



## NEWSBRIEFS

### Historical markers

The Texas Historical Commission (THC) is currently accepting historical marker applications for subject markers, designated Historic Texas Cemeteries (HTC), and Recorded Texas Historic Landmarks (RTHLs). Applications must be submitted to the appropriate County Historical Commission (CHC), and the deadline for CHCs to forward applications to the THC is November 15, via email, to [markerapplication@thc.texas.gov](mailto:markerapplication@thc.texas.gov). The THC will approve up to 185 new applications; up to 15 additional markers will be approved through the Undertold Stories marker program. One of the most visible programs of the THC, historical markers commemorate diverse topics from the history and architecture of houses and commercial buildings to religious congregations and individuals that have made lasting contributions to state and local history. With more than 16,000 to date, historical markers can be found in all 254 Texas counties. Applications for historical markers are available, along with a marker toolkit – a one-stop-shop providing the basic steps of applying for a marker – on the THC website at [thc.texas.gov/MarkerToolkit](http://thc.texas.gov/MarkerToolkit). To learn more about the Official Texas Historical Marker Program, visit [thc.texas.gov/markers](http://thc.texas.gov/markers) or contact the THC's History Programs Division at (512) 463-5853.

– Leah Brown

### Irresistible

Good news for all chocolate lovers. The Swiss have come up with a fourth kind of chocolate to rival the flavors found in white, dark and milk chocolate, reports the Association of Mature American Citizen. It's called Ruby Chocolate and it is made from the Ruby cocoa bean. Ruby Chocolate "offers a totally new taste experience, which is not bitter, milky or sweet, but a tension between berry-fruitedness and luscious smoothness," claims the chocolatier who concocted the new confection, Barry Callebaut. Callebaut says he is a purist and that it is real chocolate and that no berries, berry flavors or coloring are used to produce it. s.

– John Grimaldi

*A man's country is not just a certain area of land. It is a principle, and patriotism is loyalty to that principle.*

– Quips & Quotes



– Photo courtesy Socorro ISD

**PLANS** – Socorro ISD would use some of the bond money, if passed, to reconstruct Socorro High School by incorporating existing facilities into a new learning environment comparable to the District's newest high schools, and incorporating 21st century learning environments.

## Socorro ISD asks voters for \$448.5 million bond

*Bond funds to address growth, facilities improvements in the district*

By **Alfredo Vasquez**  
*Special to the Courier*

Socorro Independent School District (SISD) officials stated that the funds are needed to build three new campuses and reconstruct the Socorro High School facilities. The biggest chunk of the proposed bond issue. That vote has been scheduled for the November 7 election day, with early voting slated to start October 23 and end November 3.

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## Villalobos elected to national post

By **Jim Heiney**  
*Special to the Courier*

EL PASO COUNTY – Joshua Villalobos, an El Paso Community College (EPCC) dean, was elected in September to the position of Councilor-at-Large for The National Association of Geoscience Teachers (NAGT) Executive Committee. Villalobos is Dean of Instructional Programs at EPCC's Mission del Paso campus.

The newly elected officers will be welcomed at the upcoming 2017 Geological Society of America Annual Meeting, October 22-25, 2017. By serving on this committee Villalobos will be able to share EPCC's efforts in science at the national level and create new opportunities for students in the field.

"Being elected by my peers from across the US is a big honor for me," said Joshua Villalobos. "I hope to bring insight to the unique challenges we all face in higher education in getting students engaged in the geosciences not only from the instructional side but now from the administrative side as well."

Since 1938, the NAGT has been working towards three main goals: to improve geoscience education, to emphasize the relevance and cultural significance of the earth sciences, and to disseminate knowledge to educators and the general public.



Joshua Villalobos

## Rodriguez selected to NALEO board

By **Andrew Reynoso**  
*Special to the Courier*

CANUTILLO – The National Association of Latino Elected and Appointed Officials (NALEO) announced the election of new board members during the organization's board of directors' summer meeting in Dallas. Canutillo Independent School District's School Board Trustee Armando Rodriguez was unanimously elected to serve an initial three-year term on the NALEO Board of Directors.

The election took place following the leadership organization's annual conference, which brought together nearly 1000 Latino policymakers and leaders from across the country. NALEO President and Dallas County Treasurer Pauline Medrano said that she is grateful to have these extraordinary leaders joining the NALEO Board of Directors during a critical time for our community.

"With their help, this organization will continue to empower the Latino community, strengthen our democracy and help our nation's Latino elected officials develop the leadership and governance skills they need to be effective advocates for their communities," Medrano said.

Earlier this year, Rodriguez was also elected to the National



Armando Rodriguez

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– Photo courtesy Socorro ISD

**MEETING GROWING NEEDS – Socorro ISD Board of Trustees unanimously voted to propose a bond issue for the Nov. 7 election ballot. The SISD Bond 2017 addresses continuing growth and improvements to existing facilities in the district.**

**SISD**  
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bond, about \$135 million, would go to rebuilding the district’s original high school campus. Nearly \$106 million would be used to build two new elementary schools and a middle school in El Paso County’s far eastside. About \$96 million would fund

improvements at Montwood, El Dorado, and Americas high schools, according to school officials. The rest of the funding would pay for multipurpose rooms at 16 elementary schools, a new student activities complex with capacity for 6,000 to 8,000 seats, lights at all baseball and softball fields, and additional support services needs, officials stated.

If approved, the SISD bond would raise the district’s tax rate from \$1.27 per \$100 property valuation to \$1.38. Homeowners in the district would pay about \$8.83 more a month, or an additional \$106 annually, for a home worth \$100,000 of taxable value, according to district estimates.



**SISD Superintendent Jose Espinoza**

“We are a destination school district, and our district continues to grow,” SISD Superintendent Jose Espinoza said. Currently, about 1,300 students cannot attend their home campuses due to space constraints, the superintendent pointed out. The district serves about 46,000 students in its 47 schools. Officials said that the district grew by about 750 students this year and last year, with much of the growth in the

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Pebble Hills and Eastlake areas. An in-depth facility, land and demographic study revealed that two additional elementary schools in the Pebble Hills neighborhood are needed to accommodate the steady growth in that area of SISD. As it is now, the three existing elementary schools in the area have about 1,000 students more than their combined capacity, according to the demographics study. A young couple, with two pre-school age children and who moved recently into the Pebble Hills community, stated that although the bond referendum will raise their taxes they will support the bond issue because they want the best schools possible for their two kids when they are ready to start school.

Socorro’s last voter-approved bond was for \$297 million in 2011. Officials reported last year that they had saved \$37 million from that bond issue. School officials stated that the plan is to use \$20.6 million of those funds to help pay for a new elementary school in the Pebble Hills area (this school is separate from the bond proposal), and the remaining \$16.4 million to pay for air conditioning upgrades at four middle schools.

If SISD’s measure is successful, the city’s three largest school districts could each have major construction projects underway at the same time. Ysleta Independent School District voters approved a \$430.5 million bond in 2015; and last year, the El Paso Independent School District approved a \$668.7 million measure, which was the largest bond issue ever sought in the county.

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Rating**

Tornillo Independent School District will hold a public meeting at 5:30 PM, Wednesday, October 25, 2017, in the boardroom of the Tornillo Administration Building, at 19200 Cobb Ave., Tornillo, Texas 79853.

The purpose of this hearing is to discuss Tornillo Independent School District’s rating on the state’s financial accountability system.

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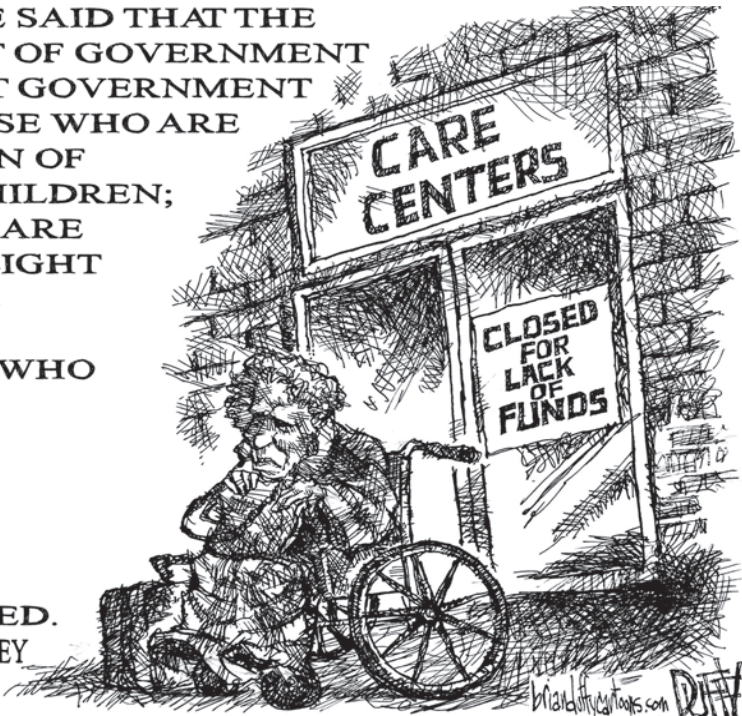


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IT WAS ONCE SAID THAT THE MORAL TEST OF GOVERNMENT IS HOW THAT GOVERNMENT TREATS THOSE WHO ARE IN THE DAWN OF LIFE, THE CHILDREN; THOSE WHO ARE IN THE TWILIGHT OF LIFE, THE ELDERLY; AND THOSE WHO ARE IN THE SHADOWS OF LIFE, THE SICK, THE NEEDY AND THE HANDICAPPED.

~HUBERT H. HUMPREY



BROOKINS RICHMOND TIMES-DEPATCH

NATIONAL ID



Rodriguez

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Hispanic Council (NHC) of School Board Members Board of Directors for the Southern Region. NHC members are leaders in the effort to support and enhance the education of Hispanic students. The NHC promotes the goals and vision of the National School Boards Association (NSBA) and provides leadership and a foundation to school board members for student educational opportunities through collaboration with key stakeholders to foster excellence and equity in public education.

Mr. Rodriguez believes that through participation in educational leadership organizations, best practices have been brought back to the District and opportunities for students have increased in Canutillo over the years such as the creation of Northwest Early College High School.

“It’s about creating opportunities for

kids. If we don’t, we fall into a cycle that prevents them from moving forward,” Rodriguez said. “It’s getting a better understanding and making an impact by collaborating with others on the state and national level. We’re bringing back leadership skills, getting educated on issues facing our community, and being influential on legislation that affects student outcomes.”

Rodriguez was recently elected as President of the Mexican American School Board Members Association (MASBA) becoming the first member from the El Paso region to be elected president of MASBA. A graduate of Canutillo High School and the University of Texas at El Paso, Rodriguez also serves in leadership positions, including the Texas Association of School Boards, and the former President of the Far West Texas School Board Association. He is serving his fourth term on the Canutillo ISD Board of Trustees, where he has served as Secretary, Vice President and President.

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## Strange But True

By Samantha Weaver

• It was Bulgarian-French philosopher Tzvetan Todorov who made the following sage observation: “We should not be simply fighting evil in the name of good, but struggling against the certainties of people who claim always to know where good and evil are to be found.”

• As Halloween approaches, it's interesting to note that in 16 states, you won't pay taxes on the candy you buy for trick-or-treaters; for tax purposes, candy is categorized as groceries. Of course, there's room for debate over what qualifies as candy; breath mints and gum are usually included, along with the obvious – chocolate bars, hard candies and such. The tax code can get even more detailed than that, though; for instance, in Florida (which taxes candy but not groceries), marshmallows are tax-exempt, but marshmallow candies are not.

• The seahorse is the only animal whose head is positioned at a right angle to its body.

• Recently retired sportscaster Vin Scully served 67 seasons as the play-by-play announcer for the Dodgers – starting in Brooklyn in 1950, then moving with the team to Los Angeles in 1958 – making him the longest-tenured broadcaster with a single team in the history of professional sports. Over the years he's had many fans, including Chris Carter, creator of the long-running TV series “The X Files.” One of the main characters, Dana Scully (played by actress Gillian Anderson), was named for the sportscaster.

Thought for the Day: “Patriotism, n. Combustible rubbish ready to the torch of any one ambitious to illuminate his name. In Dr. Johnson's famous dictionary patriotism is defined as the last resort of a scoundrel. With all due respect to an enlightened but inferior lexicographer I beg to submit it is the first.”  
– Ambrose Bierce

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## CryptoQuip Answer

If a dried grape decided on a purpose or calling in life, could you say it's a raisin d'etre?

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Moments  
in Time

The History Channel

- On Nov. 7, 1991, basketball legend Earvin “Magic” Johnson stuns the world by announcing his sudden retirement from the Los Angeles Lakers, after testing positive for the AIDS virus. Johnson was one of the first sports stars to go public about his HIV-positive status.
  - On Nov. 8, 1960, John F. Kennedy, 43, becomes the youngest man and first Roman Catholic ever to be elected president of the United States.
  - On Nov. 9, 1971, John Emil List slaughters his family in their Westfield, New Jersey, home and then disappears for 18 years. List had methodically devised a plan, saying the family was going out of town. By the time authorities discovered the bodies, he had vanished. List was found in West Virginia in 1989.
  - On Nov. 10, 1903, U.S. Patent No. 743,801 is awarded to an Alabama woman named Mary Anderson for her windshield wipers. Anderson tried to sell the patent to a Canadian firm, but it said the device had no practical value.
  - On Nov. 11, 1921, the Tomb of the Unknowns is dedicated at Arlington National Cemetery in an Armistice Day ceremony. The Tomb of the Unknowns is considered the most hallowed grave at Arlington and has been guarded by sentinels 24/7 since 1937.
  - On Nov. 12, 1889, DeWitt Wallace, founder of Reader’s Digest, is born. By the end of the 20th century, the magazine had the largest circulation in the world, with more than 17 million readers in some 20 languages.
  - On Nov. 13, 1953, Mrs. Thomas J. White of the Indiana Textbook Commission calls for the removal of references to the book “Robin Hood” from school textbooks, claiming it was communistic. Attacks on freedom of expression in the U.S. during the Red Scare resulted in a number of books being banned, including John Steinbeck’s “The Grapes of Wrath.”
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A black and white photograph of two young boys in the back seat of a car. The boy on the left is looking out the window, while the boy on the right is looking down at something in his hands. They are both wearing seatbelts.

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# Charles Barkley is right on the money

By Steve Escajeda  
*Special to the Courier*

One of the more colorful commentators in the NBA is Charles Barkley.

In fact, he can easily be considered one of the most colorful commentators in all of sports.

For those of you who aren't as old as I am, Barkley was one of the greatest professional basketball players in the history of the league.

He was probably the most admired player on the Olympic Dream Team in Barcelona.

Fans gravitated to him more than any other player on the team, which included Michael Jordan, Larry Bird and Magic Johnson.

At only 6-4, Barkley played more like he was 6-9 or 6-10, grabbing every rebound in sight and muscling players around the basket.

He was a controversial figure off the court, never too shy to share his views and opinions with the media. Some fans loved that about him while others thought

he should be seen and not heard. But whether people referred to him as "Chuck" or "Sir Charles" or "The Round Mound of Rebound," they knew he was always going to speak his mind, popular or not.

Back in 1993, Barkley shared his thoughts on the importance of athletes being role models – he said they weren't.

He was once quoted as saying, "A million guys can dunk a basketball in jail; should they be role models?"

In the famous Nike commercial, he states over and over, "I am not a role model."

Barkley was trying to make the point that parents and teachers should quit looking to athletes to be role models and looking for him to raise their kids. He said that parents should be role models themselves.

Of course his message was understood by some and despised by others, but Barkley always stood beside his words.

Well, it's good to know that Barkely hasn't changed one bit.

Sir Charles made his feelings known again recently and he wasn't very kind to

many of today's NBA players.

Too many times over the last few years, NBA fans have gone to NBA games that were missing one thing – NBA players.

Okay, okay, there were NBA players on the court, but many of the star players chose not to play in that particular game because they wanted to rest.

Wouldn't it be nice to call in to work and tell the boss you're not coming in today because you decided to rest? Oh and by the way, and still get paid for the day.

A growing number of players have suddenly decided that the NBA season is too grueling and they have to occasionally sit out a game.

The funny thing is that it's always the superstars who need the rest.

Anyway, fans who only have enough money to attend one game a year were sometimes unlucky enough to attend the game that LeBron James or Stephen Curry or Kevin Durant or James Harden were sitting out.

Well, Barkley had a few words for those guys.

"You know, these poor babies can't play

back-to-back games. They're making 20, 30, 40 million dollars a year. But we want to make it convenient for them. ... We can't stress 'em out. So we're just going to make it more comfortable for them. The private jets and four-star hotels is not enough."

Barkley said he was angry that the NBA accommodated these players to the point of starting the season early this year so that players would play fewer games on back-to-back nights.

"I think it's a travesty that the NBA didn't just tell these guys to play basketball two days in a row. Moving the season up, it's just a joke to me."

Barkley went on to say that the players are being disrespectful to fans when they decide to sit out a game, especially when that game is the only time a team will visit a particular city.

And he's right. Do they really need the rest?

An NBA game is 48 minutes. Four games in a week comes out to three hours and 20 minutes of work – if players actually play four games in a week

The rest of us work 40 hours a week, usually five days in a row and for a lot less money.

Do you feel sorry for NBA players?

Dear Sam,

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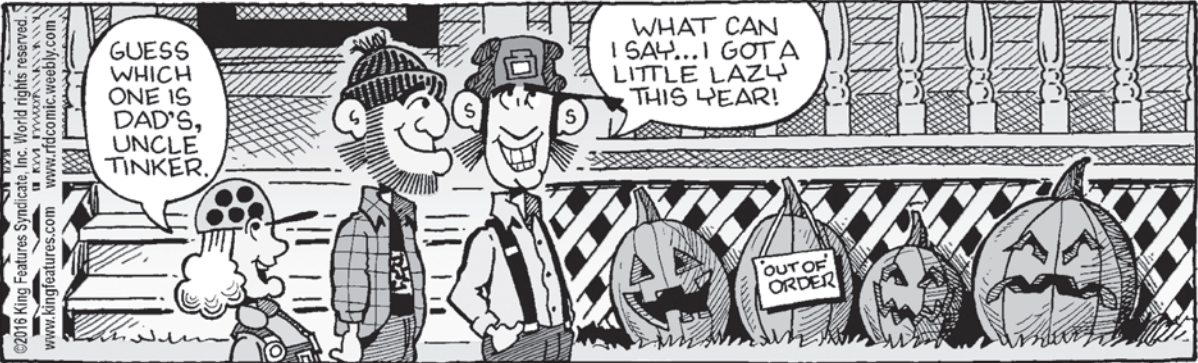
THE SPATS

By Jeff Pickering



R.F.D.

By Mike Marland



Your good health

By Keith Roach, M.D.

DEAR DR. ROACH: All of us look forward to eating. However, in my case (age 79) it has become a chore. Whether it is breakfast, lunch, dinner or a few snacks, after the first few bites I have to blow my nose. This goes on throughout the eating period, and at the end, my handkerchief is soaked. At breakfast time, after eating, I proceed to sneeze five to 10 times, most of the time. I have become a recluse. I turn down invitations to dinners at homes and restaurants, as it has become an embarrassment. I have taken Toprol and Timoptic in the past 20 years, but this condition has occurred only in the past four or five years, so I don't think it's the drugs. During the day, I am fine with no sneezing and blowing my nose, except maybe once or twice. But when mealtime comes, out comes the handkerchief for another onslaught. Have you heard of this condition? Should I consult a specialist about it? – D.Z.

read your Q&A “Blood donation can affect athletic output.” Your answer is correct, but you missed a key opportunity to educate your readers. **There is an alternative for this man:**

Instead of donating whole blood, he can ask his local Red Cross about donating via apheresis (as I do). The apheresis process requires more time (up to two hours) and attaches the donor to a centrifuge machine, which separates the donor's whole blood into red cells, plasma and platelets. Each of those blood products is then either bagged for collection (if needed at that time by the Red Cross) or returned to the donor's bloodstream (if not). The donor always retains the right to specify which blood products may or may not be drawn, so your reader can always say, “I prefer not to donate reds today, but feel free to draw plasma and platelets,” if he knows he has a challenging athletic event coming up.

I have heard about it, many times, as it is much more common than you might think. It goes by the name of “gustatory rhinitis” (which simply means that your nose gets inflamed on eating). It is classified as a non-allergic rhinitis. It is more common in the elderly, though it can happen at any age.

Your regular doctor should be able to help you. If non-medication treatments like nasal saline irrigation haven't helped, then I usually prescribe ipratropium bromide nasal spray before eating.

In my case, I usually donate platelets and plasma about every six weeks via apheresis, but normally not red cells. One advantage of not donating reds is that a donor can return to donate plasma and platelets more frequently. During my most recent donation, my nurse mentioned that there was a serious shortage of platelets but that the supply of red blood cells was fine, so she had been instructed to NOT draw reds from any donor if that donor was able to schedule another donation of platelets in the next few weeks. – M.M.

DEAR DR. ROACH: I recently

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Super Crossword

SCHOOL ORDERS

ACROSS

1 Loch monster moniker

7 \_ Tome

10 Party giver's abbr.

14 Disk units

19 And much more of the same: Abbr.

20 Waters off Fla.

21 Part of BSA: Abbr.

22 Target for an exterminator

23 Start of a riddle

25 "Me neither"

26 Hunky-dory

27 Address book no.

28 Riddle, part 2

31 Polar vehicle

33 Puts on the burner again

34 Fair-haired folks

35 Sainly glow

38 On top of that

39 Wall St. insider, maybe

41 Brewery oven

42 Riddle, part 3

49 Crooner Jones

50 Lament

51 Perp's charge

52 "Later, Jose"

55 Ample

57 Trawl, e.g.

58 Typical Tiger Beat readers

61 Brewery tank

62 Round hairdo

63 Riddle, part 4

66 Toshiba rival

68 Neighbor of Arg.

69 U.K. "Inc."

70 Riddle, part 5

79 "\_-Ca-Dabra" (1974 tune)

83 Stadium shout

84 Without help

85 With 4-Down, gear up

86 Newbies, so to speak

87 Die marks

89 Numbered hwy.

90 Like red soil

92 Ore-\_ (maker of Zesties!)

93 Riddle, part 6

98 "Mamma Mia" quartet

100 Suffix for an enzyme

101 Stadium shout

102 Vatican site

103 Detonate

105 African cat

109 Meat stamp inits.

112 End of the riddle

117 Cal. units

118 Holy Roman emperor known as "the Great"

119 Ian who played Bilbo Baggins

120 Riddle's answer

122 Ban Ki-moon heads it, for short

123 Run up \_ (drink on credit)

124 "A," in Caen

125 Submissive

126 Big mattress maker

127 Setup on eHarmony

128 Signing need

129 Many stage mutterings

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1 Colorful amphibians

2 Merman of "Gypsy"

3 Warrior's suit with small, overlapping plates

4 See 85-Across

5 \_-bitsy

6 Audio effect

7 Ketchup, e.g.

8 Words after attorney or heir

9 Language of early inscriptions

10 Rampaged

11 L.A. hazes

12 Stylish Wang

13 Rigidly formal

14 Bar fight

15 Gave an attention-getting shout

16 Fallen suddenly

17 Clicked-open greetings

18 Least bold

24 "The Skin of \_ Teeth"

29 Author \_ Hubbard

30 Peters out

32 Penn & Teller, e.g.

36 July gem

37 Bonobo, e.g.

39 "Law & Order" actress \_ de la Garza

40 Push away

42 Razor choice

43 Slip up

44 High-end hotel chain

45 Antagonists

46 Way to go

47 Glenn of the Eagles

48 Laces into

53 Sculler's tool

54 Bourbon and Wall: Abbr.

56 Funny Sahl

58 Govt.-issued security

59 Snaky swimmers

60 Bank (on)

63 God that's part goat

64 Conical woodwind

65 The date 6/6/44

67 Earthen pot for liquids

70 Tax-taking org.

71 Tot's break

72 One given to ostentatious display

73 Golf vehicles

74 Offering-plate share

75 Notion, to Fifi

76 Eye creepily

77 \_ tide

78 About 5.88 trillion mi.

80 Wedding VIP

81 Traveled by bus, e.g.

82 "That is \_ commentary"

86 Old toy company

88 Defrosts

90 Rises slowly

91 Always, in odes

94 Neck part

95 West African tree

96 Oscar winner Guinness

97 Rhea relative

98 Monastery heads

99 Actress Danner

104 Wake \_ cold sweat

105 B soundalike

106 Macduff, e.g.

107 Tunesmith Harold

108 Pork product

110 Sir Arthur Conan \_

111 Mules' sires

113 Landlocked African land

114 Tiny amount

115 Fanta, e.g.

116 Grandson of Adam

121 College dept.

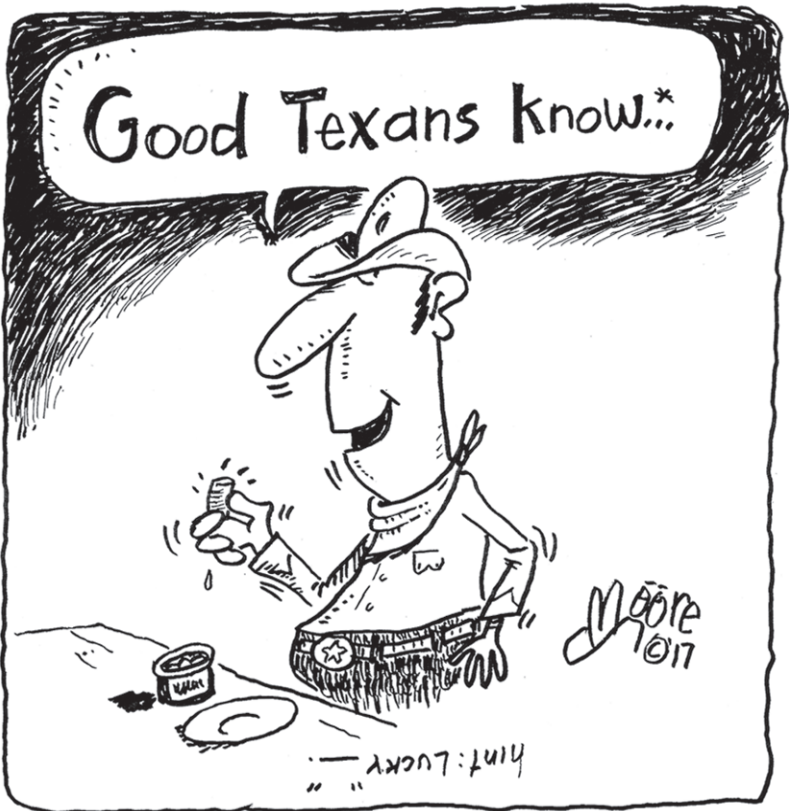
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# Moore Texasby Roger Moore

## A real Texas quiz! How many sausages in a can of VIENNAS?



### 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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## Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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		7		9		6		
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		1		7				8
	5		2			1		
		4	3					7
	8			6		4		
5					2		1	

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 4 ♦♦♦ HOO BOY!

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By Ray Vigil

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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: A equals I

AW Q ZFABZ KFAQIB ZBHAZBZ EC Q

ITFIEOB EF HQVVACK AC VAWB,

HETVZ NET OQN AP'O Q FQAOAC

Z'BPFB?

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## FEAR KNOT

By: rj johnson

DOUBT? ...OR DARE!

OAD  
DORLET  
♥RISTA  
♥ANLI  
OARGAN  
♥TPO  
♥RANE  
AMDON  
NIN  
LOND OE  
♥GRIED  
♥NEOP


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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

- I use an empty hard-plastic travel container originally used for wet wipes to hold my coupons. It keeps them organized as I walk through the store, and its surface is great for writing on.  
— I.L. in Arkansas
- “When cleaning out my storage and clutter areas, I ask myself one question, and it usually helps me clear out a lot of otherwise unusable stuff: Am I really likely to dig this out (or even remember that I have it), or am I more likely to buy or borrow a new one?”  
— M.E. in Maine
- Got leftovers? Try throwing chopped leftovers into a tortilla for a “leftoverrito.” Or make soup with remains from the produce drawer before it goes bad. Fried rice also works as a delicious delivery vehicle for leftover veggies and meats.
- Want to save some money on your electric bill? Here's two things you can do. First, plug your electronic devices into power strips and turn the strips off when you're done using them for the day. Then replace the five most-used light bulbs in your house with ENERGY STAR certified bulbs. They cost a little bit more, but last way longer and use a fraction of the energy, saving you dollars!
- Make your own portable cleaning wipes. Mix together 1 1/2 cups of water, 1/2 cup alcohol and 1/2 cup white vinegar. Stack sturdy napkins or paper towels inside a gallon-size, resealable plastic bag, and add the liquid to soak. Seal and use as you would a packet of glass wipes. They can be used on hands, but not near the eyes.

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## Health

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Thank you for the important information.

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