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**JULY 17, 2014** 

# **NEWSBRIEFS**

#### Basketball camp

San Elizario High School will host a summer basketball camp for incoming 3rd through 9th grade students from July 21-23 from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Campers will receive instruction on individual drills, offensive and defensive fundamentals, passing, dribbling, rebounding, shooting and competitive play. The fee for the camp is \$30 per student or \$25 per student if signing up a team of 10 or more players. All campers will receive a t-shirt and basketball. Free breakfast and lunch will also be provided. Campers will have fun while improving their game! Registration will be on Monday, July 21 at 8:00 a.m. in the San Elizario High School cafeteria located at 13981 Socorro Rd. For more information contact Athletics Director Peter Morales at (915) 872-3939 x3514.

- Cynthia P. Marentes

#### **Bible school**

Clint First Baptist Church will present their annual Vacation Bible School for K-8 grade students July 21-July 23, 2014, 200 Main St., Clint, 8:30-12:00. Bible stories, crafts, music, snacks and recreation each day. 851-3939 or 851-3145.

– Erma Nelson

#### **Thieves**

Thieves steal two trailers loaded with merchandise from a business in east El Paso County. Surveillance video shows the theft of the trailers taking place, and investigators from the El Paso Police County Sheriff's Office are asking for the public's assistance in identifying those involved. The theft took place during the early morning hours of Saturday, April 25, 2014. The video shows a tractor being attached to one of the stolen trailers and the suspects driving away with the stolen trailer. The trailers were loaded with computer equipment with a total value of several hundred thousands of dollars. Both trailers had the name "EWO Transports" on the sides. Investigators are certain that someone may have seen these trailer being moved on Saturday, April 26. Anyone with any information on the individuals involved in these thefts is asked to call Crime Stoppers of El Paso immediately at 566-8477(TIPS), on-line at www.crimestoppersofelpaso. org or vou 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).

– Javier Sambrano

There is no law against being courteous, even when you aren't a candidate for office.

— Quips & Quotes



- Photo by Alfredo Vasquez

SOLID STUFF - ArcelorMittal Vinton is a mini-mill operation located alongside Interstate-10 in El Paso County's Upper Valley. The plant specializes in rebar for the commercial and industrial construction industry, grinding balls for the mining industry, and smooth rounds. The plant was built in 1962 by Border Steel Rolling Mill Company and was acquired by ArcelorMittal in 2007.

# Steel company releases annual corporate responsibility report

By Alfredo Vasquez Special to the Courier

fifth annual Corporate Responsibility (CR) report and third annual Fact Book. The two publications showcase the company's operational opportunities, challenges, and contributions in the communities where its facilities are located.

The steel industry giant has a mini-mill operation near Interstate 10 and about a mile from the Rio Grande River in the Village of Vinton, which is located in the county's Upper Valley.

ArcelorMittal Vinton produces approximately 260,000 metric tons of steel using electric arc furnace (EAF) technology and rolls about 240,000 metric tons of steel, according to ArcelorMittal Vinton officials.

The Vinton mill employs over 350 employees and specializes in producing rebar for the commercial and industrial construction industries, as well as fabricated products, grinding balls, and smooth rounds.

In the 2013 CR report, company officials outline their approach to stakeholder made on key performance indicators (KPIs) officials.

and the opportunities that lie ahead for ArcelorMittal's CR practice," stated the company report.

In the 2013 Fact Book, an in-depth look ArcelorMittal USA released recently its at the steel industry and ArcelorMittal's operations in the United States is provided, and it highlights the challenges and opportunities facing the industry as well as ArcelorMittal's stakeholders and employees.

According to the CR report, ArcelorMittal USA continues to be the largest employer in many of the communities in which its factories are located. Nationwide, it employed over 18,000 individuals last year with a direct economic contribution of \$1.98 billion through wages and benefits, while achieving its best lost time injury (LTI) frequency rate, an 18 percent improvement over 2012.

ArcelorMittal USA officials related that they have nearly 20 percent of domestic raw steel capacity and produced more than 16.2 million tons of raw steel; meanwhile, its community philanthropic investments totaled \$7.2 million in cash grants, employee giving and company matched gifts.

Through its Vinton plant, ArcelorMittal has provided thousands of dollars annually to help support local nonprofit organizations engagement and community involvement. in the areas of education, the environment, In the report, "We share the progress we've and health and safety, according to company

ArcelorMittal Additionally, **USA** representatives said that the company contributed \$61 million toward global research and development efforts, much of which was focused on the development of advanced high strength steels for the automotive industry. As an example, officials noted that company engineers achieved a significant weight reduction level with its new, innovative ultralightweight car door solution.

Another community endeavor cited in the CR report is the company's significant investment in the public private partnership, Sustain Our Great Lakes (SOGL). Since 2008, the partnership with SOGL through the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation and other partners has leveraged \$72.2 million in conservation and protection efforts in the Great Lakes region, according to the report.

"The dual publication of these reports represents ArcelorMittal's commitment to transparency and dedication to our role as a responsible corporate citizen in the United States and around the world. We look forward to engaging with stakeholders to continue our process of continuous improvement and innovation in order to strengthen our operations, the steel industry, and the communities in which we operate," stated the ArcelorMittal USA report.

To view the two documents and learn more about how ArcelorMittal fulfills its social responsibility to its employees and communities, visit its website at USAphilanthropy@arcelormittal.com.

# County's rural bus program changes management

By Alfredo Vasquez Special to the Courier

El Paso County Commissioners Court voted recently to hire First Transit, Inc., the company that oversees the city's bus services, to manage the county's seven-bus fleet. The bus program is currently managed by Project Amistad, but that contract will expire soon. Commissioners Court is expected to approve the contract between the county and the transit Lines, and Project Amistad). company by the end of the month.

About 5,500 persons use the county's fixed routes every month, according to El Paso County Transit Department reports. There are five routes that serve the outlying communities of Tornillo, Fabens, Montana Vista, Clint, Canutillo, Anthony, and Vinton.

year contract for no more than \$953,000 Transit's," the manager for the county's transit annually. The contract may be renewable on a year-to-year basis for two additional years. The program is paid for by federal and state

County officials said that the purchasing department sent a request for proposal to 13 companies and received three responses and that the committee found First Transit to be the most qualified company as well as the lowest bidder (followed by Industrial Bus

The responses were reviewed by a committee that evaluated the proposals based on organizational experience, staff experience, references, safety record, and costs, officials

service to the county, but its bid was The county is offering First Transit a three- considerably expensive compared with First

department stated in a recent news report. County documents show Project Amistad offered an \$88.40 hourly rate, while First Transit offered a \$59.57 rate.

County Commissioner Vince Perez, who represents many of the county's incorporated areas, said that public transportation is very important to the people who live in these areas, and that the fixed route is a main source of transportation for many people in the Lower Valley and the Montana Vista area.

Perez added that as county neighborhoods continue to become more urban, the county is going to have to re-examine the bus service and possibly add more routes to the program.

For more information regarding the "Project Amistad has provided an excellent county's Transit Fixed Route Commuter bus program, visit its website at www.epcounty. com/transit/.

# Finances By Jason Alderman

# Divorce - protect your finances, personal data

or financial information with strangers, but what about your spouse – or ex-spouse? A recent study by McAfee uncovered some other's ex on social media. unsettling results:

- with passwords, intimate photos and other personal content, only 32 percent have asked their ex to delete relationship.
  - One in five people said they're considerations:

No doubt you've seen many likely to log into their spouse's month.

"cyber-stalked" their significant

Given the high rate of divorce • Although 96 percent of adults and how frequently marriages surveyed trust their significant other end acrimoniously, it's not a big leap to think that a scorned lover could severely damage your credit complicated and reputation. If you're getting the information when ending the divorced, here are some important legal, financial and privacy

- If you and your spouse are in warnings against sharing personal Facebook account at least once a complete agreement on how you wish to divide assets and settle • Some 30 percent admitted they'd debts, you may be able get by with a do-it-yourself divorce kit. It's still wise to have a divorce attorney review the forms to make sure you haven't overlooked anything.
  - If your separation is more but relatively amicable, you may also want to try collaborative divorce, mediation or arbitration:

parties retain a lawyer and the thousands of dollars in attorney four of you hash out an agreement and court fees. Ask around for outside the courtroom. You each control the final agreement instead of having to abide by a judge's decision.

but hire a third-party mediator to work through differences on critical issues. Mediators don't have the legal authority to impose final decisions.

Arbitration. Like mediation, except that the arbiter hands down joint bank and credit card accounts a binding agreement by which you and open new ones in your own each must abide.

If you can't settle out of court,

Collaborative divorce. Both be prepared to possibly pay many referrals to lawyers who specialize in divorce.

You may also want to consult a financial planning professional Mediation. You each have lawyers for advice on how to fairly divide property, calculate child support and ensure you're sufficiently insured, as well as explain Social Security and retirement plan implications.

To protect your credit status, close

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## San Elizario Independent School District **Public Notification of Nondiscrimination** in Career and Technical Programs

- 1) The San Elizario Independent School District offers Career and Technical programs in Consumer and Family Science, Business, Cosmetology, Law Enforcement, CISCO Networking, Advertising and Graphic Design, Building Trades and Auto Technology. Admission to these programs is based on course pre-requisite and grade level classifications. For program information call Michael Rodriguez at 872-3939, ext. 3844.
- 2) It is the policy of the San Elizario Independent School District not to discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex or disability in its vocational programs, services, or activities as required by Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972; and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended.
- 3) It is the policy of the San Elizario Independent School District not to discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, handicap or age in its employment practices as required by title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended; Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, the Age Discrimination Act of 1975, as amended; and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended.
- 4) The San Elizario Independent School District will take steps to assure that lack of English skills will not be a barrier to admission and participation in all education and vocational programs.
- 5) For information about your rights or grievance procedures, contact Superintendent Sylvia Hopp, 1050 Chicken Ranch Rd., Administration Building, San Elizario, Texas 79849, (915) 872-3900. Mail: PO Box 920, San Elizario, TX 79849.

# Notificacion Publica de no Discriminar en los Programas de Carrera y Tecnoligia

- 1) El distrito escolar de San Elizario está ofreciendo programas de carrera y tecnoligía en Ciencia al Consumidor y Familia, Negocios, Cosmetologia, Aplicación de la Ley, Red de Compútacion CISCO, Publicidad/Promocíon y Diseños Graficos, Tecnica de Carpenteria, y Tecnica Mecánica. Para poderse admitir en estos programas tienen que estar registrados en el distrito de San Elizario y completar los requisitios necesarios. Para más información contacto Michael Rodriguez a 872-3939, ext. 3844
- 2) Es la póliza del distrito de San Elizario de no discriminar por causa de raza, color, origen nacional, sexo, o deshabilidad en estos programas vocacionales, servicios, o actividades requeridos por el Título IV del Acta de Derechos Civiles de 1964, que fue enmendada, Título IX de las Enmiendas Educativas de 1972, y la Sección 504 de la Acta de Rahabilitiación de 1973, como enmendada.
- 3) Es la póliza del distrito de San Elizario de no discriminar por causa de raza, color, origen nacional, sexo, deshabilidad, o la edad en sus metodos de empleo exigido por el Título VI del Acta de Derechos Civiles de 1964, enmendada por las Enmienda Educativas de 1972, del Acta de la Discriminación por Edad de 1975, como enmendada, y la Sección 504 de la Acta de Rehabilitación de 1973, como enmendada.
- 4) El distrito escolar de San Elizario tomará pasos para asegurar que la falta de ingles no sea obstáculo para la admisión y participación en todos los programas vocacionales y educativos.
- 5) Para más información de sus derechos y procedimiento de agravios, puede ponerse en contacto con el Superintiendente Sylvia Hopp, 1050 Chicken Ranch Rd., Administration Building, San Elizario, Texas 79849, (915) 872-3900. Mail: PO Box 920, San Elizario, TX 79849.

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## Department of Veterans Affairs chief Eric Shinseki is gone. He flags:

**Veterans Post** By Freddy Groves

VA awaits new leader

resigned after getting caught by the whiplash of the revelation that there were serious problems down the line in the VA, mostly having to do with medical appointments being manipulated, deleted, fudged, canceled, hidden in desk drawers (pick a word), and that Japan and Brussels. Which means veterans died while waiting.

We can never doubt that. If he had a failing, it was that he trusted those down the chain of command experience. to do their jobs well.

approved by Congress.

War II veteran, 33 years with Procter and Gamble, the soap

A few things come up as red

Fact 1: In the end he was run out, forced to "step down" from P&G after four years as head of the company.

Fact 2: From 1989 to 2004, he climbed P&G's global corporate ladder in Toronto, the Philippines, he didn't have his finger on the No matter how it turned out, pulse of American veterans, or Shinseki was always in our corner. even Americans for all those years.

> Fact 3: No health-care

McDonald might have a rough We have a new secretary of the start. Still, Acting VA Secretary VA nominee, who surely will be Sloan Gibson is paving the way by meeting with the Special Counsel Let's look at who he is. Robert about whistleblower protection "Bob" McDonald, age 61, West and directing all VA medical Point grad, former Army captain, center leadership to meet monthly 82nd Airborne, son of a World with local medical partners and Veterans Service Organizations.

company. His years at P&G Freddy Groves regrets that weren't all rosy, but that's to be he cannot personally answer expected with a responsibility reader questions, but will that large (the company has over incorporate them into his column 100,000 employees), especially whenever possible. Send email with a recession tightening all our to columnreply2@gmail.com. (c) 2014 King Features Synd., Inc.



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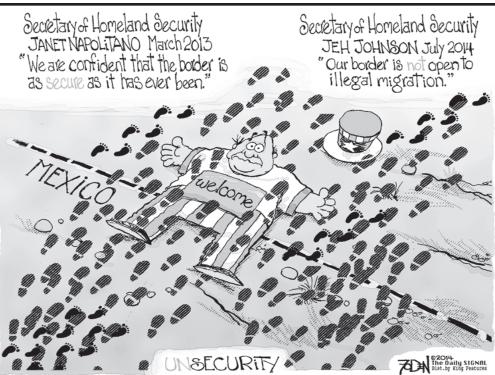
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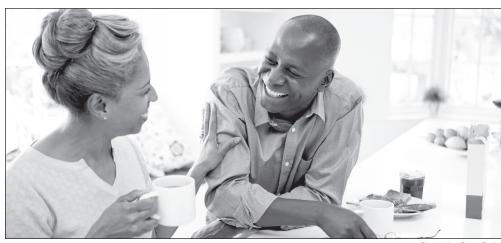


Photo by StatePoint

START NOW - Saving for retirement needs to to start early.

# Don't put saving for your retirement on the back burner

the importance of saving for retirement but unfortunately, not everyone's concerns translate to action.

While 93 percent of working Americans know they should be contributing to their retirement, only 72 percent are actually doing so, according to the results of Capital One ShareBuilder's Financial Freedom Survey (accessible at http://tinyurl.com/n9zvksh). The same study found that while nearly threefifths of respondents plan to retire by age 65, almost the same amount of people fear they'll never save enough for retirement.

"Unfortunately, saving for the future is often put on the back-burner for what may seem like more pressing financial priorities, such as paying for children's college education," says Dan Greenshields, president of Capital One ShareBuilder, Inc. "Today more than ever before, individuals are responsible for ensuring their own financial security during retirement."

The earlier you begin to plan and save for your post-working years, the better, Greenshields stresses. Here are some top things to consider:

- How much will you need to finance your retirement? Do you plan to move, travel or take up new hobbies? Also take in to account potential unexpected and rising costs, like healthcare.
- You can estimate your retirement needs by identifying potential expenses, as well as by calculating the amount you might receive from each potential source of retirement income, such as Social Security, pensions, personal investments and employment
  - Don't be surprised if what you need to rewarding, perhaps even enjoyable.

(StatePoint) Most Americans understand retire is a large sum – since this money may need to support you for 20 or 30 years (or more). Fortunately, there are ways to help maximize your retirement savings over time.

- · Investing early for retirement and contributing as much as possible to taxadvantaged employer-sponsored retirement plans and IRAs are two ways to help build vour retirement dollars.
- Automatically transfer a regular contribution from your paycheck to your retirement account.
- In some cases, it may be appropriate to consider rolling over or transferring funds to an account without minimums. However, there may be some cases where leaving the funds may be the right decision. If you opt to rollover funds, Capital One ShareBuilder, an online investing platform, offers flexibility by allowing customers to trade stocks, exchangetraded funds, mutual funds, and options. More information about whether or not you should rollover funds can be found at www. ShareBuilder.com.
- Understand your time horizon, risk tolerance and goals. Generally speaking, your risk tolerances will change over time.
- Make planning a family affair by scheduling times to discuss your financial future with your partner or family members over dinner, on a picnic or as part of a weekend
- Consider working with a qualified financial professional to help ensure your retirement plan is on target.

It is never too early or too late to get started - and while it may seem daunting, there are quality tools and resources that might help you along the way. Sometimes it can be



# Refinancing still available

(StatePoint) If you're a homeowner, you probably know that refinancing could mean lower monthly payments, lower interest rates and a shorter-term loan. However, if your mortgage is underwater, a refinance is hard to come by and you may have been turned down in the past. But don't despair just yet.

A government initiative, introduced by the Federal Housing Finance Agency, is making it easier to refinance. The Home Affordable Refinance Program (HARP) is enabling homeowners who owe almost as much or more than the current value of their homes to take advantage of the long-term benefits of refinancing.

With recent program modifications and interest rates still at historically low levels, it is now easier to refinance with HARP, and those who have been turned down in the past may now be eligible.

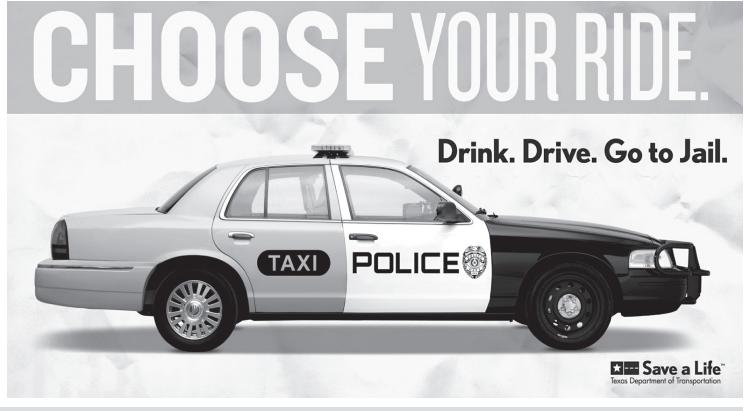
Freddie Mac, and you have little or negative equity in your home, you may be eligible for HARP. To find out more information, visit www.harp.gov.

Before resigning yourself to high interest rates, take a look at available options.

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## **Classified Ads**

**T**EXAS COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY



**NOTICE OF APPLICATION** AND **PRELIMINARY DECISION FOR TPDES PERMIT FOR** MUNICIPAL WASTEWATER RENEWAL

PERMIT NO. WQ0014529001

APPLICATION Ν **PRELIMINARY** DECISION. ΕI County Paso Tornillo Water Improvement District, P.O. Box Tornillo. 136. Texas 79853, has applied to the **Texas Commission** on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) for a renewal of TPDES Permit No. WQ0014529001, which authorizes the discharge of treated domestic wastewater at a daily average flow not to exceed gallons 730.000 per day. **TCEQ** received this

facility This is located at 695 Henderson Road, Tornillo, at the northwest corner of the intersection Henderson Road and the Tornillo Drain, approximately

application

southwest of Highway 20 in El Paso County, Texas 79853. The effluent treated is discharged to Tornillo Drain; thence to Rio Grande Below Riverside Diversion Dam in Segment No. 2307 of the Rio Grande Basin. The unclassified receiving water minimal use is aquatic life use for Tornillo Drain. The designated uses for Segment No. 2307 are high aquatic life use, public water supply and primary contact recreation. All determinations preliminary are and subject to additional review and/or revisions.

**TCEQ** 

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Executive Director has completed the technical review of the application and prepared a draft permit. The draft permit, if approved, would establish the conditions under which the facility must operate. Executive Director has made preliminary а decision that this permit, if issued, meets all statutory and regulatory requirements. The permit application, Executive comments Director's February 10, 2014. preliminary decision, and draft permit are available viewing and copying at the El Paso County Water Tornillo Improvement District, 19225 Highland Street, Tornillo, Texas. This link to an

electronic map of the site or facility's location general provided as a public courtesy and not part of the application or notice. For exact location, refer to application.

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**PUBLIC** 

COMMENT

MEETING. You submit may public comments request or а public meeting on this application. The purpose of a public meeting is to provide the opportunity submit comments or to ask questions about the application. TCEQ а public meeting if the Executive Director determines that there is a significant degree public interest of the application in or if requested by local legislator. а Α public meeting is not a contested

case hearing. OPPORTUNITY **FOR** CONTESTED CASE HEARING. After the deadline for submitting comments. Executive the Director will consider all timely prepare a response all relevant to and material, or significant public comments. Unless the application is directly referred for a contested case hearing, the response to comments will be mailed to

everyone

submitted public comments and to those persons who are on the mailing list for application. this lf comments received, are the mailing will also provide instructions for requesting а contested case hearing or reconsideration of the Executive Director's decision. case hearing is a legal proceeding similar to a civil trial in state district court.

**REQUEST** 

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CASE HEARING,

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**INCLUDE** 

ITEMS IN YOUR REQUEST: your name; address number; applicant's name and permit number: the and location distance property/ vour activities relative the facility: а specific description you would how adversely be affected by the facility in a way common to the general public; and the statement "II/ request a contested case hearing." lf the request for contested case hearing is filed on behalf of a group association, or the request must designate the group's representative for

receiving future

correspondence;

identify individual member of the group who would adversely be affected by the proposed facility oractivity; provide information discussed above regarding affected the member's location distance from the facility or activity; explain how and why the member would be affected; and explain how the interests the group seeks to protect are germane to the group's purpose.

Following the close of all applicable comment request periods, the Executive **Director will forward** the application and any requests for reconsideration or for a contested case hearing the TCEQ to Commissioners for their consideration at a scheduled Commission

meeting. Commission The will only grant a contested case hearing on disputed issues of fact that are relevant and material to the Commission's decision on the application. Further, the Commission will only grant a hearing on issues that were raised filed comments that were not subsequently withdrawn. TCEQ may act on an application to renew a permit

discharge of wastewater without providing an opportunity for a contested case hearing if certain criteria are met.

EXECUTIVE

DIRECTOR ACTION. The Executive director issue final approval of the application unless a timely contested case hearing request or request for reconsideration is filed. If a timely request hearing for or request reconsideration is filed, the Executive Director will not issue final approval of the permit and will forward the application and request the TCEQ to Commissioners for their consideration a scheduled Commissionmeeting

MAILING LIST. you public comments, a request for a contested case hearing or reconsideration of the Executive Director's decision, you will be added to the mailing list this specific application to future receive public notices mailed Office of the Chief Clerk. In addition, you may request to be placed on: (1) the permanent mailing list for a specific applicant name and permit number: and/or (2) the mailing list for a specific county. If you wish to be placed on the

permanent and/or the county mailing list, clearly specify which list(s) and send your request to TCEQ Office of the Chief Clerk at the address below.

All written public comments and public meeting requests must submitted to the Office of the Chief Clerk. MC 105. Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, P.O. Box 13087, Austin. 78711-3087 TX or electronically www.tceq. texas.gov/about/ comments.html within 30 days from the date newspaper publication of this notice.

AGENCY CONTACTS AND INFORMATION. need you more information about this permit application or the permitting process, please call TCEQ Public Education Program, Toll Free, 1-800-687-4040. Si desea información en Español, puede llamar al 1-800-687-4040. General information about **TCEQ** can be found at our web site at www.TCEQ.

Further information may also be obtained from El Paso County Tornillo Water Improvement District at the address stated above or by calling Ms.FranceliaVega, Business Manager,

El Paso County Tornillo Water Improvement District at 915 764-2966

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Opportunity

**Employer** 

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**El Paso County Tornillo Water Improvement District PUBLIC NOTICE** 

REQUEST FOR **PROPOSALS FOR ENGINEERING SERVICE** 

Notice is hereby

given that the

Improvement

County

Water

El Paso

Tornillo

District (TWID) is seeking to enter into an engineering service contract licensed engineer. Engineers are to prepare all projectrelated engineering projects. The first project (PN-001-14) includes the planning, bid, and construction management services for installation improvements in seven subdivisions in the Town of Tornillo, Texas. This project will include installation

of new sewer lines

of various sizes.

tie-in to the existing

decommissioning

of existing on-site

system,

PN-001-14 Proposals Improvements Tornillo, Texas.

PN-002-14

sewage facilities.

The second project

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(PN-002-14)

**Proposals** Engineering Services for the System Improvements project in Tornillo,

can either be hand delivered or mailed to the following locations:

Vega, Business Manager El Paso County Tornillo Water Improvement District 19225 Highland St., Tornillo,

Copies of the Request for One (1) Original Proposal may be obtained at TWID Office, 19225 Highland Street. Tornillo, Texas email: 79853. epctwid@yahoo.

One (1) Original Proposal with seven (7) copies must be submitted insealed envelopes to the TWID for each project. The sealed envelopes must be marked "Sealed Proposal" with proposal number on front lower left hand corner of envelope as follows:

Engineering Services for the Northeast Tornillo Wastewater **CollectionSystem** Phase II project in

Water Proposals

Ms. Francelia M.

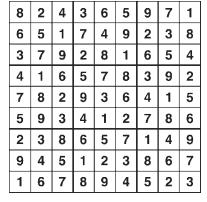
Texas 79853 Mailing address: P. O. Box 136, Tornillo, **Texas** 79853

Proposal seven (7) copies must be delivered no later than 2:00 P.M. (MST), August 7, 2014. Late proposals will not considered. be For additional information contact TWID at (915) 764-2966, epctwid@ yahoo.com.

The TWID reserves the right to reject any and all proposals or to select the proposal that is in the best interest of the TWID.

> Equal Opportunity **Employer**

WTCC: 07-17-14





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# **CryptoQuip** Answer

Assuming a hit singer teamed up with a big electronics company, would they be Sony and Cher?

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name; otherwise, an economically struggling or vindictive ex-spouse could amass debt in your name and ruin your credit. If your ex retains of your credit scores. the house or car, make sure your payments.

paid off, even if you must transfer balances to your new account by either party on a joint account – open or closed – will damage both

Check your credit reports before, name is taken off the loan so you're during and after the divorce to make not responsible if they flake on sure you're aware of all outstanding

Be sure all closed accounts are debts and to ensure that all joint accounts. Also, don't email or post accounts were properly closed. The malicious or revealing information three major credit bureaus, Equifax, and pay them off yourself. That's Experian and TransUnion, don't in court. because late or unmade payments always list the same accounts, so

Change all passwords, PINs, and other information your ex could use to access your electronic devices and financial, email and social media

that could be damaging if presented

Bottom line: Divorce can be a to be safe, order credit reports from painful experience to live through. Don't make it worse by not protecting your own financial interests.

> Jason Alderman directs Visa's financial education programs.

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## STRANGE **BUT TRUE**

By Samantha Weaver

- · It was novelist Ayn Rand who made the following sage observation: "You can avoid reality, but you cannot avoid the consequences of avoiding reality."
- Those who study such things say that penguins are ticklish.
- · On the whole, Texas is a good bit hotter than Ohio, wouldn't you think? You might be surprised to learn, then, that on a per capita basis, Cleveland has 42 times as many swimming pools as Fort Worth.
- The 21 Club is a posh New York restaurant that has been in operation since 1922, though it has undergone some changes since its early days. The eatery's policy prohibiting women from wearing pants to dine didn't change until 1969. That was the year when "Laugh-In" actress Judy Carne entered wearing what has been described as a "tunic-topped pants suit." When she was told she wouldn't be allowed to dine, she took off her pants and left them in the coat-check room. The tunic by itself just barely qualified as a micromini, but it was enough. The 21 Club changed its policy the next day.
- Smiling is a natural human instinct. Even people who have been blind since birth smile when they're happy.
- · Ireland has the distinction of being the first nation in the world that had one woman succeed another woman as head of state, when, in 1997, Mary MacAleese was elected president after Mary Robinson served in that position.
- · During World War I, the opposing armies called a truce to celebrate Christmas 1914. During the truce, a group of German soldiers and a group of British soldiers met in the no-man's land between the opposing trenches to play a soccer

Thought for the Day: "Forever is composed of nows."

- Emily Dickinson

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## **San Elizario Independent District** SPECIAL EDUCATION/CHILD FIND

The San Elizario Independent School District provides services for children who are eligible for special education. Eligible special education students will be afforded a free, appropriate public education beginning on their third birthday and continuing through their 21st year. Children who are identified as auditorially impaired, visually impaired or deaf-blind may be served from birth through 21 years of age. The San Elizario Independent School District provides special education and related services to students residing within the District boundaries. A student with a disability must meet eligibility guidelines in one or more areas including physical disability, intellectual disability, emotional disturbance, learning disability, autism, speech impairment, traumatic brain injury, visual or auditory impairment. This impairment must significantly affect the student's ability to progress adequately without support services.

If a child is experiencing learning difficulties, the parent may contact the person listed below to learn about the district's overall general education referral or screening system for support services. This system links students to a variety of support options including referral for special education evaluation. Students having difficulty in the regular classroom should be considered for tutorial, compensatory, and other support services that are available to all students. At any time, a parent is entitled to request an evaluation for special education services. Within a reasonable amount of time, the district must decide if the evaluation is needed. If the evaluation is needed, the parent will be notified and asked to provide consent for the evaluation. The district must complete the evaluation and the report within 45 school days of the date the district received the written consent. The district must give a copy of the report to the parent. If the District determines that the evaluation is not needed, the district will provide the parent with a written notice that explains why the child will not be evaluated. This written notice will include a statement that informs the parent of their rights if they disagree with the district. Additionally, the notice must inform the parent how to obtain a copy of the Notice of Procedural Safeguards-Rights of Parents of Students with Disabilities.

For more information, contact the Director of Special Education, Amanda G. Sanchez-Munoz, (915) 872-3926 at 1050 Chicken Ranch Rd, San Elizario, TX 79849. Mailing address: PO Box 920, San Elizario, TX 79849.

## Educación Especial / Programa De Identificación De Niños (Child Find)

El Distrito Escolar Independiente de San Elizario provee servicios a los niños que califican para recibir educación especial. Los estudiantes que califiquen recibirán una educación pública gratuita y adecuada comenzando con su tercer cumpleaños hasta el fin de su vigésimo-primer año (21). Los niños que son identificados con problemas auditivos, visuales, sordos o ciegos pueden ser atendidos desde su nacimiento hasta los veintiún años de edad. El Distrito Escolar Independiente de San Elizario provee servicios de educación especial y otros servicios relacionados a los estudiantes que vivan dentro de los límites del distrito. Un estudiante con una discapacidad debe cumplir con las guías que reúnen los requisitos en una o más áreas incluyendo: discapacidades físicas, discapacidad intelectual, alteraciones emocionales, discapacidad de aprendizaje, autismo, discapacidad del habla, daño cerebral por trauma, o discapacidad visual o auditiva. Esta discapacidad debe afectar significativamente la habilidad del estudiante para progresar adecuadamente sin asistencia.

Si un alumno está teniendo dificultades en su aprendizaje, los padres pueden contactar a la persona encargada (ver información al final) para que les informe acerca del programa general de derivación (referral) del distrito o sistema de detección para servicios de asistencia. Este sistema enlaza a los estudiantes con una gran variedad de opciones de apoyo que incluyen la derivación para que se le practique una evaluación de educación especial. Los estudiantes que estén teniendo dificultades en un aula regular deber ser considerados para recibir tutoría, planes de compensación educativa y otros servicios de apoyo que estén disponibles para todos los estudiantes. Los padres tienen derecho, en cualquier momento, de pedir una evaluación para recibir servicios de educación especial. El distrito debe decidir, dentro de un plazo razonable, si dicha evaluación es necesaria. En caso afirmativo, el padre será notificado y se le pedirá permiso para realizar la evaluación. El distrito debe llevar a cabo la evaluación y el reporte sobre los resultados dentro de 45 días escuela a partir de la fecha en que el distrito recibió el permiso del padre por escrito. El distrito debe proporcionar una copia del reporte al padre. Si el distrito determina que la evaluación no es necesaria, debe proporcionar por escrito una notificación que explique el por qué. Esta notificación por escrito debe incluir una declaración que informe al padre sobre sus derechos si es que no está de acuerdo con la decisión del distrito. Además, la notificación debe informar al padre cómo obtener una copia del Aviso sobre Garantías Procesales-Derechos de los Padres de Alumnos con Discapacidades.

Para mayores informes, favor de contactar el departamento de Educación Especial, Amanda G. Sanchez-Munoz, (915) 872-3926 at 1050 Chicken Ranch Rd, San Elizario, TX 79849. Mailing address: PO Box 920, San Elizario, TX 79849.

# The 'King' goes back to Cleveland, arena sells out

By Steve Escajeda Special to the Courier

The American sports enthusiast is a funny creature, chocked full of a wide range of

Those emotions can run from adulation to indifference to euphoria to ambivalence to jealousy to pettiness to scorn to dismay to downright hatred.

All of which have entered the psyche of the Cleveland Cavaliers fan at one time or another over the last decade.

last week that he was leaving the Miami Heat and was returning home to Cleveland.

There was some shock at the announcement. It wasn't totally out of the question that he would return, but it still rocked the sports world once it was made official.

What was extremely shocking to me was the way the Cleveland fans, who were calling for the king's head when he left, went nuts with joy when they heard he was coming back.

complete 180 to worship at the feet of James. it'll be fun to keep track – especially the first

Of course I think he was actually more excited time LeBron goes against his former Heat they will now be seen as ordinary. They've about the financial ramifications "the return" would bring to the already generous size of his wallet.

Don't believe me. Cleveland fans went out and bought the remainder of the allotted 12,000 season tickets for 2014-15 season less than eight hours after Bron Bron made his decision.

Naturally, I figured that the Cavs would also make a killing selling LeBron's newest Cleveland Cavalier jersey, but people were already wearing them on the day of the news.

I don't have a clue where all those #23 The king himself, LeBron James, announced Cleveland Cavs jerseys came from. I could have sworn they were all burned by angry fans four years ago.

> The one thing the move will do this year is the same thing the move did four years ago, it will make the NBA season more interesting.

> Let's face it; the whole Miami Heat-thing was growing old – just like Dwyane Wade's

Fans around the nation have a new team to cheer or hiss at next season. It remains to be Even Cavaliers owner Dan Gilbert did a seen how neatly the pieces will fit together but

teammates.

any of that and the fan in me is already in "anticipation" mode.

Anyway, the American sports fan is as fickle as they come. They'll turn on a guy who disses their town and quickly forgive a guy for beating his wife.

They'll chastise a guy for missing the gamewinning shot and look the other way when a guy is arrested for drugs, guns or worse.

The bottom line is winning.

If a player can help the team win, all is forgiven and forgotten – forever. At least until he takes a selfie with Justin Beiber.

Over the last four years it seemed like Cleveland fans practically ranked LeBron just below Hitler, Bin Laden and the Devil, on their personal popularity meter.

in recent years, but there's no doubt that James was still public enemy #1 as of a month ago.

But the chance of winning trumps everything. Magically, perception erases reality.

The one negative for Cleveland fans is that leave in the first place.

been walking around with a sort of victim-See what I mean, we're months away from status mentality and the rest of the country could empathize.

> Not anymore, they are now considered to be one of the frontrunners for the Eastern Conference title next year.

> This means they are no longer the lovable losers, the Chicago Cubs of the NBA. I'm not sure the city of Cleveland loves this role. It surely isn't used to it.

> There's no doubt that the city got an infusion of hope last week. Hope is something that keeps fans, and non-fans, striving toward a particular goal, a purpose.

> LeBron's decision was a win-win for Cleveland and the NBA. And over the last four years it was a win-win (like in two NBA titles) for Miami.

The question is how long will this roller-Okay, maybe he inched ahead of the Devil coaster-ride of emotions remain on the upswing for Cleveland fans?

> Though James only signed a two-year contract, he's expected to finish his career

But then again, nobody ever thought he'd

# A sporting view By Mark Vasto

# Lucky in Mudville

League Baseball and its fans commemorated the 75th anniversary of Lou Gehrig's farewell to baseball speech. Though written off the a cathedral to the game - the cuff by Gehrig, a player whose humility was as legendary as his sentiments, as if to add a ghostly mighty swing, the immortal speech emphasis foreshadowing his own is generally regarded as one of the imminent death.

On the Fourth of July, Major great speeches in American history.

Delivered over the public address system of the cavernous old Yankee Stadium – then already considered speech famously echoes Gehrig's

# **Public Notice** San Elizario Independent School District

Pursuant to Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, the District has a duty to identify, refer, evaluate and if eligible, provide a free, appropriate public education to disabled students. For additional information about the rights of parents of eligible children, or for answers to any questions you might have about identification, evaluation and placement into Section 504, please contact the District's Section 504 Coordinator, Amanda G. Sanchez-Muñoz, at 872-3926, or mail at P.O. Box 920, San Elizario, Texas 79849.

504 Child Find

# Aviso de Identificación de Estudiantes Incapacitados Bajo la Sección 504

Bajo la Sección del Decreto de Rehabilitación de 1973, el Distrito Escolar esta obligado a identificar, referir, evaluar, y propocionar servicios educativos apropiados y gratuitos a los estudiantes incapacitados que califican bajo esta ley. Si usted desea mas información sobre los derechos de padres de niños incapacitados, o si tiene preguntas sobre la identificación, evaluación, y colocación de niños en el programa de Sección 504, favor de ponerse en contacto con la Coordinadora de 504 del Distrito Escolar Independiente de San Elizario, Amanda G. Sanchez-Muñoz, al numero 872-3926, o por correo a la siguiente dirección: P.O. Box 920, San Elizario, Texas 79849.

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"Today (today)... I consider regarding his physical appearance. myself (I consider myself)... the Apparently he feels his good name luckiest man... (the luckiest man)... on the face of the Earth (on the face of the Earth)."

Gehrig's speech, delivered at the end of his playing career, two years before his death due to a stillincurable disease, reminds us of a higher purpose and a state of grace. But while Americans are adept at soaring turns of phrase, it never takes long before someone drags the discourse down into the gutter.

Instead of reading tributes about Gehrig, the buzz on the Internet surrounds a \$10 million lawsuit filed the day previous by a fan caught napping in his box seats on camera during a Yankees-Red Sox game. The complaint reads that he was made fun of by announcers, causing him great mental distress, and the subsequent posting of the video online invited more slurs

was disparaged, and he needs to seek redress. He has to keep up his reputation at work, after all.

Whether or not the annoyingly distracting and absurd \$10 million case has any merit, it occurs to me that Gehrig's replacement at first base, a ballplayer named "Babe" Dahlgren, never made more than \$50,000 in his entire career. A closer look reveals that after he replaced Gehrig, he was traded eight times over the next 12 years. Certainly, he had larger-thanlife shoes to fill for the Yankees, shoes that only became larger after Gehrig's death.

But Dahlgren's case is notable in that he was the first baseball player ever tested for drugs. Dahlgren had sought more money during his career, and baseball executives like Branch Rickey and Joe McCarthy

unfairly maligned him, saying he was not only a mediocre talent, but a marijuana smoker, as well. That story is better told in his grandson Matt's book, "Rumor Has It," in which he sheds light on the unfounded, unproven claims that his grandfather spent a life agonizing

Who knows what curious cases tomorrow will bring? As for me, watching the game with my family on the Fourth of July, stoking up all of these stories just because we decided to watch a bunch of guys throw a ball around, I'm reminded that things aren't so bad... or, at least, they could be worse. Who says there's no joy in Mudville? Gehrig's American story reminds us all just how lucky we really are after all.

Mark Vasto is a veteran sportswriter who lives in Kansas City. (c) 2014 King Features Synd., Inc.



### **Comix**

#### **OUT ON A LIMB** By Gary Kopervas



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#### AMBER WAVES By Dave T. Phipps









#### THE SPATS By Jeff Pickering

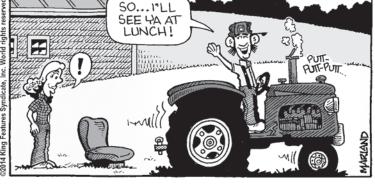






#### R.F.D. By Mike Marland





## Your good health By Keith Roach, M.D.

DEAR DR. ROACH: I have had high blood pressure at times, and my doctor said I have white coat syndrome. I am on metoprolol and ramipril. My blood pressure spikes at times. Recently I didn't feel right. My blood pressure was reading 200/120, more or less, over 12 hours. I went to my doctor, who gave me something that would bring it down and told me to double up on metoprolol. I took readings at home, and for the next three days it was better but still on the high side. The average over 12 hours was 145/90. I went to a specialist and took along my readings. He didn't seem alarmed that I had several spikes of 190/105. He told me it's normal to have high blood pressure readings, everyone has them. I can understand occasional spikes, but mine goes up and stays up for hours. - G.

Let's first define white-coat hypertension. It's a condition where blood pressure in the than blood pressure at home. Consistent regular readings at home are a better marker of overall blood pressure. At first glance, that doesn't seem to be what you have. You have high least recently.

Even people with whose blood pressure generally is wellcontrolled - either naturally or because they take medication - will have some readings that are higher than others. However, Dr. Roach regrets that he is readings of 195/105 are too average of 145/90 is too high.

is called an ambulatory blood pressure measurement. A blood pressure monitor is worn for 24 hours and takes your blood pressure every 15-20 minutes during the day and 30-60 minutes during sleep. It's possible that Reserved.

your blood pressure is normally in the good range but spikes every time you or your doctor take it have seen a few cases of this.

An echocardiogram also can detect changes in the heart, most commonly enlargement of the left ventricle, which may show damage from high blood pressure. I suspect you may need additional treatment. This is usually medication, but salt restriction and stress management can reduce blood pressure in most

High blood pressure is one of our most common ailments. The booklet on it describes what it does and how it's treated. Readers can order a copy by writing: Dr. Roach - No. 104W, Box 536475. Orlando, FL 32853-6475. Enclose a check or money order (no cash) for \$4.75 U.S./\$6 Canada with the recipient's printed name and address. Please allow four weeks for delivery.

hypertension, also called reactive DEAR DR. ROACH: Some time ago, I had a lot of noise coming from my stomach, a kind of growling sound. doctor's office is much higher It went away, but now it comes on again once in a while. No pain, just the noise. -T.

These noises go by the officialsounding name of borborygmi (BOR-boh-RIG-mee), and are blood pressure consistently, at both common and normal the vast majority of the time. They reflect the movement of the stomach and the intestines. Since there is no pain, you don't have to do anything about

unable to answer individual high. Even your relatively better letters, but will incorporate them in the column whenever possible. One test that is often done Readers may email questions to ToYourGoodHealth@med.cornell edu. To view and order health pamphlets, visit www.rbmamall. com, or write to P.O. Box 536475, Orlando, FL 32853-6475. (c) 2014 North America Synd., Inc. All Rights

# **Super Crossword**

#### E-BUSINESS **ACROSS**

- Hawaii's state bird Glossy varnishes Pub perch
- "This round \_ me" Using clear thinking
- 23 Hereditary information of an arboretum's species? 25 The Milky Way
- and Andromeda 26 Upper arm bones 27 Deceive with untruths
- 29 Prior to, in a sonnet 30 Admonition against trying algebra
- imbibing? 38 Sigma follower Very draft-worthy 42 Sure-footed
- equines culpa 44 One gawking at a
- Beatle? 48 Sikhs' headwear 52 Zeal
- 53 Spiegel or Stern lead-in 54 Pro-\_ (some tourneys)
- 57 Enable Track official with
- a gun 61 Zero out

- serenely? 64 Abode and outbuildings 67 Gives a grade to
- Less loopy 69 Hid oneself expertly? 72 Great grade 77 Wrap-up
  - 78 Pine extract 84 Gradual formation of Mars, say?
  - 87 Ljubljana native 88 Old Chevy minivan 89 Scrubbing-in
  - sites, briefly 90 10% of XXX 93 Group jargon
  - 94 Jackie's Ari 96 Crimson-painted biology lab display? 99 Dept. VIP
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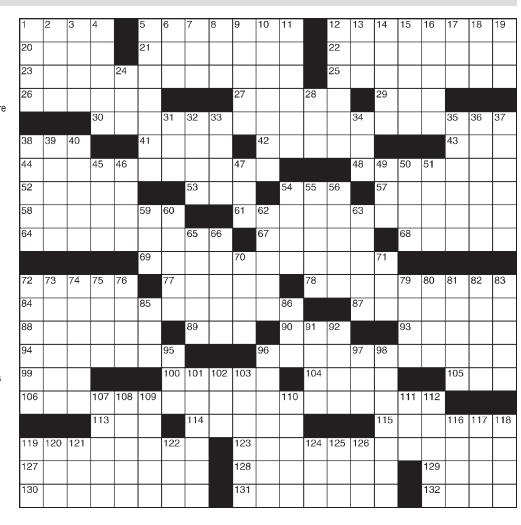
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- 11 Makes smooth and glossy 12 Bard's "Git!"
- 13 Cavity-fighting org. 14 Governed
- 15 Spook 16 The IRS, e.g. 17 -Wan Kenobi 18 Jai-alai shout
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- 55 The Doors' "Love Times" 56 Sword metal 59 Country in E.
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- components 65 Bygone Olds 66 Wallpaper and such 70 Cartoon voicer
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- 80 Pop singer Sands "I \_ Letter to My Love" (1980 movie) "\_ We Trust"

- 83 Glowing signs 85 Mai "... and \_ it
- 86 Go hastily again!" 92 "The fix " 95 Moo beef
- 96 How farm kids are 97 "Krazy \_" (old cartoon)
- 98 Incenses 101 Advil rival 102 Airport demands 103 Persist in 107 Film at a film
- festival, often 108 Midday hours 109 Put the pedal to the metal 110 "The Cosby Show" mom
- 111 "MYOB" part 112 Cleo of song 116 Part of a ship 117 Canyon call 118 No, in Berlin 119 Create a lap
- 120 Actress Ortiz 121 Brother of DDE's successor 122 Suffix with Israel or zinc
- 124 Nay negator 125 Hotel relative 126 Insect trap

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#### **MOORE TEXAS**

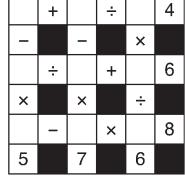
by Roger Todd Moore

July 20,1969: Reportedly the first word from the moon was "Houston" as in "Houston the Eagle has landed." My bet is after that long trip, he said "Houston where's the bathroom?"



## GO FIGURE! by Linda Thistle

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



**DIFFICULTY:** ★★

\* Moderate \*\* Difficult ★★★ GO FIGURE!

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# Weekly **SUDOKU**

by Linda Thistle

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

#### **DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK:** ★★★

★ Moderate ★★ Challenging \*\*\* HOO BOY! Answer Page 4

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## Social Security Q&A By Ray Vigil

my neighbor said my children and I might be eligible for survivors' age to receive benefits?

A: No. As a survivor, you can 325-0778). receive benefits at any age if you are caring for a child who is receiving Social Security benefits and who is under age 16. Your children are eligible for survivors benefits through Social Security up to age 19 if they are unmarried and attending elementary or secondary school full time. If you are not caring for minor children, you would need to wait until age 60 (age 50 if disabled) to collect survivors benefits. For more information about survivors benefits, read our publication Survivors Benefits at www.socialsecurity.gov/pubs.

Q: Will my military retirement affect my Social Security benefits?

A: No. You can get both Social Security benefits and military retirement. Generally, is no offset of Social Security benefits because of your military retirement. You will get full benefits based on your earnings. The only way your Social Security benefit may be reduced is if you Supplemental Security Income also receive a government pension

Q: My spouse died recently and not pay Social Security taxes. You can find more information in the publication Military Service benefits. Don't I have to be retirement and Social Security at www. socialsecurity.gov/pubs. Or call us at 1-800-772-1213 (TTY 1-800-

> Q: I applied for Disability benefits, but was denied. I'd like to appeal. Can I do it online?

A: Yes – in fact, the best way to eligible for Medicare? file a Social Security appeal is online. Our online appeal process is convenient and secure. Just go to www.socialsecurity.gov/disability/ appeal to appeal the decision. For people who don't have access to the Internet, you can call us at 1-800-772-1213 (TTY 1-800-325-0778) to schedule an appointment to visit your local Social Security office to file your appeal.

Q: My daughter is nineteen years old. In her senior year of high school, she had an accident that paralyzed her. It doesn't look like she will be able to work in the near future, and since she has never worked she hasn't paid Social Security taxes. their employees? Can Social Security still help her?

A: Your daughter may qualify for (SSI) benefits. SSI is a needsbased on a job in which you did based program paid for by general

revenue taxes and run by Social Security. It helps provide monetary support to people who are disabled and who have not paid enough in Social Security taxes to qualify for Social Security disability benefits. To qualify for SSI, a person must be disabled, and have limited resources and income. For more information, visit our website and check out our publication, You May Be Able To Get SSI, at www. socialsecurity.gov/pubs.

Q: If I retire at age 62, will I be

A: No. Medicare starts when you reach 65. If you retire at 62, you may be able to continue medical insurance coverage through your employer or purchase it from a private insurance company until you become eligible for Medicare. For more information see our publication, Medicare, at www.socialsecurity.gov/pubs, or call us at 1-800-772-1213 (TTY 1-800-325-0778).

Q: I run a bed and breakfast. By this time every year, I am tired of all the paperwork involved with filing taxes. Is there an easier way for small businesses to file W-2s for

A: Absolutely. If you are a small business owner or entrepreneur, you should check out Social Security's Business Services Online (BSO) website. There, you can file your employees' W-2s and W-2cs electronically and print out the W-2s to provide paper copies to your employees. You also can verify the Social Security numbers of your employees. Our online services are easy to use, fast, and secure. Visit our BSO page at www.socialsecurity. gov/bso.

Q: I'm retired and the only income I have is a monthly withdrawal from an Individual Retirement Account (IRA). Are the IRA withdrawals considered "earnings?" Could they reduce my monthly Social Security benefits?

A: No. We count only the wages you earn from a job or your net profit if you're self-employed. Non-work income such as pensions, annuities, investment income, interest, capital gains and other government benefits are not counted and will not affect your Social Security benefits. For more information, visit our website at www.socialsecurity.gov or call us toll-free at 1-800-772-1213 (TTY 1-800-325-0778).

Q: It's hard for me to get around because of my disability. Can I apply for disability benefits from home?

A: Yes – in fact, the best way to apply for disability benefits is online. Our online disability application is convenient and secure. You can apply for benefits over the Internet at www.socialsecurity. gov/applyfordisability. If you do not have access to the Internet, you can call us at 1-800-772-1213 (TTY 1-800-325-0778) to schedule an appointment to visit your local Social Security office to apply. However you decide to apply, begin by looking at our Disability Starter Kit at www.socialsecurity. gov/applyfordisability. It will help you prepare for your application or interview.

# **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: A equals U

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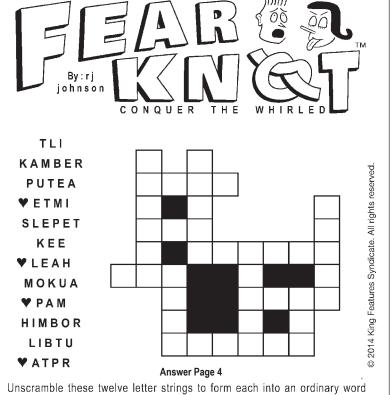
FWKVWC AB GZFY K QZN

WIWHFPLSZHR HLVBKSX, GLAIC

FYWX QW RLSX KSC HYWP?

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(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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