



## NEWSBRIEFS

### Little Free Library

Campestre Elementary School opened its Little Free Library on Wednesday. It is a community building project that promotes literacy and engages the community in reading through a book exchange. Campestre is the first campus in the Socorro Independent School District to adopt a Little Free Library, which will be located by the school's flag pole and will be open from 7 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. "We don't have a public library in our community so this will allow students to have access to books all year long, even during holiday and summer breaks," said Ruth Bautista, library media specialist at Campestre Elementary School. The book exchange will create a sense of community and build a love of reading, Bautista said. All Little Free Library books will be free. Participants can take a book when they leave a book and return and contribute at their convenience. "I'm very excited to be the first Team SISD campus to have a Little Free Library at our school," said Rosie Vasquez, campus principal. "I know our students will take advantage of this wonderful opportunity. I can't wait to see the excitement in students' eyes when we reveal it."

— Christy Flores-Jones

### The skinny on aging

Healthy seniors often lose their appetite and wind up also losing weight unintentionally, according to the Association of Mature American Seniors. In fact, the publication, Medical News Today, reports that 15% to 20% of elderly adults may have a condition known as the "anorexia of aging." Researchers say that a hormone identified as peptide PYY may be to blame for the loss of appetite among seniors, particularly those over the age of 80. Mary Hickson, professor of dietetics at Plymouth University in the U.K. conducted a recent study indicating some seniors may produce more of the peptide than younger individuals. PYY suppresses appetite.

— John Grimaldi

### Aging issues

You can't say it too often — America is growing old fast, says the Association of Mature American Citizens. The statistics show that 10,000 of us turn 65 each and every day and that the

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To get maximum attention, it's hard to beat a big mistake.

— Quips & Quotes

## Scout installs recycling bins as Eagle project

By Don Woodyard  
Special to the Courier

TORNILLO — Sebastian Trujillo is 17 and a Life Scout with Boy Scout Troop 513 in Fabens. He is on the verge of becoming an Eagle Scout, of taking that next step along the Scouting trail and earning the highest rank that a Boy Scout can attain.

That final step was his Eagle Scout project that tested his leadership and organizational skills. His "green" project was the construction of a recycling center at Tornillo Elementary School. He named it the High Grace Recycling Center in memory of his grandmother.

In keeping with the spirit of the project, wooden pallets were broken down and recycled to construct and enclose three recycle bins at Tornillo Elementary. Under his supervision, it took five other Scouts 88 hours to complete the project.

Thomas Cervantes is principal of Tornillo Elementary.

The new recycle center, painted blue, has three individual bins for paper, plastic and cans.

"Scouting has been quite an experience for me," Sebastian says in an interview, "and has helped me a lot." In his statement of ambition paper, he speaks also of the future and sharing this Scouting experience with others.



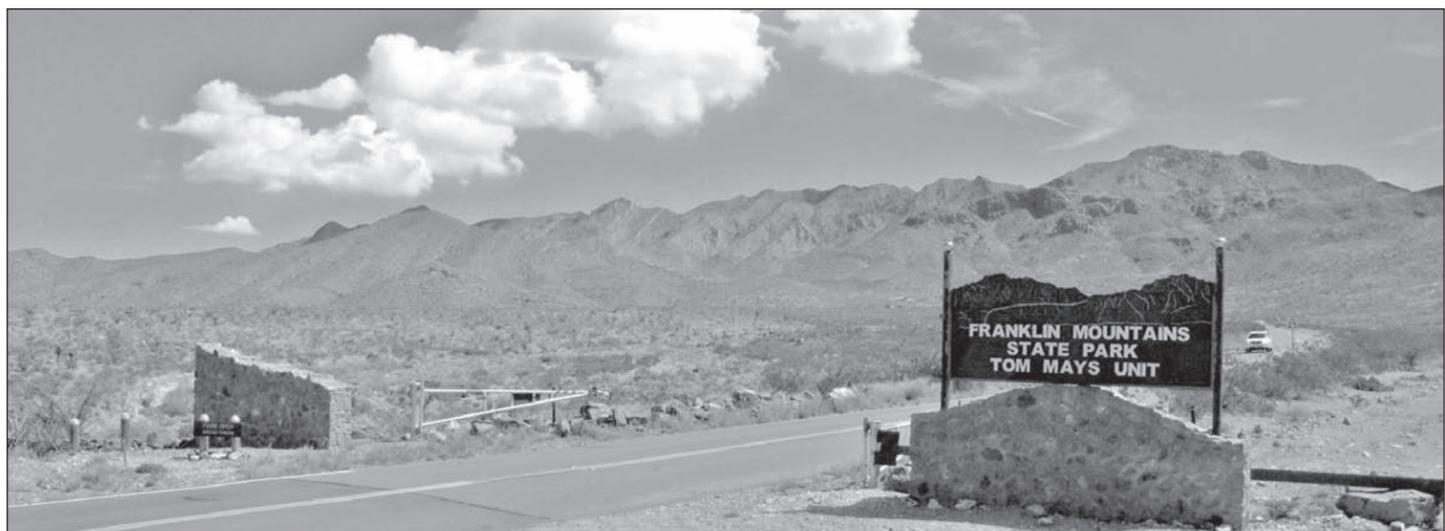
— Photo by Curt Noland

**GOING GREEN** — Eagle Scout candidate Sebastian Trujillo, right, with Tornillo Elementary School Principal Thomas Cervantes stands in front of one of the three recycling bins installed at the school. This project his final step toward the highest Boy Scout rank, testing his leadership and organizational skills.

"I plan on staying in Scouting throughout my life because I know it is very helpful," he says. He adds, "I plan to begin my own Boy Scout troop and teach the boys important things that will help them in life, and it will remind me of

when I was a Boy Scout." He takes plans for the future a step further in his ambition paper. He says he wants to raise the current percentage of youth

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— Photo by Alfredo Vasquez

**DESERT FUN** — The 12th Annual Chihuahuan Desert Fiesta will be held Saturday, Sept. 17 at the Tom Mays Unit of Franklin Mountains State Park. The fiesta is designed to bring awareness to this region's desert offerings, such as the climate of the Chihuahuan Desert. The temperature is relatively mild compared with other deserts, partially due to an elevation that averages 4,500 feet above sea level. The wet season (July through September) brings more than 50 percent of the average annual precipitation of 8.9 inches.

## Desert Fiesta coming soon

By Alfredo Vasquez  
Special to the Courier

EL PASO COUNTY — The Chihuahuan Desert Education Coalition (CDEC) is cordially encouraging everybody — young and old — to be part of this year's free, outdoor desert fiesta celebration. The theme for the upcoming festivity is

"It's Y(our) Desert".

The 12th Annual Chihuahuan Desert Fiesta is scheduled for 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Saturday, September 17th, in the Tom Mays Unit of Franklin Mountains State Park.

The Chihuahuan Desert, which covers about 1.5 percent of North America, is the largest desert in the country, at 394,446 square miles. About one third of

the Chihuahuan Desert spans across the southwestern United States in the states of New Mexico and Texas, and the rest of the desert is sprawled throughout the northern states of Mexico including Chihuahua, Durango, Coahuila, Zacatecas, and Nuevo Leon. The Chihuahuan Desert makes up approximately 22 percent of Mexico territory.

According to researchers, the Chihuahuan Desert exists because it is bordered by

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## Veterans Post By Freddy Groves

### VA bungles solar projects

By harvesting the sun's rays and converting them into electricity, solar panels can mean big savings on electrical costs. To get those savings, however, the solar projects have to actually be completed. The Office of Inspector General for the Department of Veterans Affairs investigated 11 solar projects undertaken by the VA and rated them on the end result.

These projects had been awarded between 2010 and 2013. Between 2010 and 2015, the VA spent \$408 million. By March of 2016, only two of the 11 projects were up and running.

Solar projects are designed to be completed in less than 372 days. The projects the VAOIG inspected (at least the ones that were finished) had an average completion time of 1,269 days.

In Arkansas, an \$8 million solar panel project had been created in the parking lot. It was never activated because it had to be dismantled when a new parking garage was built. The finish date was to be May 2013, and cost overruns are

already at \$1.5 million.

In California, a company was awarded a \$22.5 million solar project in 2011, with an expected finish date of 2012. The state's historic preservation office got involved and required modifications to the plan, something nobody apparently considered. The solar array started producing electricity in 2015.

In Florida, a project was delayed for almost five years because no one realized that the roof of the parking garage would need to be raised to accommodate buses.

And so on, through another half dozen projects. In one, the connection point wasn't indicated on the plans. Another has been delayed 28 months so far, with one problem being welds versus bolts.

The VAOIG issued four suggestions for future improvement. The interim assistant secretary for management disagreed with two of them, including doing a lessons-learned analysis.

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## Finances By Nathaniel Sillin

### Six ways to save on your next car

Looking for an eco-friendly subcompact or the thrills that come with a sports car? Perhaps the practicality of a sedan or a spacious SUV better fits your needs? No matter what type of vehicle is calling your name, planning your purchase can help you save as much money as possible.

Consider these six savings tips while shopping for your next car. Whether you're concerned about upfront, monthly or long-term costs, there's something here that can help you.

**1. Look for a fuel-efficient car.** Buying a hybrid or all-electric vehicle rather than a

gas guzzler could help you save money on long-run fuel costs. Plus, state and federal tax credits might give you some additional upfront savings.

If you're sticking to a fully gas-powered car, you can still save money by choosing a fuel-efficient model. Once you pick a class of car and determine your budget, use the Environmental Protection Agency's miles-per-gallon rating for each vehicle to estimate and compare the monthly fuel costs.

**2. Compare the long-term costs of different cars.** In addition to fuel, consider the long-term costs of maintenance,

repairs, insurance, taxes, depreciation, fees and financing.

To help you with the calculations, Kelly Blue Book has a 5-Year Cost to Own tool that lets you compare long-term costs for 2015 and 2016 models. Edmunds's True Cost to Own® tool does a similar thing for 2010 and newer models.

**3. Buy a "new-to-you" car.** Buying a used car rather than the equivalent brand-new model can usually save you money. However, you'll want to look at each used car on an individual basis. Consider how it feels during a test drive and its history if you can access it.

You may be able to buy a warranty for your used car, or you could purchase a certified pre-owned (CPO) car from a dealership. Dealers inspect CPOs before selling them with a manufacturer's warranty. If you're not buying a CPO, you could hire a mechanic to perform a pre-purchase inspection. It's not a guarantee, but the inspection can help ensure you won't get caught off guard by any unexpected issues.

With the right deal on a used car, you might be able to buy the car outright instead of financing the purchase. By paying cash, you avoid accruing interest, making monthly payments and worrying about loan-origination fees.

**4. Negotiate the purchase.** Most people don't enjoy haggling with a car salesperson, but even non-confrontational negotiating tactics can help you save money.

For example, once you pick a make and model, you could shop online for available vehicles at nearby dealerships. Reach out to each dealer's internet sales team and ask for their best total cost, inclusive of taxes and fees.

Take the lowest offer and ask the other dealers if they can beat it. If one of them can, take your new lowest quote and again ask the rest of the dealers to go lower. Keep going until you get a price that works best for you.

You could use the same tactic with dealerships outside your area. However, you may have to travel and pick up the car or pay to transport it.

Another helpful resource is negotiation services like Authority Auto, which negotiates competitive prices on new and pre-owned cars. For a fee, the online service negotiates each part of the process to get you a better deal and take some of the stress out of the car-buying experience and only charge a percentage of what they save you.

**5. Consider leasing instead of purchasing.** Taking out a lease is similar to purchasing a long-

## Delgadillo, Jr. dies at 53

By Hector Gonzalez  
*Special to the Courier*

SAN ELIZARIO – Vicente Delgadillo, Jr. died last Wednesday, Aug. 10, 2016. He is survived by his loving wife and best friend, Margie, his children Samantha Lynn and Vincent "Buster," mother-in-law Cristina Molina, six siblings to include Sylvia Suarez, his mother Sabina Carrasco, and countless loved ones whose lives he changed with his love and friendship.



Vicente Delgadillo, Jr.

He was a devoted school board member in his beloved San Elizario community. He ran unopposed for 16 years and worked to better the lives of every child in the district. He was an avid equestrian and shared his knowledge with many who shared his love of the lifestyle. His family, particularly his wife, would

like to give special thanks to the kind, thoughtful people of the San Elizario Independent School District (SEISD). Margie works for SEISD in the Special Education Department. Her colleagues and co-workers donated leave days so she could be with her husband to the end.

Margie will always remember the immense love her husband had for the students of SEISD. "I will never forget the day my husband was elected as an SEISD Board Member. "That evening we celebrated his victory at home and right before going to bed, he looked at me in the eyes and said, "This morning I woke up as a proud father of two and now, I am going to bed as a proud father of 4,000 children," she said.

A funeral was held Saturday, Aug. 20, 2016 at Mount Carmel Cemetery. He was 53 years old.

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## 2016 PROPERTY TAX RATES

### Village of Vinton Small Taxing Unit Notice

The Village of Vinton will hold a meeting at 6:30 p.m. on **September 6, 2016** at City Hall located at 436 East Vinton Rd., Vinton, TX 79821 to consider adopting a proposed tax rate for tax year 2016. The proposed tax rate is \$0.464960 per \$100 of value.

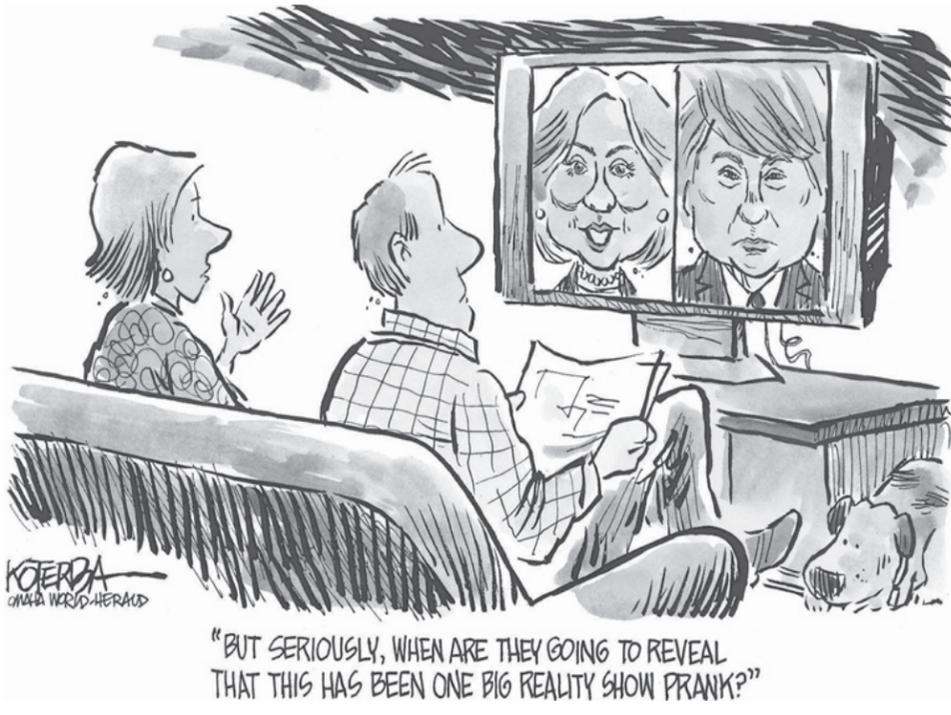
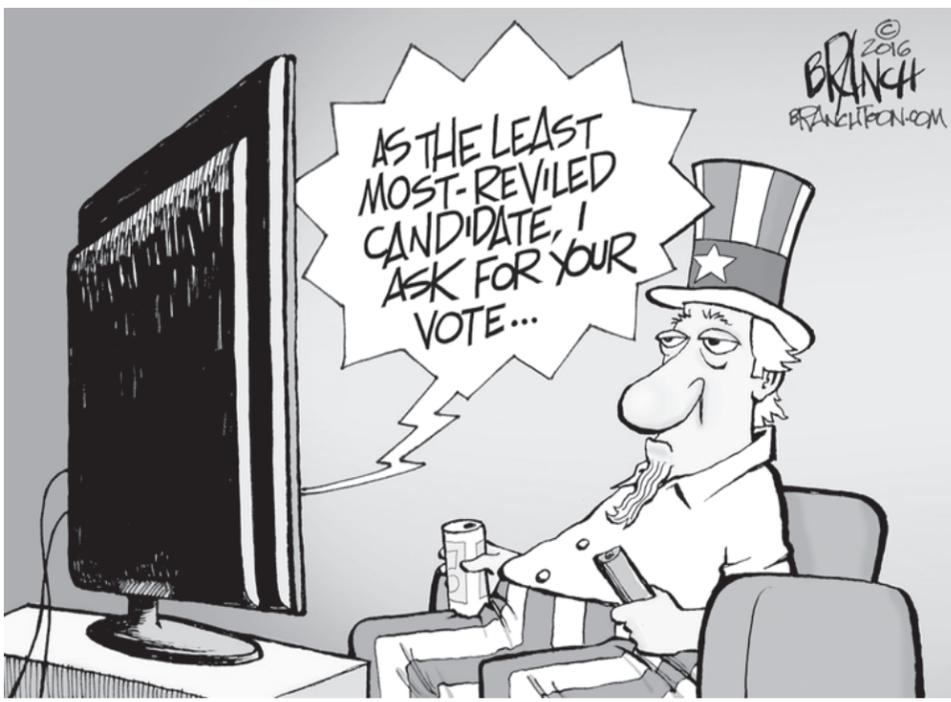
The proposed tax rate would increase total taxes in the **Village of Vinton** by 16.57%.

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### Scout

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attaining the top rank (approximately four percent) “by making new generations of Eagle Scouts.”

El Paso-based Yucca Council, Boy Scouts of America, reports 85 made Eagle last year in the council; 35 have earned the rank this year.

Trujillo, a senior at Cotton Valley Early College High School, joined the troop five years ago. He had left the troop for a year because of the press of school activities. However, he came back because, as he states in paper “he was missing out on important things.”

He plans to graduate in May with an

associate’s degree and then continue his education at the university level. He eventually hopes to receive a master’s in social studies and education.

Trujillo is one of three youth in Troop 513 who are expected to receive their Eagle awards at a Court of Honor, according to Curt Noland, veteran scoutmaster of the troop. He is the second to be profiled in this series. George Gutierrez was profiled last week.

*Publisher’s Note: This is the third in a series of articles highlighting the efforts of three Boy Scouts of Troop 513 whose Eagle Scout projects are benefiting the community. Next – David Ruiz fixes up playground equipment.*

## El Paso County Tornillo Water Improvement District Notice of Public Hearing on Tax Rate

The EL PASO COUNTY TORNILLO WATER IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT will hold a public hearing on a proposed tax rate for the tax year 2016 on Thursday, September 1, 2016, at 6:00 p.m., at the Tornillo ISD High School Cafeteria, 430 Old Mill, Tornillo, TX 79853. Your individual taxes may increase or decrease, depending on the change in taxable value of your property in relation to the change in the taxable value of all other property and the tax rate that is adopted.

- FOR** the proposal: **Jose Luis Soria, Eliberto Nuñez, Nancy Tarin, Clemente Escalante, and Alonzo Flores**
- AGAINST** the proposal: **NONE**
- PRESENT** and not voting: **NONE**
- ABSENT:** **Kenneth Morgan and Silvestre Suarez**

The following table compares taxes on an average residence homestead in this taxing unit last year to taxes proposed on the average residence homestead this year.

	Last Year	This Year
	Adopted	Proposed
Total tax rate (per \$100 value)	0.100000/\$100	0.105000/\$100
Difference in rates per \$100 of value		\$ 0.005000/\$100
Percentage increase / decrease in rates (+/-)		+ 5.00%
Average appraised value	\$ 47,242	\$ 47,937
General exemptions available (excluding senior citizen’s or disabled person’s exemptions)	\$ 0	\$ 0
Average taxable value	\$ 47,242	\$ 47,937
Tax on average residence homestead	\$ 47.24	\$ 50.33
Annual increase / decrease in taxes if proposed tax rate is adopted (+/-)		+ \$ 3.09
and percentage of increase (+/-)		+ 6.54%

### NOTICE OF TAXPAYERS’ RIGHT TO ROLLBACK ELECTION

If taxes on the average residence homestead increase by more than eight percent, the qualified voters of the district by petition may require that an election be held to determine whether to reduce the operation and maintenance tax rate to the rollback tax rate under Section 49.236(d), Water Code.

# Singleton Trust donates 115 prime acres to City of San Elizario

*Land has rich history as one of the Valley's long-standing, family-owned businesses*

**By Maya Sanchez**  
*Special to the Courier*

SAN ELIZARIO – Maureen Ponce Singleton, trustee of The Maureen Ponce Singleton Trust will officially donate 115-acres of a 150-acre farm to the City of San Elizario on August 31, 2016. The signing ceremony and a reception will

take place at 10 a.m. at the corner of Chicken Ranch and Herring Roads.

Valley Feed Mills – established in the 1980s – operated on the land until early 2000s. The late Robert Surratt and his wife Maureen transformed a small feedlot and mill that had been operating for decades into one of the area's premiere feed companies. The mill provided feed for over 50,000 dairy cows at the height of the booming dairy

business and serviced West Texas, Southern New Mexico and Northern Mexico.

In addition, the property has been an active farm to this day. The crops grown are predominantly Valley staples – alfalfa and cotton. The donation also includes a residence that is estimated to be over 100 years old. Singleton's motivation to donate the land to the City of San Elizario was piqued when the city incorporated in

2013. Though she had moved away from the area, she made a point to keep up on the latest happenings. She said, "I knew I wanted to do something for San Elizario and give back to the city. The farm sits within the city limits and after meeting the leadership, my decision was confirmed."

The City of San Elizario has a

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## Notice of Tax Revenue Increase

The EL PASO COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES DISTRICT #1 conducted public hearings on August 18, 2016 and August 25, 2016 on a proposal to increase the total tax revenues of the EL PASO COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES DISTRICT #1 from the properties on the tax roll in the preceding year by 0.002647 percent.

The total tax revenue proposed to be raised last year at last year's tax rate of \$0.099959 for each \$100 of taxable value was \$1,880,106.

The total tax revenue proposed to be raised this year at the proposed tax rate of \$0.10 for each \$100 of taxable value, excluding tax revenue to be raised from new property added to the tax roll this year, is \$1,927,439.

The total tax revenue proposed to be raised this year at the proposed tax rate of \$0.10 for each \$100 of taxable value, including tax revenue to be raised from new property added to the tax toll this year, is \$2,033,198.

The EL PASO COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES DISTRICT #1 is scheduled to vote on the tax rate that will result in that tax increase at a public meeting to be held on September 1, 2016 at 14151 Nunda Ave., Horizon City, TX 79928 at 6:30 PM.

The EL PASO COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES DISTRICT #1 proposes to use the increase in total tax revenue for the purpose of Maintenance, Operations, and Capital Improvements for the 2016-2017 Fiscal Year.

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## Notice of Tax Revenue Increase

The EL PASO COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES DISTRICT #2 conducted public hearings on August 18, 2016 and August 25, 2016 on a proposal to increase the total tax revenues of the EL PASO COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES DISTRICT #2 from the properties on the tax roll in the preceding year by 8.56 percent.

The total tax revenue proposed to be raised last year at last year's tax rate of \$0.095081 for each \$100 of taxable value was \$2,805,597.

The total tax revenue proposed to be raised this year at the proposed tax rate of \$0.100000 for each \$100 of taxable value, excluding tax revenue to be raised from new property added to the tax roll this year, is \$2,960,596.

The total tax revenue proposed to be raised this year at the proposed tax rate of \$0.100000 for each \$100 of taxable value, including tax revenue to be raised from new property added to the tax toll this year, is \$3,055,468.

The EL PASO COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES DISTRICT #2 is scheduled to vote on the tax rate that will result in that tax increase at a public meeting to be held on August 29, 2016 at El Paso County ESD #2 Board Room, 100 S. San Elizario Rd., Ste. N, Clint, Texas 79836 at 6:00 PM.

The EL PASO COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES DISTRICT #2 proposes to use the increase in total tax revenue for the purpose of balancing the fiscal year 2017 budget.

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## Fiesta

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mountains – to the west by the Sierra Madre Occidental and to the east by the Sierra Madre Oriental. Consequently, experts term the desert a “rain shadow desert”, which means that the surrounding mountains divert a lot of the moisture coming from the Gulf of California, Gulf of

Mexico, and the Pacific Ocean.

“The fiesta is an opportunity for our community to get together to celebrate our West Texas mountain region and our desert home, known as the Chihuahuan Desert,” stated Rick LoBello, a CDEC member. “There will be tent/canopy space, tables, and chairs available for the public to use, and we hope to have a large turnout to participate in all of the activities that day and help make this a successful community event,” he said.

“CDEC is a group of people who care about our desert and want to help others understand its amazing natural and cultural history,” LoBello stated. “We help to organize and sponsor

## Finances

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term rental. You’ll have to return or buy the car at the end of the lease, and you may have to pay fees if you drive too many miles or damage the vehicle.

The lease down payment and monthly payments will be lower than buying the same car outright. However, you can still save money by shopping around and negotiating because the down payment and monthly payments depend on the vehicle’s sale price.

If you like to drive a new car and always want to be under warranty, starting a new lease every few years could make sense. On the other hand, there’s more long-term value in buying if you tend to have a lot of wear and tear on your cars.

**6. Use alternative means of transportation.** Forgoing the purchase of a car altogether might not work for everyone, but it’s worth considering if you live in a city or don’t regularly drive long distances. Instead of owning a car, you could get around with a mix of carpooling, public transportation, walking and biking. You could also still have access to a car if you join a car-sharing program or use a ride-sharing app or taxi service.

**Bottom line:** There are many ways to save money on your next car, and you should almost certainly plan your purchase before signing any dotted lines. Start by researching all your options, including living without a car, buying used and leasing. If you decide to purchase a car, you can compare the long-term cost of different makes and models and save money upfront by haggling with sellers.

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educational and discovery events like this desert fiesta at Tom Mays Park, a habitat certification program that encourages people to landscape with native Chihuahuan Desert plants, and the Chihuahuan Desert Club,” he added.

CDEC’s current board of directors are: Gertrud Konings, chairperson; Carlos Rodriguez, vice chair; Heather Rivera, secretary; Liz DeMoultrie, treasurer; and directors include Rick LoBello, Norma Guzman, Jean-Claude Linossi, Alex Mares,

Benny Pol, Mark Pumphrey, Steve West, and Diane Perez.

For more information about the desert fiesta or about CDEC, contact board members Pol or DeMoultrie, at (915) 588-7200, or visit the CDEC website at cdec.elpaso@yahoo.com.

## Strange But True

By Samantha Weaver

• It was 19th-century French poet Charles Baudelaire who made the following sage observation: “What’s irritating about love is it’s a crime that requires an accomplice.”

• In 2012, a Swedish man named Henrik Ismarker was fed up with people speeding down the road in his Stockholm neighborhood, so he went to the local police department and asked them to crack down on drivers going too fast. In response, a speed trap was set up, and Ismarker himself got a speeding ticket the very next day. He was embarrassed, he said, but added that he was “very satisfied with the police response.”

• Thanks to extremely flexible jaws, the African egg-eating snake can swallow an egg that’s much larger than the diameter of its head. It also can tell with a flick of the tongue whether an egg is fresh or not.

• Those who study such things say that if you start to lose your hearing, it’s more than likely that you’ll lose high notes before you lose low notes.

• According to a recent study, kids in the South have more play-time with their parents than kids in other parts of the United States. In a nationwide survey of parents with children ages 2 to 8, 76 percent of Southern parents say they play with their kids at least once a day. Compare that to the West at 46 percent, the Midwest at 40 percent and the Northeast at just 38 percent.

• I imagine that if someone screamed, “Eeek! A foggy-toddler!” you wouldn’t have any idea what was going on. If you’d studied the vernacular of 18th-century England, though, you’d know to watch out for a bumblebee.

Thought for the Day: “You don’t know how much you don’t know until your children grow up and tell you.”

– S.J. Perelman

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## Public Notice Tornillo Independent School District

### SECTION 504 SERVICES

The Tornillo Independent School District provides the following educational services/options to identified disabled students who reside within the district.

- ◆ Child find activities to notify students with disabilities and their parents of their rights and the district’s obligation to provide a free, appropriate public education.
- ◆ Referrals to Sections 504 when it is believed the students have a physical or mental impairment that substantially limits one or more major life activities and the students are in need of educational accommodations.
- ◆ Procedural safeguards under Section 504.
- ◆ Evaluations of students to determine eligibility for the Section 504 program.
- ◆ Placement into the Section 504 program, which means the student may receive:
  - ✓ individually planned modifications in the regular classroom,
  - ✓ transportation services to and from school,
  - ✓ health services from the school nurse,
  - ✓ accommodations regarding access to any part of the campus, or
  - ✓ assistance in reading for students with dyslexia in a reading program which meets the state’s standards for a dyslexia reading program.
- ◆ Special education services are available to Section 504 students, if the students qualify for one of the specific disabilities under special education.

If you would like more information or know of a disabled child who is not receiving educational services, please contact Norma Castillo, Section 504 Coordinator, P.O. Box 170 19200 Cobb Avenue, Tornillo, TX 79853, (915) 765-3040.

### SERVICIOS DE LA SECCION 504

El distrito escolar independiente de Tornillo provee los siguientes servicios/ opciones educacionales a los estudiantes con discapacidades identificados que residen dentro del distrito.

- ◆ Actividades para encontrar a niños para notificar a los estudiantes con discapacidades y a sus padres de sus derechos y de las obligaciones del distrito a proporcionar una educación pública que sea gratuita y apropiada.
- ◆ Referimientos a la Sección 504 cuando se cree que el estudiante tiene una discapacidad mental o física que limita substancialmente una o mas actividades vitales importantes y los estudiantes necesitan modificaciones en su educación.
- ◆ Derechos legales garantizados bajo Sección 504.
- ◆ Evaluaciones de estudiantes para determinar si califican para el programa de la Sección 504.
- ◆ Colocación dentro del programa de la Sección 504, lo que significa que el estudiante puede recibir:
  - ✓ modificaciones en el salon de educación regular planeadas individualmente,
  - ✓ servicios de transporte para la escuela y para atras,
  - ✓ servicios de salud por la enfermera de la escuela,
  - ✓ cambios que garanticen el acceso a cualquier parte de la escuela,
  - ✓ ayuda en lectura para estudiantes con dislexia en un programa de lectura que cumpla con los requisitos que pide el estado a un programa de lectura de dislexia.
- ◆ Se ofrecen servicios de educación especial a los estudiantes Sección 504, si los estudiantes califican para una de las discapacidades especificas bajo educación especial.

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# Lochte single handedly gives reporters new Rio focus

**By Steve Escajeda**  
*Special to the Courier*

Rio de Janeiro needed something – a moment – a miracle – something – to save its stained reputation.

The entire world has made Rio the butt of jokes, poking fun of the overly polluted water and the virus-happy mosquitoes, the corrupt government officials and the out-of-control crime element.

The water in the diving arena turned a particular shade of green and smelled like most football locker rooms after the big game.

Many of the facilities the athletes stayed in weren't completely finished and weren't up to the standards of an event of this magnitude.

Rio looked up to the heavens and prayed for a miracle to swoop down and save it from all the negative issues, disrespect and embarrassment.

And then out of nowhere the miracle came in the name of Ryan Lochte.

The American swimmer who ranks only behind Michael Phelps in popularity and achievements in the pool, found himself

in a little hot water last week.

His late-night antics, which led to a tangled mess of accusations, counter accusations, convenient memory loss and finally – lies, has been well publicized.

Lochte and his three swim mates seized on the fact that Rio's reputation has taken a well-deserved beating, and after vandalizing a gas station restroom, decided to "Blame it on Rio."

They said their cab was pulled over by cop-impersonating thieves who robbed them at gunpoint. And why not, similar instances had already occurred to other athletes in the city.

But we all know now that video cameras footage has revealed a much different story and the guys had to fess up to what really happened.

Well kind of. Even Lochte's so-called confession was sprinkled with a little sugar coating. He said he should have been more careful and candid in his account but it had been traumatic to have a man point a gun at him in a foreign country and demand money.

After all the sophomoric behavior and the attempted coverup, the 32-year-old Lochte was still trying to gain some

sympathy.

Let's face it, Lochte has never been accused of being the sharpest knife in the drawer. But even this behavior has to have his sharpest of critics shaking their heads.

About a decade ago the term "Ugly American" was very popular around the world but it had kind of faded in recent years.

Now, thanks to Lochte, who has been nicknamed the Loch Mess Monster, the term is back and being uttered around the globe.

But think about, it took the moronic action of four drunken dimwits to get the rest of the world actually feeling sorry for Brazil.

The scorn has been totally transferred from an overtly corrupt nation – to four swimmers who had too much to drink.

Miracles do come true.

These swimmers actions have caused the United States Olympic Committee to issue a formal apology to the Olympic Committee and the country of Brazil and really, the rest of the world.

One of the people I really feel sorry for is Lochte's father who was very vocal

in defending his son. Of course that was before the truth was finally revealed.

Steve Lochte was critical of the press and of the Rio authorities for what they had done to his son. And the only reason he felt this way is because he put his faith in his son and the story he was telling.

Of course, now like the rest of us, dad knows better.

The three other swimmers aren't very well known, but for Lochte, this incident will be very costly.

He can kiss any dreams he had of additional endorsement deals goodbye.

And a couple that he already has, Speedo and Polo, say they are following the situation closely and will make determinations at a later date.

There is also the possibility of a long-term suspension that could be coming for Lochte. In the past, actions like these have led to 18-month penalties.

All in all, Lochte has become an embarrassment for the United States.

But his antics, which are the best thing that could have ever happened to Rio and the country of Brazil, can only be described as "miraculous."

## A sporting view By Mark Vasto

# Fuhgeddaboutit

Here's a conversation nobody really cares about: whether or not Alex Rodriguez deserves a plaque in the New York Yankees' Memorial Park.

A-rod, as we all know by now, has officially retired and was

given his unconditional release, followed by an uncontrollable show of emotion by Yankee manager Joe Girardi. Girardi made the point that A-rod was, by any measure, the best third baseman in Yankee history.

Naturally – something that can never truly be said about A-rod – heavily accented tongues started to wag at the Big Ball Orchard in the Bronx: "Do we get dis guy a plaque or what?" and "You gotta problem?"

Well, fuhgeddaboutit. The Memorial Park used to be a very cool, telegenic part of the old Yankee Stadium before some architectural genius decided to hide it behind the center field

wall. It has since been turned into a marketing tool for bobble heads, and if there was one thing the Yankees made clear about A-rod, it's that they had no interest in marketing the man. How else can you explain pulling the plug on the guy when he was only four swings away from hitting 700 home runs?

There is no conceivable chance that the three-time MVP – twice with the Yankees – will be elected into the Hall of Fame. A-rod, who was a (brief) natural talent, done did wrong, and everyone knows that he did... full-year suspensions without pay have a funny way of planting such suggestions in one's mind.

Still, the facts show he put together one of the finest seasons of any Yankee ever with his 2007 campaign, entering into the rarified air of Gehrig and Ruth in '27, Dimaggio in '37, Mantle and Maris in '61 and Mattingly in 1985. That season he scored 142 runs, smashed 54 home runs, batted in 156 runners, stole 24 bases and put up a slash line of .314/.422/.645, garnering all-star, MVP and Silver Slugger nods.

His 12 seasons for the Yankees definitely show him to be the best third baseman the team ever had from a statistical standpoint. My ex-girlfriend had a huge crush on the guy. His records will always

be in the books, the only place where fans are going to get to see any trace of the guy's career.

If you don't believe that Memorial Park is little more than a marketing tool, crack open not only the record books, but the roster of the Hall of the Fame. What if I told you that the Bronx Bombers had a center fielder who put together a slash line of .356/.414/.511 one season, averaging .325 and nearly .400 OBP over a 12-year career, retiring with the 40th highest batting average out of the tens of thousands who played the game? That guy, Earle Combs, aka "The Kentucky Colonel" is in the Hall of Fame, but you won't see his name in Memorial Park. Nor will you find Hall of Famers Tony Lazzerra, Frank "Home Run" Baker, "Wee" Willie Keeler, Herb Pennock, Lefty Gomez, Waite Hoyt or Jack Chesbro.

When the Yankees want to get serious about Memorial Park again, the ghost of those guys will be waiting to hear from the powers that be in the Bronx. In the meantime, A-rod certainly can wait his turn.

*Mark Vasto is a veteran sportswriter who lives in New Jersey. (c) 2016 King Features Synd., Inc.*

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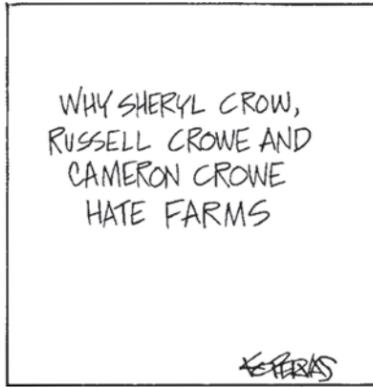
commitment to promoting and encouraging the rich agricultural history in the community and thus the donation will continue to run as a farm. We are sensitive to the location and current land use of the surrounding properties. We also want to make sure we

engage in a thorough process of obtaining public input so that our constituents have a voice in the planning for the future of this site.

*Maya Sanchez is the mayor of the City of San Elizario. In case of inclement weather, the signing will take place at San Elizario City Hall.*

# Comix

## OUT ON A LIMB By Gary Kopervas



## 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:** You have written many times about chickenpox, shingles and the shingles vaccine. My question concerns the age at which one should get the vaccine. Most doctors and other sources recommend 60 and above; however, I am concerned about more and more younger people getting shingles, in their 50s and, in one instance, a woman in her 30s. Are these isolated cases? I am a 48-year-old female, and I did have chickenpox as a child. My husband's insurance will pay for the vaccine at 50, and I intend to get it then. What are your thoughts? – L.A.B.

Supplemental oxygen can improve symptoms and make people live longer in a few specific instances. The most prevalent is probably people with chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD) whose blood oxygen level is below 89 percent. Some other lung diseases also benefit from oxygen. In cases of poor blood flow due to heart reasons, including valvular disease, oxygen doesn't help.

The vaccine is indicated by the Food and Drug Administration for those ages 50 and up, but advisory groups have recommended the vaccine to people over age 60, since the complication of post-herpetic neuralgia is more likely, lasts longer and can be more severe the older you get. It is reasonable to get the vaccine at 50 if you want, but it's important to get it at age 60 or over if you haven't already had it.

It's possible that the 95-year-old you are writing about has some lung disease due to secondhand-smoke exposure. It is easy now for doctors to check oxygen levels, and that would indicate whether she would benefit.

Readers: COPD typically causes shortness of breath, especially with activity. The booklet on COPD explains this progressive disease in detail. Readers can obtain a copy by writing: Dr. Roach – No. 601W, 628 Virginia Drive, Orlando, FL 32803. 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 4-6 weeks for delivery.

**DEAR DR. ROACH:** A 95-year-old does not get enough blood flow to her lungs because she has a leaky heart valve. She is chronically short of breath after a small amount of exertion. Her leg strength is low, and she has to use a walker to safely get around. She lived with a smoker for a few decades, and he died decades ago, but she never smoked herself. Would supplemental oxygen help, by enriching the air in her lungs, thus allowing blood to get more oxygen from the lungs? – Anon.

**DEAR DR. ROACH:** I am a 17-year-old cross-country and track runner. I had a stress fracture of my shin. I have not been running and have been on crutches for one month. Are there foods I should eat? Exercises to do? The doctor only said not to walk on it. What else can be done to heal the stress fracture? – J.G.

Stress fractures are common, especially in younger athletes,

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# Super Crossword

- A RIVER RUNS THROUGH IT ACROSS**
- 1 Virginia city or river
- 8 Religious day of rest
- 15 Triangular house part
- 20 Country east of Turkey
- 21 Turkey locale
- 22 Iranian faith
- 23 Waste time on trifling things in a brave way?
- 25 23-season baseballer Rusty
- 26 Fork sticker
- 27 The, to Gigi
- 28 Storage medium that can be written to
- 29 PC shortcut code
- 30 \_Caps
- 31 Ship bunk
- 33 Bush's successor ready to hit the hay?
- 37 Alamo rental
- 38 "Alley \_"
- 40 Manning of the NFL
- 41 Brazilian berry
- 42 Repair of an angel's blood vessel?
- 50 Snacked
- 51 Christens differently
- 52 Became solidified
- 53 Author Joyce Carol \_
- 55 Zing
- 56 \_ out an existence
- 58 Justin Bieber fan, often
- 59 Paint coarsely
- 61 Viral Internet images, say
- 63 Carter's successor used a hand motion?
- 69 Dallas-to-Nashville dir.
- 70 Just right
- 73 Zing
- 74 Miner's strike
- 75 Deli meats turning bad?
- 80 Uppity type
- 82 Droopy
- 83 Agenda
- 84 On an ad \_ basis
- 87 This, in Acapulco
- 88 Retro photo tint
- 91 Rialto city
- 93 Like droids
- 95 Long-running CBS series
- 96 Nietzschean superman from Vegas?
- 100 Golden State sch.
- 102 Hi- \_ image
- 103 PC storage letters
- 104 Sci-fi beings
- 105 Bird crossbreed?
- 110 "Wrong"
- 112 Sorority letter
- 115 Relatives of sororities, for short
- 116 Jazz sax player Stan
- 118 \_ Offensive
- 119 Hammer end
- 120 Slow \_ (small primate)
- 121 Incense resin causes intoxication?
- 125 1985 Kate Nelligan drama
- 126 Marinara herb
- 127 Alfresco
- 128 Marsh plant
- 129 Lifeblood
- 130 Most moist
- DOWN**
- 1 Boats that inflate
- 2 Politician Hatch
- 3 Kind of acid
- 4 "Scream" actress Campbell
- 5 1969 Beatle bride
- 6 Aggressive stinger
- 7 Agog
- 8 Salt, in Sevres
- 9 " \_ Lang Syne"
- 10 "Well done!"
- 11 Inn combo
- 12 "Ad \_ per aspera" (motto of Kansas)
- 13 "Shop \_ you drop"
- 14 Horse food
- 15 Doohickey
- 16 Capital of Kazakhstan
- 17 Animal of superstition
- 18 Nobelist, e.g.
- 19 Personifies
- 24 \_ Martin
- 31 Oz creator
- 32 Boss \_ ("The Dukes of Hazzard" role)
- 34 Honey liquor
- 35 Roker and Sharpton
- 36 Nose marrer
- 37 Lifting device
- 39 Vatican City sculpture
- 42 Thick, sweet liqueurs
- 43 Treasure State capital
- 44 Tooth cover
- 45 Query
- 46 Designer Cassini
- 47 Petition
- 48 1969 Beatle groom
- 49 Juveniles
- 54 "Aladdin" monkey
- 57 Historian's units
- 59 Party for JFK
- 60 Sahara viper
- 62 Of apes
- 64 Fled to hitch
- 65 Vincent van \_
- 66 Uses a perch
- 67 Like steamy literature
- 68 Disunite
- 71 Not bright
- 72 Paranormal gift
- 76 Foreman fighter
- 77 Limb bone
- 78 Outing ruiner
- 79 Run up
- 81 Rialto signs
- 85 Bobby the Bruin
- 86 Is realized
- 88 Brawls
- 89 Salad endive
- 90 Having supporting columns
- 91 Prefix with dilator
- 92 Black, in verse
- 94 "Thanks \_ God!"
- 97 Suffix with north
- 98 \_ out (chill)
- 99 Be a ham
- 101 Stage skill
- 106 Davis of film
- 107 Cruel beasts
- 108 Suit twill
- 109 Actor Hawke
- 111 Quarterback Tim
- 112 Fix, as laces
- 113 Gives ear to
- 114 Kickoff
- 117 It's in brass
- 119 Previous
- 121 Skier Tommy
- 122 52-wk. units
- 123 \_ Valley, San Francisco
- 124 Hairy sitcom cousin

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**TRUE TEXAS FACTS** by Roger Moore August 24, 1917, Gov. Jim Ferguson is impeached. His fatal mistake was vetoing funding for UT and angering powerful UT alumni.



## Social Security Q&A By Ray Vigil

**Q:** I work in retirement. How much can I earn and still collect full Social Security retirement benefits?

**A:** Social Security uses the formulas below, depending on your age, to determine how much you can earn before we must reduce your benefit:

- If you are younger than full retirement age: \$1 in benefits will be deducted for each \$2 you earn above the annual limit. For 2016, that limit is \$15,720.
  - In the year you reach your full retirement age: \$1 in benefits will be deducted for each \$3 you earn above a different limit, but we count only earnings before the month you reach full retirement age. For 2016, this limit is \$41,880.
  - Starting with the month you reach full retirement age: you will get your benefits with no limit on your earnings.
- Find out your full retirement age at [www.socialsecurity.gov/pubs/ageincrease.htm](http://www.socialsecurity.gov/pubs/ageincrease.htm).

For information on this question, visit [www.socialsecurity.gov](http://www.socialsecurity.gov) or call us at 1-800-772-1213. If you have questions you would like to have answered, please mail them to the Social Security Office, 1111 Gateway West, Attn: Ray Vigil, El Paso, Texas 79935.

### GO FIGURE! by Linda Thistle

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

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**DIFFICULTY: ★★★**

★ Moderate ★★ Difficult ★★★ GO FIGURE!

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## 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: L equals F

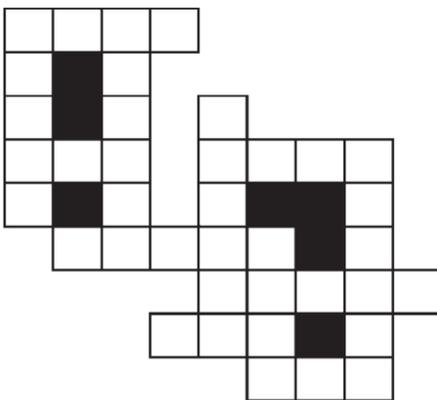
VJQR U OBTTQOWPBR BL DRUWZ  
 OBRDMQDUWQ LBM U KUC BL  
 URDTPRD, VBSTK CBS ZUC WJUW'Z  
 LTC LPZJPRD?

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- NME
- LIRLEG
- ♥ GRELA
- ♥ LEHA
- SERFAH
- ING
- ♥ AMER
- ♥ HEFSL
- ♥ REA
- ♥ IMRANG
- MAUHN
- GFNA



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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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## 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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## Briefs

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trend will continue through the year 2030. The needs of older Americans are priority issues. They merit attention as the 2016 Presidential Election gathers momentum. Yet neither candidate has yet to address aging issues in a substantial manner in this year's election cycle.

— John Grimaldi

## Health

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especially runners. Most often, they get better just by avoiding exercises that cause pain. A diet with adequate calcium and vitamin D, or supplements, may speed healing.

Dr. Roach regrets that he is unable to answer individual letters, but will incorporate them in the column whenever possible. Readers may email questions to [ToYourGoodHealth@med.cornell.edu](mailto:ToYourGoodHealth@med.cornell.edu). To view and order health pamphlets, visit [www.rbmamall.com](http://www.rbmamall.com). (c) 2016 North America Synd., Inc. All Rights Reserved.