

NEWSBRIEFS

Fish fry

The Eastlake Lions Club in Horizon City is having a Fish Fry on Saturday August 29 from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the Oz Glaze Senior Center, 13969 Veny Webb in Horizon. For only \$7.00 a plate you will get 2 pieces of fish, French fries, cole slaw and either coffee, tea or lemonade to drink. Come support the Eastlake Lions and their community projects. Information: 852-0062.

— Judi Verslype

Hunting, fishing licenses

Sportsmen gearing up for the upcoming fall hunting seasons are reminded to renew their licenses for 2015-16 are now available. The current year Texas hunting and fishing licenses (except year-to-date fishing licenses) will expire Aug. 31. Every year, the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department issues about 2.5 million hunting and fishing licenses through the agency's 28 field offices, more than 50 state parks and at over 1,700 retailers across the state. Licenses may also be purchased online through the TPWD website at www.tpwd.texas.gov/buy or by phone at 1-800-895-4248. Call center hours are Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Please note that here is a required \$5 administrative fee for each phone or online transaction but multiple items can be purchased during a single transaction occasion for the \$5 fee. The online transaction system is available 24/7. For online and phone orders, a physical license will be mailed within three business days. During that time period, a transaction receipt will be provided via email that will be sufficient proof of hunting license that can be used for dove hunting, though it will not be allowed for the take of fish or wildlife that require a tag. Hunting and fishing regulations for the new season can be found in the 2015-2016 Outdoor Annual, available in booklet form at license retailers and digitally online at www.outdoorannual.com. Hunters and anglers can also download the free 2015-2016 Outdoor Annual mobile app on their Apple or Android devices.

— Steve Lightfoot

Wanted

Two men managed to empty several

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Drive carefully – motorists can be recalled by their Maker.

— Quips & Quotes



— Photo courtesy Fabens ISD

TAKE THAT COVER OFF – FHS Principal Ruben Carrillo watched as Fabens High School students unveiled a banner proclaiming the school as a T-STEM Academy.

Fabens HS designated T-STEM Academy

By Dr. Lourdes Sanchez
Special to the Courier

FABENS – Texas Education Agency has designated Fabens High School (FHS) as a T-STEM Academy. T-STEM is short for the Texas Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math Challenge Scholarship Program. The program was established by House Bill 2910 and passed by the 82nd Legislature in 2011.

The designation will expose students to rigorous science, technology, engineering, and math curriculum. It is an excellent pathway to a future in employment opportunities to produce workers proficient in these fields in order to stay at the cutting edge of STEM throughout the 21st-century said Fabens High School Principal Ruben Carrillo.

This is an exciting time for Fabens Independent School District said Superintendent Poncho Garcia. "I am very excited that our district has been selected. This is another great opportunity for our students here at Fabens ISD."

The STEM program fosters an environment that teaches students the meaning of independent innovation and allows them to explore subjects at a greater depth. In addition, high school students at will be able to participate in internships and engage with educational and professional mentors to assist in their own personal growth and development in the STEM fields. Every student will have the ability to be problem solvers, self-reliant, inventors, and technology literate and local thinkers.

The first year of the T-STEM program is provisional. Upon successful completion of the first year, the program will be funded by a grant from the Texas Guaranteed Student Loan Corporation. The FHS Wildcat T-STEM Academy is prepared and excited to move forward with this great opportunity.

Dr. Lourdes Sanchez is the Director of Federal and Special Programs in Fabens ISD and wrote the grant application for the District's T-STEM program.

EPCC to host census data workshop

By Alfredo Vasquez
Special to the Courier

ELPASOCOUNTY—Community-based organizations, health and social services agencies, university staff and faculty, and anyone else who needs to understand and assess the changing demographics of West Texas and Southern New Mexico are invited to attend a special workshop presented by the Data Dissemination Branch of the U.S. Census Bureau.

The training workshop, titled Using Census Data for Grant writing & Community Analysis, will be held from 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m., Tuesday, September 15, at El Paso Community College's (EPCC) Rio Grande campus, 100 West Rio Grande Avenue.

The daylong session is designed to teach participants how to use census data effectively and efficiently for decision-making, planning, grant writing, and community assessment, according to Raul Gonzalez, regional services planner for Rio Grande Council of Governments' West Texas Economic Development District.

"The hands-on training will immerse participants in Census Bureau data, the most relied-on source for detailed, up-to-date socio-economic statistics covering every community in Texas and New Mexico," Gonzalez stated.

"In a computer lab setting, participants will navigate the U.S. Census Bureau

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Sun Metro to offer EPCC students new travel options

By Jim Heiney
Special to the Courier

EL PASO COUNTY – Sun Metro has a new express route to connect students and passengers with El Paso Community College (EPCC) campuses and several Transfer Centers throughout the City. Route 80/EPCC Express allows student to go from Transmountain campus to Valle Verde campus with one bus. Rio Grande campus connects to the EPCC Express at the Eastside Transfer Center using Route 70. Mission del Paso campus connects to the EPCC Express at the Mission Transfer Center using Route 84.

The new service, Route 80 EPCC Express starts on Monday, August, 24, 2015. It kicks-off with the re-activation of Route 70 University Express, which travels to the University of Texas at El Paso, to help connect students and passengers from around the community with local colleges.

Route 80 EPCC Express will provide express service from: El Paso Community College (EPCC) Transmountain campus; Northgate Transfer Center, 9347 Dyer; Eastside Transfer Center, 1165 Sunmount; EPCC Valle Verde campus; and Mission Valley Transfer Center, 9065 Alameda.

Route 70 University Express travels from the Eastside Transfer Center, 1165 Sunmount, to the University of Texas at El Paso (UTEP), and El Paso Community College (EPCC) Rio Grande campus.

Both routes will operate from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday during the fall and spring semesters. Route 70 will offer service every 30 minutes during peak hours (6-10 a.m. and 3-6 p.m.) and every hour during non-peak hours. Route 80 will offer service every hour during peak hours (6-10 a.m. and 2-6 p.m.) and every 2 hours during non-peak hours.

With a valid student ID, UTEP and EPCC students can take advantage of Sun Metro's reduced student fare (\$1 per one-way trip). Students looking to save even more money and be environmental conscious can purchase a weekly pass (\$7) or a monthly pass (\$30) that is good for an unlimited number of bus trips during the life of the pass.

Monthly passes may be purchased at the Eastside Transfer Center, Downtown Transfer Center, any of the city's public libraries or by mail. Weekly passes may be purchased on any Sun Metro fixed-route bus traveling within the city limits. Pre-paid passes can be used on any fixed-route bus, except County Route 83.

Finances

By Nathaniel Sillin

Getting your home ready to sell

As the economy improves, today’s sellers are facing a very different environment than they were before the housing market stumbled in 2006.

Today’s housing market features new procedures and standards, not the least of which are continuing borrowing hurdles for prospective buyers. If you are thinking about a home sale in the coming months, it pays to do a thorough overview of your personal finances and local real estate environment before you put up the “for sale” sign. Here are some general issues to consider:

Make sure you’re not underwater. You may want to buy a new home, but can you afford to sell? The term “underwater” refers to the amount of money a seller owes on a house in excess of final sales proceeds. If what you owe on the home – including all selling costs due at closing – exceeds the agreed-upon sale price, then you will have to pay the difference out of pocket. If you’re not in a situation where you absolutely have to sell now, you may want to wait until your financial circumstances and the real estate market improves.

Evaluate your finances. Before you sell, make sure you

are ready to buy or rent. Making sure all three of your credit reports (<https://www.annualcreditreport.com/index.action>) are accurate is an important part of that process.

Consider “for sale by owner” vs. “for sale by broker.” “For Sale by Owner” (FSBO) signs were a common sight in many neighborhoods during the housing crisis. Shrunk home values convinced many sellers to sell their property themselves rather than pay 5-6 percent of profit in broker commission. However, consider what a licensed real estate broker could accomplish in your specific situation. Many experienced brokers have market knowledge and negotiating skills that could potentially get a better price for your property. Deciding which route to take shouldn’t be an overnight decision. Check leading FSBO and broker sites and talk with knowledgeable friends, attorneys and real estate professionals to learn as much as you can.

Think twice before spending on improvements. Not every home construction project pays off at sale time. Remodeling magazine’s annual Cost vs. Value Report (<http://www.remodeling.hw.net/cost-vs-value/2015/>) tracks both pricing

and cost recovery for leading remodeling projects. Before fixing up a bathroom, kitchen or any other area of your home, research whether the work will actually pay for itself at sale. For many sellers, it might be advantageous to hire a licensed

home inspector to identify any structural, mechanical or major appliance repair issues that could delay or compromise a sale.

Don’t forget moving costs. According to the American Moving and Storage Association, a leading industry trade group, the average professional interstate move of

1,220 miles costs an average of \$5,630; in state, the average moving cost is \$1,170. After all the costs involved in selling a home, don’t forget how much it costs to relocate.

Bottom line: Selling your home requires planning. Before putting it on the market, get solid, qualified advice on how to sell smart in a still-recovering housing market.

Veterans Post

By Freddy Groves

Service-related hearing loss

Hearing loss is one of the most common disabilities for military personnel. It can come from all types of experiences and sources: aircraft engines, firearms, trucks, artillery and helicopters. Once the fragile nerve cells in the ear are damaged, you have hearing loss or tinnitus (ringing or buzzing in the ears). If you ever served in a combat zone, hearing loss can be even greater.

If you’ve had hearing loss that you’ve tried to ignore, don’t. It’s not going to get better on its own. If you’ve missed out on some of the words in conversations, or if you keep asking people to repeat what they’ve said, or even if the music you used to listen to doesn’t sound the same anymore, you likely have hearing loss.

Tinnitus Management program.

The first step is to call the VA audiology clinic to schedule a full audiology workup for service-related hearing loss or tinnitus. Even if you think you don’t have hearing loss, go anyway and get a baseline workup for future comparison.

Another option, if you can’t get a fast appointment at a VA facility, is to check your community. Often audiologists and hearing-aid providers will offer free hearing tests. Tell them you need both the “speech discrimination” and “puretone” tests. If you show any hearing loss, that’s your first document in submitting a claim to the VA.

If your hearing loss is determined to be service-related, a hearing aid will be provided free of charge, and batteries under certain circumstances.

In most cases, it can be fixed with hearing aids or implants. Depending on your rate of loss, getting your hearing back could open up a whole world. The Department of Veterans Affairs even has a Progressive

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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.

Aviso de Identificación de Estudiantes Incapacitados Bajo la Sección 504

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.

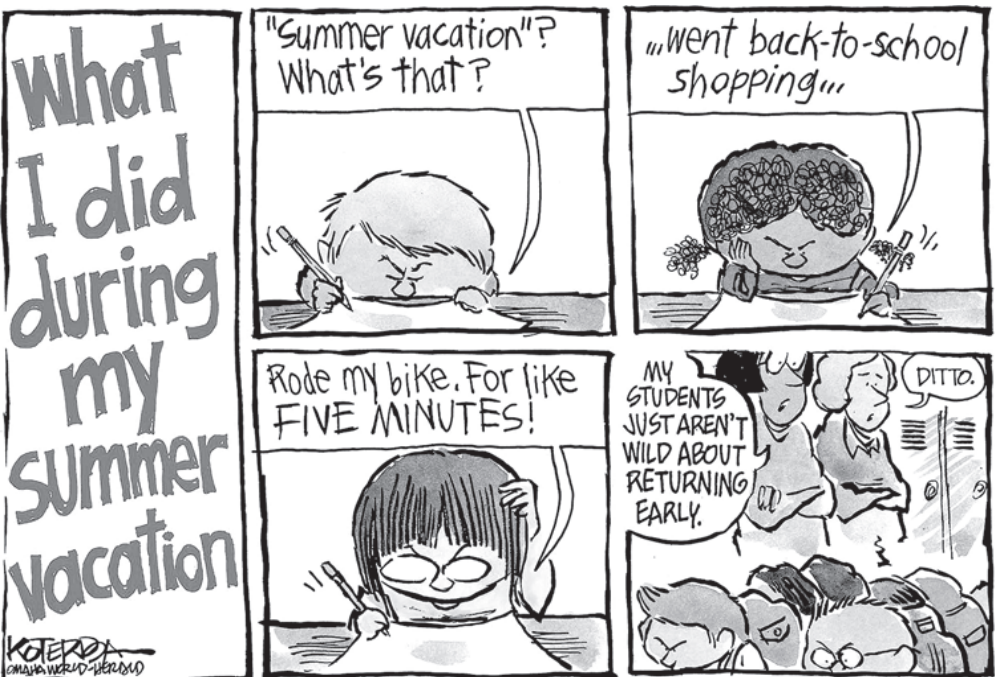
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Briefs

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cash registers at an east El Paso Wal-Mart. Detectives from the El Paso Police Department are asking for your help in identifying these thieves through the Crime Stoppers. On Sunday, July 26, 2015 the two men were standing by the checkouts at the Wal-Mart located at 7101 Gateway West. The two men managed to open several of the closed, unattended registers. They took money from the register’s cash drawers. One of the men would open the register, while the other covered him to hide what they were doing. The men opened a total of three registers and left without being noticed. Store video did capture the theft on video. The first suspect is as a black male in his mid 50s. He is 5’09” in height, has a medium to large build, and has a white beard and was wearing sunglasses and a dark colored “Joe Cool” tee-shirt. The second suspect is a black male in his late 20s. He also appears to be about 5’09” in height and has a medium build and appears thinner than the first suspect. Anyone with information on the identity of these thieves 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



Paseo del Este Municipal
Utility District No. 10
of El Paso County

Notice of Public Hearing on Tax Rate

The Paseo del Este Municipal Utility District No. 10 of El Paso County will hold a public hearing on a proposed tax rate for the tax year 2015 on Tuesday, September 1, 2015, at 12:00 p.m., at the offices of Severn Trent Environmental Services, 12350 Montwood Dr., Suite 100, El Paso, TX 79928. Your individual taxes may increase or decrease, depending on the change in taxable value of your property in relation to the change in the taxable value of all other property and the tax rate that is adopted.

FOR the proposal: **Greg Spence, B.D. Reynolds Jr. and Martin N. Lettunich**

AGAINST the proposal: **NONE**
PRESENT and not voting: **NONE**

ABSENT: **Luis Ortega and Antonio Gallardo**

The following table compares taxes on an average residence homestead in this taxing unit last year to taxes proposed on the average residence homestead this year.

	Last Year	This Year
	Adopted	Proposed
Total tax rate (per \$100 value)	0.750000/\$100	0.750000/\$100
Difference in rates per \$100 of value	\$ 0/\$100	
Percentage increase / decrease in rates (+/–)	0%	
Average appraised value	\$ 193,650	\$ 198,780
General exemptions available (excluding senior citizen’s or disabled person’s exemptions)	\$ 0	\$ 0
Average taxable value	\$ 193,650	\$ 198,780
Tax on average residence homestead	\$ 1,452.38	\$ 1,490.85
Annual increase / decrease in taxes if proposed tax rate is adopted (+/–)	+ \$ 38.47	
and percentage of increase (+/–)	+ 2.65%	

NOTICE OF TAXPAYERS’ RIGHT TO ROLLBACK ELECTION
If taxes on the average residence homestead increase by more than eight percent, the qualified voters of the district by petition may require that an election be held to determine whether to reduce the operation and maintenance tax rate to the rollback tax rate under Section 49.236(d), Water Code.

Haciendas del Norte
Water Improvement District

Notice of Public Hearing
on Tax Rate

The Haciendas Del Norte Water Improvement District will hold a public hearing on a proposed tax rate for the tax year 2015 on August 27, 2015 at 13931 Sagebrush Circle, El Paso, Texas 79938 at 6:30 pm. Your individual taxes may increase or decrease, depending on the change in the taxable value of your property in relation to the change in taxable value of all other property and the tax rate that is adopted.

FOR the proposal: **Joseph McCandless, Luis Terrazas, Robert Lucero, Daniel Diaz and Ed Brown**

AGAINST the proposal: **NONE**
PRESENT and not voting: **NONE**
ABSENT: **NONE**

The following table compares taxes on an average residence homestead in this taxing unit last year to taxes proposed on the average residence homestead this year.

	Last Year	This Year
	Adopted	Proposed
Total tax rate (per \$100 value)	0.228766/\$100	0.220128/\$100
Difference in rates per \$100 of value	(\$0.008638)	
Percentage increase / decrease in rates (+/–)	– 3.776%	
Average appraised value	\$ 195,961	\$ 195,405
General exemptions available (excluding senior citizen’s or disabled person’s exemptions)	\$ 0	\$ 0
Average taxable value	\$ 195,961	\$ 195,405
Tax on average residence homestead	\$ 448.30	\$ 430.15
Annual increase / decrease in taxes if proposed tax rate is adopted (+/–)	– \$ 18.15	
and percentage of increase (+/–)	– 4.05%	

NOTICE OF TAXPAYERS’ RIGHT TO ROLLBACK ELECTION
If taxes on the average residence homestead increase by more than eight percent, the quali fied voters of the district by petition may require that an election be held to determine whether to reduce the operation and maintenance tax rate to the rollback tax rate under Section 49.236(d), Water Code.

Clint Independent School District Public Notice

2015-2016 School Meal Policy

The Clint Independent School District and Clint High School, Clint ISD Early College Academy, Clint Junior High School, W.D. Surratt Elementary School, Horizon High School, Ricardo Estrada Junior High School, Horizon Middle School, C.T. Welch Elementary School, Desert Hills Elementary School, Frank Macias Elementary School, Mountain View High School, East Montana Middle School, Montana Vista Elementary School and Red Sands Elementary School announced today it will continue its policy to operate the Community Eligibility Program (CEP) under the National School Lunch Program and School Breakfast Program for the 2015-2016 school year. Schools qualifying to operate CEP serve breakfast and lunch to all children at no charge and eliminate the collection of meal applications for free, reduced-price, and paid student meals. This new approach reduces burdens for both families and school administrators and helps ensure that students receive nutritious meals.

For additional information please contact Julia Delgado, CNP Coordinator, CISD Child Nutrition Program, 14521 Horizon Boulevard, El Paso, TX 79928; 915-852-8578; julia.delgado@clint.net.

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Noticia Pública

Póliza de Comida del Año 2015-2016

El Distrito Escolar Independiente de Clint y las escuelas Clint High School, Clint ISD Early College Academy, Clint Junior High School, W. D. Surratt Elementary School, Horizon High School, Ricardo Estrada Junior High School, Horizon Middle School, C. T. Welch Elementary School, Desert Hills Elementary School, Frank Macias Elementary School, Mountain View High School, East Montana Middle School, Montana Vista Elementary School y Red Sands Elementary School ha anunciado hoy que continuará con su póliza de operar el Community Eligibility Program (CEP) bajo los programas de National School Lunch Program y School Breakfast Program en el año escolar 2015-2016. Las escuelas que califican para operar CEP ofrecen desayuno y comida a todos los niños sin costo alguno y elimina la colección de solicitudes para comida gratis, precio reducido, y pagado. Este nuevo enfoque reduce la carga para las familias y los administradores escolares y asegura que los estudiantes reciban comidas nutritivas.

Para información adicional por favor comunicarse con: Julia Delgado, CNP Coordinator, CISD Child Nutrition Program, 14521 Horizon Boulevard, El Paso, TX 79928; 915-852-8578; julia.delgado@clint.net.

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STRANGE BUT TRUE

By Samantha Weaver

- It was beloved Russian author Leo Tolstoy who made the following sage observation: "Nothing can make our life, or the lives of other people, more beautiful than perpetual kindness."
- If you see a group of flamingoes together in one place, it will be handy to know that the appropriate collective noun is "flamboyance."
- You might be surprised to learn that feta cheese has been around for 6,000 years.

• It may be the hottest part of summer in the Northern Hemisphere, and temperatures in the United Arab Emirates may be reaching the triple digits Fahrenheit, but that's no impediment to winter sports in Dubai, the UAE's most populous city. Residents and visitors can take a break from the heat at Ski Dubia, an indoor ski resort featuring a 290-foot mountain, sled and toboggan runs, climbing towers, an ice cave and even face-to-beak encounters with penguins.

• As the new school year kicks off in the United States, it might be interesting to renew a familiarity with a now-disused word: a "belter-werrits" is an annoying child.

• Many people know American counterculture figure Ken Kesey as the author of the 1962 novel "One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest," which presents a disturbing portrait of life in a mental institution. It's less well known, though, that Kesey got an inside view of the system when he worked as a janitor in a mental hospital before he became famous.

• If you're planning a sporting visit to Pennsylvania, be sure to note that dynamite-assisted fishing is illegal in that state.

Thought for the Day: "Courage is the price that life exacts for granting peace. The soul that knows it not, knows no release from little things."

— Amelia Earhart

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CryptoQuip Answer

Do you know why the actor actually broke his own arm? It seems he wanted to be in the cast.

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View from here

By Tony Hernandez and Tom Hannah

Home, safe, home

Some say the electric feeling of buying and moving into your own home never wears off. When you own the floors you’re standing on, the walls surrounding you and the roof over your head, you also own

Census

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website’s (census.gov) data tools, interactive maps and quick searches. This will increase the participants’ ability to find population numbers, make race/ethnicity comparisons and locate social/economic characteristics, such as educational attainment, income, occupation, and poverty for the communities they serve,” Gonzalez explained.

Individuals interested in attending the workshop should register prior to the day of the session. Computers will be provided and are limited to the first 25 registrants. To register contact Gonzalez by email at raulg@riocog.org.

For more information, persons may call (915) 533-0998 ext. 137. Individuals with special needs should call five (5) working days prior to the meeting date to request special accommodations.

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VILLAGE OF VINTON, TX

PUBLIC NOTICE

Request for Qualifications

The Village of Vinton is seeking proposals to provide the following services:

- 1) The Village of Vinton seeks the services of qualified planning consultants, urban designers, and multi-disciplinary firms or teams to conduct and assist in the development of a comprehensive master plan, together with a new Unified Development Code (UDC), including zoning, land use, subdivision, and other development-related ordinances. Statement of Qualifications are due September 2, 2015, 4:30 pm (Mountain Time Zone). Selection is expected by October 6, 2015.
- 2) The Village of Vinton is seeking an environmental engineering firm to provide services necessary to

prepare and submit a Voluntary Compliance application, plan site remediation and activities in accordance with the requirements of the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ). Statements of Qualifications are due September 2, 2015, 4:30 pm (Mountain Time Zone). Selection is expected by September 15, 2015.

The full RFQ can be obtained at Village Hall, 436 E. Vinton Road, Vinton, Texas 79821, on the website at <http://www.vintontx.gov/office2.com/> under the OPPORTUNITES page or via email to Jessica Garza, Village Administrator, jgarza@vintontx.us.

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Madeleine Praino
Mayor

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great satisfaction from the hard work that resulted in your home becoming yours.

Yet, just as it was hard work to achieve the American Dream of homeownership, being responsible for maintaining and, inevitably, repairing your own home can be just as much hard work. The United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Rural Development’s Home Repair Program is an affordable way to keep your home safe, accessible and energy efficient.

The program provides very-low income rural homeowners with a one percent-interest fixed-

rate loan of up to \$20,000 for essential things like leaky roof repairs, improving accessibility, or even upgrades to heating and cooling systems to make a home more energy efficient. Seniors age 62 and older, who cannot qualify for a loan, may be eligible for a grant of up to \$7,500, or a loan and grant combination to make needed repairs and improvements.

Last year alone 398 rural homeowners in Texas were able to make necessary improvements to their homes they did not realize they could afford. Some installed new smoke and carbon monoxide detectors or replaced old insulation. Some widened doors and added ramps. More importantly, these Texans

renewed the pride they felt the day they bought and moved into their own home.

One homeowner from Farmersville discovered she was able to afford the installation of a handicap ramp and railings with a 504 Home Repair Loan and Grant. Ms. Anne Hall suffers from post-polio syndrome and often experiences severe joint and muscle pains and weakness. In conversation with USDARural Development Area Specialist Amber Anderson during the final inspection of her newly installed handicap ramp, Ms. Hall mentioned the side effects of her illness made getting into a bathtub difficult. Amber knew she had a solution for this problem and shared information about an innovative bathtub with a side entry door. Just a few short months later, a second loan and

grant was approved and a new handicap bathtub was installed. USDA Rural Development employees in Texas make extra efforts to assist all eligible homeowners with their home repair needs.

Being a homeowner is hard work and a big responsibility, but you have a partner who wants you to succeed. USDA Rural Development wants to keep rural American homes safe, accessible and energy efficient. We also want to help homeowners preserve the pride in their homes. To learn more, visit www.rd.usda.gov/tx or call 254-742-9770.

Tony Hernandez is the Rural Housing Service Administrator and Tom Hannah is the Texas Acting State Director for the USDA.



PUBLIC MEETING NOTICE

FM 1110 (Clint Cutoff Road) Widening and Realignment

From Interstate 10 (I-10) to SH 20 (Alameda Avenue)

El Paso County, Texas

CSJ: 1281-02-007, etc.

The Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) – El Paso District will host a public meeting to present the alternatives under consideration for the proposed widening and realignment of FM 1110 (Clint Cutoff Road) from Interstate 10 (I-10) to SH 20 (Alameda Avenue), a total distance of approximately 2.4 miles in El Paso County, Texas.

Thursday, September 17, 2015

6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Clint High School Auxilliary Gym

13890 Alameda Avenue, Clint, Texas, 79836

The purpose of the proposed project is to improve system linkage and mobility by adding capacity and by providing a direct connection between Interstate 10 (I-10) and SH 20 (Alameda Avenue). The proposed transportation improvements to FM 1110 would help facilitate the safe and efficient movement of people and goods in the Lower Valley. The purpose of the meeting is to present four reasonable alternatives and a no-build alternative under consideration and to offer the public an opportunity to ask questions and provide input regarding the alternatives. The public will also have an opportunity to learn about and comment on the project need, purpose, and identified environmental constraints. Information will be presented in both English and Spanish.

The proposed project would be constructed in phases. The first phase would consist of the improvements between I-10 and FM 76 (North Loop Drive) and the second would consist of improvements from FM 76 to SH 20. The proposed roadway would consist of four travel lanes, two in each direction, a raised median to allow for turn lanes at intersections, bicycle lanes, and sidewalks. The proposed project would include improvements to the intersections at FM 76 and SH 20 and an overpass at the Union Pacific Railroad tracks. The proposed roadway right of way (ROW) width would be approximately 124 feet wide (136 feet wide at intersections). Additional ROW width may be needed at select locations to provide storm-water drainage. The proposed project could potentially result in relocations.

Written comments regarding this project may be emailed to **ELP_FM1110Project@txdot.gov**, or mailed to **TxDOT-El Paso District, Attn: Gus Sanchez, FM 1110, 13301 Gateway Boulevard West; El Paso, Texas 79928**. Comments must be hand-delivered or postmarked on or before **Monday, September 28, 2015**.

The public meeting will be held in open house format and the same material will be presented in English and Spanish. Spanish-speaking team members will be available at the open house to assist with translation needs. If you have any questions, require other communication needs or special accommodations please call Blanca Del Valle, TxDOT Public Information Officer, at 915-790-4200 at least two business days prior to a meeting to request assistance. TxDOT will make every reasonable effort to accommodate these needs.

The environmental review, consultation, and other actions required by applicable Federal environmental laws for this project are being, or have been, carried-out by TxDOT pursuant to 23 U.S. Code (U.S.C.) 327 and a Memorandum of Understanding dated December 16, 2014, and executed by FHWA and TxDOT.



In the sports world you either have it, or you don’t

By Steve Escajeda
Special to the Courier

In their 1970s hit *Celluloid Heroes*, the Kinks offer some cautionary words near the end of the song for those seeking stardom in the movies, “Those who are successful, be always on your guard, success walks hand-in-hand with failure, along Hollywood Boulevard.”

Those words of wisdom can also be attributed to the world of sports.

Reporters often act like a bunch of 6-year-olds who get as much of a thrill out of destroying their tower of building blocks as they did stacking them up as high as they could.

The world’s greatest athletes just don’t arrive on the scene as the best in their field. What the public never sees are the years of practice and dedication they put into their sport, often starting at a very young age.

Let’s put it this way, if an athlete reaches superstardom at the age of 25, it’s a pretty safe bet they’ve already been competing

in their sport for 20 years.

Everyone knows that the career of a sports star comes with an expiration date. What is startling sometimes is that the end can come so quickly and without warning.

There are guys who age gracefully like Peyton Manning and Tom Brady and Derek Jeter and Tim Duncan and so on, who are, or were still productive at their advanced ages.

And then there are other superstars who seemed to lose everything overnight. Athletes like Lance Armstrong and Mike Tyson and Barry Bonds and Toyna Harding and Latrell Sprewell, just to name a very few.

Whether it’s a deterioration of physical skills or some other self-inflected problems, or a combination of both – sports is littered with the carcasses of “on top of the world” careers.

And like clockwork, the sports buzzards are circling once again.

The final chapter of his career may not have been written yet, but we are in the midst of witnessing one of the greatest

superstar collapses of all time.

Tiger Woods missed his third straight cut at a 2015 major last week at the PGA Championship.

Woods will turn 40 this December and though that age would mean certain retirement in many other sports, plenty of golfers remain competitive through their mid to late 40s.

That means still having many opportunities to finish first or at least near the top of the leaderboard of many tournaments. But Tiger has slipped to the point that finishing “near the top of the leaderboard” isn’t even a goal anymore.

It’s “finishing” – period!

Whether you like him or not, it’s painful to watch him struggle to make the ball go where he wants it to. There was one thing on the golf course Tiger never looked like... human.

Not too long ago he was the greatest golfer of all time. It didn’t matter whether he passed Jack Nicklaus’ record of 18 majors.

With his dramatic fist-pumping winning putts, to his thunderous drives, to his outright intimidation of the rest of the field, to the familiar sight of him raising

the trophy in his red and black attire – Tiger was the best the game of golf had ever seen.

And just two years ago he won five tournaments and was named Golfer of the Year. Now it seems more like a decade ago.

Of course Tiger’s downfall started in 2009 the night that his ex-wife found out he was fooling around with a multitude of babes and nearly wrapped a seven iron around his neck.

Tiger lost his wife, he lost his kids, he lost many endorsements, he lost millions of dollars and he lost his respect.

That is when Tiger stopped playing like Tiger Woods and started playing more like Eldrick Woods.

Now it looks like Tiger has lost his strongest asset – his confidence.

New golfers now like Jordan Spieth and Rory McElroy and Jason Day are vying for the spot Tiger once owned.

Of course it’ll be years before we find out if they can set the golf world on fire the way Tiger did.

But like the Kinks warned, that flame of stardom can go out at any time without warning. Just ask Tiger.

A sporting view By Mark Vasto

To be Frank was to be a Giant

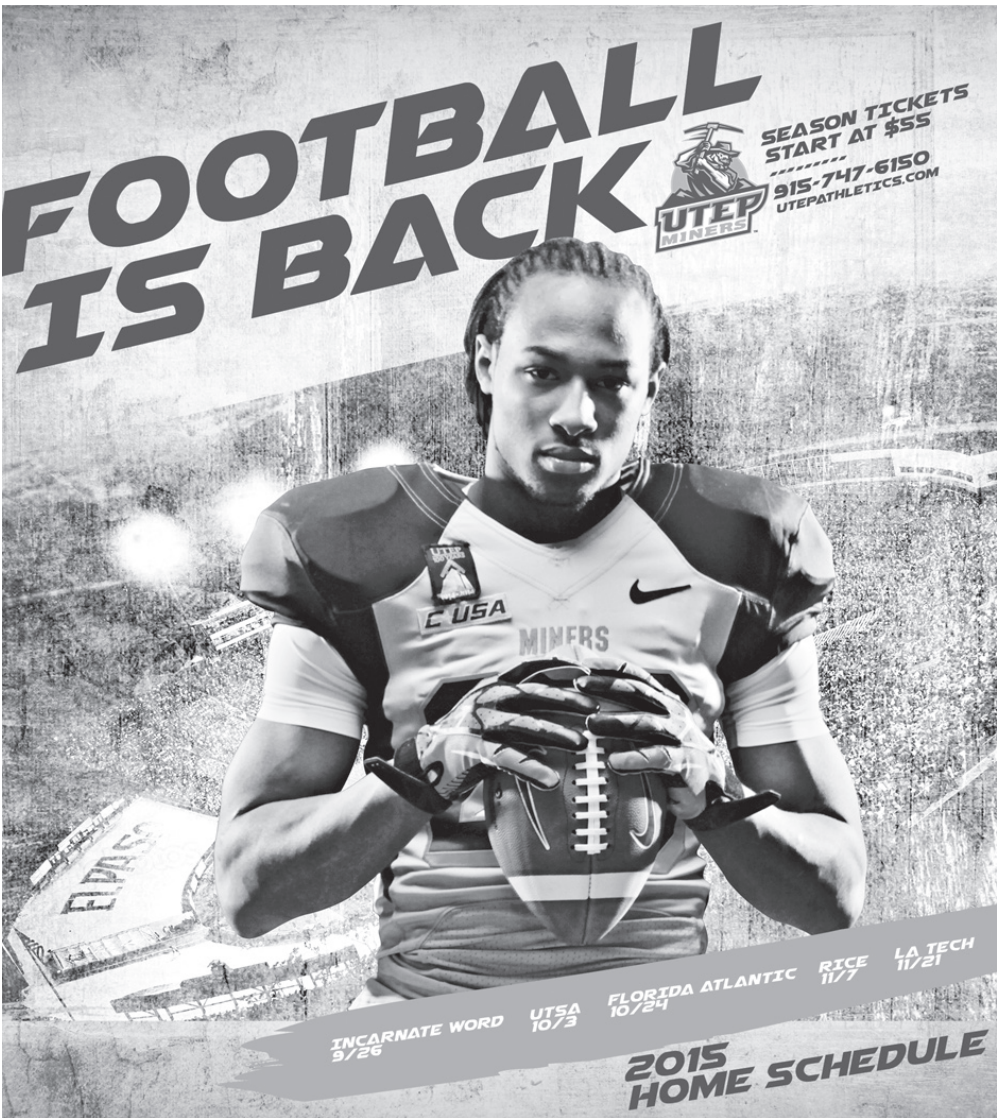
Truly, there can be no professional sports without an announcer. It just doesn’t work any other way.

Think about it... when you were a kid, playing football or baseball down the street and ruining Mrs. Johnson’s front yard, the voices you heard in your head weren’t the kind that got you put away upstate for awhile... they were the dulcet tones of the many maestros of the microphone!

To the untrained eye, sure, you were

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Notice of 2015 Tax Year Proposed Property Tax Rate for Town of Anthony, TX

A tax rate of \$0.461985 per \$100 valuation has been proposed for adoption by the governing body of TOWN OF ANTHONY, TX. This rate exceeds the lower of the effective or rollback tax rate, and state law requires that two public hearings be held by the governing body before adopting the proposed tax rate.

PROPOSED TAX RATE	\$0.461985 per \$100
PRECEDING YEAR’S TAX RATE	\$0.430497 per \$100
EFFECTIVE TAX RATE	\$0.439434 per \$100
ROLLBACK TAX RATE	\$0.461985 per \$100

The effective tax rate is the total tax rate needed to raise the same amount of property tax revenue for TOWN OF ANTHONY from the same properties in both the 2014 tax year and the 2015 tax year.

The rollback tax rate is the highest tax rate that TOWN OF ANTHONY may adopt before voters are entitled to petition for an election to limit the rate that may be approved to the rollback rate.

YOUR TAXES OWED UNDER ANY OF THE ABOVE RATES CAN BE CALCULATED AS FOLLOWS:

property tax amount= (rate) x (taxable value of your property)/100

For assistance or detailed information about tax calculations, please contact:

Maria O. Pasillas, RTA
CITY OF EL PASO Interim Tax Assessor-Collector
221 N. Kansas, Suite 300
El Paso, TX 79901
915-212-0106
citytaxoffice@elpasotexas.gov
www.elpasotexas.gov/tax-office

You are urged to attend and express your views at the following public hearings on the proposed tax rate:

First Hearing: September 1, 2015 at 6:00 PM at 401 Wildcat Drive, Anthony, Texas 79821.

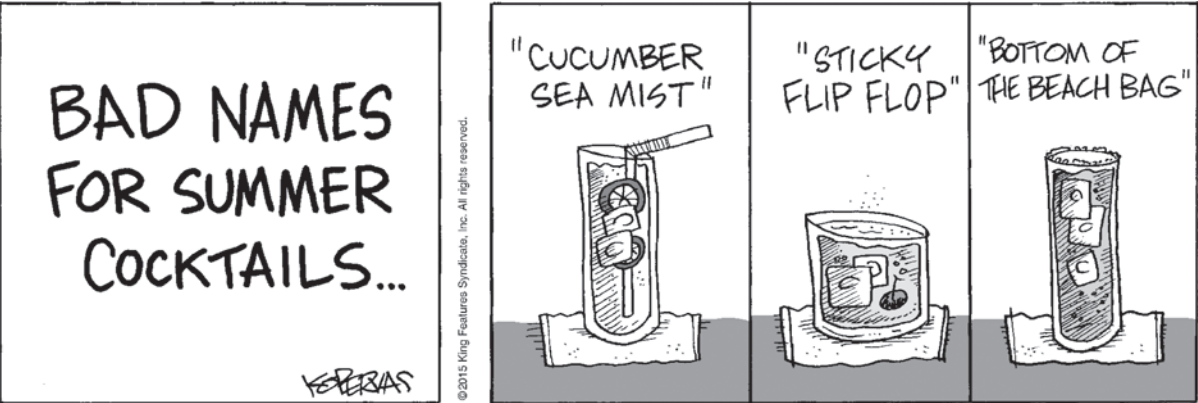
Second Hearing: September 8, 2015 at 6:00 PM at 401 Wildcat Drive, Anthony, Texas 79821.

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Comix

Your good healthBy Keith Roach, M.D.

OUT ON A LIMBBy Gary Kopervas



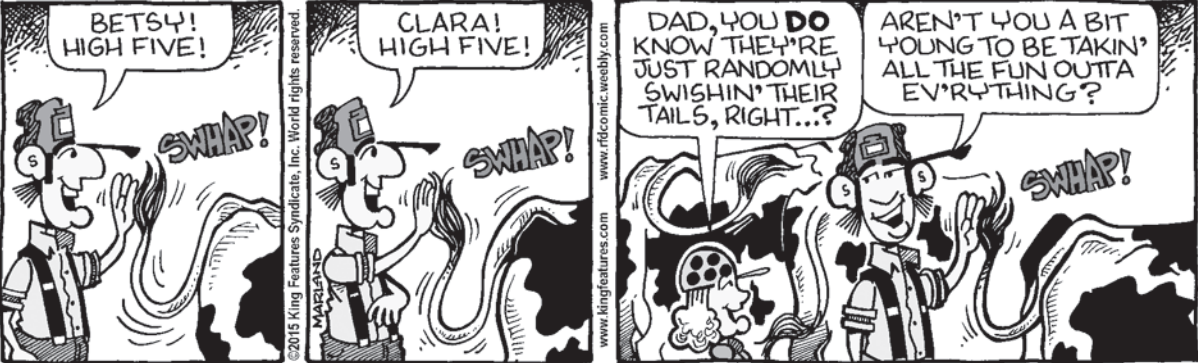
AMBER WAVESBy Dave T. Phipps



THE SPATSBy Jeff Pickering



R.F.D. By Mike Marland



DEAR DR. ROACH: My husband had his aorta replaced in 2012 and has trouble with sink-in marks on his legs at the bottom. It doesn't matter how much I pay for a pair of his socks, or how loose they fit, his legs still get the marks. He is 79 and has no other health problems. Would you have any idea what could be causing this? His heart doctor thought it was his blood pressure medicine, and at that time, he was taking 10 mg of amlodipine in the morning. He now takes lisinopril for his blood pressure and levothyroxine for his thyroid. – R.M.M.

When you can see the imprint of the socks, it means that there is some swelling (edema) in the loose tissues of the legs. Although leg edema can result from serious problems with the heart, kidneys or liver, or even from blood clots, it is far more likely that it is not any of these serious conditions. After a major vascular surgery, it is common to have a bit of swelling in the legs. In fact, most people nearing their 80s have some degree of swelling, usually from imperfect valves in the veins or lymphatic vessels that don't work as well as they did 50 years earlier.

Amlodipine (Norvasc) and medicines like it often cause a degree of swelling that is not dangerous. A careful physical exam and a few blood and urine tests are all that's necessary to be sure that the leg swelling isn't being caused by a potentially dangerous condition.

DEAR DR. ROACH: I am in my early 80s and have some chronic kidney disease. I usually have one or two beers a day and one or two glasses of wine every two weeks or so. Is this safe with my kidney disease? – K.D.

I would recommend one rather than two beers on a daily basis, and again no more than one glass of wine. Moderation is the key. Too much alcohol can raise your blood pressure, may interfere with medication and, in excess doses, damage your kidneys.

Dr. Roach regrets that he is unable to answer individual letters, but will incorporate them in the column whenever possible. Readers may email questions to ToYourGoodHealth@med.cornell.edu. To view and order health pamphlets, visit www.rbmamall.com, or write to Good Health, 628 Virginia Drive Orlando, FL 32803. (c) 2015 North America Synd., Inc. All Rights Reserved.

DEAR DR. ROACH: I am a 77-year-old male who, in mid-February, was diagnosed with late-stage liver cancer. I started chemo in early March. The doctors advised limiting sugar, so I started reading labels. Sugar is in everything! It is almost impossible

Super Crossword

CITY FOLKS

ACROSS

1 "So sad"

5 Baby ovines

10 Talmud experts

16 CD followers

19 Sean of film

20 Rankled

21 Colored ring of the iris

22 Shar_

23 Naturalist from southern Louisiana?

26 " _ Fool to Care" (1961 hit)

27 Discard knowledge of

28 Sign of the zodiac

29 Ready for use, as a roll of film

31 Not at all lax

32 Actress from southern California?

35 Dispenser taking a PIN

37 Airport guess, briefly

38 H.S. science class

39 Pulitzer winner Alison

40 Hockey player from northern Indiana?

47 Hagen_

48 _de France

49 Prefix with tour

50 Bad grade

51 Yahoo! rival

53 The, to Henri

54 Arm, for one

56 Alias abbr.

58 Running-and-cycling event

63 Like a villain

64 Singer from northern Utah?

70 Fey and Brown

72 Soul's car make

73 "J" finisher

74 Lark

75 Painter from southern Minnesota?

81 Crux

82 Least fine

83 Roman 2,001

84 River to the North Sea

85 Rural tract

88 Jestng type

89 Old space station

92 World Series mo.

94 Ditty syllable

95 13-digit ID in publishing

97 Actor from central Arkansas?

103 Golden Arches pork sandwich

105 Metal source

106 Bear, in Baja

107 Austin-to-NYC dir.

108 Actress from western Wisconsin?

112 Low areas between hills

116 Interest

117 Honda Classic org.

118 Rowing fulcrum

120 Morse click

121 Dancer from southern New York?

125 Immigrant's course: Abbr.

126 Dixie Chicks member Maguire

127 Get by logic

128 What "vidi" means

129 Hog hangout

130 Worth mentioning

131 Pod veggies, old-style

132 D.C. ball team

DOWN

1 Top grade

2 Tilted, to Brits

3 Often-twisted joint

4 Curl one's lip toward

5 Lion player Bert

6 _ end (over)

7 Sea, to Henri

8 Voted

9 Cheapest cruise option

10 '90s kids' exclamation

11 Coach Parseghian

12 Composer Hector

13 Put a _ (adorn, as a wrapped gift)

14 Homeric epic

15 Summer shoe

16 Childbirth

17 anesthetic

17 Make girlish

18 50-foot woman, say

24 " _ all just get along?"

25 Wail in grief

30 Israel's Barak

32 Tokyo coin

33 "Honest" guy

34 Really tipsy

36 Parrot variety

40 Cuts of fish

41 Singer Newton-John

42 Actress Leah

43 Oxen holder

44 Makeover

45 Madeline of funny films

46 Egg part

52 Chaney Sr. and Jr.

55 Mel of voices

57 Help desk invitation, maybe

59 Kin of Hindi

60 As sick as _

61 O'Neal with an Oscar

62 Chilly

65 Flooring unit

66 Crying bouts, e.g.

67 Batches of grain to be crushed

68 Prefix meaning "different"

69 Iranian capital

71 Put in a hold

76 Shovel's partner

77 First class for painters

78 "Look _ now!"

79 "Are you hurt?" reply

80 Special area of demand

85 Greenish citrus drinks

86 Reality-avoiding sort

87 Suddenly

90 Very strong clutching power

91 Funny Barr

93 Arctic stretch

96 Considerate

98 Raptors' city

99 Uno and due

100 Escorted

101 Fortune's 500: Abbr.

102 Buys and sells

104 "Kapow!"

109 "Half _ is better than none"

110 "Who can _ to?"

111 Simian creature

113 Mucho

114 Conspicuous success

115 Shows biasedly

118 Low dice roll

119 Ranch unit

122 Trade for tat

123 Neckline shape

124 Friend _ friend

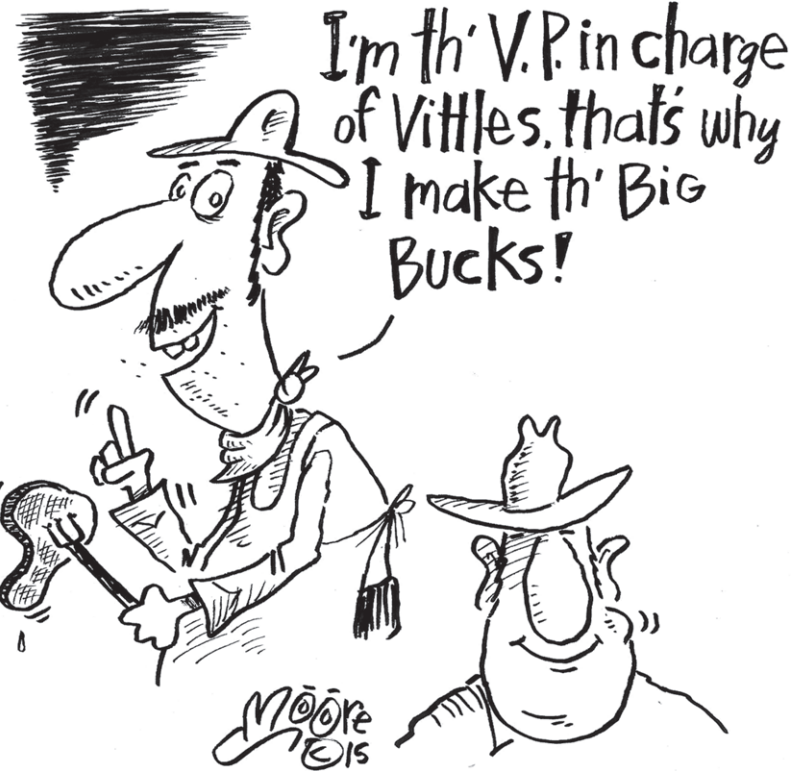
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MOORE TEXAS

by Roger Todd Moore

The camp cook was plenty important on cattle drives... he drew the second highest salary of the crew.



GO FIGURE! by Linda Thistle

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

DIFFICULTY: ★★ ★

★ Moderate ★★ Difficult
★★★ GO FIGURE!

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	x		-		9
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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ★

★ Moderate ★★ Challenging

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★★★ HOO BOY!

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Social Security Q&A By Ray Vigil

Q: What can I do at www.socialsecurity.gov?

A: There are many things you can do on Social Security’s website. You can conduct most of your Social Security business with us online at www.socialsecurity.gov/onlineservices. You can get an estimate of future benefits, find out if you qualify for benefits now, and even apply for benefits. You can complete a number of other tasks online, too. You can estimate your retirement benefit using our *Retirement Estimator*, which allows you to get an instant, personalized estimate of your future benefit based on different retirement ages and scenarios. You can even open your own *my Social Security* account to plan for and manage your benefits at www.socialsecurity.gov/myaccount.

Q: How do I sign up for Medicare Part B if I already have Part A?

A: If you already have Medicare Part A and wish to sign up for Medicare Part B, call Social Security’s toll-free number 1-800-772-1213 (TTY 1-800-325-0778). Or, contact your local Social Security office. To learn more about Medicare, visit our website at www.socialsecurity.gov/medicare.

Q: How can I become a representative payee?

A: If you know someone who receives Social Security or Supplemental Security Income (SSI), and who needs assistance managing his or her payments, contact your local Social Security office about becoming his or her representative payee. Go to www.socialsecurity.gov/payee for more information.

For more information on any of the questions above, visit www.socialsecurity.gov or call 1-800-772-1213. If you have any questions, please mail them to the Social Security Office, 1111 Gateway West, Attn: Ray Vigil, El Paso, Texas 79935.

CryptoQuip

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

Clue: W equals Y

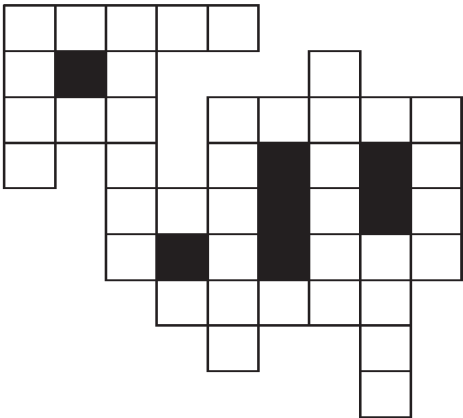
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VXGIVZZW AKTUJ OCN TRE VKL?
CG NJJLN OJ RVEGJP GT AJ CE
GOJ XVNG.

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ANIMEL
PANCE
♥ENMA
MYNACA
♥NEO
PURM
LERCA
♥PMA
PAYNO
♥EMLAP
♥YRPE



Answer Page 4

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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Sports

From Page 6

like Mark Bavaro? It would have been all for naught had you not been piping in the play-by-play to yourself ala Keith Jackson, Marv Albert, Gil Santos, Bill Grigsby, Hank Stram or Pat Summerall.

That was a different era, to be sure. It was a time when football coaches wore suits and fedoras on the sideline, a time when Michelob used to come in funky bottles emblazoned with gold and red ribbons and was considered a premium beer, a time when you didn’t need a \$66 billion search engine in order to figure out what channel the game was on, because there were only three channels. And on Monday night, you can bet that all the Mr. Johnson’s of the world were watching Monday Night Football.

Frank Gifford was a star long before he was the tolerant All-American glamor boy in the booth, the guy who used to break the games down while preventing Howard Cosell from having a break down. Cosell was the sports announcer who could never be ignored, whose arrogance often transcended his greatness, particularly when he felt he had to do something beneath himself, like announce football with jocks like Don Meredith and Gifford.

But it was Frank who won everyone over. He was a trailblazer – the first guy to really transition into the booth after his Hall of Fame football career. And for all of Cosell’s bluster, when it came time to break the news to the world that John Lennon had been killed, he froze, and he looked over to the guy seated at his right, the other guy in the gold blazer. The golden boy, Frank Gifford himself. MVP in 1956. Hall of Famer, triple threat.

And he said to the man with all the words, the man who never played the game, that it was just that: a game.

“Got to do it,” Gifford said.

So, what would Cosell say today upon learning of the passing of Francis Newton? They called him “Frank” because quite frankly, he was New York’s first football star. The Yankees had the Babe and the Iron Horse. The Trolley Dodgers of Brooklyn had Jackie Robinson. The Jets had Joe Willie, and the Mets had the “Say Hey Kid.” But for Big Blue, their first shining star was truly a Giant. Frank Gifford, the man who could kick, run and pass, passes from this vale of tears at age 84. He will be missed.

Condolences to Kathy Lee and family.

Mark Vasto is a veteran sportswriter who lives in New Jersey. (c) 2015 King Features Synd., Inc.