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Bridge repair

A new maintenance project on I-10 will be in place starting Sunday, June 3. This project will consist of bridge deck repairs to the Geronimo overpass and Robert E. Lee overpass, as well as repairs to the associated approach slabs along with the installation of armor joints and bridge joint seals. The eastbound side of the Geronimo overpass will initially be repaired. Due to the intensity of the project, it will be necessary to close I-10 from 3 a.m. Sunday to 5 a.m. Monday morning between Airway and Geronimo. This closure is required in order to provide adequate time to perform the required repair work including saw cutting, concrete removal, installation of new concrete and bridge armor joints. The detour route will consist of eastbound traffic exiting off of I-10 at the Geronimo Exit Ramp and returning on to I-10 at the following entrance ramp. As the repair work progresses, crews will continue operations on the westbound lanes. These complete closures will occur every Sunday in June and the first four Sundays in July. Schedules subject to change due to weather conditions.

— Blanca Del Valle

Wanted

Mike Allen Dominguez, 23, who also uses Mike Elizalde and Menace, is this week's Manhunt Monday Most Wanted Fugitive. He is 5'9" tall and weighs 150 pounds.



Mike Dominguez

He has blonde hair and green eyes. Dominguez turned violent after being asked to leave a party this past weekend. Deputies were called to a residence in Montana Vista at about 1:20 a.m. on Saturday, May 19, in reference to a disturbance with shots fired call. Dominguez was asked to leave a party after assaulting a female acquaintance. As he was leaving, Dominguez proceeded to drive his vehicle into a fence, striking party-goers. Dominguez left the scene but returned yet again firing gunshots into the air. Sheriff's Deputies were able to find Dominguez' vehicle abandoned near the location of occurrence. Charges have been filed against Dominguez. He is believed to remain in the Borderland hiding with friends or family. He is considered to be armed and dangerous. He has a violent criminal history. If anyone has seen or has any information on the whereabouts of Dominguez 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 t Dominguez.

— Deputy Jesse Tovar

The biggest obstacle many of us stumble over is our own faults.

— Quips & Quotes



— Photo by Alfredo Vasquez

BRAND SPANKING NEW – Construction of the new Clint High School is nearly complete and is scheduled to open its doors to students for the upcoming school year. A ribbon-cutting ceremony is planned for the new campus in August.

New Clint High School campus nears completion

By Alfredo Vasquez
Special to the Courier

CLINT – Of the nine school districts in El Paso County, Clint Independent School District (CISD) is the largest in square mileage (379.9 square miles) and is one of the fastest developing areas in the county. That is one reason the district is looking forward to the opening of its new Clint High School campus.

The new Clint High School is located at the corner of Alameda and Denton (13890 Alameda) on 65 acres of land and is scheduled to open its doors in August for the 2012-13

school year. A ribbon-cutting ceremony is planned for the new Clint High School in August, stated Laura Cade, CISD public information officer.

Cost to construct the new school is estimated at \$45 million, which was approved by the Clint Independent School District (CISD) Board of Trustees and funded through a bond issuance program passed by voters in 2006. Approximately 75 percent of this cost is being paid by the State's Instructional Facilities Allotment (IFA). About \$10 million of the cost is being paid by Clint ISD taxpayers.

CISD tax rate for 2010-2011 was \$1.33 per \$100 of taxable property value. The adopted

budget for that school year was \$74.4 million. The district currently serves more than 11,700 students.

Six hundred students are expected to attend the new high school when it opens this coming school year. "The 223,668 square-foot building can accommodate 940 students so there is plenty of room for growth," stated Cade.

The new campus includes the main building, agriculture science, automotive, JROTC, and stadium facilities. The school will have 22 regular classrooms, five science classroom/labs, four computer labs, an art room, auto collision lab, and 14 other special classrooms and labs, according to Cade.

Other special features of the new campus include inter-active smart boards in all classrooms, a spacious commons area, and multi-purpose gymnasiums for athletics and other events like staff development and indoor firing range competitions.

The campus will also have a cosmetology lab, a professional greenhouse, sealed-building envelopes, drought tolerant plants, and occupancy sensors in classrooms.

The new stadium will consist of a complete track and field area, artificial turf field, home bleachers with capacity to seat nearly 3,000 fans and visitors bleachers for over 1,500 fans. The stadium will also include a press box, concession outlets and restroom facilities.

The new CHS will have two gymnasiums – one of which is a competition gym, but both are designed as multi-use facilities for athletics, staff development, and other presentations, explained Cade.

The existing Clint High School, which opened in 1965, currently serves about 550 students. Once the new high school campus opens plans are to renovate the buildings and convert it into the Clint Junior High School campus. The present Clint Junior High School facility will be used to house the Clint Early College Academy, Cade stated.

Clint I.S.D. encompasses three major, separate and distinct communities – the Town of Clint, the town of Horizon City,



— Photos by Christy Flores-Jones / Socorro ISD

A TRIP TO THE ZOO – An El Dorado High School welding class visited the El Paso Zoo to watch elephants Savannah and Juno use the metal feeders that the students constructed for them.

Welding students build for El Paso Zoo

By Christy Flores-Jones
Special to the Courier

SOCORRO ISD – Students from El Dorado High school had the opportunity to see the real-world application of their welding project on May 9 at the El Paso Zoo. The students took a trip to the zoo to see the elephants, Savannah and Juno, use two metal feeder boxes that they constructed in class.

"It was a good job for them," said Pete Fierro, welding instructor at El Dorado High School. "It was a good experience and a real-world job for them. It was good to give back to the community. Hopefully someone will see this and more jobs for the community will come out of this."

The welding students worked on the project for about two months – designing,

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING TO DISCUSS PROPOSED TAX RATE

The San Elizario Independent School District will hold a public meeting at 5:30 p.m., Wednesday, June 6, 2012 in the SEISD Administrative Office, 1050 Chicken Ranch Rd., San Elizario, Texas.

The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the school district’s tax rate that will be adopted. Public participation in the discussion is invited.

The school district has elected to adopt a tax rate before receiving the certified appraisal roll from the chief appraiser(s) of the appraisal district(s) and before adopting a budget. In accordance with Texas Tax Code, Section 26.05(g), the chief appraiser(s) of the appraisal district(s) in which the school district participates has (have) certified to the assessor for the school district an estimate of the taxable value of property in the school district as provided by the Texas Tax Code, Section 26.01(e). In accordance with the Texas Education Code, Section 44.004(j), following adoption of the tax rate, the school district will publish notice and hold another public meeting before the school district adopts a budget.

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

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

Total Appraised Value and Total Taxable Value (as calculated under Section 26.04, Tax Code)		
	Preceding Tax Year	Current Tax Year
Total appraised value** of all property	\$ 197,984,213	\$ 210,954,317
Total appraised value** of new property***	\$ 13,767,278	\$ 9,601,909
Total taxable value**** of all property	\$ 161,992,897	\$ 162,750,217
Total taxable value**** of new property***	\$ 798,603	\$ 8,192,260
* All values identified are based on estimate(s) of taxable value received pursuant to Section 26.01(e), Tax Code. ** "Appraised value" is the amount shown on the appraisal roll and defined by Section 1.04(8), Tax Code. *** "New property" is defined by Section 26.012(17), Tax Code. **** "Taxable value" is defined by Section 1.04(10), Tax Code.		

Bonded Indebtedness	
Total amount of outstanding and unpaid bonded indebtedness* \$2,414,000	
* Outstanding principal.	

Comparison of Proposed Rates with Last Year’s Rates					
	Maintenance & Operations	Interest & Sinking Fund*	Total	Local Revenue Per Student	State Revenue Per Student
Last Year’s Rate	\$ 1.108900	\$ 0.051800*	\$ 1.160700	\$ 490	\$ 7,448
Rate to Maintain Same Level of Maintenance & Operations Revenue & Pay Debt Service	\$ 1.242390	\$ 0.043020*	\$ 1.285420	\$ 494	\$ 8,262
Proposed Rate	\$ 1.109000	\$ 0.051800*	\$ 1.160800	\$ 490	\$ 8,159
*The Interest & Sinking Fund tax revenue is used to pay for bonded indebtedness on construction, equipment, or both. The bonds, and the tax rate necessary to pay those bonds, were approved by the voters of this district.					

Comparison of Proposed Levy with Last Year’s Levy on Average Residence		
	Last Year	This Year
Average Market Value of Residences	\$ 60,152	\$ 57,399
Average Taxable Value of Residences	\$ 44,136	\$ 42,399
Last Year’s Rate Versus		
Proposed Rate per \$100 Value	\$ 1.160700	\$ 1.160700
Taxes Due on Average Residence	\$ 512.39	\$ 492.13
Increase (Decrease) in Taxes		\$ (20.26)

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

Notice of Rollback Rate: The highest tax rate the district can adopt before requiring voter approval at an election is 1.108900. This election will be automatically held if the district adopts a rate in excess of the rollback rate of 1.108900.

Fund Balances	
The following estimated balances will remain at the end of the current fiscal year and are not encumbered with or by a corresponding debt obligation, less estimated funds necessary for operating the district before receipt of the first state aid payment:	
Maintenance and Operations Fund Balance(s)	\$ 6,616,805
Interest & Sinking Fund Balance(s)	\$ 40,631

Veterans Post By Freddy Groves

Unorthodox technique might help with PTSD

Meridian Tapping, also known as The Tapping Solution, is a

5,000-year-old Eastern medicine technique for releasing stresses, and now it’s claimed to help with Post Traumatic Stress Disorder.

That’s a big claim, considering how serious and disabling PTSD can be.

It seems simple enough: With the tips of your fingers, you tap certain spots on your face, jaw and head while stating the problem. Supposedly this releases your body’s healing energy.

I normally don’t pay much attention to what I call hocus-pocus cures, especially when they’re claimed to work on multiple ailments (weight loss, smoking, chronic back pain and more). But there just might be something to this for PTSD, and I’ll tell you my non-medical theory: By doing the tapping technique, you’re forcing your mind to pay attention to a set of steps you do in a specific order. This gives your mind a few minutes of letting go of the stress caused by your particular trigger.

To get an idea how this works, go to www.thetappingsolution.com and watch the four-minute video.

On that same webpage on the left is a link to get the free tapping ebook. You’ll need to give your first name (make one up if you like) and an email address (using a throwaway address is a good way to cut down on all spam).

If all this technique does is genuinely reduce stress, that’s not bad. If nothing else, send for the free ebook and watch the short video and trailer. Check YouTube.com for more videos and demonstrations.

While the Department of Veterans Affairs is quiet on this technique, some VA practitioners do offer tapping therapy. For further exploration, look at the Veterans Stress Project (www.stressproject.org). Under Find Help, you’ll see practitioners in the VA.

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Clint HS

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and the unincorporated area known as East Montana. All together, the district has 13 campuses – three high schools, three middle schools, two junior high schools, one intermediate school, and five elementary schools.

The town of Clint is located in the fertile valley area on State Highway 20, approximately 18 miles southeast of El Paso. Horizon City is on the high desert plains at the midpoint

of the district. The East Montana areas, which are also situated in the high desert hills to the north, flank State Highways 62 and 180, about 24 miles to the north of Clint.

In 2010 Clint ISD received a “Recognized” District designation by the Texas Education Agency (TEA). Twelve of the Districts’ campuses earned either “Exemplary”, “Recognized” or “Acceptable” designations by TEA. All twelve campuses received at least one Gold Performance Acknowledgement for high performance on indicators used to determine accountability ratings.



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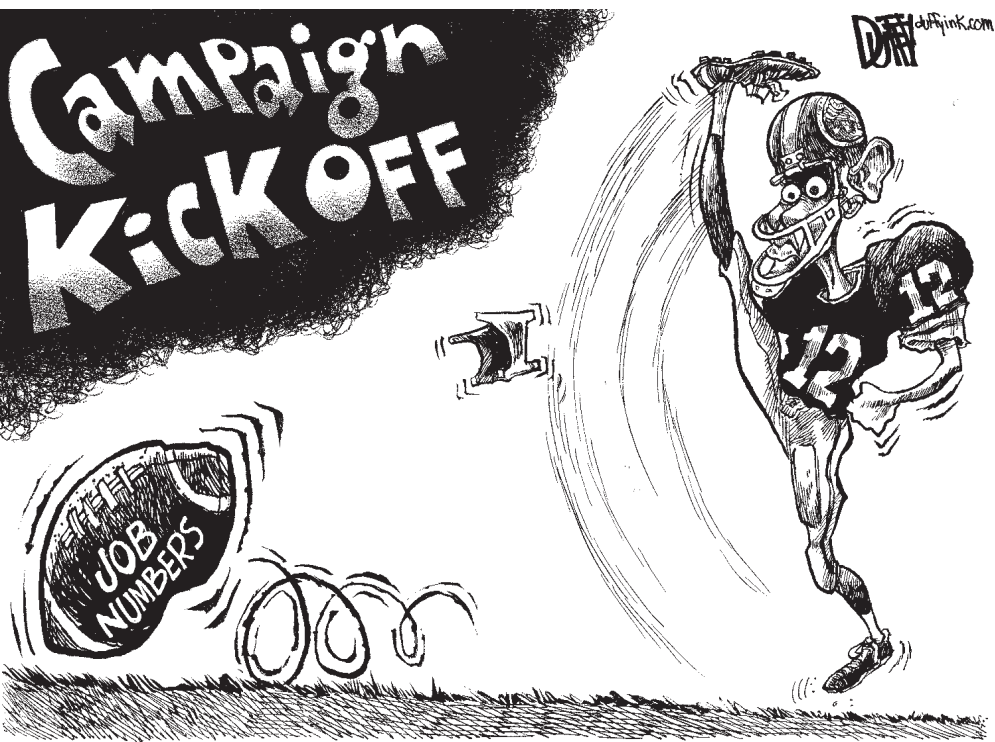
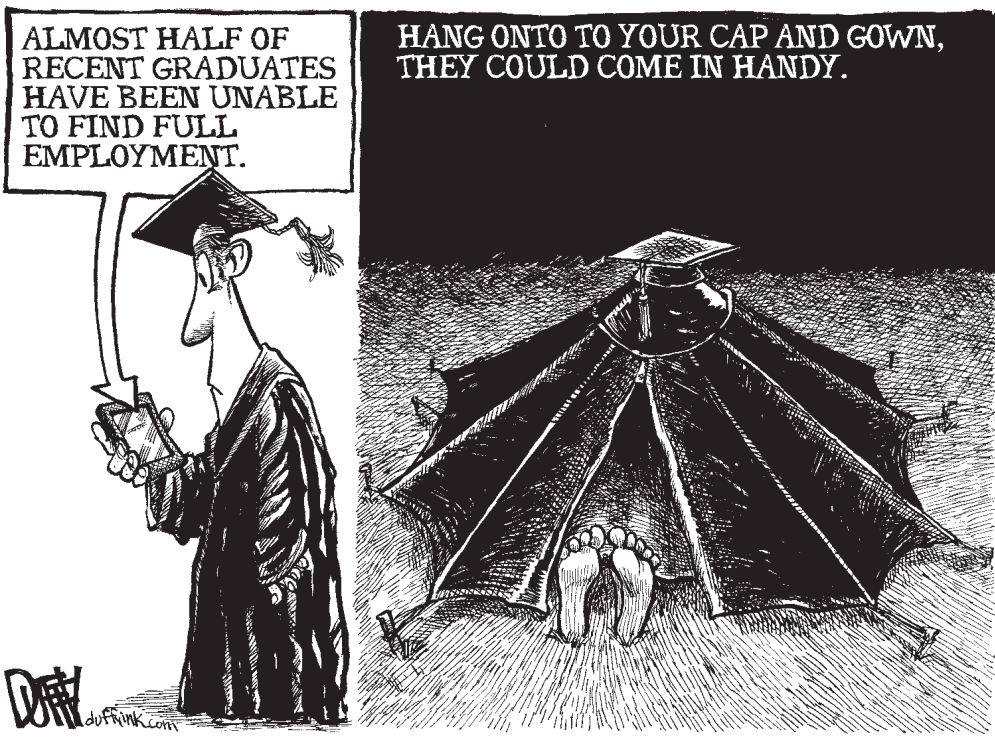
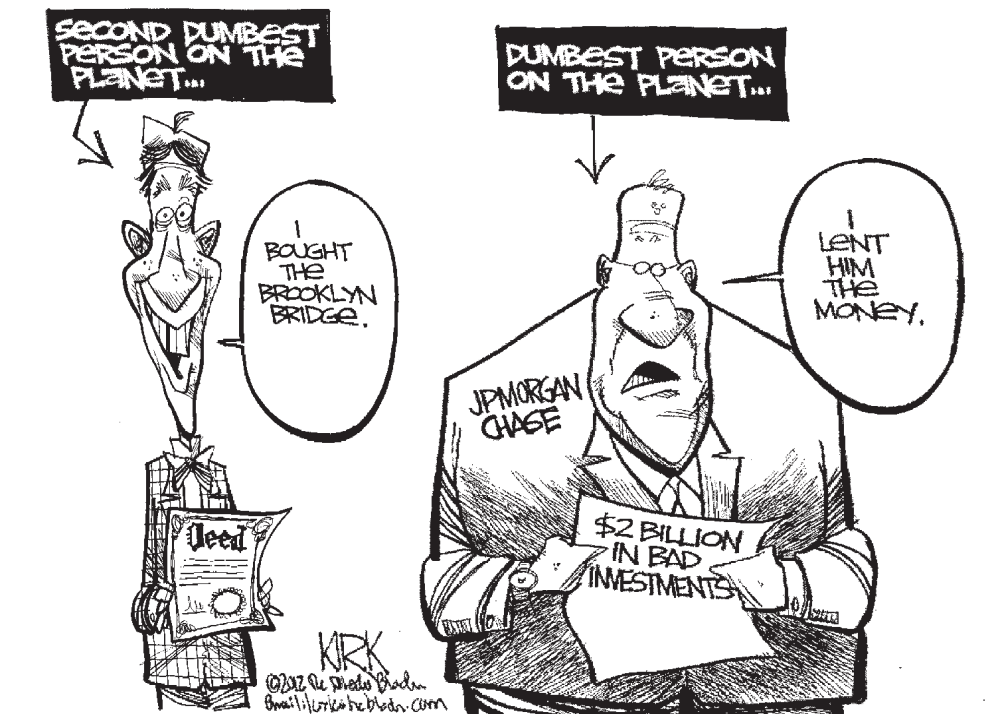
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Por la Gente By State Rep. Chente Quintanilla

Tire dumping must stop

Hola, mi gente. The May 21st Commissioners Court meeting had on its agenda an item dealing with clean up in areas on the far west and far east side outside of the city of El Paso. The dialogue primarily dealt with funding that originated from the Rio Grande Council of Governments (COG).

The COG provides the cleanup money through grant programs that the state and federal governments offer. That funding has been dwindling significantly in the past several years so today and in the future the impetus for the cleanups will be local money.

One the biggest problems that has existed for decades is the dumping of scrap tires. I have seen dumped tires in clumps of a few dozen to over 19,000 tires. In working with TCEQ over a period of 18 months, my office filed a bill that addressed the specific concerns of the agency enforcement division. It was a bill that had support from a variety of entities. Unfortunately, the County of El Paso decided to strongly support a bill that required punching holes in tires; clearly an insignificant effort at eliminating tire dumping.

The problem with the current situation is that those individuals who transport tires are not regulated strongly. They have the option to take all of the tires on their truck to the location where tires are legally and properly disposed; or, they have the option to remove any tires at their discretion.

Through different provisions in the bill I filed, a transporter could be assessed criminal penalties for the first time for unlawfully disposing of tires. Because of the criminal aspect of the regulation, police and sheriff's deputies would have the option of stopping a transporter for reasons such as an improper display of its company on the truck; something that is required now but no one enforces it because it is a civil violation.

Although I will not be returning as the state representative for District 75 in the next session, I have spoken with candidates who are likely to be elected to that office. The bill could possibly be filed again and I hope that I can, in a different elected office, advocate for the support of that bill.

On top of pushing for the bill, I see opportunities for opening dialogues with the private sector for the purpose of getting monetary support for tire cleanups in addition to the other garbage that is dumped by independent contractors and by individuals who cannot, or will not pay the fees at the Clint landfill.

I look forward to pushing solutions that reduce tire dumps and other illegal dumping. Gracias, mi gente, and I remain your friend and public servant, Chente por la gente.

Buckling up: The simple choice that can save your life

'Click It or Ticket' safety campaign runs through Memorial Day

By Carol Rawson
Special to the Courier

TEXAS – All of us are faced with hundreds, if not thousands, of decisions every day. Most don't involve life or death matters, but there is one simple decision that does have life-altering consequences. Choosing to wear a seat belt every time you're in a vehicle is one of those decisions. It's one act that can save your life or the life of someone you love. And it's also the law.

Whether you're the driver or a passenger sitting in the front seat or the back, Texas law now requires everyone in a vehicle to be secured by a seat belt. Children under the age of 8 must be in a child safety seat or booster seat unless they are taller than 4 feet 9 inches. Most Texans are buckling up, thanks to the Texas Department of Transportation's annual *Click It or Ticket* safety campaign. Every May, thousands of local law enforcement agencies join the Texas Department of Public Safety to ticket anyone who isn't wearing a seat belt or whose children aren't properly secured.

The threat of getting an expensive citation has been a powerful motivator to get more drivers and passengers to buckle up. Since the *Click It or Ticket* campaign began eleven years ago, the state's seat belt use rate has steadily climbed, and now almost 94 percent of motorists in Texas buckle up. The net effect is fewer deaths and injuries. TxDOT's crash statics indicate that 95 percent of the 778,448 Texans involved in crashes in 2010 where there were no injuries were wearing seat belts.

Texas now ranks seventh in the nation for seat belt use. In spite of all the progress we've made, one group of motorists remains significantly less likely to buckle up. That group is pickup truck drivers and passengers.

Since roughly one out of every four vehicles registered in Texas is a pickup truck and pickups are twice as likely as passenger vehicles to roll over in a crash, that's cause for concern.

According to a recent study by the Texas Transportation Institute, only 80 percent of pickup truck passengers buckle up. Compare that to the more than 90 percent of passengers in all other types of vehicles who regularly put on their seat belts. The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration reports that half of pickup drivers who died in traffic crashes in 2010 were not wearing a seat belt.

Not buckling up doesn't make sense – financial or otherwise. While a ticket for not wearing a seat belt can cost anywhere from \$25 to \$250 plus court costs that drive up the expense even more, drivers and passengers who do not wear seat belts put themselves at risk for the greatest cost of all – serious injury or death. Depending on the type of vehicle, wearing a seat belt reduces the risk of fatal injury by up to 60 percent.

For motorists who need the extra incentive to buckle up, law enforcement will be out in force on Texas streets

and highways between May 21 and June 3 – including the Memorial Day holiday weekend – looking for and issuing a citation to drivers and passengers who aren't wearing seat belts. It comes down to this: if you're not buckled up, expect to pay up.

It doesn't matter what kind of vehicle you're in. It doesn't matter where you're sitting. It doesn't matter if it's day or night. The smart choice is to buckle up, every time, everywhere, and to make sure everyone in your vehicle does the same. Buckling up is the one simple decision that all of us can make every day to save not only our own lives but also those of our loved ones.

Click It or Ticket. It's the law.

Carol Rawson is the Director of TxDOT Traffic Operations Division.

Tornillo Independent School District Notice of 2012 Summer Food Services Program

The Tornillo Independent School District announces the sponsorship of the Summer Food Service Program. Meals will be provided free of charge to children 1 year to 18 years of age at the **Tornillo ISD Elementary School Cafeteria**, 19200 Cobb Ave., Tornillo, Texas. The program will begin June 1, 2012 through June 30, 2012, with serving days as follows: **Wednesday, June 6, 2012 through Wednesday, June 27, 2012** breakfast being served from **7:15 a.m. to 8:15 a.m.** and lunch being served from **10:45 a.m. to 12:45 p.m.**, Monday through Friday. Daily menus for the Summer Food Service Program will be available on May 25, 2012.

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El Distrito Escolar Independiente de Tornillo anuncia el patrocinio del programa de servicios para comida en el verano. Almuerzo y comida de mediodia se va servir en la cafeteria de le escolar **Elementario del distrito de Tornillo**, 19200 Cobb Ave., Tornillo, Texas. Es gratis para todos los niños de 1 año a 18 años de edad. El programa de servicios para comida en el verano empieza el 1 de Junio hasta el 30 de Junio, 2012, sirviendo **Miercoles, Junio 6, 2012 hasta Miercoles, Junio 27, 2012**. Almuerzo se va server de 7:15 a.m. hasta las 8:15 a.m. y comida se va server de las **10:45 a.m. hasta las 12:45 p.m.**, Lunes a Viernes. Los menus van estar listos el 25 de Mayo, 2012.

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Garcia Elementary students win scholarships

By Kim Guzman
Special to the Courier

CANUTILLO—ShelbyAlonso,Autumn Baker, Violeta Cazares, and Katrianna Guerra, Garcia Elementary School (GES) students in the Canutillo Independent School District, were recently named winners of summer scholarships from the Texas Association for Gifted and Talented (TAGT).

Students across the state submitted applications for the 2012 TAGT summer scholarships, which offer up to \$400 to help pay for participation in challenging summer programs in the academics or the arts throughout Texas. This summer, 43 gifted students were awarded scholarships totaling over \$15,000.

The four Garcia students will use their scholarships to participate in different programs throughout El Paso.

Alonso will use her scholarship to attend the La Paz Academy/French Summer Camp; Baker has chosen the El Paso Zoo Camp; Cazares will attend the Creative Kids summer program; and Guerra will attend the El Paso Museum of Arts program.

“These students will have the opportunity to meet other students from all over the El Paso area this summer, share learning new things and participating in fun activities,” said Laura Schenk, GES advanced academics teacher. “It is such an honor for the girls and their parents that they were chosen to receive the scholarships,” she added.



– Photo courtesy Canutillo ISD

CONTINUING ED – Garcia Elementary School students, from left, Autumn Baker, Shelby Alonso, Katrianna Guerra and Violeta Cazares won Texas Association for Gifted and Talented scholarships. They will participate in local educational programs this summer.

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Socorro ISD athletes sign with colleges

By Christy Flores-Jones
Special to the Courier

SOCORRO ISD – Six athletes in the Socorro Independent School District signed letters of intent to attend and play sports at various colleges and universities at Montwood and El Dorado high schools this week.

Four football players and one volleyball player signed their letters on May 15 at Montwood High School.

They were Mike Hernandez, who will attend Concordia University of Nebraska; Christian Thomas, who will attend Howard Payne University; Christian Schwantner, who will attend Sul Ross University; Adam Perez, who will attend Western NM State University; and Rebecca Guevara, who will attend

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– Photos by Willis De Young / Socorro ISD

Mike Hernandez played on the offensive line for the Montwood High School varsity football team. He will attend Concordia University of Nebraska.



Rebecca Guevara was the libero on the Montwood High School varsity volleyball team. She will attend Hill Junior College in Hillsboro, Texas, where she will be a defensive specialist on the volleyball team.

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CryptoQuip Answer

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Christian Thomas was a linebacker on the Montwood High School varsity football team. He will attend Howard Payne University.



Christian Schwantner played on the offensive line for the Montwood High School varsity football team. He will attend Sul Ross State University.



Adam Perez was a defensive tackle for the Montwood High School varsity football team. He will attend Western NM State University.



El Dorado High School senior Alex Sandoval signed his letter of intent to attend University of the Southwest in Hobbs, N.M., on a tennis scholarship.

Athletes

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Hill Junior College.

“I’m really happy to get to continue to play volleyball. I’m excited because it’s going to be different and a huge step in my life,” said Guevara, who is a volleyball defensive specialist.

The other athletes were equally enthusiastic about the opportunity to continue their sports at the next

level.

“I’m excited to show everyone what I can do in another city,” said Schwantner, who played on the offensive line for Montwood. “I’m ready to prove myself and make my family proud.”

Tennis player Alex Sandoval signed his letter for a scholarship to attend the University of the Southwest in Hobbs, N.M. on May 16 at El Dorado High School. He will study pre-law and play on the tennis team for the university.

Sandoval played singles during his freshmen and sophomore year and played mixed doubles his junior and senior year. During his senior year, he was part of the all-district team and he won the Burges and Irvin mixed doubles tournaments.

His signing ceremony featured a slideshow presentation showcasing his tennis career at El Dorado High School. His father and El Dorado tennis coach Carlos Sandoval attended the event along with other family members and friends.

Public Notice / Aviso al Público

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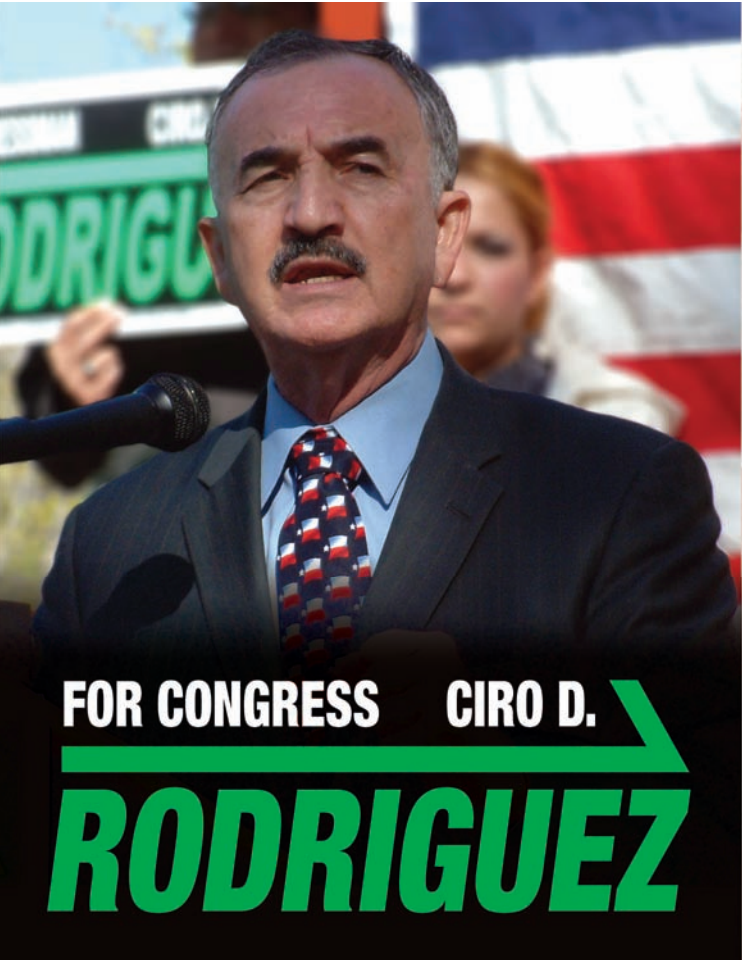
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Kobe Bryant needs to deal with loss, take lessons in grace

By Steve Escajeda
Special to the Courier

There’s no doubt that there’s a changing of the guard in the NBA, especially in the Western Conference.

The left side of the NBA map has been ruled by the Los Angeles Lakers for quite some time now.

I know that San Antonio Spurs fans will be quick to remind us that the Spurs have won four titles in the last 15 years.

But the Lakers have won five in that span and everyone knows that Los Angeles gets all the love from the media anyway.

This year, the darlings of ESPN have run into a buzz saw by the name of the Oklahoma City Thunder.

The Thunder are more talented, more aggressive and a whole lot younger than the Lakers.

It’s always refreshing to see a young team develop into a potential champion. It’s good to see new players mature from talented athletes to leaders on the court.

By the same token, it’s sometimes sad to

see former champions forced to bow out gracefully from the game they love so much.

I felt this way with Michael Jordan, David Robinson, Larry Bird, Magic Johnson and many others players who were eventually forced to hang up the sneakers.

But I don’t have that same feeling of longing for Kobe Bryant.

If any athlete is going out ungracefully, it’s him.

After the Lakers game-4 loss to the Thunder, Kobe was very quick to throw his teammate Pau Gasol under the bus for not taking a shot at the end of the game.

I agree that Gasol should have taken the shot with about 13 seconds left to play instead of trying to throw a pass to Metta World Peace, which was intercepted.

But if anyone has cost the Lakers down the stretch of games in the playoffs it’s been Kobe Bryant.

Bryant has turned the ball over countless times and had big shots fall off the rim over and over with the game on the line and nobody calls him out.

And if a player ever were to call Kobe out, the 33-year-old superstar would have a fit.

Kobe has had run-ins with many teammates throughout the years and the routine is wearing thin.

When asked earlier in the playoffs whether his teammates shared same heart he had on the court, Kobe answered, “No, of course they didn’t.”

I believe him, but does the constant belittling of teammates help a team or hurt it?

I think the latter.

When Kobe acts the way his does, constantly crying to the officials when he doesn’t get a foul call, making obvious gestures at his teammates when they make mistakes and even once making a gay slur at an opponent – it resembles “the ugly American” sentiment the rest of the world has about us.

Kobe Bryant is already one of the most polarizing players in sports. People either love him dearly or greatly despise him.

I’ve never been a fan of his, especially after his rape case and the \$3 million ring he bought to shut his wife up.

I’ve always liked Shaquille O’Neal and Phil Jackson, and they had tons of trouble with Kobe and his enormous ego.

Let’s be honest, I’m amazed at many of the things Kobe can do on the court. But he constantly goes 9-for-26 from the field.

What saves him are the ton of calls he gets from the referees that send him to the foul line 12 times a game.

And while Kobe is taking off-balance jumper after off-balance jumper, two seven footers (Gasol and Andrew Bynum) are standing around the basket wondering what their roles are on the team.

Kobe will probably play another couple of years, desperately searching for a sixth title to tie Michael Jordan.

However, the Thunder players are going to hold the trophy over their collective heads before too long.

And don’t forget their Staples Center-mates, the Los Angeles Clippers, who are also younger and more talented.

So there is a definite changing of the guard in the NBA. The Lakers will probably be swimming in obscurity for a few years before emerging as a contender again.

But Lakers fans can look on the bright side – it won’t it will take them as long as it did the Clippers.

A sporting view

By Mark Vasto

Out of the game

When you were a kid, aside from not getting enough cake, the worst thing that could happen to you at a birthday party was to be kicked out of the game.

According to my mother, my toddler player’s profile shows that I led the league in penalty minutes.

“Oh, we used to dread taking you to parties,” she says often,

but particularly during family gatherings.

“You never wanted to leave. We’d take you to the amusement park and you’d be so cute until it was time to go. You threw such a fit your father had to hold you in the air because you were kicking and screaming so hard. People would look at us, thinking ‘What are they doing to that kid?’”

And what about the birthday party games?

“Forget it. You never played nice.”

My parents would negotiate with me. “OK... this is the last ride,” they’d say, promising me a cookie if I was amenable to their demands. But all the partially hydrogenated palm oil in the world couldn’t pry me off the spinning teacups.

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City of Socorro

Adoption of Ordinances

On May 17, 2012 the City of Socorro, Texas adopted

the following ordinances:

1) **ORDINANCE 2 9 3 , AMENDMENT NO. 1,ANORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF SOCORRO, T E X A S A D O P T I N G A N A M E N D E D BUDGETFORTHE FISCAL YEAR COMMENCING OCTOBER 1, 2011 AND ENDING ON S E P T E M B E R 30, 2012, IN REFERENCE TO BALANCING OF DEPARTMENT BUDGETS.**

2) **ORDINANCE 303, AN O R D I N A N C E OF THE CITY OF SOCORRO, T E X A S R E G U L A T I N G M U N I C I P A L P A R K S , ESTABLISHING PROCEDURES FOR SPECIAL EVENTS AND PERMITS WITHIN CITY PARKS, ESTABLISHING A MUNICIPAL PARK COMMISSION A D V I S O R Y B O A R D , P R O V I D I N G FOR HOURS OF OPERATION, S P E C I A L E V E N T S , I S S U A N C E OF SPECIAL USE PERMITS PROVIDING FOR REPEAL OF CONFLICTING ORDINANCES A N D P R O V I D I N G FOR SEVERANCE.**

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.

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When it was my birthday, I distinctly remember trying my own negotiating tactics.

“Mom... because it’s my birthday, I get to stay in the game even if I lose, right?”

Like any parent subjected to a withering barrage of nonsensical questions, she said something along the lines of “Yeah... whatever,” but I intended to take that to the bank.

So, naturally, when my card was punched during “Simon Says” at my birthday party, I called in the pre-negotiated “stay in the game, right?” card.

One look from my mom and I could see it was no dice.

So, yeah, I cried a little. Well... actually, according to one of the more extensive photo shoots my parents took during my early years,

Zoo

From Page 1

cutting, measuring and welding together the 20x24-inch boxes made of wire mesh. The metal enrichment feeders are designed like puzzles to stimulate the elephants’ brain activity and to encourage them to exercise.

The students worked in collaboration with Gabriela Moya, an elephant-area supervisor at the El Paso Zoo. Moya’s son is in the welding class and also helped facilitate the project.

“I just want to thank you guys for coming out. You saw the elephants using them,” Moya told the students. “You did a great job.”

The students said they were proud to complete a project that helped the elephants.

“I feel excited and I’m very impressed,” said Isabel Arana, a senior and welding student. “I really

I cried a lot. However, after years of therapy, I can finally say to myself – with conviction – that losing the game was not what bothered me the most.

No, what bugged me was how this guy Simon apparently had his hooks into my mother and, by extension, the rest of the kids at my party. I wasn’t weeping over losing the game or not getting enough cake, I was upset because I couldn’t stand to see the people I loved just drop everything because some guy named Simon commanded us from afar to touch our head, shoulders, knees and toes.

Decades later, I am watching the New York Rangers and New Jersey Devils square off in the Eastern Conference Finals as my own young son tries to negotiate for cookies. He tries to block my view of the screen at one point, and I smile because I’m a sucker for nostalgia, and I can’t help but laugh and think:

Remember when Sean Avery was in the NHL?

Mark Vasto is a veteran sportswriter who lives in Kansas City. (c) 2012 King Features Synd., Inc.

enjoyed what we as a class did for them.”

The students collaborated on the best design for the feeders, worked diligently on the project and refined their work along the way. The students agreed it was a great learning process and different from the ordinary daily routine.

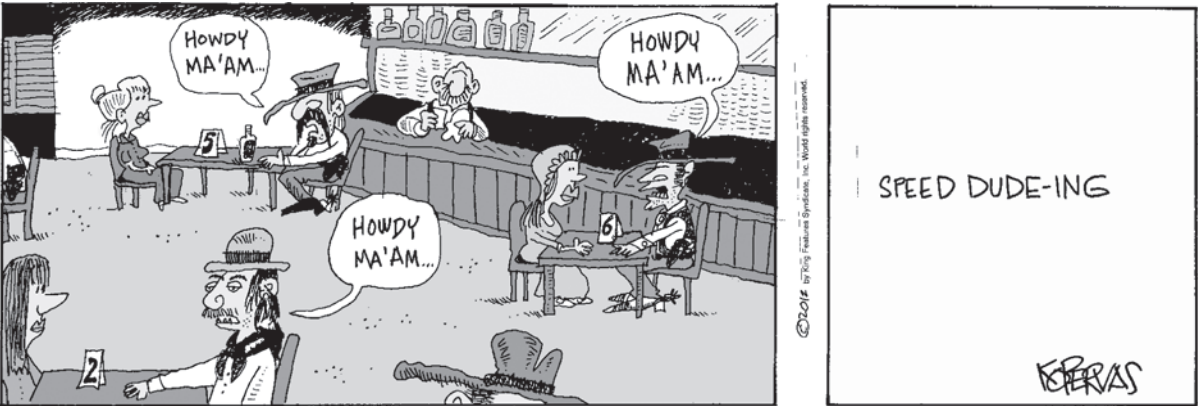
“It feels great that we are actually helping out with the elephants and giving them something to do,” said Aaron Padilla, a sophomore and welding student. “It was different and fun. I really liked it a lot.”

The project was a beneficial collaboration for both the zoo and the welding students, said Travis Smith, an elephant keeper at the El Paso Zoo.

“They did a great job and it helps us out a lot,” Smith said. “Otherwise, we would have had to hire a contractor and it would have cost quite a bit of money. It was a win-win situation for all of us.”

Comix

OUT ON A LIMBBy Gary Kopervas



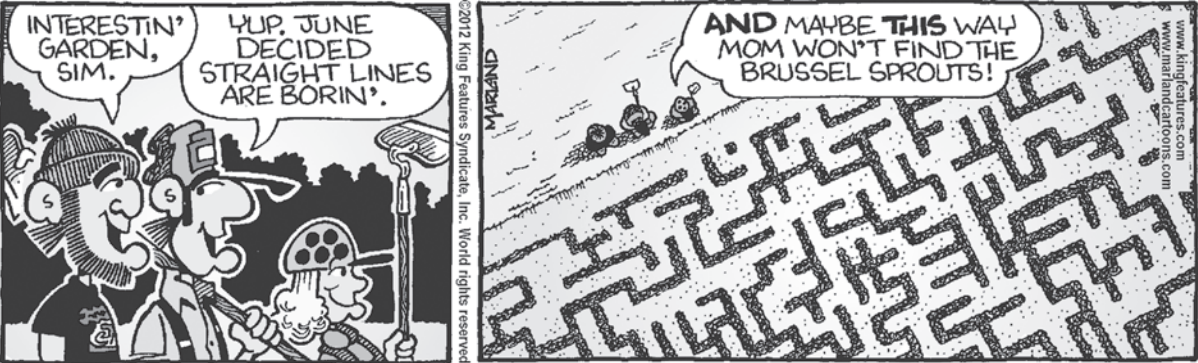
AMBER WAVESBy Dave T. Phipps



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

DEAR DR. DONOHUE: I am 9 years old. I read what you said about dust mites. I am wondering if they can hurt me. Will they affect me in any way? Am I safe around them? One night I was snuggling my pillow pet, and my mom said, "Remember, it has dust mites." She gave me your article. I couldn't sleep that night, knowing that loads of dust mites were crawling around me. So tell me. Should I be afraid? What makes them go away? What will happen? – T.M.C.

DEAR DR. DONOHUE: My husband and I have started walking every evening. It's our way of staying in shape. I like it. My husband actually listens to what I have to say when we walk. There is one thorn in my side, however. My husband insists that I don't walk correctly, and he is constantly giving me ways to change my walking style. It's extremely irritating. I have been walking the way I walk since I was an infant. Is there really a special way to do so? – R.C.

Have no fear, T.M.C. Dust mites have not done, are not doing and will not do anything harmful to you. I have them too. So does just about everyone. They're all over the world. They're less than one-hundredth of an inch, barely visible. They don't bite you. They feed on dead skin that has fallen off the body. They don't crawl in and out of your mouth, as the letter writer suggested.

Dust mites don't give you any illness, although some people are allergic to them and itch when exposed to them. In a very few people, they might trigger an asthma attack. None of this has happened to you or me. I don't think it ever will.

Dust mites need high humidity to survive, around 70 percent. You can cut down on their number if you keep your room humidity lower than that.

Don't try to get rid of them. They're part of the biological diversity that exists in our world. I don't know if they do us any good, but they don't do us any harm, aside from the allergy thing. Sleep in peace. I apologize for ruining a night's sleep for you.

Please don't ask me about bedbugs. They don't make people ill either, but they give me the creeps.

Most people develop a walk natural for them, and there's nothing wrong with that. Some general pointers about the proper walking style are worth incorporating into your walking pattern.

Keep your head erect with eyes focused about 20 feet in front of you. Your arms should be bent at the elbow. When the right foot hits the ground, the left arm should be in front of your body, and vice versa when your left foot hits the ground. The heel of the foot should strike the ground first, and the liftoff should come from the toes.

Older people tend to shorten their walking stride in an attempt to keep both feet always on the ground. This gives them more balance and stability. They should try to take a little longer stride and use their arms for balance and stability as I described above.

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.

Super Crossword

- SOMETHING'S FISHY ACROSS

1 Strikebreaker

5 Suffix with spat

8 Salon supply

11 Research site

14 Blind as _

18 _ Romeo

19 Word with pack or rug

20 Generation

21 Air-quality org.

22 Pedestal part

23 Fishy actress?

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28 " _ Gay"

29 Jannings or Gilels

30 " _ Man" ('78 song)

31 _ kwon do

32 Quiche ingredient

34 Fishy outlaw?

38 Bucolic

43 James of "Brian's Song"

44 Jacob's twin

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46 "Nabucco" number

48 Neighbor of Niger

50 Alcove

54 Fishy film?

58 Future

61 Submarine finder

62 _ Tse-tung

63 Lurid Lugosi

64 Chest protector

65 Funt apparatus

68 Supreme leader?

71 Parka part

72 Southern constellation

73 Fishy physician?

78 Use a phaser

81 Letter from Athens

82 "Mein _" ("Cabaret" tune)

83 C&W's Tubb

86 Seville shout

87 Whirl

88 Actor Tognazzi

90 Cairo creed

92 Collegiate sport

94 Fishy TV show?

98 Crooked

99 French couturier

101 Dashboard feature

102 Cpl.'s superior

103 Border on

106 Bucket

108 Photo

111 Fishy writer?

116 Squirrel's snack

117 Author LeShan

118 Bell town

119 Pinza or Chaliapin

122 School tool

126 Chunky pasta

128 Fishy novel?

131 Nixon or Johnson

132 "Foucault's Pendulum" author

133 Chicken _ king

134 Cow's comment

135 Unusual

136 Common Market currency

137 DC figure

138 Palindromic diarist

139 Woolly one

140 Part of Micronesia

DOWN

1 Close as can be

2 Family

3 "The Mod Squad" hairdo

4 "Petrouchka," for one

5 Decorative vase

6 Like some

7 Mighty mite

8 Medicinal plant

9 Self-esteem

10 Singer Dickey

11 Paul of "American Graffiti"

12 Cochise or Geronimo

13 Washes

14 Fuss and feathers

15 Swahili, e.g.

16 Dwight's competition

17 Fiddled (with)

24 Desdemona's enemy

25 Loon lips

27 '82 Toto hit

30 Sociable starling

33 Alum

35 Shoestring

36 Bolger/Haley co-star

37 Throw in the towel

38 Prepares cherries

39 _ committee

40 Tuscan town

41 Pound sound

42 Neeson or O'Flaherty

47 Video game company

49 Exclude

51 Amaz's country

52 It grows on you

53 Napoleonic site

55 Sleep in the woods

56 Hurler Hershisser

57 Booze

59 Brink

60 Glue guy

66 Runs around in circles?

67 Grate stuff

69 Vane dir.

70 Emulate Roy Clark

74 Like many bathrooms

75 Coaxed

76 "I'm working _"

77 Nuthatch's home

78 "Nana" author

79 "Oh, woe!"

80 Act like a chicken

84 Little mouse?

85 Ballroom dance

87 Lake sight

89 Birdsong of basketball

91 Lauer or LeBlanc

93 Paper quantity

94 Actor Beery

95 Like a desert

96 Solo of "Star Wars"

97 King of comedy

100 _ facto

104 Opens

105 Daze

107 Tripoli native

109 Knitting stitch

110 Little mouse?

111 Sock a shuttlecock

112 "Farewell!"

113 Light beer

114 Alliance

115 Put away a pickle

120 Any

121 Chilly powder?

123 Inventive sort?

124 Neutral tone

125 Stink

127 Mil. address

128 Critic's god?

129 President Bush was one

130 "The Gold Bug" author
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Moore Texas by Roger Moore **In the 70's a TEXAS TARANTULA TOURNAMENT was held in...where else...Austin.**



GO FIGURE! by Linda Thistle

The idea of Go Figure is to arrive at the figures given at the bottom and right-hand columns of the diagram by following the arithmetic signs in the order they are given (that is, from left to right and top to bottom). Use only the numbers below the diagram to complete its blank squares and use each of the nine numbers only once.

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DIFFICULTY: ★★★

★ Moderate ★★ Difficult
★★★ 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

Answer Page 4

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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, and couples are not penalized simply because they are married. 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. If one member of the couple earned low wages or failed to earn enough Social Security credits to be insured for retirement benefits, he or she may be eligible to receive benefits as a spouse. Learn more about earning Social Security credits by reading our publication on the subject at www.socialsecurity.gov/pubs/10072.html.

Q: Why doesn't my estimate using the Retirement Estimator take into account my work as a teacher? I've worked for 20 years for the state and thought it would count.

A: If you work for a state or local government agency — including a school system, college, or university — your earnings may not

be covered by Social Security. If you are covered only by your state or local pension plan and you don't pay Social Security taxes, your earnings won't be shown on your Social Security record. (Your record will show your Medicare wages if you pay into that program.) For information on how your pension from noncovered state or local employment may affect the amount of your Social Security benefit, you can visit www.socialsecurity.gov/retire2/wep-chart.htm

Q: I have never worked but my spouse has. What will my benefits be?

A: As a spouse, you may be entitled to one-half of a retired worker's benefit amount when you reach full retirement age. If you want to get a Social Security retirement benefit as early as age 62, the amount of your benefit is reduced. The amount of reduction depends on when you will reach full retirement age.

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.

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: N equals F

ON C GJMFZ JN HQSKOB

CYOACAJMR UZMZ UJMF YCPZ

HKCDZMR, POYGA AGZD SZ

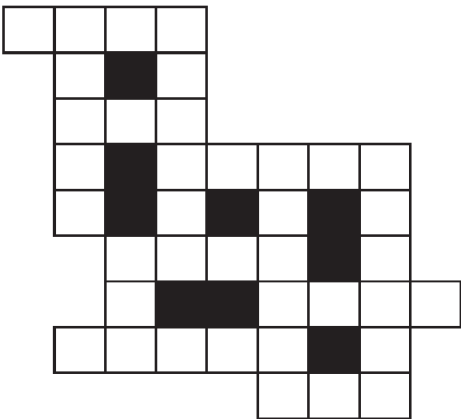
RBMCSSKZ-MJQRZMR?

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UPN
MURCET
♥UNCRI
♥HUMC
HUSPIN
MRU
TIPH
♥PELMA
PUC
ARMPEC
♥REPI
MPAR



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

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STRANGE BUT TRUE

By Samantha Weaver

• It was, unsurprisingly, comedian and writer W.C. Fields who said, "I am free of all prejudices. I hate everyone equally."

• Even if you haven't heard the They Might Be Giants song "Istanbul (Not Constantinople)" you are probably aware that the Turkish metropolis has undergone name changes throughout its long history. It seems that when the name was Constantinople, it was common for residents of the area to refer to things "in the city," which in the Aegean dialect of Greek is pronounced "is tan polin." Eventually the name stuck, and in 1930 Turkish authorities formally adopted the name Istanbul.

• The giant squid has the distinction of possessing the largest eyes of any animal — they're as big as pie plates.

• For a queen bee, laying 3,000 eggs is all in a day's work.

• Evidencing a drastic change in the nature of the United States since its agrarian beginnings, today only a quarter of Americans live in rural areas.

• The next time you're in the jungle observing gorillas, be sure to notice if one sticks out its tongue. That means it's angry.

• In the filming of the original "Star Trek" television series, the ship's transporter was used simply to cut costs. With it, characters could move from one set to another without having to shoot costly landing scenes. As a side note, the sparkling effect that could be seen when characters were transported was created by aluminum dust.

• If you're like the average American, you'll eat nine pounds of peanuts this year.

• Those who study such things say you're more likely to be bitten by a mosquito if you've just eaten a banana.

Thought for the Day: "Eminent posts make great men greater, and little men less."

— Jean de la Bruyere

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