

NEWSBRIEFS

Take 25

Officers from the Horizon City Police Department and the Texas Department of Public Safety will be on hand at the first Movies in the Park (See Story Page 3) from 6-9 p.m. on June 2 to give safety information to parents and children. It is part of the *Take 25* campaign. Designed to raise awareness of the issues surrounding missing and exploited children, the *Take 25* campaign encourages parents, guardians, educators, and others to take 25 minutes to talk to children about safety. With a focus on prevention, *Take 25* provides communities with free safety resources including safety tips, conversation starters, and engaging activities. *Take 25's* resources are available free of charge. The website is www.take25.org. Free fingerprinting and photographs will be offered for children ages 1-12. Please come and meet your local law enforcement officers.

— Officer Marie Casallis

Buyer beware

A Socorro Police Officer stopped a Ford Excursion with five men inside for rolling a stop sign on May 23. Background checks found federal arrest warrants for two of the men and two others were holding marijuana. The men were going door-to-door selling cleaning products. The Socorro Police Department is urging citizens to use caution when dealing with door-to-door sales people or anyone that comes to the door uninvited.

— David Garcia

Crime Stoppers

Three suspects enter a Westside furniture store multiple times overnight, taking electronics and jewelry, making this the Crime Stoppers "Crime of the Week." Between the hours of 2:00 and 4:20 a.m. on Monday, April 30, 2012, three suspects broke through the glass door on the southwest side of Buddy's Home Furnishings, 7500 N. Mesa. While inside the store, the suspects took a television set and then left. A short time later, they returned and took two more television sets. They returned a third time, broke a glass display counter, and took a bagful of jewelry. One of the suspects is black or Hispanic and has dreadlocks or hair extensions. Another suspect is either white or Hispanic, with short hair. The suspect breaking the glass counter is wearing a hoodie and heavy-set. One is wearing shorts and a hoodie with a medium build and short hair. The third suspect is also wearing short, a hoodie, with a thin build and even shorter hair than the other two. If you have any information at all about the identity of the suspects and their location, contact Crime Stoppers of El Paso at 566-TIPS (566-8477), on-line

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It is always easier to see both sides of a question if your prejudices are not involved.

— Quips & Quotes

SISD principals heading for China

By Christy Flores-Jones
Special to the Courier

SOCORRO ISD – Two principals from the Socorro Independent School District were the only administrators in Texas selected for the Education First Administrator Professional Development Scholarship Opportunity, which will take them on a trip to China for two weeks in June.

Angelica Ramsey, principal of Eastlake High School, and Troy Byrne, principal of El Dorado Ninth Grade Academy, are two of 50 selected recipients across the country, who will travel to Beijing, Xi'an, and Shanghai, China as part of this unique opportunity to earn professional development credit.

"This is an amazing opportunity," Ramsey



— Photos by Willis De Young / Socorro ISD

ON THE ROAD – Angelica Ramsey and Troy T. Byrne were both congratulated by Socorro ISD board members for being selected for a trip to China sponsored by the Education First Administrator Professional Development Scholarship Opportunity.

said. "It is my hope to share my experiences with my students here at Eastlake. I want them to dream of seeing far way lands and learning about the culture of others. We live in a global society that necessitates us to understand diversity on a new scale."

Byrne is a seasoned traveler and is looking forward to this international trip to discover the Chinese educational system and to bring back what he learns to his students and staff.

"I would love to dialogue with Chinese educators to understand the difficulties they face in a rapidly growing economy," Byrne said. "I have so many questions for our Chinese partners. Do they have problems with students migrating from rural areas into the

cities? What type of discipline problems do they experience, if any? How large are their typical class sizes?"

While the trip will be exciting for the educators, both agree that it is all about learning. Ramsey and Byrne will visit China's landmarks, visit Chinese schools and collaborate and share best practices with the other U.S. educators on the trip.

The principals look forward to being able to bring back the knowledge they gain to the Socorro district. Byrne said he would like the opportunity to conduct workshops for campus principals, directors, cabinet members and board members upon his return from China.

"During the workshops, I would share my discoveries about China's education system, their methods, and successes. Together, principals would investigate how to adapt China's best practices to current systems used within our schools," Byrne said.

With two SISD educators going, Ramsey said she hopes the trip serves two purposes.

"It is my desire to put SISD on the global map by sharing our district achievements with educators nationwide and worldwide," Ramsey said. "Secondly, I hope to learn from my fellow travelers, as well as the educators I encounter in China, in order to graduate 21st century, global citizens from all of our high schools."

San Elizario ISD recognizes campus stars of the year

Cynthia P. Marentes
Special to the Courier

SAN ELIZARIO – Just before another school year comes to a close the San Elizario Independent School District took time to celebrate employees and teachers who have demonstrated excellence in their profession at the 2012 Star Recognition Banquet. Campuses selected 12 nominees to be honored for their efforts and contributions to the district at the annual event. From this select group of individuals, the following received the district's top three awards: Nancy Jacquez – Employee of the Year, Irene Salom – Elementary Teacher of the Year, and Bonita Whittington – Secondary Teacher of the Year.

Nancy Jacquez has worked in SEISD for twelve years and currently serves as the library media specialist for Borrego Elementary School. Jacquez is known for being an enthusiastic and dedicated team player as demonstrated by the many activities that she is involved with at her campus including parent involvement days, fundraisers, and food drives.

Irene Salom began her career in SEISD five years ago and is presently a 4th and 5th grade special education teacher who also provides in-home training to children diagnosed with autism. She earned a bachelor's degree in psychology from UTEP in 2007.

Bonita Whittington has been an educator for over 23 years with 16 of those as a career and technical education teacher at San Elizario High School. She has also served as a sponsor for several student organizations including Business Professionals of America, National Technical Honor Society, and UIL Academics.

Salom and Whittington will next represent SEISD at the ESC Region 19 Texas Teacher of the Year competition to be held this summer. Also receiving district star awards for their



— Photo courtesy San Elizario ISD

OUTSTANDING – Irene Salom, Nancy Jacquez, and Bonita Whittington were honored for their work during the San Elizario ISD 2012 Star Recognition Banquet.

nomination were the following individuals:

Alma Duran – Loya Primary School Employee of the Year

Graciela Tapia – Alarcon Elementary School Employee of the Year

Sandra Romero – Sambrano Elementary School Employee of the Year

Celia Duran - Garcia-Enriquez Middle School Employee of the Year

Patricia Silva - San Elizario High School Employee of the Year

Rachel Norman – Loya Primary School Teacher of the Year

Elenor Maldonado – Alarcon Elementary School Teacher of the Year

Cesar Duran – Borrego Elementary School Teacher of the Year

Brenda Jara - Garcia-Enriquez Middle School Teacher the Year

All nominees were honored at an intimate dinner banquet, received awards and were featured in a video presented at the ceremony highlighting their efforts. Jacquez, Salom, and Whittington also received a silver star trophy, bouquet of roses, and \$500 stipend for being selected as the final winners.

Veterans Post

By Freddy Groves

Homeless vets study

The Department of Veterans Affairs recently completed a study to determine the causes of homelessness among veterans as part of its goal to eliminate homelessness by the year 2015.

This was no small, casual study. The VA Office of Inspector General Office of Healthcare Inspections looked at the data of nearly one-half million veterans through 2010, half of whom had served in the Gulf Wars. It studied existing research and laws, and consulted experts.

Here’s what it learned:

- Five years after leaving the military, 3.7 percent of veterans became homeless for the first time, with those who were in the Gulf Wars having bigger percentages.
- The first homeless experience generally came at the three-year mark, with Gulf veterans becoming homeless sooner than non-Gulf veterans.
- Homeless veterans were more likely to have traumatic brain injury (three times more than non-homeless veterans), be less than 35 years of age, and in a pay grade of E1 to E4.
- Half of homeless vets were diagnosed with a mental disorder before discharge, and more than 78 percent were diagnosed with a

mental disorder before becoming homeless.

- More than half of homeless veterans were getting service-connected disability benefits, with 83 percent to 95 percent receiving benefits before first becoming homeless.
- Approximately 65 percent were using VA homeless veteran services: health care, the mentally ill program and HUD-VASH housing program.

The VAOIG had some recommendations in the study, noting especially the three-year period before most of the homelessness occurs and suggesting a need for greater access to mental-health services.

The VAOIG pointed out that approximately half of the homeless veterans had disability money coming in before they first became homeless. Maybe that should be a focus of any further attempts to lower the number of homeless veterans: discover why they become homeless.

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– Photo courtesy of Margaret Berrier

Shown in photo is Bronze Age rock art of ships. This rock art was found in the mountains near Aby, Sweden.

Archeology museum features local experts

By Alfredo Vasquez
Special to the Courier

EL PASO COUNTY – Two fascinating programs will be held Saturday, June 9, at The El Paso Museum of Archaeology, 4301 Transmountain Road, and they are free and open to the public.

The first one, titled *Rainwater Harvesting: Weathering the Drought*, will feature Virginia Morris, a local

master gardener. She will show how to harvest rainwater that one can use during a drought. Using a PowerPoint presentation, Morris will illustrate how to capture, store and use harvested rainwater. The free master gardeners’ class will be held at 10 a.m.

The second program, called *Sun and Rain: Rock Art Images of New Mexico and Sweden*, will be held at 2 p.m. Margaret Berrier, an avocational archaeologist whose primary interest

is rock art, will present a photo display to compare the landscape and rock art images of New Mexico with those found in Sweden. Berrier is an avid enthusiast in recording rock art as part of the effort to protect and understand the significance of these cultural resources.

For more information, call 915-755-4332, send email to guidamr@elpasotexas.gov, or visit the museum’s website at www.elpasotexas.gov/arch_museum/.

View from here

By Rev. Josesp A. Darby

Building bridges not walls

My home state of South Carolina has imposed a tough new law to address “illegal” immigration. Like many recently enacted state immigration laws – which bear a curious similarity from state to state – South Carolina now requires law enforcement officers to check the backgrounds of those they suspect may be in the country illegally, makes it a crime to harbor or transport illegal immigrants, requires immigrants to carry Federal registration documents at all times and requires employers to verify the legal status of all new employees. South Carolina’s immigration law also, however, provides legal status verification exemptions for agricultural laborers, private residence domestic workers, ministers and fishermen on crews with ten or more hands.

Those exemptions, with the exception of the one provided for ministers, are perfectly understandable to me. I’m a lifelong resident of the state that started the Civil War to defend an economic system based on slavery, designed urban public transit systems to get domestic workers to their employers’ homes, Constitutionally mandates a “minimally adequate” public education and recently enacted a Voter ID law to combat “voter fraud,” although there’s scant evidence of voter fraud in our state.

Those exemptions accomplish two things familiar to those who know South Carolina’s history. They offer incendiary inspiration to those easily swayed by the politics of fear and division, and they assure that the affluent who need a cheap and ready labor force won’t be unduly inconvenienced. What’s truly frightening is that other States are now in step with South Carolina, which isn’t exactly a sterling example of educational or economic progress.

The immigration laws passed in many States – like Arizona’s SB 1070 currently being considered by the United States Supreme Court – are convenient tools for social control. Like the Jim Crow laws in the early to mid 20th Century American South, the new immigration laws enable some struggling citizens to blame “those people” for their failure to achieve instead of asking hard questions about systemic economic and social inequities. They also enable elected officials who

choose not to run on their records or ideas to fan the flames of division for political advantage and prevent honest consideration of what’s best for all Americans.


Some of those laws are already being “tweaked” in ways that speak to their real intent. In Alabama, legislators are struggling with protests from business interests whose low wage workers have fled the State by the thousands and the negative publicity of a German Mercedes executive’s detention for failure to produce his “papers.” In Arizona, the law was revised to make its inherent need for racial profiling less pointed and more palatable. Trying to mask the intent of those laws, however, is like trying to hide a skunk in a perfume factory – things still don’t smell quite right.

The evolving legal history of immigration in the United States is instructive in considering the new wave of state immigration laws. The Naturalization Act of 1790 extended citizenship only to “free white persons.” The Immigration Act of 1924 sought to stem the tide of Southern and Eastern European immigrants. Nation of origin quotas weren’t abolished until the passage of the Immigration and Nationality Act of 1965.

Whether our ancestors arrived on the Mayflower, in the holds of slave ships like the Amistad or in the “steerage” of ocean liners in the early 20th century, the majority of Americans today are the descendants of immigrants. The sad fact is that those whose families have been here for a generation or two are hostile to those seeking new opportunity in America.

If we are to be the world’s self-professed “melting pot,” then we can’t put the lid on the pot when it comes to admitting those who don’t look like or don’t worship or think in ways acceptable to us. I hope that the Supreme Court will remember that when considering the Constitutionality of the latest wave of immigration laws so that we can address 21st century immigration realities, pave the way for new Americans to pursue the American dream and focus on building new American bridges instead of erecting new American walls.

Reverend Joseph A. Darby is Pastor of Morris Brown African Methodist Episcopal Church in Charleston, South Carolina.



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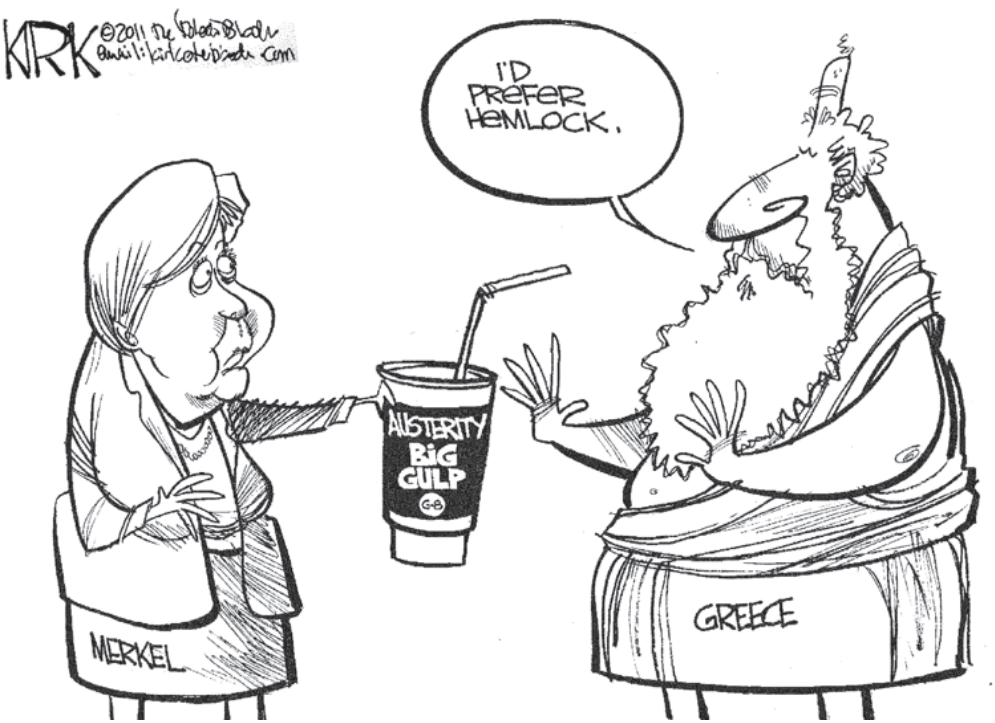


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Movies in the Park begins June 2

HORIZON CITY – Horizon Police Chief Mike McConnell is pleased to kick-off a new summer of movies in Horizon. This is the third year for this program. “There is no admission fee to these movies and we encourage families to come to the park at dusk on Saturday nights as a family and enjoy the movies,” said McConnell.

The movies are shown every Saturday night during the summer at Corky Corcoran Park, 500 Rodman in Horizon City. All movies are preceded with a Looney Tunes cartoon. The Horizon City Police Explorers provide concessions as a fundraising effort to help with their law enforcement explorer post.

“Bring your blankets or lawn chairs and enjoy the movies. Last year’s program was very well attended and we anticipate even bigger crowds this year,” said McConnell.

Local sponsors include Vista Serena Homes, GECU, Hawk Construction, El Paso Teachers Federal Credit Union, First National Bank, Border Pallets and the Horizon City Police Officers Association.

– Officer Marie Casillas

Horizon Movie Schedule

- June 2Puss in Boot
 ☛ TAKE 25 Event (See Newsbriefs)
- June 9Captain America
- June 16Winnie the Pooh
- June 23Moneyball
- June 30Zookeeper
- July 7Breaking Dawn
- July 14Courageous
 ☛ Free Hot Dog Night
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- July 21Crazy Stupid Love
- July 28Spy Kids 4
- Aug. 04The Help
- Aug. 11Journey 2
- Aug. 18Dolphin Tale
- Aug. 25Footloose

SBA, AARP to connect older Americans with resources to start, grow businesses

Counseling, training will be provided to 100,000 encore entrepreneurs

By Cecelia Taylor
Special to the Courier

WASHINGTON – The U.S. Small Business Administration and AARP are launching a strategic alliance to provide counseling and training to entrepreneurs over the age of 50 who want to start or grow a small business. Through SBA’s online training courses and its nationwide network of business mentors and counselors, the two organizations expect to train 100,000 “encore entrepreneurs,” men and women over 50 who are starting or running a small business.

“No matter what your age, if you have an idea or a business that’s ready to move to the next level, the SBA wants to make sure you have access to the tools you need to start and grow,” said SBA Administrator Karen Mills. “We know that working side-by-side with AARP, we will be able to reach baby boomers and Americans over the age of 50 who have years of professional experience working for others and are ideally positioned to step out and become their own boss. And, in doing so, they will become job creators and drivers of economic growth in their communities.”

SBA has set up a dedicated web page

Americans over the age of 50 featuring: an online self-assessment tool that will help potential small business owners understand their readiness for starting a business as well as information to help with business planning, shaping a winning business idea, professional counseling, financial services and information to find local resources in your area. This web page can be found at: <http://www.sba.gov/content/50-entrepreneurs>.

SBA and AARP also will jointly develop and host a customized online course, self-assessment, and webinar series for older entrepreneurs. SBA already offers a suite of online courses for people who want to start and grow their business. To take a course, go to <http://www.sba.gov/training> under “online courses.” Course topics include start-up basics, finance strategies, marketing tactics, overseas trade, and more.

For more than 70 million Americans over 50, business ownership is a practical option. It can be a second career or a chance to leverage life experiences into an interesting and financially practical “encore” career.

“Many baby boomers are working beyond retirement age and choosing to stay active and engaged in the workforce,” Mills said. “For many older entrepreneurs, starting a small business can be an opportunity to transform a lifetime hobby or interest or years of professional experience into a lucrative line of work.”

For more information on SBA’s programs and services, please visit www.sba.gov.

Canutillo ISD employees receive pay raise

By Gustavo Reveles Acosta
Special to the Courier

CANUTILLO – The Canutillo Independent School District Board of Trustees on Tuesday approved a compensation package that gives all employees substantial salary increases for the upcoming 2012-13 academic year.

Auxiliary employees like custodians, food service workers, bus drivers, grounds keepers and maintenance personnel received an overall 4 percent pay increase from their midpoint. All other CISD workers – teachers, paraprofessionals and administrators – received a 3.5 percent salary increase from their midpoint.

“The Board is so thankful to be in a position that allows us to approve this compensation package,” said CISD Board President Laure Searls. “It shows our employees that we truly care about them, and that we think they’re doing a great job.”

Under the new compensation package, starting teacher salary will jump to \$45,000 from the current \$42,175. Teachers who have reached the end of

their pay range will receive a one-time payment of \$300.

On Tuesday, the Board also approved the creation a new \$1,000 stipend for math and science teachers who have full loads of classes in these subjects. The stipend will be prorated for teachers who teach math or science only part of the instructional day.

The Board also added \$500 to the \$1,500 stipend for teachers with masters degree if the teachers are teaching math and science and theirgraduate degree is in these two fields of study.

“We are doing a thorough study of our stipends in order to be more competitive with neighboring school districts,” said Martha Carrasco, CISD’s executive director for human resources. “These stipends will help us not only retain the dedicated teachers we currently employ, but also attract up-and-coming teachers into our District.”

The Board will discuss athletic and UIL coaching stipends during a June 7 meeting. The recommendations for the compensation study were part of a Texas Association of School Boards study commissioned by the District earlier this school year.

History museum holds native songs, traditional medicine presentations

By Alfredo Vasquez
Special to the Courier

EL PASO COUNTY – In conjunction with the exhibit, *Healing Hands and Healing Ways: Traditional Medicine in the Borderlands*, the El Paso Museum of History in co-sponsorship with Museo Urbano, a project of the Department of History at the University of Texas at El Paso (UTEP), will feature two extraordinary women of this Borderland – Bea Villegas and Dr. Yolanda Chávez Leyva.

Villegas will present an interactive workshop, entitled *Powerful Native Songs*, beginning at 2 p.m., Saturday, June 9, in the Museum’s Seminar Room. “In the universe sound and movement are the evidence of life. Sound is the most prevailing thing in the life of human beings. With sound we can create powerful songs that will give us courage; fill and guide our lives. That is why we must have a song in our lives that will make us dance. In this workshop you will learn several simple songs that can help your body and you feel good,” stated Villegas, whose Indian name



– Photo courtesy Bea Villegas

Bea Villegas said that she recognized her true calling at the age of thirty... to return to her roots and spiritual origin and help women.

is *Ilhulcatlahuilebea* which means “Light from the Sky”.

Born in Torreon Coahuila, Mexico, Villegas has served as a leader in Aztec (mechica) influenced Chicana/o indigenous circles, including the sweat lodge (a kalpulli) and coordinator of the First Peace and Dignity run in 1992. Currently, she is the Tecutli main representative of the Tlalteca Community.

Villegas stated that she does not call herself a curandera, healer, or teacher; although she has been given those titles by her community. “I feel I have come full circle; the circle my grandmother began but could not end; the circle I accept and embrace which includes my roots as a Native Indian of this continent,” she stated.

The following weekend, Dr. Chávez Leyva will present an illustrated lecture on *The History of Traditional Medicine in the Borderlands*. The lecture will begin at 2 p.m., Saturday, June 16, in the Museum’s Seminar Room.

Dr. Chavez Leyva’s lecture will provide a glimpse into the rich history of the traditional healer and curanderismo in the El Paso area- from the colonial period through the twentieth century.

She will tell the story of several women healers, herbalists, medicine women and others who have kept the tradition and the healing knowledge alive over the centuries.

“Traditional healing has roots going back thousands of years in what is now Mexico and the borderlands and continues to thrive today,” stated Dr. Leyva, a Chicana historian and writer who grew up along the border. She is currently chair of the Department of History and an associate professor at UTEP.



– Photo courtesy Dr. Yolanda Chavez Leyva

Dr. Yolanda Chavez Leyva has spent her life listening to and documenting the lives of people who live on *la frontera*.

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PUBLIC HEARING

A PUBLIC HEARING will be held on June 20, 2012 at 6:30 p.m. during the Planning and Zoning Commission meeting at City of Socorro Chambers, 860 N. Rio Vista Rd., Socorro, Texas. Purpose of the Public Hearing is to receive public comments on the following:

1) On proposed rezoning of Tract4-Q, Block 3, Socorro Grant, from R-1, Single Family residential, to R-2, Medium Density Residential.

2) On proposed rezoning of Lot 4, Block 8, San Ysidro Subdivision, from R-1, Single Family

residential, to R-2, Medium Density Residential.

3) On proposed rezoning of Lot 21, Block 14, Country Green Addition, from R-1, Single Family residential, to R-2, Medium Density Residential.

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

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Anthony ISD Summer Food Service Program

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Enrique Miramontes Memorial [Triangle] Park in Anthony, TX
M-F June 4 - Aug. 1; Lunch/Comida: 11:45 am-1 pm

Iglesia De Dios, 7546 Doniphan, Canutillo, TX
M-F June 11 - June 15; Lunch/Comida: 11:45 am; Breakfast/Almuerzo: 8-9 am

***Wet-n-Wild Waterworld, 8804 South Desert, Anthony, TX**
M-F June 4 - Aug. 1 (*OPEN July 4th); Lunch/Comida: 12-1 pm

Alpha y Omega 601 Franklin Street, Anthony, TX
M-F June 25-29; Lunch/Comida: 11:30-12 pm Breakfast/Almuerzo: 9:30 am

Iglesia Cantico de Regresion, 500 Central, Canutillo, TX
M-F June 25-29 Lunch/Comida: 4-5 pm; Breakfast/Almuerzo: 9-10 am

Novia Del Cordero, 603 Main Street, Canutillo, TX
M-F June 25-29; Lunch/Comida: 11:45-12 pm; Breakfast/Almuerzo: 9-9:30 am

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CryptoQuip Answer

If a bear were allowed to prepare coffee or tea, could you then say he was a bruin?

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Local steel mill earns environmental stewardship, recycling award

By Alfredo Vasquez
Special to the Courier

VINTON – Steel Manufacturers Association (SMA recently recognized ArcelorMittal Vinton for its commitment to the environment by presenting it with the 2012 SMA Environmental Stewardship and

Recycling. The Vinton plant was honored for upgrades to its air-capturing emission system to enhance the facility’s capture of dust by-product which reduced emissions and improved air quality. The award highlighted the local organization’s commitment to sustainability through recycling and reduction of energy use and for being a leader in community initiatives that

support environmental restoration and stewardship activities, stated the SMA report. “ArcelorMittal Vinton is honored to be the recipient of the 2012 Steel Manufacturers Association’s Environmental Stewardship and Recycling Award, recognizing our overall commitment to being environmentally responsible while serving as a good corporate citizen

to the communities where we live and work. We are committed to continuously improving and working in ways that lessen our impact on the environment,” stated Rangaswamy Kesavan, general manager of ArcelorMittal Vinton. ArcelorMittal Vinton is located alongside the Rio Grande River in El Paso County’s Upper Valley. This mini-mill operation produces

approximately 260,000 metric tons of steel using electric arc furnace (EAF) technology and rolls approximately 240,000 metric tons of steel, according to ArcelorMittal Vinton officials. The company currently has about 350 employees, specializes in producing rebar for the commercial and industrial construction industries, as well as fabricated products, grinding balls and smooth rounds.



– Photo courtesy ArcelorMittal Vinton
ArcelorMittal Vinton was recently awarded the 2012 Environmental Stewardship and Recycling Award by the Steel Manufacturers Association (SMA). Shown in photo are John Ferriola, left, President & COO of Nucor Corporation and Rangaswamy Kesavan, General Manager of ArcelorMittal Vinton accepting the 2012 SMA Environmental Stewardship and Recycling Award during SMA’s recent Annual Members Conference in Washington D.C.

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at www.crimestoppersofelpaso.org or you can text CRIMES (274637) and enter the key word CRIME1 (no space). You will remain anonymous and, if your tip leads to an arrest, you can qualify for a cash reward.
– James Klaes

Wanted

A 32-year-old City of Socorro man, accused of beating up his girlfriend, is the target of this week’s Socorro Search. City of Socorro Police met with a woman, who told them she got into a fight with Roger Matthew Robles while sitting in her brother’s car last week. She went on to tell the detectives that she was sitting in the middle rear seat and that Robles was in the front passenger seat. The argument escalated and suddenly the Robles turned around and

grabbed her by the hair and pulled her over to the front seat. That’s when he teed off on her



Roger M. Robles

he attempted to choke her and really restricted her breathing. In a desperate attempt to get free she opened the car door, while it was moving. She says the Robles became even more infuriated when she tried to escape and even yelled out “call the police then” and pushed her out of the moving car. She confirmed to detectives that she hurt her back and ribs when she hit the ground. Testimony, the visible injuries to her face, neck and arms, and the possible internal injuries indicated the car

was doing about 35-45 miles per hour when she hit the roadway. She was crying when she told detectives she was afraid to confront Robles and in fact as she was being thrown out of the car she was in fear for her life and thoroughly believed that she was in immediate danger of serious bodily injury.

– David Garcia

Wanted II

Martin Sanchez, 44, who also goes by Mario Sanchez and Martin Rodriguez is this week’s Manhunt Monday Most Wanted Fugitive. He is 5’11” tall, weighs 165 pounds and has brown hair and eyes. In recent months, several individuals have come forward claiming to be victims of Sanchez elaborate scheme. Complaints indicate Sanchez goes around offering landscaping services in newly developed residential areas. He asks for down payment and never returns to begin or much less finish the services he is

hired for. The County Attorney’s Office and area law enforcement are asking the community to assist authorities in locating him. There may be more victims out there that have yet to come forward. Sanchez knows he is wanted. He may be hiding in Santa Teresa, NM but is known to frequent El Paso, where most of his victims reside. If anyone has seen or has any information on the whereabouts of Sanchez



Martin Sanchez

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 Sanchez.

– Deputy Jesse Tovar

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING TO DISCUSS BUDGET

The Socorro Independent School District will hold a public meeting at 6:00 p.m., Tuesday, June 19, 2012 in the District Service Center, Board Room., 12440 Rojas Dr., El Paso, TX 79928.

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

Comparison of Proposed Budget with Last Year’s Budget

The applicable percentage increase or decrease (or difference) in the amount budgeted in the preceding fiscal year and the amount budgeted for the fiscal year that begins during the current tax year is indicated for each of the following expenditure categories:

Maintenance and Operations	0.37%	Decrease
Debt Service	11.82%	Increase
Total Expenditures	0.01%	Increase

WTCC: 05-31-12

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING TO DISCUSS BUDGET

The San Elizario Independent School District will hold a public meeting at 5:00 p.m., Wednesday, June 13, 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 budget that will be adopted. Public participation in the discussion is invited.

Comparison of Proposed Budget with Last Year’s Budget

The applicable percentage increase or decrease (or difference) in the amount budgeted in the preceding fiscal year and the amount budgeted for the fiscal year that begins during the current tax year is indicated for each of the following expenditure categories:

Maintenance and Operations	7.74%	Increase
Debt Service	0.00%	No Change
Total Expenditures	7.74%	Increase

WTCC: 05-31-12

NFL, players may implode if they don’t get it together

By Steve Escajeda
Special to the Courier

If history had taught us anything it’s that things never stay the same.

What was popular today quickly becomes yesterday’s news.

There was a time not too long ago that baseball, horse racing and boxing were, by far, the top sports in the United States.

Boxing has given way to the much bloodier world of mixed martial arts.

Except for the occasional Triple Crown threat, horse racing was something your grandfather with the weird hat and cigar used to be into.

Baseball is still fairly popular, but nothing compared to what it was in the mid 1900s. In fact, one of the biggest concerns of the African American athletes who played the game is the lack of young black athletes embracing it now.

It just goes to show that little changes in society can affect a sport.

Boxing chose to keep the average fan away by charging enormous prices on pay-per-view. Advocates complained about how horses were

being abused, and the fast-paced Internet world has given young American athletes the perception that baseball is too slow.

The undisputed king of American sports is football.

But before we treat the NFL the way we treat Supreme Court judges, who are appointed for life, let’s examine the turmoil the league has had to endure over the last few months.

For the first time in the Super Bowl era, the image of the NFL has taken a few hard tackles.

Most of the backlash started when hundreds of former players quickly turned into thousands joining a class-action lawsuit against the league for what they describe as deceiving the players about the danger of concussions.

The players claim the NFL knew that concussions were very dangerous and lied to the players about it. How the players intend to prove that is beyond me, but it still could be monetarily devastating to the league.

Then, especially last season, players and fans complained about the game on the field. They say it isn’t the same game because players can’t hit as hard as they used to.

Players complained that the line they cannot

cross is too fuzzy.

They can’t hit below the belt, they can’t hit above the shoulder pads, they can’t hit with their helmet and they virtually can’t hit a quarterback at all.

There’s no doubt that NFL Commissioner Roger Goodell is in a tough spot.

Players complain that he’s too strict about trying to keep the game safe and yet thousands of them are suing the league because it was too rough.

And speaking of Goodell and safety, there was that incident involving the New Orleans Saints. The NFL took another black eye when it was revealed that Saints coaches and players participated in a bounty system that targeted stars of other teams for money.

Several coaches and players were severely penalized by Goodell and now players are suing him for his decision, basically saying that because these things happened before the recent league bargaining agreement – he doesn’t have jurisdiction to pass down any penalties.

Then there were the recent comments of former NFL great Kurt Warner, who said with football being as dangerous as it is, he

wouldn’t want his kids to grow up and play the game.

Though Warner played, he said he still knows what the long-term affects could be.

Now the NFL is trying to keep the sport safer still by requiring players to wear thigh and knee pads.

Obviously, the players are fighting this issue.

Seriously, I don’t know who is worse, the NFL owners and the players, or the Democrats or Republicans.

The latest NFL setback involves the Dallas Cowboys and Washington Red Skins, who are suing the league after the NFL fined them for spending over the salary cap in 2010.

Only thing is, the NFL had no salary cap in 2010. So how could the Cowboys or Red Skins go over it?

Leave it to the NFL to bring these two hated rivals together.

One or two of these points would have little affect on the NFL. But all these negative actions could put in motion the start of the decline of the league.

The 8-track tape player, the Edsel and Rosie O’Donnell’s career – could the NFL eventually suffer the same fate?

A sporting view By Mark Vasto

For Hamilton, it’s yard ball

On May 9, 2012, Texas Ranger outfielder Josh Hamilton became the sixteenth player in Major League history to hit four home runs in a game, against the Orioles at Camden Yards.

For Hamilton, it is just the latest in an impressive string of accomplishments. He’s won a batting title, a league MVP and

is a four-time all-star. And while sportswriters and fans alike tend to take May accomplishments lightly, Hamilton was beaming about the achievement.

“Obviously it’s, other than being in the World Series, the highlight of my big-league career,” he told reporters after the game, which saw the Rangers win 10-3.

Deadspin, the TMZ of the sporting world, was quick to point out that Hamilton barely won “player of the game” with 49 percent of the vote, not even a majority. But then Deadspin has always been a reliable reporter of the clouds for each of the silver linings in Hamilton’s career.

Kevin Kaduk, a blogger for Yahoo! Sports, treated it like the feat that it was, however.

“We make big deals about perfect games, but 21 pitchers have recorded one throughout baseball history,” Kaduk noted. “Only 15 other players have hit four home

runs in the same game, with the last one before Hamilton being Carlos Delgado on Sept. 25, 2003.”

At 31, it’s safe to say that from a physical standpoint, Hamilton is on the downward side of the slope at this stage of his career, yet it’s hard to envision him not dominating the league for another three to five years at minimum. Barring injury, his robust numbers already hint at Hall of Fame potential, but that domination factor – clearly he is one of the best, if not the best player in the American League right now – could be what puts him over the top in that regard.

For a 162-game season, Hamilton averages .314 with an on-base percentage of .370, 35 home runs and 122 RBI. Last season he walked on 39 occasions and struck out 93 times. However, he’s only grounded into 40 double plays in his entire

career. For a No. 3 hitter, one who sees a lot of people on the base paths in front of him, that’s an outstanding number from such an aggressive hitter.

That is really the secret of Hamilton’s success – aggression. According to ESPN, Hamilton leads the league in percentage of first-pitch swings (56.5 percent as of this writing). This season, Hamilton is 10-for-22 with three home runs swinging at the first pitch.

But it’s games like the one he had in Baltimore that reach past the statistics.

“It reminds you of when you’re in Little League and a little kid,” Hamilton said. “Excitement [is] why we play the game.”

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

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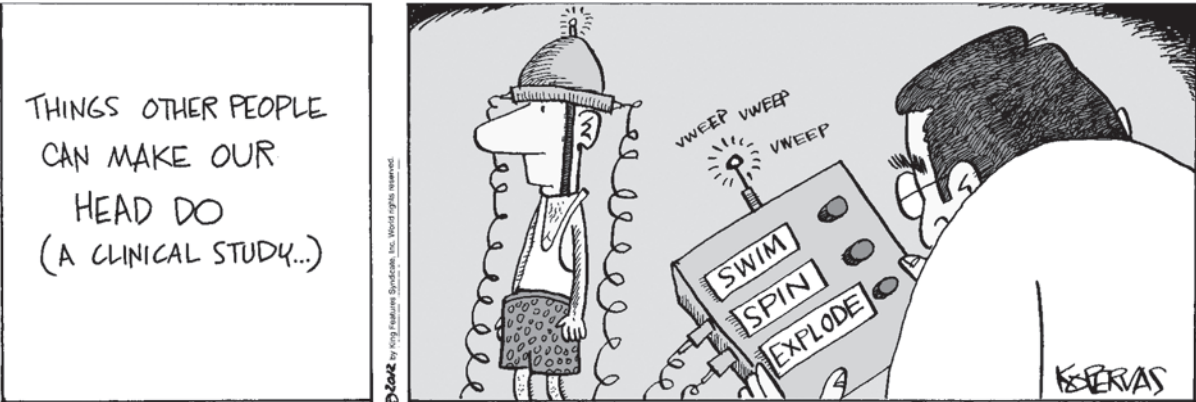
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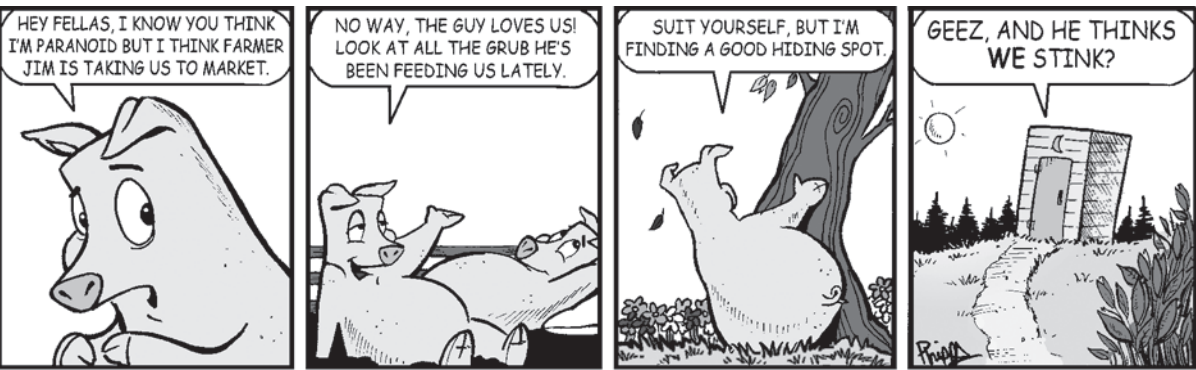
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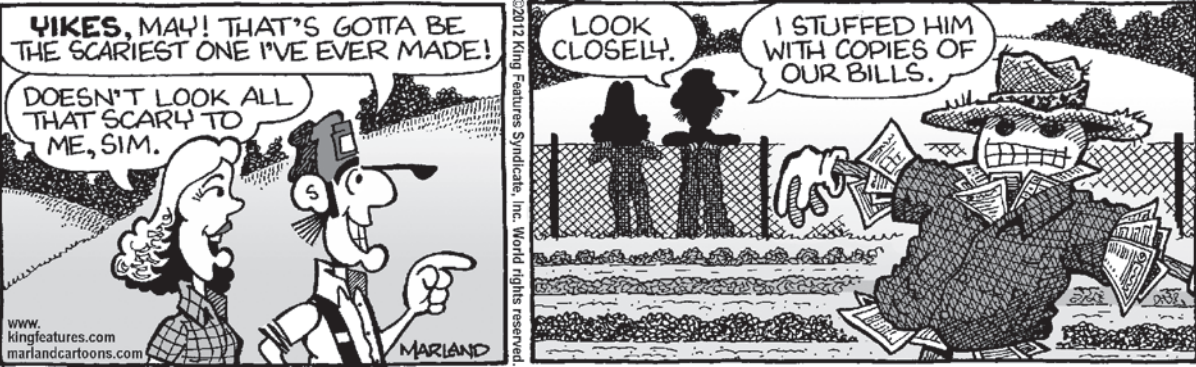
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Your good healthBy Paul G. Donahue, M.D.

DEAR DR. DONOHUE: Six months ago, my wife died in her sleep. She said she just felt shaky and tired out around 6 p.m. When I turned on my light at 4 a.m., I immediately knew she had died. I was told she died of congestive heart failure. She told me she had this two months prior to her death. Was there something we could have done? I carry guilt with me every day. Is congestive heart failure a death sentence? – S.F.

Heart failure indicates that the heart has become a weak pump. “Congestive” often is added to “heart failure” to emphasize that the failing heart causes blood to circulate poorly. Fluid oozes out of vessels and congests body organs, especially the lungs and makes breathing difficult. Congestion also shows in swollen ankles and feet. However, not all people with heart failure show the signs of congestion.

Shortness of breath when lying down, waking from sleep gasping for breath, coughing during the night and the inability to get enough air to accomplish even light physical tasks are signs of heart failure. I can assure you that the world’s most renowned heart doctor would not have expected your wife to die in her sleep because she said she felt tired and shaky. You are entitled to feel sad, but you do not deserve to feel guilty.

Heart failure comes from heart arteries clogged with cholesterol, from heart valve malfunction, from high blood pressure and from heartbeat disturbances like atrial fibrillation. Treatments are available. Water pills draw water from an overfilled circulation, and that eases the burden on the heart. Other medicines increase the strength of the heartbeat. Special pacemakers can restore synchronous beating to the heart’s out-of-sync pumping chambers. Congestive heart failure is not

always a death sentence. My sincerest condolences to you and your family.

The booklet on heart failure describes this common condition in greater detail. Readers can order a copy by writing: Dr. Donohue – No. 103W, Box 536475, Orlando, FL 32853-6475. Enclose a check or money order (no cash) for \$4.75 U.S./\$6 Canada with the recipient’s printed name and address. Please allow four weeks for delivery.

DEAR DR. DONOHUE: While trying to get out of the bathtub, I slipped and hit my chest against the side of the tub. My husband took me to the emergency room. X-rays showed two broken ribs. The ER doctor seemed to think this was nothing, but it was truly painful. He gave me a prescription for pain medicine, and that was it. Should some kind of splint be applied? How long does it take rib fractures to heal? – M.K.

An uncomplicated rib fracture – one in which the ends of the fracture are in alignment – can be treated with pain relievers alone. Admittedly, even the small movement of breathing in and out worsens the pain, but your medicine ought to take care of that.

Sometimes rib belts are put on patients to keep the fracture ends from moving. Whether they do much good is disputed, and they can be uncomfortable.

You can expect your ribs to heal in six weeks.

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

- TIMBER LINE ACROSS

1 '84 Daryl Hannah film

7 Belfry sound

11 Poetic monogram

14 Little rascal

19 Bunch of ballplayers

20 Fairy-tale fiend

21 Spring mo.

22 Forbidden

23 Start of a remark by 114 Across

25 Teddy-bear president

27 Tut's relative

28 Ganesh or Hanuman

29 That's the spirit

30 Building wings

31 Level

33 Actress Welch

36 With 51 Across, "Wuthering Heights" author

38 Face lift?

41 Anchored

42 Hot spot?

43 Part 2 of remark

47 Aries animal

50 Important numero

51 See 36 Across

52 " _ look at me!"

53 Distinctive period

54 Irving character

56 Hotels

57 Prepare the

Parmesan

60 Toil

62 Dwelling

64 Trim a photo

65 Rotund

66 Vittle statistics?

68 He's got plans for you

72 Skilled

73 Pick-me-up

74 Sheet of stamps

75 Big name in kids' music

77 TV's "Starsky and "

78 Get on

80 Cougar

81 Viscount's superior

85 Put into service

86 Partially open

88 "Summer _" ('72 hit)

90 Mauna _

91 Augsburg article

92 End of remark

97 Wise guy?

98 Bother

99 Like Hawaiian shirts

100 Waits

102 Vicar's assistant

103 Bend

105 Saucy

106 It gets squirreled away

108 Beastly place?

109 Jacket info

112 Gardener's friend

114 Speaker of remark

119 " _ Gay"

120 Khan opener?

121 Kind of roast

122 He's left holding the bag

123 Enticed

124 Pewter base

125 Cunning

126 Layers

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1 Blind part

2 Bodybuilder's pride

3 Need

4 Give it _ (try)

5 Big _ , CA

6 Reduce a risk

7 Little lake

8 "The _ and I" ('47 film)

9 Word with folk or fine

10 Tenor Slezak

11 Durham denizen

12 Bobbin

13 Cupid, in Corinth

14 Sault _ Marie, MI

15 Collapse

16 Ring _ (seem familiar)

17 Aquarium fish

18 Saucepans

24 Charged atom

26 Witty Wright

29 Spiritual guide

31 Lilly of pharmaceuticals

32 Do or die?

33 Takes a break

34 Exercise aftermath

35 Status _

37 Diner fare

38 Self-important

39 Blabby bird

40 Borodin's "Prince "

41 One of us?

42 Woodwind instrument

44 The Furies, e.g.

45 Toyota competitor

46 Banned pesticide

47 Defy a dictator

48 Faced the day

49 Stallion's sweetheart

55 Lose control

57 Pulverize

58 Learning method

59 Mimic

61 Activist Hoffman

63 15th president

64 Burn a bit

66 Animal that roared?

67 Log

69 Pocket protector?

70 Altar vessels

71 He keeps lions in line

73 Heavy blow

76 Disconcert

78 Bete noire

79 Nev. neighbor

80 Novel language?

82 Baseball family name

83 Crucifix

84 Tramp's tootsie

87 Pieceful pursuit?

88 Gravy vessel

89 Finish the lawn

93 "The Avengers" actress

94 Knitter's need

95 Monk's title

96 Wicked stuff?

97 Pay up

100 Reeves of "The Matrix"

101 Mistake

102 It's walked at Windsor

103 Watch pocket

104 Crochet units

105 Rind

107 Winter wear

108 Off-the-wall

109 _ carotene

110 "Players" actor

111 Gumbo veggie

113 Possessed

114 North Pole worker

115 Milne creature

116 Cowboy Tom

117 Bon _ (witticism)

118 "I'm freezing!"

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Moore Texas by Roger Moore Texas has more kinds of CACTUS than any other state...is that a POINT in our favor ?



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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Social Security Q&A By Ray Vigil

Q: I currently receive Social Security disability benefits. Is there a time limit on how long you can collect 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.

Q: Can I receive Social Security benefits and Supplemental Security Income (SSI) benefits at the same time?

A: You may be able to receive SSI benefits in addition to monthly Social Security benefits if your Social Security benefit amount is low enough for you to qualify. Whether you can get SSI benefits depends on your income and resources (the things you own). Social Security benefits you receive can make a difference in SSI eligibility and the amount you may be entitled to. You can find out more about the SSI program by going to www.socialsecurity.gov and selecting the SSI tab.

Q: I worked for the last 10 years and I now have my 40 credits. Does this mean that I can stop working and get the maximum Social Security retirement benefit when it's time to retire?

A: The 40 credits are the minimum number you need to qualify for retirement benefits. However, we do not base the amount of the benefit on those credits; we base it on your earnings over your working lifetime. To learn more about Social Security retirement benefits and how your benefit amount is figured, read our online publication, Retirement Benefits, at www.socialsecurity.gov/pubs/10035.html

Q: What are the limits on what I can own to be eligible for Supplemental Security Income?

A: You may be able to get SSI benefits if your resources are worth no more than \$2,000. A couple may be able to get SSI benefits if they have resources worth no more than \$3,000. We count real estate, bank accounts, cash, stocks, and bonds toward the limits on what you can own. Social Security does not count the home you live in and the land it is on, your car, or some funds and plots set aside for burial. Learn more at www.socialsecurity.gov/pubs/11000.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, 11111 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: R equals E

XS V WRVY NRYR VQQLNRU PL
KYRKVYR JLSSRR LY PRV, JLGQU
ALG PMRH OVA MR NVO WYGXH?

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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

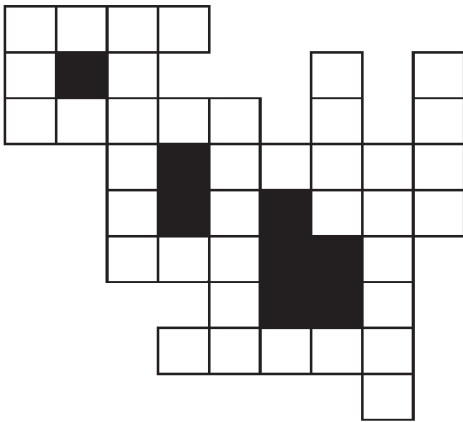
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Answer Page 4

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 celebrated physicist Albert Einstein who made the following sage observation: "Anyone who has never made a mistake has never tried anything new."

• It was in 1917 when one Dr. Walter G. Walford wrote an article warning readers of the perils of tight collars and ties, claiming that such constricting neckwear caused illness by retarding the flow of blood to the brain.

• It's fairly well known that seahorses are monogamous, staying with the same mate until death. Many people don't realize, however, that these fish are so devoted that every day they reaffirm their union with a morning greeting dance.

• When Ronald Reagan's daughter, Patti, got married, there were more security personnel than guests in attendance.

• America got its first paved street back in 1647. It was, unsurprisingly, in New York City.

• The fastest known star is traveling through space at a rate of 3.5 million miles per hour.

• The figure on the Heisman trophy was sculpted from a real person. Warren Mulrey played football for Fordham University when John Heisman chose him to be the model for the new award.

• If you're like the average American, you use 2 gallons of water every time you brush your teeth. So turn off that faucet while you brush!

• If you like squash, corn, beans, pecans, chili peppers, pumpkins, maple syrup or cranberries, you have Native Americans to thank – they're the ones who taught Europeans to gather and use these foods. In fact, by the end of the past century, fully one-third of all crops grown in the United States were of Native American origin.

• It's not easy to contemplate, but before there was toilet paper, American colonists used corncobs.

Thought for the Day: "Nothing pains some people more than having to think."
– Martin Luther King Jr.

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