

NEWSBRIEFS

Motorcycle run

AMIGOS Motorcycle Club will be organizing a motorcycle run on July 21, 2013 in order to raise funds for Keep Vinton Beautiful’s “Helping Hands Program”. All funds raised will be utilized to purchase supplies and materials for Helping Hands. The run is scheduled to begin Sunday at 10:30 a.m. at El Rincon de Gypsy located at 10300 Socorro Rd in Socorro, TX and will end at Dr. Applegate Park in Vinton, TX. Food and entertainment will be provided for participants at the end of the run. The event is open to the general public and all motorcyclists are welcome to attend. Registration begins at \$10 per rider and \$5 for any additional riders. For any questions or suggestions call (915) 443-8859.

– Cesar Vasquez

Bible school

Clint First Baptist Church Vacation Bible School will be July 22-24, 2013, from 8:30 AM-12 Noon. Pre-K through 6 th grade students are invited to attend. 200 Main St. in Clint. 851-3145.

– Erma Nelson

Almost extinct

Help! The Southwestern Flycatcher may soon go extinct in El Paso if you don’t help. Would you rather we have more flies? These birds are our friends, let’s get to work. Southwestern Willow flycatcher (*Empidonax traillii extimus*) is a little less than 6 inches in length, including tail. It has light-colored wingbars and pale eye-ringing with brownish-olive to gray-green body. The best way to identify this bird is by its vocalizations- a sharply whistled whit or a dry sprit. If you can document a nesting Southwestern Willow flycatcher in El Paso you could help protect its habitat by reporting your sighting to the US Fish and Wildlife Service Law Enforcement Special Agent Albert Gonzalez at 915-471-6320. Remember that the call of the Flycatcher is important to its identification.

– Alfredo Vasquez

Moore honored

Roger Todd Moore of Merkel Texas was recently the recipient of a Texas Senate commendation honoring his work as Texas History Cartoonist and as creator of the Bona Fide Real Texas Calendar which begins on March 2, Texas Independence Day. Moore has produced the calendar and MOORE TEXAS, a weekly Texas History cartoon strip (*see page 8*), since 1998. Moore was the subject of Texas Senate Resolution #890. Roger Moore is a very talented and artistic Texan. It was my pleasure to prepare a Texas Senate Resolution in his honor.

– Senator Troy Fraser

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Live your life so that you won’t be afraid to have your phone tapped.

– Quips & Quotes



– Photos by Caleb Lara

PRETTY WITH PURPOSE – Everyone is familiar with the cliché of beauty queens being superficially concerned with the ecology and world peace, but two local area pageant queens – Selena Poblano, Miss Teen Earth Border Cities, left, and Emily Horsch, Miss Earth Border Cities have made it their mission to actively promote and broaden the importance of environmental and humanitarian concerns.

Border cities pageant stresses environmental, humanitarian projects

*Pageant scheduled for
Saturday, July 20*

By Caleb Lara
Special to the Courier

EL PASO COUNTY – With their motto being “Beauties for a cause”, Selena Poblano, Miss Teen Earth Border Cities, and Emily Horsch, Miss Earth Border Cities, have spent their year-long reign promoting environmental issues such as recycling, renewable energy, and humanitarian needs like helping the less fortunate throughout West Texas, Southern New Mexico, and Chihuahua, Mexico.

The two currently reigning queens will now pass their crowns to their successors, who will be selected during the 2013-14 Miss Teen Earth and Miss Earth Border Cities’ pageant, which is scheduled for 6 p.m., Saturday, July 20, at the downtown Scottish Rite Building (301 W. Missouri Street).

This pageant is trying to break any clichés anyone may have regarding the sacrifice of intellect relative to beauty, according to Ida Poblano, director of the Miss Teen Earth and Miss Earth Border Cities pageant. “In order to obtain their titles the contestants have to appear before a panel of judges to showcase not only their physical appearance and presentation but also their intellectual investment into a cause of their choosing,” she stated.

As 2012-13 Miss Earth Border Cities and

Miss Teen Earth Border Cities, Emily and Selena chose a variety of causes to participate in. They were active in advocating for recycling and renewable energy resources; they were involved with Dame La Mano, a local homeless shelter for pregnant women and their children, and they also provided support for a local teenage pregnancy center.

“It was not uncommon to see these beauty queens take flowers to the elderly at Bien Vivir, an adult care center, or serve at a soup kitchen in Las Cruces,” said the local pageant director.

Thirty-two contestants will now be vying for Saturday’s pageant crowns with

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Young San Eli scribes recognized for insights on violence

By Cynthia P. Marentes
Special to the Courier

SAN ELIZARIO – Four creative students from Garcia-Enriquez Middle School in the San Elizario Independent School District have been recognized as local finalists for the Do the Write Thing Writing Challenge and one of them, chosen as a national finalist, will have the opportunity to travel to Washington, D.C. this weekend. Each one of them wrote thought provoking pieces about the subject of violence with 8th grader Bernardo Ortiz penning the winning essay for the chance to travel to the national capital.

Ortiz will fly to Washington, DC with his father and his teacher Rachel Peña from July 20-23. They will tour Capitol Hill, visit the National Press Club and Library of Congress and attend a formal banquet. Ortiz’ essay along with those of the other national

finalists will also be published in a book and catalogued in the Library of Congress.

“Bernie joins an elite group of students from San Elizario to be Do the Write Thing national finalists. He is now the 6th student to represent San Elizario in Washington, D.C. in just 10 years,” Veronica Herrera, Garcia-Enriquez Middle School teacher, stated.

The other San Elizario students submitting top essays include 7th graders Ashley Portillo and Isaiah Regalado and 8th grader Vanessa Saenz. The contest is part of the National Campaign to Stop Violence where middle school students are asked to answer three questions: how has violence affected your life, what are the causes of violence, and what can we do to stop violence. This year the theme of the writings was bullying. Over 3,000 essays were submitted in El Paso County with all nine area school districts participating in the contest.



– Photo courtesy San Elizario ISD

WRITING SKILLS – From left are Isaiah Regalado, Veronica Herrera, Bernardo Ortiz, Rachel Peña, and Vanessa Saenz. Ortiz’ essay garnered him a trip to Washington DC.

Veterans Post

By Freddy Groves

Gaming the system

If you really want to defraud the government, it helps to have friends in high places.

The House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform recently reviewed a situation wherein a man who never served in the military was given lucrative contracts with the IRS. Here are some facts that were revealed in the Committee’s report:

The man (let’s call him X) sought a contract to provide information technology (IT) to the IRS through its contract acquisitions arm. He had a close relationship with the IRS deputy directory for IT Acquisition, and therefore got privileged information. Within six months he had a dozen contracts with the IRS, worth more than \$500 million.

The contracts X applied for were for small businesses: 1) owned by service-disabled veterans, and 2) in economically disadvantaged neighborhoods (called HUBZones). The report says X was able to “game the system” and get certification for both categories.

How did X pull this off?

He bought a small company that already had a top-secret security clearance. He rented an office in

a Washington, D.C. HUBZone, even though he lived in a wealthy Virginia neighborhood.

To cover the Service-Disabled Veteran-Owned Small Business angle, X turned to an incident that happened 27 years ago: While a student at the U.S. Military Academy Prep School, he’d twisted his ankle playing football. It couldn’t have been too bad because the next year he went off to college and played football. Because of a glitch in the rules, he was able to do two things: 1) Get the Department of Veterans Affairs to start giving him benefits for service-related injury, and 2) parlay that twisted ankle into a lucrative government contract as a service-disabled veteran.

And he had lots of help from the IRS to get his contracts.

To read the 157-page report, go to <http://oversight.house.gov/> and search for Questionable Acquisitions: Problematic IT Contracting at the IRS.

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

Protect yourself against credit discrimination

Have you ever been turned down for a credit card and wondered why? Or gotten approved for a car loan or mortgage but suddenly the interest rate and fees are much higher than in the initial quote?

There are many legitimate reasons why people are denied credit – insufficient income or a poor track record on past loan repayments, for example. But sometimes people are denied credit because of discriminatory lending practices – which are not always easy to spot.

Fortunately numerous federal and state laws prohibit lenders from discriminating in any part of a credit transaction on the basis of many personal characteristics. What’s more, the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau (CFPB) and other governmental agencies provide avenues for filing complaints if you feel you’ve been discriminated against. And, offending lenders face lawsuits and stiff penalties if found to be discriminatory.

Under the Equal Credit Opportunity Act (ECOA) it’s illegal for creditors to discriminate against credit applicants based on their race, color, religion, national origin, sex, marital status or age, because they receive income from a public assistance program, or because they have in good faith exercised any right under the Consumer Credit Protection Act.

Based on those criteria, lenders cannot:

- Refuse you credit if you qualify for it;
- Discourage you from applying for credit;
- Offer you credit on terms that are less favorable than those offered to someone with similar qualifications; or
- Close your account.

Another federal law, the Fair Housing Act (FHA), prohibits discrimination by direct providers of housing, such as landlords, real estate companies, municipalities, banks or other lending institutions and homeowner’s insurance companies.

Warning signs. Red flags that may indicate credit discrimination include:

- You are treated differently in person than on the phone.
- You are discouraged from applying for credit.
- You hear the lender make negative comments about race, national origin, sex, or other protected groups.
- You are refused credit even though you qualify for it.
- You are offered credit with a higher rate than what you applied for, even though you qualify for the lower rate.
- You are denied credit, but not given a reason why or told how to find out why.
- Your deal sounds too good to be true.
- You feel pushed or pressured to sign.


If you believe a lender has discriminated against you for any reason, you can submit a complaint to the CFPB (www.consumerfinance.gov/complaint), which will review and route your complaint to the lender and work on your behalf to get a response. Once your complaint is logged, you will receive email updates and can log in to monitor the status of your complaint.

To better protect yourself against credit discrimination – or from pursuing credit products that aren’t right for you:

- Learn about the various features and downsides of the credit product you want. Research current interest rates and compare products from several lenders.
- Creditors make decisions based on your credit history, so make sure there are no mistakes or missing items in your credit reports.
- Be sure you understand the rates and fees you’ll pay over the long run and ask whether they could change in the future. If a creditor doesn’t want to answer your questions, this could be a bad sign.
- Don’t let lenders make you feel rushed or unnecessarily delay action on your application.

Bottom line: Before you sign on the dotted line, make sure the credit product is right for your needs – both today and down the road.

Jason Alderman directs Visa’s financial education programs.




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Keep Vinton Beautiful earns gold star for efforts

62 Texas communities honored by statewide organization

By Alfredo Vasquez
Special to the Courier

VINTON – Keep Vinton Beautiful (KVB) was named recently a Gold Star Affiliate by the Keep Texas Beautiful (KTB) organization, a statewide grassroots environmental and community improvement group. Sixty-two of KTB’s more than 360 affiliates received gold star designations during the Keep Texas Beautiful annual convention held in June in San Antonio. Gold Star recognition is the highest status any community affiliate can achieve.

KVB was awarded the special recognition for successfully implementing a variety of programs last year that helped prevent litter, reduce waste, beautify community areas and educate local citizens about their environment, according to Cesar Vasquez, Village of Vinton communications intern. KVB held several community clean-up days to clean the village’s image and to improve quality of life issues for residents, he stated.

To stay in good standing with KTB, community affiliates must annually submit a report, pay dues, attend at least one training session, and participate in at least one KTB-endorsed activity.

The organization has been awarding gold stars to its top affiliates since 2004. KTB introduced the concept to reward those communities who sought to go above and beyond the



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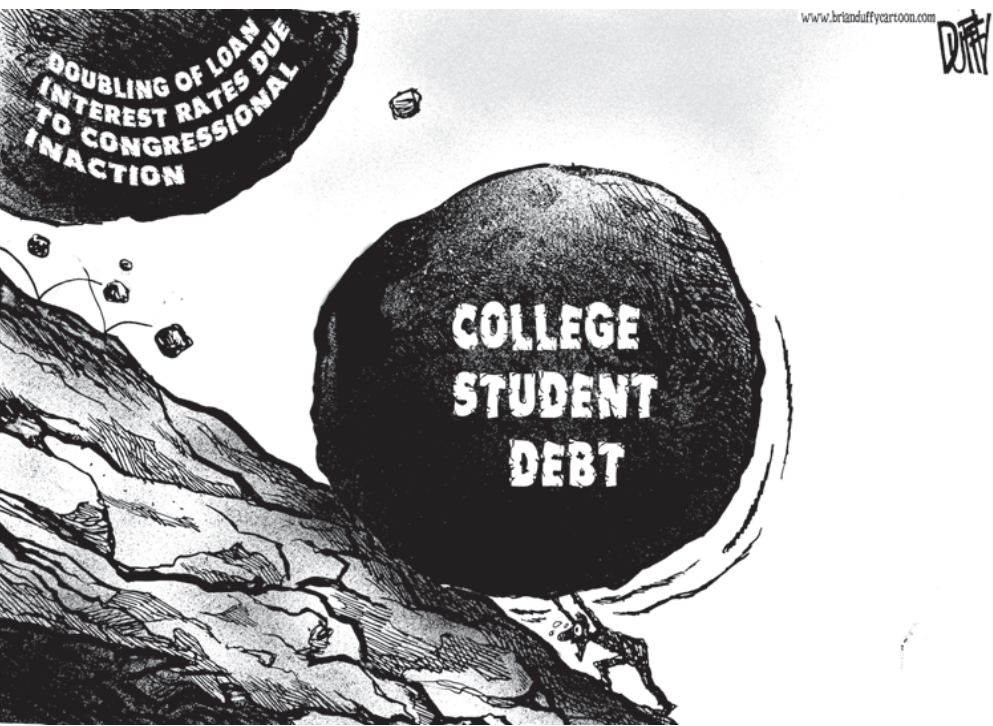
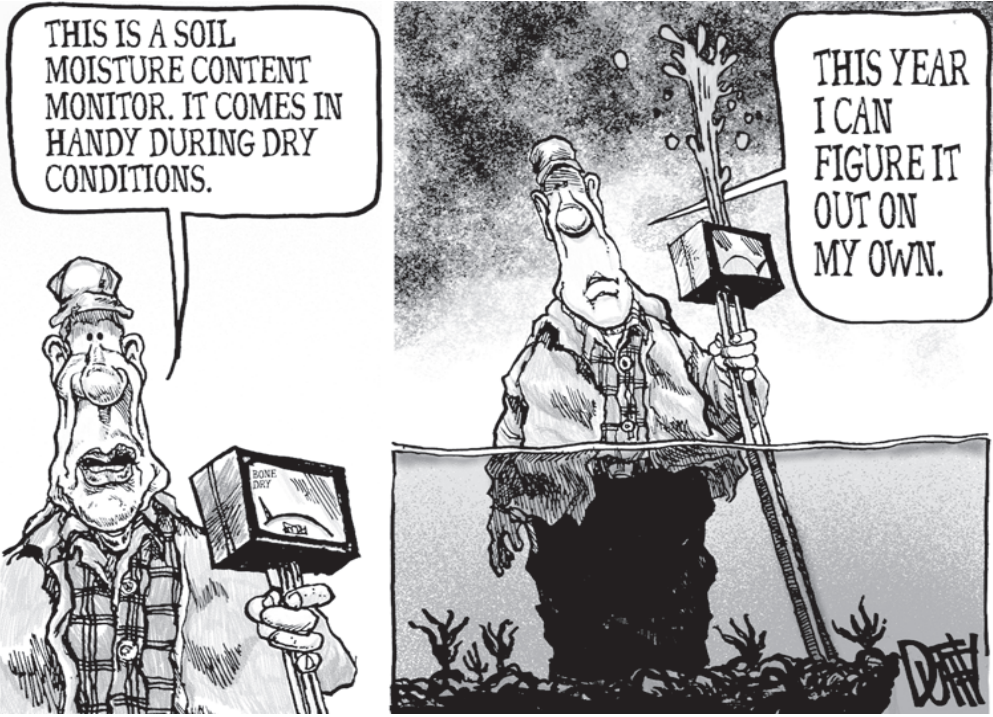
CLEANING UP – Keep Vinton Beautiful(KVB) representatives were in San Antonio in June to receive the gold affiliate award during the Keep Texas Beautiful’s 46th annual convention. Above, from left, are Penny Ledesma, KVB chairperson, Cathie Gail, Keep Texas Beautiful executive director, and Jessica Garza, Village of Vinton city clerk.

established requirements.

“To achieve the gold star status, affiliates are required to meet additional benchmarks; they must share information on their mission and goals, answer questions about their educational programs and solid waste initiatives, participate in the Keep Texas Beautiful or Governor’s Community Achievement Awards programs, and provide a letter of support from their community,” stated Cathie Gail, KTB executive director.

“KTB strives to educate and engage Texans to take responsibility for improving their community environment. KTB and its affiliates work with government, businesses, civic groups and volunteers to ensure every Texan has the opportunity to make Texas the cleanest, most beautiful state in the nation,” Gail stated.

For more information about KTB programs and events, call 1-800-CLEAN-TX or visit its website at www.ktb.org.



The write stuff

Dear Editor:
I have been an elected public servant for the Village of Vinton for nearly ten years. During this time I have been witness to many challenges and serious crisis but I have never witnessed a blatant disregard towards the needs of the citizens of Vinton, until now. For the past 2 years three members of our council have managed to put Vinton on a collision course towards insolvency and complete destruction. Their malicious and negligent behavior is designed to stop any attempt for progress – since having taken office in May of 2011 – is well known by residents and many others affected by their behavior outside of our region. Their action have in essence, been holding the residents hostage with their vindictiveness and incompetence. This town is currently drinking contaminated water, wells have run dry, and septic systems are not compliant. Our repeated efforts to bring the water and waste water projects back to the table for their reconsideration

have been futile. Our chances for healthy economic development and the possibility of new employment for the residents of this community are zero. The citizens who filed a petition to remove these council members have been waiting since October for justice to be served. Other cases have come and gone and they are still waiting. By postponing this process, these women will continue holding their seats at the council table and prolonging the suffering, the oppression, and the abuse already wreaked on the Village of Vinton. If the process moves forward and it is determined that their removal is not warranted, then at least the residents will feel that they have had their opportunity to be heard in a fair and impartial setting. This is not only my opinion it is the clamor of the people I have sworn to protect.

*Respectfully yours,
Yassu Grier
Village of Vinton
Alderman, Place One*

Briefs

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Austin bound

Carol Anderson of El Paso, a 17-year teacher at Silva Health Magnet High School, has been selected to attend the Fifth Annual Teachers' Law School in Austin. Anderson is one of 30 teachers whose applications were accepted to attend the three-day legal education program July 18-20 at the Texas Law Center near the State Capitol. Social studies and government teachers from across Texas sought entry into the program, which brings together more than a dozen of the state's leading judges and lawyers who give presentations on aspects of civil and criminal legal systems at the state and federal levels

– Lowell Brown

Trash time

The Village of Vinton will have another "Bulk Waste Clean-Up" Day on September 28, 2013. The clean-up will begin at 8 a.m. and will continue until the roll-offs are completely full. We are now accepting used tires, car batteries, used oil, and used electronics. The only item that will not be accepted is hazardous material or hazardous material containers. In order to bring in bulk waste, residents must present their most current trash bill and a valid identification card. Any questions contact the Village of Vinton at (915) 886-5104.

– Cesar Vasquez

Crime Stoppers

A fast food restaurant in Fabens is robbed at gunpoint and employees are locked in inside a freezer. Investigators from the El Paso County Sheriff's Office are asking for the public's assistance in find the man responsible. At about 3:30 A.M. on Saturday, April 27, 2013, a Sheriff Deputy was flagged down by an employee at McDonald's restaurant, 1251 N. Fabens Road in Fabens, Texas. The employee stated that a man had robbed the cash register at gunpoint and then took her and another employee by the neck and led them to the store's freezer. The two employees were then locked in the freezer while the suspect escaped. The suspects is described as an English-speaking Hispanic male, 5'11", medium build, dark complexion, brown eyes and dark eye brows. He was wearing a green sweatshirt, black pants, and a black beanie hat that covered part of his face. Anyone with any information on the identity of this violent criminal 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. Crime Stoppers of El Paso, Inc. is a non-profit organization that brings together the community, law enforcement, and the media to solve crime.

– Javier Sambrano

Crime Stoppers II

A case where a 16-year-old teen is killed by a hit and run driver on Loop 375 in the eastside of the city remains unsolved. Investigators from the El Paso Police Department are urging the public for help in finding the driver and vehicle involved through the Crime Stoppers "Crime of the Week." On the early morning of Father's day Sunday June 16, 2013 just after 2 a.m., 16-year-old Alan Ordonez was driving a white 2003 Mercury Marquis on Loop 375 South bound and pulled over to the right shoulder near Rojas to change a flat tire. As Ordonez was changing the tire, an SUV, also traveling south, struck Ordonez and fled the scene. Ordonez died at the scene as a result of the impact. Witnesses last saw the vehicle traveling south on 375. Investigators from the Special Traffic Investigations Unit believe that the vehicle involved is a Chevrolet SUV. Based on evidence at the scene the vehicle is believed to be a blue granite metallic color. Investigators also now based on the continued investigation believe the vehicle to be between a 2006 or newer. The SUV will have minor damage to right front side and tire well. A reckless driver left a 16-year old teen dead on the street on Father's day and investigators know that someone has information. Anyone with any information on the identity of the driver or the location of this vehicle 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. Crime Stoppers of El Paso, Inc. is a non-profit organization that brings together the community, law enforcement, and the media to solve crime.

– Javier Sambrano

Wolf exhibit comes to archaeology museum

By Alfredo Vasquez
Special to the Courier

The El Paso Museum of Archaeology will host a special presentation, titled *Wolves: Fact & Fiction*, from 2 to 3:30 p.m., Saturday, July 27, at the museum, 4301 Transmountain Road.

For the free, family-friendly program, Nancy Bain, known as “The Wolf Lady”, will present an interactive look at wolves from around the world with special

emphasis on the endangered Mexican wolf.

Bain will address topics such as wolf pack makeup and territory marking, wolves and the environment, and wolf interaction with dogs, humans and domestic animals. This program is suitable for children as young as six years through adults, stated Marilyn Guida, Archaeology museum education curator.

The presentation will also include a display of wolf pelts, skulls, replicas of scat, maps of wolf

territories, information about wolf sanctuaries, and a free educational handout, Guida said.

Bain is a former wolf exhibit volunteer host at the El Paso Zoo. In 2007, she was given the Initiative Award by the El Paso Zoo which honors the volunteer who has demonstrated exemplary efforts in furthering the goals of the El Paso Zoo program.

Bain belongs to and supports many wolf organizations and has attended a number of wolf seminars. She actively exhibits and speaks

about wolves throughout El Paso including at Hueco Tanks State Park, Chihuahuan Desert Fiesta at Franklin Mountain State Park, Poppy Fest, El Paso Zoo, TechH2O and at schools, scout troops and other locations.

Bain said that she especially encourages children to help endangered species by working with

animals through zoos, veterinary hospitals, game, fish and wildlife programs and other groups. She added that her interest is in the reintroduction and survival of the misunderstood Mexican Wolf and the preservation of all wolves worldwide.

For more information about the wolf presentation call 915-755-4332, send email to guidamr@elpasotexas.gov, or visit the museum’s website at www.elpasotexas.gov/arch_museum/.



Dakota the Wolf – Photo courtesy of the Wild Spirit Wolf Sanctuary

Canutillo Independent School District Public Notice of Special Education Services

Canutillo Independent School district provides the following educational program/services to identified disabled children who reside within the District beginning on the third birthday through age twenty-one.

Instructional Programs including: 1) Early Childhood (beginning on the third birthday through age five), Resources (grades K-12) and Self-Contained (grades K-12); 2) Diagnostic Services; 3) Transportation Services; 4) Speech Therapy; 5) Counseling Services; 6) Adaptive Equipment Services; 7) Physical Therapy; 8) Occupational Therapy; 9) School Health Services; and 10) Homebound Services.

Services are provided to identified children with visual or auditory impairments 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 105-17, parents and adult students have the right to inspect educational records. District policy FL provides 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: Carey Chambers, Special Education Director, 7965 Artcraft Road, El Paso, Texas 79932, (915) 877-7449, or cchambers@canutillo-isd.org.

El Distrito Escolar de Canutillo Aviso Público de Servicios de Educación Especial

El Distrito Escolar Independiente de Canutillo provee los siguientes programas/servicios educacionales a niños que son identificados como desabilitados que viven dentro del distrito comenzando con el tercer cumpleaños hasta los 21 años.

Programas de instrucción: infancia temprana (comenzando con el tercer cumpleaños hasta la edad de cinco años), cuarto de recurso (K-12) y clases contenidad (K-12); 2) servicios diagnósticos; 3) servicios de transportación; 4) terepia de habla; 5) servicios de consejo; 6) servicios de equipaje adaptivo; 7) terapia fisica; 8) terapia ocupacional; 9) servicios de salud escolar; y 10) servicios de clases en el hogar.

Se provee servicios a niños identificados con discapasidades visuales y audivas que viven dentro del distrito desde nacimiento hasta la edad de 21 años.

Conforme al Acto de Derechos y Confidencia Educacionales de Familia de 1974 y Ley Pública 105-17, padres y alumnos adultos tienen el derechos de ver los archivos educativos. Poliza FL explican los derechos, la confidencialidad, y el proceso para quejarse.

Si usted desea mas información o sabe de un niño/niña desabilitado que vive en el distrito escolar de Canutillo que no esta recibiendo servicios educacionales, favor de comunicarse con: Carey Chambers, Directora de Educación Especial, 7965 Artcraft Road, El Paso, Texas 79932, teléfono: (915) 877-7449, o correo electrónico: cchambers@canutillo-isd.org.

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Public Notice Canutillo Independent School District 504 Child Find

Pursuant to Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, the District has a duty to identify, refer, evaluate and if eligible, provide a free, appropriate public education to disabled students. For additional information about the rights of parents of eligible children, or for answers to any questions you might have about identification, evaluation and placement into Section 504, please contact the District’s Section 504 Coordinator, Carey Chambers, 7965 Artcraft Road, El Paso, Texas 79932, (915) 877-7449, or cchambers@canutillo-isd.org.

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Bajo la Sección del Decreto de Rehabilitación de 1973, el Distrito Escolar esta obligado a identificar, referir, evaluar, y propocionar servicios educativos apropiados y gratuitos a los estudiantes incapacitados que califican bajo esta ley. Si usted desea mas información sobre los derechos de padres de niños incapacitados, o si tiene preguntas sobre la identificación, evaluación, y colocación de niños en el programa de Sección 504, favor de ponerse en contacto con la Coordinadora de 504 del Distrito Escolar Independiente de Canutillo, Carey Chambers, al 7965 Artcraft Road, El Paso, Texas 79932, (915) 877-7449, o cchambers@canutillo-isd.org.

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Canutillo NJROTC rated outstanding

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

CANUTILLO – The Navy JROTC program at Canutillo High School (CHS) received straight “Outstanding” marks – the highest given by the Department of the Navy – during its March inspection.

The Navy’s NJROTC Area 9 Manager that includes the El Paso region rated the Canutillo High School unit in six categories: School System Program Support, Program Administration, Academic Program, Reports and Records, Cadet Performance and Student Mentoring.

Canutillo rated “Outstanding” in all six categories with an overall grade of “Outstanding.”

Canutillo’s NJROTCH program has a membership of 130 students under the leadership of U.S. Navy

Ret. Lt. Cmdr. Roland Rosales and U.S. Marine Corps Ret. Gunnery Sgt. Daniel Maldonado.

“We have an outstanding group of young men and women who have made a commitment to the JROTC program at Canutillo,” Rosales said.

“Their dedication, desire to learn and willingness to share in the experience of the U.S. Armed Forces have made this unit one of the most successful in the region,” he added. “The ‘Outstanding’ marks the students and unit received are a reflection of that.”

The Canutillo NJROTC program recently participated in several leadership programs at Fort Bliss. The Color Guard also marched in the Towns of Anthony Independence Day Parade and led the groundbreaking celebration of the new Congressman Silvestre and Carolina Reyes School.

Pageant

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winners advancing to the national competition that will be held in Hawaii in August. There, the Miss Earth USA queen will be chosen to move on and compete with

candidates from other countries for the Miss Earth award. The international pageant will be held in September in Manila, Philippines.

“The 2013-14 Miss Earth Queen will reign as ambassador for various projects, such as consulting with the Sudanese Minister of Information for mass

tree planting projects to revitalize the African savannah and forests, which has a truly global impact,” stated Ida Poblano.

“Ultimately, their role will be to represent world beauty and symbolize global participation and awareness regarding the environment,” she added.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Village of Vinton, Texas

A PUBLIC HEARING WILL BE HELD AT 6:00 P.M. on Thursday, August 1, 2013 during the Planning & Zoning Commission Meeting at Vinton Village Hall, 436 E. Vinton Road, Vinton, Texas.

A SECOND PUBLIC HEARING WILL BE HELD AT 6:30 P.M. on Tuesday, August 6, 2013, during the Vinton City Council meeting at Vinton

Village Hall, 436 E. Vinton Road, Vinton, Texas.

Purpose of the public hearing is to allow any interested persons to appear and testify regarding the following proposed items:

1. A request to Re-Zone Tracts 11B and 18 of the Alejo Delgado Survey #175, Village of Vinton, El Paso, County Texas (also known as 7810 Doniphan) from R to C1.

Those who are unable to attend may submit their views in writing to

the Village Clerk at 436 E. Vinton Road, Vinton, Texas 79821.

Persons with disabilities that wish to attend this meeting should contact City Hall at (915) 886-5104 to arrange for assistance. Individuals who require auxiliary aids or services for this meeting should contact City Hal at least two days before the meeting so that appropriate arrangements can be made.

Jessica Garza
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El Paso sports scene is on the right track

By Steve Escajeda
Special to the Courier

El Paso is about to go through a sports renaissance over the next year the likes that it has never seen before.

Right now if you drive through the downtown area you'll see a bunch of tape and signs blocking off the area of ground that used to house City Hall and the Insights Museum.

And though all you see right now is a large lot of dirt being pushed around by bulldozers and other types of mean-looking vehicles, a big beautiful baseball stadium with blinding green grass will soon grace the skyline.

Nine months from now the El Paso "something-or-others" will open Triple-A action in the renowned Pacific Coast League.

This is a monumental move, which brings the city closer that it's ever been to any major professional sports league.

There's also all those businesses that will pop up around the new stadium.

But that's only baseball. There are other sports that are going through important transformations over the next few months.

Mike Price left the UTEP football program in much better shape than when he took it over. For those who say Price was terrible for putting out consistent 5-7 seasons, just remember that the three years before his arrival the Miners were a combined 6-30.

Anyway, a fresh new attitude in the form of new coach Sean Kugler has taken over the school.

Kugler has tons of NFL coaching experience and was an assistant on that legendary Boise State team that shocked Oklahoma and the college football world in the Fiesta Bowl in 2007.

I don't know if Kugler will bring any of that Boise State magic to the Sun City but he appears to have his first piece in place.

Jameil Showers, who spent the last two seasons at Texas A&M backing up current Miami Dolphins quarterback Ryan Tannehill and Heisman Trophy winner Johnny Manziel, will finally get the chance to show his stuff.

While he hasn't secured the starting spot yet at UTEP, it appears rather obvious that he comes with the kind of credentials that rarely make its way to the Sun Bowl. Well, rarely

wearing orange and blue any way.

The arrival of Showers has given UTEP's first season in the new-look Conference USA a much-needed boost.

I mean it's kind of difficult to get excited about watching teams like Louisiana Tech, North Texas, Charlotte, Florida Atlantic, Middle Tennessee State, Florida International, UT San Antonio and Old Dominion.

But there is something to be said for watching new teams. The new league members should provide the Miners with lesser competition – at least on paper.

The addition of a top quality quarterback could be just what the team needs to rally around.

One thing is for sure; if a team is a reflection of its coach – a Sean Kugler-coached team is going to fight until the bitter end.

Which will help put El Paso butts in the uncomfortable Sun Bowl seats.

Right around the month of November, the hardest seat in the city to get will be an orange one at the Don Haskins Center.

Tim Floyd is in the midst of putting together one of the best recruiting classes ever to be assembled at UTEP.

Of course the biggest coup of the recruiting season came when Floyd was able to convince McDonald's All-American Isaac Hamilton to bypass UCLA, UNLV and San Diego State and continue his career at UTEP.

Hamilton has been the talk of UTEP basketball over the last few months. But he isn't the only reason the Miners have been recognized nationally for its recruiting prowess.

Newcomers Vince Hunter, Jake Flaggett, Josh Brown and Andre Spight will join Julian Washburn, John Bohannon, Cedrick Lang, McKenzie Moore, Hooper Vint, C.J. Cooper and Matt Willms.

Though the Miners will only have one senior, the combination of experience and youth will be enough to propel the team near the top of the league standings.

But next year's 2014-15 team may be very easily one of the very best in the nation.

It's been a while since this kind of excitement has hit the El Paso area.

And it doesn't stop here. Don't forget that a huge multi-purpose sports/entertainment arena is next on the list.

NCAA Tournament games, here we come.

A sporting view By Mark Vasto

Anticipation in Pittsburgh

If you were born in Pittsburgh after the Bush Sr. administration, you have never seen the Pirates put together a winning season. But if you are old enough to remember Jimmy Carter, then you also might recall a monster of a baseball player known as "Pops" Stargell who led his "family" to the World Series in 1979.

The Pirates are winning this year, and it's a big story. But that 1979

team? That's a story I'd like to share with those of you who don't know it.

Building off the "Pops" theme, the Pirates were called "The Family," and as it was still the Disco era, the team adopted Sister Sledge's "We Are Family" as its anthem. The Family had a peculiar fashion sense. With outspoken ballplayers like David Parker, Mike Easler and Pops himself, naturally, it only made

sense that their clothing matched their personalities. On the field they wore the infamous "cakebox hats" that were talked about almost as much as the team.

Three Rivers Stadium, silent for the past seven years, came alive as Pops and Parker slugged home runs, the chants of "Family!" coming after every shot. Parker wore T-shirts that said things like "If you hear any noise, it's just me and the boys boppin.'" There was a lot of noise in 1979.

The Pirates only gained in popularity when they took on the Baltimore Orioles, coming from

behind to beat the bickering Jim Palmer and Earl Weaver-led team after being down 3-1. To add to the family drama, Pirates skipper Chuck Tanner's mother passed away after game five. In a season marked by strife – the death of Thurman Munson, the hostages in Iran, the "misery index" – watching the Pirates win was a joy for the whole country.

Unfortunately, those heady times ushered in the scandalous era of drug use in Major League Baseball, and the Pirates were implicated. In 1985, all sorts of Pirates admitted to using cocaine, and some players never really recovered from the grand jury testimony they gave.

For a brief time in the late '80s, the Pirates had the most promising team in the majors. With baseball geniuses like Sid Bream and Jim Leyland at the

reins and an outfield consisting of Barry Bonds, Andy Van Slyke and Bobby Bonilla, the Pirates looked like they were a dynasty in the making. Instead, along with the once-prominent Kansas City Royals, they had to shed players due to a lack of revenue sharing in the league. The Pirates once fielded a team for \$9 million... less than one player made on the Yankees or Dodgers.

Now a sharing mechanism exists, and the team has invested it wisely. As of the All-Star break, the Pirates have the best record in the major leagues, and their house, the beautiful PNC Park, is beginning to feel like a home finally fit for another generation of family.

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

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Super Crossword

- C[N] DOUBLE ACROSS**

1 Least distant

8 "Mr. Mom" co-star

16 Prefix with physics

20 Accept the opinion of

21 Was very meaningful

22 Word after New or golden

23 Compound in Turns

25 Part of FYI

26 "It's _!" ("See you then!")

27 Put a flaw in

28 Run-_ (pioneering rap trio)

29 Fats Domino's "Whole - Loving"

30 Departs in a ship

32 Man _ cloth

35 Wrinkle-free textile fiber

36 Previous to, in odes

37 What women film directors and producers break through

40 Satisfied sigh

42 _ the finish

43 Lilting tune

44 _ dixit

45 "Pony Time" singer

51 Gorilla researcher
- Fossey

53 Delhi money

54 "Buddy" star

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55 Greek consonants

57 "All in the Family" in-law Mike

61 Kill _ killed

62 Rumple

63 Former rival of Best Buy

65 Salt Lake City student

66 Robert Frost, e.g.

67 Requiring no prescription: Abbr.

68 Scientistologist _ Hubbard

69 Pooh-bah

70 School cutups

73 " _ Herr"

74 Sprint

75 Valorous

76 Revolting Turner

77 Bern's river

78 All wound up

79 "And quickly!"

81 Numismatist

84 1995-2007 NFL lineman Warren _

87 America's "Uncle"

89 Courtroom declaration

90 Sturdy tree

91 British newspaper puzzle

96 Sis's sib

99 Loose overcoat

100 Like Jack Sprat's
- diet

101 Rocked on the brink

104 Violinist Mischa or trumpeter Ziggy

105 Chairman of China

106 " _ for Innocent" (Grafton novel)

107 Not just stout

108 "Here we are _ olden days..."

109 Tendencies of a social group's behaviors and beliefs

114 Congregate

115 Using indirect references

116 City noted for miracle cures

117 Give lip

118 Sticky strips with poison

119 Tortilla treat

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1 Jewel box

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14 Univ. military program

15 Map no.

16 "Health Letter" publisher

17 Voyage of vanity?

18 Germans

19 Systematize

24 Give a ring

29 China's Chou En-_

31 Sore

32 28.35 grams

33 Criticism

34 Like a tribal emblem

35 Mockery

38 Security claims

39 Spain's El _

40 Busy as _

41 Prez Lincoln

45 Stoop low

46 Rush violently

47 Sustain

48 Barbarous

49 Actor Charlton

50 Karel Capek play

52 Env. alert

56 Hard: Prefix

58 Bon _ (playboy)

59 "Yea, verily"

60 2002 Lucy Liu sci-fi film

62 Sioux shoe

63 Dol. units

64 One of four archangels

66 Greek consonants
- 67 Above

71 Their bulbs produce lathers when crushed

72 Female WWII server

73 Colorful parrot

74 Unit of cards

77 " _ of robins..."

78 Brewed drink

80 Lobbying gp.

82 _ Lund Laszlo

83 Miner's find

84 Shrieks

85 Shrinking Asian lake

86 Africans of small stature

88 Rand _ (map maker)

92 Bronze-hued

93 Discover by digging, as a pig

94 Ear-related

95 Outcome

96 Starr or Lee

97 Lay dormant

98 Ukraine city

102 Doughnut's shape

103 Critic Roger

105 Meditate

106 TV Soprano player Robert

109 Half-_ latte

110 D.C.'s home

111 Put a tear in

112 "Hail, Cato!"

113 Kanga's joey

Answer Page 4

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

DEAR DR. DONOHUE: I work with a woman who claims she has emphysema. She smokes regularly and finds herself out of breath when coming up the stairs. She is 60. She says when she was 9, a local gas station near her home moved and, in the process, pulled up the gas tanks that provide gas to the pumps. The fumes from the move caused her emphysema. She doesn't know anyone else with the problem, and there are no class-action lawsuits I can find that cite gas fumes from moving gas tanks as causing emphysema. Will you clarify and talk about emphysema? – E.E.

Emphysema is destruction of the millions of air sacs that fill the lungs. It's through these sacs that oxygen reaches the blood. One of the chief signs of emphysema is shortness of breath when active, as in climbing stairs. Emphysema is one-half of chronic obstructive pulmonary disease, COPD. The other half is chronic bronchitis, an inflammation and narrowing of the breathing tubes, filled with pus. The inflamed tubes obstruct airflow into the lungs. The chief sign of chronic bronchitis is a never-ending cough.

Smoking is the greatest cause of COPD, emphysema and chronic bronchitis, but not the only cause. In past days, workers in mines inhaling the dust were subject to emphysema, as were people who worked in cotton mills. Those who made a living in grain-processing plants also were subject to COPD. Now stringent regulations protect these workers.

An inherited condition, called alpha-1 antitrypsin deficiency, also leads to emphysema. Alpha-1 antitrypsin tells cells that scrub the interior of air sacs to stop scrubbing when the air sacs are clean. Without its signal, scrubbing goes on, and the air sacs are destroyed.

I have never heard of emphysema arising in a situation like your fellow worker describes.

She must be happy explaining her condition the way she does. Let her be happy. It's her way of coping with the illness. She also must be smart enough to know that smoking is harming her greatly, regardless of her emphysema cause.

The booklet on COPD explains this common malady in clear terms. Readers can order a copy by writing: Dr. Donohue – No. 601W, 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. Allow four weeks for delivery.

DEAR DR. DONOHUE: What is the purpose of making all Coumadin users make a separate trip to a nurse for having their blood checked? It's an additional charge that I cannot afford. Is there any other drug I could use? I am 93. – R.J.

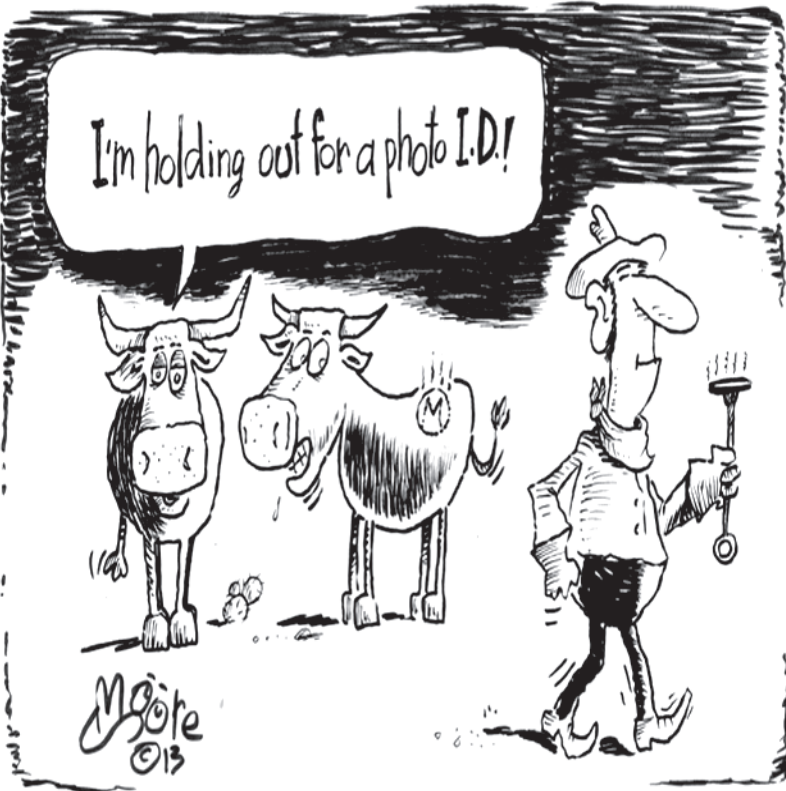
I imagine the procedure was instituted so the nurse can change your dose of Coumadin right away if the blood tests indicate that your blood is too thin or too thick. Coumadin is an anticoagulant that stops clots from forming; it really does thin blood. The medicine is prescribed when a person has a condition where clots form and might cause a stroke. Atrial fibrillation is such a condition.

You can ask your doctor if you're a candidate for the new anticoagulant Pradaxa. With it, you don't need to have the same blood checks.

Dr. Donohue regrets that he is unable to answer individual letters, but he will incorporate them in his column whenever possible. Readers may write him or request an order form of available health newsletters at P.O. Box 536475, Orlando, FL 32853-6475. (c) 2013 North America Synd., Inc. All Rights Reserved.

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Moore Texas by Roger Moore Branding with a hot iron was the way Texans identified their cattle for years...and it was always done on the LEFT side.



GO FIGURE! by Linda Thistle

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

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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ★★★

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★★★ HOO BOY!

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Social Security Q&A By Ray Vigil

Social Security can travel with you

Now, in the heart of summertime, is time to think about spending some fun time with family and friends. So it is fitting that July is both National Vacation Month and National Park and Recreation Month.

Going on vacation – whether to visit some of the nation’s great national and state parks or traveling to other fun destinations – doesn’t mean you need to disconnect completely. In fact, our new mobile website makes it easy for you to get the Social Security information you need when you’re on the go. As long as you have an Internet connection, you’re connected to Social Security.

You might not take your laptop with you to a national park, but you’ll probably have your phone. You may be wondering: *just how much Social Security business can I do on a smartphone?* You may be surprised.

We recently released *Social Security Mobile* to allow for a smoother and more enjoyable online experience for people who want to access www.socialsecurity.gov using a smartphone. Most people who want to access Social Security by smartphone are interested in getting the information they need quickly and efficiently. To accommodate this “grab it on the go” frame of

mind, we’ve designed a mobile site that is as easy on the eye as it is to navigate.

Social Security Mobile features 10 items of interest, easily accessible by touching the tiles on your smartphone’s screen. These items include popular topics from our standard website, such as frequently asked questions, Social Security card and number, and publications. For example, you can either read or listen to our entire library of publications on your smartphone. The quick summaries will make it easy to make sure you access the publication you want. As you relax beneath a tree, you may want to use the mobile site’s “decision tree” to help identify documents you need for a new or replacement Social Security card.

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STRANGE BUT TRUE

By Samantha Weaver

• It was President Abraham Lincoln who made the following sage observation: “The man who is incapable of making a mistake is incapable of anything.”

• Researchers at Harvard University once decided to test several varieties of Coca-Cola to determine their effectiveness, if any, as a spermicide. The results? Diet Coke was the most effective, while New Coke was the least. Upon hearing of the tests, a representative for the company issued the following statement: “We do not promote Coca-Cola for medical purposes. It is a soft drink.”

• The minnow has teeth, but they’re not in its mouth; they’re found in the throat.

• Ever wonder where we get the term “blurb” to indicate a shortsummaryorpromotional piece accompanying a creative work? At a trade association dinner in 1907, author Gelett Burgess presented attendees with a limited edition of one of his books. It was customary to have a brief summary included on the dust jacket of such books, along with a picture of an attractive woman. Burgess followed this custom – with a twist. On the cover of his piece was an image of a woman with her hand held to her mouth, as if shouting. The caption for this image was “Belinda Blurb, in the act of blurbing,” and bold letters at the top of the dust jacket declared, “Yes, this is a Blurb!” The name stuck.

• On an average day in the United States, there will be 10 reported UFO sightings.

• It seems that artist Leonardo da Vinci pioneered the paint-by-numbers style of art. He would sketch a piece, then number certain sections for his assistants to paint.

Thought for the Day: “People demand freedom of speech to make up for the freedom of thought which they avoid.”
– Soren Kierkegaard

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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: W equals T

B YTM'W UDIGGX GTCD OICBMP

PGTCDE TM KX OIMYE. WOIW'E

QOX B TMGX QDIU WODK

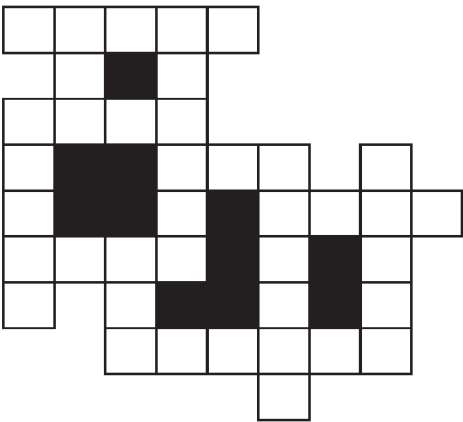
BMWDU-KBWWDM-GX.

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RUO
EMTRAJ
TYLSU
LIMF
FIYLER
JGI
♥TORI
DOJFR
♥ELI
♥TRANGE
♥RATLE
UAGE



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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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