



NEWSBRIEFS

EPCC moves Ft. Bliss Center

The El Paso Community College (EPCC) Fort Bliss Center has moved to the Fort Bliss Education Center on East Bliss. The EPCC Center provides admissions, registration and counseling to active-duty military and families. The new address is Building A406, Thunder Horse Rd. The new phone number is 831-5511. Because of the move, the EPCC Center was closed earlier this week. It is now open. EPCC classes will continue at the old location, Building 539 Taylor Rd. For more information on the EPCC Fort Bliss Center, contact Daryle Hendry, Executive Director of Admissions and Registrar, at 831-2580.

— Jim Heiney

Crime Stoppers

Two vehicles are burglarized in the parking lot of a Northeast El Paso church, and a man using a credit card stolen from one of the victims is caught on video. Investigators from the El Paso Police Department's Northeast Regional Command Center are asking for the public's assistance in finding the suspect. The incident took place on the evening of Wednesday May 22, 2013 between seven and eight. The first victim in this case had parked her silver, 2011 Honda Accord, in the rear parking lot of the Blessed Sacrament Church at 9025 Diana. When she was leaving the church, she noticed that window to her vehicle had been broken out and that her purse was missing. The second victim had also parked her 2011 Ford Escape in the same parking area and found that someone had

managed to enter her SUV and took a wallet. Just hours later, one of the credit cards of the first victim was used at the Valero located at 6920 Delta by a man that was



captured on surveillance video. The video also shows the suspect driving a Ford F-150 pickup truck. Anyone with any information on the identity of this man is asked to call Crime Stoppers of El Paso immediately at 566-8477 (TIPS), on-line at www.crimestoppersofelpaso.org or you can send a text message by entering the key word "CRIME1" (no space and include the quotation marks) 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.

— Javier Sambrano

An opinion is often a minimum of facts combined with prejudice and emotion.

— Quips & Quotes



— Photo by Alfredo Vasquez

NO POPPING – Fireworks stands in El Paso County will remain shuttered again this Fourth of July. Owner of TNT Fireworks Fernando Viramontes said at a recent El Paso County Commissioners' special meeting that the local fireworks industry does not oppose the ban of aerial fireworks, but they do oppose the prohibition of all fireworks. Viramontes said that the fireworks industry is willing to do whatever it takes to stay in business.

All fireworks banned in El Paso County

By Alfredo Vasquez
Special to the Courier

EL PASO COUNTY – No fireworks will be popping in El Paso County this Fourth of July because county commissioners voted to ban the use of fireworks in the unincorporated areas of the county. This is the third year fireworks have been banned.

During a recent special meeting, County Judge Veronica Escobar also issued a local emergency declaration because of the severe

drought that the county is facing, and Governor Rick Perry approved the declaration which puts the ban in effect.

In order for a full ban to take place the county judge's office used the Keetch-Byram Drought Index (KBDI) for statistics to document the current drought. State law allows counties to ban fireworks in unincorporated areas any time the KBDI exceeds 575.

According to county officials, El Paso has the highest drought number in the state with a current index number at 733. Dallam County, in northwest Texas, is second with a 698

index. The drought index ranges from zero to 800, and the highest level signifies the driest condition possible.

El Paso County is 69 points higher than last year at this date, the county judge's office declared. In addition, the National Weather Service reported recently that the county had received only 0.89 inches of rain so far this year in comparison to the normal 1.75 inches.

The fireworks ban was approved, 3 to 2,

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El Paso-Juarez region experiencing historic low river water supply

By Alfredo Vasquez
Special to the Courier

EL PASO COUNTY – The recent arrival of the Rio Grande water is a welcome relief for the El Paso-Juarez region but the much-needed boost apparently will be fleeting. The river, which gives city dwellers and farmers on both sides of the border irrigation and drinking water, is expected to be flowing for only six weeks.

According to the Texas A&M AgriLife Research Center, the Elephant Butte reservoir in New Mexico – which is where this region gets its river water – is nearly 90 percent empty, and the water level is 92 feet below the dam spillway.

"These are the lowest inflow amounts and storage levels at the start of the irrigation season in the 97-year Rio Grande project history," Derrick O'Hara, with the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation/El Paso, said in the Texas A&M center's recent Drought Watch report.

As a consequence, Jesus "Chuy" Reyes, general manager of the El Paso County Water Improvement District (EPCWID) No. 1, stated in a recent notice (which is posted on the district's website) that farmers this year will receive a historically small allotment of 6 inches of water per acre and that the river water irrigation season will probably end in mid-July.



— Photo by Alfredo Vasquez

TRICKLING – Water began to flow again in the Rio Grande the first week of June, the latest start in Rio Grande Project history. But with so little water, there is only enough for five to six weeks of releases for agricultural and urban water users in the region. Shown in the photo above is the Rio Grande flowing through El Paso's upper valley.

In addition to providing water for irrigation in El Paso and Juárez, the Rio Grande also supplies a portion of El Paso's drinking water. El Paso typically obtains 50 percent of its water supply from the Rio Grande.

According to water officials, this year's allotments for Rio Grande water compared

with normal allotments in the past are way down. EPCWID No. 1 will receive about 60,000 acre-feet of water this year as compared to 370,000 acre-feet in normal years; El Paso Water Utilities (EPWU) will

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Veterans Post By Freddy Groves

Speedier VA claims

Why would a veteran not send in all supporting evidence at the time of filing a claim with the Department of Veterans Affairs? Apparently it happens, because to help get faster decisions, the VA now is setting up a new initiative, and a new acronym: FDC, for Fully Developed Claim.

Until now, you've had a choice of different types of claims: Original Disability, New Disability, Reopened Disability, Increased Disability, Secondary Disability and Special. Each has different requirements and evidence.

Now veterans can "simply submit all required records and documentation at the time they make their claim and certify that they have no further evidence," according to the VA website. Veterans Service Officers with the American Legion and Disabled American Veterans will provide assistance.

It sounds good: The FDC is an "effective way to ensure a Veteran's claim never reaches the backlog," says the VA, and can cut in half the time it takes to process a claim.

Meanwhile, the VA has begun to prioritize claims. Veterans

whose claims have been sitting for more than a year have been given provisional decisions so they can begin collecting compensation. They have one year to submit additional information. Additionally, overtime has been mandated to process claims for homeless veterans, the terminally ill, former prisoners of war, Medal of Honor recipients – and the Fully Developed Claims.

For step-by-step instructions on creating a FDC, go online to www.benefits.va.gov/fdc/ and follow the walkthrough link on the right.

Best bet: File electronically at eBenefits.va.gov. If you need to do it by paper, you'll need VA Form 21-526EZ, available at your VA regional center. Call 1-800-827-1000 to get started and to find the location of your nearest accredited Veterans Service Officer (VSO) to help with your claim.

Freddy Groves regrets that he cannot personally answer reader questions, but will incorporate them into his column whenever possible. Send email to columnreply2@gmail.com. (c) 2013 King Features Synd., Inc.

Finances By Jason Alderman

Your financial life after graduation

To the millions of college and high school seniors who recently graduated (and to their parents, who weathered the ups and downs of reaching that summit): congratulations on a job well done. After the celebration dies down, you'll no doubt be eager to embark on life's next chapter, whether it's finding a job, preparing for college or enrolling in military or community service.

Before you jump in feet first, however, let me share a few financial lessons I learned the hard way when I was just starting out. They might save you a lot of money in the long run and help you get closer to your life goals, whether it's buying a house, starting a family or even retiring early – as far off as that may sound.

First, pretend you're still a starving student. After landing your first full-time job, the urge to go on a spending spree for new clothes, a better apartment and a car from this decade will be irresistible after surviving on ramen noodles for four years. But unless you had generous scholarships or a rich aunt, you're probably already saddled with thousands of dollars in student loan debt.

(Note to entering freshmen: Tread carefully around student loan debt. The Consumer Financial Protection Bureau (CFPB) has a great guide for making informed decisions about paying for college at www.consumerfinance.gov/students.)

After you've factored in rent, car payments, renter's and car insurance, credit card charges, student loan balances and other monthly bills (not to mention payroll taxes such as Social Security tax, which went up 2 percent this year), your new salary probably won't go as far as you'd like, especially if you're trying to save for one of those life events.

That's where a budget can help. Numerous free budgeting tools, including interactive calculators, are available at such sites as the government-sponsored

MyMoney.gov (www.mymoney.gov), the National Foundation for Credit Counseling (www.nfcc.org), Mint.com (<https://www.mint.com>) and Practical Money Skills for Life (www.practicalmoneyskills.com), a free personal financial management program run by Visa Inc.

Next, know the score, credit-wise. Many people don't realize until it's too late that a poor credit score can trash your financial future. After you've missed a few loan payments, bounced some checks or exceeded your credit limits, you'll probably be charged higher loan and credit card interest rates and offered lower credit limits (if not denied credit altogether), unless and until you can raise your credit score. You may even have to pay higher insurance rates and harm your ability to rent an apartment or get a cell phone.

To know where you stand, review your credit reports from each of the three major credit bureaus (Equifax, Experian and TransUnion) to find out whether any negative actions have been reported and to look for errors or possible fraudulent activity on your accounts. You can order one free report per year from each bureau if you order them through www.AnnualCreditReport.com; otherwise you'll pay a small fee.

To learn more about credit reports and scores, visit the CFPB's "Ask CFPB." Another good resource is What's My Score (www.whatsmyscore.org), a financial literacy program for young adults run by Visa, which features a free, downloadable workbook called, "Money 101: A Crash Course in Better Money Management," and other free tools.

You worked hard to graduate. Just make sure you don't sabotage your efforts by starting out on the wrong financial footing.

Jason Alderman directs Visa's financial education programs.

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Get a P.A.S.S. to avoid arrest, injury or death

By Mark Cross
Special to the Courier

TEXAS — Whether attending a backyard barbecue, going to an outdoor concert or enjoying a lazy day on the river, Texans are planning for summer fun. As plans are made, more thought must also go into planning for a sober driver if drinking is involved.

Over the past five summers, alcohol-related fatalities increased by more than 10 percent in Texas. To curb this trend and help reduce drinking and driving, the Texas Department of Transportation is reminding Texans to obtain a Summer P.A.S.S. (Person Appointed to Stay Sober) and make a sober

driver an essential part of their summer plans.

"We're reminding people that drinking and driving can land them in jail or worse," said TxDOT Executive Director Phil Wilson. "Don't drink and drive. You can't afford a DWI and it could very well get you and others killed."

According to a National Highway Traffic Safety Administration survey, 40 percent of drivers who consumed alcohol felt it would be safe to have three or more drinks within a two-hour period before driving. A portion of that 40 percent believed they could have five or more drinks. Nothing could be farther from the truth. Numerous studies have shown that consuming as little as one drink can impair your ability to safely

operate a vehicle. In the summer of 2012 (June 1 – Aug. 31), there were 6,576 alcohol-related traffic crashes in Texas, resulting in 2,486 serious injuries and 302 fatalities.

For information about finding a sober ride home, visit www.soberrides.org. For media inquiries, contact TxDOT Media Relations at MediaRelations@txdot.gov or (512) 463-8700.

Ban

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with Commissioners Dan Haggerty and Sergio Lewis voting against it. The ban prohibits the sale, use and possession of all fireworks in El Paso County. A violation of the fireworks ban is a class C criminal misdemeanor that could be punishable with a fine of up to \$500.

At the commissioners' special meeting, Fernando Viramontes, owner of TNT Fireworks, said that the fireworks industry in El Paso does not oppose the ban of aerial fireworks, but they do oppose the prohibition on all fireworks.

Viramontes said the fireworks industry has been proactive in preventing fire incidents and many business owners depend on county commissioners' decisions to stay in business. He said that the local fireworks industry is willing to do whatever it takes to stay in business.

Doña Ana County spokesman Jess Williams stated in a recent news report that there is no total fireworks ban in that county but that there are restrictions. There are also State of New Mexico fire restrictions, he added.



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History of Fort Stanton NM comes to life in unique presentation

By Alfredo Vasquez
Special to the Courier

El Paso Archaeological Society Program will present the history of Fort Stanton through the eyes of the living-history persona Sergeant Bilbo, of Co. K. 8th Regt, U.S. Infantry. The special presentation will be held at 2 p.m., Saturday, June 15, at El Paso Museum of Archaeology

(4301 Transmountain Road). Admission is free and open to the public.

The Fort Stanton - Snowy River Cave is a National Conservation Area in the eastern foothills of the Sierra Blanca, between Capitan and Lincoln in south central New Mexico. Including approximately 25,080 acres and located at an elevation of about 6,300 feet above sea level, it was established in 2009 to protect, conserve, and enhance the unique and nationally important historic, cultural, scientific, archaeological, natural, and educational subterranean cave resources of the Fort Stanton - Snowy River cave system.

The National Conservation Area was once known as the Fort Stanton Military Reservation. In 1855, the U.S. Cavalry established Fort Stanton as a cavalry fort. During these tumultuous times, the 9th and 10th Cavalry and the 24th and 25th Infantry Buffalo Soldiers were sent to the New Mexico Territory to protect settlers in the area.

The historic fort and its buildings are managed by the New Mexico State Parks

Division. The lands surrounding the fort are managed by the Bureau of Land Management. Within the National Conservation Area is Fort Stanton Cave, the third longest cave in New Mexico. This cave was explored by soldiers posted at the fort as evidenced by their inscriptions within the cave. Snowy River Cave is a famous cave passage within Fort Stanton Cave, named for its beautiful stream bed of bright white calcite.

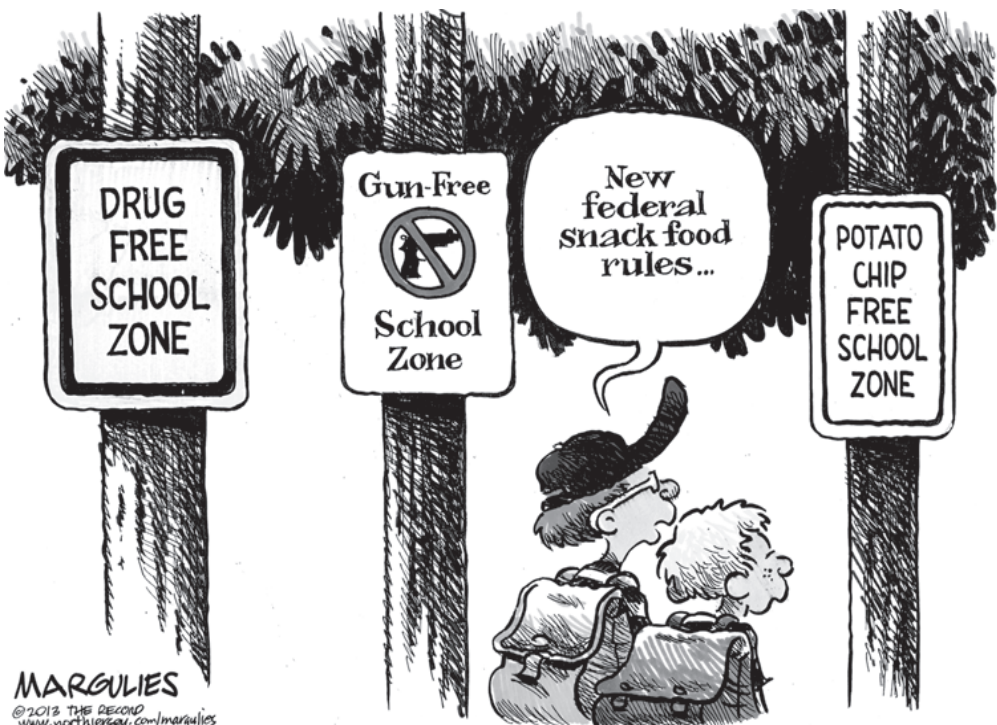
In the upcoming presentation, Mike Bilbo in his living history persona as Sergeant Bilbo will present the history of Fort Stanton including the army years, tubercular sanitarium years, Civilian Conservation Corps and German POW years, according to Marilyn Guida, the archeology museum's education curator.

In addition, Bilbo will discuss the Fort Stanton living history program, which he co-founded, and the Fort Stanton Garrison of about 1858, stated the museum's curator. He will show a video and provide handouts on the army units that served at Fort Stanton and on the histories of the buildings at the fort, she added.

Bilbo, who works out of the Roswell Field Office, is the manager of the Fort Stanton & Torgac Caves National Natural Landmarks and other Bureau of Land Management (BLM) sites.

This unique program is presented by the El Paso Archaeological Society in partnership with the El Paso Museum of Archaeology.

For more information, call 755-4332 or send email to guidamr@elpasotexas.gov.



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NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING TO DISCUSS BUDGET

The San Elizario Independent School District will hold a public meeting at 5:30 p.m., Wednesday, June 26, 2013 in the SEISD Administrative Office, 1050 Chicken Ranch Rd., San Elizario, Texas.

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

Comparison of Proposed Budget with Last Year's Budget

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

Maintenance and Operations	0.44%	Decrease
Debt Service	0.00%	No Change
Total Expenditures	0.44%	Decrease

San Eli HS runners and coach earn honors

By Cynthia P. Marentes
Special to the Courier

In his eight years as head coach of the San Elizario High School track and field team, Michael Warfield had never had as successful and challenging a season as he did this year. Two of his student athletes sophomore Michael Johnson and senior Daniel Calderon qualified for state competition. Warfield, who was recently named the All City Boys' Track and Field Coach, also welcomed a new daughter Mila Sophia in February.

Johnson who was selected to the All City Boys Track First Team earned a silver medal in the 800 meters at state. All City Second Team honoree, Calderon finished a respectable seventh in the 400

meters. The two boys made history for San Elizario High School by winning their events at the regional track meet and advancing to state competition. The last time that a runner from San Elizario High School had medalled at state was back in 1977; Johnson's second place finish in Austin ended that dry spell.

The successes of the San Elizario High School Eagles extend into the girls side as well where sophomore Julia Hernandez broke the school record in the 100-meter dash and the relay teams turned in outstanding results in area competition. Warfield was not surprised how well his team consisting of 30 boys and 18 girls performed this season stating that he had seen them improve by leaps and bounds.

"The number one requirement

for being a coach is that you have to believe in the kids because if you don't they know and I believed in my heart that we had the individuals that could win at regionals," Warfield said.

According to Warfield, the accomplishments of the Eagles on

the track are due to the preparation that students at the middle school received from some of his former runners. Also important was the dedication of a core group of coaches that included Ana Luna, Sergio Jasso and Cesar Morales, all teachers at San Elizario High School. Without their support, Warfield stated that it would have been difficult to keep

the promises that he made to the students because it was challenging for him to split his time between family and coaching after the birth of his daughter.

The San Elizario High School track and field program has come a long way since 2005 when it was inherited by Warfield with only three boys and one girl, not even enough members for a relay team. Although he expects even more triumphs for the Eagle runners next year, his focus remains on being a great educator first.

"We have a goal in mind in the classroom and being a coach is an extension of the classroom. I wouldn't want to teach or coach anywhere else because these kids give everything they've got," Warfield stated.

Warfield teaches professional and dual credit communications courses at San Elizario High School and has also served as assistant coach for the girls' basketball and volleyball teams.



STANDOUTS – From left are Michael Johnson, Michael Warfield and Daniel Calderon.

Anthony Independent School District PUBLIC NOTICE / AVISO PUBLICO

Public Meeting to Review Federally Funded Programs
Junta Pública para Examinar Programas de Fondos Federales

The Anthony Independent School District will conduct a public information meeting to review the following AISD Programs funded by Federal and State compensatory funds:

El Distrito Escolar Independiente de Anthony llevará a cabo una junta pública para examinar los siguientes programas de AISD de fondos compensatorios estatales y federales:

- Title I, Part A - Improving Basic Programs;
Título I, Parte A - Mejorando Programas Básicos;
- Title II, Part A - Teacher / Principal Training and Recruiting;
Título II, Parte A - Entrenamiento y reclutamiento de maestros y directores;
- Title III, Part A - Limited English Proficiency;
Título III, Parte A - Servicios de educación para estudiantes de segunda idioma;
- IDEA, Part B - Formula & IDEA, Part B - Preschool;
IDEA, Part B - Formula & IDEA, Part B - Pre-Escolar;
- Career & Technical Education - Basic Grant;
Educación de Carreras en Tecnología - Apoyo Financiero Básico.

The meeting will be held:
La junta se llevará a cabo:

Wednesday, June 19, 2013
miércoles, 19 de mayo 2013
5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.
Anthony ISD Board Room
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AYUDA Inc, will accept proposals from licensed Architect for up to 10 Single Family Home Plans for each contract. A Bid Packet can be picked up starting June 12, 2013 through June 14, 2013 from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Bid Packets can be picked up from and delivered to AYUDA Inc. 1325 Beverly Ann, San Elizario, TX 79849.

Submitted Bid Packets must have Home Deed Conversion and HRA Bids written on the lower left hand side of the envelope. A public

opening of the Bid Packets will take place on June 17, 2013 at 10:00 a.m. at the office of AYUDA Inc. phone (915) 851-0272. The Architect must ensure that employees and applicants are not discriminated against because of their race, color, religion, sex, or national origin age sex or disability. Architect must be certified and licensed with El Paso County and the City of El Paso, TX. Architect must also know new current El Paso County Construction of Single Family Homes Codes with a minimum of 3 years of experience.

AYUDA Inc. has a conflict of interest procedure in accordance with 24CFR 92356. AYUDA has a Bidders Protest Rights Procedure. AYUDA Inc. reserves the right to reject any bids or to waive any informality in the bidding.

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City of Socorro

Adoption of Ordinances

On May 31, 2013 the City of Socorro, Texas adopted the following ordinance(s):

1) ORDINANCE 306, AMENDMENT NO. 1, AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF SOCORRO, TEXAS ADOPTING AN AMENDED BUDGET TO INCREASE FY-2013 ADOPTED BUDGET.

The Ordinance(s) effective date is immediately upon adoption and publication.

Published by order of the City Council of the City of Socorro, Texas.

Copies of the ordinance are available for

review at the City Administration Building, 124 S. Horizon Blvd., Socorro, Texas 79927; Monday through Friday between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.

Sandra Hernandez City Clerk

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City of Socorro

Adoption of Ordinances

On June 6, 2013 the City of Socorro, Texas adopted the following ordinance(s):

ORDINANCE 316, AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF SOCORRO, TEXAS REGULATING STREET AND HOUSE NUMBER SIGNS FOR THE USE OF EMERGENCY SERVICES.

The Ordinance(s) effective date is immediately upon adoption and publication.

In addition to other provisions of the Ordinance providing remedies for violation(s) the penalty for violation of this Ordinance is:

Violations; Penalties

A violation of this Ordinance shall constitute an offense and any person who violates this Ordinance shall, upon conviction before a Municipal Court, be subject to a fine of up to \$50.00.

Equitable and Other Remedies

In addition to fines and penalties prescribed herein, the City may enforce this Ordinance by equitable and injunctive and other remedies at law, and shall recover from the violator(s) reasonable attorney's fees, court costs and other costs incurred by the City in enforcing this Ordinance.

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CryptoQuip Answer

Our high-school bigwig always wanted his decisions to be guided by principal principles.

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Soto to fulfill Black Knight Dream

By Elva L. Chávez
Special to the Courier

San Elizario High School Eagle, Jessica Soto will get to walk the hallowed halls where President Dwight D. Eisenhower, Astronaut Buzz Aldrin, General Douglas MacArthur and General Schwarzkopf once slept, ate and trained. Jessica Soto has received a nomination for the Class of 2017 at the United States Military Academy – West Point.



Jessica Soto

The process began last year when Assistant Principal and former West Point Parent Society President, Elva Chávez, called the top ten students of the freshman, sophomore, and junior classes to the multi-purpose room and gave the students information on the academies. After the presentation, Soto approached Chávez and said, "I want to be the graduate that will make my parents proud by attending a prestigious university. I want to be a role model for the students that will follow me, because so many of the San Elizario High School students are scared to leave El Paso; I want them to know that anything is possible with hard work and determination."

The process was long, but well worth it, because Soto will receive a half a million dollars education. Soto spent the summer before her senior year, filling out the extensive application, registering for the ACT/SAT tests, preparing for the physical fitness test, getting her medical evaluation completed, completing her West Point interview with the local West Point representative, and completing the United States Congressional application to Congressman Silvestre Reyes.

For months, Soto and Chávez spent endless hours on the phone speaking

to West Point representatives and e-mailing forms to West Point, Congressman Reyes, and the Department of Defense Medical Examination Review Board, known as "DoDMERB; often sending forms three or four times to ensure that her file was complete.

In early January, Soto received her congressional nomination from Reyes. Then on April 15, 2013, the nomination came in form of a beautiful framed document. Soto recalls, "I was ecstatic to receive my nomination, because it had been such a long process. This was the only school that I had applied to and I never gave up on my dream." Soto is the first student ever in the history of San Elizario High School to ever receive an academy nomination.

The United States Military Academy was established in 1802. Students are called cadets and must serve five years active duty upon completion of their bachelor's degree. Cadets are required to adhere to the Cadet Honor Code, which states that "a cadet will not lie, cheat, steal, or tolerate those who do."

Traditions are an important element at West Point. Freshman students are called Plebes, sophomore students are called Yearlings, junior students are called Cows, and seniors are called Firsties. From the annual Army vs. Navy game to the ring ceremony, life at West Point is full of parades, ceremonies, and balls.

Soto will report to "R" Day (Reception Day) at West Point, New York on July 1, 2013, where she will begin "Beast" (summer training). On August 17, 2013, the cadets will be officially accepted to West Point at the annual Acceptance Day Parade; two days later, Soto will begin her first official day of class.

Water

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only get about 6,400 acre-feet as compared to 60,000 normally; and Juarez irrigators will receive just over 3,000 acre-feet of its usual 60,000 acre-feet.

"Historic low water levels, along with expected high temperatures and limited precipitation, have created a critical period of water conservation for El Paso residents," EPWU officials stated in a recent news release.

In response to the dry conditions, EPWU has drilled new wells, improved existing wells, constructed new pipelines to move water more efficiently from its well fields and increased production at the desalination plant, an EPWU spokesperson stated.

And these conditions are not expected to improve soon. The Climate Prediction Center reports show the entire basin in severe to exceptional (the highest level) of drought currently and the three-month forecast for the Rio Grande basin calls for above average temperatures, mostly below average chances of precipitation and for drought conditions to persist or intensify.

El Paso Water Utilities urges all El Paso-area residents to continue to voluntarily conserve water so that it won't be forced to enact mandatory water restrictions. Some water conservation tips are:

INSIDE

- Switch out your swamp cooler for a refrigerated air system if possible.
- Install a thermostat to make sure the unit runs only when needed.
- Check for leaks and repair them quickly.
- Use a water-efficient showerhead and shorten your shower.
- Turn off the water while brushing your teeth or shaving.

OUTSIDE

- Water only when your lawn really needs it but no more than twice per week on designated days.
- If it's windy, wait to water. Watering during windy weather is very inefficient.
- Plant water-smart plants in your yard.
- Adjust the sprinklers to water only the lawn and not driveways or sidewalks.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING TO DISCUSS BUDGET AND PROPOSED TAX RATE

The Canutillo Independent School District will hold a public meeting at 6:00 p.m., Tuesday, June 25, 2013 in the Canutillo ISD Administration Office, Board Room, 7965 Artcraft, El Paso, Texas 79932. **The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the school district's budget that will determine the tax rate that will be adopted. Public participation in the discussion is invited.**

The tax rate that is ultimately adopted at this meeting or at a separate meeting at a later date may not exceed the proposed tax rate shown below unless the district publishes a revised notice containing the same information and comparisons set out below and holds another public meeting to discuss the revised notice.

Maintenance Tax	\$1.170000/\$100 (Proposed rate for maintenance and operations)
School Debt Service Tax	
Approved by Local Voters	\$0.320000/\$100 (Proposed rate to pay bonded indebtedness)

Comparison of Proposed Budget with Last Year's Budget

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

Maintenance and Operations	2.00% Increase
Debt Service	2.00% Increase
Total Expenditures	2.00% Increase

Total Appraised Value and Total Taxable Value (as calculated under Section 26.04, Tax Code)

	<u>Preceding Tax Year</u>	<u>Current Tax Year</u>
Total appraised value* of all property	\$ 2,344,927,867	\$ 2,541,720,537
Total appraised value* of new property**	\$ 54,750,063	\$ 71,110,727
Total taxable value*** of all property	\$ 1,548,259,369	\$ 1,742,275,213
Total taxable value*** of new property**	\$ 53,486,578	\$ 63,216,978

* "Appraised value" is the amount shown on the appraisal roll and defined by Section 1.04(8), Tax Code.
 ** "New property" is defined by Section 26.012(17), Tax Code.
 *** "Taxable value" is defined by Section 1.04(10), Tax Code.

Bonded Indebtedness

Total amount of outstanding and unpaid bonded indebtedness* \$86,569,990

* Outstanding principal.

Comparison of Proposed Rates with Last Year's Rates

	<u>Maintenance & Operations</u>	<u>Interest & Sinking Fund*</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Local Revenue Per Student</u>	<u>State Revenue Per Student</u>
Last Year's Rate	\$ 1.170000	\$ 0.250000*	\$ 1.422100	\$ 4,013	\$ 4,669
Rate to Maintain Same Level of Maintenance & Operations Revenue & Pay Debt Service	\$ 1.181930	\$ 0.331694*	\$ 1.513624	\$ 4,569	\$ 4,705
Proposed Rate	\$ 1.170000	\$ 0.320000*	\$ 1.490000	\$ 4,529	\$ 4,705

*The Interest & Sinking Fund tax revenue is used to pay for bonded indebtedness on construction, equipment, or both.

The bonds, and the tax rate necessary to pay those bonds, were approved by the voters of this district.

Comparison of Proposed Levy with Last Year's Levy on Average Residence

	<u>Last Year</u>	<u>This Year</u>
Average Market Value of Residences	\$ 140,588	\$ 149,209
Average Taxable Value of Residences	\$ 129,588	\$ 134,209
Last Year's Rate Versus		
Proposed Rate per \$100 Value	\$ 1.422100	\$ 1.490000
Taxes Due on Average Residence	\$ 1,843.00	\$ 2,000.00
Increase (Decrease) in Taxes		\$ 157.00

Under state law, the dollar amount of school taxes imposed on the residence homestead of a person 65 years of age or older or of the surviving spouse of such a person, if the surviving spouse was 55 years of age or older when the person died, may not be increased above the amount paid in the first year after the person turned 65, regardless of changes in the tax rate or property value.

Notice of Rollback Rate: The highest tax rate the district can adopt before requiring voter approval at an election is 1.170000. This election will be automatically held if the district adopts a rate in excess of the rollback rate of 1.170000.

Fund Balances

The following estimated balances will remain at the end of the current fiscal year and are not encumbered with or by a corresponding debt obligation, less estimated funds necessary for operating the district before receipt of the first state aid payment:

Maintenance and Operations Fund Balance(s)	\$ 11,127,532
Interest & Sinking Fund Balance(s)	\$ 3,893,350

Baseball has to make major league change ups

By Steve Escajeda
Special to the Courier

Over the last couple of weeks, Major League Baseball has been in the news for the wrong reason – again.

The topic that is haunting the league once again is PEDs – performance enhancing drugs.

It appears that the latest crop of cheating players could be larger than the group that included McGwire, Sosa, Clemens, Bonds, Giambi, Ramirez, Palmeiro and Canseco.

The list of players, who could receive as much as a 100-game suspension, may reach as many as 24, and maybe more.

But this is only one of many things wrong with professional baseball.

Slowly but surely, the number of American kids playing the game has been dwindling over the past 30 years.

Attendance is beginning to fall and the interest in the game is dissipating.

The guys in charge of baseball have to be the most stubborn people on this planet. If they were in charge of everything else, we'd still be driving our horse and buggy to work.

What else is wrong with baseball?

What is the deal with the designated hitter rule?

Why haven't the two leagues decided what the rule will be?

You don't have the 3-point shot in the Western Conference of the NBA and not in the East. You don't have the 2-point conversion in the NFC and not in the AFC.

The fact that the World Series allows a designated hitter at American League home games and not the National League home games is preposterous.

Decide on one rule and let's move forward. It's really not that hard.

Two: All other professional sports actually read the newspaper and have heard about the technology revolution taking place in the world today.

And those sports actually incorporate this technology in the games in the way of instant replay.

Apparently the baseball offices still use Bell & Howell typewriters and calculate their stats on nice shiny abacuses.

The umpires are making bad calls in record numbers this season.

Fans at the games and announcers in the

booth and people watching at home are all watching the replay on their TV or on ballpark monitors.

The only ones who don't have access to this technology are the actual umpires.

The baseball owners and administrators can't be that stupid. They have lots of money and wear expensive suits. You'd think even they could figure it out.

Umpires can review home runs but we even saw them get the replay wrong earlier this season.

How about the dress code: Another glaring problem with baseball is dress code. I don't care if you're a CEO, a branch supervisor, the president, a district manager, a general, a kaiser, a czar, a head coach or a baseball manager – you don't wear a number.

Is nobody going to say it?

I think the time has come for professional baseball managers to stop looking ridiculous and dump the baseball uniforms.

I'm not someone to turn his head on tradition, but c'mon, it isn't the 1880s anymore.

When Michael Jordan was winning all those titles I never saw Phil Jackson on the sidelines in a pair of shorts and I've never seen Bill Belichick wearing a helmet over his

hoodie.

Why do those baseball coaches wear uniforms like the players? The older and fatter the managers get, the stronger I feel about this issue.

I'm still waiting for the first manager to refuse to wear a uniform and dress like a grown-up-boss. That would give MLB some instant credibility and help bring it into the 21st century.

Now, baseball is in the middle of another steroid-like scandal. This time the big names are Alex Rodriguez, Nelson Cruz, Bartolo Colon and the one and only, Ryan Braun.

Don't forget it was Braun who defiantly cheated the system when he got off on a technicality after testing positive in late 2011.

He thumbed his nose at professional baseball and thought he'd actually gotten away with something. I guess not.

Both he and A-Rod are the stars of this scandal. At least A-Rod admitted to his use, but he also said he had learned his lesson and hadn't done it again.

Liar liar... Rodriguez better check his pants for any sparks – they could go up in flames at any second... just like Major League Baseball.

A sporting view By Mark Vasto

Bread, circuses and the Gangs of New York

"(The) people anxiously (await) for just two things: bread and circuses."
– Juvenal, Roman poet, "Satire X"

Madison Square Garden considers itself to be the "world's most famous arena." That, like most anything ever said in New York City, is debatable. The Coliseum in Rome probably has a pretty good claim to the title. Of the two, one has failed to keep up with the times

and suffered from eras of chronic mismanagement; the Coliseum on the other hand, though failing to install luxury boxes or widen its concourses, still ranks as a premier tourist destination.

But there are similarities. Paul McCartney, for instance, has played both venues to the delight of thousands. Both have provided the masses with bread and circuses, both have restrooms best described

as vomitoriums, and neither has hosted a champion in years.

So many greats have been shown the door in New York – at the Garden, 57 coaches have walked out the doors in 86 years, and in their wake, only six championship banners hang from the rafters.

It has long been known that any regime, even amid rampant famine and poverty, could rely on loyalty and platitudes to hold back the teeming masses for a while. A leader could not, however, hold onto power without the support of the army. Former Rangers coach John Tortorella did not heed that lesson.

After barely beating the Washington Capitals in the opening

round of the NHL playoffs, the Rangers were sent packing by the Boston Bruins with little effort. The Rangers power play was historically bad, and Tortorella's immature, unprofessional attitude toward the media won't soon be forgotten. But let the record show his regime ended when he derided one of his best soldiers, Carl Hagelin, at a press conference.

"He stinks," Tortorella said, stabbing himself over and over, losing the locker room and his career as Rangers coach all at once.

Tortorella called the season, one in which many had the Rangers picked to win the Stanley Cup, "a sidestep." His general, Henrik Lundqvist, the best goalie in the NHL, disagreed. Tortorella had signed a contract extension in March. Lundqvist's tour of duty was to end after this season.

"It's a step backward," Lundqvist said after the series.

And that's where Glen Sather,

the Rangers' president and general manager, stepped in. Lundqvist was not going to walk. Sather came to bury Tortorella... not to praise him.

"I think he was shocked," Sather said during the post-termination press conference.

Nobody remembers Gen. George Custer as the victor at the Battle of Dinwiddie Courthouse. Joan of Arc will forever be set on fire, Napoleon will always have his Waterloo, and Caesar will always have his steps of the Roman senate.

Tortorella got out of line, and he got whacked. He did it to himself. New York has too many gangsters waiting in the wings, and one of them happens to be the legendary Mark Messier, captain of the 1994 Stanley Cup Rangers squad.

Because history, after all, is written by the winners.

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

Social Security Q&A By Ray Vigil

Don't let Dad get baited

This Father's Day, you may be inclined to spend some quality time with Dad, maybe take him out camping or fishing. But try to make sure that nobody else tries to "phish" with you or your father.

These days, all people (including fathers and sons) need to be cautious of scams – Internet, mail, and even phone scams – which can damage your credit score and wallet. Scam artists have become shrewd. Any time someone asks for your personal information, you should be wary. Particularly cruel are swindlers who target Social Security beneficiaries.

As a rule of thumb, Social Security will *not* call or email you for your personal information such as your Social Security number or banking information. If someone contacts you and asks for this kind of information and claims to be from Social Security, do not give out your personal information without first contacting Social Security to verify the validity of the person contacting you. It could

be an identity thief on the other end phishing for your personal information. Just call the local Social Security office, or Social Security's toll-free number at 1-800-772-1213 (TTY 1-800-325-0778).

If you receive a suspicious call, please report it to the Fraud Hotline. Reports may be made online at www.socialsecurity.gov/fraudreport/oig/public_fraud_reporting/form.htm or by telephone at 1-800-269-0271 from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Eastern Standard Time. Please include the following details:

- The alleged suspect(s) and victim(s) names, addresses, phone numbers, dates of birth, and Social Security numbers;
- Description of the fraud and the location where the fraud took place;
- When and how the fraud was committed;
- Why the person committed the fraud (if known); and
- Who else has knowledge of the

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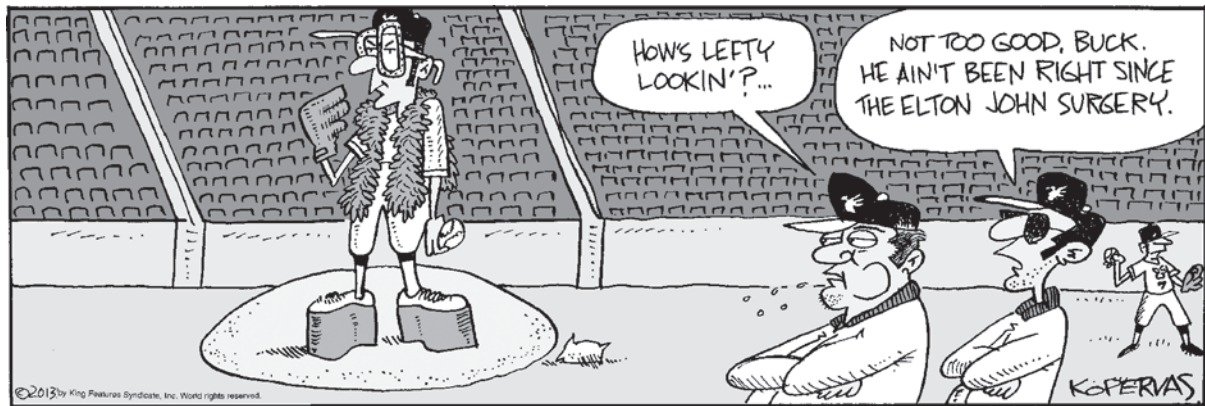
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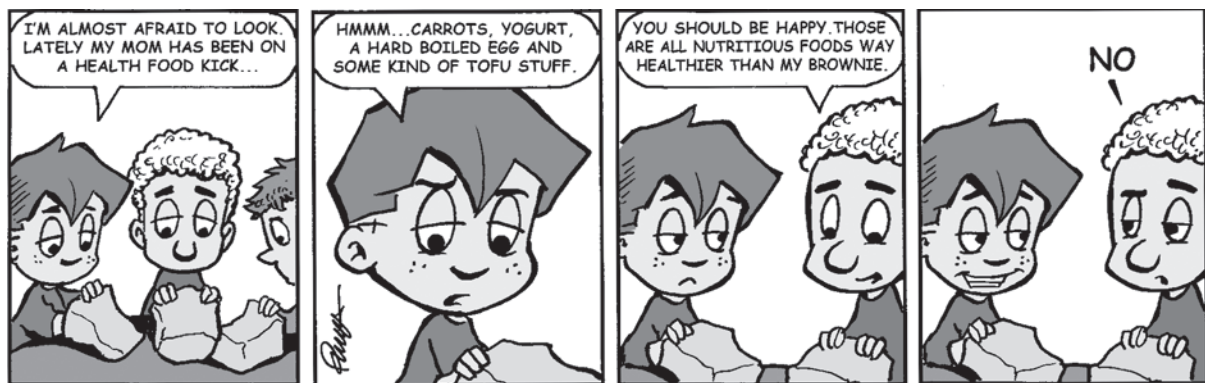
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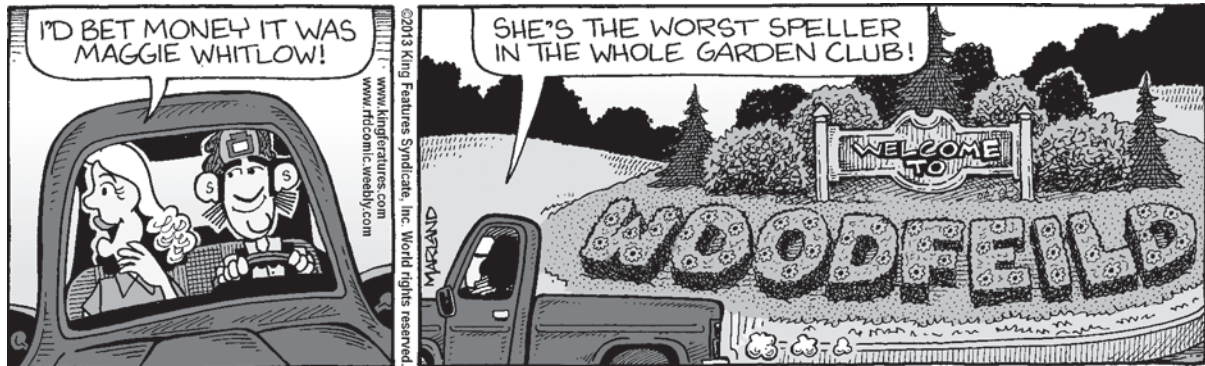
AMBER WAVES By Dave T. Phipps



THE SPATS By Jeff Pickering



R.F.D. By Mike Marland



Your good health By Paul G. Donahue, M.D.

DEAR DR. DONOHUE: I have been diagnosed with atrial flutter. My cardiologist wants to perform a catheter ablation on me and says it's a safe procedure. Do you agree? - B.L.

shows, I heard people talking about taking a vitamin or mineral to keep mosquitoes from biting. Do you know what that is? Mosquitoes prefer my blood. I do not want to use some type of poison, like a repellent. - P.J.

Atrial flutter is a very rapid heartbeat. The atria, the two upper heart chambers, beat 260 to 300 times a minute. The lower heart chambers, the right and left ventricles, the heart's pumping chambers, beat at half that rate, still a fast heartbeat.

Vitamin B-1, thiamine, has been touted as a way to discourage mosquitoes from biting. No proof of this exists, and I have serious doubts about this advice.

Atrial flutter differs from atrial fibrillation, a more common heart-rhythm disturbance, in the regularity of the heartbeat. Atrial fibrillation is both an irregular and fast heartbeat. Atrial flutter is a regular and fast beat.

Exhaled carbon dioxide attracts mosquitoes, as do other body chemicals and body heat. You don't have to fear repellents. They aren't poison. They don't kill mosquitoes. They drive them away - repel them. Ones with DEET work well. Or if you want a natural product, try Repel. It contains oil of lemon eucalyptus.

Fatigue, lightheadedness and shortness of breath are some of atrial flutter's symptoms.

DEAR DR. DONOHUE: My concern is "tan without the sun" lotions. The "bronzers" work over a period of hours. If they were simple dyes, the color change would be immediate. It isn't. It takes hours before an effect is noticeable. Do they bring a natural skin pigment to the surface, and do they protect from the sun? - A.R.

The heart can't be allowed to sustain such rapid beating. Ablation, the destruction of heart tissue responsible for the speedup, is an excellent way to put an end to flutter. The heart doctor with a specially equipped catheter advances this thin, pliable tube from a surface blood vessel into the heart. When the doctor has the catheter at the right position, he or she turns on radio waves that create scars in the renegade part of the atrium. The abnormal rhythm stops. The success rate is 90 percent. I wouldn't hesitate for a minute to have it done.

Most of these products contain dihydroacetone, which reacts with cells in the topmost layer of skin and imparts the tan hue to it. It fades as these cells are shed. The color change does not protect against sunlight.

The booklet on heartbeat irregularities explains the more common kinds of heartbeat disturbances. To obtain a copy, write: Dr. Donohue - No. 107W, 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.

These bronzers are not skin dyes.

DEAR DR. DONOHUE: Years ago, on one of the morning news

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.

Super Crossword

- FASHIONABLE FILMS ACROSS**
- 1 Learning ctr.
 - 4 Puts garments on
 - 11 Jim-dandy
 - 16 Place for a jacuzzi
 - 19 Man-mouse
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 - 20 One using twisted humor
 - 21 Spanish for "nine"
 - 22 Bath fixture
 - 23 1995 Denzel Washington neo-noir film
 - 26 Round figure
 - 27 Church shout
 - 28 Comic punch response
 - 29 Royal rule
 - 30 Thus
 - 31 _City, Oklahoma
 - 33 1987 Stanley Kubrick war film
 - 38 Low tie score
 - 40 Wade's rival
 - 41 New York village on the Hudson
 - 42 1942 Abbott and Costello comedy
 - 47 Like liquid splashing
 - 51 This, in Peru
 - 52 "Me neither"
 - 53 Ostrich's kin
 - 54 Actress Sara
 - 55 Din-din wear
 - 58 Ethical
 - 61 1964 Avalon/
- DOWN**
- 1 Fizzy drink
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 - 5 Small combo
 - 6 Like a _ bricks
 - 7 Totally raging
 - 8 Cut of meat
 - 9 Subj. for some aliens
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 - 12 The Little Rascals
 - 13 With acuity
 - 14 Colorado NHLers
 - 15 "Affirmative"
 - 16 Baby bird?
 - 17 Cleanse
 - 18 Top monk
 - 24 Encrypted
 - 25 Wide footwear spec
 - 30 Marc of fashion
 - 32 Inability to smell
 - 34 L.A. part
 - 35 Show bias
 - 36 Pale yellow
 - 37 "I met her in _ down in old Soho" ("Lola" lyrics)
 - 39 Within: Prefix
 - 43 Injure
 - 44 Judicial garb
 - 45 Prayer
 - 46 Ending for beat
 - 48 Major wreck
 - 49 Smoking wood
 - 50 Slangy affirmative
 - 53 _acte
 - 55 Vegas stake
 - 56 Done by its own staff
 - 57 Sanctified
 - 59 Bush nominee Samuel
 - 60 Whole bunch
 - 62 "_ bad moon rising"
 - 63 Downward
 - 65 Spy Aldrich
 - 67 "_ you been up to?"
 - 71 Unfamous folks
 - 72 "...gyre and gimble in the _": Carroll
 - 74 Pinch lightly
 - 75 Excavating machine
 - 76 Propyl ender
 - 80 Tiny div. of a minute
 - 82 Soho saloon
 - 83 Tehrani, e.g.
 - 84 Cry of delight
 - 86 Got the title
 - 87 Social pests
 - 92 Alliance since '49
 - 94 "Don't mention it," in Durango
 - 96 Concluding
 - 97 Give, as a free meal
 - 98 Small amount
 - 99 Laundry job
 - 100 Ad _ attack
 - 101 Short opera piece
 - 102 Frightful flies
 - 104 Greek capital
 - 107 Idiosyncrasy
 - 108 Stringent
 - 109 Hostile party
 - 110 Backwoods
 - 111 "Isn't _ bit like you and me?" (Beatles lyric)
 - 112 1955-67 Arkansas governor Faubus
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 - 125 Big-league

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Moore Texas by Roger Moore Farm hands in pioneer Texas reportedly got a dram of whiskey with their meals...the real "Happy Meal".



GO FIGURE! by Linda Thistle

The idea of Go Figure is to arrive at the figures given at the bottom and right-hand columns of the diagram by following the arithmetic signs in the order they are given (that is, from left to right and top to bottom). Use only the numbers below the diagram to complete its blank squares and use each of the nine numbers only once.

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DIFFICULTY: ★★

★ Moderate ★★ Difficult
★★★ GO FIGURE!

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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ★★★

★ Moderate ★★ Challenging

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★★★ HOO BOY!

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Bait

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potential violation.

Identity theft is one of the fastest-growing crimes in America. If you, your father, or anyone you know has been the victim of an identity thief, the place to contact is the Federal Trade Commission (FTC) at www.idtheft.gov. Or, call 1-877-IDTHEFT (1-877-438-4338); TTY 1-866-653-4261.

Some people who receive Social Security and Supplemental Security Income (SSI) benefits are victimized by misleading advertisers. Such companies offer Social Security services for a fee, even though the same services are available directly from Social Security free of charge. Especially upsetting are such ads that make it appear as though the ad has come directly from Social Security. By law, such advertisements must indicate that the company is not affiliated with Social Security.

If you or your dad see what you believe is misleading advertising for Social Security services from a company that does not admit it is not affiliated with Social Security, send

the complete mailing, including the envelope, to: Office of the Inspector General, Fraud Hotline, Social Security Administration, P.O. Box 17768, Baltimore, MD 21235. Also, advise your State's attorney general or consumer affairs office and the Better Business Bureau. You can visit the Office of the Inspector General online at <http://oig.ssa.gov> and select the "Fraud, Waste, or Abuse" link. Learn more about identity theft at www.socialsecurity.gov/pubs/10064.html. Read about misleading advertising at www.socialsecurity.gov/pubs/10005.html.

And finally, while you're enjoying the right kind of fishing with Dad this Father's day, you may want to tell him about *Extra Help* with Medicare prescription drug costs. If your father is covered by Medicare and has limited income and resources, he may be eligible for *Extra Help* - available through Social Security - to pay part of his monthly premiums, annual deductibles, and prescription co-payments. We estimate that the *Extra Help* is worth about \$4,000 per year. That kind of savings buys a lot of bait and tackle. Learn more at www.socialsecurity.gov/prescriptionhelp.

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: U equals O

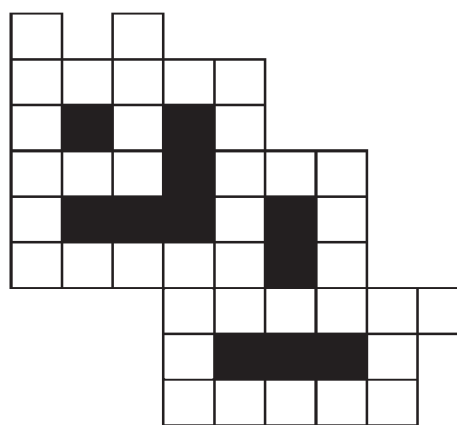
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- OLI
- TRIPFO
- MARRE
- ♥ DEGE
- DENORV
- FRI
- ♥ ARLI
- ♥ ANVLE
- GNA
- UNREAM
- TREGI
- NEEV



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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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STRANGE BUT TRUE

By Samantha Weaver

• It was American industrialist Henry Ford who made the following sage observation: "Whether you think that you can, or that you can't, you are usually right."

• It took Leonardo da Vinci four years to complete his iconic painting the "Mona Lisa."

• If you're planning a trip to the United Kingdom this summer, you might want to add a side trip to Llanfair in Wales. The town's Welsh name is Llanfairpwllgwyngyllgogerychwyrndrobwllllant sillogogoch, which means, roughly, "Saint Mary's Church in a hollow of white hazel, close to a whirlpool and Saint Tysilo's Church and near a red cave." The sign at the railway station that has the town's name is 20 feet long.

• The next time you're aviating in Alaska, keep in mind that in that state it's illegal to view a moose from the window of any flying vehicle.

• What's in a name? Well, a great deal, it would seem - at least according to those trying to make it big. Joan Crawford was born Lucille La Sueur, Roy Rogers was Leonard Slye, and Dean Martin was Dino Crocetti. Issur Danielovitch (wisely) changed his name to Kirk Douglas, and Archibald Leach decided he preferred to become famous as Cary Grant.

• Before 1948 on the island of Bermuda, cars were forbidden.

• You might be surprised to learn that the cowboy hat was not as widespread in the Old West as might be assumed from watching old movies. The most popular headwear on the frontier was the bowler hat. The bowler had the advantage of stability; it wouldn't blow off in high winds. It was worn by Bat Masterson, Billy the Kid, Black Bart and Butch Cassidy.

Thought for the Day: "The only way to get rid of a temptation is to yield to it."
- Oscar Wilde

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