



## NEWSBRIEFS

### Hueco Tanks art

A free tour of the exhibit *Watercolor Paintings of Rock Art at Hueco Tanks* will be presented by Alex Mares at 2 p.m., May 12, at the El Paso Museum of Archeology, 4301 Transmountain Road. Mares will discuss the Apache and other Native American images on the rocks at Hueco Tanks and share his insights and interpretations of the rock art images found at the local state park. Mares was a Hueco Tanks Lead Park Ranger for 15 years and is currently the vice president of Chihuahuan Desert Education Coalition. The watercolor images are provided courtesy of Texas Archaeological Research Laboratory, University of Texas at Austin. For more information, call 915-755-4332, send email to [guidamr@elpasotexas.gov](mailto:guidamr@elpasotexas.gov), or visit webpage at [www.elpasotexas.gov/arch\\_museum/](http://www.elpasotexas.gov/arch_museum/).

— Alfredo Vasquez

### Tree booklet

The Arbor Day Foundation is offering a handy tree-care booklet designed to help people plant and care for trees. Anyone can receive the Conservation Trees booklet simply by making a \$3 donation to the Foundation. Conservation Trees is a user-friendly booklet that features illustrations, colorful photos and easily understood descriptions. The booklet provides details about the right way to plant and prune trees. It also includes tips on using shade trees and windbreaks to save on energy costs, attracting songbirds and creating a living snow fence. To receive the Conservation Trees booklet, send a \$3 check along with your name and address to: Conservation Trees, Arbor Day Foundation, 100 Arbor Ave., Nebraska City, NE 68410, or order online at [arborday.org/conservationtrees](http://arborday.org/conservationtrees).

— Sean Barry

### Wanted

On November 5, 2011 a man was riding his motorcycle, a 2004 Yamaha V-Star on the 10400 block of North Loop in Socorro.



Corona

Evidence shows that Corona was behind the wheel of a white 2000 Hyundai four door car, with Texas tags BR9X580. Inside the car he had three juvenile passengers. When Corona pulled out of the parking lot at 10755 North Loop, he failed to yield the right of way and hit the victim broadside. The victim flew off the bike and landed in the middle of the street. Corona then took off and did not stop to render aid. Corona drove off

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— Quips & Quotes



— Photo courtesy Town of Horizon City

## Taking care of trash

**HORIZON CITY** – Over 180 volunteers participated in the 12th Annual Keep Horizon Beautiful Clean Up Day. On Saturday, April 21, 2012 people donated time and energy to scour the Town of Horizon City and pick up over seven tons of trash and debris from roadways and the desert. Local residents and groups from Boy Scout Troop # 137, Horizon City High School, Mission Early College High School, Ricardo Estrada Jr. High School, Eastlake High School, El Paso Chamber of Commerce and JP #6 Place 2 all pitched in to make the day a success. Many local businesses contributed to the event. They include, Horizon City Wine & Spirits, Subway, Ornelas Tire, Pot Belly Pizza, Walgreens, Dynamix, Tax Service, Lowes, Home Depot, Jan-Car, G&R Turf, Benny & Janet Davis, Dollar General, Jaime Alvarado, Horizon Star Bakery, Pizza Hut, Big Mike's Deli, Little Cesar's Pizza, Valero "The Station", Horizon Vista, Huntington Group, B& C Turf, Gerardo's Jewelry, Allstate Insurance, Domino's Pizza, Fred Loya Insurance and Green Earth Landscaping.

## 3M company gives Sierra Vista Elementary math grant

By Christy Flores-Jones  
Special to the Courier

**SOCORRO ISD** – Sierra Vista Elementary was awarded the 3M Ingenuity Grant and presented an oversized check in honor of the award on April 23 at the school's STAAR rally. Sierra Vista parent and 3M employee, Laura Acevedo, presented the check in the amount of \$3,289, which will go toward math software called "Math Is Not Just A Game. It's Real Life."

Sierra Vista's fifth-grade teachers wrote the grant and were surprised to win the award because it was their first time writing such a proposal, said principal Christine De La Cruz.

"We are excited about the grant," De La Cruz said. "The teachers were in shock when they learned they received it. They are looking forward to writing another one next year."

The 3M Ingenuity Grant is a by-invitation-only grant to public upper elementary or middle schools located in communities with 3M facilities. The grant is to help math and science teachers bring new teaching methods and learning activities to the classroom.

"I hope this will help students grow to love math," Acevedo said. "I know teachers here are very talented, but I really believe this is a really good tool. As an engineer, I realize math can be difficult for students and this tool will help."

The math software will help students in all



— Photo by Christy Flores-Jones / Socorro ISD

**FLOWER POWER FOR MATH** – Sierra Vista Elementary fifth-grade teachers pose with 3M employee Laura Acevedo, second from left, as they are presented a check for a grant to be used for math instruction.

grade levels at the school from first to fifth grade, Acevedo said.

Schools in 20 states have earned a 3M

grant in 2012. The grants total \$395,800 and will serve 22,309 students across the nation, according to the 3M company.

## Guaderrama is confirmed as U.S. District Judge

By Alfredo Vasquez  
Special to the Courier

Campos Guaderrama as U.S. District Judge for the Western District of Texas was

finalized last week, as Senate Democrats and Republicans announced recently an agreement to allow the Senate to vote on 14 federal judicial nominations by May 7. The agreement broke a parliamentary deadlock that has kept some of the nominations bottled

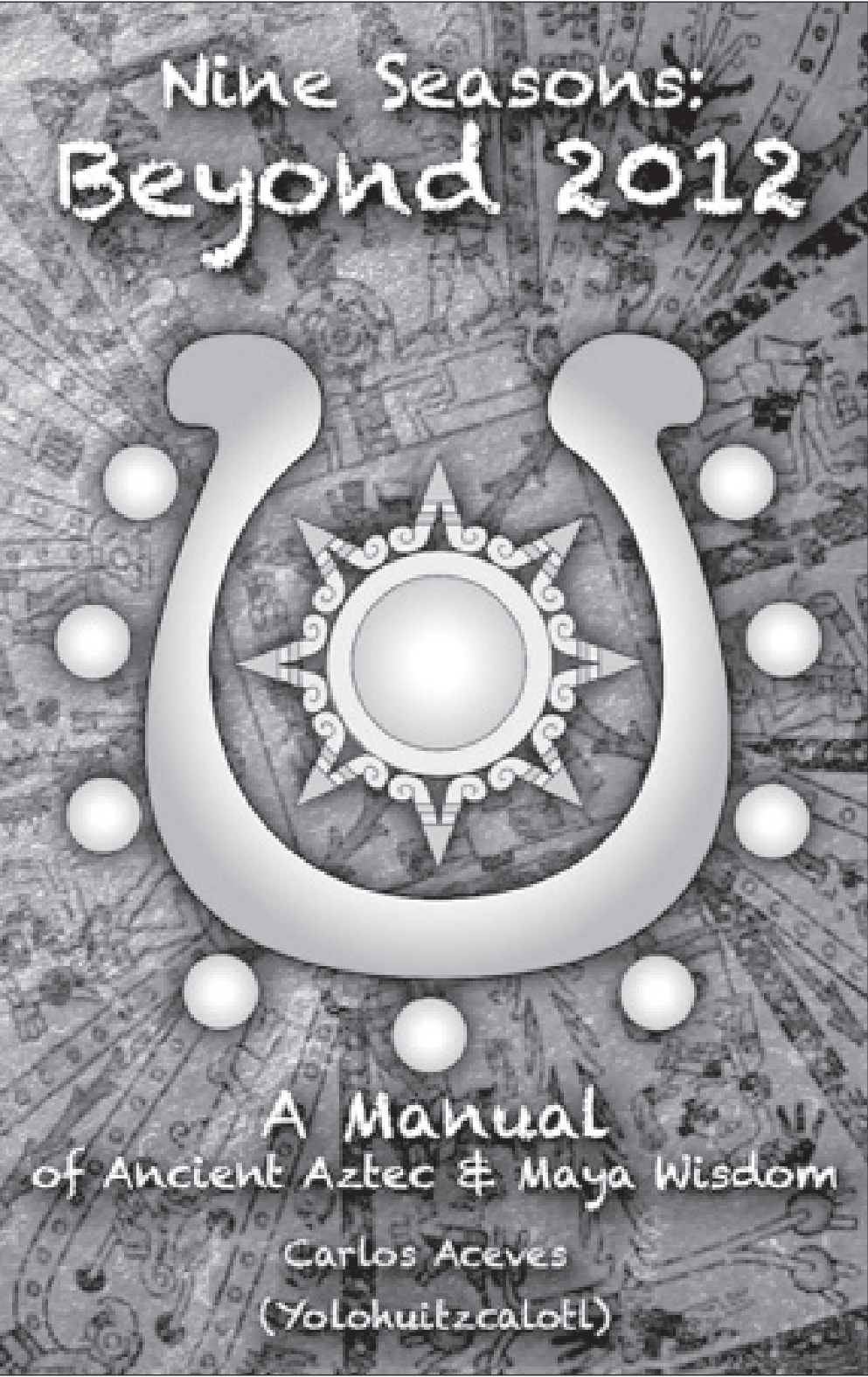
up for the past year.

On September 14, 2011, Barack Obama nominated Guaderrama to be District Judge on the United States District Court for the

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# Carlos Aceves presents Mexicayotl: Living a Natural Reality



Cover design of Carlos Aceves's latest book, *Nine Seasons: Beyond 2012 A Manuel of Ancient Aztec and Mayan Wisdom*. The book presents some of the wisdom that Mesoamerican civilizations acquired a long time ago. The Mesoamerican pedagogy starts with a cuenta or metaphorical count in which numbers are assigned to natural phenomenon as a very simple means of storing knowledge.

Veterans Post

By Freddy Groves

## Help for jobless vets

The VOW to Hire Heroes Act of 2011 has created a new benefit for unemployed veterans, and it gears up in July.

The Veterans Retraining Assistance Program (VRAP) is for unemployed veterans ages 35 to 60 who:

- Don't have a dishonorable discharge;
- Aren't eligible for other education benefits through the Department of Veterans Affairs;
- Don't get compensation for not being employable; and
- Aren't in a federal or state job-training program.

The goal is to get veterans enrolled in VA-approved programs at community colleges or tech schools, aiming toward a degree or certification in a high-demand occupation (from the Department of Labor-approved list). The DoL will provide job assistance upon completion of the program.

Veterans who qualify will get up to 12 months of assistance at a full-time rate, which is now \$1,473 a month. The money will go directly to them, not the school, and they'll need to pay for their own tuition and books.

If you're interested, don't delay. The program will be limited to 45,000 veterans

By Alfredo Vasquez  
Special to the Courier

“We are part of nature, but we have lost our way,” asserts Carlos Aceves, a local educator and author.

To support his assertion, Aceves will show how to re-establish one’s connection to a more natural reality, “one that promotes health, longevity, and spiritual well-being” during his presentation, entitled *Mexicayotl: Living a Natural Reality*, at 2 p.m., Saturday, May 5, at the El Paso Museum of History, 501 N. Santa Fe.

“The nature-based civilizations known as Aztecs and Mayans left for us practical concepts we can integrate into our daily lives. As the saying goes, ‘there are no secrets, only ignored realities’,” Aceves stated.

Aceves’s presentation is in conjunction with the museum’s current exhibit, *Healing Hands and Healing Ways: Traditional Medicine in the Borderlands*, which is co-sponsored by the El Paso Museum of History and the Museo Urbano, a project of the Department of History at UTEP.

Aceves is an elementary bilingual teacher in Canutillo, Texas and director of the Xinachtli Project for the Indigenous Cultures Institute (San Marcos, TX). He has been published in educational journals and has lectured around the country about Xinachtli (Sheen-achtli-tee), an indigenous form of education.

Aceves will be available after the presentation to sign copies of his most recent book, *Nine Seasons: Beyond 2012 A Manuel of Ancient Aztec and Mayan Wisdom*. It is a manual about an indigenous method of combining several disciplines in one activity in order to teach a lesson.

For more information and to reserve a seat, contact Sue Taylor at 915-351-3588 or email at [taylorsl@elpasotexas.gov](mailto:taylorsl@elpasotexas.gov).

Carlos Aceves, born in 1954, has a Bachelor of Arts degree in journalism and a Master of Education in educational psychology. He is a bilingual teacher in Canutillo, Texas and coordinates the Xinachtli Project for the Indigenous Cultures Institute, in San Marcos, Texas. The Xinachtli Project utilizes Mesoamerican pedagogy to teach young children. Aceves has presented at national conferences and various universities and institutions across the country.

## AG’s Opinion clarifies exemption for disabled veterans’ survivors

If your husband or wife was qualified by the Veterans Administration as a 100 percent disabled veteran and the disabled veteran qualified for the homestead exemption under Section 11.131 of the Texas Tax Code, the surviving spouse will also be eligible for the Homestead exemption, according to local State Representative Joe C. Pickett.

Pickett reported last week that the Attorney General’s recent opinion (No. G A - 0 9 1 8 ) clarified justly the new language in Section 11.131 of the Texas Tax Code by stipulating that surviving spouses of 100 percent disabled veterans receive the full homestead tax exemption.

The new amendment approved by Texas voters on November 5, 2011 stated that those survivors who lost their veteran as of January 1, 2012 and later qualified for the full exemption.

To narrow down the list and see the specific occupations under those headings, go online to [benefits.va.gov/vow/education.htm](http://benefits.va.gov/vow/education.htm) and scroll down to click on High Demand Jobs.

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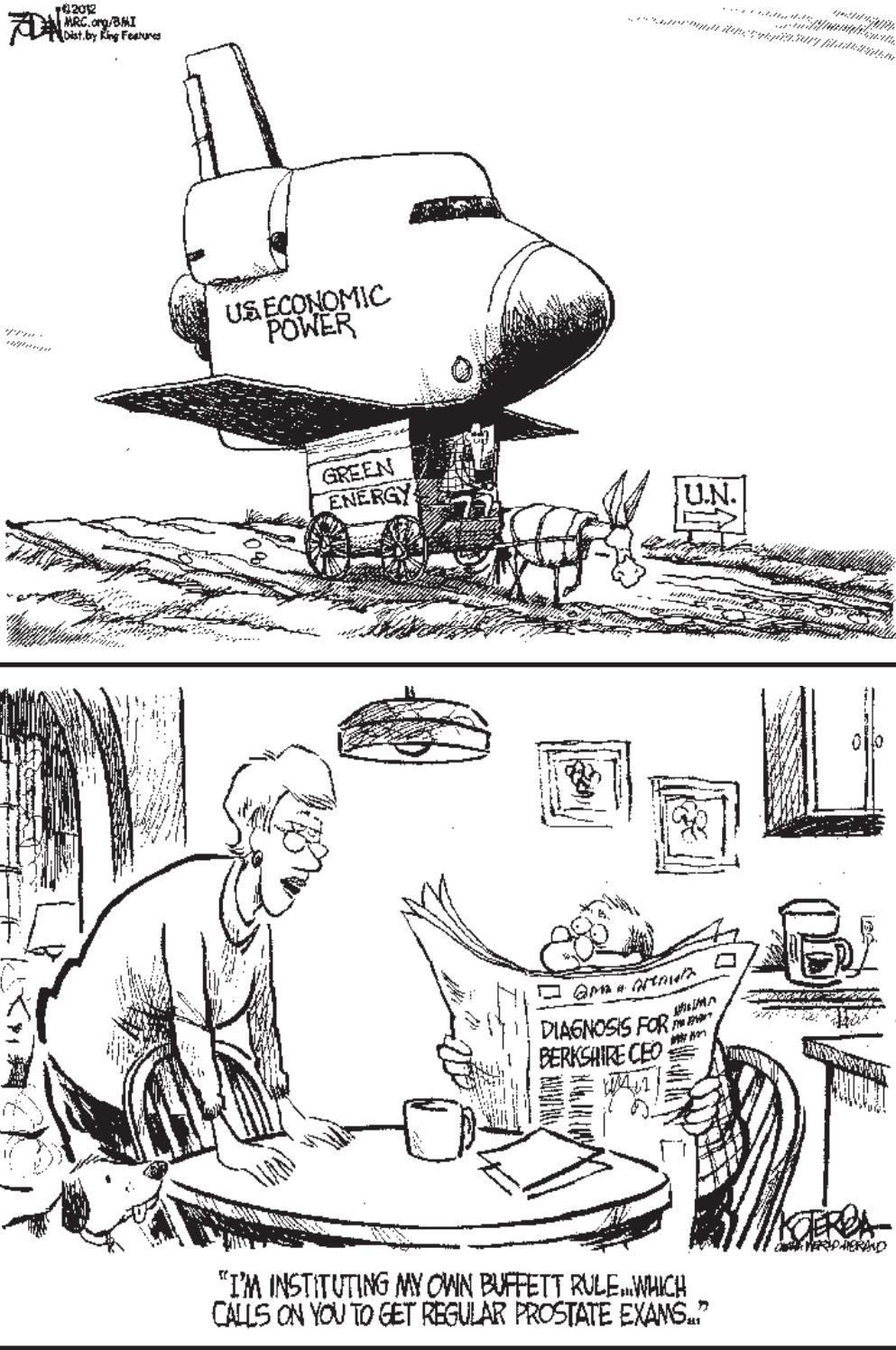
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Por la Gente

By State Rep. Chente Quintanilla

## Dumping is dumping

Hola, mi gente. An April 28 article in the New York Times brought back some memories of similar occurrences here in El Paso during the mid 1990s. All of the pros and cons are identical to those 14 years ago.

You may recall that there was a very big push by big money to open a nuclear waste dump in Sierra Blanca Texas, a short 88 miles from El Paso. Even though the site was rather distant, people in El Paso knew that there would be trucks loaded with nuclear waste driving through the county. There was a very strong effort to stop the dump from being certified and licensed.

One interesting part of the drama that played out in far west Texas was the re-election campaign of then Governor George Bush. Because Texas still had reasonable statewide office holders, Bush had to campaign from the middle. He had to appear sympathetic to the objections of El Pasoans and those who lived in Sierra Blanca.

If the same scenario had played today, you can be sure the conservative leadership would have ignored El Paso and opened the dump in favor of one of their biggest financial contributors.

By 1996/97, it was becoming obvious that Governor Bush had his eyes set on President Bush. He successfully lured many Hispanic Democrats in El Paso to support his candidacy. Because he was running as a “compassionate conservative,” Bush could not appear to favor a big business (and big contributor) over poorer Hispanic communities.

The fight against Sierra Blanca was waged during the 1998 re-election campaign where Bush was challenged by Garry Mauro.

In El Paso, Democrats, and others against the dump, would stage protests at any event the governor held in El Paso. There was

even a symbolic march by a couple of dozen activists from El Paso to Sierra Blanca. The El Paso Times was even on the right page on that issue.

My chief of staff personally shipped four big boxes filled with protest petitions and delivered them to the offices of the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (then known as the Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission). He came out on the evening TV news leaving the boxes that turned out to be a rather powerful symbol.

After all was said and done, Bush denied the permit to the company wanting to open the dump. The decision was made before election-day guaranteeing Bush his re-election, wide ranging support from Hispanics and the eventual inauguration to the White House. After this, the target became Andrews, TX.

The article in the New York Times announced the opening of the dump in Andrews. All of the same arguments that were voiced against the Sierra Blanca Dump eventually proved meaningless in this case. A massive water aquifer lies underneath the dump and no matter how careful one might be, there is always the possibility of contamination.

There were no presidential campaigns getting in the way of this one. It was the best illustration of big money and contributions getting the intended outcome.

The dump will soon be accepting waste from 38 other states. Even though there is water seepage into the storage area, the huge payola from accepting the waste is more important.

There are dangers to the public associated with the Andrews dump. As a protest sign in 1998 read, “*Beware, the glow you see at night might be your grandchildren.*”

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

Briefs

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South on Horizon Blvd. and then turned right on Homan St. That’s where Corona ditched the car and the three juveniles and made a run for it on foot. The victim had an injured right leg, injured right rib cage, and several lacerations when he was transported to Del Sol Medical Center. Corona was positively identified by the three juveniles in the car through a six-man photo line up. Since then he’s been hiding out. If he continues to evade arrest he could face higher bonds and anyone caught hiding him could face charges too. The number for the City of Socorro Police Department is 858-6986.

– David Garcia

Wanted III

Ramiro Gomez, 28, is this week’s Manhunt Monday Most Wanted Fugitive. He also uses Ramiro Peimbert. He is 5’5” tall, weighs 140 pounds and has brown hair and eyes. Gomez has multiple tattoos on his upper body on his front, back, both arms, neck and on the top of his head. In April, Sheriff’s Officials received an outcry from a female regarding being a victim of numerous assaults dating back to December 2011 at the hands of Gomez, her then live-in boyfriend. Charges were filed a short time later. Detectives have worked up 3 warrants for the apprehension of Gomez. He knows he is wanted and is very violent. If anyone has seen or has any information on the whereabouts of Gomez 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 Gomez.

Ramiro Gomez

– Deputy Jesse Tovar

Wanted II

On December 8, 2011 De La Fuente walked into the Party Time store at 10197 Alameda and proceeded to cash a fake payroll check. This is the latest forged check he’s cashed and, in fact, he has a long history of cashing bad checks all over El Paso County. City of Socorro Police Department Detectives have put together a case that shows De La Fuente actually creates the fake checks that really look like payroll checks from different El

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Clue: K equals T

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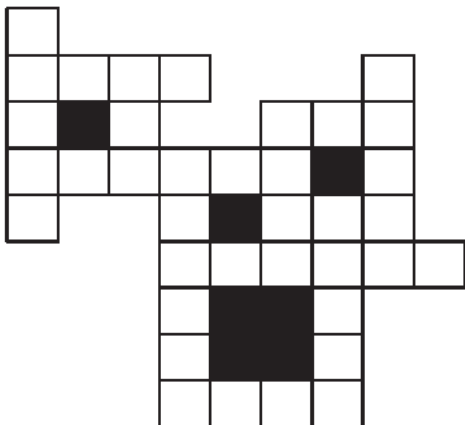
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**FEAR KNOT**

By: rj johnson

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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.

**Moore Texas**

by Roger Moore April 28, 1900:

The Southwest Sacred Harp Singing Convention is founded...it was appreciated by a "higher-up" .



**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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**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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**STRANGE BUT TRUE**

By Samantha Weaver

- It was 17th-century French author Francois de la Rochefoucauld who made the following sage observation: "It is more often from pride than from ignorance that we are so obstinately opposed to current opinions; we find the first places taken, and we do not want to be the last."
- You probably know that Robert E. Lee was a general in the Confederate Army during the Civil War, and that he ultimately surrendered the war to Union General Ulysses S. Grant at the courthouse at Appomattox, Va. You might not know, though, that Lee had a pet hen that traveled with him everywhere. It's said that the chicken laid an egg under Lee's cot every morning.
- The National Restaurant Association, which tracks dining statistics, says that the most popular day for eating out is Mother's Day.
- In 1954, Swanson pioneered the frozen dinner when, after Thanksgiving sales had been lower than expected, the company found itself stuck with 10 railroad cars of unsold turkey.
- It's a timeless truth that many kids go through an awkward, gawky period during adolescence. In the 16th century, a boy experiencing this phase was known as a hobbleddehoy.
- On the morning of a traditional Vietnamese wedding, the bride's mother visits the groom's family and presents them with a special plant, representing respect, and chalk that is pink, the color of happiness.
- The 1935 Nobel Peace Prize was awarded to Carl von Ossietzky, a German writer who spoke out about Nazism in general and Adolf Hitler in particular. Hitler was so offended by the actions of the Nobel Committee in honoring his critic that he issued a decree forbidding any Germans to accept a Nobel Prize in the future.

Thought for the Day: "History is a vast early warning system."

— Norman Cousins

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**Fights**

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boxing fans in the Sun Bowl.

This city has to show the rest of the country that it can compete with any other big city in the running for a major entertainment happening.

And regardless of who comes out on top in the fight, El Paso is already the real winner by showing everyone it can take a punch and still come back and be victorious.