

NEWSBRIEFS

Balliew heads EPWU

The Public Service Board has selected John E. Balliew, P.E., to serve as the President and CEO of El Paso Water Utilities. He



John E. Balliew

is a native El Pasoan served as the utility's Vice President of Operations and Technical Services. He oversaw operation of the utility's six water treatment plants, 150 groundwater wells, the system of pipes and reservoirs which deliver and stores water around the city, and the maintenance and operation of EPWU's stormwater management system. After graduating with a Bachelor of Science degree in chemical engineering from Texas A&M University, Balliew returned to his hometown and began work as a laboratory technician at EPWU. He rose quickly within the organization, holding several leadership positions before being named Vice President in 2007. He has served the Utility for nearly 30 years. Balliew is a licensed professional engineer and was named by the El Paso Chapter of the Texas Society of Professional Engineers as its Engineer of the Year in 2012 and its Young Engineer of the Year in 1992.

— Christina Montoya

Closed

Justice of the Peace Pct. 6-1, located at 190 N. San Elizario in Clint, will be closed for the Christmas Holidays from Dec. 24, 2012 to Jan. 4, 2013. Normal business hours will resume on Jan. 7, 2013. Any citations due during that time will be accepted through Jan. 31, 2013. The court wishes everyone a safe and happy holiday season on behalf of Judge Ruben Lujan.

— Margarita Kalnas

Closed II

County school districts will be closed for winter break. Anthony, Canutillo, Clint, Fabens, San Elizario, Socorro, Tornillo Independent School Districts and the El Paso Community College will shut down from December 24, 2012 to January 4, 2013.

Closed III

The West Texas County Courier will be closed from December 24-28, 2012.

Fabens ISD

The Fabens Independent School District Special Education Department received a 100% Compliance Report from the

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*Knowledge humbles great men,
astonishes the common man and
puffs up the little man.*

— Quips & Quotes

Museum showcases Elvis, Old El Paso's Wild West for Sun Bowl festivities

By Alfredo Vasquez
Special to the Courier

EL PASO COUNTY — As part of the upcoming Sun Bowl festivities, the El Paso Museum of History will celebrate its fifth annual holiday tradition with a special presentation, titled *Elvis, El Paso and the Real Wild West*, from 1 to 4 p.m., Sunday, December 30.

"It may not seem like it now, but El Paso was once known as the Gunfight Capitol of the World," stated Katherine Vandertulip, a Museum of History official. "And what does Elvis have to do with it?" she said, "Believe it or not, the King came to El Paso and stayed at the hotel located on Missouri Street across from the Museum of History."

Doug Wilson will portray the famous Elvis Presley with scheduled performances at 2 and 3:30 p.m.

Throughout the event, Six Guns and Shady Ladies, the Wild Bunch Gunfighters, and Old West Thunder will recreate Old El Paso gunfights. Also, hands-on activities will be available for public participation including trying on old west clothes, riding a saddle, visiting an old-fashioned cowboy camp, branding your own piece of wood to take home, making rope, racing with kidney beans, and making lemon pomanders.

Other event activities include a butter churning demonstration and an exhibit of jewelry made from real roses — a craft practiced by many 19th century women. For antique firearms enthusiasts, the collection of Rod Linkous will be on display. Additionally, participants will have an opportunity to hear true life characters tell their tall tales of the Old



— Photo courtesy El Paso Museum of History

A BIT OF FUN — If you are looking for something to do the day before the Sun Bowl game, how about going to the El Paso Museum of History on Sunday, December 30, to enjoy its unique show, *Elvis, El Paso and the Real Old West*.

West, and a special appearance by Mandy the talking Mule will be made during the celebration.

For more information, call 915-351-3588 or send email to taylorst@elpasotexas.gov.

Winter brings increased risk of house fires

By Nick Laplaca
Special to the Courier

TEXAS — The National Fire Sprinkler Association (NFSNA) is reminding families to take time during the winter months to review the dangers of fire with their loved ones. The U.S. Fire Administration estimates an average of 945 deaths, 3,825 injuries, and almost 2 billion dollars in property damage each winter.

"With the increased use of fireplaces and home heating systems during the winter months, families need to take the proper precautions to prevent potentially dangerous fire situations," said Russell Fleming, President of the NFSNA. "Holiday decorations can pose fire threats if not properly displayed and loss of electricity from winter storms can cause people to use alternative heating sources. Both of which can contribute to the increased risk of fire in winter. By taking the proper precautions and being aware of fire hazards in your home, families can help to decrease winter fire fatalities and property loss and keep their homes and families safe."

With winter just beginning, the NFSNA provides the following fire safety tips to keep families and loved ones safe all season long:

- Water Your Christmas Tree — If your family has a Christmas tree with lights, make sure that the needles are not overly dry, which can lead to the tree catching fire. Likewise, unplug the lights when your family is asleep.

- Watch Your Space Heaters — Limit your use of Space heaters and never leave them unattended. Space heaters are very dangerous if not used properly, and need to be at least three feet away from anything combustible.

- Check Your Smoke Detectors — To ensure they are working properly and have full battery

power. It's recommended that you check the batteries in your smoke alarms when it's time to turn the clocks forward or backward.

- Have Emergency Numbers Handy — Keep an up-to-date list of emergency fire, police, and medical phone numbers near your telephone.

Show every member of your family where this information is kept and teach all children how to call for help in case of an emergency.

- Have an Escape Plan — Develop an

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— Photo courtesy San Elizario ISD

Students rewarded with bikes

NEW WHEELS —A total of 30 accomplished students from Alarcon Elementary School didn't have to wait until Christmas morning to enjoy riding a brand new bike. Students at the San Elizario Independent School District campus received these generous gifts from retailer Academy Sports and Outdoors on December 13. Executives from the store presented the bikes to students during the Science Awards Presentation held that Thursday night in the gymnasium, which was filled with families waiting in anticipation to hear the names of the winners. The bikes were given to 18 students, three from each of the six grade levels, who were also sweepstakes winners in the school's Science Fair Contest. Additionally, two bicycles per grade level were also randomly awarded to a few lucky students who were eligible for the prize because of their perfect attendance record. Each of the bike-winning students also received a helmet.

— Cynthia P. Marentes

Veterans Post By Freddy Groves

Expanding coverage for brain injuries

The Department of Veterans Affairs has proposed new regulations for expanded benefits and care of veterans who have traumatic brain injury (TBI). They want to add:

- Unprovoked seizures,
- Parkinsonism,
- Depression and hormone deficiency diseases related to the hypothalamus, pituitary or adrenal glands,
- Certain dementias.

The way the rules read now, a veteran needs to provide evidence that the condition is service-related. The new rule would first establish that the TBI is service-related, and the listed conditions, if they occur, automatically would follow as service-connected secondary to the TBI.

There's a catch, however. These new conditions would only be covered automatically if the TBI is moderate or severe – and most are not.

Also important is the length of time between the initial injury and when the secondary illness began. That doesn't necessarily mean that a service connection can't be established, however.

The VA is basing this proposed

change on a National Academy of Sciences report done in 2008 on the long-term consequences of TBI. It found "sufficient evidence of a causal relationship" with unprovoked seizures and "sufficient evidence of an association" with the other listed conditions.

To find the Defense and Veterans Brain Injury Center closest to you, go online to www.dvbc.org. On the right side of the screen, click on the map. You'll be shown a map of regions. Click on your region to highlight, then click the star. Not all areas are equal, as you'll see. In the 10-state New England region, there is one center in Johnstown, Pa. The six states that run from Montana to Arizona have one center, in Fort Carson, Colo. The Washington, D.C., area has five centers, however.

The proposed regulation will face a 60-day comment period that began early in December 2012.

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Finances By Jason Alderman

Help for errors on credit reports

If you've ever tried to remove inaccurate or fraudulent information from your credit report and gotten the runaround, take heart: The Consumer Financial Protection Bureau is now on the case.

In July 2012, the watchdog agency, formed as a result of the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act of 2010, gained authority to supervise all of the major consumer reporting agencies.

The CFPB now advocates for consumers who have complaints regarding interactions with credit bureaus and identity theft protection services. This adds to the agency's consumer grievance oversight which already included mortgages, bank accounts, consumer loans and private student loans.

"Credit reporting companies exert great influence over the lives of consumers," said CFPB Director Richard Cordray in announcing his agency's new responsibility. "They help determine eligibility for loans, housing, and sometimes jobs. Consumers need an avenue of recourse when they feel they have been wronged."

You can seek assistance from the CFPB if you have issues with:

- Incorrect information on your credit report;
- How a consumer reporting agency is handling its investigation of your complaint;
- The improper use of a credit

report;

- Being unable to get a copy of a credit score or file; and
- Problems with credit monitoring or identity-protection services.

Here's how the new system works:

If you believe your credit report contains incorrect or fraudulent information, you should first file a dispute with and get a response directly from that credit reporting company before contacting the CFPB. The same goes if you have an issue with how the company is handling its investigation of your grievance – for example, if they don't respond in writing within 30 days.

If, after filing your grievance, you are dissatisfied with the resolution, you may file a complaint with the CFPB using any of the following methods:

- File online at www.cfpb.gov/complaint
- Call toll-free at 855-411-2372
- Fax it to 855-237-2392
- Mail to Consumer Financial Protection Bureau, P.O. Box 4503, Iowa City, Iowa, 52244.

Once your complaint has been logged, you'll be given a tracking number to check its status. Each complaint will be processed individually and sent to the credit bureau in question for response. The CFPB expects companies to respond within 15 days with information about the steps they have taken or plan to take.

You'll have the option to dispute the company's response to your complaint.

Credit reporting companies issue more than 3 billion consumer credit reports a year and maintain files on more than 200 million Americans. Among other things, they track the number and types of credit accounts you use, how long they've been open and whether you've paid your bills on time.

"The consequences of errors in a consumer report can be catastrophic for a consumer, shutting him or her out of credit markets, jeopardizing employment prospects, or significantly increasing the cost of housing," noted the CFPB's announcement.

You can order one free credit report per year from the three major credit bureaus – Equifax, Experian and TransUnion. (Order through www.annualcreditreport.com; otherwise you'll pay a small fee.) Proactively ordering your reports on a regular basis can help identify bad credit behavior and spot fraudulent activity or errors before they can damage your credit.

To learn more about credit reports and scores, visit the CFPB's website, www.cfpb.gov. Another good resource is What's My Score (www.whatsmyscore.org), a financial literacy program run by Visa Inc.

Jason Alderman directs Visa's financial education programs.

View from here By Ashley Schmidt

What the 'Fiscal Cliff' means to Texans

TEXAS – With the Dec. 31st deadline to address expiring tax and spending cuts looming, many people across the nation and here in Texas are left wondering what Washington's budget debate means for them. Unfortunately, some in Washington are considering cramming changes to Medicare and Social Security into a year-end budget deal. Today, AARP is providing a breakdown of the impact a shortsighted budget deal could have on the health and retirement security of Texas seniors and their kids and grandkids.

Social Security by-the-numbers in Texas and what a last-minute budget deal could mean:

In Texas, more than 2.4 million seniors currently receive Social Security for an average annual benefit of \$13,500. Social Security makes up about 63% of the typical older Texan income, lifting 31% out of poverty. In addition, it pumps \$44.5 billion into the state economy. Changing the way that the cost of living adjustments (COLA) are calculated for Social Security beneficiaries by moving to a chained consumer price index – as is on the table in debt deal discussions – cuts benefits, taking

roughly \$6.91 billion out of the pockets of Texans Social Security beneficiaries over the next 10 years – and \$112 billion for beneficiaries nationwide.

"The current Social Security COLA already understates what an average older Texan spends and purchases each month. Assuming that most people receiving Social Security, who are already just getting by, will simply 'trade down' in their spending on prescription drugs, utilities and other fixed expenses for lower cost options is out of touch with reality," said Bob Jackson, State Director for AARP in Texas.

"Americans have worked too hard to earn their benefits to end up getting pushed over the edge in a fiscal cliff deal. Social Security is not a cause of the budget deficit and it shouldn't be used to solve it."

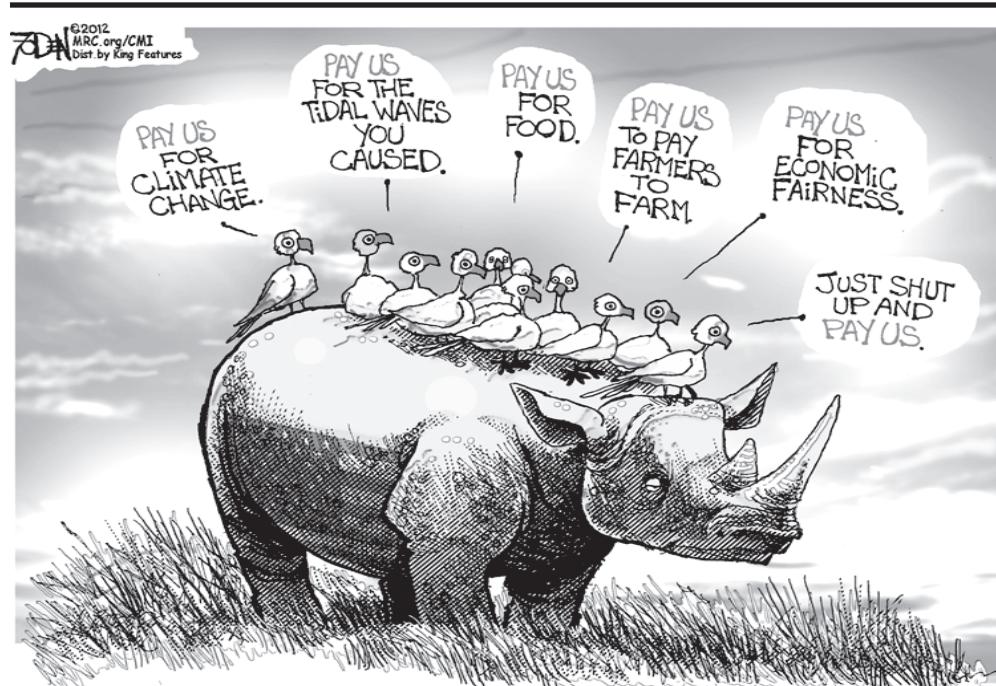
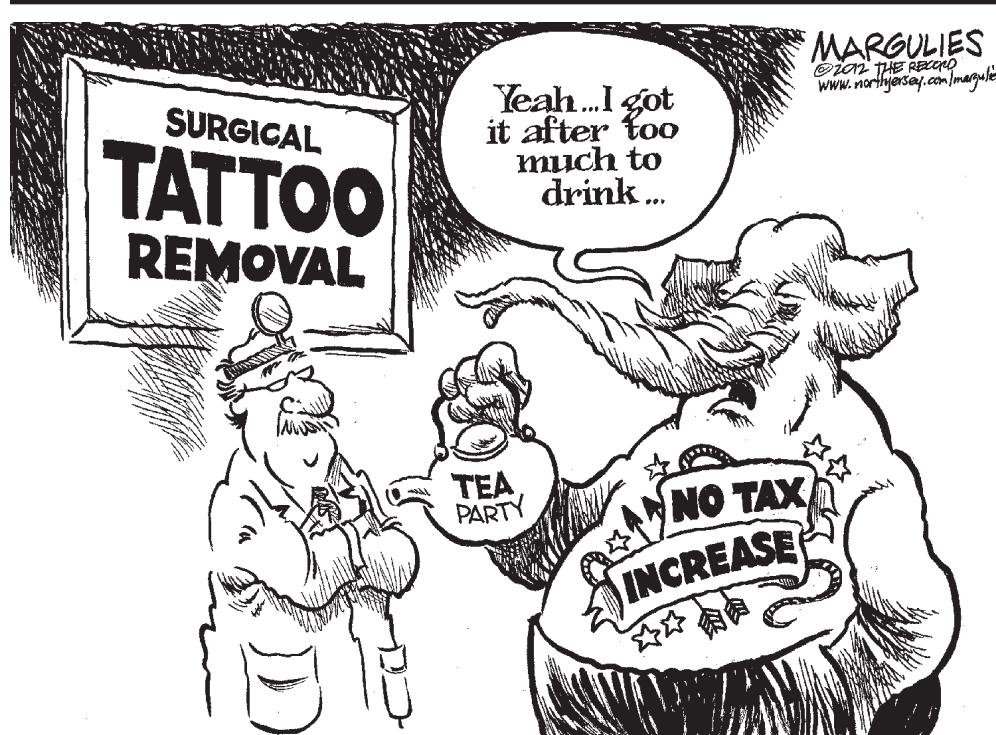
Medicare by-the-numbers in Texas and what a last-minute budget deal could mean:

More than 2.5 million Texans are enrolled in Medicare, spending 16%, or \$4,400 on out-of-pocket medical expenses. In 2011, Medicare spent an estimated \$22.90 billion on health care services in Texas. The move

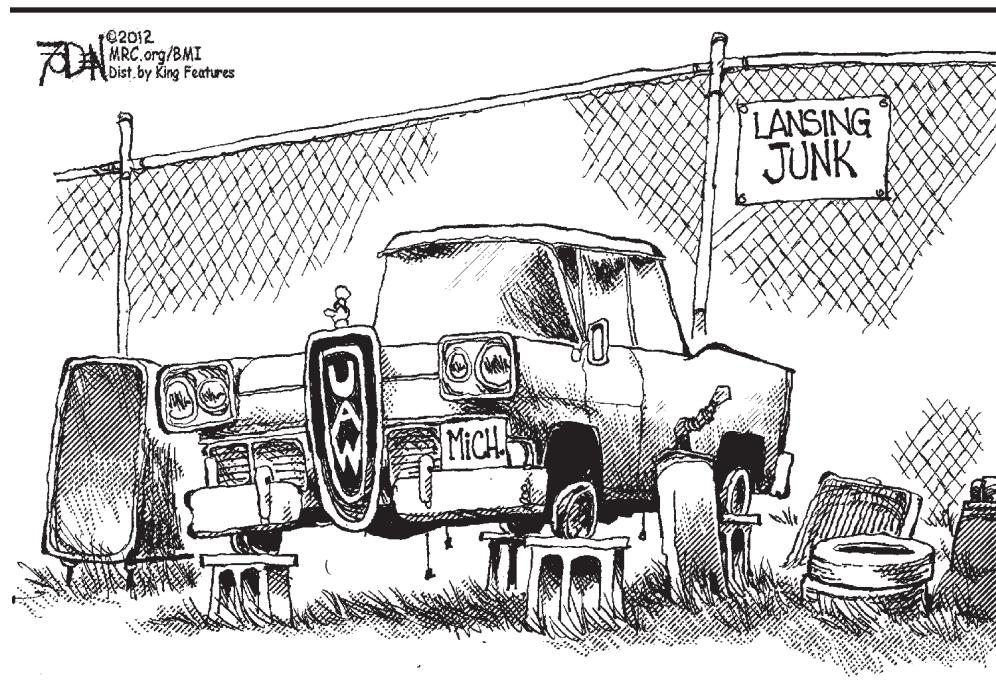
being considered by Congress to raise the eligibility age from 65 to 67 would leave 367,048 Texans without health coverage (based on current beneficiary data), forcing them into the private insurance market, which is estimated to cost them an additional \$2,200 per year (Kaiser Family Foundation study: <http://www.kff.org/medicare/med032911nr.cfm>). And, removing the youngest and healthiest older Americans from the Medicare risk pool will increase premiums for those remaining in the program.

"Raising the Medicare eligibility age would dramatically increase costs for recently retired and soon-to-retire seniors, drive up premiums for those enrolled in Medicare and increase overall health care costs," said Jackson. "Seniors deserve guaranteed coverage, not higher costs."

"AARP looks forward to working with legislators on both sides of the aisle on proposals that strengthen Social Security and Medicare for all generations, but not by cramming changes to these vital programs into a last-minute deal that could harm all of us," he added.



HOW THE UNITED NATIONS REALLY WORKS.



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Horizon to hold police academy

By Michael McConnell
Special to the Courier

HORIZON — The Horizon City Police Department will host a Citizens' Police Academy starting January 15, 2013. Community Service Officer Casillas will be administering two academy sessions each year.

The purpose of this program is to develop citizen awareness and understanding of the role of law enforcement. The program is designed to educate the general public in various aspects of the daily activities and involvement of police officers.

The program consists of 22 hours of classroom and practical activities. Topics covered include the duties of the uniformed patrol officer, criminal investigations, use

of firearms, crime scene search, DWI, crime prevention, the taser, weapons familiarization, 911 communications, and Texas laws. Students of the Citizen's Police Academy will be actively involved in many interesting activities such as touring the police facilities, using police equipment, collecting fingerprints, building searches and many other role playing scenarios.

The graduates of this course will not be police officers, but they will be better informed citizens. The graduates will be in a position to relate their experiences to friends, relatives and co-workers. The Citizens' Police Academy is a free course. Visit the Horizon City website at www.horizoncitypd.com or you can contact Casillas at 852-1047 to apply. You must be a resident of Horizon City to participate.

Briefs

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Texas Education Agency associated with indicators 11, 12 and 13 on the State Performance Plan (SPP). All districts throughout the state are required to submit data to the Texas Education Agency to determine compliance in regard to timely evaluations for students referred for special education services (SPP 11); timely and effective transition from IDEA Part C early childhood intervention into IDEA Part -B early childhood special education (SPP 12); and secondary transition individualized education program requirements (SPP 13). Districts that do not receive 100 % compliance must correct any noncompliance issues as soon as possible, but in no case later than one year, after the State's written notification to the Local Education Agency of the finding of noncompliance.

— Richard Ortega

Winter archeology

The El Paso Museum of Archaeology announced recently that it is now accepting applications for its 2013 Winter Archaeology Special Event scholarships. The Special Event for Children program is an interactive, hands-on course that is designed to educate children (8 to 12 years of age) about the science of archaeology, its tools, and the prehistory of the Americas, especially the El Paso and Juárez region from the Ice Age to European contact. To coincide with most local school district's winter break, the first special event will be held from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m., Thursday through Saturday, January 3-5, on the museum's grounds, 4300 Transmountain Road. Regular registration and scholarship

— Alfredo Vasquez

Crime Stoppers

Sheriff's Deputies find a female lying dead on a street in Fabens with no indication of the vehicle that hit her, making this the Crime Stoppers "Crime of the Week." In the early morning hours of Sunday, December 9, 2012, at 1:55 a.m., Deputies were dispatched to the 15,400 block of North Loop in Fabens where they found a female lying on the ground in the eastbound lanes of traffic. The preliminary investigation determined the 22-year-old female victim was struck by a vehicle as she walked along the shoulder of the roadway. Special Traffic Investigators were summoned to the scene, and they are looking for a vehicle with extensive front-end damage that was reported last seen traveling east towards Fabens. If you have any information about the identity of the suspect or the vehicle 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

Fire

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escape plan with your family from multiple rooms within your home, both upstairs and downstairs. Take time to review the escape plan with your family, including a practice fire drill. Make sure the windows of children's rooms are well marked to indicate them to firefighters.

• Consider Installing Residential Fire Sprinklers — Fire sprinklers are the only proactive form of fire protection, providing firefighters the time they need to do their jobs as safely and effectively as possible, while helping to avoid potential injuries and devastating tragedies protecting your family and property.

For more information on how to protect yourself and loved ones this winter from the dangers of fire and to learn more about the life saving benefits of residential fire sprinklers visit www.NFSA.org.

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U.S. General Services Administration



- Photo by Alfredo Vasquez

JOB OPPORTUNITIES – Driving and delivering freight around North America cannot be outsourced. Consequently, there is so much competition for experienced drivers with drug-free, clean driving records that a good driver need only decide which offer fits his or her needs. See story, page 5.

Classified Ads

LEGALS

City of Socorro

On December 6, 2012 the City of Socorro, Texas adopted the following ordinance(s):

1) On the 6th day of December, 2012 the City Council of the City of Socorro, Texas adopted Ordinance No. 309. AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SOCORRO, TEXAS; ESTABLISHING COMPREHENSIVE RULES AND REGULATIONS RELATING TO THE CONTROL OF ANIMALS; PROVIDING FOR DEFINITIONS; PROVIDING FOR RABIES CONTROL; PROVIDING FOR HUMANS BITTEN OR SCRATCHED BY ANIMALS SUSCEPTIBLE TO RABIES; PROVIDING FOR QUARANTINE PROCEDURE FOR BITING/SCRATCHING ANIMALS; PROVIDING FOR DOG, CAT AND FERRET REGISTRATION; PROVIDING FOR FEES; PROVIDING FOR PROTECTION OF ANIMALS; PROVIDING FOR ANIMAL NUISANCES; PROVIDING FOR PROHIBITION OF CERTAIN ANIMALS; PROVIDING REQUIREMENTS FOR DANGEROUS ANIMALS; PROVIDING FOR PUBLICATION AND NOTICE WHERE DANGEROUS ANIMALS

R E S I D E , PROVIDING FOR IMPOUNDMENT FEE S ; PROVIDING A N I M A L OWNERSHIP LIMITATION; PROVIDING FOR REQUIREMENTS OF CERTAIN F O W L ; PROVIDING FOR TREATMENT OF ANIMALS; PROVIDING FOR SANITARY CONDITIONS; PROVIDING FOR TRAPS; PROVIDING FOR ENFORCEMENT; PROVIDING FOR A PENALTY FOR THE VIOLATION OF THIS ORDINANCE; PROVIDING FOR INJUNCTIVE RELIEF ; PROVIDING FOR EXEMPTION OF CITY OFFICIALS FROM LIABILITY; EXEMPTING CERTAIN AGRICULTURAL LANDS FROM COVERAGE ; REPEALING INCONSISTENT REGULATIONS; PROVIDING FOR SAVINGS, REPEALING AND SEVERABILITY CLAUSES ; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND PROVIDING FOR THE PUBLICATION FOR THE CAPTION HEREOF.

\$1,000.00 for each violation. Each day that a violation is permitted to exist shall constitute a separate offense. Any person violating any provision of this chapter shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and punished by a fine not exceeding Two Thousand Dollars (\$2000.00), and each day an offense continues shall constitute as a separate offense. In addition to criminal prosecution, a person who commits an offense under this section is liable for a civil penalty not to exceed \$10,000. An attorney having civil jurisdiction for a municipality where the offense occurred may file suit in a court of competent jurisdiction to collect the penalty. Penalties collected under this subsection shall be retained by the municipality.

The effective date of this Ordinance is immediately upon adoption and publication.

In addition to other provisions of the Ordinance providing remedies for violation(s) the penalty for violation of this Ordinance is:

Unless otherwise provided in this chapter, any violation, disobedience, omission, neglect, failure, or refusal to comply with the enforcement of any of the provisions of this chapter shall be punishable by a fine not to exceed

ESTABLISHING A TAX INCREMENT FUND FOR THE ZONE; AND CONTAINING OTHER PROVISIONS RELATED THERETO.

Published by order of the City Council of the City of Socorro, Texas

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: 12-20-12

TOWN OF HORIZON CITY

PUBLIC NOTICE

A PUBLIC HEARING will be held at 6:30 pm on Tuesday, January 8, 2013, during a Regular Council Meeting at 15001 Darrington Rd. (Court/Police Dept. Bldg.) in the Council chambers, Horizon City, TX.

The purpose of the hearing is to allow any interested persons to appear and comment regarding the following:

1) A proposed subdivision Replat and Replat Recordation Applications 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 of Horizon City.

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 this hearing.

Karen Ellefson
City Clerk
Town of Horizon City

WTCC: 12-20-12

Town of Horizon City

PUBLIC NOTICE

During the Special Council Meeting on Tuesday, September 25, 2012 the Town Of Horizon City approved the following ordinance(s):

1) ORDINANCE NO. 0102, AMENDMENT NO. 029 - AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 0102 OF THE TOWN OF HORIZON CITY (AMENDMENT NO. 17); TO AMEND SECTION 6 . 1 . 2 (STREET NAMING AND SIGNS), SUBSECTION 6 . . 1 . 2 (PROHIBITED STREET NAMES), TO REPEAL THE RESTRICTION ON NAMING IN THE CITY LIMITS; TO ADOPT CHAPTER 15, OVERLAY DISTRICTS, AND

BY IMPOSING SPECIFIC OVERLAY RESTRICTIONS UPON THE PROPERTY CONTAINING APPROXIMATELY 153.01 ACRES; BEING GENERALLY DESCRIBED AS BEING A PORTION OF C.D. STEWART SURVEY NO. 321, HORIZON CITY, PASO COUNTY, TEXAS, LOCATED SOUTH AND WEST OF THE INTERSECTION OF DARRINGTON ROAD AND HORIZON BOULEVARD;

AMENDING THE OFFICIAL ZONING MAP TO REFLECT CHANGES OF THE ZONING CLASSIFICATION OF CERTAIN PROPERTIES; AND PROVIDING FOR THE FOLLOWING: FINDINGS OF FACT; REPEALER; SEVERABILITY; EFFECTIVEDATE; PROPER NOTICE AND HEARING; THE PENALTY AS PROVIDED IN CHAPTER 810 OF ORDINANCE NO. 0102 OF THE TOWN OF HORIZON CITY, TEXAS.

Karen Ellefson
City Clerk
Town of Horizon City

WTCC12-20-12

Town of Horizon City

PUBLIC NOTICE

During the Regular Council Meeting on Tuesday, November 13, 2012 the Town Of Horizon City approved the following ordinance(s):

2) ORDINANCE NO. 0035, AMENDMENT NO.17 - AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 0035 OF THE TOWN OF HORIZON CITY, TEXAS (AMENDMENT NO. 17); TO AMEND SECTION 6 . 1 . 2 (STREET NAMING AND SIGNS), SUBSECTION 6 . . 1 . 2 (PROHIBITED STREET NAMES), TO REPEAL THE RESTRICTION ON NAMING IN THE CITY LIMITS; TO ADOPT CHAPTER 15, OVERLAY DISTRICTS, AND

PROVIDING FOR THE FOLLOWING: FINDINGS OF FACT; REPEALER; SEVERABILITY; EFFECTIVEDATE; PROPER NOTICE AND HEARING; THE PENALTY AS PROVIDED IN PARAGRAPH I, SECTION 5 OF THE ORDINANCE.

ORDINANCES ARE ALWAYS AVAILABLE FOR VIEWING OR COPYING UPON REQUEST FROM THE CITY CLERK AT TOWN HALL, 14999 DARRINGTON ROAD, HORIZON CITY, TEXAS, MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY FROM 8 A.M. TO 5 P.M. OR CALL 915-852-1046.

Karen Ellefson
City Clerk
Town of Horizon City

WTCC12-20-12

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PUBLIC NOTICE

During the Regular Council Meeting on Tuesday, November 13, 2012 the Town Of Horizon City approved the following ordinance(s):

1) ORDINANCE NO. 0038 - AN ORDINANCE TO REVISE THE PROCESS FOR SCHEDULING MEETINGS OF THE BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT OF THE TOWN OF HORIZON CITY BY AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 0102 OF THE TOWN OF HORIZON CITY (AMENDMENT NO. 030), AND ORDINANCE NO. 0022 OF THE TOWN OF HORIZON CITY (AMENDMENT NO. 0022), REPEALING AND REPLACING THE ORDINANCE DATED APRIL 10, 2007; PROVIDING FOR THE FOLLOWING: FINDINGS OF FACT; REPEALER; SEVERABILITY;

SEVERABILITY; EFFECTIVEDATE; PROPER NOTICE AND HEARING; THE PENALTY AS PROVIDED IN CHAPTER 810 OF ORDINANCE NO. 0102 OF THE TOWN OF HORIZON CITY, TEXAS.

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AND QUALIFICATIONS

The Town of Clint has a 2012 Texas Community Development Block Grant award under the Community Development Fund. We are separately soliciting (A) proposals from consultants

for project administration and (B) qualifications from Texas-registered engineers to provide engineering services. Submittals for these services will be accepted until 4:00 p.m. on January 3, 2013 at the Town of Clint, Attn: Town Clerk at P.O. Box 350, 200 N. San Elizario Rd., Clint, TX 79836-0350.

The same firm will not be awarded contracts to provide both services. We reserve all rights under the Professional Services Procurement Act, UGMS, and 24 CFR Sec. 85. Additional submission requirements for each service are available by calling (915) 851-3146 or by emailing to townofclint@hotmail.com. Affirmative Action/EOE.

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TOWN OF CLINT

PUBLIC NOTICE

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

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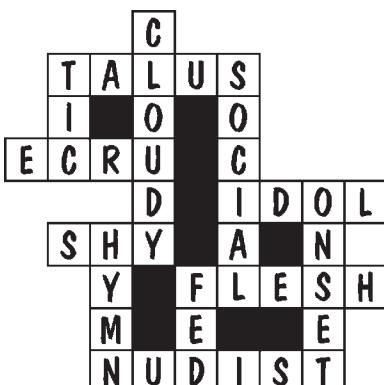
By Alfredo Vasquez
Special to the Courier

EL PASO COUNTY — If you have a clean driving record, good personal habits and are over 21 years of age, chances are you can get a truck driving job.

The driver demand has been growing for some time now and will not likely slow down anytime soon. Estimates are that the U.S. will need to hire nearly 200,000 drivers by the end of 2014 to keep up with the demand for more truck drivers, according to the American Trucking Association.

Trucking companies are working hard to increase wages, benefits, and trucking quality of life in order to attract new truckers, according to trucking industry experts. The current median pay for a trucker is approximately \$40,000 per year, but the driver shortage is steadily pushing wages up.

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CryptoQuip Answer

What could you call things like strings, hammers and wooden keys? Piano pieces.

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Feeding the need for more drivers stems primarily from retirements and tougher safety regulations designed to get drivers with bad records off the road. Currently, about one in six truck drivers are age 55 or above; and according to trucking analysts, the industry will need nearly a million drivers in the next 15 years just to deal with replacing retirees and the normal growth of freight.

The first step in deciding whether trucking is the right job for you is to become familiar with the types of trucking opportunities available.

According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, there are two main types of trucking industry jobs.

One type is the heavy-truck and tractor-trailer driver, who operates a truck or van with a capacity of at least 26,000 pounds. His or her job is to transport cars, livestock and other materials in liquid, loose

or packaged form. Many of these routes are from city to city and cover long distances.

Some companies use two drivers on extra-long runs—one drives while the other sleeps in a berth behind the cab. These sleeper runs can last for days, even weeks. Trucks on sleeper runs typically stop only for fuel, food, loading and unloading.

The other type is the light- or delivery-services truck driver. He or she operates a van and truck weighing less than 26,000 pounds, picking up or delivering merchandise and packages within a specific area. Most of the time, these assignments require quick turnarounds: delivering a shipment to a nearby city, picking up another loaded truck or van, and driving that vehicle back to their home base—all in the same day. Light- or delivery-services truck drivers usually load or unload the

merchandise for the customer.

Long-haul driving is the most in-demand job because of its drawbacks including days and weeks away from home. So, companies compensate by paying extremely well. Currently, companies pay an average of 50 cents per mile.

For example, a 2,800-mile load yields about \$1,400, which a driving team could split. Let's say that the trip takes 52 hours. That means that in less than three days, a team of two could earn at least \$700 each.

Taking into account that most drivers will take a total of six weeks off throughout the year, each team member could gross \$69,000 per year. If the team is composed of a husband and a wife, that's a combined \$138,000 per year.

Short-haul drivers get to be home more often, but the work

requires city driving, backing into docks, and sometimes loading and unloading work. Some drivers must also double as salespeople, such as a wholesale bakery driver/sales worker. He or she might have to deliver and arrange the baked goods on a grocery store's display racks.

Royal Jones, owner of Mesilla Valley Transportation, a local trucking company that employs over 1,400 drivers, stated in a recent news report that his company is constantly on the lookout for drivers. He stated that in the last month alone his company had hired more than 100 drivers.

If you would like to pursue a trucking career, it starts by finding a good truck-driver training school. Then, compare the companies that will seek to recruit you once you graduate.

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Canutillo 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	60 Capital Projects	60 Capital Projects	Other Funds	Total Governmental Funds
REVENUES:					
5700 Total Local and Intermediate Sources	\$ 17,616,239	\$ 80,259	\$ 42,483	\$ 3,717,006	\$ 21,455,987
5800 State Program Revenues	29,850,992	—	—	1,759,150	31,610,142
5900 Federal Program Revenues	4,663,471	—	—	6,006,086	10,669,557
5020 Total Revenues	52,130,702	80,259	42,483	11,482,242	63,735,686
EXPENDITURES:					
Current:					
0011 Instruction	25,718,921	—	—	3,562,662	29,281,583
0012 Instructional Resources and Media Services	815,928	—	—	190,389	1,006,317
0013 Curriculum and Instructional Staff Development	473,015	—	—	1,222,173	1,695,188
0021 Instructional Leadership	1,141,925	—	—	220,007	1,361,932
0023 School Leadership	2,845,056	—	—	16,524	2,861,580
0031 Guidance, Counseling and Evaluation Services	1,339,027	—	—	74,668	1,413,695
0032 Social Work Services	38,962	—	—	—	38,962
0033 Health Services	602,989	—	—	—	602,989
0034 Student (Pupil) Transportation	1,770,319	—	1,007,986	94,970	2,873,275
0035 Food Services	3,668,261	—	—	97,906	3,766,167
0036 Extracurricular Activities	1,333,593	—	—	18,514	1,352,107
0041 General Administration	2,405,980	—	—	12,441	2,418,421
0051 Facilities Maintenance and Operations	4,875,590	—	167,488	15,388	5,058,466
0052 Security and Monitoring Services	99,152	—	—	3,000	102,152
0053 Data Processing Services	1,035,471	—	—	160,640	1,196,111
0061 Community Services	53,449	—	—	426,393	479,842
Debt Service:					
0071 Principal on Long Term Debt	—	—	—	2,380,000	2,380,000
0072 Interest on Long Term Debt	—	—	—	3,426,180	3,426,180
0073 Bond Issuance Cost and Fees	—	—	386,744	9,790	396,534
Capital Outlay:					

Will the real racist please stand up

By Steve Escajeda
Special to the Courier

Through the decades the United States has made the progression from a nation of segregation and inequality to a nation of inclusion and opportunity for all.

So much so that people from all over the world have made the trek here in search of the kind of freedom they've never known.

At times the journey toward total acceptance has been a difficult one. There are obviously still people out there who dislike any fellow human beings that look different from them.

There are still people out there who judge others by the color of their skin, or their religion, or their race, or whether they lift their pinky too high when they sip tea.

One of the advantages that sports have over many other walks of life is that the key is to win. And to win a coach needs the best players available.

And many times, the best players available come in all shapes, sizes and colors.

Players of different races, religions and colors spend so much time together working toward a common goal that very soon any prejudice they once had disappears because they come to realize that human beings are all the same.

That's not to say that everyone in the sports world is colorblind by any means. Some people still harbor the backward thinking that because of color, people are totally different and should keep their distance.

Let's look at both sides of the spectrum.

Let's take a look at Washington Redskins quarterback Robert Griffin III, or RG3 for you younger fans.

Griffin has recently said that he does not want to be defined by his race.

In a recent news conference, Griffin, an African-American, said, "For me, you don't ever want to be defined by the color of your skin. You want to be defined by your work ethic, the person that you are, your character, your personality. That's what I've tried to go out and do." He continued, "I am an African-American in America. That will never change."

But I don't have to be defined by that."

Martin Luther King Jr. couldn't have said it any better.

That sounds like a proud man who is comfortable in his own skin. That sounds like an intelligent man who gets it, who has respect for his fellow man and doesn't define anyone else by the color of their skin.

Now let's go to the other side of the spectrum.

Take ESPN commentator Rob Parker, an African-American who makes appearances on certain ESPN programs, giving his opinions on certain sports-related topics.

To say that he has a problem with RG3 is an colorful understatement.

On the network's First Take show last week, Parker said, "my question, which is just a straight honest question, is [Griffin] a brother, or is he a cornball brother?"

Parker went on to say that Griffin is – "kind of black," "not really down with the cause" or "not one of us. We all know he has a white fiancé. There was all this talk about he's a Republican, which, there's no information

[about that] at all. I'm just trying to dig deeper as to why he has an issue."

My first question is what "issue" is RG3 supposed to have, and why does Parker feel the need to dig deeper in the first place.

Parker is a obviously a bigot who has a ton of problems. He has the simple mindedness to believe that all black people have to – act black? What does that even mean?

And I have to admit that I tried to look up what the heck a cornball is?

One urban dictionary online defined it as "African American male who chooses not to follow the stereotype. This includes, but is not limited to, being educated, well spoken, a role model, a leader, selfless, an upstanding member of the community and above all – humble."

I don't know how appropriate the word "cornball" is but the definition above clearly defines what Griffin III represents, no matter what color he happens to be.

How things have changed over the last 40 years. Parker obviously has a big problem with Martin Luther King Jr. and his "absurd" notions about not being judged by the color of your skin, but by the content of your character.

If Parker feels a "real" black man should stay down, then he's accomplished his goal.

A sporting view By Mark Vasto

Not so glorious in the gutter

A wise man once told me "nothing good happens in a bar after 12:30 in the morning."

To qualify his remark, know that this man was no stranger to the hinterland that awaits travelers such as he after that witching hour, he being a seasoned reporter, an old salt with a gin-blossomed nose who could be counted on to share a whimsical, well-rehearsed, time-tested crowd pleaser of a yarn or

two (or 50).

There's the story about the perfect game-throwing pitcher who was seen tearing apart an entire slab of London broil with his bare hands while watching an early morning poker game on the day he was scheduled to pitch. (The name is protected because it's an unverified but believable account).

Or the time Mickey Mantle and Billy Martin thought it'd be a great

idea to climb out of their hotel window, crawl on the catwalk to Yogi Berra's room and scare him, only to find the window locked. Unable to turn around, the two had to crawl around the entire building to make it safely back to their hotel room. (That story was verified by Mantle, the son of a miner who was petrified of heights).

Funny stuff. Boys will be boys!

Martin used to lament that he didn't find trouble... trouble found him. As if to drive home the point, a drunken businessman sitting at the same hotel bar recognized him and picked a fight. "See what I mean?"

he said.

But that lament wore thin after he got in fights with marshmallow salesmen and bouncers in strip clubs and his starting pitchers... always in a gin mill, always after 12:30.

See that guy on the other side of the bar? Cheated on his wife during a homestand after a night of boozing. She found out, took the kids and filed for divorce. Hasn't thrown a strike since.

Plaxico Burress shot himself in the leg with his own, poorly holstered gun one late night at a club and ruined his career, went to jail. Ben Roethlisberger apparently is a real sweetheart after a few pitchers of beer (that is, unless you're the college girl that he groped on the way to the bathroom).

Chiefs' linebacker Jovan Belcher

murdered his girlfriend recently after a night of boozing with his other girlfriend. Hours before the murder, the cops found him asleep in his car. Cowboys' defenseman, Josh Brent, crashed his car and killed his friend the night before a game at around 2:30 a.m. This after a night spent boozing (he even tweeted about the club he was in that night).

Want to hear a story? Remember the guy I spoke of? Well, later tonight you'll find him sitting on the same stool at the same bar. It's the only place you'll hear stories from him, too – he hasn't written a thing in 15 years. Betcha it was his ex-wife's fault, right?

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

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R.F.D. By Mike Marland



Your good health

By Paul G. Donahue, M.D.

DEAR DR. DONOHUE: Please help. I have had two colonoscopies with 10 polyps found – half and half, both kinds. I noticed on my medical bill that I am at high risk. I was told that some new medicine might be available soon. I'm very scared. What could help me? – R.H.

amount of fruit and vegetables you eat and increasing dietary fiber are things that diminish the likelihood of colon cancer. I have to be candid. Some authorities say these changes are not as protective as they're made out to be. They are, however, conducive to good general health.

A polyp is a growth of cells projecting from the lining of a structure. In this case, the structure is the colon. Close to 90 percent of polyps do not become cancers. Fifty percent of the population older than 60 has at least one polyp.

Ten percent of polyps are adenomatous polyps, ones with a potential of becoming cancer. I

take it that some of your polyps were of this variety, and that's why you are at "high risk." Having those polyps removed eliminates the present cancer risk. Adenomatous polyp size is one factor involved in judging these polyps' threat. Those larger than 2 cm (0.8 inches) have a 40 percent chance of transforming into cancer. The microscopic

The appearance of these polyps' cells is given the designation of high-grade or low-grade. High-grade cells also increase the risk of cancer.

Actually, you are sitting pretty. You've had all your polyps removed. The fact that some of yours put you into the category of high risk only means that the doctor will work out for you a schedule for future colonoscopies. Those scope exams will disclose if any new polyps have formed.

If any new polyps have formed, You are less likely to develop colon cancer than are people who have never had such an exam. I don't know about the medicine you speak of.

Cutting back on red and processed meats (hot dogs and other luncheon meats), losing weight, decreasing the fat in

Lysine treatment for herpes infections, including cold sores, is widely known. The fly in the ointment is that, for most, it

doesn't work successfully as it has for you. There is some scientific basis for lysine. It's an amino acid, one of the building blocks for proteins. Lysine blocks the action of arginine, another amino acid, necessary for herpes viruses to replicate. That's the theoretical reason for using lysine.

Dr. Donohue 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

CONFECTION COLLECTION	59 College Worcester	in	125 " _ Eyes" (1975 hit for the Eagles)	points)
ACROSS	65 McMahon	and	126 Murder	35 Political satirist
1 Magical stick	McBain		127 Less sparse	Mo
5 Shoots (for)	66 K e n y a n ' s		128 Ernie's bud	36 Shady giant
9 Haifa "Hi!"	neighbor		129 Gas brand	37 Bray ending
15 Christmas verse	67 Deadened		in Canada	38 Peruvian Sumac
opener	71 "So that's your game!"			39 British isle
19 Have _ (freak out)	74 Alternative to Barneys New York			43 One of Hershey's
20 G4 or G5 computer	81 Renovate			121-Across
21 Honolulu's Palace	85 Motor City labor org.			44 Letters after exes
22 Wild West's Wyatt	86 Lively, musically		1 Part of kWh	45 _-mo
23 Shrub that's the source of briarroot	87 Beethoven's Ninth		2 Plot unit	47 _ d'oeuvres
25 Knots up	93 A c t r e s s		3 Yuletide tune	48 Fashion designer
26 Jazz great Fitzgerald	Leachman		4 Resides	Marc
27 Exposing bios	94 Like the moon's surface		5 Actor Danny	49 Pond gunk
28 Ben & Jerry's flavor	95 Motorists' org.		6 Survivor's shout	51 With 55-Across, 1980s Chrysler chief
30 Stripper St. Cyr	97 Roman 201		7 Vaulters land on them	52 Lime drink
31 Wee children	98 "Ugly Betty"		8 PTA subj.	53 Struck (out)
32 "Tennis, _?"	network		9 View	54 QB's gains
33 NASA's Spirit and Opportunity	101 Lumbering		10 Wagner	55 Santa _ (hot winds)
37 Wolflike carnivore	102 Small, short-term cash advance		baseball	60 Org. for dockworkers
40 "Life" actor Beatty	106 Singer Jackson - Penn		11 Actor Thicke	61 Artist Muniz who's the subject of the documentary "Waste Land"
41 From long _ gp.	108 "Taps" co-star		12 Escapade	62 Having a single flat, musically
42 "Boy Blue" rock	110 King Ahab's father		13 Solely	63 Egyptian boy Pharaoh
"Good night")	111 Hills over graves		14 Handle wrongly, as funds	64 Jewish youth org.
50 Sun's setting	115 Ceylon, now		15 Pint-size	68 French seat
55 See 51-Down	119 Harrow rival		16 S m a l l	69 Diabolic
57 Fair-hiring abbr.	120 Well-drilling		nonspeaking role	70 Audition CD
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	121 Theme of this puzzle		"Sangaree"	72 Chuckle bit
	122 Beach grains		18 Neutered, as a pet	73 _lacto diet
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			31 "Star Trek: The Next Generation"	
			33 Wildly happy	
			34 Score _ (get	

A crossword puzzle grid with numbered entries. The grid consists of white squares for letters and black squares for empty space or obstacles. Numbered entries are as follows:

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- 23, 24, 25, 26
- 27, 28, 29
- 30, 31, 32
- 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40
- 41, 42, 43, 44, 45
- 46, 47, 48, 49, 50, 51, 52, 53, 54
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- 119, 120, 121
- 122, 123, 124, 125
- 126, 127, 128, 129

Answer Page 5



GO FIGURE! by Linda Thistle

The idea of Go Figure is to arrive at the figures given at the bottom and right-hand columns of the diagram by following the arithmetic signs in the order they are given (that is, from left to right and top to bottom). Use only the numbers below the diagram to complete its blank squares and use each of the nine numbers only once.

DIFFICULTY: ★★

★ Moderate ★★ Difficult
★★★ GO FIGURE!

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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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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 5

★★★ HOO BOY!

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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 usually get my benefit payment on the third of the month. But what if the third falls on a Saturday, Sunday, or holiday? Will my payment be late?

A: Just the opposite. Your payment should arrive early. For example, if you usually get your payment on the third of a month, but it falls on a Saturday like it does this November, we will make payments on Friday, November 2. Find more information about the payment schedule for 2012 at www.socialsecurity.gov/pubs/calendar.htm. If you do ever miss a payment, be sure to wait three days before calling to report it missing. Of course, if you get your payments electronically, you'll get your payment without having to wait for the mail. Find out more about electronic payments at www.godirect.org.

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.

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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.

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: J equals L

VMEK OUIJG QUI OEJJ KMRCSL

JRYW LKHRCSL, MEZZWHL, ECG

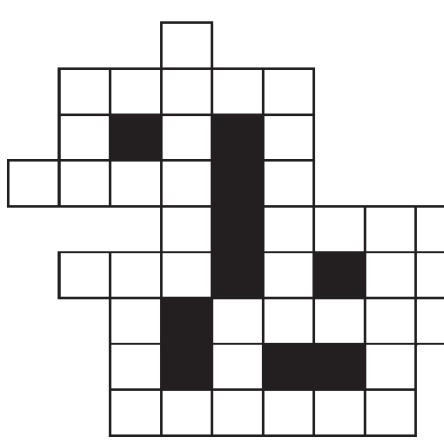
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COLISA
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♥SEFHL
MYNH



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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.

STRANGE BUT TRUE

By Samantha Weaver

- It was Albert Einstein who offered the following explanation of relativity: "Put your hand on a hot stove for a minute and it seems like an hour. Sit with a pretty girl for an hour and it seems like a minute. That's relativity."

- In Singapore, one of the colorful customs is training birds for singing competitions. It's not always just a hobby, though; for some, it's a serious – and costly – business. A single well-trained bird might sell for as much as \$60,000.

- If you're an oenophile – that's an aficionado of wine – you probably won't be surprised to learn that as the cost of a wine goes up, so does a drinker's appreciation of that wine. It seems that it's not all about the quality of the vintage, though: In a recent study, tasters were offered two samples of the same wine, but each sample was labeled with a different price. The tasters overwhelmingly preferred the more expensive vintage.

- Only one-fifth of homes in America are not air-conditioned. In the sweltering South, a mere 5 percent lack that vital amenity.

- Those who study such things say that the wind power in an average hurricane is equivalent to 1.5 trillion watts. That's the same amount of power that is generated by fully half of the entire world's generating capacity.

- The works of Agatha Christie have been translated more times into other languages than those of any other author in history.

- Many people see dogs as doing heroic work in tandem with law enforcement and the military, but they're not the only animals put to such use. In Mozambique, sniffer rats are being used to find unexploded land mines so experts can disarm them. They're known as HerORATs.

Thought for the Day: "To be sure of hitting the target, shoot first. And, whatever you hit, call it the target."

– Ashleigh Brilliant

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