



NEWSBRIEFS

Tailgate party

El Paso Museum of History is looking for area restaurants to participate in a tailgate party that will be held from 6 to 9 p.m., Saturday, August 10, in Cleveland Square, located in front of the museum, 510 North Santa Fe Street. Proceeds will benefit the museum's Fifth Wall of Giants, which will honor the University of Texas at El Paso's 100th anniversary. The museum is arranging for UTEP cheerleaders, pep bands, and sports figures to attend. For more information, contact Jim Murphy, museum curator, at (915) 351-3588.

— Alfredo Vasquez

Business dinner

The Westway Neighborhood Association will be hosting a dinner for the businessmen and woman of the Westway community. The event will be held at the Vinton Fire Station on Vinton Rd, July 10 at 6 p.m.

— Eric Aeschbach

Museum tour

Small groups and individuals are invited to explore the El Paso Museum of Archaeology galleries with museum curator, George Maloof, from 2 to 3 p.m., Saturday, July 20. The museum is located near Highway 54 at 4301 Transmountain Road. During the tour, participants will learn about the prehistoric people of El Paso and Mexico. They'll take a journey through 14,000 years of El Paso's Indian heritage including the Paleoindians, Archaic hunter-gatherers, Pit Dweller-Horticulturalists, Pueblo, Manso, Piro, Suma, Tigua and Mescalero Apache. The museum's galleries also include Casas Grandes culture and the ancient city of Paquime in Chihuahua, and the major regions of ancient Mexico — West, Central, North and Maya. Reservations are not necessary, but individuals should contact the museum to give the number of persons in the group that plans to attend the tour. For more information call 915-755-4332, send email to guidamr@elpasotexas.gov or visit museum's website at www.elpasotexas.gov/arch_museum/.

— Alfredo Vasquez

Pool open

The pool at Emerald Springs Country Club in Horizon City (16000 Ashford) is now open to the public. The summer hours are 1:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Tuesday to Friday and noon to 5:00 p.m. Saturday and Sunday. The pool is closed on Mondays. The cost is \$4 for adults and \$2 for children ages one to 18. Pool parties are available after normal pool hours. Check with the pool manager for availability, rates and reservations. The Fred and Maria Loya Family Branch of

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A committee usually keeps minutes and wastes hours.

— Quips & Quotes

San Eli's Acosto, Garcia excel academically

By Cynthia P. Marentes
Special to the Courier

SAN ELIZARIO — Increasing standards in technology and industry demand a highly skilled and educated workforce. Fortunately, two San Elizario High School (SEHS) students are already a step ahead in preparing for the challenges of the real world by proving their abilities on a national level. From June 24-28, incoming senior Grecia Acosta and recent graduate Stephanie Garcia competed in the SkillsUSA 49th Annual National Leadership and Skills Conference in Kansas City, MO. They joined thousands of career and technical students from across the country for the weeklong event to test their abilities in different trade and leadership fields.

Acosta competed in the SkillsUSA Texas outstanding member contest and Garcia in technical computer applications. Both qualified for the national competition by winning a gold medal in their respective categories at the state conference held in April. Although they were unable to medal at nationals, Acosta and Garcia demonstrated that they have the confidence to be competitive with students from all over the United States and the necessary skills that can be evaluated by professionals against industry standards.

For example, Acosta had to deliver a presentation and prepare all of her related promotional materials. Her project spanned an entire school year and included obtaining letters of recommendation from teachers as well as a community service component where she raised money for a family who lost their home to a fire. The project was no easy task for Acosta whose schedule was already full with Student Council, National Honor Society, History Club and band activities. She felt that representing Texas and competing against students from other states was an amazing opportunity.

"The experience of going to nationals is that you to see how others compete and get ideas on preparing for next year," Acosta said.



— Photo courtesy San Elizario ISD

MOTIVATED — Stephanie Garcia, left, and Grecia Acosta competed in the national SkillUSA confrence.

Acosta is looking forward to her senior year and applying what she learned in Kansas City in her advertising and graphic design class. She also hopes to graduate as a top ten student and study civil engineering at UTEP.

The contest that Garcia competed in was more hands-on and included the installation and configuration of an operating system within the allotted time. Even though she will be completing her Cisco certification this summer, which she has been working towards for the past two years while at SEHS, she still felt anxious about competing in the technology category.

"I (was) very nervous because it is a competition that is mostly male dominated,"

Garcia stated.

Garcia's skills also extend onto the tennis court where she was named the District 2-4A girl's most valuable player and also won the mixed doubles title. In the fall she will head to the University of Texas at San Antonio where she expects to major in computer science and someday work as a computer technician and a career and technical education (CTE) teacher.

Both Acosta and Garcia credit their sponsors and instructors for giving them the advice and encouragement that lead them all the way to the National Leadership and Skills Conference, a showcase of nearly 6,000 CTE students competing in 98 different trade, technical and leadership fields.

Archaeology exhibit features perspectives on the Hohokam

By Alfredo Vasquez
Special to the Courier

EL PASO COUNTY — El Paso Museum of Archaeology will unveil its latest exhibit, entitled *Pieces of the Puzzle: New Perspectives on the Hohokam*, Saturday, July 13.

The free exhibit, which is open to the public, includes recent archaeological findings that illustrate how ancient people moved throughout the Southwest and eventually suffered a population decline prior to the mid-1500s, when the Spaniards began to explore the region.

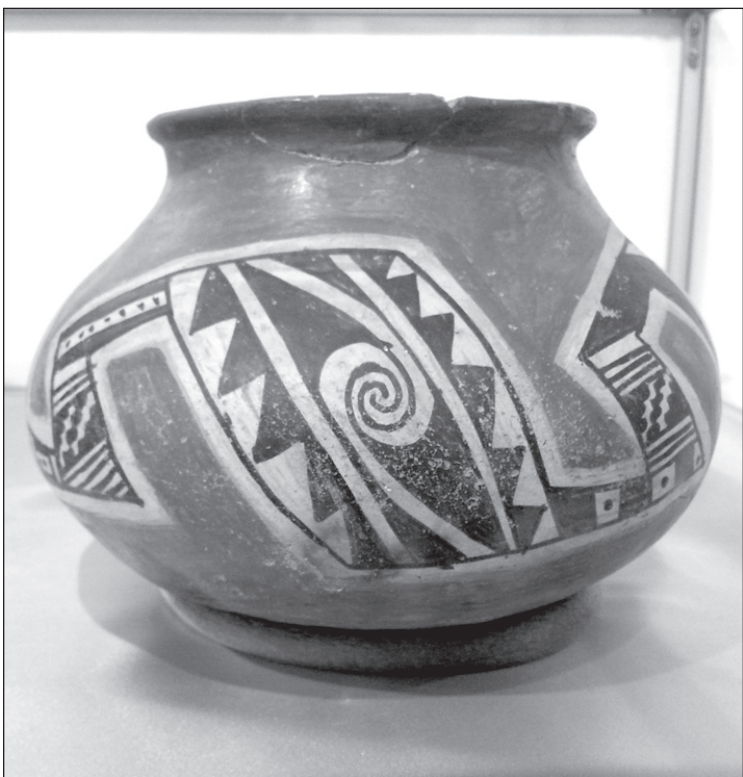
Visitors to the exhibit will find answers to questions, such as what does Hohokam mean? How do archaeologists determine how old things are? How do archaeologists know ancient people migrated? And what happened to the Hohokam archaeological culture?

The exhibit includes Hohokam artifacts from the collections of the El Paso Museum of Archaeology and Arizona Museum of Natural History, according to Marilyn Guida, the museum's education curator.

Guida stated that the exhibit is based on National Science Foundation funded research that allowed archaeologists at Archaeology Southwest to investigate the role of long distance migration and the growth of communities prior to their eventual loss of population.

The traveling exhibit was created by the Pueblo Grande Museum and Archaeology Southwest and will be on display through February 8, 2014, at the El Paso Museum of Archaeology, 4301 Transmountain Road.

For information call 755-4332 or send an email to guidamr@elpasotexas.gov, or visit the museum's website at www.elpasotexas.gov/arch_museum/.



— Photo courtesy of El Paso Museum of Archaeology

VERY OLD — the Tonto Polychrome Vessel (AD 1340-1450) is a type of Hohokam pottery that is part of the El Paso Museum of Archaeology collection.

Finances

By Jason Alderman

Retiring soon? Don't forget tax implications

If your retirement is not far off, you've probably already started to estimate what your living expenses will be after the regular paychecks stop. Most would-be retirees remember to include routine expenses like housing (rent or mortgage), medical bills and prescriptions, insurance premiums, transportation – even food and entertainment.

But don't forget to factor in taxes, which can have a substantial impact on your cost of living, depending on where you live and what your sources of retirement income will be.

Here are a few tax-related issues to consider when budgeting for retirement:

Social Security. Most people can begin collecting Social Security benefits as early as age 62, albeit at significantly reduced amounts than waiting until their full retirement age (65 for those born before 1938 and gradually increasing to 67 for those born in 1960 or later).

Although many states don't tax Social Security benefits, the federal government does. Depending on your "combined income" (adjusted gross income plus nontaxable interest earned plus half of your Social Security benefits), you could end up owing federal income tax on a portion of your benefit. It's complicated, but basically:

Single people whose combined income is less than \$25,000 aren't taxed on their Social Security benefit. For combined income between \$25,000 and \$34,000, up to 50 percent of your benefit may be taxed. Over \$34,000, up to 85 percent may be taxable.

For married couples filing jointly: benefits aren't taxable for combined income below \$32,000; benefits for income between \$32,000 and \$44,000 are up to 50 percent taxable; over \$44,000 – up to 85 percent taxable.

To learn more about taxation of Social Security benefits, read IRS Publication 915 at www.irs.gov.

Some people discover after beginning to collect a reduced Social Security benefit that they can't make ends meet and must go back to work, which can backfire: If your annual wages exceed \$15,120, you will lose \$1 of Social Security benefits for every \$2 you earn over that amount (investment income doesn't count.)

Rest assured, however: These benefit reductions are not completely lost: Your Social Security benefit will be increased upon reaching full retirement age to account for benefits withheld due to earlier earnings.

IRA and 401(k) withdrawals. After age 59 ½, you can start withdrawing balances from your IRA without paying the 10 percent early withdrawal penalty – although exceptions are made in cases including disability, qualified first-time homebuyer distributions and certain medical expenses. However, you will pay federal (and state, if applicable) income tax on IRA withdrawals – except for Roth IRAs held at least five years, whose contributions have already been taxed.

With 401(k) plans, you can withdraw funds after age 55 without the 10 percent penalty if you are no

longer employed by the company sponsoring the plan.

Other taxes. Some people move to another state after retirement thinking they'll lower their tax burden. For example, seven states do not tax personal income; however, another two tax only dividend and interest income. And five states charge no sales tax. But because other taxes and cost-of-living expenses vary significantly by community, you should only consider such moves after doing thorough research.

The Retirement Living Information Center (www.retirementliving.com) features breakdowns of the various kinds of taxes seniors are likely to pay, state by state, including those on income, sales, fuel, property and inheritances.

Bottom line: Be sure to consult a financial advisor long before retirement to make sure you fully understand all the many tax and income implications.

Jason Alderman directs Visa's financial education programs.

Veterans Post

By Freddy Groves

VA reviewing PTSD claims for sexual assault

Congresswoman Chellie Pingree asked the Department of Veterans Affairs to review PTSD claims that had been turned down, claims submitted by survivors of sexual assault while in the military. The VA agreed, but dragged its feet about notifying victims of a change in policy.

If you're a survivor of military sexual assault, here are some things you need to know:

Many of the responses to sexual assault can lead to PTSD if untreated: trouble sleeping, trouble with attention and memory, abusing alcohol and drugs, feeling numb and more.

If you have PTSD due to sexual assault and filed a claim for benefits, your initial claim was no doubt turned down.

You should have received a letter by now from the VA saying it will re-evaluate your claim. However, many veterans were not sent this letter. It's up to you to ask for a re-evaluation. Review the information on Pingree's site (pingree.house.gov/mstclaims) first.

In many cases, the VA ignored "secondary markers," which are evidence an assault occurred.

These include records from law enforcement or rape crisis centers, tests for sexually transmitted diseases, episodes of depression or anxiety, and substance abuse.

You can ask for a re-evaluation of your denied claim by calling the VA at 1-800-827-1000.


Also on Pingree's site are links to VA Form 21-4138 and VA Form 21-0187A, statements in support of your claim.

Meanwhile, you don't have to wait on the VA's decision to get counseling for PTSD. Get more information at www.ptsd.va.gov.

Pingree also wants to hear from you about your experience with the review process of your claim. Scroll to the bottom of her web page and leave your comments. If you prefer to send a letter, call her Washington, D.C., office at 202-225-6116 for a mailing address. She really does want to help.

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.





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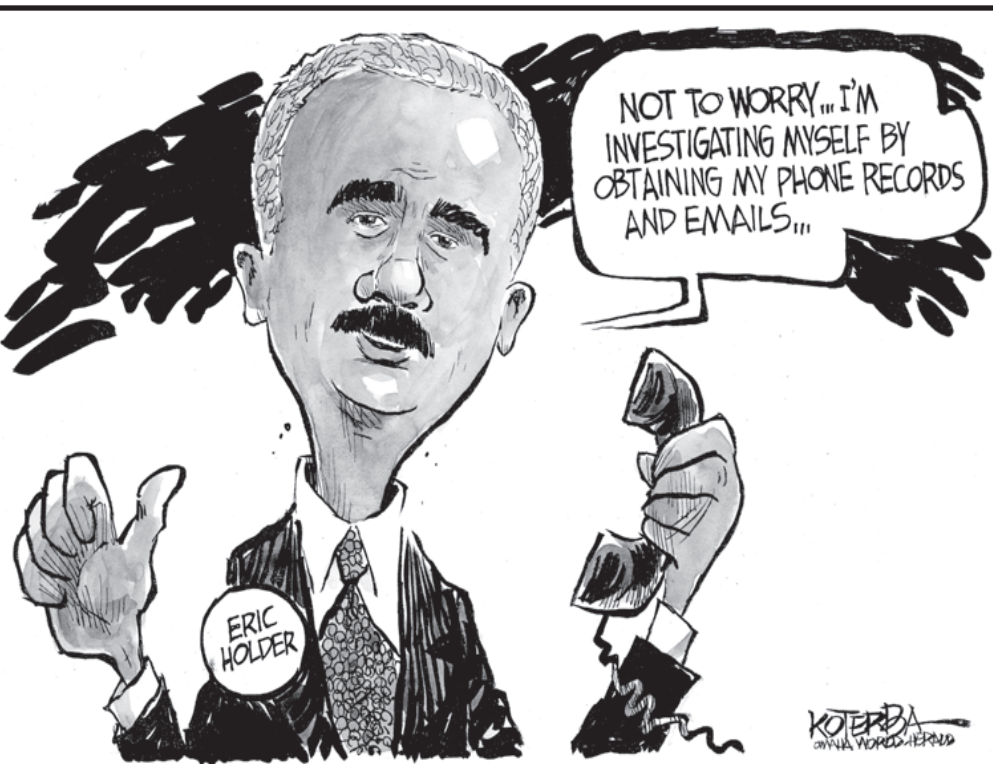
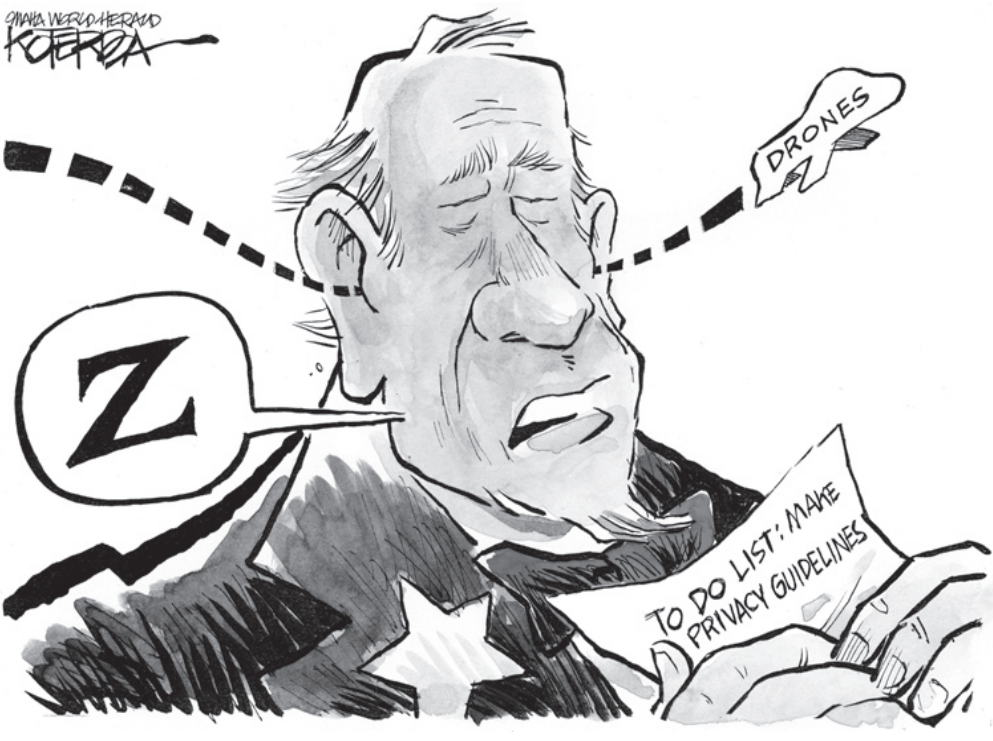


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Briefs

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the YMCA of El Paso is overseeing the operation of the pool. Contact Bill Coon at 590-9622 for additional information.

– Elvia Schuller

Summer camps

El Paso Museum of History announced recently its summer camps schedule. It includes a variety of adventurous outdoor activities. Cowboy Camp, Tues.-Fri., July 23-26 (for ages 7-9) - The camp is an opportunity for little cowboys and cowgirls to enjoy their summer break at the museum. Kids will learn how to make western arts and crafts and enjoy rodeo activities. Pirates on the Rio Grande, Tues.-Fri., August 6-9 (for ages 9-13) - Participants will explore the pirates' adventurous life by learning to make play swords and pirate flags, by being a part of a ship's crew, by enjoying food of the islands, and by learning about treasure coins. Night in the Museum, Tues.-Sat., August 20-24; Sleepover is from 6 p.m. Friday, to 8 a.m., Saturday (for ages 9-13) – Kids will spend the night at the museum and enjoy a flashlight tour through the museum's galleries and meet its friendly ghosts. Participants will learn to marbleize paper, work with leather, create historic characters, and more. All camps are from 9 a.m.-12 p.m., at the history museum, 510 North Santa Fe Street. Cost per camp is \$55 for museum members and \$70 for non-members. A limited numbers of scholarships are available courtesy of the Union Pacific Foundation. For more information, contact Sue Taylor, museum curator, at 351-3588 or send email to taylor@selpasotexas.gov.

– Alfredo Vasquez

Crime Stoppers

A 19-year old woman is knocked to the ground and robbed by two men near downtown. Detectives from the El Paso Police Department need your help in finding these criminals through Crime Stoppers. Shortly before nine on the night of Monday May 27th 2013, a 19-year old woman is walking north on the 700 block of Stanton. As she continued to walk and crossed the intersection of Yandell, two men that had been walking west on Yandell approached her. The first suspect ran up to the 19-year old victim and began to pull the victim's purse off of her right shoulder. The victim quickly held on to her purse under her left arm. As the victim was struggling with the first suspect, the second suspect approached her from behind and began to also pull on the purse knocking the victim to the ground. Once she was on the ground the second suspect managed to grab the purse from hand. The suspects fled the scene and were last seen running eastbound on Montana. The woman received minor injuries as a result of the robbery. The first suspect is described as a Hispanic male, 20- to 30-year-old, about 5'9" in height, thin build and was wearing a white muscle shirt and black pants. The second suspect is also as described Hispanic, 20- to 30-year-old but is shorter with an approximate height of 5'4" and a medium to heavy build. He was wearing a black tee shirt and black pants. The intersection of Yandell and Stanton is a highly traveled area and investigators are certain that someone has information that can solve this case. Anyone with any information on the identity of these men 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

Crime Stoppers 2

A man at a laundromat leaves his laptop on a chair, when a couple spots the computer and takes it. The couple is captured on surveillance video and Detectives from the El Paso Police Department's Pebble Hills Regional Command Center are asking for the public's assistance in identifying the pair. On the early morning hours of Wednesday June 5, 2013, the couple is seen entering the Blue Sky Laundromat at 9501 Gateway West. During their time at the laundromat, the male suspect is seen on video grabbing a bag left by the victim on chair that contained a tablet, laptop and other items of value. The suspect placed the bag on top of his laundry and continued washing clothes. The pair is seen leaving the business at approximately 2:07a.m. with the laptop. The pair arrived at the business in a light colored car similar to a Honda Accord. Anyone with any information on the identity of these two suspects or this case 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

Wanted

Arturo Blanco, 58, who also uses Arturo Campa, is this week's Manhunt Monday Most Wanted Fugitive. He is 5'5" tall and weighs 185 pounds. He has brown eyes and is bald. Blanco is wanted for a sex crime committed 18 years ago on July 5, 1995. Blanco is a fugitive from El Paso County, Texas but is a known fugitive in the United States, Canada and Mexico. In 1995, young Jeremiah McCrimmon, then 15, was selling newspapers on a street



Arturo Blanco

corner in northeast El Paso when he was approached by Blanco claiming to own a music business. Blanco offers Jeremiah a job and after talking to his mother he accepts. Blanco takes the Jeremiah to his residence and proceeds to molest the young victim eventually dropping him off at a nearby bus stop and instructs young Jeremiah never to tell anyone. Blanco was arrested for the incident a short time later but was released on bail. He showed for a pre-trial hearing but absconded afterwards never reporting for subsequent hearings. In 2000 Blanco was indicted for sexually assaulting another boy. He has remained on the run all these years. He is also wanted for unrelated drug and weapons charges. Blanco has family and acquaintances in El Paso and someone may have that little piece of information that can lead to his capture. Call Crime Stoppers of El Paso 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).

– Jesse Tovar

EPCC may raise tax rate to cover shortfalls

By Alfredo Vasquez
Special to the Courier

EL PASO COUNTY – El Paso Community College (EPCC) was placed on a 12-month warning status by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS) Commission on Colleges after its recent review of the local college found that EPCC has not maintained an adequate number of full-time faculty.

SACS also found in its once-a-decade review that EPCC had not met requirements to identify and measure expected results for its

academic programs.

The college will come up for another review in June 2014. EPCC can remain under the warning status for up to two years before going on probation or face other sanctions if it does not demonstrate substantial progress in the coming months.

EPCC leaders said they are already working to resolve the problems identified in the review. “The most important thing for the community is that we note the college continues to be accredited by the Southern Association,” EPCC President William Serrata stated in a recent news report.

The association does not lay out a specific number of faculty members, but an approximate ratio of 50 full-time to 50 part-time faculty members is acceptable for colleges and universities, Serrata explained.

Serrata said that the ratio of full-time faculty at the college was one to two percentage points below that threshold when the review took place. EPCC probably will need to add between 25 and 30 new instructors to overcome the deficiency at a cost of between \$1 million and \$1.5 million, he stated.

The measures necessary to show the college is effectively evaluating

educational results will be less clear until the association provides additional information, Serrata said. “Until I receive the official letter from them, it will be difficult for me to anticipate what the questions are,” he said of the issue.

EPCC has grown rapidly in recent years. The number of associate degrees and certificates awarded has jumped 250 percent during the past decade. According to Serrata, EPCC currently ranks 16th in the nation for total associate degrees awarded and first for such degrees awarded to Hispanic students and minority students.

In the 2011-12 school year, EPCC produced 3,790 associate-degree graduates, the sixth-most among two-year institutions in the country and 16th nationally among all schools, according to a study by Community College Week. That’s up from 2,121 associate degrees awarded in 2008-09.

No two-year school in the country produced more Hispanic associate-degree graduates than EPCC—in fact, EPCC produced as many Hispanic associate-degree graduates as the next three largest schools combined.

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Tornillo Independent School District Public Notice

Special Needs Programs at Tornillo ISD for 2013-2014 School Year

Tornillo Independent School District provides the following educational program/ services to identify children with disabilities who reside within the district beginning on the third birthday through age twenty-one. Instructional Program: Including Early Childhood (beginning on the third birthday through age five), Resource (grade K-12), Diagnostic Services, Transportation Services, Speech Therapy, Assistive Technology Equipment, Occupational Therapy, Physical Therapy, School Health Services, Homebound Services, and Career & Technology.

Services are provided to identify audible and visual impaired children who reside within the district from birth through age twenty-one.

In compliance with the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974 and Public Law 94-142, parents and adult students have the right to inspect educational records. District policy FL provide for record access, confidentiality, and complaint procedures.

If you would like more information or know of a disabled child who is not receiving educational services, please contact: Margaret Ruybe, Interim Superintendent, Tornillo ISD, at (915) 765-3000.

Noticia Pública

Aviso de Programas de Necesidades Especiales en Tornillo ISD para el Año 2013-2014

El distrito escolar independiente de Tornillo provee los siguientes programas/ servicios educativos para niños que son identificados como niños con incapacidades que viven dentro del distrito comenzando con el tercer cumpleaños hasta los 21 años. Programa de instrucción: infancia temprana (comenzando con el tercer cumpleaños hasta la edad de cinco años), Recursos (grados K-12), incluyendo servicios diagnósticos, servicios de transportación, terapia de habla, equipo auxiliar de tecnología, terapia física, servicios de salud escolar, servicios de clases en el hogar y servicios de carrera y tecnología.

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Si usted desea más información o sabe de un niño/niña incapacitado que vive en el distrito escolar de Tornillo que no esta recibiendo servicios educativos. Favor de comunicarse con: Margaret Ruybe, Superintendente Interino, Tornillo ISD, (915) 765-3000.

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CryptoQuip Answer

If a woman who helps deliver babies has big problems, is she having a midwife crisis?

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EPCC

From Page 4

EPCC Board of Trustees President Art Fierro said trustees have been kept informed throughout the review. As the board continues with the budget-setting process, he said trustees will probably have to consider tax increases in part to pay for hiring new instructors.

“It’s going to cost the district to hire more full-time faculty,” Fierro said. “That’s something we’ll really have to weigh as a board.” Already, the EPCC board voted in May to raise student tuition rates by seven percent.

EPCC officials said that they believe a tax-increase just below the 8-percent rollback threshold will generate enough money to fund the necessary full-time faculty increase to comply with SACS requirements. Such an increase would add about \$9 a year in taxes to a home valued at \$100,000, school officials estimated.

Fierro said he and other trustees

Dr. William Serrata was named El Paso Community College president on August 1, 2012. Prior to joining EPCC, Dr. Serrata served as the vice president for Student Affairs and Enrollment Management at South Texas College in McAllen. He holds a bachelor’s degree from Texas A&M University at College Station, a master’s degree from the University of Texas at Brownsville, and a doctorate of philosophy in Educational Human Resource Development from Texas A&M University at College Station.

were confident the college would be able to resolve the problems and have its accreditation reaffirmed within the next 12 months. “The board and the administration are looking at it as an opportunity to serve the El Paso area and better serve the students and ensure student success,” he said.

If EPCC were to lose its SACS accreditation, it would end student access to financial aid and jeopardize course credit transfers to other post-secondary colleges and universities, like UTEP.



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The write stuff

Editor:

El Paso County is in the process of implementing the “Plus-One” policy to provide health benefits to partners of County employees who otherwise would not be eligible to receive them. The policy is not directed exclusively to same-sex partners, and it does not redefine the concept of marriage, thus, is completely legal. Instead, the policy looks at whether the County employee and the other “applicant” for health benefits are financially dependent members of one household.

Eliminating obstacles for individuals to acquire health benefits is not only the right thing to do, but also makes sense economically. The policy helps the County recruit and retain the best employees in the workforce. The policy also helps save taxpayers money by providing participants access to preventive care, thus potentially reducing expensive visits to the emergency room of the publicly funded hospital.

Jo Anne Bernal
El Paso County Attorney

Tornillo Independent School District Public Notice

Notification of Nondiscrimination in Career and Technology Education Programs at Tornillo ISD for 2013-2014 School Year

1) Tornillo Independent School District offers career and technology programs in Business Education, Agricultural Science and Technology Education, Health Science Technology Education, Family and Consumer Science Technology Education (Home Economics), Trade and Industrial Education, and Marketing Education. Admission to these programs is based on current enrollment in the Tornillo ISD and completion of any necessary prerequisites.

2) It is the policy of Tornillo ISD not to discriminate on the basis or race, color, national origin, gender, or disability in its vocational programs, services, or activities as required by Title VI of the Civil Rights Act for 1964, as amended; Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972; and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended.

3) It is the policy of Tornillo ISD not to discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, gender, disability, or age in its employment practices as required by Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended; Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972; the Age Discrimination Act of 1975, as amended; and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended.

4) Tornillo ISD will take steps to assure that lack of English language skills will not be a barrier to admission and participation in all educational and vocational programs.

5) For information about your rights or grievance procedures, contact the Title IX Coordinator, Margaret Ruybe, Interim Superintendent, at P.O. Box 170, 19200 Cobb Avenue, Tornillo Texas, 79853 or call (915) 765-3000.

Noticia Pública

Notificación de No-Discriminación en los Programas Educativos de Carrera y Tecnología en Tornillo ISD por el año escolar 2013-2014

1) El Distrito Escolar Independiente de Tornillo esta ofreciendo programas de carreras y tecnología en Educación de Negocios, Ciencia y Educación en Tecnología, Ciencia de Salud, Tecnología Educativa, Familia y Ciencia de Consumidor de Tecnología Educativa (Economía del Hogar), Comercio y Educación Industrial, y Educación de Mercado. La admisión a estos programas es basada en la inscripción actual en el distrito escolar de Tornillo, y también que se allá cumplido cualquier requisito de antemano.

2) Es póliza del Distrito Escolar Independiente de Tornillo no-discriminar según la raza, color, origen de nacionalidad, genero, o incapacidad en estos programas de carreras y tecnología, servicios, o actividades requerido por el Acta de Derechos Civiles Titulo IV de 1964, como enmienda; Titulo IX de las Enmiendas Educativas de 1972; y al sección 504 de la Acta de Rehabilitación, de 1973 como enmienda.

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4) El Distrito Escolar Independiente de Tornillo tomara pasos para asegurar que la falta de ingles no sea un obstáculo para la admisión y participación en todos los programas vocacionales y educativos.

5) Para mas información de sus derechos y procedimiento de agravios, puede ponerse en contacto con el coordinador de Titulo IX, Margaret Ruybe, Superintendente Interino, PO Box 170, 19200 Cobb Ave., Tornillo Texas 79853 o llame al (915) 765-3000.

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City of Socorro

PUBLIC HEARING

A PUBLIC HEARING will be held on July 16 2013 at 6:30 p.m. during the Planning and Zoning Commission meeting at City of Socorro Chambers, 860 N. Rio Vista Rd., Socorro, Texas. Purpose of the Public Hearing is to receive public comments on the following:

1) The proposed signalization project for all Districts in the City of Socorro.

Those unable to attend the public hearing may sub-

mit their views to the City of Socorro. Accommodations for handicapped persons will be available; handicapped persons in need of special assistance for attending the hearings are encouraged to contact the City Clerk (915) 858-2915, forty-eight (48) hours prior to this meeting.

Sandra Hernandez
City Clerk

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City of Socorro

PUBLIC HEARING

A PUBLIC HEARING will be held at 6:00 p.m. at a Regular Council Meeting on July

18 2013, at City Hall, 860 Rio Vista, Socorro, Texas. The purpose of the Public Hearing is to allow any interested person to appear and testify at the hearing regarding the following:

1) ORDINANCE 295, AMENDMENT NO. 4, AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF SOCORRO, TEXAS ADOPTING AN AMENDED ORGANIZATIONAL CHART FOR THE CITY OF SOCORRO.

Those unable to attend the public hearing may submit their views to the City of Socorro. Accommodations for handicapped persons will be avail-

able; handicapped persons in need of special assistance for attending the hearings are encouraged to contact the City Clerk (915) 858-2915, forty-eight (48) hours prior to this meeting. Copies of ordinances are available for review at City Hall, 124 S. Horizon Blvd., upon request.

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El Paso should give the new AAA ballpark a chance

By Steve Escajeda
Special to the Courier

Now that most of the ASARCO and City Hall implosion dust has cleared, El Paso’s new Triple-A ballpark is slowly but surely taking shape.

It’s a race now. A race to see if the structure can be built in time for the start of the 2014 Pacific Coast League season in early April.

If we receive what we’ve been promised, the ballpark will be a state-of-the-art facility that we’ll be proud to take our out-of-town visitors to.

I mean how many times can you take your cousins from California and Dallas to Chico’s Tacos or... well... no, I guess that’s our only tourist attraction.

So far things have gone without a hitch and the sky hasn’t fallen yet. The contingent of “keep El Paso small” lobbyists fought hard once again to keep the city from progressing.

I don’t understand the mentality that still complains to this day about how this project will “bankrupt” the city and how people

around here won’t support the team after the first year of pure “curiosity.”

Remember when things were going to fall apart during Y2K; all computers would crash when they cycled from the year 1999 to 2000 – nothing happened.

Remember when the world was coming to an end on December 21, 2012 according to the Mayan calendar and a lot of people freaked – nothing happened.

Remember when President Obama said that if congress lets us go into sequestration the country would fall apart, people would be laid off, companies would fail and turmoil would hit the streets – nothing happened.

Scare tactics have been used millions of times over the years to keep change from happening.

One of El Paso’s biggest problems over the last four decades has been the fear of the unknown; the fear of change.

While other cities have gone out on a limb and taken chances, El Paso would rather lag behind if we were guaranteed the never-ending safety of the status quo.

But over the last four years or so, some people in El Paso have had the courage to take a chance. Some people have actually put

their money at great risk to improve the city they love.

And it’s the people who have risked nothing that seem to gripe the loudest about keeping El Paso in it’s humble place among sophisticated giants like Dallas, San Antonio, Houston and Austin.

Some against the baseball plan have actually said that the Independent League’s Diablos were just as good. I don’t think I need to even comment on that.

That’s the same mentality that accompanied those four students from Ysleta High School about 10-15 years ago who were accepted to MIT. Some here questioned why they had to travel that far away for college; they claimed that UTEP was just as good.

Now many of the naysayers claim that the Tucson team (that is moving to El Paso) is a perennial loser and that El Paso will not back a losing team.

Of course that was before this season started.

The Tucson Padres are currently 49-41 and stand in first place in the league’s Pacific Southern division.

Some have said El Paso can’t support a Triple-A team financially. The attendance

figures for this year’s PCL teams range from an average high of 7,924 in Sacramento to a low of 4,040 in Tacoma.

Over the many years of their existence the Diablos have averaged in the neighborhood of 5,000 per game. And that was for Double-A and Independent League talent.

The average price for a Triple-A ticket is \$8.62 and parking is \$4.83. The Diablos average price is \$7.50 and parking is \$5.

Still think El Paso can’t afford it?

Here’s another thing, along with the superior brand of baseball coming our way, don’t forget who could be making an appearance.

Bryce Harper and Alex Rodriguez have started in Single-A baseball games coming off of rehab. Derek Jeter was playing Triple-A baseball last week to get ready to return to the Yankees.

There will be times when famous big leaguers will make appearances in El Paso, which will drive up attendance figures.

And we haven’t even talked about the transformation of downtown El Paso with all the shops, restaurants and bars that will pop up around the ballpark.

Sorry naysayers, El Paso isn’t looking in the rear-view mirror any more.

A sporting view By Mark Vasto

Images are larger than they appear

Hockey fans are sick of hearing about it and NBA fans are reluctant to admit it, but both sports suffer from a bit of an image problem.

The NHL lockout shortened the season to 48 games, but that strangely seemed to work for them. The NBA started on time, but provided very little in the way of a dramatic storyline.

The NBA regular seasons have

a tendency to go just the way you thought they would, and this year was no different. The Nets moving to Brooklyn provided something to chat about, and with the exception of strong run by the Knicks and Clippers, and the Celtics implosion, it was all “Kobe and LeBron” until the playoffs.

Meanwhile, the NHL season seemed just right. I know die-hard

fans and the entire nation of Canada want to see every game, all the time, but for the casual fan, the shortened season distilled the season into games between division rivals. Every game seemed to matter for once during a regular season. And they lost the All-Star game due to the lockout! These were good things.

The Chicago Blackhawks started the season with a 21-0-3 unbeaten streak, shattering records along the way. Though not favored to do so, and absent a star of Wayne Gretzky, Mario Lemieux, Sidney Crosby-like fame, it went on to win the Stanley Cup. The finals versus the Boston

Bruins were some of the greatest hockey games I have ever seen. I gladly stayed up well past my bedtime to watch those overtime classics. If my kid was a little bit older, I would have woken him up to watch them, too.

The Miami Heat won the NBA championship. Nobody was surprised. With an all-star team led by Lebron James and Chris Bosh, the Heat became the team everyone hoped to see lose (save for the Miami fans). But as the NBA Finals lumbered on in characteristic smash foul style, something happened during the championship round: a classic match up between Tim Duncan and the white-hat San Antonio Spurs and King James’ Heat. Game 6, in which the Heat came back to win, and a game 7 featuring death-defying shots and stunning grace were two of the greatest games of all-time, and

nobody disputes that.

Image problem? What image problem? With the exception of the Chicago Sun-Times post-Stanley Cup photography (its front page after winning the Cup featured a dour-faced player holding the Cup like a crate of cabbages on a truck dock. Great time to fire your entire photography staff, Sun-Times), the celebrations and the ratings from both finals were enough to dispel any notion. The image problems suggested earlier were larger than they appeared.

These two teams made one thing crystal clear: the NBA and NHL can look at themselves in the mirror and like what they see staring back at them.

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

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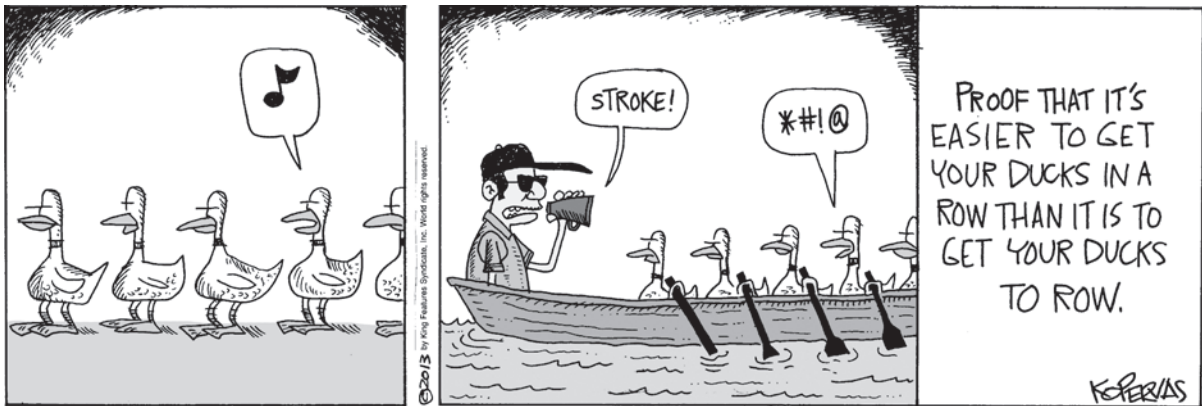
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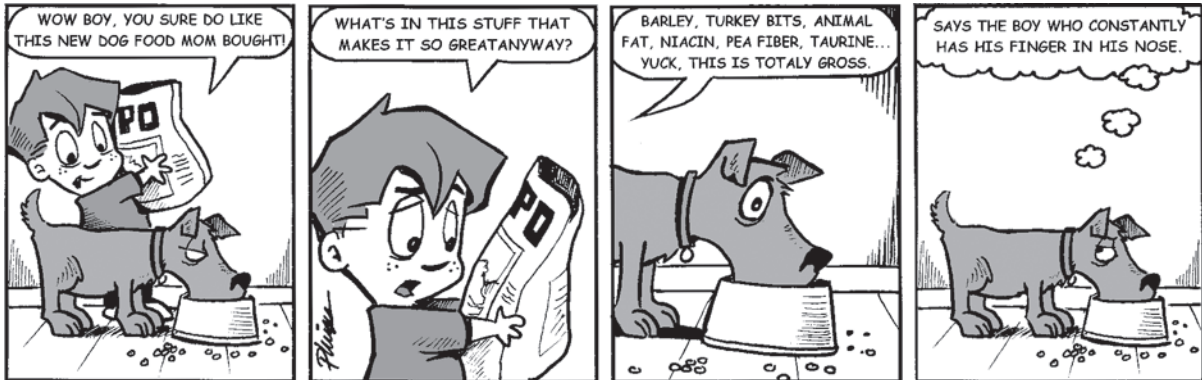
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R.F.D. By Mike Marland



Super Crossword

WORKING OUT THE BUGS ACROSS

- 1 Sir, in old India
6 Floored by
13 High fliers
20 "George & _"
(former talk show)
21 It may collect
around a scratching
post
22 Builds into a wall
23 Bug's favorite
kissing game?
25 Least active
26 One way or
another
27 U.S. Navy off.
28 Sordid
30 Corporate shuffle
for short
32 Bug's favorite
bookworm?
37 Citizen: Suffix
40 "There _ sides to
every story"
43 Soccer great
Hamm
44 City near Lake
107-Down
45 Bug's favorite
state of mind?
50 Cake-and-ice-
cream occasions, for
short
51 Soft felt hat
52 Hang around
53 Last check box,
often
55 Nonclerical

- 56 Soviet premier
Kosygin
57 Mem. of Congress
58 See 60-Down
59 Peeples of
"Fame"
61 Affirmative
gesture
62 "7 Faces of Dr. _"
64 Bug's favorite
interrogation aid?
69 Improve by
making small changes
72 Mini, Nano, and
Shuffle
74 French euro
division
75 Bug's favorite fall
drink?
77 Rocky pinnacle
78 New Year in
Vietnam
79 Dot in the Rhône
80 Beagle, e.g.
81 Kind of camera,
briefly
83 Mogadishu native
86 Boar's mate
89 Talks to God
91 Chinese premier
_ Enlai
92 Clothing smotherer
93 Actress Linda
95 Bug's favorite
Eddie Rabbit hit?
98 Shankar with a
sitar
99 Not well
100 Rowing a boat
101 Equine beast

- 102 Bug's favorite
naval officer?
105 Letter-shaped
hardware items
109 Athens site
110 Atop, poetically
113 Capriciously
117 Cola holder
120 Bug's favorite
Fats Waller song?
123 Actor Chad
124 Matrimonial
125 Really rotund
126 July 4 events
127 Compound in
plastics
128 New Jersey
county

DOWN

- 1 Impudent talk
- 2 Fido's dishful
- 3 Actor Corey
- 4 Spiritual
- 5 Use the tub
- 6 Sore muscle
- application
- 7 Apprehend
- 8 Suit to _
- 9 "Since _?"
- 10 Erodes
- 11 Oman export
- 12 Not musty
- 13 Meal part
- 14 Golfer Mark
- 15 Flabbergast
- 16 Poet Kipling
- 17 Before, to a poet
- 18 Lo- monitor
- 19 Retired jet

- 24 "Yoo-_"
29 Put a cap on
31 Concerto _
33 "_ my word!" ("I do
declare!")
34 Traffic (in)
35 Big name in New
Age
36 Upbeat
37 Newborn girl, in
Spain
38 Spinning skating
leap
39 Finished
41 Punta del _
42 IRS worker
46 Courteney of
"Friends"
47 Tram cargo
48 One sending
cybernotes
49 Play awards
50 Conan O'_
54 Adds to the
database
58 Outmoded
60 With 58-Across,
first play division
63 iPhone program
64 Part of FYI
65 _-friendly
66 Largest moon of
Uranus
67 Alternatives to
waffles
68 Turns in
70 Cato's 151
71 Gives aid
72 "_ solemnly
swear..."

- 73 Tent stake
76 Pastoral
77 Hooky player
81 _Pei
82 "Lush Life" co-star
83 Petty
84 Suffix with
contradict
85 TLC giver
86 Feudal slave
87 Egg's shape
88 Undulate
90 Sickesses
91 Fanatical devotion
94 Torrent
96 Big inits. in
overseas broadcasting
97 Of low birth
99 Imagine
103 Rainbowlike
104 Paper quantities
106 "A," in Paris
107 Nevada border
lake
108 Hefty slices
111 Arab chief
112 Matrimony, for
one
114 They intersect
rds.
115 Go skyward
116 Tinkertoy or Lego
alternative
117 Mo. #9
118 Lab eggs
119 Köln article
121 _ "King" Cole
122 _ Luis Obispo

Answer Page 4

[illegible]

Moore Texas by Roger Moore The Spanish word for YELLOW is Amarillo.



Social Security Q&A By Ray Vigil

The Estimator turns five

Hard to believe, but it's been five years since Social Security's Retirement Estimator debuted. Within months of first becoming available, the online Estimator was praised as one of the best services on the Internet, and it has consistently retained its excellent rating every year.

Results from the American Customer Satisfaction Index show Social Security's online Retirement Estimator is consistently one of the highest-rated services on the web — even higher than the websites of many other public or private sector agencies and companies, including Netflix and Amazon.

Every year millions of people use the Retirement Estimator. You can too at www.socialsecurity.gov/estimator. Prefer to do your business in Spanish? You can find it at www.segurosocial.gov/calculador, too.

The Retirement Estimator is a convenient, secure, and quick financial planning tool that lets workers calculate how much they might expect to receive in Social Security benefits when they retire. The attractive feature of this calculator is that it uses your earnings information on file at Social Security without displaying your personal information. So you get an instant, personalized estimate of your future retirement benefits.

And, it's so easy to use. The Estimator even gives you the opportunity to run different scenarios and "what if" situations. For example, you can change the date you expect to retire or change expected future earnings to create and compare different retirement options. This can help you as you plan ahead.

To use the Retirement Estimator, you must have enough Social Security credits to qualify for benefits and you cannot currently be receiving benefits.

Join the celebration! Experience the popular online service now by visiting Social Security's Retirement Estimator at www.socialsecurity.gov/estimator. Then, once you've sketched out your retirement plans, you'll know where to go when the time comes to apply for benefits: online at www.socialsecurity.gov.

Happy fifth anniversary, Retirement Estimator!

For more information on any of the questions listed above, visit our website at www.socialsecurity.gov or call us at 1-800-772-1213. If you have any questions that you would like to have answered, please mail them to the Social Security Office, 11111 Gateway West, Attn: Ray Vigil, El Paso, Texas 79935.

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.

DIFFICULTY: ★

★ Moderate ★★ Difficult
★★★ GO FIGURE!

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CryptoQuip

This is a simple substitution cipher in which each letter used stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Solution is accomplished by trial and error.

Clue: T equals W

AW B TXGBS TJX JDYER

ZDYAQDM IBIADR JBR IAU

EMXIYDGR, AR RJD JBQASU B

GAZTAWD KMARAR?

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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

8	7		1			3		
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		1	4			2		
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	1				4		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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FEAR KNIGHT

By: rj johnson

CONQUER THE WHIRLED

♥ PTO
♥ TASBER
♥ EDLOG
RADL
♥ TERSTE
♥ SHA
♥ RIGT
♥ ARPSE
♥ GBA
TEDSIG
♥ HORET
REEH

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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

- In 1977, Ken Olson, president, chairman and founder of Digital Equipment Company, made the following regrettable statement: "There is no reason anyone would want a computer in their home."
- Gross fact of the day: Half of the bacteria in the human mouth haven't even been identified yet by science.
- The drug Ivermectin is a broad-spectrum antiparasitic, used mainly to treat infestations of worms. The people who have been helped by this medication might be surprised to learn that the drug was developed through research spurred by a fungus found growing on the golf shoe of a botanist.
- If you're a centenarian, you might want to consider moving to New Mexico. In that state, there is a law declaring that everyone 100 and older is tax-exempt.
- Unless you were around on April 17, 1964, you may not be aware of the hullabaloo caused by the introduction of the Mustang. In Seattle, a truck driver was so distracted by a display of new Mustangs that he crashed his cement truck through the window of the dealership. In Chicago, so many people were trying to crowd into the cars in a showroom that the dealer had to lock all the vehicle doors. A dealer in New Jersey had only one Mustang, so he auctioned it off. The winner of the auction insisted on sleeping in his new car that night, just to make sure nobody else got it before his check cleared.
- Arizonans take note: Hunting camels is illegal in your state.
- If you're like the hypothetical average person, your mouth will create 10,000 gallons of saliva over the course of your lifetime.

Thought for the Day: "A pint of sweat saves a gallon of blood."
– General George S. Patton

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