



NEWSBRIEFS

EPCC and OSHA

The U.S. Department of Labor's Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) and the El Paso Community College (EPCC) – Risk Management Institute have signed an alliance to provide workers, students, and employers in El Paso with information, guidance and access to OSHA training classes. The two-year alliance will expand access to OSHA's 10- and 30-hour training courses to promote understanding of the workplace safety and health rights and responsibilities of workers and employers in the El Paso metro area. These rights and responsibilities are detailed in the Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1970. "Thanks to our Texas Mutual Insurance Corporation partners, and now with our partnership with the OSHA Alliance, the EPCC Risk Management Institute will be able to reach out and offer training to more industrial employees than ever before," said Barry Bogle, Director of EPCC Law Enforcement Training Academy Security & Special Officers. "By combining our resources and assets, the ability to receive quality safety training will open to nearly everyone in the industries within our region."

– Ismael De La Rosa

Uninsured

With the national uninsured rate back on the rise – after dipping to a record low of 8.6 percent in the first quarter of 2016 – personal-finance website WalletHub conducted an in-depth analysis of 2017's *Uninsured Rates by City and by State*. The analysts compared the rates for 547 U.S. cities and the 50 states, in addition to a breakdown by age, race/ethnicity and income level. Texas came in last with a 16.60% uninsured rate. Visit <https://wallethub.com/edu/uninsured-rates-by-state/4800/> for the full state list. Texas cities with the highest uninsured rates include Dallas, 22.238%; Baytown, 22.721%; McAllen, 23.356%; Pasadena, 25.967%; Pharr, 26.974%; Laredo, 27.023%; Mission, 27.232%; and Brownsville, 29.240%. Visit <https://wallethub.com/edu/uninsured-rates-by-city/25030/> for the full city list.

– Diana Popa

The trouble with growing old is that there's not much future in it.

– Quips & Quotes



– Photo courtesy Fabens ISD

WHAT GOES UP... – Amber Salas and Brandon Galvan show off their very fast, high flying Oberth-class rocket.

Salas, Galvan and Sanchez earn award for rocket launch

By Denise Peña
Special to the Courier

FABENS—Students in Manuel Moreno's Scientific Research and Design class at Fabens High School are being recognized for achieving the top level of performance in a statewide STEM education program. The team will receive a banner signifying

SystemGo's top performance award in a public ceremony at the high school. In addition, students will also be recognized for setting a SystemsGo Oberth record velocity of Mach 1.16.

The award is presented to schools that design, build and launch a rocket that meets 100% of the standards of one of the levels in the SystemsGo program.

Amber Salas, Brandon Galvan and

Adrian Sanchez succeeded at the Oberth Level which requires that their rocket reach the speed of sound. The team was successful at meeting the following criteria:

- Successful launch, recovery, and data extraction;
- Maximum altitude less than or equal to 13,000 feet;
- Maximum velocity greater than or equal to Mach 1; and
- Certification by Range Safety Officer.

Out of more than 130 launches this year, only six schools earned a banner. "We're doing something unique. No one else in the El Paso area is doing high power rockets," Moreno said. "I'm impressed, but not surprised because I know my students' potential."

SystemsGo is a four-year STEM (Science Technology Engineering Math) curriculum endorsed by NASA and certified by The Space Foundation that uses project-based learning to stimulate workplace skills. "The hope with these activities is that students become interested in engineering fields," Moreno said.

As students advance through the program, they begin by building small model rockets as they learn the principles of flight. At the highest Goddard level, students design and build a 35-pound rocket with the capacity to reach an altitude of 100,000 feet. At this level, rockets can only be launched at the U.S. Army's White Sands Missile Range. Students in Moreno's class hope to launch at the Goddard level next year.

Chihuahuan Desert Fiesta celebrates natural wonders of Franklin Mountains

By Alfredo Vasquez
Special to the Courier

EL PASO COUNTY – The 13th Annual Chihuahuan Desert Fiesta will be held from 9 a.m. to 3p.m., Saturday, September 30, at the Tom Mays section

of the Franklin Mountains State Park. Every year the desert celebration attracts hundreds of people to the mountain reserve in northwest El Paso.

The outdoor venue celebrates the natural wonders of the Chihuahuan

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– Photo courtesy Rick LoBello

SMALL RESIDENT – The Chihuahuan Desert Fiesta is will introduce people to the wonders of this region's fascinating desert and it's wildlife, like the chipmunk above.

Finances

By Nathaniel Sillin

Back-to-school planning for returning students

Could a mid- to late-career return to college make sense for you?

It’s essential to evaluate whether this is a financially risky move. In recent years, older Americans have been heading back to school part-time and during evenings in greater numbers than students of typical college age. According to the National Center for Education Statistics, enrollees 25 years of age and older account for 40 percent of all undergraduate and graduate students – by 2020, that number will rise to 43 percent.

Statistics proliferate on how much more valuable undergraduate college degrees are than high school diplomas alone – a 2017 Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) study reported that high school graduates earn approximately \$718 per week, whereas those holding at least a bachelor’s degree earn approximately \$1,290 per week. Based on numbers alone, it makes sense that college is a fairly clear sell, especially for the younger set.

For those who are older, however, the decision to go to college holds more weight. Calculating the opportunity cost and examining the future value of your degree is essential before taking that next professional step.

Here are considerations to make before making a mid- or late-career return to the classroom:

A degree doesn’t mean a job. That may seem obvious given the recent hiring fortunes of younger, first-time college grads. However, even though some job indicators are looking up for older workers, it doesn’t mean past experience and a high-quality degree or certificate program will immediately lead to employment or better pay or for how long. Start with a thorough examination of working conditions and hiring forecasts (<http://www.bls.gov/oes/>) in your chosen field. If it’s a complete career change, add face-to-face networking and observation of the job in action, if possible. Most of all, it’s important to know whether employers in that specific field really are interested

in hiring older workers and have a record of doing so.

Fully evaluate your finances. As risky as student debt levels are now – the average student is borrowing around \$35,000 – spending money on school when you’re older is a much riskier proposition than when you’re young. Consider that late-life tuition is money that won’t go to retirement, a child’s tuition, an older relative’s needs, consumer debt or financial emergencies. In other words, it’s an investment that really has to pay off. Also keep in mind that student debt cannot be discharged in bankruptcy. This is why it is important to seek qualified financial and tax advice before committing to spending savings or taking out student loans to return to school.

Determine how long you really plan to work. A 2017 Gallup poll indicated that three in four U.S. workers plan to work past the conventional retirement age of 65, but no one really knows how long they’ll be able to work given health and other factors. Will you be able to recoup the cost of training based on the number of years you hope to work?

Find the most affordable training possible. If a field is friendly to new workers your age, what will you have to invest in training to get the right job? Will it require a masters-level degree or a training certificate that makes you a specialist in a specific skill? Will some employers accept free or low-cost online courses being offered by known colleges and universities? The American Association of Community Colleges’ Plus 50 Initiative is a useful resource for lower-cost training options at community colleges throughout the country. Also check with your chosen industry’s leading trade associations to see what certificate training is most popular within the field and what it costs.

Bottom line: Education is beneficial at any age, but mid-to-late career workers should evaluate their finances and thoroughly investigate degree programs before going back to school.

This article is intended to provide general information and should not be considered health, legal, tax or financial advice. It’s always a good idea to consult a tax or financial advisor for specific information on how certain laws apply to your situation and about your individual financial situation.

Strange But True

By Samantha Weaver

- It was 20th-century American philosopher, writer and educator Susanne Katherina Langer who made the following sage observation: “If we would have new knowledge, we must get us a whole world of new questions.”
- In Western cultures, the owl is associated with wisdom, but in some Asian countries, it’s traditionally a symbol of stupidity.

• In the 9th century, a Norseman named Sigurd Eysteinnsson earned the name Sigurd the Mighty while helping to lead the Viking conquest of what is now northern Scotland. As part of a continuing effort to expand his Scottish conquest, Sigurd challenged a native ruler, Mael Brigte the Bucktoothed, to a battle. Each leader was supposed to bring 40 men to the battle, but Sigurd broke his own rule and brought 80 warriors. Unsurprisingly, Brigte lost. After beheading his defeated foe, Sigurd displayed Brigte’s head on his saddle as a trophy of war. He got his just desserts in the end, though; as he rode, Sigurd’s leg was scratched by Brigte’s buck teeth. The seemingly insignificant wound festered, and Sigurd the Mighty was killed by the infection.

• You may already know that seahorses mate for life. You may not be aware, though, that as they swim, they keep their tails linked together.

• Those who study such things say that Napoleon Bonaparte was partial to cashmere underwear.

• Beards may be trendy these days, but if you prefer the clean-shaven look, you belong to a group that goes back further than you think. Cave art dating back to 10,000 B.C.E. depicts grown men with no beards.

• The ostrich is the world’s only two-toed bird.

Thought for the Day: “The world is changed not by the self-regarding, but by men and women prepared to make fools of themselves.”
– P.D. James

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Veterans Post

By Freddy Groves

Claims decisions in just 30 days

The Department of Veterans Affairs new Decision Ready Claims program promises to get your claim sorted out and decided in 30 days. The pilot program started in Minnesota in May. Since then, the VA has been training people to push claims through quickly. Now, everyone is set to go. All they need is the claims to start rolling in.

Here are your easy steps: Hook up with an accredited Veterans Service Organization, likely the American Legion or VFW. Collect all your documents. Be sure to go to your claim exam if required. Have the VSO send off your claim electronically. Start the 30-day countdown.

There are a few caveats, however. For those who qualify, this will be a great improvement over the previous 100-plus day wait, but that 30 days doesn’t start until the claim is received at the VA. If you have to hunt down related paperwork and documents, the meter isn’t running yet.

Another caveat: You need to go to your claim exam if one is required.

And yet another caveat: All types of claims aren’t covered just yet. If you’re asking for an upgrade to a disability claim you already have, yes, they’re accepting those. But for other types of claims, have your VSO check to see if those are being worked on yet.


And still another caveat: In the past, the VA had to hunt down all your medical and service records for you. Now, with this new program, you’re on your own.

To learn more about how to get your claim decided in under the 30 days, go online to www.benefits.va.gov/compensation/DRC.asp. The page is loaded with information, including how to find a VSO and whether your type of claim is eligible for the program.

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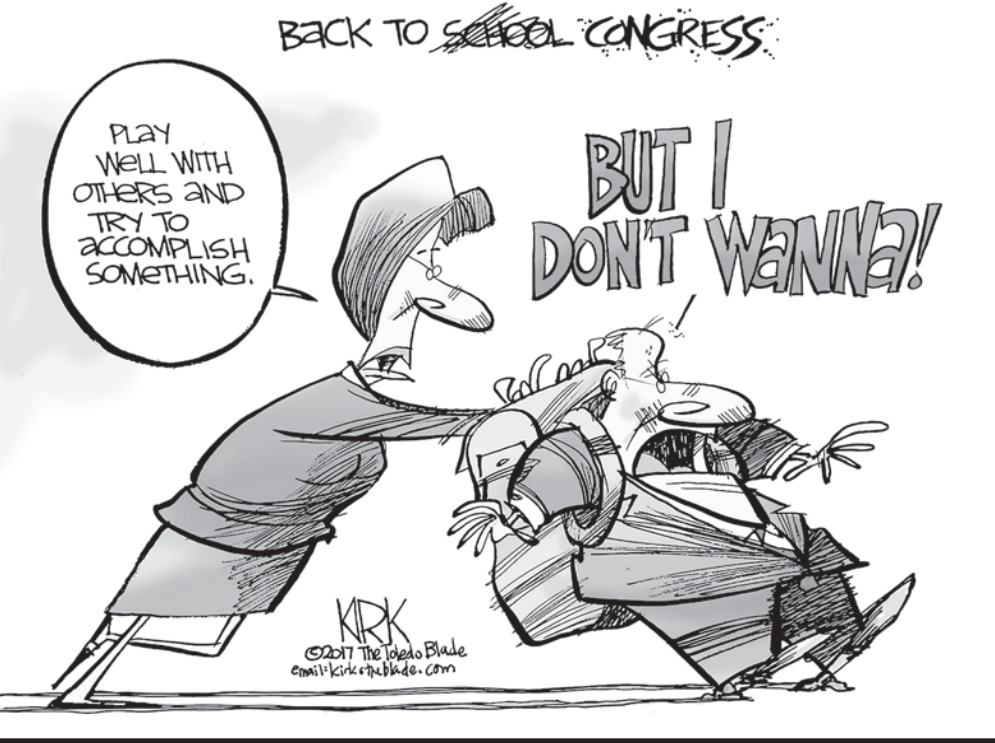
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View from here By Dan Webber

Support for Voter ID laws is growing

Liberals seem hell bent for leather to enable voter fraud by insisting that identification verification laws are unfair. But the majority of Americans – including many Democrats – believe that verifying the identity of voters doesn’t suppress voter turnout, according to a study conducted by the University of Kansas. In fact, the study showed that senior citizens, who many believe are among the so-called victims of ID laws, are overwhelmingly in favor of ID laws.

The plain and simple truth of the matter is that voter fraud exists and it is facilitated by a lack of scrutiny at the polls. Research conducted by the highly regarded Pew Research Center revealed, for example, revealed that some 2.75 million people in the U.S. are registered to vote in more than one state and that the nation’s voter rolls include nearly 2 million deceased persons. The Pew report disclosed that “approximately 24 million-one of every eight-voter registrations in the United States are no longer valid or are significantly inaccurate.”

James O’Keefe, a social activist who has a history of uncovering political scams, went under cover in Clinton Township, MI last year to show just how easy it is to commit voter fraud. Clinton is where rapper Eminem is registered to vote. Using the high-profile entertainer’s real name, Marshall Bruce Mathers, O’Keefe walked into the polling location and easily obtained Mathers’ ballot and proceeded to cast his vote. If the Pew numbers are even remotely accurate, O’Keefe’s deception shows that the opportunity to steal the identities of voters could be huge. And, that does not bode well for America’s electoral process.

Patrick Miller, a KU assistant professor of political science, said the research conducted at the University shows that “African-Americans, Latinos, young voters, senior citizens and the poor are typically the most vulnerable to strict voter ID laws because they tend disproportionately to not have a government-issued photo IDs and tend to have the greatest difficulty obtaining that identification. However, Miller said, Americans in those subgroups also overwhelmingly support voter ID laws, believe that voter fraud is widespread, and reject the notion that voter ID suppresses turnout.”

So what’s the big deal that makes the left want to quash efforts to enact simple voter ID laws? It’s no big deal to show your ID in this day and age when you fly away on a holiday, buy beer or apply for welfare. Perhaps some people out there like the idea of a vulnerable election process where even a few dishonest individuals can easily perpetrate voter fraud and allow the wrong person to be elected.

Slowly but surely support for the enactment of voter ID legislation is growing. A Texas law designed to the protect the reliability of elections was struck down five times before a federal appeals court just last week reinstated the state’s ID rules. The appeals court found that voter rights were protected since the law lets those who don’t have ID cast their votes by simply swearing, under penalty of perjury, that they are legal voters.

You’d think that the ruling by the appeals court would show the nation that voter laws need not be an impediment to casting your ballot, no matter who you are or what your circumstances. So, you’ve got to ask yourself, why is the opposition still shouting “voter suppression.”

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Fiesta

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Desert and Franklin Mountains State Park. Local environmental education groups will be on hand to offer free demonstrations, guided tours, guest speakers, and informational booths. All designed to introduce participants to the wonders of this region’s fascinating desert.

The fall event is sponsored by the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department with the

help of volunteers from the Chihuahuan Desert Education Coalition (CDEC).

“The free family event is intended to help people connect with the great outdoors of the Franklin Mountains,” stated Rick LoBello, one of the fiesta’s volunteers.

A complete schedule of entertainment and special activities that are planned for the Saturday program is posted on the CDEC website, at chihuahuadesert.org.

For more information, contact CDEC committee chairperson Carlos Rodriguez, at (915) 240-3311.

Lower Valley Water District Notice of Public Hearing on Tax Rate

The LOWER VALLEY WATER DISTRICT will hold a public hearing on a proposed tax rate for the tax year 2017 on Thursday, September 28, 2017, at 6:00 p.m., at 1557 FM 1110, Clint, Texas 79836. 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: **David Estrada, Henry Trujillo, Gerald Grijalva and David Carrasco**

AGAINST the proposal: **NONE**

PRESENT and not voting: **NONE**

ABSENT: **Rosalinda Vigil**

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
Total tax rate (per \$100 value)	\$0.189467/\$100	\$0.185095/\$100
	Adopted	Proposed
Difference in rates per \$100 of value	– \$0.004372	
Percentage increase / decrease in rates (+/–)	– 2.31%	
Average appraised value	\$ 76,198	\$ 78,775
General exemptions available (excluding senior citizen’s or disabled person’s exemptions)	\$ 0	\$ 0
Average taxable value	\$ 76,198	\$ 78,775
Tax on average residence homestead	\$ 144.37	\$ 145.81
Annual increase / decrease in taxes if proposed tax rate is adopted (+/–)	\$ 1.44	
and percentage of increase (+/–)	1.00%	

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 water 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.



– Photo courtesy Rick LoBello

LARGE RESIDENT – The Chihuahuan Desert is full of a variety of wildlife. Above is a mountain lion. Called by a variety of names – cougar, puma, panther, and catamount – they are the largest wildcat in North America. Occasionally one of these big cats is seen in residential El Paso. On the top of Page 5, left, is a javelina. They can be found in other parts of Texas and across the Southwest and south into Mexico. On the right is a black-throated sparrow. This bird has a tinkling song and is found in the Sonoran and Chihuahuan deserts of the southwestern United States and Mexico.

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The way to get boxing value may be not buying in

By Steve Escajeda
Special to the Courier

With the cost of living climbing higher and higher every single day, we all have to compare the price and quality of what we spend our money on.

To waste money on an inferior product is a luxury many Americans can't afford anymore.

And of course, when you compare products there's always a glaring difference that can be seen.

It's the same way in sports. Let's take Aaron Rodgers and Brock Osweiler – both are professional football players that play the same position with glaring differences.

How about comparing Alabama football to UTEP, Dallas Cowboys owner Jerry Jones to New York Knicks owner James Dolan, or LeBron James to... well... any other basketball player.

It's amazing sometimes how obvious the differences are and yet, stunningly, there are those who still make the wrong choice.

They shop, they compare, they list all the pros and cons of their upcoming decision,

and then as if controlled by some foreign entity – go against their better judgment.

They go out and buy an inferior product.

After watching Saturday night's middleweight championship fight between Gennady Golovkin and Canelo Alvarez, all the buyers of the Mayweather-McGregor fiasco have to be feeling like they got taken.

They did. What everyone saw Saturday night was two extremely talented professional boxers go at it for 12 rounds in a fight for the championship of the world.

What everyone saw a month ago was a circus between an over-the-hill former champion and a guy in his first boxing match ever, going at it for nothing more than to get all the money they could.

And it did rain money – hooray for them. We should all have the ability to dupe the public into giving us a boatload of cash.

Fight fans shelled out as much as \$100 to watch the pitter-pat punches of Mayweather and McGregor.

Canelo and Triple G (as Golovkin is widely known) are real fighters who put on a real fight, throwing some thunderous punches with the intent of hurting the

other guy.

Buyers of that fight have to feel like they got every penny's worth.

But sometimes, even when you make a smart purchase, you can be taken by an unscrupulous organization.

Though fans of the Canelo-GGG match saw a great fight, they were soon brought down to earth once again by the corruption of the professional boxing world.

Though nearly every boxing expert thought Golovkin clearly won the fight, it ended in a draw.

If that wasn't bad enough, one judge must have been texting or watching something else on her cellphone, because she surely didn't watch the fight the rest of the world did.

Two of the judges saw the fairly close fight just as that – close. One had it 115-113 for Golovkin, the other had it 114-114.

But the judge who must have left her glasses at home, Adelaide Byrd, gave 10 rounds to Canelo Alvarez and just two for Golovkin.

Her 118-110 score was immediately received with disbelief and outrage from anyone who has ever watched a fight between two humans.

However, just like those who were surprised by the Mayweather-McGregor snoozefest, why should any of us be shocked at what happened Saturday night?

Isn't this what professional boxing is? Isn't it just a corrupt moneymaking scam that controls the outcome of fights to ensure that bigger rematches and paydays are just around the corner?

We all know this is the case and yet we all hold out hope that boxing will someday look deep within itself and find a soul.

The unfortunate answer is that when it comes to boxing, there is no way to compare it with another brand. There is no other brand. Boxing doesn't even have a controlling body to police itself from the kind of sleazy goings on that we've just come to expect for decades.

Not only do we expect it, we accept it.

Of course, the Canelo-GGG rematch will be set for next year and the hype will generate the kind of buzz that will ensure millions of dollars make their way into the pockets of those who manipulate the sport.

And naturally – as if controlled by some foreign entity – fans will pay whatever price is put in front of them.

A sporting view By Mark Vasto

You asked for it

After Floyd Mayweather Jr. won his 50th fight, a few us at Sporting View headquarters wondered aloud: Who from history could have beaten him? Not Hearn, and not Hagler, we decided, but we all agreed that Sugar Ray Leonard would be up to the task. That begged the question: What other “superfights” were out there that we’d pay to see? Here’s an

abridged version of what we came up with:

Mike Tyson (50-6, 44 KOs, 5-foot-10, 71-inch reach) vs. Joe Frazier (32-4-1, 27 KOs, 5-foot-11, 73-inch reach)

We thought about bringing in Sonny Liston to fight Tyson, but decided that “Smokin’” Joe Frazier would provide better

optics. Frazier would come in low, ducking and weaving, swinging his left hook with bad intentions, hoping to catch Tyson in the ear behind his famous Cus D’Amato-inspired “peek-a-boo” defense.

Unfortunately for Joe, it’s unlikely it would have worked. When Tyson was at his peak, he was even scarier than Foreman or Liston at their meanest. Tyson would walk Frazier down, Frazier would be swinging from his heels and Tyson would lower the boom by launching him off the floor with one of his trademark combinations that ended with an uppercut.

Result: Tyson by KO in the early rounds.

boxing your opponent. The first zone is when you’re body to body, maybe in the clinch, and you’re trading blows on the inside, usually uppercuts that sting but don’t have enough power behind them to knock you out. The second zone is when you’re a foot or two away from the other boxer and you’re really wheeling and dealing ... hooks can land, combinations are king. The third zone is what is called “the pocket.” This is where the boxer has his reach calibrated to the opponent’s head. The fourth zone is from way outside, keeping your distance from your foe, a launching ground for the boxer to come in with overhead power punches.

Probably more than any heavyweight boxer in history, Joe Louis excelled in that second zone. His shots were deadly accurate and he would hit you with combinations that seemed

otherworldly and with lots of power because he knew how to plant his feet.

But Louis would have a major problem against Ali. During an interview between the two, Ali made one thing clear: “You’re too slow, Joe.” And he was right. Against Louis, Ali would have danced out of any trouble spots, and would have dominated both the third and fourth zones. Their fight may have gone the distance, but there is little doubt that Ali’s speed would have neutralized Louis’ power (Ali had a great chin), and he would have been the busier puncher.

Result: Ali by unanimous decision.

Email asportingview@gmail.com with any other matchups you’d like to see.

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Your good healthBy Keith Roach, M.D.

DEAR DR. ROACH: I am a retired engineer, and engineers like solving problems. I find that people have difficulty swallowing medications because swallowing a gulp of water is an unnatural act when compared with everyday unnoticed swallowing, and that people are taking too small a sip of water, so they feel the pills, which can trigger a gag reflex. The solution is to swallow a large sip of water without pills to prepare the mind and body for the relatively rare swallowing process that will follow. Then, take a large sip of water and swallow with pills. – R.E.

“Spinal stenosis” is the term we use to describe compression of the spinal cord or nerve roots by bony structures in the spine. This may be a result of arthritis, skeletal disease and many other conditions. One common finding is difficulty after walking, causing someone to want to sit or lie down. I often see people with spinal stenosis who lean over while walking, as though they are walking into a stiff wind. Many sufferers can walk for prolonged periods with a shopping cart, because the leaning-over position relieves the pressure on the nerves.

As someone who has studied physics, if not engineering, the small sip of water lubricates the esophagus, so pills are less likely to be stuck.

I have always recommended a small sip followed by a large gulp, for a different reason from yours. As far as specific positions, some people seem to do better with chin up, others with chin down. Taking a pill with some food or applesauce (or something of similar texture) helps many people. Practicing with something (a breath mint or M&M) can help you find what works best for you. Tepid or even warm water helps some.

Surgery for spinal stenosis can be challenging, and in an 85-year-old, the risk of complications is higher. However, given her symptoms and lack of response to nonsurgical therapy, consulting with a surgeon may be appropriate. There may still be additional medical therapies she hasn’t tried before doing so.

I am not a surgeon, and only a surgeon can appropriately choose the tools for a given surgery. However, having looked over the research in this area, there is no evidence that laser offers any advantage over traditional surgery.

DEAR DR. ROACH: A dear friend has been diagnosed with spinal stenosis. She’s 85. She tried a cortisone shot, with very short-lived relief, and physical therapy, to no avail. She’s been prescribed pain pills, which cause her to sleep more than you’d expect for her age. Her doctor seems to be out of options. I read about laser treatment for this area. Do you think this might help, or do you

READERS: Back pain is the No. 2 reason for doctor visits in the U.S. To learn more about the back and spine, order the booklet Back Problems by writing: Dr. Roach – No. 303W, 628 Virginia Drive, Orlando, FL 32803. Enclose a check or money order (no cash) for \$4.75 U.S./\$6 Canada with the recipient’s printed name and

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Super Crossword

- THE POINTER BROTHERS (AND ONE SISTER) ACROSS

1 Say another way

8 Portuguese capital

14 Apply with a syringe

20 Get by will

21 Chant a mantra, e.g.

22 Vacillate

23 Scopes trial lawyer

25 Spirit and resilience

26 Going backpacking

27 Colorado ski mecca

28 Like sad excuses

29 Lingo suffix

30 Brewed beverages

32 Kickoff aids

34 Abominated

35 Roads: Abbr.

36 Bow out

38 Daddies

40 Big wild cats

41 Plug up

43 Most of them run on gas

45 Furthermore

48 Bonnie Parker's partner in crime

51 Actor LeBlanc

55 Go after legally

56 Brewed beverage

57 Regards as

58 Mean fish

60 Quack's cure-all

63 Pedicure targets

65 Horn honker

66 Closing part

67 "Rosemary's Baby" star

71 Robert of "Vega\$"

72 Preacher's exhortation

74 Battle vestige

75 Pride of Mr. Universe

77 Window over a door

79 Major fad

82 Grain variety

83 Ending for press

84 New Year's song word

85 He sang in a folk trio with Paul Stookey and Mary Travers

88 Sometimes-shocking fish

89 Gown fabric

90 Get ready, for short

91 Look on and offer unwelcome advice

95 Pear discard

98 Dance move

100 To's opposite

103 Satire device

104 Winter glider

106 Fruity drinks

108 "Dancing With the Stars" judge Goodman

109 Farm sounds

110 Trial excuse

112 Not idle

114 Promptly

117 Lead role in "Pirates of the Caribbean"

120 Couldn't do without

121 Not present

122 Country singer Lynn

123 Commands

124 Pundit Myers

125 Honda minivan

DOWN

1 Wealth

2 Join a force

3 Shivers

4 Actress Garr or Hatcher

5 Sports site

6 Sensation of slight prickles

7 Plus other things: Abbr.

8 Jar toppers

9 Unfitting

10 Meryl of the screen

11 Brunei's island

12 Artist Yoko

13 Just-made

14 Belief suffix

15 Formerly surnamed

16 Overseas travel woe

17 Plantation, e.g.

18 More serene

19 Some woolen coats

24 With no difficulty

31 Cry out

33 More scanty

34 That lad's

37 New York Jets coach Bowles

39 South, in Spain

40 Namely

42 "Aw, shucks"

44 Blouse, e.g.

45 Puts forward

46 Convent

47 Poker-faced

48 Corp. head

49 Certain electron stream

50 Love, to Livy

51 Native New Zealander

52 Of a much earlier era

53 "Love Song" band of 1989

54 North Carolinian, colloquially

56 Shore birds

59 Drive (out)

61 City in New Hampshire

62 Fleur-de_

64 Soak

68 Emphasizes

69 Jamie of "M*A*S*H"

70 Cried out in excitement

73 November birthstone

76 Ship's veer

80 Nuke

81 Makes a flub

86 " _ folly to be wise"

87 Hold on to

89 Porkers' pen

91 Tokyo robe

92 Clothes smoother

93 Kicked out

94 Not al fresco

96 Go by

97 Unfroze

99 Legume seed vessel

100 Plays at love

101 Cast another ballot

102 Unreciprocal

105 Keaton of film

107 Hair-raising

111 Chomp on

113 Very, to Gigi

115 Sea, to Gigi

116 Periodical team, briefly

117 Ill-bred man

118 "Honest" prez

119 _ Poke (candy brand)
- Answer Page 5

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True Texas Facts by Roger T. Moore
Sept. 12, 1874-Six settlers held off 100 Indians for
3 days at "Buffalo Waller" in Hemphill Co.

Dang! I sense a little hostility!

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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+		+		+	
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1 2 2 3 4 6 7 8 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
Answer Page 5 ◆◆◆ HOO BOY!

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Social Security Q&A By Ray Vigil

Hispanic Heritage Month

We know the importance of “familia” in Hispanic culture, and we’re proud to celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month (Sept. 15 to Oct. 15) by helping build a secure future for you, your family, and your future family.

You can learn more about how Social Security helps secure today and tomorrow for millions of families by visiting www.socialsecurity.gov/people/hispanics/.

Hispanics make up our nation’s largest ethnic minority group with a population of 56.6 million, according to 2015 statistics from the U.S. Census Bureau. Social Security is here to help maintain and improve our economic well-being for generations to come.

Currently, we do this by providing retirement, disability, and other benefits to 61 million people, including nearly 3.5 million Hispanics, who have contributed to the Social Security system through their payroll taxes. Social Security also provides a safety net to the families of American workers who become unable to work

due to grave impairments or have died.

We work hard to provide enhanced customer service and to educate millions of Americans about the importance of our programs and benefits. This allows us to connect with the Hispanic community in meaningful and efficient ways.

If Spanish is your primary language, you can visit www.segurosocial.gov, our Spanish-language website. It provides hundreds of pages of important information about how to get a Social Security card, plan for retirement, apply for benefits, and manage your benefits once you’re receiving them. Many of our offices have staff who speak Spanish, or you can call 1-800-772-1213 from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. weekdays and select the option for Spanish.

Nationwide, our public affairs specialists reach out to thousands of Hispanic Americans each year to raise awareness of the benefits they may qualify for and to learn

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CryptoQuip

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

Clue: Q equals S

CNW QWIYQCAWQQ, VBQXWMQBMH
YZEN IVPBEW, SIQ DJJWABMH
WPWATDMW AWIGGT HAWIC
XZAGQ DJ SBQVDY.

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FEAR KNOT

By: rj johnson

DOUBT? ...OR DARE!

IPE
PICTAN
♥ HEFSL
♥ LOFW
GLAFEN
PSO
♥ STEV
♥ CLEAS
♥ WOT
HASVIN
♥ EPSEW
♥ PLEO

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Unscramble these twelve letter strings to form each into an ordinary word (ex. HAGNEC becomes CHANGE). Prepare to use only ONE word from any marked (♥) letter string as each unscrambles into more than one word (ex. ♥RATHE becomes HATER or EARTH or HEART). Fit each string’s word either across or down to knot all twelve strings together.

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Here’s a Tip

By JoAnn Derson

• If you use cold water to clean all of your clothes, you’ll save about \$40 a year in electricity costs. Your clothes will last longer too. And consider a clothesline for air-drying items like towels and sheets on nice days. That saves electricity as well.

• “I just filled a nick in my wood floor with a brown crayon. It totally works. I just rubbed it into the mark, and then used a soft rag to work it in. You can’t even tell where it was. I thank my dad for this tip.”
– C.L. in Arizona

• “To see the numbers on my socket set, I used my wife’s red nail polish. I painted it over the numbers and then quickly used a tissue to wipe off the excess. The red color sunk into the indentations, making the numbers easier to read.”
– E.L.D. in Indiana

• “To get my kids to do chores, I sometimes will leave the tasks I want done written on sticky notes. The kids have to complete the tasks and turn in the notes to me in order to get their allowances. Some money is just given, but more chores means more money. It motivates them to do more.”
– L.P. in Florida

• You may have heard this before, but some people don’t believe it: Skip the fabric softener on your towels, because while it does make them soft and fluffy, it also takes away their efficiency at absorbing water over time. If your towels don’t dry like they used to, double wash them – one cycle with hot water and added baking soda (which also de-stinks them) followed by another hot water cycle with only vinegar. It’ll do the trick!

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