



## NEWSBRIEFS

### Oz Glaze Senior Center

- The Glaze Center is having a Fiesta Mexicana on Sept. 16, 2018. Lots of food: menudo, empanadas, carnitas, and more. Food, fun, games. Join us from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
- The Glaze Center is having its annual rummage sale on Sept. 22, 2018. Table are \$10 inside the center and \$5 outside. There will be food for sale, also. Sale starts at 8:00 a.m.
- Horizon City Council approved a resolution to rename the Glaze Center as "The Oz and Audrey Glaze Senior Center". The Center will be rededicated in late July 2019 when the Glaze family had its reunion.

— Judi Verslype

### Ground broken

The Canutillo Independent School District broke ground on the long-awaited Multi-Purpose Agricultural Science Facility at Canutillo Middle School last Saturday morning. The 9,000 square-foot facility will give students in CISD's Agricultural Sciences Programs a facility that will include 3,600 square feet of open-air and other instructional spaces. The facility will also include warehouse storage space and a 1,200 square-foot canopy. "Having the facility at CMS will allow middle school students to experience the agricultural program at an early age and can continue the path into high school," said Board President Blanca Trout. "The construction of this new facility demonstrates Canutillo's dedication to the students and providing them with the tools and opportunities to expand their knowledge." Construction is expected to be completed in January 2019. Banes General Contractors, Inc. was chosen to build the facility.

— Andrew Reynoso

### WWI photos sought

The Texas Historical Commission (THC) is seeking photos and stories of people, places, and events that took place during World War I. Nearly 200,000 Texans served in World War I, and the THC will commemorate their service by sharing photos and stories of these homeland heroes leading up to the 100th anniversary of the armistice. Simply tag your posts or photos or leave a comment on social media with #TexasWWI for a chance

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*No man is fully accomplished until he has acquired the ability to attend to his own business.*

— Quips & Quotes



— Photo courtesy of Rick LoBello

**WOLF SUPPORT** – A group of supporters hold up copies of the letters that were sent recently to the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department. Over 15,000 individuals signed petitions letters for Sierra Club's campaign to return the wolf to Texas.

## El Paso Sierra Club pushes to return wolf to Texas

By Alfredo Vasquez  
Special to the Courier

**WEST TEXAS** – A new movement to return the gray wolf to wilderness areas and protected regions of West Texas has been launched by the El Paso Sierra Club group.

Last month, the group sent six boxes containing 10,372 letters plus a list

of 4,628 names of individuals asking Carter Smith, executive director of the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD) in Austin, Texas, to support a plan to return wolves to the wilds of Texas, according to El Paso Sierra Club Group Chair Laurence Gibson, a former University of Texas at El Paso (UTEP) music professor and former El Paso

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## Alarcón Elementary is all spruced up

By Hector Gonzalez  
Special to the Courier

**SAN ELIZARIO** – Lorenzo G. Alarcón Elementary, the first elementary school in the San Elizario Independent School District (SEISD), underwent a much-needed facelift this past summer.

The renovations had a cost of \$176,000 that came from money the district saved from the \$28M bond that was approved by community voters and SEISD Board Members back in November 2014.

Some of the upgrades included the restoration/repair of drywalls, the removal of carpets on the classroom



— Photo courtesy San Elizario ISD

**PUBLIC THANKS** – The sign says it all.

walls, replacement of all cracked windows as well as HVAC units, and the repainting of the school's entire

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### Benefits of returning the wolf to Texas

By Rick LoBello  
Special to the Courier

1. The return of wolves to the Texas wild will help to maintain the current growth of our state's dynamic travel and tourism industry, and its important contributions to the state economy. Texas is a premier destination for domestic and international travelers, where travel totaled an estimated \$70.5 billion in 2014 and supported 630,000 jobs across the state. Reintroduction of Mexican wolves to Texas provides an opportunity for the state to promote ecotourism while also educating visitors on the importance of environmental conservation.
2. Wolves provided important ecological services in helping to control prey species as well as ensuring biodiversity within Texas and the surrounding region.
3. Reintroduction of Mexican wolves to Texas provides an opportunity for the state to promote ecotourism while also educating visitors on the importance of environmental conservation.
4. Wolves need wilderness areas to survive and making sure we have wolves in Texas will help to ensure that we have wilderness. The wilderness that remains in Texas is part of our "great Texas backyard." Wilderness is a haven from the pressures of our fast-paced society. It provides us with places where we can seek relief from the noise, haste and crowds that too often

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View from here

By John Grimaldi

# The integrity principle

In 1964 I was a young reporter at the American Forces Network headquarters news desk in Frankfurt, West Germany. My editor – a crusty, chain smoker who routinely tossed copy back at me and said just two words, “fix it,” – had assigned me to cover the controversial Johnson- Goldwater presidential election campaign. “Fix it,” he said tossing my first story back to me. He’d done a word count and was concerned that I had devoted 10 or 15 extra words to Mr. Goldwater. He saw it as bias. I learned my lesson.

It was a lesson about integrity. Without that quality journalists become irrelevant. They become partisan hacks. They become hit men for personal causes. More important, they erode the

confidence the public had in them and in all news reporters. It’s their job to provide the facts; it is the readers’ prerogative to interpret those facts. We don’t need the spin of a biased newsman.

The majority of journalists and their editors still adhere to the rules and most publishers offer swift justice in the form of pink slips for those who stray. But, it seems that these days it has become difficult, at best, to know when a report in a newspaper or on TV is actually news or a personal opinion.

It’s bad enough that anyone with a computer, a basic knowledge of grammar and a vivid imagination can be a reporter these days by posting their so-called news stories on the Internet. These new age town criers have no rules; they are free to twist and turn their

so-called coverage of an event or personality to suit their personal agendas. But when mainstream reporters do it, we all lose. We lose confidence in the purpose and accuracy of the stories we read in the morning paper and those we watch on the evening news.

Doctor of Psychology Seth Meyers, writing in the journal Psychology Today, says, “an individual with integrity is the antidote to self-interest.”

The late Dr. Charles Krauthammer was such an individual. In his Washington Post obituary Jacob Heilbrunn, editor of the National Interest, a publication focused on American interests, is quoted as saying: “Krauthammer wasn’t simply a reflexive, unthinking conservative who was peddling the party line.

He had real discernment and independence. At bottom, he was an intellectual, not just a journalist, with real literary flair and style and insight.”

Before he died, Krauthammer, who was a columnist for the Post, wrote what was to be his last column for the newspaper. It was an opinion article in which he discussed his ill health and impending death. His words are the very essence of what it means to be a journalist with integrity:

“I believe that the pursuit of truth and right ideas through honest debate and rigorous argument is a noble undertaking. I am grateful to have played a small role in the conversations that have helped guide this extraordinary nation’s destiny.”

News reporters are bound by a code of ethics. They stick to the facts. They do not take advantage of the stories they are covering to promote a personal agenda. The integrity principle is taken seriously and, if they stray, there

are editors who strictly enforce the code. Editorials are for the editorial pages.

*(Publisher’s note: This principle also applies to the amount of air-time that local and national news programs devote to a subject as well. The time discrepancy of on-air coverage of a recent NY Times’ editorial decision (as with other stories attacking Mr. Trump) can be measured in minutes of air-time devoted to quoting an unnamed author that verbally assaulted a sitting American president versus the short – maybe 30-seconds – “attempt” at questioning the NY Times’ ethical responsibility. Agreeing or disagreeing with Mr. Trump, or any other individual or policy is not the function of news. Balance is. Like it or not, Mr. Trump is President of the United States of America. We should respect the office he holds regardless of how he chooses to treat his presidency.)*

## Benefits

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confine us. It is a place for us to enjoy with friends and families – strengthening our relationships and building lasting memories.

5. Wolves will help to maintain the ecological integrity of one of the greatest gifts Texas has given the nation – Big Bend National Park. Unlike other large national parks that were established from lands already owned by the federal government, Big Bend was privately owned by 100s of landowners before it became a national park. Texans came together during the 1930s and 40s and raised the money to buy the land that was then deeded to the federal government to become the State’s first national park and one of the crown jewels of the National Park Service.

6. The preservation of our natural heritage in Texas is a sacred trust mandated by federal and state law. Texans from all walks of life support efforts to conserve our natural heritage, including endangered species that historically lived in the state.
7. Restoring wolves to Texas will help to bring back the balance of the ecosystem.
8. By chasing and hunting their prey wolves help to re-vegetate habitats impacted by herbivores. These restored plant habitats will benefit other species like birds.
9. There is growing evidence that some predators, such as wolves, may benefit public health by killing sick wildlife that spread infectious diseases from wild animals to humans and domestic livestock.
10. As dominant predators, wolves will help to keep other predators in check like coyotes, foxes and mountain lions.

## Wolf

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Symphony Orchestra’s longtime concertmaster.

In the letter, Gibson stated, “We believe that it is critical to the future of our ecosystem and the citizens of our state to preserve and protect all parts of the ecosystem.” He urged Smith and TPWD to launch an effort to bring back the wolf to the wilds of Texas and to develop and implement a scientifically reviewed plan of action.

Earlier this summer, the Texas Parks and Wildlife Foundation launched a campaign, named *We Will Not Be Tamed*, according to Sierra Club officials. They said that the campaign is designed



– Photo by Jim Clark / US Fish and Wildlife Service

### PREDATOR – The Mexican Gray Wolf (Canis lupus baileyi).

to encourage all Texans to get involved in conserving the wild things and wild places of the state. Sierra Club members hope that TPWD supports this important conservation initiative, thereby demonstrating that the agency is committed to bringing the wolf

back to Texas.

For information about the local Sierra Club’s efforts, contact Laurence Gibson, at (915) 309-5419, or send email [tolgibson@utep.edu](mailto:tolgibson@utep.edu). People can also visit [facebook.com/returnthewolftotexas](https://facebook.com/returnthewolftotexas).

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Neil Armstrong didn't forget the flag

History is usually airbrushed to remove a figure who has fallen out of favor with a dictatorship, or to hide away an episode of national shame. Leave it to Hollywood to erase from a national triumph its most iconic moment.

The new movie "First Man," a biopic about the Apollo 11 astronaut Neil Armstrong, omits the planting of the American flag during his historic walk on the surface of the moon.

Ryan Gosling, who plays Armstrong in the film, tried to explain the strange editing of his moonwalk: "This was widely regarded in the end as a human achievement. I don't think that Neil viewed himself as an American hero." Armstrong was a reticent man, but he surely considered himself an American, and everyone else considered him a hero. ("You're a hero whether you like it or not," one newspaper admonished him.)

Gosling added that Armstrong's walk "transcended countries and borders," which is literally true, since it occurred 238,900 miles from Earth, although Armstrong got there on an American rocket, walked in an American spacesuit and returned home to America.

Apollo 11 was, without doubt, an extraordinary human

achievement. Armstrong's famous words upon descending the ladder to the moon were apt: "One small step for man, one giant leap for mankind." A plaque left behind read: "HERE MEN FROM THE PLANET EARTH FIRST SET FOOT UPON THE MOON, JULY 1969 A.D. WE CAME IN PEACE FOR ALL MANKIND."

But this was a national effort that depended on American derring-do, sacrifice and treasure. It was a chapter in a space race between the United States and the Soviet Union that involved national prestige and the perceived worth of our respective economic and political systems. The Apollo program wasn't about the brotherhood of man, rather about achieving a national objective before a hated and feared adversary did.

The Soviets putting a satellite, Sputnik, into orbit first was a profound political and psychological shock. The U.S. felt it had to rise to the challenge. As Vice President Lyndon Johnson put it: "Failure to master space means being second best in every aspect, in the crucial arena of our Cold War world. In the eyes of the world first in space means first, period; second in space is second in everything."



The mission of Apollo 11 was, appropriately, soaked in American symbolism. The lunar module was called Eagle, and the command module Columbia. There had been some consideration to putting up a U.N. flag, but it was scotched – it would be an American flag and only an American flag.

The video of Armstrong and his partner Buzz Aldrin carefully working to set up the flag – fully extend it and sink the pole firmly enough in the lunar surface to stand – after their awe-inspiring journey hasn't lost any of its power.

There may be a crass commercial motive in the omission – the Chinese, whose market is so important to big films, might not like overt American patriotic fanfare. Neither does much of our cultural elite. They may prefer not to plant the flag – but the heroes of Apollo 11 had no such compunction.

Rich Lowry is editor of the National Review. (c) 2018 by King Features Synd., Inc.

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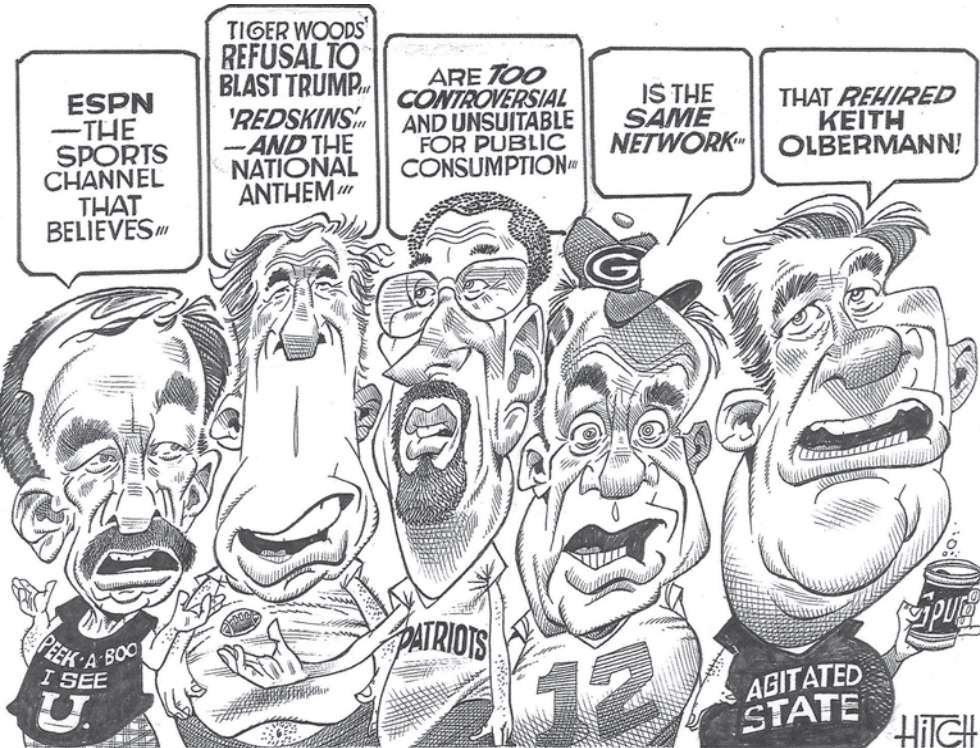
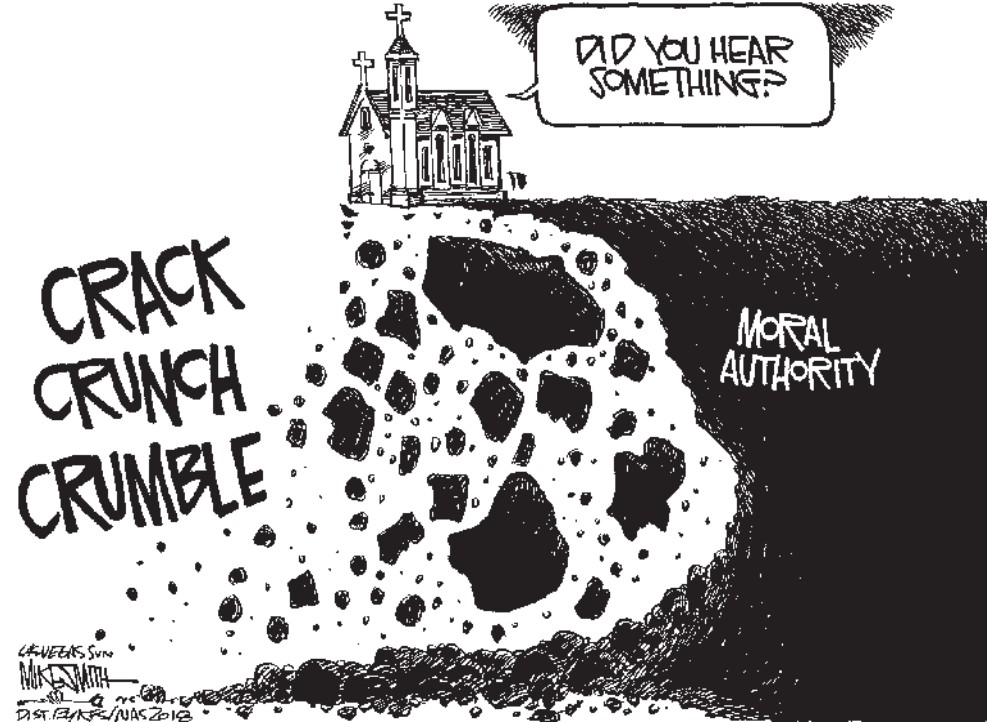
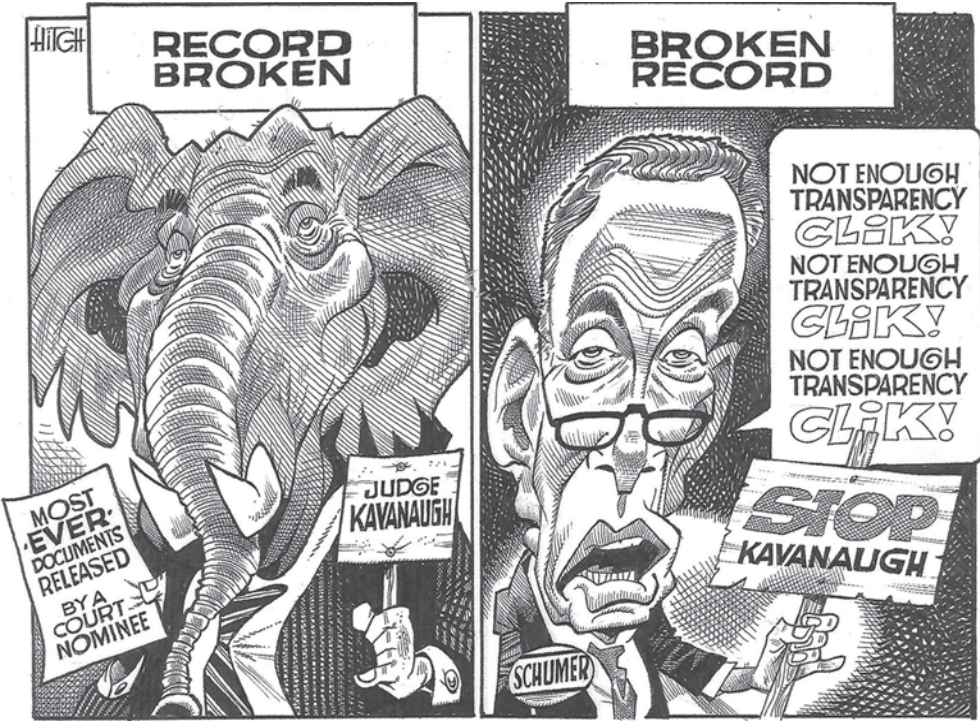
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# Immunize El Paso begins flu vaccinations

By Dusty Warden  
Special to the Courier

EL PASO COUNTY – With autumn rapidly approaching, it’s now time to begin preparing for flu season. Immunize El Paso, a non-profit immunization clinic, has begun administering vaccines to children and adults of all ages.

Last year, over 180 child deaths were reported by the CDC, the highest ever recorded in a regular flu season. Of those, 80% of these children were not vaccinated.

The CDC’s numbers are

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alarming, considering that many of these deaths may have been prevented. Sixteen pediatric deaths occurred right here in Texas, meaning El Paso is not exempt from the wrath of the flu.

It is important to get immunized to be protected against the flu.

Flu vaccine is recommended for everyone 6 months and older. The clinic also stocks a high-dose formulation, specifically developed for persons 65 years of age and older. One people get older, their immune system weakens, which means anti-body response after getting traditional flu vaccine isn’t as high was it used to be. This high-dose vaccine helps promote a stronger immune response to combat the flu.

Non-pharmaceutical interventions are also just as

important to stopping to flu. Remember the four “C”s: Clean your hands, Cover your cough, Contain germs by avoiding others when you’re sick, and Call your doctor if you experience a high-grade fever.

Flu vaccines are now available at each of Immunize El Paso’s clinic locations as well as community outreach sites scheduled through the next several weeks.

More information can be found at immunizeelpaso.org, www.cdc.gov/flu or by calling (915) 881-1100.



By Samantha Weaver

• It was Kurt Vonnegut, one of the most influential writers of the 20th century, who made the following sage observation: “There is no reason why good cannot triumph as often as evil. The triumph of anything is a matter of organization. If there are such things as angels, I hope they are organized along the lines of the Mafia.”

• Greyhounds aren’t just fast; they also have better vision than any other breed of dog.

• The venerable diner saw its peak as a place for a casual meal in the late 1940s, when there were around 7,000 of them across the country. Today there are fewer than 2,000.

• Thomas Jefferson was an inventor as well as a statesman, but he refused to take out patents on any of his ideas. He believed that inventions should benefit all of humanity, not just himself.

• In January 2018, the City of New York paid 200 formerly homeless people \$85 each to pretend to be homeless again for one night. At midnight that night, in order to get an estimate of the city’s homeless population, volunteer canvassers took to the streets, approaching apparently homeless people to ask if they have somewhere to sleep. If a canvasser came across one of the paid “homeless” decoys, that decoy went home. The decoys were, essentially, a check to see how well the canvassers did their job – and they did it pretty well, it seems, finding 90 percent of the decoys in the course of the night.

• In Switzerland, it’s considered bad luck to tell anyone your baby’s name before it is born.

Thought for the Day: “People of small caliber like to sit on high horses.”  
– Magdalena Samozwaniec

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# Two out of three child safety seats misused

*TxDOT offers free safety seat inspections to protect young Texans*

By Sherry Matthews  
Special to the Courier

TEXAS – With motor vehicle crashes still a leading cause of death among children, the Texas Department of Transportation is joining safety advocates statewide to remind parents of the importance of always buckling up their children. That means not only making sure they’re secured in their vehicle, but also avoiding the most common

mistakes when it comes to child safety seats: failing to select the seat that is appropriate for the child’s age and size, and failing to correctly install it.

As part of its September “Save Me with a Seat” campaign, TxDOT is encouraging parents to sign up for a free child safety seat check-up at any of its 25 district offices located throughout Texas.

“We want to help parents prevent the kind of tragedy no mother or father should have to

endure,” said TxDOT Executive Director James Bass. “That’s why we’re making a special push this month to encourage parents and caregivers to have one of our certified technicians ensure they’re not only using the right seat for their child but also that it’s properly installed.”

While most parents believe their children are properly buckled up, the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) has found that 2 out of 3 safety seats are not used correctly. According to NHTSA, child safety seats in passenger cars reduce the risk of fatal injury by 71 percent for infants and by 54 percent for toddlers. In Texas, in 2017:

- 408 children younger than 8 years old were seriously injured and 73 died in traffic crashes.
- 411 children ages 8 to 12 were seriously injured and another 30 were killed.

To protect against injury, TxDOT recommends that all children under age 13 ride in the back seat, properly secured in a seat belt or safety seat.

TxDOT’s free safety seat inspections are available weekdays throughout the year and take about 20 to 30 minutes. To schedule a seat check-up with a TxDOT Traffic Safety Specialist, visit [SaveMeWithaSeat.org](http://SaveMeWithaSeat.org) and enter your ZIP code to find the nearest TxDOT district office. Drivers also can find out if a child should be in a rear-facing, forward-facing or booster seat and get other child passenger safety tips by visiting the website.

State law requires all children under 8 years old, unless they are taller than 4 feet 9 inches, to be in a safety seat whenever they ride in a vehicle. Failure to properly restrain a child can result in a ticket of up to \$250.



**Moore Texas** by Roger T. Moore  
Sept. 18, 1861: John B. Stetson designed the first real Cowboy hat... an immediate hit with Texas Rangers.

## Briefs

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to be featured on our social media channels. The 100th anniversary of Armistice Day – November 11, 2018 – provides an opportunity to remember Texans who went beyond the call of duty, and to commemorate their valor and sacrifice. The holiday was first known as Armistice Day in recognition of the Great War ceasefire – achieved by the signing of an armistice at the 11th hour of the 11th day of the

11th month in 1918. To learn more about upcoming Veterans Day events and to get involved with the Texas World War I Centennial, visit [texasworldwar1centennial.org](http://texasworldwar1centennial.org). Explore World War I history by visiting [TexasTimeTravel.com](http://TexasTimeTravel.com), where users can discover World War I sites across the Lone Star State, download the THC’s newest free travel guide Texas and the Great War, and experience the Great War through the THC’s interactive mobile app tour.

– Leah Brown

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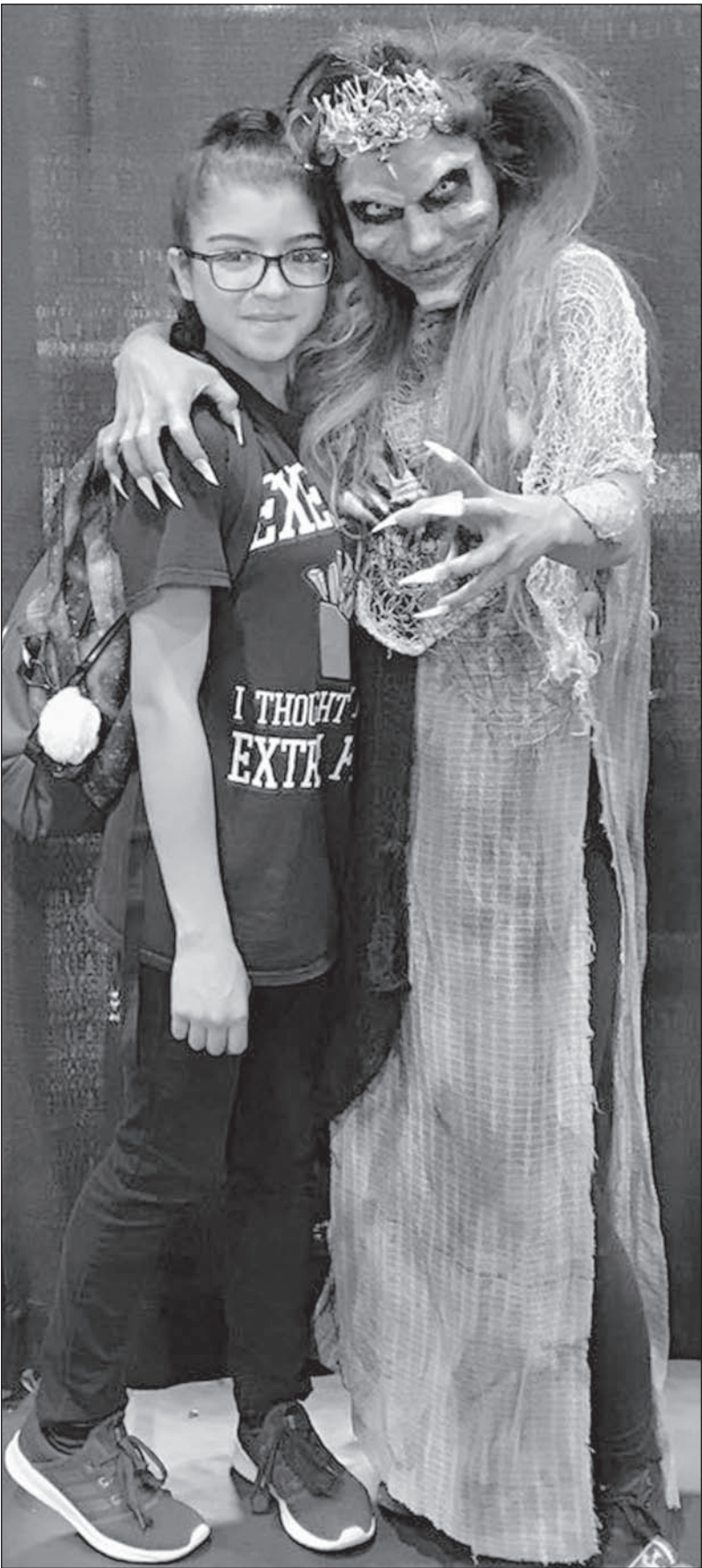
- On Sept. 24, 1988, Canadian sprinter Ben Johnson runs the 100-meter dash in 9.79 seconds to win gold at the Summer Olympics in Seoul, South Korea. Three days later he tested positive for steroids and was stripped of the medal.
- On Sept. 25, 1965, the Kansas City Athletics start ageless wonder Satchel Paige in a game against the Boston Red Sox. The 59-year-old Paige, a Negro League legend, gave up only one hit in his three innings of play.
- On Sept. 26, 1945, Lt. Col. Peter Dewey, a U.S. Army officer, is shot and killed in Saigon by the Viet Minh, who thought he was French. Dewey was the first of nearly 59,000 Americans killed in Vietnam.
- On Sept. 27, 1999, operatic tenor Placido Domingo makes his 18th opening-night appearance at the Metropolitan Opera House, breaking an “unbreakable” record previously held by the great Enrico Caruso, who died in 1921.
- On Sept. 28, 1918, a Liberty Loan parade in Philadelphia prompts a huge outbreak of a flu epidemic that would leave an estimated 30 million people dead worldwide. The 1918 flu pandemic likely originated with a bird or farm animal in the American Midwest.
- On Sept. 29, 1907, Gene Autry, perhaps the greatest singing cowboy of all time, is born in Tioga, Texas. While Autry was no cowboy, he was, at least, a genuine Westerner who had lived on a ranch. Autry was one of America’s most popular movie stars in the 1930s and ‘40s, appearing in almost 100 films.
- On Sept. 30, 1889, the Wyoming state convention approves a constitution that includes granting women the right to vote. Admitted into the union the following year, Wyoming became the first state to allow its female citizens to vote.

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# Area students attend JobCon in Fabens

By Denise Peña  
Special to the Courier



— Adrienne Martinez  
A makeup model from the Red Door Vintage poses with sophomore Emiley Serna.

## Alarcón

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gym and metal canopies.

“These renovations offer pride and preservation for the historical aspect of our beautiful building, while still keeping our students’ best interests in mind for a better learning environment,” said Irene D. Jaquez, SEISD Board President.

Alfredo Vela is a 4th Grade Bilingual Teacher that has been teaching at Alarcón Elementary for the past 15 years. He says he feels like he is in a completely new campus.

“Coming back to work this year was a pleasant surprise,” Vela said. “The school looks amazingly different. Our campus has a more inviting feel to it. I could not think of a better way to start the new school year than with a brand new look.”

Campus administration says everyone seems to be embracing the changes quite well and is excited about the school’s transformation.

“Our students and parents have commented that they love the changes that were done to the campus and our teachers feel as if they are in a new learning environment,” said Julissa Esquivel, Principal of Alarcón Elementary. “We are pleased to see many of our classrooms get a refreshed look that brightens their home away from home.”

Lorenzo G. Alarcón Elementary currently has 568 students enrolled and 60 employees (faculty and staff).

FABENS – Workforce Solutions Borderplex hosted its JobCon East Career Event at Fabens High School on Thursday, August 30. Approximately 500 students from Fabens ISD, Clint ISD, Tornillo ISD, Fort Hancock ISD and Sierra Blanca ISD attended the event to learn about career opportunities in the region as well as the skills necessary to acquire high-demand jobs. El Paso Electric Company, El Paso Police Department, US Border Patrol, Walgreens, and Raytheon were among the 28 major employers present. The goal of the event was to offer a broad array of industries for students to explore in an interactive setting.

Fabens High School Principal Ruben Carrillo was impressed by the employer turnout as well as the students’ energy. “It’s important to catch a student’s interest early on by exposing them to numerous career options,” Carrillo said. “If a student interacts with a medical exhibit and finds that there’s where their passion lies, they can begin on their career pathway in high school, which gives them an early advantage.”

FHS seniors were invited to attend a workshop by GECU about available careers as well as the importance of maintaining one’s credit score. FedEx also presented to seniors, discussing with them the different career pathways available for growing with the company.

For students with more eccentric interests, the Red Door Vintage shop set up their booth to feature a special effects model. The store sells vintage woman’s clothing and accessories, but also specializes in costume design, make up and props. Sophomore Emiley Serna felt motivated after seeing the exhibit. “I began thinking about doing theatrical makeup last year when I started high school and joined the One-Act play,” Serna said. “I think it’s cool to see that there are professionals who work in makeup close to my hometown. It makes my goal seem more real to me. It shows me that just because I live in a small town doesn’t mean I can’t have big dreams.”

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# Former NBA all-star raises good question with Durant comments

By Steve Escajeda  
Special to the Courier

I know we’re right at the beginning of the football season and nearing the end of the baseball season.

However, a former all-star basketball player put the NBA in the news a couple weeks ago for his comments about a current star player.

Former New York Knicks all-star guard Walt “Clyde” Frazier made some interesting remarks about Golden State Warriors forward Kevin Durant. Some might even call them derogatory remarks.

Frazier said that when listing the all-time greatest players in the league, he’d definitely add Durant’s name to the list. But he would do so with an asterisk at the end of it.

As he said during a recent NBA radio show, “Durant, I mean, as great a player as he is, I would still hold back because, man, he joined a team that really didn’t need him.”

Of course Frazier was referring to the fact that Durant left his team to join what was already the best team in

the league, Golden State.

And if they were already the best, what could he have possibly done to improve them? They were already the best.

To be honest, many fans and sports reporters have said the same thing. They say it was a quick and easy way to get a ring or two.

It’s true, Durant, as a member of the Oklahoma City Thunder, got close but couldn’t defeat the Warriors in the playoffs. It would have been much harder to gear up for another season of trying to knock off the Warriors, than to simply join forces with them.

One of those, “if you can’t beat them, join them” kind of things.

But in many players’ minds, there is nothing worse than joining the enemy. You improve yourself, you improve your teammates, you improve everything you can to defeat your rival.

Joining them is simply out of the question.

Can you imagine Magic Johnson ever admitting that he couldn’t beat Larry Bird, so he joins the Celtics?

Can you imagine Charles Barkley

ever admitting that he couldn’t beat Michael Jordan, so he goes off and joins the Bulls?

Of course not. Back in the day players had too much pride to admit they couldn’t beat an opponent, they just kept trying.

Frazier, being old school, added that among the greats, Durant is “right there with LeBron [James], probably will surpass LeBron as the best player in the game soon. But for him doing that, I still don’t give him the full credit that he probably would have deserved if he stayed with [the Oklahoma City Thunder] and won a title with that team.”

I have also thought that Durant’s joining the Warriors would hurt his legacy. If a player joins a team and makes it better, that’s one thing.

But when a team is already the best, and has already broken records for most wins in a season, that’s quite something else.

It amounts to taking the easy way out.

And we’d better expect more of this kind of movement from NBA athletes in the future. More and more players are

trying to turn friends into teammates.

Players hang out and take trips together during the off-season and then later decided to sign with the same team as soon as they become free agents.

It’s something the NBA is going to have to look at. Or else the league will be made up of five super teams and a bunch of clubs who don’t have a chance.

To be honest, the NBA is starting to resemble that now, especially if you’re one of the many teams in the Eastern Conference that have no chance of winning anything.

So is Walt Frazier’s idea correct about putting an asterisk on Kevin Durant’s name when making a list of the NBA’s best? Who knows?

But I think it’s safe to say that the conversation needs to be had – especially if other guys start doing the same thing. It could ruin the league because no fan likes to go to a game knowing one team is going to blow out the other.

If the NBA thinks they aren’t vulnerable, they should take a look at the NFL.

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- TECH COMPANY CLOSINGS ACROSS

1 No-elevator multistory building

7 Prefix with bar or belief

10 Long tales

15 Boo-boo

19 Consider identical

20 Go-between: Abbr.

21 Roping event

22 NCAA's Bruins

23 Protection for many bank tellers

26 "\_ cost ya!"

27 Closeout, e.g.

28 Preamble

29 Puzzler's cry

30 Net vending

31 Kinnear of Hollywood

33 Reflections

36 Connecticut state song

41 Spanish bull

42 Actor Ed

43 Yoko of the avant-garde

44 Mall binge, maybe

48 Get a pic of

51 Wooden peg

52 "In a pickle," e.g.

54 Part of ERA

55 "Bear" of the outback

56 Insignia

58 Three-section holder of bills

61 52, to Livy

62 Spanish surrealist

64 See 6-Down

65 Simpson judge

66 Probe for

68 Journals

72 Really cries

76 Bass finale?

78 Notion, in Nancy

79 Yule song

81 Syllable after "oom"

82 Element like barium or radium

88 Hard but easily broken

90 Verse-writing, old-style

91 1940s pres.

92 Pricey hotel offering

94 Pact of the U.S., Can. and Mex.

95 University of Kentucky's \_ Arena

96 Some aria singers

98 Vintage auto inits.

99 Adept

100 Conflicted

102 Arbitrary security inspection

105 Collection for the Red Cross, say

110 Shrewd

111 Keno cousin

112 Water, in Nancy

113 Tweaks text

115 Unbox, e.g.

119 Napoleonic exile locale

120 2014 Kentucky Derby winner

124 Pennant, e.g.

125 From Tehran or Tabriz

126 Elegant shade tree

127 1991 horror film sequel subtitled "The Awakening"

128 "Rent" actor Diggs

129 Pastis base

130 South Korea's Kim \_jung

131 Tech giant whose name can precede nine words in this puzzle

DOWN

1 Attic sights

2 Watery color

3 Abatement

4 Frilly green

5 Rugged truck, in brief

6 With 64-Across, snookums or sweetie, say

7 Real nice

8 "\_ it!" (outfield call)

9 Extra entryway for bad weather

10 Physicist's work unit

11 Diametrically opposite

12 Sun Valley's state

13 Romero or Franck

14 "Help me!"

15 Parts of many rock songs

16 Eight-sided

17 Stan's pal in old films

18 Drops

24 \_-a-terre

25 Kitchen wrap

30 Genre of rock

31 Coagulated

32 Fam. member

34 High- \_ graphics

35 Suffix with favor or zinc

36 Mountaintop melodies

37 Societal breakdown

38 Tyro, slangily

39 "The Spy Who Loved Me" actor

40 Getting the job done

45 Brochure or blurb, maybe

46 Settle from the bench

47 Terminus

49 Stein drink

50 Too glib

52 Skye, e.g.

53 Babysitters, e.g.

55 "Krazy \_"

57 Cuban patriot Jose

59 Terrif

60 Less naive

63 Most frigid

67 Compact SUV model

69 "\_ a Nightingale"

70 Singer Chris

71 Basketball's Bryant

73 Select

74 Like Latvia or Lithuania

75 Sword cover

77 Duplicitous

80 Actor Hal

82 Mo. with Arbor Day

83 Reed of rock

84 Held off

85 Flyers' gp.

86 Blushed

87 Hurried, quaintly

89 "Sharknado" actress Reid

93 Occurred gradually

96 House pest

97 Mysore "Mr."

99 Ending of enzymes

101 Los del \_ ("Macarena" duo)

103 Chevy debut of 2004

104 Plateau's kin

105 Rock fissure

106 Shout out, colloquially

107 Hanker

108 \_ Lama

109 Devastates

114 Visiting H'wood, say

115 Black-and-white cookie

116 Atari classic

117 Jannings of "Quo Vadis"

118 "54" actress

120 U.S. org. with moles

121 Archaic "Curses!"

122 Machine part

123 Gp. with a copay

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Comix

OUT ON A LIMB

By Gary Kopervas



AMBER WAVES

By Dave T. Phipps



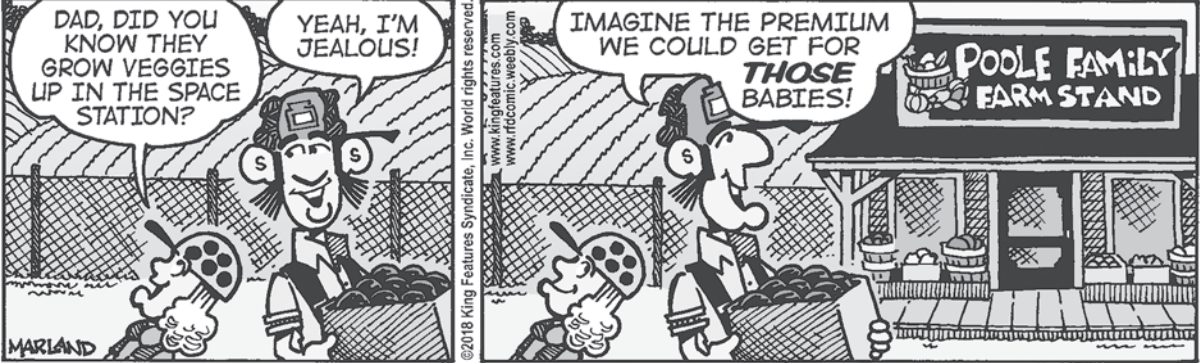
THE SPATS

By Jeff Pickering



R.F.D.

By Mike Marland



Shingles vaccine can prevent complications

*DEAR DR. ROACH: My boyfriend, who is in his 60s, got the recommended shingles shot a couple of years ago. Three weeks ago, he got a very bad case of shingles. It went from the front of his stomach, along the left side, to the middle of his spine. He has huge blisters, a red rash, pain and no appetite, and he constantly sleeps. The doctor put him on a regimen of valacyclovir. He was told to keep the area moist to avoid cracking and pulling of the blisters and rash. I thought that if you got the shingles shot, you wouldn't get the shingles, or at least you'd get only a mild case. His has not been a mild case. The doctor told him that the shot just gives a false sense of security. If so, why get the shot? – D.H.*



I disagree with his doctor; it isn't a false sense of security so much as it's an incomplete sense of security. No medical treatment is 100 percent effective, and that includes vaccines. Even the best vaccines don't work on some people, or can't be used, which is why having a large proportion of the population vaccinated is so critical for a really infectious disease, like measles.

In the case of shingles, the vaccine prevents about 50 percent of shingles episodes from ever occurring, and it might keep others from being worse. (As an aside, it's possible that your boyfriend's case would have been even worse without the vaccine, but there's no way of ever knowing for sure.)

What might be the most important reason of all to get the vaccine is to prevent the dreaded complication of shingles – post-herpetic neuralgia. The rate of post-herpetic neuralgia in vaccinated people who still get shingles is 67 percent lower than in nonvaccinated people.

It's not a perfect vaccine, but it's a lot better than no vaccine. Its downside is seldom more than a redness at the injection site or a sore arm, and it has never been shown to transmit the virus. Post-herpetic neuralgia, on the other hand, can be exquisitely, disablingly painful and can last for months.

*DEAR DR. ROACH: I have a twitching of my left eye. My face draws up when it happens. I went to a doctor and he gave me 15 Botox shots around my eye and said I will need them every three months. They help some. Can you tell me*

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Health

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what it could be? – F.G.

This is a special type of dystonia, a movement disorder, called blepharospasm (blef-a-row-spasm). It’s an involuntary contracture of the orbicularis oculi muscle, which goes around the eye. Other muscles may be involved, giving your face the “drawn up” appearance. The botulinum toxin the doctor injects you with partially paralyzes the muscle, preventing the spasms, but the toxin wears off. The condition is common, but in most cases is mild enough or intermittent enough that

such powerful treatments aren’t needed. In a few cases, surgery is required. You can get more information about blepharospasm and other dystonias at [www.dystonia-foundation.org](http://www.dystonia-foundation.org).

*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](mailto:ToYourGoodHealth@med.cornell.edu). To view and order health pamphlets, visit [www.rbmamall.com](http://www.rbmamall.com), or write to Good Health, 628 Virginia Drive, Orlando, FL 32803. (c) 2018 North America Synd., Inc. All Rights Reserved.*

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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: V equals T

JQCR FV JIE BN VPXR VG  
HG EGBC FXGRFRW KQGXC  
E, F KGPXIWCGPEON EVCSSCH  
PS VG VQC SOCIV.

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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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Vets stranded when VA drops the ball



by Freddy Groves

A small home-health service in New Hampshire had to stop taking care of its 15 veterans when the Department of Veterans Affairs stopped paying the bills. Unlike major corporations, this small company was brought to its knees when unpaid invoices grew to \$60,000. The problem? Lack of complete Social Security numbers on the paperwork. For years it’s been standard in many areas of life to use only the last four digits of a Social Security number; but suddenly, without warning, the VA required complete numbers. Except there was no written notice, only a recent voicemail that, truthfully, could have come from anyone. Additionally, many of the unpaid invoices go back to last year, before the new procedure took effect.

After putting a lot of their own money into the company to pay staff, the owners had

to stop services. When they phoned VA, no one could help them even learn the status of their invoices. They did learn, however, of the circuitous path the invoices take across the country before actually getting to a payment department... that cannot be reached by phone.

Where are the veterans meanwhile? Right back where they started before this home-care company came into their lives... alone, with no meal preparation, no housekeeping and in many cases unable to get to appointments. The company owners acted as responsibly as they could, giving personal notice to each veteran, and not abandoning them, yet not daring to risk the financial health of their whole business.

Meanwhile, after the story made the news, the VA jumped up and said they would hold some seminars for care-company owners. What, one wonders, would be imparted in those seminars? Hopefully, it might include the phone number of the payment department that cuts the checks.

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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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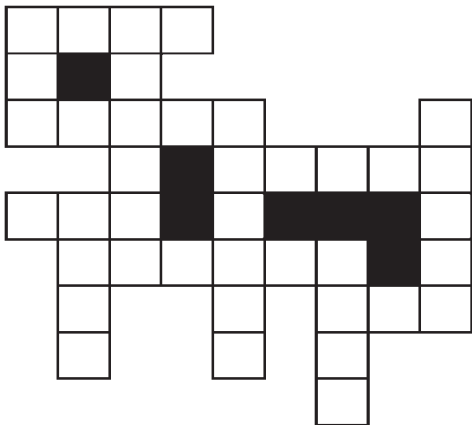
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YAH  
SEEVIL  
RANEY  
♥LESA  
BEEROA  
♥DSA  
AARG  
RUSPY  
♥AGB  
YERTIP  
YE VON  
♥AHGS



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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.



• Don’t have a toothbrush holder? No need; just slip it into an empty water bottle, and you’ll have a secure holder, plus a water cup to swish with when you get to your destination.

• Did you know that banana peels are an old-wives remedy for warts, facial acne and other pimples, psoriasis, light burns and even wrinkles? Simply scrape and apply, or for the case of warts, secure a small piece of peel over the wart overnight with a bandaid. Who knew they were useful as well as delicious?

• Make your cut flowers last longer with these simple steps: First, trim the ends to open up the stems, then remove all leaves that will be below the water line. Finally, add 2 tablespoons each of sugar and vinegar to a quart of vase water.

• “I finally broke down and traded in the shelves and shelves of my DVD collection for one of those CD binders. I took all the movies out of the plastic cases, and into the slots they went. I saved so much room, and it’s super-easy to flip through the pages to find movie you want to watch.”  
– C.A. in Ohio

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