



## NEWSBRIEFS

### San Eli parade

The historic town of San Elizario will be celebrating its 16th Annual Veterans Day Parade and Patriotic Celebration, on Saturday, November 10, 2012. The parade starts at 9:00 am, at Thompson Rd. and Socorro Rd. and heads east on Socorro Rd. to Main Street in San Eli, ending at Veterans Memorial Plaza in front of the San Elceario Mission. The celebration will continue there, with the presentation of the colors and the playing of the National Anthem. Special guests and the 2012 Grand Marshall, Ramon Holguin, will be introduced. The lighting of the Candles and the POW-MIA table ceremony then continues. Five Veterans will be honored that day for their military service. There will be patriotic music played by local high school bands. Refreshments and food will be served. The Veterans Committee and the town of San Elizario, cordially invites everyone to attend our event. Bring your families and enjoy a day honoring our veterans. Then visit our Chapel, the Portales Museum, the Eduardo M. Pedregon Veterans Museum, the old jail, the Veterans Memorial Walk Project and the Art Galleries, all within walking distance.

— Ray Borrego

### Out of the race

Nicholas Malkani, a candidate in the upcoming Canutillo Independent School District Board of Trustees election, informed the District last Wednesday that he is withdrawing from the race because of health and work reasons. Malkani, a first-time candidate, will not campaign and will cease any effort to attract votes, he said. His name will remain on the ballot because El Paso County Election officials said it is too late to reprint ballots. Six other candidates remain in the race to fill four at-large spots on the Canutillo School Board. The candidates are: Al Flores, Gilbert Garcia, Leticia "Letty" Gonzalez, Adrian Medina, Rachel Mendoza Quintana and Armando Rodriguez. Election day is Nov. 6. Early voting started on Monday and runs through Nov. 2.

— Gustavo Reveles Acosta

### Superior rating

The Clint Independent School District (CISD) received a "Superior Achievement" rating on the FIRST (Financial Integrity Rating System of Texas) Report with a perfect score. CISD has received a "Superior" rating for the last five consecutive years. The primary purpose of the rating system is to improve the management of a school district's financial resources. FIRST has 20 indicators or questions that pertain to the 2010-2011 fiscal year. Indicators focus

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*You will find that if you share your brother's burden, both of you will walk a little straighter.*

— Quips & Quotes

# Flores-Salom is Texas Teacher of the Year

By Patricia Tidwell  
Special to the Courier

SAN ELIZARIO – Even though she had already been honored at the district and regional level and named a state finalist, Irene Flores-Salom was still completely shocked to hear her name announced as the winner of the 2013 Texas Elementary Teacher of the Year. On October 19, the special education teacher from Sambrano Elementary School in the San Elizario Independent School District, received the state's highest teaching honor for her dedication to the students she serves. Salom was accompanied by her family and Sambrano Principal Marta Alvarez when she learned she had received the award at a special ceremony and luncheon held at the Bob Bullock Texas State History Museum in Austin. Salom will receive a \$5,000 cash award, a commemorative trophy and other prizes.

In addition to Salom and Jeremy Wagner, the 2013 Texas Secondary Teacher of the Year, the other four state finalists along with the 34 regional teachers of the year were also honored at the awards luncheon. The Texas Association of School Administrators (TASA) with financial support and in-kind donations from many businesses and other state organizations sponsored the event. Each year, two teachers from each of the 20 regional Education Service Centers become eligible for two titles, Texas Elementary Teacher of the Year and Texas Secondary Teacher of the Year. To achieve recognition, a teacher must first be chosen as a campus and a district Teacher of the Year, and ultimately a regional honoree. From this group of 40 regional teachers, six finalists are chosen and are interviewed by an independent panel of judges. The state's top elementary and secondary teachers are selected from these



— Photo courtesy San Elizario ISD

**WELCOME HOME** – Close to 500 students, faculty and staff from Sambrano Elementary School squeeze in for a photo with Texas Teacher of the Year Irene Flores-Salom (with the bouquet), Principal Marta Alvarez and Asst. Principal Jose Zavala.

six exemplary finalists.

Early on October 22, Salom was welcomed back to San Elizario ISD where her journey towards obtaining the 2013 Texas Elementary Teacher of the Year honor began, at Sambrano Elementary School. On that crisp Monday morning, the entire campus along with Superintendent Sylvia Hopp and

Assistant Superintendent Ruben Cervantes where on hand to greet her as she arrived to work. Salom was presented with a bouquet of flowers, crown and sash displaying her recently bestowed state title as hundreds of students cheered loudly to welcome home one of their own who is also now the best elementary teacher in Texas.

## City of Socorro hires Fire Chief

By David Garcia  
Special to the Courier

Patrick T. Kelly, the former Fire Chief in Tucson, AZ has accepted the top fire-fighting job in the City of Socorro. Three dozen qualified applications from 19 states and Canada were cut down to 10 by Socorro's City Manager and Human Resources Director. The final four spent several days interviewing and answering questions from the community. The \$88,000 dollar contract is the next step in building the Socorro's own fire department. Currently the City of Socorro depends on a volunteer department in the County's Emergency District #2.



Patrick T. Kelly

City of Socorro Fire Chief Kelly will move from Vero Beach, Florida where he is now a Columbia Southern University

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— Photo courtesy Tornillo ISD

## They're out for blood

From left, Jesse Valdez of United Blood Services (UBS) along with Tornillo High School (THS) Student Council volunteers Blanca Galvan, Arline Reyes, Stephanie Olivas, Edward Camacho and Armando Gutierrez are out for blood – one pint at a time. The question they are asking: "Are you aware that six out of every ten people will need blood or blood components during their lifetime?" THS faculty and students responded on September 27 by donating 66 pints of blood. As a bonus, donors were entered into a drawing for two tickets to see a Dallas Cowboys football game. The volunteers, however, are not resting on success. THS holds two blood drives a year and they are already planning for their February 2013 THS-UBS Blood Drive. During the events, THS allows faculty and students to make appointments during the school day to give blood. THS' José Silva serves as the student advisor, running a crew of volunteers that keep track of the appointments and the flow of donors for the UBS workers so the operation runs smoothly. Their message to Tornillo: "Get ready for February."

— Marla Vranish

## Notice of Public Meeting To Discuss San Elizario Independent School District's State Financial Accountability Rating (FIRST)

The San Elizario Independent School District will hold a public hearing at 5:30 p.m., Wednesday, November 14, 2012 in the boardroom of the San Elizario ISD Administration Building, 1050 Chicken Ranch Road, San Elizario, Texas.

The purpose of this hearing is to discuss San Elizario Independent School District's rating on the state's financial accountability system. This meeting will be held in conjunction with the scheduled board of Trustees' Meeting.

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## EPCC Fall Festival



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## View from here By Rick Shrum

# The Vinton grapevine

When we all grew up our parents tried their very best to instill right moral and character values into us. As we age, and hopefully grow up, we are confronted repeatedly by examples of behavior that befuddle us – sometimes enrage us.

When I was a kid, at the wise age of 11, I would see perfectly healthy people parking in the handicapped spaces. One day I said something about it and the wisdom of parenthood came forth from my bonus mom's mouth. "They *are* handicapped," she said. "They can't read." A short lesson on caring about others versus selfish desires had been taught. A side point was that some people just age without growing up.

Fast-forward more than a few years to Oct. 12, 2012. I am talking with the mayor of Vinton. If you have seen any news about the Village of Vinton, you know it's pretty ugly on their council these days. Mayor Madeleine Praino asked what had happened to our coverage of Vinton's ordeal. I told her we had covered the water infrastructure fiasco back on March 15 – a full front page story – and basically nothing was changing except which project the three councilwomen were going to sabotage next. And besides, KFOX news was on top of this story like a pit bull on raw meat.

But in retrospect, Praino had a point. There is something this paper should say and a quick synopsis is in order. And don't worry if you don't get it all straight because the FBI will put this whole thing right in due time. And this isn't just about the facts, as Joe Friday always wanted, it's about character.

Rewinding a bit now – hold on – and remember this is just from grapevine gatherings.

One time mayor, now councilwoman tries to get village clerk to do something involving a grant that is wrong. Clerk refuses. Councilwoman gets unhappy with clerk and tries to get clerk relieved of job. Councilwoman decides there will be no more grants. Councilwoman makes allies of two other councilwomen. New, big grant that will give water and wastewater service to the Village of Vinton is in the works. Councilwoman is friend of owner of water company that currently provides potable

water service and septic tank service to the residents of Vinton. Trouble brewing. Clerk offers to resign to get things back on track. Mayor – rightly so – refuses resignation. People overflow meeting on water projects to urge council to vote for it. The three amigas vote down water project, even though the leader of the pack has two properties in Vinton with city water paid for by grants. Three amigas are spotted together around town. What could they be talking about, people wonder, since that forms a quorum. The people want them out, but it will take a lawsuit – that might be afoot or not. No to the grants, no to the budget say the three amigas, putting Vinton on a collision course with insolvency. NO, NO, no. But they say YES to the election for this November. Word has it that the ballot has their buddies on it.

Whew!

Why anyone in El Paso County would try any political shenanigans of any size is beyond me. The FBI has put bracelets on people from one end of this county to the other for political corruption. And make no mistake – this is corruption. Has an investigation already started? The smart money is on yes. And if one hasn't, it will.

The problem here is character. These ladies were elected to watch out for the best interests (which the lead lady insists she is doing) of the 1,900 residents of Vinton. But even an 11-year-old can see that these ladies, for whatever reasons, are abusing their office, oppressing their people and killing the Village of Vinton. They are like the child that didn't get his way so a big tantrum ensued.

Fortunately for Vinton residents El Paso County is jumping in to try and get the water projects back on track. And in a rarest of cases, the state water agencies will reschedule Vinton's water projects for mid-budget funding, if Vinton can get its political situation under control.

Into the future we go. I see bright orange jumpsuits on at least three people. Probably more. A point worth thinking about, maybe, for two of the three amigas: The first one to talk usually gets the best deal and the shortest sentence.

## Fellow Citizens of Horizon City:

The Horizon Regional Municipal Utility District (HRMUD) has placed a 73 million dollar bond issue on the November 6, 2012 ballot – Proposition 1. I want you to know that I support this bond issue, as it is needed to fund future growth of Horizon City. These funds will be used over the next 10 to 15 years to improve and add to HRMUD's infrastructure, which includes:

- The R.O. plant, currently producing 6.1 million gallons of blended potable water per day, soon to be increased to 8.2 million gallons of blended potable water per day;
- The wastewater (sewer) treatment plant, currently with the capability of treating 3 million gallons per day;
- The upkeep and replacement of water wells and water storage tanks; and
- Sprayfields for effluent discharge.

Horizon Regional Municipal Utility District is obligated by Texas law to stay in compliance with Texas State rules and regulations which are monitored and enforced by the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ).

The last bond issue (45 million dollars passed in May, 2003) was used to fund water projects over the last 10 years with NO increase in tax rate. In the event that the

tax rate increases during the next 10 to 15 years, any such increase will be only a matter of pennies per hundred dollars of property value.

If an increase is needed, it will be applied to the reduction of bond debt service. The entire community would benefit from any such increase.

Please vote YES with me at the November 6, 2012 election for Proposition 1. The future of Horizon City depends on all of us supporting the growth of Horizon City.

Thank you,  
Benny Davis



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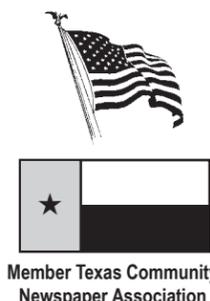
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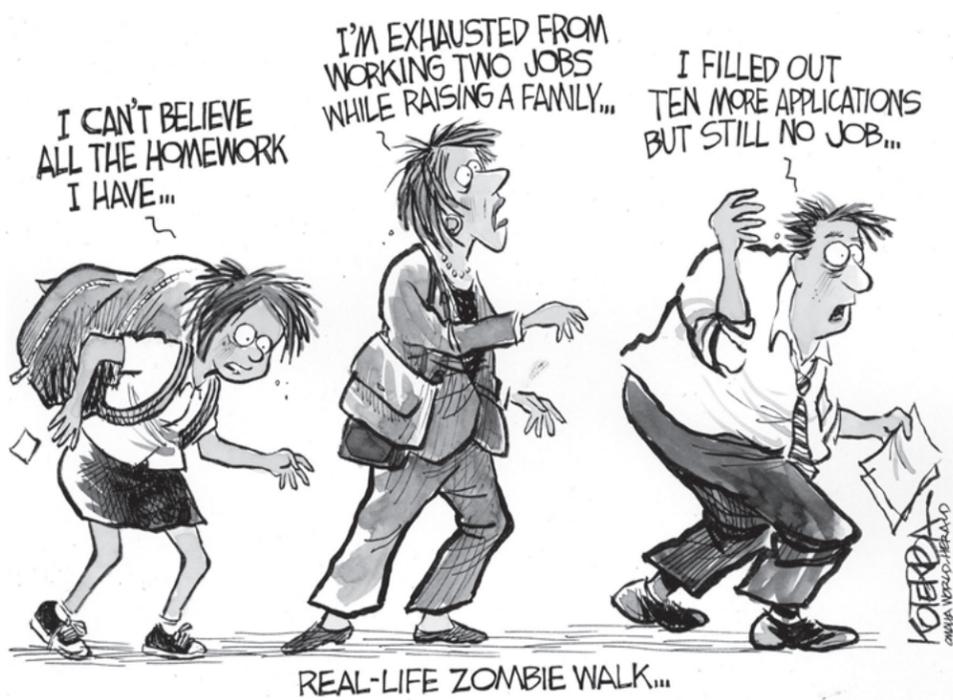
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## Family and community man, Burks, dies

Thomas J. Burks died in Houston on October 15, 2012 at M.D. Anderson Hospital in Houston with family by his side. He was 76, born in Helena, AR on June 30, 1936. Services and burial were held on Monday, Oct. 22. The Sunday visitation was crowded to say the least. Hundreds of friends and acquaintances came to express their condolences to the Burks family. One car would leave and two would be coming.

His family moved to Ysleta in 1948. Tom (in 25 years I never heard anyone call him Mr. Burks) graduated from Ysleta High School in 1954 and studied Civil Engineering at Texas Western. He was also involved with his brother, Bill Price, in a construction company. Some of the projects they built are still standing.

Tom was a Korean War vet and met his wife of 50 years through a fellow soldier while stationed at Ft. Polk, LA. Alma Nell Burks was that soldier's sister. The married couple returned to El Paso and Tom worked as a lineman for El Paso Electric for many years.

Tom was a born trader and built successful businesses with his skill. Chances are if you asked for him at Wholesale Lumber, he was in his office with a phone in one hand, a pencil in the other while running a calculator during the deal he was considering. But when the call was done, he always took some time to talk.

His businesses include the Wholesale Lumber stores in Socorro, Clint and Fabens; West Texas Propane in Clint; Sun Harvest Subdivision; the El Paso Connection in El Paso; the Rustic Connection in Ruidoso, NM; and the Rustic Log Cabin in High Rolls, NM. The businesses are and will continue to be run by his children.

Tom was also a giver. He served and supported the communities he did business in. He was a Partners In Education member in several school districts. He donated the bell at the entrance of Ann M. Garcia-Enriquez Middle School in the San Elizario Independent School District.



— Photo courtesy Cynthia Burks

**Tom Burks – about ten years ago – stands in front of train he picked up as a project that is now at the El Paso Connection.**

Tom's greatest community gift was water. In a time when many county residents did not have water service, Tom gave. If a family needed water, all they had to do was go to one of Tom's stores. He left his taps open to the community without charge. It was not unusual to see people filling 50- to 300-gallon or more water containers at his stores. Some still do.

Tom's family is his legacy. He believed family and friends were the true wealth of life. He is survived by his wife, Alma; his six children: Cynthia Ogletree, Jerri Burks, Tina Bearden, Karen Pharr, Thomas Burks, Jr. and Joseph Burks as well as 12 grandchildren, one great-grandchild and many extended family members.

— Rick Shrum

### Veterans Post By Freddy Groves

#### Women vets getting better health care

The gap between the health care received by men and women veterans is closing. So says the Department of Veterans Affairs. According to its website, women's health care through the Women Veterans Health Program focuses on a number of areas:

- Comprehensive primary care:** The plan is to include gender-specific care at every VA site, including physical rehab, maternity care, acute and chronic illness, disease prevention and screening, and more.
- Women's health education:** The VA is training more and more health-care providers to work specifically with women.
- Reproductive health:** The VA is increasing its coordination of female-specific treatments to provide a full range of medical services, including Pap tests, birth control, mammograms and breast cancer care. A recent press release by the VA says that it leads the nation in breast cancer screening rates with 87 percent of eligible women veterans receiving screening. It has 45 facilities with digital mammography, and mobile mammography in rural areas of the country.
- Special populations:** Women veterans who live in rural areas or are homebound can take advantage of mobile clinics, e-clinics and home-based services. Older women veterans can take advantage of treatments for cardiovascular disease, diabetes, osteoporosis and menopause.

If you're a female vet and you haven't hooked up with the VA for any of your health care, check it out. You can start online at the Women Veterans Health Care website: [www.womenshealth.va.gov](http://www.womenshealth.va.gov). You can apply online and fill out the VA Form 10-10EZ. Look for the video that will walk you through the enrollment process. Or you can call the VA Health Benefits Call Center at 1-877-222-8387 if you have questions about enrolling or any other benefits.

At the website you can locate a facility in your area. For a non-emergency, it's required that you be scheduled for an appointment within 14 days.

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### Chief

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his Fire Fighting career in Baltimore County, MD.

In a public question and answer forum, Kelly said his first-step would be to assess the needs and wants of the community and evaluate the assets available in the City of Socorro. His first day on watch will be the 12th of November 2012.

## Village of Vinton, Texas Notice of Election / Aviso de Elección

### TO THE REGISTERED VOTERS OF VINTON, TEXAS A LOS VOTANTES REGISTRADOS DE VINTON, TEXAS

Notice is hereby given that the polling places listed below will be open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. on November 6, 2012 for voting in a Municipal Election, to elect a Mayor and Aldermen for places 1 and 2, for full two (2) year terms.

*Notifíquese, por presente, que las casillas electorales sitadas abajo se abrirán desde las 7 de la mañana hasta las 7 de la tarde el martes 6 de noviembre de 2012 para votar en la elección para elegir el Alcalde y 2 Miembros del Consejo, posiciones 1 y 2, cada puesto es por un período de dos (2) años.*

### LOCATION OF POLLING PLACE FOR ELECTION DAY VOTING:

#### DIRECCION DE LA CASILLA ELECTORAL PARA EL DIA DE ELECCIONES

Vinton City Hall  
436 East Vinton Road  
Vinton, Texas 79821

### LOCATION OF POLLING PLACE FOR EARLY VOTING:

#### DIRECCION DE LA CASILLA ELECTORAL PARA VOTACION ANTICIPADA

Early voting by personal appearance will be conducted each weekday at:

*La votación en adelantada en persona se llevará a cabo de lunes a viernes en:*

Vinton City Hall  
436 East Vinton Road  
Vinton, Texas 79821

between the hours of 3:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. beginning on Monday, October 22, 2012 and ending Friday, October 26, 2012.

*entre las 3:00 de la tarde y las 6:00 de la tarde empezando el Lunes, 22 de octubre 2012 y terminando el Viernes, 26 de octubre 2012.*

Saturday, October 27, 2012 between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.

*Sabado, 27 de octubre 2012 entre las 7:00 de la mañana y las 7:00 de la tarde.*

Sunday, October 28, 2012 between the hours of 12:00 p.m. and 5:00 p.m.

*Domingo, 28 de octubre 2012 entre 12:00 de medio día y 5:00 de la tarde.*

Monday, October 29, 2012 – Friday, Nov 2, 2012 between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.

*Lunes, 29 de octubre 2012 y terminando el Viernes, 2 de noviembre 2012 entre las 7:00 de la mañana y las 7:00 de la tarde.*

Early voting by personal appearance will be conducted at all locations including mobile voting locations within El Paso County at which Early Voting is conducted by the County Elections Department beginning on Monday, October 22, 2012 and ending on Friday, November 2, 2012. **(EXHIBIT A)**

*Para votar anticipadamente puede acudir en persona de Lunes 22 de octubre 2012 al viernes, 2 de noviembre 2012, a cualquier centro de votaciones inclusive las casillas móviles del Condado de El Paso donde el Departamento de Elecciones del Condado realice votaciones anticipadas. (ANEXO A)*

Applications for ballot by mail should be mailed to:

*Las solicitudes para boletas que se votarán en ausencia por correo deberán enviarse a:*

**Javier Chacon**  
The County of El Paso  
Elections Department  
500 E. San Antonio Room # L115  
El Paso, Texas 79901

Applications for ballots by mail must be received no later than the close of business on Tuesday, October 30, 2012.

*Las solicitudes para boletas que se votarán en ausencia por correo deberán recibirse para el fin de las horas de negocio el martes, 30 de octubre 2012.*

Jessica Garza  
Village Clerk

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#### EXHIBIT A ANEXO A

#### November 6, 2012 Early Voting Locations Locaciones para Votacion Anticipada

October 22, 2012 -  
November 2, 2012

**Bassett Place**  
6101 Gateway West, #100  
9:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

**Canutillo Elementary**  
651 Canutillo Drive  
8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

**Carolina Rec. Center**  
563 N. Carolina Drive  
9:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

**Clint ISD Early  
College Academy**  
13100 Alameda Avenue  
8:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

**Courthouse - Lower Level**  
500 E. San Antonio Avenue  
8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

**Fiesta Shopping Center**  
5200 N. Mesa Street, #104  
9:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

**Lower Valley Water District**  
1557 FM Rd. 1110 Clint  
8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

**Marty Robbins Rec. Center**  
11600 Vista Del Sol Drive  
9:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

**Oz Glaze Senior Center**  
13969 Veny Webb Drive  
8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

**Pavo Real Rec Center**  
9301 Alameda Ave.  
9:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

**Pebble Village Center**  
10780 Pebble Hills Blvd., #F  
9:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

**Regency of El Paso**  
221 Bartlett Dr.  
9:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

**Rogelio Sanchez Center**  
1331 N. Fabens  
9:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

**Sunrise Shopping Center**  
8500 Dyer Street, #56  
9:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

**Sun Valley Center**  
4525 Sun Valley Drive, #105  
9:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

**Tornillo Admin. Bldg.**  
19200 Cobb St.  
8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

**Village of Vinton**  
436 E. Vinton Road  
3:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.

**Zaraplex Center**  
1700 Zaragoza Road, #123  
9:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

**October 22 to 26, 2012  
(Mon. - Fri.)  
Follow Above Schedule**

**October 27, 2012 (Sat.)  
7:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.  
All Stations**

**October 28, 2012 (Sun.)  
12 (noon) - 5 p.m.  
All Stations**

**Oct. 29 to Nov. 2, 2012  
(Mon. - Fri.)  
7:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.  
All Stations**

(Subject to Change by the El  
Paso Elections Dept.)

(Sujeto a cambios por el  
Departamento de Elecciones  
del Condado de El Paso)

**November 6, 2012  
Early Voting Mobile  
Locations  
Locaciones Móviles para  
Votar Temprano**

**Monday, Oct. 22, 2012  
9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.**

**South El Paso  
Senior Center**  
600 S. Ochoa St.

**Hilos De Plata  
Senior Citizen Center**  
4451 Delta Dr.

**Good Samaritan Towers**  
7750 Lilac Way

**Tuesday, Oct. 23, 2012  
8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.**

**UTEP**  
E. Student Union Bldg.  
500 W. University Ave.

**Southwest University**  
1414 Geronimo Dr.

**Coronado High School, 100  
Champions Pl.**

**Wednesday,  
Oct. 24, 2012  
8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.**

**UTEP**  
E. Student Union Bldg.  
500 W. University Ave.

**Bienvivir Senior  
Health Services**  
2300 McKinley Ave.

**Helen Of Troy**  
1 Helen of Troy Plaza

**Thursday, Oct. 25, 2012  
8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.**

**Ysleta Central Office**  
Franklin Room  
9600 Sims Dr.

**Providence Memorial  
Hospital**  
2001 N. Oregon St.

**Texas State Veterans Home**  
9650 Kenworthy St.

**Friday, Oct. 26, 2012  
9:30 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.**

**Govt. Employees  
Credit Union**  
7227 Viscount Blvd.

**Govt. Employees  
Credit Union**  
10435 Vista Del Sol Dr.

**Govt. Employees  
Credit Union**  
5625 Transmountain Rd.

**Saturday, Oct. 27, 2012  
Location and Times**

**Peace Lutheran Pre-School**  
595 Belvidere St.  
8:30 a.m. - 12 (Noon)

**San Patricio Catholic Church  
- Canutillo**  
7065 Second St.  
1:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.

**All Saints Catholic Church**  
1415 Dakota St.  
8:30 a.m. - 12 (Noon)

**Sun Ridge at Cambria**  
1991 Saul Kleinfeld Dr.  
1:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.

**San Juan Diego  
Catholic Church**  
14520 Montana Ave.

8:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

**Holy Spirit Horizon**  
14132 McMahan  
1:00 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.

**Sunday, Oct. 28, 2012  
8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.**

**St. Pius X Church**  
1050 N. Clark Dr.

**St. Thomas Aquinas**  
10970 Bywood Dr

**St. Jude Catholic Church**  
4006 Hidden Way

**Monday, Oct. 29, 2012  
9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.**

**EPCC / Rio Grande**  
100 W. Rio Grande

**EPCC / Val Verde**  
919 Hunter Dr.

**EPCC / Trans Mountain**  
9570 Gateway North

**Tuesday, Oct. 30, 2012  
8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.**

**El Paso City Hall**  
2 Civic Center Plaza

**Las Palmas Medical Center**  
1801 N. Oregon St.

**Sierra Providence  
Medical Center - East**  
3280 Joe Battle Blvd.

**Wednesday,  
Oct. 31, 2012  
8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.**

**Del Sol Medical Center**  
10301 Gateway West

**Sierra Medical Center**  
1625 Medical Center St.

**Texas Gas Service**  
4700 Pollard St.

**Thursday, Nov. 1, 2012  
Location and Times**

**EPCC / Northwest**  
6701 S. Desert Blvd.  
9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

**EPCC / Mission**  
10700 Gateway East  
10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

**El Paso Police  
Headquarters**  
911 N. Raynor St.  
8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

**Friday, Nov. 2, 2012  
8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.**

**Emergence Health Network**  
1600 Montana Ave.

**EPISD Education Center**  
6531 Boeing Dr.

**University Medical Center, 1st  
Floor Lobby**  
4815 Alameda Ave.

**Briefs**

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on items such as the District's fund balance, tax collections, annual audit, administrative costs, and student to staff ratios. The information in the report was presented at a public hearing on October 17, 2012. "We continue to do well, due to the cooperation and compliance of our employees," said Donna Cline, Executive Director of Business Services for CISD.

— Laura Cade

**Solar contest**

With the price of fossil fuels constantly going up, it's vital for the United States to start looking for alternative energy resources for our future generations. Harvesting the power of the Sun is a viable endeavor and a clean way to lead our nation's energy future. With that in mind, El Paso Community College architecture students, in conjunction with UTEP engineering students, are building a solar-powered house that they will enter in the U.S. Department of Energy's International Solar Decathlon competition. "EPCC has the distinct honor to not only represent the state of Texas, but also to be the first and only community college ever to place in the "Solar Decathlon 2013" competition," said EPCC architecture professor Ken Gorski. "To gain a bit of the

sense of our competition we are up against, consider our opposing universities." These universities are USC, North Carolina, Viena University, Stanford, Kentucky/Tennessee as co-teams, Ontario University, Czech Republic University, George Washington/American University as co-teams, Cal Tech and Old Dominion. Students will design and construct a solar-powered house which will be judged on engineering, affordability and comfort. Construction of the solar house will begin on the UTEP campus around Christmas. The project has been named the ADAPT home, whose design could become a model for similar solar projects in the desert southwest. Once the house is built, it will then be "un built" and again rebuilt, again disassembled and prepared for shipment to San Diego, California for final assembly for the competition.

— Javier Sanchez

**Crime Stoppers**

A man asks a young girl if she

wants a ride home after school and, when she says no, he tries to force her into his car, making this the Crime Stoppers "Crime of the Week." At approximately 1:00 a.m. on Monday, June 25, 2012, a 15-year-old female was walking home from school. When she reached the 8800 block of Alameda, at Padres, the male suspect drove his vehicle across her path and made her stop. The male asked the young girl if she needed a ride home and she refused. He then got out of the vehicle and attempted to push her into the passenger side door, but the victim was able to get away and walk into a nearby business for safety. The suspect in this case is described as a Hispanic man in his 30s with dark hair and dark complexion, wearing a baseball cap, black t-shirt, and clear eyeglasses. He had no facial hair. The vehicle he was driving was a white, 4-door compact car, possibly with leather interior and a rosary hanging from the rear view mirror. 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](http://www.crimestoppersofelpaso.org) or you can send a text message by entering the keyword 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

**Wanted**

Alexandre Theodore Banta, 26, is this week's Manhunt Monday Most Wanted Fugitive. He is 5'8" tall and weighs 154 pounds. He has black hair, brown eyes and multiple tattoos on his upper body and arms. Banta has failed to register as a sex offender and cut off his court ordered monitor when he absconded from a halfway-

house east of Horizon City. He is on parole for sexually assaulting a 13-year-old girl. Information received indicates Banta has several family members in Colleyville, TX and Lubbock, TX. He could also be in the



Alexandre Banta

Borderland. If anyone has seen or has any information on the whereabouts of Banta they can contact Crime Stoppers at 566-TIPS (8477). Callers will remain anonymous and may be eligible for a reward if the information provided leads to the apprehension of Banta.

— Deputy Jesse Tovar

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# Collapses

By Steve Escajeda  
Special to the Courier

There are and then there are the NY Yankees

I can remember the day the financial crisis started in the United States back in 2007.

The collapse was quick and devastating to anyone with any money invested in the stock market.

I can remember the collapse of the Soviet Union.

That once mighty empire was broken up into many smaller pieces after Ronald Reagan asked Mikhail Gorbachev to do him a personal favor and get rid of that nasty wall.

Over the years I've witnessed the collapse of disco, Richard Nixon, Enron, DeLorean, Pan American, Montgomery Ward, Tower Records, Bannigan's, Lehman Brothers, Mervyns, Charlie Sheen and countless other ventures, groups and organizations.

But few rival the complete and utterly stunning collapse of this year's New York Yankees.

The Yankees enjoyed their usual dominant season, compiling the best record in the American League.

And though they lost ace reliever Mario Rivera early in the season, they didn't skip a beat, holding off the pesky Baltimore Orioles to win the Eastern Division.

But something happened once the Yanks advanced to the playoffs.

Suddenly, a team that hit more home runs and scored the second highest number of total runs in the entire league couldn't hit a baseball to save their playoff lives.

Amazingly, that New York Yankees swagger we've all come to expect, was AWOL.

The Yankees, who were swept by the Detroit Tigers in the American League finals, played a total of nine games in the postseason.

In those nine games, after averaging nearly five runs a game during the regular season, they averaged only 2.4 runs per game.

As a team, they batted .265 during the regular season but hit just .188 in these playoffs.

Their averaged number of hits per game went down by a third, from nine hits a game to six.

All the baseball experts said that it would be the Yankees lack of pitching depth that would eventually catch up with them in the

playoffs.

But nobody saw this kind of collapse coming from a lineup that included Jeter, Ichiro, A-Rod, Cano, Granderson, Teixeira and even Swisher.

I guess it all started when Mr. Unreliable, Alex Rodriguez, continued his role as annual playoff disappointment.

A-Rod didn't have the best of seasons and was hurt for a lot of the year, but my goodness, he could at least come close to hitting a baseball.

They say you can see a lot in a person's eyes. Rodriguez's eyes were full of fear and confusion every time he walked up to the plate.

He batted .120 (3-25) in the playoffs with 12 strikeouts and no home runs or RBIs.

Things got so bad that the superstar was eventually benched, and rightfully so.

Then Robinson Cano, who came into the playoffs hitting over .600 for week-and-a-half, looked more like one of those President Obama green-energy wind turbines, his bat going round and round and round and nothing to show for it.

Cano had 40 at bats in the playoffs and had a woeful three hits, batting .076.

Curtis Granderson hit 43 home runs in the regular season. He batted .100 in the playoffs

(3-30) and struck out 16 times.

Nick Swisher batted .167 in the playoffs and Yankees catcher Russell Martin hit .161.

As always the one reliable force on the team was Derek Jeter.

Jeter hit .333 with nine hits in six games but when he broke his ankle and was carried off the field in the first game against Detroit, whatever remaining hopes the team still had to win a World Series championship was seemingly carried off the field with him.

Mark Teixeira had a decent playoffs, hitting .281, but didn't hit a home run and knocked in just one run.

Ichiro led the team with 11 hits and batted .275.

What will probably be lost in the haze of this Yankees collapse is the clutch hitting of Raul Ibanez, who hit game-saving and game-winning home run after home run.

His performance, which should be placed alongside those of Bucky Dent, Reggie Jackson, Aaron Boone, Chris Chambliss and Craig Nettles, will now be stored somewhere in a warehouse like in the final scene of Raiders of the Lost Ark.

Anyway, the Yankees collapse really doesn't have the relevance of many of the other collapses I've witnessed.

But don't tell that to Yankee fans.

## A sporting view By Mark Vasto

# Down goes Jeter

Peter is one of the best session guitarists in Los Angeles, but he's having a hard time playing tonight. Six years sober, he's usually able to play through a riot with the concentration that comes from almost triple that amount of time playing on stages in bars and clubs.

He's supposed to be recording tonight, but he can't take his eyes off the game.

"Dude... Swisher looks like he's on heroin," he declares. "He completely lost the game for us! What is he? Like, one for 40?"

Peter doesn't really think Nick Swisher, the rightfielder for the New York Yankees, is on heroin, but he does think he'd be a better choice in right than Swisher. Even he could go hitless and not catch any hard hit ball coming his way, he reasons.

After a few swigs of orange Fanta, Peter gets back into the pocket during a commercial. The sound on the TV is off while he plays, and he starts recording the track.

He stops playing when Derek Jeter goes down. He stands up.

"Oh my god! Did Jeter just break his ankle?"

The replay shows it all... and as replays are wont to do, it shows a

diving Derek Jeter breaking his ankle, again and again.

At this point, nobody is really certain that Jeter, the best shortstop in Yankee history and the only player to gather 200 hits in postseason play, did actually break his ankle. Watching him get carried off the field is excruciating enough, but the sound has to be turned up to confirm.

Ron Darling and John Smoltz surmise that he may have broken his ankle.

"Whatever," he says, rolling his eyes. "Thanks, guys."

The TV is again muted, and he signals to the engineer that he's ready to play. He takes a deep breath and launches into what ultimately would be just one of about 20 takes that night. The singer misses his mark, and he stops in frustration.

"They had, what? Fifteen runners on base tonight? This game should

been over in the fifth inning," he says. The singer says Jeter's career is over.

"He's got a bum wheel now... that's chronic pain," he says. "I sprained my ankle 20 years ago, and I still can't put my work boots on when it's raining."

Peter shakes his head and tries to get back into the song. He takes a deep breath and strums an A chord. He stops again and pulls out his iPhone. After a few clicks, he announces the verdict. Swisher, again, doesn't fare well.

"It's broken. And Swisher looked like he was on heroin, bro."

He shakes his head and goes back to the guitar. It's going to be a long night.

"Jeter, man," he says. "Jeter."

Mark Vasto is a veteran sportswriter who lives in Kansas City. (c) 2012 King Features Synd., Inc.

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### LEGALS

#### City of Socorro

#### Adoption of Ordinances

On October 18, 2012 the City of Socorro, Texas adopted the following ordinance(s):

1) ORDINANCE 308, AN ORDINANCE

RELATING TO A NEW RETAIL ELECTRIC RATE PROPOSED BY EL PASO ELECTRIC COMPANY FOR LARGE POWER CUSTOMERS WITHIN THE CITY OF SOCORRO, TEXAS AND APPROVING THE PROPOSED NEW RATE SCHEDULE NO. 25A.

Copies of the

ordinance are available for review at the City Administration Building, 124 S. Horizon Blvd., Socorro, Texas 79927; Monday through Friday between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.

Sandra Hernandez  
City Clerk

WTCC: 10-25-12

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## CryptoQuip Answer

As a good pickup line for frisky mathematicians, I would suggest "What's your sine?"

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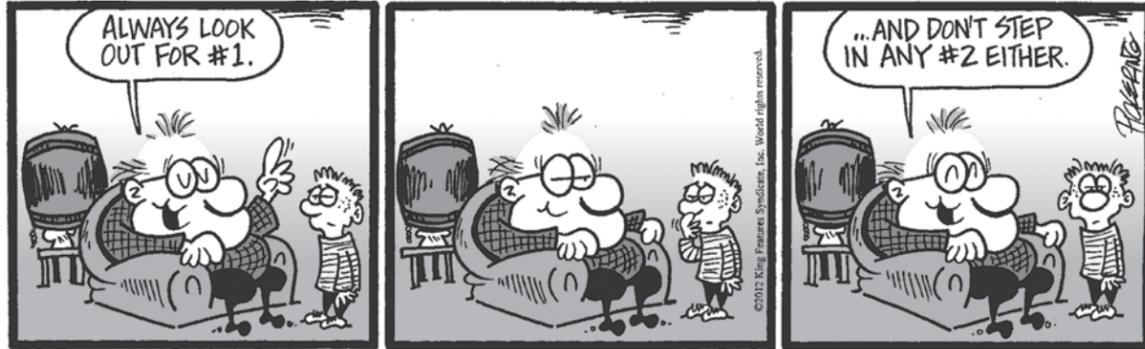
## OUT ON A LIMB By Gary Kopervas



## AMBER WAVES By Dave T. Phipps



## THE SPATS By Jeff Pickering



## R.F.D. By Mike Marland



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

*DEAR DR. DONOHUE: My entire family has lice. I am starting a support group for families who have had to experience this awful invasion of their scalps. I have reached the breaking point. Give me a plan for treatment and a timetable for their eradication from our home. — Name Withheld Lest Neighbors Find Out*

A second treatment is given seven to 10 days after the first. Ovide (malathion) is used if lice linger after Nix or Rid. And should Ovide not work, the oral medicine Stromectol (ivermectin) is available. A new medicine is Natroba (spinosad) suspension. It is held in reserve as a last resort. This nightmare should be over in two to three weeks.

One of nature's smallest creatures, the head louse upsets domestic tranquility with more revulsion than most health-endangering illnesses. Head lice bring no disease with them. They are tiny, only 3 millimeters (1/10 inch) in length. They feed on blood and die within a day or two off the scalp. After feeding, lice have a reddish-brown hue. The mother louse glues louse eggs to hair, and those structures are called nits. They are only 1 millimeter (4/100 inch) long. The eggs hatch in six to 10 days. If nits are more than a quarter of an inch from the scalp, the baby louse has already hatched, and the nit is no longer a problem. In an average life span of three months, the mother louse can lay up to 300 eggs.

*DEAR DR. DONOHUE: My husband was told he had prostate cancer in 2010 and had his prostate removed. Now his doctor wants him to have PSA testing. He says he might need radiation because he has prostate cancer. If he has no prostate gland, how can he have prostate cancer? — D.R.*

The doctor wants to be sure that cancer cells did not spread from to other body sites. Even though the gland was completely removed, not all the potential sites for cancer spread were removed. That's all but impossible to do. The PSA test will show if prostate cancer is active in those other places. If it is, then further treatment is required.

Lice are not an indication of poor hygiene. Most of the time, they're introduced into a family by a child who caught them at school. They can infest other family members quickly. Transmission comes from direct contact with an infested individual and, less often, from contact with inanimate objects used by that individual, like hats, combs, brushes and bedding. You're not alone. Six to 12 million Americans come down with head lice yearly.

The booklet on the prostate gland discusses the PSA test and prostate cancer in detail. Readers can order a copy by writing: Dr. Donahue — No. 1001W, 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.

Almost all people with head lice have intense scalp itching. A number of methods effectively rid you of the problem. The first medicines used are permethrin (Nix) or pyrethrins (Rid), which are cheap and usually effective, although lice are becoming resistant to them in some

*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.*

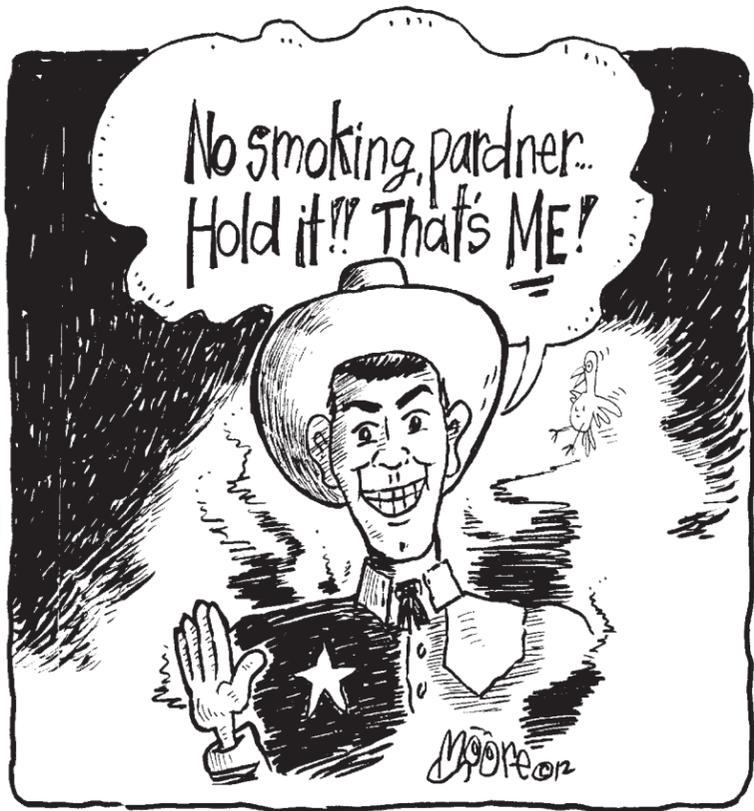
## Super Crossword

- RO REVERSAL**
- ACROSS**
- 1 One\_ (short shows)
  - 7 Practice of staying in one's birthday suit
  - 13 Comes into view
  - 20 Skier's lodge
  - 21 Ancient Greek city
  - 22 A few
  - 23 Furrier's philanthropic family from Texas?
  - 25 Height
  - 26 Music Muse
  - 27 Member of the mimosa family
  - 29 "The Divine Comedy" poet
  - 30 Sight-related
  - 33 How heavy a British Conservative is?
  - 35 For each
  - 39 Stray
  - 42 Matt Dillon portrayer James
  - 43 Crew creating protective car parts?
  - 45 Dir. opposite NNE
  - 47 Serious committed by a
  - 48 By\_ (alone)
  - 51 Coming into existence
  - 57 Perfumes ceremonially
  - 59 Letters for Old MacDonald
  - 61 Certain boat propeller
- DOWN**
- 1 Advil target
  - 2 \_ En-lai
  - 3 Stretched
  - 4 Besides that
  - 5 Goes back
  - 6 Plug in a tub
  - 7 Secretive govt. group
  - 8 Pkg. shipper
  - 9 Input info
  - 10 Camaro \_Z
  - 11 Layers
  - 12 Team animal
  - 13 Elia writing
  - 14 Ran into
  - 15 Dodging sort
  - 16 Keep
  - 17 Filth
  - 18 Rare \_ (elements #57 to #71)
  - 19 Rains cold pellets
  - 24 After-tax
  - 28 Infuriates
  - 31 "What have \_ to deserve this?"
- ACROSS**
- 62 Lech of labor
  - 65 Dale where beans are grown to make a cathartic oil?
  - 67 Chief Norse deity
  - 68 Poet Neruda
  - 72 Slow, on a music score
  - 73 Jar tops
  - 74 Decorate an infant's bed with images of celestial bodies?
  - 77 Most polar
  - 79 Fish enticers
  - 80 Juliet's beau
  - 81 Pierre of fashion
  - 84 Wise guy
  - 86 Rich fabric with raised designs
  - 88 Crawls (with)
  - 92 Chinese menu "General"
  - 94 Slight imperfection on an entry blank?
  - 96 Utters
  - 101 Worthy to be given a title
  - 104 Jump
  - 105 Legal wrong committed by a gobbler?
  - 107 Novelist Nin
  - 109 Utah's Hatch
  - 110 Most twisted
  - 113 Willa Cather's "My \_"
  - 118 Carbon 14 or uranium 235
  - 120 Rush angrily
- DOWN**
- at a longtime South Carolina senator?
  - 123 Like ailments that can be remedied
  - 124 Group of nine things
  - 125 Legume seed holder
  - 126 Time in court
  - 127 Give consent
  - 128 Tennis star Williams
  - 32 Dwarf planet in the asteroid belt
  - 34 Drink in a sippy cup
  - 35 What sit-ups strengthen
  - 36 \_ up with
  - 37 " \_ Little Teapot"
  - 38 Earthquake origination point
  - 40 Corp. execs
  - 41 " \_ Dark Stranger" (1946 film)
  - 44 Corps.
  - 46 Horse sound
  - 49 Fine thread
  - 50 Lavish party
  - 52 Health facility
  - 53 Lying in the same straight path
  - 54 "Dallas" miss
  - 55 Requisites
  - 56 Rendezvous
  - 58 Neck area
  - 60 Cyclotron bit
  - 62 Sheep coats
  - 63 Tight as \_
  - 64 Sign before Scorpio
  - 65 Software programmer
  - 66 Nothingness
  - 69 Parcel units
  - 70 Sis sibling
  - 71 Young sheep
  - 75 Marshall Plan pres.
  - 76 Shower sponge
  - 78 Lemon, lime, or orange
  - 81 "Cheers" barmaid
  - 82 Madison Ave. workers
  - 83 Abode: Abbr.
  - 85 \_-bitsy
  - 87 Corn holder
  - 89 Takeoff stat
  - 90 Livy's 1,150
  - 91 \_-wolf
  - 93 \_ about (roughly)
  - 95 Exercises utilizing bars
  - 96 Impassive sorts
  - 97 Go after
  - 98 Typos, e.g.
  - 99 Japanese police dogs
  - 100 Obi-Wan\_ ("Star Wars" role)
  - 102 Comes up
  - 103 Volcano in E. Sicily
  - 106 11- or 12-year-old
  - 108 Jacuzzi user's sigh
  - 111 JVC rival
  - 112 Low card
  - 114 Actor Sharif
  - 115 "Ixnay"
  - 116 Privy to
  - 117 " \_ pinch of salt"
  - 119 Al Fatah gp.
  - 121 West of film
  - 122 QBs' scores

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# Moore Texas by Roger Moore Oct. 19, 2012:

The longtime "greeter" at the State Fair Of Texas, the 52 foot giant BIG TEX is destroyed by fire.



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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.

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DIFFICULTY: ★

★ Moderate ★★ Difficult  
★★★ GO FIGURE!

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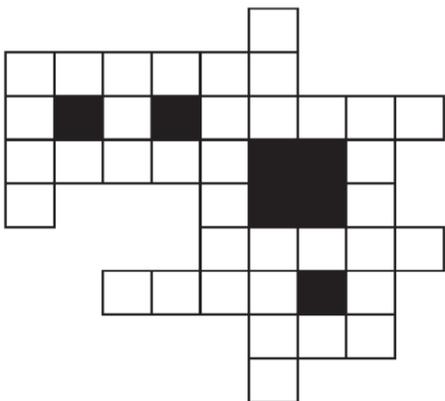
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# FEAR KNIGHT

By: rj johnson

CONQUER THE WHIRLED

- TLO
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- ANDLE
- WESL
- DELDOT
- ELT
- ♥LSWA
- ♥TREET
- WEM
- ♥TREEMO
- ♥ELWOD
- LIRL



Answer Page 6

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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.

## Social Security Q&A By Ray Vigil

**Q:** It's hurricane season. If there is a big storm in my area, will I still be able to do business with Social Security?

**A:** During an emergency, keep in mind two things. First, you can conduct most of your business with Social Security online at [www.socialsecurity.gov](http://www.socialsecurity.gov). There, you'll find a wealth of information and online services. For example, you can apply online for Social Security benefits or for Medicare, and then you can check on the status of your pending application. If you're already receiving Social Security benefits, you can go online to change your address, phone number, or your direct deposit information, get a replacement Medicare card, or request a proof of income letter. You even can get your Social Security

Statement online. You also can find out if your local office is open by going online to [www.socialsecurity.gov/emergency](http://www.socialsecurity.gov/emergency). That site lists any office closings and delays. Second, make sure you receive your benefits through Direct Deposit. While the mail can be disrupted during severe weather, Direct Deposit payments arrive in your account on time, all the time. Go to [www.socialsecurity.gov/deposit](http://www.socialsecurity.gov/deposit) to sign up or for more information.

For more information on any of the questions listed above, visit our website at [www.socialsecurity.gov](http://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, 1111 Gateway West, Attn: Ray Vigil, El Paso, Texas 79935.

## CryptoQuip

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

Clue: N equals O

PG P TNNC XEVABX MESD JNL

JLEGAQ YPKFDYPKEVEPSG, E

UNBMC GBTTDGK

"UFPK'G QNBL GESD?"

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## Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ★★★

★ Moderate ★★ Challenging

Answer Page 6

★★★ HOO BOY!

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## STRANGE BUT TRUE

By Samantha Weaver

In this season of bitter partisan rivalries, it would be well to remember the following sage observation: "Do not trust to the cheering, for those persons would cheer just as much if you and I were going to be hanged." The man who first made that observation was Lord Protector of England Oliver Cromwell, considered by some to be a hero of liberty, by others to be a regicidal dictator. He died in 1658, probably from septicemia. He was so reviled that, three years later, his body was exhumed so that he could be posthumously executed, his body thrown into a pit and his head displayed on a pole outside Westminster Hall.

Those who study such things say that if all the gold in the world were combined in one lump, it would result in a cube that measures 20 yards on each side.

If you're planning a trip to Lima, Peru, you might want to add Puente de Piedra to your sightseeing list. Though the Spanish name means "Bridge of Stone," the span is popularly known as the Bridge of Eggs. Legend has it that in 1608, the builders used the whites of 10,000 seabird eggs in the mortar that holds the stones together.

Pumpkins are native to the Americas, not Europe. This is why the original jack-o'-lantern was a turnip.

What do the words "obscene," "tranquil," "mediate," "catastrophe," "dire," "critical," "vast" and "apostrophe" have in common? All of them appeared in print for the first time in the works of William Shakespeare.

If you're contemplating a move to Corpus Christi, Texas, be sure to keep in mind that in that town, it's illegal to raise alligators in your home.

Thought for the Day: "One fool can ask more questions in a minute than 12 wise men can answer in an hour."

- Vladimir Lenin

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