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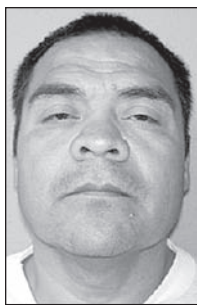
### Crime Stoppers

A woman goes to her doctor's office for an appointment and, while inside, her vehicle is stolen and the suspects use her credit and debit cards, making this the Crime Stoppers "Crime of the Week." On Monday morning, Oct. 1, 2012, between 9:30 and 11:00 a.m., a woman was at her doctor's office, located at 2295 Trawood on the eastside. When she was finished, she found that her 2006 Jeep-Commander was stolen from the parking lot outside. She soon discovered that her credit and debit cards, which were left inside the vehicle, had been used to make eight unauthorized purchases at various local businesses. As seen in surveillance video at the stores where the credit cards were used, the suspects are two Hispanic males in their 20s or 30s. Suspect one is medium height and build with a mustache and goatee, wearing a plaid short-sleeve shirt and blue jeans. Suspect two is slightly shorter, with a medium build, wearing a baseball cap, t-shirt with logo on the front, and dark pants. They were seen in a light colored late-model mid-size four-door-sedan. If you have any information about the identity of the suspect in this case, contact Crime Stoppers of El Paso at 566-TIPS (566-8477), on-line at [www.crimestoppersofelpaso.org](http://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

Richard Ybarra, 46, is this week's Manhunt Monday Most Wanted Fugitive. He is 5'8" tall and weighs 154 pounds. He has black hair and brown eyes. He tattoos on



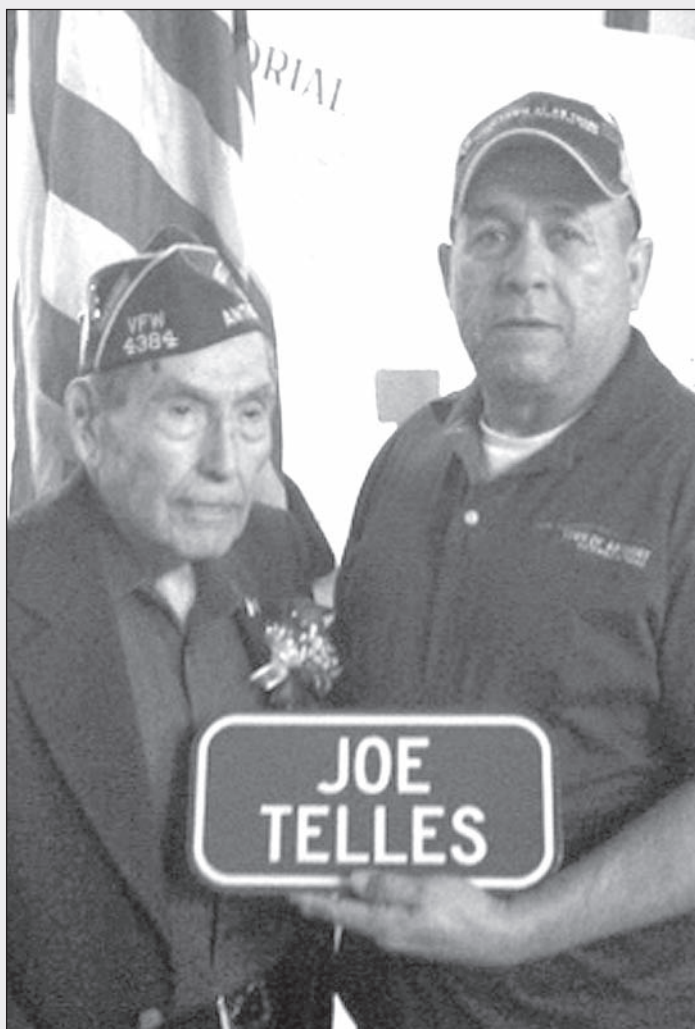
Richard Ybarra

He is a convicted sex offender currently on parole for three counts of Criminal Sexual Contact of a Minor and Burglary of Habitation. The victim at the time of the crime was a 15-year-old girl. These crimes occurred in Curry County, NM. A warrant for his apprehension has been issued for a Parole Violation and a Failing to Register as a Sex Offender. If anyone has seen or has any information on the whereabouts of Ybarra 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 Ybarra.

— Deputy Jesse Tovar

*Sleeping at the wheel is a sure way to never grow old.*

— Quips & Quotes



— Photo courtesy VFW Post 4384

## A milestone day

**ANTHONY** — Mr. Joe Telles celebrated his 100th birthday Friday among the people he supported and felt at home with — VFW Post 4384 members. Telles has been a member for many years. Not only is he a WW II veteran, but the retired postmaster of Anthony and a fixture in the community for many years. He was presented with a birthday card from President Obama and many letters of congratulations from New Mexico senators and representatives and Governor Martinez. The Town of Anthony, TX honored him by naming a street after him, a testament to his impact on the community. Telles currently resides in Anthony, TX but his 100-year legacy blankets both Anthony communities and his celebration was attended by citizens of both cities.

— Art Franco

## El Paso County, Horizon, Socorro close to finalizing reinvestment zone proposal

By Alfredo Vasquez  
Special to the Courier

EL PASO COUNTY — The El Paso County Transportation Reinvestment Zone (TRZ) proposal is expected to be up for a final vote by commissioners in December, and if approved the areas along Eastlake, Darrington, Greg, Edgemere and Old Hueco Tanks streets, among others, on the county's far eastside would be designated as a reinvestment zone.

The reinvestment zone designation refers to an area where taxes collected due to an increase in property values are used to pay off debt or monies spent for improvements in that zone. The creation of a reinvestment zone doesn't raise property taxes, but instead allows governments to establish dedicated accounts to capture the tax increments and invest those dollars back into the zone.

To maximize its tax revenues, the county would partner with the city of Socorro and Horizon City to create the zones and establish a revenue-sharing agreement between the three entities, according to county documents.

The areas being considered for the reinvestment zone designation are mostly vacant lots right now, but plans are to develop them soon, which will create the need to improve streets, sidewalks and other infrastructure.



— File photo

**El Paso County Judge Veronica Escobar, above, and Commissioners Court are looking at creating a proposed El Paso County Transportation Reinvestment Zone (TRZ) that could generate \$76.5 million in revenue over 30 years, according to county officials.**

Working with the Camino Real Regional Mobility Authority, the county and the two municipalities are finalizing the corridor descriptions and the project cost and revenue estimates before holding the December public hearing.

The Camino Real Regional Mobility Authority (CRRMA) is a transportation agency that was

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## Tours, film highlight 'Walking with Ancestors' exhibit

By Alfredo Vasquez  
Special to the Courier

EL PASO COUNTY — Two tours and a film screening will be offered in the coming weeks to highlight the temporary exhibit, titled *Walking with the Ancestors: From Mesoamerica to the Southwest*, at the El Paso Museum of Archeology, 4300 Transmountain Road.

The exhibit, which has been extended to March 24, features pottery, photographs of ancient petroglyphs (images on stone), stories, and artifacts that trace the movement of ancient people between Mesoamerica and the American Southwest.

The exhibit draws on themes of the hearth, corn, rain, macaw parrots, the rabbit in the moon, and the peyote cactus to illustrate the connections in beliefs and practices between Mexico and the Southwest in ancient and contemporary times.

The exhibit tours will be facilitated by museum curator of education Marilyn Guida at 2 p.m., Wednesday, Nov. 28, and at 2:30 p.m., Saturday, Dec. 15. The public is invited to attend the free tours.

The exhibit's guest curator is Dr. Yolanda Chávez Leyva, chair of the History Department at the University of Texas at El Paso. Leyva was instrumental in creating the exhibit in collaboration with the history

department and the Museo Urbano, a public history project of UTEP.

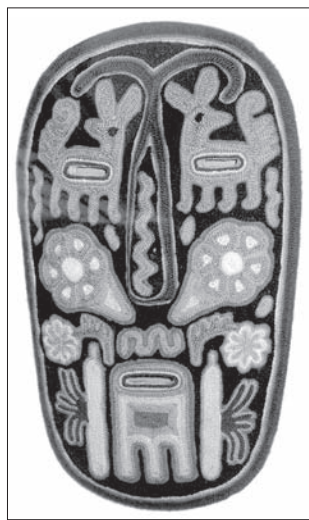
In conjunction with the Walking with the Ancestors exhibit, Leyva will participate in the special screening of the film, *Sacred Pilgrimage to Wirikuta*, at 2:30 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 1, at the archeology museum.

Leyva will introduce the film, which is a documentary by artist Larain Boyll Matheson. The film maker spent two years photographing and producing this story of the Huichol — a Native American ethnic group of western central Mexico, living in the Sierra Madre Occidental range — making one of their annual pilgrimages to the place where their sacred medicine cactus grows.

"This documentary tells their story and depicts the visions induced by the peyote plant which are used to create their sacred art, in the form of yarn paintings, beaded bowls, masks and other beadwork," stated Matheson.

Matheson spent over thirty years studying with the Huichol shamans or medicine people, especially Guadalupe-de-la-Cruz Rios. Their shamans are known for how they translate their visions into art and use their visions to heal their people.

For more information, call 915-755-4332, send email to [guidamr@elpasotexas.gov](mailto:guidamr@elpasotexas.gov), or visit the museum's website at [www.elpasotexas.gov/arch\\_museum/](http://www.elpasotexas.gov/arch_museum/).



— Photo courtesy Humanities Texas

**INSPIRATION** — The Huichol Indians of the Sierra Madre Mountains of Mexico are known for their beautifully intricate yarn paintings and beadwork. The Huichol shaman mask above has images of peyote. When producing a yarn painting they take peyote so that they can travel and talk with the spirits.



# The ins and outs of ePayments

By Jason Alderman  
Special to the Courier

Are you ordering far fewer checks for your bank account these days? Does a roll of postage stamps seem to last a lot longer? Like most people, you’re probably performing many more financial transactions electronically, either by choice or because companies and government agencies have increasingly made it all but mandatory.

For example, most gyms require automatic deductions from a checking or credit card account.

Utilities, mortgage lenders, insurance companies and others strongly encourage electronic payments. And many states now distribute benefits like unemployment, child support and disability assistance using prepaid cards instead of paper checks.

Electronic transactions have caught on because:

They’re cheaper. Businesses save on the costs of printing, processing and mailing millions of paper checks and statements; and with first-class postage costing 45 cents, customers rack up savings over time. And they save millions

of tons of paper.

They’re faster. Bill payments, funds transfers and direct deposits to your bank account or prepaid card occur the same day (often instantly), versus being delayed in the mail. And, if you sometimes forget to mail payments on time, auto payment protects against late fees and overdraft charges.

They’re convenient. You can choose one-time bill pay, where

you first review your bill and then authorize payment; or recurring bill pay, where your bills are paid automatically at a scheduled time – for either for the full amount (usually mandatory with utilities), the minimum payment due, or an amount you choose. You can usually have funds drawn from either your checking or credit card account (be sure to ask).

They’re safer. Even in these high-tech times, old-fashioned mail theft remains a major problem. For example, in 2010 more than 540,000

mailed federal benefit checks were reported lost or stolen and had to be replaced.

That doesn’t mean electronic transactions are risk-free. As with email or any kind of online activity, you should take precautions to protect your computer (and cell phone) from being hacked. For example:

- Make sure your anti-virus and anti-spyware software is up-to-date.
- When making online payments, look for safety symbols like a padlock icon in the browser’s status bar, an “s” after “http” in the URL, or the words “Secure Sockets Layer” (SSL).
- Review credit card and bank account statements regularly and report duplicate bill payments or suspicious/unauthorized charges to the card issuer.
- Ask whether your credit or debit card offers “zero liability,” which means you won’t be responsible for unauthorized or fraudulent purchases.
- Regularly order your credit reports from the three major credit bureaus (Equifax, Experian and TransUnion), and review for errors or fraudulent activity. You can order one free report annually from each at [www.AnnualCreditReport.com](http://www.AnnualCreditReport.com), or more frequently for a small fee from each bureau.
- Create complex, random passwords and change them regularly.

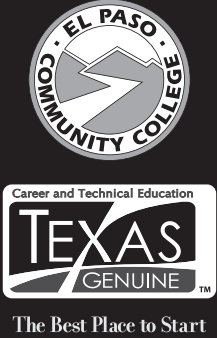
Be a savvy consumer whenever using a bill-paying service:

- Ask if any fees are involved.
- Before signing the agreement, make sure you understand and accept the terms.
- To stop service, you must notify the merchant as well as the bank/credit card company. Cancellation may take a month or two to become effective, so plan ahead.
- If your payment card expires, the merchant will need new card information to ensure uninterrupted service.
- Track expenses carefully and keep your budget up to date.

Jason Alderman directs Visa’s financial education programs.

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## Veterans Post By Freddy Groves

### Holiday visits will cheer hospitalized vets

By now the local Department of Veterans Affairs hospitals know which of their wards will be visited over the holidays by large groups such as the American Legion or the Daughters of the American Revolution. They know which wards, and which patients, might not receive a visit – from anyone.

This is where you come in.

If you imagine yourself in the place of a veteran who has no local family, it’s not hard to understand that a holiday visit from you – a fellow veteran – can mean so much.

Make the call to volunteer services. Find out what’s needed to fill in the gaps left by the large service organizations. Then call your buddies and arrange to go as a group at the appointed time. Go by yourself if necessary. It’s talking the veterans want, the company, the reminiscing, the chatting with others who also served. If you know any active military, ask them along, dressed in uniform.

If you want to provide small gifts, so much the better. Ask the nursing staff on the ward you’ll

visit whether a selection from the following would be appropriate:

Whitman’s four-piece candy sampler, Hershey’s Kisses, small candy canes, sugar-free candy, deck of playing cards, pads of paper and mechanical pencils, military caps, small table-top calendar or daily journal, appropriate posters for the wall, puzzle books (word search is best), handkerchiefs, water bottles, slipper socks, a \$5 coupon for the hospital canteen, a card signed by all of you in your group.

Collect boxes from shoe stores to hold the gifts. Get holiday paper (plus tissue paper), and if you’re fumble fingers, get help with wrapping. The idea is to have one individual present for each veteran.

If there is no VA hospital near you, think about the nursing homes. Call to inquire if any of their residents are veterans.

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## PUBLIC NOTICE Village of Vinton, Texas

A PUBLIC HEARING WILL BE HELD AT 6:00 P.M. on Thursday, December 13, 2012 during the Planning & Zoning Commission Meeting at Vinton Village Hall, 436 E. Vinton Road, Vinton, Texas. Purpose of the public hearing is to allow any interested persons to appear and testify regarding the following proposed items:

1. A request for a Special Permit to allow storage of “bulk propane tank” at W.F. Hagens #146, Tract 3B (7890 Doniphan Dr.) Vinton, TX, El Paso County TX, for the purpose storing propane fuel for commercial distribution.

Those who are unable to attend may submit their views in writing to the Village Clerk at 436 E. Vinton Road, Vinton, Texas 79821. Persons with disabilities that wish to attend this meeting should contact City Hall at (915) 886-5104 to arrange for assistance. Individuals who require auxiliary aids or services for this meeting should contact City Hall at least two days before the meeting so that appropriate arrangements can be made.

Jessica Garza  
Village Clerk

WTCC: 11-29-12



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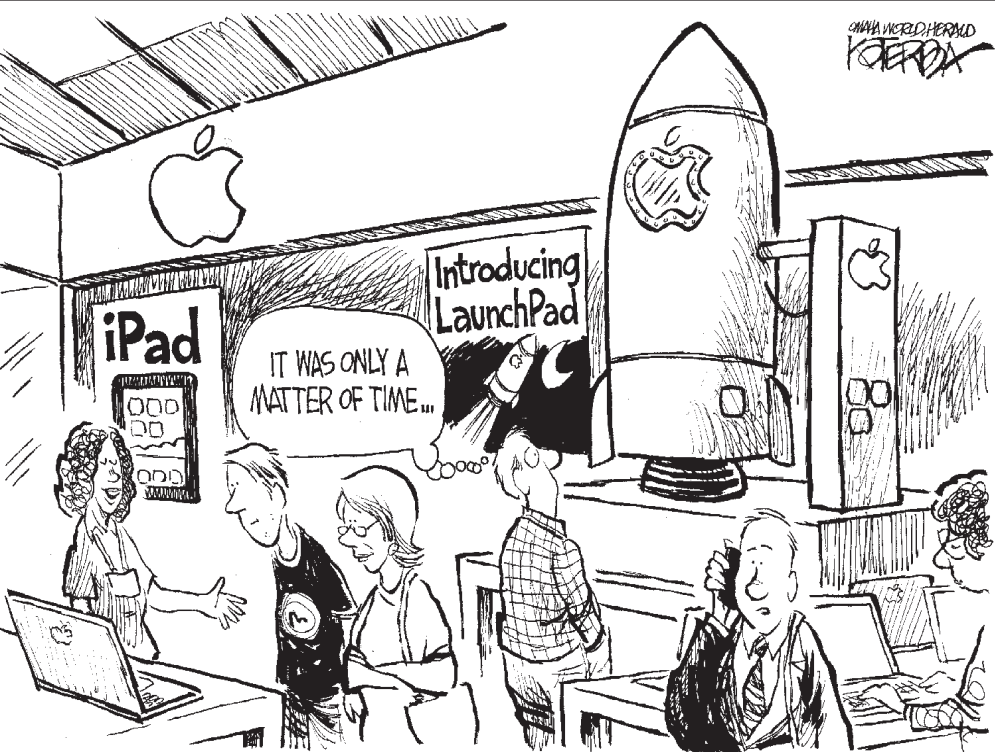
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## Homeopathic Gel Erases Arthritis Pain

BUCKS COUNTY, PA – NRI Inc. has been awarded a U.S. patent (#7,229,648B2), along with several international Patents for GMI’s PAINMED a unique homeopathic pain gel. Considered a medical miracle by many; GMI’s PAINMED goes transdermally into the skin, right to the source of the pain, unlike other topical products that use capsaicin or other skin irritants that only mask pain. GMI’s PAINMED has been so successful for Arthritis sufferers that several new clinical trials are under way to also show the possible benefits for sports injury, bursitis, tendonitis and a host of other pain ailments. This clear odorless gel has no smell and will not cause skin reddening or annoying irritation. Dr. Richard Goldfarb MD, FACS a Board Certified Vascular Surgeon states “We have further research to do, but I believe this product can bring immediate relief to millions of Arthritis and Rheumatoid Arthritis sufferers.” Dr. Goldfarb also states, “I was sold on the product after reviewing the patents and seeing the immediate relief it brought to my clinical patients.” Until recently PAINMED has only been available through professional practitioners or online. GMI’s PAINMED is available in a convenient tube application without a prescription.

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San Eli residents enjoy Thanksgiving meal at schools

By Cynthia P. Marentes  
Special to the Courier

SAN ELIZARIO –Parents and community residents received an early taste of Thanksgiving as campuses throughout the San Elizario Independent School District opened their doors to welcome them in for the holiday meal served on November 15. Cafeteria staff prepared a traditional feast of turkey, trimmings and pumpkin pie so that parents could sit down and enjoy along side their children. The district’s Child Nutrition Services Department plans the Thanksgiving luncheon every year not only to provide families the opportunity share the festive meal at school but also as a service to the community.

Elderly residents are invited to San Elizario High School and are served a free holiday lunch. The annual event has been organized by the district’s cafeterias for many years in order to invite senior citizens back

on campus and make them feel comfortable as well as thank them for their role in helping to maintain a good school environment.

Lupe Anaya, who was born and raised in San Elizario, was very appreciative of the delicious meal as well as the hospitality. Anaya and her husband Joel arrived at the high school with a group from the San Elizario Senior Citizens Nutrition Center. Student Council members decorated the cafeteria and helped serve their elderly guests their meals while the band performed.



– Photo courtesy San Elizario ISD

**DROPPING BY –** Lupe and Joel Anaya were served a complete Thanksgiving meal.

TRZ

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created by the City of El Paso in 2007 to move regional transportation solutions forward as quickly as possible.

In the initial TRZ meeting held in October, County Judge Veronica Escobar said, “These county roads are our responsibility, and if there’s a tool that allows for growth to pay for itself, then we should take full advantage of it.”

If County Commissioners approve the zone’s creation, it would be the first in the

state to incorporate multiple municipalities and the first to be implemented by a county.

“This would be the first project of this kind for the county,” Escobar said. “It’s a tool that the Legislature has given us to help us deal with traffic congestion, growth and many transportation needs we have out in the county.”

The anticipated revenues from Socorro and Horizon may not be enough to cover the project costs in each jurisdiction, but excess revenues anticipated from the county would help fund all three, county officials explained. If approved, the county would begin generating revenue in 2014.

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# Helping hands

**FABENS CAN COLLECTION** – From left, Justin R. Fawcett, A.J. Martinez and Armando Moreno with some of the food they collected in October. Fawcett – who spearheaded the food drive – is a junior at Fabens High School and member of the National Honor Society (NHS). The young men, with help from other NHS members, family and school staff, gathered 2,000 canned food items and 10 turkeys from the community. The items were donated to the Child Crisis Center of El Paso.

# Students run to fight bullying

**By Gustavo Reveles Acosta**  
*Special to the Courier*

**CANUTILLO** – Several students from the Canutillo Independent School District woke up early the morning of the Saturday after Thanksgiving to run and burn off more than just the calories from the turkey dinner they had consumed days before.

They also were running to burn off bullying and hatred in our schools.

Canutillo ISD had a sizable group of students participating in the Third Annual Raise Awareness Run Out Bullying Race at McKelligon Canyon on Nov. 24. The El Paso County Anti-Bullying Coalition organized the race.

“For us to participate in this race is very important, even if it happens during the Thanksgiving Break,”

said Dr. Damon Murphy, CISD Superintendent.

“We are a District that believes schools are safe havens from hate and intolerance and we have worked hard for the last three years to instill the virtues of acceptance and tolerance,” he added. “Canutillo is a certified No Place For Hate, and our participation in this race shows how committed our students and our teachers are to fighting bullying in schools.”

No Place For Hate is a nationally recognized anti-bullying program organized by the Anti-Defamation League. To attain certification, students must sign resolutions of respect and participate in at least three bullying-prevention activities throughout the year.

The students who ran the race said they were happy to participate

because the event promotes bullying awareness and helps them stay healthy through exercise.

Around 150 people participated in the race, which had runners of all ages and from throughout the region. There were three categories: competitive 8K and 5K races and a 1-mile fun walk.

Students from Canutillo High School and Canutillo Middle School participated in the race, and CISD had representation in all three categories.

Canutillo students did more than just participate in the race. Several of them earned medals for running the fastest times in their age brackets.

Race organizers said it was refreshing to see a school district take an active approach to fighting bullying among children, and praised Canutillo for being a leader in the tolerance and acceptance efforts among students in the region.

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**Socorro Independent School District**  
**Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balance**  
**Governmental Funds**  
**For the Year Ended June 30, 2012**

Data Control Codes		10 General Fund	50 Debt Service Fund	60 Capital Projects	Other Funds	Total Governmental Funds
REVENUES:						
5700	Total Local and Intermediate Sources	\$ 71,315,753	\$ 19,550,166	\$ 61,026	\$ 3,788,881	\$ 94,715,826
5800	State Program Revenues	213,725,574	17,123,789	—	2,900,525	233,749,888
5900	Federal Program Revenues	3,945,062	—	—	48,918,002	52,863,064
5020	Total Revenues	288,986,389	36,673,955	61,026	55,607,408	381,328,778
EXPENDITURES:						
Current:						
0011	Instruction	171,899,838	—	244,302	16,522,958	188,667,098
0012	Instructional Resources and Media Services	2,058,017	—	—	2,452,569	4,510,586
0013	Curriculum and Instructional Staff Development	985,718	—	—	3,487,668	4,473,386
0021	Instructional Leadership	3,845,356	—	—	174,348	4,019,704
0023	School Leadership	17,902,465	—	—	2,519,054	20,421,519
0031	Guidance, Counseling and Evaluation Services	8,220,091	—	—	2,850,038	11,070,129
0032	Social Work Services	1,275,832	—	—	496,140	1,771,972
0033	Health Services	1,136,177	—	—	2,517,768	3,653,945
0034	Student (Pupil) Transportation	9,160,603	—	—	368,487	9,529,090
0035	Food Services	—	—	—	19,482,675	19,482,675
0036	Extracurricular Activities	8,517,235	—	—	127,381	8,644,616
0041	General Administration	7,031,934	—	—	121,386	7,153,320
0051	Facilities Maintenance and Operations	32,561,148	—	—	1,064,249	33,625,397
0052	Security and Monitoring Services	5,515,714	—	—	21,560	5,537,274
0053	Data Processing Services	4,802,150	—	3,662,095	64,574	8,528,819
0061	Community Services	727,577	—	—	1,051,935	1,779,512
Debt Service:						
0071	Principal on Long Term Debt	368,148	11,548,682	—	—	11,916,830
0072	Interest on Long Term Debt	12,320	20,817,294	—	—	20,829,614
0073	Bond Issuance Cost and Fees	—	45,277	583,946	—	629,223
Capital Outlay:						
0081	Facilities Acquisition and Construction	2,336,047	—	18,292,809	1,352,779	21,981,635
Intergovernmental:						
0099	Other Intergovernmental Charges	1,278,526	—	—	—	1,278,526
6030	Total Expenditures	279,634,896	32,411,253	22,783,152	54,675,569	389,504,870
1100	Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	9,351,493	4,262,702	(22,722,126)	931,839	(8,176,092)
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES):						
7911	Capital Related Debt Issued (Regular Bonds)	—	1,920,964	48,424,036	—	50,345,000
7916	Premium or Discount on Issuance of Bonds	—	98,681	2,487,580	—	2,586,261
8949	Other (Uses)	—	(1,920,964)	—	—	(1,920,964)
7080	Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	—	98,681	50,911,616	—	51,010,297
1200	Net Change in Fund Balances	9,351,493	4,361,383	28,189,490	931,839	42,834,205
0100	Fund Balance – July 1 (Beginning)	65,252,722	31,057,205	—	11,945,783	108,255,710
1300	Increase (Decrease) in Fund Balance	470,052	(852,462)	—	—	(382,410)
3000	Fund Balance – June 30 (Ending)	\$ 75,074,267	\$ 34,566,126	\$ 28,189,490	\$ 12,877,622	\$ 150,707,505






– Photo courtesy Canutillo ISD

# No Place for Hate

**TEAM CANUTILLO** – Canutillo ISD students and staff participated in the Third Annual Raise Awareness Run Out Bullying Race on Nov. 24. There were two races (R) and a fun walk (W). Six of the students that ran won medals (RM). From left are Coach Eddie Estrada (R), Alexyss Rojas (W), Julio Monje (kneeling) (RM), Amani Saenz (W), Kashmir Flores (W), Mauro Perez (RM), Jasmin Coronel (RM), Jose Coronel (RM), Jaylene Placencia (R), Mannyboy Flores (RM), Madalyne Flores (in front) (R), Cesar Monje (RM), Tonya Flores (W) and Superintendent Damon Murphy (W). Story on Page 4.



## Need Help Paying Your Propane Bills?

*Funding is currently available through Project BRAVO under the state's Comprehensive Energy Assistance Program (CEAP) to help qualified low-income residents of El Paso County pay their home propane bills up to 250 gallons.*

### Where To Apply


- Saturday, Nov. 10, from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. at the Kennedy Brothers Housing Complex, 400 S. Zaragoza Road.
- Saturday, Dec. 1 from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. at the San Elizario ISD Excell Academy, 13680 Socorro Road, San Elizario.
- Saturday, Dec. 8, from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. at the Sparks Housing Development Corporation, 106 Peyton Road.
- Saturday, Dec. 15, from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. at the Sparks Housing Development Corporation, 106 Peyton Road.

### Documents Needed to Qualify

- Valid ID for all adults 18 yrs. or older living in the household.
- Social Security cards for everyone living in the household.
- Proof of all household income for the previous 30 days.
- Most recent rental lease or, if homeowner, mortgage statement or property taxes (include all landlord info).
- Most recent TANF or SNAP certification letter.
- Most recent gas and electric bills (originals and 1 copy).
- Must have letter from propane company listing the price and number of gallons needed.

*Please bring 1 copy of each document. All utility bills must be in the name of the applicant..*

For Information, call 915-562-4100



## ¿Necesita ayuda para pagar sus facturas de gas propano?

*Actualmente existen fondos a través de Project BRAVO bajo el programa estatal Comprehensive Energy Assistance Program (CEAP) para residentes de bajos ingresos que viven en las zonas rurales del Condado de El Paso que necesitan ayuda para pagar sus cuentas de propano de calefacción casera hasta 250 galones.*

### Dónde aplicar

- Sábado, 10 de noviembre desde las 8:00 a.m. hasta las 5:00 p.m. en Kennedy Brothers Housing Complex, 400 S. Zaragoza Road.
- Sábado, 1 de diciembre desde las 8:00 a.m. hasta las 5:00 p.m. en el San Elizario ISD Excell Academy, 13680 Socorro Road en San Elizario, Texas.
- Sábado, 8 de diciembre desde las 8:00 a.m. hasta las 5:00 p.m. en el Sparks Housing Development Corporation, 106 Peyton Road en Sparks.
- Sábado, 15 de diciembre desde las 8:00 a.m. hasta las 5:00 p.m. en el Sparks Housing Development Corporation, 106 Peyton Road en Sparks.

### Documentos necesarios para calificar

- Identificación válida con foto para todos los adultos de 18 años o mayores que viven en el hogar.
- Tarjetas de seguro social de todos los que viven en el hogar.
- Prueba de los ingresos total en el hogar de los últimos 30 días.
- Contrato VIGENTE (no vencido) de renta, pago de casa o impuestos de propiedad (debe incluir información del dueño, nombre y dirección del cliente, fecha y cantidad de pago).
- TANF (asistencia temporal para familias necesitadas) más reciente (no vencida) o carta de certificación SNAP (programa de asistencia para alimentos suplemental).
- Recibos más recientes de gas y luz (originales y copia 1).
- Carta reciente de su compañía de propano que diga el costo de el gas y los galones requeridos para llenar el tanque.

*Por favor traiga una copia de cada documento. Todas las facturas deben estar a nombre del solicitante.*

Para más información, llame al 915-562-4100

## Classified Ads

## LEGALS

**Town Of  
Horizon City**

**PUBLIC  
HEARING**

A PUBLIC HEARING will be held during a Regular Planning & Zoning Commission Meeting on Monday, December 17, 2012 at 6:30 p.m. in the City Council Chambers (Council/Police Dept. Bldg.), 15001 Darrington Rd., Horizon City, TX, 79928. The purpose of the public hearing is to allow any interested persons to appear and comment regarding the following:

Proposed Replat Application for Darrington Eastlake Commercial Unit One, described as being a Replat of Lot 1, Block 1, Darrington Eastlake Commercial Unit One, Town of Horizon City, El Paso County, Texas. Currently Zoned C-2 Heavy Commercial. Request is to allow one commercial lot to be divided into three (3) commercial lots.

Those who are unable to attend may submit their views in writing to the City Clerk at 14999 Darrington Rd., Horizon City, TX 79928 or call 915-852-1046. Accommodations for handicapped persons will be available; and individuals in need of special assistance for attending the hearing are encouraged to contact the City Clerk at 915-852-1046, forty-eight (48) hours prior to the meeting.

Karen Ellefson  
Town Clerk  
Horizon City

WTCC: 11-29-12

**CITY OF  
SOCORRO,  
TEXAS**

## REQUEST FOR BIDS

**FOR HOT MIX  
ASPHALT  
CONCRETE**

**ATTN: Sandra  
Hernandez,  
City Clerk**

**CLOSING:  
DECEMBER 10,  
2012 at 2:00 P.M.  
124 S. HORIZON  
BLVD.  
SOCORRO,  
TEXAS 79927**

The City of Socorro,  
TX is soliciting bids

for 13,000 tons of Hot Mix Asphalt Concrete (HMAC) specified by the Texas Department of Transportation-Type D, and 1,000 gallons of SS1-H Tac Oil Emulsion, and 1,000 tons of Type-A Graded III base material. The bid shall be on a firm lump-sum basis with delivery cost stated separately as an optional service. Bid specifications are available from the City Clerk and all bids must be submitted on official City of Socorro bid forms.

The closing date for submission is **December 10, 2012 at 2:00 p.m.** The bids will be opened publicly and read aloud on **December 10, 2012 at 2:30 p.m. at the City Administration Building in Socorro, Texas, 124 S. Horizon Blvd., Socorro, Texas, 79927.** All submittals must be clearly marked on the lower right hand side corner with your company name and return address on the envelope with the following: **SEALED BID-RFP-FOR-HMAC/TAC OIL EMULSION/BASE MATERIALS BID-ATTN: SANDRA HERNANDEZ / CITY CLERK, 124 S. Horizon Blvd, Socorro, Texas, 79927.**

Any proposal received after 2:00 p.m. on the date specified will be unopened. All bids shall be firm offers for a period of thirty days and prices shall be guaranteed for one year from the bid opening. Detailed bid requirements are available at the office of the City Clerk.

The City of Socorro reserves the right to waive irregularities and to reject all bids.

*Sandra Hernandez*  
City Clerk

WTCC: 11-29-12

**City of Socorro**

**PUBLIC  
HEARING**

**A PUBLIC HEARING** will be held at **6:00 p.m. at a Regular Council Meeting on December 6, 2012**, at City Hall, 860 Rio Vista, Socorro, Texas. The purpose of the Public Hearing is to allow any interested person to appear and testify at the hearing regarding the following:

11) AN ORDINANCE GRANTING TO TEXAS GAS SERVICE COMPANY, THE RIGHT, PRIVILEGE AND FRANCHISE TO USE STREETS, ALLEYS, THOROUGHFARES AND OTHER PUBLIC WAYS TO OPERATE AND MAINTAIN A NATURAL GAS DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM IN THE CITY OF SOCORRO, EL PASO COUNTY, TEXAS; PROVIDING REGULATIONS FOR THE CONDUCT OF THE SYSTEM BY THE GRANTEE, AND REPEALING THE PRESENT FRANCHISE ORDINANCE.

2)AN ORDINANCE  
OF THE CITY  
COUNCIL OF  
THE CITY OF  
SOCORRO,  
T E X A S  
ESTABLISHING  
COMPREHENSIVE  
RULES AND  
REGULATIONS  
RELATING TO  
THE CONTROL  
OF ANIMALS;  
PROVIDING FOR  
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PROVIDING  
FOR RABIES  
CONTROL;  
PROVIDING FOR  
HUMANS BITTEN  
OR SCRATCHED  
BY ANIMALS  
SUSCEPTIBLE  
TO RABIES;  
PROVIDING FOR  
QUARANTINE  
PROCEDURE  
FOR BITING  
SCRATCHING  
ANIMALS;  
PROVIDING  
FOR DOG, CAT  
AND FERRET

A PENALTY FOR THE VIOLATION OF THIS ORDINANCE; PROVIDING FOR INJUNCTIVE RELIEF; PROVIDING FOR EXEMPTION OF CITY OFFICIALS FROM LIABILITY; EXEMPTING CERTAIN AGRICULTURAL LANDS FROM COVERAGE; REPEALING INCONSISTENT REGULATIONS; PROVIDING FOR SAVINGS; REPEALING AND SEVERABILITY CLAUSES; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND PROVIDING FOR THE PUBLICATION OF THE CAPTION HEREOF.

3) AN ORDINANCE DESIGNATING TRANSPORTATION REINVESTMENT ZONE NUMBER ONE FOR THE CITY OF SOCORRO, TEXAS; DESCRIBING THE BOUNDARIES OF THE ZONE; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE AND A TERMINATION DATE FOR THE ZONE; NAMING THE ZONE "TRANSPORTATION REINVESTMENT ZONE NUMBER ONE, CITY OF SOCORRO, TEXAS"; ESTABLISHING A TAX INCREMENT FUND FOR THE ZONE; AND CONTAINING OTHER PROVISIONS RELATED THERETO.

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. Copies of ordinances are available for review at City Hall, 124 S. Horizon Blvd., upon request.

*Sandra Hernandez*  
City Clerk

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**By Steve Escajeda**  
*Special to the Courier*

Ohio State kind of flew under the radar this year but they, like Notre Dame, finished the

But the guy in the “father knows best” red

We look the other way at unacceptable behavior if we can somehow benefit from it. Even if the only benefit we get is the opportunity to brag to others that our team was the best for a year.

And though Notre Dame and Ohio State are both undefeated, the similarities end there.

It's a story I've shared one too many times (particularly around closing), but the guy who invented Under Armour, Kevin Plank, was my roommate in college. They point out that CEO Plank converted some of his stock in the company... a transaction that will give him some \$50 million in cash, a number that just so happens to be the amount Maryland will have to pay in a

“I must be dreaming,” I mutter in a Connery-esque brogue. Turns out I’m not the only one with dreams,

In football, Maryland now has a chance to play in the Rose Bowl. I'll say that again... *the Rose*

As for the hardwood? Forget it... better get yourself a pine box, boys... the Comcast Center in College Park is about to become the Big 10's cocoon of horror. I'd gladly trade a home and away with Georgia Tech for one with the Indiana Hoosiers. Not to mention the fact that the Terps positively own Indiana in NCAA Championship games... lifetime. Numbers don't lie.

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

**MEN'S BASKETBALL**

# MINER ORANGEVILLE

**NOVEMBER 28TH • 7PM**  
**VS. NEW MEXICO STATE**

**BBVA Compass** *Walgreens*

**DECEMBER 8TH • 7:00 P.M.**  
**VS. IDAHO**  
**DOUBLEHEADER**

**PURCHASE OF A MEN'S TICKET  
GETS A FREE WOMEN'S TICKET**

**WOMEN'S GAME AT 4:30 VS. EASTERN NEW MEXICO**

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# WOMEN'S BASKETBALL CONFERENCE USA CHAMPIONS

**DECEMBER 1ST • 7:05 P.M.**  
**VS. TEXAS STATE**  
**HEROES NIGHT**  
**THANKING OUR LOCAL HEROES**  
**FACULTY/STAFF APPRECIATION**

**DECEMBER 5TH • 7:05 P.M.**  
**VS. NEW MEXICO STATE**  
**FIESTA NIGHT**  
**HISPANIC CULTURE APPRECIATION**  
**GRAND PRIZE NIGHT**

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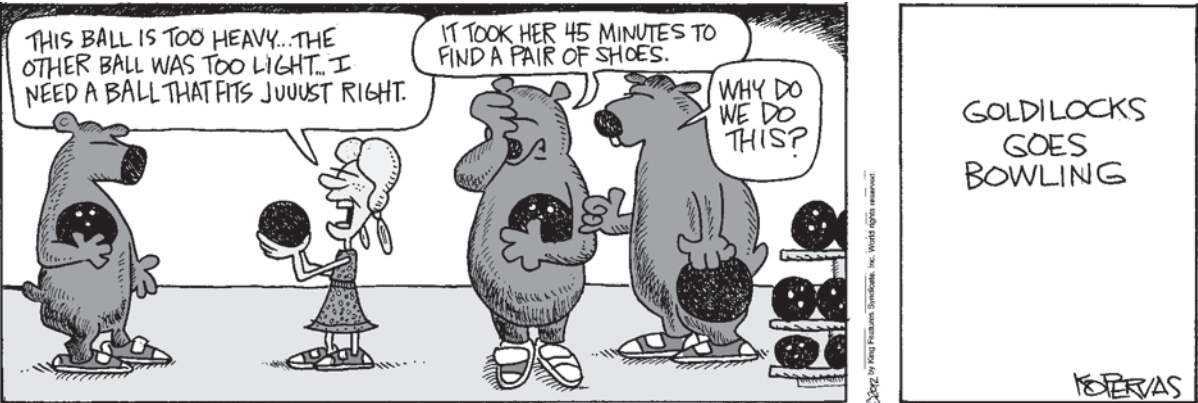
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# Comix

## OUT ON A LIMBBy Gary Kopervas



## AMBER WAVESBy Dave T. Phipps



## THE SPATSBy Jeff Pickering



## R.F.D. By Mike Marland



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

*DEAR DR. DONOHUE:* What advice can you give to senior citizens with type 2 diabetes? – W.S.

People with either type 1 or type 2 diabetes have similar goals and are given fairly similar advice. Type 2 diabetes used to be called adult onset diabetes and often can be controlled with oral medicines and diet. Type 1 diabetes used to be called juvenile diabetes, and it requires insulin treatment. Those older designations are misleading. Many type 2 diabetics have to take insulin.

People with diabetes ought to have a meter that provides the blood sugar (plasma glucose) reading. It's impossible to adjust medicine or diet without such information. The first reading in the morning, before taking food, ought to be in the range of 70 to 130 mg/dL (3.9 to 7.2 mmol/L). The blood sugar meter is not expensive, and is easy to use. In addition, hemoglobin A1C, another measure of sugar control, should be less than 7 percent. This value is obtained only a couple of times a year.

Since diabetes is a risk for developing heart attacks and strokes, diabetics are obliged to control the other risks for those two common conditions. Those are blood pressure, which should be less than 140/90 and preferably under 130/80. Cholesterol ought to be lower than 200 mg/dl (5.2 mmol/L). LDL cholesterol (bad cholesterol) is best kept under 100 (2.6) and the optimum reading for triglycerides (blood fats) is now set at 100 mg/dL (1.13 mmol/L). Diabetics ought to have yearly eye exams.

Since obesity is common in type 2 diabetes and since modest weight loss (a 5 percent to 7 percent reduction in body weight) can help, calorie reduction is important.

Increased activity controls blood sugar and body weight. The goal is 30 minutes of moderate exercise on most days of the

week. Diabetics should get instructions in diet control from a dietitian. In general, 50 percent to 55 percent of calories come from carbohydrates, 15 percent to 20 percent from protein and 30 percent from fats.

The booklet on diabetes presents this illness and its treatments in detail. Readers can obtain a copy by writing: Dr. Donohue – No. 402W, 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:* My husband was discovered to have sleep apnea. He is now on CPAP (continuous positive airway pressure) at night. The problem is that he sometimes gets up as many as 14 times a night to void. I have him on a nonprescription sleep preparation, but he still gets up. Lack of sleep makes him angry. – L.C.

You're directing your efforts in the wrong direction. His prostate gland is making him get up during the night. His gland doesn't allow his urinary bladder to completely empty. He urinates only in dribs and drabs.

Medicines can enhance bladder emptying. And there are many office procedures that don't entail long surgery or long recovery that can open up his drainage system.

Take your husband to a urologist.

*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

## LONG IN THE PAST ACROSS

- Not quite direct, as a flight
- Stallions, e.g.
- Trees of Lebanon
- Inhale and exhale
- It's aimed at
- Mountain ridge east of Jerusalem
- Retail VIP conked on the head?
- Words after "Frankly"
- Like lemons
- Furry friend
- Hurts badly
- Nutrition std.
- Good for something
- Group of five people drunk on sherry?
- Not connected to the Internet
- Covered the feet of
- Rebuff rudely
- Steinway with a wood finish?
- 1965 hit for the Yardbirds
- Former Disney chief Michael
- Klee's output
- Wall St. debuts
- Done in the manner of
- "Cómo \_ usted?" (Sp. greeting)
- Rte. with tolls

- Shop that only sells filleted meat?
- With 63-Across, what a sailor breathes in
- See 62-Across
- Vital blood lines
- "Hasta \_" (Sp. sign-off)
- Barnes & Noble that's too small for its flow of customers?
- Owl's claw
- Cleans with elbow grease
- Stockholm's land: Abbr.
- Orange tuber
- Cash shown in film shots?
- "Dies \_" (Lat. hymn)
- Utah lily
- "Chances \_..."
- Old U.S. gas name
- Major-league
- Sups at home
- Gives back
- Sentry covered with smudges?
- "Veni, vidi, \_"
- Uncovers
- Somewhat
- Critters using highway divisions?
- English river
- Siouan people
- Pulitzer category
- Years on end
- "Baby Spice"

- Bunton
- Opening play
  - Recalled events shared during a call?
  - Bully's final words
  - Alleviating
  - Yields
  - Jazz chords
  - Tristan's lady
  - Least happy

- ## DOWN
- Spheres in space
  - Fictional sleuth
  - Jacob's brother
  - Blue-green algae variety
  - With 6-Down, source of element #50
  - See 5-Down
  - Hawked
  - All-male
  - Copper-hued
  - Special time
  - It has a yolk
  - Considered
  - Fine fiddle
  - Stalin's doctrine
  - Blissful place
  - Carried out
  - Turn away
  - Aptly named novelist Charles
  - Fender guitar, familiarly
  - Curly slapper
  - Mensa figs.
  - Spork prong
  - Lethargy
  - "Say again?"

- Na+, for one
- Prefix with noir
- Nuggets' org.
- S-curves
- Bichon \_ (dog breed)
- In dreamland
- Royal title
- Islamabad's land: Abbr.
- Ogle
- "Shake \_!"
- Large mil. alliance
- Taken with
- Apex
- West Texas city
- Spectrum producers
- Hockey's Orr
- Top Olympic medals, in Madrid
- Hand lotion additive
- Classic Karel Capek play
- Secretary of education Duncan
- Together, in music
- Cargo unit
- M.Sgt. and T.Sgt.
- Cubic Rubik
- Sing shrilly
- Pre-World War I ruler
- Back 40 unit
- "It's \_!" (delivery room cry)
- Haut \_ (high society)
- "I think, therefore I am" thinker

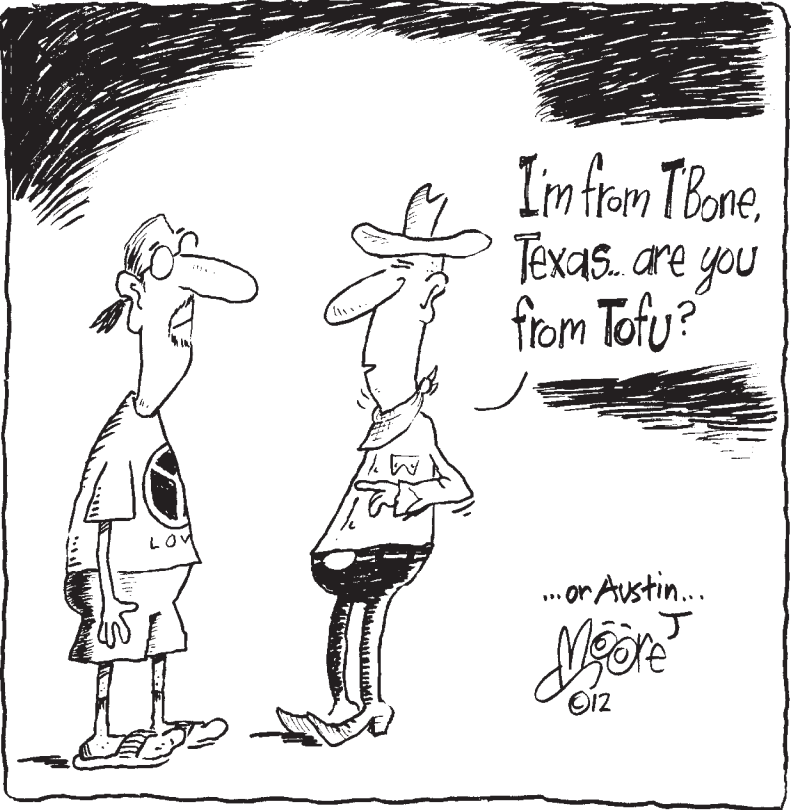
- The lens is behind it
- Pitcher Darling
- Talked like Porky Pig
- Skillets and woks
- Opposed to, in the sticks
- One of 17 in Monopoly: Abbr.
- Like "oy vey"
- Place to get a massage
- Contact no.
- Bread makers
- Put \_ good word for
- Siouan people
- Access the Internet
- Old arcade game maker
- Baby shower rule, perhaps
- JFK Library architect
- Singer Jones
- Periphery
- Coal pit, e.g.
- "Miracle" ball team
- Secy., e.g.
- Classic diner sandwich
- Bear, in Peru
- Nothing at all
- Call a halt to
- "\_ culpa"
- Gray-headed

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**Moore Texas** by Roger Moore Texas has lots of towns with food related names like Bacon, Noodle, Trout and so on.....



**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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2		3		15	

**DIFFICULTY: ★**  
★ Moderate   ★★ Difficult  
★★★ GO FIGURE!

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**Weekly SUDOKU**

by Linda Thistle

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

**DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ★★★**

★ Moderate   ★★ Challenging

Answer Page 4   ★★★ HOO BOY!

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## Social Security Q&A By Ray Vigil

*Q: Are Supplemental Security Income (SSI) benefits subject to federal income tax?*

A: No. SSI payments are not subject to federal taxes. If you get SSI, you will not receive an annual form SSA-1099 from Social Security. However, your Social Security benefits may be subject to income tax. Learn more at [www.socialsecurity.gov](http://www.socialsecurity.gov).

*Q: I'm doing more things online, including shopping and paying bills. What are some things I can do at [www.socialsecurity.gov](http://www.socialsecurity.gov)?*

A: Perhaps the most important thing you can do is to take a look at your Social Security Statement, which allows you to check your earnings record and get an estimate of your future benefits. Revisit your Statement annually, around your birthday for example. If you're ready to apply for benefits, you can do that online as well. Applying for Social Security retirement benefits online can take as little as 15 minutes. Once you've submitted your electronic applications, in most cases, you're done! Also online, you can find more than 100 publications with information about Social Security and its programs. Most of these publications are in Spanish, and some of the most popular are available in 14 other languages. You also can estimate

your future retirement benefit using our Retirement Estimator, which allows you to get personalized estimates based on different retirement ages and scenarios. The possibilities are endless at [www.socialsecurity.gov](http://www.socialsecurity.gov).

*Q: I'm trying to decide when to retire. Can Social Security help?*

A: The best place to start is with a visit to the online Social Security Statement. The Statement provides you with estimates of benefits for you and your family as well as your earnings record and information you should consider about retirement and retirement planning. Find out more about the Statement — and get yours — at [www.socialsecurity.gov/mystatement](http://www.socialsecurity.gov/mystatement). There "right" time to retire is different for everyone and depends on your individual situation. To help you make your own decision, we offer an online fact sheet with some of the factors to consider at [www.socialsecurity.gov/pubs/10147.html](http://www.socialsecurity.gov/pubs/10147.html).

For more information on any of the questions listed above, visit our website at [www.socialsecurity.gov](http://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: V equals O

RS W UZAUPD FWC UV CV TVJD

ADSZDPRHN, R TZOOVTD FD

JRNFU TUVO WU W TFDPP

TUWURVH.

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**FEAR KNIGHT**  
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CONQUER THE WHIRLED

YSA  
GODNUR  
ITDAS  
OOLS  
♥NRSGUT  
♥OGD  
TAAD  
♥GEBDU  
EST  
TYBSUB  
IGGON  
♥DRIG

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

## STRANGE BUT TRUE By Samantha Weaver

- It was British biologist and author Richard Dawkins who made the following sage observation: "When two opposite points of view are expressed with equal intensity, the truth does not necessarily lie exactly halfway between them. It is possible for one side to be simply wrong."
  - If you're like 20 percent of American women, you think your feet are too big.
  - Did you ever wonder why we say, "I smell a rat" when we sense that something is amiss? The phrase dates back to a time before effective means of pest control, when it was not uncommon for a home to be infested by rodents. If a rat died inside a wall, the residents wouldn't be aware of it until the smell of the decaying body became noticeable.
  - If you'd like to have a festive New Year's Eve but don't want to deal with the crowds in New York City for the iconic ball drop, consider heading to Mount Olive, N.C. Every year the town hosts a celebration in which a 3-foot lighted pickle is dropped into a barrel at midnight.
  - Ancient Romans believed that a sneeze was the body's way of expelling evil spirits that caused disease. Thus, if one tried to suppress a sneeze, it was regarded as an invitation to illness and death.
  - The 14-foot model of the Starship Enterprise that was used during shooting of the original "Star Trek" series is now displayed in the Smithsonian.
  - If you are over the age of 40, you've lived longer than the average gorilla.
  - The first woman to appear on the cover of Business Week magazine, in 1954, was Brownie Wise, the originator of the Tupperware Party.
- Thought for the Day: "If you don't know where you are going, any road will get you there."
- Lewis Carroll
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