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## NEWSBRIEFS

### New cadet

Cesario Elizaldi, Jr. from Horizon City has accepted an appointment to attend the Coast Guard Academy and was sworn-in as a member of the Class of 2014 on June 28, 2010. Cesario Jr. is a 2009 graduate of Socorro High School. He is the son of Mary H. Perez of Horizon City and Cesario Elizaldi, Sr.



C. Elizaldi, Jr.

of San Elizario. Admission to the Coast Guard Academy is highly competitive and less than 400 appointments are offered annually from a pool of over 4,000 applicants. Cadets receive a full tuition scholarship and monthly stipend for a five-year service commitment to the Coast Guard upon graduation. All graduates receive a Bachelor of Science degree and are guaranteed a position of leadership as a commissioned officer in the United States Coast Guard.

### Certified

Project BRAVO, Inc., El Paso's Community Action Program, has received word that its certification as a U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Housing Counseling Agency has been renewed. The renewal of its certification will ensure that the agency will continue to provide critical housing counseling services to residents of El Paso County for the next two years. "I am pleased to notify you that HUD is renewing your approval as a housing counseling agency," wrote Elaine Roberts, Director of the HUD Housing Counseling Program. "Project BRAVO is an important community partner with HUD by helping expand homeownership opportunities, improve access to affordable housing and preserve home ownership." Housing counseling is one of several housing services provided by Project BRAVO. The agency provides assistance to clients regarding the home purchase process, pre-purchase strategies and maintaining home ownership. It also counsels clients on mortgage default and rental delinquency issues. Project BRAVO also seeks new and innovative approaches to addressing the affordable housing needs of residents. The agency manages six affordable housing units that provide housing for 36 low-income families in El Paso County.

— Roy Ortega

### Crime Stoppers

A man riding his bicycle to work at night on the westside, using all the proper

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*A father is often a man who is working his son's way through college.*

— Quips & Quotes

## Students gain college degrees before high school diplomas

By Don Woodyard  
Special to the Courier

EL PASO COUNTY — For those who thirst for knowledge, five special oases of education have sprung up in the Lower and Upper Valleys of El Paso in the last four years.

Students quench that thirst in early college high schools. They are the result of cooperative educational efforts of El Paso Community College in partnerships with area school districts.

The first fruits of the collaborative effort were in evidence this month in the graduation of the first students from the Mission del Paso Early College High School program in the Socorro Independent School District, the first oasis. The program was initiated in SISD with a freshman class of 125 in 2006. It was the first of five. A sixth is planned.



Richard Rhodes

In evaluating the goals and achievements of the program, top EPCC administrators clearly see they have been wrong. They don't mind being wrong because it is a wrong in the right way.

"We underestimated the abilities of the students," Dr. Richard Rhodes freely admits. Rhodes is president of EPCC. "They proved us wrong. They exceeded our highest expectations."

Rhodes sees this as "a hopeful sign for the future. We provide opportunities with incentives. Students will achieve their dreams."

Echoing Rhodes is Tonie Badillo, coordinator of early college high school initiatives at EPCC. "They exceeded our expectations for them. They are taking off," she enthuses and adds, "It's good to make mistakes of this kind."

What was the specific flaw in their initial calculations and planning?

They had expected that some would not only graduate in four years with a high school in four years, but would also have earned an associates' degree from EPCC. The achievement of the associates' degree was there, but the timetable was different.

Apparently 23 Socorro High School students were unaware of the expected educational timetable. They graduated one year ago with an associates' degree — before they had received their high school diplomas. Nine of those 23 had a perfect 4.0 average, Rhodes points out.

Another 42 graduated in December 2009 with the same degree. Still another 44 got their associates at graduation earlier this summer.

The president shares statistics of another nature. They deal with high-risk students.

Ninety percent of the students are from economically disadvantaged homes. Seventy percent represent the first generation in their families to go beyond the high school level.

"The kids were not going to be limited," she says proudly. "It's an amazing thing."

What's amazing for Badillo is that many of these students, whom they will continue to track, are looking way into the future, beyond a bachelor's degree to a master's and even a doctorate.

Three main courses are available to students, she explains.

- They take the standard, four-year high school curriculum.

- They can also take dual credit courses with special, certified teachers. According to statistics from EPCC's Office of Enrollment Management, a total of 422 SISD students were enrolled in dual credit courses. The Ysleta ISD, the second school district to go in partnership with EPCC, has 381 in dual level classes.

- The third academic path, Badillo notes, takes students across the high school's parking lot to the buildings of the Mission del Paso campus for the early college high school classes.

Joining the early college program in 2008 was the El Paso ISD at EPCC's Transmountain campus. EPISD has 799 in dual credit. The fourth district to join was Canutillo ISD in 2008, working through the Northwest campus of EPCC. A fifth, a cloistered grouping of three districts, opens this fall in Fabens. It is the Cotton Valley early college high school program and was featured in an earlier County Courier article.

A sixth, Badillo says, is planned to open in 2011 in the Clint ISD.

The overall program has embraced UT El Paso. Badillo says there was a "convening," a gathering of educators at UTEP on June 12. It involved UTEP faculty along with high school and community college educators coming together and sharing information about the early college high school program.

The success of EPCC's efforts with this program has drawn attention from across the state, Badillo says.

"They see us as a model, and we are happy to share with them," she says. "They can learn from our mistakes — so they don't trip over the same stone."

(Photos by Fernie Garcia, EPCC Marketing)



Tonie Badillo



**OUCH — In 2008, hospitals and emergency rooms treated 7,000 patients with firework-related injuries, with 58 percent of those injuries to the extremities. Most injuries occur around the Fourth of July.**

## Texas physicians urge safety with fireworks

By Brent Annear  
Special to the Courier

Gilbert Handal, MD, knows firsthand the dangers of mishandling consumer fireworks because he has treated the victims: a 10-year-old girl who suffered serious corneal damage after a firework burned her face and eyes; and a 7-year-old boy who received serious burns and scars on his hands while holding a "sparkler" firework, which many consider less of a risk to use.

Such stories are common. Every year thousands of people are injured from fireworks, and two in every five of those injured are under age 15. As the Fourth of July weekend approaches, the Texas Medical Association (TMA) cautions Texans about the dangers of handling consumer fireworks.

"Children, and frequently adults, are not aware of how dangerous fireworks can be and the harm they can cause people through burns and loss of property," says Handal, who has seen numerous firework-related injuries in his El Paso practice, in spite of the prohibition in that city against the sale and use of fireworks.

"Fireworks ideally should be managed by professionals who are trained and have the expertise to use them. But if parents do choose to let their children handle consumer fireworks, a responsible adult should closely supervise the activity," Handal stresses.

Handal, a member of TMA's Committee on Child and Adolescent Health, says even the most benign-looking firework can result in severe burns. More than 1,000 annual fireworks injuries are associated with sparklers and bottle rockets, according to the 2008 U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission's fireworks report.

Every year the injury toll is staggering. In 2008, hospitals and emergency rooms treated 7,000 patients with firework-related injuries, with 58 percent of those injuries to the extremities. Most injuries occur around

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## AARP offers home safety tips

By Kim Loop  
Special to the Courier

For many seniors, homes have rich history. Memories of children growing, precious family moments and fun times with friends

are around every corner.

But fewer folks realize that some changes may need to be made to ensure their homes can continue to be as rewarding for many more years to come. Not to fret, we're not

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Veterans Post

By Freddy Groves

Agent Orange update

Sometimes there are mysteries we just don’t understand, and this is one of them: Sen. Jim Webb of Virginia won Senate approval to halt the proposed Department of Veterans Affairs ruling that acknowledges three new illnesses caused by Agent Orange.

Those illnesses — Parkinson’s disease, B-cell leukemia and ischemic heart disease — would have been presumptive, as requested by VA chief Eric Shinseki. He did, one has to assume, do his homework before he stated that there was evidence that linked Agent Orange with those illnesses.

If there is House approval, this move will put a minimum of a 60-day hold on paying any compensation or giving any benefits for those illnesses. During the 60 days, Congress will “study” the issue, likely using the same research reports that Shinseki used when he came to his decision.

All the while, the VA has been urging veterans to go ahead and file pronto so claims for these presumptive illnesses can be fast-tracked.

Of all the senators who might have thrown a wrench in the works, Webb is a surprise. He grew up the son of an Air Force officer, is the father of a Marine, and served in the Marine Corps himself in Vietnam. He’s the “Webb” in the new Webb GI Bill. He called for independent testing of body armor to make sure it’s safe. Webb fought against replacing Norfolk as a homeport for the Navy’s nuclear-powered aircraft carriers. It would seem, on the surface, that he’s had his priorities straight.

Until now.

Don’t let this delay tactic stop you from filing. Get the paperwork in because back benefits will start from the date of filing, once they get this straightened out.

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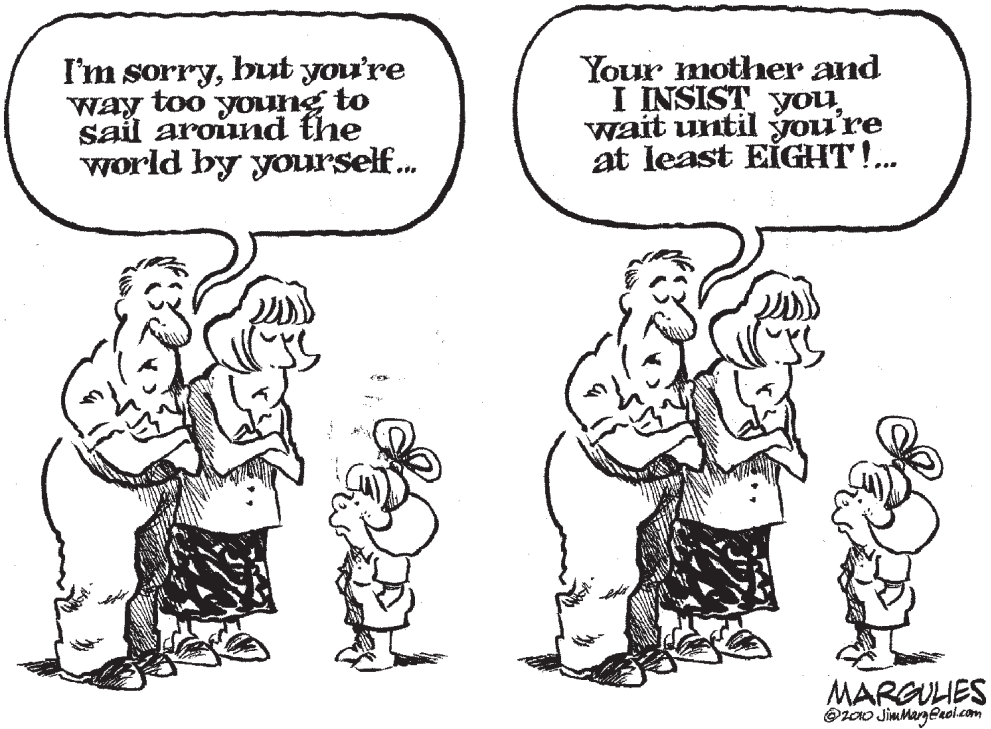
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View from here By Howard Rich

Is the Welfare State a Ponzi Scheme?

Ponzi schemes rely on people falling for promises that are literally too good to be true — but the outcomes are never really in doubt for the perpetrators of these scams, are they?

First they are playing with money that does not belong to them — which means they cannot lose. Also, when the scams finally unravel, the perpetrators have invariably moved on to their next group of unsuspecting victims — where the fleecing begins anew.

Sound familiar? It should. This is the modus operandi of governments all over the world in our current era of Keynesian excess — an era in which new taxes, fees and fines must be continually created and levied in order to pay for promises made in previous years. Of course these government promises are never actually “paid for,” the IOUs just keep mounting as the burden of repayment is extended further down the line to future generations of taxpayers.

Crisis compels the scammers to grow even bolder in their efforts to fleece the taxpayers. In fact, these “too good to be true” scams have only grown more expensive in response to the recent economic downturn.

Take the ongoing financial crisis in Greece, which has prompted a \$144 billion bailout from the European Union and International Monetary Fund. This EU/IMF bailout — part of a larger \$1 trillion “rescue” plan for the Euro — is nothing but a massive Ponzi scheme, as the leaders of fiscally reckless nations are basically saddling their debt onto the shoulders of their more responsible neighbors.

Not surprisingly, the root cause of the crisis that is threatening to bring down the global economy lies in the unsustainable expansion of the welfare state — which should be a lesson for American politicians of both parties.

First, let’s look at what’s happening in Greece.

“Greek governments have spent years buying social peace and votes with public spending, generous pensions, tax breaks, EU money and jobs for life, directed to an array of rent-seeking interest groups,” The Economist noted last month. “This sort

of social contract, lubricated by endemic corruption and lax law-enforcement, has evolved to suit a country emerging from a vile civil war and years of dictatorship in which consensus was painfully absent.”

Also, let’s not forget that Greece sought for years to hide its growing debt problem from the rest of the world, paying hundreds of millions of Euros to various financial institutions in an effort to conceal the extent of its profligate borrowing.

Greece is now implementing several so-called “austerity” measures as a pre-condition of receiving the rest of Europe’s bailout benevolence. But what sounds “austere” to the Greeks is still quite excessive when compared to the government largesse being doled out elsewhere on the continent. In fact, at its heart Greek “austerity” amounts to little more than tinkering around the edges of the nation’s overextended entitlement culture, and in typical Ponzi fashion this political path of least resistance includes several new tax hikes that will only exacerbate the fundamental problem.

Meanwhile, even more frightening is the likelihood that the financial woes in Greece presage a broader European solvency crisis — one that will spread to other nations that are similarly drowning in the red ink of unsustainable government welfare. Spain, for example, is on the verge of having to tap into hundreds of billions of Euros tied to the EU/IMF bailout, and even that may not be enough to stabilize its teetering economy.

Spain’s welfare state includes a socialist labor system that makes it nearly impossible to fire workers for any reason. And like Greece, its habit of dispensing unsustainable taxpayer-funded largesse has been propped up for years by government denials and deception. Most recently, Spanish Prime Minister José Luis Rodríguez Zapatero chose to deal with the brewing fiscal crisis by ignoring it and delaying long-overdue reforms in an effort to maintain his political positioning.

It’s the Ponzi mentality all over again.

Eventually, though, the scammers will run

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Briefs

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safety equipment, is struck by a vehicle and left on the roadside in critical condition, making this the Crime Stoppers “Crime of the Week.” On Thursday, May 6, at approximately 10:30 p.m., Anthony, N.M., resident Mr. Ruben Lemus, age 51, was riding his bicycle to work at Leviton Manufacturing on El Paso’s west side. Lemus had made the ride many times before and was wearing a safety helmet, and also had safety lights in front and back

of his bicycle. He was riding on the far right side of the roadway, and was within two miles of his destination when an unknown vehicle ran him down. He was struck in the 7300 block of South Desert. This is the first significant accident involving a bicycle this year, but two bicyclists were killed by vehicles in 2009. Although it is unknown what type of vehicle struck Lemus and fled the scene without rendering aid, investigators are hoping that someone witnessed the incident as it took place on the Gateway next to I-10 heading east into town. The victim was spotted by

a passerby who called police. Lemus was taken to a local hospital in critical condition. Unfortunately, he died on June 8. The suspect vehicle would have shown a considerable amount of front-end damage. If you have information about the identity of the suspect and/or the location of the vehicle, please call Crime Stoppers immediately at 566-TIPS (566-8477) or on-line at [www.crimestoppersofelpaso.org](http://www.crimestoppersofelpaso.org). You will remain anonymous and, if your tip leads to an arrest, you can qualify for a cash reward.

— James Klaes

Tornillo Independent School District  
Public Notice

Notification of Nondiscrimination in Career and Technology  
Education Programs at Tornillo ISD for 2010-2011 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, and/or the Section 504 Coordinator, 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 2010-2011

- 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.
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Fireworks

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the Fourth of July — more than two-thirds of fireworks-related injuries in 2008 were reported between June 20 and July 20. (The 2009 fireworks-related injury report will be released on June 30.)

Texas law allows consumer fireworks to be sold to people ages 16 and older. Teens ages 15 through 19 are most often injured by fireworks.

TMA favors passage of legislation that restricts the sale and use of fireworks to licensed pyrotechnic operators.

“If I had my choice, I would ban the use of fireworks except under expert control of people with experience and resources to make them a worthy and safe experience,” Handal says. “But because of state law that is not possible in Texas, so we must educate patients and concentrate on safety.”

TMA seeks cooperation with other associations, state agencies, and

statewide groups to raise awareness and provide education on the dangers of fireworks to patients. TMA also recommends age-appropriate fireworks education be included as a component in overall health education.

TMA doctors suggest the safest way to celebrate the Fourth of July is to watch professional fireworks displays in local communities. However, for people using fireworks this holiday weekend TMA physicians urge:

- Never let children light or play with fireworks;
- Read and follow all warnings and instructions;
- Keep fireworks out of range of other people before lighting;
- Light fireworks on a smooth, flat surface, away from buildings and any flammable materials;
- Never try to relight a firework that didn’t ignite; and
- Keep a bucket of water nearby in case of a fire.

The TMA website has more information and helpful links on fireworks safety, resources, and statistics.

Ponzi

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out of people to scam — and Spain could very well represent the last great heist. Spain represents 10% of the euro zone banking system and 16% of all net euro-zone loans, meaning that its collapse could very well bring the entire global house of cards tumbling down.

Such an outcome would clearly

have disastrous effects on the American economy, which makes the aggressive expansion of the welfare state here in the United States all the more unexplainable. Greece and Spain (as well as Portugal and Ireland) are clearly cautionary tales — not examples for America follow.

Howard Rich is the chairman of Americans for Limited Government. [www.getliberty.org](http://www.getliberty.org)

Tornillo Independent School District  
Public Notice

2010-2011 School Meal Policy

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Póliza de Comida del Año 2010-2011

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Safety

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suggesting you undertake a large remodeling project. Most of the changes that can help keep you safe in your own home are pretty simple and don’t cost a lot of money.

Here we’ll highlight the modifications that are suitable for DIY projects, whether you truly do them yourself or enlist the help of a friend or family member. There are other changes that contractors can assist with, but often these simple ones make a considerable difference.

In the bathroom, you should consider:

- Grab bars in the shower, by the toilet and by the bathtub;
  - Rubber strips or a non-skid mat in the bathtub;
  - A hand-held flexible shower head;
  - An adjustable shower seat; and
  - A phone that’s within reach at all times; and
  - A transfer bench outside the bathtub (for getting in and out easier)
- Around the home, be sure to have:
- Lever or easy-to-use push door handles, faucets and light switches;
  - Nighttime lights in hallways, stairways and frequently used

- rooms;
- Bright lighting in all parts of the house;
  - Adjustable height closet rods; and
  - Handrails along staircases

There are other tips that relate to having a neat house: Make sure all walkways are clear of clutter. Remove all rugs, or secure them with carpet tape. Wipe up any spills immediately. Outside, make sure there is adequate drainage, preventing slippery surfaces.

Other suggestions apply to all homes, and you’ve undoubtedly heard them many times before. For example, install smoke detectors throughout your home, test them regularly and be sure their batteries are functional.

Making these adjustments to your home will help you (or your parents) continue to live independently and at home. These changes aren’t just for the 65 and over crowd. Anyone who intends to stay in their home for many years and decades to come should start thinking about accessibility and universal design.

See our full checklist on making your home as safe as it can be: [http://assets.aarp.org/external\\_sites/caregiving/checklists/checklist\\_](http://assets.aarp.org/external_sites/caregiving/checklists/checklist_homeSafety.html)homeSafety.html

Kim Loop writes for AARP Texas.

Por la Gente By State Rep. Chente Quintanilla

Be safe on the Fourth

Hola mi gente. HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO THE GREATEST NATION IN THE WORLD!

Of course, on July Fourth we celebrate the creation of our Declaration of Independence. The Declaration made formal grievance against Great Britain and put the thirteen colonies in a state of war with the kingdom. The true birth of our nation occurred when the Constitution was written and ratified by all thirteen founding colonies.

Many years ago, the Fourth was celebrated throughout the city and county with fireworks in every neighborhood. Eventually, the City of El Paso voted to place a ban on the possession and use of fireworks (except by permit) within the city limits. That started a process that, over time, increased the number of people traveling outside the city to pop fireworks in the unincorporated areas of the county.

Year after year, the numbers grew to a level that in the past three or four years was estimated upwards of 30,000 people lined up

along far east Montana alone. Other areas such as I-10 and Horizon Blvd. have also seen hundreds or thousands of city residents lighting fireworks in the open desert areas.

Celebrating the Fourth of July is a right and privilege of all the citizens of the United States. It should however be done in the most responsible manner. First and foremost, your safety and those around you should be of paramount importance. As you celebrate, make sure that the consumption of alcohol is moderate. Excessive consumption could create a dangerous situation or could prevent you from properly responding in the event of a dangerous situation. Drink alcohol responsibly.

The other important part of celebrating the Fourth is to be considerate of your neighbors. When you visit outlying areas, remember that other U.S. citizens live there. Please don’t impose on their safety and comfort by crowding into certain areas. This is important not only for the comfort of the residents, but also for the public safety personnel who need

unfettered passage to any area. When lighting the fireworks, remember the first four letters: fire. Although it seems that the climate will not be as dry as past summers, there is always danger of fire; especially with children. Adults need to be very vigilant over minors; pay less attention to the food and beverage and focus on them.

Lastly, don’t leave your mess for the locals to pick up. Every year the residents in the Montana Vista area wake up on July 5 to find garbage strewn over their community. Pack your garbage in a trash bag and take it home to your garbage receptacle. At the very least, bag it and leave it close to the road for pickup; don’t just leave it on the ground. How would you like it if the people in Montana Vista went to your neighborhood and dumped their garbage for you to dispose?

If everyone follows the few suggestions above, it will be a great birthday celebration for everyone. Enjoy the holiday and be safe.

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

Tornillo Independent School District Public Notice of Nondiscrimination

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El distrito escolar de Tornillo esta comprometido a cumplir con las responsabilidades especificas por el Titulo VI del Acta de Derechos Civiles de 1964, como enmienda, el Titulo IX de la Enmienda de Educación de 1972, que prohíbe la discriminación sexual, la Acta de la Discriminación por edad de 1975 como enmienda, la Sección 504 del Acta de Rehabilitación de 1973, como enmienda, y el Acta de Americanos con Incapacidades.

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Tornillo Independent School District Public Notice

Special Needs Programs at Tornillo ISD for 2010-2011 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 2010-2011

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.

# Players will make mistakes, but officials could be perfect

By Steve Escajeda  
*Special to the Courier*

It’s too bad that all we have are written words for what has happened throughout history.

In other words, we have no real clue whether the words are accurate, false or slightly exaggerated. It would have been nice to have video cameras around over the last few thousand years to capture the events of time.

Did Noah really build an ark? Did Washington really cross the Delaware? Did Columbus really discover America? And how were those darn pyramids really built anyway?

And how much have we learned by having video cameras around? We know what happened at the exact moment John Kennedy was shot. We know exactly what happened on Sept. 11, 2001 and we know men really walked on the moon.

So if there is no better way of proving something than actually having a video recording of it, why in the world do some sports organizations still refuse to use it?

It baffles even the average mind.

Though some sports like football and tennis have moved into the 21st century, many other professional sports choose to stay in the dark ages.

The talk about using instant replay intensified in baseball when umpire Jim Joyce cost Detroit’s Armando Galarraga a perfect game with a bad call. It could have easily been corrected if they had only gone to the videotape.

Now the talk has started about soccer maybe using replay after England’s clear goal against Germany last weekend. The ball was clearly in the net but not called a goal because the officials failed to see it.

The entire stadium, both teams and the world watching on TV all saw that the goal was good. But the guys who make the final call didn’t see the goal, though double checking could have ensured the correct decision.

It’s infuriating that these organizations have the technology to get the calls right and yet they simply refuse to use it on the basis of tradition.

Now I’m all for a little tradition in everything, but every single aspect of our lives

has evolved from where it started to where it is now — and that means tweaking some traditional methods for more modern ones.

It’s no secret that FIFA (soccer’s governing body) has a policy of not even acknowledging blown calls, let alone discussing any changes.

It reminds me of ostriches who feel totally safe and secure — as long as they hide their heads in the sand. Ignoring the obvious just doesn’t make it go away.

Not making use of the video technology we have today is like choosing to go to work tomorrow morning and typing your report on a manual typewriter and asking your buddy in the next cubicle for some whiteout when you punch the wrong key.

Or maybe you’d like to ride your horse to work tomorrow, or slaughter your own meat for next weekend’s family cookout, or perhaps you’d like your doctor to treat your next ailment with a bag of leeches.

You advance by adapting to a better way of doing things.

Baseball has a huge problem with bad calls on the base paths and whether balls are trapped by outfielders.

We all see what really happens on a play from our TVs at home through instant replays. The officials on the field are not given that information.

Does that make any sense to anyone?

I know soccer is an old sport enjoyed by many of the older countries, but I’m sure the majority of soccer purists are interested in getting the calls right.

There are several other countries that have had some gripes about the officiating at the World Cup, including the United States.

But FIFA announced once again after the bad calls that they still do not talk about such things in their tournaments. In other words, they’re pleading the fifth.

It’s a good bet that soccer and baseball will succumb to the pressure some time in the next few years at least in some capacity.

Any type of instant replay is better than none at all.

Personally, I think soccer is about as exciting as any Al Gore speech, but it should still try to get the calls right — or why bother?

Besides, when referee’s disallow a legitimate score like that, it deprives us of hearing another call of “goooooooooooooal.”

## A sporting view Who’s got my back?

Stereotypes abound in sports: crazy bleacher bums, the lackadaisical suburbanite leaving during the sixth inning, the Orioles fan who actually wants season tickets.

The Colorado fan has resisted the pigeonhole. Sure, when you say “Bud” at a Denver game, the first thing that comes to mind isn’t beer (they drink Coors... what did you think I meant?), but isn’t

that part of their higher-altitude charm?

So, after reading a few of Madison Kennedy’s Denver sports scene-related tweets, I sent her this innocent missive via e-mail: “When did you become such a sports fan?”

I should have known better. Such a message would require a response on her part and that response would

no doubt lead to me meeting up with her at a local sports bar and listening to her half-baked banter about the Nuggets and lots of other things I frankly could not care less about.

She was already at the bar when I arrived, and her back was to the wall — the man’s seat. I wasn’t surprised. It’s hard to explain to a woman why men need to have their backs against the wall in a restaurant. They don’t understand that we have a genetic predisposition that says someone will sneak up behind us and put two caps into our skull before we can even order an appetizer if we’re not facing

the door at all times. My natural-selection argument is met by her natural objection, so we settle in to watch the game.

The Nuggets are long out of the playoffs; the Lakers and Celtics are on the TV. She asks me why the rivalry is such a big deal. I take the bait and talk history as I try to set the scene.

“They’re like the Yankees-Red Sox of the NBA,” I start.

“Nobody cares about the Yankees and Red Sox outside of New York and Boston,” she finishes, matter-of-factly. A few guys behind me laugh at her remark, but since I’m not against the wall, I can’t see them and it’s just as well.

not impressed.

“Right... you’re talking about their floors, and I’m the girl?”

Yeah, she sounds like quite the sports fan until she starts waxing poetic about former Rockies slugger Dante Bichette’s backside.

“Nobody liked his restaurant,” she enthused, “but it didn’t matter because he was sooo hot!”

There’s nobody laughing behind me now, and it’s probably just as well. It’s closing time, and as the Lakers hoist the hardware, I’m left to pick up the check.

I bet it’d be lighter in Denver, but who’s to say?

Mark Vasto is a veteran sportswriter and publisher of The Kansas City Luminary. (c) 2010 King Features Synd., Inc.

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### LEGALS

#### Town Of Horizon City PUBLIC HEARING

A PUBLIC HEARING will be held during a Regular Planning & Zoning Commission Meeting on Monday, July 19, 2010, at 6:30 p.m., at the Town of Horizon City, City Council Chambers, 14999 Darrington Road, Horizon City, Texas. The purpose of the public hearing is to allow any interested persons to appear and comment regarding a proposed rezoning of the following

property:

1) **Rezoning application #10-001RZ: Two parcels described as:**

**Parcel 1: Eastlake Blvd. and Darrington Road, southwest corner parcel #3000 – being a portion of Section 21, Block 79, Township 3, Texas and Pacific Railway Company surveys, El Paso County, Texas, containing in all 399,344.28 square feet or 9.1677 acres of land more or less.**

**Parcel 2: Eastlake Blvd. and Darrington Road, southeast corner**

**parcel #3001 – being a portion of Section 21, Block 79, Township 3, Texas and Pacific Railway Company surveys, El Paso County, Texas, containing in all 698,683.77 square feet or 16.0395 acres of land more or less.**

Proposed is the following change of zoning:

Current Zoning: R-2 – Single Family-Dwelling

Proposed Zoning: C-2 – Heavy Commercial

Those who are unable to attend may submit their views in writing to

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

Karen Ellefson  
Town Clerk

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OUT ON A LIMB By Gary Kopervas



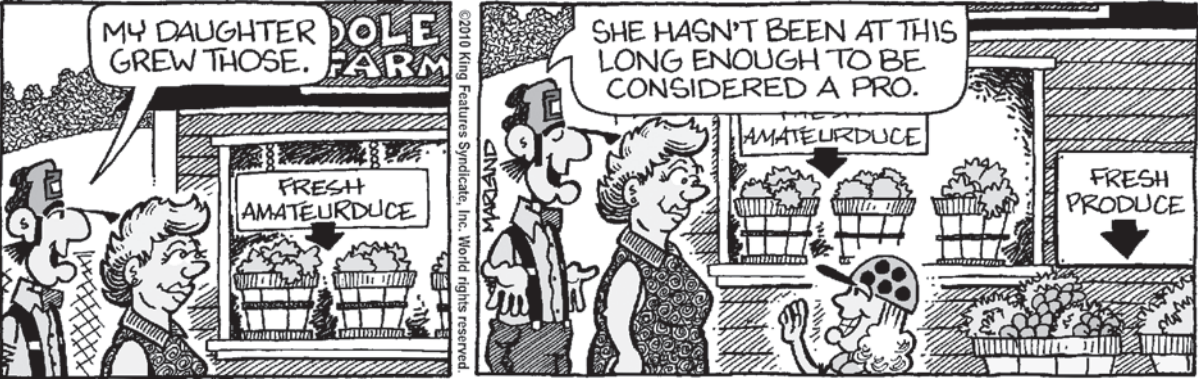
AMBER WAVES By Dave T. Phipps



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

DEAR DR. DONOHUE: I started treatment for asthma for the first time at age 80. At first I took prednisone and albuterol. Then I had a Pulmicort inhaler. Now I am on Symbicort. The material that comes with this medicine advises that this LABA (long-acting beta agonist) may increase the chance of death from asthma. Exactly what is this telling me? — E.S.

With asthma, there is a sudden constriction of the breathing tubes (bronchi), along with the production of thick mucus. Both block the flow of air into the lungs, and both cause asthma symptoms — shortness of breath, wheezing and coughing. Asthma changes are reversible.

Asthma medications come in three major categories. One is quick-action medicines, the kind that get to work fast to open the breathing tubes. Many of these medicines are SABAs, short-acting beta agonists. Albuterol is one example. Beta agonists dilate bronchi. Too-frequent use of the short-acting beta agonists indicates poor asthma control. They should be used only for an acute attack, and attacks should be infrequent.

The second category is cortisone drugs, the potent suppressors of inflammation. They calm airways and prevent their constriction. They also decrease mucus production. Taken by mouth, cortisone drugs have unpleasant side effects when used for long periods in high doses. Taken by inhaler, the side effects are few. Pulmicort is a cortisone-inhaler drug.

The third category of drug is long-acting drugs, drugs that keep the airways less twitchy for prolonged periods. Long-acting beta agonists, LABAs, belong in this category. LABA drugs have been noted to increase the risk of serious asthma attacks, which ended in fatalities for a few. That

was in the days when they were used alone. Now they have been incorporated into preparations combined with cortisone drugs. Since these dual preparations have come to the market, no drug-related asthma fatalities have been reported. The warning still exists because a LABA is part of the drug. You don't need to worry about your medicine, Symbicort. It's a dual medicine.

The asthma booklet explains in detail this common malady. To order a copy, write to: Dr. Donohue — No. 602W, Box 536475, Orlando, FL 32853-6475. Enclose a check or money order (no cash) for \$4.75 U.S./\$6 Canada with the recipient's printed name and address. Please allow four weeks for delivery.

DEAR DR. DONOHUE: A while back, you had information in your column about ear trouble while on a plane. This spring, we went on an airplane for my grandson's graduation. On the flight back, my granddaughter got a terrible earache. I had the same trouble a year previously. She was crying, and we didn't know what to do. What causes this, and what can be done for it? — B.L.

The earache comes from an imbalance of pressure on the outside and inside of the eardrum. It happens on ascent and descent, but it's more common on descent. The pressure imbalance pushes the eardrum inward. That is painful.

Hundreds of readers wrote to me about EarPlanes Ear Plugs, found in many drugstores. These earplugs lessen pressure on the eardrum. I'm convinced they work well.

Other tricks to equalize pressure include repeated yawning, gum-chewing and plugging the nose between thumb and index finger while forcing air out of the nose.

Super Crossword

UPLIFTING STORY

- ACROSS
- 1 Yacht spot
  - 7 Label
  - 10 Country singer Hank
  - 14 Hopeless case
  - 19 Mistreated
  - 20 \_ Simbel
  - 21 "I could \_ horse!"
  - 22 Madrid museum
  - 23 Start of a remark by Gene Perret
  - 24 Makes one's mark
  - 25 Fragment
  - 26 High points
  - 27 Ben, to Hoss
  - 28 Sparkle
  - 31 Tend a tot
  - 33 Actress Meyers
  - 34 \_ gras
  - 36 One of the Waughs
  - 38 Prickly plant
  - 41 Part 2 of remark
  - 46 Managed
  - 47 Burton or Curry
  - 48 Doe in "Bambi"
  - 49 Comic Charlotte
  - 50 "Alley \_"
  - 51 Rash
  - 55 Unrestrained
  - 59 Handbag part
  - 62 " \_ Be Me" ('60 hit)
  - 63 Designer Simpson
  - 66 Baseball's Berg
  - 67 " \_ Is for Heroes" ('62 film)

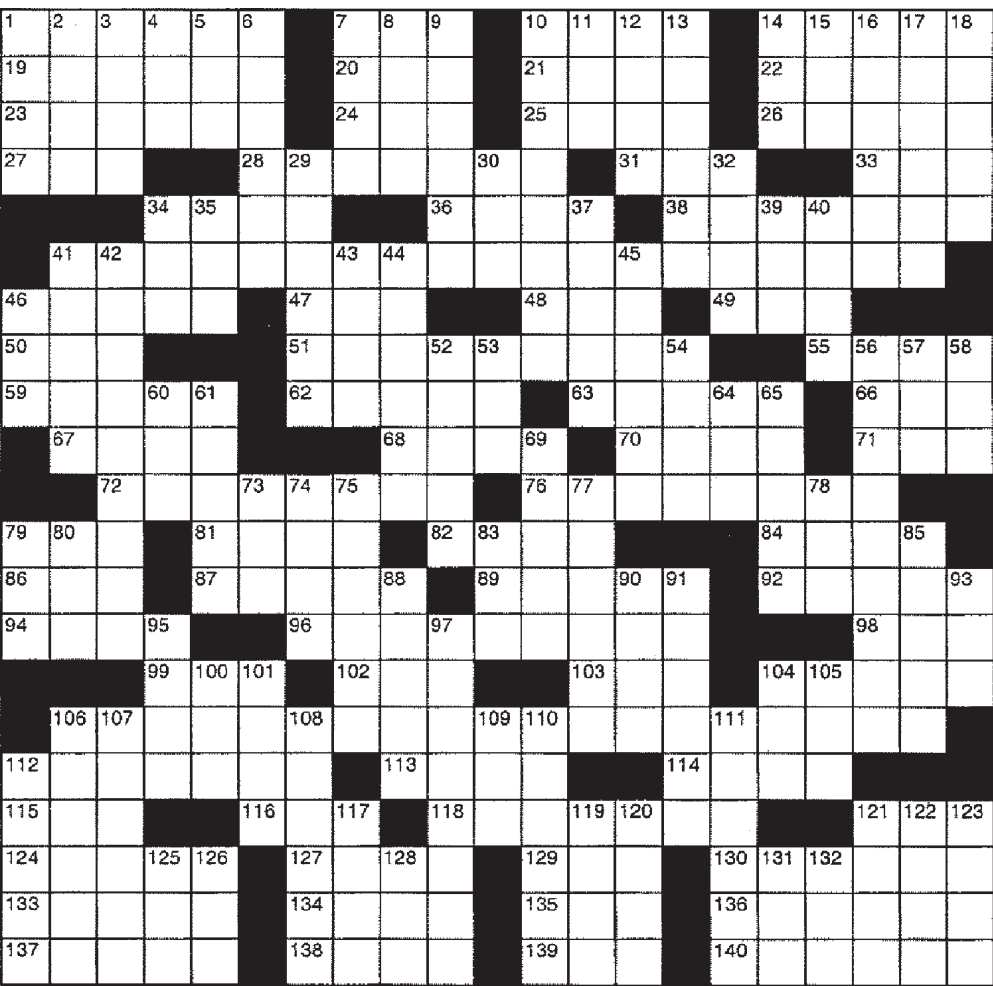
- 68 Crude cartel
- 70 Gray or Moran
- 71 Comics' noise
- 72 Wedding gift, perhaps
- 76 Electrician's device
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- 81 Conductor Karl
- 82 Puerto \_
- 84 Piccadilly figure
- 86 Mellow
- 87 Athenian arcades
- 89 French impressionist
- 92 Inclines
- 94 Playwright Hart
- 96 Fusilli's predecessor
- 98 " \_ favor"
- 99 Curious
- 102 Quisenberry or Quayle
- 103 "I've \_ it!"
- 104 Texas athlete
- 106 Part 3 of remark
- 112 Rudy Vallee, for one
- 113 Showstopper
- 114 Tibetan monk
- 115 Word on a pump
- 116 Cotton clump
- 118 Bit
- 121 Davis' dom.
- 124 See 5 Down
- 127 Prepare to be shot
- 129 " \_ whizz!"
- 130 End of remark

- DOWN
- 1 A sweeping success?
  - 2 " \_ -Ca-Dabra" ('74 song)
  - 3 Wished undone
  - 4 "It \_ far, far better..."
  - 5 With 124 Across, "Air Music" composer
  - 6 Leisurely, to Liszt
  - 7 Judd Hirsch sitcom
  - 8 Help a hood
  - 9 Holst or Mahler
  - 10 Hid
  - 11 Slangy negative
  - 12 Publisher Chandler
  - 13 Elk
  - 14 Scholastic abbr.
  - 15 Mythical monster
  - 16 Jet of yore
  - 17 Swimmer Gertrude
  - 18 Riveting woman?
  - 29 Soup type
  - 30 Yalie

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- 34 Adversary
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- 40 Prepare prunes
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- 43 Lifesaver flavor
- 44 Caveat \_
- 45 One following another
- 46 \_ Cob, CT
- 52 More mature
- 53 Multipurpose vehicle
- 54 Semester
- 56 Musical composition
- 57 Card game
- 58 Morning moisture
- 60 PC key
- 61 Commoners
- 64 Speak with a forked tongue
- 65 Record
- 69 Winter warmer-upper
- 73 Bon \_
- 74 "Hold your horses!"
- 75 Blake or Plummer
- 77 Neighbor of Hokkaido
- 78 Distinctive period
- 79 Tasty tuber
- 80 Self-esteem

- 83 Mischief-maker
- 85 Hurling or curling
- 88 Corset parts
- 90 List ender
- 91 Learn to walk
- 93 Theater sign
- 95 London district
- 97 Per se
- 100 Bear's lair
- 101 Comic Carey
- 104 Bk. convenience
- 105 Health club
- 106 Baltimore bird
- 107 Steamy
- 108 Long curtains
- 109 Fire
- 110 Starting point
- 111 Homegrown
- 112 Pool shot
- 117 Mourning \_
- 119 Callao-s country
- 120 Nuisance
- 121 Fountain order
- 122 Loretta of "M\*A\*S\*H"
- 123 Melodious Murray
- 125 "Die Meistersinger" heroine
- 126 Gibson or Blanc
- 128 Tynemouth title
- 131 "Whether \_ nobler in the mind ..."
- 132 Decimal point

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Social Security Q&A

By Ray Vigil

*Q: How do I change my citizenship status on Social Security's records?*

A: To change your citizenship status shown in Social Security records:

- Complete an application for a Social Security card (Form SS-5), which you can find online at [www.socialsecurity.gov/online/ss-5.html](http://www.socialsecurity.gov/online/ss-5.html); and

Locate documents proving your:

- New or revised citizenship status (Only certain documents can be accepted as proof of citizenship. These include your U.S. passport, a Certificate of Naturalization, or a Certificate of Citizenship. If you are not a U.S. citizen, Social Security will ask to see your current immigration documents);
- Age; and
- Identity.

Then take, or mail, your completed application and documents to your local Social Security office.

All documents must be either originals or copies certified by the issuing agency. We cannot accept photocopies or notarized copies of documents. For more information, visit [www.socialsecurity.gov](http://www.socialsecurity.gov).

*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 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 schedule an appointment, a Disability Starter Kit will be mailed to you. The kit will help you get

ready for your disability claim interview. If you are applying online or want to get started on the kit right away, it is available online at [www.socialsecurity.gov/disability](http://www.socialsecurity.gov/disability).

*Q: My doctor said he thinks I'm disabled. Who decides if I meet the requirements for Social Security disability benefits?*

A: We first will review your application to make sure you meet some basic requirements for Social Security disability benefits, such as whether you worked enough years to qualify. Then we will send your application to the disability determination services office in your state, often called the "DDS" or "state agency." Your state agency completes the disability decision for us. Doctors and disability specialists in the state agency ask your doctors for information about your condition. They consider all the facts in your case. They use the medical evidence

from your doctors and hospitals, clinics, or institutions where you have been treated and all other information. The state agency staff may need more medical information before they can decide if you are disabled. If more information is not available from your current medical sources, the state agency may ask you to go for a special examination. We prefer to ask your own doctor, but sometimes the exam may have to be done by someone else. Social Security will pay for the exam and for some of the related travel costs. Learn more about disability benefits at [www.socialsecurity.gov/disability](http://www.socialsecurity.gov/disability).

*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 U.S. President Dwight David Eisenhower who made the following comment: "I can think of nothing more boring for the American people than to have to sit in their living rooms for a whole half hour looking at my face on their television screens."

• What we call coffee beans are actually the pits of the coffee beans.

• The dew that accumulates on May Day was once thought to have near-miraculous qualities. The mother of a sick child might rub a blanket across the wet grass on May Day morning to coat it with dew, then wrap the child in the blanket. May Day dew gathered from a fennel plant was thought to cure maladies of the eye, and itchy skin was sometimes treated by rubbing it with the dew. Dew from under an oak tree supposedly made a woman beautiful for a year, and dew gathered before sunrise on May Day morning reputedly brought good luck.

• Despite numerous arrests and trials, famed 19th-century outlaw Frank James was never convicted of anything and never went to prison. He died in 1915, at the age of 72, of natural causes.

• If you're like the average American, you laugh 15 times every day.

• In Germany, Rice Krispies don't say "Snap, Crackle, Pop"; they say "Knisper, Knasper, Knusper."

• You may be surprised to learn that fast-food giant McDonald's has trademarked the following phrases: "Made for You," "Immunize for Healthy Lives," "Changing the Face of the World," "Gospelfest," "Lifting Kids to a Better Tomorrow" and, perhaps most bizarrely, "Hey, It Could Happen!"

• At one time in England, there was a unit of length called a nail. It measured 2.5 inches long.

Thought for the Day: "Hope is the feeling you have that the feeling you have isn't permanent." — Jean Kerr

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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: Q equals E

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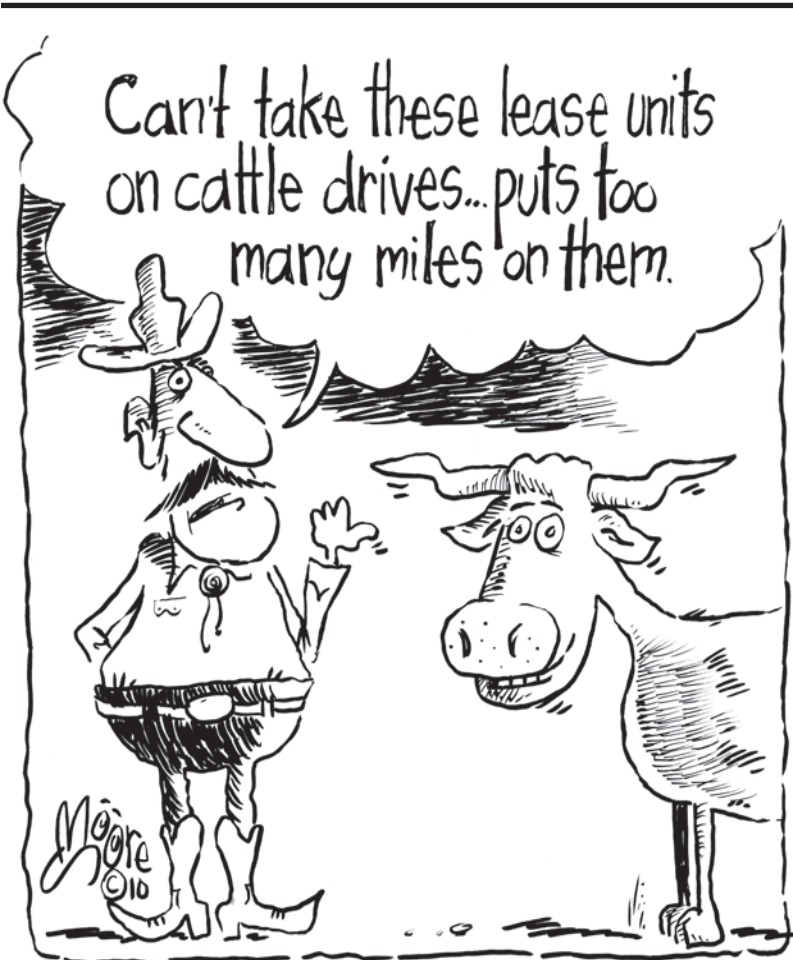
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**Moore Texas** by Roger Moore The Texas Angus Leasing Co. of Houston once leased cows for \$500 per year.

FEAR KNIGHT

By: rj johnson

CONQUER THE WHIRLED

ITH

DROIMB

OXNIT

♥TUSB

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♥POSTUR

DEAPN

♥ERPI

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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.

MARINA	TAG	SNOW	GONER
ABUSED	ABU	EATA	PRADO
IREADA	XES	CHIP	ACMES
DAD	GLITTER	SIT	ARI
FOIE	ALEO	THISTLE	
BOOKON	LEVITATION	THE	
COPED	TIM	ENA	RAE
OOP	IMPRUDENT	WILD	
STRAP	LETIT	ADELE	MOE
HELL	OPEC	ERIN	POW
STEMWARE	OHMMETER		
YES	BOHM	RICO	EROS
AGE	STOAS	MONET	RAMPS
MOSS	ANTIPASTO		POR
ODD	DAN	HAD	ASTRO
OTHERDAY	ICOULDNT	PUT	
CROONER	STAR	LAMA	
AIR	WAD	SNIPPET	CSA
ROREM	POSEE	GEE	ITDOWN
OLIVE	EVIL	IRS	VIOLIN
MEDAL	SERF	NUT	ESTATE

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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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

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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