

## NEWSBRIEFS

### Trees offered

Residents of Texas can ring in the New Year with 10 free flowering trees by joining the Arbor Day Foundation any time during January 2013. By becoming a part of the nonprofit Arbor Day Foundation, new members will receive two white flowering dogwoods, two flowering crabapples, two Washington hawthorns, two American redbuds and two goldenraintrees. “These beautiful trees will give your home in Texas lovely flowers with pink, yellow and white colors,” said John Rosenow, founder and chief executive of the Arbor Day Foundation. “These trees are perfect for large and small spaces, and they will provide food and habitat for songbirds.” The free trees are part of the Foundation’s Trees for America campaign. The trees will be shipped postpaid at the right time for planting, between February 1 and May 31, with enclosed planting instructions. The 6- to 12-inch tall trees are guaranteed to grow or they will be replaced free of charge. Members will also receive a subscription to the Foundation’s bimonthly publication, Arbor Day, and The Tree Book, which includes information about tree planting and care. To become a member of the Foundation and to receive the free trees, send a \$10 contribution to TEN FREE FLOWERING TREES, Arbor Day Foundation, 100 Arbor Avenue, Nebraska City, NE 68410, by January 31, 2013. Texas residents can also join online at [arborday.org/january](http://arborday.org/january).

— Sean Barry

### Crime Stoppers

A man is murdered at his place of business on Christmas Eve, and seven years have passed without an arrest. Crime Stoppers is assisting the El Paso Police Department in solving this long-overdue case, making it the “Crime of the Week.” On December 24, 2003, 44-year-old Fernando Martinez was found murdered inside his business. Detectives from the El Paso Police Department’s Crimes Against Persons Unit have been asking for the public’s assistance in bringing this case to a close. The investigation suggests that the murder happened around 12-noon on Christmas Eve 2003 in Northeast El Paso when an unknown suspect, or suspects, entered Martinez’s business at 4496 Titanic and fatally shot him in the upper torso. Martinez was originally from Artesia, New Mexico, and left behind a 4-year old child. If you have any information about this case, even if you don’t think it’s important, please call Crime Stoppers at 566-TIPS (566-8477) or on-line at [www.crimestoppersofelpaso.org](http://www.crimestoppersofelpaso.org). You can remain anonymous and, if your tip leads to an arrest, you can qualify for a cash reward.

— James Klaes

*People might practice economy if they had something left to practice with.*

— Quips & Quotes



— Photo courtesy of the El Paso Museum of History

The T-38 Talon supersonic jet arrived at the El Paso Museum of History in 2009 initially as part of an El Paso Aviation exhibit. The jet was disassembled recently and will be moved to the US Space and Rocket Center in Huntsville, Alabama where it will be on display.

## Iconic, supersonic jet moves to Alabama

### *TouchCity Digital 3-D Wall coming to museum*

By Alfredo Vasquez  
Special to the Courier

The stoic T-38 Talon Supersonic Jet has been greeting visitors to the El Paso Museum of History for nearly four years, but it was disassembled recently and is now on its way to the US Space and Rocket Center in Huntsville, Alabama, where it will be on display permanently.

The departure of the T-38 Talon Supersonic Jet was spurred by the need to make room for a permanent El Paso Transportation Gallery that will focus on El Paso’s ground transportation history and for a state-of-the-art TouchCity 3D Digital Wall.

The T-38 Talon arrived at the Museum February 22, 2009, as part of the El Paso Aviation exhibit. Before being reassembled inside the Museum of History, the jet had been laying disassembled in the NASA facility at the El Paso International Airport. Prior to this,

the T-38 had been modified to train Space Shuttle pilots and commanders.

While at the museum, the aircraft was part of an on-going educational program that attracted a variety of aeronautical professionals including Steve Nagel, a four-time Space Shuttle astronaut, and Ginger Kerrick, a Hanks High School graduate who works at NASA’s Mission Operations Directorate at Johnson Space Center in Houston TX.

El Paso Museum of History will now have the space for an innovative TouchCity Digital 3-D Wall that was approved by the passage of the recent quality of life bond election. Currently, there is only one TouchCity Wall in the world. It resides in Copenhagen, Denmark. The El Paso museum will install only the second one in the world and the first in the United States, according to museum representative Jim Murphy.

The 3-D Wall is designed by media mogul, the Gibson Group which is based in New Zealand. The Wall is approximately 36’ long by 6’ high. More than 400,000 visitors viewed the Copenhagen Wall in its first six months. The El Paso Museum of History is hoping for similar numbers, stated Murphy.

“What is the Wall? Dreamlike – the city will rise up before its audience as a 3D image. With a mere wave of your hand across the screen you will be able to glide effortlessly from neighborhood to neighborhood through city streets and interact with El Paso’s rich cultural heritage and its present day city landscape,” Murphy explained. “Visitors will be able to stop the imagery and move closer to whatever catches their interest. By tapping on an image, related historical text will appear,” he stated.

According to Murphy, the Wall will be built as part of the museum’s communication strategy to correspond with El Pasoans around the world and become the Ambassador of El Paso’s Positive Image. Another goal of the Wall, he stated, will be to become a single resource and recipient for historic digital imagery and fact-finding text. Students and teachers will be able to turn to the Wall to upload history projects. “The depth of imagery and community input will be endless,” he added.

For more information, call Katherine Vandertulip at 351-3588 or send email to [vandertulipkw@elpasotexas.gov](mailto:vandertulipkw@elpasotexas.gov).

## County implements construction inspection program

By Elhiu Dominguez  
Special to the Courier

EL PASO COUNTY – El Paso County Judge Verónica Escobar and State Representative Marisa Márquez have implemented a Residential Construction Inspection program for the unincorporated areas of El Paso County. The main purpose of the program is to provide residents with information regarding the quality of residential construction prior to making a purchase by requiring builders to

have the homes inspected.

Texas law does not currently give County governments general authority to implement building codes for private residential structures. As a result, individuals interested in buying homes in the unincorporated areas have been making a decision to purchase their home without really knowing the quality of the construction.

“In the last year we have seen a tremendous growth of residential construction in the unincorporated areas of the County. Projections indicate that over the next 15

years between 11,000 and 12,000 new single family homes are planned to be developed in the unincorporated areas of El Paso County” said Escobar. “By implementing this inspection program, we are giving residents an important tool that will help them make better decisions about whether to buy a property, and to protect their investment,” Escobar concluded.

Márquez, who in 2009 was instrumental in getting House Bill 2833 approved in the Texas



## By Freddy Groves

## By Jason Alderman

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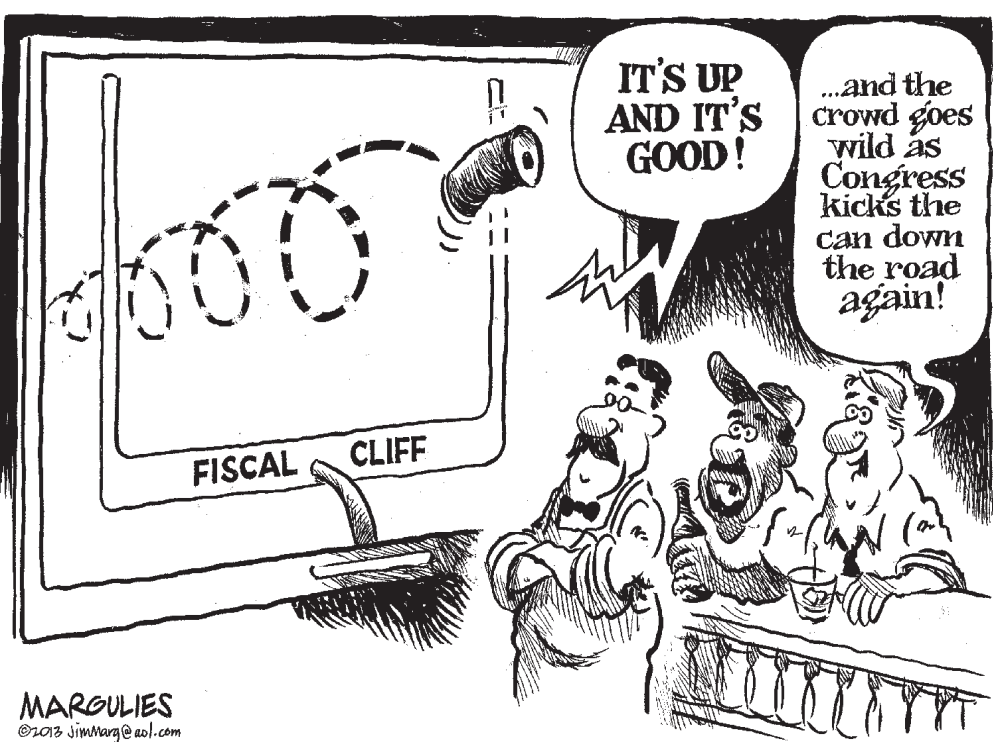
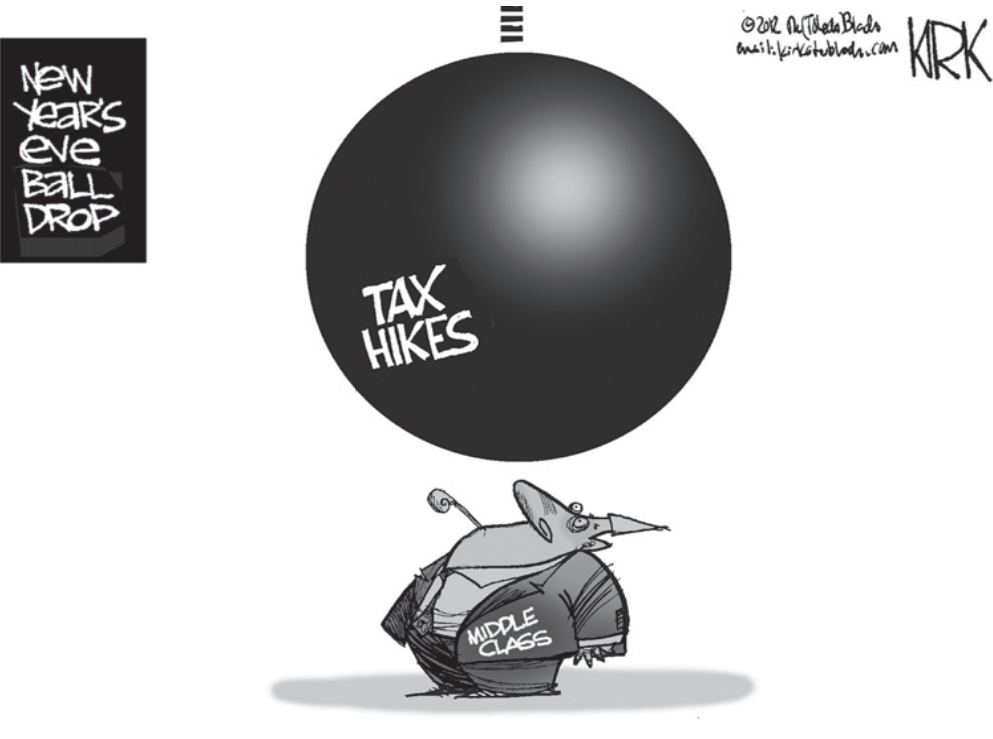
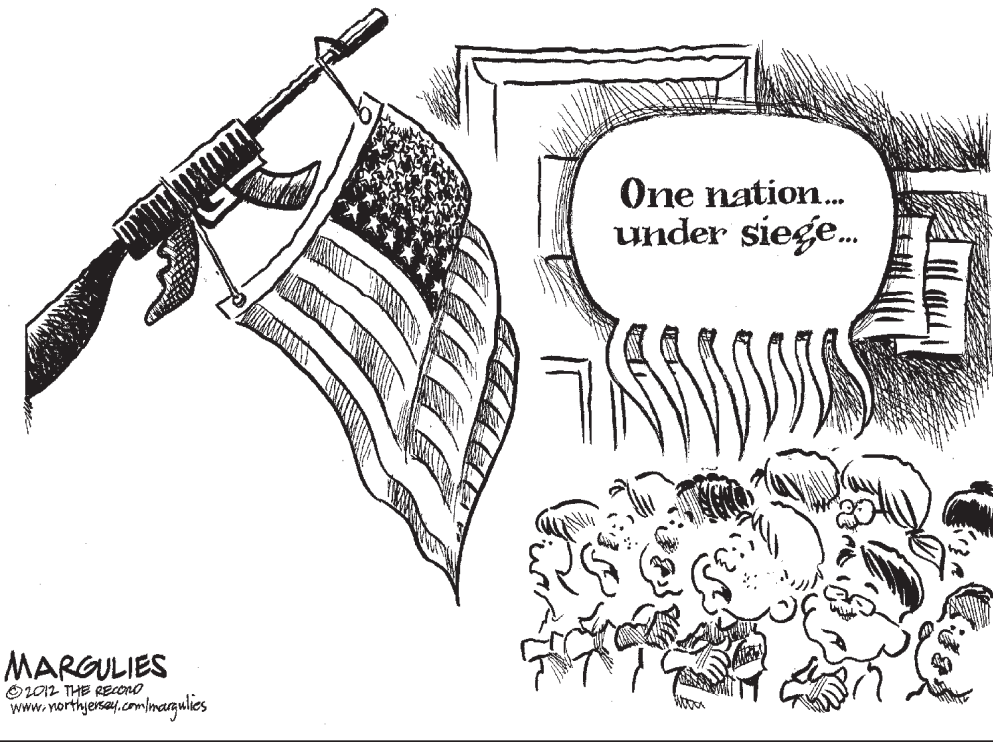
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# Texas physicians back text-free driving

By Brent Annear  
Special to the Courier

TEXAS – With the hustle and bustle of everyday life, Texas physicians worry drivers are more distracted than usual on our roadways, especially with the advent of texting.

“Distracted driving is a major cause of death and disability. The Texas Medical Association (TMA) supports all reasonable and enforceable efforts to reduce this problem,” said Stephen Brotherton, MD, Fort Worth orthopedic surgeon and TMA president-elect.

The popular activity of texting while driving concerns several state legislators, who have filed bills to ban the practice. These include:

- Senate Bill 28 by Sen. Judith Zaffirini (D-Laredo) and House Bill 63 Rep. Tom Craddick (R-Midland) would ban text-based communications except when using a GPS device, pressing a button to make a call, and using voice-operated technology. SB 28 would exempt texting for emergency situations and by emergency responders.
- House Bill 27 by Rep. Trey Martinez Fischer (D-San Antonio) would ban reading, writing, or sending a text message on a handheld device and establishes fines for offenders.
- House Bill 41 by Rep. Jose Menendez (D-San Antonio) would prohibit wireless communication devices except hands-free device and establishes fines for offenders.
- House Bill 69 by Rep. Eddie Lucio III (D-Brownsville) would ban text-based communications.
- House Bill 108 by Rep. Patricia Harless (R-Spring) would ban text-based communications excepting GPS devices, pressing of a button to make a call, and voice-operated technology.

In 2011, legislation to ban texting while driving passed the House and Senate, but in

the end, Gov. Rick Perry vetoed it.

“Some forms of distracted or impaired driving are already discouraged with some success, such as driving while intoxicated,” said Brotherton. “The ability to effectively prevent texting while driving – though challenging – will encourage the reduction of incompetent driving in all forms. Safe driving saves lives and health costs.

“A motor vehicle is a potentially lethal weapon,” added Brotherton. Include texting in the mix and the chances of dying in a car wreck increase dramatically. The Virginia Tech Transportation Institute found that when drivers text, they are 23 times more likely to crash their car. The Texas Department of Transportation said distracted driving caused more than 81,000 collisions and claimed more than 360 Texans last year.

In addition to saving countless lives, Texas physicians say new legislation banning texting could save Texas money. The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration reports on-and-off-the-job traffic injuries cost Texas businesses \$4.3 billion annually in the form of lawsuits, medical bills, property damage, and lost work.

“Texting is one of the most controllable and potentially most deadly distractions on the road,” said TMA physician leader Arlo Weltge, MD. “At 70 miles per hour, taking your eyes off the road for even a brief moment can lead to loss of vehicle control and terrible crashes.

“Even good drivers can suffer permanent life-changing consequences when they decide to text and drive,” warned Weltge.

TMA is the largest state medical society in the nation, representing more than 46,000 physician and medical student members. It is located in Austin and has 120 component county medical societies around the state. TMA’s key objective since 1853 is to improve the health of all Texans.

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# Peyton should be NFL Comeback Player of the Year

By Steve Escajeda  
*Special to the Courier*

There’s been a lot of talk on who should win the Most Valuable Player award for this year’s NFL season.

With all the young talent around the league it’s rather compelling that the two obvious finalists are a couple of established veterans who will someday be teammates in the Hall of Fame.

Under normal circumstances, nobody would be surprised that Minnesota Vikings running back Adrian Peterson and Denver Broncos quarterback Peyton Manning would be the two at the top of the list.

But neither arrived at their fantastic seasons the traditional way.

In the final regular season game a year ago, Peterson sustained a massive knee injury that looked as though it would sideline him a few games into this season and possibly render him half the runner he used to be.

Peyton’s condition was even worse. He didn’t have a final regular season game a year ago. He didn’t even have a regular season.

Manning went through a fourth neck surgery

that kept him out of 2011 and there was real doubt whether he’d ever play again.

Even if he did, few thought he would be able to throw the way he was accustomed to.

But each player defied the odds and each had the kind of season that will be talked about for decades.

Peterson finished the year just eight yards behind Eric Dickerson’s all-time single season rushing record of 2,105 yards. He scored 12 touchdowns and averaged six yards per carry.

Manning finished his regular season with 4,659 yards passing with 37 touchdowns and just 11 interceptions.

While Peterson helped lead the Vikings to a 10-6 record and a playoff berth, Manning led the Broncos to a 13-3 record and an 11-game winning streak to close out the season.

Both guys have great cases to be named the league’s MVP. Both have great cases to be named the league’s Comeback Player of the Year.

But if the voting were left to me the choice for MVP would go to Peyton Manning.

He took a team in Denver and transformed them from a curiosity with Tim Tebow, to a legitimate Super Bowl contender with the #1

seed in the AFC.

And remember, this was Manning’s first season with the team. He had to get used to new personnel in a new city after years of success in Indianapolis, and after not playing for a year.

So that must leave Peterson with the “Comeback” award, but in all honesty, what in the heck did he come back from?

What fans seem to forget is that Peterson didn’t miss a single game from his injury.

Peterson played in the final game in 2011 and he played in the first game of 2012.

Don’t get me wrong, I’m a huge Adrian Peterson fan but I’ve also got to be objective.

Manning, on the other hand, missed the entire season because of his neck injury.

Big difference.

Maybe it’s just me but if you’re going to win a comeback trophy, you’ve got to come back from something.

## JERRYactric

Dallas Cowboys’ owner, general manager, team president, messiah, grand wizard, head cheese, top dog, cat’s meow and imperialistic dragon Jerry Jones announced last week that things were going to be very uncomfortable

around Jerryland over the next few weeks and months.

Of course, this was following this team’s failed attempt to make the playoffs – again.

Jones emphatically said that there were going to be some changes coming and that everything was on the table.

Except himself of course.

So what is Jerry going to do? Replace his head coach who obviously can’t call a play and manage the clock at the same time.

Is he going to replace his defensive coordinator, who may have a great head of hair, but can’t seem to get the right personnel on the field at the right time.

Maybe he’ll change the star on the helmet to a hexagon.

My choice is that he hire a competent, aggressive offensive coordinator who will take the shackles off the offense and let them start attacking from the opening kickoff, instead of waiting until they are 21 points down.

This way, Jason Garrett can focus on being head coach instead of doing both jobs.

Jones might also want to focus on some new offensive linemen. He’s lucky Tony Romo is still in one piece.

## A sporting view By Mark Vasto

# Go left, young man

My son is only 3 years old, so I’m not putting too much strain on his left arm. “They” say that you can’t really tell if a kid is righty or lefty until he is 4 or older, so I’m holding out for lefty status.

You ask why. It’s because he’s not going to play football. Why? Because even though I know he’s far more likely to suffer a concussion in an unsupervised backyard football game that doesn’t require pads or mouth guards, it’s not worth fighting over. I wouldn’t want him to spend his entire life

fighting off migraines, and if we’re not in it to win it, there isn’t much point anyway. Who wants their kid to aspire to be the third-string quarterback? In the fall, he can play soccer... he’s got the prerequisite looks. (Aren’t most soccer players lookers?)

In the winter, he’s pretty much on his own. I’m a terrible basketball player, so I won’t be able to teach him how to hit a jump shot. Seriously, it’s worse than you can imagine.

A few years ago, a friend of a

friend invited me to a pickup game at the local college. He warned me in advance that it was pretty competitive. When I got to the gym, I looked the part in my vintage Jordan’s and Under Armour... that is, looked the part of a giant tool who couldn’t even get a shot off because he was being guarded by a former college player who seemed a bit too tenacious for a pickup game.

To make things worse, they had me playing the point. I could pass the ball pretty well, but my lack of on-court experience showed when I tried to run a fast break and threw up an alley-oop from midcourt. It was a real showstopper in that everyone stopped playing and made faces indicating utter befuddlement.

“Was that a shot?” one guy asked. “A buzzer-beater?”

“No,” I shot back (rhetorically... not with a basketball). “I was setting you up for the dunk.”

After the laughter subsided, the guy I was passing to took the opportunity to provide me with a teaching moment.

“Look, dude... I’m 50 years old,” he said. Then he pointed to his knee brace. It resembled scaffolding. You could get a few masons and build the foundation to a skyscraper around his knee. “I’ve got 10 pounds of steel wrapped around my knee.”

“Yeah, and we don’t really dunk, like, ever,” another helpful person.

“We’re kind of happy when we find someone who can go to their left.

Which you can’t.”

Real friendly guys.

Which brings me to my original point. If you’re a lefty, you need to play baseball or tennis... baseball in particular. I cannot think of any institution that employs, per capita, more lefties than the game of baseball (at least outside of the Massachusetts state Senate). Even crappy lefties put together 10-season, journeyman careers. That’s job security.

Who’s looking out for ya, kid? Dad, that’s who. Now stop throwing off your back right foot, and we’ll work on your slider after Mickey Mouse. It’s time to step it up.

*Mark Vasto is a veteran sportswriter who lives in Kansas City. (c) 2013 King Features Synd., Inc.*

## Classified Ads

### LEGALS

**Village of Vinton**

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**RFP for Grant Management Services**

The Village of Vinton has recently received a Contract award from the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs under its Amy Young Reservation System and HOME Reservation System Programs. The City is seeking to contract with a qualified individual/management firm to administer the contracts.

RFP packages are available at the Village of Vinton City Hall, Monday-Thursday 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and on the website: <http://www.vinton.tx.gov>

govoffice2.com/Bid Opportunities link. Please submit your request for proposal package to the Village of Vinton City Clerk at 436 E. Vinton Rd. Vinton Texas 79821. Proposals must be received no later than 4:00 pm, January 22, 2013 at Vinton City Hall to be considered. The Village reserves the right to negotiate with any and all firms or consultants that submit proposals as per the Texas Professional Services Procurement Act.

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*Jessica Garza Village Clerk*

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**El Paso Collaborative for Community and Economic Development**

**Invitation to Bid**

The El Paso Collaborative for Community and Economic Development is accepting bids for the construction of 3 new homes in the Lower Valley area starting Thursday January 10, 2013 through Friday January 18, 2013 4:00 pm. Bid packets may be picked up at El Paso Collaborative 1359 Lomaland, Suite 538, El Paso, Texas 79935 M-F from 8:30 am to 4:30 pm. Packets include home design, a site plan and specifications. The house must meet visitability guidelines and

have energy efficiency features incorporated into construction. For further information, contact Joyce Davidoff, Program Coordinator at the El Paso Collaborative (915) 590-1210 ex116.



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**El Paso County Emergency Services District #1**

**Notice of Location**

The El Paso County Emergency Services District #1 (Horizon Fire Department) is located at 14151 Nunda Ave., Horizon City, TX

79928. Phone (non-emergency): (915) 852-3204; EMERGENCY: 911; Fax: (915)852-4236; Ambulance (county): (915) 779-2111.

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The El Paso County Emergency Services District #2 has ten locations. **EMERGENCY, call: 911.** Ambulance: (915) 779-2111.

**Clint 851-3528** 708 FM1110 Clint, TX 79836

1501 FM 1110 Clint, TX 79836

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*Rebecca Terrazas Administrator*

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**Lower Valley Housing Corporation**

**Public Notice**

**Job Opening**

The Lower Valley Housing Corporation has an opening for a Construction Supervisor, experienced in all phases of home building. Start in January. Must be able to teach inexperienced people how to build homes. 32 hours per week, evenings and week ends. Salary open, depending on experience. Contact: Eric at (915) 494-1454.

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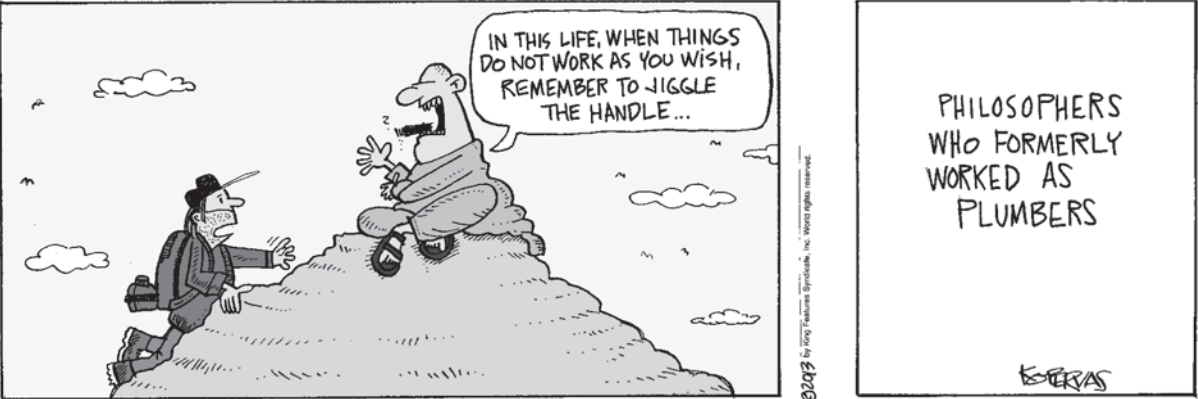


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Your good healthBy Paul G. Donahue, M.D.

DEAR DR. DONOHUE: I am 17 years old. I have pimples all over my face. The only thing that helped was an antibiotic, but it made me sensitive to sunlight. My parents don't want me to continue to use an antibiotic. Can you help? – G.G.

Let's start with a couple of mistakes made by most people with acne. Don't scrub your face or any place where acne has broken out. Scrubbing causes irritation and worsens acne. Use a mild soap like Dove when washing. Don't squeeze pimples, whiteheads or blackheads. You force bacteria into adjacent skin.

Acne develops because of clogged pores through which hairs grow and through which sebaceous (oil) glands empty their oil onto the skin. The first signs of trouble are whiteheads or blackheads. They indicate that the pore is plugged. Deep in the pore, down from the blockage, the oil glands continue to secrete oil and greatly distend the pore, which can rupture. Bacteria thrive on the oil. At this point, a pimple is born. Acne control involves unplugging the pore, eliminating the bacteria and putting the brakes on oil production. The oil production is in high gear because of the increase of male hormones at this time in life.

Benzoyl peroxide unplugs pores. Brand names include Clearasil and AcneClear, both available without prescription, as are many other brands.

From this point on, effective medicines require a prescription. The first choice is retinoids – Renova cream and Retin-A. They're often used on alternating days with benzoyl peroxide. The next step up is antibiotics. In creams and lotions, they aren't absorbed very much. Clindamycin and erythromycin are two such products. If no progress comes from skin-applied antibiotics,

then oral antibiotics are the next step. Tetracycline, doxycycline and minocycline are examples. Your parents should reconsider their ban on their use. Even if they sensitize you to sunlight, simply stay out of sunlight when using them. They worked for you.

I haven't listed all acne medicines. Bad acne, like yours, calls for treatment by the family doctor or a dermatologist.

DEAR DR. DONOHUE: I am writing on behalf of several neighbors who have started soaking golden raisins in gin. Each of them takes nine such raisins a day. They claim this was a method shown on television to remedy arthritis. Have you ever heard of this? Our curiosity is getting the best of us. – E.G.

I have heard this many times. No one has proven it works. No reliable information suggests it might work. I don't believe it's a legitimate arthritis treatment.

However, if you like gin and like raisins, then the practice is OK, so long as you don't go overboard on taking in too much alcohol.

The booklet on arthritis describes the different kinds of arthritis and their treatments. Readers can obtain a copy by writing: Dr. Donohue – No. 301W, 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.

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) 2013 North America Synd., Inc. All Rights Reserved.

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**ACROSS**

1 Northern Italian city

8 Dip for tortilla chips

13 Wailing spirit of folklore

20 Tag again

21 Join forces

22 Order followers

23 Impute

24 Buy sipping aids on the cheap?

26 Pulsations

27 Sick-dog link

29 Ways of reasoning

30 Choice of any non-solid pool ball you'd like?

36 Drift (off)

37 \_ disease (tick-borne ailment)

38 Steve of country rock

41 Zeus' mother

44 Anguish

46 Very weird

Moranis, compared to slightly odd Springfield?

52 Berlin "a"

53 On terra \_

55 Glossiness

56 Yield

57 House pets exerting great effort?

62 In a crowd of
- 63 " \_ shocked!"

64 The Brady boys or girls

65 Participated in a race walk?

75 T \_ Price

76 Tic \_ (mint brand)

77 Ancient Asia Minor region

78 Throw hooks and jabs while ambling?

86 "Encore!"

87 One-eyed female on "Futurama"

88 Availing oneself of

89 Ending for Tokyo

90 Flashing lights for a singing group?

94 Pro \_ (acting)

95 Gorbachev's fed.

96 "Irma la \_"

97 Fail to win

99 Long stretch of history

101 Best violin player ever?

111 "Omen II" title role

112 Ovid's "I love"

113 Previously, poetically

114 Guitar technique in Kingston?

120 Serve as a sign of

122 Brewpub offering

123 Pooh's marsupial pal

124 Piano keys

125 Gives a prize

126 Baseballer Warren
- 127 Relevant (to)

**DOWN**

1 Sea food crustaceans

2 Adjust, as a clock

3 Actor Dana

4 Navratilova of tennis

5 San Luis \_

6 Cornhusker State: Abbr.

7 Shaking like \_

8 Sweet

9 Hex- ending

10 Plastered

11 Unfresh

12 Famed fable writer

13 Containing element #5

14 Taken \_ (caught unawares)

15 More informative

16 Guitarist Barrett

17 Te- \_ (titter)

18 Wisk rival

19 Immigrants' class: Abbr.

25 \_ Friday's (eatery)

28 Very serious

31 Track great Moses

32 Registered names: Abbr.

33 Riled (up)

34 Prefix with -lepsy

35 "Peer Gynt" composer Edvard

39 Some PC screens
- 40 Barely squeeze (by)

41 Cut again, as a board

42 Blackjack call

43 Scandalous company of 2002

45 "... \_ quit!" (threat ender)

47 Run after Q

48 Exam room sounds

49 Under, to poets

50 Artistic style

51 "The \_ near!"

53 The barber of Seville's name

54 Play - (perform out with the band)

58 Tiny colony crawler

59 Half- \_ (java order)

60 Like \_ to the flame

61 Pouring on the love

66 Lazes about

67 Baby hooter

68 Not as old

69 Disloyal sort

70 "Ac-cent- - -ate the Positive"

71 Giant bird of lore

72 "He's Got the Whole World \_ Hands"

73 Slims down

74 Alleviator

78 Arty area in NYC

79 Brook catch

80 Old German state

81 Nobel-winning
- U.N. workers' gp.

82 Café check

83 Value highly

84 Quiche, e.g.

85 Not reached, as a goal

86 Ovid's 1,400

91 More thin

92 Polar pixie

93 Pub crawler

95 Unvarying

98 Magical illness curer

100 Rally rouser

102 Like tied shoes

103 Actors Epps and Sharif

104 \_ Tin Tin

105 Dorm room fixtures

106 From the keg

107 Edna Ferber novel

108 Motorola alternative

109 Envy's color

110 Feel

114 \_ Tolkien

115 Positive vote

116 Kitty's cry

117 Atty.'s gp.

118 Cellular stuff

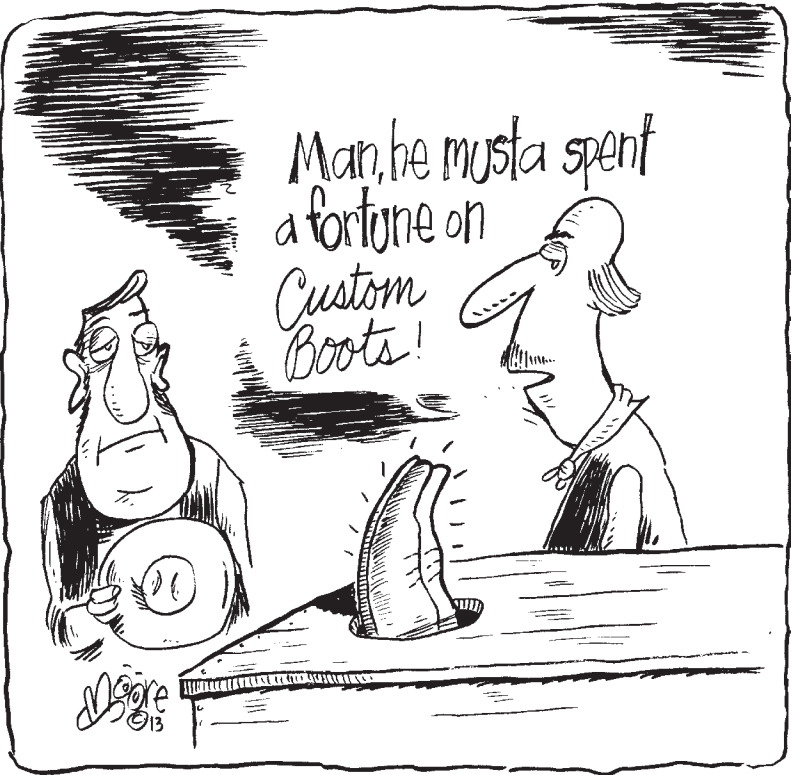
119 "Ick!"

121 Adam's mate

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**Moore Texas** by Roger Moore Jan 7, 1899:  
Legendary Texas Ranger Bigfoot Wallace dies in Frio County...wonder if he had a special casket...Hmmm.



**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.

	-		x		14
+		x		-	
	÷		+		3
+		+		x	
	-		x		25
20		12		25	

DIFFICULTY: ★

★ Moderate ★★ Difficult  
★★★ GO FIGURE!

1 2 3 4 5 7 8 8 9

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**Weekly SUDOKU**

by Linda Thistle

		1		4		9		
8			7		1			6
	4		6				7	
		6		7			5	
	1				6	8		
9			4					2
6					8		9	
2	7			5				8
		9	3			2		

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

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ★★

★ Moderate ★★ Challenging

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★★★ HOO BOY!

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**Social Security Q&A** By Ray Vigil

*Q: What are some of the documents Social Security will accept as proof of identity for a child?*

A: While you can use a birth certificate to prove age or citizenship, you cannot use it as proof of identity. For identity, we prefer to see the child’s U.S. passport. If you don’t have a passport, we may accept the child’s:

- Adoption decree;
- Doctor, clinic, or hospital record;
- Religious record (e.g., baptismal record);
- Daycare center or school record; or
- School identification card.

We generally can accept a non-photo identity document if it has enough information to identify the child (such as the child’s name and age, date of birth and parents’ names). All documents must be either originals or copies certified by the issuing agency. We cannot accept photocopies or notarized copies of documents. To find out more, visit [www.socialsecurity.gov/ssnumber](http://www.socialsecurity.gov/ssnumber).

*Q: My mom receives Supplemental Security Income (SSI). She soon will be coming to live with me. Do we have to report the move to Social Security?*

A: Yes. She must report a change in living arrangements within 10 days of moving. The change may affect

her benefit amount, and she could be penalized if she does not report the change on time. Also, we need her correct address so we can send correspondence, even if she receives her payments electronically. Please have your mom call Social Security at 1-800-772-1213 (TTY 1-800-325-0778). Visit our website for more information at [www.socialsecurity.gov](http://www.socialsecurity.gov).

*Q: What is the earliest age that I can apply for my Social Security retirement benefits?*

A: The earliest age to receive retirement benefits is 62, but you can apply up to three months beforehand. If you retire at age 62 today, your benefit would be about 25 percent lower than what it would be if you waited until you reach full retirement age. Even if you are not ready to retire, you still should sign up for Medicare three months before your 65th birthday. You can do both online at [www.socialsecurity.gov/applyonline](http://www.socialsecurity.gov/applyonline).

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: J equals E

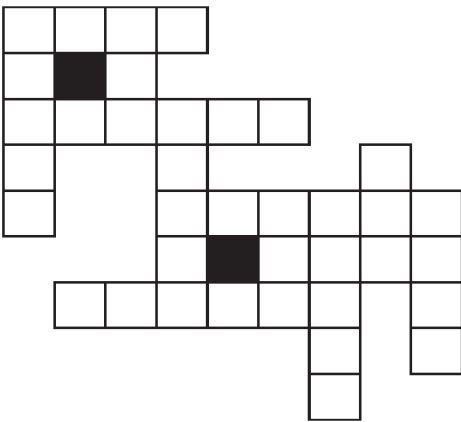
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XUQCVMSKV VJKVHO, C'I YKOM  
MH XKGG UCS OHJG XHYKQI.

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SWE  
♥TEFSER  
MELUP  
♥APRE  
MOTRAF  
♥RAE  
♥TPSE  
♥RIFEN  
♥PSA  
♥NIPDUW  
EERAT  
♥EMTE



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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 humorist Jerome K. Jerome who made the following sage observation: “It is impossible to enjoy idling thoroughly unless one has plenty of work to do. There is no fun in doing nothing when you have nothing to do. Wasting time is merely an occupation then, and a most exhausting one. Idleness, like kisses, to be sweet must be stolen.”

• Though it is unconstitutional and therefore unenforceable, there is a law on the books in Tennessee which prohibits duelists, preachers and atheists from being elected to public office.

• According to most history books, the first shots of the Civil War were fired at Fort Sumter, S.C., in April of 1861, but that’s not entirely true. The first shots of the war between the North and the South actually were fired in January of that year in Pensacola, Fla., where a garrison of Union troops was stationed at Fort Barrancus. A contingent of Florida and Alabama troops marched on the fort with the intent to throw out the Yankees in their midst. However, the Southerners’ dedication to the cause was somewhat lacking; as soon as the Union soldiers fired at them, they beat a hasty retreat.

• Those who study such things say that the average lightning bolt has a temperature of approximately 50,000 degrees Fahrenheit. For comparison, the sun’s average temperature is only 10,000 F.

• If you’ve ever been told to shut your pie-hole, you might have wondered where the expression came from. The term was first used in 1983, in the film version of Stephen King’s horror novel “Christine.”

Thought for the Day: “Beauty is in the eye of the beholder. It may be necessary from time to time to give a stupid or misinformed beholder a black eye.”

— Jim Henson

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