



NEWSBRIEFS

Correction

The *Courier* reported, in the June 7 issue, that Stephanie Rivas won the Miss El Paso Teen USA title on June 19. The date should have been May 19.

— Publisher

Summer hours

Clint ISD 2012 summer hours of operation began on June 5 and will end July 26, 2012. The District will be open Monday through Thursday from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and closed on Fridays. The District will be closed July 2-6. For more information, please call 926-4000 or visit the website at www.clintweb.net.

— Laura Cade

Eat the art

The El Paso Museum of History is planning an *Eat The Exhibit* fundraiser for Thursday, July 19. The early evening event will take place in a 2,500 sq. ft. gallery on the first floor of the museum. It will feature several local restaurants serving one or more, a taste, of their favorite delicacies. The choice is up to each restaurant as to what they serve. Each restaurant will be provided with a free 20' x 20' space inside the gallery. They can decorate the space any way they wish, celebrating their heritage. Any restaurant wishing to learn more should call (915) 351-3588.

— Alfredo Vasquez

Crime Stoppers

A family has problems with a neighbor over their dog getting out of its yard, ending in the death of the dog about a week later, making this the Crime Stoppers "Crime of the Week." About 7:30 a.m. on Wednesday, May 23, 2012, officers from the Horizon City Police Department were called to a home in the 140 block of Desert Mesa in reference to animal cruelty. Arriving officers met with the family who said their dog was dead, and that they had received a threatening note regarding the dog in the previous week. The day after the note was delivered, the dog disappeared and was not seen again until it was found dead on the morning of May 23. The note, from the previous week, complained about the dog's feces evidently having been found on a neighborhood yard. There have been no clues as to who might have taken the dog, or if that person was responsible for the cruel nature of the dog's death. Anyone in the neighborhood, who may have seen or heard something suspicious, particularly relating to anger about a loose dog, is urged to contact Crime Stoppers as soon as possible. If you have any information at all about the identity of the suspect in this case, please contact Crime Stoppers of El Paso at 566-TIPS (566-8477), on-line at www.crimestoppersofelpaso.org or you can send a text message by entering the key word CRIME1 (no space) plus your tip information, and text it to CRIMES (274637). You will remain anonymous and, if your tip leads to an arrest, you can qualify for a cash reward.

— James Klaes



— Photo courtesy San Elizario ISD

CAKE ANYONE? – Principal Mayela Sanchez, left, and Asst. Principal Yvette Hernandez join other attendees for refreshments.

Alarcon ES turns 75

By Cynthia P. Marentes
Special to the Courier

SAN ELIZARIO – The campus of Lorenzo G. Alarcon Elementary School in the San Elizario Independent School District (SEISD) had just a little more to celebrate at the finale of the 2011-2012 school year. The oldest school in the district, you see, also completed 75 years of existence. Staff, faculty and students held a daylong celebration to mark the end of the school year with a special anniversary celebration that also included the dedication of a sidewalk and walkway leading to the Alarcon Park.

According to Assistant Principal, Yvette Hernandez, the planning committee wanted to incorporate something into the celebration that would be meaningful for students. The campus administration had always wanted to add a sidewalk from the Main Street and Socorro Road intersection to be used by students walking to the park for P.E. classes and during lunch. Hernandez added that every time it rained, the entrance to the

park and surrounding area would become muddy and difficult to cross.

Hernandez was able to contact Ricardo Romero with the Texas Department of Transportation in El Paso who commissioned the installation of a sidewalk. However, she was not sure when or if the project would be completed before the end of the school year. Unexpectedly she received a call from the security guard one day who told her that a crew was working on the sidewalk. Hernandez quickly rushed over to have a look and struck up a conversation with the contractors. Those contractors turned out to be Hector Luna from Black Stallion Construction and Abel Ortiz from GarCom who agreed to donate their services to add 60 feet of sidewalk to connect the easement on Socorro Rd. and the Alarcon Park entrance. The entire project was completed before May 25, just in time to hold a dedication ceremony before the last day of school.

"The new sidewalk has been a huge benefit to the students

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Clint Early College Academy opens in August

By Don Woodyard
Special to the Courier

CLINT – The first day of school for the 2012-13 academic year is Monday, Aug. 27 in Clint ISD.

It will be a first in more ways than one:

· As outlined in a May 24 article in the *County Courier*, it will be first day/opening day for the new Clint High School.

· Equally important it will also mark the opening day for the Clint Early College Academy. And there is a connection between the two.

The district's Early College Academy is the sixth such unique academic endeavor in El Paso area school districts. More commonly called early college high schools, the program is a collaborative effort with El Paso Community College, the Greater Texas

Foundation, the Meadows Foundation and the Texas High School Project.

"With the opening of Clint ISD's Early College Academy, more students in the El Paso area will have a chance at greater opportunities which will ultimately benefit families, the region and our state in the years ahead," says John Fitzpatrick, executive director of the Texas High School Project.

The Early College Academy, whose name will be The Patriots, will be housed in what was the junior high school building in Clint. There will be 115 students in the first academy class. The class will be largely from CISD, with some coming from private schools, says Dr. Edward Gabaldon, superintendent of the Clint district.

In the academic choreography, the junior high students will move to the old high school building nearby. It will become a junior high campus, and the former junior high students become the first freshman class in the new high school.



Edward Gabaldon

"This (early college academy) is a wonderful opportunity, a unique opportunity," Gabaldon said in an earlier *Courier* interview.

The "unique opportunity" is a four-year program that allows students to earn not one, but two degrees when they graduate from high school. The first is the high school diploma. At the same time, by taking special credit courses,

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Strong winds destroy Marfa TARS balloon

By Alfredo Vasquez
Special to the Courier

WEST TEXAS – It's going to take a while to get another U.S. Air Force aerostat radar system to monitor the vast Southwestern border along the Presidio, Big Bend terrain where mountain ranges and desert shrubs sprawl for thousands of desolate miles- making it a convenient pathway for illegal low flying aircraft to enter the U.S. undetected.

The aerostat radar system in use for the past decade was destroyed recently when a gust

of wind caught the flight crew unprepared, according to an official report. The \$8.8 million aerostat was a total loss; however, there were no injuries or significant damage to government or private property, stated Air Combat Command (ACC) officials.

On February 14, the Tethered Aerostat Radar System (TARS) was floating between Marfa and Valentine, Texas (about 200 miles east of El Paso) where it was monitoring for low-flying aircraft suspected of smuggling illegal narcotics from Mexico.

A six-hour weather forecast predicted high wind gusts in the area, but the flight director

made a late decision to recover the aerostat and moor it to the ground. The delayed recovery of the Air Force-operated tethered aerostat radar system caused the aerostat to break away and crash during high winds.

According to the ACC accident investigation board's report that was released recently, the mishap's cause was the aerostat flight director's "late decision to recover the aerostat despite receiving a six-hour weather forecast predicting high wind gusts."

Turbulence and winds on the aerostat during

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A friend is like a dollar – hard to get and easy to throw away.

— Quips & Quotes

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING TO DISCUSS BUDGET AND PROPOSED TAX RATE

The Canutillo Independent School District will hold a public meeting at 6:00 p.m., Tuesday, June 26, 2012 in the Canutillo ISD Administration Office, Board Room, 7965 Artcraft, El Paso, Texas 79932. **The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the school district's budget that will determine the tax rate that will be adopted. Public participation in the discussion is invited.**

The tax rate that is ultimately adopted at this meeting or at a separate meeting at a later date may not exceed the proposed tax rate shown below unless the district publishes a revised notice containing the same information and comparisons set out below and holds another public meeting to discuss the revised notice.

Maintenance Tax	\$1.170000/\$100 (Proposed rate for maintenance and operations)
School Debt Service Tax	
Approved by Local Voters	\$0.252100/\$100 (Proposed rate to pay bonded indebtedness)

Comparison of Proposed Budget with Last Year's Budget

The applicable percentage increase or decrease (or difference) in the amount budgeted in the preceding fiscal year and the amount budgeted for the fiscal year that begins during the current tax year is indicated for each of the following expenditure categories:

Maintenance and Operations	1.00% Increase
Debt Service	16.70% Increase
Total Expenditures	2.58% Increase

Total Appraised Value and Total Taxable Value (as calculated under Section 26.04, Tax Code)

	Preceding Tax Year	Current Tax Year
Total appraised value* of all property	\$ 2,192,647,196	\$ 2,344,927,867
Total appraised value* of new property**	\$ 66,410,251	\$ 54,750,063
Total taxable value*** of all property	\$ 1,401,016,698	\$ 1,548,259,369
Total taxable value*** of new property**	\$ 65,859,945	\$ 53,486,578

* "Appraised value" is the amount shown on the appraisal roll and defined by Section 1.04(8), Tax Code.
 ** "New property" is defined by Section 26.012(17), Tax Code.
 *** "Taxable value" is defined by Section 1.04(10), Tax Code.

Bonded Indebtedness

Total amount of outstanding and unpaid bonded indebtedness* \$88,179,991

* Outstanding principal.

Comparison of Proposed Rates with Last Year's Rates

	Maintenance & Operations	Interest & Sinking Fund*	Total	Local Revenue Per Student	State Revenue Per Student
Last Year's Rate	\$ 1.170000	\$ 0.250000*	\$ 1.422100	\$ 3,623	\$ 4,994
Rate to Maintain Same Level of Maintenance & Operations Revenue & Pay Debt Service	\$ 1.125330	\$ 0.247720*	\$ 1.373060	\$ 4,120	\$ 5,207
Proposed Rate	\$ 1.170000	\$ 0.250000*	\$ 1.420000	\$ 3,999	\$ 4,720

*The Interest & Sinking Fund tax revenue is used to pay for bonded indebtedness on construction, equipment, or both.

The bonds, and the tax rate necessary to pay those bonds, were approved by the voters of this district.

Comparison of Proposed Levy with Last Year's Levy on Average Residence

	Last Year	This Year
Average Market Value of Residences	\$ 140,565	\$ 144,588
Average Taxable Value of Residences	\$ 125,565	\$ 129,588
Last Year's Rate Versus		
Proposed Rate per \$100 Value	\$ 1.422100	\$ 1.422100
Taxes Due on Average Residence	\$ 1,786.00	\$ 1,843.00
Increase (Decrease) in Taxes		\$ 57.00

Under state law, the dollar amount of school taxes imposed on the residence homestead of a person 65 years of age or older or of the surviving spouse of such a person, if the surviving spouse was 55 years of age or older when the person died, may not be increased above the amount paid in the first year after the person turned 65, regardless of changes in the tax rate or property value.

Notice of Rollback Rate: The highest tax rate the district can adopt before requiring voter approval at an election is 1.170000. This election will be automatically held if the district adopts a rate in excess of the rollback rate of 1.170000.

Fund Balances

The following estimated balances will remain at the end of the current fiscal year and are not encumbered with or by a corresponding debt obligation, less estimated funds necessary for operating the district before receipt of the first state aid payment:

Maintenance and Operations Fund Balance(s)	\$ 10,859,531
Interest & Sinking Fund Balance(s)	\$ 4,382,023

Veterans Post By Freddy Groves

Help for spouses

Spouses and family members of veterans who need services and benefits from the Department of Veterans Affairs are often the ones who have to deal with the paperwork. Having a source for information and assistance can be immensely helpful.

A fairly new website is shaping up to be a one-stop source of information for the spouses of veterans. "The Veterans Spouse, Resources for the Family" at www.vetsspouse.com was started by two women, one the wife and daughter of career military veterans, and the other the wife of a soon-to-be veteran. While the site is just now up and running, it's loaded with information that can help you.

Here's a partial list of contents:

- How to file an appeal, along with a sample letter.
- A template for general letters, along with a link to correct addresses to send them to.
- A simplified guide to burial benefits.
- Information on caregiver benefits and lots of links.
- Eligibility for the death pension.

- Clothing allowance for veterans with a prosthetic or special cream medication, with link to application.
- Substitution of Claimant: If a veteran dies during the benefits process, another person, a family member, may apply to continue the claim.
- Fiduciary appointment, when the VA decides it will appoint someone else to handle a veteran's finances.
- An Overview of Civilian Health and Medical Program of the Department of Veterans Affairs (CHAMPVA).
- Child-support information (No, it's not protected. Veterans must pay court-ordered support.)
- How to handle apportionment (garnishment of benefits).

Check out VetsSpouse.com and bookmark it in your browser so you'll know it's there when you need it.

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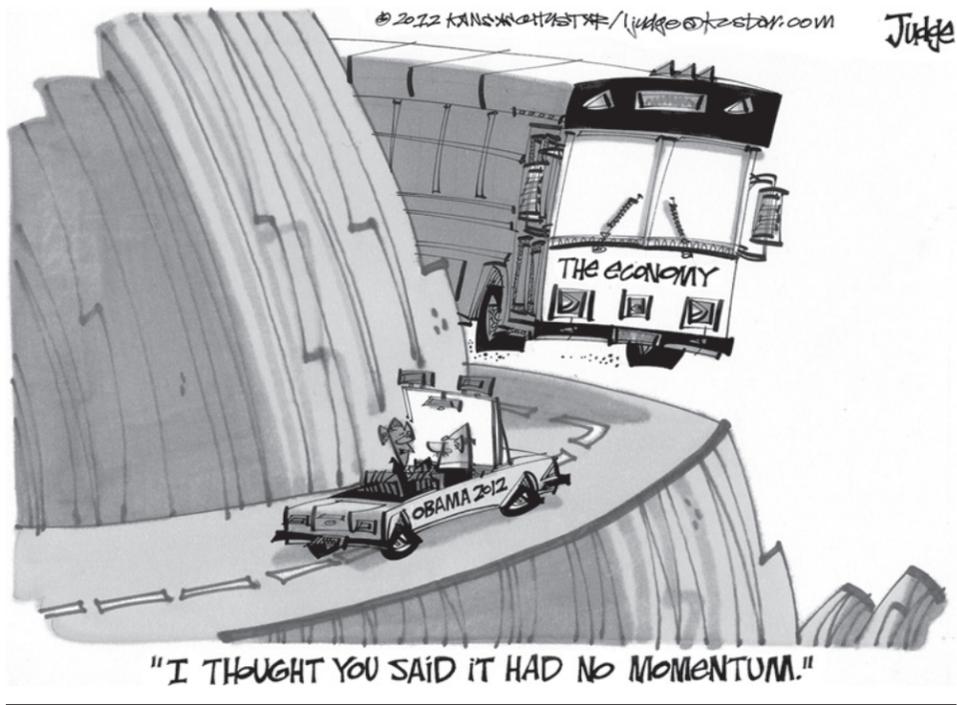


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Baca brothers sentenced for fuel theft

By R.J. DeSilva
Special to the Courier

EL PASO COUNTY – Three men who conspired to steal \$290,000 worth of aviation fuel from Biggs Army Airfield in El Paso have been sentenced to federal prison time after an extensive investigation by federal authorities and the Texas Comptroller’s office. A fourth was sentenced to federal probation.

The Comptroller’s Criminal Investigation Division (CID) helped gather evidence and worked with investigators from the Department of Defense - Criminal Investigation Service; Internal Revenue Service - Criminal Investigations; U.S. Department of Transportation - Office of the Inspector General; and U.S. Army Criminal Investigation Command - Major Procurement Fraud Unit.

Comptroller Susan Combs has enhanced the role of CID to help federal investigations along with pursuing criminal activity on state taxes.

“Federal investigators can leverage our expertise in catching tax cheats to help with their investigations, and we are glad to help them every chance we can,” Combs said. “We have statutory authority to share state tax information that can help federal investigators gain insight into the operations of a business.

This ensures that law enforcement has every mechanism possible to prosecute criminals.”

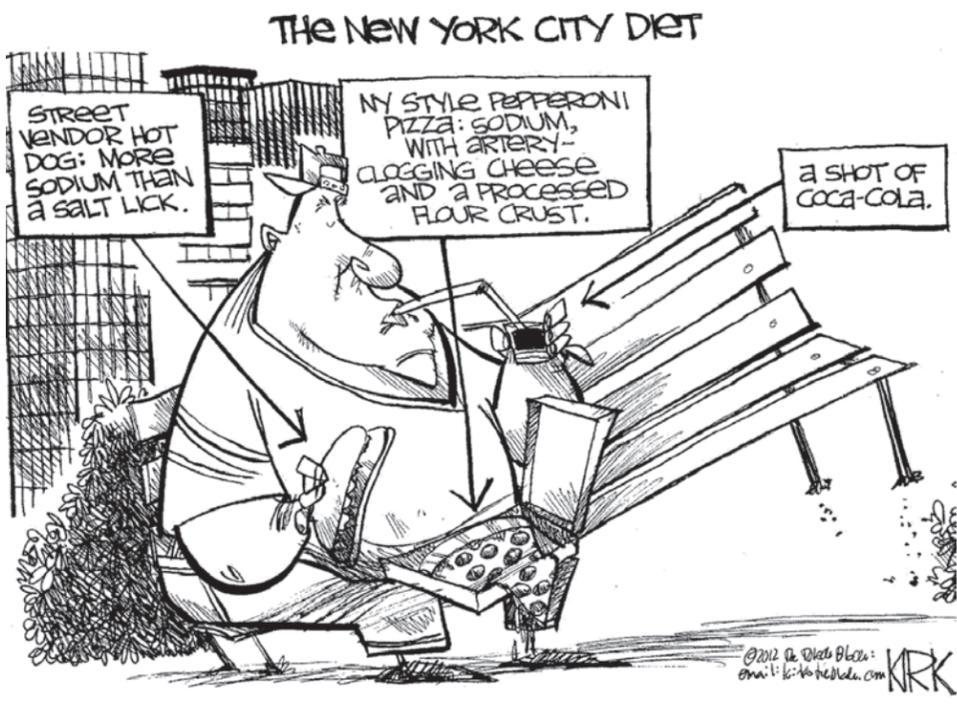
Two of the four men involved in the conspiracy, Tomas Quintero and Luis Campos, were employees of a contractor that provided fuel to military and federal civilian aircraft at Biggs Army Airfield. The remaining co-defendants, brothers Fernando J. Baca and Richard Baca, owned gravel truck companies.

From 2007 to 2010, Quintero and Campos conspired to steal aviation fuel from Biggs Army Airfield and sold it to the Baca brothers who used it for their commercial gravel trucks.

After pleading guilty in March to one count of conspiracy to commit theft and one count of tax evasion, Quintero was sentenced May 31 to 30 months in federal prison. Campos, who pled guilty in March to conspiracy to commit theft, was sentenced to four months in federal prison. Fernando Baca pled guilty to conspiracy to commit theft and IRS-related charges, and received 15 months in prison. Richard Baca was sentenced to 5 years probation for conspiracy to commit theft.

The defendants were also ordered to pay restitution to the Defense Logistics Agency, U.S. Department of Transportation and Internal Revenue Service. Quintero was ordered to pay \$362,134; Campos, \$318,328; Fernando Baca, \$343,832, and Ricardo Baca, \$83,815.

In the last few months Comptroller investigators assisted in several investigations around the state that have resulted in federal indictments, including ten Austin-area residents on federal drug and money laundering charges.



It's the law By Texas AG Greg Abbott

Father's Day

Being a father isn't always easy, but the rewards of the job make the sacrifices well worth it. There is no greater gift to children than the security that comes from knowing their dad loves them and can be relied on to put their needs first. Fathers who practice this form of sacrificial love will forever hold a special place in their children's hearts.

This Father's Day, the employees of the Child Support Division (CSD) thank Texas dads for doing the right thing by taking care of their children and giving them the love and support they deserve.

Last year, the CSD collected \$3.1 billion in child support — and most of the money came from fathers. You are the unsung heroes in your children's lives.

The CSD demonstrates its commitment to fathers by recognizing the important and irreplaceable role they play in their children's lives. Several notable resources that serve Texas fathers include:

The Paternity Opportunity Program (POP) gives unmarried fathers the opportunity to acknowledge their children's paternity at the time of birth. The Office of the Attorney General (OAG) trains and certifies hospital and birthing center employees to assist parents with the Acknowledgment of Paternity process so that the child will have a legal father right from the start. Last year, POP gave more than 124,000 Texas children a good start in life by helping their fathers establish legal paternity.

Maps for New Dads: Handbook for Expectant and New Fathers is a publication designed to help expecting dads transition

into fatherhood. Maps covers everything from what to expect on a prenatal visit to making homes “baby safe” — all in a manner designed to reinforce the special role fathers play. Additional resources developed by the OAG include posters recognizing the important role fathers play, a Parenting Together Handbook for New Parents and the For Our Children DVD.

Access and Visitation programs promote non-custodial parents' access to and visitation with their children, when appropriate, through a variety of shared parenting projects. Awarding grant funding to local organizations is one way the Attorney General's Office can help children whose parents are engaged in custody or visitation disputes, since federal funding to run the child support program cannot be used to handle these issues. The services provided under this grant include early intervention, co-parenting education, mediation and enforcement. The OAG also funds a toll-free assistance hotline, (866) 292-4636, and provides a Web-based directory of services available in Texas communities.

The Parenting and Paternity Awareness (p.a.p.a.) program is an innovative educational curriculum designed for secondary school students and young adults. The p.a.p.a. program focuses on the “rights, responsibilities and realities of parenting.” Key themes in the curriculum focus on the importance of father involvement, the value of paternity establishment, the legal realities of child support, the financial and emotional challenges of single parenting, the benefits of both parents being involved in a child's life, healthy relationship skills and relationship violence prevention.



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The Marfa Tethered Aerostat Radar System (TARS) site is located on a 23-acre parcel of land in Presidio County, Texas, approximately twenty miles northwest of the city of Marfa. The property where the equipment is situated is privately owned by a local rancher. The use of the land and the operation of the Marfa TARS are in accordance with the provisions outlined in a 2008 Lease Agreement between the landowner and the United States Air Force. The TARS site is operated and maintained by a contractor, ITT Exelis.

Balloon

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the rapid retrieval efforts caused a 40-degree left roll and a 60-degree nose-low pitch-over, according to ACC's report. This, coupled with the severe cable tension, caused the aerostat to nosedive and impact private property approximately 100 yards northeast of the TARS site, the report stated.

The report stated further that the flight director's lack of training on weather data interpretation and the use of equipment, along with an erroneous wind warning cancellation, contributed to the crash.

The helium-filled balloon, or TARS, is a stationary radar platform that can detect low-altitude aircraft. It is used along the U.S.-Mexico border in support of the Defense Department's counterdrug program and provides data to U.S. Southern Command and the North American Aerospace Defense Command's air sovereignty mission.

TARS not only provides detection and monitoring capabilities along the United States-Mexico border, but also throughout the Florida Straits, and a portion of the Caribbean.

The operational sites are located at Marfa, Eagle Pass and Rio Grande City, Texas, as well as at Yuma and Fort Huachuca, Ariz.; Deming, N.M.; Cudjoe Key, Fla.; and Lajas, Puerto Rico. The contract management office is located in Newport News,

Va. and the logistics hub is located in El Paso, Texas.

Intelligence sources report that dramatic decreases in the amount of airborne drug traffic since the first Southwest border antidrug balloon went up in 1987. And, the aerostats are considered the "most cost-effective counter-narcotics detection and monitoring asset" in use today along the New Mexico-Arizona-California border with Mexico.

The TARS network was established in 1984 by the U.S. Customs Service to help counter illegal drug trafficking. The first antidrug aerostat went operational in 1985 at High Rock Grand Bahamas Island. The second site was built at Fort Huachuca, Ariz., in 1986.

The primary agencies using the TARS surveillance data include U.S. Northern Command in support of Customs and Border Protection (Air and Marine Operations Center and Caribbean Air and Marine Operations Center) and U.S. Southern Command in support of Joint Interagency Task Force-South. In addition to its counterdrug mission, TARS surveillance data also supports North American Aerospace Defense Command's air sovereignty mission for the continental United States.

Meanwhile, the Marfa aerostat flight crew will have to wait indefinitely for a replacement. And, it seems that it's open airspace for low flying planes along the vast southwestern border.

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Now we need judges to judge the boxing judges

By Steve Escajeda
Special to the Courier

The sport of boxing has deteriorated greatly over the past three decades and the reasons are simple.

One of the most obvious reasons is limited access to the fans.

When I was a kid back in the 1960s and 70s, whenever there was a huge championship fight, we simply sat in front of the TV and watched it.

We watched the likes of Muhammed Ali, Joe Frazier, George Foreman, Sugar Ray Leonard, Marvin Hagler, Roberto Duran, Alexis Arguello, Tommy Hearns, Ruben Olivarez, Wilfredo Benitez, Ken Norton and many others on a weekly basis.

We saw the fighters in the ring. We learned what kind of heart they had and we also leaned what kind of men they were.

When was the last time you saw Wladimir Klitschko fight? When was the last time you saw Floyd Mayweather Jr. or Manny Pacquiao fight live in the comfort of your own home

without dishing out \$60 for the privilege?

Boxing started running out of fans when an entire generation was kept from witnessing the true greatness of the sport. The greedy promoters didn't care about killing the golden goose as long as they were getting theirs.

Speaking of greed, many boxing matches cannot be held in the country, or any other country in the world I presume, without a little help from organized crime.

And of course we're talking about fixing fights.

For a century, sleazy boxing handlers have either had fighters or referees or judges arrange the outcome of fights for their monetary gain.

What the mob types didn't realize was that true fight fans can tell a fix from a mile away.

What the mob types did realize was that true fight fans were dumb enough to forget everything and come back when the rematch was scheduled.

Boxing fans got to watch more of the sport they loved and the fixers got even richer.

And that brings us to last Saturday night.

Undefeated but relatively unknown Timothy Bradley challenged Manny Pacquiao for his

WBO welterweight title.

Many fight fans figured this would be a nice tune up for Pacquiao on the way to his next fight.

And it was.

Many sporting organizations in attendance had the champion winning about 9 or 10 of the 12 rounds to earn himself an easy victory.

But shockingly, or maybe not so shockingly after all, two of the three judges gave the narrow decision to Bradley.

Everyone in the boxing community is upset with the decision but guess what, it appears that there will be a rematch in November.

And guess what else, fans will be dumb enough to invest their hard-earned money into watching part two of this boxing fiasco.

Boxing has become so corrupt that it is allowed to go about its unsavory business without even a thought of getting caught.

Like most politicians and lawyers, the crooks that run boxing don't care about what's right or what's legal or what's just. They only care about lining their pockets.

I never liked the idea of government getting involved in athletics but there are laws that organizations have to abide by after all.

Somebody has to hold their feet to the fire.

Otherwise you keep getting decisions like the one you did last Saturday. At the very best the judges of the fight were totally incompetent.. And how does that bode for the state of professional boxing in this country?

Should there be a rematch of this fight? Of course not.

There doesn't need to be one. The champion won the fight easily and Bradley didn't do enough to garner another chance.

What should be done is the judges

should all be investigated to find out what happened.

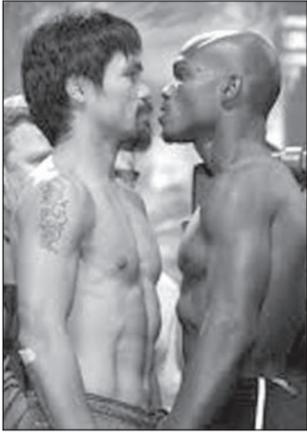
I wonder how many more fans were completely turned off to the sport of boxing after watching the spectacle after the fight was over.

Fans at the arena booed. Both fighters were stunned at the decision and boxing experts sat with their mouths open.

This Saturday, fans in the Sun Bowl will watch Julio Cesar Chavez Jr. take on the unheralded Andy Lee.

I think Bob Arum, who also promoted last Saturday's fight, should take another look into the backgrounds of the judges this week...

Or boxing might rear its ugly head again.



Manny Pacquiao, left, and Timothy Bradley stare each other down during the weigh in for their fight.



"The posters for the rematch were already printed... It was a fix."

- Dan Patrick on the Tonight Show with Jay Leno June 11, 2012

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A sporting view By Mark Vasto

Women weaken legs

Mickey Goldmill didn't have too many rules for his fighters. But the ones he did have, he pretty much expected them to heed and obey.

To lighten the load on his punch-drunk stable, he kept it very simple: Either listen to him, or he's leaving you all alone when you try and fight the big fight.

Rocky Balboa, a heavyweight southpaw with a 44-20 record, learned that the hard way. He wasn't impressed with Rocky's hoodlum life and booted him from the gym.

"You're a bum," Goldmill declares.

But we all know how this story ends. By a freak chance, Rocky is given a shot at the title, and Goldmill gets back in Rocky's corner - but with a few caveats: 1) He must catch a chicken with his bare hands and, 2) He must keep his hands off of the ever-so-cute pet-shop clerk Adrian.

"Women weaken legs!" Goldmill warned. These harpies will sap your physical strength by bogging you down in bed: They'll sap your testosterone dry, wreak havoc with your mind and do all of these things just before your championship bout.

True or not, that rule (which many scientists dispute, but what do they know about science?) was dragged out onto the mats and body-slammed 11 years later by Linda Fiorentino in the '80s era classic "Vision Quest."

"Rocky" is arguably the best boxing movie in history, but when it comes to the world of wrestling

- real wrestling, not the Saturday-morning cartoon stuff - there is absolutely no doubt that "Vision Quest" takes the title.

Matthew Modine (playing Loudon Swain in the film) exhibits the hunger and desire of a champion in ways far more complex than Sly Stallone's Rocky did. His character is a classic portrayal of the hyper-hormonal, mentally mangled, girl-crazy high-school wrestler. Unlike Stallone's Rocky, however, Modine's Loudon Swain actively pursues his fight with the seemingly unbeatable "Shute" and does so for classic guy reasons: Because he's there and because Linda Fiorentino said so.

Talia Shire, the Zoey Deschanel of her day, melted our hearts when she told Rocky to "win, Rocky, win." Fiorentino (a native Philadelphian, by the way), lights us on fire when she breaks into the men's locker room and orders Loudon to stand up to Shute and "kick his ass."

Sure, some women might weaken legs, but the ones that fuel your desire and threaten to break your legs if you don't win? All apologies to Mickey Goldmill, his well-tested theories and Jennifer Grey who, as "Baby" would never be caught dead in one, when it comes to a babe like Linda Fiorentino, it's probably best to have her in your corner, ya know?

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Your good health By Paul G. Donahue, M.D.

DEAR DR. DONOHUE: Will you please say a few words about the prognosis and treatment of cervical cancer? My daughter, 45, was told at a recent checkup that she has a few cells of this kind, and she is reacting as if she has received a death sentence. Since it was caught early, should her outlook be more cheerful? – J.B.

All women are indebted to Dr. George Papanicolaou, who developed the Pap smear for the early detection of cervical cancer. The cervix, by the way, is the necklike projection of the uterus into the vagina. It was the site for the most common cause of cancer death in women before the Pap smear came into wide use. That was in the early 1940s. Since then, deaths from cervical cancer have been cut in half, with about 4,200 deaths occurring annually and 12,200 new cases detected each year. Most of the deaths are in women who did not have Pap smear testing.

I'm not clear what you mean by "a few cells of this kind." If the cells obtained on a smear show low-grade changes, a woman's chances of having cervical cancer are close to zero. Follow-up smears are the only treatment needed. If the cells show high-grade changes, the doctor will perform a colposcopy. Colposcopy is an examination of the cervix with an instrument that has a magnifying lens so suspicious areas can be readily seen and biopsied. Results determine what the next steps should be. However, at these stages – long before the cancer has spread – it is still quite curable.

Your daughter can trust her doctor to take the appropriate steps depending on the results of her Pap test. She does not face a death sentence. If she has any questions about her diagnosis,

she should call her doctor for an explanation of her test results.

The booklet on cervical cancer and Pap smears deals with these issues in detail. Readers can obtain a copy by writing: Dr. Donahue – No. 1102W, Box 536475, Orlando, FL 32853-6475. Enclose a check or money order (no cash) for \$4.75 U.S./\$6 Canada with the recipient's printed name and address. Please allow four weeks for delivery.

DEAR DR. DONOHUE: My husband and I are both 28. We have one child, a son. My husband felt a lump in his testicle and saw our family doctor. It turned out to be cancer. He was operated on. The doctor discussed many things with us, but we never discussed the prognosis. We need to know: What's the usual life span of someone who has had testicular cancer? – L.R.

If your husband had a seminoma, one of the common varieties of testicular cancer, and if it was in its early stages, your husband's chances of living a long, full life are very high, over 95 percent.

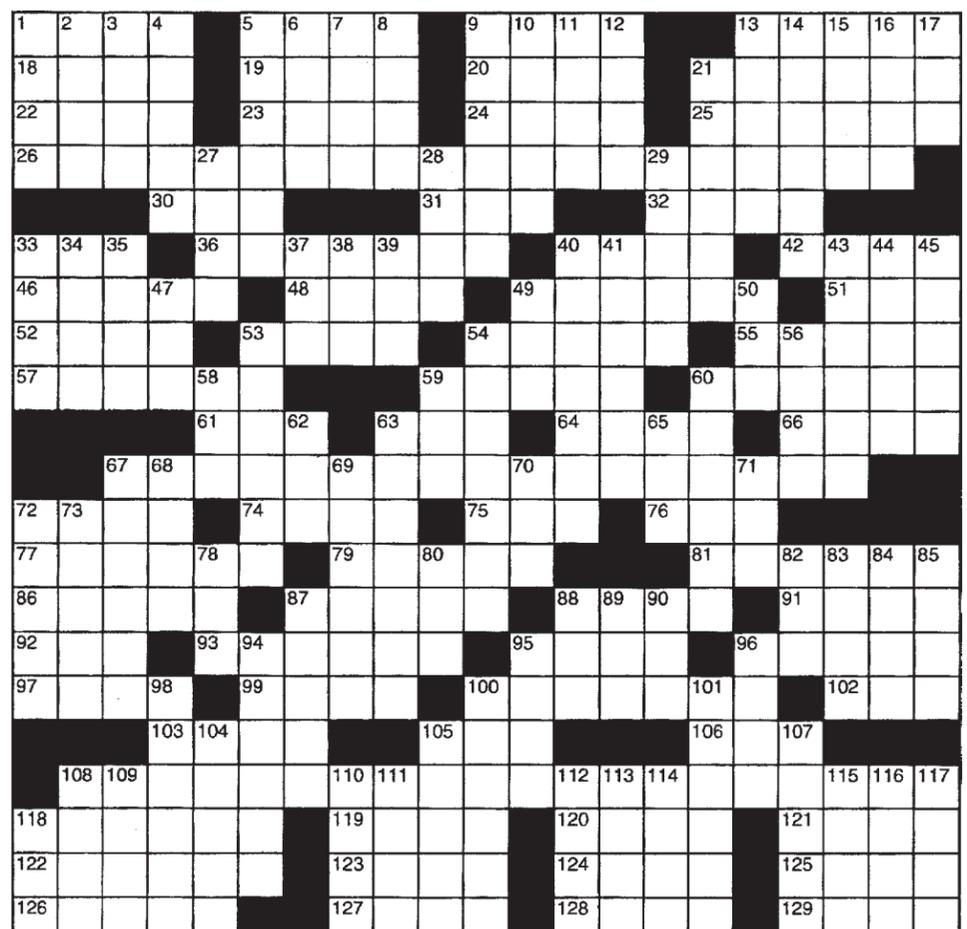
Your husband's story is something that all young men should take to heart. Testicular cancer is a cancer of young men, most often males between the ages of 15 and 35. The earliest sign is a small, painless lump in the testicle.

Dr. Donahue regrets that he is unable to answer individual letters, but he will incorporate them in his column whenever possible. Readers may write him or request an order form of available health newsletters at P.O. Box 536475, Orlando, FL 32853-6475. (c) 2012 North America Synd., Inc. All Rights Reserved.

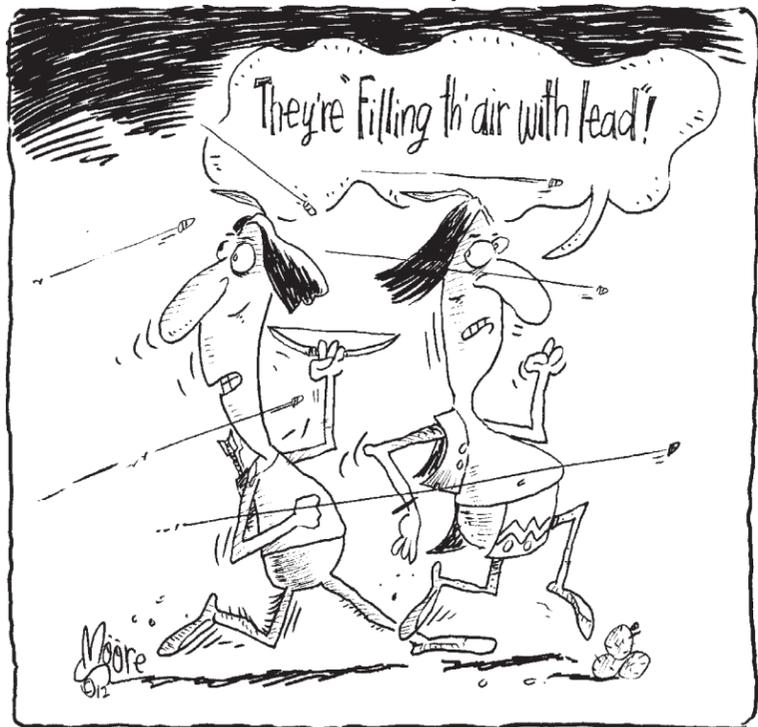
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- 1 Singer Home
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 - 18 Israeli airline
 - 19 Cultural grp.
 - 20 "Picnic" playwright
 - 21 Actress Baddeley
 - 22 Strauss' " _ sprach Zarathustra"
 - 23 "Chacun a son _"
 - 24 Lassie's father
 - 25 Diva Jessye
 - 26 Start of a remark by Milton Berle
 - 30 Iron _
 - 31 Center of gravity?
 - 32 _ Pea (Popeye's kid)
 - 33 Health resort
 - 36 Swore off
 - 40 "Little Man _" ('91 film)
 - 42 Mock
 - 46 Polished the
 - Pontiac
 - 48 R&B's Johnny
 - 49 Harsh
 - 51 Latin l word
 - 52 Help in a heist
 - 53 Baseball's Nolan
 - 54 Hiawatha's transport
 - 55 Very cold
 - 57 King's quarters
 - 59 Brilliant bird
 - 60 Common antiseptic
 - 61 Prone
 - 63 Shepard or Snead
 - 64 Poet in the past
 - 66 Particle
 - 67 Middle of remark
 - 72 Writer Paretsky
 - 74 Memo start
 - 75 Brenda or Brandon
 - 76 Gob
 - 77 Speaker
 - 79 Singer Neville
 - 81 "Barry _" ('75 film)
 - 86 Defamation
 - 87 Shoelace part
 - 88 Charity
 - 91 French airport
 - 92 "Unaccustomed _ am..."
 - 93 Storage sites
 - 95 Burn remedy
 - 96 Steep rocks
 - 97 Curl up with
 - Cather
 - 99 Ho Chi _
 - 100 Mobile home?
 - 102 Dogpatch's
 - Daisy _
 - 103 Famous fellow?
 - 105 Scrape by, with "out"
 - 106 Stout relative
 - 108 End of remark
 - 118 "Peter Pan" extra
 - 119 Comic Sahl
 - 120 Seaport or Canal
 - 121 Circus sound
 - 122 Put on
 - 123 Disoriented
 - 124 Run in neutral
 - 125 _ Taft Benson
 - 126 Stereo component
 - 127 Trawler gear
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 - 129 TV's " _ the Press"
- DOWN**
- 1 Page
 - 2 Raines or Wilcox
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 - 17 _ Bernardino, CA
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 - Lauder
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 - 35 Lipinski leap
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 - 39 _ Tin Tin
 - 40 Logical
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 - 45 Transmit by bytes
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 - 71 Strive
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 - 73 Greet Eos
 - 78 Vintage
 - 80 Musical syllables
 - 82 Postman's Creed word
 - 83 Wee serving
 - 84 "Eugene Onegin" character
 - 85 AMEX rival
 - 87 Simian
 - 88 Menu phrase
 - 89 Tennis stroke
 - 90 " _ culpa"
 - 94 Hammed up "Hamlet"
 - 95 Pianist Templeton
 - 96 Baby bovine
 - 98 Mar
 - 100 Powerful pooches
 - 101 Maestro Lorin
 - 104 39.37 inches
 - 105 Snowy bird
 - 107 _ Zimbalist, Jr.
 - 108 In _ (archaeology term)
 - 109 Mediterranean port
 - 110 "No Way Out" actress
 - 111 Scenter of your face?
 - 112 Like
 - 113 Bare
 - 114 Swiss sharpshooter
 - 115 Seep
 - 116 Seldom seen
 - 117 "Confound it!"
 - 118 Oregon hrs.

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Moore Texas by Roger Moore June 9, 1844:
Ranger Jack Coffee Hays leads his men against a huge band of Comanches near Walker Creek. It was the first time the Colt revolver proved itself in battle.



Social Security Q&A By Ray Vigil

Give Dad some extra help this Father's Day

You can probably think of a number of times when you asked your dad for a little extra help. Now, with Father's Day right around the

corner, is the perfect time to offer a little extra help for Dad. People across the nation are helping their dads save nearly \$4,000 a year on the cost of Medicare prescription drugs. You can help your dad too — and it won't cost you a dime.

The high cost of prescription medication can be a burden on fathers (or anyone) who have limited income and resources. But there is *Extra Help* — available through Social Security — that could pay part of his monthly premiums, annual deductibles, and prescription co-payments. That *Extra Help* is estimated to be worth about \$4,000 a year.

To figure out whether your father is eligible, Social Security needs to know his income and the value of his savings, investments, and real estate (other than the home he lives in). To qualify for the *Extra Help*, he must be enrolled in Medicare and have:

- Income limited to \$16,755 for an individual or \$22,695 for a married couple living together. Even if his annual income is higher, he still may be able to get some help with monthly premiums, annual deductibles, and prescription co-payments. Some examples where income may be higher include if he or his spouse:

- Support other family members who live with them;
- Have earnings from work; or
- Live in Alaska or Hawaii.

Resources are limited to \$13,070 for an individual or \$26,120 for a married couple living together. Resources include such things as bank accounts, stocks, and bonds. We do not count his house and a car (if he has one) as resources.

Social Security has an easy-to-use online application that you can help complete for your dad. You can find it at www.socialsecurity.gov/prescriptionhelp. To apply by phone or have an application mailed to you, call Social Security at 1-800-772-1213 (TTY 1-800-325-0778) and ask for the Application for Help with Medicare Prescription Drug Plan Costs (SSA-1020). Or go to the nearest Social Security office.

To learn more about the Medicare prescription drug plans and special enrollment periods, visit www.medicare.gov or call 1-800-MEDICARE (1-800-633-4227; TTY 1-877-486-2048).

Think of all the times you've asked Dad for some extra help. This Father's Day, give your dad a little extra help he can use year-round — a savings of up to \$4,000 a year on his Medicare prescription drugs through *Extra Help* available from Social Security.

For more information on the article above, or any other questions, visit our website at www.socialsecurity.gov or call us at 1-800-772-1213. If you have any questions that you would like to have answered, please mail them to the Social Security Office, 11111 Gateway West, Attn: Ray Vigil, El Paso, Texas 79935.

Clint

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the second is an associate's degree through EPCC.

The Early College Academy was one of only several topics touched on by the district superintendent.

Gabaldon was like a proud father bragging on the accomplishments of his children as he recalled academic and athletic achievements of his students. "Everywhere we turned, Clint kids were successful," he says. "They make me the proudest," he beams.

The success of the students was somewhat of a "problem." It put a strain on the budgeted funds to send students the events.

Success was also measured in approximately 600 certificates that he and board president Jim Pendell had to sign for students honored at a recent meeting of the board of trustees.

"The kids are well behaved; they are our greatest ambassadors."

However, the students are not the only ones that the superintendent

brags on.

Donna Cline, executive director of business services, was praised for her achievements in handling the district's financial resources in the wake of a shortfall of funds from the state. "It didn't take us by surprise.

"We had our own rainy day fund."

Gabaldon said the district had to cut back a little over \$7 million, and did so without having to lay off personnel. "We are proud of that." On top of that, he adds that the district was also able to give employees a 2 percent pay raise.

"We did not cut back on any vital programs or services. "We are well leveraged, and we are able to retain the very best people," he adds.

The superintendent also noted that the district earned the Gold Circle Award for financial transparency.

The school board comes in for its share of praise.

He speaks of "a lot of stability and expertise" of the board with some members serving for long periods of time.

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.

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DIFFICULTY: ★★

★ Moderate ★★ Difficult
★★★ GO FIGURE!

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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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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: N equals U

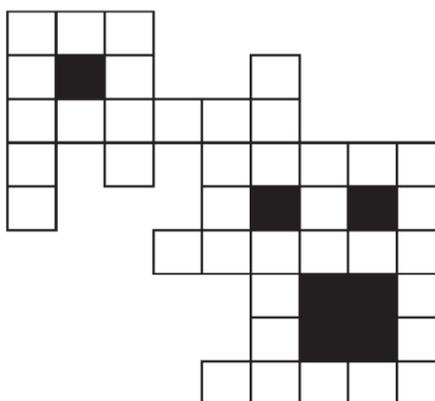
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 XMVQFU, H YNFVV PGN'E BHZE
 PGNUVFOB GZ LQF GNLVHEF
 OGGDHZY HZ.

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- EPW
- BLEEPB
- TUFIN
- ♥ERUS
- RAFIAS
- BFO
- FWEI
- ♥NEWSI
- ♥ITN
- VELTEW
- STOIP
- LEWB



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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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