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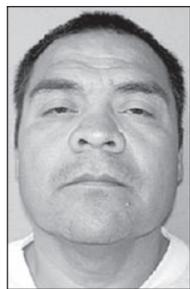
Crime Stoppers

A woman goes to her doctor's office for an appointment and, while inside, her vehicle is stolen and the suspects use her credit and debit cards, making this the Crime Stoppers "Crime of the Week." On Monday morning, Oct. 1, 2012, between 9:30 and 11:00 a.m., a woman was at her doctor's office, located at 2295 Trawood on the eastside. When she was finished, she found that her 2006 Jeep-Commander was stolen from the parking lot outside. She soon discovered that her credit and debit cards, which were left inside the vehicle, had been used to make eight unauthorized purchases at various local businesses. As seen in surveillance video at the stores where the credit cards were used, the suspects are two Hispanic males in their 20s or 30s. Suspect one is medium height and build with a mustache and goatee, wearing a plaid short-sleeve shirt and blue jeans. Suspect two is slightly shorter, with a medium build, wearing a baseball cap, t-shirt with logo on the front, and dark pants. They were seen in a light colored late-model mid-size four-door-sedan. If you have any information about the identity of the suspect in this case, 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

Wanted

Richard Ybarra, 46, is this week's Manhunt Monday Most Wanted Fugitive. He is 5'8" tall and weighs 154 pounds. He has black hair and brown eyes. He tattoos on



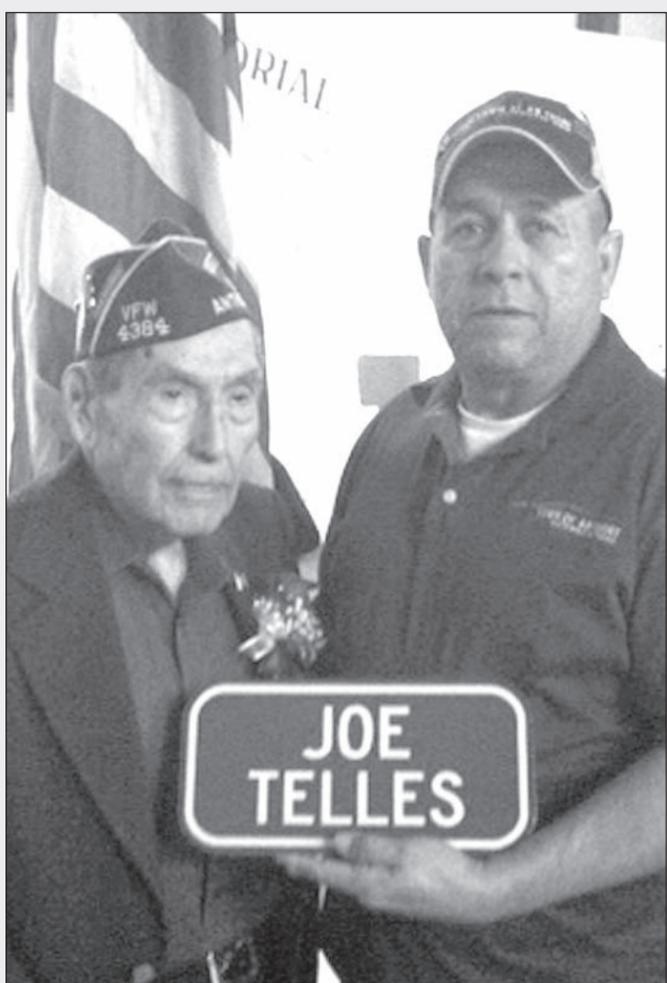
Richard Ybarra

his arms, legs, hair and back. On Friday, Nov. 9, 2012, Ybarra absconded from a halfway house on Horizon Blvd. He was scheduled for a hearing at the El Paso County Courthouse and never returned. He is a convicted sex offender currently on parole for three counts of Criminal Sexual Contact of a Minor and Burglary of Habitation. The victim at the time of the crime was a 15-year-old girl. These crimes occurred in Curry County, NM. A warrant for his apprehension has been issued for a Parole Violation and a Failing to Register as a Sex Offender. If anyone has seen or has any information on the whereabouts of Ybarra 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 Ybarra.

— Deputy Jesse Tovar

Sleeping at the wheel is a sure way to never grow old.

— Quips & Quotes



— Photo courtesy VFW Post 4384

A milestone day

ANTHONY — Mr. Joe Telles celebrated his 100th birthday Friday among the people he supported and felt at home with — VFW Post 4384 members. Telles has been a member for many years. Not only is he a WW II veteran, but the retired postmaster of Anthony and a fixture in the community for many years. He was presented with a birthday card from President Obama and many letters of congratulations from New Mexico senators and representatives and Governor Martinez. The Town of Anthony, TX honored him by naming a street after him, a testament to his impact on the community. Telles currently resides in Anthony, TX but his 100-year legacy blankets both Anthony communities and his celebration was attended by citizens of both cities.

— Art Franco

El Paso County, Horizon, Socorro close to finalizing reinvestment zone proposal

By Alfredo Vasquez
Special to the Courier

EL PASO COUNTY — The El Paso County Transportation Reinvestment Zone (TRZ) proposal is expected to be up for a final vote by commissioners in December, and if approved the areas along Eastlake, Darrington, Greg, Edgemere and Old Hueco Tanks streets, among others, on the county's far eastside would be designated as a reinvestment zone.

The reinvestment zone designation refers to an area where taxes collected due to an increase in property values are used to pay off debt or monies spent for improvements in that zone. The creation of a reinvestment zone doesn't raise property taxes, but instead allows governments to establish dedicated accounts to capture the tax increments and invest those dollars back into the zone.

To maximize its tax revenues, the county would partner with the city of Socorro and Horizon City to create the zones and establish a revenue-sharing agreement between the three entities, according to county documents.

The areas being considered for the reinvestment zone designation are mostly vacant lots right now, but plans are to develop them soon, which will create the need to improve streets, sidewalks and other infrastructure.



— File photo

El Paso County Judge Veronica Escobar, above, and Commissioners Court are looking at creating a proposed El Paso County Transportation Reinvestment Zone (TRZ) that could generate \$76.5 million in revenue over 30 years, according to county officials.

Working with the Camino Real Regional Mobility Authority, the county and the two municipalities are finalizing the corridor descriptions and the project cost and revenue estimates before holding the December public hearing.

The Camino Real Regional Mobility Authority (CRRMA) is a transportation agency that was

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Tours, film highlight 'Walking with Ancestors' exhibit

By Alfredo Vasquez
Special to the Courier

EL PASO COUNTY — Two tours and a film screening will be offered in the coming weeks to highlight the temporary exhibit, titled *Walking with the Ancestors: From Mesoamerica to the Southwest*, at the El Paso Museum of Archeology, 4300 Transmountain Road.

The exhibit, which has been extended to March 24, features pottery, photographs of ancient petroglyphs (images on stone), stories, and artifacts that trace the movement of ancient people between Mesoamerica and the American Southwest.

The exhibit draws on themes of the hearth, corn, rain, macaw parrots, the rabbit in the moon, and the peyote cactus to illustrate the connections in beliefs and practices between Mexico and the Southwest in ancient and contemporary times.

The exhibit tours will be facilitated by museum curator of education Marilyn Guida at 2 p.m., Wednesday, Nov. 28, and at 2:30 p.m., Saturday, Dec. 15. The public is invited to attend the free tours.

The exhibit's guest curator is Dr. Yolanda Chávez Leyva, chair of the History Department at the University of Texas at El Paso. Leyva was instrumental in creating the exhibit in collaboration with the history

department and the Museo Urbano, a public history project of UTEP.

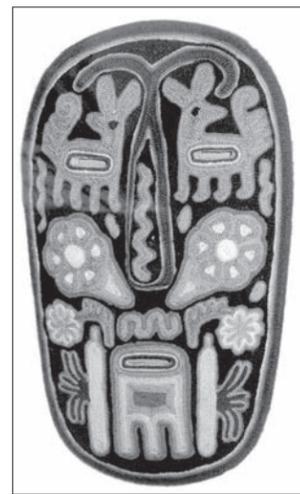
In conjunction with the Walking with the Ancestors exhibit, Leyva will participate in the special screening of the film, *Sacred Pilgrimage to Wirikuta*, at 2:30 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 1, at the archeology museum.

Leyva will introduce the film, which is a documentary by artist Larain Boyll Matheson. The film maker spent two years photographing and producing this story of the Huichol — a Native American ethnic group of western central Mexico, living in the Sierra Madre Occidental range — making one of their annual pilgrimages to the place where their sacred medicine cactus grows.

"This documentary tells their story and depicts the visions induced by the peyote plant which are used to create their sacred art, in the form of yarn paintings, beaded bowls, masks and other beadwork," stated Matheson.

Matheson spent over thirty years studying with the Huichol shamans or medicine people, especially Guadalupe-de-la-Cruz Rios. Their shamans are known for how they translate their visions into art and use their visions to heal their people.

For more information, call 915-755-4332, send email to guidamr@elPASOTexas.gov, or visit the museum's website at www.elPASOTexas.gov/arch_museum/.



— Photo courtesy Humanities Texas

INSPIRATION — The Huichol Indians of the Sierra Madre Mountains of Mexico are known for their beautifully intricate yarn paintings and beadwork. The Huichol shaman mask above has images of peyote. When producing a yarn painting they take peyote so that they can travel and talk with the spirits.

The ins and outs of ePayments

By Jason Alderman
Special to the Courier

Are you ordering far fewer checks for your bank account these days? Does a roll of postage stamps seem to last a lot longer? Like most people, you're probably performing many more financial transactions electronically, either by choice or because companies and government agencies have increasingly made it all but mandatory.

For example, most gyms require automatic deductions from a checking or credit card account.

Utilities, mortgage lenders, insurance companies and others strongly encourage electronic payments. And many states now distribute benefits like unemployment, child support and disability assistance using prepaid cards instead of paper checks.

Electronic transactions have caught on because:

They're cheaper. Businesses save on the costs of printing, processing and mailing millions of paper checks and statements; and with first-class postage costing 45 cents, customers rack up savings over time. And they save millions

of tons of paper.

They're faster. Bill payments, funds transfers and direct deposits to your bank account or prepaid card occur the same day (often instantly), versus being delayed in the mail. And, if you sometimes forget to mail payments on time, auto payment protects against late fees and overdraft charges.

They're convenient. You can choose one-time bill pay, where

you first review your bill and then authorize payment; or recurring bill pay, where your bills are paid automatically at a scheduled time – for either for the full amount (usually mandatory with utilities), the minimum payment due, or an amount you choose. You can usually have funds drawn from either your checking or credit card account (be sure to ask).

They're safer. Even in these high-tech times, old-fashioned mail theft remains a major problem. For example, in 2010 more than 540,000

mailed federal benefit checks were reported lost or stolen and had to be replaced.

That doesn't mean electronic transactions are risk-free. As with email or any kind of online activity, you should take precautions to protect your computer (and cell phone) from being hacked. For example:

- Make sure your anti-virus and anti-spyware software is up-to-date.
- When making online payments, look for safety symbols like a padlock icon in the browser's status bar, an "s" after "http" in the URL, or the words "Secure Sockets Layer" (SSL).

- Review credit card and bank account statements regularly and report duplicate bill payments or suspicious/unauthorized charges to the card issuer.

- Ask whether your credit or debit card offers "zero liability," which means you won't be responsible for unauthorized or fraudulent purchases.

- Regularly order your credit reports from the three major credit bureaus (Equifax, Experian and TransUnion), and review for errors or fraudulent activity. You can order one free report annually from each at www.AnnualCreditReport.com, or more frequently for a small fee from each bureau.

- Create complex, random passwords and change them regularly.

Be a savvy consumer whenever using a bill-paying service:

- Ask if any fees are involved.
- Before signing the agreement, make sure you understand and accept the terms.

- To stop service, you must notify the merchant as well as the bank/credit card company. Cancellation may take a month or two to become effective, so plan ahead.

- If your payment card expires, the merchant will need new card information to ensure uninterrupted service.

- Track expenses carefully and keep your budget up to date.

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Veterans Post By Freddy Groves

Holiday visits will cheer hospitalized vets

By now the local Department of Veterans Affairs hospitals know which of their wards will be visited over the holidays by large groups such as the American Legion or the Daughters of the American Revolution. They know which wards, and which patients, might not receive a visit – from anyone.

This is where you come in.

If you imagine yourself in the place of a veteran who has no local family, it's not hard to understand that a holiday visit from you – a fellow veteran – can mean so much.

Make the call to volunteer services. Find out what's needed to fill in the gaps left by the large service organizations. Then call your buddies and arrange to go as a group at the appointed time. Go by yourself if necessary. It's talking the veterans want, the company, the reminiscing, the chatting with others who also served. If you know any active military, ask them along, dressed in uniform.

If you want to provide small gifts, so much the better. Ask the nursing staff on the ward you'll

visit whether a selection from the following would be appropriate:

Whitman's four-piece candy sampler, Hershey's Kisses, small candy canes, sugar-free candy, deck of playing cards, pads of paper and mechanical pencils, military caps, small table-top calendar or daily journal, appropriate posters for the wall, puzzle books (word search is best), handkerchiefs, water bottles, slipper socks, a \$5 coupon for the hospital canteen, a card signed by all of you in your group.

Collect boxes from shoe stores to hold the gifts. Get holiday paper (plus tissue paper), and if you're fumble fingers, get help with wrapping. The idea is to have one individual present for each veteran.

If there is no VA hospital near you, think about the nursing homes. Call to inquire if any of their residents are veterans.

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A PUBLIC HEARING WILL BE HELD AT 6:00 P.M. on Thursday, December 13, 2012 during the Planning & Zoning Commission Meeting at Vinton Village Hall, 436 E. Vinton Road, Vinton, Texas. Purpose of the public hearing is to allow any interested persons to appear and testify regarding the following proposed items:

1. A request for a Special Permit to allow storage of "bulk propane tank" at W.F. Hagens #146, Tract 3B (7890 Doniphan Dr.) Vinton, TX, El Paso County TX, for the purpose storing propane fuel for commercial distribution.

Those who are unable to attend may submit their views in writing to the Village Clerk at 436 E. Vinton Road, Vinton, Texas 79821. Persons with disabilities that wish to attend this meeting should contact City Hall at (915) 886-5104 to arrange for assistance. Individuals who require auxiliary aids or services for this meeting should contact City Hall at least two days before the meeting so that appropriate arrangements can be made.

Jessica Garza
Village Clerk

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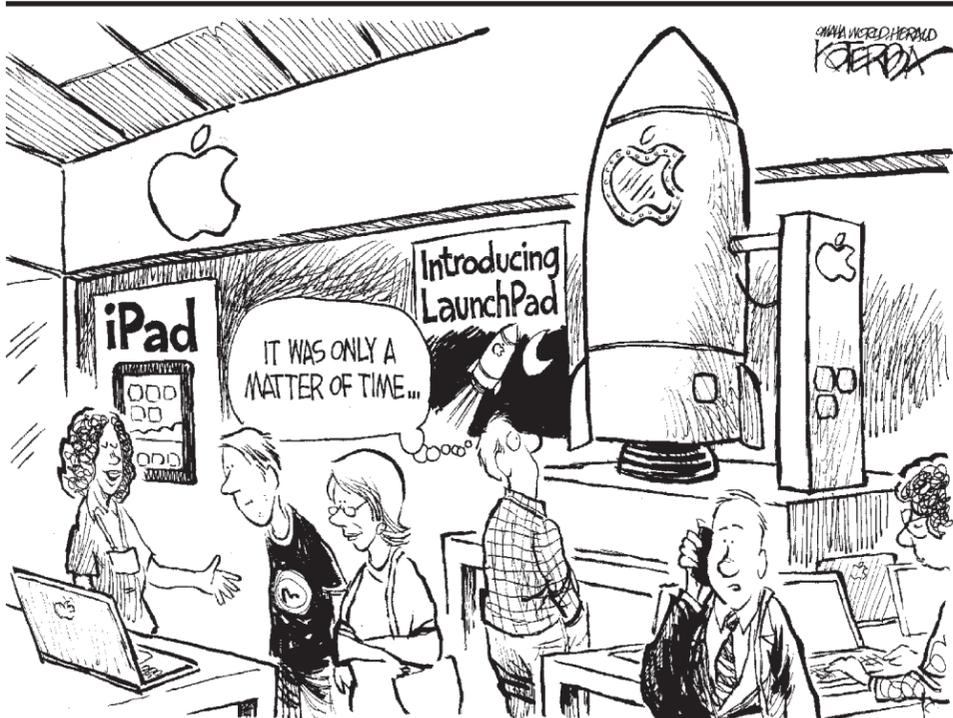
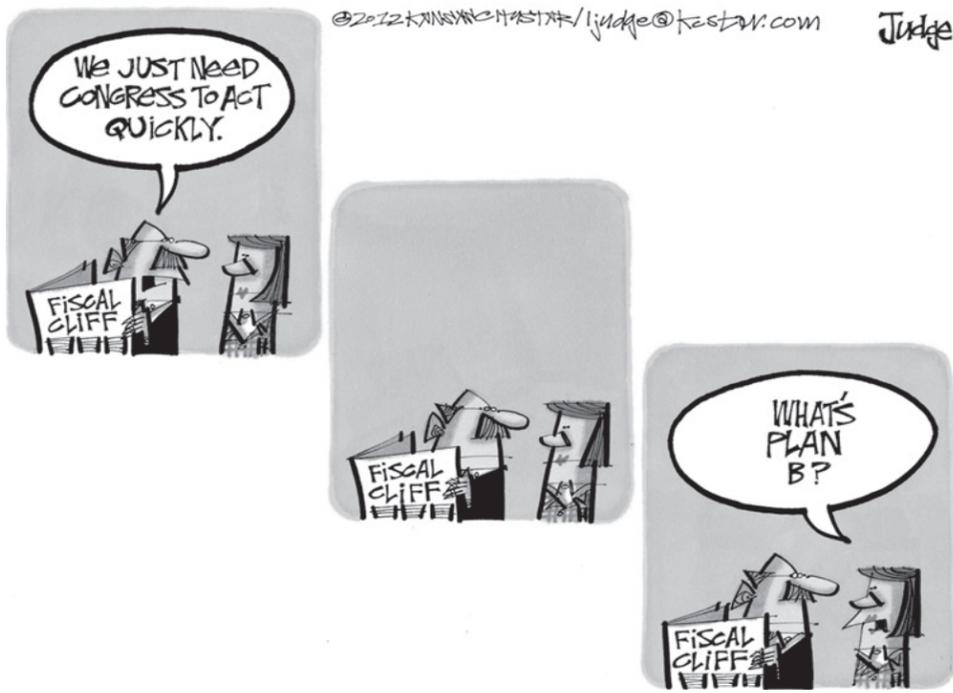
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San Eli residents enjoy Thanksgiving meal at schools

By Cynthia P. Marentes
Special to the Courier

SAN ELIZARIO –Parents and community residents received an early taste of Thanksgiving as campuses throughout the San Elizario Independent School District opened their doors to welcome them in for the holiday meal served on November 15. Cafeteria staff prepared a traditional feast of turkey, trimmings and pumpkin pie so that parents could sit down and enjoy along side their children. The district’s Child Nutrition Services Department plans the Thanksgiving luncheon every year not only to provide families the opportunity share the festive meal at school but also as a service to the community.

Elderly residents are invited to San Elizario High School and are served a free holiday lunch. The annual event has been organized by the district’s cafeterias for many years in order to invite senior citizens back

on campus and make them feel comfortable as well as thank them for their role in helping to maintain a good school environment.

Lupe Anaya, who was born and raised in San Elizario, was very appreciative of the delicious meal as well as the hospitality. Anaya and her husband Joel arrived at the high school with a group from the San Elizario Senior Citizens Nutrition Center. Student Council members decorated the cafeteria and helped serve their elderly guests their meals while the band performed.



– Photo courtesy San Elizario ISD

DROPPING BY – Lupe and Joel Anaya were served a complete Thanksgiving meal.

TRZ

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created by the City of El Paso in 2007 to move regional transportation solutions forward as quickly as possible.

In the initial TRZ meeting held in October, County Judge Veronica Escobar said, “These county roads are our responsibility, and if there’s a tool that allows for growth to pay for itself, then we should take full advantage of it.”

If County Commissioners approve the zone’s creation, it would be the first in the

state to incorporate multiple municipalities and the first to be implemented by a county.

“This would be the first project of this kind for the county,” Escobar said. “It’s a tool that the Legislature has given us to help us deal with traffic congestion, growth and many transportation needs we have out in the county.”

The anticipated revenues from Socorro and Horizon may not be enough to cover the project costs in each jurisdiction, but excess revenues anticipated from the county would help fund all three, county officials explained. If approved, the county would begin generating revenue in 2014.

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Students run to fight bullying

By Gustavo Reveles Acosta
Special to the Courier

CANUTILLO – Several students from the Canutillo Independent School District woke up early the morning of the Saturday after Thanksgiving to run and burn off more than just the calories from the turkey dinner they had consumed days before.

They also were running to burn off bullying and hatred in our schools.

Canutillo ISD had a sizable group of students participating in the Third Annual Raise Awareness Run Out Bullying Race at McKelligon Canyon on Nov. 24. The El Paso County Anti-Bullying Coalition organized the race.

“For us to participate in this race is very important, even if it happens during the Thanksgiving Break,”

said Dr. Damon Murphy, CISD Superintendent.

“We are a District that believes schools are safe havens from hate and intolerance and we have worked hard for the last three years to instill the virtues of acceptance and tolerance,” he added. “Canutillo is a certified No Place For Hate, and our participation in this race shows how committed our students and our teachers are to fighting bullying in schools.”

No Place For Hate is a nationally recognized anti-bullying program organized by the Anti-Defamation League. To attain certification, students must sign resolutions of respect and participate in at least three bullying-prevention activities throughout the year.

The students who ran the race said they were happy to participate

because the event promotes bullying awareness and helps them stay healthy through exercise.

Around 150 people participated in the race, which had runners of all ages and from throughout the region. There were three categories: competitive 8K and 5K races and a 1-mile fun walk.

Students from Canutillo High School and Canutillo Middle School participated in the race, and CISD had representation in all three categories.

Canutillo students did more than just participate in the race. Several of them earned medals for running the fastest times in their age brackets.

Race organizers said it was refreshing to see a school district take an active approach to fighting bullying among children, and praised Canutillo for being a leader in the tolerance and acceptance efforts among students in the region.



– Photo courtesy Fawcett Family

Helping hands

FABENS CAN COLLECTION – From left, Justin R. Fawcett, A.J. Martinez and Armando Moreno with some of the food they collected in October. Fawcett – who spearheaded the food drive – is a junior at Fabens High School and member of the National Honor Society (NHS). The young men, with help from other NHS members, family and school staff, gathered 2,000 canned food items and 10 turkeys from the community. The items were donated to the Child Crisis Center of El Paso.

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Socorro Independent School District Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balance Governmental Funds For the Year Ended June 30, 2012

| Data Control Codes | 10 General Fund | 50 Debt Service Fund | 60 Capital Projects | Other Funds | Total Governmental Funds |
|--|--------------------|-------------------------|------------------------|---------------|--------------------------|
| REVENUES: | | | | | |
| 5700 Total Local and Intermediate Sources | \$ 71,315,753 | \$ 19,550,166 | \$ 61,026 | \$ 3,788,881 | \$ 94,715,826 |
| 5800 State Program Revenues | 213,725,574 | 17,123,789 | – | 2,900,525 | 233,749,888 |
| 5900 Federal Program Revenues | 3,945,062 | – | – | 48,918,002 | 52,863,064 |
| 5020 Total Revenues | 288,986,389 | 36,673,955 | 61,026 | 55,607,408 | 381,328,778 |
| EXPENDITURES: | | | | | |
| Current: | | | | | |
| 0011 Instruction | 171,899,838 | – | 244,302 | 16,522,958 | 188,667,098 |
| 0012 Instructional Resources and Media Services | 2,058,017 | – | – | 2,452,569 | 4,510,586 |
| 0013 Curriculum and Instructional Staff Development | 985,718 | – | – | 3,487,668 | 4,473,386 |
| 0021 Instructional Leadership | 3,845,356 | – | – | 174,348 | 4,019,704 |
| 0023 School Leadership | 17,902,465 | – | – | 2,519,054 | 20,421,519 |
| 0031 Guidance, Counseling and Evaluation Services | 8,220,091 | – | – | 2,850,038 | 11,070,129 |
| 0032 Social Work Services | 1,275,832 | – | – | 496,140 | 1,771,972 |
| 0033 Health Services | 1,136,177 | – | – | 2,517,768 | 3,653,945 |
| 0034 Student (Pupil) Transportation | 9,160,603 | – | – | 368,487 | 9,529,090 |
| 0035 Food Services | – | – | – | 19,482,675 | 19,482,675 |
| 0036 Extracurricular Activities | 8,517,235 | – | – | 127,381 | 8,644,616 |
| 0041 General Administration | 7,031,934 | – | – | 121,386 | 7,153,320 |
| 0051 Facilities Maintenance and Operations | 32,561,148 | – | – | 1,064,249 | 33,625,397 |
| 0052 Security and Monitoring Services | 5,515,714 | – | – | 21,560 | 5,537,274 |
| 0053 Data Processing Services | 4,802,150 | – | 3,662,095 | 64,574 | 8,528,819 |
| 0061 Community Services | 727,577 | – | – | 1,051,935 | 1,779,512 |
| Debt Service: | | | | | |
| 0071 Principal on Long Term Debt | 368,148 | 11,548,682 | – | – | 11,916,830 |
| 0072 Interest on Long Term Debt | 12,320 | 20,817,294 | – | – | 20,829,614 |
| 0073 Bond Issuance Cost and Fees | – | 45,277 | 583,946 | – | 629,223 |
| Capital Outlay: | | | | | |
| 0081 Facilities Acquisition and Construction | 2,336,047 | – | 18,292,809 | 1,352,779 | 21,981,635 |
| Intergovernmental: | | | | | |
| 0099 Other Intergovernmental Charges | 1,278,526 | – | – | – | 1,278,526 |
| 6030 Total Expenditures | 279,634,896 | 32,411,253 | 22,783,152 | 54,675,569 | 389,504,870 |
| 1100 Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures | 9,351,493 | 4,262,702 | (22,722,126) | 931,839 | (8,176,092) |
| OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES): | | | | | |
| 7911 Capital Related Debt Issued (Regular Bonds) | – | 1,920,964 | 48,424,036 | – | 50,345,000 |
| 7916 Premium or Discount on Issuance of Bonds | – | 98,681 | 2,487,580 | – | 2,586,261 |
| 8949 Other (Uses) | – | (1,920,964) | – | – | (1,920,964) |
| 7080 Total Other Financing Sources (Uses) | – | 98,681 | 50,911,616 | – | 51,010,297 |
| 1200 Net Change in Fund Balances | 9,351,493 | 4,361,383 | 28,189,490 | 931,839 | 42,834,205 |
| 0100 Fund Balance – July 1 (Beginning) | 65,252,722 | 31,057,205 | – | 11,945,783 | 108,255,710 |
| 1300 Increase (Decrease) in Fund Balance | 470,052 | (852,462) | – | – | (382,410) |
| 3000 Fund Balance – June 30 (Ending) | \$ 75,074,267 | \$ 34,566,126 | \$ 28,189,490 | \$ 12,877,622 | \$ 150,707,505 |

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— Photo courtesy Canutillo ISD

No Place for Hate

TEAM CANUTILLO – Canutillo ISD students and staff participated in the Third Annual Raise Awareness Run Out Bullying Race on Nov. 24. There were two races (R) and a fun walk (W). Six of the students that ran won medals (RM). From left are Coach Eddie Estrada (R), Alexyss Rojas (W), Julio Monje (kneeling) (RM), Amani Saenz (W), Kashmir Flores (W), Mauro Perez (RM), Jasmin Coronel (RM), Jose Coronel (RM), Jaylene Placencia (R), Mannyboy Flores (RM), Madalyne Flores (in front) (R), Cesar Monje (RM), Tonya Flores (W) and Superintendent Damon Murphy (W). Story on Page 4.

Classified Ads

LEGALS

Town Of Horizon City

PUBLIC HEARING

A PUBLIC HEARING will be held during a Regular Planning & Zoning Commission Meeting on Monday, December 17, 2012 at 6:30 p.m. in the City Council Chambers (Court/Police Dept. Bldg.), 15001 Darrington Rd., Horizon City, TX, 79928. The purpose of the public hearing is to allow any interested persons to appear and comment regarding the following:

Aproposed Replat Application for Darrington Eastlake Commercial Unit One Replat A, described as being a Replat of Lot 1, Block 1 Darrington Eastlake Commercial Unit One, Town of Horizon City, El Paso County, Texas. Currently Zoned C-2 Heavy Commercial. Request is to allow one commercial lot to be divided into three (3) commercial lots.

Those who are unable to attend may submit their views in writing to the City Clerk at 14999 Darrington Rd., Horizon City, TX 79928 or call 915-852-1046. Accommodations for handicapped persons will be available; and individuals in need of special assistance for attending the hearing are encouraged to contact the City Clerk at 915-852-1046, forty-eight (48) hours prior to the meeting.

Karen Ellefson
Town Clerk
Horizon City

WTCC: 11-29-12

CITY OF SOCORRO, TEXAS

REQUEST FOR BIDS

FOR HOT MIX ASPHALT CONCRETE

ATTN: Sandra Hernandez, City Clerk

CLOSING: DECEMBER 10, 2012 AT 2:00 P.M. 124 S. HORIZON BLVD. SOCORRO, TEXAS 79927

The City of Socorro, TX is soliciting bids

for 13,000 tons of Hot Mix Asphalt Concrete (HMAC) specified by the Texas Department of Transportation-Type D, and 1,000 gallons of SS1-H Tac Oil Emulsion, and 1,000 tons of Type-A Grade III base material. The bid shall be on a firm lump sum basis with delivery cost stated separately as an optional service. Bid specifications are available from the City Clerk and all bids must be submitted on official City of Socorro bid forms.

The closing date for submission is December 10, 2012 at 2:00 p.m. The bids will be opened publicly and read aloud on December 10, 2012 at 2:30 p.m. at the City Administration Building in Socorro, Texas, 124 S. Horizon Blvd., Socorro, Texas, 79927. All submittals must be clearly marked on the lower right hand side corner with your company name and return address on the envelope with the following: **SEALED BID-RFP-FOR HMAC/TAC OIL EMULSION/BASE MATERIALS BID-ATTN: SANDRA HERNANDEZ / CITY CLERK, 124. S. Horizon Blvd, Socorro, Texas 79927.**

Any proposal received after 2:00 p.m. on the date specified will be unopened. All bids shall be firm offers for a period of thirty days and prices shall be guaranteed for one year from the bid opening. Detailed bid requirements are available at the office of the City Clerk.

The City of Socorro reserves the right to waive irregularities and to reject all bids.

Sandra Hernandez
City Clerk

WTCC: 11-29-12

City of Socorro

PUBLIC HEARING

A PUBLIC HEARING will be held at 6:00 p.m. at a Regular Council Meeting on December 6, 2012, at City Hall, 860 Rio Vista, Socorro, Texas. The purpose of the Public Hearing is to allow any interested person to appear and testify at the hearing regarding the following:

11) AN ORDINANCE GRANTING TO TEXAS GAS SERVICE COMPANY THE RIGHT, PRIVILEGE AND FRANCHISE TO USE STREETS, ALLEYS, THOROUGHFARES AND OTHER PUBLIC WAYS TO OPERATE AND MAINTAIN A NATURAL GAS DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM IN THE CITY OF SOCORRO, EL PASO COUNTY, TEXAS; PROVIDING REGULATIONS FOR THE CONDUCT OF THE SYSTEM BY THE GRANTEE, AND REPEALING THE PRESENT FRANCHISE ORDINANCE.

2) AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SOCORRO, TEXAS; ESTABLISHING RULES AND REGULATIONS RELATING TO THE CONTROL OF ANIMALS; PROVIDING FOR RABIES CONTROL; PROVIDING FOR HUMANS BITTEN OR SCRATCHED BY ANIMALS SUSCEPTIBLE TO RABIES; PROVIDING A QUARANTINE PROCEDURE FOR BITING/SCRATCHING ANIMALS; PROVIDING FOR DOG, CAT AND FERRET REGISTRATION; PROVIDING FOR FEES; PROVIDING FOR PROTECTION OF ANIMALS; PROVIDING FOR CERTAIN ANIMALS; PROVIDING REQUIREMENTS FOR DANGEROUS ANIMALS; PROVIDING FOR PUBLICATION AND NOTICE WHERE DANGEROUS ANIMALS RESIDE, PROVIDING FOR IMPOUNDMENT FEES; PROVIDING ANIMAL OWNERSHIP LIMITATION; PROVIDING FOR REQUIREMENTS OF FOWL; PROVIDING FOR TREATMENT OF ANIMALS; PROVIDING FOR SANITARY CONDITIONS; PROVIDING FOR TRAPS; PROVIDING FOR ENFORCEMENT; PROVIDING FOR

3) AN ORDINANCE DESIGNATING TRANSPORTATION REINVESTMENT ZONE NUMBER ONE FOR THE CITY OF SOCORRO, TEXAS; DESCRIBING THE BOUNDARIES OF THE ZONE; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE AND A TERMINATION DATE FOR THE ZONE; NAMING THE ZONE "TRANSPORTATION REINVESTMENT ZONE NUMBER ONE, CITY OF SOCORRO, TEXAS"; ESTABLISHING A TAX INCREMENT FUND FOR THE ZONE; AND CONTAINING OTHER PROVISIONS RELATED THERETO.

Those unable to attend the public hearing may submit their views to the City of Socorro. Accommodations for handicapped persons will be available; handicapped persons in need of special assistance for attending the hearings are encouraged to contact the City Clerk (915) 858-2915, forty-eight (48) hours prior to this meeting. Copies of ordinances are available for review at City Hall, 124 S. Horizon Blvd., upon request.

Sandra Hernandez
City Clerk

WTCC: 11-29-12

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Need Help Paying Your Propane Bills?

Funding is currently available through Project BRAVO under the state's Comprehensive Energy Assistance Program (CEAP) to help qualified low-income residents of El Paso County pay their home propane bills up to 250 gallons.

Where To Apply

- Saturday, Nov. 10, from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. at the Kennedy Brothers Housing Complex, 400 S. Zaragoza Road.
- Saturday, Dec. 1 from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. at the San Elizario ISD Excell Academy, 13680 Socorro Road, San Elizario.
- Saturday, Dec. 8, from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. at the Sparks Housing Development Corporation, 106 Peyton Road.
- Saturday, Dec. 15, from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. at the Sparks Housing Development Corporation, 106 Peyton Road.

Documents Needed to Qualify

- Valid ID for all adults 18 yrs. or older living in the household.
- Social Security cards for everyone living in the household.
- Proof of all household income for the previous 30 days.
- Most recent rental lease or, if homeowner, mortgage statement or property taxes (include all landlord info).
- Most recent TANF or SNAP certification letter.
- Most recent gas and electric bills (originals and 1 copy).
- Must have letter from propane company listing the price and number of gallons needed.

Please bring 1 copy of each document. All utility bills must be in the name of the applicant.

For Information, call 915-562-4100



¿Necesita ayuda para pagar sus facturas de gas propano?

Actualmente existen fondos a través de Project BRAVO bajo el programa estatal Comprehensive Energy Assistance Program (CEAP) para residentes de bajos ingresos que viven en las zonas rurales del Condado de El Paso que necesitan ayuda para pagar sus cuentas de propano de calefacción casera hasta 250 galones.

Dónde aplicar

- Sábado, 10 de noviembre desde las 8:00 a.m. hasta las 5:00 p.m. en Kennedy Brothers Housing Complex, 400 S. Zaragoza Road.
- Sábado, 1 de diciembre desde las 8:00 a.m. hasta las 5:00 p.m. en el San Elizario ISD Excell Academy, 13680 Socorro Road en San Elizario, Texas.
- Sábado, 8 de diciembre desde las 8:00 a.m. hasta las 5:00 p.m. en el Sparks Housing Development Corporation, 106 Peyton Road en Sparks.
- Sábado, 15 de diciembre desde las 8:00 a.m. hasta las 5:00 p.m. en el Sparks Housing Development Corporation, 106 Peyton Road en Sparks.

Documentos necesarios para calificar

- Identificación válida con foto para todos los adultos de 18 años o mayores que viven en el hogar.
- Tarjetas de seguro social de todos los que viven en el hogar.
- Prueba de los ingresos total en el hogar de los últimos 30 días.
- Contrato VIGENTE (no vencido) de renta, pago de casa o impuestos de propiedad (debe incluir información del dueño, nombre y dirección del cliente, fecha y cantidad de pago).
- TANF (asistencia temporal para familias necesitadas) más reciente (no vencida) o carta de certificación SNAP (programa de asistencia para alimentos suplemental).
- Recibos más recientes de gas y luz (originales y copia 1).
- Carta reciente de su compañía de propano que diga el costo de el gas y los galones requeridos para llenar el tanque.

Por favor traiga una copia de cada documento. Todas las facturas deben estar a nombre del solicitante.

Para más información, llame al 915-562-4100

Two teams, two perfect records, two different philosophies

By Steve Escajeda
Special to the Courier

Notre Dame fans from all over the country got the chance to go crazy after their Fighting Irish earned a spot in the national title game with the 22-13 win over Southern Cal last week.

It appears that Notre Dame will take on the winner of the SEC title game between Georgia and Alabama.

Before the season started, the Irish were nowhere to be found in the rankings. Nothing was expected of them this season. Yet they managed to shock everyone by going undefeated.

Stories like what Notre Dame accomplished this year is what makes sports a microcosm of life itself.

It proves that basically anything is possible if you stay focused, work hard and take the extra time to improve on your inefficiencies.

Speaking of inefficiencies, let's take a look at the only other undefeated college football team – the Ohio State Buckeyes.

Ohio State kind of flew under the radar this year but they, like Notre Dame, finished the

season with a 12-0 record.

However, one team will play for a championship in January while the other will sit home and watch on TV.

Ohio State's football program was put on probation this season because of the antics of their former head coach Jim Tressel.

Tressel, if you remember, surprised the college football world when it was learned that he lied to the NCAA about his knowledge of the illegal activities some of his football players were involved in (selling football memorabilia for cash and tattoos).

A search of his computer revealed emails indicating he knew of the activities long before he admitted.

The coach lied continuously to NCAA officials about any knowledge that his players were receiving improper gifts. It turned out that this kind of behavior had been going on under Tressel since 2002.

Of course Tressel finally admitted he was lying – after he got caught.

Just like so many people before him, the cover-up was so much more damning than the actual crime.

But the guy in the "father knows best" red

sweater vest turned out to be just another greedy win-at-all-cost deceiver.

Well, Ohio State defeated Michigan last week to cap their undefeated 2012 season.

But between the first and second quarter of last Saturday's game, the Buckeye's 2002 championship team walked onto the field in celebration of their tenth anniversary.

Among those walking onto the field was their head coach, Jim Tressel.

Tressel was lifted into the air by his former players and was greeted by a standing ovation by the crowd of over 100,000.

The 2002 championship team stood on the field to be celebrated by the fans while the undefeated 2012 team was ending a season in which they won't have the chance to compete for the title directly because of Tressel's dishonest activity.

And the fans stood and cheered.

It's rather stunning how our threshold for negativism and corruption has eased over time.

We look the other way at unacceptable behavior if we can somehow benefit from it. Even if the only benefit we get is the opportunity to brag to others that our team was the best for a year.

There was even talk before the college football season started that maybe Notre Dame should turn to shadier players to improve the football program.

There was talk about their academic standards being too high for any really talented thugs to qualify to play there.

Even former Notre Dame player Allen Pinkett said that the Irish needed a few guys worthy of suspension on the team to give them more of an edge. He said Ohio State won for years with a few criminals on the team, and that this was a good thing.

I guess all those people with the opinion that bad is better hadn't had the opportunity to sit down and talk to Notre Dame linebacker Manti Ta'o.

The intelligent, thoughtful and integrity-filled leader of the team might have changed their opinions about right and wrong.

There's no team that can guarantee that every one of these 100 or so players will stay out of trouble, but I can promise you that the lower the standards are set – the higher chance that some apples will make their way to your bunch.

And though Notre Dame and Ohio State are both undefeated, the similarities end there.

A sporting view By Mark Vasto

Hitting it out of College Park

If their Twitter and Facebook accounts are any indicator, Maryland alumni are heartbroken about the Terps move from the Atlantic Coast Conference to the Big 10.

That should come as no surprise to anybody who is remotely familiar with the Terps, since "heartbroken" is basically the default mode of any true Terrapin fan. As much as it pains me to say this, the Terps are/were the Red Sox of the ACC to Duke and North Carolina's Yankees. And with Under Armour picking out the

uniforms each week, you can never be too sure the Terps will even wear matching socks.

It's a story I've shared one too many times (particularly around closing), but the guy who invented Under Armour, Kevin Plank, was my roommate in college. They point out that CEO Plank converted some of his stock in the company... a transaction that will give him some \$50 million in cash, a number that just so happens to be the amount Maryland will have to pay in a

penalty for leaving the ACC.

A Forbes article makes him sound like Goldfinger. Apparently all he needs is Pussy Galore, a flying circus, a bodyguard going Gangnam Style with a razor tipped fedora and Shirley Bassey singing his theme song. For me, "Operation Grand Slam" means a jaunt in the Prius to Denny's. But Plank doesn't need to knock over Fort Knox... he actually has more cash on hand than the United States of America. America is trillions of dollars in debt. According to Forbes, he's the 345th richest man in the country with a net worth of \$1.5 billion.

"I must be dreaming," I mutter in a Connery-esque brogue. Turns out I'm not the only one with dreams,

either. The story goes on to tell of a time Plank was handed a test product, a jacket with faux fur in the hood. Plank pulls some of the fur out and gets upset. He wants to make sure that would never happen with the actual product.

"I have nightmares about this," Plank says. "I had a roommate in college who was losing his hair."

The Maryland Board of Regents tells the press that "Mr. Plank" is behind the move to the Big 10 "100 percent." His crack about my dome aside (for the moment) I am, too. The initial reaction was going to be negative, and that's a given. People don't like change. But as soon as Coach K leaves Duke, it's over for the Blue Devils, and they know it. And anyway, nobody cares when Duke plays Maryland in football unless they have a bet on the game.

In football, Maryland now has a chance to play in the Rose Bowl. I'll say that again... the Rose

Bowl. I bet recruits will get fired up contemplating the idea of trotting off the field at the Big House, wagging their finger in the air Joe Namath style. You never know... maybe Plank can even outfit the team in faux-fur jackets and pantyhose just like Joe used to wear (only better because these fur coats would wick away sweat). Maryland can become the "Alabama of the East."

As for the hardwood? Forget it... better get yourself a pine box, boys... the Comcast Center in College Park is about to become the Big 10's cocoon of horror. I'd gladly trade a home and away with Georgia Tech for one with the Indiana Hoosiers. Not to mention the fact that the Terps positively own Indiana in NCAA Championship games... lifetime. Numbers don't lie.

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

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DECEMBER 1ST • 7:05 P.M.
VS. TEXAS STATE
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DECEMBER 5TH • 7:05 P.M.
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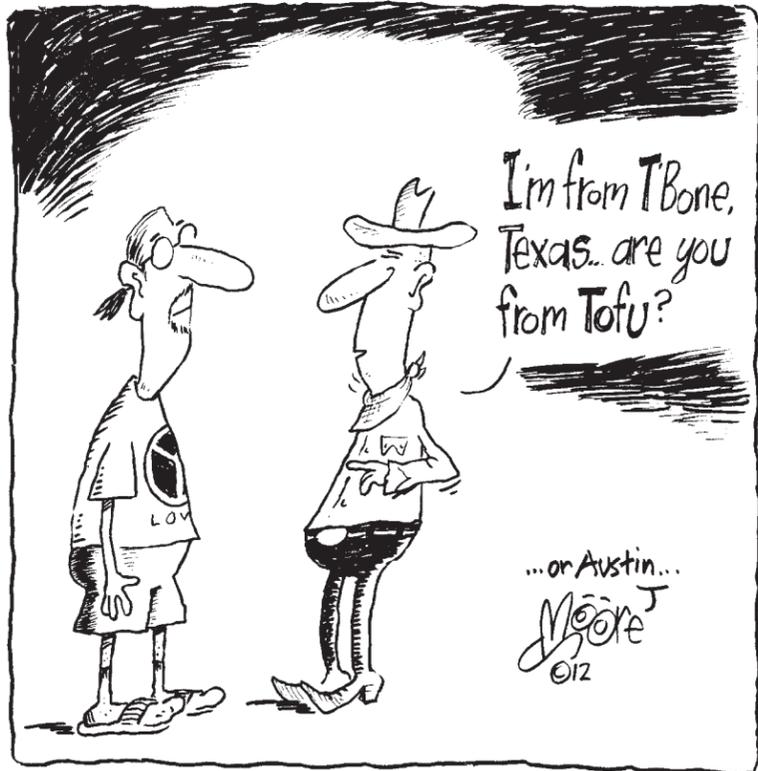
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Moore Texas by Roger Moore Texas has lots of towns with food related names like Bacon, Noodle, Trout and so on.....



Social Security Q&A By Ray Vigil

Q: Are Supplemental Security Income (SSI) benefits subject to federal income tax?

A: No. SSI payments are not subject to federal taxes. If you get SSI, you will not receive an annual form SSA-1099 from Social Security. However, your Social Security benefits may be subject to income tax. Learn more at www.socialsecurity.gov.

Q: I'm doing more things online, including shopping and paying bills. What are some things I can do at www.socialsecurity.gov?

A: Perhaps the most important thing you can do is to take a look at your Social Security Statement, which allows you to check your earnings record and get an estimate of your future benefits. Revisit your Statement annually, around your birthday for example. If you're ready to apply for benefits, you can do that online as well. Applying for Social Security retirement benefits online can take as little as 15 minutes. Once you've submitted your electronic applications, in most cases, you're done! Also online, you can find more than 100 publications with information about Social Security and its programs. Most of these publications are in Spanish, and some of the most popular are available in 14 other languages. You also can estimate

your future retirement benefit using our Retirement Estimator, which allows you to get personalized estimates based on different retirement ages and scenarios. The possibilities are endless at www.socialsecurity.gov.

Q: I'm trying to decide when to retire. Can Social Security help?

A: The best place to start is with a visit to the online Social Security Statement. The Statement provides you with estimates of benefits for you and your family as well as your earnings record and information you should consider about retirement and retirement planning. Find out more about the Statement — and get yours — at www.socialsecurity.gov/mystatement. There "right" time to retire is different for everyone and depends on your individual situation. To help you make your own decision, we offer an online fact sheet with some of the factors to consider at www.socialsecurity.gov/pubs/10147.html.

For more information on any of the questions listed above, 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, 1111 Gateway West, Attn: Ray Vigil, El Paso, Texas 79935.

STRANGE BUT TRUE
By Samantha Weaver

• It was British biologist and author Richard Dawkins who made the following sage observation: "When two opposite points of view are expressed with equal intensity, the truth does not necessarily lie exactly halfway between them. It is possible for one side to be simply wrong."

• If you're like 20 percent of American women, you think your feet are too big.

• Did you ever wonder why we say, "I smell a rat" when we sense that something is amiss? The phrase dates back to a time before effective means of pest control, when it was not uncommon for a home to be infested by rodents. If a rat died inside a wall, the residents wouldn't be aware of it until the smell of the decaying body became noticeable.

• If you'd like to have a festive New Year's Eve but don't want to deal with the crowds in New York City for the iconic ball drop, consider heading to Mount Olive, N.C. Every year the town hosts a celebration in which a 3-foot lighted pickle is dropped into a barrel at midnight.

• Ancient Romans believed that a sneeze was the body's way of expelling evil spirits that caused disease. Thus, if one tried to suppress a sneeze, it was regarded as an invitation to illness and death.

• The 14-foot model of the Starship Enterprise that was used during shooting of the original "Star Trek" series is now displayed in the Smithsonian.

• If you are over the age of 40, you've lived longer than the average gorilla.

• The first woman to appear on the cover of Business Week magazine, in 1954, was Brownie Wise, the originator of the Tupperware Party.

Thought for the Day: "If you don't know where you are going, any road will get you there."

— Lewis Carroll

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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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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: V equals O

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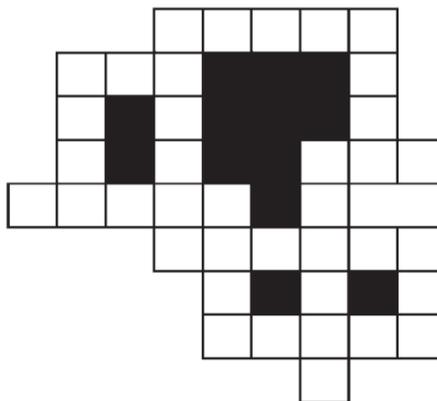
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- ITDAS
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- TAAD
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Answer Page 4

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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