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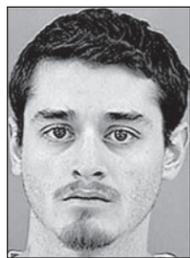
### Thanksgiving service

The annual non-denominational Community Thanksgiving service will be held at Bond Methodist Church, 201 McKinney, Sunday, Nov. 24, 2013, at 6:30 PM. All local residents are invited to attend. Pastor Mike Dickey, Clint First Baptist Church, will speak. Fellowship and food will follow the service. Canned goods for the Clint Food Pantry will be appreciated. 851-3145

— Erma Nelson

### Wanted

John Madison Campbell, 22, is this week's Manhunt Monday Most Wanted Fugitive. He is 5'10" tall, weighs 140 pounds and



**John Madison Campbell**

has brown hair and eyes. On November 11, 2013, Officers from the Horizon Police Department observed a speeding Red Ford F-150 extended cab pickup traveling recklessly in the area of Darrington Rd. and Alderwood Manor. Officers conducted a traffic stop and identified the driver as Campbell. A warrants check on Campbell revealed he was wanted on an outstanding criminal warrant. As Officers instructed Campbell to exit the truck, he fled on foot running west through Emerald Springs Golf Course. HCPD officers gave chase but lost visual of Campbell a short time later. He knows authorities are looking for him. If anyone has seen or has any information on the whereabouts of Campbell they can contact Crime Stoppers at 566-TIPS (8477). Callers will remain anonymous and may be eligible for a reward if the information provided leads to the apprehension of Campbell.

— Jesse Tovar

### Crime Stoppers

The case of a man who was murdered a year and a half ago in Northeast El Paso remains unsolved and Detectives from the El Paso Police Department are asking the community for help in bringing this case to close. Just before 7 p.m., on Wed., May 16th 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 heavyset 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.

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*Talking too much usually follows thinking too little.*

— Quips & Quotes

## New law aims to make local school boards more accountable to taxpayers

By Alfredo Vasquez  
Special to the Courier

EL PASO COUNTY – Creating greater transparency in local school districts is the aim of a state law (House bill 343) that goes into effect January 1.

The new law, which was authored by state Rep. Marisa Márquez, requires that all school board trustees in the nine districts in El Paso County submit financial disclosure forms like the ones required of state lawmakers, appointees to state boards, and other government officials.

The bill, passed overwhelmingly in the state House and Senate and signed by Gov. Rick Perry earlier this year, calls for school board members in El Paso County to file their reports not only to the district but now also to the county.

El Paso County began recently to develop the procedures for implementing the new law that essentially puts school board trustees on the same level as other elected officials in the county, but instead of submitting their financial reports to the Texas Ethics Commission, trustees will turn the information over to the county, said county officials.

The county attorney's office was authorized to start crafting policies and procedures on just how to put the law into effect in January.

Elected county officials already self-report to the county clerk's office, so County Judge Veronica Escobar said that it would likely be a similar process.

The county attorney's office was asked to present before the end of the year recommendations of policies and procedures for the adoption of the law. As it is right now, violation of the new law will be a class B misdemeanor.

Commissioner Vince Perez said that local school districts oversee more than a billion in local tax dollars and the public should be given a way to know whether their elected officials may have other financial interests.

The new law, however, is being criticized by some trustees. Canutillo, Socorro, San Elizario, Fabens, and Ysleta trustees recently passed resolutions against the new law. In their resolutions, trustees cited the fact

that state lawmakers never consulted them on the legislation before taking it to Austin, and that the law only applies to El Paso County and no other county in Texas as reasons for their opposition.

The bill originally would have applied statewide, but would have been difficult to pass because of objections from various lobbyists, according to Marquez. Consequently, she said that, in collaboration with State Senator Jose Rodriguez, the bill was crafted so that it would apply only to El Paso County.



**Marisa Marquez,**  
State Rep. District 77

## Archaeologist traces road's evolution through six centuries

By Alfredo Vasquez  
Special to the Courier

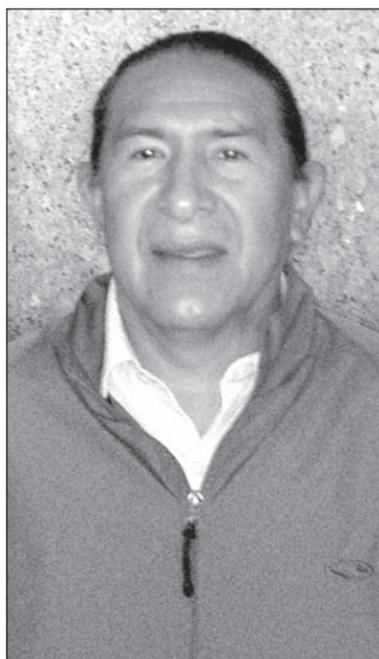
EL PASO COUNTY – The Camino Real de Tierra Adentro (The Royal Road to the Interior), an ancient route through New Mexico's heartland, continues to evolve after six centuries of use – from the 15th to 21st centuries. The El Paso Museum of Archaeology will highlight the road's remarkable history with a special presentation by Vernon G. Lujan, director of New Mexico's Poeh Cultural Center and Museum at the Pueblo of Pojoaque.

The presentation is scheduled to begin at 2 p.m., Saturday, November 23, at the El Paso Museum of Archaeology (4301 Transmountain Road). The event is free and open to the public.

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



— Photo courtesy of the  
El Paso Museum of Archaeology

**Vernon G. Lujan is a member of the Pueblos of Tesuque and Taos and is fluent in both pueblo dialects.**

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

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## Saucedo Company named a top Texas family businesses

By Alfredo Vasquez  
Special to the Courier

EL PASO COUNTY – The Saucedo Company, a security products and lock hardware company that has served the El Paso region since 1917, was named recently one of the top family businesses in Texas by Baylor University's Institute for Family Business.

Saucedo Co. family members were presented with the Founders Award during the 2013 Texas Family Business of the Year awards banquet held in November, at Baylor University's Bill Daniel Student Center in Waco.

"The Texas Family Business of the Year awards program recognizes outstanding firms whose families demonstrate a commitment to each other and to business continuity, and who are responsive to the needs of their employees, communities and industries," said Bill Worthington, director of the Institute for Family Business. He stated that this was the 24th consecutive year that the Institute for Family Business and Baylor University recognized successful family businesses in the state.

Worthington said that the success of Saucedo's family business has been deeply rooted in the personal relationships they have made on a daily basis with their customers. This success has translated into four generations of family working together and employing hundreds of individuals that have stimulated the local economy throughout the years.

"Our family name has become synonymous with locks and security. We view each business transaction as an audition to earn a customer's business for life," said David Saucedo II, fourth generation owner of The Saucedo Company.

"Winning the Founders Award reflects the dedication we have given our business throughout the decades, and cements that fact that our name and reputation depend on providing customers a comfort that cannot easily be measured or quantified, and that is, peace of mind," Saucedo said.

"The El Paso Hispanic Chamber of Commerce is very proud of The Saucedo Company for this well-deserved recognition. In addition to being long standing members of the Hispanic Chamber, they are long standing members of the El Paso community, supporting our economy by bringing much needed jobs to the region," stated Cindy Ramos-Davidson, CEO of the El Paso Hispanic Chamber of Commerce.

Through the Texas Family Business of the Year program and other activities, the Institute for Family Business provides a forum for the development and dissemination of information relevant to the health and continuity of family businesses. Other educational and planning programs available to family business owners through the Institute include special interest seminars and entrepreneurship training classes.

**Veterans Post** By Freddy Groves

# VA oversight

The House Oversight and Government Reform Committee held hearings recently about conference planning spending by officials at the Department of Veterans Affairs. Planning trips to Nashville, Dallas and Orlando, meant to scope out locations for training conferences, turned into lovely, overpriced vacations for some.

Here are some of the highlights of testimony given to the committee:

- Multiple employees accepted gifts: A big no-no, especially as the gifts appeared to be given in exchange for hotel bookings for conferences. Among the gifts accepted were: complimentary lodging and upgraded rooms, gift baskets, entertainment tickets, spa treatments and a helicopter ride. Employees didn't deduct the value of the free meals they received, as required. One planner apparently solicited goodies for his family, which he brought to the conference.

- Approximately \$762,000 was labeled as unnecessary and/or wasteful spending as the amount included promo items and awards, some of which had a value of up to \$5,500.

- Conference spending was approved based on 3,000

attendees, but only 1,800 showed up.

A factoid: Conferences that will cost between \$20,000 and \$500,000 need varying levels of approval in advance, all the way up the chain. Conferences costing more than \$500,000 aren't allowed. How is it then that two Orlando conferences cost \$6.1 million? How did the tab for a Las Vegas conference exceed \$800,000?

One investigator went so far as to say that one specific official lied under oath, a fact bolstered by witnesses. They'd spent \$50,000 for a 15-minute parody film about Gen. George Patton, but that official said he had no knowledge of it. He subsequently resigned. At the hearing he repeatedly refused to answer questions.

As usual, we're now told that they'll do better, they've taken steps, they'll have more oversight, they'll retrain planning personnel and so on. Haven't we heard that before? Over and over and over?

*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](mailto:columnreply2@gmail.com). (c) 2013 King Features Synd., Inc.*

**Finances** By Jason Alderman

# Don't let cyber grinch ruin your holidays

I'm usually in too much of a Thanksgiving food coma to hit the sales on Black Friday, but millions of other Americans somehow find the energy. Last year, 89 million people took advantage of Black Friday sales (57 million of them online), while an estimated 247 million shopped throughout the four-day weekend, as stores increasingly have opened their doors on Thanksgiving itself.

In addition, millions of bargain hunters spent another \$2 billion on Cyber Monday, so it's clear that online holiday shopping is here to stay. Unfortunately, cyber criminals have zeroed in on this trend and are redoubling their efforts to separate shoppers from their hard-earned cash.

Whether you're shopping online by computer, smartphone or tablet, here are some common cyber scams to watch out for and security precautions to take:

- Tips for buying gift cards:
  - Only buy from secure websites of trusted retailers (look for an "s" in the "https://" web address and a lock symbol).
  - At walk-in stores, only purchase cards from employees who have them locked up. Avoid cards at unattended display racks, since thieves can scan the card's unique serial number; then, after you've loaded it with cash, drain its value with online purchases before the recipient has a chance to use it.
  - Never purchase deeply discounted cards or event tickets from online marketplaces like eBay or Craigslist — chances are good that the cards are counterfeit or were stolen.

Most retailers offer holiday sales as a way to boost their year-end bottom line. If you've "liked" a product or store on Facebook or Twitter, or have signed up to receive their emails, you may well get genuine offers for steep discounts or last-minute sales.

But beware of bogus offers from sites that mimic those of legitimate retailers. They could be:

- Trying to harvest your credit card number and other personal information to make illegitimate charges to your account or open new accounts in your name.
- Attempting to sell you counterfeit or stolen goods.
- Trying to gain access to your social media profile to log into other accounts tied to it, or to post illegitimate offers purportedly endorsed by you to lure in your friends.

Another common scam is to send an email claiming a courier is trying to deliver a package or there's a problem with your order. You'll be told to click on a link to get details and will likely be asked to reveal account or other personal information to verify. Unless you previously provided them your email address, this is probably bogus.

A few additional holiday-related security tips:

- When shopping online, avoid pop-up ads touting incredible deals. If you think it might be real, log into the retailer's website yourself to see whether the deal is posted.
- Hackers create realistic-looking web addresses that, when clicked, take you to a bogus site that can infect your device with malware or install a Trojan Horse program to steal your personal information. To be safe, let your cursor hover over web addresses you didn't type in yourself and look for misspelled or weird-looking sequences of characters.
- Before completing an online order, visit the site's "Contact Us" and "Terms and Conditions" pages for their phone number, mailing address, return policies, etc. Phony sites often either don't have such pages or they're filled with easy-to-spot errors.

Don't let the prospect of getting a great deal on Black Friday allow you to drop your guard against scammers who would love to fill your stocking with coal.

*Jason Alderman directs Visa's financial education programs.*

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**It's the law** By Texas AG Greg Abbott

**Programs that work for young victims**

Rebuilding young lives damaged by the emotional and physical trauma of abuse takes a unified approach. For more than 25 years, the Office of the Attorney General has partnered with local, community-based organizations that serve the youngest crime victims.

One of those partners is Children's Advocacy Centers of Texas, a network of 68 centers throughout the state that are committed to helping the youngest survivors of crime. Each one of these Children's Advocacy Centers (CAC) provides a safe, nonthreatening environment that is designed to address each child victim's specific needs. At CACs, children encounter caring professionals who are trained to interview children about what happened to them so that authorities can fully investigate and prosecute the perpetrators of abuse. After the interview, children and their caregivers receive specialized medical and mental health services to address their trauma, as well as comprehensive advocacy services to help these young victims recover.

**Children's Advocacy Centers**  
The Texas Attorney General's Office partners with organizations around the state to help victims find help and healing. Services made possible by these partnerships include:

- Crisis intervention
- Counseling
- Victim hotlines
- Emergency shelters
- Accompaniment during court proceedings

For more information about Estrella's House, visit <http://cachidalgo.org/estrellas-house/> or Children's Advocacy Centers of Texas, Inc. at [www.cactx.org](http://www.cactx.org).

assistance through the Office of the Attorney General's Crime Victim Compensation Fund to offset expenses related to the crime. CAC's caring experts can also help a young victim complete a Victim Impact Statement to express how the attacker affected his or her little life. Throughout the process CAC professionals' goal is the same: minimizing the trauma to the young victim.

In early October, I met with Victoria Medina, executive director for the Children's Advocacy Center of Hidalgo and Starr counties. We toured Estrella's House, an Edinburg-based CAC, and discussed the facility's extraordinary efforts to help young victims of sexual abuse.

One of the biggest challenges faced by Estrella's House – and other CACs statewide – is getting child abuse victims to come forward and report the trauma they have suffered at the hands of their abusers. To help address this problem and raise public awareness about child sexual abuse, CACTX in 2010 launched the

“One With Courage” campaign. Bringing everybody together under one roof minimizes the number of times child victims have to tell their painful story. The people who need to know – law enforcement and child protection officers, medical professionals, prosecutors and others – get critical information during a single session, thus saving children from re-living the agony and trauma of the crimes committed against them.

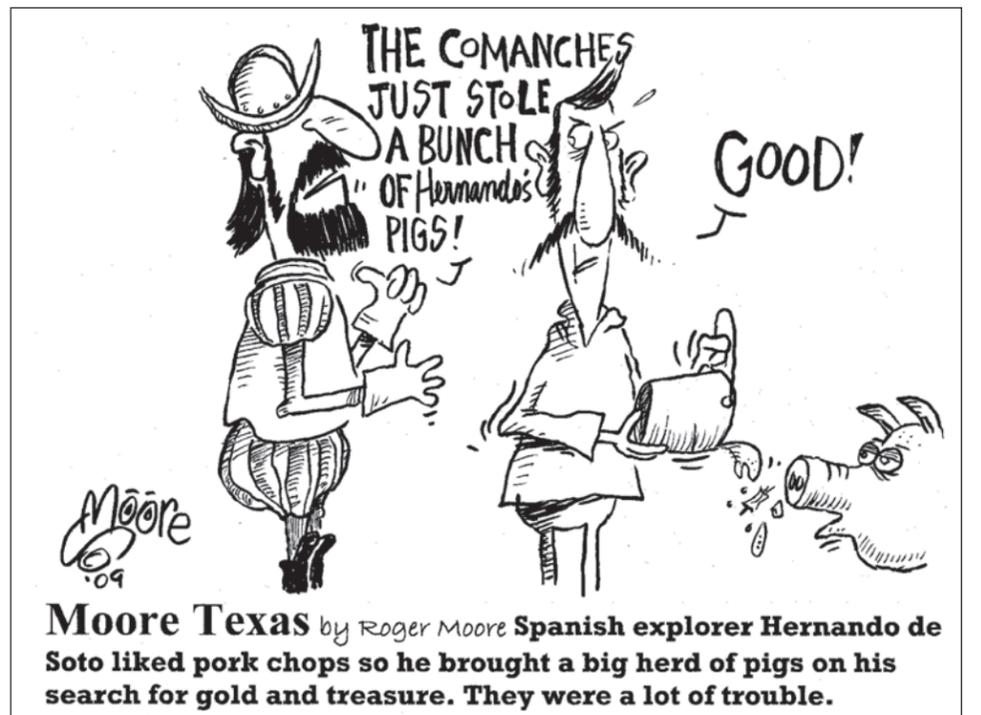
Many young crime victims are understandably terrified by the thought of facing their attacker in court – but CACs' loving arms are extended every day to these children. CAC professionals, who work closely with investigators and prosecutors, usher a child's case through the criminal and civil justice systems.

CAC staff might conduct weekly therapy sessions with a young victim and the victim's family – even take the family to the courthouse, where they can visit other trials and grow comfortable with the courtroom – or they might help a young victim's family apply for

“One With Courage” campaign. We joined forces with CACTX on their “One With Courage” statewide initiative – encouraging adults to learn more about the signs of child sexual abuse so that they know how to respond if a child summons the courage and attempts to reveal the abuse. When children do come forward and report their traumatic experiences, CAC professionals help them begin to heal and improve their lives.

The Office of the Attorney General is proud to partner with CACTX and local centers like Estrella's House to combat the sexual abuse, neglect and assault of children. Since December 2002, we have provided more than \$76 million in grant funding from the Crime Victims' Compensation Fund to support CACTX – including Estrella's House.

Each child in our great state is a precious gift whose innocence must be protected. Together with Children's Advocacy Centers, law enforcement officers and communities across Texas, we can help our youngest victims of crime become hope-filled survivors.



# EPCC recognized for environmental work

By Jim Heiney  
Special to the Courier

El Paso Community College (EPCC) was recognized with the Outreach Leader Award by the El Paso Green Business Challenge for the year 2012-2013. The City of El Paso established the El Paso Green Business Challenge to promote

and celebrate environmentally responsible businesses and to increase energy efficiency and reduce their environmental impact, which results in reduced energy costs.

Participating companies will have access to training sessions and other resources that will help reduce energy consumption, waste generation, and water use.

Businesses will also benefit by saving money on energy, supplies, water bills, and the minimization of waste and pollution.

Mayra Cordero, EPCC Environmental Specialist, was also presented with an award by the El Paso Green Business Challenge. Cordero was recognized as a Green Champion for her participation in the Green Business Challenge

and other activities affecting El Paso's environment. She has given presentations about recycling and sustainability at EPCC and throughout El Paso County. Cordero has just finished her term as Chair of the State of Texas Alliance for Recycling El Paso Council.

For more information on EPCC's recycling activities, contact Mayra Cordero at 831-3325.

## Briefs

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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](http://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. Crime Stoppers of El Paso, Inc. is a non-profit organization that brings together the community, law enforcement, and the media to solve crime.

- Javier Sambrano

## Road

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to the global economy including the famous Los Alamos National Laboratory," he stated.

Lujan has considerable archaeology and ethnography experience including work with the Museum of New Mexico (from 1987 to 89) and with Historical Research Associates in Missoula, Montana (from 1993 to 97).

Since 2004, Lujan has served as the Director of the Poeh Cultural Center and Museum at the Pueblo of Pojoaque, New Mexico. From 2007 to 2013, he served as the pueblo's Tribal Historic Preservation Officer.

Lujan 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 has 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's upcoming presentation, which is made possible by a Humanities Texas grant, is in conjunction with El Paso's recent CARTA (Camino Real Trail Association) conference.

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](mailto:guidamr@elpasotexas.gov).

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A message from the National Diabetes Education Program, sponsored by the National Institutes of Health and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

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## CryptoQuip Answer

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— Photo courtesy Canutillo ISD

**SOLEMN RENDITION** – Canutillo Middle School band students under the direction of CMS Band Director Christian Rodriguez, performed a moving rendition of taps during the Veterans’ Day Tribute.

# CISD students honor veterans

By **Kim Guzman**  
*Special to the Courier*

CANUTILLO – Students and staff in the Canutillo Independent School District honored veterans on Monday by holding Veteran’s Day celebrations across the district.

More than 20 veterans of all U.S. Armed Forces attended each of the schools celebrations and were treated to various forms of gratitude by the students. The accolades were given for all soldiers, both past and present, who have served in the different branches of the military over the past 70 years, including those who lost their lives during combat.

Canutillo High School’s Navy JROTC Color Guard provided the presentation of colors at each of the schools. Students paid tribute and honored the local heroes by singing patriotic songs, reciting heartfelt poetry and presenting student created certificates to show their gratitude. Canutillo and Childress Elementary Schools

held a parade of Veterans, where students lined up along the hallways and saluted all participating Veterans.

“Veterans Day is of utmost importance to Canutillo ISD. This is a day when all of our schools pause to commemorate the sacrifices of our men and women in uniform,” said CISD Superintendent Pedro Galaviz. “For many, many years, our schools have gone above and beyond with celebrations. I’m happy this year was no different.”

Veteran’s Day has been celebrated since 1919, when November 11 was set aside as Armistice Day, to remember the sacrifices that men and women made during the war and to give thanks for peace. In the 1950’s, Congress passed a bill renaming the federal holiday to Veteran’s Day.

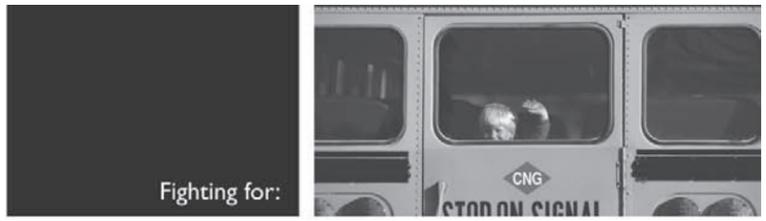
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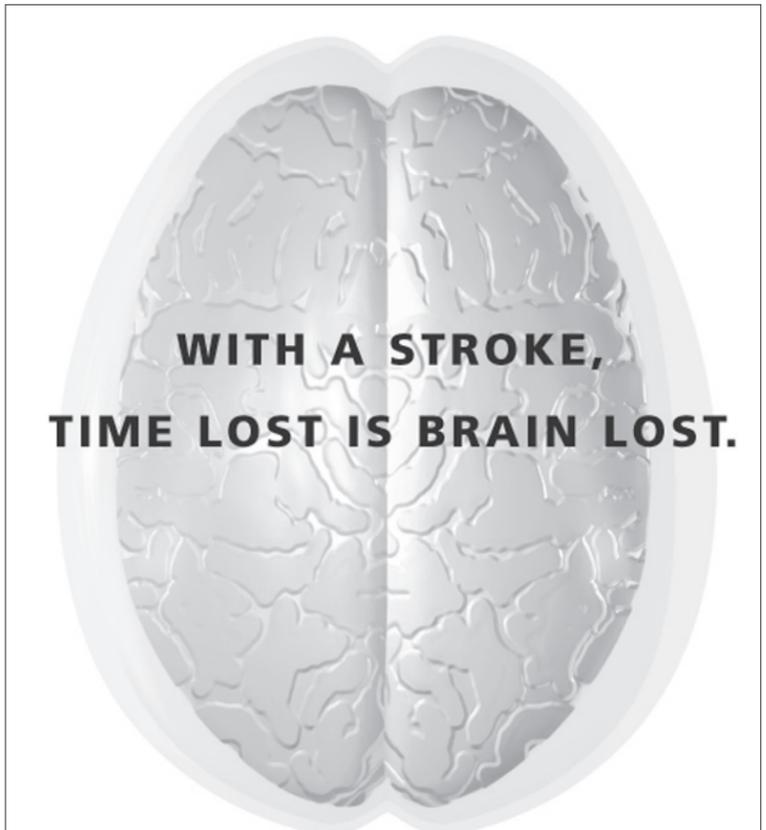
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# Get ready for BCS arguments over the real number one

By Steve Escajeda  
Special to the Courier

College football is getting down to the final couple weeks of the season. These are the weeks that are going to decide the national championship matchup.

And just as every season before this one, there is a ton of controversy concerning who the top two teams are going to be.

It seems every so-called media expert has an opinion and many times those opinions differ.

It seems as if it is written in the constitution that at least one SEC team must be in the title game. Okay, maybe it's not in the constitution but it sure feels that way sometimes.

So based on that presumption, it appears that Alabama will be one of the two teams in the final (thank goodness) BCS championship game.

The big question is who should be the opponent for those "roll tide" guys?

Florida State, Ohio State and Baylor are the only three other undefeated teams left in the running. That is if you don't count little guys, Fresno State (9-0) and Northern Illinois (9-0), and believe me, no one does.

All three teams make compelling arguments as to why they should be the team. And when it's all decided, someone is going to feel unfairly left out.

Next year marks the first time that the intellectuals that run the NCAA figured out that a playoff is a better way to chose a national champion.

Oh, and it's also going to make everyone involved more money too.

But we all know the NCAA doesn't give a hoot about money... right?

Anyway, if there were a four-team playoff this year, everybody would be happy. There are four undefeated teams who have a good argument for the top spot, and four spots available to decide who the champ is.

But all that is next year. We still have to decide which of the four get the chance this year.

Of the three teams considered to be battling

for the chance to face Alabama, the difference between Ohio State, Baylor and Florida State is negligible.

Ohio State's only big win this year came at home against Wisconsin 31-24. Florida State's two fairly big wins have come against Clemson 51-14 and Miami 41-14. Baylor's big wins have come against Oklahoma 41-12 and Texas Tech 63-34.

But of course the season isn't over yet, there are still some big games out there.

Florida State still has to play at disappointing Florida before playing in the ACC championship game.

Ohio State still has its annual affair at Michigan before advancing to the Big Ten championship game.

Baylor has a tough closing schedule at Oklahoma State and TCU and at home against the Texas Longhorns. The Big 12 has no title game.

And let's not forget Alabama, who still has to play at Auburn before advancing to the SEC title game.

So RIP BCS. Oh, I think we all can agree that the BCS could have dropped its middle letter for a more accurate description.

### Focusing on wrong thing

All the hand-wringing around the Richie Incognito-Jonathan Martin debacle has turned into the ultimate shell game.

The NFL is showing the nation how it cares when a 6-foot-5, 312-pound player like Martin is bullied by a teammate.

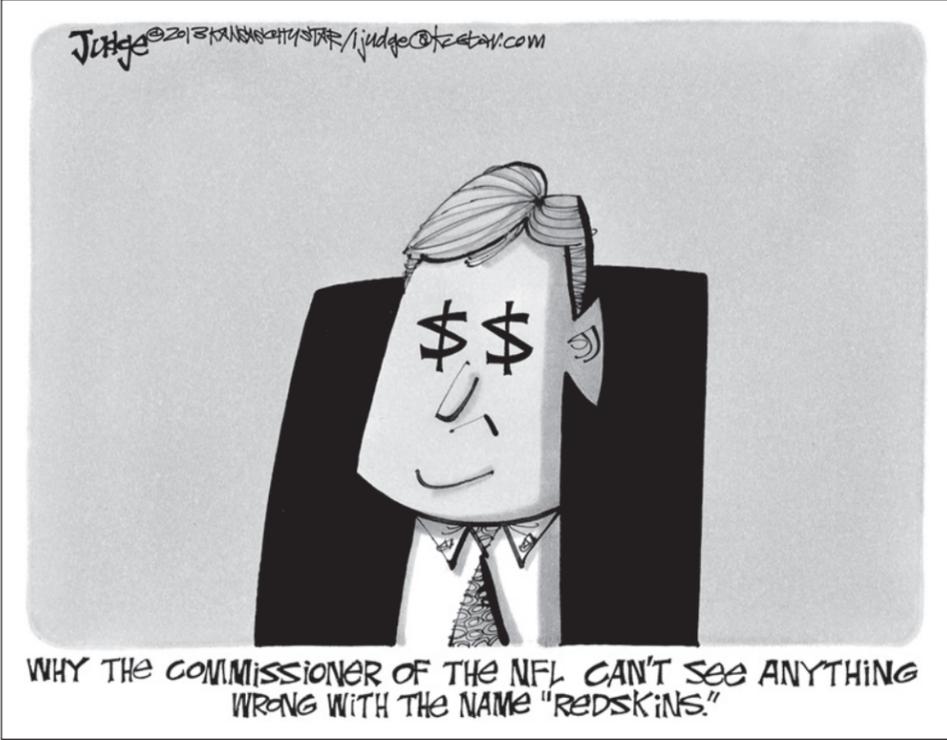
While Martin could have nipped this hazing in the bud a long time ago, he decided to run away from him team and straight to an attorney.

Now it appears that there are records of phone messages that Martin left to Cognito, which were just as bad as the ones he received.

Who is at fault here? Who is the real villain?

I don't have a clue, but it's the hypocrisy of the NFL that is shining through here.

On the one hand the league has proudly proclaimed that bullying will not be tolerated



in their locker rooms.

And yet on the other hand, their locker rooms are filled with drug dealers, drug takers and woman beaters, guys with multiple DWIs and weapons possession arrests.

The NFL is full of guys with assault, resisting

arrest and child abuse records, among many others including murder, attempted murder and manslaughter.

It's good to see that the league is putting its foot down when it comes to assaulting someone's self-esteem.

### A sporting view By Mark Vasto

## Well done, Atlanta

Friends of mine used to call it "The Buckhead 500"— the "it" in question being any number of the following:

a) The race that took place 81 days per year through downtown Atlanta as attendees of the Braves game at Turner Field raced through barren blocks of urban decay to get home to their palatial digs in Buckhead, Vinings or Marietta;

b) The amount of money they just dropped while attending the game with family and/or friends;

c) The attendance at the stadium should the Braves game go into extra innings; or

d) The number of lanes I-75 expanded to as soon as you hit the Cobb County Line.

But mainly, they were talking about option "a" — the race, and to that I would add the additional corollary of option a-1, which had to do with race, period.

The subject of race is inescapable in Atlanta. It is the civil-rights capital of America. It is the home of Martin Luther King Jr., a vibrant hip-hop scene and home to many traditionally "black" colleges and institutions. And as much as the

city leaders would like to deny it, it is a town obsessed with "class" and order. And while these topics are nothing new for anyone who has lived in a major urban area that has a "dividing line" — spoken or unspoken but well-known to the many sides of the community — in Atlanta, it is more pronounced.

A black person will tread cautiously in a community to the north where it may be mandatory for a homeowner to own a gun. A white person will be an unlikely participant at one of the downtown black college spring-break functions. A Northerner, white or black, will have a tough time getting an invite to one of the private clubs in town. A Southerner with too heavy an accent will feel out of place in one of the fusion cuisine restaurants. Let's not even discuss the state flag.

Anyone used to a city laid out in a grid fashion will immediately find themselves transported to a time when everyone relied on ferries, squares and congregation points.

A person used to mass transit or readily available taxi service will wonder why he cannot traverse past

Buckhead, or faces a near lockdown in a downtown hotel.

Now, urban enthusiasts and city planners will dissect Atlanta's decision to back the Atlanta Falcons stadium issue, but let the Braves head up the highway to Newt Skywalker land in Cobb County. Eight home games versus 81 home games... eight tailgates (and Atlanta is not known for their tailgates) or a half year of steady traffic.

The city of Atlanta had a golden opportunity downtown with Turner Field, and blew it. Just as the 1996 Olympics provided a shot-in-the-arm and spurred incredible infrastructure projects like the Georgia State dormitories, Centennial Olympic Park, Georgia Tech Aquatic Center and yes, Turner Field, its inability and stubborn refusal to see the moonlight through the pines just doomed the downtown to decades of decay over a couple of bucks.

The IOC couldn't have said it any better... well done, Atlanta.

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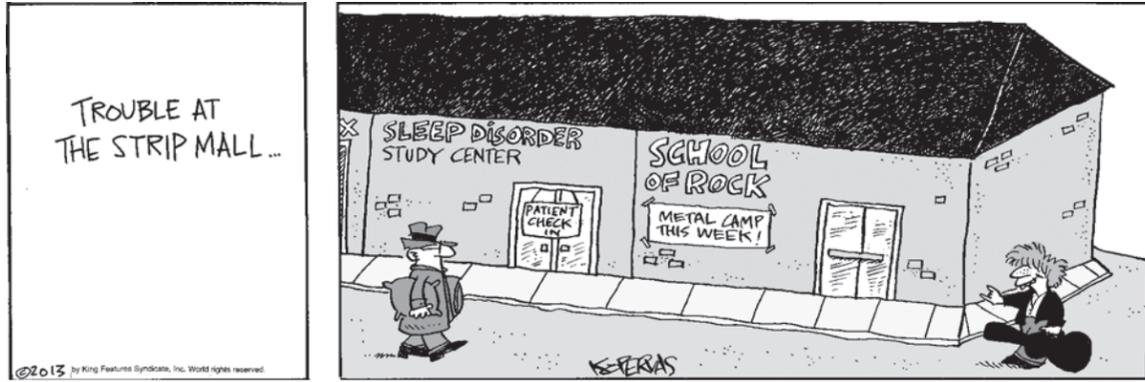
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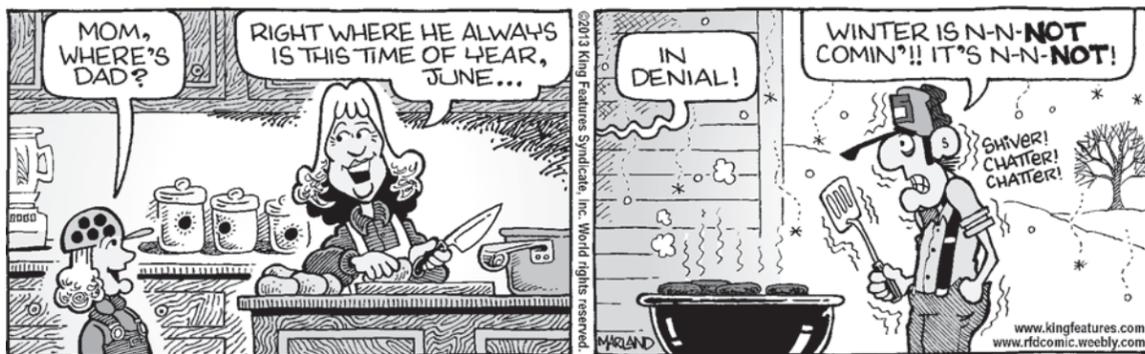
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## Your good health By Paul G. Donahue, M.D.

**DEAR DR. DONOHUE:** After shampooing my hair, I looked in the mirror and found a large bald patch near my ear. I screamed. I can comb my hair to hide it. Does this mean I am about to lose all my hair? Is there a treatment for it? – A.A.

daughters and one son, two of his daughters were colorblind. I just found out that two of his three grandsons and eight of his nine great-grandsons are colorblind. How common is this? – S.

With a fair degree of confidence, I can say you have alopecia areata, bald patches that vary in size and number. Close to 4.5 million American adults and children suffer from this condition every year. Like so many other illnesses, it's the result of an immune system gone berserk. The immune system attacks hair follicles, the skin pores that are homes for each hair. What turns on the immune system to do this is something that waits to be discovered.

Colorblindness affects 8 percent of men, but only 0.4 percent of women. It is, therefore, 20 times more common in men than women. It's surprising that two of your sisters have it. Less surprising is the number of grandsons and great-grandsons with it.

As heartbreaking as alopecia areata is in the short run, there is high hope of complete restoration of hair in time. Around 50 percent will have hair regrowth within a year even if no treatment is given.

Most colorblind people get along in life without much trouble. And most have some degree of color perception. A very few see the world only in grays, black and whites.

Treatments exist to speed the healing process. One is injection of a high-potency cortisone drug, like triamcinolone, into the bald patch. Another treatment consists of applying an allergen directly to the bald spots. The reaction it produces leads to hair regrowth. The allergen often chosen is DPCP, diphenylcyclopropenone. These are only two of the options open to alopecia areata patients.

**DEAR DR. DONOHUE:** I love avocados. I'm trying to lose some weight, but I hear that avocados have a lot of fat. How can a fruit have fat? – R.D.

Hair follicles retain the capacity to regenerate.

Fruits can have fat, as well as protein and carbohydrates. They have no cholesterol. No member of the plant kingdom does.

Complicated alopecia areata can affect the entire scalp and body hair. These are not common instances, when you consider the entire population of sufferers of this malady.

A medium avocado has around 320 calories. Most of those calories are due to the fat content of this fruit. But the fat is good fat, not the kind of fat that prods the liver to make cholesterol. It also has three B vitamins, vitamin A and vitamin C.

If you like more detailed information, contact the National Alopecia Areata Foundation on line at [www.naaf.org](http://www.naaf.org).

You can continue to eat avocados, but you have to get rid of something else in your diet that has this many calories.

**DEAR DR. DONOHUE:** My father was colorblind. Of his four

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.

# Super Crossword

### SCIENCE OF FLIGHT ACROSS

- 1 "Slow down!"
- 5 Come again
- 10 Cather who wrote "O Pioneers!"
- 15 Sport of rowing
- 19 Sacred vow
- 20 All by oneself
- 21 Brand of fat substitute
- 22 Jokey Jay
- 23 Start of a riddle
- 25 Hair tint stuff
- 26 Two of Caesar's last words
- 27 Potpourri bag
- 28 Stubborn
- 30 Scottish kid
- 31 Riddle, part 2
- 35 Inebriate
- 38 " \_ to recall..."
- 39 Recounts
- 40 Hosp. test in a large tube
- 41 Three, to Aldo
- 42 Pacific yellowfin tuna
- 45 Bar on "The Simpsons"
- 46 Riddle, part 3
- 54 Like most crossword puzzle grids
- 55 Butyl ender
- 56 Diminutive, like Abner
- 57 Call home
- 59 Spanish ayes

- 61 Novelist Lucy - Montgomery
- 63 Moises of baseball
- 67 Soda holder
- 68 Riddle, part 4
- 74 Gold, to Aldo
- 75 Professional org.
- 76 Tribe of the Southwest
- 77 Santa \_ California
- 78 1980s Dodge model
- 80 Nuptial affirmation
- 82 USCG officer
- 84 Northern terminus of I-79
- 88 Riddle, part 5
- 94 "Would \_ to You?" (1985 hit song)
- 95 Implore
- 96 Prince \_ Khan
- 98 (Rita Hayworth's third husband)
- 97 Freud's "one"
- 98 Owner of TV's Fantasy Island
- 102 Trompe \_ (visual illusion in art)
- 105 Abrupt
- 107 End of the riddle
- 111 Suleman who's called "Octomom"
- 112 Dark genre of modern film
- 113 Arctic sight
- 117 At the apex

- 118 Alternative to marinara
  - 119 Riddle's answer
  - 122 State bird of Hawaii
  - 123 Natty scarf
  - 124 "That's what \_ telling you!"
  - 125 Plus others: Abbr.
  - 126 Sweet drinks
  - 127 Film director Sergio
  - 128 Kid watcher
  - 129 Car part, in Britain
- DOWN**
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  - 2 "How funny"
  - 3 Ear-relevant
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  - 7 Singer David Allan
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- 47 "Slung" food
- 48 "From Girls to Grrriz" author Robbins
- 49 "Don't Tread \_"
- 50 Beach area
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- 52 Caesar's "I conquered"
- 53 "Almighty" one of film
- 58 Surrey loc.
- 60 High figs. for geniuses
- 62 Alien vehicle
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- 65 Model of the solar system
- 66 Lay claim to
- 68 All \_ often
- 69 Author Bombeck

- 70 State west of R.I.
- 71 Platoon, e.g.
- 72 Bathtub stain
- 73 Israeli burp guns
- 79 Individuals' sets of genetic determinants
- 81 Give the name
- 83 Iberian land
- 85 Water jug
- 86 Frat letters
- 87 Superior
- 89 Bow who had "it"
- 90 Breezy
- 91 Toy dog type
- 92 Icy house
- 93 " \_ Enchanted"
- 98 "Hasta \_!"
- 99 Like many non-family films
- 100 Worked over
- 101 Composer Georges
- 103 Root
- 104 "That's it!"
- 105 Burrito's kin
- 106 Hole for a lace
- 108 Boarded
- 109 Govt.-issued security
- 110 Hardly brave
- 114 French statesman René
- 115 Petri dish gel
- 116 TV marine Gomer
- 118 Crony
- 120 Five pairs
- 121 Nightfall, in verse

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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. However, if you also receive Social Security benefits, those benefits may be subject to income taxes. Learn more about SSI by visiting our publications library at [www.socialsecurity.gov/pubs](http://www.socialsecurity.gov/pubs) and selecting the "SSI" topic on the left.

**Q:** Can I apply for retirement benefits online?

**A:** Yes, you can and it is quick, convenient, and easy. You'll find the application information at [www.socialsecurity.gov/applyonline](http://www.socialsecurity.gov/applyonline). You also can calculate your estimated benefits by using our *Retirement Estimator* at [www.socialsecurity.gov/estimator](http://www.socialsecurity.gov/estimator). Apply online and

save a trip to the office and a wait in line. For more information, visit our website at [www.socialsecurity.gov](http://www.socialsecurity.gov).

**Q:** I can't find my Social Security card. How can I get a new one?

**A:** First, consider whether you really need a new card. You need to apply for a replacement Social Security card only if you don't know your Social Security number or, if you need to show your card to a new employer. Even then, you may only need a Social Security number printout to verify your number. If you decide that you do need a card, you can replace it for free in three easy steps.

Step 1: Gather documents proving your identity and citizenship or immigration status;

Step 2: Complete an *Application For a Social Security Card* (Form

SS-5); and

Step 3: Take your completed application and original documents to your local Social Security office or your local Social Security Card Center. You'll receive your replacement card in about 10 to 15 days. The types of documents you need to provide depends on your specific situation. Find out what you need by visiting our "decision tree" at [www.socialsecurity.gov/ssnumber](http://www.socialsecurity.gov/ssnumber).

If you don't need a new card and the printout will do, you still need to show us documents to prove your identity and U.S. citizenship or immigration status. However, you can get your printout during your office visit. Learn more about the Social Security number printout by visiting [www.socialsecurity.gov/pubs](http://www.socialsecurity.gov/pubs) and typing "printout" in the publication search box on the left side of the screen.

**Q:** Can I delay my retirement benefits and receive benefits as a spouse only? How does that affect me?

**A:** It depends on your age. If you are full retirement age or older when you first apply, and your spouse is receiving Social Security benefits, you can choose to apply and receive benefits on just your spouse's Social

Security record. This way, you could delay applying for benefits on your own record in order to receive delayed retirement credits. If you are full retirement age or older, and have already applied for retirement benefits, you can request to have payments suspended. If you qualify for a spouse's benefit, you can receive those payments and earn delayed retirement credits on your own record. By applying only for benefits as a spouse, you may receive a higher retirement benefit on your own record later based on the effect of delayed retirement credits. You can earn delayed retirement credits up to age 70 as long as you do not collect your own benefits. Since the rules vary depending on the situation, you may want to talk to a Social Security representative about the options available to you. To learn more, visit [www.socialsecurity.gov](http://www.socialsecurity.gov) or call us at 1-800-772-1213 (TTY 1-800-325-0778).

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## STRANGE BUT TRUE

By Samantha Weaver

- It was lexicographer Samuel Johnson who made the following sage observation: "Always, set a high value on spontaneous kindness. He whose inclination prompts him to cultivate your friendship of his own accord, will love you more than one whom you have been at pains to attach to you."

- On Jan. 31, 2013, it officially became legal for women to wear pants in Paris. Before that, a law on the books only allowed women to wear pants if they were "holding a bicycle handlebar or the reins of a horse," or if they had requested special permission from the police to dress like men.

- Japanese consumers are now able to buy a smartphone attachment that emits the odors of short ribs, beef tongue and buttered potatoes. Other attachments are also available, with scents such as the ylang-ylang flower, cinnamon rolls, coffee, corn soup, mint, strawberries, jasmine and curry.

- It's well known that famed children's book author Dr. Seuss had no children of his own, but you might be surprised to learn that he created an imaginary daughter, Chrysanthemum Pearl. He dedicated his book "The 500 Hats of Bartholomew Cubbins" to her: "To Chrysanthemum Pearl, aged 89 months, going on 90."

- If you're like 6 percent of Americans, when you vacuum you do it in your underwear – or naked.

- Before the invention of the electric light, people slept, on average, nine hours a night. Since then, it's been about 7.5. Sleep researchers say that in a lab setting, people deprived of electric light go back to sleeping nine hours a night.

Thought for the Day: "If you don't go after what you want, you'll never have it. If you don't ask, the answer is always no. If you don't step forward, you're always in the same place."

– Nora Roberts

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## GO FIGURE! by Linda Thistle

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

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DIFFICULTY: ★★★

★ Moderate ★★ Difficult  
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## Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ★★

★ Moderate ★★ Challenging

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★★★ HOO BOY!

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## CryptoQuip

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

Clue: I equals Y

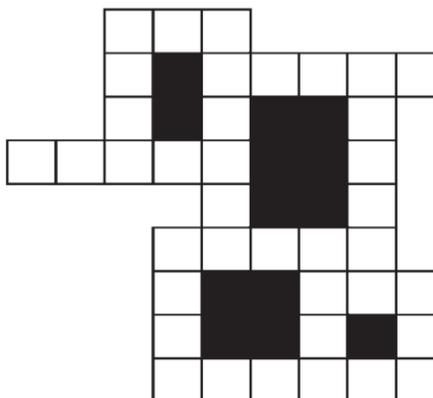
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HQ'G C GDMVQDELG?

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- ♥ WOL
- TEDINA
- TADPA
- ♥ APEL
- COPHON
- ♥ EWN
- ♥ DEWL
- PHYMN
- ♥ LWA
- RYEAWT
- DELLA
- ♥ DNEE



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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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