



## NEWSBRIEFS

### Trees

Forests across America are a prized natural resource, and anyone can help plant trees in these vital areas by joining the Arbor Day Foundation this month with a \$10 donation. Through the Replanting Our National Forests campaign, the Arbor Day Foundation will honor each new member who joins in July by planting 10 trees in forests that have been devastated by wildfires, insects, and disease. America’s national forests face enormous challenges, including unprecedented wildfires that have left a backlog of more than 1 million acres in need of replanting. The Foundation has worked with the United States Forest Service for more than 25 years to plant trees in high-need forests. Our national forests provide habitat for wildlife, keep the air clean, and help ensure safe drinking water for more than 180 million Americans. To join the Arbor Day Foundation and help plant trees in our national forests, send a \$10 membership contribution to Replanting Our National Forests, Arbor Day Foundation, 100 Arbor Ave., Nebraska City, NE 68410 or visit [arborday.org/july](http://arborday.org/july).

– Danny Cohn

### King Charles III?

It has been reported that the heir to the throne of England, Prince Charles, might take another name when and if he succeeds his Mom, Queen Elizabeth II, according to the Association of Mature American Citizens. It seems that Kings Charles the first and second have pretty sketchy reputations. The first Charles was executed for treason in 1649 and his son had a reputation as a womanizer. But, Prince Charles may have a long wait before he has to make a decision. His grandmother was 101 years old when she passed away. Her daughter, Queen Elizabeth, is just 91 years of age and is said to be in fine health. Charles is 68.

– John Grimaldi

### Is there a mini bar?

If your travel plans include a visit to Switzerland this summer, you may want to consider a stay at the newest Null Stern hotel located in the Swiss Alps, says the Association of Mature American Citizens. You’ll enjoy the view since your bedroom will be located atop a nearly 7,000 foot high mountain and has no walls or

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*Criticism is the disapproval of people, not for having faults, but for having faults different from your own.*

– Quips & Quotes



– Photo / Story by Rick Shrum

**UP IN SMOKE** – Billowing black smoke could be seen for miles on Sunday, July 9. Horizon firefighters responded to a propane-aided fire behind a Clint Independent Independent School District (CISD) warehouse at Kenazo and Weaver – just two blocks from the Horizon City station at about 10 a.m. Crews from Clint and Socorro FDs joined in the fight that included numerous explosions of tires and propane tanks. The fire was under control within 20 minutes and completely extinguished after an hour and a half. Horizon City police secured the perimeter and redirected traffic during the event. CISD losses include used items being stored such as old computers, evaporative coolers, kitchen equipment, modular furniture, furnishings and books that were out of adoption. Adjacent to the storage area and outside the warehouse fence were four maintenance department vehicles – two pickup trucks, a van and a cargo truck – that were consumed by the fire. Additionally, stored refrigerant and propane tanks were damaged by the fire. The dollar amount of the damage is not yet known. The cause of the fire is under investigation and yet to be determined.

## Bus services offer free rides to children this summer

By Alfredo Vasquez  
*Special to the Courier*

EL PASO COUNTY – El Paso County and city transit systems will provide

children free rides through their rural bus and Sun Metro services this summer.

El Paso County Transit – which provides public transportation in Socorro, Tornillo, Fabens, Montana Vista, Clint, Canutillo, Anthony, Vinton and the colonias – will

offer free rides to children 12 and under through Aug. 31.

In addition, the county will offer free bus rides to everybody on Ozone Action

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– Photo courtesy of Texas Parks and Wildlife Department

**OLD ART** – A pictograph above was recently discovered at Hueco Tanks Park & Historic Site. The park is part of the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department.

## Park superintendent to speak on state of Hueco Tanks

By Alfredo Vasquez  
*Special to the Courier*

EL PASO COUNTY – Hueco Tanks State Park & Historic Site Superintendent Ruben Ocampo will give a special presentation on the state of the park, beginning at 11 a.m., Saturday morning, July 15, at the Northeast Regional Command Center Community Room.

The Greater Big Bend Coalition (GBBC) is sponsoring the superintendent’s presentation as part of its series of discussions on the state of the parks and other protected areas in the

Greater Big Bend region including southern New Mexico, West Texas, and related lands in northern Mexico.

Ocampo has worked at Hueco Tanks since September 2015. During this time, a National Historic Landmark (NHL) process was started. As a result, 29 new pictograph areas have been identified.

A native El Pasoan, Ocampo earned a bachelor of arts degree in political science from the University of Texas at El Paso (UTEP). He previously worked with the City El Paso Parks and Recreation Department where he was a coordinator for the department’s outdoor recreation program.

GBBC is a conservation organization in El Paso, whose members work to help protect the desert lands, rivers, mountains and wildlife of the Greater Big Bend Ecosystem of Texas and northern Mexico. The region stretches across the US/ Mexico Rio Grande border and includes nearly 8000 square miles of protected lands in US National Parks, Texas State Parks, and Protected Areas in Mexico.

For more information about the upcoming presentation or about GBBC, contact Rick LoBello, at 915-474-1456, or visit the group’s website at [greaterbigbend.org](http://greaterbigbend.org).





# SISD holds 2017 School Uniform Swap

By Christy Flores-Jones  
Special to the Courier

EL PASO COUNTY – The annual Socorro ISD (SISD) School Uniform Swap will be

from 8 a.m. to noon July 15 at Eastlake High School, 13000 Emerald Pass (off Eastlake Dr.). The event, organized by the Ysleta Lions Club and supported by SISD, allows parents who turn in slightly-worn clean uniforms to get a credit voucher to receive uniforms for their children for the upcoming school year, which begins July 31 for SISD students. There will be polo shirts, T-shirts, pants, shorts, capris, skirts and skorts available in different sizes. Gently-used uniforms can be turned in at various drop-off sites including National Self Storage, Laundry USA, Extreme Core Fitness and Immunize El Paso. For information about the event, location drop-off sites or how to become an event volunteer, call (915) 227-8890.

## Public Notice San Elizario Independent School District 504 Child Find

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.

### 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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## 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 Education programs in Animation and Multimedia, Audio Video Production, Automotive Technology, Biomedical Technology, Building Trades and Construction Technology, Business Administration and Finance, Child Development, Cosmetology, Culinary Arts, Engineering, Graphic Design and Illustration, Information Technology and Networking, Law Enforcement and Criminal Procedures, Robotics, and Science Technology Engineering and Mathematics (STEM). Admission to these programs is based on course pre-requisites and grade level classifications. For program information call Michael Rodriguez at (915) 872-3939, extension 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.

### Notificación Pública de No Discriminación en los Programas de Carrera y Técnica

- 1) *El Distrito Escolar Independiente de San Elizario ofrece programas de Carrera y Educación Técnica en Animación y Multimedia, Producción de Audio y Video, Tecnología Automotriz, Tecnología Biomédica, Oficios de la Construcción y Tecnología de la Construcción, Administración de Empresas y Finanzas, Desarrollo Infantil, Cosmetología, Artes Culinarias, Ingeniería, Diseño Gráfico e Ilustración, Tecnología de la Información y Redes, Aplicación de la ley y los procedimientos penales, Robótica e Ingeniería Tecnológica de la Ciencia y las Matemáticas (STEM). Admisión a estos programas se basa en prerrequisitos del curso y clasificación del nivel del grado. Para más información sobre el programa, por favor comuníquense con Michael Rodriguez al (915) 872-3939, extensión 3844.*
- 2) *Es la póliza del Distrito Escolar Independiente de San Elizario de no discriminar por causa de raza, color, origen nacional, sexo, o discapacidad en estos programas vocacionales, servicios, o actividades requeridos por el Título IV del Acta de Derechos Civiles de 1964, como enmendada Título IX de las Enmiendas Educativas de 1972, y la Sección 504 de la Acta de Rehabilitación de 1973, como enmendada.*
- 3) *Es la póliza del distrito de San Elizario de no descriminar por causa de raza, color, origen nacional, sexo, discapacidad, o la edad en sus metodos de empleo exidido 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 Superintendente 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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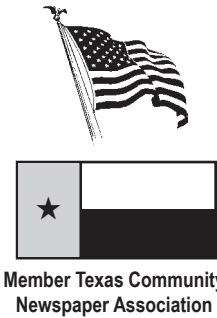
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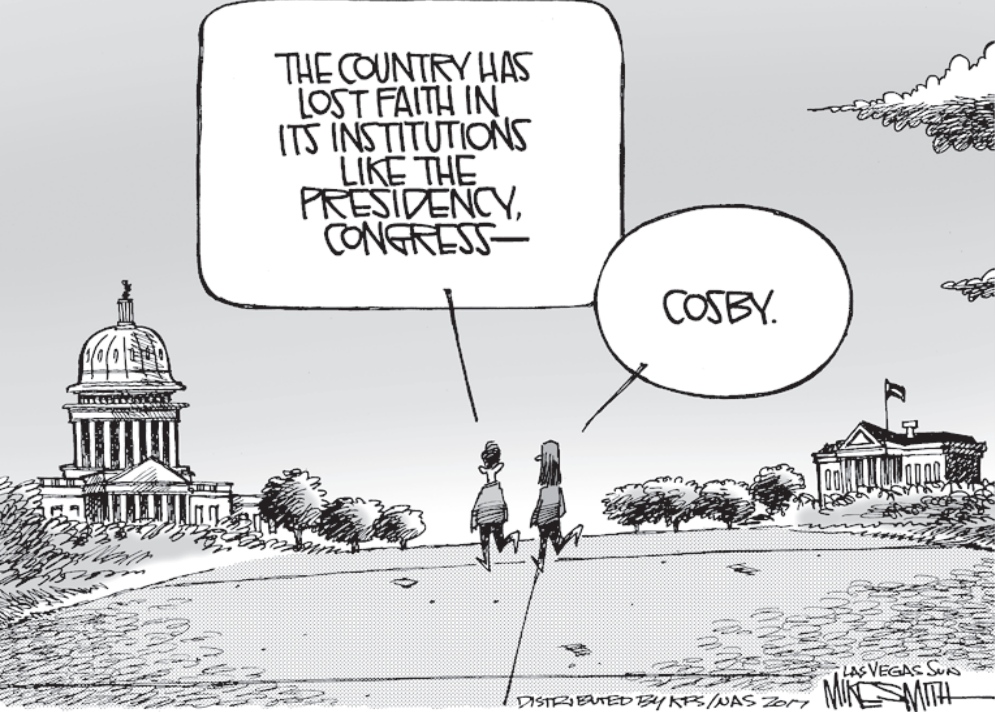
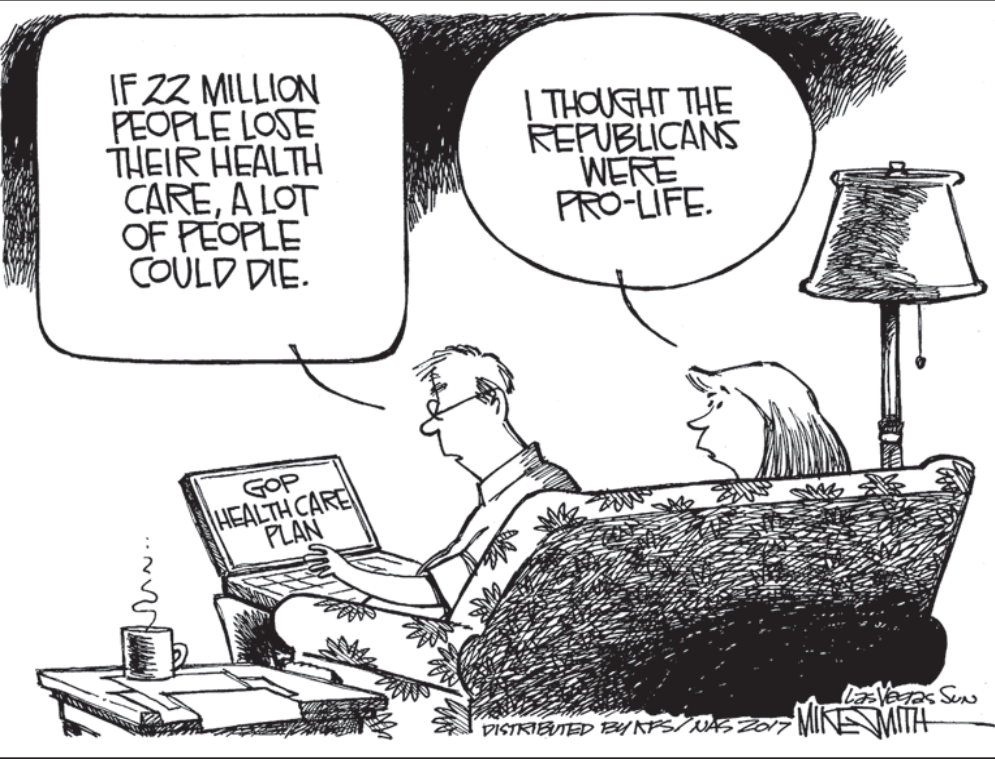
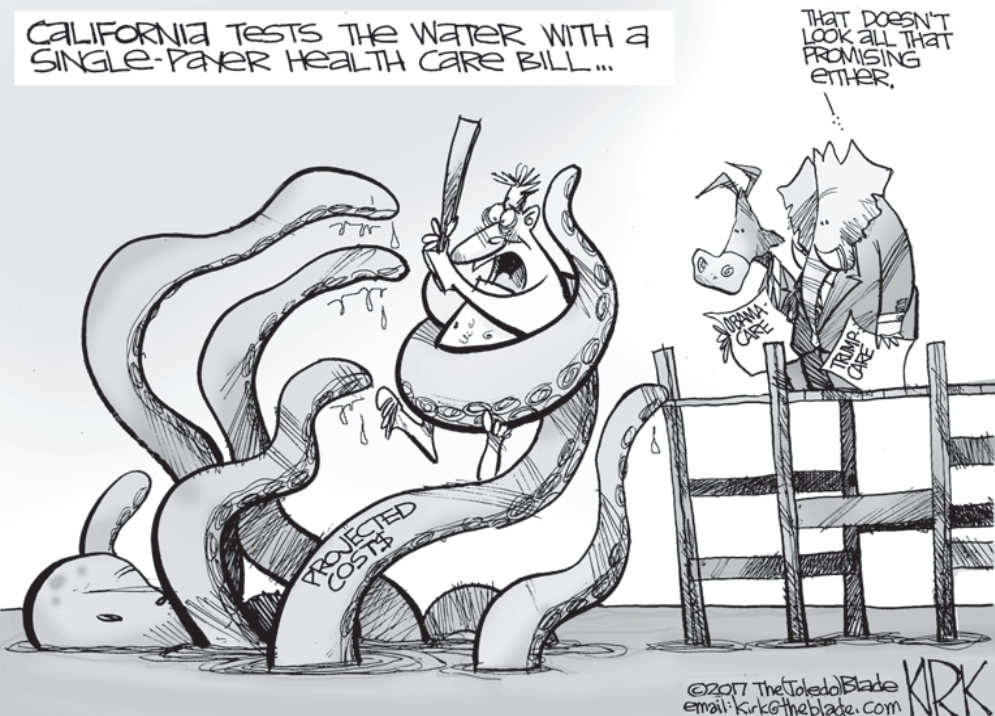


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# El Dorado IB program enrollment now available for out-of-district transfers

By Christy Flores-Jones  
Special to the Courier

EL PASO COUNTY – The International Baccalaureate program at El Dorado High School is now accepting out-of-district transfers, which allows incoming freshman or sophomore students from throughout the region to apply for the world-class, rigorous curriculum that develops inquiring, knowledgeable and caring young adults.

The unique program offers students a challenging program of international education and rigorous assessment preparing them to be compassionate, lifelong learners in an ever-changing global society. It is the only program that allows students to earn dual credit for Tier 1, Ivy League and international universities.

“In IB you have the opportunity to get college credit for Ivy League schools... so it is a rare opportunity for our students,” El Dorado principal Cynthia Retana said. “It also prepares them for global learning. Students can go on to college in other countries after they go through the IB program.”

The IB program is recognized globally, which makes it an attractive option for students from military families who may move anywhere in the world. The IB program credits from El Dorado transfer to any other IB program in the world and the dual credits allow students to be ahead of the game even at universities abroad.

In addition, the El Dorado IB program is free. It allows students an exceptional opportunity to gain the awareness, perspectives and commitments necessary for global engagement and success.

“The most important thing El Dorado provided me was the IB program, which has made me more than just a student that gets good grades,” said Christian Tiscareno, a 2017 graduate of the El Dorado IB program. “It has taught me important things that have really opened up my mind and has really made me feel confident in saying that I do feel college ready.”

Freshmen and sophomores will take pre-IB courses that prepare them for success in the IB Diploma Programme courses that they take during their junior and senior year. The program requires students to complete an 18-month log of community service commitments, an extended essay with extensive research and exploration, and completion of a Theory of Knowledge course and essay that must be presented with a variety of support materials and media.

IB students work together in a close-knit learning environment, completing community service projects and taking college trips together.

“It is an incredible program, and it’s not just academically driven, it is community-service based and research-skills based,” said Paulina Hernandez, El Dorado social studies teacher and IB program coordinator. “We also encourage our students who are in extracurricular activities to apply for IB. They don’t have to give that up to be in the program.”

To apply for the El Dorado IB program, please contact Paulina Hernandez at pherna07@sisd.net or visit [www.sisd.net/IB](http://www.sisd.net/IB) or call the school at (915) 937-3386.

## Veterans Post By Freddy Groves

### The magical LUKE arm

Two veterans have received what is being called the world’s most advanced commercial prosthetic – the LUKE arm. Short for Life Under Kinetic Evolution, the LUKE allows them to do everything from handling tools and cooking to gift wrapping a present and eating a single grape.

Sometimes the Department of Veterans Affairs really steps up to fix a problem, and this is one of those times. Eight years ago, the VA hooked up with the Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency (DARPA) to create a prosthetic that could do multiple functions at once. Existing prosthetic arms could do only one thing at a time, one joint at a time. The LUKE allows multiple movements of the joints from the shoulder down to the hand. The hand has four grips, rotating wrist, shoulder flexor, elbow movements and more.

The arm works in conjunction with foot and leg movements, which use wireless transmitters and sensors. It

takes training, of course, to master the movements, but as one of the veterans said, “It’s like magic.”

Consider what having a second functioning arm can do: You’re at the grill in the back yard and the steaks are about done; you can actually hold a platter in one hand while the other uses the tongs to lift the steaks onto the platter. Or maybe you have an armload of groceries and need to unlock your door with the other hand. Or maybe you just want to peel a banana. With the LUKE, it’s all possible. Think about that for a minute.

At this point the VA has ordered 10 LUKES. The going price for each one is an estimated \$100,000.

My hope is that some wealthy individuals in this country will get together and buy a few for the VA. They could change the life of a veteran – or 50 or 100 veterans.

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Notice  
Draft Environmental Assessment Available for Public Review and Public Hearing  
FM 1110  
From I-10 to SH 20  
CSJs: 1281-01-017 & 1281-02-007  
El Paso County, Texas

The Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) in conjunction with El Paso County, is proposing improvements to Farm-to-Market (FM) 1110 from Interstate Highway 10 (I-10) to State Highway 20 (SH 20) (Alameda Ave.) in El Paso County, Texas. This notice advises the public that a draft environmental assessment (EA) is available for public review and that TxDOT will be conducting a public hearing on the proposed project. The hearing will be held on **Tuesday, August 1, 2017** at the Clint High School Auxiliary Gym, at 13890 Alameda Ave., Clint, Texas, 79836. Displays will be available for viewing at 5 p.m. with the formal hearing starting 6 p.m. The purpose of the hearing is to present the planned improvements and to receive public comment on the proposed project.

The proposed project consists of widening FM 1110 from I-10 to FM 76 (North Loop Dr.) from two to four lanes, and a new four lane roadway section from FM 76 to SH 20 to provide direct connection from I-10 to SH 20. The proposed project, located near the Town of Clint and the City of San Elizario, is approximately 2.76 miles long. The project would include intersection improvements at FM 76 and SH 20, a bridge over the floodplain near FM 76, an overpass at the Union Pacific Railroad (UPRR) tracks, drainage improvements, and bicycle/pedestrian accommodations. The purpose of the project is to improve mobility and linkage, reduce travel delays at the UPRR crossing, and meet anticipated traffic demand. The proposed project would be constructed in phases. Phase I would consist of improvements between I-10 and FM 76 and Phase II would consist of the improvements between FM 76 and SH 20.

FM 1110 is currently a two-lane, undivided, rural facility. Between I-10 and FM 76 the existing roadway consists of two 12-ft lanes with 4-ft outside shoulders within a variable right-of-way (ROW) width ranging from 128- to 130 ft. Between SH 20 and FM 76, the existing FM 1110 roadway meanders through the Town of Clint, and consists of two 11-ft lanes with 3-ft outside shoulders within a variable ROW width ranging from 40- to 60 ft. Sidewalks, ranging from 5- to 6 ft wide, are provided intermittently between FM 76 and SH 20. The proposed typical section would consist of four 12-ft lanes (two in each direction), an 18-ft wide raised median, 11-ft turn lanes, 5-ft bicycle lanes; and 6-ft sidewalks. The proposed project would require approximately 40.02 acres of additional ROW and 0.53 acre of temporary construction easements. To provide a grade-separated crossing at the UPRR crossing, a license agreement of approximately 0.63 acre would be required. The project would also require license agreements totaling approximately 1.21 acres from the El Paso County Water Improvement District No. 1 (EPCWID No. 1) for project crossings of the Salatral Lateral, Mesa Drain, and Clint Lateral. One potential residential displacement would occur as a result of the proposed project. Information about the TxDOT Relocation Assistance Program, benefits and services for displacees, as well as information about the tentative schedules for ROW acquisition and construction can be obtained from the TxDOT District Office at the address listed below. Relocation assistance is available for potentially displaced persons.

Approximately 14 acres within the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA)100-year floodplain would be impacted by the proposed project. Two retention basins (totaling approximately 6.2 acres) would be constructed adjacent to the FM 1110/FM 76 intersection to mitigate for the impacts within the 100-year floodplain. The floodplain area near FM 76 would be spanned by a bridge to minimize impacts to the floodplains.

As previously stated, the project would also require license agreements totaling approximately 1.21 acres from the EPCWID No. 1 for project crossings of the Salatral Lateral, Mesa Drain, and Clint Lateral. These irrigation features are part of the EPCWID No. 1, which is listed in the National Register of Historic Places. Proposed improvements at these locations consist of construction of concrete box culverts in accordance with current EPCWID No. 1 design standards. As part of this project, TxDOT is considering a Section 4(f) *De Minimis* determination for impacts to the features. Because the proposed project crosses components of the EPCWID No. 1, a historic resource, Chapter 26 of the Parks and Wildlife Code applies to the proposed project. More information will be presented at the public hearing and has been included in the environmental document for the project.

The draft EA, maps showing the project location and design, tentative construction schedules, and other information regarding the project are on file and available for review Monday through Friday between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. at TxDOT El Paso District, 13301 Gateway West, El Paso, Texas, 79928 and at [www.txdot.gov](http://www.txdot.gov) under the Public Meetings and Hearings section. This information will also be available for review at the hearing. Verbal and written comments from the public regarding the project are requested and may be provided at the hearing, or submitted in person or by mail to the TxDOT El Paso District Office, Attn: Gus Sanchez, FM 1110, or by email at [ELP\\_FM1110Project@txdot.gov](mailto:ELP_FM1110Project@txdot.gov). Comments must be received on or before **Wednesday, August 16, 2017** to be part of the official hearing record.

The hearing will be conducted in English. If English is not your primary language and you have difficulty communicating effectively in English, you may need an interpreter or document translator; one will be provided to you upon request. If you have a disability and need assistance, special arrangements can be made to accommodate most needs. If you are a person with a disability who requires an accommodation to attend the public hearing, please contact Jennifer Wright, TxDOT Public Information Officer, at (915) 790-4340 or by email at [jennifer.wright3@txdot.gov](mailto:jennifer.wright3@txdot.gov) no later than 4:00 p.m., Tuesday, July 25, 2017. Please be aware that advance notice is requested as some accommodations may require time for TxDOT to arrange.

If you have any general questions or concerns regarding the proposed project or the hearing, please contact Gus Sanchez at (915) 790-4200.

*The environmental review, consultation, and other actions required by applicable Federal environmental laws for this project are being, or have been, carried-out by TxDOT pursuant to 23 U.S.C. 327 and a Memorandum of Understanding dated December 16, 2014, and executed by FHWA and TxDOT.*

Strange But True

By Samantha Weaver

• It was 20th-century American author and journalist Emily Kimbrough who made the following sage observation: “Remember, we all stumble, every one of us. That’s why it’s a comfort to go hand in hand.”

• The very first drive-thru fast-food restaurant opened in 1948, in Baldwin Park, California. The idea was obviously a success – by 1990, In-N-Out burger had 60 locations, all in the Los Angeles metropolitan area. The private, family-owned chain now has 313 locations across six states.

• You probably didn’t know that Little Miss Muffet was a real person. It’s true – Dr. Thomas Muffet wrote the nursery rhyme for his daughter, Patience.

• If you’re fortunate enough to be planning a trip to the Southeast Asian nation of Cambodia – home to the 12th-century temple complex and UNESCO World Heritage Site Angkor Wat – keep an eye out for some local comestibles. If you get hungry, you can try out a local delicacy such as deep-fried tarantula. If you’re feeling ill (and particularly daring), try out a medicinal liquor – there’s a popular one that is made by putting live spiders into rice wine.

• Those who study such things say that the most widely used word in the world is “okay” – though the spelling varies widely.

• You might be surprised to learn that 7 percent of American adults – that’s 17.3 million people – believe that chocolate milk comes from brown cows. The same survey, conducted by the Innovation Center for U.S. Dairy in May of this year, found that 95 percent of Americans have at least one kind of cheese in the fridge.

Thought for the Day: “As a general truth, communities prosper and flourish, or droop and decline, in just the degree that they practice or neglect to practice the primary duties of justice and humanity.”  
– William Henry Seward

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- On July 24, 1567, during her imprisonment in Scotland, Mary Queen of Scots is forced to abdicate in favor of her 1-year-old son, later crowned King James VI of Scotland. Twenty-five years earlier, while just six days old, Mary ascended to the Scottish throne upon the death of her father, King James V.
- On July 25, 1832, the first recorded railroad accident in U.S. history occurs when a cable securing boulders snaps, throwing four people over a cliff on the Granite Railway in Massachusetts.
- On July 26, 1931, a swarm of grasshoppers descends on crops throughout the American heartland, devastating millions of acres. The swarm was said to be so thick that it blocked out the sun and one could shovel the grasshoppers with a scoop.
- On July 27, 1990, the last Citroen 2CV rolls off the production line in Portugal. Since its debut in 1948, a total of 5,114,959 2CVs had been produced. The 2CV (“Deux Chevaux Vapeur” in French, or “two steam horses”) is a reference to France’s policy of taxing cars based on their engine output.
- On July 28, 1945, the U.S. Senate approves the charter establishing the United Nations by a vote of 89 to 2. The Senate didn’t formally approved U.S. participation in the United Nations until December 1945.
- On July 29, 1967, a fire on the U.S. Navy carrier Forrestal stationed off the coast of Vietnam kills 134 service members. The deadly fire began with the accidental launch of a rocket from one of its own F-4 Phantom jet fighters. The resulting fire then detonated a 1,000-pound bomb.
- On July 30, 1976, American Bruce Jenner sets a world record in winning the decathlon at the Montreal Olympics. After his win, Jenner enjoyed the unofficial title of “world’s greatest athlete.”

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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  
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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.

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# Cowboys take one step forward, two back

By Steve Escajeda  
Special to the Courier

Anyone who’s ever held a leadership role of any kind knows that, in the end, they’re only as good as the people they lead.

Even a successful group can suddenly spiral downward if doesn’t maintain the leadership structure that got it there in the first place.

Sometimes an organization can rest on its laurels, or if success comes too quickly, it can fall into the trap of invincibility.

This seems to be a common theme in the sports world. How many teams over the years were destined to become great dynasties only to fizzle out after a year or two because individual players began believing they were more important than the group.

The Dallas Cowboys open their training camp to rookies in less than a week, with veterans reporting a few days later.

After going 13-3 last season and winning the NFC East and establishing themselves as a legitimate contender for the Super Bowl, the Cowboys and their

fans can’t wait for the 2017 season to kickoff.

Unfortunately, some of its players will be forced to wait.

It seemed like the summer was chock full of weekly stories concerning a Dallas Cowboy who was faced with some kind of decision – and made the wrong one.

If any team needed for everything to go right during the offseason to maintain its climb upward, it was the Cowboys. Love them or not, they are America’s Team in football much as the Lakers and the Yankees hold that title in their respective sport.

One by one, led by defensive end Randy Gregory, who will miss the entire 2017 season after his fourth violation of the league’s drug law, Cowboys players have developed a knack for getting into trouble.

Last week linebacker Damien Wilson was arrested for aggravated assault with a deadly weapon. Really? The guy gets into an argument with a female, backs his car into hers and then comes out brandishing a rifle.

If this were taking place during an episode of “Game of Thrones,” I could

understand it, but we live in a semi-civilized society. Apparently somebody forgot to inform Wilson of that.

Then there is cornerback Nolan Carroll, who was arrested for DWI a couple months ago. He just signed with the Cowboys from the Eagles. I guess he was just trying to fit in.

One of the defensive bright spots for the Cowboys last season was defensive end David Irving, who came on at the end of the year to supply the team with a much-needed pass rush.

Of course we now know he had a little help from some illegal player-enhancement drugs. And for that he’ll be suspended for the first four games of the season.

Let’s hope he can still perform without them; I’ve heard Popeye wasn’t the same without his spinach.

Of course though none of his antics are considered criminal of mean-spirited, running back Ezekiel Elliott is a long way from being considered a “grown up.”

He is still awaiting the NFL’s disciplinary action on an alleged sexual assault case against him. He had that moment when he raised a female’s blouse to reveal what she

had underneath. He also had that moment when cameras caught him checking out a marijuana shop in Seattle.

It could very well be that Elliott didn’t do anything illegal, but his decisions could get him into a lot of trouble and damage a brand that can be among the brightest in the NFL.

Then there is the squeaky-clean future face if the franchise, quarterback Dak Prescott.

Even he received some negative press last week when it was alleged that he was signing his memorabilia autographs with a machine instead of his fingers.

Now I’m not one of those memorabilia geeks, but if I were, I’d certainly like to know that I was paying for an authentic autograph rather than a mass-produced one.

Words like integrity and honesty and responsibility and respect, don’t get as much play as they once did.

Cowboys’ owner Jerry Jones and Cowboys general manager Jerry Jones would do well to consider those words when choosing future players.

But then again, every leader should already know that.

## A sporting view By Mark Vasto

### The luxurious life of Stephen Curry

If Stephen Curry never scores another point for Golden State, he’ll still be worth every penny of the “supermax” contract he signed with the Warriors on the first day of free agency.

The deal, which will pay Curry \$201 million over the next five seasons, is the largest in NBA history. When you judge Curry’s performance over the past few years – three NBA Finals and two championships, record-setting regular seasons and playoff runs – it’s clear that he is well worth the risk going ahead.

But if you’re Warriors owner Joe Lacob, you can look back to how much you’ve made to know he’s

worth the investment.

When Lacob bought the team, the Warriors were worth \$450 million. Today, they’re worth \$2.6 billion. That’s an astounding return on investment. Ludicrous, even. So ludicrous, it has NBA players actually criticizing the Curry deal as being too small.

Lebron James was the first to speak out on the deal on Twitter because he is the King and as we all know, Twitter is the communication medium of choice for kings and presidents in today’s world.

“So tell me again why there’s a cap on how much a player should get?? Don’t answer that. Steph

should be getting 400M this summer 5yrs. – LeBron James (@KingJames) July 1, 2017

James is taking issue with the salary cap in the NBA, the cap that Curry head-butted with his deal. James feels that Curry was worth double, and it’s hard to argue the fact. What team owner wouldn’t want to see their team’s value increase four or five times over?

The NBA has a collective bargaining agreement and a salary cap, designed to control costs and increase ownership’s profits. It works by calculating a percentage of the league’s revenue from the previous season. It allows for

teams to pay over the calculation to a degree, but then the team is charged a luxury tax. For this coming season, the salary cap was set at \$99 million and the luxury tax was at \$119 million. That’s the formula that was used to pay Curry. James – and every other player in the league – feels that market factors should prevail.

The NBA players association will be renegotiating the bargaining agreement next year, and James himself will be a part of the team of negotiators.

If the past is any barometer, I wouldn’t expect ownership to budge. Owners seem to like profits, and they have shown a willingness in the past to lock

out players, endure strikes and still get their way when all’s said and done.

Maybe this time, things will be different. Maybe the luxury tax will have a higher ceiling, and guys like Lebron James can collect hundreds of millions more for bouncing a ball up and down a court. At the end of the day, it’s always good to remember one thing: It could be worse... you could be playing for the New York Knicks.

Mark Vasto is a veteran sportswriter who lives in New Jersey. (c) 2017 King Features Synd., Inc.

### Bus

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Days – the typically hot, sunny, steamy days determined to have high levels of ozone buildup on the ground.

According to officials, about 6,500 people use the transit bus program in the county every month. The regular flat fare is \$2 per rider.

“By providing free rides for kids this summer, we hope to give more people access and create more familiarity with the system leading up to the new school year,” the county’s transportation program engineer Sal Alonzo stated in a recent news release. He oversees all

county transportation projects.

The county transit offers six routes: Route 10, which covers Anthony and Canutillo; Route 20 in Montana Vista; Route 30 in Horizon; Route 40, which covers Fabens and Tornillo; Route 50, which travels along the Mission Trail, and Route 84 that covers El Paso Community College Mission del Paso and the City of Socorro. All county routes connect to a City of El Paso Sun Metro transfer center.

Within the city limits, Sun Metro is offering free transportation to children between 6 and 18 years of age who are enrolled in summer camps in participating nonprofit organizations. Children under 5 years of age always ride free. This is the third consecutive

year that the local bus service offers free rides for youth.

Participating nonprofit organizations include the Center Against Sexual and Family Violence, El Paso Center for Children, El Paso Public Library, El Paso Parks and Recreation Centers, El Paso Symphony Orchestra/Tocando Community Music, House of Hope, Museum and Cultural Affairs Department, Project Bravo, Reynolds Home and the Salvation Army.

“Parents can avoid the hassle of having to drive the kids to their summer program. Sun Metro provides transit for the youth of our community all while helping them stay active and busy this summer,” Sun Metro Director Jay Banasiak said in a news release.

For more information about Sun Metro’s free ride program call 212-3333 or visit its website at sunmetro.net/.

Maps of routes are available at:  
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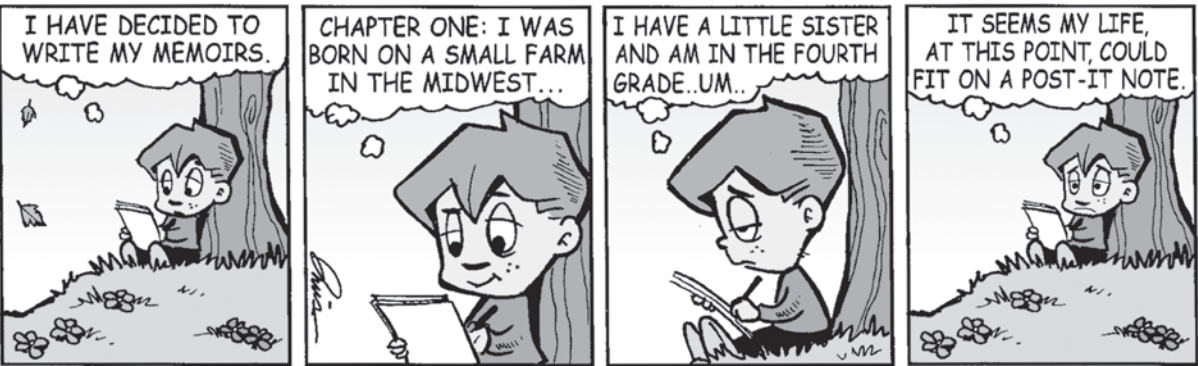
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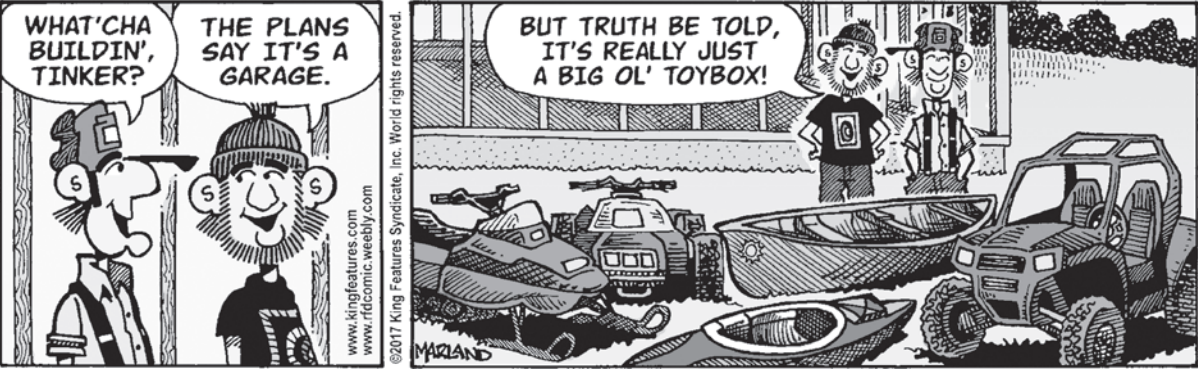
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Your good health

By Keith Roach, M.D.

*DEAR DR. ROACH: Ten years ago, I had many episodes of rapid heartbeats, diagnosed as atrial fibrillation. My cardiologist put me on a medication, which I took for a couple of years, but the A fib came back. The doctor changed my medication to sotalol, but that didn't help either. I read that low magnesium could be a cause of atrial fibrillation, and I started taking calcium, magnesium and potassium, and have not an episode of rapid heartbeat for four years. I went back to my doctor, who told me it was a crazy idea. I haven't seen him in four years. It seems a shame that we hear of so many treatments for A fib when it might be stopped with a simple supplement. – S.Z.*

also would try to find a physician who is willing to work with you on combining “alternative” treatments like magnesium with traditional therapy if needed.

**READERS:**  
Atrial fibrillation is quite common, affecting some 2 million Americans, and becomes more common with age. To learn more, order the booklet on Heartbeat Irregularities by writing: Dr. Roach – No. 107W, Box 536475, Orlando, FL 32853-6475. Enclose a check or money order (no cash) for \$4.75 U.S./\$6 Can. with the recipient's printed name and address. Please allow four weeks for delivery.

**DR. ROACH WRITES:**  
I wrote a column awhile back about a man who kept falling, whose doctor wasn't able to find the cause after a thorough search. I had suggested checking his vitamin D level, but many readers wrote in to tell me about conditions that were missed in themselves or in a loved one. I thought that a few of these were worth sharing.

Well, it certainly isn't a crazy idea, but low magnesium isn't the only cause of atrial fibrillation, and supplementing magnesium and other electrolytes will not stop atrial fibrillation in most people. However, low blood magnesium levels are a recognized risk factor for developing atrial fibrillation, and giving magnesium during heart surgery reduces the risk of developing A fib afterward in some (but not all) studies, so there certainly is something to it. Also, oral magnesium can make other medications for A fib work more effectively. Since oral magnesium is safe and cheap, I think it is reasonable to try.

Many people wrote that a physical therapist (and perhaps an occupational therapist as well) would be important, and I fully agree. I have found physical and occupational therapists to be among my most treasured but underappreciated colleagues, and almost always, they are able to improve people's function.

However, I am concerned because atrial fibrillation can go on in some people without their being aware of it, and the major risk of A fib is blood clots. I would recommend that you continue to get evaluated periodically to make sure your heart rate is persistently normal. I

Other suggestions included looking for low oxygen levels, and checking whether the blood pressure drops too much upon standing. One person wrote in to note that walkers and wheelchairs can decrease activity and lead

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Super Crossword

- PERMANENT LINKS**
- ACROSS**
- 1 Neighbor of Rwanda
- 7 Only OK
- 11 Lucky mystique
- 15 Odist, e.g.
- 19 Bagel shape
- 20 “\_ Excited”
- 21 Baldwin of film
- 22 Duncan of education
- 23 Decorative window option
- 25 Grown-up eft
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- 27 Tendril, e.g.
- 28 Atop, to a
- 15-Across
- 29 Washed-out
- 31 Slowly, on a score
- 41 Wall St. news
- 42 Prefix with vision
- 43 Superhero film of 2015
- 44 Apple pic application
- 46 Bottom-row PC key
- 47 “\_ Miniver”
- 48 Mimics a wolf
- 51 Totem pole, essentially
- 53 Item in an election box

- 56 Ocean's hue
- 57 Ocean's kin
- 58 Cleveland cager, briefly
- 59 Subsides
- 60 Oxidizes
- 62 Upright height
- 65 Coach Riley
- 66 Pick up on
- 68 What can follow eight key words in this puzzle to get phrases meaning “permanent”
- 70 SSA part
- 75 City area, informally
- 77 Deny, as a fact
- 79 Mambo relative
- 80 “No, not true!”
- 84 Mine rocks
- 85 Bang into
- 87 Fix, as a cat
- 88 Vase inserts
- 90 Fixed goal
- 93 State, to Luc
- 94 Alias initials
- 95 Jacob's first wife
- 96 Secondary
- 97 Venerate
- 100 Objectives
- 101 24-hr. cash source
- 102 Serpentine letter
- 103 Fancy wedding mailing
- 108 Frosh topper
- 109 Seedy loaf
- 110 Salem-to-L.A. dir.
- 111 It's a no-no
- 115 Greek liqueur

- 116 White-dwarf explosion
- 119 Feature of a bodybuilder's tummy
- 122 Dunkable cookie
- 123 Smack hard
- 124 Gofer, e.g.
- 125 Isis' brother
- 126 “Freak on a Leash” rock band
- 127 In times past
- 128 Fulfill
- 129 Cloud layers
- DOWN**
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- 3 Former BP gas brand
- 4 Not at all, informally
- 5 Classic cola brand
- 6 Count up
- 7 \_ mignon
- 8 Italian liqueur
- 9 Specific mag. printing
- 10 UFO museum city
- 11 Miracle food from above
- 12 Bullfighting yell
- 13 Hanukkah observer
- 14 Eighth of a circle
- 15 Tasty
- 16 They're not facsimiles
- 17 Film scorer

- Morricone
- 18 “Grand” mountain
- 24 With 38-Across, deteriorate
- 30 Logger's tool
- 32 Block (up)
- 34 Apple items with earbuds
- 35 Geeky sort
- 36 Rover's planet
- 37 Foot section
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- 39 Light-blocking
- 40 Propulsion
- 45 Egg-shaped
- 46 Raccoon lookalike
- 47 Experts
- 49 “\_ name it!”
- 50 Brand of fuel additives
- 52 “Gone” actor
- Bentley
- 53 “Lili” actress Leslie
- 54 Dolly's calls
- 55 Fur tycoon on the Titanic
- 58 “Aw” inspirer
- 61 Certain oar
- 63 Longhair cat
- 64 Romanov bigwigs
- 67 Half a sextet
- 69 Neighbor of 36-Down
- 71 Tooth parts
- 72 Horn in (on)
- 73 Demeans
- 74 Parfait parts
- 76 Look out for

- 78 Talk shrilly
- 80 Cola cooler
- 81 “Tsk, tsk!”
- 82 Daydreamer
- 83 Matinee time
- 86 Prefix with faceted
- 89 Barely earned, with “out”
- 90 Rig on a road
- 91 Manhattan area
- 92 Most distant
- 95 Equipment for real-time viewing on the Net
- 98 Steve of rock guitar
- 99 “All the same...”
- 100 Above zero
- 101 To \_ (unerringly)
- 103 Nook reading
- 104 Prefix with physiologist
- 105 Beyond mad
- 106 Good point
- 107 Low point
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- 117 Have
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**True Texas** by Roger T. Moore  
July 14, 1920: Slugger Clark of Corsicana hits 8 straight homers vs. Texarkana.



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: ★★ ★

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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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a ceiling. In fact, the “room” comes with a bed, night tables, lamps, a roomy bed and your own butler. Alas, there is no bathroom unless you count the one located about a ten-minute walk in the crisp Alpine air. But, you can have breakfast in bed served by your valet who will deliver a salami sandwich and coffee each morning. And, it will only cost you about 242 U.S. dollars per night.

– John Grimaldi

Wanted

A motorcycle is stolen through an tricky scheme in central El Paso. Investigators from the El Paso Police Department are asking for the public’s help in finding the thieves through the Crime Stoppers. On the morning of Saturday, June 17, 2017 one suspect contacted a man that was helping the victim sell his motorcycle. The suspect convinced the man to take the motorcycle to Viva Motorsports at 1045 Magruder to replace a lost key. The man helped the suspect load the

motorcycle into the suspect’s truck and rode with him to the dealership. Once there a second suspect, posing as an employee, met the man outside of the business. The suspects told the man to go inside to check in. When the man went inside the suspects drove off with the motorcycle. The stolen motorcycle is a black and gold 2006 Kawasaki ZX600. The suspects drove off in a green, Dodge Dakota pickup truck with faded paint on the hood. The truck is believed to be a mid-90s single cab model. The suspects are both described as Hispanic males, in their late 20s to early 30s. Anyone with information on the identity of those involved in this theft should call Crime Stoppers of El Paso immediately at 566-8477 (TIPS), on-line at www.crimestoppersofelpaso.org or you can send a text message by entering the key word “CRIME1” (no space and include the quotation marks) plus your tip information, and text it to CRIMES (274637). You will remain anonymous and, if your tip leads to an arrest, you can qualify for a cash reward.

– Javier Sambrano

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: C equals G

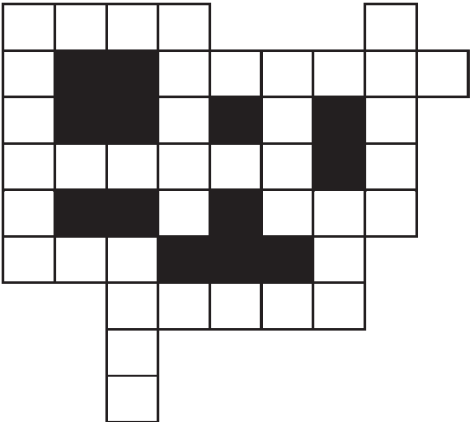
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TRGDP BQVQSC KQI SHQVI.

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GWA  
GWAINY  
URVEE  
WMRA  
WIDMLE  
♥AYM  
♥RGYE  
NYGIE  
WEA  
NINDRE  
♥GARYN  
♥EMRA



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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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Here’s a Tip

By JoAnn Derson

• “A great use for an old purse is to hold the basic tools you need around the house, such as a hammer, pliers, a set of screwdrivers, etc. I keep an assortment of fasteners in mine too: Nails, safety pins and screws go easily in a side pocket.”  
– R.L. via e-mail

• If you need to keep a door from closing, use this rubber-band trick: Loop a thick rubber band (like the ones that bind stalks of broccoli) around the doorknob, twist, then loop it around the opposite door knob. It will keep the latch from catching, and the door can close, but will push right open. This is handy if you have little ones who like to lock the bathroom door or if you’re bringing groceries inside and want to close the door between trips without shutting yourself out!

• “When I go shopping in the grocery store, nothing irritates me more than to open a carton of eggs to see if any are broken, and to have the carton not close back up. So, I decided to find my own solution. I now take a rubber band in my purse to wrap around the carton to hold the lid in place until I get home. Once they’ve been opened, they never shut tight again. Case solved!”  
– E.D. in Alaska

• Paper coffee filters are great in the microwave as splatter guards.

• Studies show that the higher the temperature, the lighter the fare. Dieters take note: Turn off the air conditioning about 20 minutes before dinner. You’ll take in less food and will be more likely to eat lighter foods.

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to loss of strength and balance. Another recommended looking for hidden infections, such as in the urine. These should have been checked for.

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. To view and order health pamphlets, visit www.rbmamall.com. (c) 2017 North America Synd., Inc. All Rights Reserved.