



NEWSBRIEFS

Closing

The Courier will be closed from September 12 to September 29. The last day for submissions for the September 26 issue will be September 9. Please let your colleagues know.

Outstanding

The El Paso Chapter of the Military Order of the World Wars (MOWW) is pleased to announce that Deputy Sergeant Jose L. Hernandez of the El Paso County Sheriff's Office is the recipient of the Law & Order Outstanding Performance Award for 2012-2013. The announcement was made at the National Military Order of the World Wars Convention in Dallas, Texas, on August 16, 2013 at the Awards Luncheon. Sgt. Jose Luis Hernandez is a nineteen-year veteran of the El Paso County Sheriff's Office, starting as a Detention Officer. Currently he supervises the EPSO Strike Team.

— James Heiney

Wanted

A man was murdered on May 16 of last year in Northeast El Paso and detectives from the El Paso Police Department are asking the community for help in bringing this case to close. Just before 7:00 p.m., on Wednesday, May 16, 2012, 30-year-old Lucostal Leon Holley arrived to the 11000 block of Rockdale and meet with two other men. Shortly after this, Holley was seen being held up against a fence by the two men he had met. The men were described by witnesses as heavy-set black males. Holley then ran to a home on Rockdale that had an open garage door. Holley went inside the home and closed the door and asked the resident of the home for help. Holley collapsed in the home and died from stab wounds he had received in the confrontation with the two men. Detectives know that someone knows who the two men that Lucostal Leon Holley had met are. Detectives are urging anyone with information to come forward and assist in bringing closure to the family of this murder victim. Anyone with any information on the identity of the men involved in this murder is asked to call Crime Stoppers of El Paso immediately at 566-8477(TIPS), on-line at www.crimestoppersofelpaso.org or you can send a text message by entering the key word "CRIME1" (no space and include the quotation marks) 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.

— Javier Sambrano

Judge each day, not by the harvest, but by the seeds you plant.

— Quips & Quotes

Anthony superintendent meets his staff

By Alfredo Vasquez
Special to the Courier

Anthony Independent School District's (AISD) new superintendent was eagerly at work bright and early the morning after the school board approved his hiring last Wednesday night (August 21).

Dr. Steven Saldivar, former superintendent of Big Springs Independent School District, met with his 55 AISD teachers, administrators, and staff Thursday morning to introduce himself and to remind them that the schools are all about students.

"As superintendent, my role is to be not only the instructional leader but also to get involved with our students," Saldivar said, "because it is important that we identify students who are having difficulties and assist them to become successful."

Saldivar, who had a year left in his contract at Big Springs ISD, said that he chose instead to take the AISD's offer because it feels like the right thing to do. "It is in an appealing location and is the best situation for my family," he stated.

The new AISD superintendent added that his family (wife Becky, son, and two daughters) has already moved into the district. "My family and I are very excited with our new home and are looking forward to becoming part of this community," he said.

AISD school board unanimously approved a three-year contract with a starting annual salary of \$125,000 for the new superintendent. Saldivar replaces Ron Haugen, who is retiring after six years as AISD's chief administrator and 38 years in the education field.

"We are excited to have Dr. Saldivar as our next superintendent. We (school board members) spent a lot of time looking at the candidates' applications and interviewing the top choices. We feel like he is the perfect fit for our district," said Mary Jones, AISD school board member.

Saldivar is coming from Big Springs ISD (in central Texas) which has nearly 4,000 students and seven campuses. AISD has almost 900 students and three campuses, although both districts' high schools are in the same University Interscholastic League (UIL) classification (3-A).

According to the Big Spring ISD website, Saldivar became



— Photo by Alfredo Vasquez

COMMUNICATION – New Anthony ISD Superintendent Dr. Steven Saldivar meets with teachers and staff on his first day on the job.

that district's superintendent in 2009 after serving as assistant superintendent in 2008. He was the assistant superintendent for the Lamesa Independent School District from 2005-08.

Saldivar, who is 45 years old, began his career in education 22 years ago, including five years as a principal. He earned a Bachelor of Arts degree from Sul Ross State University, a master's degree from the University of Houston, and a doctorate degree from Texas Tech University.

"Anthony ISD does well academically and philosophically, it seems like a good match for me. It's almost like this was the place I was meant to go to next," Saldivar said.

Community college budget calls for tax increase

By Alfredo Vasquez
Special to the Courier

In compliance with Texas law, the El Paso Community College will hold two public hearings to give taxpayers the opportunity to express their views on the Board of Trustees' proposed tax hike.

The meetings are scheduled for 5:30 p.m., Tuesday, September 3rd and Monday, September 9th, at the EPCC Administrative

Services Center (9050 Viscount, Room A-200).

EPCC board members recently approved a \$129 million operating budget for the 2013-2014 academic year that funds new faculty costs and equipment upgrades but will require an eight percent property tax increase.

EPCC administrators requested additional funding for up to 42 new full-time faculty positions at a cost of about \$2.3 million, recommended a three percent salary increase for employees totaling \$2.4 million, and asked

for new equipment and physical upgrades at EPCC's five campuses.

The hiring of full-time faculty took on a new urgency after the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools, a regional accreditation body, gave EPCC a deficiency notification in July. During the reaccreditation process, the association found EPCC had failed to retain an adequate number of full-time faculty members to ensure quality in its programs and placed the college on a 12-month warning status.

According to EPCC officials, the college's financial resources have been affected by cuts in state funding and a decline in out-of-state and international student enrollment as a result of previous tuition increases. But trustees, administrators, and student representatives said that new spending was needed to hire new faculty and upgrade classroom facilities.

The administration is recommending the eight percent increase of the effective tax rate to balance the proposed budget. Based on the 2013 certified appraisal roll, the effective tax rate has been calculated at \$ 0.115148 per \$100 valuation. The recommendation of the eight percent tax increase of the effective tax rate yields a tax rate of \$0.124359 per \$100 valuation.

EPCC officials said that property taxes would increase about \$9.21 annually for a home valued at \$100,000. The tax hike follows a vote by trustees in May to increase student tuition by seven percent this coming fall, the third straight year of rising student costs.

Bird hunting season opens first of September

By Sally Spener
Special to the Courier

The 2013/2014 bird hunting season starts with dove season on September 1. The United States Section of the International Boundary and Water Commission (USIBWC) has opened an additional 19 miles of lands along the Rio Grande that were closed to hunters last year due to construction on USIBWC flood control levees. Hunting regulations and the USIBWC prohibit hunting where people could be endangered, such as near homes, businesses, and international bridges/ports of entry.

Using the numbering system for the DHS Border Security Initiative (BSI) markers on the border fence and corresponding

markers in Mexico, the USIBWC has prepared a map of areas where hunting is permitted and where it is prohibited. The markers are blue signs approximately two feet square with bright yellow numbers. During the 2013/2014 season, hunting will be permitted as follows:

- Between markers 52 and 54: from approximately 5.7 miles downstream from the Ysleta-Zaragoza Port of Entry to just upstream from San Elizario;
- Between markers 59 and 69: near Herring Road downstream to the vicinity of the Tornillo-Guadalupe (Fabens-Caseta) International Bridge;
- Between markers 73 and 89: from 2.3 miles downstream from the Tornillo-Guadalupe (Fabens-Caseta) International

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Veterans Post By Freddy Groves

Deceptive loans investigated

If you've heard of Sallie Mae, Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac, you've likely had a loan through one of them, perhaps a mortgage or student loan. Did you have any problems?

The Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation has plans to accuse Sallie Mae of discriminatory lending and violating deceptive practices laws in the area of student loans to veterans and active military. Not only that, but part of the complaints concern Sallie Mae violating the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act. Even better, the Department of Justice is doing a probe.

Among the problems detailed in congressional testimony by a member of the Office of Servicemember Affairs: Debt collectors weren't monitored, complaints weren't tracked, interest rates weren't lowered to the required 6 percent when a member of the family went on active duty, servicemembers were told they must get a letter from their commanding officer when they go on active duty, officers who wrote those letters were told to provide an "end date" to the active duty service, and lenders

automatically canceled the 6 percent interest at the end of one year.

Sallie Mae had to fess up in its recent quarterly earnings report that the FDIC was about to take formal action.

Sallie Mae must have known the August reprimand was coming, because on June 27, it reported the launch of online resources for active duty and veterans families with student loans. The site, SallieMae.com/military, has information on special repayment options, options to defer, forms and FAQs.

If you are a servicemember, veteran, retiree or military spouse and are having problems with consumer financial products such as mortgage, credit card or student loan, help is available. Go online to Consumerfinance.gov to file a complaint. You also can get help by calling (855) 411-2372.

Freddy Groves regrets that he cannot personally answer reader questions, but will incorporate them into his column whenever possible. Send email to columnreply2@gmail.com. (c) 2013 King Features Synd., Inc.

Finances By Jason Alderman

Traffic tickets can ruin more than your day

We all know that sinking feeling when you get pulled over for a traffic violation. If you're lucky, you might just get a "fix-it" ticket for a broken taillight. But what if it was a more serious offense, like speeding or reckless driving? Depending on your driving record, you could get slapped with a sizeable penalty or even a jail sentence – and your insurance rates will almost certainly go up.

Let's say you absentmindedly ran through a stop sign or made an illegal left-hand turn. You'll probably know right away how much the ticket will cost, but it could take months before your insurance company receives notice of the infraction and adjusts your premium.

If the suspense is killing you, Insurance.com has a handy tool called the "Uh-Oh! Calculator" that estimates the average rate increases for the 14 most common traffic violations. And, if you enter your age, ZIP code, residence type, marital status, length of time with your insurance carrier and current premium, the calculator will generate a more customized estimate based on your personal data.

Some of the average premium increases are pretty shocking:

- Reckless driving: 22 percent;
- DUI first offense: 19 percent;
- Driving without a license or permit: 18 percent;
- Careless driving: 16 percent;
- Speeding 30 mph over the limit: 15 percent;
- Failure to stop: 15 percent;
- Improper turn: 14 percent;
- Improper passing: 14 percent;
- Following too close/tailgating: 13 percent;
- Speeding 15 to 29 mph over limit: 12 percent;
- Speeding 1 to 14 mph over limit: 11 percent; and
- Failure to yield: 9 percent.

If you plug in your personal data, the calculator will tell you how many points will be added to your driving record per infraction, as well as information

on the state's rules for when driving privileges can be suspended or revoked.

Another company, DMV.org, features a "Ticket Fines and Penalties" tool that provides an even more detailed state-by-state analysis of what various infractions can cost, procedures for paying – or challenging – your ticket, how points are calculated, how long it takes to clear infractions from your record, links to local traffic schools and much more.

So, assuming you're not going to challenge the ticket in court, the damage has been done and your insurance rates will likely climb – what can you do to lower your premium? Here are a few tips:

- Investigate whether attending traffic school will erase the ticket from your record.
- When your policy is up for renewal, get rate quotes from at least three carriers. Talk to an insurance agent or use an online comparison site – just be aware that not every carrier participates in these sites and make sure you're comparing apples to apples, since companies often package coverage differently.
- Another reason to comparison-shop: Insurance companies calculate risk differently, so particular traffic infractions might trigger varying increases, depending on the carrier.
- Increasing your deductibles from \$250 to \$1,000 might lower your premium by 15 to 30 percent.
- Ask about discounts for things like low annual mileage, being over a certain age, good grades, vehicle safety features or buying your homeowners or renters insurance from the same company.

The best way to avoid traffic violation-related rate increases is to not break the law in the first place. But if that horse has already left the barn, arm yourself with information about coverage costs and how you might be able to lower your rates.

Jason Alderman directs Visa's financial education programs.

It's the law By Texas AG Greg Abbott

New school year, responsibilities

The start of a new school year is an exciting time! Whether it is the first day of kindergarten or the first day of high school, young minds are filled with the anticipation of new teachers, classmates, books and supplies.

This rite of passage is a special occasion for children, making it important for moms and dads to be there to share the joy and provide support. It's also a good time to remind parents of the importance of making regular child support payments.

It is common knowledge that children depend on their parents for basic needs like food, shelter, health care and back-to-school clothing. But, research shows that it's about more than just money for the necessities. The children of parents who pay their child support have fewer behavior problems, make better grades and stay in school longer than children who do not receive regular support.

Parents who pay child support are much more likely to take an active role in their kids' lives. Children with two involved and caring parents are more self-confident, more likely to exercise self-control and less likely to engage in risky behaviors that can lead to drug use and early pregnancy.

Thankfully, most parents pay their

court-ordered child support every month. For parents who need extra encouragement, it is our hope that the new school year brings renewed commitment to do the right thing: pay their child support. All children deserve the security that comes with parents who care enough to make regular child support payments.

Parents who need child support services can contact the Child Support Division of the Attorney General's Office for assistance. The Child Support Division will help:

- Establish paternity;
- Locate a noncustodial parent;
- Establish and enforce child support and medical support orders;
- Review and adjust child support payments; and
- Collect and distribute child support payments.

The Attorney General's Office accepts applications from mothers, fathers and other individuals who need child support services. Customers can apply for services by calling the 24-hour voice response system at (800) 252-8014 or by visiting Child Support Interactive on the main Attorney General website at www.texasattorneygeneral.gov. Parents who receive financial assistance through the Texas Health and Human Services Commission automatically receive child support services.

For the state fiscal year that ended Aug. 31, 2012, the Child Support Division collected more than \$3 billion in child support. The Office of the Attorney General is committed to Texas children and will work with parents to collect the support kids need to lead healthy and productive lives.

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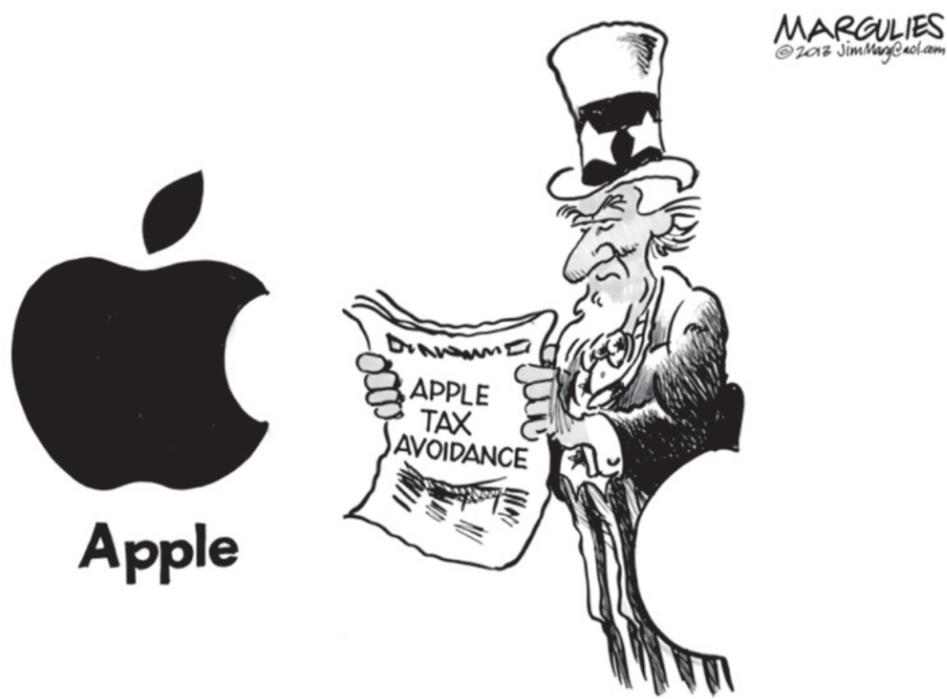
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Hunting

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Bridge to 1.7 miles upstream from the Ft. Hancock-Porvenir International Bridge; and

- Between marker 93 and Esperanza Road (FM 192): downstream from the Ft. Hancock-Porvenir International Bridge for 23.5 miles to Esperanza Road (FM 192).

A map is available at http://www.ibwc.gov/Files/Hunting_Map.pdf. The map also indicates access points for the hunting areas. The USIBWC does not control the access points but is providing information for hunters. The access points are:

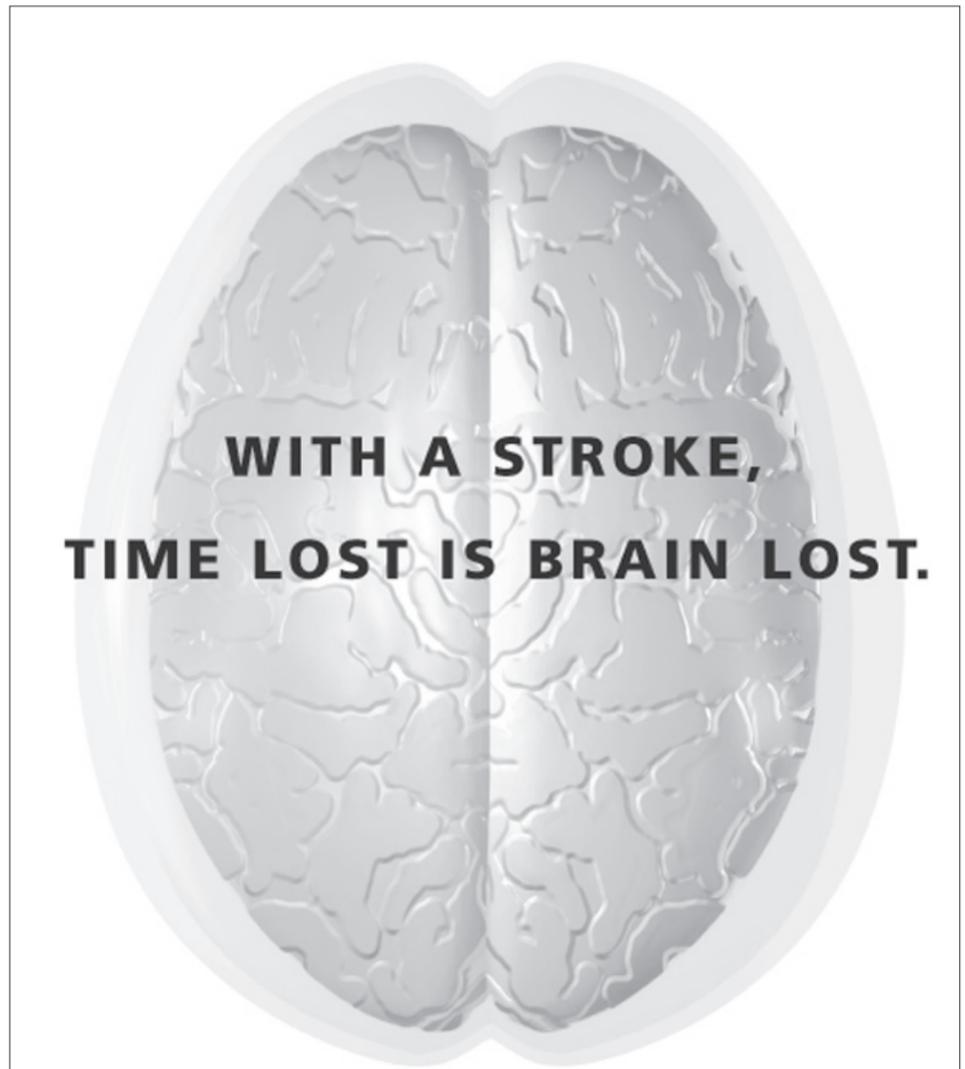
- Through the gate in the U.S. Customs and Border Protection fence next to the Ysleta-Zaragoza International Bridge, open 5:00 a.m. – 10:00 p.m. during dove season;
- At the Alamo Arroyo near marker 86, accessed from Highway 20 approximately 3.5 miles west of Fort Hancock;
- At the Guayuco Arroyo on Esperanza Road (FM 192) approximately one-half mile west from the intersection with FM 34; and
- At Esperanza Road (FM 192) in Hudspeth County approximately 28 miles downstream from the Fort Hancock-Porvenir International Bridge.

For public safety and to avoid damage to USIBWC lands and infrastructure, hunters

must abide by the following rules:

- Use existing ramps to drive onto the levee or floodplain. Driving on the levee slope damages the levee and is prohibited;
- Hunters are responsible for identifying legal access points to reach hunting areas and must respect private property;
- Do not damage vegetation in the floodplain. Avoid driving on grass, brush, and trees or disturbing the ground;
- Remove your trash, including any shell casings;
- No alcoholic beverages;
- Do not discharge firearms within 600 feet of homes or businesses or toward other people;
- Hunters who drive on the levee or hunt on USIBWC lands do so at their own risk. Hunters should be aware of security considerations along the border with Mexico; and
- Hunters must have any applicable hunting license, follow state hunting laws, and use appropriate firearms. The Texas game warden will enforce state hunting laws on USIBWC lands.

To fulfill its flood control mission, the USIBWC manages lands along the Rio Grande that are popular with bird hunters. The USIBWC has jurisdiction over lands on the river-side of the levee but not on the land side. Hunting on USIBWC lands is not allowed in the City of El Paso.



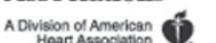
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Town Of Horizon City

PUBLIC HEARING

A PUBLIC HEARING will be held during a Regular Planning and Zoning Commission Meeting on Monday, September 16, 2013 at 6:00 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:

Legal Description:
Lot 1, Block 1, Arroyo Pass, Horizon City, El Paso County, Texas, containing approximately .52 acres.

Location:
NE Corner of Ashford Street and Horizon Boulevard.

Proposed is the following change of zoning:

Current Zone:
R-2, Residential

Proposed Zoning:
A-1, Apartment

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: 08-29-13

City of Socorro

Adoption of Ordinances

On August 15, 2013 the City of Socorro, Texas adopted the following ordinance(s):

1) **ORDINANCE 320 AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF SOCORRO, ESTABLISHING PROCEDURES AND RULES FOR CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS AND AGENDAS AS PROVIDED BY SECTION 3.08 OF THE SOCORRO CITY CHARTER, AND ESTABLISHING PROCEDURES AND RULES FOR CONDUCT OF THE SOCORRO CITY COUNCIL AND ALL OF THE CITY OF SOCORRO BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS AND REPEALING ORDINANCE NO. 304 AS AMENDED AND ORDINANCE 280 AS AMENDED.**

2. **ORDINANCE 321, AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF SOCORRO, TEXAS, HEREBY ESTABLISHING TERMS OF OFFICE AND PROCEDURES FOR APPOINTMENT AND REMOVAL OF THE MUNICIPAL PARK COMMISSION ADVISORY BOARD, SOCORRO MUSEUM COMMISSION, PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION, BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT, HISTORICAL LANDMARK COMMISSION, PUBLIC FINANCE AND INVESTMENT BOARD AND CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION; REPEALING CERTAIN SECTIONS OF ORDINANCE NO. 303, AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF SOCORRO, TEXAS REGULATING MUNICIPAL PARKS,**

ESTABLISHING PROCEDURES FOR SPECIAL EVENTS AND PERMITS WITHIN CITY PARKS, ESTABLISHING A MUNICIPAL PARK COMMISSION ADVISORY BOARD, PROVIDING FOR HOURS OF OPERATION, SPECIAL EVENTS, ISSUANCE OF SPECIAL USE PERMITS PROVIDING FOR REPEAL OF CONFLICTING ORDINANCES AND PROVIDING FOR SEVERANCE; REPEALING ORDINANCE NO. 252, AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING THE SOCORRO MUSEUM COMMISSION FOR THE CITY OF SOCORRO, TEXAS; REPEALING ORDINANCE NO. 147, AS AMENDED; REPEALING ORDINANCE NO. 144, AS AMENDED; REPEALING ORDINANCE NO. 287, AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF SOCORRO, TEXAS PROVIDING FOR THE CREATION AND ORGANIZATION OF A HISTORICAL LANDMARK COMMISSION, ESTABLISHING TERMS OF OFFICE FOR SAID COMMISSION AND THE MEANS AND METHODS FOR HISTORICAL LANDMARK PRESERVATION WITHIN THE JURISDICTION OF THE CITY OF SOCORRO, TEXAS; REPEALING CERTAIN SECTIONS OF ORDINANCE NO. 250, AMENDMENT 1, AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING A STRATEGY AND INVESTMENT POLICY FOR THE CITY OF SOCORRO, TEXAS; REPEALING CERTAIN

SECTIONS OF ORDINANCE NO. 186, AMENDMENT 4, AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF SOCORRO, TEXAS AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 186 AS REVISED 5 OCTOBER 2010, AMENDMENT NO. 3 OF THE CIVIL SERVICE RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR CIVIL SERVICE AND FOR THE CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION FOR THE CITY OF SOCORRO, TEXAS PROVIDING FOR A PENALTY FOR THE VIOLATION OF THIS ORDINANCE; REPEALING AND AMENDING SECTION 2 OF ORDINANCE NO. 214; PROVIDING FOR REPEALING, SAVINGS AND SEVERABILITY CLAUSES; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND PROVIDING FOR THE PUBLICATION OF THE CAPTION HEREOF.

3. **ORDINANCE 306, AMENDMENT NO. 3, AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF SOCORRO, TEXAS ADOPTING AN AMENDED BUDGET FOR FY 2012-2013 ADOPTED BUDGET.**

The Ordinance(s) effective date is immediately upon adoption and publication.

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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: 08-22-13
08-29-13



– Photo courtesy of the Poeh Cultural Center, NM

The Poeh Cultural Center and Museum is in the Pueblo of Pojoaque, New Mexico. As a result of the Camino Real, more than 58,000 vehicles travel through the small community every day and most travelers stop to enjoy the museum.

Archaeology museum offers Camino Real flashback

By Alfredo Vasquez
Special to the Courier

Vernon G. Lujan, director of New Mexico's Poeh Cultural Center and Museum at the Pueblo of Pojoaque, will present a fascinating look at the Camino Real de Tierra Adentro's (The Royal Road to the Interior) as he traces the route's evolution through six centuries of use- from the 15th to 21st centuries.

The unique presentation will begin at 2 p.m., Saturday, September 7, at the El Paso Museum of Archaeology (4301 Transmountain Road). The event, which is free and open to the public, is in conjunction with the CARTA (Camino Real Trail Association) Conference that will be held in El Paso, September 26-28.

In his talk, Lujan will describe how the Pueblo of Pojoaque has served as a place where travelers throughout the centuries have

stopped to drink water and trade ideas and material goods with the Posu waegheh Owingeh people. Posu waegheh Owingeh is in the Tewa language and means "Water Drinking Place" in English.

According to Lujan, the Pueblo of Pojoaque Poeh Museum recently completed a project with the National Park Service's National Trails Intermountain Region to establish wayside exhibits and a website presence to recognize the cultural interactions and influences brought forth with the Camino Real de Tierra Adentro as it passed nearby the Pueblo of Pojoaque.

"Although the Camino Real was initially seen as a way for the King of Spain to reach out with his influence through this major artery, the Royal Road has metamorphosed into more modern means of influence," stated Lujan. "This interaction and influence continues into the 21st century with a major highway (US

84/285) and fiber optic cables that parallel the road, both of which provide connectivity to the global economy including the famous Los Alamos National Laboratory," he stated.

Lujan is an enrolled member of the Pueblos of Tesuque and Taos and a fluent speaker in both pueblos. He earned a master's degree in public administration in 2007 and a bachelor's degree in Southwest Studies in 1998, from the University of New Mexico. He also studied at Arizona State University (1978-1981), the University of New Mexico at Los Alamos (1992), and the Entrepreneurial Institute for the Arts in the Graduate School of Business at the University of Texas at Austin (1997).

Lujan has considerable experience in museum work and archaeology, including employment with the

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CryptoQuip Answer

Do you think notables like Randall, Bennett and Blair should be likely to win Tony Awards?

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San Elizario students say goodbye to summer

By Cynthia P. Marentes
Special to the Courier

It was a busy Monday morning for families in the San Elizario Independent School District dropping off their children for the first day of school on August 26. At Borrego Elementary School many children walked into their classrooms with wide smiles, new sneakers, and backpacks full of supplies ready for the day to begin. A little way down Socorro Road, students at Garcia-Enriquez Middle School poured over their new

schedules and squealed with delight when they reunited with friends they had not seen all summer.

Joining San Elizario ISD were 20 new teachers, more than half of them just beginning their educational careers. They were part of the close to 300 teachers who greeted new students to their classrooms. Just as excited for the fresh start to the school year were over 200 support and administrative staff members many of them having worked through the summer preparing buildings, grounds and materials for the 2013-2014 academic year. Major

campus upgrades completed over the past two months included the installation of an irrigation system at Alarcon Ballpark, replacement of HVAC units on the Loya Primary School rooftop, and the re-roofing of Alarcon Elementary School.

Superintendent Sylvia Hopp visited each campus that morning and thanked staff for all their efforts in having a smooth transition on the first day back to school.

"A great start to an even greater year," Hopp stated.

All six San Elizario ISD campuses welcomed back over 4,000 students for the new academic year.



— Photo courtesy San Elizario ISD

WALKING IN – An unidentified young man strides into school.

Museum

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Museum of New Mexico from 1987-89 and with Historical Research Associates in Missoula, Montana, as an archaeologist and ethnographer from October 1993-97.

Since 2004, Lujan has served as the Director of the Poeh Cultural Center and Museum at the Pueblo of Pojoaque, New Mexico,

and since 2007 he has served as the pueblo's Tribal Historic Preservation Officer.

Lujan's presentation is made possible in part by a grant from Humanities Texas, the state affiliate of the National Endowment for the Humanities. For more information, contact Marilyn Guida, education curator for El Paso's museum of archaeology, at 755-4332, or send email to guidamr@elpasotexas.gov.

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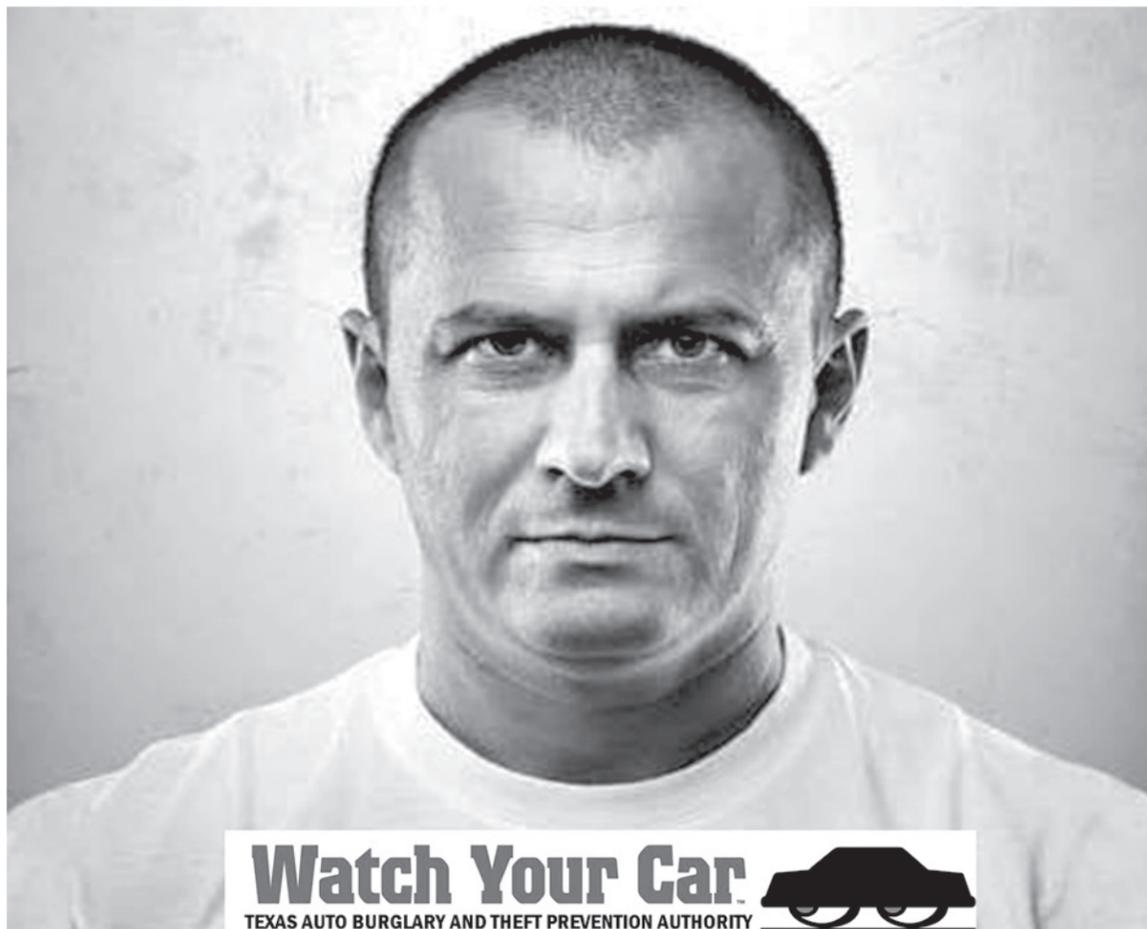
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The **Town of Clint** will hold a meeting at 6:00 p.m. on **Wednesday, September 11, 2013** at the Clint Community Center, 200 N. San Elizario Rd. to consider adopting a proposed tax rate for tax year 2013. The proposed tax rate is \$0.465164 per \$100 of value.

The proposed tax rate would increase total taxes in the Town of Clint by 8.00%.

WTCC: 08/29/13

2013 PROPERTY TAX RATES Village of Vinton Small Taxing Unit Notice

The **Village of Vinton** will hold a meeting at 6:30 p.m. on **September 17, 2013** at 436 E. Vinton Rd., Vinton, TX 79821 to consider adopting a proposed tax rate for tax year 2013. The proposed tax rate is \$0.325788 per \$100 of value.

WTCC: 08/29/13

Football this Friday and hoops coming soon

By Steve Escajeda
Special to the Courier

It may sound unbelievable but high school football season starts this Friday.

The unmistakable sounds of autumn will fill the El Paso air this weekend, sounds like football whistles and cheerleaders and glaring music from local bands and the cheer of the crowd.

And many of the usual suspects should dominate the major district battles.

In 1-5A, the usual five teams who seem to battle it out every season should do the same this season.

Montwood, Franklin, Coronado, El Dorado and Americas will fight it out again for league bragging rights.

It appears that the Montwood Rams are the team to beat as far as winning the regular season title but the Franklin Cougars are always right on their heels.

In District 1-4A, teams like Andress and Chapin should be the class of the league. One very interesting story should be how Burges will cope without the graduated Jones brothers, Aaron and Alvin.

And can El Paso High, Bowie and Austin return to the success they've enjoyed at times in recent years?

District 2-4A should be the most entertaining this season.

There are a number of teams who can claim playoff spots this season.

Teams like Del Valle, Hanks, Canutillo, Eastlake, Riverside, Horizon and Parkland can all make legitimate claims for possible postseason play.

The only two teams that appear to be locks for the playoffs are Del Valle and Hanks. The other spots are completely open and chances are there'll be some confusing playoff scenarios to unravel at the end of the season.

Then there is District 3-3A with locals Clint, Fabens, Mountain View and Anthony.

Like last season, Mountain View and Clint appear to be the class of the league with Fabens always lingering close behind.

But regardless of who wins and who doesn't, high school football season is here – we all win.

Vogue over victories

The NBA season is still three months away but some people are already talking about

Miami's chances of a three-peat.

Of course the Heat will have to get through many of the better teams in the league to win another championship.

There are teams that will challenge them like San Antonio and Oklahoma City and Indiana and Chicago and Memphis and New York and Brooklyn and Houston and Denver and the L.A. Clippers.

One of the teams that didn't make the list was the Los Angeles Lakers, who not only lost the services of Dwight Howard during the off-season, but got another year older during the off-season.

There's no doubt that Steve Nash has been one of the best point guards in NBA history but he'll turn 40 before the season ends and frankly, I'm not sure he can guard me on the court.

Pau Gasol is 33 and looks completely lost in every other game the Lakers play.

Kobe Bryant is coming off a major foot injury and turned 35 last week. Though Bryant can still score, it remains to be seen how he'll respond to the injury. But just like Nash, Bryant spends most of his time on defense watching guys race by him on their way to the basket.

Over the last two years the Lakers not only lost Howard, they also lost Andrew Bynum. That's two of the best big men in the league. All the Lakers have are Chris Kaman, Jordan Hill and Robert Sacre at center – enough said.

So what can the Lakers do to help save the season? They'll do what all Los Angelinos do when things aren't going so well – they go shopping and improve their wardrobe.

The Lakers are changing their look this season for certain games by donning uniform tops with short sleeves.

Ordinarily, NBA uniforms don't have sleeves but a few teams have adopted the sleeves in recent years and the Lakers figured, "if you can't beat them, might as well look like them."

The sleeves will be added to their white uniforms that are usually worn on Sundays and will be worn on Christmas day.

The Lakers will also introduce a black version of their uniform with their familiar gold and gold trim.

I guess the Lakers, who may be one of the worst teams in the league this season, should be a contender for the league's fashion sense award.

A sporting view By Mark Vasto

99-1/2 just won't do

A quick glance at the sports headlines these days will reveal a number of sordid details about an athlete's personal life, his or her drug habits, sexual proclivities and the status of the contract negotiation.

But that's just a quick glance, right? Sure, we know the story – performance-enhancing drugs, injuries, off-field escapades in bedrooms and bars – but surely

there is more out there, right?

No. An in-depth look at the sports headlines conducted by "A Sporting View" shows that commentary and reporting in sports journalism now overwhelmingly focuses on off-field, non-game reporting.

The morning of this writing, I took a survey of the top 100 stories as aggregated by "Flipboard," the popular iPad and iPhone app that

serves news according to your preferences in a stylish, magazine-like format ("A Sporting View" is represented there, as well... just saying). Because I am not privy to the metrics, I do not know how they weigh stories, so this survey can only be described as non-scientific.

Be that as it may, it took me 84 flips to get to a story that actually dealt with game-scenario issues. In this case, the first game-related story on Flipboard was a well-pitched game by Jon Lester of the Red Sox versus the Giants. Three other baseball stories followed that dealt with on-field issues, and that was it. The rest were

either analysis (i.e. "who should be the next Patriots' backup quarterback") or reports relating to murder, drug use, suspensions and legal matters.

I had the chance to meet Buck Williams last year at a function at the University of Maryland. Williams was a real force for the Terrapins, and later, as a first-round draft pick, at power forward for the then-New Jersey Nets. I never got to see him play as a kid. The Nets weren't televised on broadcast TV or basic cable. But every morning, I would check the box scores of the Nets game just to see if he got 10 rebounds or more the previous night. Almost always, his line read something like 20 points, 12 rebounds, six assists. It was uncanny. On the nights he didn't score like that, I'd check the opposing roster and learn who the better defenders of the league were. Yeah, I get that it's more

[salacious] to discuss the latest adulterous affair, nightclub shooting and mind-bending legal case. I can see why a murder case involving a pro athlete would garner more attention than a story about the three catches he made in the game, but it's wearing on me.

Just 4 percent of the stories on my sports aggregate dealt with game-related issues... things like, who did what during an actual game. The sports pages were designed to provide a respite from the "hard news" of the day during the golden age of newspapers. I think it's time to respect that successful model and bring it back. A sports page consisting of 99 and a-half stories about off-field antics just won't do.

Mark Vasto is a veteran sportswriter who lives in Kansas City. (c) 2013 King Features Synd., Inc.



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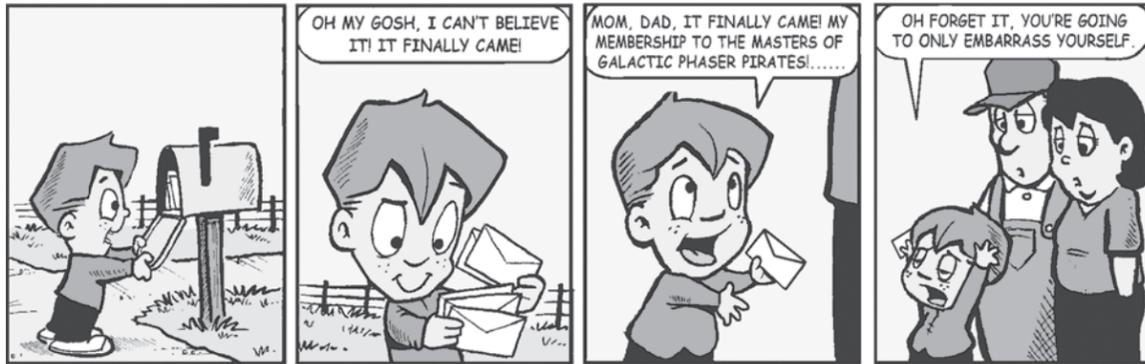
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Your good health By Paul G. Donahue, M.D.

DEAR DR. DONOHUE: My 13-year-old son has a wart on his hand. In fact, he has two of them. They don't bother him, but they bother me. If you neglect them, will they go away on their own? I'm not sure we can handle a doctor's bill right now. How else can we get rid of them on the cheap? I'd like to find and grab by the neck whoever gave him these warts. – R.R.

six, remove the tape and have your son soak his hand in warm water. Then, with an emery board or pumice stone – both drugstore items – lightly rub the warts to remove as much of them as you can. Reserve these devices for wart treatment only. On day seven, reapply the duct tape. Continue the ritual, if need be, for eight weeks. If it hasn't worked by then, it's not going to.

Don't bother looking for the person who passed the wart virus to your son. You'll never find him or her. For one, some infected people show no signs of a wart, yet they can pass the virus to others. For two, the incubation period for a wart is two to six months. Do you think your son remembers who touched him six months ago?

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

The human papillomavirus is the cause of warts. More than 150 different varieties exist. Some warts are dangers to health. The ones that cause cervical cancer are examples, but that's a topic for another day. The ordinary wart is passed by skin-to-skin contact. Your son ought to make an effort not to touch the wart to other parts of his body. He can transfer the virus in that way.

DEAR DR. DONOHUE: This year I have had two cortisone shots into both knees for arthritis. It works wonders for me. I can tell it's wearing off in three to four months. I'm concerned about overdosing on cortisone. How many shots are safe? – B.K.

It's OK to leave the warts alone. They disappear two out of three times, but their disappearance can take as long as two years.

Three to four cortisone shots a year are safe, and two years of such treatments also are safe. The amount of cortisone you're getting is not enough to upset your blood sugar, raise your blood pressure or increase your susceptibility to infections.

For home wart treatment, you'll find many wart removers on the counters of your local drugstores. DuoPlant, Compound W and Wart-Off are but a few names. Follow bottle directions carefully.

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) 2013 North America Synd., Inc. All Rights Reserved.

Duct tape – the duct tape found in hardware stores – has a mixed record as a wart remover. Apply tape to the warts and leave it in place for six days. You don't need a huge amount of tape, just enough to cover the wart. On day

Super Crossword

- FACTUAL VALUE**
- ACROSS**
- 1 Watch chain
 - 4 Two or three
 - 8 Narcotic drug
 - 14 Gave rise to
 - 18 Body of beliefs
 - 20 Distortion
 - 22 Do-fa links
 - 23 Making of file cabinet inserts?
 - 25 "Believe _ Not!"
 - 26 More than infatuated
 - 27 Groom's vow
 - 28 New edition
 - 30 Act in opposition to
 - 33 Emerald Isle when it's very snowy?
 - 38 Seed case
 - 41 Fire remnant
 - 42 Actor Oskar
 - 43 Vigilant
 - 44 Let someone else have your warding-off job?
 - 48 Money in virtual retail
 - 49 What some readings get reset to
 - 50 Amped up
 - 54 Thermostat component
 - 56 Ghastly proprietor?
 - 62 "Correct!"
 - 64 Rod attachments
 - 65 Film director Ephron

- 66 _-portrait
- 70 Arsonist's alibi?
- 75 Put with the luggage
- 76 Trendy berry
- 77 In _ (stacked up)
- 78 No-goodnik
- 80 Cat's playing activities?
- 86 Baseball's "Georgia Peach"
- 91 Card game like écarté
- 92 Dog in Oz
- 94 Majestic
- 95 Like terrain
- 102 2005 horror film sequel
- 105 Old Olds models
- 106 Lang. of Austria
- 107 Low marks
- 108 At a ferris wheel's pinnacle?
- 110 Next to
- 112 With 3-Down, seems familiar
- 113 Suffix with krypton
- 115 One of the B vitamins
- 119 Head, in Nice
- 120 Wright brothers' command?
- 127 Computer brand proprietor?
- 128 What attics are used for
- 129 Square meter, e.g.
- 130 Boomers' kids

- DOWN**
- 1 Name for a poodle
 - 2 Ingest way too much of, for short
 - 3 See 112-Across
 - 4 Brand of pain reliever
 - 5 Prophesied
 - 6 Yolked thing
 - 7 Letter following ex
 - 8 Outstanding
 - 9 Many an ex-con
 - 10 Gershwin or Aldridge
 - 11 Liable
 - 12 Mai _
 - 13 Big head
 - 14 Dresses with trains
 - 15 Film do-over
 - 16 Gushy actor
 - 17 Most terrible
 - 19 Scent-free
 - 21 Adequate, in dialect
 - 24 Tiny peeve
 - 29 Believe that one will
 - 31 Golfer Aoki
 - 32 Below, as a goal
 - 34 Kin of "ruff!"
 - 35 Opposite of SSW
 - 36 Hyena's lair
 - 37 Munic. statute

- 38 "Rock of _"
- 39 Starchy food
- 40 Nobel winner
- 42 "Do you know _ am?"
- 45 Skipper's cry
- 46 Rocky crag
- 47 Aruba, e.g.: Abbr.
- 51 Lace snarl
- 52 Architect Saarinen
- 53 Do a sketch
- 55 KO counter
- 57 See 89-Down
- 58 Whammy
- 59 Sleuth, in slang
- 60 Viral malady
- 61 KGB's land
- 63 Thick slice
- 66 Guarded
- 67 Light beige
- 68 Nonclerical
- 69 British seafood sticks
- 71 Cartoon storekeeper
- 72 Prefix with calculate
- 73 Horror film director Roth
- 74 Munch
- 79 Tony-winning actress Daly
- 81 Asian cobras
- 82 "So's _ old man!"
- 83 Takeoff guesses, briefly
- 84 Lawn layer
- 85 Theater part
- 87 "King Lear"

- daughter
- 88 Melancholy
- instrument
- 89 With 57-Down, teal or aqua
- 90 Mrs. Harry Truman
- 93 Tip jar items
- 96 Sallie _
- 97 Fairy
- 98 Narcs' org.
- 99 Fleischer or Onassis
- 100 Deposed dictator Manuel
- 101 TV's Merv
- 102 Extra levy
- 103 Individually
- 104 Cold season
- 109 Linden and Sparks
- 110 Apiary insect
- 111 Blockheads
- 114 Deuce taker
- 116 Home to the Taj Mahal
- 117 "The Cosby Show" boy
- 118 List abbr.
- 121 Afr. nation
- 122 Foot part
- 123 Sample
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- 125 Pay for
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Moore Texas by Roger Moore **Sept 1** is a big day in Texas! Parts of the state start "dove huntin'" a ritual like no other. Recipes vary on the gamey bird.

Marinate 'um all day.
Wrap 'um in bacon.
Cook 20 minutes...
then eat th' bacon.



GO FIGURE! by Linda Thistle

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

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DIFFICULTY: ★

★ Moderate ★★ Difficult
★★★ GO FIGURE!

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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ★★

★ Moderate ★★ Challenging

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★★★ HOO BOY!

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Social Security Q&A By Ray Vigil

Social Security can guide you to work

September is National Guide Dog Month. The celebration of the work that guide dogs do each day was inspired by actor Dick Van Patten, who wanted to raise awareness and money to help guide dog schools.

Many people who depend on guide dogs also depend on disability benefits. People who receive Social Security or Supplemental Security Income (SSI) due to a disability suffer from severe ailments that make them unable to work and provide for themselves. However, sometimes it is possible – with a little help – for people with disabilities to become self-sufficient through work.

If you are getting disability benefits, we understand how difficult the prospect of trying to work can be. We also understand that the possibility of having medical and financial benefits cut off can be frightening. But rest assured, Social Security has some great work incentives in place that allow people with disabilities to "test the waters" and prove that they can work before any benefits are stopped. That makes it inviting to try. Even if things don't work out, the benefits will still be there for you.

These work incentives include continued cash benefits for a period of time while you work, continued Medicare or Medicaid while you work, and help with education, training, and rehabilitation to start

a new line of work. The rules vary depending on whether you receive Social Security or SSI.

Although the ultimate goal of work incentives is to help bridge the gap between a dependence on monthly benefits and self-sufficiency, we cast a large safety net to make sure you do not find yourself in dangerous waters. You may continue to receive benefits while working, and medical benefits can sometimes continue to provide coverage for years.

When a person who receives Social Security or SSI disability benefits works, there are certain impairment-related work expenses that we deduct from your countable income, making it possible to earn more and remain eligible to receive benefits. For SSI, these excluded expenses can allow you to receive a higher benefit payment. Examples of these impairment-related work expenses include wheelchairs, certain transportation costs, and specialized work-related equipment. Blind work expenses can include guide dog expenses, meals consumed during work hours, and income used to pay income taxes.

You can learn all about the different rules for both Social Security and SSI by reading our publication, *Working While Disabled – How We Can Help*, available to read or listen to at www.socialsecurity.gov/pubs. From that page, type the title in the

box at the left side of the page. The online booklet will tell you about the work incentives you may be able to use.

You also can put the word "work" in the publications search box to find out more about how Social Security's work incentives can help you. Pay special attention to the publications entitled *Incentives To Help You Return To Work* and *Your Ticket To Work*. These publications, which you can read or listen to, will guide you as you consider your options.

STRANGE BUT TRUE

By Samantha Weaver

• It was noted American author Ambrose Bierce (sometimes known as "Bitter Bierce" for his acerbic wit) who made the following sage observation: "It is by the goodness of God that we have in our country three unspeakably precious things: freedom of speech, freedom of conscience and the prudence never to practice either."

• Did you ever wonder why pirates often had pierced ears? It seems that the belief at the time was that wearing an earring improved eyesight.

• You might be surprised to learn that there is a world record for the tallest recorded hairdo. Even more surprising is the fact that the record-holder's beehive measured a whopping 6 feet, 6 inches tall.

• Food trucks are rapidly gaining popularity all over the country, both at fairs and at stand-alone food-truck bazaars. You might be surprised to learn that the origin of the food truck goes all the way back to 1872. At that time, in Providence, RI, all the restaurants closed at 8 every night, leaving factory workers who got off late without a place to eat. At the time, a man named Walter Scott (obviously not Sir Walter Scott) was working as a pushcart peddler, selling odds and ends out of a glorified wheelbarrow. Like a true American entrepreneur, Scott saw a need and moved to fill it. He put a small stove in a horse-drawn wagon and began roaming the streets late at night, selling sandwiches, hard-boiled eggs and coffee. His success spurred imitators, and soon the city was teeming with the "after-hours lunchwagons."

Thought for the Day: "I have come to believe that the whole world is an enigma, a harmless enigma that is made terrible by our own mad attempt to interpret it as though it had an underlying truth."
– Umberto Eco

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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: T equals U

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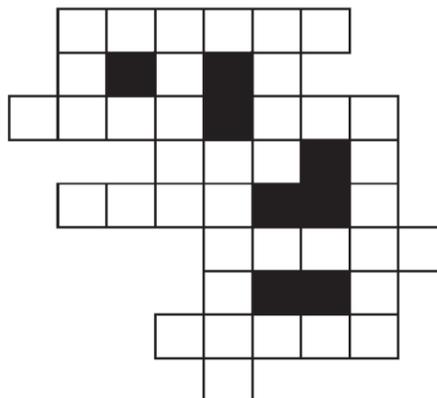
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- YIC
- TYSDLE
- GISEE
- TACN
- ♥ BESUAL
- ♥ UGT
- ♥ NEYD
- NBDLE
- ♥ SNO
- ♥ TENSIC
- LITAT
- ♥ GSEA



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Unscramble these twelve letter strings to form each into an ordinary word (ex. HAGNEC becomes CHANGE). Prepare to use only ONE word from any marked (♥) letter string as each unscrambles into more than one word (ex. ♥RATHE becomes HATER or EARTH or HEART). Fit each string's word either across or down to knot all twelve strings together.

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