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## NEWSBRIEFS

### Vets' parade

The Historic town of San Elizario will host its 21st Annual Veterans Day Parade and Ceremony on Saturday, Nov. 11 2017. The parade will start at 9:00 a.m. at Thompson Rd. and Socorro Rd. It will travel east on Socorro Rd. to Main St. and Alarcon Rd. and end at Veterans Memorial Plaza in front of the San Elizario Presidio Chapel. Ceremonies will continue at the Plaza at 10:30 a.m. Presentation of the Colors, playing of the National Anthem and the Pledge of Allegiance will be conducted. Special guests, dignitaries – along with our 2017 Parade Grand Marshal Manuel Alvarado and our 2017 Parade Honorary Marshal Robert Holguin – will be introduced. A candle lighting, POW-MIA, and Flag Folding Ceremony will be observed. Five veterans – Eduardo Apodaca, Deanna Caldwell, Tony Perez, Enrique Valdez Jr. and Frank Valdez Jr., all having roots/ties to San Eli – will be honored for their military service. The Veterans Committee of the San Elizario Genealogy and Historical Society, cordially invites everyone to attend the parade and ceremony. Bring your family, friends, neighbors and your cameras to enjoy a day celebrating and honoring all veterans. Food vendors will be available. While in San Eli you can visit our Presidio Chapel, the Portales Museum and Tourist Center, the Veterans Museum, the Veterans Memorial Brick Walk, the Old County Jail, and the world famous art galleries that make up the Art District. Everything is within walking distance. For more information, contact Ray Borrego, Chair, San Elizario Veterans Committee, at rayborrego99@msn.com or call (915) 383-8529. Visit our website at www.sanelizariogenealogy.com.

— Ray Borrego

### Crook or cook

A burglar broke into a Mexican restaurant in Hicksville, NY, stole \$100 from the cash register and then proceeded to cook up a storm. He was caught on surveillance video and the owner of the eatery was very impressed with the crook's cooking skills, according to the Association of Mature American Citizens. The thief knew his way around a

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*In times of prosperity men ask too little of God. In times of adversity, they ask too much.*

— Quips & Quotes

## Tigua statue defaced, vandals sought

By Alfredo Vasquez  
*Special to the Courier*

EL PASO COUNTY – A bronze statue of a Tigua woman named Nestora Granillo Piarote was vandalized between 12:30 and 7:30 a.m., on Columbus Day, Monday, October 9. The statue measures 12 feet tall, weighs 1.5 tons and sits on a 7-foot elevated base. Red paint was poured onto the statue and a red wooden cross was placed in front of it. The FBI said the cross had white letters on it that apparently spelled "Columbus Day".

The statue stands in front of the Tigua Indian Cultural Center (305 Yaya Lane and Socorro Road) in El Paso County's lower valley. Two weeks into the investigation the Federal Bureau of Investigations (FBI), El Paso Police Department, and Tigua Tribal Police Office continue to follow leads in their joint efforts to apprehend the individual or individuals responsible for the damage caused to the statue.

To encourage the public's assistance in solving this case a \$10,000 reward – made up of \$6,000 from the FBI, \$2,000 from the Tigua tribe, and \$2,000 from the Sociedad Cultural de Espana cultural group – has been posted. The reward is for information leading to the arrest of the person(s) that poured the paint on the Nestora Granillo Piarote Memorial Statue. FBI and Tigua tribal officials announced the reward during a recent news conference.

The statue was unveiled during a dedication ceremony at the cultural center

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— Photo courtesy of the Federal Bureau of Investigations

**STUPIDITY** – The bronze statue, above, of a Tigua woman named Nestora Granillo Piarote was defaced with red paint. The vandalism was discovered on Columbus Day – Monday, October 9.

## Espinoza receives prestigious national award

*SISD superintendent awarded \$20,000 Escalante-Gradillas prize*

By Christy Flores-Jones  
*Special to the Courier*

EL PASO COUNTY – Socorro Independent School Superintendent of Schools Dr. José Espinoza has been named the winner of the national 2017 Escalante-Gradillas Prize for Best in Education. The award is named after the late Jaime Escalante, legendary Garfield High School calculus teacher profiled in the 1988 film "Stand and Deliver," and the outstanding principal, Henry Gradillas, who championed his vision.

This prestigious national award carries with it a \$10,000 individual award



Dr. José Espinoza

as well as \$10,000 awarded to the winner's district. Dr. Espinoza plans to donate his \$10,000 to students in the district in the form of college scholarships.

"I am humbled and extremely honored to win the Escalante-Gradillas Best in Education award," Dr. Espinoza said. "I have repeatedly emphasized that it takes a team to educate a child. By the same token, it takes a team to earn a national education award. Thus, I share this award with our outstanding teachers, administrators, support staff, parents, Board of Trustees, and entire community who go above and beyond every day to ensure the success of our students. Achieving success as a team is what

we do best in Socorro ISD!"

Dr. Espinoza was selected from a large pool of elite leaders across the nation who have done more with less, overcome obstacles, boosted achievement levels, and raised the standard of excellence for their schools and districts.

Noted by TheBestSchools.org, "as the 2017 winner of the Escalante-Gradillas Prize for Best in Education, Espinoza models for El Paso's children, who live in the shadow of the Mexican border, a stellar commitment to academic excellence and achievement. His successes in the field of education would make not only his parents, but also Jaime Escalante and Henry Gradillas proud."

Dr. Espinoza models a "100%...No Excuses" vision of excellence and high expectation of educating and treating all students as if they are our own children. He inspires all SISD stakeholders by sharing his

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# San Eli students invited to Florida as presenters at PLTW event

**By Hector Gonzalez**  
Special to the Courier

SAN ELIZARIO – Garcia-Enriquez Middle School (GEMS) has received recognition from Project Lead The Way (PLTW) based on the success of the PLTW Computer Science program being taught in their 7th and 8th grade ICS courses (Introduction to Computer Science). PLTW has invited the CTE Coordinator, Michael Rodriguez, PLTW instructor, John Jara, and three students from GEMS to attend the National PLTW Summit 2017 in Orlando, FL. They are in Florida now. This is an all-expenses paid invitation to present to over 2,000 students, educators, business leaders and policymakers from across the country.

San Elizario's Garcia-Enriquez Middle is one of 18 schools from across the United States to

receive an invitation to this event. Of these 18 campuses, only five are middle schools and GEMS is the only middle school campus in Texas to receive an invitation. Garcia-Enriquez students will be presenting and showcasing our PLTW program alongside middle schools, high schools and early college high schools in an effort to demonstrate the learning, discovery and innovation that occurs in programs such as ours all across America.

The following is an excerpt from a press release to go out to local media: "San Elizario Independent School District is a true champion of PLTW's relevant, engaging approach to learning, teaching, and community engagement," said PLTW Senior Vice President and Chief Engagement Officer David Dimmett. "We've invited them to share their stories to inspire attendees and provide best practices that they can be

taken back to other communities to benefit students across the country. We are thrilled to have PLTW students and teachers from San Elizario Independent School District joining us in Orlando for

PLTW Summit 2017."

Congratulations to the students who have risen to the rigor and standards set by PLTW, your commitment to learning allows us to build these programs with a

focus of moving you forward.

The three students that will be representing GEMS at the National PLTW Summit 2017 are Emily Norman, Angel Arroyo, and Gael Valle.



Photo courtesy San Elizario ISD

OUT OF STATE – From left are SEISD students Angel Arroyo, Emily Norman, John Jara and Gael Valle.

## Notice of Public Meeting to Discuss Anthony Independent School District's State Financial Accountability Rating (FIRST)

The Anthony Independent School District will hold a public meeting at 6:30 P.M. on Wednesday, November 15, 2017 in the Board Room, 813 Sixth Street, Anthony, Texas 79821.

The purpose of the meeting is to discuss Anthony Independent School District's rating on the State's Financial Accountability Rating System.

WTCC: 10/26/17 and 11/02/17

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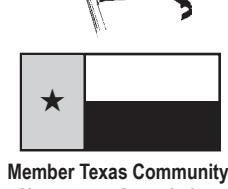
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## Notice of Public Meeting To Discuss Canutillo Independent School District's State Financial Accountability Rating (FIRST)

The Canutillo Independent School District will hold a public meeting at 6:00 p.m., Monday, November 7, 2017 in the boardroom of the Canutillo ISD Administration Facility, 7965 Artcraft Road, El Paso, Texas.

The purpose of this meeting is to discuss Canutillo Independent School District's rating on the state's financial accountability system.

WTCC: 10/19/17 & 10/26/17

## Notice of Public Meeting To Discuss San Elizario Independent School District's State Financial Accountability Rating (FIRST)

The San Elizario Independent School District will hold a public hearing at 5:30 p.m., Wednesday, November 8, 2017 in the boardroom of the San Elizario ISD Administration Building, 1050 Chicken Ranch Road, San Elizario, Texas.

The purpose of this hearing is to discuss San Elizario Independent School District's rating on the state's financial accountability system. This meeting will be held in conjunction with the scheduled board of Trustees' Meeting.

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## NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

To Discuss Socorro Independent School District's State Financial Accountability Rating

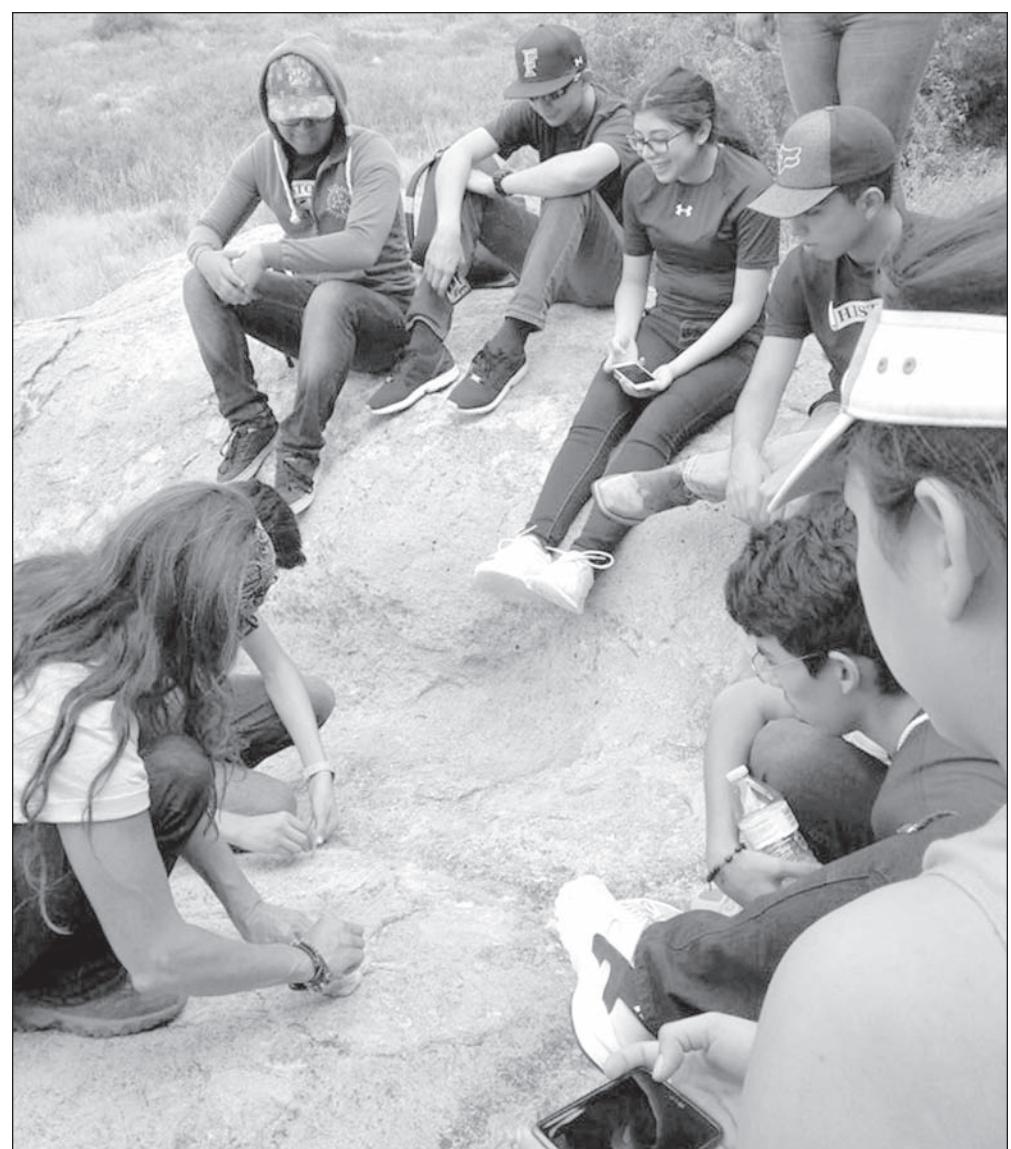
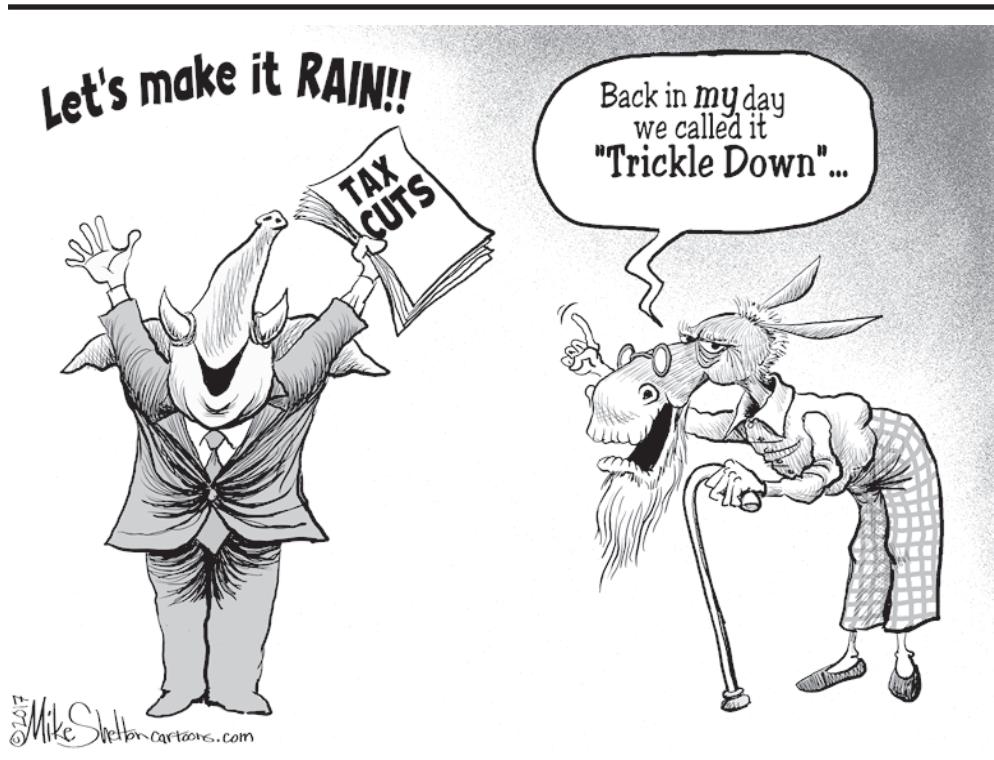
Socorro Independent School District will hold a public meeting at:

**6:00 PM**  
**November 14, 2017**  
**in the Board Room**  
**District Service Center**  
**12440 Rojas Drive**  
**El Paso, Texas 79928**

The purpose of this meeting is to discuss Socorro Independent School District's rating on the state's financial accountability system.

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WTCC: 10/26/17 & 11/02/17



– Photo courtesy Fabens ISD

## HAND-CRAFTED – Students watch their guide make a paintbrush out of a sotol plant.

## Fabens students visit Hueco Tanks

By Denise Peña  
*Special to the Courier*

FABENS – Three academic clubs from Fabens High School joined together for a Hueco Tanks field trip on Saturday, September 30. A total of 23 students from the Eukaryotes Science Club, National Art Honor Society and National History Club hiked approximately 8 miles with volunteer guides who tailored the tour to suit the group's varying interests.

National History Club sponsor Carol Basil organized the trip to emphasize that not all learning has to occur indoors. "So much of a student's day is spent inside. They really don't get outdoors often enough," she said. "I wanted my students

to see that studying history doesn't have to be done at a desk all the time."

Students learned about the petroglyphs, pictographs and the ancient tribes that produced them. From a scientific perspective, the students learned of the medicinal properties of the region's plants and magma rock formations. The art students in the group were taught to create a paint brush from plant leaves.

Mrs. Basil believes the lessons from hiking are invaluable. "Students get a lot more knowledge that they wouldn't have gotten from just a lecture from me," she said.

The three clubs are planning their next joint field trip to the El Paso Museum of Art and the El Paso Holocaust Museum sometime in the spring.

## Moments in Time The History Channel

- On Nov. 6, 1977, the Toccoa Falls Dam in Georgia bursts, and the resulting flash flood kills 39 people. The day before, a volunteer fireman had inspected the 100-year-old Earthen dam above the falls and found everything in order.
- On Nov. 7, 1944, Franklin Roosevelt is re-elected president of the United States for a record third time, defeating Thomas Dewey, the governor of New York, and becoming the only president in history to win a fourth term in office.
- On Nov. 8, 1895, in his lab in Germany, physicist Wilhelm Conrad Rontgen becomes the first person to observe X-rays while testing whether cathode rays could pass through glass. Rontgen received numerous accolades for his work, including the first Nobel Prize in physics in 1901.
- On Nov. 9, 1938, German Nazis launch a campaign of terror against Jews in Germany and Austria. The violence was dubbed "Kristallnacht," or "Night of Broken Glass," for the countless smashed windows of 7,500 Jewish-owned establishments. Some 100 Jews died, and hundreds of synagogues and homes were damaged.
- On Nov. 10, 1964, Secretary of Defense Robert McNamara says that the United States has no plans to send combat troops into Vietnam. By 1969, more than 500,000 American troops were in South Vietnam.
- On Nov. 11, 2000, a cable car taking skiers to a glacier in Austria catches fire as it passes through a mountain tunnel; 156 people die. Only 11 people survived the fire, which was caused by an illegal space heater in the driver's cabin.
- On Nov. 12, 1980, the U.S. planetary probe Voyager 1 edges within 77,000 miles of Saturn, sending back 30,000 images that show hundreds of rings encircling the planet. Voyager 1, now in interstellar space, contains a disk featuring natural and manmade sounds of Earth.

**- CORRECTED NOTICE -****Village of Vinton, Texas  
Notice of Election / Aviso de Elección****TO THE REGISTERED  
VOTERS OF VINTON, TEXAS  
A LOS VOTANTES  
REGISTRADOS DE VINTON,  
TEXAS**

Notice is hereby given that the polling places listed below will be open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. on November 7, 2017 for voting in a Municipal Election, to elect Aldermen for Place 3, Place 4 and Place 5 for full (3) year terms.

*Notifíquese, por presente, que las Casillas electorales citadas abajo se abrirán desde las 7 de la mañana hasta las 7 de la tarde el martes 7 de noviembre de 2017 para votar en la elección para elegir Miembros del Consejo, posición 3, posición 4 y posición 5, cada puesto es por un periodo de (3) años.*

On Election Day, voters must vote in their precinct where registered to vote.

*El Día de Elección, los votantes deberán votar en su precinto donde están inscritos para votar.*

**LOCATION OF POLLING  
PLACE FOR ELECTION DAY  
VOTING:****UBICACIÓN DE LA CASILLA  
ELECTORAL EL DIA DE  
ELECCION**

Precinct/Precinto 002  
El Paso County  
Northwest Annex  
435 E. Vinton Road  
Vinton, Texas 79821  
7:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Precinct/Precinto 003  
Canutillo Middle School  
7311 Bosque Rd.  
Canutillo, Texas 79835  
7:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.

ON ELECTION DAY  
EL PASO COUNTY  
COURTHOUSE OPEN  
7:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.  
**ONLY FOR ADA and  
65 YEARS OF AGE  
and OLDER**

**LOCATION, DATES AND  
HOURS OF OPERATION  
OF POLLING PLACES FOR  
EARLY VOTING:****DIRECCION, DIAS Y HORAS  
HABILES DE LAS CASILLAS  
ELECTORALES PARA  
VOTACION ANTICIPADA**

For early voting, a voter may vote at any of the locations listed in Exhibit A attached hereto.

*Para Votación Adelantada, los votantes podrán votar en cualquiera de las ubicaciones nombradas en el Anexo A adjunto al presente.*

Early voting by personal appearance will be conducted at all locations including mobile voting locations within El Paso County at which Early Voting is conducted by the County Elections Department beginning Monday, October 23, 2017 and ending on Friday, November 3, 2017.

*Para votar anticipadamente puede acudir en persona de Lunes, 23 de octubre 2017 al*

*Viernes, 3 de noviembre 2017, a cualquier centro de votaciones inclusive las casillas móviles del Condado de El Paso donde el Departamento de Elecciones del Condado realice votaciones anticipadas.*

Mobile/Additional Early Voting locations are established by the El Paso County Elections Department and are subject to any necessary change(s).

*Casillas Móviles/locaciones adicionales para votación adelantada en persona están establecidas por El Departamento de Elección del Condado de El Paso y están sujetos a cualquier cambio(s) necesario.*

Applications for ballot may be emailed to ballotrequests@epcounty.com; faxed to (915) 546-2220 or mailed to:

*Las solicitudes para boletas de votación adelantada pueden enviarse por email a ballotrequests@epcounty.com; fax a (915) 546-2220 o por correo a:*

The County of El Paso  
Elections Department  
Early Voting Clerk  
500 E. San Antonio, Ste. 314  
El Paso, Texas 79901

Applications for ballots must be received no later than the close of business on Friday, October 27, 2017

*Las solicitudes para boletas que se votarán en ausencia deberán recibirse para el fin de las horas de negocio el viernes, 27 de octubre 2017.*

Issued this the 31st day of August 2017.

*Emitida este dia 31 de agosto 2017.*

Jessica Garza  
Village Administrator

**EXHIBIT A****Early Voting Locations  
Locaciones para  
Votación Anticipada**

October 23, 2017 -

November 3, 2017

El Paso County Courthouse  
500 E. San Antonio Ave.  
3rd Floor., Back Lobby

October 23 to 27, 2017  
(Mon. - Fri.)  
8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

October 28, 2017 (Sat.)  
7:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.

October 29, 2017 (Sun.)  
12:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Oct. 30 to Nov. 3, 2017  
(Mon. - Fri.)  
7:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.

**OTHER LOCATIONS,  
UNLESS NOTED\***

October 23 to 27, 2017  
(Mon. - Fri.)  
Regular Hours

October 28 and 29, 2017  
(Sat. - Sun.)  
12 (noon) - 5 p.m.

Oct. 30 to Nov. 3, 2017  
(Mon. - Fri.)  
Regular Hours

Ann M. Garcia-Enriquez  
Middle School

12280 Socorro Rd.  
8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

**Bassett Place**  
6101 Gateway West, #620  
9:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

**Bowling Family YMCA**  
5509 Will Ruth Ave.  
9:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.  
**\*CLOSED Oct. 29, 2017**

**Canutillo ISD  
Administrating Facility**  
7965 Artcraft Rd.  
8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

**Carolina Rec. Center**  
563 N. Carolina Drive, Class A  
9:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

**Chayo Apodaca  
Community Center**  
341 N. Moon Rd.  
9:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

**Clint ISD Early  
College Academy**  
13100 Alameda Avenue  
Admin. Building, Rm. 112  
8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

**Dorris Van Doren Library**  
551 Redd Rd.  
10:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.  
**\*CLOSED Oct. 29, 2017**

**EPCC-Northwest Campus**  
6701 S. Desert Blvd.  
9:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.  
**\*CLOSED Oct. 29, 2017**

**El Paso County  
Eastside Annex**  
2350 George Dieter Dr.  
9:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

**El Paso County  
Northwest Annex**  
435 E. Vinton Rd.  
8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

**El Paso County  
Sheriff's Department**  
3850 Justice Dr.  
8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

**Esperanza Acosta  
Moreno Library**  
12480 Pebble Hills Blvd.  
10:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.

**\*CLOSED Oct. 29, 2017**  
**Marty Robbins Rec. Center**  
11600 Vista Del Sol Drive  
9:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

**Mountain View-Rae Gilmore  
Rec. Center**  
8501 Diana Dr.  
10:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.

**Nations Tobin Sports Ctr.**  
8831 Railroad Dr.  
9:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

**Oz Glaze Senior Center**  
13969 Veny Webb Drive  
8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

**Pavo Real Rec Center**  
9301 Alameda Ave.  
9:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

**Rogelio Sanchez Center**  
1331 N. Fabens  
9:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

**Sunland Park Mall**  
750 Sunland Park Dr.  
Lower Level Near Elevators  
9:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

**Tornillo High School**  
430 Oil Mill Rd.  
8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

**YMCA - East**  
10712 Sam Snead Dr.  
9:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

**YMCA - Northeast**  
9135 Stahala Dr.  
9:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

**Wellington Chew  
Senior Center**  
4430 Maxwell Ave.  
9:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

**Zaraplex Center**  
1700 Zaragoza Road, #137  
9:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

**Early Voting Mobile  
Locations**  
**Locaciones Móviles para  
Votar Temprano**

**ALL LOCATIONS,  
UNLESS NOTED\*\***

**October 23 to 27, 2017**  
(Mon. - Fri.)  
8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

**October 28 and 29, 2017**  
(Sat. - Sun.)  
12 (noon) - 5 p.m.

**Oct. 30 to Nov. 3, 2017**  
(Mon. - Fri.)  
8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

**Monday, Oct. 23, 2017**  
YISD Central Office  
9600 Sims Dr.

**Canutillo Nutrition Center**  
7351 Bosque Rd.

**El Dorado High School**  
12401 Edgemere Blvd.  
\*\*7:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.

**Tuesday, Oct. 24, 2017**  
El Paso City Hall Breezeway  
300 N. Campbell St.

**Anthony City Hall**  
401 Wildcat Dr.

**Eastlake High School**  
13000 Emerald Ave.  
\*\*7:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.

**Wednesday, Oct. 25, 2017**  
UTEP - Union East 1st Floor  
Andesite Room 102B  
500 W. University Ave.

**Del Valle High School**  
950 Bordeaux Dr.

**Socorro ISD  
District Service Center**  
12440 Rojas Dr.  
\*\*8:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.

**Thursday, Oct. 26, 2017**  
Bienvivir Day Room  
2300 McKinley Ave.

**EPCC - Valle Verde  
Campus Cafeteria**  
919 Hunter Dr.

**Pebble Hills High School**  
14400 Pebble Hills Blvd.  
\*\*7:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.

**Friday, Oct. 27, 2017**  
Las Palmas Life Care Center  
Classroom C  
3333 N. Mesa St.

**VibraLife of El Paso**  
3421 Joe Battle Blvd.

**Socorro High School**  
10150 Alameda Ave.  
\*\*7:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.

**Saturday, Oct. 28, 2017**

**Montana Vista Fire Rescue**  
13978 Montana Ave.

**St. Teresa Nursing and  
Rehabilitation Center**  
10350 Montana Ave.

**Socorro ISD  
District Service Center**  
12440 Rojas Dr.  
\*\*8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

**Sunday, Oct. 29, 2017**  
Chapin High School  
7000 Dyer St.

**Nolan Richardson Recreation  
Center**  
11350 Loma Franklin Dr.

**Montwood Middle School**  
11710 Pebble Hills Blvd.  
\*\*8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

**Monday, Oct. 30, 2017**  
Sun Plaza Housing - Lobby  
1221 E. San Antonio Ave.

**EPCC - Transmountain  
Campus - Mall Area**  
9570 Gateway North

**Americas High School**  
12101 Pellicano Dr.  
\*\*7:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.

**Tuesday, Oct. 31, 2017**  
Cascadas Ballroom  
1071 Country Club Rd.

**El Paso County  
Ascarte Annex**  
Second Floor, Rm. 211  
301 Manny Martinez Dr.

**Socorro ISD  
District Service Center**  
12440 Rojas Dr.

**Wednesday, Nov. 1, 2017**  
EPCC – Mission Campus  
Rm. A134  
10700 Gateway East Blvd.

**Gary del Palacio Rec Center**  
3001 Parkwood St.

**Montwood High School**  
12000 Montwood Dr.  
\*\*7:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.

**Thursday, Nov. 2, 2017**  
Clint ISD Central  
Administration Building  
Rm. 705  
14521 Horizon Blvd.

**Eastside Senior Center**  
3200 Fierro Dr.

**Socorro Activities Complex**  
13000 Joe Battle Blvd.  
\*\*12:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

**Friday, Nov. 3, 2017**  
Mission Valley Regional  
Command Center  
9011 Escobar Dr.

**LaFe Culture and Technology  
Center Auditorium**  
721 S. Ochoa St.

**Socorro Activities Complex**  
13000 Joe Battle Blvd.  
\*\*12:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

## Strange But True

By Samantha Weaver

• It was 20th-century American author and college professor David Foster Wallace who made the following sage observation: "There is no such thing as not voting: you either vote by voting, or you vote by staying home and tacitly doubling the value of some diehard's vote."

• In late 19-century America, parts of New England had a rather unusual Halloween tradition. Evidently, in many rural communities, boys would celebrate by throwing cabbage, corn and other rotten vegetables.

• If you're like many wage slaves, as the end of the workweek approaches you might find yourself doing busywork – trying to look as if you're working when, in fact, you're just shuffling papers or otherwise avoiding productivity. Well, there's a word for that: fudgel. Fudging may not be an approved workplace activity, but it's undeniably a part of the American workplace.

• If you look closely at the Mona Lisa, Leonardo da Vinci's famed masterwork, you might notice that the famously enigmatic subject is entirely lacking in eyebrows.

• It may not come as a surprise that when scorpions mate, it's a rather violent affair. When the act is completed, the female stings her partner to death, then eats him.

• In 1993, voters in San Francisco voted on a ballot measure to determine whether police officer Bob Geary would be allowed to walk his neighborhood beat while carrying his ventriloquist's dummy, known as Brendan O'Smarty. The measure passed, and O'Smarty remained on the job.

• It's been reported that in the Mexican city of Tehuantepec, women outnumber men by five to one.

Thought for the Day: "Life is a four-letter word."

– Lenny Bruce

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## Statue

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this June. It replaced an earlier sculpture of an Eagle dancer that once stood at that site. Tribal officials said that the bronze statue was created in honor of all tribal women. Piarote was a well-known potter who was born and raised in the Ysleta Del Sur Pueblo community from 1849 to 1918, spoke the native Tiwa language, and has more than 800 tribal descendants today.

"This is not an act against one faction of our community;

it's an act against our entire community," Emmerson Buie Jr., special agent in charge of the El Paso FBI office, stated during the news conference.

The vandalism "tears at our heart", Tigua Lieutenant Governor Chris Gomez said at the news conference. "It was an attack against our entire pueblo – not just the members of our pueblo, but the people who support our pueblo," Gomez stated. The vandalism has brought tribal members closer together and there has been an outpouring of support from the El Paso community,

he related.

"Piarote was a strong female leader for our pueblo during a time we were losing our land, during a time when there was a lot of encroachment, and we needed that kind of leadership," Gomez cited. "She was a matriarchal figure, and we built this monument in honor of not only her but all the women of our pueblo in honor of all the contributions that they have made," he stated.

The red paint on the statue has been cleaned, but the statue was damaged and it will have to be repaired, Gomez added.

According to Buie, the FBI has jurisdiction to investigate hate crimes and crimes on tribal land.

"Hate crimes are not only an attack on the victim, they are meant to threaten and intimidate an entire community," he said.

Anyone that might have seen or heard anything suspicious in connection with the vandalism is urged to call the FBI El Paso office at 832-5000, or leave a tip online at tips.fbi.gov. The FBI also is asking residents or business owners in the area that have security camera video during the time of the vandalism to contact their office.

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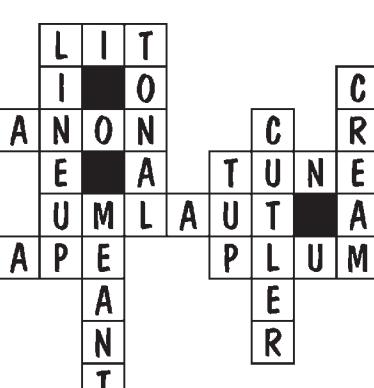


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## CryptoQuip Answer

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# The fall of the NFL

**By Steve Escajeda**  
Special to the Courier

The problems of the National Football League have been well documented over the last couple of years.

The television ratings have been tanking and it seems like a new "reason" is created every day.

At first it was the problem with concussions and the lawsuits that players filed against the league. That has also led to the decline in youngsters playing the game because mom and dad don't want to take the chance that junior gets hurt.

Then it was all the arrests of players for things like assault and gun possession and drugs and theft and domestic violence and even murder.

We love to root for the bad guys in the movies, but it's a little different in real life.

Then it was all the rule changes that have made tackle football resemble more the game of flag football. A lot of fans can understand the violent helmet-to-helmet collisions that can cause serious

injury, but officials have gone way too far at times calling a good, legal tackle a flagrant foul.

Then Colin Kaepernick started taking a knee during the National Anthem in protest and tons of fans said they'd had enough.

Oh, I almost forgot, for a while many in the media were saying that the ratings were shrinking because the battle between Donald Trump and Hillary Clinton was more exciting.

That's funny, because the election ended almost a year ago and the ratings are still falling.

One of the actual reasons TV ratings have plummeted is the fact that young people aren't watching TV anymore. At least not in the way us older folks used to.

Things have gotten so expensive that people are dumping their cable packages for slimmer and cheaper internet streaming sources that may not include ESPN or other sports channels.

Maybe the truth is that it's a little bit of everything. A little bit of the concussions and arrests and Trump and Kaepernick

and yellow flags and Netflix are all adding up.

But this season has supplied the league with yet another problem it didn't need.

One of the reasons fans tune in is to watch superstars do what they do. Whether they cheer for them or against them, they plan their day around the time that Joe Superstar goes up against Freddy Phenom.

But when some of the faces of the league go down for the season so early in the year – that can be devastating.

Already, J.J. Watt, Odell Beckham and Aaron Rodgers have suffered season-ending injuries – and the season just started.

Throw in devastating injuries to Arizona Cardinals running back David Johnson and Carolina Panthers tight end Greg Olson and Minnesota Vikings running back Dalvin Cook and New England Patriots wide receiver Julian Edelman, and you'll see that a lot of star power is standing on the sideline.

Of course the worst news of all is that we're not even at the halfway point of the season. So that means that there'll definitely be more injuries to come. And many of those players will be the reasons that fans tune in or out.

Of course I'm talking about those fans that are still tuning in.

What can the NFL do about injuries? Nothing – unless they really do go all the way and turn the game into flag football.

But one real reason could be the latest NFL bargaining agreement a few years ago that drastically limited the number of practices players had to go through. And it also severely limited the number of practices players had to endure in full pads. Maybe that fact plays a role in players not being as physically ready as they should be.

But I'm no doctor – I only play one on TV. Of course I'm talking to those people who are still tuning in.

Anyway, it wasn't long ago that the NFL ruled the sports kingdom. And it still does, but for the first time in about 30 years, it can see the NBA in the rearview mirror.

The NBA is still way behind, but it's creeping closer every day.

Whether it's scheduling games in England, or moving teams to Los Angeles or playing on Thursday night, the NFL keeps making dumb decisions.

A few more dumb moves by the NFL, and the NBA will be seeing them in the rearview mirror.

## A sporting view By Mark Vasto

### The one constant is change

I don't like Major League Baseball's wild-card game. We watch them soldier on through the heat of summer, sweat out the pennant races in September, and we tune in to watch the heroics of October.

Baseball has the longest season of all sports in America. For five months – six, if you count spring training – fans watch a story unfold. It's the beauty of the game, this longevity. Storylines play out over this half-year season, a season actually made up of three seasons. We watch the rookies make the team in April, and witness the magical month of May, where every team is on equal ground and at its healthiest.

One game? You just played

We watch them soldier on through the heat of summer, sweat out the pennant races in September, and we tune in to watch the heroics of October.

After all of that time and concession sales, the three division winners secure a playoff spot and the remaining teams get to fight over the scraps, a wild-card game between the next best two teams. They play a one-game playoff and the winner goes against the top seed. And that's when my record needle scratches.

162 games in the regular season, and the losing wild card gets to play 163? It makes no sense. I'm not buying into the theory that those teams are just lucky to be there, nor do I like the false equivocation of treating it like it's the seventh game of a series – because it's not. Teams play on a baseball diamond, not a baseball cubic zirconia.

One-game playoffs are like kissing your sister. It showcases nothing. During the regular, ordinary time of the season, teams play three game sets. This is not only done for logistical purposes, it is done in order to let the fans see the depth of the respective teams rosters, and that's why this one-game format fails.

Here's a simple, temporary fix: Have the teams play best out of three, the higher seed getting home-field advantage for all three games. This eliminates the need for a travel day. Scheduling would be a cinch, too. Just lop three games off of spring training. Broadcast game one on a Saturday night, game two in a day game on Sunday. If both teams win a game, it's a double header... turn on the lights and break the tie.

Right now, baseball has three divisions of five teams each. Baseball is due for expansion. TV ratings are bad, but the league is flush with cash and in the coming years, as football hemorrhages players due to safety concerns, you'll see a lot

of talent opting to play baseball. The talent pool will be there. (For the record, I propose a team in Portland, Oregon, and a team in Nashville or Charlotte.) Create another division so you have four divisions of four teams. This once again establishes the thrill of a pennant race, since only division winners get to meet in a five-game series.

Of course, Bob Costas wouldn't approve of this idea, but he's not the boss of me. Even in a pastime, the one constant going forward should be change.

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

## Briefs

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commercial kitchen and, apparently, he was a neat freak who made sure he cleaned up after himself. He even left a one-dollar tip after enjoying his meal.

– John Grimaldi

## Diversity

With the future of the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals policy in question, drawing economic and demographic implications for the U.S., the personal-finance website WalletHub conducted an in-depth analysis of 2017's *Most & Least Diverse States in America*. To determine where the most idea and identity exchanges have occurred at the highest level in the U.S. — and where the population is relatively more homogeneous — analysts compared the 50 states across five key categories: socio-economic, cultural, economic, household and religious diversity. Texas came in second overall, just behind California. Texas ranked:

• 21st – Income Diversity;

- 10th – Educational-Attainment Diversity;
- 3rd – Racial & Ethnic Diversity;
- 3rd – Linguistic Diversity;
- 26th – Birthplace Diversity;
- 2nd – Industry Diversity\*;
- 18th – Occupational Diversity\*;
- 27th – Marital-Status Diversity;
- 17th – Household-Type Diversity;
- 5th – Household-Size Diversity; and
- 6th – Religious Diversity.

\*Includes civilian employed population aged 16 and older. Please visit <https://wallethub.com/edu/most-least-diverse-states-in-america/38262/> for the full report.

– Diana Popa

## Worth every penny?

Calvin Klein is making a revealing fall fashion statement with a "sleeves-only" sweater that retails for \$1,650, reports the Association of Mature American Citizens. The dearly priced but trendy garment actually uses a blend of wool and nylon to produce the illusion that the chest area is bare. The highly visible sleeves make it seem appropriate for a manly high school cheerleader.

– John Grimaldi

## Espinoza

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personal experience as a minority, low-income student, which led him to advocate passionately with high expectations for all students including children vulnerable to failure due to poor home environments.

Dr. Espinoza's desire, ganas, to ensure every student succeeds is evident by the ambitious initiatives he has launched since his arrival in SISD including Operation College Bound. Under Dr. Espinoza's leadership, SISD has opened three early college high schools in a period of a few years whereas the district only had Mission Early College HS founded in 2006. Understanding firsthand the struggles of high college tuition, Dr. Espinoza wants SISD students to graduate with not only their high school diploma but also an Associate's Degree.

He also founded the WIN

Academy to provide students struggling in a traditional education setting with more learning time, resources, and support. Dr. Espinoza's passion to put systems in place that level the playing field for underprivileged children mirrors the uncompromising educational standards of Jaime Escalante and Henry Gradillas.

Dr. Espinoza has an exceptional record of leading students to new heights of scholastic achievement during his 21 years in the field of education as a teacher, counselor, assistant principal, principal, school improvement officer, and now national award-winning superintendent. Just like Escalante and Gradillas, Dr. Espinoza "Stands and Delivers" for the students and community that he proudly serves.

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



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

**DEAR DR. ROACH:** I have heard that an apple a day keeps the dentist away and that an apple is nature's toothbrush. Can we really skip brushing our teeth if we eat an apple instead? – R.T.

I've read many opinions about this subject, and I tend to agree with the ones that show that apples are high in both sugar (some newer varieties much more so than old ones) and acid, which can damage teeth. Apples do have some ability to remove some particles from the teeth, but they will not clean all surfaces of the teeth. So, I would not skip brushing after an apple, even though apples are much better for your teeth than sticky sweets.

**DEAR DR. ROACH:** What is an exophytic cyst? I have one on my right kidney, and it has been watched closely for the past eight years. The most recent ultrasound shows that it is 2.1 cm and hasn't changed in that time. I am 78 and in good health, except for asbestos exposure. Should I get this thing removed, or let it be? I get conflicting advice. – B.W.

The word "exophytic" means "growing outward," and a cyst is a fluid-filled cavity. So an exophytic cyst bulges out of the kidney and is filled with fluid. The big concern with these is whether they can be cancerous. A simple cyst, with thin walls and fluid without any solid structures, has a very low likelihood of being cancer and does not need further evaluation. If the sonogram can't show that for certain, then a CT scan is usually done.

Kidney cysts are graded according to the Bosniak category, based on their appearance by CT scan. The more complex the cyst, the higher the likelihood of

cancer. Older age, being a male and asbestos exposure are risk factors for cancer of the kidney.

Despite those risk factors, if this were a simple cyst (Bosniak I or II) and unchanged in eight years, it is very unlikely to be cancer, and I would recommend letting it be. However, if it were a Bosniak category III or higher, I would discuss biopsy with the urologist.

**DEAR DR. ROACH:** I'm having a sensation on the balls of my feet, as though I am walking with pads. I have diabetes, but my sugar level is moderate. I have seen three doctors without results. Do you have any thoughts? – B.G.

Anytime I hear symptoms that could be numbness, pain, tingling or burning sensation in someone with diabetes, I think it is diabetic neuropathy until proven differently. It is not usually hard to diagnose with a filament (to test light touch sensation) and a tuning fork (to test vibration), but occasionally an electrodiagnostic test (i.e., EMG) is necessary. If your regular or diabetes doctor hasn't helped, I suggest a neurologist.

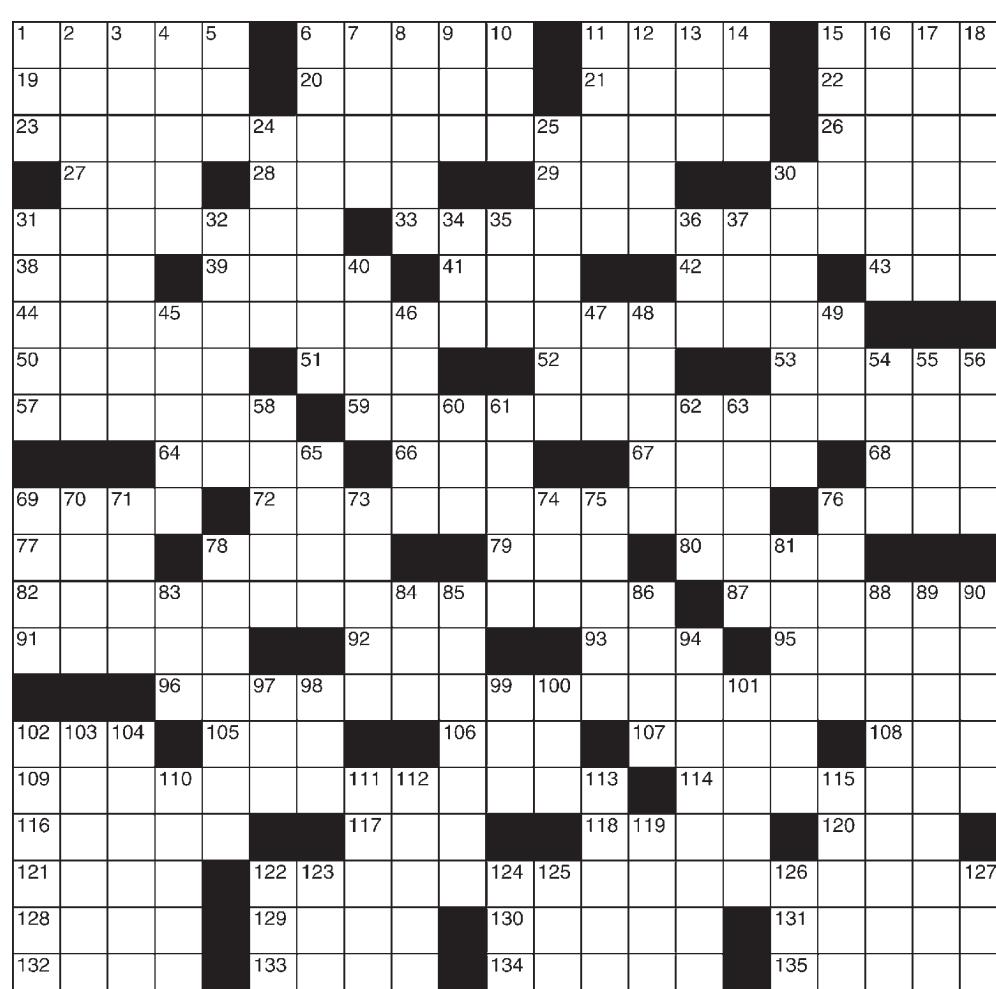
Blood sugar levels that are persistently high are more likely to result in diabetic neuropathy, but longstanding diabetes, even when it's moderately well-controlled, can lead to neuropathy.

*Dr. Roach cannot 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, or write to Good Health, 628 Virginia Drive, Orlando, FL 32803. (c) 2017 North America Synd., Inc. All Rights Reserved.*

## Super Crossword

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# MOORE TEXAS

by Roger Todd Moore

Oct. 10, 1835: Gail Borden begins a newspaper in San Felipe...wonder what kind of ads he had?



## 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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## Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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Answer Page 5 ◆◆◆ HOO BOY!

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## Veterans Post By Freddy Groves

### VA targets shifty mortgage lenders

Scams targeting veterans who are refinancing VA-guaranteed mortgages have gone on for far too many years. Now the Department of Veterans Affairs is trying to do something about it. It's just hooked up with Ginnie Mae to take a close look at all the complaints. As a veteran refinancing a VA home loan, you have certain benefits, and lenders who offer those loans are supposed to follow the rules.

Complaints received by the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau fall into two main categories:

**Aggressive Lenders:** Since lenders are protected by the VA guarantee, they can be aggressive in going after veterans to refinance. They want your business, whether you're interested or not. One way to get their (unwanted) attention is to actually do a refinance. Veterans have reported continued harassing calls and requests to do yet another refinance.

**Deceptive Lenders:** Lenders lie about the interest rate, and it's only later that the true

interest rate becomes apparent. Lenders stall and drag their feet when a rate is locked in, causing the rate to rise. Then the veteran either has to accept the higher rate or bring more money to the closing. Lenders also lie about whether a veteran is actually qualified, waiting until far into the process before revealing the truth. Lenders also play fast and loose with escrow monies, causing the veteran more grief and expense.

The task force will be looking at these tactics, especially "loan churning," which is repeated refinancing to get more fees out of the veteran.

If you're about to refinance, go online to the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau ([www.consumerfinance.gov](http://www.consumerfinance.gov)) and learn about your rights.

If you have a complaint or you're being harassed by lenders, contact the CFPB servicemember office at [consumerfinance.gov/complaint](http://consumerfinance.gov/complaint); email [military@cfpb.gov](mailto:military@cfpb.gov); or call toll free (855) 411-CFPB (2372).

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## Here's a Tip

By JoAnn Derson

- Roll clothing to pack: For shirts, you can stack them all together, then fold over the sleeves before rolling. Pants are best rolled individually. Fold one leg onto the other, then roll tightly from ankle to waist, being sure to smooth wrinkles as you go. Stuff socks into shoes. Make use of all your space.

- Trouble getting to sleep? Maybe you should try listening to soothing sounds. There are many to choose from, from white or pink noise (find it free on YouTube or get a CD from the library). There's even a podcast where a person reads a boring book in a monotone voice (Sleep with Me). You never know if it'll help unless you try.

— C.A. in Florida

- Homemade ice pack: Mix 1 part rubbing alcohol to 3 parts water in a zipper-top bag; seal and place in the freezer. It gets really cold but never hardens, so you can manipulate it. Every athlete (or parent) should pin this.

— M.W.

(Add food coloring so you can tell if it's leaking, and label it properly!)

- Airport hacks: Bring a few extra zipper-top bags, just in case you need them on the return flight; bring an empty water bottle to fill up after you clear security; bring your own snacks; tie or otherwise fasten an identifiable scrap of material to your plain black luggage to make it easy to spot on the luggage carousel; wear a heavy coat — you can always take it off and stow it, but it won't count against your weight limit if it's on you at check-in.

- Winter driver safety list! Check levels for the following: engine oil, coolant and antifreeze, as well as windshield wiper fluid (non-freezing), tire pressure and tread depth.

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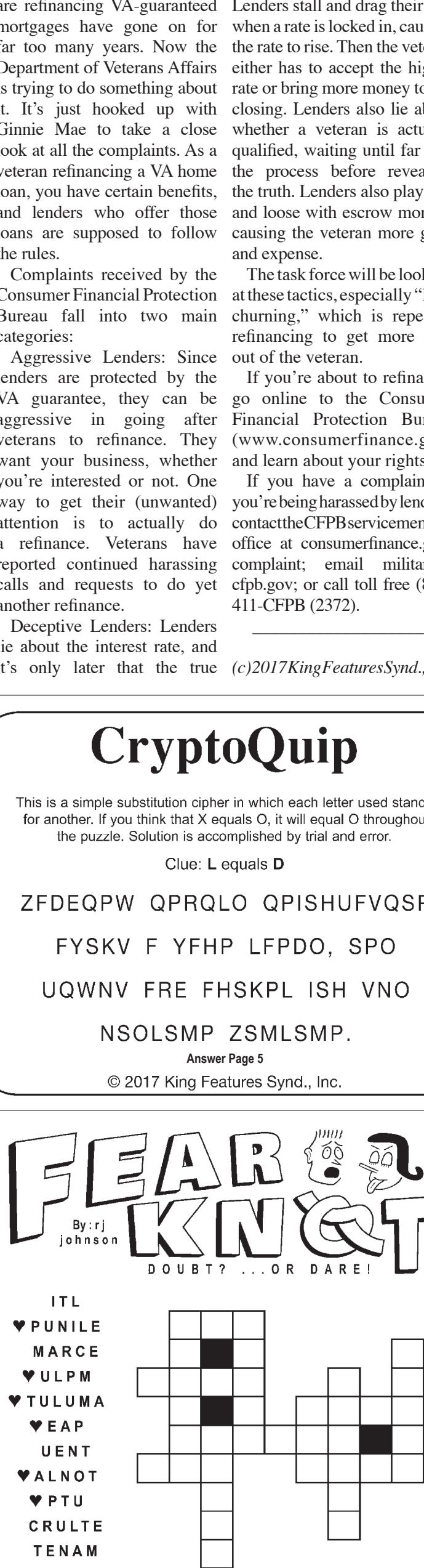
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Answer Page 5

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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