



NEWSBRIEFS



Venomous critters

Sal Quintanilla, of the West Texas Regional Poison Center, will present a special program entitled Venomous Critters of the Chihuahuan Desert, at 6 p.m., Thursday, Jan. 10, at the El Paso Museum of History (510 North Santa Fe Street). The bilingual (English and Spanish) program is a must see for all who live in El Paso. If you think poisonous snakes and spiders only live in the wild outdoors, think again. How many of you have had your house infested with scorpions? Did you know that more people working in offices suffer from Brown recluse spider bites than do electricians? Learn about venomous insects, spiders and reptiles and some poisonous plants. Find out which spiders are good and which ones are not. You may be surprised to find that you can use non-poisonous insects and reptiles as “natural” pest control. Did you know that Tarantulas make wonderful pets? Quintanilla will show some live invertebrates and maybe a live snake, all in secure cages. A photo display board will show even more venomous creatures to watch out for in our Chihuahuan Desert environment and in our homes and yards. This program is suitable for children as young as six years through adults. For more information, contact Sue Taylor at (915) 351-3588 or send email to taylorlsl@elpasotexas.gov.

— Alfredo Vasquez

MLK Food Drive

The 13th Annual Martin Luther King Jr. Canned Food Drive will be held from Friday, Jan. 4 through Monday, Jan. 21, 2013. The public is asked to donate canned and non-perishable food donations at several locations throughout the City and County including City Hall, County Courthouse, all Wal-Mart Stores, Big 8 grocers, public libraries and other locations. The food collected will be sorted and distributed to organizations that serve the less fortunate on Monday, Jan. 21 (MLK Day). Since its inception, the MLK Canned Food Drive has collected an estimated 250 tons of food. The MLK Canned Food Drive is collaboration between the City and County of El Paso, as well as other community partners, in honor of the late Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. In 1994, congress ratified the King Holiday and Service Act bringing

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Child psychology is what children manage their parents with.

— Quips & Quotes



— Photo by Art Franco

Anthony landmark to be razed

MAKING WAY FOR THE NEW – One of the consequences of economic development is losing old memories that have been a part of a community's history and culture for many years. This old building, that for many years housed Joe's Body Shop, is being torn down to make way for new commercial development. The building was owned many years ago by Mr. John Hall, father of Jerry Hall, a member of the Anthony Town Council for over thirty years until he resigned for health reasons and passed away due to his illness. His family has sold the property and according to his wife, Sylvia Hall, it served the community of Anthony for many years as a theater, dance hall, and a skating rink. In the 70s it served as a place for wrestling matches that were very popular at the time. The building had been looked at by the Town of Anthony to serve as a museum to help preserve the past. However the condition of building, lack of funding and cost to restore it killed the project.

— Art Franco

Brigham appointed interim superintendent of Canutillo ISD

By Gustavo Reveles Acosta
Special to the Courier

CANUTILLO – Annette Brigham – a longtime teacher, principal and administrator who has impacted several generations of Canutillo students – was named the Canutillo Independent School District's new interim superintendent.



Annette Brigham

After stints as technology and school resources executive director, Brigham was appointed associate superintendent and chief of staff this summer.

A native of Boston, Mass., Brigham received a bachelors degree in computer science from the University of Texas at El Paso, with a masters degree in occupational training and development from Texas A&M University in Corpus Christi.

“Our main task is to educate children and I’m happy to be part of the team of educators that will help move Canutillo forward,” she said. “There are some challenges ahead of us, but as interim superintendent my goal is to position our next permanent superintendent for success in Canutillo.”

The CISD Board of Trustees today voted to appoint Brigham, who currently serves as the District's associate superintendent and chief of staff. She will take on her new role immediately.

“Mrs. Brigham is a well-respected member of our staff who needs no training and is more than capable to lead this district as we start the process of looking for a permanent superintendent,” said Board President Armando Rodriguez. “The Board is confident that Mrs. Brigham has the best interest of Canutillo at heart because she is a member of our community both on and off work.”

Brigham has been with Canutillo ISD since 1987. She began her career as a technology teacher at Canutillo High School before serving as principal of Childress Elementary first, and then the first principal of the new Alderete Middle School.

TEA seeks public input on new accountability system

By Alfredo Vasquez
Special to the Courier

Texas residents have until January 18th to submit their comment regarding the current proposals for the new state accountability system for Texas public schools.

Texas Education Agency announced recently that educators and members of the public are invited to review and submit comments electronically at <http://ritter.tea.state.tx.us/perfreport/account/2013/proposals.html>.

“Consideration of educator feedback is critical to the development of a fair and comprehensive accountability system,” stated TEA officials.

Information about the new rating system, which will be based in part on the State of Texas Assessments of Academic Readiness (STAAR™), can be found on the 2013 accountability development page at <http://ritter.tea.state.tx.us/perfreport/account/2013/index.html>.

The meeting materials from each accountability advisory committee meeting have been posted online on the 2013 accountability development site to provide educators and the public with the most current information about the development of the new accountability system, stated TEA officials.

Statewide accountability advisory committees have worked with the TEA staff since March 2012 to develop proposals for new accountability ratings and distinction designations as required by House Bill 3 (81st Texas Legislature, 2009).

The commissioner of education will make final decisions on the new accountability system by the end of March 2013.

Veterans Post

By Freddy Groves

WWII veterans have stories to tell

We're losing World War II veterans at a rate of 900 per day – one every minute and a half. The older they get, the higher that number will go.

Often, when an elderly veteran dies, his stories go with him. This was the stoic generation, and men who came back from the war didn't talk about it. Years have gone by, and families still don't know the experiences their veteran had. But time has a way of breaking down that barrier of silence, and many of those veterans are ready to talk.

That's where you come in. The Veterans History Project, part of the Library of Congress, provides a means for others to record the stories of veterans before the information is lost forever. For WWII veterans, the eligible years of service are 1939 to 1946.

If you want to help preserve the history of a World War II veteran, don't delay. Start planning now to do an interview. The Project has a Field Kit with instructions. Stories can be captured via audio or video recordings, or in writing. Best bet:

Use a video camera. Pictures add so much to the story. The Project website has instruction on what steps to take, if you're unsure of how to get started and how to proceed.

After the interview with your veteran, the whole package is shipped off to the Project, where it will be archived forever. Future generations will be able to read and hear their stories.

If you don't personally know a World War II veteran, your local veterans service organization will. Once you get started, don't be surprised if other veterans approach you to do their stories as well.

Go here for the Project Field Kit: www.loc.gov/vets.

Make a copy of the interview for the family before you send the package.

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Finances

By Jason Alderman

Helping the ‘unbanked’ get affordable financial services

According to a recent survey by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corp. and the U.S. Census Bureau, 17 million American adults now live in “unbanked” households, while another 51 million are considered “underbanked.” In other words, over 28 percent of households either have no traditional checking or savings accounts (unbanked); or their basic financial needs aren't being met by their bank or credit union so they also rely on alternative lenders like check-cashing services or payday loans (underbanked).

There have always been millions of Americans who are either unable to – or choose not to – conduct their financial transactions through a bank. Common reasons cited include:

- Don't have enough money to need an account.
- Don't write enough checks to justify monthly fees and minimum balance requirements – just buy money orders when needed.
- Lack of proper identification.
- Denied accounts due to bad banking track record.
- Language barriers.
- Bad previous banking experience or lack of trust in banking institutions.

Big retailers and other alternative financial services providers have rushed to fill the void for customers who can't – or won't – use banks or credit card issuers. For example, Bankrate.com lists dozens of prepaid cards that offer many of the same functionalities as regular credit or debit cards, including direct deposit, online purchases and bill pay, ATM access, etc. Other businesses provide such varied services as check-cashing, money orders, wire transfers, and payday, pawnshop or car-title loans.

However, charges for these services can quickly add up. After you've paid a fee to cash your paycheck and bought money orders to pay your monthly bills, you probably will have spent far more than the \$5 to \$15 a month a regular checking account typically costs. Although monthly checking and savings account fees at large banks have risen, you still may be able to find free or low-cost accounts at banks and credit unions. To find competitive bank account rates, visit www.bankrate.com/checking.aspx. To find a credit union for which you might be eligible, use the Credit Union Locator at www.ncua.gov.

High fees aside, there's also a safety risk factor to being unbanked. Carrying or storing cash at home tempts robbers; also, money can easily be destroyed in a fire or other natural disaster. Plus, money deposited in FDIC-insured banks is insured up to \$250,000 per account (similar insurance is available to credit union accounts through NCUA). It's also more difficult for unbanked consumers to improve their credit scores due to lack of access to credit-building products like credit cards and loans.

To help bring unbanked and underbanked people into the system, an increasing number of public/private programs like Bank On (www.joinbankon.org) are being formed. These voluntary partnerships between local or state governments, financial institutions and community-based organizations provide low-income un- and underbanked people with free or low-cost starter or “second chance” bank accounts and access to financial education.

In addition, many financial education resources are available, including:

- MyMoney.gov, the government's website dedicated to teaching Americans the basics about financial education (www.mymoney.gov).
- FDIC's MoneySmart program of financial education workshops (www.fdic.gov/moneysmart).
- Practical Money Skills for Life (www.practicalmoneyskills.com), a free personal financial management program run by Visa Inc.

There's no law that says everyone must have a traditional banking relationship. But if you choose to go unbanked, carefully investigate the financial consequences – you may not be saving money after all.

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Clint Independent School District will hold a public hearing for the discussion of the 2011-2012 district Annual Report on Wednesday, January 16, 2013, at the Clint Independent School District Administration building board room, located at 14521 Horizon Blvd., at 5:00 p.m. during the regularly scheduled School Board meeting. All interested individuals are welcomed to attend. The report will be available to the public after the hearing at all Clint District School Campuses, the Clint Public Library and the Montana Community Center.

Audencia pública

El distrito escolar de Clint tendra una junta para discutir el Reporte Annual del Distrito de 2011-2012 el miercoles, 16 de enero del 2013 en las oficinas administrativas localizadas 14521 Horizon Blvd. a las 5:00 p.m. Todos individuos interesados estan invitados a asistir. El Reporte se puede obtener en estos lugares; todas las escuelas publicas del distrito, la biblioteca publica de Clint, y el Centro Comunidad de Montana Vista.

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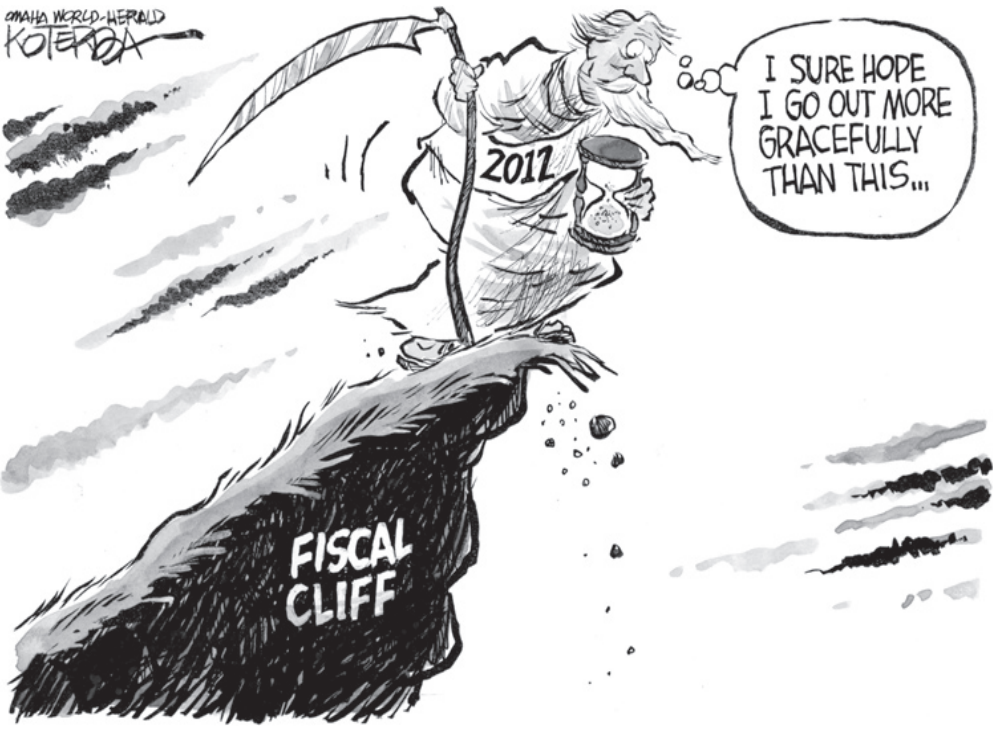
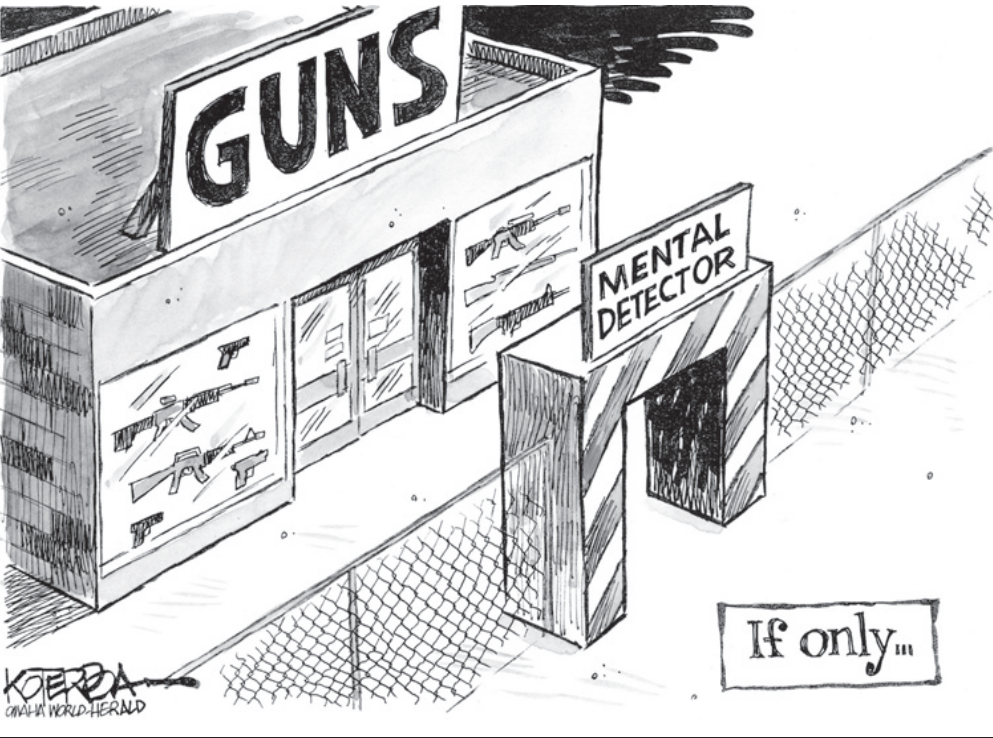
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What’s up doc? By Albert Balesh, M.D.

Don’t eat that ‘sweet yellow snow’

A history of future shock in diabetes

Leave it to the Ancient Egyptians, who not only introduced aspirin to the known world, but also recognized diabetes back in 1500 B.C. Then the Greeks came along and for whatever reason, tasted the urine of the sick and found it to be sweet. Not a great idea for a cool summer drink! As the North American colonies earned their independence in 1776, Matthew Dobson of Liverpool had his sights set on a prize larger than the Americas and a bit smaller than the Beatles who came 200 years later, as he found increased sugar in the urine of diabetic patients. Insulin was not discovered until 1921, and, frankly, its discovery and what came in the 3500 years before and the almost 100 years after have yielded little in the way of a cure for diabetes.

So, while it is known where diabetes originated, where it is going is an exciting unknown. Physicians, physician assistants, nurses, nutritionists, social workers, and podiatrists have banded together to develop models of care delivery for diabetes from both philanthropic and economic self-interest points of view. That can be taken to the bank! While, on the one hand, it has been noted that physical activity, weight loss, and improved blood sugar control can reduce both the risk of diabetes in the predisposed and the appearance of its complications in the afflicted, other studies have shown that aggressive control of high blood sugar reduces nonfatal heart attacks but surprisingly increases overall mortality from heart attacks. Is there an element of doublespeak here, or are the experts no closer to resolution of the quandary of diabetes management and prevention than the physicians to the Pharaoh? Furthermore, whatever has been

gained in basic and clinical science research on the subject has not transferred over to the public health arena, as the worldwide prevalence of diabetes continues to increase dramatically.

The fact that basic science research findings in diabetology have effected little behavioral change in the U.S. population speaks to the challenges that lie ahead. Perhaps more aggressive public health and educational stances are warranted, instead of or in addition to the clinical posture ordered by the doctor. Several things are incontestable, however, those being that nearly 27% of persons over the age of 65 have diabetes, with one in three U.S. adults projected to have diabetes by the year 2050, and an estimated cost of diagnosed diabetes in the U.S. of \$174 billion in 2007. Never mind the so-called fiscal cliff, all signs point to an “actuarial abyss!”

Implementation of sound preventive public policies and fiscal deterrents directed at dietary trans fat, high-calorie, high-fat foods in restaurants and school cafeterias, and sugar-sweetened beverages may be a logical first step, but constitutional freedoms and a strategic retreat from a perceived march toward socialism may pose obstacles every bit as insurmountable as enactment of assault weapon legislation. Lifestyle modification, research into stem cell transformation into insulin-producing cells, identification of diabetes-susceptibility genes, and new drug targets for an army of medications already in the pharmaceutical research and development pipeline continue to garner public interest and clinical enthusiasm, but the yellow snow will remain ever so sweet until collective consciousness makes a lifestyle change for all seasons.

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Public Notice Annexation

CITY OF SOCORRO, TEXAS

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED ANNEXATION OF CERTAIN TERRITORY

Notice is hereby given pursuant to Chapter 43 of the *Tex. Loc. Gov’t Code* that the City of Socorro, Texas, proposes to instituteannexation proceedings to enlarge and extend the boundary limits of said City to include certain real property in El Paso County, Texas consisting of seven (7) Parcels described inExhibit “A”, attached and a part of this Notice for all purposes.

Public hearings will be held by and before the City Council of the City of Socorro, Texas, on the 15th day of January, 2013 at 5:30 p.m. and on the 17th day of January, 2013 at 6:00 p.m., at 860 North Rio Vista Road, Socorro, Texas 79927, at said hearings all persons interested in the above proposed annexation shall have the right to appear and be heard.

City of Socorro
124S.HorizonBlvd.
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ANNEXATION PARCEL 1 - METES AND BOUNDS DESCRIPTION

Description of a parcel of land, being a portion of Robert Nix Surveys No 304, 305 and 306, H.D Camp Survey No. 408-A & B, San Elizario Grant Block 10 and 22, Section 16, Block 78, Township 4, Texas and Pacific Railway Company Surveys, All of Farm View Subdivision, Vista Larga Unit Two, Clint Venture Commercial Unit One, Section 25, Block 78, Township

4, Texas and Pacific Railway Company Surveys and being more particularly described by Metes and Bounds as follows:

The “TRUE POINT OF BEGINNING” being a point on the intersection of the northerly right of way line of North Loop Drive with the westerly line of Hacienda Real recorded in volume 55, page 36, Plat records of El Paso County, Texas

Thence along said right of way line, North 42°16’07” West a distance of 332.34 feet to a point;

Thence along said right of way line, North 46°14’40” West a distance of 1056.51 feet to a point on the southeasterly line of Wildhorse Valley Subdivision;

Thence along said line, North 43°00’46” East a distance of 752.00 feet to a point on the northeasterly line of Wildhorse Valley Subdivision;

Thence along said line, North 33°10’14” West a distance of 978.50 feet to a point on the line between H.D. Camp 408-B and Block 22, San Elizario Grant;

Thence along said line, North 25°35’05” East a distance of 1251.61 feet to a point;

Thence, North 54°51’00” East a distance of 1068.76 feet to a point on the southwesterly line of Angels Park Unit One;

Thence, South 35°10’20” East a distance of 2000.85 to a point on the northeasterly right of way line of F.M. 1110;

Thence along said right of way line, North 38°55’45” East a distance of 1624.36 feet to a point;

Thence along said right of way line, North 56°26’39” East a distance of 460.83 feet to a point on the Clint

Interchange;

Thence along said line, South 33°33’20” East a distance of 340.00 feet to a point;

Thence along said line, North 56°25’49” East a distance of 2099.97 feet to a point;

Thence along said line, North 33°38’05” West a distance of 182.76 feet to a point on the northerly right of way line of Darrington Road;

Thence along said right of way line, North 56°42’01” East a distance of 1859.66 feet to a point;

Thence along said line, North 79°01’31” East a distance of 11.32 feet to a point on the westerly line of Clint Venture Commercial Unit One;

Thence along said line, North 00°19’15” West a distance of 356.14 feet to a point on the northerly line of Clint Venture Commercial Unit One;

Thence along said line, North 79°01’31” East a distance of 1491.12 feet to a point on the easterly line of Clint Venture Commercial Unit One;

Thence along said line, South 00°19’15” East a distance of 356.40 feet to a point on the northerly right of way line of Darrington Road;

Thence along said right of way line, North 00°08’38” East a distance of 929.74 feet to a point;

Thence leaving said right of way line, South 00°08’38” East a distance of 378.20 feet to a point;

Thence leaving said right of way line, South 33°35’02” East a distance of 132.37 feet to a point on the southerly right of way line of Darrington Road;

Thence along the southerly right of way line of Darrington the following courses:

550.56 feet along the arc of a curve

to the left which has a radius of 2170.73 feet a central angle of 14°31’55” a chord which bears North 72°04’42” East a distance of 549.09 feet to a point;

North 64°50’53” East a distance of 2109.95 feet to a point;

North 64°48’44” East a distance of 263.07 feet to a point of curve;

361.05 feet along the arc of a curve to the left which has a radius of 3385.28 feet a central angle of 06°06’39” a chord which bears North 61°45’25” East a distance of 360.88 feet to a point;

26.51 feet along the arc of a curve to the right which has a radius of 20.00 feet a central angle of 75°57’07” a chord which bears South 83°19’21” East a distance of 24.61 feet to a point on the southerly right of way line of Las Colinas Road;

Thence along said right of way line, 580.28 feet along the arc of a curve to the left which has a radius of 745.00 feet a central angle of 44°37’38” a chord which bears South 67°39’37” East a distance of 565.72 feet to a point;

Thence along said right of way line, South 89°57’27” East a distance of 35.75 feet to a point;

Thence leaving said right of way line, South 00°08’38” East a distance of 929.74 feet to a point;

Thence South 89°43’19” West a distance of 946.65 feet to a point on the easterly line of Lot 3, Block 1, Farm View Subdivision;

Thence along said line, South 00°35’27” East a distance of 1305.68 feet to a point;

Thence, North 89°59’42” East a distance of 2649.51 feet to a point on the easterly line of

Section 16, Block 78, Township 4, Texas and Pacific Railway Company Surveys;

Thence along the easterly line of Sections 16 and 25, Block 78, Township 4, Texas and Pacific Railway Company Surveys, South 00°01’57” West a distance of 7819.36 feet to a point on the southerly line of Section 25, Block 78, Township 4, Texas and Pacific Railway Company Surveys;

Thence along the southerly line of Section 25, Block 78, Township 4, Texas and Pacific Railway Company Surveys and Robert Nix Survey No. 306, North 89°58’30” West a distance of 8363.49 feet to a point on the westerly line of Robert Nix Survey No. 306;

Thence along said line, North 34°56’51’ West a distance of 2434.25 feet to a point;

Thence, South 55°01’22’ West a distance of 187.27 feet to a point;

Thence, North 71°56’12’ West a distance of 2390.01 feet to a point on the north4easterly line of Hacienda Real;

Thence along said line, North 49°54’38’ West a distance of 819.40 feet to a point on the northerly line of Hacienda Real;

Thence along said line, South 56°06’15’ West a distance of 901.62 feet to a point for the “TRUE POINT OF BEGINNING” and containing 2270.39 acres of land more or less.

ANNEXATION PARCEL 2 - METES AND BOUNDS DESCRIPTION

Description of a parcel of land, being Tract 1, U.S. Parcel No. 26 and portions of San Elizario Grant Blocks 27 and 28 and Socorro Grant Block 27 and being

more particularly described by Metes and Bounds as follows:

The “TRUE POINT OF BEGINNING” being a point on the intersection of the southeasterly right of way line of Socorro-San Elizario Road with the common line of Tract 14C and 10A San Elizario Grant Block 27

Thence along said right of way line of Socorro-San Elizario Road, South 24°26’53” East a distance of 2253.80 feet to a point;

Thence along said right of way line, South 18°44’53” East a distance of 187.10 feet a point;

Thence along said right of way line, South 07°08’53” East a distance of 187.10 feet a point;

Thence along said right of way line, South 01°25’53” East a distance of 106.30 feet to a point;

Thence along said right of way line, South 01°08’53” East a distance of 100.00 feet to a point on the northerly line of El Presidio Subdivision;

Thence leaving said right of way line and along said line, North 69°21’11” West a distance of 338.69 feet to a point;

Thence along said line, North 40°38’51” West a distance of 401.00 feet to a point;

Thence along said line, South 56°37’09” West a distance of 327.30 feet to a point;

Thence along said line, North 63°37’51” West a distance of 13.70 feet to a point;

Thence along said line, South 67°22’09” West a distance of 356.20 feet to a point;

Thence along said line, South 44°27’19” West a

distance of 236.58 feet to a point;

Thence, South 63°54’30” West a distance of 66.73 feet to a point on the easterly line of Glorieta Addition;

Thence along said line, North 24°59’20” West a distance of 163.18 feet to a point;

Thence along said line, North 35°19’50” West a distance of 98.30 feet to a point;

Thence along said line, North 45°40’20” West a distance of 303.07 feet to a point;

Thence along said right of way line, South 18°44’53” East a distance of 187.10 feet a point;

Thence along said right of way line, South 07°08’53” East a distance of 187.10 feet a point;

Thence along said right of way line, South 01°25’53” East a distance of 106.30 feet to a point;

Thence along said right of way line, South 01°08’53” East a distance of 100.00 feet to a point on the northerly line of El Presidio Subdivision;

Thence leaving said line, South 33°16’53” East a distance of 77.73 feet to a point;

Thence; South 16°16’53” East a distance of 366.12 feet to a point;

Thence, South 17°16’53” East a distance of 133.10 feet to a point;

Thence, South 73°47’07” West a distance of 203.33 feet to a point on the westerly lline of the River Drain;

Thence along said line, South 55°26’53” East a distance of 779.90 feet to a point;

Thence along said line, South

44°27’01” East a distance of 115.44 feet to a point on the Clint Interchange;

Thence along said line, South 34°28’53” East a distance of 200.00 feet to a point;

Thence along said line, South 14°28’53” East a distance of 609.50 feet to a point on the northerly line of San Elizario Lateral;

Thence along said line, South 51°14’41” West a distance of 174.51 feet to a point;

Thence along said right of way line, South 32°41’44” West a distance of 178.71 feet to a point;

Thence along said line, South 55°52’14” West a distance of 185.87 feet to a point;

Thence along said line, South 59°42’14” West a distance of 2110.13 feet to a point;

Thence along said line, South 70°59’14” West a distance of 46.06 feet to a point on the easterly line of Riverside Canal;

Thence along said line, North 13°45’13” West a distance of 409.52 feet to a point;

Thence along said line, North 22°08’12” West a distance of 485.96 feet to a point;

Thence along the said line, North 24°21’02” West a distance of 545.80 feet to a point;

Thence along said line, North 24°14’08” West a distance of 1268.94 feet to a point;

Thence along said line, North 22°49’42” West a distance of 534.66 feet to a point;;

Thence along said line, North 11°55’36” West a

distance of 477.01 feet to a point;

Thence, South 76°21’34” West a distance of 368.23 feet to a point;

Thence; North 24°09’53” West a distance of 188.12 feet to a point;

Thence, North 08°48’53” West a distance of 102.23 feet to a point;

Thence, North 01°01’28” East a distance of 148.77 feet to a point;

Thence, North 16°12’31” East a distance of 474.08 feet to a point;

Thence, North 15°02’10” East a distance of 153.60 feet to a point;

Thence, North 02°27’53” West a distance of 469.42 feet to a point;

Thence, North 10°17’08” West a distance of 224.67 feet to a point;

Thence, North 23°39’53” West a distance of 224.64 feet to a point;

Thence, North 33°09’53” West a distance of 224.93 feet to a point;

Thence, North 76°59’46’ East a distance of 2364.39 feet to a point;

Thence, South 09°37’07” West a distance of 38.50 feet to a point;

Thence, North 76°44’13’ East a distance of 2919.32 feet to a point for the “TRUE POINT OF BEGINNING” and containing 498.09 acres of land more or less.

ANNEXATION PARCEL 3 - METES AND BOUNDS DESCRIPTION

Description of a parcel of land, being Panorama Village Units Three, Five and El Paso Hills Unit Eight and Tract 2, Leigh Clark Survey No. 293 and portions of Panorama Village Unit One AND Panorama Village

Unit One Replat and U.S. Interstate Highway No. 10, El Paso County, Texas and being more particularly described by Metes and Bounds as follows:

The “TRUE POINT OF BEGINNING” being a point on the intersection of the southwesterly right of way line of U.S. Interstate Highway No. 10 with the centerline of Panorama Drive;

Thence along the southwesterly right of way line of U.S. Interstate Highway No. 10, South 33°35’46” East a distance of 1362.50 feet to a point;

Thence along said right of way line, South 49°46’16” East a distance of 111.65 feet to a point;

Thence along said right of way line, South 33°35’53” East a distance of 717.82 feet to a point;

Thence along said right of way line, South 56°24’07” West a distance of 50.00 feet to a point;

Thence along said line, South 89°59’11” West a distance of 2212.09 feet to a point on the southerly line of El Paso Hills Unit Eight;

Thence along said line, South 89°59’11” West a distance of 2212.09 feet to a point on the southerly line of Panorama Village Unit 5;

Thence along said line, North 31°41’56” West a distance of 2266.69 feet to a point on the centerline of Panorama Drive;

Thence along said centerline line,

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Discussion spotlights growing up in a warzone

By Alfredo Vasquez
Special to the Courier

Jessica L. Powers, an El Paso native and editor of *That Mad Game: Growing Up in a Warzone*, an anthology of essays from around the world, will be joined by community activists Fito Avitia, Xiaomei Lucas, and writer Becky Cerling Powers to discuss what it is like to be a child in a warzone.

The guest panelists will read excerpts from personal and narrative essays from the anthology, beginning at 2 p.m., Saturday, January 5, at the History museum (510 North Santa Fe Street).

The panel of community activists and writers will also discuss their personal experiences

with war and its effects on children, as part of the Spotlight on History symposium sponsored by the El Paso Museum of History.

The discussion will focus on Juarez, Mexico, the Vietnam War, South Africa, World War II, and China’s Cultural Revolution. The panel members will bring to the forefront their experiences and the legacy of war through generations, as well as present narratives of children’s experiences with war.

Avitia is director of a children’s orphanage in Ciudad Juarez. Lucas



– Photo courtesy of J.L. Powers

El Pasoan, Jessica L. Powers, is the editor of *That Mad Game: Growing Up in a Warzone*, an anthology of essays from around the world.

grew up in China during the Cultural Revolution and now works as an engineer for GE Oil & Gas in Houston, TX. Cerling Powers, a writer and artist from El Paso, is the author of *Laura’s Children: The Hidden Story of a Chinese Orphanage*, a nonfiction narrative account of the orphanage in which Xiaomei Lucas’ mother grew up.

The event is free and open to the public. For more information, contact Sue Taylor at (915) 351-3588 or send email to taylorsl@elpasotexas.gov.

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North 58°18'04" East a distance of 610.86 feet to a point of curve;

Thence along said centerline line, 309.19 feet along the arc of a curve to the left which has a radius of 661.00 feet a central angle of 26°48'04" a chord which bears North 44°54'02" East a distance of 306.38 feet to a point;

Thence along said centerline line, North 31°30'00" East a distance of 1304.58 feet to a point of curve;

Thence along said centerline line, 394.61 feet along the arc of a curve to the left which has a radius of 983.03 feet a central angle of 23°00'00" a chord which bears North 20°00'00" East a distance of 391.97 feet to a point;

Thence along said centerline line, North 08°30'00" East a distance of 210.00 feet to a point of curve;

Thence along said centerline line, 259.13 feet along the arc of a curve to the left which has a radius of 1291.03 feet a central angle of 11°30'00" a chord which bears North 02°45'00" East a distance of 258.69

feet to a point;

Thence along said centerline line, 272.64 feet along the arc of a curve to the right which has a radius of 262.96 feet a central angle of 59°24'14" a chord which bears North 26°42'07" East a distance of 260.59 feet to a point;

Thence along said centerline, North 56°24'14" East a distance of 50.00 feet to a point for the "TRUE POINT OF BEGINNING" and containing 255.34 acres of land more or less.

ANNEXATION PARCEL 4 - METES AND BOUNDS DESCRIPTION

Description of a parcel of land, being Tract 2, Leigh Clark Survey No. 294, El Paso County, Texas and being more particularly described by Metes and Bounds as follows:

The "TRUE POINT OF BEGINNING" being a point on the intersection of the southwesterly right of way line of U.S. Interstate Highway No. 10 with the common line of Leigh Clark Surveys No. 293 and 294; Thence along said southwesterly right

of way line of U.S. Interstate Highway No. 10, South 33°35'46" East a distance of 607.79 feet to a point on the northerly line of a parcel of land described in clerks file No. 20080005148, Real property records of El Paso County, Texas

Thence leaving said, South 56°24'14" West a distance of 587.90 feet to a point on the southerly line of land described in clerks file no. 20080005148, Real property records of El Paso County, Texas;

Thence along said line, North 31°34'00" West a distance of 635.15 feet to a point on the on the southerly line of Block 14, Panorama Village Unit One as described in clerks file No. 20060120243, Real property records of El Paso County, Texas;

Thence along said line, North 31°17'46" West a distance of 47.28 feet to a point;

Thence along said line, North 00°00'00" East a distance of 250.00 feet to a point on the common line of Leigh Clark Surveys No. 293

and 294;

Thence along said line North 90°00'00' East a distance of 510.44 feet to a point for the "TRUE POINT OF BEGINNING" and containing 10.37 acres of land more or less.

ANNEXATION PARCEL 5 - METES AND BOUNDS DESCRIPTION

Description of a parcel of land, being Tract 2, Leigh Clark Survey No. 294, El Paso County, Texas and being more particularly described by Metes and Bounds as follows:

Commencing For Reference at a point on the intersection of the southwesterly right of way line of U.S. Interstate Highway No. 10 with the common line of Leigh Clark Surveys No. 293 and 294; Thence along said common line, South 90°00'00" West a distance of 2002.27 feet to a point on the easterly line of Tract 2, Leigh Clark Survey No. 294 for The "TRUE POINT OF BEGINNING"

Thence along said line, South 31°34'00" East a

distance of 269.70 feet to a point;

Thence along said line, 170.32 feet along the arc of a curve to the left which has a radius of 281.63 an interior angle of 34°39'03" a chord which bears South 17°45'18" West a distance of 167.74 feet to a point on the southerly line of Tract 2, Leigh Clark Survey No 294 described in clerks file no. 20070097712, Real property records of El Paso County, Texas;

Thence along said line, North 89°34'00" West a distance of 189.66 feet to a point;

Thence along said line, South 89°27'04" West a distance of 1032.70 feet to a point on the westerly line of Tract 2, Leigh Clark Survey No 294 described in clerks file no. 20070097712, Real property records of El Paso County, Texas;

Thence along said line, North 31°41'56" West a distance of 467.78 feet to a point on the northerly line of Tract 2, Leigh Clark Survey No 294 described in clerks file no. 20070097712, Real property

records of El Paso County, Texas;

Thence along said line North 90°00'00' East a distance of 1378.07 feet to a point for the "TRUE POINT OF BEGINNING" and containing 12.091 acres of land more or less.

ANNEXATION PARCEL 6 - METES AND BOUNDS DESCRIPTION

Description of a parcel of land, being Robert Nix Survey No. 300, El Paso County, Texas and being more particularly described by Metes and Bounds as follows:

The "TRUE POINT OF BEGINNING" being a point marking the common corners of Robert Nix Surveys nos. 299, 300, 301 and 302 from which the common corners of Robert Nix Surveys 301, 302, 304 and 305 bears South 00°28'40" East a distance of 5330.36 feet;

Thence along the easterly line of Robert Nix Survey No. 300, North 00°27'28" West a distance of 5326.58 feet to a point on the common line of Leigh Clark Surveys No. 296

and 297 and Robert Nix Survey No. 299 and 300;

Thence along the common line of Leigh Clark Survey No. 297 and Robert Nix Survey No. 300, North 89°59'41" East a distance of 5317.07 feet to a point on the westerly line of Darrington Park recorded in volume 3885, page 1794, Real property records of El Paso County, Texas;

Thence along said line, South 00°33'28" East a distance of 5326.84 feet to a point on the southerly line of Robert Nix Survey No. 300;

Thence along said line, South 89°59'48" West a distance of 5326.38 feet to a point for the "TRUE POINT OF BEGINNING" and containing 650.74 acres of land more or less.

ANNEXATION PARCEL 7 - METES AND BOUNDS DESCRIPTION

Description of a parcel of land, being portions of O.A. Danielson Survey No. 316, C.D. Stewart Surveys No. 317 and 324, Sparks Addition Unit One, El Paso County,

Texas and being more particularly described by Metes and Bounds as follows:

The "TRUE POINT OF BEGINNING" being a point on the intersection of the southwesterly right of way line of U.S. Interstate Highway No. 10 with the southerly line of C.D. Stewart Survey No. 324;

Thence along the southerly line of C.D. Stewart Survey No. 324, North 89°59'54" West a distance of 3172.65 feet to a point on the common line of C.D. Stewart Survey No. 324 with Socorro Grant, Block 4;

Thence along said line, North 32°05'04" West a distance of 6320.83 feet to a point;

Thence, North 31°57'48" West a distance of 560.45 feet to a point;

Thence, North 32°01'04" West a distance of 2187.36 feet to a point on the northerly line of Tract 1B, O.A. Danielson Survey No. 316;

Thence along said line, North 77°01'27" East a distance of 475.97 feet to a point on the southwesterly right of way line

of U.S. Interstate Highway No. 10;

Thence along said right of way line the following courses;

South 43°59'43" East a distance of 210.14 feet to a point;

South 46°02'37" West a distance of 49.96 feet to a point;

South 44°00'31" East a distance of 1534.76 feet to a point;

South 40°38'27" East a distance of 850.29 feet to a point;

South 43°58'30" East a distance of 2614.81 feet to a point;

North 46°00'00" East a distance of 50.01 feet to a point;

South 43°59'37" East a distance of 2000.77 feet to a point;

North 46°23'17" East a distance of 50.00 feet to a point;

South 43°59'11" East a distance of 3621.51 feet to a point for the "TRUE POINT OF BEGINNING" and containing 319.40 acres of land more or less.

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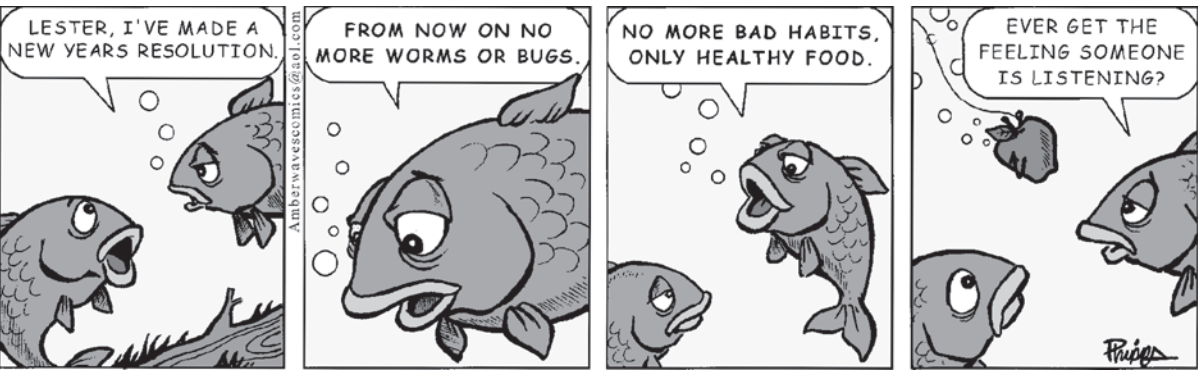
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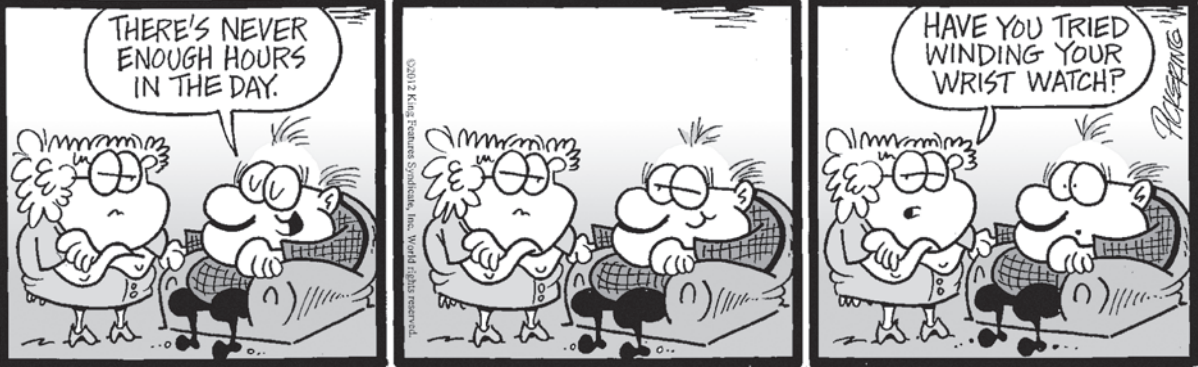
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Your good healthBy Paul G. Donahue, M.D.

DEAR DR. DONOHUE: I read your column all the time, and I was wondering if anyone has ever written to ask a question about burning in the throat. I was a smoker for years. It's been five months since I have had a cigarette. This throat burning occurs when I walk or try to exercise or even carry laundry. I would like to know what it means. It feels like hot ice in my throat. – F.R.

I don't want to alarm you, but I will breathe more easily if you see a doctor very soon. What you describe could be a sign of angina, pain caused by the narrowing of a heart artery or arteries.

More often, people describe angina as chest tightness or discomfort that occurs when they're active, as in walking, exercising or carrying laundry, and then lets up when they stop. The variations on angina pain are many. It can be felt as jaw pain, shoulder and arm pain (on the left more often than the right) or neck pain. People use words like "squeezing," "crushing" or "suffocating." Some say it feels like throat tightness. Burning throat pain could be another variant of angina.

Do see a doctor quickly. Stop doing things that bring on this pain until you do.

The booklet on angina and coronary artery disease explains this common malady and how it's treated. Readers can obtain a copy by writing: Dr. Donohue – No. 101W, 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 daughter is on Effexor for depression. She's been on it for six months, and actually is doing quite well. She's able to handle her job and take care of her family. Does she take this medicine for

life? I worry about addiction and what it might be doing to her brain. – N.M.

Antidepressants are not addicting. They don't damage the brain. What they do is restore normal brain chemistry. An imbalance in brain messenger chemicals is believed to lead to depression.

Your daughter's doctor will tell her when she can stop taking the medicine. If a person relapses into another depression after stopping medicine, then she should take antidepressants for a more prolonged period, possibly for life.

DEAR DR. DONOHUE: I think my husband is an alcoholic. He's not abusive, but his consumption of alcohol is more than a six-pack of beer a day, and sometimes whiskey. He usually falls asleep in a chair. My sister tells me the cage test can diagnose alcoholism. What is it, and where can he get it done? He won't talk about these things to me. – C.L.

It's not a lab test. It's four questions. They are: 1) Have you ever felt the need to Cut down on your drinking? 2) Are you Annoyed when people criticize your drinking? 3) Do you ever feel Guilty about your drinking? 4) Have you ever taken a drink first thing in the morning as an Eye-opener?

Two "yes" answers indicate alcoholism. It's a simple but reliable test.

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

MAY DAY

ACROSS

1 Hammed it up onstage

7 " _ Girls" (2000-07 TV series)

14 Mall parts

20 Ethiopian's neighbor

21 Virtual merchant

22 Tough trial

23 "You gave me no warning!"

25 Wasn't honest with

26 "Draw me" challenges

27 Seventh Greek letter

28 Place to buy dog food

29 Gen. Robert _

30 Productline owned by General Mills

33 Common papal name

36 Queenly role for Liz

38 Dandelion-infested, e.g.

39 Smartly dressed

40 Choice for a fill-up in Canada

43 Make ill

45 Charge for electronic banking

46 Taxpayer's ID

47 Bursting _ seams

48 Strongman

Ferrigno

51 Up _ point

52 Jets' stats

54 Small-but-potent pick-me-ups

58 Old British ruling family

60 With 42-Down, extensions

62 Make anew

63 Attends, as an event

64 Come out of a daydream

66 Call hidden in this puzzle's eight longest answers that's apt for May Day?

67 Injury-free

69 Scarf material

71 Café au _

73 Summer, in Tours

74 Meet events

77 "CBS News Sunday Morning" host

80 Tic-toe link

82 Hi-fi part

83 USMC title

84 _ Amboy, New Jersey

85 Champion's sign

87 Tempt

89 Pollux's twin

91 Region of calms in the northern Atlantic

93 Drinking aid

96 " _ Mio"

98 Folk wisdom

99 Social misfit

100 What those "who only stand and wait" do, per Milton

103 Tenets

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107 Like dark igneous rock

111 California city near Berkeley

112 Baseball's 2004 All-Star Game MVP

115 Gave a lousy review of

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1 This, in Lima

2 Actor Jay

3 Fail to name

4 Has a flavor like

5 The elder architect

6 Took apart

7 Metro and Prizm, once

8 FWIW part

9 Morning TV host

10 City's central section

11 Senior years

12 R&B singer Des' _

13 West end?

14 Parts of feet

15 Three-whole-step interval

16 Certain Ukrainian

17 Burning

18 Visit a diner

19 Careless

24 Inscribed stone pillar

28 Fires (up)

30 Self-assured

31 Kicked back

32 Bleeps

33 Like fuel-rich bogs

34 "How much _ much?"

35 Fed. fugitive hunter

37 UFO's crew

41 Start cruising

42 See 60-Across

44 Retirement plan name

47 God of war

48 Goner

49 Famed Giant Mel

50 Mil. morale booster

53 Used a chair

55 Prefix with -plasm

56 Origins

57 Mother of 47-Down

59 Wood knot

61 Sorrowfully, in music

65 Readies for surgery

66 _ of relief

68 After taxes

69 Livy's 1,200

70 "My, my!"

72 Houston ball team

73 Olympic swimmer

Gertrude

75 Intro giver

76 Converse

78 Having bristles

79 Eggs in a lab

81 Pros at property appraisal

86 Immodesty

88 Miserable, unhappy existence

89 Hot pepper

90 Gave a trophy, e.g.

91 Not kidding

92 Dramatic solos

93 Sharpening bands

94 Year of _ (Chinese zodiac cycle starter)

95 Make pure

97 Give free rein to, as anger

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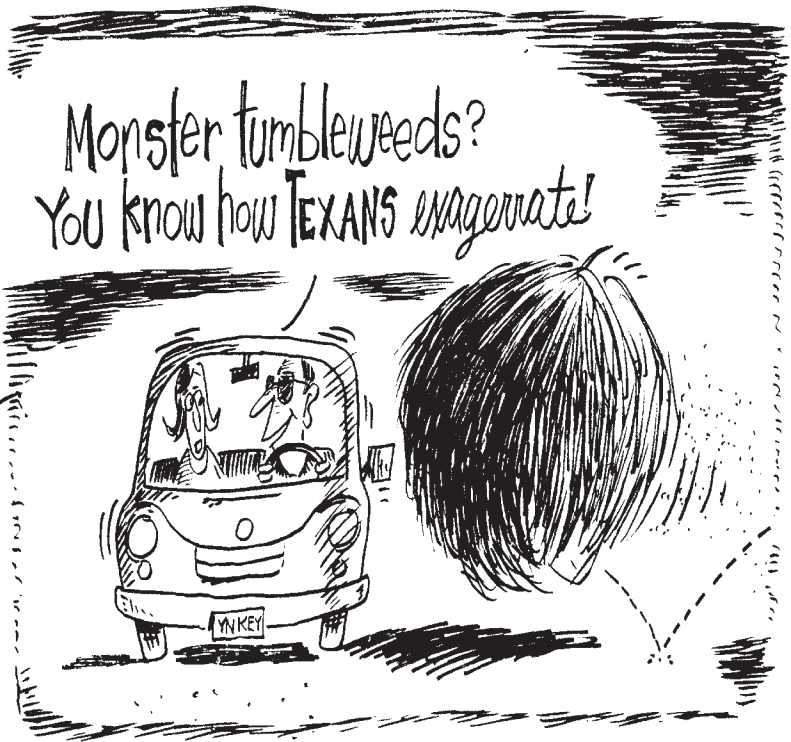
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Moore Texas by Roger Moore **Tumbleweeds** really start to tumble in January when most break loose from their dead roots and hurl themselves across Texas roadways...some are plenty big.



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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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: 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. 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.

Q: Do disabled children qualify for disability benefits?

A: There are two Social Security disability programs that provide benefits for disabled children. Under the Supplemental Security Income (SSI) program, a child from birth to age 18 may receive monthly payments based on disability or blindness if:

- The child has an impairment or combination of impairments that meets the definition of disability for children; and
- The income and resources of the parents and the child are within the allowed limits.

Under Social Security, an adult

child (a person age 18 or older) may receive monthly benefits based on disability or blindness if:

- The adult child has an impairment or combination of impairments that meet the definition of disability for adults;
 - The disability began before age 22; and
 - A parent of the adult child worked long enough to be insured under Social Security and is receiving retirement or disability benefits, or is deceased.
- Under both of these programs, the child must not be doing any substantial work. The child also must have a medical condition that is expected to last at least one year or result in death. Learn more at www.socialsecurity.gov/applyfordisability.

Q: I've decided I want to retire. Now what do I do?

A: The fastest and easiest way to apply for retirement benefits is to go to www.socialsecurity.gov/online services. Use our online application to apply for Social Security retirement or spouses benefits. To do so, you must:

- Be at least 61 years and 9 months old;
- Want to start your benefits in the next four months; and
- Live in the United States or one of its commonwealths or territories.

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.

STRANGE BUT TRUE
By Samantha Weaver

• It was American humorist and columnist Josh Billings who made the following sage observation: “Reason often makes mistakes, but conscience never does.”

• You think there are a lot of lawsuits being heard in the courts these days? Statistics show that half of the suits filed never even make it to court.

• In France in the 1700s, capital punishment was not uncommon, and criminals thus condemned were decapitated by the country's Chief Executioner. This position was hereditary, which posed a problem when, in 1726, the holder of that title, Charles-Jean-Baptiste Sanson, suffered an early death, leaving his 7-year-old son, Charles, to take up the grisly duties. It was obvious to all that a child could never wield the heavy axe required for the decapitations, so it was deemed acceptable for a helper to actually perform the executions. Only the official office-holder could put the official seal on the act, however, so the poor boy had to witness every one. It wasn't until the ripe old age of 12 that he began to take over the full duties of the office.

• When famed inventor Alexander Graham Bell died in 1922, he was dictating a memo. His final words were, “So little done, so much to do!”

• If you're a fan of big brass, you might want to head to Millersville, Pa., in May. Every year during that month, the town celebrates International Tuba Day, with some 50 tuba players on hand to serenade the crowd.

• There's been much public conversation about the growing girth of Americans in recent decades. It's not just people who are gaining weight, though; between 1996 and 2006, the average motor vehicle made in the U.S. gained 500 pounds.

Thought for the Day: “If you obey all the rules, you miss all the fun.”

— Katharine Hepburn

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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: J equals R

EFKA WZM'JK VBOOBAU VZMO, B
VMOOZVK VZQKCZPW QBUFS VTW

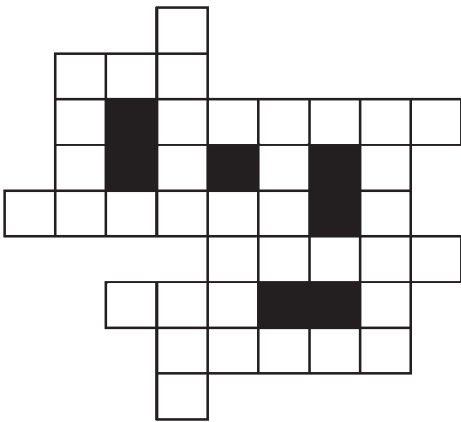
"PZA'S ETVSK WZMJ CJZSF!"

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A Z P
P I G N U M
♥ D I L G E
♥ E P N A
E L E F I N
♥ G L A
♥ O M P E
Z E A M A
♥ O A G
L E Z G A D
B A I L I
A G E Z



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

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