

NEWSBRIEFS



Sepulveda

Ricardo R. Sepulveda, 60, of Clint died on April 8, 2011. After a tough three weeks of illness, Sepulveda passed away at Triumph Hospital. He was born January 5, 1951 and raised in Fabens and graduated from Fabens High School. Sepulveda worked for the El Paso Water Utilities and served in the United States Army Reserves for 37 years and served as a councilman for the Town of Clint for six years. He was one of six children born to Raymundo and San Juana Sepulveda and the husband of Rosa Sepulveda for over 10 years. Ricardo will be remembered by his brothers Raymundo and Octavio Sepulveda and sisters Juliet Ramirez, Martha Villadna Gloria Hernandez, children Ricardo Sepulveda and Dennice Sepulveda, stepchildren Elizabeth Carrasco, Frances Garcia, Oscar Landeros and treasured grandchildren Kayla, Brandon, Lillian, Melissa, Osvaldo, Genesis, Audrey, Divina, Omar, Aiden, Andrea, and Rebecca along with countless other friends and family. Sepulveda loved music, listening to Rocio Durcan, and Johnny Cash, laughing, being with his family, having fun with friends and serving his country. He touched the lives of many people with his smile, and maintained his unique laugh all the way to the end.

– Dale Reinhardt

Spring fest

Desert Hills Elementary in Horizon will be having their Spring Festival May 14, 2011 from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. The public is invited for food, games and lots of fun.

Crime Stoppers

An intentionally set house fire starts at two o'clock in the morning and could have resulted in a fatality, making this the Crime Stoppers "Crime of the Week." On Wednesday, April 13, 2011, at 2:13 a.m., the El Paso Fire Department responded to 3921 Hastings on a house fire. Investigators from the department met with the fire crews, who stated that the fire appeared to be intentionally set. It was determined that the fire originated in a loveseat located under the porch

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Common sense is genius dressed in its working clothes.

— Quips & Quotes



– Photo by Alfredo Vasquez

REBUILDING – Renovation work to the Village of Vinton town hall building started in April and is scheduled to be completed in July. The facility will get a new roof, a central heating and cooling system, electrical system upgrade, ADA compliant doorways, necessary fire exits, and new bathroom plumbing installation as part of the project. Above, Medlock Construction Project Manager Gilbert Zuniga shows Village Clerk Jessica Garza a piece of the plumbing pipe that is being replaced in the town hall facility.

Vinton Town Hall undergoes major renovation

By Alfredo Vasquez
Special to the Courier

The Village of Vinton’s town hall facility is currently undergoing major renovation work as city officials move to meet mandatory fire code and American Disability Act (ADA) requirements as well as to reduce their building maintenance expenses.

The town hall facility, which was built in 1985, will get a new roof, a central heating and cooling system, ADA compliant doorways, necessary fire exits, and bathroom plumbing installation as part of the project, which started in April.

Workers have gutted out most of the building’s interior to accommodate the renovations, and plans call for revamping of the front offices. However, no expansion to the building is included in the project.

Cost for the renovation work is estimated to be about \$182,000. Medlock Construction of

El Paso was awarded the bid and expects to complete the work in July. Project manager for the construction company is Gilbert Zuniga.

Light fixtures and electrical upgrades to the building are being paid for through a \$23,000 community block grant from the Texas State Energy Conservation Office, according to Village Clerk Jessica Garza. The grant, which is designed to include energy efficient features, was presented to the Village of Vinton in 2010.

The rest of the renovation costs are being financed by funds that were raised through the sale of tax notes, which was approved by village council members in 2008.

“The tax notes sale, which is similar to certificate of obligation bonds, garnered approximately \$1.1 million for the Village of Vinton,” Garza said. “The notes were purchased by a bank in Dallas, and our repayment schedule is for ten years.”

According to Garza, the tax notes revenue is also earmarked for the Village’s on-going

projects to improve its water and sewer system infrastructure as well as its parks and streets. These projects are expected to continue through next year.

“This was the first time that Vinton officials have used a tax notes sale to raise money,” Garza said.

The impact to Vinton residents will be a six and a half cent per \$100 tax rate increase beginning in 2011. For the average homeowner, the rate hike will be about \$42 more a year. The average home value in Vinton is approximately \$69,000. The latest census figures show that Vinton’s population is nearly 2,000 residents.

Vinton resident Rachel Quintana said, “The rate increase is acceptable because we have to move forward as a community, and the improvements are necessary. Anything for the betterment of our community is a worthwhile investment.”

The town hall building repairs required that the Mayor and city staff vacate the building and set up a temporary office in a mobile unit that is located behind the town hall. Additionally, the Village’s council meetings are held at the West Valley Fire Station Conference Room, located at 510 E. Vinton Road.

For the time being, office hours of operation are from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m., Monday through Thursday, and closed on Fridays. Also, Vinton’s Police Department has been relocated to a portable building across the street, at 501 Vinton Road.

“In the long term, we expect that the Village of Vinton will realize a decrease in electric, water, and maintenance costs because of these renovations,” stated Vinton Mayor Madeleine Praino. “And our hope is to pass on the savings to our taxpayers.”

According to Garza, original plans also called for the renovation of the office space adjacent to the town hall, which the village leases to the El Paso County Sheriff’s Department, but when county commissioners announced last year that they would be building a Northwest Annex facility in Vinton, those plans were put on hold.

San Elizario ISD bus drivers compete at safety ‘road-eo’

By Cynthia P. Marentes
Special to the Courier

SAN ELIZARIO – The San Elizario Independent School District Transportation department came home with honors after participating in the 2011 El Paso County School Bus Safety Road-eo sponsored by the Education Service Center Region 19 and the Sun Country Association for Pupil Transportation on April 16. The event is opened to school bus drivers from the Region 19 area who compete for most skilled and safest school bus driver bragging rights. The Road-eo also serves to promote safety

and the important responsibility on pupil transportation to prevent school bus related accidents.

A total of eight San Elizario ISD drivers, four women and four men, competed in a field of over 60 drivers from different El Paso County school districts. District driver Adrian Ramirez placed in the top ten combo based on his driving skills and written test results. Rual Hooper earned first place for total points received in the written test with a score of 92 and he was the only one out of the 60 drivers tested that scored in the 90th percentile.

“We are very proud of these eight

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Veterans Post

By Freddy Groves

VA cracks down on scammers

A percentage of government contracts are set aside for service-disabled veteran-owned small businesses. The Office of Small and Disadvantaged Business Utilization was set up to support, guide and counsel those small businesses, and there are many requirements: the veteran must own 51 percent of the business and be the highest officer in the company, to name just two. Additionally the veteran must have a letter from the Department of Veterans Affairs stating that there is a service-connected disability, as well as a DD-214 or its equivalent.

In other words, there’s a paper trail. Theoretically, someone reviews the documentation.

How then did a guy in New York make \$16 million on VA service-disabled veteran-owned contracts when he wasn’t 1) disabled; or 2) a veteran? A recent court case found the guy guilty of the scheming, as well as making false statements and witness tampering. I’m pleased to report that he could get up to 75 years in prison for it.

I’m also pleased to report that last October, the Veterans Small Business Verification Act was signed, and new levels of scrutiny in the awarding of contracts were developed.

Additionally there’s a Vendor Information Page area online where each approved business was told in January to provide documentation within 90 days to verify that their business is indeed owned by a veteran. Failing to do so would mean that vendor wouldn’t have a profile in the VIP database and the application would be considered incomplete. In other words, no contracts.

It looks like the VA plugged the hole through which untold millions of dollars were leaking due to non-verification. But we may never know just how many dollars have been lost this way.

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It’s the law

By Texas AG Greg Abbott

Protecting Texas seniors from counterfeit check scams

Fraud against seniors is more widespread than most Texans realize. Well-informed seniors and their family members can help prevent the greatest generation from falling victim to fraudulent schemes – including a familiar counterfeit check scam that has re-emerged in recent weeks.

Law enforcement officials recently notified the Attorney General’s Office that the so-called “Reader’s Digest Sweepstakes” scam has reappeared around the state. Some Texans – usually senior citizens – may have received letters claiming the recipient won \$1 million in a sweepstakes. The letter claims its “Prize Award Department” drew the recipient’s “ticket number” from a pool of thousands.

To appear legitimate, the letter fraudulently uses the Reader’s Digest business logo and the Better Business Bureau’s accredited business seal – which falsely implies BBB accreditation.

Enclosed with the letter is a counterfeit check for several thousand dollars. Letter recipients are told to call a toll-free (800) number for further instructions. As is common in these types of scams, recipients who call the number are instructed to wire an up front payment to cover taxes or other administrative fees before the remainder of their “winnings” can be issued.

The scammers know that the up front payment amount sounds trifling compared to the \$1 million in prize money the victim thinks he or she has won. The victim often thinks it is worth paying the up front fee because the prize money far exceeds the alleged taxes and administrative costs.

But the prize money will never appear. Victims will simply lose whatever money they wire to the scammers, which can have a devastating effect. In many cases, victims borrow or deplete their savings to come up with the money they are supposed to send in advance. It is a cruel blow when they realize they have lost that money to a con artist.

Counterfeit check schemes like the “Reader’s Digest Sweepstakes” scam typically manifest themselves as an unsolicited offer for a prize or a job that seems too good to be true. In this case, Texas seniors should remember that the BBB has nothing to do with the Reader’s Digest sweepstakes – and the publication itself does not require winners to wire money anywhere.

All Texans should be skeptical about unsolicited financial offers – or risk losing their life savings to a thief.

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By Delia Chavez
Special to the Courier

EL PASO COUNTY – Like many communities throughout the nation, several neighborhoods in El Paso County have experienced high foreclosure rates. Responding to this need, a Consortium of non-profits agencies, led by the El Paso Collaborative for Community and Economic Development (the Collaborative) received a highly-competitive Neighborhood Stabilization award of \$10 million from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. Funds will be used to acquire and rehabilitate single-family foreclosed and abandoned properties in 22 El Paso County census tracts located inside and outside of the City of El Paso.

The majority of the homes will be resold to low, moderate, and – for the first-time – “middle-income” households who may qualify for homebuyer assistance up to \$30,000. Two of the Consortium Members, Project Vida and AYUDA, Inc. will rent the homes they acquire to very-low income households. Another Consortium Member, Habitat for Humanity El Paso will resell homes exclusively to very-low income households who may qualify for assistance up to \$40,000. Habitat’s Program includes a “sweat equity” component where homebuyers will assist with the rehabilitation process.

As part of the neighborhood stabilization process, the Collaborative is offering special assistance to income-eligible members of law enforcement, fire-fighters, emergency medical technicians, active military, military reservists and teachers. Qualified “Good Neighbors” will not have to repay any of the homebuyer assistance they receive to purchase their homes. If you are thinking about buying a home, the Collaborative is conducting regularly scheduled orientation

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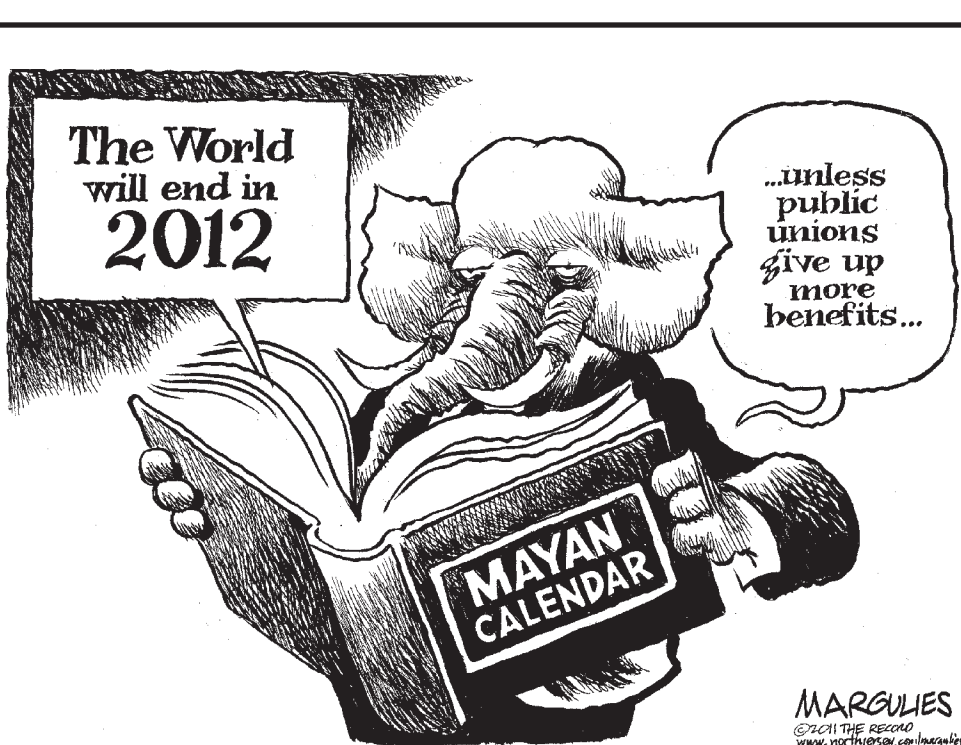
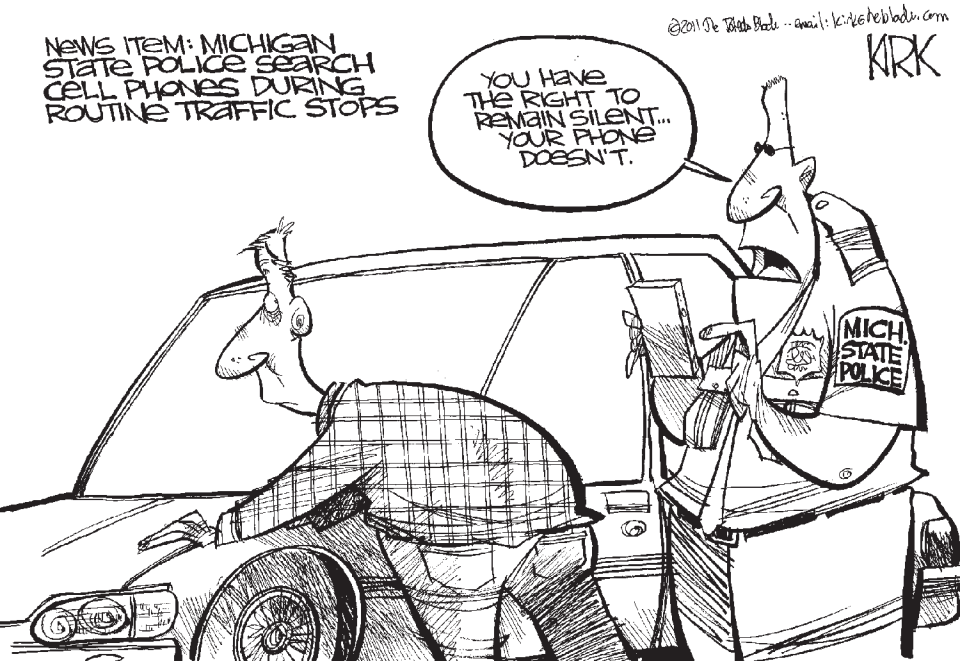
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UTEP fans who renew or purchase football season tickets prior to June 1 will be entered into a special "30 Prizes in 30 Days" drawing. For each day in the month of June, a variety of prizes will be given away, including polos, t-shirts, back packs,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

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2011 UTEP FOOTBALL HOME SCHEDULE

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Por la Gente

By State Rep. Chente Quintanilla

Killing bills

Hola mi gente. Many of you no doubt have seen, or know of, the movie series titled “Kill Bill”. The story line is about a beautiful woman who also happens to adept at martial arts fighting and the use of a samurai sword. The movies are quite violent.

We in the legislature have our own version of “kill bill”, albeit without the violence. Thursday, May 12 is the last day that our house bills can be voted upon on second reading. Second reading is the first opportunity to approve or disapprove a bill; the final approval in the house is on third reading.

The house version of kill bill dates back to the very beginning of our state. The state constitution requires the house to write rules that determine the manner in which laws are passed. In these rules, there are certain dates that begin or end specific activities in the session. May 12 is the 122nd day of the 82nd Legislative Session, which means if a bill is not heard by that day and approved by majority vote, then that bill is dead (at least almost dead).

In past sessions, the daily calendar for kill bill day contained dozens of bills, perhaps, even in excess of 200 bills. Members were excited, anxious or disappointed depending on where a particular bill sat in the list. Those at the front one third had a good chance of having their bill voted on; those in the middle third experienced anxiety because somewhere in there was the last bill to be considered;

those in the last third wrote their bills off automatically.

The calendar for May 12 has been published and it does not resemble at all a calendar for kill bill day that I have seen in the past. There are very few bills on the last two days of second reading calendars. Unless there is a supplemental calendar adding more bills, the prospect of ending business before midnight on Thursday seems likely.

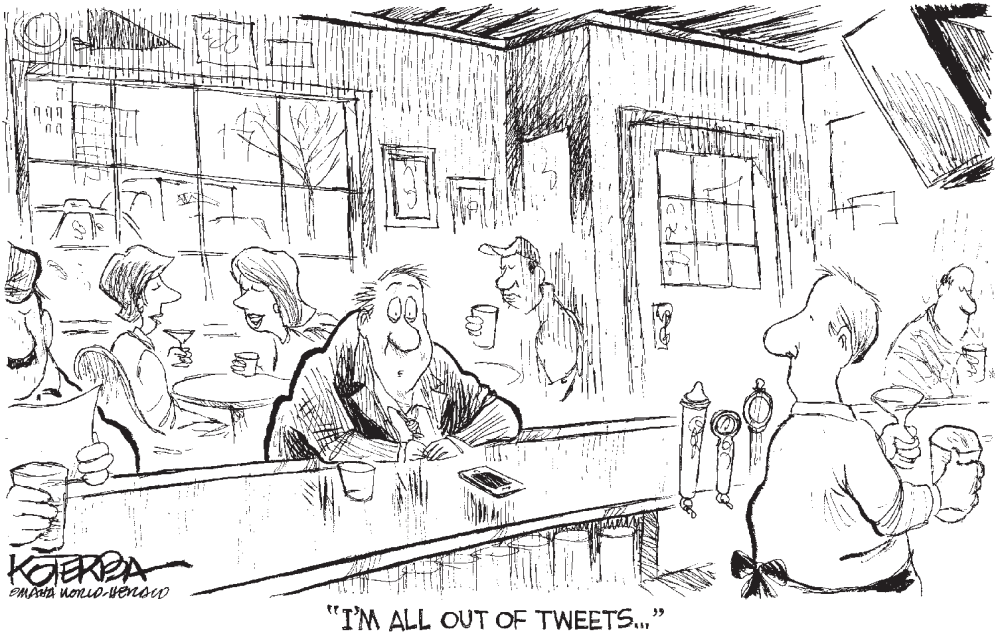
I mentioned before that bills would at least be almost dead if not on the calendar. There will be efforts to add unlisted bills to other bills in the form of amendments. This is tricky in that each amendment must be germane to the bill to which it is attached. Carelessly adding amendments could possibly kill a bill even if it passes the 122nd day deadline.

If the process does extend to midnight on Thursday, then members will anxiously monitor the position of bills hoping that the last bill voted on is listed after their bill. Sometime during the evening, the events on the house floor lead to “chubbing”.

Chubbing is the state of silliness that eventually takes hold on this 122nd day of the session. Members will start extending debate on bills for no other reason than to stall the process. That adds to the stress and anxiety of those members whose bills are in the mix. This evening of legislative actions can be quite entertaining.

The disappointing reality of this day is that good bills will fail to pass on “Kill Bill Day.”

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



Thank You Horizon City Volunteers!

On April 30, 2011, the Town on Horizon City sponsored a city-wide; KEEP TEXAS BEAUTIFUL clean-up, which resulted in gathering and disposing of over 2,500 tons of trash. We wish to thank all of our volunteers and the following business supporters:

- Solid Waste Management
- Green Earth Landscaping
- Walgreens
- Domino's Pizza
- Dollar General
- Pot Belly's Pizza
- Subway
- La Cebolla Loca
- Burger King
- Peter Piper Pizza
- O'Reil's Auto
- Las Banderas Stop
- Dynamix
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- Express Tax Service
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- Horizon Wine & Spirits
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- Horizon City Police Assn.
- Bella Vista Custom Homes
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- Border Pallets
- Horizon Vista Market
- Jaime Alvarado, Attorney
- G & R Plastics
- Linda Jones (Pencil Cup)
- Southwest Water
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of the home. The fire caused \$5,000 in damages, but considering the time that it was set it could have very easily resulted in a fatality. The Fire Department has responded to several fires in this part of town over the past several months. Residents have reported an increase in gang activity; however, it is undetermined at this time if there is a recognized gang operating in the area. Investigators have learned that juveniles were seen in the area during the time frame of the majority of the fires. If you have any information at all about the identity of the suspects involved, please call Crime Stoppers immediately at 566-TIPS (566-8477) or on-line at www.crimestoppersofelpaso.org. You will remain anonymous and, if your tip leads to an arrest, you can qualify for a cash reward.

— James Klaes

Homebuyers

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sessions that will provide you with the information you need to determine whether this program is for you.

There will be orientation meetings in English on Wednesday, May 18 from 6:00 – 7:00 p.m. and in Spanish on Saturday, May 21 from 10:00 – 11:00 a.m. The orientation meetings will be held at 1359 Lomaland in the Cactus Conference Room. For more information on Homebuyer’s Assistance contact Santiago Gonzalez at 590-1210, Ext.152.

Taking a comprehensive approach to assist affected neighborhoods, the Collaborative is also making a concerted effort to reach out to credit-worthy small businesses in the affected census tracts that need access to capital to grow their businesses. Business owners may contact Loan Specialist, David Moore at 590-1213, Ext. 114.

For more information on the programs people can also visit www.ep-collab.org

Canutillo ISD earns anti-bullying certification

By Gustavo Reveles
Special to the Courier

CANUTILLO – The Anti-Defamation League has designated and certified all nine of the Canutillo Independent School District schools as “No Place For Hate” anti-bullying campuses. Canutillo will became the only district in west Texas to be fully certified in this anti-bullying program thanks to its efforts to promote understanding and peace across its schools and community.

Officials with the national office of “No Place for Hate” were at Canutillo High School on Monday for an assembly and gave each of the nine CISD campuses a banner celebrating its year-long work to fight bullying. The assembly, attended by students, parents and educators featured cheerleaders and marching bands.

“We truly took a proactive approach

to this national problem that is plaguing schools,” said CISD Superintendent Dr. Damon Murphy. “Each one of our schools took the message of anti-bullying to heart, and embraced the concept of peace and understanding among students and adults. I am proud of the work that took place in Canutillo.”

To achieve certification as a No Place For Hate campus, each of the nine schools had to organize and implement at least three school-wide anti-bullying activities. The activities ranged from the creation of a Peace Garden at Bill Childress Elementary to adopting a “No Hate” theme to all homecoming activities last fall at Canutillo High School. As part of the campaign, all teachers, employees and Board of Trustees members signed a Resolution of Respect, which made commitments to act fairly, treat people with respect and report any bullying to the appropriate authorities.

Canutillo Independent School District Public Notice

Any interested representative of a non-profit private school or non-profit home school

- operating within the boundaries of the Canutillo Independent School District, or
- operating outside of the boundaries of the District, but serving students who live within the boundaries

is encouraged to call for an appointment to receive information regarding the Consolidated Application for Federal Funding for 2011-2012. The application provides the following programs, through the “No Child Left Behind Act”.

- Title I, Part A — Improving Basic Programs
- Title I, Part C — Education of Migratory Children
- Title II, Part A — Teacher and Principal Training and Recruiting
- Title III, Part A — Limited English Proficient

Interested persons should call the office of the External Funding Coordinator at (915) 877-7497 to schedule an appointment. Representatives will need to provide their school’s tax exempt identification number to the District to confirm eligibility. Accommodations for handicapped persons will be made available upon request.

Distrito Escolar Independiente de Canutillo Aviso al Público

Cualquier representante de un colegio privado no lucrativo o que ofrezca educación en casa, que esté interesado, y que

- opere dentro de los límites del Distrito Escolar Independiente de Canutillo, o
 - fuera de los límites del Distrito, pero que sirva a estudiantes que viven en el Distrito
- se le invita a hacer una cita para recibir información sobre la Solicitud Consolidada para el Financiamiento Federal 2011-2012. Esta solicitud provee a los siguientes programas, a través de la Ley “No Child Left Behind”.

- Título I, Parte A — Mejoramiento de Programas Básicos
- Título I, Parte C — Educación de Niños Migrantes
- Título II, Parte A — Entrenamiento y Reclutamiento de Director y Maestro
- Título III, Parte A — Adquisición del Idioma Inglés

Las personas interesadas deben llamar a la oficina de la Coordinadora de Fondos Externos al (915) 877-7497 para hacer su cita. Cada representante deberá proporcionar el número de identificación de exención de impuestos de la escuela para confirmar su elegibilidad. Habrá adaptaciones adecuadas disponibles para discapacitados, si lo solicita con anticipación.

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AnthonyIndepedentSchoolDistrict PUBLIC NOTICE / AVISO PUBLICO

Public Meeting to Review Federally Funded Programs
Junta Pública para Examinar Programas de Fondos Federales

The Anthony Independent School District will conduct a public information meeting to review the following AISD Programs funded by Federal and State compensatory funds:

El Distrito Escolar Independiente de Anthony llevará a cabo una junta pública para examinar los siguientes programas de AISD de fondos compensatorios estatales y federales:

- Title I, Part A - Improving Basic Programs;
Título I, Parte A - Mejorando Programas Basicos;
- Title II, Part A - Teacher / Principal Training and Recruiting;
Título II, Parte A - Entrenamiento y recultamiento de maestros y directores;
- Title III, Part A - Limited English Proficiency;
Título III, Parte A - Servicios de educacion para estudiantes de segunda idiom;

Information on the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act: Saving and Creating Jobs and Reforming Education will also be provided.

Información acerca de la Acta Americana Para Recuperar y Reinvertir Fondos: Para Mantener y Crear Nuevos Empleos y Reformar la Educación se presentará.

The meeting will be held:

La junta se llevará a cabo:

Tuesday, May 24, 2011
martes, 24 de mayo 2011

5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.
Anthony ISD Board Room
813 Sixth St., Anthony, TX

For information call:
Por información comuníquese con:
Melissa Bautista — 886-6509

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TAKIN’ IT TO THE STREETS – Back row from left are drivers Juan Garcia, Jesus Martinez, Isidro Varela, Rual Hooper and Adrian Ramirez. Middle row from left are drivers Marisa Parra, Veronica Holguin, Maria Cuellar and Isidora Muñoz. Front row from left are staff members Guadalupe Estrada, Sandra Martinez and Lucy Moncloa.

Drivers

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individuals and their bravery, attempting to compete for the first

time in this Road-eo with seasoned drivers from all over El Paso school districts. It’s been a great morale booster for the department,” George Luevano, San Elizario ISD Support Services Director, said.

The San Elizario ISD bus fleet includes two propane buses and 35 diesel buses operated by 31 bus drivers under the direction of Transportation Supervisor Jesus Martinez.

STRANGE BUT TRUE

By Samantha Weaver

• It was British author Douglas Adams, best known for his “Hitchhiker’s Guide to the Galaxy” novels, who made the following sage observation: “Anyone who is capable of getting themselves made President should on no account be allowed to do the job.”

• In the African nation of Sudan, a traditional wedding includes a ceremony known as “sungkem,” in which the bride and groom kiss the knees of their parents.

• “Casablanca,” starring Humphrey Bogart and Ingrid Bergman, is one of the most beloved movies of all time, frequently being listed at or near the top of lists of the best films ever made. However, shortly after its release in November 1942, The New Yorker rated it only “pretty tolerable.”

• Connoisseurs of frog legs claim that you should leave the toes on when frying – they’re good for picking your teeth after eating.

• The deepest hole ever

drilled by humans reached a whopping depth of 7.62 miles. The project, known as the Kola Superdeep Borehole, was undertaken in Russia for the purpose of scientific research.

• At any given time, about two-thirds of the earth’s surface is covered by clouds.

• American author, abolitionist, naturalist, historian and philosopher Henry David Thoreau died on May6, 1862, of complications of tuberculosis. Those who were with him during his final moments say his last words were “moose” and “Indian.”

• The tiny nation of San Marino, which is entirely encircled by Italy, is the world’s oldest surviving sovereign state and constitutional republic. It was founded by a stonecutter in the year 301, and the constitution was enacted in 1600 – the world’s oldest still in effect.

Thought for the Day: “There’s no secret about success. Did you ever know a successful man who didn’t tell you about it?”

– Kin Hubbard

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Public Notice Town of Clint

The Town of Clint will be accepting resumes for the vacant position of an Alderman to the Town Council. Qualifications are as follows:

- Be a qualified voter of the Town;
- Reside within the corporate limits of the Town;
- Not hold any other office or employment under the Town government nor be an elected member of any agency, board or district, which is directly involved in taxing, providing services, or establishing schools within the Town of Clint;
- No person shall be eligible for an elective office of the Town unless at the time of their election they have resided in the Town during the twelve months immediately preceding the election; and
- Other qualifications prescribed by the laws of the State of Texas.

Council will consider qualified candidates in an upcoming Council Meeting. Citizens that are interested in serving may submit a resume by Friday, May 20, 2011 at Town Hall, 200 N. San Elizario Rd., Clint, TX 79836 or by fax at 851-0040. For additional information contact Fabiola Ochoa at 851-3146, Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Dale Reinhardt
Mayor

Date Published
May 12, 2011

Public Notice / Aviso al Público Canutillo Independent School District Summer Meal Program / Programa de Servicio de Alimentos para el Verano

Canutillo Independent School District announces its summer food service program. Meals will be provided Monday through Thursday as follows: Breakfast from 7:30-9:00 a.m., Lunch from 11:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m., and Afternoon Snack from 2:00 to 2:30 p.m. Meals are free to all children ages one to eighteen years of age. Adults may purchase meals ala carte. All CISD facilities will be closed on Fridays beginning the week of June 6th, through August 12th.

El Distrito Escolar Independiente de Canutillo anuncia su programa de servicio de alimentos para el verano. Las comidas serán proporcionadas de lunes a jueves de la siguiente manera: Desayuno de 7:30-9:00 a.m., Comida de 11:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m., y Snack en la Tarde de 2:00 a 2:30 p.m. Las comidas son gratis para todas las edades de uno a dieciocho años. Los adultos pueden comprar su comida a la carta. Todas las instalaciones de CISD permanecerán cerradas los viernes a partir de la semana del 6 de junio y hasta el 12 de agosto.

Canutillo Independent School District Food Service Meal Programs do not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, age or disability. Anyone who believes that they have been discriminated against should write immediately to:

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Canutillo Elementary School	651 Canutillo Ave./ 877-7622	July 5-28
Deanna Davenport ES	8401 Remington Road / 877-6422	July 5-28

El Paso needs to get its baseball act together

By Steve Escajeda
Special to the Courier

One of my most outstanding memories as a kid growing up in El Paso was attending El Paso Sun Kings/Sun Dodgers/Diablos baseball games.

I remember first going to the games with my dad when I was about 7-years old and then later, when I got old enough, I'd go to the games by myself with my teenage friends.

I remember Paul Strelzen's booming voice and his mystical green weenie flag sticking out of his rather small press box window. His kazoo whipping the Dudley Field fans into a frenzy as they watched their home teams win a lot more games than they lost.

Now I may not be a connoisseur of fine cuisine but those Diablo dogs with chili and scoop of ice cream in a Major League team's plastic cap rivaled anything Emeril Lagasse could ever conjure up.

For nearly three decades the Diablos organization was named the best in the country or near the best. Owner Jim Paul introduced a P.T. Barnum-like atmosphere of wacky fun and fan participation to minor league baseball

that caught on all over the country.

And yes, Paul even helped a young man from San Diego by the name of Ted Gianoulas gain worldwide stardom by allowing him to perform at Diablos games. Of course you may remember him by his stage name, the San Diego Chicken.

Then the team moved out of the wonderful old ballpark to their new home in northeast El Paso at Cohen Stadium.

And though the new confines were a step in the right direction, things kind of began to go downhill from there.

First the new owners of the team did the unthinkable, they moved the team to Missouri in 2004 and the greatest minor league city in the United States was without baseball for an entire summer.

Then something good – and bad – happened in 2005. Baseball returned to El Paso, but it was a watered-down version of what local fans were used to.

Independent baseball's arrival revived the Diablos but the play on the field can be compared to watching the Texas Longhorns play baseball and then catching a local high school game.

Both are baseball, but there is quite a

difference.

So El Pasoans, though grateful to have some baseball during the summer, have had to settle for an inferior brand of it. And that's hard to do when affiliated baseball ruled here for over 40 years.

Now, there is new turmoil. Seems the Diablos have been going through Los Angeles Dodger-itis and have been having money troubles.

Talk around town is that the Diablos brass is busy trying to find a buyer for the team, which has already cancelled one of its exhibition games.

"The El Paso Diablos are in financial trouble," were the words. With all the tradition and history of this once-proud franchise, I never thought I'd ever hear those words.

For a city of over 800,000 people, and let's be honest everyone knows we really hover around the one million mark, it's unfathomable that the team is in trouble.

It's also unfathomable that El Paso doesn't have Triple-A affiliated baseball.

But in a city that hasn't started the Spaghetti Bowl East project, or done much with the Sportspark complex, and lost Western Playland, haven't built a multi-purpose arena

that many cities much smaller than El Paso already have, and lost minor league hockey and arena-light football... I guess I shouldn't be too surprised.

There was a time that young kids in El Paso had a great family-friendly place they could go to in the evening without fear of danger or manipulation. The Diablos games were a place a young kid could go with his dad or grandfather and learn about the wonderful game of baseball and have fun doing it.

The news that the Diablos are struggling doesn't give me a whole lot of faith for the coming season, but the new owners could play an instrumental role in bring affiliated baseball back to El Paso where it desperately belongs.

We've seen so many things fail in El Paso. Why, we're (UTEP) the only Conference USA member that doesn't even play baseball.

At some point over the last 40 years El Paso decided that this is the place you wanted to be if complacency was your kind of thing.

Well that kind of thinking is for the birds – don't believe me – ask all the talented young people who fly out of here every year the first chance they get.

A sporting view By Mark Vasto

Mendenhall carries the ball alone

The question posed to the listener was as follows: "Who cares what Rashard Mendenhall thinks?"

Because, as we all know, the only voices worth listening to are those of radio talk-show hosts who like to spend an inordinate amount of time – in some cases, full 15-minute segments of their show – to address the 140-word missives of a Pittsburgh Steelers running back.

And, in a more ironic light, they spend that time sucking up our valuable radio spectrum, asserting that they're the only ones worthy enough of the signal.

Absurd.

Here's the thing: Anyone that's ever done radio knows how challenging it is to fill the time when you don't have game enough to do so. Others know that you can have a few caffeine-laden beverages and ramble on to the point where your radio intern has to cut you off and go to commercial. Either way, I'll never understand why any journalist or radio jock would complain about

an athlete talking in public.

Mendenhall, a self-confessed "conversationalist and professional athlete," tweeted what most people recognized as a sympathetic bin Laden post the night after American forces killed the mass murderer.

"What kind of person celebrates death? It's amazing how people can HATE a man they have never even heard speak. We've only heard one side," Mendenhall wrote.

Hey, I'll take that debate. Actions speak louder than words, right? To his credit, he led the AFC champion Steelers in carries (324), rushing yards (1,273) and rushing touchdowns (13). He has 2,439 yards in three seasons since being drafted in the first round in 2008 from Illinois.

So what kind of person celebrates death? Well, just about every religion reveres their martyrs, and a lot of people are celebrated in death, but Bin Laden's death, according to most rational opinion, was more than likely a good thing.

When Phillies fans and Mets fans hug during an extra innings game in Queens, New York, you easily recognize the impact this event had on people.

Since the 9/11 attacks, the New York Yankees have opted for "God Bless America" during the seventh inning stretch instead of the traditional "Take me out to the ballgame." It's an intense experience. For all of the flak Derek Jeter receives lately, just seeing the earnest look in his eyes during the tribute makes you understand from the field level how the attacks affected the city.

Jeter speaks for the Yankees because he's showing respect, but Mendenhall doesn't necessarily have to speak for the Steelers, and it's safe to say he doesn't. But like Jim Brown, Ali and really anyone in our country that cares to, he's welcome to speak his mind.

He might have given us 140 characters too much, but at least let the ball carrier speak.

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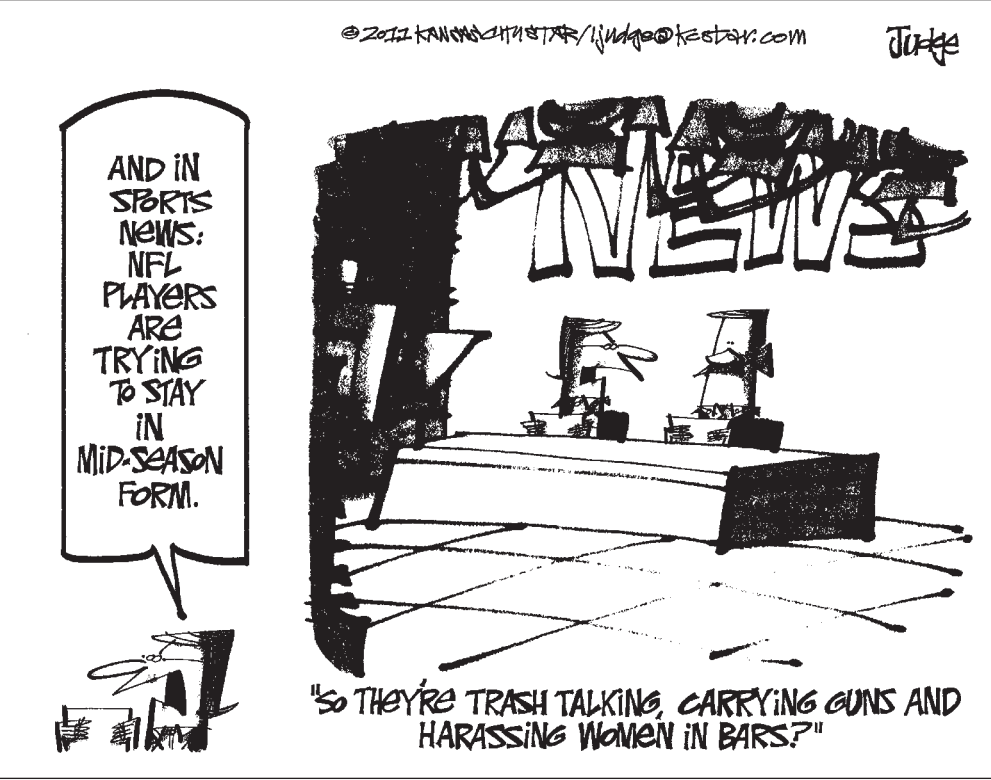
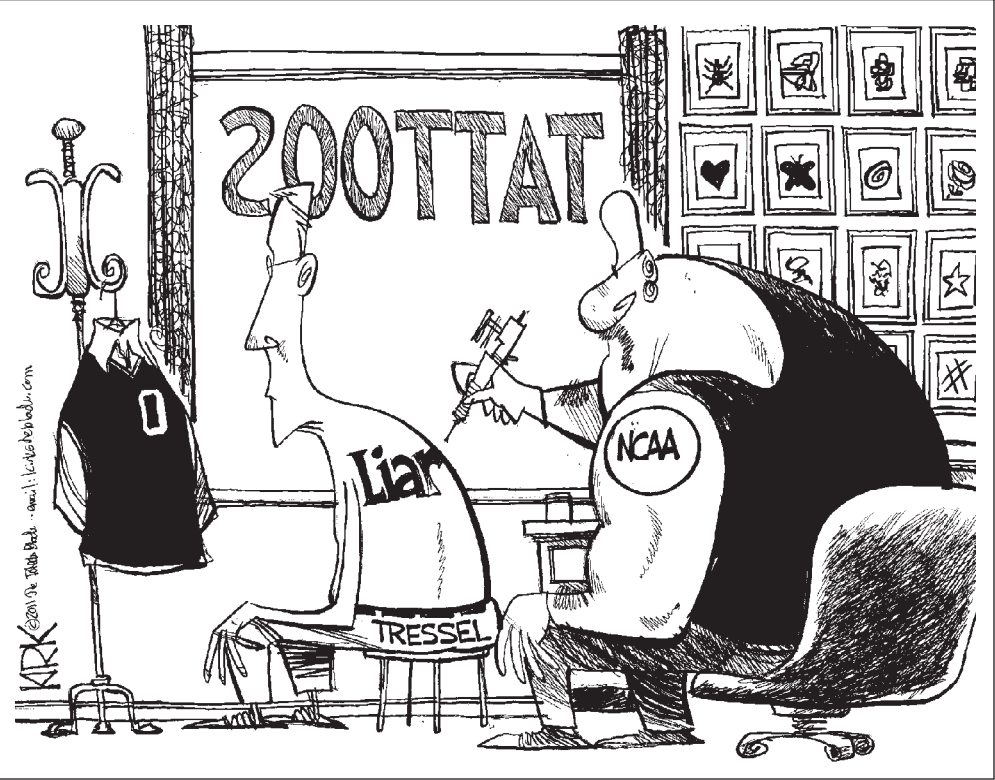
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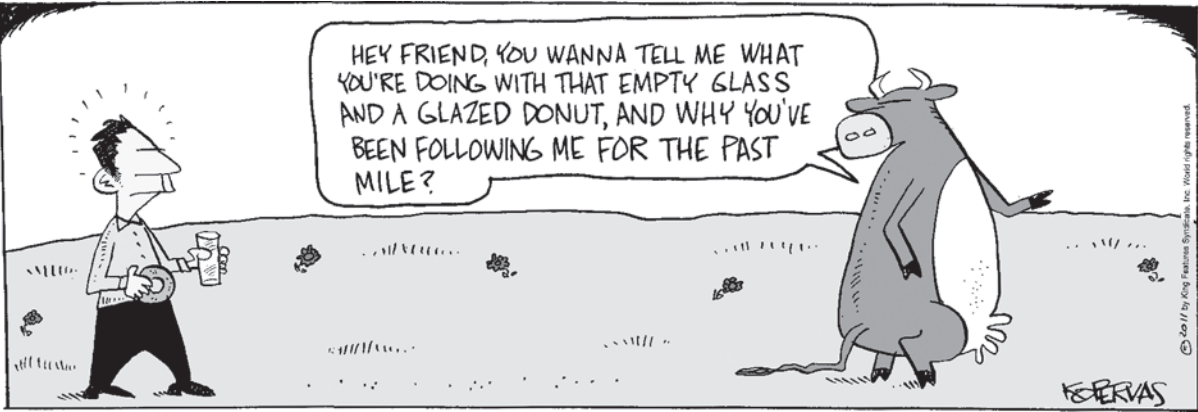
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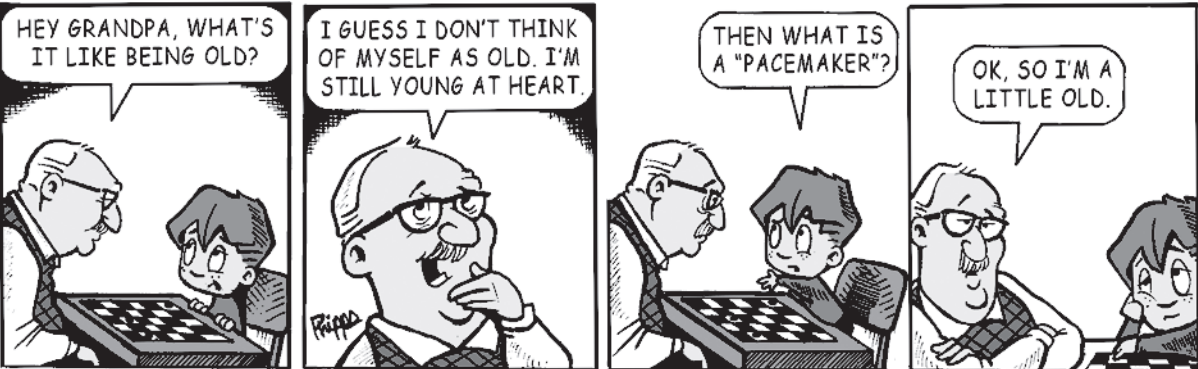
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Super Crossword

LIFE LINE		57 Eisenhower, for one	114 Author Dinesen	34 Aerialist's fallback	85 Certain shark
ACROSS		58 African capital	116 "What _ Bob?" ('91 film)	35 Senator Hatch	87 Stretchy
1 Interrogate	59 Mansfield or Meadows	118 Poet Sanchez	36 Spearheaded	40 Mama's boy?	88 Gun the engine
5 Took a dip	61 Author France	119 Level	41 Muscat native	43 Diverse	90 Mirror image?
9 Engineering course	63 It comes from the heart	120 Mall event	42 Manner or Lapham	44 Khan opener?	91 Crafty
13 Theater collection	64 Weep	121 Quiet partner?	43 Diverse	45 Actress Ekland	93 Contemporary
17 Government group	65 Middle of remark	122 Singer Lonnie	46 Broadcast in July	47 Bustle	94 Hold out
18 The Fates, e.g.	71 "Make _ double!"	123 Start a crop	49 One of the	48 One of the	95 Word with good or bad
19 Akbar's city	72 Crack up	124 Blabbed	49 One of the	49 One of the	96 Clears one's throat
20 Madonna role	73 "Evil Ways" group	125 Conductor Jeffrey	49 One of the	49 One of the	97 Forster's " _ With a View"
22 Moral man?	75 _ salad		DOWN	Marches	98 Singer Summer
23 Pianist Lupu	78 Pennsylvania sect		1 Chess piece	50 Finished first	99 Parts
24 Unwelcome visit?	79 Rock's Tears for _		2 Retract	51 Born	100 " _ Got a Friend" ('71 hit)
25 Plot	81 Squash shot		3 Skater Midori	53 Perry's secretary	101 Cosmetician
26 Narcs' org.	82 Garage supply		4 Use a phaser	54 Swamp	102 Lauder
27 Roberts or Robertson	83 _ in (yield)		5 Scarecrow stuffing	57 Reggae's _ and the Maytals	103 Everything considered
28 Took in	84 Beetle Bailey's boss		6 Ire	58 Cold sound	104 Kapitan's command
31 Dress size	85 1,760 yards		7 Pitch in	59 Pop Art pioneer	105 Armistice
32 Start of a remark by Marguerite Whitely	86 Put on hold		8 Peak	60 Blind as _	106 Table d' _
37 Malamute medic	89 Vane letters		9 Kind of swallow	62 Relief initials?	112 Flap one's gums
38 Eaves dropper?	90 Composer Gabriel		10 Once more	63 Tickle	115 _ Tome
39 " _ whiz!"	91 '78 Peace Nobelist		11 Treat alternative	64 Gawk	116 Pone
40 Assumption	92 Actor Cariou		12 Hot spot?	66 Violinist Mischa	117 Arthur or Benaderet
43 "Tosca" tenor	94 Downs a donut		13 Mo	67 Inexperienced	
45 "Veronica's Closet" item	95 Antlered animal		14 First name in boxing	68 Inedible fruit	
48 Haggard	96 End of remark		15 Shinbone	69 Sound	
52 Surrounded by	107 Aphrodite's son		16 Berle sidekick	70 " _ Gay"	
53 Cook's cry	108 Jeeves' master		17 Pinkett of "The Nutty Professor"	74 Facilitate a felony	
54 Wilbur Post's confidant	109 Say please too often?		21 Nautical adverb	75 Fare for a fry	
55 Curly poker?	110 Buddy		27 Favorite	76 Hurry	
56 Crony	111 "The Full _ " ('96 film)		29 Kentucky neighbor	77 Sprite	
	113 Guitar kin		30 Westminster winner	78 Mr. Lucky's card	
			33 Roman poet	79 Gounod opera	
				80 Drop a brick	
				84 Juvenal or Swift	

Answer Page 4

GO FIGURE! by Linda Thistle

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

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DIFFICULTY: ★

★ Moderate ★★ Difficult
★★★ GO FIGURE!

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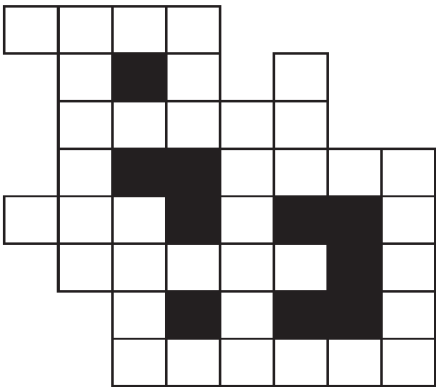
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Unscramble these twelve letter strings to form each into an ordinary word (ex. **HAGNEC** becomes **CHANGE**). Prepare to use only **ONE** word from any marked (♥) letter string as each unscrambles into more than one word (ex. ♥**RATHE** becomes **HATER**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

Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ★★★

★ Moderate ★★ Challenging
★★★ 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 D

CX PRRMLHPCM EMPT PVXSC P

RXY FPTLMGC, VSRV ZTXYMTG

ZPLM P GPCPM-XE-CFM-XIHXI

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Social Security Q&A

By Ray Vigil

Military need to know

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