

## NEWSBRIEFS

**Dove hunting**

Due to a recent border security incident affecting dove hunters, U.S. Customs and Border Protection has decided to restrict access to the Rio Grande levee at the Ysleta-Zaragoza Port of Entry to daylight hours. The gate at that location will be open 6 a.m. – 8 p.m. daily. Hunters who do not exit by 8 p.m. will have to go downstream to the access point near the Ft. Hancock Port of Entry.

– Sally Spener

**Chile war**

The Mission Trail Association will present the *Mission Valley Red & Green Chile War Festival* versus Hatch, NM. The festival will run on Saturday, Sept. 24 from noon to 10 p.m., and Sunday, Sept. 25 from 1 to 8 p.m., at the San Elizario Placita. There will be food, chile roasting, arts and crafts, tours, live entertainment, and contests in dancing, eating chile and best community and restaurant salsas. The Chile Salsa Contest is open to individuals for \$10 and restaurants for \$25. People can enter the Dancing Contest or the Chile Eating Contest for \$5. Vendor booths for food, arts and crafts, or other sales are available for \$100 for both days. Contact Suky Ramos at (915) 422-1700 for more information.

– Suky Ramos

**Crime Stoppers**

Two men enter a convenience store in the northeast part of town, stealing merchandise without making any attempt to pay; and one suspect made threatening remarks to the clerk, making this the Crime Stoppers “Crime of the Week.” On Monday, May 9, 2011, about 9:30 p.m., two male subjects walked into the Seven-Eleven store located at 8300 Dyer and went to the beer coolers. The first man then walked out the store without paying. As the second subject was going to do the same, the clerk approached him but the subject threatened to kill the clerk, who then backed off. The subject who made the threat is described as a Hispanic man in his 20s with a baldhead and mustache, wearing a black t-shirt and dark pants. He also had an unknown tattoo on the back of his neck. The other subject was also a Hispanic man in his 20’s wearing a black t-shirt, dark pants and white shoes. He had close-cropped hair and possibly long sideburns or a light growth of beard, and perhaps tattoos on the front of his neck. If you have any information about the identity and location of the suspects involved, please call Crime Stoppers immediately at 566-TIPS (566-8477) or on-line at [www.crimestoppersofelpaso.org](http://www.crimestoppersofelpaso.org). You will remain anonymous and, if your tip leads to an arrest, you can

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– Photo courtesy of Nicholas P. Houser

LONG AGO – Nestora Piarote, Tigua Potter, Ysleta del Sur Pueblo, circa 1876.

## Archeology museum offers pottery workshop

By Alfredo Vasquez  
Special to the Courier

EL PASO COUNTY – El Paso Museum of Archeology’s pottery-making class is designed to raise awareness and revive the Tigua Tribe’s traditional craft among today’s generation.

Families composed of one adult and up to

two children (6 to 17 years) are invited to register for a two-day beginners’ pottery-making workshop. Registrants will receive instruction in hand-building and painting a clay pot of a maximum size of 4 inches in diameter.

Gloria Luján, a member of the Tigua Tribe and experienced potter will teach the workshop. Gloria has been making hand-built pottery since the 1970s and is experienced in

teaching pottery workshops for children and adults.

Clay, tools, paints, materials and instruction are included in the price of the workshop. However, participants are responsible for firing their pots at their own expense at a local kiln. A maximum of twelve individuals will be accepted on a first-come, first-served

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## Texas highways get faster

By Mark Cross  
Special to the Courier

TEXAS – Texas motorists may notice some changes to speed limit signs in the next several months, as new laws regulating speed limits on the roadways of the state highway system begin to take effect. The 82nd Texas Legislature passed and the Governor signed House Bill 1353, which took effect on September 1. This legislation allows the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) to create a 75-mile per hour speed limit on any state highway found to be reasonable and safe through a speed study. TxDOT will be reviewing existing 70-mile per hour speed limits to determine where a 75-mile per hour speed limit may be safely posted.

HB 1353 also eliminates the 65-mile per hour nighttime speed limit and all truck speed limits. On September 1, the existing nighttime and truck speed limits were repealed and no longer enforceable.

TxDOT awarded maintenance contracts in August to remove the nighttime and truck speed limit signs and is also in the process of hiring consultants to perform the required speed studies needed to implement the higher speed limits.

“We will be removing the existing nighttime speed limit signs, truck speed limit signs, and evaluating approximately 50,000 miles of state highway with a current 70-mile hour speed limit,” said Carol Rawson, TxDOT Director of Traffic Operations. “With these contracts in place, we are moving steadily ahead to implement these new laws. However, it is important to remember that any increases to speed limits are not effective until the new speed limit signs are actually installed.”

Speed limits in Texas are set by the 85th percentile method, which represents the speed the majority of drivers are traveling at or below. This is a sound engineering principle used to set speed limits on highways nationwide for the past 60 years. For more information on speed limits see: [http://www.txdot.gov/txdot\\_library/safety/traffic\\_safety\\_pubs.htm](http://www.txdot.gov/txdot_library/safety/traffic_safety_pubs.htm).

The existing 65-mile per hour night and truck speed limit signs should be removed by the end of this year. The complete evaluation of the state highway system and posting of all new 75-mile per hour speed limits should be complete by early 2013.

## Tuition fund opens for enrollment

By R.J. DeSilva  
Special to the Courier

AUSTIN – The annual enrollment period for the Texas Tuition Promise Fund, the state’s prepaid college tuition program began Sept. 1 and runs through Feb. 29, 2012. For parents who are concerned about squeezing college savings into a tight family budget, the Texas Tuition Promise Fund may be the answer.

“This program helps ease parents’ worries about rising college costs by letting them prepay all or part of their children’s undergraduate tuition and required fees at Texas public colleges or universities at today’s prices,” said Texas Comptroller Susan Combs.

Families enrolled in the Texas Tuition Promise Fund purchase prepaid “units” that can later be used toward undergraduate tuition and required fees at schools ranging from Texas public community colleges to four-year, in-state universities. Prices are based on 2011-12 academic year costs for the state’s public colleges.

There are three tiers:

- Type I units, priced for tuition and required fees for the most expensive public four-year school in Texas, cost \$111.68 per unit;
- Type II units, based on the weighted average cost of tuition and required fees across all Texas public four-year schools, cost \$79.70 per unit; and
- Type III units, priced at the weighted average cost of tuition and required fees across all Texas public two-year schools, cost \$20.54 each.

Under the plan, 100 units equal one academic year consisting of 30 semester hours of tuition and required fees at the Texas public school that most closely matches the pricing base. Families can prepay for up to six years (600 Type I units or the equivalent amount of Type II and III units) of undergraduate tuition and required fees. The plan’s payment options include lump sum payments, installment payments that include 8 percent interest or a pay-as-you go plan that allows parents to gradually add more units when the family budget allows. Payments start as low as \$15 after an account is established by paying

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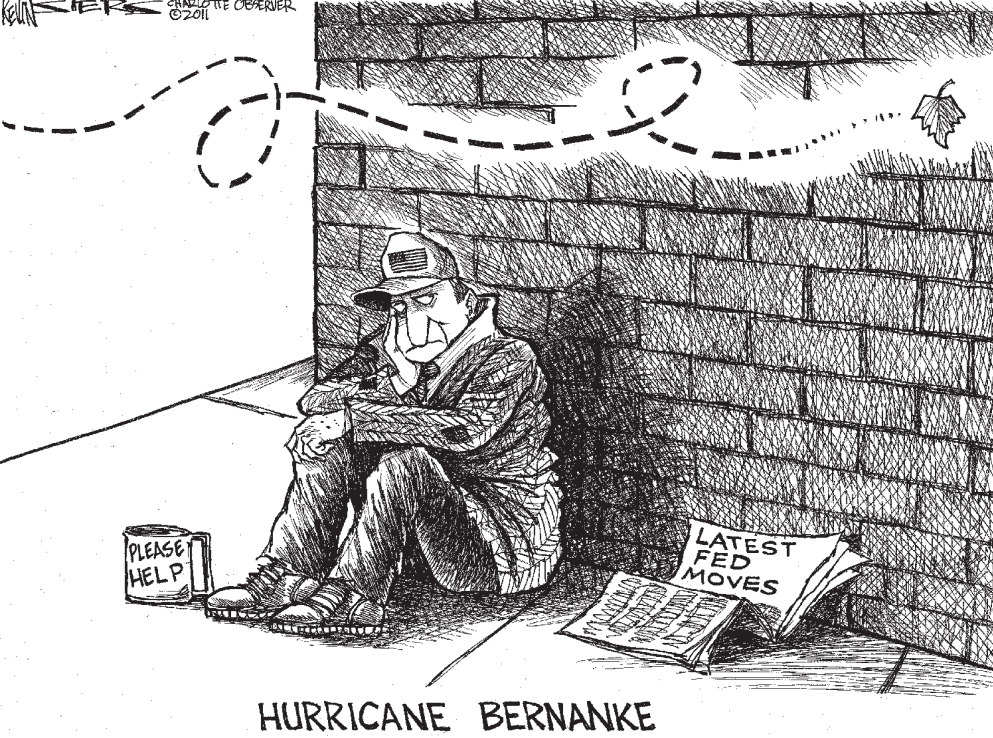
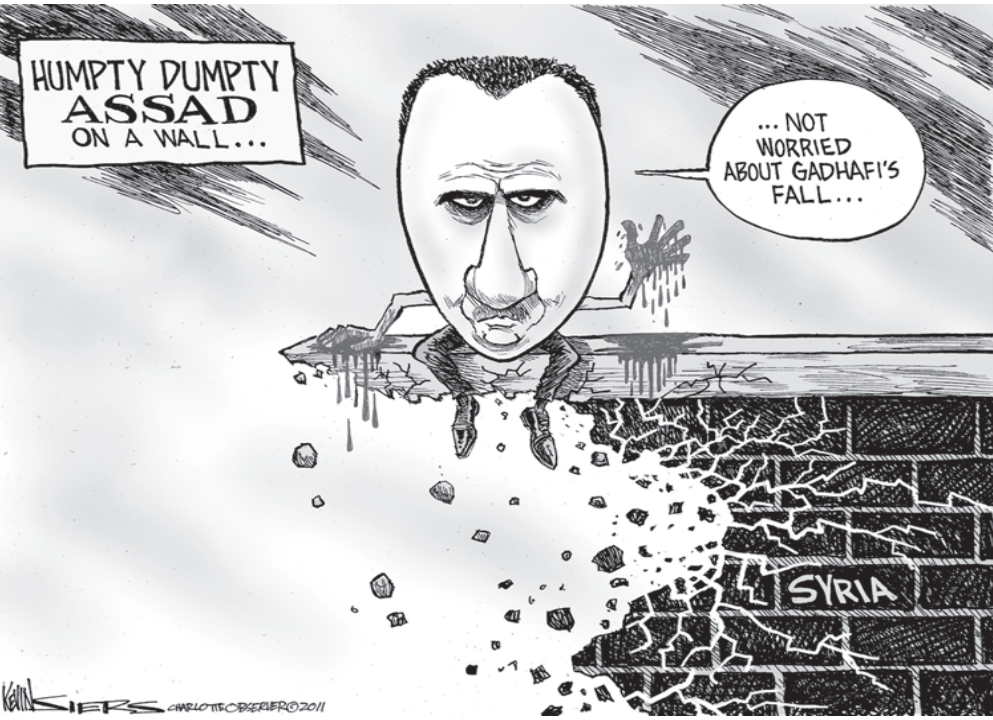
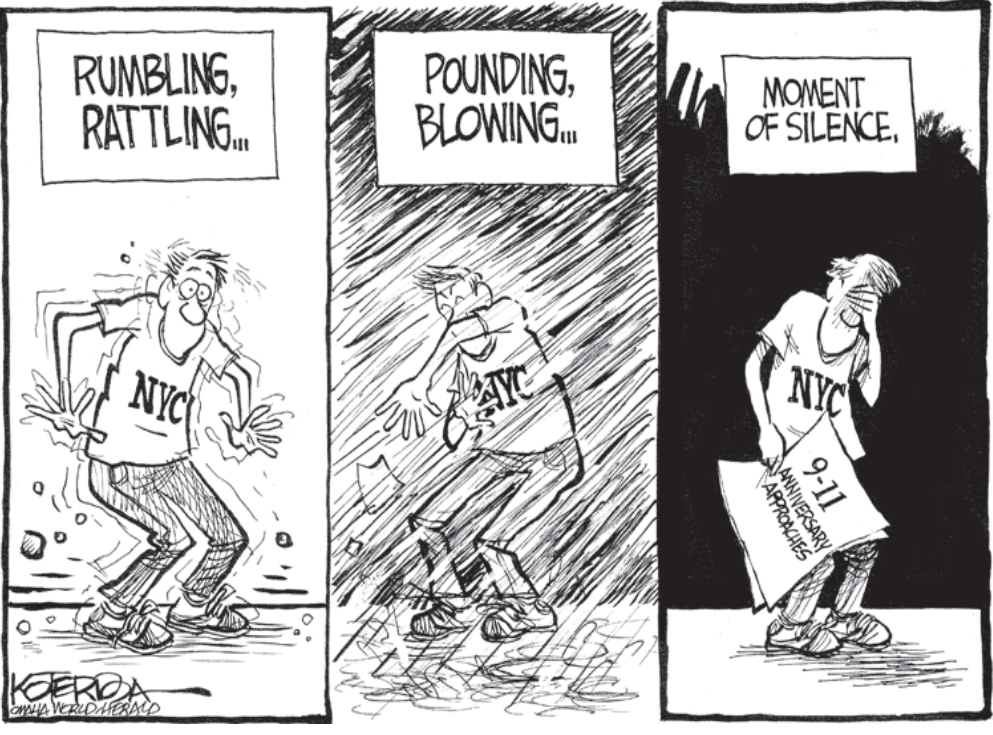
*The heart is happiest when it beats for others.*

— Quips & Quotes









## View from here By Linda Bridges

### Their future, our fight

In the wake of a state legislative session that produced unprecedented cuts of more than \$5 billion from public education, the back-to-school verdict is already in: 75 percent of Texans say our state lawmakers should not have cut funding for public schools at all (Texas Poll, July 2011). In fact, 90 percent agree that our schools need more money from the state, not cuts.

The folks in charge in the state Capitol have unquestionably defaulted on their commitment to the schoolchildren of Texas. For at least the next two years, our students will be caught in the undertow of a grossly inequitable and inadequate system of school funding, just when high-need, economically disadvantaged children are becoming the supermajority in our schools. Our schoolchildren will have fewer teachers and educational aides to help meet rising state graduation requirements. Full-day pre-kindergarten classes simply will not be there for many thousands of eligible students. Nor will the extra services from reading specialists and academic coaches that have been making a difference for so many academically at-risk pupils. And that's just a partial damage inventory.

Together, the governor, lieutenant governor, and House speaker have led a shameful retreat from the state's constitutional duty to give all our students a fair chance to succeed in school. They refuse to acknowledge that revenue needed for education is down because the Texas economy is not growing nearly as fast as they confidently assumed back in 2006, when they "reformed" school funding.

Their refusal to admit their mistake and make up for lost education revenue is a perfect example of penny-wise, pound-foolish policy that will continue to hold back self economic growth. Instead of fixing this self-inflicted structural deficit, this year they chose to dismantle already-modest contract and compensation safeguards for teachers, inviting school districts to economize at the expense of their employees to make up for state cuts. Is laying off teachers, cutting their pay, and cramming more kids into their classrooms in the face of rising academic

challenges a good way to prepare our students for college and careers?

Note the sad irony: The state's leaders and their lieutenants in the legislature have put this drag on our state's economic competitiveness at the very same time they tout the Texas approach as a model for the nation.

So what can be done when the state defaults on something as fundamental to our future as public education? Well, for one thing, school districts any day now are surely going to sue the state for violating the state constitution's mandate to provide for an effective system of public education, and they are going to have a good case. But it will take a long time to reach a final court decision.

Some 69 percent of Texans in the poll mentioned above say they would support a local tax increase to support their public schools. For those districts that have not already hit the state-imposed cap on their local tax rate, that is an option.

Meanwhile, though, the kids can't wait. You're only five years old once. Parents, teachers, and friends of public education in the wider community are joining together to fill the gap, doing our best with what we have to give these students the education they deserve. As we head back to school, we urge all concerned citizens to enlist in this cause. Please get involved in advocacy and service through Their Future: Our Fight, Save Texas Schools, Parents Across America, Friends of Texas Public Schools, Raise Your Hand Texas, the Texas Organizing Project, Texas Parent PAC, your local PTA or PTO, or other groups that have sprung up to support public education. (Fellow teachers, that goes especially for you!)

But we all need to do something more, reaching beyond the comfort zone of the schoolhouse and into the polling place to change the status quo. The kids are worth it. Their future is our fight. As the folks from Save Texas Schools like to say: We're watching, we remember, and we vote!

Linda Bridges is president of Texas AFT, which represents 65,000 school employees across the state. You can find out more about the organization's efforts at [www.theirfutureourfight.org](http://www.theirfutureourfight.org).

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

### Buy-back programs: Profitable or compromising?

With technology constantly improving, newer, faster products are always on the horizon. As a result, some retailers recently started offering buy-back programs, which allow customers to replace their old electronics with newer devices. To protect their pocketbooks, Texas customers should pay close attention to a buy-back program's details and requirements.

Whether a particular program is a good deal may depend upon each individual customer's particular circumstances. The devil is in the details. Most buy-back programs basically act as insurance against a gadget's loss of value, but a product's actual or true value can be difficult to define. Like any product intended to create revenue for the seller, buy-back programs are a profit source for retailers – so the terms typically favor the retailer.

Buy-back programs ordinarily add a small fee to the product's original purchase price, but not all programs work the same way. As long as the original product remains in good condition, most buy-back programs will allow customers to trade in their old device for a newer model at a percentage of its current value. These programs typically involve laptops, tablet PCs and televisions.

In many cases, buy-back programs require that customers return their old devices in exchange for a gift card. As a result, a customer is obligated to buy their next purchase from the same retailer they used the first time. Texans should also take into consideration that they will end up paying triple the original sales tax when all exchanges are done. First, buyers pay sales tax when they buy the device. Sales tax is charged a second time when buyers return it under the buy-

back program and then a third time when they purchase the new device with the gift card.

Buy-back programs also usually have stipulations that require customers to include all power cords, original receipts and manuals when they exchange their old products for new ones. Anyone who participates in a buy-back program should maintain all relevant documentation and equipment to avoid any potential problems. And before locking into a buy-back program, mobile phone customers should confirm that their mobile service providers allow users to upgrade their mobile phones. Otherwise, customers could end up paying unnecessary fees and penalties.

Most importantly, customers should always erase all personal information from their devices before the device is returned. Laptops and various other electronics can hold a significant amount of personal information, so Texans should clear all devices' memory and remove personal information to ensure they protect their identities. Customers who use buy-back programs to purchase mobile phones should keep their old phone's SIM card.

Texas customers seeking more information about a retailer's buy-back program should visit the Better Business Bureau online at [www.bbb.org](http://www.bbb.org).

- Points to Remember – Buy-Back Programs
- Always review the buy-back program's terms and conditions.
  - Keep original packaging and documentation.
  - Before exchanging old technology devices, remove all personal information.
  - Ask whether the buy-back program covers



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qualify for a cash reward. Crime Stoppers of El Paso: a non-profit organization that brings together the community, law enforcement,

and the media to solve crime.  
— James Klaes

Markers

The Texas Historical Commission (THC) is currently accepting applications for subject historical markers, designated Historic

Texas Cemeteries (HTC), and Recorded Texas Historic Landmarks (RTHLs). The deadline to submit applications is November 15, via email to markerapplication@thc.state.tx.us. The state legislature has limited the THC to processing 275 new historical marker applications in 2012, plus 20 new untold topics utilizing the Marker Application Funds. The scoring criteria that will

be used when ranking new applications include the value of the topic as an untold or untold aspect of Texas history; endangerment level of the property, site, or topic; historical or architectural/site significance, historical or architectural/site integrity; diversity of topic for addressing gaps in the historical marker program; diversity among the group of candidates; and relevance to other THC

programs There are more than 15,000 THC markers throughout the state. Complete information regarding the marker application process can be found on the THC’s website at www.thc.state.tx.us. To learn more about Official Texas Historical Markers, RTHLs, and HTC designations contact the THC’s History Programs Division at 512.463.5853.  
— Debbie Head

2011 PROPERTY TAX RATES

Village of Vinton Small Taxing Unit Notice

The Village of Vinton will hold a meeting at 6:30 p.m. on **September 20, 2011** at 436 E. Vinton Rd., Vinton, TX 79821 to consider adopting a proposed tax rate for tax year 2011. The proposed tax rate is \$0.286758 per \$100 of value

WTCC: 09/08/11

PUBLIC NOTICE

El Paso County Water Control & Improvement District No. 4

United States Department of Agriculture Rural Development Loan/Grant Application

El Paso County Water Control & Improvement District No. 4 will hold a public hearing on **Tuesday, September 20, 2011 at 6:00 p.m. at the Fabens ISD Rio Valle Women’s Club, 521 Mike Maros, Fabens, Texas** to receive input from the citizens on a proposed submission of an application to U.S. Department of Agriculture Rural Development.

El Paso County Water Control & Improvement District No. 4 is anticipating submission of an application for approximately \$9,500,000 for water and wastewater improvements.

Citizens are urged to attend and state their consents or objections at this meeting. A project summary will be outlined at this time.

Citizens unable to attend may submit their views and proposals to the El Paso County Water Control & Improvement District No. 4, P.O. Box 3880, Fabens, Texas 79838-3880. Persons with disabilities that wish to attend this meeting should contact Norma Flores at (915) 764-2212 to arrange for assistance. Individuals who require auxiliary aids should contact the District Office at least 2 days before the meeting so that appropriate arrangements can be made.

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LEGALS

El Paso County Emergency Services District No. 2

Public Notice

The El Paso County Emergency Services District No. 2, is currently taking applications for two part time **FIRE INSPECTORS**. The ideal candidates will have, at the minimum, certification as a current Structural Firefighter by the TCFP, certifications as current Inspector 1 by TCFP or IFSAC, certification in the FEMA NIMS is 100, 200, 700 and 800, and at least five years of supervisory experience in Fire Prevention is preferred. Salary range is \$15.00 to \$18.00 per hour for 32 hours a week, depending on qualifications.

Closing date for resumes is 12 September 2011.

To apply send completed resumes to:

El Paso County Emergency Services District No. 2  
PO Box 683  
Clint, TX 79836

or e-mail: wadler@epcountyesd2.org

or fax: (915) 886-2313

The El Paso County Emergency Services District No. 2 is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

Rebecca Terrazas  
Administrator

WTCC: 09-01-11  
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Adoption of Ordinances

On August 31, 2011 the City of Socorro, Texas adopted the following ordinance:

1. **ORDINANCE 292, AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SOCORRO, TEXAS APPROVING A TARIFF CHANGE AS REQUESTED IN EL PASO ELECTRIC COMPANY’S (“EPE” OR “COMPANY”) APPLICATION FOR APPROVAL TO REVISE A TARIFF SCHEDULE FOR A NET METERING PROVISION; AND FINDING AND DETERMINING THAT THE MEETING AT WHICH THIS ORDINANCE WAS CONSIDERED WAS OPEN TO THE PUBLIC AND IN ACCORDANCE WITH TEXAS LAW.**

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

Manuel Rubio  
City Clerk

WTCC: 09-08-11

TOWN OF HORIZON CITY

PUBLIC NOTICE

A **PUBLIC HEARING** will be held at **6:00 P.M. at a Regular City Council Meeting on September 13, 2011**, at City Hall at 14999 Darrington Road, Horizon City,

City of Socorro

Classified Ads

Texas. The purpose of the hearing is to allow any interested persons to appear and testify regarding the following:

1) **2nd Reading of Ordinance No. 0191** – An Ordinance approving the Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws for the Town of Horizon City 4B Economic Development Corporation.

2) **1st Reading of Ordinance No. 0192** – An ordinance of the Town of Horizon City, Texas, establishing regulations, prohibitions, requirements, remedies, and penalties to protect storm water in the municipal separate storm sewer system and surface water within the Town of Horizon City, TX.

3) **1st Reading of Ordinance No. 0189** – An Ordinance approving the Assessment roll and fixing the Valorem Tax Rate for the Town of Horizon City, Texas, for the Budget Year 2011 – 2012, and providing for the assessment and collection thereof.

4) **1st Reading of Ordinance No. 0190** – An Ordinance authorizing assessment and collection of property taxes within the Town of Horizon City, Texas and further, authorizing the El Paso City Tax Office to perform the actual assessment and collection of said property taxes on behalf of the town of Horizon City for the Fiscal Year of October 1, 2011

to September 30, 2012.

5) **1st Reading of Ordinance No. 0188** – An Ordinance adopting a budget for the Fiscal Year commencing October 1, 2011 and ending on September 30, 2012.

Those who are unable to attend may submit their views in writing to the City Clerk of Horizon City. Accommodations for handicapped persons will be available and individuals in need of special assistance for attending the hearing are encouraged to contact the City Clerk at 915/852-1046, forty-eight (48) hours prior to this hearing. Ordinances are available for viewing or copying upon request from the City Clerk at the above address, Monday through Friday from 8: a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Karen Ellefson  
City Clerk  
Town of  
Horizon City

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COUNSELING SERVICES

DAMIAN MAUREIRA, LCSW - Professional Counseling/Therapy: Youth, Adults, Marital, Family, Health insurance and FEE SCALE ACCEPTED. Medicare, Medicaid and CHIP. 657 Winn Rd. in Socorro, Texas. Call 858-3857 for appointment.

EMPLOYMENT

POSITION OPEN

Town of Horizon City

Code Enforcement Officer

Horizon City Police Dept is accepting applications for a Code Enforcement Officer. Applications are available at the Horizon City Police Department, 14999 Darrington Rd, Horizon City, TX, 8 a.m.-5 p.m. M-F.

The ideal candidate will possess a valid Texas Code Enforcement Officer license, a valid Texas driver's license, and have a clear driving and criminal history. Background investigations and a pre-employment drug screen will be completed prior to hire.

Call (915) 852-1047 for more information. Closing date is September 21, 2011 at 4 p.m.

EOE

Karen Ellefson  
City Clerk  
Town of  
Horizon City

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Town of Anthony, TX

Position Open

The Town of Anthony, Texas is soliciting applications for a full time Public Works employee. Minimum requirements are:

- High school diploma;
- Valid driver's license;
- Must be able to legally work in US; and
- Pass a criminal background check.

Applications can be picked up at the Town Hall, 401 Wildcat Drive, Anthony, Texas during the hours of operation 8 AM to 4:30 PM. Knowledge of landscaping/park maintenance, backhoe, and general maintenance operations helpful but not required. All applications and/or resumes need to be returned to Town of Anthony in care of Mayor Art Franco by September 19, 2010.

Email to:

af franco@townofanthony.org

or apply in writing to:

Town of Anthony  
Mayor Art Franco  
P.O. Box 1269  
Anthony, Texas 79821

The Town of Anthony is an Affirmative Action Equal Opportunity Employer

Art Franco  
Mayor

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PROPERTY

20 ACRE SPECIAL NEAR FT. HANCOCK \$12,900, \$50.00 DOWN, \$95.00 P/MONTH CALL 915-779-3495.

SELF-HELP

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

Tiene problemas con el alcohol? Hay una solución. Info: 838-6264.

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CryptoQuip Answer

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Tuition

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a one-time fee of \$25 and purchasing at least one unit.

“With its flexibility and affordable payment plans, the Texas Tuition Promise Fund helps families achieve their education savings goal – whether it is a four-year college degree or a community college training program to gain the technical skills needed for good, well-paying jobs,” Combs said.

For more information about the prepaid college tuition program, including a college cost calculator, go to [www.TexasTuitionPromiseFund.com](http://www.TexasTuitionPromiseFund.com) or call (800) 445-GRAD (4723), Option 5.

It’s the law

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mobile phone contracts.

• Visit the Better Business Bureau online at [www.bbb.org](http://www.bbb.org)

Texans who believe they encountered misleading or deceptive advertising about a buy-back program should file a complaint with the Texas Attorney General’s Office by calling (800) 252-8011 or visiting the agency online at [www.texasattorneygeneral.gov](http://www.texasattorneygeneral.gov).

Pottery

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basis, according to Marilyn Guida, curator of education for the El Paso Museum of Archaeology.

This program is held in conjunction with the museum’s *Settlement Legacy* exhibit which tells the story of the Manso, Suma, Tigua, Piro and Tompiro Indian people whose settlements developed into the cities of El Paso and Ciudad Juarez, stated Guida.

The pottery workshops will be from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., Saturdays, September 17 and 24, at the El Paso Museum of Archeology, on Transmountain Road. Fees are \$25 per family for El Paso Museum of Archaeology members and \$35 per family for non-members.

Full payment must accompany registration. Visitors are not allowed in the workshop. The museum reserves the right to cancel the workshop if it does not meet minimal enrollment requirements. Refunds are given only if the workshop is cancelled or an enrollment is denied due to workshop size limitation.

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



– Photo by Alfredo Vasquez

**DO NOT TOUCH** – Tigua Tribe pottery can be seen at the El Paso Museum of Archeology.

El Paso County Tornillo Water Improvement District Notice of Public Hearing on Tax Rate

The EL PASO COUNTY TORNILLO WATER IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT will hold a public hearing on a proposed tax rate for the tax year 2011 on Thursday, September 15, 2011, at 6:00 p.m., at St. Rita Hall, 19211 Cobb St., Tornillo, TX 79853. Your individual taxes may increase or decrease, depending on the change in taxable value of your property in relation to the change in the taxable value of all other property and the tax rate that is adopted.

**FOR** the proposal: **Jose Luis Soria, Emma Muñoz, Norma Morales, Clemente Escalante, Eliberto Nuñez and Mike Gomez**

**AGAINST** the proposal: **NONE**

**PRESENT** and not voting: **NONE**

**ABSENT:** **Luis Vega**

The following table compares taxes on an average residence homestead in this taxing unit last year to taxes proposed on the average residence homestead this year.

	Last Year	This Year
Total tax rate (per \$100 value)	0.078157/\$100	0.090000/\$100
	Adopted	Proposed
Difference in rates per \$100 of value	+ \$ 0.011843/\$100	
Percentage increase / decrease in rates (+/–)	+ 15.15%	
Average appraised value	\$ 44,014	\$ 43,977
General exemptions available (excluding senior citizen’s or disabled person’s exemptions)	\$ 0	\$ 0
Average taxable value	\$ 44,014	\$ 43,977
Tax on average residence homestead	\$ 34.40	\$ 39.58
Annual increase / decrease in taxes if proposed tax rate is adopted (+/–)	+ \$ 5.18	
and percentage of increase (+/–)	+ 15.06%	

**NOTICE OF TAXPAYERS’ RIGHT TO ROLLBACK ELECTION**

If taxes on the average residence homestead increase by more than eight percent, the quali fied voters of the district by petition may require that an election be held to determine whether to reduce the operation and maintenance tax rate to the rollback tax rate under Section 49.236(d), Water Code.

Notice of Tax Revenue Increase

The **TOWN OF HORIZON CITY** conducted public hearings on September 6, 2011 and September 13, 2011 on a proposal to increase the total tax revenues of the **TOWN OF HORIZON CITY** from properties on the tax roll in the preceding year by 3.32 percent.

The total tax revenue proposed to be raised last year at last year’s tax rate of \$0.304420 for each \$100 of taxable value was \$1,737,717.

The total tax revenue proposed to be raised this year at the proposed tax rate of \$0.311250 for each \$100 of taxable value, excluding tax revenue to be raised from new property added to the tax roll this year, is \$1,988,700.

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The City Council of **TOWN OF HORIZON CITY** is scheduled to vote on the tax rate that will result in that tax increase at a public meeting to be held on September 20, 2011 at City Hall, 14999 Darrington Road, Horizon City, Texas 79928 at 6:00 PM.



# UTEP Miners will either get better or get beat

By Steve Escajeda  
Special to the Courier

In most sports a win is considered a win is considered a win.

In other words, it doesn't matter how badly you played or how fantastic you were, all that matters is that you win the game.

I don't believe in that philosophy. I believe in my eyes and what I see.

And what I saw last weekend was a UTEP football team that will be lucky to win over three games this season.

Now don't get me wrong, I'm a huge Miners fan and I have been all of my life. But I'm also a journalist who deals in complete objectivity.

The Miners managed to defeat the Stony Brook Seawolves 31-24 in overtime in their season-opener Saturday in front of only 28,000 Sun Bowl fans.

But this win could not have left a sweet taste in the mouths of any UTEP players or coaches.

See, Stony Brook vs. UTEP should have been the equivalent of Montwood vs. Tornillo. I don't want to make light of Tornillo, but the two teams are simply not in the same league.

Well, Stony Brook is from a smaller division and has never registered a win over a Division-I FBS school.

Any one who attended the game last week knows who the better team was – and it wasn't UTEP.

The Miners were physically dominated for

most of the game against the smaller school.

I mean Stony Brook pushed the UTEP defense up and down the field until they seemed to run out of gas midway through the second half.

The Miners didn't take their first lead of the game until the overtime period.

A win is a nice way to start the season but an absolute struggle against little Stony Brook does not bode well for the rest of the season.

Stony Brook should be the easiest opponent UTEP faces all season and they barely pulled that one out.

Imagine when the Miners play Houston (which beat UCLA) and South Florida (which beat Notre Dame).

UTEP will also travel to SMU and Tulane and Rice and Central Florida. They'll also host Colorado State and Southern Mississippi and East Carolina and Tulsa.

The only game that UTEP will be favored in will be at NMSU on Sept. 17.

The Miners were supposed to handle Stony Brook rather easily. This was supposed to be a tune up. This was supposed to be an opportunity for the second- and third-stringers to get some playing time with a huge fourth-quarter lead.

But every UTEP starter stayed and struggled until the final play of the overtime game.

If there was any good sign in this game it was the play of quarterback Nick Lamaison, who was playing his first game for the Miners.

Lamaison eventually got through the opening-night litters and led the UTEP

comeback by throwing for 365 yards and three touchdowns. He had two interceptions earlier in the game.

But unless there is a miraculous transformation in the program over the next few days, the Miners are in for a very long season.

If they have to struggle that mightily against a lower-division school, they'll likely be totally outmanned against all the big boy schools on their schedule.

But at least they have the Aggies to look forward to.

## Beware the Broncos

For years now the Boise State Broncos have been trying to prove to everyone that they are good enough to play with any college team at any time.

Every time they get the opportunity to play an Oklahoma or an Oregon (twice) or a Virginia Tech, they win.

And yet the pundits and supposed experts still doubt Boise

State.

The same was true last weekend when the Broncos traveled to Georgia to meet the mighty Bulldogs.

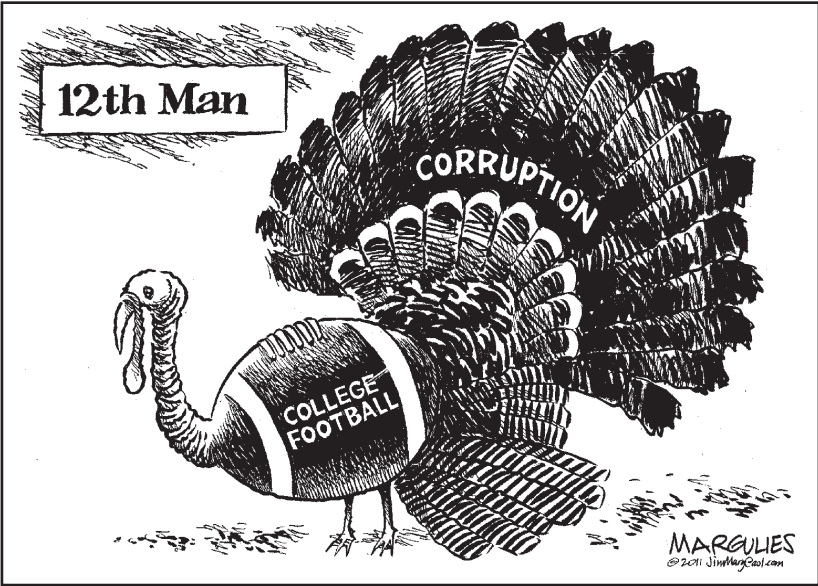
When asked before the game, almost every analyst picked Georgia to win over the much smaller school.

And once again, Boise State pounded its more heralded opponent 35-21.

Now Boise State will go on to win the rest of their games, most against inferior opponents in the WAC and get criticized for it.

All Boise can do is take advantage of the situation when given the opportunity against a big school. And they always do.

Why do the college football experts refuse to believe their own eyes?



## A sporting view By Mark Vasto

### The Golden Boy shows rust

If you were a boxer—a professional one – I imagine there would be few people that you'd like to pummel more than Floyd Mayweather and his one-time nemesis turned promoter Oscar De La Hoya.

De La Hoya, the outgoing Mexican-American (East LA, holmes) boxer won the gold medal at the Barcelona Olympics, was Ring magazine's "Fighter of the Year" in 1995 and its top-rated "Pound for Pound" fighter in the world in 1997 and 1998. He has won the championship belt at the super featherweight, lightweight, light welterweight, welterweight, light

middleweight and middleweight classes. According to Forbes, De La Hoya is the richest boxer in history, having amassed more than \$696 million during his storied career.

Should be a nice golden nest egg, right?

Nope.

"Within couple of years [after retirement], just thinking if my life was even worth it. I don't have the strength, I don't have the courage to take my own life, but I was thinking about it," De La Hoya told the press last week after entering rehab.

"There were drugs. My drug of choice was cocaine and alcohol," he continued. "Cocaine was recent. ... I depended more on the alcohol than the cocaine."

Not content with his admission – a part of the vaunted Alcoholics Anonymous 12-step system for recovery – he stepped it up and also admitted infidelity (adultery, in the parlance of the Bible), but with a caveat: "We are obviously not talking a Tiger Woods here."

There's something strange about one superstar athlete referencing another in that way. Is it because only superstars can relate with that sort of thing?

If he had admitted to cheating but juxtaposed it with, say, Tony down the street, would it have meant as much to as many people?

Like the press corps would think to themselves as they dutifully recorded De La Hoya's words, "Oh, well, he's not as much as a philanderer as Tony, his heretofore anonymous neighbor... that's reassuring."

I didn't write this to condemn Oscar De La Hoya – a truly masterful boxer in his prime who more than held up his end in the ring more times than most can imagine. The winning smile, the belts, the beatdown of Vargas... it's hard to begrudge the guy. He was like the Derek Jeter of boxing. And there is little doubt that depression, thoughts of suicide

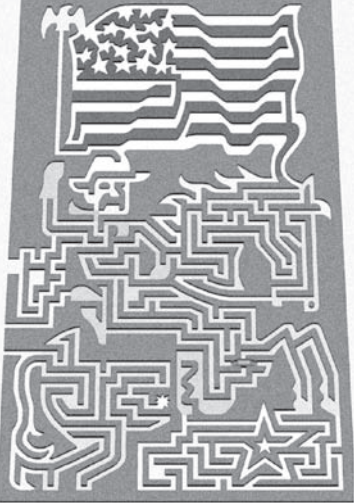
and drug abuse are topics not to be taken lightly."

But at the same time, "coming clean" gets a little old after a while. It may sound selfish for me to say this, but you know what, a lot of us have problems, and we don't have \$696 million in the bank, nor do we conduct press conferences after a bender. De La Hoya should have kept it in the ring.

A shame.

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

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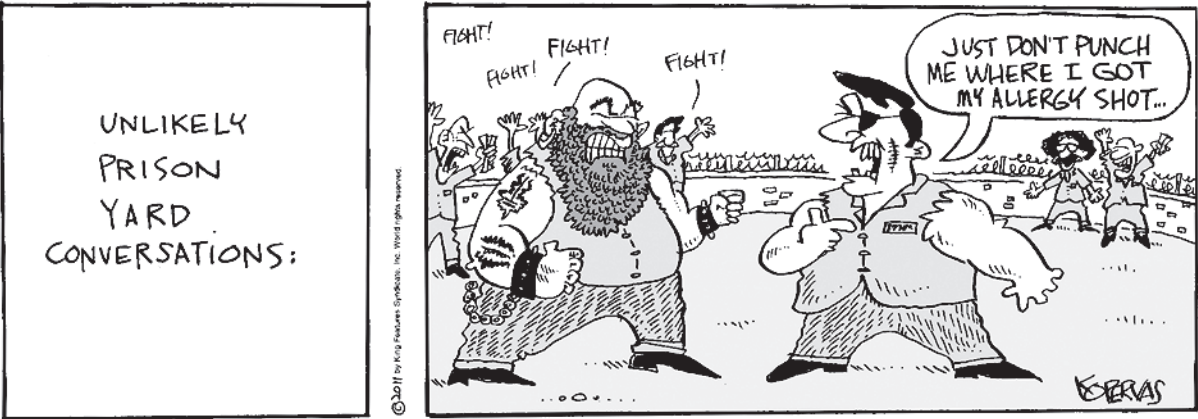
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Your good health By Paul G. Donahue, M.D.

DEAR DR. DONOHUE: I am a 59-year-old female who had a severe case of chickenpox as a child. It has been recommended that I get a shingles vaccination after my 60th birthday. However, my husband never had chickenpox, and I have a 1-month-old granddaughter. Are my husband and granddaughter at risk for becoming infected when I get the vaccine? – J.Z.

The shingles vaccine Zostavax contains live but weakened virus. Transmission of the vaccine virus from someone who just received it is theoretically possible, but actually is a rare event. Your husband's chances of catching the vaccine virus are close to zero.

Although your husband says he never had chickenpox, 99 percent of adults bear evidence in their blood that they did have childhood chickenpox. Many of these people have no recollection of being sick. That might be because the infection was so mild that they never knew they were infected. Furthermore, all adults, whether they remember they had chickenpox or not, are urged to have the vaccine after their 60th birthday. Your husband can get the shot along with you.

As far as your 1-month-old grandchild goes, her chance of catching the virus from a recently immunized person is small. However, you can eliminate the risk completely by waiting to have your immunization until your granddaughter gets her chickenpox immunization at 12 months; you don't have to be immunized on the day you turn 60. Or you can be immunized before your granddaughter gets her chickenpox vaccine, and then wait to hold her and care for her for two or three weeks after you have the shot.

Shingles is the bane of older people. The booklet on this illness describes it in detail and how it is

treated. Readers can order a copy by writing: Dr. Donohue – No. 1201W, Box 536475, Orlando, FL 32853-6475. Enclose a check or money order (no cash) for \$4.75 U.S./\$6 Can. with the recipient's printed name and address. Please allow four weeks for delivery.

DEAR DR. DONOHUE: I am a 78-year-old woman with a torn rotator cuff and arthritis in my left shoulder. My doctor says nothing can be done short of a complete shoulder replacement. Is this true? Should I get a second opinion? – E.W.

The rotator cuff is a "cuff" (much like shirt cuff) of four tendons that arise from four back muscles. Those tendons swing around the shoulder joint to hold it in place. Small rotator-cuff tears heal on their own. Large tears require surgical correction. Some tears call for shoulder joint replacement, especially when the joint itself is arthritic.

More than 23,000 Americans will have their shoulder joints replaced this year. Almost all will have gratifying results. They'll be able to move their shoulder without pain. The shoulder has an excellent blood supply, so healing this joint is much faster than healing a knee or hip replacement. Furthermore, the shoulder, unlike the knee or hip, doesn't have to support body weight, another point in its favor.

A second opinion is always worthwhile. If the second doctor agrees that you need a new joint, I say go for it.

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 NorthAmerica Synd., Inc. All Rights Reserved.

Super Crossword

- HORSE SCENTS ACROSS**

1 Stromboli spew

5 "Waterloo" rockers

9 Envelops

14 Gaithers

19 Mideastern muck-a-muck

20 Spooky Stoker

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41 Part 2 of remark

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55 Like a dachshund

58 Cozy cloth

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62 Asian holiday

63 Skilled

66 Scottsboro's st.

67 Rubberneck

70 Morlocks' prey

73 Mexican Mrs.

74 Point

75 Part 3 of remark

81 Crone

82 R-V hookup

83 Head for the clouds

84 Actress Purviance

85 Khan opener?

86 ER exclamation

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89 Top-drawer

93 Feeling

95 Like a gymnast

99 5 Across' home

100 Michael of "Dynasty"

101 Schell or Shriver

102 European capital

104 Foster's \_ "Dog Tray"

105 Half-baked?

106 End of remark

110 McGregor of "Trainspotting"

112 Creme \_ creme

113 Bathday cake?

114 - League

117 Fond du \_\_, WI

119 Metric measure

122 Pulsate

126 Speaker of remark

131 Writer Rendell

133 Autumn implement

134 Boredom

135 Draw forth

136 Exercise aftermath

137 Brute

138 Prepares cherries

139 Hazardous gas

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141 Tide type

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1 Composer

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2 Bullets, briefly

3 Lab vessel

4 Cupid's missiles

5 Pecs' partners

6 "The \_ Stomp" ('61 hit)

7 Part of Indonesia

8 Out of control

9 Twisted

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11 \_ Dhabi

12 Purple hue

13 Lawyer's concern

14 Bando of baseball

15 Excess

16 Jai \_

17 Haynes or Rundgren

18 Fluctuate

26 "Unforgettable" name

28 Born

30 Torrid

34 Corset part

36 Aquatic bird

37 '82 Jeff Bridges film

38 Hautboy

40 Liplash?

41 Door hardware

42 In the know

43 Julia of "Havana"

44 Float

45 In the arms of Morpheus

46 Loosen the ropes

48 Conductor Claudio

49 Fat stuff

54 Shipshape

56 Unfashionable eyewear?

57 Wild child

59 Reference volume

64 Soft cheese

65 Arrive at Kennedy

68 "Yo!" at the library

69 Singer James

71 Lennon's lady

72 "My Own Private \_" ('91 film)

75 Endangered feline

76 Kampala's country

77 Sheriff's quarry

78 Aftershock

79 Had no doubts

80 Patriot Nathan

81 See 35 Across

86 Creature for taming?

88 Kid's creation?

90 Matinee \_

91 Reveal

92 They may be split

94 It's all in your head

96 Angered

97 Location

98 Comic Mort

99 Mediocre

101 Superintendent

103 Basutoland, today

107 Acorn, eventually

108 Welcome item?

109 "Silkwood" screenwriter

111 Flagon filler

114 Very long time

115 Flat rate

116 Excellent

118 Musical finale

120 Where to speak Farsi

121 Last name in publishing

123 Frenzy

124 Creole veggie

125 Freeway sound

127 "Platoon" extras

128 "Father Knows Best" kid

129 Author Umberto

130 Actor Cariou

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**Moore Texas** by Roger Moore Our little Possum is immune to the poison of Texas snakes.



**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  
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**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

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★★★ HOO BOY!

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

*Spanish is our second language*

DuringNationalHispanicHeritage Month, which runs from September 15 to October 15, Social Security offices across the country will join in recognizing the many contributions of Hispanic Americans to the United States, and in celebrating Hispanic heritage and culture.

Our website is recognized as being at the forefront for providing information and services in Spanish. Find out why by visiting [www.segurosocial.gov](http://www.segurosocial.gov). The popular Spanish-language website offers a vast amount of information that is useful to people whose first language is Spanish.

The [www.segurosocial.gov](http://www.segurosocial.gov) website features more than 100 Spanish public information pamphlets, leaflets, and fact sheets. The website also lets visitors use benefit calculators, sign-up for direct deposit, and locate their nearest Social Security office.

But one of the best features of the site is the new Spanish-language Retirement Estimator located at [www.segurosocial.gov/calculador](http://www.segurosocial.gov/calculador). The Retirement Estimator allows

visitors to receive an instant, personalized estimate of future retirement benefits. And what’s better, visitors can try out different scenarios to see how they would change future benefits, like changing future wage estimates or retirement dates. It’s a great tool for planning for the future.

If you want to visit an office and speak with someone in Spanish, we do have interpreter services available in the event that there is not a Spanish-speaking representative working in the office. To learn about our interpreter services, visit [www.socialsecurity.gov/espanol/interpreter.htm](http://www.socialsecurity.gov/espanol/interpreter.htm).

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So whether it is via the Internet, through face-to-face office visits, or over our national 800 number,

Social Security remains committed to providing quality service to an increasingly more diverse American public.

This National Hispanic Heritage Month, visit [www.segurosocial.gov](http://www.segurosocial.gov) to learn about Social Security in Spanish.

**STRANGE BUT TRUE**

By Samantha Weaver

• It was Hungarian psychiatrist Thomas Stephen Szasz who made the following sage observation: “If you talk to God, you are praying. If God talks to you, you have schizophrenia.”

• The world’s most popular fruit is the banana. In the United States, people consume more bananas than apples and oranges put together.

• Thomas Jefferson was an inventor as well as a statesman, but he refused to take out patents on any of his ideas. He believed that inventions should benefit all of humanity, not just himself.

• According to those who study such things, the average American believes the ideal age – that is, the best year of his or her life – is 32. And when 30-somethings are asked when old age begins, the majority of men say it’s in the late 60s, while more women believe old age begins in the 70s.

• That iconic symbol of the Old West, the Pony Express, was based on the mail system used throughout the Mongol Empire in the 13th century. However, the Mongol riders often covered 125 miles in a single day, which was faster than the best record held by a Pony Express rider.

• In Nazi Germany, it was illegal to name a horse “Adolph.”

• Unless you’re from Central Florida, you’ve probably never heard of the small town of Ocoee. So you might be surprised to learn that during World War II, Ocoee earned the distinction of sending more men, per capita, to serve in the military than any other town in the United States.

Thought for the Day: “It ought to be plain / how little you gain / by getting excited / and vexed. / You’ll always be late / for the previous train, / and always in time / for the next.”

– Piet Hein

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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: R equals Y

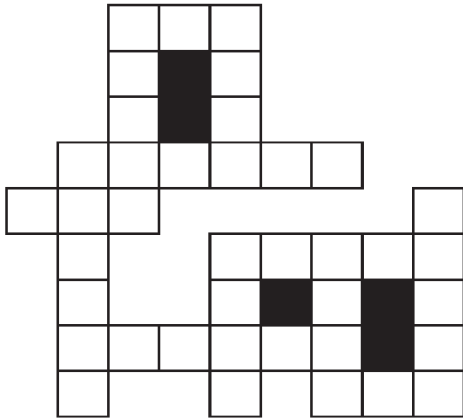
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Unscramble these twelve letter strings to form each into an ordinary word (ex. HAGNEC becomes CHANGE ). Prepare to use only ONE word from any marked ( ♥ ) letter string as each unscrambles into more than one word (ex. ♥RATHE becomes HATER or EARTH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

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