
  - 34 Made likely
  - 37 Pumper's pride
  - 38 Harrison Ford movie
  - 41 With 68 down, "ChiPs" star
  - 42 Tenor Thomas
  - 46 Writer Hunter
  - 47 Turf
  - 48 Field marshal Rommel
  - 50 Chemistry info
  - 51 Gets slushy
  - 53 Seoul soldier
  - 55 Non-threatening
  - 58 Ms. Goldberg
  - 60 Act like Etna
  - 62 Fine stuff?
  - 64 Actor Everett

- 65 Bring up
- 67 Conger
- 68 Look over
- 69 "Superman" star
- 70 Pitch in
- 72 Somerset
- Maugham work
- 76 Pale
- 77 Gravy ingredient
- 79 Prison pariah
- 80 Rum sum
- 81 Mead's milieu
- 83 Eatery
- 84 Snyder or Hanks
- 85 Houston ballplayer
- 87 Detest
- 90 "Calendar Girl" crooner
- 92 Fox's foot
- 94 Desert schlepper
- 96 Circus barker?
- 97 Fight site
- 99 Crank's comment
- 101 Take risks
- 102 Auto adornment
- 103 Very, very satisfied
- 104 Michael Ansara series
- 108 Egg plant?
- 109 Fondue ingredient
- 110 Rifleman
- 114 Business abbr.
- 115 James of "Misery"
- 116 Pearl Harbor's locale
- 119 Hold back
- 121 Flautist James
- 123 The Searchers hit

- 128 Private's posture
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  - 131 Joy Adamson's joy
  - 132 Hirsute Jamaican
  - 133 Occupy a cot
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- DOWN**
- 1 Peruvian of old
  - 2 Oklahoma city
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  - 4 Quote from 41
  - 5 \_ Saud
  - 6 Comic Goodman
  - 7 Snorri's stories
  - 8 He moves cars
  - 9 Excavate
  - 10 Laudatory lyrics
  - 11 French philosopher
  - 12 Isn't completely wrong?
  - 13 Diocese
  - 14 Roman Polanski film
  - 15 Put behind bars
  - 16 Cardiff's country
  - 18 Where lions laze
  - 21 Nothing but space
  - 23 Handle
  - 24 Class
  - 29 Used to be
  - 32 Imperfection
  - 33 Roof edge
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- 39 Chip's chum
- 40 Beseech
- 41 Fluffy female
- 42 Mouth piece?
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- 44 Impending peril
- 45 Pericles' portico
- 49 Mil. group
- 52 De Lesseps' ditch
- 54 Danny or Stubby
- 56 Hot rocks?
- 57 Early orchard?
- 59 Essence
- 61 Machinations
- 63 Some wines
- 66 Mr. Saarinen
- 68 See 41 Across
- 69 San \_ , Italy
- 70 Basics
- 71 "Dies \_"
- 73 Interstate exit
- 74 Coll. cadets
- 75 Armada member
- 78 Shred
- 82 Kind of kiln
- 84 Prepare to be in "Baywatch"
- 85 Vigilant
- 86 Astronomer
- Khayyam
- 88 "Bali \_"
- 89 New Haven
- hardwood
- 91 Brew barrel
- 93 " \_ Named Sue" ('69 hit)

- 95 Slips up
- 98 " \_Ca-Dabra" ('74 song)
- 100 Biblical tyrant
- 103 Musical composition
- 105 Stream
- 106 Kevin of "SNL"
- 107 Unrestrained
- 108 Churchill trademark
- 109 Motown's Marvin
- 111 Organ part
- 112 Boxer Griffith
- 113 Hair coloring
- 115 \_ Grande, AZ
- 117 Present
- 118 Weekend warriors (Abbr.)
- 120 Autocrat
- 122 Angkor \_ (Cambodian temple)
- 124 Ivy Leaguer
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**Moore Texas** by Roger Moore July 1925: The army assumes control of all the Helium production in Texas, which has 95% of total U.S. reserves.



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

*Q: How do I apply for Social Security disability benefits?*

A: There are two ways that you can apply for disability benefits. You can:

1. Apply Online at [www.socialsecurity.gov](http://www.socialsecurity.gov); or
2. Call our toll-free number, 1-800-772-1213 (TTY 1-800-325-0778), to make an appointment to file a disability claim at your local Social Security office or to set up an appointment for someone to take your claim over the telephone. If you are applying online, a Disability Starter Kit is available at [www.socialsecurity.gov/disability](http://www.socialsecurity.gov/disability). The kit will help you get ready for your disability claim interview. If you schedule an appointment, a Disability Starter Kit will be mailed to you.

*Q: I just started my first job and my paycheck is less than I expected. Why am I paying for retirement benefits when I have a lifetime to live before retirement?*

A: Besides being required by law, you are securing your own financial future through the payment of Social Security and Medicare taxes. The taxes you pay now translate to a lifetime of protection, whether you retire or become disabled. And when you die, your family (or future family) may be able to receive survivors benefits based on your work as

well. Aside from all the benefits in your own future, your Social Security and Medicare payments also help today's retirees. To learn more, visit our website at [www.socialsecurity.gov](http://www.socialsecurity.gov).

*Q: I can't find my Medicare card and I need a replacement. Do I need to come into the office?*

A: You can get your Medicare card replaced without leaving your home. Just go online to <http://www.socialsecurity.gov/medicarecard/> and get your new Medicare card sent to your home. Simply fill out the requested information and you'll get your new Medicare card within 30 days; it will be mailed to your address on record. If you need temporary proof of Medicare coverage, call our toll-free number at 1-800-772-1213 to request a letter and you will receive it in the mail within 7 to 10 days. If you need immediate proof of your Medicare coverage, please visit your local Social Security office.

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.

**STRANGE BUT TRUE**  
By Samantha Weaver

- It was double Nobel Prize-winning chemist and peace activist Linus Pauling who made the following sage observation: "The best way to have a good idea is to have lots of ideas."

- The acre as a unit of measurement has been with us for quite some time. Originally, an acre was considered to be the amount of land that could be tilled in a single day by one man behind one ox.

- If you've seen the movie "The Wizard of Oz," you might remember that in the Emerald City, the horses were a variety of bright colors. No special effects there – the set designers simply rubbed the animals with Jell-O powder to achieve the bright hues. Those scenes had to be shot very quickly, though, since the horses had a tendency to lick off their colors.

- If you spent some part of the 1980s trying to puzzle out a solution to a Rubik's Cube, you may be surprised to learn that the world record, held by Frenchman Edouard Chambon, is just 9.18 seconds. And it was set in 2008.

- You may not have learned about it in school, but during the summer and early autumn of 1859, the United States and the British became involved in a conflict known as The Pig War. In June of that year, a pig on American soil was shot by a British infantryman in Canada. In response to the provocation, the American militia camped out on the border for four months, until the British finally apologized. No lives were lost (other than the pig's).

- Those who study such things say that the lightning on Jupiter is 1,000 times more powerful than the lightning here on Earth.

Thought for the Day: "A person who trusts no one can't be trusted."  
– Jerome Blattner

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**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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**Weekly SUDOKU**

by Linda Thistle

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

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★★★ HOO BOY!

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**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: J equals F

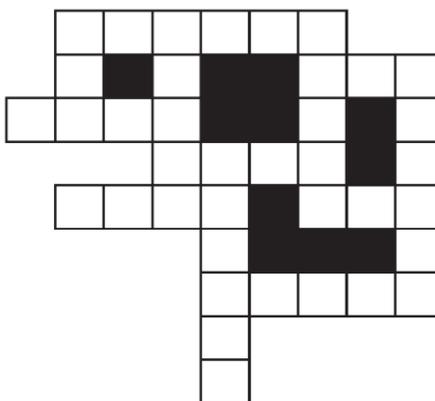
LJ YZPBQZFC GZGEHHC WTXY  
ZTG ZJ QWBEGI PLXGY, SZTHF  
CZT YEC IB'Y TX-SBWG-LJLBF?

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- DCA
- RADWIN
- EDWET
- NEWR
- THROOC
- ♥DNA
- ♥ETRI
- HADEC
- ♥OWH
- ♥EDIPON
- ♥SEATH
- ♥OSDE



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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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