



## NEWSBRIEFS

### Property rehab, deed conversion

The El Paso Collaborative for Community and Economic Development administers housing assistance programs for low-income homeowners of El Paso County (outside the limits of the City of El Paso). The Collaborative is opening the application period for Homeowner Rehabilitation Assistance and Contract for Deed Conversion with Rehabilitation. The application period will open Monday February 3, 2014 and will close on Tuesday, March 4, 2014. Application forms and a list of required documents are available on the website or may be picked up at our office: 10935 Ben Crenshaw, Suite 200, El Paso, Texas 79935 between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. (Closed between noon and 1:00 p.m.) When the application period ends, the Collaborative will review, rate and rank applications and will prioritize assistance to those most in need (based on household composition and property condition). Only fully complete applications that include all required supportive documents can be considered. Applicants must be income-eligible and meet other guidelines. Additional information is available on our website: [www.ep-collab.org](http://www.ep-collab.org).

— Joyce Davidoff

### Wanted

A man robs a central El Paso convenience store and is caught in the act by security cameras. Detectives from the El Paso Police Department are asking for the public's assistance in identifying this criminal through the Crime Stoppers "Crime of the Week." On the early morning of Saturday, Jan. 5, 2014, at about 5 a.m., a man walked into the Circle K store located at 1400 W. Yandell. The man went into the restrooms and then began to select various food items and placed them on the counter. The man then went and grabbed a 20-pack of Budlight beer and immediately threatened the clerk of having a weapon. The man walked out of the store with the beer and fled the scene. The man in this case is described as a Hispanic male, in his late 20s to his early 30s and the suspect may have a goatee or mustache and beard. He was last seen wearing a red baseball cap, grey hooded sweatshirt, blue jeans and dark shoes. Anyone with any information on this case is asked to call Crime Stoppers of El Paso immediately at 566-8477 (TIPS). Anyone having any information about the suspect involved in this case is asked to, contact Crime Stoppers of El Paso immediately at 566-8477(TIPS), on-line at [www.crimestoppersofelpaso.org](http://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

*The law gives a pedestrian right-of-way but makes no provision for flowers.*

— Quips & Quotes



— Photo by Alfredo Vasquez

**MAKING PROGRESS** – The Loop 375 and Interstate 10 interchange at Transmountain Road on the west side of the county, above, has been under construction for several months. The project is just one of many under the auspices of the El Paso Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO)/Transportation Policy Board, which is the regional planning and programming agency responsible for working with residents, neighborhood groups, local, state and federal agencies, along with transportation providers in El Paso county and southern Doña Ana and Otero counties in New Mexico.

## MPO plans for future transportation

By Alfredo Vasquez  
Special to the Courier

EL PASO COUNTY – For most El Paso County motorists, it seems that orange and white road construction barrels at work sites are encountered throughout every main thoroughfare in the county. Every main road, in every direction, has some kind of construction going on.

And the caution-warning barrels are not going away any time soon because another sixteen transportation projects were approved by county commissioners recently with the intent of trying to relieve congestion and improve traffic flow on this region's roadways.

The construction plans are designed to connect or expand major roads, freeways and interchanges throughout the county. The only thing commissioners need now is final approval from the El Paso Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO), which is comprised of transportation and elected officials from across the region, according to county officials.

Federal law requires that a MPO be

designated for each urban area with a population of 50,000 or more. The MPO is designed to provide a continuing, cooperative, and comprehensive transportation planning process that results in plans and programs that consider all transportation modes and supports metropolitan community development and social goals, according to El Paso MPO's website. These plans and programs address the need to develop and operate an integrated, intermodal transportation system that facilitates the efficient, economic movement of people and goods, states its website.

There are twenty-five MPOs in Texas. Each of the MPOs receives federal funding for transportation planning. Many also receive state and local funds, as well, in order to carry out their mandated planning activities.

All MPOs are required to produce a Metropolitan Transportation Plan, Transportation Improvement Program, and a Unified Planning Work Program. In areas where they do not meet national ambient air quality standards, those MPOs have to produce plans that obtain air quality conformity in a specified time period.

The projects recently approved by county commissioners are part of the larger El Paso County Comprehensive Mobility Plan (CMP). These projects total over \$400 million and include \$263 million in new construction with transportation improvements in the City of El Paso and \$125.5 million outside the El Paso city limits including the cities of Socorro, Horizon, Clint, and the unincorporated areas.

The county's latest projects are made possible by commissioners' decision in August to increase vehicle registration fees by \$10 and by a collaborative partnership among the county, Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT), and Camino Real Regional Mobility Authority (CRRMA).

The CMP plan, however, will be paid for from a combination of sources including state funds and revenues from the recently-formed Transportation Reinvestment Zone (TRZ), as well as vehicle registration fees. The comprehensive plan was developed in collaboration with TxDOT and CRRMA.

Among the planned projects are: building

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## Original maps, photos of US-Mexico boundary on display

By Alfredo Vasquez  
Special to the Courier

EL PASO COUNTY – Archaeologist Mark Howe will give a unique presentation that focuses on several topics including the US/Mexico boundary monuments in the El Paso area and original 1929 US Army Air Corps air photos of the Rio Grande from El Paso to the Gulf of Mexico.

The fascinating demonstration, titled *The International Boundary and Water Commission (IBWC) – Perspectives on Monuments, Maps and Archaeology*, will be held at 2 p.m., Saturday, Feb. 15, at the El Paso Museum of Archaeology (4301 Transmountain Road).

Howe said that in the presentation he will provide an analysis of the copper maps of the US / Mexico border from the 1850's that were recently discovered, and he will share information from last year's archeological excavation project near Old Fort Bliss which is located on the Rio Grande.

Howe is the cultural resource specialist



— Photo courtesy of the International Boundary and Water Commission

**OLD PAPER** – This hand-drawn copper survey map of El Paso and the border is from 1855.

and historian for the International Boundary and Water Commission (IBWC) based in the El Paso office. The IBWC traces its roots to the 1848 Treaty of Guadalupe Hidalgo and

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# San Elizario ISD continues to earn energy benefits

By Cynthia P. Marentes  
Special to the Courier

SAN ELIZARIO – Over six years ago the San Elizario Independent School District began looking for opportunities to become an energy efficient school district and has obtained incentives that total \$50,911 as a result of those efforts. San Elizario ISD earns those incentives by participating in the El Paso Electric (EPE) SCORE Program. The most recent check that the district received was for \$5,583 and was presented by representatives from the EPE SCORE Program on January 15.

The latest incentive payment collected by the San Elizario ISD was for the installation of new high efficiency lights and cooling systems at different campuses that reduced their energy demand. The high efficiency lighting and cooling systems will save more than 109,110 kilowatt-hours (KWh) of electricity per year. This amount is equal to the electricity used for 13 homes for one year in the El Paso Electric service territory, according to U.S. Environmental Protection Agency calculations.

George Luevano, San Elizario ISD Director for Support Services, and staff have led all the projects and performed the majority of the

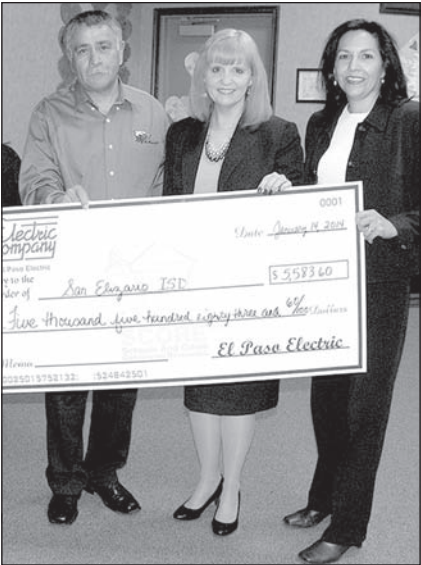
work that have netted the district over \$50,000 in incentives. Luevano credits the technical assistance provided by the EPE SCORE Program in selecting the appropriate equipment for the district's facilities. He has been pleased by the success of the program and finding new areas where the district can benefit by reducing its energy consumption even after many years of participating in the program.

"While these incentives help motivate us and maximize our savings, the total energy savings from the success of the program will be enjoyed for many years to come," Luevano said.

The El Paso Electric SCORE program provides technical and financial support at no cost to help school districts identify and implement energy efficiency projects. Araceli Perea, EPE Senior Program Coordinator, stated that the SCORE Program is an organized effort to bring needed energy efficiency to Texas.

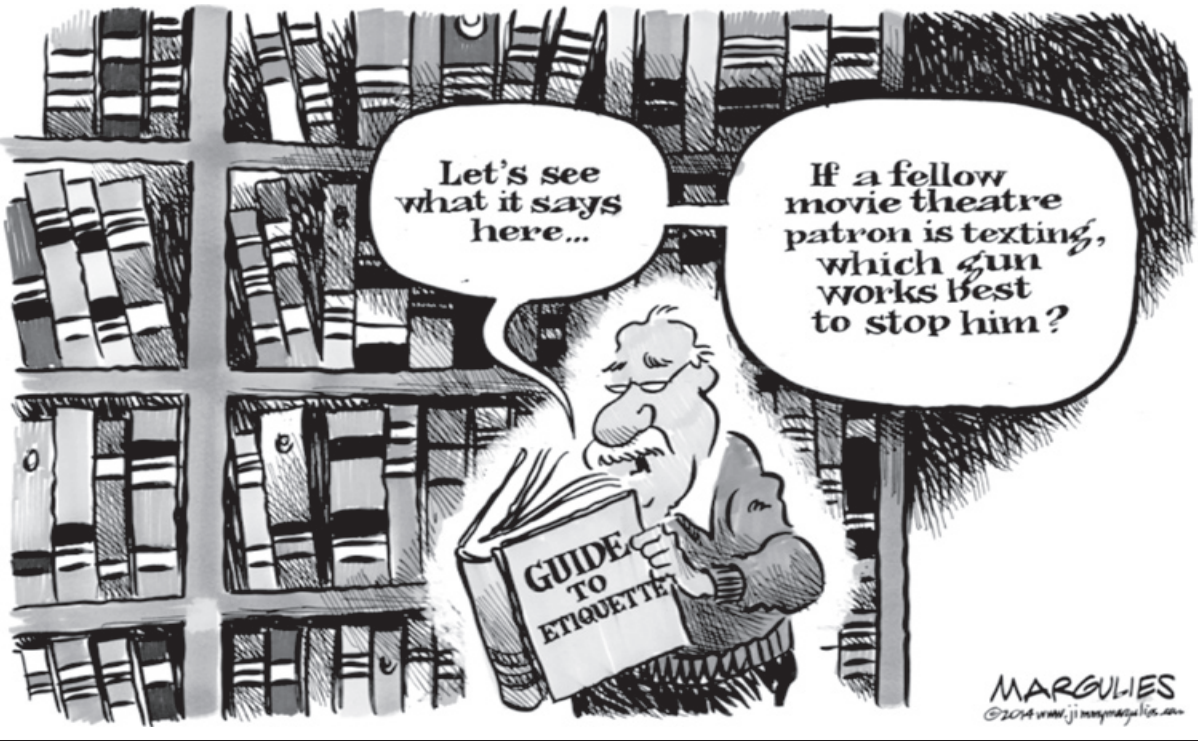
"We identified a real need for an energy efficiency program that specifically targets our educational facilities," Perea added.

San Elizario ISD joined the EPE SCORE Program in 2008 and has completed numerous energy efficiency projects that represent a grand total of \$84,883 and 848,838 kWh in annual energy savings.



– Photo courtesy San Elizario ISD

**SAVINGS – San Elizario ISD Board President Antonio Araujo accepts a big check representing the \$5,583 it earned in El Paso Electric's SCORE Program at the regular board meeting on January 15. From left are Antonio Araujo (SEISD), Susanne Stone (EPE), Araceli Perea (EPE).**



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Veterans Post

By Freddy Groves

Suicide rates up for young veterans

The January 2014 Suicide Data Update has been released by the Department of Veterans Affairs, and the news is not good. Suicides are up in two groups of veterans who utilized the VA health system: young males (ages 18-24) and women. The rate of female veterans’ suicides has climbed 31.2 percent for VA users.

Does that not pierce your heart?

The 2014 update took the 2012 report, which covered 2009 to 2011, and compared to the current figures.

There are pockets of positive news. Taken in an overall trend, the rate of suicide among male veterans aged 35-64 who utilize VA hospital programs has decreased by 30 percent, and is down 16 percent for all ages. (The overall rate among those who don’t use the VA for help has increased by 60 percent.)

One thing is clear based on the figures for all male veterans: Getting help at the VA does work.

If you’ve had thoughts of suicide, call this hotline number 1-800-273-8255 and press 1. Or send a text message to 38255. If you have access to a computer, go to [www.veteranscrisisline.net/](http://www.veteranscrisisline.net/) and you can chat online. You can read the warning signs, take a self quiz, check resources and more.

If you’re near a VA facility, go there. Tell them the truth about how you’re feeling. Ask to be tested for PTSD, if you haven’t been already. Tell them you’d like to try the Hope Box, the customized cell phone app (designed by the VA in Portland, Ore., and currently in clinical trials #NCT01982773 at [ClinicalTrials.gov](http://ClinicalTrials.gov))

Your best bet is to call that hotline phone number – right now. Don’t wait. They can help you. You CAN get better.

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Finances

By Jason Alderman

Rule changes tighten reverse mortgage eligibility

Reverse mortgages have become increasingly popular in recent years, as cash-strapped seniors seek ways to keep pace with rising expenses – not to mention cope with the pummeling their retirement savings took during the Great Recession.

But the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) noticed that borrowers increasingly have been opting to withdraw most or all of their home equity at closing, leaving little or nothing for future needs. Consequently, by mid-2012 nearly 10 percent of reverse mortgage holders were in default and at risk of foreclosure because they couldn’t pay their taxes and insurance.

That’s why Congress authorized HUD to tighten FHA reverse mortgage requirements in order to: encourage homeowners to tap their equity more slowly; better ensure that borrowers can afford their loan’s fees and other financial obligations; and strengthen the mortgage insurance fund from which loans are drawn.

Here are the key changes:

- Most reverse mortgage borrowers can now withdraw no more than 60 percent of their total loan during the first year. Previously, borrowers could tap the entire amount on day one – a recipe for future financial disaster for those with limited means.
- The first-year limit may be waived for certain homeowners whose “mandatory obligations” (e.g., upfront insurance premiums, loan origination fees, delinquent federal debt, etc.) exceed the 60 percent amount; but they’ll have to pay a higher upfront mortgage insurance premium – 2.5 percent of the home’s appraised value instead of the normal 0.5 percent. (Note: Credit card debt isn’t considered a mandatory obligation, so those with significant credit card debt may not be able to withdraw enough to pay off their debt.)
- Generally, borrowers can take the money either as a lump sum at closing (with a fixed-rate loan), or as an ongoing line of credit or monthly payments (adjustable rate loan). However, lump-sum payments are now subject to the 60 percent mandatory obligations test, so to withdraw more than that you’ll have to go the line-of-credit route, at least for the first year; after that, you can tap the remaining balance if you wish.
- Under previous rules, almost anyone with sizeable home equity could take out a reverse mortgage. Now, potential borrowers must undergo a detailed financial assessment to ensure they’ll be able to meet future tax and insurance obligations.
- Lenders are required to review the borrower’s credit history. They also must analyze all income from earnings, pensions, IRAs, 401(k) plans or Social Security, and weigh it against the borrower’s likely living expenses, including other outstanding debts. Those who come up short (i.e., are more likely to default) may be required to set aside money from their reverse mortgage to cover future obligations – thereby lowering the amount of equity they’d be able to tap.
- The new regulations also reduce the maximum amount of home equity that can be borrowed against – 10 to 15 percent less than before, on average. Generally, the older you are, the more equity you have and the lower the interest rate, the more you’ll be able to borrow. Note: The age component of this calculation is based on the youngest party listed on the loan.

Because reverse mortgages are so complicated, potential borrowers are required to consult an HUD-approved counselor before being allowed to apply. Do preliminary research at helpful sites sponsored by HUD ([www.hud.gov](http://www.hud.gov)), the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau ([www.cfpb.gov](http://www.cfpb.gov)) and AARP ([www.aarp.org](http://www.aarp.org)). Also check with an accountant, financial planner or lawyer specializing in elder law to make sure a reverse mortgage is right for you.

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*Jason Alderman directs Visa’s financial education programs.*

Clint Independent School District				
Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balance				
Governmental Funds				
For the Year Ended August 31, 2013				
Data Control Codes	10 General Fund	50 Debt Service Fund	Other Funds	Total Governmental Funds
REVENUES:				
5700 Total Local and Intermediate Sources	\$ 11,486,753	\$ 3,123,876	\$ 403,522	\$ 15,014,151
5800 State Program Revenues	70,606,233	8,260,707	488,496	79,355,436
5900 Federal Program Revenues	8,563,280	–	7,214,663	15,777,943
5020 Total Revenues	90,656,266	11,384,583	8,106,681	110,147,530
EXPENDITURES:				
Current:				
0011 Instruction	45,301,029	–	5,772,741	51,073,770
0012 Instructional Resources and Media Services	1,105,331	–	925	1,106,256
0013 Curriculum and Instructional Staff Development	1,008,216	–	638,552	1,646,768
0021 Instructional Leadership	1,919,435	–	858,361	2,777,796
0023 School Leadership	5,919,770	–	35,070	5,954,840
0031 Guidance, Counseling and Evaluation Services	1,814,034	–	575,306	2,389,340
0032 Social Work Services	193,114	–	–	193,114
0033 Health Services	831,276	–	–	831,276
0034 Student (Pupil) Transportation	2,963,267	–	–	2,963,267
0035 Food Services	7,708,146	–	137,785	7,845,931
0036 Extracurricular Activities	2,423,661	–	10,568	2,434,229
0041 General Administration	3,218,046	–	40,782	3,258,828
0051 Facilities Maintenance and Operations	9,837,434	–	578,473	10,415,907
0052 Security and Monitoring Services	2,108,318	–	–	2,108,318
0053 Data Processing Services	1,488,588	–	9,267	1,497,855
0061 Community Services	134,812	–	45,779	180,591
Debt Service:				
0071 Principal on Long Term Debt	–	4,487,161	–	4,487,161
0072 Interest on Long Term Debt	–	6,701,789	–	6,701,789
0073 Bond Issuance Cost and Fees	–	4,191	–	4,191
Capital Outlay:				
0081 Facilities Acquisition and Construction	850,649	–	317,513	1,168,162
Intergovernmental				
0099 Other Intergovernmental Charges	255,607	–	–	255,607
6030 Total Expenditures	89,080,733	11,193,141	9,021,122	109,294,996
1100 Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	1,575,533	191,442	(914,441)	852,534
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES):				
7915 Transfers In	44,022	–	121	44,143
8911 Transfers Out (Use)	(121)	–	(44,022)	(44,143)
7080 Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	43,901	–	(43,901)	–
1200 Net Change in Fund Balances	1,619,434	191,442	(958,342)	852,534
0100 Fund Balance — September 1 (Beginning)	25,846,342	398,253	3,952,671	30,197,266
3000 Fund Balance — August 31 (Ending)	\$ 27,465,776	\$ 589,695	\$ 2,994,329	\$ 31,049,800



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Canutillo Independent School District

Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balance

Governmental Funds

For the Year Ended June 30, 2013

Data Control Codes	10 General Fund	60 Capital Projects	60 Capital Projects	Other Funds	Total Governmental Funds
REVENUES:					
5700 Total Local and Intermediate Sources	\$ 19,234,418	\$ 13,108	\$ 53,364	\$ 4,073,573	\$ 23,374,463
5800 State Program Revenues	31,350,206	—	—	1,924,227	33,274,433
5900 Federal Program Revenues	4,463,591	—	—	5,273,790	9,737,381
5020 Total Revenues	55,048,215	13,108	53,364	11,271,590	66,386,277
EXPENDITURES:					
Current:					
0011 Instruction	27,884,400	—	—	3,410,211	31,294,611
0012 Instructional Resources and Media Services	649,761	—	—	194,800	844,561
0013 Curriculum and Instructional Staff Development	343,132	—	—	1,216,436	1,559,568
0021 Instructional Leadership	1,237,901	—	—	294,013	1,531,914
0023 School Leadership	3,002,337	—	—	13,867	3,016,204
0031 Guidance, Counseling and Evaluation Services	1,382,685	—	—	90,553	1,473,238
0032 Social Work Services	40,249	—	—	—	40,249
0033 Health Services	632,471	—	—	—	632,471
0034 Student (Pupil) Transportation	1,817,830	—	—	—	1,817,830
0035 Food Services	3,785,390	—	—	88,361	3,873,751
0036 Extracurricular Activities	1,283,384	—	—	11,561	1,294,945
0041 General Administration	2,869,490	—	—	11,238	2,880,728
0051 Facilities Maintenance and Operations	4,920,462	—	59,417	10,495	4,990,374
0052 Security and Monitoring Services	123,636	—	—	3,000	126,636
0053 Data Processing Services	1,281,363	—	—	—	1,281,363
0061 Community Services	62,758	—	—	427,707	490,465
Debt Service:					
0071 Principal on Long Term Debt	—	—	—	1,609,997	1,609,997
0072 Interest on Long Term Debt	—	—	—	4,451,965	4,451,965
0073 Bond Issuance Cost and Fees	—	—	—	174,534	174,534
Capital Outlay:					
0081 Facilities Acquisition and Construction	35,199	1,086,572	5,505,502	—	6,627,273
Intergovernmental:					
0099 Other Intergovernmental Charges	271,726	—	—	—	271,726
6030 Total Expenditures	51,624,174	1,086,572	5,564,919	12,008,738	70,284,403
1100 Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	3,424,041	(1,073,464)	(5,511,555)	(737,148)	(3,898,126)
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES):					
7911 Capital Related Debt Issued (Regular Bonds)	—	—	—	6,209,996	6,209,996
7916 Premium or Discount on Issuance of Bonds	—	—	—	1,000,991	1,000,991
8949 Other (Uses)	—	—	—	(7,044,724)	(7,044,724)
7080 Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	—	—	—	166,263	166,263
1200 Net Change in Fund Balances	3,424,041	(1,073,464)	5,511,555)	(570,885)	3,731,863)
0100 Fund Balance – July 1 (Beginning)	16,514,265	8,790,215	20,016,240	4,008,718	49,329,438
3000 Fund Balance – June 30 (Ending)	\$ 19,938,306	\$ 7,716,751	\$ 14,504,685	\$ 3,437,833	\$ 45,597,575

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Town Of Horizon City

PUBLIC HEARING

A PUBLIC HEARING will be held during a Regular Planning and Zoning Commission Meeting on Tuesday, February 18, 2014 at 6:00 p.m. in the City Council Chambers (Court/Police Dept. Bldg.), 15001 Darrington Rd., Horizon City, TX, 79928. The purpose of the public hearing is to allow any interested persons to appear and comment regarding the following:

An Ordinance amending Ordinance No. 0102 of the Town of Horizon City, Texas (Amendment No. 031); to amend Sections 103 (Permits and Approvals), 104 (Fees), 201 (General), 202 (General Definitions), 802 (Wall Standards) and 807 (Permitted Accessory Use); to revise the process for obtaining building and construction permits and create uniform provisions applicable to all permits issued under the Technical Codes; to add appropriate definitions and fee clarifications; to create an appeal process; to provide for gate openings in rock walls abutting alleys and guidelines for fencing and gates between front and rear yards; and providing for the following findings of fact; repealer; severability; proper notice and hearing; and effective date; the penalty being as provided in Section 810 of the Zoning Ordinance (No. 0102) of the Town of Horizon City, Texas, creating a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed \$2,000.

unable to attend may submit their views in writing to the City Clerk at 14999 Darrington Rd., Horizon City, TX 79928 or call 915-852-1046. Accommodations for handicapped persons will be available; and individuals in need of special assistance for attending the hearing are encouraged to contact the City Clerk at 915-852-1046, forty-eight (48) hours prior to the meeting.

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# MPO

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frontage lanes along Interstate 10 from Mesa Street to Executive Center, overpasses near the Spaghetti Bowl to connect I-10 to the Cesar Chavez Border Highway, and building two more overpasses to connect I-10 to Loop 375.

Other projects aimed at improving traffic mobility and connecting roads on the East Side include projects in Horizon City and Clint. Also, plans are to expand Eastlake and Rojas streets and link Interstate 10 to the Manuel Aguilera Highway by the new Tornillo international crossing.

Overall, it is expected that TxDOT and MPO will pay about \$258 million toward state road projects on Interstate 10 and Loop 375. The county is expected to contribute about \$120 million, Horizon City about \$5 million, and the City of Socorro about \$9 million.

Most of the county’s East Side projects will be funded by revenues from the TRZ and the increased vehicle registration fee that goes into effect this year. The new fee is projected to generate \$30.8 million over the next five years, county officials stated.

Under the county’s TRZ, taxes collected due to an increase in property values or the county tax rate in a designated area are used to pay off debt or fund road projects within the same area. The zone includes portions of the county and the cities of Horizon and Socorro.

List of transportation projects in the El Paso’s MPO planning area that had funds obligated in fiscal year 2013 for a total of \$69,401,923 includes: \$1,120,376 for bicycle and pedestrian projects in El Paso County; \$29,796,937 for non-grouped Highway projects in El Paso County; \$17,411,575 for Grouped Highway projects in the county including \$6,629,344 for Safe Routes to School projects; \$1,640,639 for highway projects in Southern Dona County NM; \$16,735,180 for El Paso’s Sun Metro; \$2,148,216 for job access reverse commute & new freedom programs; and \$549,000 for the city’s mass transit regional vanpool project.

Participating agencies in the local MPO’s transportation improvement program are: City of El Paso, County of El Paso, Town of Anthony TX, Town of Anthony NM, Village of Vinton, Town of Clint, Town of Horizon City, City of Socorro, City of Sunland Park NM, Dona Ana County NM, Otero County NM, New Mexico Department of Transportation District 1, New Mexico Department of Transportation District 2, and TxDOT El Paso District 24.

“This (collaboration) is the result of people coming together despite jurisdictional differences,” El Paso County Judge Veronica Escobar stated in a recent news report.

So, local motorists will have to contend with the orange and white road construction barrels that pervade El Paso county roads for at least a couple more years, as the county’s newest projects are expected to be out for bid by 2015 and construction scheduled to start soon afterwards.



– Photo by Alfredo Vasquez

**RAMPING UP – At the construction site above preparations are underway to build an overpass bridge from Schuster Street near the University of Texas at El Paso campus to Paisano Road that runs parallel to the Rio Grande. MPO’s goal is to accomplish regional planning and programming under one voice that provides the greatest benefit while at the same time reflecting the concerns of the community within the MPO area, according to its website.**

Anthony Independent School District				
Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balance				
Governmental Funds				
For the Year Ended August 31, 2013				
Data Control Codes	10 General Fund	60 Capital Projects	Other Funds	Total Governmental Funds
REVENUES:				
5700 Total Local and Intermediate Sources	\$ 1,739,322	\$ 18	\$ 219,749	\$ 1,959,089
5800 State Program Revenues	5,305,355	–	178,226	5,483,581
5900 Federal Program Revenues	770,025	–	933,066	1,703,091
5020 Total Revenues	7,814,702	18	1,331,041	9,145,761
EXPENDITURES:				
Current:				
0011 Instruction	3,605,918	–	473,993	4,079,911
0012 Instructional Resources and Media Services	186,557	–	16,306	202,863
0013 Curriculum and Instructional Staff Development	167,170	–	70,369	237,539
0021 Instructional Leadership	85,527	–	–	85,527
0023 School Leadership	450,022	–	2,237	452,259
0031 Guidance, Counseling and Evaluation Services	162,712	–	91,715	254,427
0033 Health Services	119,021	–	–	119,021
0034 Student (Pupil) Transportation	141,915	–	–	141,915
0035 Food Services	586,607	–	253,293	839,900
0036 Extracurricular Activities	391,433	–	9,119	400,552
0041 General Administration	508,129	–	–	508,129
0051 Facilities Maintenance and Operations	855,297	–	10,931	866,228
0052 Security and Monitoring Services	33,578	–	–	33,578
0053 Data Processing Services	175,529	–	–	175,529
0061 Community Services	12,598	–	40,930	53,528
Debt Service:				
0071 Principal on Long Term Debt	–	–	280,131	280,131
0072 Interest on Long Term Debt	–	–	268,456	268,456
0073 Bond Issuance Cost and Fees	–	80,323	–	80,323
Capital Outlay:				
0081 Facilities Acquisition and Construction	1,426,215	–	–	1,426,215
Intergovernmental:				
0093 Payments to Fiscal Agent/Member Districts of SSA	–	–	9,369	9,369
0099 Other Intergovernmental Charges	22,295	–	–	22,295
6030 Total Expenditures	8,930,523	80,323	1,526,849	10,537,695
1100 Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	(1,115,821)	(80,305)	(195,808)	(1,391,934)
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES):				
7911 Capital Related Debt Issued (Regular Bonds)	–	2,975,000	–	2,975,000
7915 Transfers In	49,749	–	21,500	71,249
7916 Premium or Discount on Issuance of Bonds	–	106,687	–	106,687
8911 Transfers Out (Use)	(71,249)	–	–	(71,249)
7080 Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	(21,500)	3,081,687	21,500	3,081,687
1200 Net Change in Fund Balances	(1,137,321)	3,001,382	(174,308)	1,689,753
0100 Fund Balance – September 1 (Beginning)	3,836,450	–	192,631	4,029,081
3000 Fund Balance – August 31 (Ending)	\$ 2,699,129	\$ 3,001,382	\$ 18,323	\$ 5,718,834



# The Super Bowl wild card will be the weather

By Steve Escajeda  
Special to the Courier

Well we’re finally here – we’re quickly approaching the saddest day of the year.

No, I don’t mean April 15, tax day. And I don’t mean Valentine’s Day for those of you without sweethearts. I’m not even talking about that dreaded birthday coming up.

I’m talking about the saddest day of the year for sports fans – the Super Bowl.

Not because of the game itself, but because it’s the final football game of the year.

After this it’s all over, the illegal hits, the long passes, the bad calls, the beautiful cheerleaders, the tough runs, the untimely turnovers, the animated coaches, the last-second comebacks, the unbelievable choke jobs, the helmet-to-helmet collisions, and the just-after-the-game-defensive-back-tirades-with-female-sideline-reporters-on-national-television.

Yes, all of it is going to end after this weekend.

But let’s not focus on the negative. Let’s focus on the positive – the game itself.

This year’s battle for the Vince Lombardi Trophy pits the Denver Broncos and the Seattle Seahawks.

It’s a classic matchup of the high-scoring exciting Broncos and the tough defensive-minded nasty Seahawks.

But the biggest stat going into the game will have nothing to do with how many yards or touchdowns Denver has put up or how many sacks and turnovers Seattle has forced.

In fact, the most important stat of the game hasn’t even been recorded yet. It has to do with the weather.

By now everyone has heard that the game, which is almost always played in either a warm weather city or at least in a stadium with a dome over it, will be played outdoors in New York. Well, in New Jersey if you want to get technical.

Anyway, the NFL bosses, in their infinite wisdom, decided to play the game in the Northeast part of the country... outdoors... in the middle of winter.

Now I don’t claim to be any smarter than those guys but even my young daughter could have seen the possible pitfalls of this

decision.

As we all saw, that part of the country was under a foot of snow last week and there’s a good possibility Old Man Winter may not be a football fan.

If the weather is bad it could especially affect the play of Denver quarterback Peyton Manning and his ability the throw the football. If it’s cold, snowy and windy, the Broncos will be at a distinct disadvantage.

However, if the clouds break and the weather is a balmy 40 degrees (pretty hot for that part of the country) with no wind, then the Seahawks could be looking at the backs of Broncos receivers all game long.

The battle of quarterbacks is especially intriguing. You have the future Hall of Fame veteran Manning against the young but elusive upstart Russell Wilson.

The biggest difference in the two for this game is that the Broncos must have Manning throw for 300+ yards and at least three touchdowns for them to win.

Wilson does not have to have a big game for Seattle to win. If Wilson throws for 190 yards and a touchdown and doesn’t turn the

ball over, then the Seahawks’ defense can do the rest.

That fact alone, tossed in with terrible weather, gives the Seahawks the advantage.

If all those things come together, Seattle should be holding up the trophy at the end of the game.

But let’s say the weather really isn’t that bad and Peyton is able to sit back in the pocket and find his receivers one by one and move the ball down the field like he always does. Then Denver will be almost impossible to beat.

It simply comes down to this; good weather is good for the Broncos. Bad weather is good for the Seahawks.

There is one more thing however. It’s no secret that most quarterbacks lose their first chance to win a Super Bowl.

Not only is this Wilson’s first Super Bowl, it’s only his second year in professional football.

Will the moment be too big for him? Will an untimely mistake cost his team the game?

I believe that will be case and it will be the reason that Denver comes away with a 27-17 win.

But if the weather...

## A sporting view By Mark Vasto

### You’re blowing it, son!

In 1963, Angelo Dundee helped put the Seattle Seahawks in the Super Bowl.

That year in London, a young Cassius Clay plays the clown before a sellout crowd. It is to be his tune-up fight before going on to fight the heavyweight champion of the world, Sonny Liston. He has predicted a knockout in five rounds. Henry Cooper, the British champion, has other ideas, and clobbers Clay with a left. Clay crumbles to the floor. He is saved by the bell, but it is

apparent to all that his bell is still clearly rung. Dundee decides to make some moves – most of them illegal (further proof of why it is so important to have a good guy in your corner).

Dundee leaves the corner, traverses to the other side of the ring and physically helps the staggering, stuttering Clay back to his corner (illegal). Dundee administers smelling salts (illegal) and then stalls for time, claiming Clay ripped his glove open. To emphasize the

nature of the problem, Dundee tugs at it and buys his fighter enough time to have his glove repaired and add a few seconds of rest and recovery. Clay – no longer the clown – proceeds to rip and tear Cooper’s face apart until the fight is stopped.

If Clay doesn’t win that fight, it’s doubtful he gets a shot at Liston – then considered one of the greatest heavyweights of all-time even though his resume is a bit skimpy. But Clay does get the shot, he beats Liston and in the scene every sports fan knows, he jumps on a turnbuckle and declares himself “the greatest of all times!”

“I’m pretty!” he barks at the stunned TV announcer in a post-fight

interview. “I’m a baaaaad man!”

Here’s the context: for wrong or for right, that post-fight interview shook up the world in ways that went much further than beating Sonny Liston. Politeness in sports went out the window, and the loud, brash, smack-talking athlete was born. And more than anyone, his outburst, his braggadocio, affected the black athlete... and during a time of famous civil-rights unrest.

Fast-forward another half-century. The San Francisco 49ers are driving down the field and are about to beat the Seahawks. Quarterback Colin Kaepernick throws to the wrong side of Michael Crabtree, well-defended by cornerback Richard Sherman, who tips the ball into the hands of another defender, effectively winning the game. Postgame, he barks into Erin Andrews’ microphone that he is “the best in the game.”

“Ali,” was the first thing that

came to my mind. Put on a show, sure. And the bowtie at the press conference? How black Muslim of Mr. Sherman. The backlash? Like Ali’s, predictably racial and ridiculous. Sherman, not knowing when to quit the pre-fight hype, became a legitimate “villain” to Peyton Manning’s white hat.

And that’s when my thoughts turned back to Ali and Dundee.

Dundee always scoffed at the racial overtones in Ali’s taunts. He insisted that Ali respected every fighter he faced. Ali himself admitted that Cooper had hit him harder than anyone in his life. Sherman missed that lesson, and like Dundee warned his second-best fighter, Sugar Ray Leonard, after the 14th round of his fight with Tommy Hearns: “[You came all this way and] you’re blowing it, son.”

Mark Vasto is a veteran sportswriter who lives in Kansas City. (c) 2014 King Features Synd., Inc.

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### Display

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ground landmarks the new United States - Mexico boundary.

For more information contact Marilyn Guida, the museum’s education curator, at (915) 755-4332 or send email to guidamr@elpasotexas.gov.

– Photo courtesy of the International Boundary and Water Commission

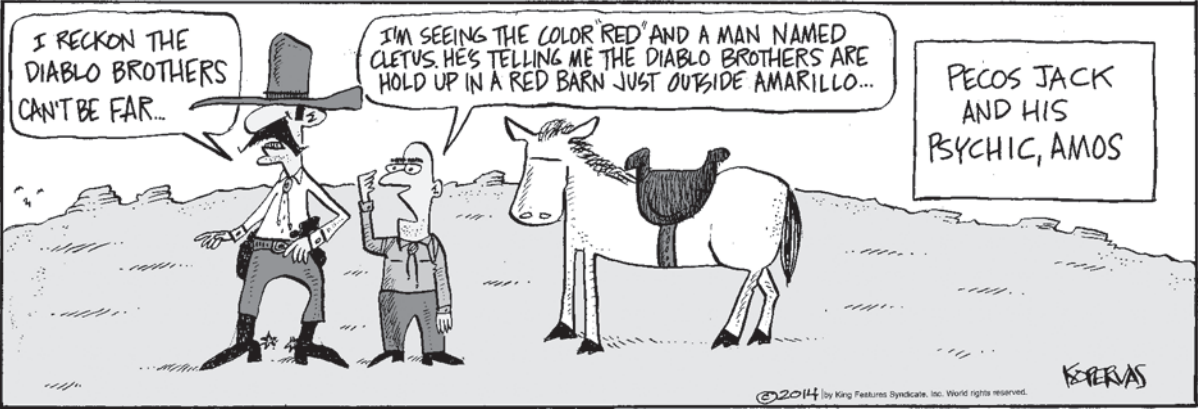
**TINY FIND – A ceramic cup was found protruding from the ground during a 2013 excavation project at Old Fort Bliss, which sits on the edge of the Rio Grande near downtown El Paso.**



Comix

OUT ON A LIMB

By Gary Kopervas



AMBER WAVES

By Dave T. Phipps



THE SPATS

By Jeff Pickering



R.F.D.

By Mike Marland



Your good health

By Paul G. Donahue, M.D.

*DEAR DR. DONOHUE:* What’s all this about dust mites? Do they carry disease? How do we kill them? A baseball bat? – R.H. and

*DEAR DR. DONOHUE:* About dust mites – I am getting nowhere with them because they are practically invisible. They crawl in and out of my mouth and on my face when I am in bed. I have suffered too long with them. – P.B.

symptoms, visit an allergist for desensitization therapy.

*DEAR DR. DONOHUE:* I read that more heart attacks occur in winter than in summer. Why? If you dress warmly, does that protect you? – N.C.

Cold weather is a stress on the body and the heart. The heart has to work harder to keep the body warm by pumping more blood than it ordinarily does. That extra effort is too much for hearts not in the best of shape. Dressing warmly lessens the risk.

Dust mites are hardly visible; they’re smaller than the period at the end of this sentence. They don’t transmit diseases, but they can create trouble for those who are allergic to them or their waste material. The mite skeleton and waste products can provoke asthma, skin itching, eye itching, sneezing and dripping nose. Most people, however, live in blissful ignorance of the mites. They have no symptoms.

Dust mites don’t bite. They feed on dead skin cells, mostly cells that have fallen off the body. They don’t enter the mouth. You really can’t tell they’re around. They like living in bedrooms – in mattresses and bedding, including blankets – upholstered furniture and carpets. They can take up life in stuffed animals. Allow only washable stuffed toys into a bedroom. They prefer a warm, humid environment, a preference that can be used to evict them.

Keep the bedroom cool and dry with a dehumidifier, an air conditioner or both. The humidity should be less than 50 percent. Mites dehydrate at that humidity. Wash all bedding weekly. Vacuum mattresses and pillows. Encase them in coverings specially made from cotton, polyester or plastic.

Mites don’t disappear overnight. The battle against them has to go on for months and months. A victory isn’t total elimination, but a reduction in their population.

If after all these measures a person still suffers allergic

*DEAR DR. DONOHUE:* Both my sister and I take Synthroid. My doctor insists that I take it first thing in the morning, before I have had anything to eat. He also has told me not to eat for 30 to 60 minutes after taking the tablet. My sister didn’t get any similar instructions. She takes hers at noon with lunch. Who’s right? – L.C.

It’s best to take Synthroid, the most-often-prescribed thyroid hormone preparation, on an empty stomach and to wait at least 30 minutes before taking any food. I have to assume that your sister’s doctor is checking her thyroid hormone levels from time to time. If they’re OK, she’s OK and her medicine-taking is OK. If she has to increase her dose of the medicine because of low blood levels, then she should adopt your method of taking Synthroid.

*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) 2014 North America Synd., Inc. All Rights Reserved.*

Super Crossword

- OOH, BABY!  
ACROSS

1 Singer Bette

7 Old name for the Congo

12 Miles \_ gallon

15 Spill the secret

19 Room recess

20 Dressed for Halloween

22 "The \_ of the Ancient Mariner"

23 Acquired a forbidden thing?

25 French clergyman

26 S&L part

27 Peddle

28 Waterways

30 Send in, as a check

34 Bolt out of a seating tier?

36 City in SW California

41 Gillette razor brand

43 Joel or Ethan of film

44 Silly \_ goose

45 Knockoff merchandise items?

49 Three-screen cinema

51 Hypnotized states

52 "ER" actor La Salle

53 Russia's Alexis I, e.g.

54 Body of a cell

55 Actor Hunter

58 Chopin challenge

60 Port in Norway
- 64 Stopper

67 Refrigerated nut that can chip a tooth?

71 Rightful

73 "Tutti \_"

75 The "E" of S.E. Hinton

76 Wedded

77 Smash hit that's not performed outside?

80 Grammy winner India\_

82 Ukraine's capital

83 Remove a curse from

84 Streets: Abbr.

86 Trim down

89 Gorbachev's empire

92 American mail org.

94 Secretary of State Clinton

97 Start spasming, as a muscle

100 Say "It's so foolish to play cards?"

103 Trouble

104 Lincoln and Beame

106 Fly like a vulture

107 Like a firstborn child

108 Wading bird barbecued on a rotating rod?

112 Last Greek vowel

114 Audible breather

115 Start of a magician's cry

117 Sign of the future

123 \_ time flat
- 124 "Vacation on this marshy inlet on credit"?

129 Former Navajo foes

130 Italian range

131 Propelling a boat manually

132 Blister, e.g.

133 "Weekend Edition" airtel

134 Rub it in

135 Fuses

DOWN

1 Charts (out)

2 Skater Kulik

3 Ovid's 705

4 Norse trickster god

5 Parallel (with)

6 Merlot, say

7 Nada

8 Pantry crawler

9 Freud's "I"

10 Richard and Jane in court

11 Actor Will

12 Part of PBS

13 Subgenre of punk rock

14 Arranges differently

15 "Great job!"

16 Progressive

17 "The Devil's Dictionary" author

18 "None of your \_!"

21 Verbalize

24 Put to work

29 Ancient Aegean land
- 31 \_ Zedong

32 "\_ be nice if..."

33 Loyal

35 Certain finished lowercase letter

36 CPR givers, sometimes

37 Prefix with 90-Down

38 Cattle rush

39 Like most music

40 Site: Abbr.

42 Having lots of land

46 U leaders?

47 10% giver

48 Filth and misery

50 Big-leaguers

56 Follow, as an impulse

57 Bungle

59 "The Mystery of Edwin \_"

61 Sneaker securer

62 Deighton of fiction writing

63 Pile up debt

65 Sci-fi saucer

66 Cur's noise

68 "This way"

69 Stars and Bars org.

70 \_ Lingus

71 Browne who created Hägar

72 Quadri- minus three

74 One taking something forcibly

78 Egg, to Ovid

79 Old Montreal ball club
- 81 Stranded on land in the sea

85 "\_ nuff!"

87 Riles

88 Hit PC game

90 "The final frontier"

91 Like outlying districts

93 "Scram!"

95 "Amen, bro!"

96 "Bad" cholesterol, briefly

97 \_ Clay (Muhammad Ali, once)

98 Lambaste

99 One who straightens

101 Grier of film

102 Refined find

105 Assassin

109 Just one of – things

110 Black, to Poe

111 Twisted forcibly

113 A student's pride: Abbr.

116 Blue dye

118 Ardor

119 Hindu dress

120 On the job

121 Actor Wilder

122 Physicists' work units

125 Smartphone extra

126 "Bed-in" stager

Yoko

127 "Aren't \_ pair?"

128 Seattle hrs.

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SAN ELIZARIO INDEPENDENT  
SCHOOL DISTRICT

Notice of Public Hearing

Texas Academic Performance Report  
(T.A.P.R.) 2012 - 2013

Date: Wednesday, February 12, 2014  
Time: 4:00 – 5:00 p.m.  
Location: San Elizario I.S.D.  
Central Office Board Room  
1050 Chicken Ranch Road  
San Elizario, Texas 79849  
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Lugar: Sala de juntas de  
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WTCC: 01/30/14

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: S equals T

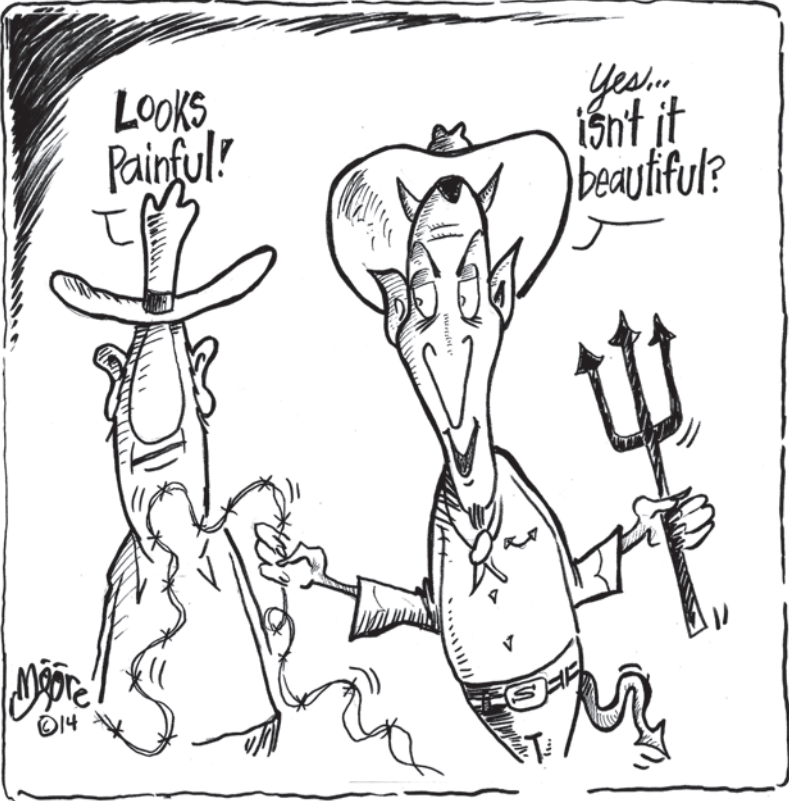
PLWU XRT CBVW B IZRCOHW  
POSL UR OUSWUSORU SR VWWI  
OS, O PRTEK HBX SLBS'H B  
LXIRJZOSOJBE RBSL.

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MOORE+TEXAS

by Roger Todd Moore  
EARLY ON , BARBED WIRE WAS CALLED “ Devil’s Rope”



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.

	+		×		20
×		-		+	
	÷		+		5
+		×		÷	
	-		×		18
15		10		1	

DIFFICULTY: ★★★

★ Moderate ★★ Difficult  
★★★ GO FIGURE!

1 2 4 5 6 7 7 8 9

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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

	4		6				9	
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		2			7	1		4
8				2				6
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2			3				4	
	9			1	6	2		
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Place a number in the empty boxes in such a way that each row across, each column down and each small 9-box square contains all of the numbers from one to nine.

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ★★★

★ Moderate ★★ Challenging

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★★★ HOO BOY!

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STRANGE  
BUT TRUE

By Samantha Weaver

- It was famed cultural anthropologist Margaret Mead who made the following sage observation: “One of the oldest human needs is having someone to wonder where you are when you don’t come home at night.”
- If you’re like the average American, you will eat about 150 bananas this year – 26 pounds’ worth.

• Up until the 1500s, the accepted way of dealing with a patient who was hemorrhaging was to cauterize the wound, often with boiling oil or red-hot irons. It was in the latter part of the 16th century that a French surgeon named Ambroise Pare began tying off the broken blood vessels with cord. That’s pretty much what surgeons do today.

• It’s been estimated that a million pigeons live in New York City.

• When pop star Christina Aguilera is on tour, she insists on having a police escort. She hates to be stuck in traffic.

• Next time you’re heading to Illinois, you can stop off in Metropolis and visit the self-declared birthplace of Superman. In honor of their hometown superhero, the citizens erected a 15-foot bronze statue of him on Main Street.

• It was Abraham Lincoln who signed into law the legislation that created the Secret Service. That very night, he was assassinated.

• Those who study such things say that on the 13th of every month, triskaidekaphobia causes a loss of \$83 million to American business due to absenteeism from work and other disruptions.

• In the United States, more babies are born on Oct. 5 than on any other day of the year. If you do the math, you’ll find that New Year’s Eve is 9 months and 5 days before that.

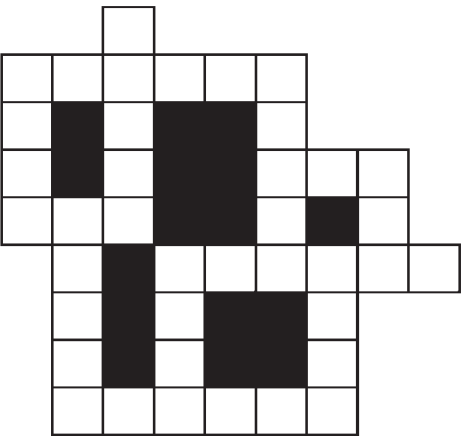
Thought for the Day: “Show me a hero, and I will write you a tragedy.”

– F. Scott Fitzgerald

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♥ BLARDI  
♥ DAMIE  
♥ ES DU  
MARATU  
UMB  
♥ ASML  
DUPEP  
♥ BDI  
UMPEST  
♥ RHOCE  
MOBT



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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.