

NEWSBRIEFS

Reading carnival

A sideshow of absolutely exciting, interesting and fascinating books featuring authors Sergio Troncoso, Lupina Vela, and Richard Yañez. Guest readers and popular children’s book characters will also welcome families to this free literacy event hosted by San Elizario Independent School District on June 23 from 9:00 a.m. to noon at L.G. Alarcon Elementary School, 12501 Socorro Rd., San Elizario, TX. For more information, please call (915) 872-3900.

– Cynthia P. Marentes

Golf tourney

San Elizario High School will host the Jerry Antwine Memorial Scholarship Golf Tournament. It is an 18-hole, four-person scramble at Vista Hills Golf Course, 2210 Trawood, on June 24 starting at 8:00 a.m. There will also be door prizes and various contests including a \$10,000 hole-in-one sponsored by Mack Massey. Players, teams and business sponsors can still sign up by calling (915) 872-3970.

– Cynthia P. Marentes

Crime Stoppers

The El Paso Police Department is investigating an incident in which two groups of men became involved in a fight, and two victims were stabbed, making this the Crime Stoppers “Crime of the Week.” Early Sunday morning, April 24, 2011, about 1:20 a.m., a group of men and women who had been in the Union Plaza entertainment district were walking to their cars in the City Hall parking lot at 500 W. Franklin St. At that time, another group of men drove up and began arguing with two men in the first group. The argument victim received two stab wounds to the abdomen, and the other victim suffered four wounds. The offenders fled in a maroon Jeep Cherokee with grey panels on the side. The suspects in this case are three Hispanic males ranging in height from 5’04” to 5’07” to 5’10”. All three had medium builds and bald heads. If you have any information about the identity or location 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

Wanted

Christian King, 22, who also uses Christian Solis and Gonzalo King of El Paso is this week’s Manhunt Monday fugitive. He is 5’10” tall and weighs 174 pounds. He has black hair and brown

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The fame of great men ought always to be estimated by the means used to acquire it.

– Quips & Quotes



– Photo by Alfredo Vasquez

TROUBLING NUMBERS – One out of three people is without health insurance in El Paso. Congressman Sylvestre Reyes says that higher healthcare costs are not improving health in general. Containing cost and training more medical professionals locally are key elements to help with healthcare in El Paso. The Texas Tech Paul Foster School of Medicine and University Medical Center offer residency programs that might encourage more doctors to stay in El Paso after their training.

El Paso has 13 more doctors fresh from residency programs

By Alfredo Vasquez
Special to the Courier

Sixty-eight residents graduated from the Paul L. Foster School of Medicine at the Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center at El Paso recently, and 13 of them are planning to stay in El Paso.

The residents completed medical school and were recognized for the completion of their residency programs during the evening graduation ceremony that was held last week at the Ysleta Independent School District’s Cultural Arts Center.

Celina Beltran, who grew up in El Paso, said she wants to stay in El Paso to help serve the area, which has a great need for primary-care doctors. She completed her residency in family medicine and plans to work at a local group, Centro San Vicente.

“It serves a lot of indigent population,” she said. “That’s very important to me.”

She said completing her residency has been a big accomplishment, after many long hours and away from her family.

“In medicine, the challenges, the demands are always there,” she said. “That’s part of what makes medicine exciting.”

Angel Garcia said one of the most challenging parts of residency was finding

a school he and his wife could attend at the same time. “To get into the same medical school is a random chance,” he said.

He said he and his wife, Briana Garcia, are from El Paso and will stay in the city. He plans to pursue a fellowship in sports medicine while she will start at a group practice, Emergency Care.

“It’s been awesome,” he said. “It’s been hard in terms of balancing time together.”

Over 20 countries from nearly every continent were represented among this year’s 68 graduates.

U.S. Representative Sylvestre Reyes delivered the keynote speech during the special ceremony. He talked about the difficult times ahead for the graduates because of the economic climate.

“We, in the Congress, are very concerned about the impact that rising healthcare costs will have on our nation’s ability to remain competitive in the global economy,” Reyes said.

“America now spends \$2.3 trillion on healthcare, about 16 percent of our nation’s economy, a greater proportion than any other industrialized nation by far. This works out to about \$7,681 per resident, but Americans aren’t any healthier for it,” Reyes said.

“As health care costs consume a greater share of our nation’s economic output, fewer resources will be available for other priorities

such as education, defense, scientific research and development, and other critical needs.”

Reyes stated that part of the reason that healthcare costs have risen is due to the fact that so many people are without health insurance.

“Sadly, instead of trying to steer people away from the emergency room and into a doctor’s office, our state is going down a road that will likely increase the number of people who seek treatment in the ER in the months and years ahead,” Reyes related.

“In the U.S., about one in five people are uninsured. Texas has the shameful distinction of being the worst state in the nation for the number of people who have health insurance. The state has the highest percentage of children and adults without health insurance. One in four people in Texas are uninsured. In El Paso, we’re sadly worse off than the rest of the state; one in three people are without health insurance,” the Congressman stated.

“Fortunately, the Affordable Care Act signed into law last year, will help reverse these harmful trends that have plagued our community and those along the border for many years. These measures will help slow the growth of healthcare costs.

“In addition to containing healthcare costs,

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San Elizario HS graduates earn \$2.5 million in scholarships

By Cynthia P. Marentes
Special to the Courier

SAN ELIZARIO – For many in the Class of 2011 the last memory they may have of their years at San Elizario High School may be when they walked across the graduation stage on the evening of June 7 at Eagle Stadium. However for others, such as their teachers and administrators, this group of graduates will

be remembered for their notable academic achievements. As a whole they earned the highest percentage passing rate on the Texas Assessment of Knowledge and Skills (TAKS) exams and were awarded more than \$2.5 million in grants and scholarships. Additionally only a handful of students did not walk at the ceremony, according to San Elizario High School Principal Francisco Huizar, who stated that 210 students received their diplomas after completing all requirements for graduation.

Senior student Oscar Rivera led the commencement exercises with his moving rendition of “The Star-Spangled Banner” on saxophone. Delivering humorous and emotional messages to their fellow graduates were senior class co-presidents Brian Serrano and Ann Marie Luna, Salutatorian Lucia Noe, and Valedictorian Sarah Cardona.

Besides Cardona and Noe, the other top

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Doctors

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in order to stay competitive in the years ahead, all levels of government must invest in education from kindergarten to medical residency positions,” he said.

“There is a great need to increase the number of doctors in America to meet growing demands, particularly in Texas. We must expand the number of students studying medicine at our medical schools, but equally if not more importantly, we must increase the types of residency opportunities that you received here at the Texas Tech Paul Foster School of Medicine and University Medical Center,” Reyes stated.

According to the Congressman, currently, with 192 physicians per 100,000 people, Texas is 42nd in

the nation among the 50 states and the District of Columbia in the ratio of doctors to population. Among the 10 most populous states, Texas is last. In order to reach the national average of 240 physicians per 100,000 people, Texas would need to add 10,000 more doctors.

“While Texas is one of the fastest growing states in the nation, with more than 24 million people, the population growth in Texas’s medical schools and residency programs has not kept pace with the state’s growing needs,” Reyes said.

The Congressman went on to say that Texas has less than 6,400 medical residents in accredited programs. The state of New York, with five million fewer residents, has 15,000 medical residents, more than double that of Texas. The state of Pennsylvania has half the population of Texas, yet it has more medical residents.

“By 2013, Texas will graduate about 1,600 medical students, but will have only 1,400 first year residency slots. This is a shortage we simply can’t afford to have with our rapidly growing population. If we can’t place our medical students in residency programs here in the state, they will go elsewhere, and when that happens, it’s less likely they will return here to practice medicine.

“However, eighty-five percent of doctors who graduate from Texas medical schools, and also complete their residency in the state, will likely stay in Texas.

“If we are going to solve these challenges, we must increase our capacity to teach and train medical professionals. Investing in Graduate Medical Education is critical to health and well-being of future generations,” Reyes declared.

Veterans Post

By Freddy Groves

Women vets polled on health care

The American Legion recently asked women veterans about the health care provided by Department of Veterans Affairs. While the survey indicates an overall positive feeling, there is a lot of room for improvement, especially when compared to civilian health care.

Here are some of the results from the 67-question survey:

- Access: Approachable and easy to contact? One-third of the women were dissatisfied, mostly with their Women Veterans Program Manager, when it came to getting information about gender-specific care. One-quarter said the convenience of the locations is poor.
- Competence: Most respondents were satisfied with the medical staff’s level of knowledge and skills, but one quarter weren’t, and that’s a big percentage.
- Reliability: Ability to perform services accurately and dependably. Nearly one-third were dissatisfied with VA health care, compared with their private doctors.
- Communication: Forty percent didn’t feel that they were given enough information on treatments and procedures.
- Responsiveness: Willingness

to provide prompt care. One-third responded that they were dissatisfied, compared with their civilian doctors.

- Credibility: Believability and honesty of the staff. Compared with their civilian doctors, many of the women were dissatisfied. It was suggested that the VA adopt some of the practices of private health care.

- Courtesy: Polite and friendly staff. Again, one-quarter of respondents rated the VA as lacking in this regard, and it was suggested that perhaps more training of staff is required.
- Finally, one-third of the women veterans who replied to the survey don’t know what all their benefits are – health care or otherwise.

While women veterans comprise a smaller percentage of service personnel, they’ve earned the right to good care. If nothing else, no veteran should have to wonder what his or her benefits are.

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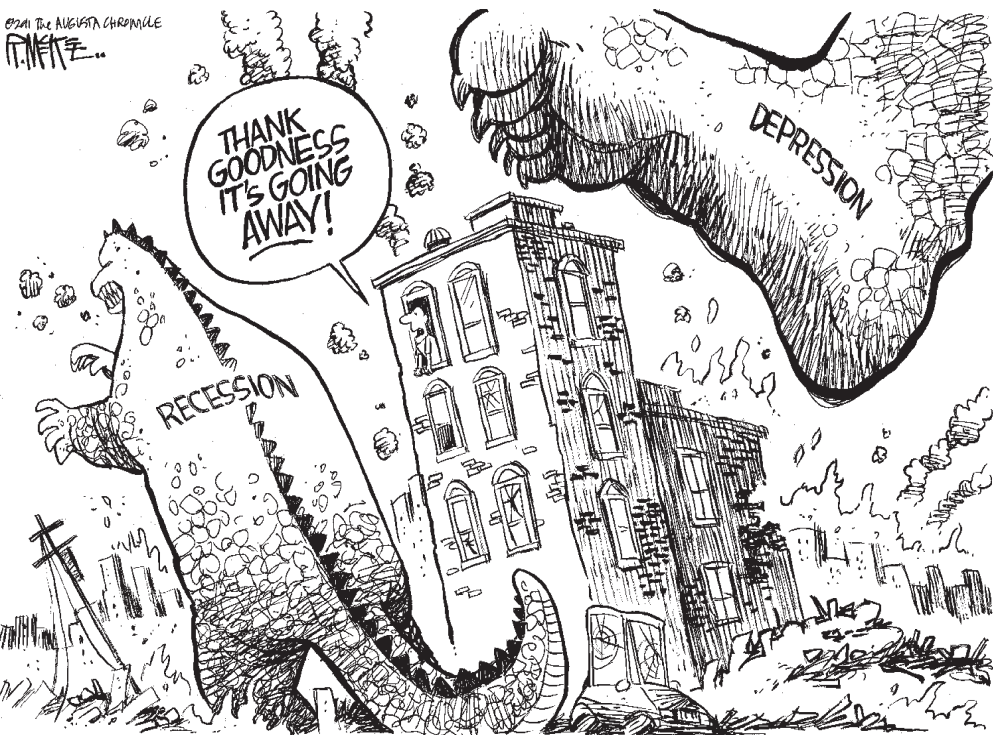
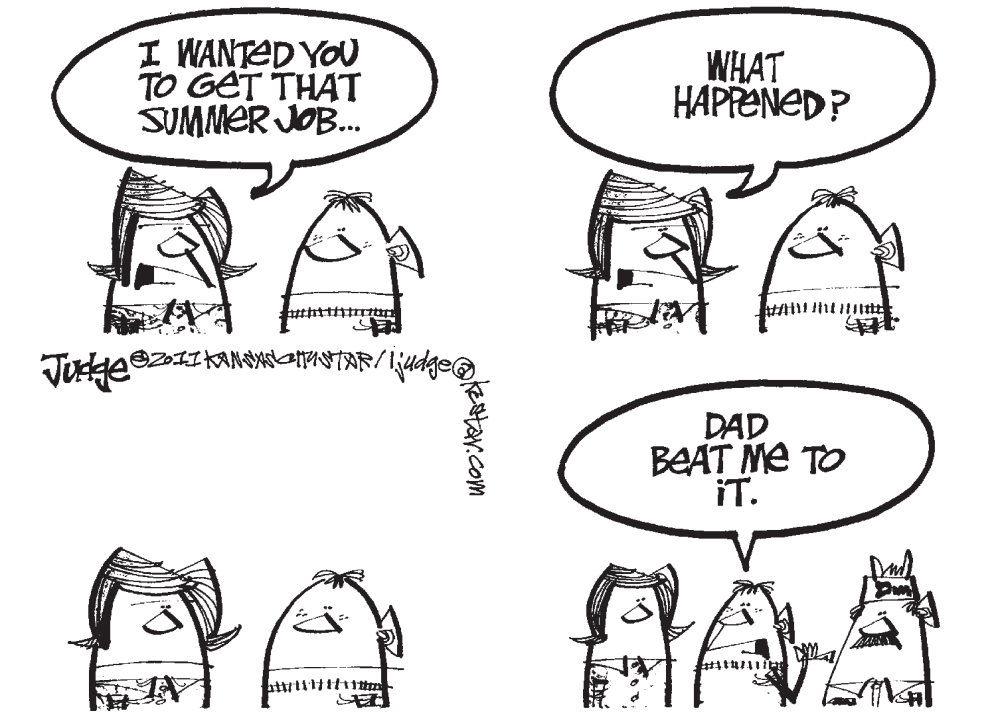
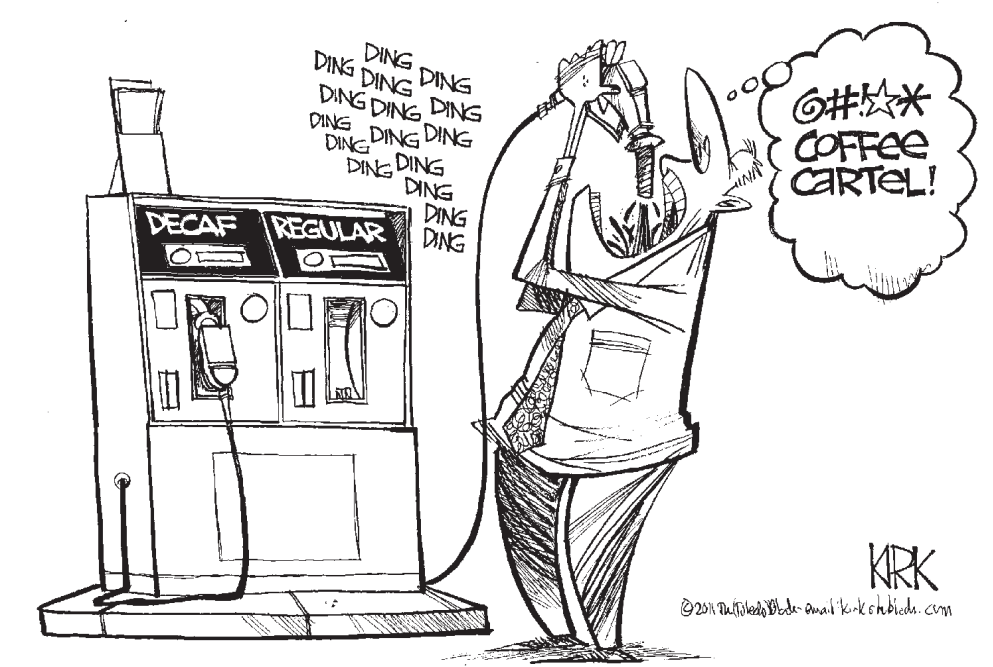
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ITEM: PRICE OF COFFEE RISING FASTER THAN THE PRICE OF GAS.



Por la Gente By State Rep. Chente Quintanilla

Manifiesto bill passes

Hola mi gente. Well the regular session is now history but I am still in Austin for the special session. Since some appropriation bills did not pass, and the session failed to pass other issues, the governor proclaimed a special session.

In the regular session, my office worked on several bills with the intent of passing them or incorporating them in other bills. Over the next weeks, I shall update you on those bills.

Another bill that I filed that I considered a priority dealt with manifestos; the name given to the document that refunds state sales taxes to international travelers. The U.S. constitution prohibits states from charging sales taxes on exported items. Texas created a unique system that extended the refund to retail shoppers if the items returned to a foreign country with the purchaser.

Without adequate controls in place, the refund process became corrupted. The legislature put new laws on the books in 2003 that controlled the wrongdoing to a certain point until recently.

Audits and undercover stings found that customs brokers and their employees were interpreting state law to their advantage. They decided what was a proper inspection of purchased goods even though the law is clear that all merchandise needed to be inspected. It was apparent that the brokers were out of control so some legislators talked about doing away completely with the manifestos.

My office worked with brokers and merchants in El Paso and McAllen to put together language for a bill that mandated more enforcement and good business practices. It seemed that there was support for that bill.

However, when the brokers saw that the effort to kill manifestos was going nowhere, they started to back away from the legislation they previously supported. They were going to try and pass a bill with no teeth.

In addition to my bill, Senator Zaffirini and Representative Guillen had identical bills with less language but with four main points also in my bill. Those points basically prohibited some things brokers were doing, required acknowledging inspection of the goods and added fifty cents to the cost which would be used only for enforcing the tax laws.

In order for any of the bills to be passed, the chair of the committee that heard the bills had our offices negotiate one bill from all of the bills. In this process of negotiation, the brokers again started an effort to water down the bill.

It would not have been fair to Texas taxpayers to allow a weak bill to be passed. Too much money was being refunded unlawfully. My office stood firm on a stronger version.

As deadlines were quickly approaching, my chief of staff had a draft that was strong yet allowed some flexibility that the other bills did not. In the end, our determination won out.

Even though I am listed as the co-sponsor, the language in Senate Bill 832 is the language that we fought for and won. The bill has higher penalties for violations; it does not allow brokers to have unauthorized employees sign manifestos; it requires more proper documentation of the purchasers; and, it gives the comptroller half million dollars annually to keep customs brokers from doing things the way they want. In the past they have been their own worst enemy.

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

San Eli

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ten students honored during graduation included Dionel Esparza, Jr., Ann Marie Luna, Crystal Marie Garcia, Marisol Salado, Lorenzo Luevano, Jr., Abigail Medina, Alexa Guerrero, and Vanessa Gail Pacheco. San Elizario High School Assistant Principals Elva Chavez, Christine Jaksch, and Spanky Sanchez also recognized ten students with the Aguila Awards for exemplifying school spirit through a combination of academics, active involvement in campus activities, and positive attitude. The Aguila Awards went to Cardona, Jennifer Garcia, Guerrero, Luna, Medina, Vince Alvarado, Erick Escobar, Esparza, Luevano, and Armando Perez.

Huizar, finalizing his first year as principal of San Elizario High School certified all the candidates for graduation before members of the San Elizario Independent School District Board of Trustees presented each of the graduates with their high school diplomas. After each of the students had been called up to the stage, Board President Antonio Araujo officially certified all the graduates who turned their tassels to symbolize the culmination of their high school education.



2011 UTEP FOOTBALL SEASON TICKETS ON SALE STARTING AS LOW AS \$75!

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.

Call 747-6150 Today For Your Tickets!

2011 UTEP FOOTBALL HOME SCHEDULE

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING TO DISCUSS
BUDGET AND PROPOSED TAX RATE

The San Elizario Independent School District will hold a public meeting at 5:30 p.m., Wednesday, June 29, 2011 in the SEISD Administrative Office, 1050 Chicken Ranch Rd., San Elizario, Texas. **The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the school district’s budget that will determine the tax rate that will be adopted. Public participation in the discussion is invited.**

The tax rate that is ultimately adopted at this meeting or at a separate meeting at a later date may not exceed the proposed tax rate shown below unless the district publishes a revised notice containing the same information and comparisons set out below and holds another public meeting to discuss the revised notice.

Maintenance Tax	\$1.108956/\$100 (Proposed rate for maintenance and operations)
School Debt Service Tax	
Approved by Local Voters	\$0.051800/\$100 (Proposed rate to pay bonded indebtedness)

Comparison of Proposed Budget with Last Year’s Budget

The applicable percentage increase or decrease (or difference) in the amount budgeted in the preceding fiscal year and the amount budgeted for the fiscal year that begins during the current tax year is indicated for each of the following expenditure categories:

Maintenance and Operations	6.00%	Increase
Debt Service	0.00%	No Change
Total Expenditures	6.00%	Increase

Total Appraised Value and Total Taxable Value
(as calculated under Section 26.04, Tax Code)

	Preceding Tax Year	Current Tax Year
Total appraised value* of all property	\$ 180,718,275	\$ 201,237,103
Total appraised value* of new property**	\$ 17,252,527	\$ 13,670,028
Total taxable value*** of all property	\$ 135,958,167	\$ 153,362,998
Total taxable value*** of new property**	\$ 11,490,885	\$ 7,893,739

* “Appraised value” is the amount shown on the appraisal roll and defined by Section 1.04(8), Tax Code.
** “New property” is defined by Section 26.012(17), Tax Code.
*** “Taxable value” is defined by Section 1.04(10), Tax Code.

Bonded Indebtedness

Total amount of outstanding and unpaid bonded indebtedness* \$13,642,065

* Outstanding principal.

Comparison of Proposed Rates with Last Year’s Rates

	Maintenance & Operations	Interest & Sinking Fund*	Total	Local Revenue Per Student	State Revenue Per Student
Last Year’s Rate	\$ 1.108900	\$ 0.051800*	\$ 1.160700	\$ 374	\$ 8,114
Rate to Maintain Same Level of Maintenance & Operations Revenue & Pay Debt Service	\$ 1.202110	\$ 0.044290*	\$ 1.246400	\$ 374	\$ 7,900
Proposed Rate	\$ 1.108900	\$ 0.051800*	\$ 1.160700	\$ 385	\$ 8,110

*The Interest & Sinking Fund tax revenue is used to pay for bonded indebtedness on construction, equipment, or both.
The bonds, and the tax rate necessary to pay those bonds, were approved by the voters of this district.

Comparison of Proposed Levy with Last Year’s Levy on Average Residence

	Last Year	This Year
Average Market Value of Residences	\$ 59,756	\$ 60,152
Average Taxable Value of Residences	\$ 43,123	\$ 44,136
Last Year’s Rate Versus		
Proposed Rate per \$100 Value	\$ 1.160756	\$ 1.160756
Taxes Due on Average Residence	\$ 500.55	\$ 512.31
Increase (Decrease) in Taxes		\$ 11.76

Under state law, the dollar amount of school taxes imposed on the residence homestead of a person 65 years of age or older or of the surviving spouse of such a person, if the surviving spouse was 55 years of age or older when the person died, may not be increased above the amount paid in the first year after the person turned 65, regardless of changes in the tax rate or property value.

Notice of Rollback Rate: The highest tax rate the district can adopt before requiring voter approval at an election is 1.108956. This election will be automatically held if the district adopts a rate in excess of the rollback rate of 1.108956.

Fund Balances

The following estimated balances will remain at the end of the current fiscal year and are not encumbered with or by a corresponding debt obligation, less estimated funds necessary for operating the district before receipt of the first state aid payment:

Maintenance and Operations Fund Balance(s)	\$ 3,870,928
Interest & Sinking Fund Balance(s)	\$ (14,349)

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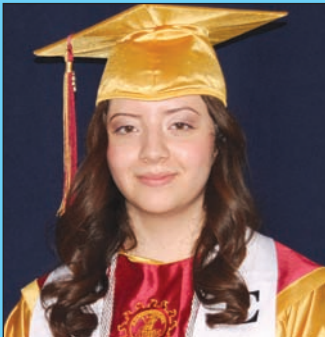
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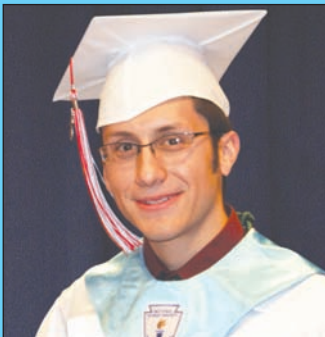
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Miners scheduled for five national TV appearances

By Steve Escajeda
Special to the Courier

I know we’re still two-and-a-half months away from the start of the college football season but the Miners received news that they’ll be on national TV no less than five times in 2011.

And though it’s always great to get some added television exposure, I’m still not totally sold on whether it’s a good idea or not.

Conference USA officials announced that UTEP’s home game against the dreaded Houston Cougars will be televised on CBS Sports Network, which still isn’t sure what it wants to be called.

The CBS Sports Network used to be called CBS College Sports. Before that it was called CSTV. There’s still no news on what it would like to be called next year.

Any way, the good news is that the UTEP-Houston game will be on TV. The bad news is that the game will be moved from Saturday, Oct. 1, to Thursday, Sept. 29.

Thursday?

Who the heck wants to watch a college football game on Thursday? Who wants to go to a college football game on Thursday?

Not only will the game’s attendance be hurt by fans who will stay home and watch rather than race to the stadium for the early 6 p.m. start time, but what the heck will we do on Saturday?

On that Saturday night local football fans will wander aimlessly around the city like zombies wondering what the heck to do with

themselves.

CBS Sports will also carry the Miners’ home game against Southern Mississippi on Oct. 29. This will be yet another game that will hurt attendance at the Sun Bowl. That just can’t help the bottom line of the UTEP athletics department budget.

The other CBS Sports Network game will be at Central Florida.

Finally, a road game that El Pasoans can enjoy on TV. That’s good.

What’s bad about it is that the game will be moved from Saturday, Nov. 26, to Friday, Nov. 25. That’s the day after Thanksgiving.

The Friday game won’t interfere with any high school games because unless any local school are on their way to a state championship, they will have been eliminated by then.

But there are many national games on that day and people are traveling to visit loved ones.

And I have no idea if the tryptophan will still be in my system by 5 p.m. Friday.

The two other televised games will be carried on Fox Sports Network.

UTEP’s conference games at SMU on Sept. 10 and at Rice on Nov. 5 will be on TV and that’s good.

But the two CBS home games will cost the Miners some serious bucks at the box office.

It used to be that home games were never televised unless they were already sold out.

I know the Miners will share in some TV revenue money for the added games but it can’t be as much as they would make with a sold out Sun Bowl.

Plus the road game against South Florida, at least to this point, will not be televised. Try to

make sense of that.

UTEP coach Mike Price has said that he’s not a big fan of moving Saturday games to any other day but he’ll just have to live with it.

I know the Miners have more things to worry about than playing games on Fridays and Thursdays, like playing better defense.

Of course if the Miners get off to a 6-1 start to the season, people will make it out to the games in person.

But the chances of that are ...

Feeling the Heat

The Dallas Mavericks proved once again that team basketball will always defeat star basketball in a playoff series.

For a while it looked like star ball would

Briefs

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eyes. In July 2010 officers were called to the Circle K convenience store located at 7800 Gateway in east El Paso in reference to a beer run that. A Black Monte Carlo was spotted by El Paso Police Officers heading south near the 600 block of N. Carolina. After a short chase, the vehicle was stopped and the driver – King and an accomplice were taken into custody. Both were arrested as charges were filed for the beer run and charges of Evading Arrest and Detention With a Vehicle were added on King for leading authorities on a pursuit. King has since failed to show for court and the 205th District Court has issued a

prevail, but one star fell from the sky.

LeBron James left all NBA fans scratching their heads as he opted out of most of the finals against Dallas.

At times, Bron Bron spent most of his time passing the ball to other players like Mario Chalmers and Joel Anthony and Udonis Haslem, instead of being the man and scoring himself.

I think guys like Scottie Pippen, who said James was probably better than Michael Jordan, will hold back on the ridiculous comparisons for a while.

James’ status has certainly taken a tumble.

Gee, I wonder if he’ll hold a special news conference to explain why he failed so miserably in the championship series.



Christian King

Stoppers of El Paso at 566-TIPS (8477). Callers will remain anonymous and may be eligible for a reward if the information provided leads to the apprehension of the individual featured.

– Deputy Jesse Tovar

warrant of for his arrest. He knows he is wanted and is believed to remain in the Borderland. Officials are asking the public for any information on the whereabouts of King. People can contact the Sheriff’s Office (915) 546-2280 or Crime

A sporting view By Mark Vasto

Know-it-all

For every person who thinks they know it all when it comes to the world of sports, you can rest assured that there are plenty of others who could: 1) care less, or 2) care about the stuff most of the know-it-all’s could care less about.

I’m not sure if the Village Voice still runs the column, but for years readers of the famed Greenwich Village alternative weekly could read “uni-watch” – a diatribe or dictation of uniforms and who wore them from the world of sports. (A

big hit was the New York Ranger’s decision to sport the Statue of Liberty and lace-up jerseys... and, of course, pinstripes were always the fashion.)

Andrew Postman, in his seminal “Sports Know It All,” posits the “40 things worth knowing about sports, late night, in a bar.” Among my favorites: When the Indianapolis 500 began, two people rode in the car – a driver and the mechanic. (Also, relief drivers were common.)

In tennis, if the server hits either of his opponents during a doubles match on the fly, the serving team

wins the point. (Why nobody uses this as a tactic, I’ll never know.)

There is a World Elephant Polo Association, based out of Chitwan, Nepal. (Naturally.)

If a greyhound catches the mechanical rabbit, it’s considered a “no race” (and mechanical difficulty is usually the culprit.)

Former Minnesota Vikings coach Bud Grant, famous for the ignominious distinction of having led his team to four losing efforts in the Super Bowl, was once a big winner: He played for the championship 1949-50 Minneapolis Lakers.

Think today’s baseball games are long? Foul balls weren’t counted as strikes until 1901 in the National

League and 1903 in the American League. (The exceptions were a foul bunt or foul tips.)

The maximum number of golf clubs you’re allowed to carry during a golf match is 14. (Particularly if you’re playing by the strict English rules, Goldfinger.)

During the prohibition-era Los Angeles Olympics of 1932, the French team was granted special permission to drink wine on the grounds that it was “an essential part to their diet.” (And, of course, a good source of anti-oxidants if taken in moderation.)

The first televised sporting event was a college baseball game in Japan, circa 1931.

The original suggested name

for basketball? “Naismith Ball,” so named after the game’s alleged inventor.

And lastly, not one of the top-40 picks but an interesting piece of trivia nonetheless. All thoroughbred horses in the world today are descendants of at least one of three stallions: Darley Arabian, Byerly Turk and Godolphin Barb.

Take this knowledge and go forth among the masses of stat geeks, content in the knowledge that now you too... probably have too much time on your hands.

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

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LEGALS

Village of Vinton

Request for Proposals

Planning and Capacity Building Program

The Village of Vinton Texas has recently received a contract from the Office of Rural Community Affairs under the Planning and Capacity Building Fund of the Texas Community Development Block Grant Program. Accordingly, the Village of Vinton is seeking to contract with a qualified planning consultant to assist in several aspects of contractual compliance with the Office of Rural

Community Affairs. RFP packages are available at the Village of Vinton Monday-Thursday 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Please submit your request for a proposal package, a statement of qualifications and references to the Village of Vinton City Clerk at 436 E. Vinton Rd. Vinton Texas 79821.

Proposals must be received by the city no later than June 30th at 2:00 p.m. to be considered. The city reserves the right to negotiate with any and all firms or consultants that submit proposals as per the Texas Professional Services Procurement Act.

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Town of Clint

Advertisement and Invitation for Bids

The Town of Clint, Texas, will receive sealed bids for construction of the Lawson Drive Phase II Water Main Replacement (Texas Department of Rural Affairs/ Contract No. 729149) until 3:00 p.m. on July 07, 2011, at the Town of Clint offices located at 200 N. San Elizario Rd., Clint, Texas 79836, and at that time and place will be publicly opened and read aloud.

Bids are invited for several items and quantities of work as follows:

1. Approximately 980 linear feet of 8-inch (PVC) Water Line;
2. Nine (9) 8-inch gate valves with associated fittings;
3. One (1) new fire hydrant with associated valves and fittings;
4. One Hundred and Forty (140) square yards of pavement removal and replacement;
5. Thirteen (13) square yards of concrete driveway removal and replacement;
6. Three (3) water service reconnection; and
7. Trench Safety & Traffic Control Systems.

Copies of Bid/Contract

D o c u m e n t s , including Drawings and Technical Specifications may be picked up at the Town of Clint offices located at 200 N. San Elizario Rd., Clint, Texas 79836, a check of \$75.00 for each set of documents obtained. Checks made out to the Town of Clint.

A Pre-Bid Conference will be held at 2:00 P.M. on June 23, 2011 at the Town Council Room in the Town of Clint offices located at 200 N. San Elizario Rd., Clint, Texas 79836.

A bid bond in the amount of 5 percent (5%) of the bid issued by an acceptable surety shall be submitted with each bid. A

certified check or bank draft payable to the Town of Clint or negotiable U.S. Government Bonds (as par value) may be submitted in lieu of the Bid Bond.

Attention is called to the fact that not less than the federally determined prevailing (Davis-Bacon and Related Acts) wage rate, as issued by the Texas Department of Rural Affairs and contained in the contract documents, must be paid on this project. In addition, the successful bidder must ensure that employees and applicants for employment are not discriminated against because of race, color, religion, sex age or national origin. Adherence

to the grant recipient's Section 3 Policy is required for contracts and subcontracts in excess of \$100,000.00.

The Town of Clint reserves the right to reject any or all bids or to waive any informalities in the bidding.

Bids may be held by Town of Clint for a period not to exceed 30 days from the date of the bid opening for the purpose of reviewing the bids and investigating the bidders' qualifications prior to the contract award.

Dale T. Reinhardt, Mayor
Town of Clint
June 16, 2011

All contractors/

subcontractors that are debarred, suspended or otherwise excluded from or ineligible for participation on federal assistance programs may not undertake any activity in part or in full under this project.

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Persons who have a problem with alcohol are offered a free source of help locally. Alcoholics Anonymous - call 562-4081 for information.

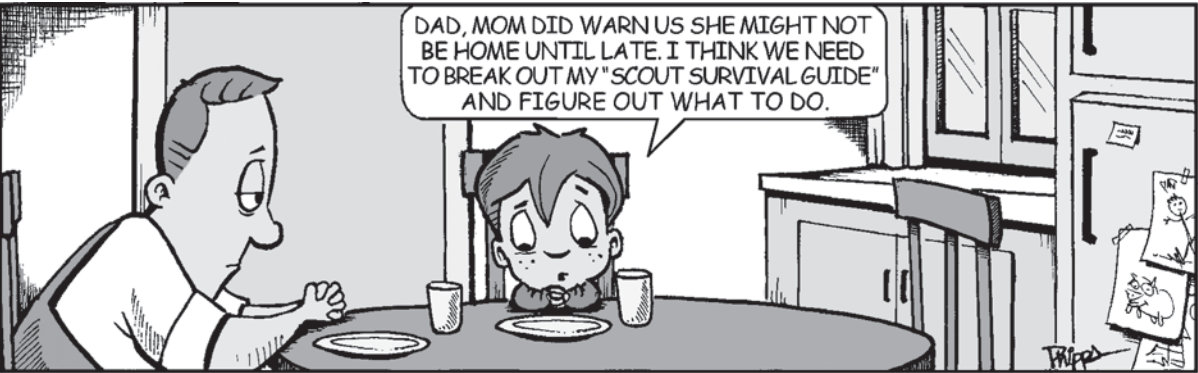
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OUT ON A LIMBBy Gary Kopervas



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THE SPATSBy Jeff Pickering



R.F.D. By Mike Marland



Your good healthBy Paul G. Donahue, M.D.

DEAR DR. DONOHUE: Our grandson soon will be 15. He still wets the bed. His parents have done everything from pills to alarms, but nothing helps. Sometimes he gets depressed, and that scares us. He says he will never be able to have a relationship with a girl. Sometimes we worry that he will hurt himself. Is there anything that can help this situation? – W.M.

I feel deeply for your grandson. No one can understand the isolation and hopelessness he has to grapple with. He could stand professional counseling. Perhaps a few facts will help him. Between the ages of 5 and 6, 15 percent to 20 percent of children are still wetting the bed. Of that number, every following year, 15 percent will stay dry during the night. By age 18, only 1 percent to 2 percent of these youngsters are still battling the problem. Your grandson has three years in which his chances of gaining control are good.

The problem of bed-wetting appears to stem from a brain that doesn't respond to a full nighttime bladder by rousing the sleeper. It might be a delay in developing that response. Or it might be a delay in the attainment of a large enough bladder capacity to hold nighttime urine production. Or it might be that these children produce too little of the hormone vasopressin, which suppresses nightly urine formation.

Your grandson can once more try things he probably has already tried. He should measure carefully how much fluid he drinks in one day. Once he learns that number, he should drink 40 percent of the total in the morning, another 40 percent in the afternoon and limit fluid to 20 percent of the daily total from 5 p.m. on. He can increase his bladder's capacity by holding off on urinating during the day. If

he delays each time by five or 10 minutes for one week and then gradually lengthens the delay in following weeks, the bladder will stretch. This takes time. He has to be patient.

Alarms can work. They sound or vibrate when the first few drops of moisture touch them. It can be as long as six months of use before the training takes hold.

For occasions when he is invited to stay at other people's homes for the night, desmopressin, as a pill or nasal spray, slows nighttime urine production.

DEAR DR. DONOHUE: I am so concerned about our grandson. He is a senior in college. He felt he couldn't focus well enough on some of his difficult classes. He went to a doctor and was put on Adderall. I am so worried that he will become addicted. Should I be concerned? – R.G.

Adderall is a drug of the amphetamine family. It does have the potential of leading to dependence. However, it's been used for so many years for the treatment of attention-deficit hyperactivity disorder that it can be well managed and not present a danger.

The doctor who prescribed the drug is responsible for monitoring how it is used. He or she will continue writing for its use only if it's safe to do so. I sincerely believe you do not have to worry yourself about your grandson.

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

Super Crossword

- IN REVERSE ACROSS

1 Israel's Barak

5 "Fie!"

10 Traffic sound

14 Beer ingredient

18 It's nothing

19 "From the Terrace" author

20 Fusillade

21 Not quite closed

22 KINGLY BREW

24 Start

25 Actor Andrews

26 Parrot

27 Charity

28 Party animal?

30 Fornicary denizen

31 Final

32 Loose

33 Like opposites

35 Pitch

37 Dump on

40 Can opener

42 Harp part

45 Crop up

46 Part of EEC

47 Golden _

49 Merchandise

51 Navel store?

52 Disseminate

54 Flat hats

56 Relocate

57 Rock's _ Zeppelin

58 Ubiquitous

songbird

60 Faultless

62 Clarke or Questel

63 HURT FRIENDS

65 "GIDDYUP!" OR "HOOCHIE MAMA!"

68 Fumble

69 Net type

70 "Jurassic Park" stuff

71 RODMAN FELL FROM GRACE

76 ENTHUSIASTIC SINGER

81 Japanese

82 Category

83 Gets back

85 Relative of un-

86 Sporting saddles

88 Autumn implement

89 Distribute the

donuts

90 Word with camp or tree

91 Artist Rousseau

93 Intrinsically

96 Mauna _

97 "Greetings!"

98 Find out

100 Did business

102 He had a lot of Gaul

103 Angler's dangles

105 Fear

106 "You - Hurry Love" ('66 hit)

107 Society

110 Sweater letter

112 Gumshoe

113 Toil

114 August one

117 "Damn Yankees" siren

118 Electronic device

120 SWEATERS ARE OFFENSIVE

123 "Kismet" character

124 _ fell swoop

125 Government game

126 Where to find a zebu

127 Man the bar

128 Dweeb

129 Producer Coen

130 Chatterley or Windermere

DOWN

1 Biblical book

2 Dickens villain

3 Prod

4 '50 film noir

classic

5 It's on the bee's knees

6 "It's a _" ('70 song)

7 Witches

8 Live and breathe

9 Pop Art pioneer

10 Outlaw

11 Lohengrin's love

12 Happening

13 KETTLE COVER

14 PRODUCED CHEESE

15 Trojan War hero

16 Turner or Wood

17 Soho streetcar

20 Beethoven creation

23 Sweatshirt size

29 Parisian pronoun

32 '78 Stallone flick

33 More theoretical

34 Doctorow novel

36 Fresh

37 Shopping sites

38 Historian Durant

39 Hunt or Hamilton

40 Acts catty?

41 Blender part

43 Fragrance

44 Actor Burton

46 And more of the same

48 Part of ER

50 Go after

52 Less plentiful

53 Roused

55 Food fish

58 Bit of parsley

59 More ironic

61 _ a hand (aids)

64 Grunter's grounds

66 Llama turf

67 Deranged

69 Looked like Hook?

71 Word with side or satellite

72 Lucy's landlady

73 Peter of Herman's Hermits

74 Cinch

75 Vexed

76 Hitter Hank

77 _ Las Vegas"

('64 film)

78 Baal and Elvis

79 Stringed instrument

80 Philanthropist

Brooke

84 Very cold

87 BORING POET

90 Exemplar of redness

92 Private pension

94 French philosopher

95 Gen. Robt. _

97 "Big" star

99 SWIPE BROOCH

101 Undertake

102 "The Silent Spring" author

104 Macbeth, for one

106 Terra _

107 Thicken

108 Capital of Togo

109 _ Bator

111 Borodin's "Prince _"

113 Using

114 Hartman or Kudrow

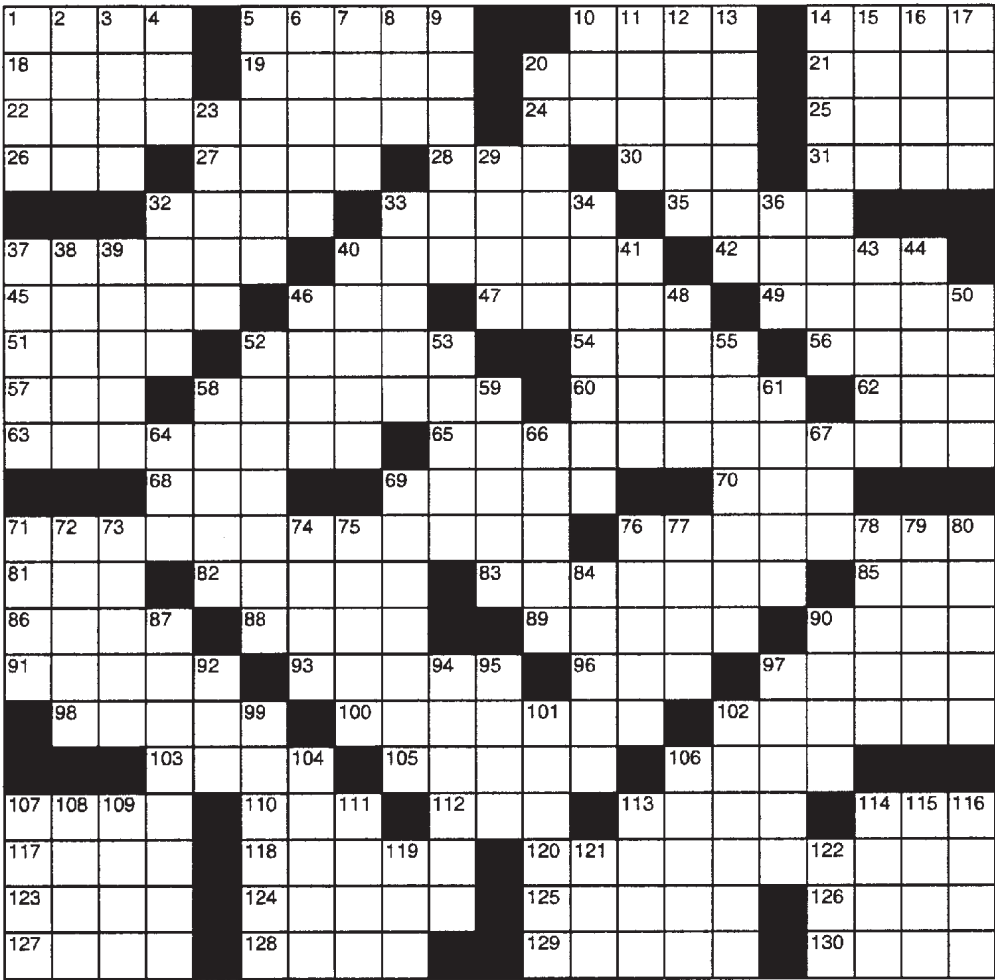
115 Geraint's lady

116 Adequate

119 Purpose

121 " _ again!"

122 Chess champion Mikhail
- Answer Page 2



Moore Texas by Roger Moore The pleasant little town of Quitaque reportedly derives its' name from the Comanche word for horse dung.



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.

	×		−		11
×		−		×	
	÷		+		2
−		×		+	
	−		×		12
4		15		11	

1 2 4 5 6 6 7 8 9

DIFFICULTY: ★

★ Moderate ★★ Difficult
★★★ GO FIGURE!

Answer Page 2

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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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

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

Answer Page 2

★★★ HOO BOY!

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Social Security Q&A By Ray Vigil

Q: I understand that to get Social Security disability benefits, my disability must be expected to last at least a year or be expected to result in death. But I'm disabled now. Does this mean that I must wait a year after becoming disabled before I can receive benefits?

A: You do not have to wait a year after becoming disabled. If you're disabled and expect to be out of work for at least a year, you should apply for disability benefits right away. It can take months to process an application for disability benefits. If we approve your application, your first Social Security disability benefit will be paid for the sixth full month after the date your disability began. For more information about Social Security disability benefits, refer to Disability Benefits (Publication No. 05-10029) at www.socialsecurity.gov/pubs/10029.html.

Q: I just got back from an overseas military deployment and I want to plan ahead. How will my military retirement affect my Social Security benefits?

A: Your military retirement won't affect your Social Security benefits at all. You can get both. Generally, there is no offset of Social Security benefits because of your military retirement. You will get full Social Security benefits based on your earnings. The only way your Social Security benefit might be reduced

is if you also receive a government pension based on a job in which you did not pay Social Security taxes. You can find more information in the publication Military Service and Social Security at www.socialsecurity.gov/pubs/10017.html. Or call us at 1-800-772-1213 (TTY 1-800-325-0778).

Q: Can I get a new Social Security number if someone has stolen my identity?

A: We do not routinely assign a new number to someone whose identity has been stolen. Only as a last resort should you consider requesting a new Social Security number. Changing your number may adversely affect your ability to interact with Federal and State agencies, employers, and others. This is because your financial, medical, employment and other records will be under your former Social Security number. We cannot guarantee that a new number will solve your problem. To learn more about your Social Security card and number, read our online publication on the subject at www.socialsecurity.gov/pubs/10002.html.

For more information on any of the questions above, visit our website at www.socialsecurity.gov or call 1-800-772-1213. If you have any questions that you would like to have answered, please mail them to the Social Security Office, 11111 Gateway West, Attn: Ray Vigil, El Paso, Texas 79935.

CryptoQuip

This is a simple substitution cipher in which each letter used stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Solution is accomplished by trial and error.

Clue: D equals O

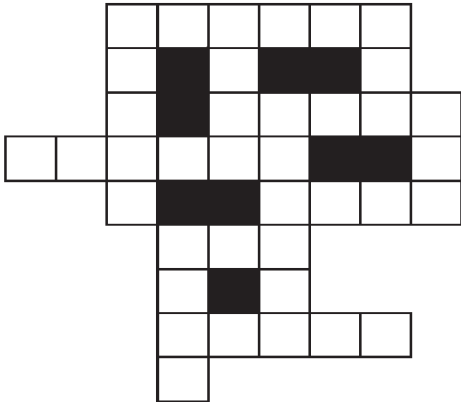
KGT HNWFT DS CGWMQYTC
GLC TCFLYLKTP NLHWPYI. IDE
FDEYP CLI WK'C QDWMQ
KGNDEQG KGT NDDS.

Answer Page 2

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URC
EXDOUT
CRYIL
OXAC
♥SPRECA
KYA
ARDO
PYXOR
XMI
CROLEK
RAMAL
KLOY



Answer Page 2

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

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STRANGE BUT TRUE

By Samantha Weaver

• It was philosopher, historian, mathematician and Nobel Prize winner Bertrand Russell who made the following sage observation: "In all affairs it's a healthy thing now and then to hang a question mark on the things you have long taken for granted."

• The giant Pacific octopus, the largest octopus in the world, is a prolific breeder. Extremely prolific. The female lays approximately 56,000 eggs, all at once. And since, according to experts, the population is stable, of those 56,000 eggs, only two survive to reproduce.

• It was Franklin Pierce, the 14th president of the United States, who ordered the White House's first bathtub in the 1850s.

• Harry Houdini is best known as a magician and an escape artist, but he also performed amazing stunts. In the early days of aviation, he flew in an airplane to an altitude of 3,000 feet, then jumped off the plane onto another one – while wearing handcuffs.

• A recent study conducted by researchers at a university in Sweden found that if a person has to commute longer than 45 minutes to work, he or she is 40 percent more likely to get divorced.

• There are more languages and dialects spoken in India than in any other country in the world: in excess of 1,600 at last count.

• If you're planning a trip to Marrakesh, Morocco, be sure to visit the Koutoubiya minaret. In 1195 Sultan Yakub al Mansur commanded that the minaret be built in thanksgiving for a military victory, and the tower is lovely. The structure's unique attribute, however, is not visible – it's olfactory. When the minaret was being built, 960 sacks of musk were mixed in with the mortar, and the odor can still be detected today.

Thought for the Day: "Those who can make you believe absurdities can make you commit atrocities."

– Voltaire

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