

NEWSBRIEFS

Water project

An estimated 428 residents in the Turf Road area are slated to receive water services. The Texas Water Development Board has approved a grant in the amount of \$570,000 to the El Paso Water Utilities Public Service Board (PSB) from the Economically Distressed Areas Program to finance water system improvements. The PSB will use the funds for the construction of a new water distribution system. The design work for the project has already been completed.

— Merry Klonower

Water project II

The El Paso County Tornillo Water Improvement District will receive a grant for \$140,000 from the Texas Water Development Board. The funds will be used to complete planning and design of a project that will ultimately provide wastewater service to four colonias: Drake Subdivision Units 2, 4, and 7, and Rancho Henderson.

— Merry Klonower

Crime Stoppers

While the victim was inside a Westside eating establishment an unknown offender enters her pickup, takes her purse and later uses her debit card to make unauthorized purchases, making this the Crime Stoppers “Crime of the Week.” At 9:00 a.m. on Saturday, April 28, 2012, the victim parked in the lot at a strip center at 7500 N. Mesa and went into a business. While there, someone entered her 2006 Maroon Ford F-150 pickup and took her purse that contained important documents and credit and debit cards. The victim later discovered that her debit card had been used at a nearby gasoline station and that other cards had been used at several stores in the Outlet Mall. As seen on surveillance video at a mall store, the suspect appears to be a white or Hispanic man, about 30 years of age, medium height and build, wearing a Panama type hat, black sunglasses, a grey hoodie, dark pants, and a black backpack. It is unknown what vehicle he may have had. If you have any information at all about the identity of the suspect in this case, please contact Crime Stoppers of El Paso at 566-TIPS (566-8477), on-line at www.crimestoppersofelpaso.org or you can send a text message by entering the key word CRIME1 (no space) plus your tip information, and text it to CRIMES (274637). You will remain anonymous and, if your tip leads to an arrest, you can qualify for a cash reward.

— James Klaes

Wanted

Sheriff’s Office Crimes Against Persons

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A fault which humbles a man is of more use to him than a virtue which puffs him up.

— Quips & Quotes

Fireworks ban runs to 7 a.m. on July 5

By Don Woodyard
Special to the Courier

ELPASO COUNTY – “I didn’t do it lightly,” says County Judge Veronica Escobar.

The county judge is referring to action taken by Commissioners Court earlier this month in banning all Fourth of July fireworks on East Montana Avenue and the rest of the county because of the risk of fire in drought conditions.

“(However) it could be tragic if we did nothing,” she continues, looking ahead. “I just couldn’t sit back and do nothing. The health, safety and welfare of the residents are paramount.”

Escobar took action on June 11th as she issued a “Declaration of Local Disaster.” On June 13th, Commissioners Court voted 3-2, affirming the action.

The county judge says there are four steps to be taken in the issuance of the disaster declaration. The steps are:

- Have to exceed the drought index – “We have exceeded the index, and it is getting

worse,” she points out;

- To have a county judge willing to issue the ban;
- To have a willing Commissioners Court; and
- Contact Gov. Rick Perry’s office for official approval of the fireworks ban.

The action by the court came despite pleas and petitions by business owners along East Montana who state that much of their livelihood is derived from those who come out their to set off fireworks and celebrate the holiday.

“We are still in a recession, and retail businesses in the East Montana area are just as affected as other El Paso businesses,” says Jay Carruth, an Horizon City resident and owner of a tax preparation company on East Montana. In his news release he points out that “during a 10-day period ending on July 4th, retail

business earns as much income during the rest of the year.”

In a separate interview, he adds that revenues during this time frame are “tremendous.”

Carruth says business owners are not the only ones affected by the ban. He points out that many non-profit organizations benefit in the selling of fireworks. He notes the precautions they take to take action in the event of a fire.

Echoing Carruth is Yvonne Hinijosa who is store manager Silver Streak Restaurant and Quick Silver Exxon on East Montana. “We’ve been really hurting for the last two years,” she says. “It (July 4th) has been our busiest day of the year. Sales have really dropped.”

Daniel Haggerty, commissioner for Precinct 4, supports the actions of the residents who want to celebrate



Veronia Escobar



The Fourth. He was one of the two who voted against imposing the ban. The other, he says, was Sergio Lewis, commissioner for Precinct 2.

“The risk just isn’t there,” Haggerty says. “It takes the fun out of the holiday. Let’s have some fun.”

A veteran, Haggerty says he “fought hard for this privilege while serving in Vietnam.”

The City of Socorro, however, is allowing the sale and use of fireworks inside its city limits. Aerial fireworks are not allowed. Mayor Trini Lopez is concerned that people will flock to Socorro to buy and pop fireworks. “We shouldn’t be doing this because of the drought and the danger to homeowners,” he said. The Socorro council approved fireworks sales and use by a margin of 4-1.

Fireworks are banned in El Paso, the Town of Anthony, the Village of Vinton, the Town of Horizon City and the Town of Clint. Professional public displays that are authorized by permit or license are not covered by the ban.

Public shows on the 4th

- Chamizal National Memorial
800 South San Marcial Street
- Cohen Stadium
9700 Gateway North Boulevard
- Socorro Entertainment Center
11200 Santo Sanchez Road
- Western Playland Amusement Park
1249 Futurity Dr., Sunland Park, NM
- Wet-N-Wild Waterworld
8804 S. Desert Boulevard

Brigham, Silvaggio fill key Canutillo ISD slots

By Gustavo Reveles Acosta
Special to the Courier

CANUTILLO – Two experienced educators have been appointed to key leadership



Annette Brigham



Angela Silvaggio

positions within the Canutillo Independent School by the Board of Trustees.

Annette Brigham, who currently serves as CISD’s Executive Director of School Resources, was selected as Associate Superintendent and Chief of Staff. She will oversee the day-to-day operations of the district and aide Superintendent Dr. Damon Murphy in the decision-making process for finance, human resources, technology, maintenance and construction, as well as curriculum and instruction.

Brigham – a CISD resident – has a bachelor’s degree from the University of Texas at El Paso and a master’s degree from Texas A&M University in Corpus Christi. Her 25-year career in CISD includes stints as a technology teacher at Canutillo High School and as principal at Bill Childress

Elementary and Alderete Middle schools.

Angela Silvaggio, who currently serves as principal at Canyon Hills Middle School, was selected as Canutillo High School Principal. She will oversee the District’s sole comprehensive high school during a time of growth and high academic expectations.

A 34-year educator, Silvaggio has vast experience in school leadership, including long tenures as a high-school administrator. She earned a bachelor’s degree from Rhode Island College in Providence, R.I., and a masters from UTEP.

“I am pleased to add Annette and Angela to our already-strong group of Canutillo leaders,” Murphy said.

“Annette brings a wealth of experience in education and campus administration, plus a insight into our community that will help us move closer to our goals of providing a top-level education for our students,” he added. “Angela is a proven leader of secondary schools who has helped improve each and every school community she has worked with. We look forward to having her expertise and experience at Canutillo High School.”

Veterans Post

By Freddy Groves

Crackdown coming on pension claims

Veterans of wartime service are eligible for a pension if they meet certain criteria: age 65 or older, can't work, service during a certain period, have limited income. These criteria must be met, especially the limits on income.

I hate to think it, but a number of veterans are cheating the system, and financial planners are helping them.

The Government Accountability Office has unearthed no less than 200 companies that sell estate-planning services designed to help veterans who have too many assets to qualify for the pension benefit. Of those, the GAO investigated 20 companies that help establish trusts, set up annuities and transfer assets (that's currently allowed under law).

Of course these companies charge a fee, from hundreds to many thousands of dollars, for their advice – advice that might not be in the veteran's best interest.

A bill is making its way through Congress that would require stronger oversight of the benefits money. For example, depending

how the final version of the bill reads, there could be a “look back” of three years. That means the veteran's finances and assets will be scrutinized to see if he or she transferred any assets during that time to make the income look smaller.

If you're tempted to transfer assets to make it look like you qualify for the pension (even though it's currently legal), be careful. If you apply for Medicaid, it does a 60-month look-back. If you've transferred assets, your Medicaid long-term-care coverage could be delayed for a long time. If you put assets into an annuity, thinking that you'll have a monthly income from it, you might be locked out of it for years.

To read details of some of the shady financial dealings these companies are promoting, go online to www.gao.gov and put GAO-12-784T in the search box.

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– Photo by Alfredo Vasquez

The U.S. Department of Education is trying to give college graduates assistance in dealing with student debt. However, less than two percent of all eligible college graduates with student loan debt opt for the income-based repayment plan. The problem is that many students don't know about the assistance; it is not promoted in the financial aid offices as much as it could be, according to the U.S. Public Interest Research Group in Washington, D.C. Above, UTEP Financial Aid office personnel help students with paperwork.

Federal government repayment plan offers college students loan relief

By Alfredo Vasquez
Special to the Courier

As college costs continue to rise, options for paying for a college education seem to be moving out of reach for many Americans. A fortunate few have the financial capability to go to college without having to worry about expenses – whether it is because of scholarships they've earned or family wealth they've acquired.

However, most individuals interested in going to post-secondary institution must depend on student loans to finance their educational endeavors. Consequently, individuals are graduating from colleges with enormous debt burdens.

So, while U.S. Congress currently negotiates a compromise for

restraining the annual interest rate for student loans from doubling from 3.4 to 6.8 % (set to go into effect in July), another little-known federal government repayment plan is also trying to offer borrowers some relief.

A recent study by the Federal Reserve Bank of New York shows that the average student loan debt accumulated by a college graduate is \$23,300. And, government officials contend that the steady growth of college costs and student debt ties directly into concerns about the economy and jobs.

Therefore, the federal government introduced a way for college student loan borrowers to reduce their monthly loan payments and potentially have their loan debt dismissed. The program has actually


been in effect since 2009.

The new program named the Income-Based Repayment (IBR) plan, caps payments at a percentage of a graduate's monthly salary and dismisses all federal loan debt after a designated time period. All students with Stafford, PLUS or consolidation loans can use the IBR plan.

Although the plan's benefits seem obvious, less than two percent of all eligible college graduates have taken advantage of the income-based repayment plan – about 450,000 out of 36 million borrowers, according to a U.S. Department of Education (DOE) report.

Regardless of how much federal debt they have, grads enrolled in the IBR plan will never have to

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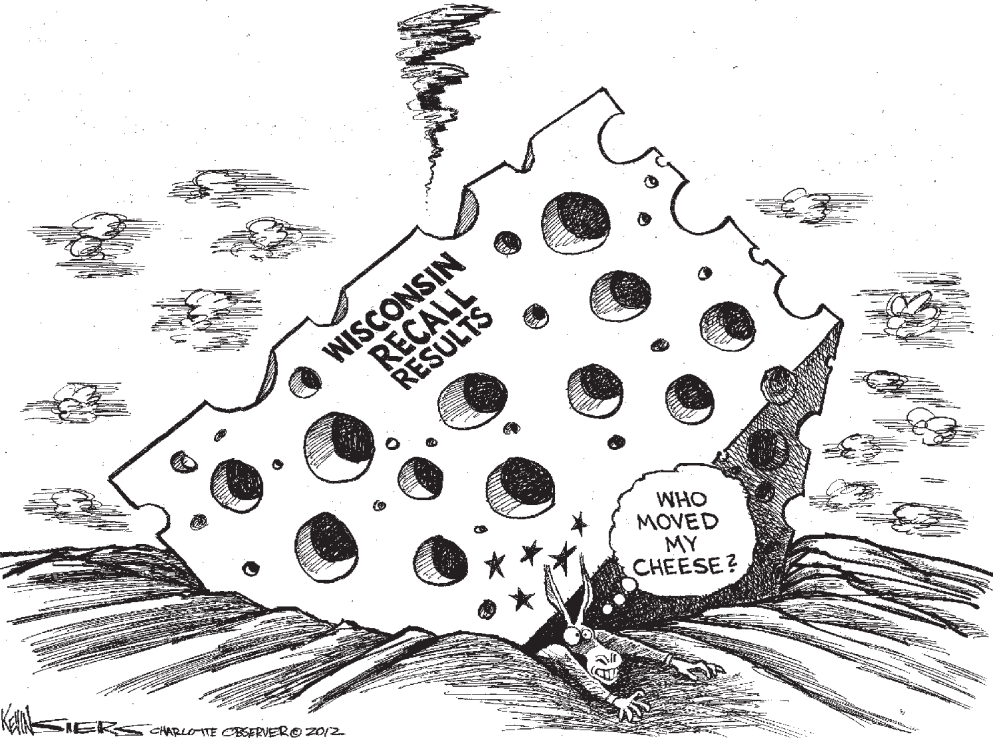
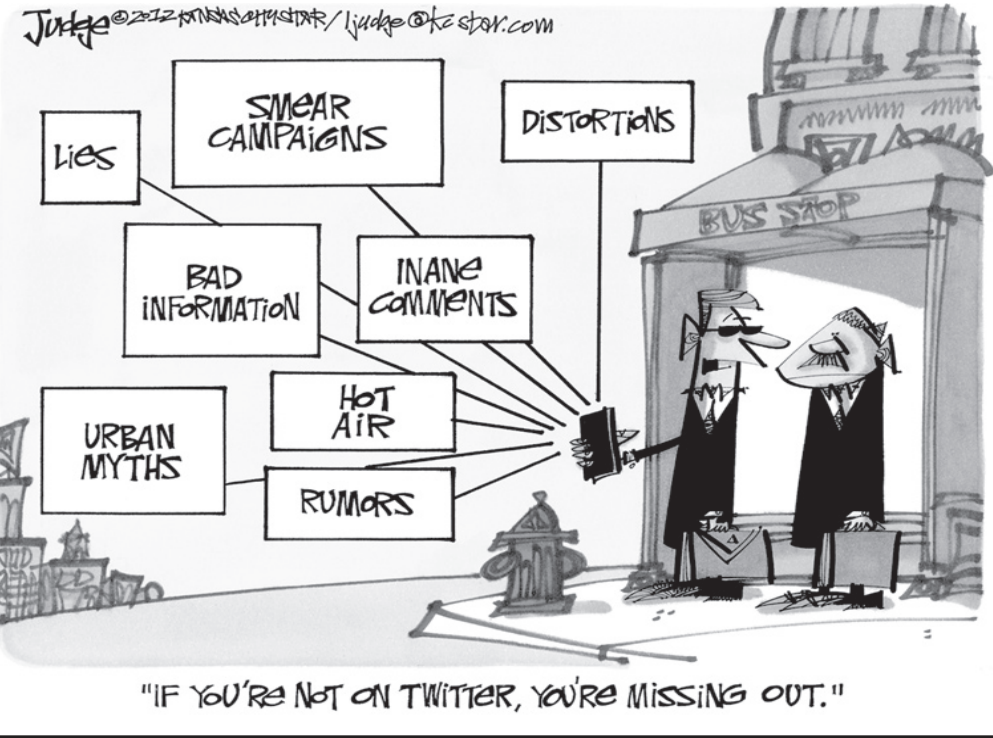
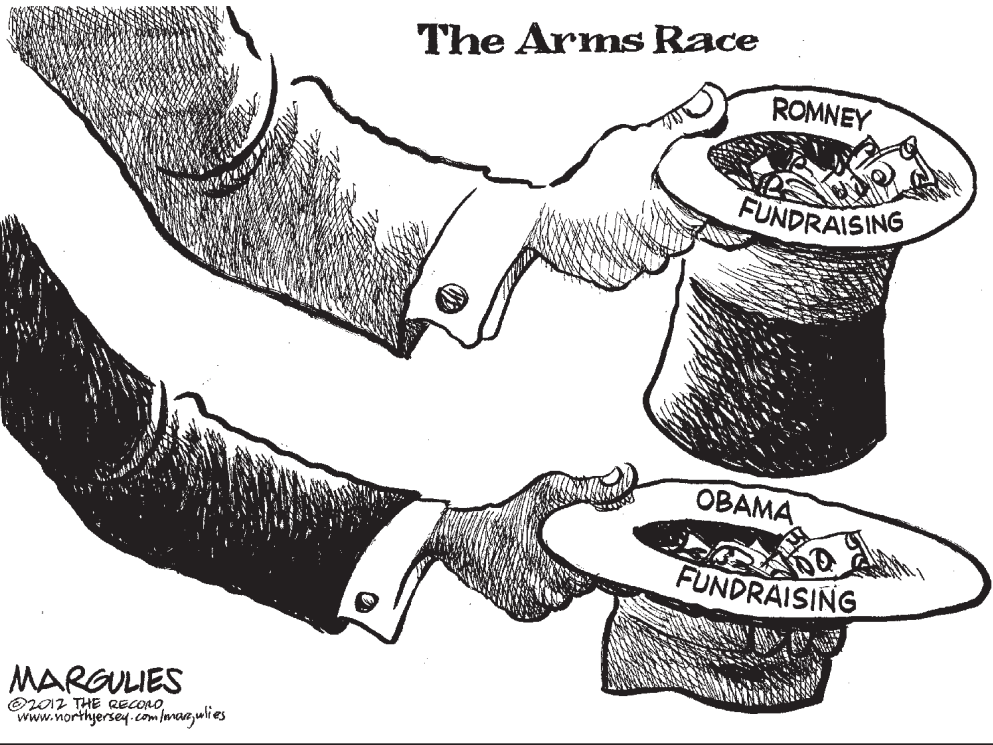
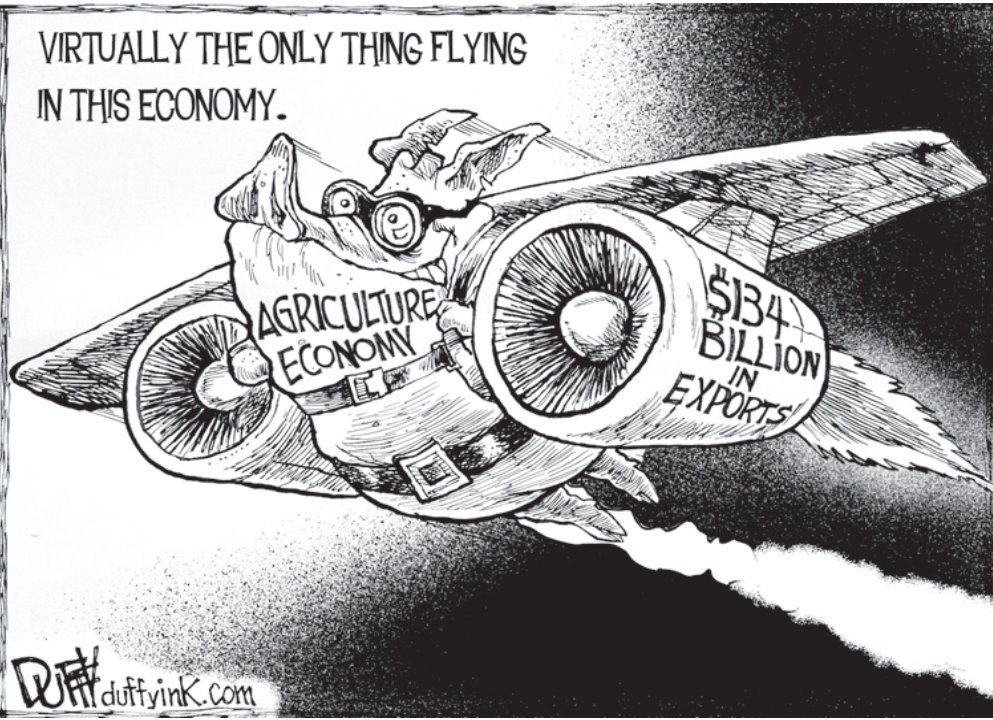
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How to catch a ‘Phish’

By Jason Alderman
Special to the Courier

Their names may sound funny but their financial consequences are not: “Phishing,” “smishing,” “vishing” and “pharming” are just a few of the ways criminals gain access to personal information via your computer or smartphone. If you’re not careful, identity thieves can use harvested information to open fraudulent bank or credit card accounts, take out loans, rent apartments or even charge medical procedures to your insurance plan.

Unfortunately, every time the authorities plug one hole, crafty criminals figure out new ways to trick unsuspecting victims. Here are some identity theft scams to watch out for:

- **Phishing:** This is where you receive an email, purportedly from a trusted source like a government agency, bank or retailer that asks you to supply or confirm account information, log-in IDs or passwords. These imposters are “fishing” for your personal information. Legitimate organizations never ask you to verify sensitive information through a non-secure means like email.

- **Smishing** (for “Short Message Service”): Like phishing, only it uses text messages sent to your cellphone. Even if you don’t share any information, just by responding you’re verifying that your phone number is valid, which means it probably will be sold to others who will try to trick you into their own scams.

- **Vishing** (voice phishing): Where live or automated callers direct you to call your bank or credit card issuer under the pretext of clearing up a problem (like theft or overdrawn accounts). You’ll be asked to share personal or account information. Keep a list of toll-free service numbers for all companies you use so you can call them directly without fearing you’ve been given bogus information. I also program these numbers – but not account numbers – into my cell phone in case I’m traveling.

- **Pharming.** Where hackers redirect you from a legitimate website to an impostor site

where your personal information is harvested (“farmed”). Social networking sites like Facebook and Twitter increasingly are being targeted, so always be wary of opening any links – even from trusted friends – because their account may have been hacked.

A few tips for spotting risky emails and texts:

- Although the “From” line may appear to be from a valid company email address, that’s easy for fraudsters to mimic (called “spoofing”).
- Beware of subject lines and body copy that use ominous or threatening language (e.g., “Your credit card has been suspended”).
- Lack of a personalized salutation or closing details (e.g., “Dear Valued Customer”).
- Watch for typos, poor grammar, punctuation, capitalization consistency and other warning signs it’s not legitimate.
- Scroll your mouse over any embedded links before clicking to check for suspicious domain endings like “.be.”
- Verify that an alert or request for information is legitimate by looking up the company’s phone number and calling it yourself.
- Make sure your anti-virus and anti-spyware software is current.

For more tips protecting personal and account information and preventing online fraud, visit:

- The National Cyber Security Alliance’s www.staysafeonline.org.
- The FBI’s Be Crime Smart page, which highlights the latest scams and tells you how to report crime and fraud (www.fbi.gov/scams-safety).
- Visa Inc. offers VisaSecuritySense.com, which features tips on preventing fraud online, when traveling, at retail establishments and ATMs, deceptive marketing practices, and more.

And finally, don’t forget good-old-fashioned pickpocketing, mail theft and dumpster diving as ways people may try to steal your personal information.

Jason Alderman directs Visa’s financial education programs.

Maybe It Wasn’t That Heavy Shopping Bag.

Weakness On One Side May Mean A Stroke.

Recognizing the signs of stroke and acting fast may make a difference between life and death. Call 9-1-1 immediately if you experience one or more of these signs: sudden weakness especially on one side of the body; trouble speaking or understanding; dizziness, loss of balance; trouble seeing in one or both eyes; and severe headache with no known cause. New treatments can help reduce damage to the brain

but only in the first few hours after symptoms begin. Every minute counts.

To learn more about stroke, call the American Heart Association at 1-800-AHA-USA1 or visit us online at www.americanheart.org/tx

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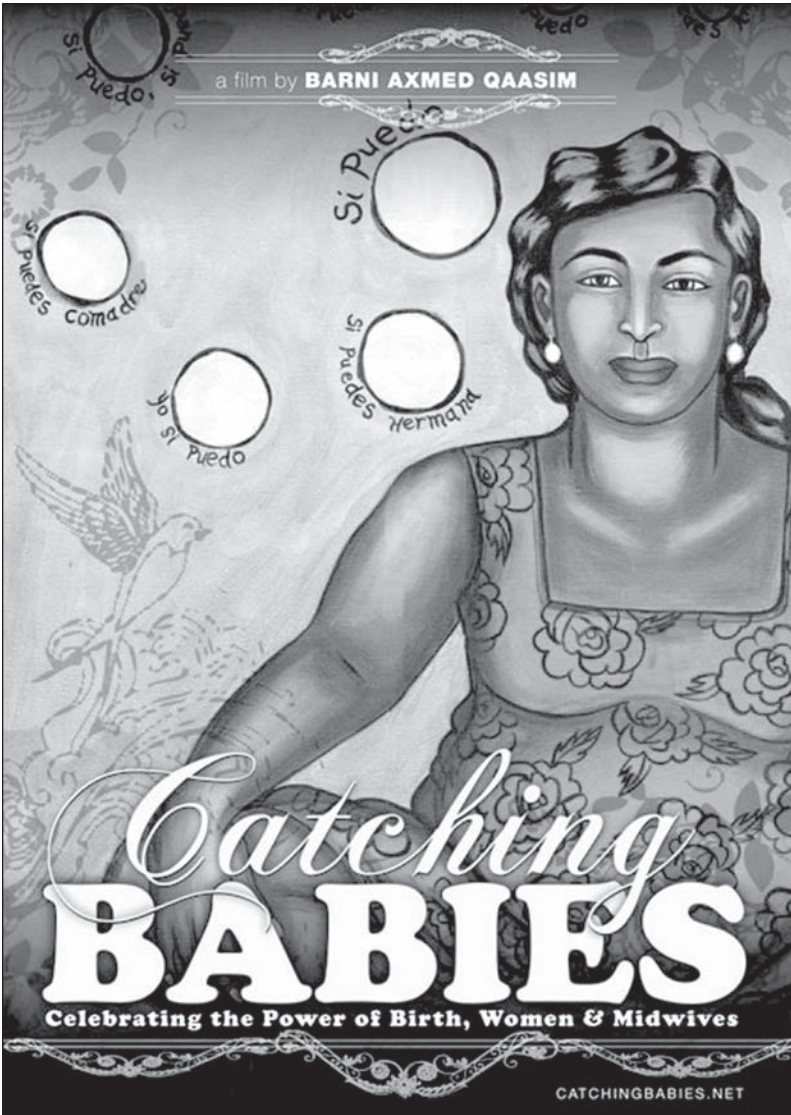
Notification of Nondiscrimination in Career and Technology Education Programs at Clint Independent School District for 2012-2013 School Year

- 1) Clint Independent School District offers career and technology programs in Architecture and Construction, Business Management and Administration, Human Services, Information Technology, Law, Public Safety, Corrections and Security, Science Technology, Engineering and Math, and Transportation. Admission to these programs is based on current enrollment in the Clint ISD and completion of any necessary prerequisites.
- 2) It is the policy of Clint ISD not to discriminate on the basis or race, color, national origin, sex, or handicap in its vocational programs, services, or activities as required by Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended; Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972; and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended.
- 3) It is the policy of Clint ISD not to discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, gender, disability, or age in its employment practices as required by Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended; Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972; the Age Discrimination Act of 1975, as amended; and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended.
- 4) Clint ISD will take steps to assure that lack of English language skills will not be a barrier to admission and participation in all educational and vocational programs.
- 5) For information about your rights or grievance procedures, contact the Title IX Coordinator, Esther McCarthy at 14521 Horizon Boulevard, El Paso, Texas, 79928, 915-926-4061 and/or Section 504 Coordinator Nadia Flores at 14521 Horizon Boulevard, El Paso, Texas, 79928, 915-926-4031.

Notificacion de no Discriminar en los Programas Educativos de Carrera y Tecnologia Clint ISD por el año escolar del 2012-2013

- 1) *El Distrito Escolar Independiente de Clint esta ofrece programas de Educación Técnica y Carreras en Agricultura, Recursos Naturales y Alimenticios, Arquitectura y Construcción, Arte, Tecnología Audiovisual y Comunicación, Manejo de Negocios y Administración, Servicios Humanos, Tecnología Informativa, Leyes, Seguridad Pública, Seguridad y Correcciones, Ciencia, Tecnología, Ingeniería y Matemáticas, Transportación, Distribución y Logística. Ingreso a estos programas son basados en el numero de matriculas en el distrito escolar de Clint, y cumplimiento de requisitos que sean necesarios antes de entrar al programa.*
- 2) *Es poliza del Distrito Escolar Independiente de Clint no discriminar segun la raza, color, origen de nacionalidad, genero, o incapacidad en estos programas de carreras y tecnologia, servicios, o actividades requerido por el Acta de Derechos Civiles Titulo IV de 1964, que fue enmendada; Titulo IX de las Enmiendas Educativas de 1972; y al seccion 504 de la Acta de Rehabilitacion, de 1973 como enmendada.*
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“Catching Babies” documentary film screening and discussion is in conjunction with the El Paso Museum of History’s current exhibit, Healing Hands and Healing Ways: Traditional Medicine in the Borderlands, and is co-sponsored by Museo Urbano, a project of the Department of History at the University of Texas at El Paso.

‘Catching Babies’ documentary film highlights role of midwives

By Alfredo Vasquez
Special to the Courier

In an attempt to explore the role of midwives in the 21st century, Sandra Iturbe will facilitate the screening of a groundbreaking documentary, entitled “Catching Babies”, and lead a discussion about the completion of this unique film project and its implications.

The special program will be held at 2 p.m., Saturday, June 30, in the El Paso Museum of History’s Seminar Room, 510 Santa Fe Street. The presentation is free and open to the public.

The film screening and discussion is in conjunction with the museum’s current exhibit, Healing Hands and Healing Ways: Traditional Medicine in the Borderlands, and is co-sponsorship with Museo Urbano, a project of the Department of History at the University of Texas at El Paso (UTEP).

Catching Babies was produced and directed by Barni Axmed Qaasim and co-produced by Jennifer Lucero. The film is a beautiful story centering on the training that three women received at Maternidad la Luz, a local school that teaches women how to become midwives

and is considered to be among the most demanding in the country.

Qaasim is a filmmaker and writer who resides in San Francisco, California. Her work focuses on sharing the stories and experiences of people who are left out of dominant Western media. Her work spans documentary to music videos.

Lucero is a graduate of the UTEP where she received her degree in Electronic Media, focusing on documentary film work and a minor in Women’s Studies. Lucero believes that communication is the fire starter of every social change and seeks to give people a voice through film making. Currently, Lucero resides in Cleveland, Ohio where she works at a grass roots non-profit resource center using media to raise awareness about HIV/STDS and reproductive issues.

Iturbe is one of the three women featured in the documentary that follows their journey to becoming midwives. Iturbe stated that her professional coursework paralleled her spiritual studies as she learned the “Mexico”, or indigenous Mexican, traditions that surround birth and pregnancy.

Iturbe, who considers herself a

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STRANGE BUT TRUE

By Samantha Weaver

- It was ancient Chinese philosopher Confucius who made the following sage observation: “It is only the very wisest and the very stupidest who cannot change.”
 - The 1,000 most common words in English make up approximately 90 percent of all writing in the language.
 - If you’re planning a trip Down Under, be sure you save some time for the Australian state of Tasmania. In the capital, Derwent, is the critically acclaimed Museum of Old and New Art, or MONA. One of the unusual – I would even venture to say unique in the world – offerings is the after-hours “naturist tour.” Yes, that means naked. A naked tour guide leads naked tourists through the museum. Even the security guards are naked.
 - You may be surprised to learn that hot and cold running water has been around for thousands of years. Members of the upper class in ancient Egypt used copper tubing to pipe it into their homes.
 - The oldest goldfish on record lived 41 years. His name was Fred.
 - According to the U.S. Census, the Pacific states (including Hawaii) are home to the men with the longest life expectancy, while women tend to live longer in the South.
 - If one or both of your parents were sleepwalkers, you’re more prone to nocturnal wanderings yourself.
 - In the late 1960s, J.I. Rodale, creator of Prevention magazine, was invited to be a guest on the “Dick Cavett Show.” After talking confidently about his good health and predicting that he would live to be 100, he seemed to doze off. The host and another guest chuckled a bit about the apparent nap, until they realized that Rodale had died. Needless to say, the show never aired.
- Thought for the Day: “I would have made a good Pope.”
– Richard Nixon

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Loans

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fork over more than 15 percent of their “discretionary income,” which is defined as any amount over 150 percent of the current poverty line. For 2012, “discretionary income” equals any earnings over \$16,755 for a single-person household. Grads earning less than \$16,755 will have

payments capped at zero dollars, and those who make consecutive payments for 25 years will have their remaining debt dismissed. Grads who work in public service fields such as nursing, social work or public defense will have their debt dismissed after 10 years of consecutive payments, according to the DOE guidelines. To increase awareness about the IBR plan, the DOE and the White

Catching

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“border woman”, was trained at Maternidad la Luz Midwifery School. She currently works for the Girl Scouts of the Desert Southwest and teaches childbirth education classes. She earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in Psychology at the UTEP. Maternidad La Luz, which is located near downtown El Paso, is a community-based, Texas state-licensed birth center and a Texas Department of State Health Services approved midwifery school, accredited by the Midwifery

Education Accreditation Council (MEAC). Since its inception in 1987, Maternidad La Luz (MLL) has been both a birth center and a school of midwifery. Interested individuals are invited to participate and share the personal moments and stresses of these women as they learned about their inner strengths and now help empower other women. The discussion will focus on the history of midwives and the cultural implications and contemporary issues regarding the profession. For more information and to reserve a seat, contact Sue Taylor at 915-351-3588 or send email to taylorsl@elpasotexas.gov.

Public Notice Clint Independent School District 504 Child Find

Pursuant to Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, the District has a duty to identify, refer, evaluate and if eligible, provide a free, appropriate public education to disabled students. For additional information about the rights of parents of eligible children, or for answers to any questions you might have about identification, evaluation and placement into Section 504, please contact the Clint District’s Section 504 Coordinator, Nadia Flores, at 926-4031, or mail at 14521 Horizon Blvd., Horizon City, Texas 79928.

Aviso de Identificación de Estudiantes Incapacitados bajo la Sección 504

Bajo la Sección del Decreto de Rehabilitación de 1973, el Distrito Escolar esta obligado a identificar, referir, evaluar, y propocionar servicios educativos apropiados y gratuitos a los estudiantes incapacitados que califican bajo esta ley. Si usted desea mas información sobre los derechos de padres de niños incapacitados, o si tiene preguntas sobre la identificación, evaluación, y colocación de niños en el programa de Sección 504, favor de ponerse en contacto con la Coordinadora de 504 del Distrito Escolar Independiente de Clint, Nadia Flores, al numero 926-4031, o por correo a la siguiente dirección: 14521 Horizon Blvd., Horizon City, Texas 79928.

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House are working on a plan to get the word out about the repayment program and to make it easier for them to enroll in it. Recently, the White House released details for streamlining the online application process for IBR by October. The new process will allow borrowers to submit their tax information directly into the IBR application, which will shorten the process. Plans are to also require the DOE to provide a sample exit counseling session to colleges and universities that explains IBR and students’ repayment options by June 2013. A study by a Washington, D.C.-based advocacy group showed that among high-debt borrowers, 65 percent didn’t understand certain aspects of the student loan process and 20 percent misunderstood their repayment terms. Jason DeLisle, director of the Federal Education Budget Project at the New America Foundation, a nonprofit public policy institute in Washington, D.C., added that many students don’t opt for income-based repayment because they don’t need

it, according to an article on the Bankrate.com website. “The vast majority of borrowers with \$12,000 in loans will have lower monthly payments under a standard 10-year repayment plan. Only those borrowers with incomes below \$28,000 will be better off in IBR,” DeLisle stated in the article. The upside of income-based repayment is that it can keep a federal loan from defaulting, which means avoiding the bad credit, wage garnishment, collection costs and legal actions that come with default. The downside is that, in many cases, it can increase the loan amount. IBR enrollees can end up paying thousands more in interest since income-based repayment lasts two and a half times longer than the standard 10-year repayment plan. Nonetheless, “For borrowers who fall financially behind and could face defaulting on their loan, income-based repayment is an excellent support program. Once the borrower regains fiscal footing, they will price out of the program,” according to one financial aid expert.

Clint Independent School District Public Notification of Nondiscrimination

It is the policy of Clint ISD not to discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, handicap or age in its employment practices as required by Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended; Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972; and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended. For information about your rights or grievance procedures, contact the district’s Title IX Coordinator Esther McCarthy at 14521 Horizon Boulevard, El Paso, Texas, 79928, 915-926-4000 and/or Section 504 Coordinator Nadia Flores at 14521 Horizon Boulevard, El Paso, Texas, 79928, 915-926-4031.

Notificación Pública de Prácticas No-Desriminatorias

Es norma del distrito independiente de Clint no discriminar por motivos de raza, color, origen nacional, sexo o impedimento, en sus prácticas de empleo tal como lo requieren el Título VI de la Ley de Deprechos Civiles de 1964, según enmienda; el Título IX de las Emmiendas en la Educación, de 1972, y la Sección 504 de la Ley de Rehabilitación de 1973, según enmienda.

Para información sobre sus derechos o procedimientos para quejas, comuníquese con el Coordinador del Título IX, Esther McCarthy, en 14521 Horizon Boulevard, El Paso, Texas, 79928, 915-926-4000 y/o el Coordinador de la Sección 504, Nadia Flores en 14521 Horizon Boulevard, El Paso, Texas, 79928, 915-926-4031.

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Buckle up every rider for every trip.

State law now requires both adults and children to be buckled up in the front or back seat. A child less than 8 years old, unless taller than 4 feet 9 inches, must ride in a child safety seat. Most children between 4 and 8 years old will need a booster seat to be safe and comply with the law. Fines range from \$25 to \$250, plus court costs. TexasClickItorTicket.com



Comix

OUT ON A LIMB

By Gary Kopervas



AMBER WAVES

By Dave T. Phipps



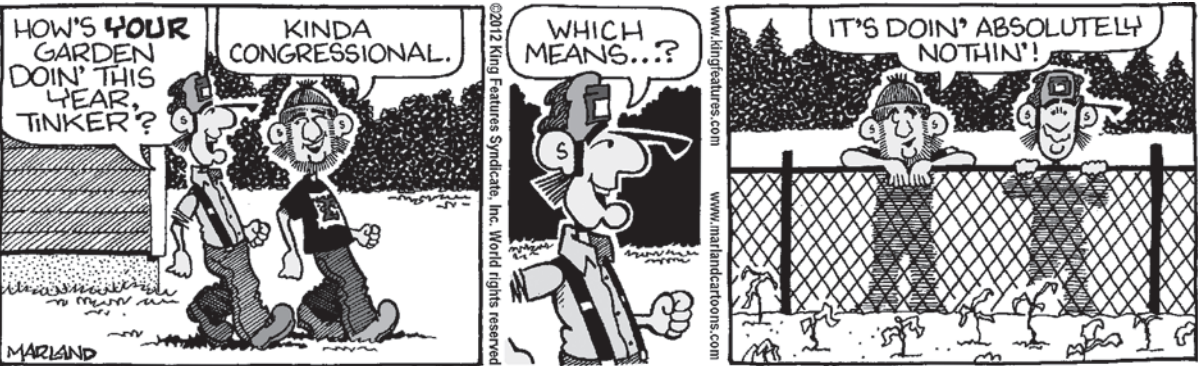
THE SPATS

By Jeff Pickering



R.F.D.

By Mike Marland



Your good health

By Paul G. Donahue, M.D.

DEAR DR. DONOHUE: From the minute I get out of bed, I have attacks of dizziness. I don't know what brings them on. I'm afraid these spells are going to make me fall and break something. Do you have any thoughts that could help? I'm 82. – R.M.

The causes of dizziness (vertigo) are many. I'll mention a couple, but you need a doctor's exam to determine what the exact problem is.

Meniere's (main-YAIRS) disease is a triad of dizziness, hearing loss and ear noises (tinnitus). It comes in brief attacks, with recovery in a short time. As time passes, attacks last longer, with briefer periods of relief. A buildup of fluid in the inner ear is responsible. Water pills and a strict low-sodium diet help. Surgical drainage of the fluid is another treatment.

A viral infection of the inner ear is a common dizziness cause. Time eventually takes care of the virus. During the period of infection, a medicine like meclizine improves symptoms.

A third common problem is benign positional vertigo – dizziness attacks with head movement. Getting out of bed, rolling over in bed, looking up at a high shelf and just about any change in head position trigger an attack, which is short-lived. Tiny calcium crystals in the inner ear have migrated to places where they engender a discharge of confusing signals to the brain. Repositioning the crystals puts an end to the attacks.

Sit in the middle of a bed, far enough to the opposite side of the bed that your head will project over that side when you lie down. If a head turn to the right provokes an attack, quickly turn your head to the right, and keep it turned until dizziness goes. Then lie down quickly with your head off the side of the bed and still turned to

the right. Then, from that position, turn your head to the left. Roll over onto your left side, with your nose pointed down to the floor, for 30 seconds. Then go back to the starting sitting position with head bent. If dizziness persists, repeat. If this is too complicated, let your doctor lead you through it.

The booklet on dizziness discusses in greater depth its various causes and treatments. To obtain a copy, write: Dr. Donohue – No. 801W, 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: I try to keep up with the latest nutritional recommendations. I have had no formal training, so I am often confused by the terms used. For example, what are simple carbohydrates and complex carbohydrates? What's the difference? – L.A.

Simple carbohydrates are sugars like table sugar (sucrose). The sugar in intravenous feedings in hospitals is glucose, and fruit sugar is fructose. Both are simple carbohydrates.

Complex carbohydrates are very long chains of the basic carbohydrate unit. Starches are complex carbohydrates. Potatoes, pastas and rice are examples of complex carbohydrates. Complex carbohydrates don't raise blood sugar as quickly as simple ones do.

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

- SWEET

GNAW-THINGS

ACROSS

1 Pugilistic poke

4 Silenced a squeak

9 Fuel source

13 "Turandot" tenor

18 Heady quaff

19 Savanna sight

20 Lhasa _

21 Arbus apparatus

22 Rodent's favorite

Monkees tune?

24 Lost in thought

25 Nuclear

26 Brimming

27 Join up

29 Take into account

31 Hook's mate

32 _ reaction

34 Diva Ponselle

36 Moon crawler

38 Relative of -ator

39 Rodent

cheesecake?

45 Laundry problem

47 Frigga's fellow

48 Young boxers

49 Relished a roast

51 "Taras Bulba"

author

54 Emulate Pinocchio

55 Brandy cocktail

58 Protect with plastic

61 Resident

64 "Yours, Mine and _" ('68 film)

65 Keatsian creation

66 Redact

67 "The Bartered Bride" composer

70 Serenade

accompaniment

72 TV's "South _"

74 Road curve

75 Rodent's

educational level?

79 Dit's cousin

82 Read quickly

83 Actress Vrina

84 Peeper protectors

88 Oomph

90 Tokyo, once

91 Like some cellars

93 It may suit you

94 Closet freshener

96 Calculator

features

99 Winter hazard

100 Trattoria treat

101 TV chef Martin

103 "... Shuffle" ('77 song)

104 Seaweed product

105 Bobby's flashlight

108 Rodent's Olympic motto?

112 Broad st.

114 "Gotcha!"

115 Article

116 "... Night" ('58 hit)

117 Apt rhyme for squirm

119 "L", c'est moi"

121 Matches

125 Inception

129 Cartoonist Charles

131 Writer Charles

133 Fictional rodent?

135 Rink rental

136 List ender

137 "Peer Gynt" composer

138 Psychic Geller

139 Veronica of "Hill Street Blues"

140 Surrender

141 Big revolver?

142 Sticky stuff

DOWN

1 Secure spot

2 _ mater

3 Rosary part

4 Speak freely

5 Roth _

6 Exist

7 Temptation

location

8 Earl _ Biggers

9 Living room

10 Antipollution grp.

11 "The _ Jungle" ('50 film)

12 Carry

13 Purrfect pet?

14 Grandpa McCoy

15 Rodent

refreshment?

16 Pisces follower

17 Sapphire side

21 Future officer

23 "We've Only Just _" ('70 hit)

28 Hockey legend

30 Urban transport

33 Sugar amts.

35 Barbecue

37 Christmas visitors

39 Voting venue

40 Turn of phrase

41 Sib's kid

42 On the _ vive (alert)

43 Summer coif

44 Tristan's tootsie

46 Actress Skye

50 Take the honey

and run

52 Mayberry town

drunk

53 "Why don't we?"

56 Sadistic

57 In the saddle

59 Saying

60 Cheerful

62 Bk. convenience

63 Neighbor of Thailand

68 Used the microwave

69 Digression

71 Prose piece

73 Boat bottom

76 Atlanta campus

77 Attendant

78 Mintz or Whitney

79 Johnny of "Chocolat"

80 Soap additive

81 City of rodents?

85 Architect Jones

86 Window dressing?

87 McCarthy's trunkmate

89 West. alliance

92 Brace

95 Asta's mistress

96 Snarl

97 Banned pesticide

98 London district

102 Shake up

104 Actor's actor?

106 Spassky's game

107 Pillbox, e.g.

109 Bit of a beach

110 Medical grp.

111 TV's "Eight Is _"

112 About to sink

113 Screwdriver ingredient

118 Spouse

120 Composer Wilder

122 Prod

123 Binchy's "... Road"

124 Tend the sauce

126 Wallop

127 Architect Saarinen

128 Small combo

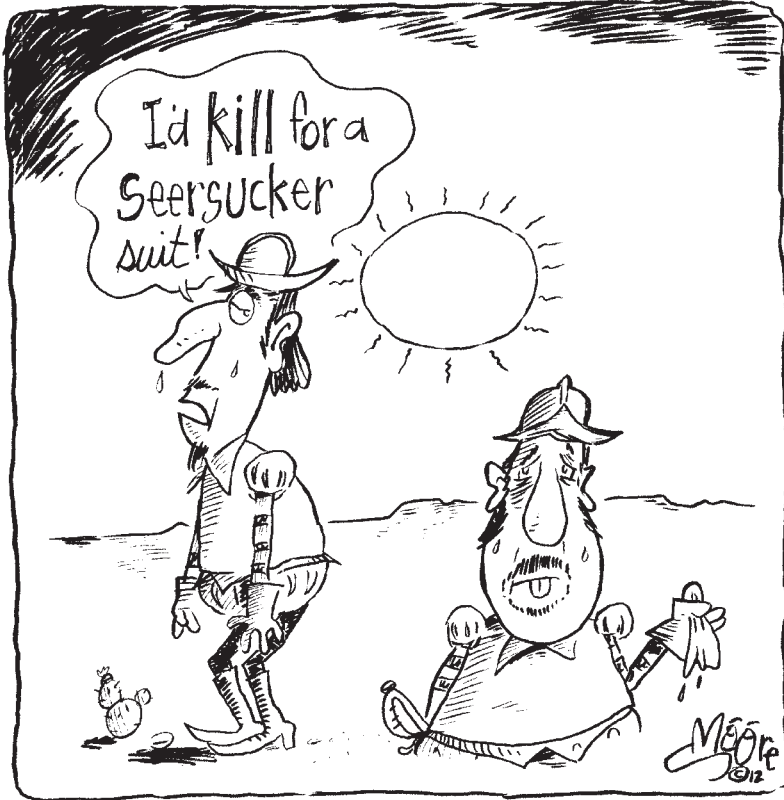
130 Gibson or Tillis

132 Unbalanced

134 Wager

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Moore Texas by Roger Moore El Paso Texas
is the sunniest city in the USA...wonder how the metal clad Spanish explorers fared in the heat ?



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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	-		×		15
+		+		×	
	÷		×		20
17		30		35	

DIFFICULTY: ★

★ Moderate ★★ Difficult
★★★ GO FIGURE!

1 2 3 4 4 5 7 8 9

Answer Page 4

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Social Security Q&A By Ray Vigil

Q: How long do I need to work to become eligible for retirement benefits?

A: Everyone born in 1929 or later needs 40 Social Security credits to be eligible for retirement benefits. You can earn up to four credits per year, so you will need at least 10 years to become eligible for retirement benefits. During your working years, earnings covered by Social Security are posted to your Social Security record. You earn credits based on those earnings. If you become disabled or die before age 62, the number of credits needed depends on your age at the time you die or become disabled. Learn more at www.socialsecurity.gov.

Q: I just got back from an overseas military deployment and I want to plan ahead for my retirement. How will my military retirement affect my Social Security benefits?

A: Your military retirement won't affect your Social Security benefits at all. You can get both. Generally, there is no offset of Social Security benefits because of your military retirement. You will get full Social Security benefits based on your earnings. However your Social Security benefit might be reduced is if you also receive a government pension based on a job in which you

did not pay Social Security taxes. You can find more information in the publication Military Service and Social Security at www.socialsecurity.gov/pubs/10017.html. Or call us at 1-800-772-1213 (TTY 1-800-325-0778).

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 in addition to monthly Social Security benefits if your Social Security benefit is low enough for you to qualify for SSI. Whether you can get SSI depends on your income and resources (the things you own). If you have low income and few resources, you may be able to supplement your Social Security benefit with an SSI payment. You can find out more about SSI by going to www.socialsecurity.gov and selecting the "SSI" banner at the top of the page.

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.

Limits

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golf is to show a golfer drive, then have the cameraman point his lens up and basically fling the camera to the side. It is amazing that they can always track the ball. I bet you there's a special club of cameramen who specialize in just shooting the drive. But still, for a good 20 percent to 25 percent of the tournament, we're watching a little white ball slightly wobble around the screen. It's ridiculous.

If you've ever played a sports video game, you're familiar with Golden Tee or Tigers Woods Golf. We like those games. Give us the video game view. Let's put a tracer on the drive, but also give me choices of camera view at the green. Give us access to all of your funky little bas-relief maps you have for the course greens.

And why stop there? Merge the broadcast of the game to online games that could, for instance, offer you the chance to replay the game or specific situations against some player in Portugal. It doesn't matter... the possibilities are endless if you're in control.

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

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: **G** equals **Y**

MC GBL UKDDHIHS YB AH YUHTH
VUHI EBQHBH'E THKFFG QKS,
VBLFS GBL AH MI YUH FMIH BC

MTH?

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Briefs

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detectives are still looking for Eddie Cummings, 19. He also uses Gomez or Dominguez for his last name. He is the lone remaining suspect wanted for a violent incident that took place in Sparks on June 2, 2012, making him this week's Manhunt Monday target. Cummings is 5'5" tall and weighs 139 pounds. He has brown hair and green eyes. The names "Chris" and "Ana" are tattooed on his chest. Cummings was involved in a violent assault where two individuals sustained serious bodily injuries and were transported to a hospital. Further investigation revealed the assailants were part of or affiliated with the criminal street gang True Nation Society (TNS). Five arrests have already been made regarding the assault. Investigators have arrest warrants in hand for Cummings. Anyone who may be hiding Cummings can face a felony charge in the State of Texas. If anyone has seen or has any information on the whereabouts of Cummings 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 Cummings.



Eddie Cummings

– Deputy Jesse Tovar

Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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Place a number in the empty boxes in such a way that each row across, each column down and each small 9-box square contains all of the numbers from one to nine.

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ★★★

★ Moderate ★★ Challenging

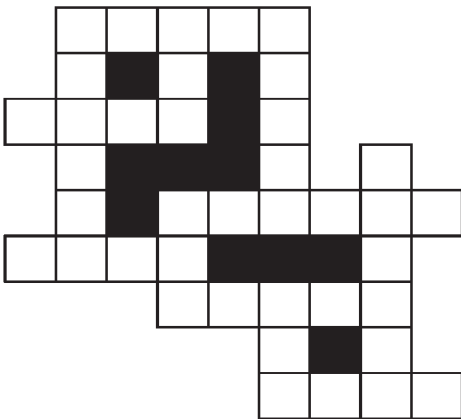
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★★★ HOO BOY!

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PGE
♥TARPEN
GLOUM
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TOTPEN
♥OTM
NEEG
♥TALEP
EMG
TRYLEM
RANGE
POYT



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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