

NEWSBRIEFS

San Eli ISD gold

For the second year in a row the Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts has



recognized the San Elizario Independent School District with a Gold Leadership

Circle Award for its successful efforts at implementing financial transparency. San Elizario ISD was recently notified that the district had scored 19 out of 20 possible points on the ratings criteria for the program. The award designation is valid for one year and signifies that the district is setting the bar high with its transparency efforts. The basic requirements of the Texas Comptroller's Leadership Circle call for districts to post their budget, annual financial report, and check register online for ease of access to taxpayers. Public entities from throughout the state apply annually to receive one of three Leadership Circle designations: bronze, silver or gold. The San Elizario ISD finance department under the leadership of Assistant Superintendent Rena Seifts has posted financial transparency documentation on its webpage that can be found at www.seisd.net/finance.aspx.

— Cynthia P. Marentes

Citizenship

People working towards their United States Citizenship can attend free citizenship courses with Cecilia Trillo at the City of Socorro Rio Vista Community Center at 901 N. Rio Vista Road Socorro, TX, 79927. They are scheduled on Mondays and Fridays from 3:00 to 4:00 in the afternoon through May 14, 2012. For more information on the classes please call 860-9163 or 860-8615.

— David Garcia

Caught

It had to have taken more than an hour to make good the theft of a Bobcat frontend



A persistent Socorro Police Officer tracked this missing cat down.

loader – especially because he rode it down a Texas highway in the dark. But

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Families with babies and families without babies are sorry for each other.

— Quips & Quotes

Hot check writers have chance to make good

Arrest roundups to follow publication of names

By Elhiu Dominguez
Special to the Courier

EL PASO COUNTY – El Paso County Attorney Jo Anne Bernal and El Paso County Sheriff's Chief Deputy Jesus Campa announced that they will be joined by Constables from Precincts 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 and 7, in conducting a roundup of individuals with

outstanding hot check warrants in El Paso County.

This cooperative effort by local law enforcement to arrest hot check writers will be preceded by the publication of the names and addresses of thousands of individuals with outstanding warrants, and an amnesty period in which residents can pay their outstanding amounts without being arrested.



Jo Anne Bernal

San Elizario ISD science teachers are national fellows

By Cynthia P. Marentes
Special to the Courier

for immediate success in the classroom. Recently, these two secondary educators were also chosen as Fellows in the 2011-2012 National Science Teachers Association (NSTA) New Science Teacher Academy that opened up an even wider network of support for them to build their portfolio of teaching experience. The fellowship awards Chavez and Luna a comprehensive NSTA membership, online mentoring and web-based professional



Ana Luna

development opportunities and an all-expenses paid trip to the NSTA National Conference in Indianapolis from March 29 to April 1.

A total of 215 science teachers nationwide, including 52 from Texas, were selected from the NSTA fellowship. Chavez and Luna are the only two fellows from the El Paso area selected on the basis of showing evidence of a solid science background and a strong interest in growing as a professional science educator. They will participate in a year-long professional development program designed to promote quality science teaching, enhance teacher confidence and classroom excellence and improve teacher content knowledge. Since last summer they have been mentored by a seasoned teacher, have participated in web seminars and completed various assignments to meet the criteria for the fellowship according to Debbie Cortez, SEISD Science Instructional Officer.

Chavez is currently in her second year as a 6th-grade science teacher at Garcia-Enriquez Middle School and is looking forward to attending the national conference and bringing back new resources and ideas to integrate into her classroom.

"I feel privileged to be selected for this fellowship and I want to take full advantage of this opportunity," Chavez said.

Luna just narrowly met the requirements to apply for the fellowship since she is in the middle of her fourth year teaching science at San Elizario High School. She stated that the NSTA fellowship provides a wealth of information and assistance especially for new teachers who need a lot of help during the first few years. Luna also felt that the fellowship was beneficial for teachers who have had careers in other fields and are new to the profession. She added that she was grateful to be able to tap into the experiences and knowledge of educators from all over the country.

Both Chavez and Luna are looking forward to meeting some of the colleagues they have already communicated with online when they go to Indianapolis. Sharing their amazing adventures as NSTA fellows when they return to SEISD will be a bonus.



Susana Chavez

The list with the names of individuals with outstanding warrants will be published on Sunday April 1, 2012 by many local media outlets and the County's website. Individuals who want to avoid the publication of their names must pay their outstanding balances in full by Wednesday March 28, 2012.

The publication of the warrants list kicks-off a two-week amnesty period that runs from Sunday April 1 to Friday April 13, 2012.

Individuals who take advantage of the amnesty period and pay their outstanding balances before Friday, April 13, 2012, will avoid arrest during an upcoming countywide warrant roundup. Additionally, they will not have to pay extra fees, such as court costs, attorney fees, and the cost of posting a bond.

Residents with outstanding hot check warrants can make their payments in person at the following locations:

- El Paso County Courthouse
500 E. San Antonio, room 503
Mon. to Fri. from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
- El Paso County Ysleta Annex
9521 Socorro Rd., Suite A-3
Mon. to Fri. from 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

Additionally, during the amnesty period (April 1-13, 2012), residents of Northeast El Paso can make their payments in person at the following location:

- El Paso County Attorney's Northeast Annex Office
4641 Cohen St., Suite D
Mon. to Fri. from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 a.m.

Forms of payment accepted include credit cards, money orders, cashier checks, and cash; however, those paying with cash will have to bring the exact amount (cashiers cannot give change).

In addition, residents can make payments online 24 hours a day, seven days a week through "Hot Check E-pay," by visiting the El Paso County Attorney's Office web-page at <https://www.epcounty.com/hotchecks/>.

For more information regarding hot check payments and balances please contact the El Paso County Attorney's Office Hot Check Unit at 546-2051 or visit the El Paso County Attorney's Office web site at: www.epcounty.com/CA.

There are currently more than 2,700 names in the County's hot checks warrants list that owe local merchants more than \$2.13 million dollars. During last fiscal year (2010-2011) the Hot Check Unit collected more than \$905,000 in outstanding hot checks. So far, during the first 5 months of fiscal year 2011-2012 (October-February), the County Attorney's Office has collected over \$330,000.

Bernal is encouraging individuals with outstanding warrants for writing hot checks to take advantage of this opportunity. In order to facilitate the payment of outstanding amounts, County Attorney's Office will be accepting payment plans for qualifying individuals.

"For many years now, the County Attorney's Office has been supporting local businesses by collecting their insufficient funds checks at no cost. We believe the public display of the names of individuals with warrants might serve as a deterrent for hot checks writers, and will motivate some of them to come forward to pay any outstanding amounts before they face serious consequences," Bernal said. "Hot check writers who do not seize this opportunity will be arrested and will face criminal charges."

Texas graduation rate is tenth among states

By **Alfredo Vasquez**
Special to the Courier

EL PASO COUNTY – Texas has the tenth highest overall graduation rate among 34 states that are reporting the National Governors Association (NGA) Compact Graduation Rate for the Class of 2010, according to a comparison study released recently by the Texas

Education Agency (TEA). 2010 data is the most recent available for all state-funded schools. The Compact Rate shows the overall graduation rate for Texas public school students was 84.3 percent. When broken down by ethnic or racial groups, Texas ranks even higher. The four-year graduation rate for Region 19, which includes the nine school districts in El Paso County,

was 80.7 percent, according to the TEA report. Among the 34 states currently reporting the Compact Rate, also known as a four-year on-time graduation rate, Texas had the second highest graduation rate for white students at 91.6 percent and, along with Arkansas, the fourth highest rate for Hispanic students with 78.8 percent. Texas also had the fifth highest rate for African-American students at 78.8 percent. When comparing the overall graduation rate, only the following states ranked higher than Texas: Iowa, Illinois, Vermont, North Dakota, Tennessee, New Hampshire, Wisconsin, Virginia and Arkansas. “Once again the numbers show that even with increasing the standards, Texas is graduating more students including higher numbers of our minority students,” said Robert Scott, Texas Commissioner of Education. “But we still have work to do to move the numbers even higher.”

The NGA Compact is a four-year, on-time graduation rate that emphasizes using actual student data over estimates. The Compact Rate is widely considered to be the best practical graduation rate capable of accurately comparing graduation rates across the nation. In 2005, the governors of all 50 states signed the Graduation Counts Compact, and the Compact Rate became the accepted measure for calculating graduation rates. However, some states have not yet released results using this calculation. Texas is considered a forerunner in the effort to institute the Compact Rate having been the first state to begin calculating and reporting a four-year, on-time graduation rate beginning with the class of 1996. “The Compact Rate gives us and the rest of the nation a true apples-to-apples comparison of graduation rates in every state,” Scott said. “With the Compact Rate we have a clear idea of the numbers of students

completing high school on-time within the four-year window. Early on Texas realized that reporting a solid, concise graduation rate was important,” he said. Of the Texas students who did not-graduate within four years, 7.2 percent continued in high school the fall after their expected ‘graduation date, 1.3 percent received GED certificates, and 7.3 percent dropped out. Students who continue high school in the fall after their expected graduation date or receive a GED are not considered graduates in the Compact Rate. The Compact Rate differs from other graduation rates in two critical ways: (1) the data is comprised of graduates who receive regular or advanced diplomas within four years of entering ninth grade, and (2) the Compact Rate is derived from actual student-level data, rather than the estimated student counts used to calculate measures such as leaver and attrition rates.

Veterans Post By **Freddy Groves**

VA gets personal

If you are enrolled in the Veterans Affairs health care system, you’re due to receive a personalized Health Benefits Handbook with all of your information in it. The handbooks, which started rolling out in February, are being sent according to priority group, with Group 1 being the first to receive the handbooks. When you receive yours, read it and file it in a safe place (remember, it has your personal information in it). The handbooks are full of information you need about your benefits, including:

- Co-pays;
- How to make an appointment;
- How to communicate with your clinical team; and
- Medications you are taking at the time, as well as eyeglass prescriptions, nursing home information, dental benefits, specialized transportation, medical travel benefits and much more.

You’ll also find information about coordinating your health care, your rights as a patient, getting care outside the VA, pharmacy services, telephone numbers for your preferred facility and more. By next year, all 8.5 million health-care veterans will have received the handbooks. Be sure to check yours carefully because the information is personalized for you and contains your private information. If it’s wrong, you need to speak up because it means something is incorrect somewhere in the system. If any information is wrong, contact the VA immediately. This could be the spelling of your name, your preferred VA facility, benefits you know you’re eligible for – no matter what it is, call and have it corrected. To learn more about the coming handbook, go online to www.va.gov/healthbenefits/vhbh or call the VA at 1-877-222-VETS (8387). Give it time to get the booklets out in order of priority, but if you’re in the first batch and months pass without receiving the booklet, give the VA a call.

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Compact Graduation Rate for the Class of 2010				
Four year on-time graduation rate. Region 19 includes the nine school districts in El Paso County.				
Reg/Districts	All students	Black	Hispanic	White
Region 19	80.7 %	83.2	80.0	85.5
El Paso	78.3	81.1	76.3	87.6
Ysleta	83.8	93.9	82.8	93.1
Socorro	86.8	88.5	86.8	85.3
Clint	78.7	90.9	77.9	92.9
Canutillo	79	**	80.4	60.0
Fabens	88.0	**	95.4	13.3
San Elizario	85.0	**	85.0	**
Tornillo	82.9	**	84.0	**
Anthony	89.4	**	88.9	**
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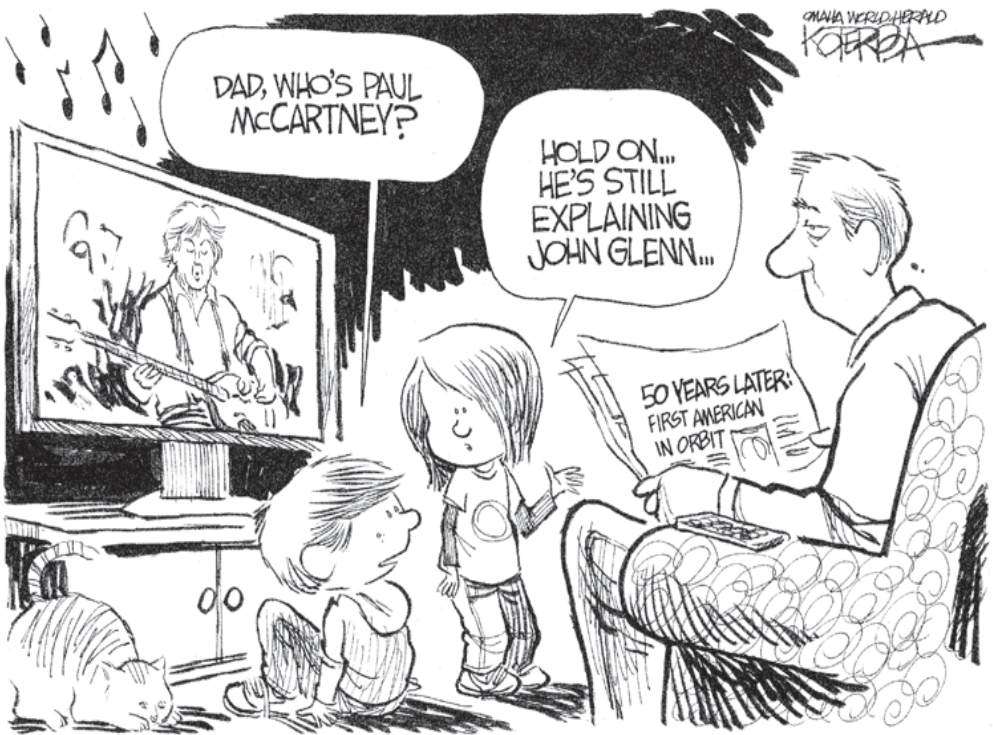
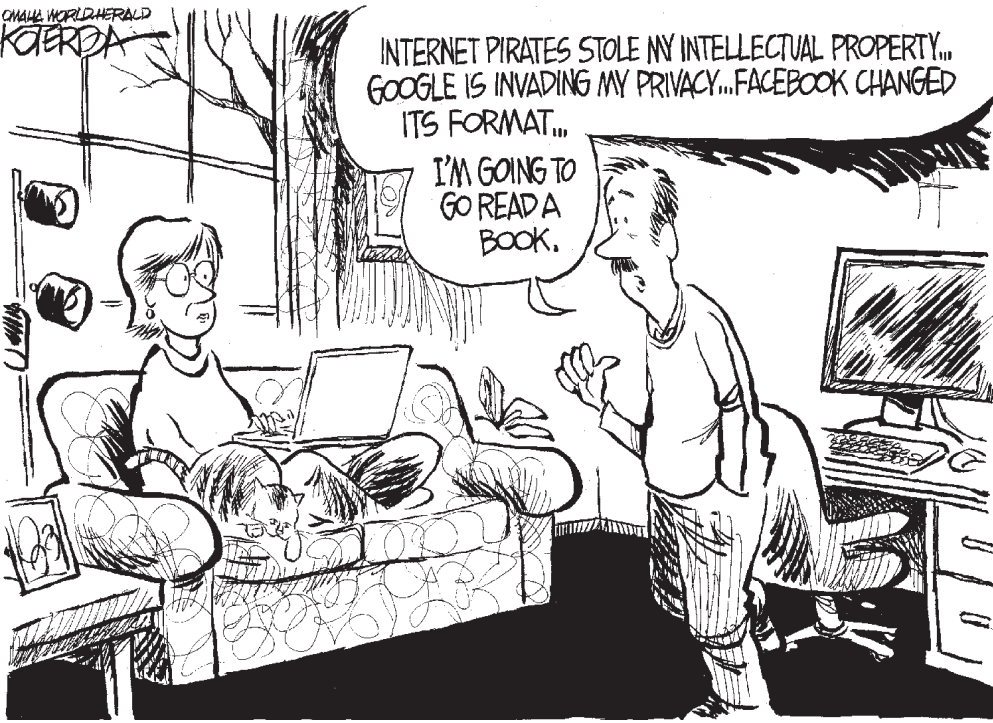
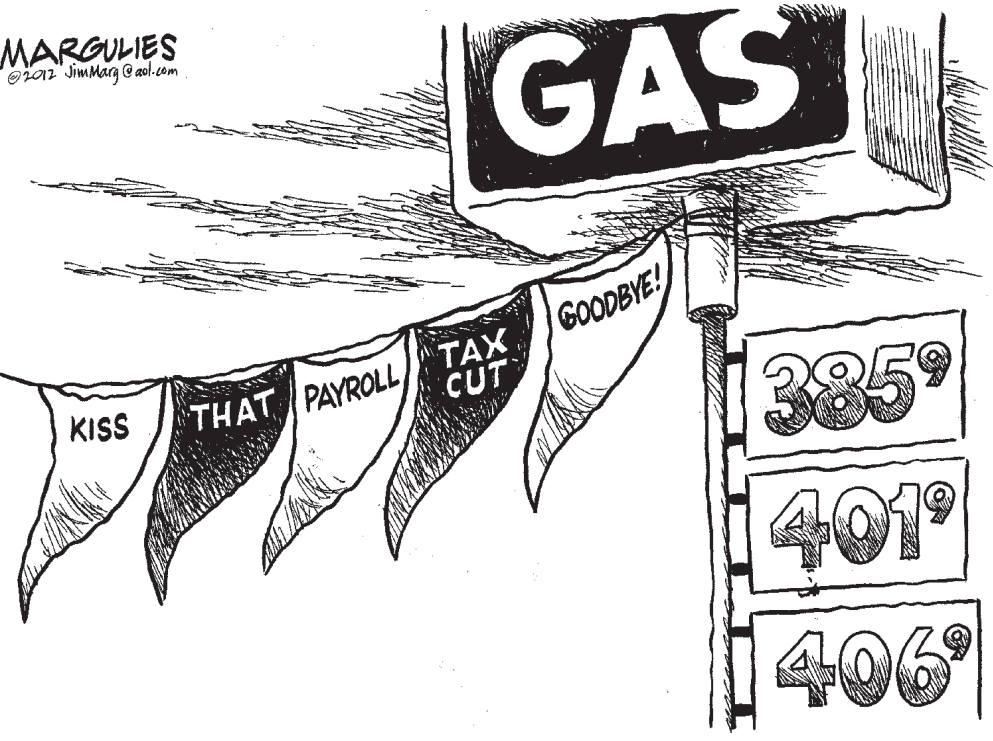
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Por la Gente

By State Rep. Chente Quintanilla

Tax amnesty is bad idea

Hola, mi gente. The state comptroller issued a public notice that a business tax amnesty will be in place from June 12 through August 17, 2012. The amnesty is actually for penalties and interest that are levied for delinquent taxes.

It sure sounds exciting that the state can expect to collect tens of millions of dollars that businesses did not pay as required by state law. I just wonder why it even exists.

Sure, there is a solid incentive to pay the delinquent taxes. But why are the taxes delinquent?

When you go to a business and pay them money, do you hold back on paying the taxes? No, that does not happen if you want the product.

You are given a receipt that shows the items you bought, the cost for each and then, in a separate entry, the tax that you had to pay. There is no mystery about how much the tax was.

In the last such event, which is called Fresh Start, the comptroller boasted that an incredible \$100 million dollars in delinquent taxes. Sales taxes that were collected totaled \$47 million.

The question is: Why are these sales taxes not being paid and why are scofflaws being rewarded by avoiding penalties? As I wrote before, if a sales tax is owed, it is because a law abiding Texan paid it for services or products. There is no figuring a percentage of a payment at the end of the year, the tax is figured at the moment of sale.

There should be no amnesty for any business that fails to pay the sales taxes to the state. The comptroller should maintain the record of a business that is delinquent. There should be elevating penalties for those who are repeat offenders.

The \$47 million the comptroller collected in 2007 stayed in the accounts of those businesses earning interest. Those businesses benefited by not paying the taxes timely; and then the comptroller compounded that by not assessing penalties.

I wish the state government were that easy on all of us. Have you ever been ticketed for an expired license or inspection sticker a year later and had your fines waived? Of course not.

The comptroller's office uses revenues from interest and penalty to finance a portion of its budget. By granting the amnesty, the comptroller is essentially adding to the budget shortfalls. Even if it is a very small amount, the amnesty causes money to be diverted from other programs in order to cover the shortfall. That is irresponsible action by the elected official in charge of our revenue collection.

The 2007 amnesty also collected \$46 million in franchise taxes that were delinquent. I can't blame businesses on that one. The conservative leadership created such a confusing method of figuring a business's tax liability when the law was passed creating it.

You may recall the franchise tax was created to fill in the shortfall when school property tax rates were reduced by 1/3. That tax has never generated the projected revenues for our schools. The deficit has lingered around a \$2 billion level.

That reason should be enough to be stricter on penalizing delinquent businesses instead of granting amnesties.

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



HIGH PRAISE – FBI Director Robert S. Mueller, III recognized El Paso Assistant County Attorney Gabriella Edwards with the “2011 Director’s Community Leadership Award” in a ceremony held March 16 in Washington DC.

Edwards commended for community work

By Elhiu Dominguez
Special to the Courier

EL PASO COUNTY – El Paso Assistant County Attorney Gabriella Edwards was one of 58 recognized during the Federal Bureau of Investigation's (FBI) “Director’s Community Leadership Awards.” FBI Director Robert S. Mueller, III presented the award to Edwards on March 16, 2012 at FBI Headquarters

Washington DC. Recipients, selected by their area FBI field offices, have made outstanding contributions to their local communities and demonstrated a commitment to improving the lives of their neighbors.

“You are all determined to create a safer world for our children. You are all dedicated to protecting our neighborhoods from crime and violence. Just as important, you are all



– Photo courtesy Socorro ISD

GAME WITH HEART – Benito Martinez Elementary faculty and staff, right, played two basketball games versus a team of administrators from the SISD’s District Service Center, left. The basketball games raised funds to purchase uniforms for Benito Martinez special education students who participated in the district’s annual James Butler Spring Games on March 15.

Basketball games raise money for special education athletes

By Christy Flores-Jones
Special to the Courier

March Madness hit early at Benito Martinez Elementary School as students, faculty and staff packed the gymnasium on March 9 to watch two thrilling basketball games. The games were part of a school fundraiser for Benito Martinez students that participated in the James Butler Spring Games on March 15 at the Socorro ISD Student Activities Complex.

“This became a really big event and it was a great opportunity to bring the kids together,” said Benito Martinez Principal Denise Strong. “We have a population of students who are going to the Special Olympics and I think it is really important to support them.”

Benito Martinez faculty and staff formed the team who played against a team of staff

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NOTICE OF CONFIRMATION ELECTION, DIRECTOR ELECTION, BOND ELECTION, REFUNDING BOND ELECTION, OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE TAX ELECTION, AND SPECIAL CONTRACT ELECTION

TO THE DULY QUALIFIED RESIDENT ELECTORS OF PASEO DEL ESTE MUNICIPAL UTILITY DISTRICT NO. 8 AND TO ALL OTHER INTERESTED PARTIES:

Notice is hereby given that Paseo del Este Municipal Utility District No. 8 (the “District”) will hold an election within the District on Saturday, the 12th day of May, 2012, between the hours of 7 a.m. and 7 p.m., at 13253 East Lake Blvd., El Paso, Texas, for the purposes of confirmation of creation of the district; electing five (5) members of the Board of Directors of the District; authorizing the issuance of bonds of the District; authorizing the issuance of refunding bonds for the District; authorizing the levy of a tax on taxable property within the District for operation and maintenance purposes; and authorizing the levy of a tax on taxable property within the District for the purpose of making payments related to a special contract between the District and Paseo del Este Municipal Utility District No. 1.

The election is being held by order of the Board of Directors of the District. Voting in said election shall be by the use of paper ballots which shall conform to the requirements of the Texas Election Code. The boundaries of the District are hereby designated as and shall constitute one election precinct and the following persons are hereby appointed officers of said election:

Presiding Judge:	Jose Lares
Alternate Presiding Judge:	[To be named, if possible]
Clerk:	[To be named, if possible]

Early voting in the election by personal appearance shall occur on each day from April 30, 2012, through May 8, 2012, which is not a Saturday, a Sunday, or an official State holiday. The early voting clerk shall be Jose Lares, and the place at which early voting shall be conducted is 13253 East Lake Blvd., El Paso, Texas, Jose Lares is appointed judge of the early voting board and he/she may appoint two clerks to assist.

The early voting clerk’s mailing address to which ballot applications and ballots to be voted by mail may be sent is to Freeman & Corbett, 8500 Bluffstone Cove, Suite B-104, Austin, Texas, 78759. The early voting clerk shall keep the early voting place open from 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m., on each day for early voting which is not a Saturday, a Sunday, or an official state holiday.

The election shall be held and conducted and returns made to the Board of Directors of the District in accordance with the Texas Election Code, as modified by Chapters 49 and 54, Texas Water Code.

All qualified resident electors of the District shall be entitled to vote in the election.

BY ORDER OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS.

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AVISO DE ELECCIÓN DE CONFIRMACIÓN, ELECCIÓN DE DIRECTORES, ELECCIÓN DE BONOS, ELECCIÓN DE BONOS DE REEMBOLSO, ELECCIÓN DE IMPUESTO DE OPERACIÓN Y MANTENIMIENTO Y ELECCIÓN DE CONTRATO ESPECIAL

A LOS VOTANTES CALIFICADOS, RESIDENTES DEL DISTRITO DE SERVICIOS PÚBLICOS MUNICIPALES Nro. 8 DE PASEO DEL ESTE Y A TODAS LAS DEMÁS PARTES INTERESADAS:

Se notifica por el presente que el Distrito de Servicios Públicos Municipales Nro. 8 de Paseo del Este (el “Distrito”) celebrará una elección dentro del Distrito el sábado 12 de mayo de 2012, en el horario de 7:00 a.m. a 7:00 p.m. en 13253 East Lake Blvd., El Paso, Texas, con el fin de confirmar la creación del Distrito; elegir cinco (5) miembros de la Junta Directiva del Distrito; autorizar la emisión de bonos del Distrito; autorizar la emisión de bonos de reembolso del Distrito; autorizar la imposición de un impuesto sobre propiedad gravable dentro del Distrito con fines de operación y mantenimiento; y autorizar la imposición de un impuesto sobre propiedad gravable dentro del Distrito para efectuar pagos relacionados con el contrato especial entre el Distrito y el Distrito de Servicios Públicos Municipales Nro. 1 de Paseo del Este.

La elección se lleva a cabo por orden de la Junta Directiva del Distrito. La votación en dicha elección será mediante el uso de boletas de votación de papel las cuales cumplirán con los requisitos del Código Electoral de Texas. Por medio del presente los límites del Distrito son designados como un y constituirán un precinto electoral y las siguientes personas son designadas oficiales de dicha elección

Juez Presidiendo	Jose Lares
Juez Sustituto Presidiendo	[A ser nombrado, si es posible]
Secretario	[A ser nombrado, si es posible]

La votación anticipada en persona en las elecciones será todos los días desde el 30 de abril de 2012 hasta el 8 de mayo de 2012, excepto sábados, domingos y días feriado oficiales del estado. El oficial de votación anticipada será Jose Lares, y el lugar en el cual se llevará a cabo la votación anticipada es 13253 East Lake Blvd., El Paso, Texas. Jose Lares es designado como juez del consejo de boletas de votación anticipada quien podrá designar dos funcionarios para que los asistan.

La dirección postal del oficial de votación anticipada a la cual se pueden enviar las solicitudes y las boletas para votar por correo es Freeman & Corbett, 8500 Bluffstone Cove, Suite B-104, Austin, Texas, 78759. El oficial de votación anticipada deberá mantener abierto el lugar de votación anticipada de 2:00 p.m. a 5:00 p.m., cada día de votación anticipada que no sea sábado, domingo ni día feriado oficial del estado.

La elección se llevará a cabo y los resultados serán entregados a la Junta Directiva del Distrito de acuerdo con el Código Electoral de Texas, según modificado por los Capítulos 49 y 54 del Código de Agua de Texas.

Todos los votantes calificados residentes del Distrito tendrán derecho a votar en las elecciones.

POR ORDEN DE LA JUNTA DIRECTIVA.

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Colleges, institutions must rid their ranks of predators

By Steve Escajeda
Special to the Courier

Over the last couple of decade we’ve learned of organizations that... well, let’s just say are not the best environment for young boys.

It’s no secret that some pretty sick individuals have given the Boy Scouts and the Catholic Church some awfully tough PR nightmares.

The crimes have almost always involved sexual abuse and the targets are seemingly always young boys.

What makes these crimes even more deplorable is the fact that they happen in organizations that, on the surface, advance high morals and family values.

But below the surface, these organizations do all they can to cover-up the offenses, putting their own interests and bottom line above the interests of the boys they’ve damaged for life.

First they deny that anything even happened, then they accuse the accusers of lying or misremembering, then they are confronted with overwhelming damaging evidence, and then they admit the crime and tearfully beg for forgiveness.

You would think that all the bad press the scouts and the church have received over the years would scare other entities from indulging in the same behavior.

But another facet of our society, which is also in the business of shaping young men’s lives, has recently developed a reputation for abusing that very trust.

The collegiate sports community was set up to help young adults compete in athletics at their very best while obtaining

a college degree.

Parents all over the country entrust their kids to college coaches and administrators with the expectation that they will be treated fairly and with the utmost dignity.

A growing number of coaches and administrators at certain colleges have only one interest they care about – their own.

We all know about the Jerry Sandusky incident at Penn State. His sexual abuse and the attempted cover-up cost Joe Paterno his job.

It also cost the school president and athletic director their jobs, because they did absolutely nothing about the scandal until it was way out of hand.

Then there was the Bernie Fine case at Syracuse.

The head basketball coach Jim Boeheim quickly accused the accusers of lying for financial gain and virtually guaranteeing everyone that his assistant coach was innocent.

But when overwhelming evidence came out again Fine, an embarrassed Boeheim found himself recanting his previous statements.

Now there is news out of the University of Wisconsin-Madison, that John Chadima, the school’s recent former assistant athletic director, was involved in sexual improprieties with young men.

Chadima was suspended and then resigned in January after a male student employee accused him of sexual assault at a pre-Rose Bowl party in December.

Two other males have also come forward, accusing Chadima of the same kind of thing. One of the accusers is a former football player.

Chadima was with the college for 20

years and was the director of football operations from 1990 to 1997 and again from 2000 to 2003.

I’ll always give a person the benefit of the doubt, but so many times a person accused of a crime gives what the movie *All The President’s Men* made famous: a non-denial-denial.

In other words, a kind of fake denial that never involves the words, “I didn’t do it.”

Here’s Chadima’s non-denial-denial.

In a statement released through his lawyer, Chadima said he has “struggled to address anonymous allegations of matters about which I have no specific recollection.”

“No specific recollection.” I can pretty much guarantee you that if I had NEVER sexually molested a young man – I would remember that.

And Chadima never says that he didn’t do it – period.

So how prevalent is this problem in the world of sports?

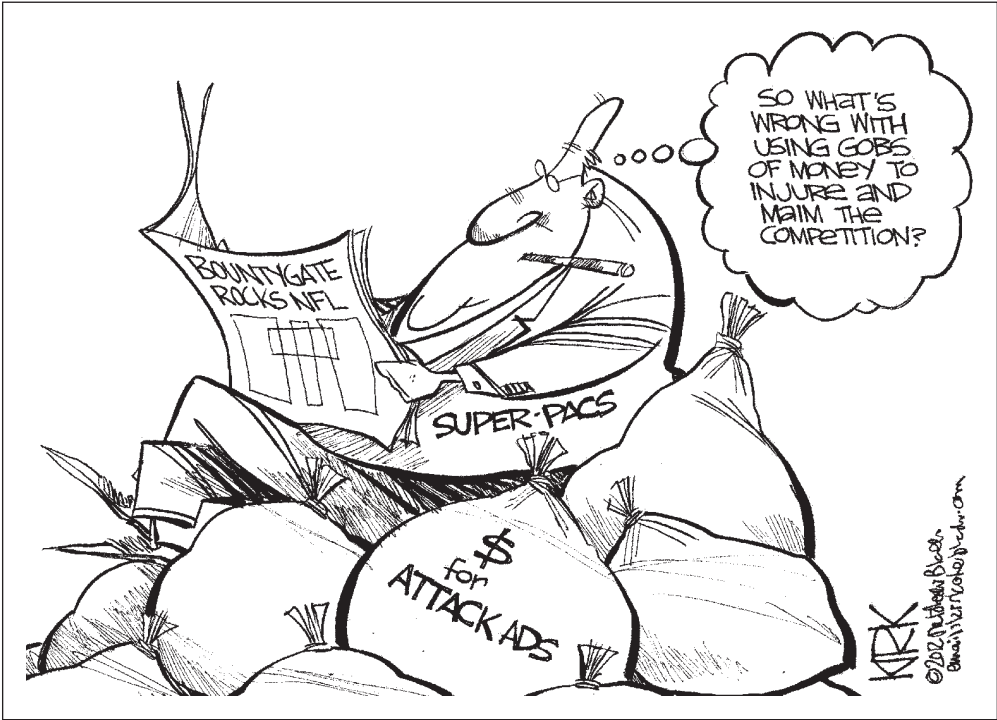
There are the allegations against Tennis Hall of Famer Bob Hewitt, 71, who is accused to molesting girls he coached as far back as the 1970s, some as young as 10.

There is Don Peters, who coached the 1984 USA women’s gymnastics team. Two athletes said he sexually abused them as girls.

USA Swimming announced in 2010, that it has come to light that many of their coaches had been sexually abusing kids for decades.

Even Sugar Ray Leonard, the 1976 gold medal winning boxer, admitted to being molested by an assistant Olympic coach.

Sadly, the list goes on and on and on and...



A sporting view By Mark Vasto

Year of the workout

The Lombardi trophy hadn’t even made it into the Giants’ trophy case before the 2012 NFL season was foisted upon the nation. Bounty hunters, salary caps, free agency and last-minute draft moves dominated the sports section during February and March. Oh... and that guy Peyton Manning made a few headlines, too.

Yes, even teams like the Indianapolis Colts can say goodbye to a legend, as they did when they released the MVP quarterback last month. With that move, the Colts made it clear that the first-round

draft pick will be former Stanford quarterback Andrew Luck.

Luck is a known commodity. The two-time Heisman Trophy runner-up certainly appears to be a viable NFL starter, but there is always room for doubt (see: Ryan Leaf). However, the real question mark resides in a grainy YouTube video taken through a hole in a fence at Duke University last month.

“What a ball,” says the unknown filmmaker as Manning appears to unleash a 60-yard bomb to an unnamed receiver.

Scratch that... the receiver was

apparently his former teammate Brandon Stokely. And Stokely likes what he sees.

“I saw him for three days at Duke, and he was the only quarterback, and he threw a ton of balls for three straight practices, and the guy looked to me like he did when I was there six years ago,” Stokely told the L.A. Times. “People who say the Broncos are crazy for not watching his balls fly, or what are they doing? Those people are dead wrong. I’ll put whatever reputation I have on the line behind that guy right now. He looks great.”

So the question then becomes, well, why isn’t Manning working out for teams? The answer – as any one of us signed to multi-year, million-dollar contracts can attest – is because he literally doesn’t want

to show his hand. If Manning were to perform poorly at a workout for, say, the Denver Broncos, and the Broncos decide to take a flyer on him, the word would quickly spread around the league that Manning was damaged goods.

Manning is, by all accounts, one of the “good guys” in the NFL (he certainly was the funniest “Saturday Night Live” guest host in sports history). It would appear unlikely that he would simply take some unwitting team’s money and ride out the contract from the cozy confines of the bench. But Manning wouldn’t be the first athlete to let his ego get in the way, to simply ignore or choose not to believe that his best days were behind him, his skills deteriorated to the point of no return.

Meanwhile, Andrew Luck seems

to have his head on straight, as his monologue in the latest Nike commercial exhibits.

“You can’t decide if you get picked first or second or which cities fans will wear your jersey,” Luck says in the commercial. “You don’t know if you will be surrounded by veterans or throwing to other rookies. You can’t tell if teams see a gamble or their future franchise quarterback. You don’t have a crystal ball. So people will tell you that all you can do is wait, but you know better, and you ignore them and do what you’ve always done, you make your luck.”

Unlike Manning, we’ll see if that works out.

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Briefs

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it took about the same time for a combat tracker to find it. A City of Socorro Police Department officer used his military training as a combat tracker in Afghanistan and Iraq to bust Felix Reyes, 41. Reyes had hotwired the Bobcat, valued at about \$20,000, at a construction site on Alameda. He drove through two fences to get it off the property.

The officer tracked him down Alameda St. by picking up the tracks several places where the would-be thief wandered off the pavement on to the shoulder. The officer managed to figure out where Reyes crossed



Felix Reyes

a canal behind a business on Alameda and tracked the Bobcat over a steel pallet bridge and into the yard of a house. He followed the tracks into an open yard where he found the Bobcat stashed behind a stack of hay bales. Reyes was accused of Theft of Property and was booked into the El Paso County Jail Annex.

– David Garcia

Crime Stoppers

On two different occasions a suspect robs the same convenience store in the same manner, threatening the clerks with a knife, and making this the Crime Stoppers “Crime of the Week.” On Monday night Nov. 28, 2011, about 8:30 p.m., the suspect entered the Circle N store at 537 E. Vinton in Vinton, purchased a beer and left. He returned a few minutes later and went directly to the cashier with a knife, demanding money from the cash register and lottery tickets. He then put the employee in the store’s freezer, and fled. The suspect was wearing blue jeans,

black jacket, and a hoodie. On Thursday, Dec. 1, 2011, the same suspect returned to the same store, bought a beer and left. He returned in a few minutes, going directly to the cashier with a knife and demanded money and lottery tickets. The suspect put the employee in a storeroom and fled. It is known that there were other customers in and out of the store before and after both robberies. Investigators from the El Paso County Sheriff’s Office are asking the public for help in identifying or providing better descriptions of the suspect, and possibly a vehicle description if any. If you have any information at all about this case, please call Crime Stoppers at 566-TIPS (566-8477) or on-line at www.crimestoppersofelpaso.org. You can remain anonymous and, if your tip leads to an arrest, you can qualify for a cash reward.

– James Klaes

Wanted

Rosa Maria Arroyos, 48, is this week’s

Manhunt Monday Most Wanted Fugitive. She also uses Rosa Maria Velasquo. She is 5’4” tall, weighs 160 pounds and has brown hair and eyes. In February 2009 she was sentenced to a 20-year prison sentence and a \$10,000 fine for dealing drugs after fleeing during the trial. Arroyos has been not been seen since. New information received indicates Arroyos has remained or has returned to El Paso where she is hiding with friends or relatives. If anyone has seen or has any information on the whereabouts of Arroyos they can contact Crime Stoppers at 566-TIPS (8477). Callers will remain anonymous and may be eligible for a reward if the information provided leads to the apprehension of Arroyos.



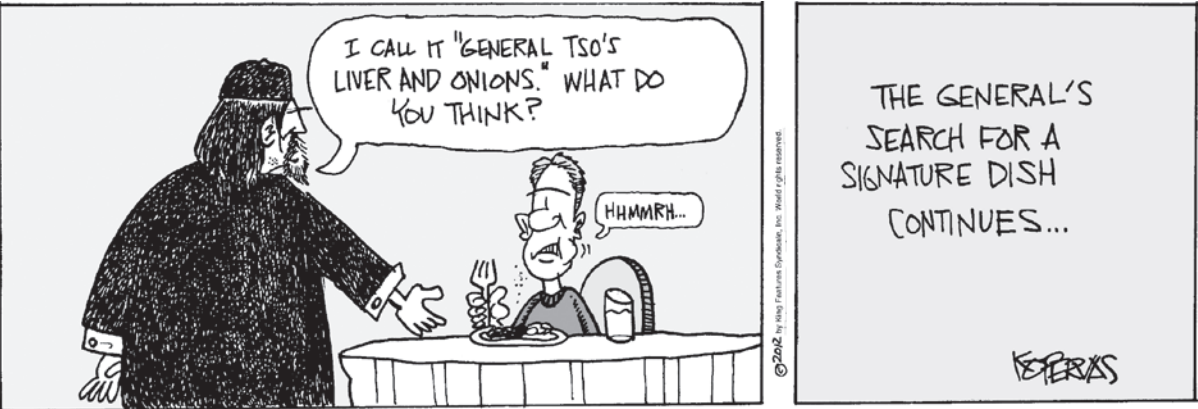
Rosa Arroyos

– Deputy Jesse Tovar

Comix

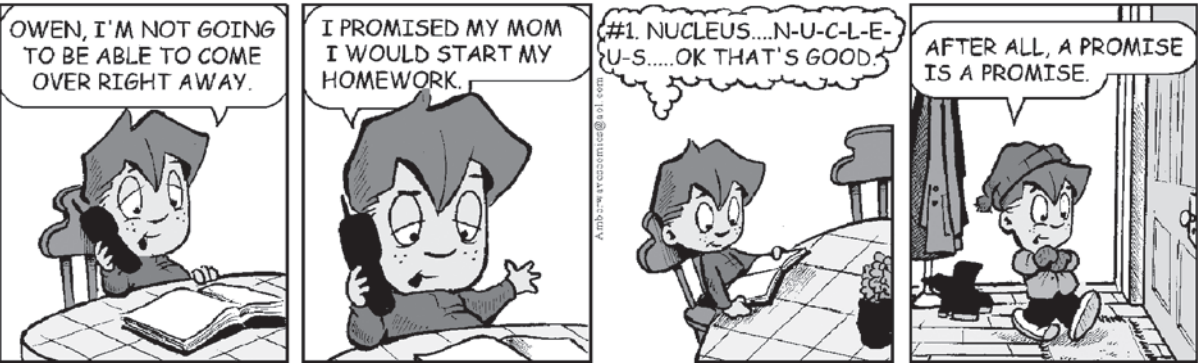
OUT ON A LIMB

By Gary Kopervas



AMBER WAVES

By Dave T. Phipps



THE SPATS

By Jeff Pickering



R.F.D.

By Mike Marland



Your good health

By Paul G. Donahue, M.D.

DEAR DR. DONOHUE: How does one eliminate dandruff? I have had it for months and have tried many, many shampoos without making any progress. I can't wear a dark suit coat. I look like I've just come in from a snow blizzard. Please give me some sort of program that I can follow. – H.H.

Dandruff's official name is seborrheic (SEB-uh-REE-ik) dermatitis. "Dermatitis" indicates skin inflammation. Seborrhea is an overproduction of oil, sebum. Many with dandruff deny they have an oily scalp. They say their scalp is dry. That can be the case, but seborrheic dermatitis flourishes on skin with an abundance of oil glands. The scalp is one of those places, but not the only place. The flakes that land on your shoulders are sloughed-off skin cells. Dandruff usually is quite itchy. Scratching dislodges the dead skin cells. A yeast with the name *Malassezia* contributes to the problem. It's probably not the actual cause, but it aids and abets the dandruff process.

I'm sure you have tried many shampoos. Let me suggest ones that contain salicylic acid, zinc or selenium. Scalpicin, Head and Shoulders and Selsun Blue are three brand names. There are others. The way you use the shampoo is as important as your choice of shampoo. Wash your hair daily with one of these products. Massage it into your scalp, and let the shampoo remain on your scalp for five minutes. Do this for a minimum of three weeks. If you have an improvement, you can cut back on your shampooing to every other day.

If there has been no improvement, then get a shampoo that attacks the *Malassezia* yeast. Nizoral A-D (1 percent ketoconazole) is a brand name you can find easily. Do the daily shampoo drill with one of these for three weeks.

If after all this you still have dandruff, you need a doctor's intervention. The doctor can prescribe more powerful agents, ones that have cortisone that can calm the inflamed skin.

DEAR DR. DONOHUE: My husband has just been told he has spasmodic dystonia. He has had two Botox injections. They made it worse at first but then better. Friends and family have never heard of it. Would you give us an explanation of it in layman's terms? – T.W.

Spasmodic dysphonia messes up the voice. People often believe they have laryngitis from a virus. They don't; they have a cramping of the muscles that control their vocal cords. Their voices crack while saying a word, or become weak and breathy, or sound as though they are being choked. Sometimes it seems like the affected person has developed a stutter. The condition usually arises between the ages of 30 and 50. Its cause is unknown.

An ear, nose and throat doctor can make a diagnosis by viewing the affected person's vocal cords and seeing how they are misbehaving. Botox can put an end to the vocal muscles' spasms. Treatment lasts for about three months, and then another injection is given.

Contact the National Spasmodic Dystonia Association (www.dysphonia.org or 800-795-6732) for detailed information and for notifications of any new treatments.

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) 2012 North America Synd., Inc. All Rights Reserved.

Super Crossword

SELF-POSSESSED

- ACROSS
- 1 Myron Floren's boss
- 5 Malcolm _ Warner
- 10 Priam's kingdom
- 14 Daddy duck
- 19 Adams or Sedgwick
- 20 Napoleon's fate
- 21 Something to skip?
- 22 De Valera of Ireland
- 23 Start of a remark by Dan Post
- 26 Rectify
- 27 Sprinted
- 28 Part of a suit
- 29 Pastoral poem
- 30 Sherbet flavor
- 31 Norm
- 32 Rib _
- 34 One of "Them!"
- 35 Dirty
- 37 Part 2 of remark
- 45 Colleague of Dolly and Loretta
- 46 Mature
- 47 Peachy-keen
- 48 Plumb crazy
- 49 "Maria _" ('41 song)
- 51 College growth
- 52 Before, to Byron
- 53 Mendicant monk
- 54 Utter

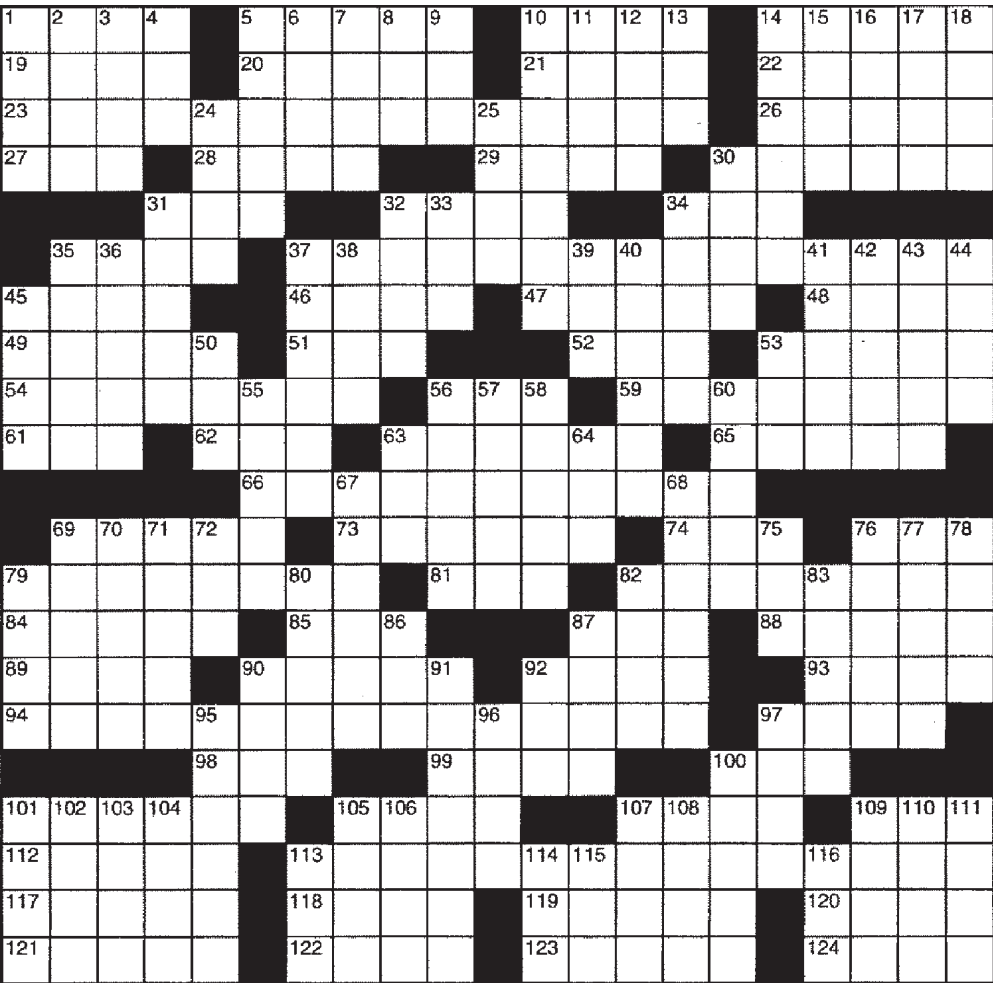
- 56 See 90 Across
- 59 Dispute
- 61 Pigment
- 62 Hibachi residue
- 63 Oaf
- 65 "Love _ the Ruins" ('75 film)
- 66 Part 3 of remark
- 69 "I Got a Name" singer
- 73 Add info
- 74 Mil. group
- 76 Genesis vessel
- 79 "Little _" ('64 hit)
- 81 "Be my guest!"
- 82 God with a trident
- 84 Storms
- 85 _ Dinh Diem
- 87 Paw part
- 88 Jergens or Astaire
- 89 Field of knowledge
- 90 With 56 Across, common appetizer
- 92 Chimney part
- 93 Duel tool
- 94 Part 4 of remark
- 97 Domino or Waller
- 98 Herriot title start
- 99 "Excuse me"
- 100 Western st.
- 101 Mugabe of Zimbabwe
- 105 Whetstone
- 107 Out of control
- 109 She's a sheep date
- 112 Venerate
- 113 End of remark

- 117 "The Kiss" sculptor
- 118 One of the Waughs
- 119 "East of Eden" director
- 120 Imminent
- 121 Upright
- 122 Michael of "Cabaret"
- 123 Unkempt
- 124 "Vissi d' _" ("Tosca" aria)
- DOWN
- 1 Sport
- 2 O'Brien or Skinner
- 3 Mortgage, e.g.
- 4 Beer barrel
- 5 Baseball's Derek
- 6 Shaft
- 7 Freshen a fuchsia
- 8 Cover girl Carol
- 9 Kapaa keepsake
- 10 Auto transaction
- 11 Actress Schneider
- 12 Fall birthstone
- 13 Craving
- 14 Lack
- 15 _ Lama Ding Dong" ('61 tune)
- 16 Prayer finale
- 17 Hong _
- 18 "The NeverEnding Story" author
- 24 _ Office
- 25 Regret audibly
- 30 In the know
- 31 Nero's instrument

- 32 Duplicate
- 33 Savored the seitan
- 34 Fall flower
- 35 David of "Dark Shadows"
- 36 Too tubby
- 37 Twist and turn
- 38 Bee flat?
- 39 Born
- 40 You'll get a kick out of it
- 41 Texas landmark
- 42 Symbol
- 43 Buttercream, e.g.
- 44 Laramie or Sumter
- 45 Devour
- Dostoevsky
- 50 _ carte
- 53 "Fee, Fi, Fo, _..."
- 55 Leading man?
- 56 Container
- 57 Arm bones
- 58 Annie of "Designing Women"
- 60 Jets and Sharks
- 63 Opening
- 64 UK honor
- 67 Delayed
- 68 Worn down
- 69 Cugat consort
- 70 Mississippi or Missouri
- 71 New York city
- 72 Bk. offerings
- 75 It's in the bag
- 76 Skilled
- 77 Romeo and Juliet
- 78 Banjo locale

- 79 Grouch
- 80 Register
- 82 Hogan or Hindemith
- 83 Perfect
- 86 Word with baby or snake
- 87 Horner's fruit
- 90 Sensed
- 91 New Jersey town
- 92 Adversary
- 95 One who no's best?
- 96 "What a relief!"
- 97 Charlatan
- 100 Uncool
- 101 Hard to find
- 102 Miasma
- 103 Portend
- 104 Rohmer or Carmen
- 105 Sign of sanctity
- 106 "Glad All _" ('64 hit)
- 107 Carpenter's tool
- 108 Knight's quaff
- 109 Kind of pitcher
- 110 "Huh?"
- 111 Bronte heroine
- 113 Horse hash
- 114 Endorses
- 115 Duncan's denial
- 116 "Jurassic Park" stuff

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TRUE TEXAS FACTS *by Roger Moore* July 13, 1944, Bombers from Biggs Field in El Paso accidentally dump their dummy bombs on Sierra Blanca.



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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	+		÷		4
3		9		6	

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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: **S** equals **E**

BXHI DR ROS QXLDQ

QWAPSNUDNB, ROSU PSVDI

WFZIV ROSZN ISH AXRRX "LXAS

FSS, LXAS FDH!"

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Social Security Q&A By Ray Vigil

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

A: It can, depending on how much you make. We have special rules called "work incentives" that help you keep your cash benefits and Medicare while you test your ability to work. For example, there is a trial work period during which 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. For more information about work incentives, we recommend that you read the leaflet, Working While Disabled-How We Can Help, at www.socialsecurity.gov/pubs/10095.html.

Q: Is it true that a person can own a home and still be eligible for Supplemental Security Income (SSI) benefits?

A: Yes, a person who owns a home and lives in that home can be eligible for SSI benefits. SSI is for people who are disabled, aged, or blind and who have limited income and resources. However, there are some items we do not count as resources, such as the home you live in. For more information, read our booklet, Supplemental Security Income, at www.socialsecurity.gov/pubs/11000.html.

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 simply 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. Learn more about Social Security at www.socialsecurity.gov.

Q: Is there a time limit on Social Security disability benefits?

A: Your disability benefits will continue as long as your medical condition has not improved and you cannot work. We will review your case at regular intervals to make sure you are still disabled. Learn more by reading our publication, Disability Benefits, at www.socialsecurity.gov/pubs/10029.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.

STRANGE BUT TRUE

By Samantha Weaver

• It was Irish playwright George Bernard Shaw who made the following sage observation: "A government that robs Peter to pay Paul can always depend on the support of Paul."

• We're all familiar with the act of CPR – we often see a film or television character come to the rescue and save a life using the technique. And on TV, according to a recent study, CPR is shown as being successful 75 percent of the time. The reality is not quite so rosy, though. A study conducted in 2010 found that when CPR is used in real life, only about 8 percent of the patients were still alive after one month. Of those who did survive that long, 97 percent couldn't live a normal life.

• Do you suffer from astrophobia? If so, I hope you don't live in Florida. Those who are afraid of lightning would be terrified in the Sunshine State, especially in Tampa, known as the lightning capital of the world.

• Researchers in the United Kingdom have invented a robot that eats slugs and is powered by the gas from the decaying creatures. They have dubbed their creation the SlugBot.

• For six generations, many members of the Fugate family of the Appalachian region of Kentucky have suffered from a rare blood disorder called methemoglobinemia. The disorder seems to have no adverse health effects, but it's not at all difficult to diagnose it at a glance: Sufferers have blue skin. Not just a slight tinge, either; various family members have been described as "blue as Lake Louise," "the bluest woman I ever saw" and "almost purple."

Thought for the Day: "A stockbroker urged me to buy a stock that would triple its value every year. I told him, 'At my age, I don't even buy green bananas.'"

– Claude Pepper

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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

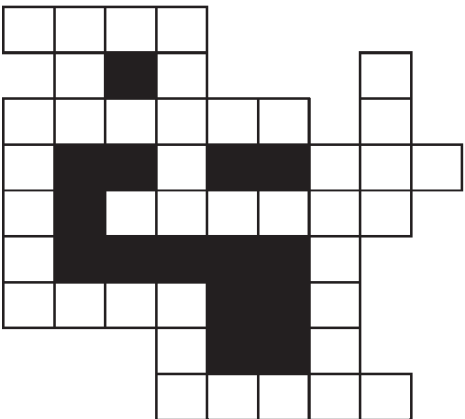
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★★★ HOO BOY!

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EDI
ROAGLE
♥ELNAG
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RIDMAY
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BREEM
ULG
♥SAMIGE
SAYDI
♥EDMA



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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.

