



NEWSBRIEFS

Turkey trot

Anthony Elementary School would like to welcome everyone to participate in their fourth annual Turkey Trot on November 22, 2011 at the Anthony track located on 813 Sixth Street, Anthony, TX 79821. In an effort to get the community involved in physical fitness, while at the same time help raise funds, all students will walk between 1 – 3 miles around the track. The event will take place between the hours of 8:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. and 12:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. Local proceeds will go to the Anthony Elementary PTA Activity Fund to provide students with opportunities to attend field trips. Due to the many budget cuts schools have had to endure, students are not getting the experiences and exposure all students deserve. Your help will provide the students of Anthony Elementary School with those opportunities. Local businesses as well as community members are encouraged to donate monies and prizes. Every little bit will help. For more information on the even, please contact Monica Garcia Principal or Shirley Hooker, event organizer at 886-6510.

– Shirley Hooker

SISD joins suit

The Socorro ISD School Board voted unanimously to join the Equity Center in filing a lawsuit challenging the state’s school funding system as unfair to taxpayers and children. During their last session, lawmakers in Austin reduced funding for Texas public schools by \$4 billion. Socorro ISD’s funding was reduced by \$15.6 million for fiscal year 2012, and is anticipated to be cut by more than \$20 million for fiscal year 2013. The Texas Taxpayer and Student Fairness Coalition, organized by the Equity Center, consists of more than 250 school districts and claims that the school finance system is unconstitutional because it does not treat taxpayers and students fairly. “The current system represents inequalities in the value placed on our children’s education based on the district they attend; it’s arbitrary,” said Dr. Xavier De La Torre, Superintendent of Schools. “How can we receive \$4,966 in funding per student while others receive upwards of \$8,000 and it be called fair and equitable?”

– Daniel Escobar

Crime Stoppers

Some vandals broke into the Wyler Aerial Tramway, causing several thousand dollars in damages, making this the Crime Stoppers “Crime of the Week.” Sometime overnight between Sunday, Oct. 9, 2011, at 6:30 p.m., and the following Monday morning at 7:45 a.m., vandals broke into the Wyler Aerial Tramway located

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You’ve reached middle age when all you exercise is caution.

— Quips & Quotes



– Photo courtesy San Elizario ISD

HONOR THE COLORS – San Elizario High School Navy Junior ROTC Color Guard members are, from left, are Cadet Seamen Isaac Christopher Perez, Cadet Ensign Alma de la Cruz, Cadet Ensign Martha Roxanna Cereceres and Cadet Seaman Jesus Garcia.

San Eli students honor hometown vets

By Cynthia P. Marentes
Special to the Courier

SAN ELIZARIO – More than 200 students and staff representing all six campuses of the San Elizario Independent School District marched in honor of local veterans on a blustery Saturday morning. They joined native veterans, law enforcement vehicles, elected officials, bikers, horse riders, and vintage automobiles streaming down Socorro Road in celebration of the 15th Annual San Elizario Veterans Day Parade on Nov. 5.

The San Elizario ISD clubs and organizations participating included: Loya Primary School Girl Scouts Troop 251, Alarcon Elementary School, Borrego Elementary School Athletics Team, Sambrano Elementary School Cheerleaders, Garcia-Enriquez Middle School Advanced Band, San Elizario High School (SEHS) Navy Junior ROTC, Student Council,

varsity cheerleaders and the Eagle Marching Band. There were a few student groups from neighboring Clint and Socorro school districts marching in the parade as well such as Socorro High School’s NJROTC, Mountain View High School’s JROTC, and students from Frank Macias Elementary School.

Starting at the corner of Thompson and Socorro Roads, the parade route wound east towards the Veterans Memorial Plaza where the patriotic celebration continued with San Elizario students once again taking a key part in the festivities. The SEHS NJROTC began the program with the presentation of the colors and was also responsible for the flag folding ceremony towards the event finale. Students from Garcia-Enriquez Middle School led the crowd in reciting the U.S. and Texas pledges. Meanwhile, the SEHS Eagle Band under the direction of Cristina Barajas performed the

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Local WWII vet honored in Capitol veterans exhibit

By Jim Suydam
Special to the Courier

AUSTIN – An infantryman who survived several epic battles in the Pacific Theater during World War II is the subject of a year-long exhibit opening at the Texas Capitol Visitors Center on Veterans Day.

El Pasoan Manny Rivas is one of 12 Texas veterans whose stories are shared in short videos in the “Every Veteran has a Story to Tell” exhibit. The interactive,

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Veterans Post

By Freddy Groves

Don't pay extra fees on a VA Home Loan

If you're considering purchasing a home with a Department of Veterans Affairs loan, or if you've already done so, you need to be aware of the scam potential. A lawsuit has come to light alleging that many banks have been overcharging veterans during refinancing, burying fees they're not allowed to charge. Therefore, it's not much of a stretch to be concerned that overcharges can appear during an original purchase as well.


Know your rights, and know what you can and can't be charged for. Here are a few examples:

- You can be charged only 1 percent of the loan amount as an origination fee.
- You can be charged only the actual amount of incidentals, such as the cost of appraisals, credit report, title insurance and more, not inflated fees.
- You cannot be charged for the cost of an attorney, unless it pertains to title examination. (This is where the lawsuit came in. It alleges that attorney fees were buried in title examination costs.)
- The lender must use ONE of two forms to disclose fees you pay, and not split those fees between a HUD-1 statement and a new origination statement.
- You cannot be charged fees not listed in Circular 26-10-1. This information sheet outlines all the fees banks are allowed to charge you. Go to www.benefits.va.gov/homeloans to find Circular 26-10-1.

If you've already purchased a home, pull out your paperwork. If you have been overcharged you might get your money back, but you have to find the overcharges first.

If you're already a homeowner with a VA loan, look through all the Circulars to see if any apply to you. There are Circulars about problems with drywall, acceptance of condo associations, info on the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act (protections you have while on active duty in regard to your mortgage) and others.

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By Bob Black

Let us give thanks on Veterans Day

For Veterans Day last year, I volunteered at a legal advice clinic to help veterans in my hometown of Beaumont. More than 30 lawyers assisted about 100 veterans. In chatting with other volunteers, I learned that two of the lawyers – professionals I have known and respected for years – lost their fathers in Vietnam. They were volunteering to honor their fathers, who made the ultimate sacrifice for our country. As we honor all who have served this Veterans Day, let us be mindful of the many men and women, and their families, who have made great sacrifices in duty to our country.

Last year, Terry Tottenham of Austin initiated the State Bar of Texas program, Texas Lawyers for Texas Veterans, while serving as State Bar president. The primary goal of Texas Lawyers for Texas Veterans is to ensure that veterans and their families who otherwise cannot afford legal help have access to legal information and to legal representation through pro bono legal clinics and other resources. I am equally committed to Texas Lawyers for Texas Veterans and to seeing the initiative continue to grow, as it is a program that changes lives.

Many veterans of the Iraq and Afghanistan wars are returning from active duty to find themselves out of work, facing a divorce or child custody battle, or having trouble affording a place to live. They may also be facing an uphill climb in obtaining the benefits they have earned and have nowhere else to turn. Veterans from World War II, Korea, or Vietnam may be dealing with their own disability claims – some with decades' worth of paperwork – or need help with other concerns but are on limited incomes.

In all of these areas, Texas lawyers in diverse practice areas are volunteering their expertise and time through Texas Lawyers for Texas Veterans to assist veterans and their families to get the legal answers and results they need and deserve.

Since the program's inception, more than 40 local bar associations across the state, many in partnership with legal aid organizations, have established veterans legal clinics. To date, more than 5,000 veterans have received some form of legal assistance at a Texas Lawyers for Texas Veterans clinic, and that number continues to climb. The State Bar has also partnered with the Texas Veterans Commission and other veterans service providers. A weekly veterans legal clinic is held in Houston at the Michael DeBakey VA Hospital, and monthly clinics are well established in Austin, Dallas, Fort Worth, and San Antonio. Clinics have also been held in El Paso, Lubbock, Midland-Odessa-Big Spring, Beaumont, Galveston, Bastrop, Temple-Belton-Killeen, Denton, and Hidalgo County, among other locations.

Last November, to commemorate Veterans Day, 20 veterans' legal advice clinics were held throughout the state. More than 600 veterans received legal assistance from nearly 300 volunteer attorneys. A similar effort on the part of local bar associations and legal aid organizations is being made in honor of this Veterans Day as well. To learn more about when clinics and events are scheduled, visit www.texasbar.com/veterans.

As with my colleagues in Beaumont, many attorneys have family members who currently serve or have served, or they may be veterans themselves. By participating in the Texas Lawyers for Texas Veterans program, they get the chance to express their gratitude to those who have defended our country. Let us all think about how we can give our thanks and assistance to those who have served our country and those who love and honor them.

Bob Black is president of the State Bar of Texas.

The El Paso Lawyers for Patriots Veterans' Legal Clinic will hold free legal clinic for veterans on Saturday, Nov. 19, 2011. The clinic will take place at the EPCC Transmountain Campus, 9570 Gateway Blvd. North (at the Patriot Freeway and Diana Drive). The clinic will run from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Participants can attend various presentations on subjects relevant to veterans from 9 to 11 a.m. Afterwards veterans can receive one-on-one consultation with area attorneys about their specific need or situation. Contact the El Paso Bar Association at 532-7052 or email nancy@elpasobar.com for more information.

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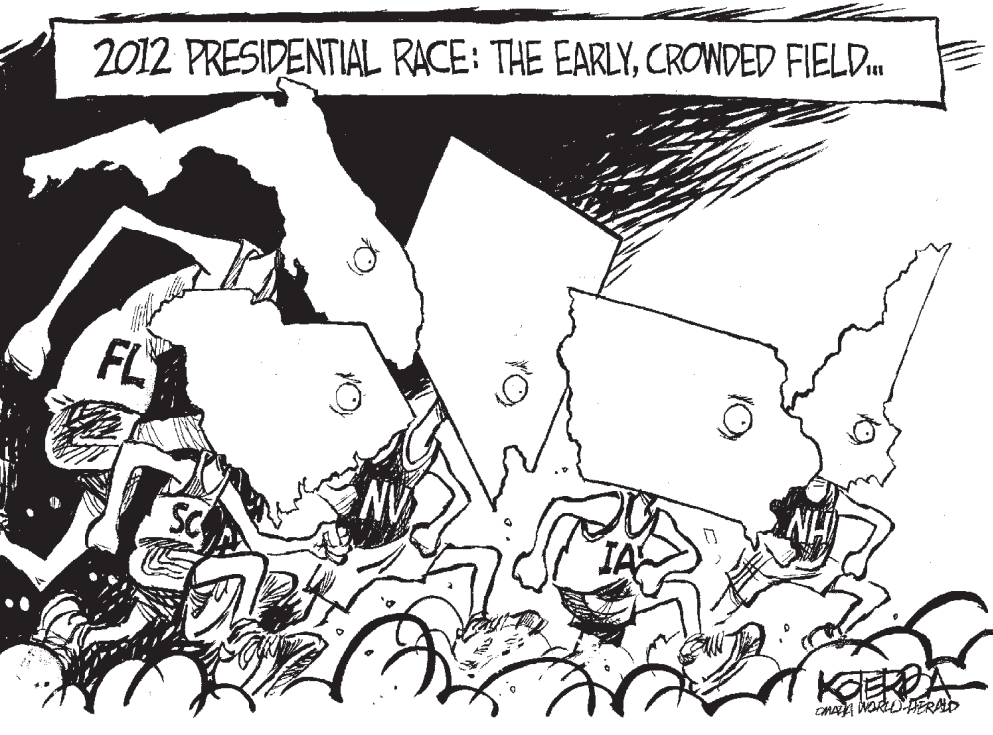
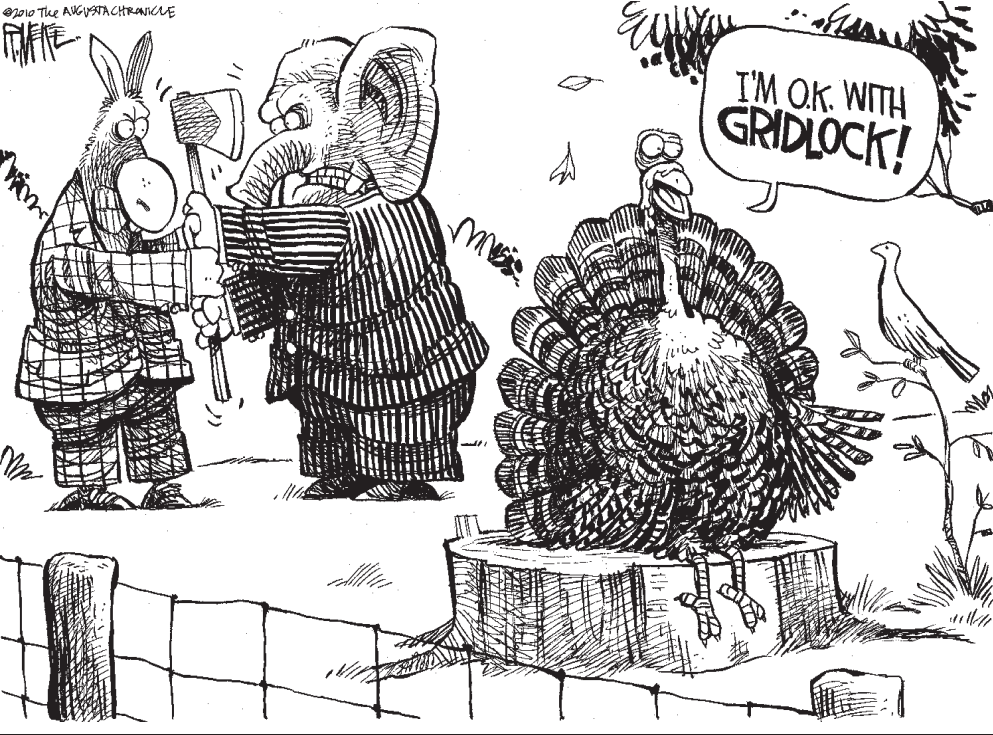
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Por la Gente By State Rep. Chente Quintanilla

Legal loopholes are no excuse

Hola, mi gente. Recently, the CBS television magazine, Sixty Minutes, did a 20-minute segment on Jack Abramoff. You may recall the Abramoff was a notorious Washington lobbyist who was at the center of DC’s biggest corruption scandal.

You may also recall that this same individual offered his services to our local tribe and to others in Texas and elsewhere. On the day and moment that then Attorney General John Cornyn served papers closing the Speaking Rock Casino, Abramoff was closing the deal with the Ysleta del Sur. Concurrently, Abramoff was also lobbying on behalf of Ralph Reed, the former leader of the Christian Coalition and a vehement antagonists of the same issues the Indian nations were pursuing for their survival.

Reed hit a political roadblock in his quest for high political office, maybe even the White House, with his relationship with Abramoff and the way both disrespected the Tiguas and other tribes. Abramoff eventually went to jail and spent three and a half years in prison on charges of corrupting public officials, fraud and tax evasion. Reed would lose his standing in the evangelical realm after it was revealed that he took money from one tribe, which operated casinos, to stop another tribe from being allowed to gamble. After all, he was a loud voice against gambling period.

Abramoff, neck deep in disposable political lobby money, would spend lavishly on his targets through endless dinners, parties, fund raisers, special event tickets and overseas trips. He later recognized that he was so focused on his influence, he could not distinguish what was legal and what was not. In his own words, his

career was “Shameful... It’s the worst thing that could happen.” He even told Leslie Stahl, “I was mad at me” after she said she was mad at him.

What was most troubling was the explanation by Abramoff on how he accomplished full ownership of a Congressional office. The best way to influence an office was to offer a staffer, senior level of course, a high paying job in his firm. He was not satisfied with corrupting elected officials, he corrupted staffers who presumably signed on to public service for their community. Today, he blames the staffers who should have served the public instead of their own ambitions.

My office, I am proud to say, has two dedicated public servants. Robert and Nina have never placed their own ambitions above the needs of our constituents. It’s my opinion that the staffers of the other El Paso delegation members are no different. The citizens should be proud to know that.

In the end, Abramoff still fails to recognize that his actions were illegal and that he was “subverting” the system. He blames the system. In doing so, he deflects the full responsibility that he, and others like him, acted in criminal ways. Fixing the system, as he insists must be done, will only allow other corrupters to act in different ways than he and his followers did.

Abramoff should realize that our republic and our liberty do not license anyone to attain wealth at any means or by deceiving others. This man and his behavior exemplify the greed that has gripped our nation.

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

Texas wind power lines bust budget

By Kenneth Artz

The cost of building transmission lines for expensive wind power in Texas is coming in nearly 40 percent higher than initially promised.

Instead of \$4.9 billion, as estimated in 2008, the transmission lines are now expected to cost \$6.8 billion, according to a report prepared by the RS&H infrastructure consulting firm for the Texas Public Utility Commission. That amounts to approximately \$800 per household in the state.

The report states several factors caused the initial underestimate of transmission line construction costs. For example, the initial estimate assumed transmission lines would be built in direct, straight lines from point to point. However, the new report notes, transmission lines often must follow roads, fences, terrain features, or property lines instead of direct lines between two connecting points.

The initial cost estimates also failed to account for inflation and financing costs on loans to build the transmission lines. The report warns the final price tag could rise still higher by the time the project reaches its estimated December 2013 completion date.

The \$800 per-household expenditure is merely the cost of building the transmission lines. Wind power is more expensive to produce than conventional power sources, so Texas consumers will also pay electricity premiums every year.

“This is the kind of situation that only happens when government mandates a technology that is not very useful and it’s too expensive for the market,” said H. Sterling Burnett, a senior fellow with the Dallas-based National Center for Policy Analysis.

“Wind power can’t compete, so government rushed in to promote it. But government did not properly account for the fact that the wind turbines will be built far away from where demand was. It’s like a nightmare version of *Field of Dreams*. Wind boosters built their turbines and counted on the fact that legislators would not let them be built in vain – sort of: If we build it, the wires will come – at other

people’s expense,” said Burnett.

“By requiring a set amount of so-called green energy to be purchased, the Texas government bet big on wind power, ostensibly the cheapest of the so-called green energy sources. But did it occur to anyone in government that you’d need a whole new infrastructure to deliver the new energy?” Burnett asked.

Because the wind farms are being built in remote areas, much of the power will be lost as it is transmitted to distant urban areas. This is not the case with a coal-fired power plant that can be built relatively close to an urban center, or a gas-fired plant that can be built even closer to the end users.

As a result of federal subsidies and market incentives, Texas leads the nation in production of wind power, says Bill Peacock, vice president of research for the Center for Economic Freedom at the Texas Public Policy Foundation.

“Texas was definitely in a unique position. Without the subsidies our wind power capacity couldn’t have grown so fast. Despite the high cost of the transmission lines, with the federal subsidies the marginal cost of wind power is essentially zero, which gives providers the ability to bid negative into the market and still make a marginal profit. As a result, the cost of electricity has gone up but the price to produce it has gone down,” explained Peacock.

Peacock emphasized consumers would be paying less for electricity without the subsidies and wind power incentives.

“There’s no question Texans would be paying less for energy and there would be more capacity if the state had spent the money instead on nuclear, coal-fired, or natural gas power plants. The main problem has been the federal subsidies. Without them we wouldn’t be the leading generator of wind power. Also, without the federal subsidies no one would be building the transmission lines, because no one would be able to make a profit on wind power,” said Peacock.

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Pride Industries reaches out to veterans with disabilities

By **Alfredo Vasquez**
Special to the Courier

U.S. soldiers are coming back from Iraq and Afghanistan with PTSD, missing limbs, traumatic brain injuries, and with today’s bleak economy it seems like very few opportunities are available to them to help rebuild their lives back into American society. However, there is Pride Industries,

which is helping individuals with disabilities succeed in the workplace. “We understand the unique challenge of veterans with disabilities and can help them transition to the workplace, build new skills for the future, and along the way, restore their pride,” stated Alma Rosa Blair, Director Human Resources PRIDE Industries. PRIDE offers jobs, training and the opportunity for career development in a wide variety of positions

including: Facilities Maintenance, Carpentry, Plumbing, Electrical, HVAC, Heavy Equipment Operator, and more. “At this time, we are getting ready to hire 150 people here at Ft. Bliss and would welcome all veterans to come and apply in person at 1733 Pleasonton Rd. B. 777, Ft. Bliss, call 915-569-6411, or visit our website, www.prideindustries.com” stated Blair. PRIDE Industries is a nonprofit

organization that creates jobs for people with disabilities in its own businesses, and in partnership with others. Today, PRIDE employs more than 4,000 including more than 2,400 individuals with disabilities. PRIDE meets the manufacturing, logistics and facilities services needs of businesses and government agencies nationwide, while creating meaningful jobs for people with disabilities.

10 reasons to hire a veteran

1. Accelerated Learning Curve

Veterans have the proven ability to learn new skills and concepts. In addition, they can enter your workforce with identifiable and transferable skills, proven in real world situations. This background can enhance your organization’s productivity.

2. Leadership

The military branches train people to lead by example as well as through direction, delegation, motivation and inspiration. Veterans understand the practical ways to manage behaviors for results, even in the most trying circumstances. They also know the dynamics of leadership as part of both hierarchical and peer structures.

3. Teamwork

Veterans understand how genuine teamwork grows out of a responsibility to one’s colleagues. Military duties involve a blend of individual and group productivity. They also necessitate a perception of how groups of all sizes relate to each other and an overarching objective.

4. Diversity and Inclusion in Action

Veterans have learned to work side by side

with individuals regardless of diverse race, gender, geographic origin, ethnic background, religion and economic status as well as mental, physical and attitudinal capabilities. They have the sensitivity to cooperate with many different types of individuals.

5. Efficient performance under pressure

Veterans understand the rigors of tight schedules and limited resources. They have developed the capacity to know how to accomplish priorities on time, in spite of tremendous stress. They know the critical importance of staying with a task until it is done right.

6. Respect for procedures

Veterans have gained a unique perspective on the value of accountability. They can grasp their place within an organizational framework, becoming responsible for subordinates’ actions to higher supervisory levels. They know how policies and procedures enable an organization to exist.

7. Technology and globalization

Because of their experiences in the service, veterans are usually aware of international and technical trends pertinent to business and industry. They can bring the kind of global outlook and technological savvy that

all enterprises of any size need to succeed.

8. Integrity

Veterans know what it means to do “an honest day’s work.” Prospective employers can take advantage of a track record of integrity, often including security clearances. This integrity translates into qualities of sincerity and trustworthiness.

9. Conscious of health and safety standards

Thanks to extensive training, veterans are aware of health and safety protocols both for themselves and the welfare of others. Individually, they represent a drug-free workforce that is cognizant of maintaining personal health and fitness. On a company level, their awareness and conscientiousness translate into protection of employees, property and materials.

10. Triumph over adversity

In addition to dealing positively with the typical issues of personal maturity, veterans have frequently triumphed over great adversity. They likely have proven their mettle in mission critical situations demanding endurance, stamina and flexibility. They may have overcome personal disabilities through strengths and determination.

Parade

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National Anthem and a few other patriotic selections throughout the celebration.

Also playing a role in the veterans celebration at the plaza was Luz Estrada who is the San Elizario ISD Human Resources Director, a Vietnam veteran and a native of San Elizario. Estrada led the Candle Lighting Ceremony in homage to active duty service members, fallen soldiers, prisoners of war and those missing in action, and all military families.

As observance of National Veterans Day on November 11 approaches, remembering the veterans of the San Elizario community helps students to experience a history lesson in real life by learning about the significance of the military service of many brave women and men from their own hometown.



– Photo courtesy San Elizario ISD

THANK YOU – Rachel Quiñonez, a science lab aide (left) and Guadalupe Sanchez, a PE aide from Sambrano Elementary School march with cheerleaders from the school during San Eli’s parade.

Exhibit

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multimedia display will open at 9 a.m. on Nov. 11 (11.11.11) at the Texas Capitol Visitors Center in the historic Old Land Office on the Capitol grounds at 112 E. 11th St. in Austin. It shares stories and quotes from Texas veterans of wars from World War II to Afghanistan. The “Every Veteran has a Story to Tell” exhibit was made possible by the State Preservation Board and the Texas Capitol Visitor Center. The exhibit will run until September 2012.

Rivas and his twin brother, Sal, were motivated to enlist in the Marine Corps at age 17 by the Japanese

attack on Pearl Harbor. Throughout the war, they served together in the same unit as infantrymen with Alpha Company, 1st Battalion, 1st Marine Regiment. The brothers saw extensive combat throughout the Pacific Theater, including Cape Gloucester, New Britain, Solomon Islands, Peleliu and Okinawa. After the war, Manny served 57 years with the Veterans of Foreign Wars and was their National Chief of Staff. He retired in 1998 after serving 33 years as the Veterans County Service Officer in El Paso County.

Two multimedia kiosks containing iPads are part of the interactive display. Each is loaded with 12 short videos on one of the exhibit’s central themes: courage, duty, fear and survival. Rivas’ experience is

recounted in the exhibit as part of the survival theme. In his video, Rivas frankly discusses the hardships faced by his unit during the Battle of Peleliu. The attack to seize the island was supposed to only take a few days, but lasted two months, with more than 1,700 Americans killed and 8,010 wounded. “In 83 days, we didn’t get a hot meal, we didn’t take a bath and we didn’t change clothes,” Rivas recalls. “Eighty-three days. And the heat was 115 to 120, and there was no way you could take a shower or go in the ocean because... the Japanese are only about half a mile or maybe they’re closer all the time.” He also describes having to drink from the only available “freshwater” source — water brought in by the U.S.

Navy in rinsed gasoline cans. “We were drinking maybe half water, half gasoline,” he laments.

The “Every Veteran has a Story to Tell” exhibit is presented by the Texas Veterans Land Board as part of its Voices of Veterans™ program, an oral history initiative of the VLB that honors veterans by documenting their powerful stories through thorough interviews. The archived interviews are made available to researchers, historians, genealogists and the general public to inspire future generations. The program is free to all Texas veterans. For additional information on the Voices of Veterans™ program, call 800-252-VETS (800-252-8387), or visit our Web sites at www.voicesofveterans.org or www.texasveterans.com.

STRANGE BUT TRUE

By Samantha Weaver

• It was the 40th president of the United States, Ronald Wilson Reagan, who made the following sage observation: “Politics is not a bad profession. If you succeed there are many rewards; if you disgrace yourself you can always write a book.”

• If you’re like 75 percent of Americans, you like to doodle.

• There was a shipwreck in 1664 that had only one survivor, one in 1785 that also resulted in all but one aboard being killed, and one in 1860 that likewise left a single person alive. Considering the fact that shipwrecks are not that uncommon – particularly in the heyday of ocean travel – you might not think this much of a coincidence. Think again, though; in each of those shipwrecks, the sole survivor was named Hugh Williams.

• Those who study such things say that Roman Emperor Caligula’s last words were, “I’m still alive!”

• If you go bankrupt, your creditors are forbidden from seizing your wedding ring to pay debts.

• In 1984, a woman named Deborah Martorano was shopping at Bloomingdale’s in New York City, when one of the store’s employees, a perfume demonstrator, sprayed her with scent. The experience evidently caused Martorano, who suffered from allergies and asthma, to spend 10 days in a hospital. This respiratory distress resulted in a \$75,000 settlement from the store.

• The Dead Sea isn’t a sea at all; it’s a lake.

• If you ever travel to Borneo or Sumatra and come face-to-face with an orangutan, keep this tidbit of information in mind: If one of these great apes belches at you, you might want to back off; that’s how they warn others to stay out of their territory.

Thought for the Day: “Irrationally held truths may be more harmful than reasoned errors.”
– Thomas H. Huxley

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Another storied football program soiled by scandal

By Steve Escajeda
Special to the Courier

Even though the world of college football is swarming with sleazy scandals that involve anything from money to drugs to cheating on tests – there are still programs held in high regard.

I think everyone was surprised when it was learned that former Ohio State coach Jim Tressel was hiding illegal activity by his players from the NCAA.

With that sweater vest, Tressel always looked like the wise old grandfather who would never compromise his principles for anything.

In the end, he just turned out to be another win-at-any-cost coach who tried to beat the system and got caught.

Although it was widely reported that SMU had repeatedly cheated with recruiting for years it was still a shock when the football program was given the death penalty in 1986.

SMU big wigs continually thumbed their noses at the NCAA for years, knowing the association would never have the courage to hand out the ultimate penalty.

But they did, and the program has never regained the lofty status it had back then.

I have to admit that there are very few schools that are still held in high esteem; and the number continues to shrink.

And the number of clean programs has just declined by one.

Penn State has long been considered the place to go if you can play top-notch football and still go to class and act like a fairly civilized person on the weekends.

Long-time coach Joe Paterno is the epitome of good-guy leaders who have always done it, “the right way.”

And though he is not directly implicated in any of the following, his program has taken a direct hit and it’s not because of any players.

This ugliness comes from a respected assistant coach who apparently lived a very sick and secret life.

Jerry Sandusky led the defense on successful Penn State teams for years.

Now he’s going to be better known for what he allegedly did with slightly younger boys.

It appears that Sandusky sexually molested eight boys in a 15-year period, some being as young as 10-years old.

In fact there are a total of 40 counts of sexual abuse Sandusky is facing.

All of this came to light when an unidentified Penn State employee witnessed Sandusky sexually abusing a young boy in a locker room in 2002.

Just as offensive is the fact that Penn State officials took no action when they were informed of the incident.

For their part in the attempted cover-up, Athletic Director Tim Curley and Vice President Gary Schultz are being charged with perjury for not alerting police when they learned of Sandusky’s illicit behavior.

Sandusky, who retired from Penn State in 1999, gained access to young boys through his work with underprivileged kids through a foundation he started called Second Mile.

Penn State allowed him access to the school’s practice facilities for his foundation duties.

An investigation of Sandusky’s actions revealed that he even used his volunteer coaching job at a Pennsylvania high school to prey on young boys.

It was also learned that he would use expensive gifts and trips to maintain contact with his victims.

What tells me that Sandusky is guilty of the allegations was his answer when reporters asked him if they were true? He said he was

not at liberty to answer that question.

Wow, if you were innocent of something that heinous you’d shout your innocence from the mountaintop.

But if you are guilty you tend to give the legal answer that may get you a lighter sentence after being convicted.

On top of all that, there is the troubling comment by Penn State President Graham Spanier, who said that Curley and Schultz, the two being charged with perjury, have his unconditional support.

Excuse me, unconditional means “no matter what.”

He still supports them if it is proven they kept Sandusky’s crimes from the police?

That ridiculous comment should be enough for the school to remove him if the others are convicted of their accusations.

The one person at Penn State who apparently did the right thing was Paterno, who heard of one of the incidents and promptly reported it to the authorities.

But could Paterno have done more?

As for Sandusky, just one guilty verdict can send him to the slammer for the rest of his life.

If he is guilty, I’ve got a feeling his prison mates may be inclined to give him a taste of his own medicine.

A sporting view

By Mark Vasto

Taken aback

My friend “Country” Will likes to remind me that I have a tendency to repeat stories. I like to spin a good

me about the time you wore a suit to a Phillies game.”

Even though that’s still a great story, I have now begun to look back through a few previous columns to make sure I don’t repeat myself. In the process, however, there are a few things that could stand a follow-

up and a few ideas I can expound upon.

I have to go all the way back to last week’s column about Tim Tebow and Drew Brees (“Winners and Saints”) to eat a little crow (the big crows being a bit too gamey for my taste). In it, I said the Saints were dominant, and I wouldn’t bet against Tebow turning it around in Denver. The next week, while the Saints were getting Ram jammed, Tebow was turning it around by throwing touchdown passes to the other team. Along with my Eagles Super Bowl prediction at the season’s start, I’m keeping the bar high.

Jack Sharkey on the chin, “sending him into oblivion” as the storyboard reads.

Sharkey was getting pummeled by low blows – not overt, but Dempsey was relentlessly moving inside and tagging him around the belt line. When Sharkey clinches, he lifts his head to complain to the ref. Dempsey works him high and literally does knock him into oblivion. Sharkey’s seen clutching the ref’s leg and Dempsey actually carries him back to the corner after the fight.

Sharkey, like Ortiz, complained about being hit while he wasn’t looking. Dempsey scores another knockout with his reply: “Well ain’t ya lookin’? The fight’s still on.” Bingo.

Anyway... did I ever tell you about the time I wore a suit to a Phillies game? No? Well, Country Will tells the story better than I can.

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LEGALS

SOCORRO INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON REALIGNING TRUSTEE DISTRICTS

According to the 2010 Census data, the school district's trustee districts are not of sufficiently equal population and must be redrawn in order to comply with the “one-person, one-vote” principle established by the U.S. Constitution.

The Board of Trustees of the Socorro Independent School District is considering new boundaries for its trustee districts and wants to hear from you. Tell us what you think about the preliminary trustee district plan at the public hearing described below:

PUBLIC HEARING ON REDISTRICTING PROPOSALS

6:00 pm

November 15, 2011

12440 Rojas Drive, El Paso, Texas 79928

The preliminary

plan for the trustee districts will be available at the hearing and is available for public inspection during normal business hours at 12440 Rojas Drive, El Paso, Texas 79928 Monday through Friday from now until the date of the public hearing.

Preliminary plans and other information concerning making comments about the school district's redistricting process is available on the school district's website at www.sisd.net. You may also call Daniel Escobar at 937-0282 or email descob02@sisd.net.

if you have any questions.

DISTRITO ESCOLAR INDEPENDIENTE DE SOCORRO

AVISO DE AUDIENCIA PÚBLICA REFERENTE A REALINEACIÓN DE LOS DISTRITOS DE LOS MIEMBROS DEL CONSEJO DIRECTIVO

Conforme la información emitida por el Censo del 2010, los distritos de los miembros del Consejo Directivo del Distrito no son

suficientemente equitativos en cuanto a su población, por lo cual deberán ser nuevamente configurados de acuerdo al principio “una persona – un voto”, establecido por la Constitución de los Estados Unidos.

El Consejo Directivo del Distrito Escolar Independiente de Socorro está considerando nuevos límites para los distrito de los miembros del Consejo y desea escuchar su opinión. Díganos que piensa sobre el plan preliminar para los distritos de los miembros del Consejo durante la audiencia pública descrita a continuación:

AUDIENCIA PÚBLICA REFERENTE A LAS PROPUESTAS DE REDISTRIBUCIÓN DE DISTRITOS

6:00 pm

November 15, 2011

12440 Rojas Drive, El Paso, Texas 79928

El plan preliminar para los distritos de los miembros del Consejo estará disponible durante la audiencia para ser inspeccionado

por el público, y también durante horas hábiles en 12440 Rojas Drive, El Paso, TX 79928, de Lunes a Viernes a partir de hoy hasta la fecha de la audiencia pública. Los planes preliminares y toda información referente a la manera de presentar comentarios tocante al proceso de redistribución del distrito escolar están disponibles en el sitio web del distrito escolar en www.sisd.net. De igual forma, si tiene alguna pregunta, puede llamar al Daniel Escobar at 937-0282 o email descob02@sisd.net.

Those unable to attend the public hearing may submit their views to the City of Socorro. Accommodations for handicapped persons will be available; handicapped persons in need of special assistance for attending the hearings are encouraged to contact the City Clerk at (915) 858-2915, forty-eight (48) hours prior to this meeting. Copies of ordinances are available for review at City Hall, 124 S. Horizon Blvd.

Manuel Rubio

City Clerk

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WTCC: 11-10-11

City of Socorro

Adoption of Ordinance

On November 3, 2011 the City of Socorro, Texas adopted the following ordinance:

1) AMENDMENT NO. 1 TO ORDINANCE 293, AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SOCORRO, TEXAS ADOPTING AN AMENDED BUDGET APPROPRIATING FUNDS, TO ALLOCATE MONIES RECEIVED FROM THE HORIZON MUD SETTLEMENT, IN THE ADMINISTRATION BUDGET FOR THE CITY OF SOCORRO.

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: 11-10-11

City of Socorro

PUBLIC HEARING

A PUBLIC HEARING will be held at 6:00 p.m. at a Regular Council Meeting on November 17, 2011, at City Hall, 860 Rio Vista, Socorro, Texas. The purpose of the Public Hearing is to allow any interested person to appear and testify at the hearing regarding the following:

1) PUBLIC HEARING ON AN ORDINANCE

CryptoQuip Answer

Might you call words like “transgression,” “wickedness” and “ungodliness” sin-onyms?

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Manuel Rubio

City Clerk

WTCC: 11-10-11

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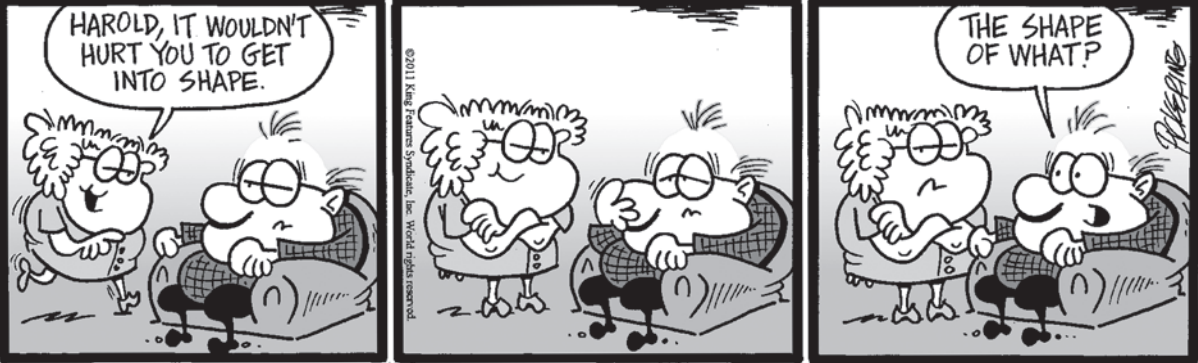
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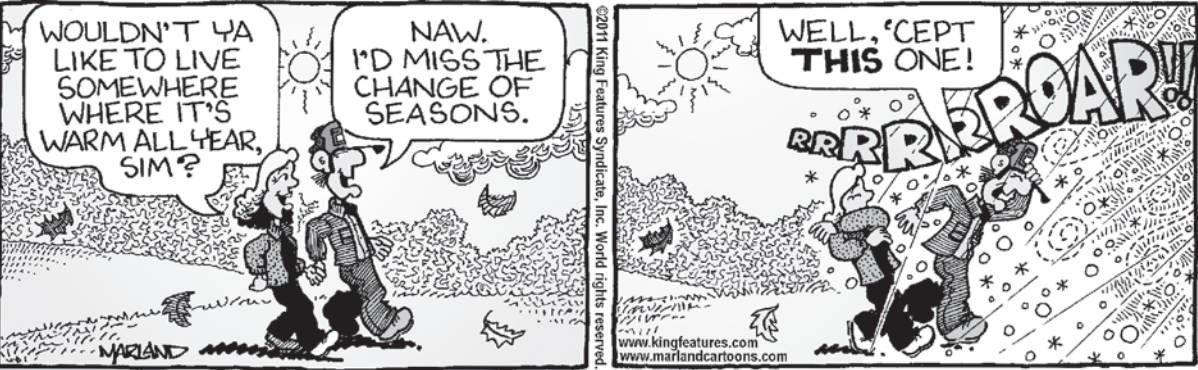
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Your good health By Paul G. Donahue, M.D.

DEAR DR. DONOHUE: Many years ago, when I was still a teen, I went skiing with my older brother. He was a much better skier than I, so we went our separate ways. Later, I saw a group huddling around one skier who looked a lot like my brother. It was my brother. He lost one of his gloves, and he had two frostbitten fingers. His only permanent damage was the loss of a fingertip. Ever since, I have been careful about dressing warm, often with two pair of gloves in cold weather. I don't know what to do about frostbite. Will you run the basics by me? – S.S.

Frostbite happens when the temperature drops to 32 F (0 degrees C) or lower. Actually, the temperature has to be lower than 32, since the minerals in the fluids bathing the tissues lower their freezing point.

The places most susceptible are the fingers, hands, toes, feet, nose and ears. The first sign of trouble is pain. Then the skin turns quite pale. After that, numbness sets in. People might think that nothing is wrong at this stage, but numbness is a sign that freezing is imminent. The skin and involved tissues become hard and firm.

Ice crystals form in the spaces between cells. They pull water out of the cells and dehydrate them. The dehydration, decreased blood flow and ice crystals all work together to cause tissue damage. One of the most destructive factors is the lack of oxygen that comes from artery constriction to prevent heat loss from the rest of the body.

Fast rewarming is the treatment. It should not begin if you are in a place where there's a chance of refreezing. Refreezing is a more destructive process than leaving things alone until you are in a place where the person can be kept warm.

The affected part should be immersed in a bath of hot water whose temperature is around 104 F (40 C). The water has to be kept warm by adding more hot water as the bath begins to cool. At no point should you rub the frozen part. If the affected area cannot be warmed in a water bath, then use hot compresses.

Rewarming is painful. Tylenol or a stronger medicine should be given. In 12 to 24 hours, blisters form. Do not break them. At this point, have a doctor examine the patient for definitive care.

DEAR DR. DONOHUE: What can I do to improve my chipping, splitting fingernails? I was getting a weekly manicure but stopped due to economic reasons. My nails had grown stronger. Now they've become a disaster again. Please help. I take vitamins and calcium. – M.H.

Aging makes nails brittle, thin and fragile for quite a few people. Dryness fosters brittleness. After every handwashing and before going to bed, coat your nails with a moisturizer. Petroleum jelly (the many Vaseline products) works well. When washing dishes or putting your hands in water, wear waterproof gloves. Don't use nail polish remover often.

The B vitamin biotin toughens nails for some. You'll need 2.5 mg daily.

Neither calcium nor gelatin strengthens nails.

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

- HOG WASH

ACROSS

1 Off-the-wall

6 Ukrainian city

11 Peepers, to Pope

15 Arrange type

18 Repeated

20 French spa

21 Rain heavily

22 Gob

23 Start of a remark

25 Earmark

27 Asian holiday

28 Annual award?

29 Shake _ (hurry)

30 Hurries

31 Depraved

33 Pile up

36 Squirrel's stash

38 Snake-charmer's crew

41 Outcast

43 Globule

44 Riyadh religion

45 Damone or Dana

46 Part 2 of remark

51 Neighbor of Fla.

52 Rice dish

55 Waikiki wing-ding

56 Salute for Caesar

57 Unaware

59 Wee serving

61 Poe crow

63 Ain't right?

64 Type of cabbage

66 Part of NB

67 High-rise building?

69 Part 3 of remark

70 Know-it-all

73 Semester

74 Prickly plant

75 Hellman's "The Little _"

76 Marsh sight

78 It should be square

79 Put an end to

83 Carnival site

84 Dentist's directive

86 "The _ Kid" ('84 film)

87 Meyers of "Kate & Allie"

89 Part 4 of remark

94 Corn portion

95 Broadcast in July

97 Bates or Rickman

98 Cheerless

100 One of the Waughs

101 Elegant

104 _ terrier

105 Salchow kin

106 Sludge

107 Bloomsbury buggy

109 Bookstore section

112 Actress Cassidy

115 Managers

117 End of remark

121 Be human

122 MD's area

123 Riser's relative

124 Home on the range?

125 "So there!"

126 Man, for one

127 At daybreak

128 Gushes

DOWN

1 "Miss Lonelyhearts" writer

2 Dull pain

3 Atkins or Huntley

4 Holyfield stats

5 "Definitely!"

6 He's abominable

7 Rara -

8 One-dimensional

9 Label

10 Whichever

11 Iridescent stones

12 Hamlet or Herman Munster

13 Where to spend leva

14 Smash letters

15 Flight segment

16 Consumed

17 Lock

19 Name of a Day

24 "My Gal _" (1905 tune)

26 Butcher-shop display

29 '75 Wimbledon winner

31 Age

32 Garlic hater

34 Bad start

35 Contented sigh

37 _ d'Alene, ID

38 Spy org.

39 '52 Winter

Olympics site

40 Spill the beans

41 Navigate

42 Bill of Rights grp.

43 _ major

45 Like some leaves

47 Chew out

48 Sheltered spot

49 Happening

50 Russo of "Get Shorty"

53 Maintain

54 Beset

58 Delibes opera

59 "Rusalka" composer

60 Ely or Darling

62 Disconcert

65 "Stroker _" ('83 film)

67 Get cracking

68 It's kept in a quiver

69 Bikini part

70 Opposite

71 Way out

72 Merit

73 Hatcher of "Lois & Clark"

74 Crooked

75 Raid

77 Adz and awl

78 Chow _

80 Actor Parley

81 Viscount's better

82 Cart

85 Nursery items

88 Hotel

90 Desert refugees

91 Dutch town

92 _ Lanka

93 " _ the fields we go ..."

96 Smoked delicacy

99 Response

100 Be

101 Sheep sheds

102 "M" man

103 Blue hue

104 Social group

105 Sternward

108 TV's " _ People"

110 Barbecue fuel

111 The _ 500

112 Mature

113 From the top

114 Gets by (with "out")

116 Mai _

117 Ideologue's suffix

118 Singer's syllable

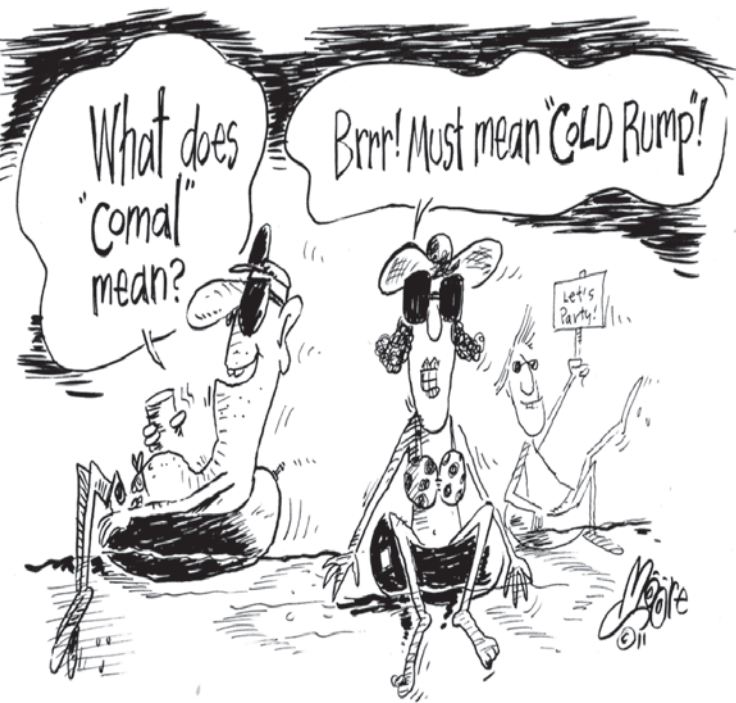
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120 Dem.'s opponent

Answer Page 4

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Moore Texas by Roger Moore At a length of just 2 ½ miles, the beautiful Comal River in New Braunfels is the shortest river in the U.S.



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.

DIFFICULTY: ★★ ★

★ Moderate ★★ Difficult
★★★ GO FIGURE!

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Answer Page 6

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Social Security Q&A By Ray Vigil

Q: If both my spouse and I are entitled to Social Security benefits, is there any reduction in our payments because we are married?

A: No. We calculate lifetime earnings independently to determine each spouse's Social Security benefit amount. When each member of a married couple meets all other eligibility requirements to receive Social Security retirement benefits, each spouse receives a monthly benefit amount based on his or her own earnings. Couples are not penalized because they are married. If one member of the couple earned low wages or failed to earn enough Social Security credits (40) to be insured for retirement benefits, he or she may be eligible to receive benefits as a spouse based on the spouse's work record. Learn more about spouse benefits at www.socialsecurity.gov/retire2/yourspouse.htm.

Q: How can I estimate my retirement benefit at several different ages?

A: It's easy! Use our Retirement Estimator at www.socialsecurity.gov/estimator to get a retirement benefit estimate based on current law and real time access to your earnings record. The Retirement Estimator also lets you create additional "what if" retirement

scenarios to find out how changes in your situation might change your future benefit amount. It's also available in Spanish at www.segurosocial.gov/calculador.

Q: I am receiving Social Security disability benefits. Will my benefits be affected if I work and earn money?

A: It depends. We have special rules called "work incentives" that help you keep your monthly payments and Medicare coverage while you test your ability to work. For example, you can receive full benefits regardless of how much you earn, as long as you report your work activity and continue to have a disabling impairment during a trial work period. For more information about work incentives, we recommend that you read our publication, Working While Disabled-How We Can Help at www.socialsecurity.gov/pubs/10095.html.

For more information on any of the questions listed above, visit our website at www.socialsecurity.gov or call us at 1-800-772-1213. If you have any questions that you would like to have answered, please mail them to the Social Security Office, 1111 Gateway West, Attn: Ray Vigil, El Paso, Texas 79935.

Briefs

From Page 1

at 1700 McKinley Avenue in the Franklin Mountains State Park. The vandals broke windows and side view mirrors on three state vehicles at the park headquarters. They also took fire extinguishers from the vehicles and discharged them inside leaving behind a thick yellow powder all over the vehicle interiors. In addition, the vandals broke into the maintenance shop, ransacking the interior and throwing cleaning products onto the floor. An office in the maintenance shop was also ransacked, causing a total of more than \$5,000 in damages. Investigators believe that two or three young Hispanic men may be responsible for this crime. If you have any information at all about the identity or location of the suspects, please call Crime Stoppers of El Paso at 566-TIPS (8477) or submit your tip online at www.crimestoppersofelpaso.org. You will remain anonymous and, if your tip leads to an arrest, you may earn a cash reward.

— James Klaes

Wanted

Jorge Garcia, 33, who also goes by Skeme, is this week's Manhunt Monday Most Wanted Most Wanted Fugitive. Garcia, of Canutillo, is 5'7" tall and



Jorge Garcia

a Sureno gang member. He is wanted for his part in a home burglary on Sept. 25, 2011. Officers met with the homeowners who reported that several items had been taken from the home. Several electronic items along with jewelry were missing and it was determined a burglary had in fact taken place with the point of entry made through a window of the home. Garcia knows he is wanted and is now avoiding arrest. His criminal history shows various arrests involving both drugs and violence. He is believed to be in the Borderland area where he has several family members and friends in the Canutillo and Westway area. Anyone that has seen or has any information on the whereabouts of Garcia can contact Crime 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 Garcia.

— Deputy Jesse Tovar

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

Answer Page 6

★★★ HOO BOY!

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CryptoQuip

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

Clue: J equals U

ZCRDV TFJ OMY Y IFKXG YCNH

"VKMQGRKHGGCFQ,"

"ICONHXQHGG" MQX

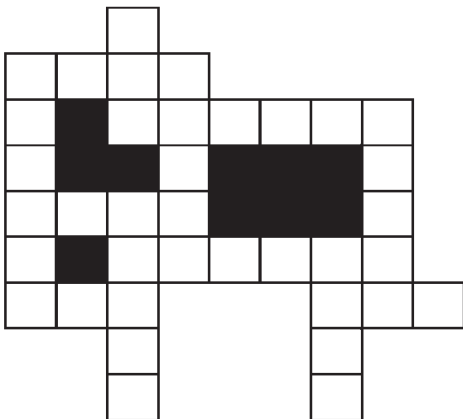
"JQRFXYCQHGG" GCQ-FQTZG?

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TATEM
♥SOEG



Answer Page 6

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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