



## Liberty Foundation

The Liberty Foundation's aircraft provides visitors the opportunity to take a step back in time and gain respect for the men and women who gave so much to protect our freedoms. At each stop, flight "missions" are available in each airplane, which allow people to take flights in this historic aircraft. During flight operations, there will be a designated, secure area for those who would like to watch the aircraft flights at no charge. For enthusiasts that choose to take a flight experience on these legendary aircraft, these participants receive a pre-flight safety briefing containing the historical significance of the aircraft and a spectacular scenic air tour around the city. During the flight, passengers enjoy the unique opportunity of moving about the aircraft to the different combat crew positions to see the viewpoint that thousands of our heroes saw in combat over 60 years ago.

World War II was the single greatest challenge to freedom in the 20th Century. Through the 46 months of war, over 300,000 American soldiers, sailors and aviators died defending the beliefs that they held dear, with many more sacrificing in other ways. These men became our heroes through their struggles and came home to a grateful nation. Over the half century since, those heroes became our husbands, uncles, fathers and grandfathers; in many cases their stories were never shared with their families. Now with the popularity of movies like *Pearl Harbor* and the Steven Ambrose book *The Wild Blue*, families are seeking to learn more about our veterans. They realize that these stories of courage and valor need to be preserved for future generations. Estimates place the number of World War II veterans dying each day at over 1,500. With each death, another story of courage, honor and sacrifice is lost forever. This aircraft represents that legacy of courage and valor."

The B-17 flight experience takes 45 minutes with approximately half hour in flight. B-17 Flights are \$410 for Liberty Foundation members and \$450 for non-members. A 20 minute flight in the P-51 cost \$1,595 for members. Passengers can become a Liberty Foundation Member for \$40 and receive the member discount for family and friends. While the cost to take a flight sounds expensive, it must be put into perspective when compared to the B-17's and P-51's operating cost. A Flying Fortress cost is over \$5,500 per flight hour and the P-51's operating costs is similar, estimated at over \$3,000 per flight hour. The Liberty Foundation spends over \$1.5 million annually to keep the aircraft airworthy and out on tour.

The Liberty Foundation is a 501(c)3 non-profit flying museum and funds generated merely help offset these high cost. Only the public's interest and other generous donations keep these historic aircraft flying and from being silenced permanently in a museum for years to come. Hopefully, for years to come.

This is your invitation to see, tour and fly a mission and take advantage of this ultimate historical experience, come touch the past and fly through ageless skies.

*The greatest tormentor of the human soul is a guilty conscience.*

— Quips & Quotes



— Photo courtesy Liberty Foundation

**MOVIE STAR** – The B-17 known as the Memphis Belle will be in El Paso March 22 and 23. The Liberty Foundation is offering rides (see Liberty Foundation, left, for terms) to people that would like to fly on a piece of history. People will also be able to tour the plane on the ground.

## Historic planes take flight over El Paso

By Scott Maher  
*Special to the Courier*

EL PASO COUNTY – The World War II Boeing B-17 Flying Fortress dubbed the "Memphis Belle" and a restored North

American P-51 Mustang will take to the skies over El Paso next week. Enthusiasts can sign up to ride the sky in a piece of history by calling (918) 340-0243. The public flights on March 22 and 23 will begin at 10:00 a.m. and finish at 2:30 p.m. each day. Ground tours of the planes will run from 2:30 p.m. to sunset

both days. The planes are being brought to the El Paso International Airport, Atlantic Aviation FBO, 1751 Shuttle Columbia Drive by the Liberty Foundation.

The Memphis Belle is one of only 14 B-17s that still fly today. The B-17 is also called the "Flying Fortress" as a result of her defensive firepower. The B-17 saw action in every theater of operation during WWII. The majority of all WWII B-17s were operated by the 8th Air Force in Europe and participated in countless missions from bases in England deep into enemy territory. There were 12,732 B-17s produced between 1935 and 1945. 4,735 were lost in combat. Following WWII, the B-17 saw combat in three more wars – Korea, Israel (the war of 1948) and Vietnam.

The Memphis Belle was built toward the end of the war and never saw any combat. It is painted in the colors and nose art of the original historic Memphis Belle B-17 that flew countless missions with the 91st Bomb Group (BG) of the mighty 8th Air Force and was the first B-17 to complete 25 missions.

This B-17 had an interesting postwar history. It was sold surplus to National Metals Co. of Phoenix, AZ for \$2,687 and then sold to Fast Way Air of Long Beach, CA. Tail number 44-83546 became N3703G on the US civil register. In 1960 she was converted to a water bomber and operated as Tanker 78 until the late 1970s. N3703G was purchased by the Military Aircraft Restoration Corporation (MARC) in 1982. MARC was started by David Tallichet, a wartime B-17 pilot with the 100th bomb group. He and his staff restored the B-17G to resemble a B-17F model. The restoration included reinstallation of power turrets, early tail gunners compartment, early Sperry dorsal turret recovered from a south Pacific wreck and adding a 91st BG paint scheme.

In 1989, N3703G was hired for use in the filming of the *Memphis Belle* movie in

## Commissioners extend Life Ambulance contract three years

*El Paso pays less for ambulance service compared to other counties in Texas according to county officials*

By Alfredo Vasquez  
*Special to the Courier*

EL PASO COUNTY – Life Ambulance, the ambulance service provider for El Paso County since 1985, had its contract renewed recently by county commissioners' court for three more years with the option of two one-year extensions.

The county pays Life Ambulance Services \$407,000 annually to provide ambulance services to

about 155,000 county residents, including the incorporated communities of Socorro and Horizon City.

The contract was awarded after a committee studied the long standing contract with Life Ambulance and the county auditor's office conducted an audit of the services provided to the county by the company, stated county officials.

Commissioners' court had the option to renew the contract or solicit bids for the service. The contract for the ambulance

service, however, may be exempt from the competitive bidding process by a commissioners' court because it deals with public health or safety, as mandated by Texas law.

According to the county's contract administrator, of the \$407,000 annual ambulance service cost incurred by the county every year, about \$86,000 are spent serving residents in Socorro and \$49,000 in Horizon. Consequently, the county is currently discussing with the Emergency Services Districts and the cities of Socorro and Horizon a proposal for sharing the ambulance costs.

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The unanimous decision to renew the contract three more years was taken after county attorneys told commissioners court that the contract could be amended if the municipalities agree to share the costs.

Rachel Harracksingh, president of Life Ambulance, said that she was pleased with commissioners' decision to renew the contract because it will allow the company to upgrade some of its vehicles and other equipment.

The company has 25 ambulances that dispatch from five sites across the county, including in Canutillo, Socorro, Fabens, Horizon and East Montana.

## Veterans Post By Freddy Groves

### New ID cards

The new Veteran Health Identification Cards are coming. These cards will have added security features: the veteran's Member ID, a Plan ID reflecting the veteran's enrollment in Department of Veterans Affairs health care, and a unique identifier.

Among other security features, a "VA" will be in Braille for visually impaired veterans, and the veteran's branch of service will be displayed on the card. Any special awards (such as Purple Heart) will be listed. The card will include VA phone numbers and emergency-care instructions on the back. The bar code and magnetic strip won't contain any personally identifiable information.

That should just about cover it, right? These new cards should be a big step toward protecting veterans from identity theft.

Don't look for your card in the mail immediately, but keep an eye out. The first steps in the rollout will be to those who are newly enrolled in health care and to others who have not been issued a Veteran Identification Card. Beginning in April, there will be

a three-month push to get the new health cards to those who already have a veteran ID card. (Cut up the old card in small pieces, being sure to slice up any numbers or name, and put in separate trash bags.)

While you're not required to use VA health care, you are encouraged to enroll and get the health ID card.

You can get more information about the cards in a few ways: Go online to [www.va.gov/healthbenefits/vhic](http://www.va.gov/healthbenefits/vhic). Visit your local VA medical facility (see the enrollment coordinator). Or call 1-877-222-VETS (8387), especially if the VA doesn't have your current address on file or to verify that they do. (Do it quickly.)

Check the graphics at the website above to see the new card to make sure that it's what you get in the mail.

*Freddy Groves regrets that he cannot personally answer reader questions, but will incorporate them into his column whenever possible. Send email to [columnreply2@gmail.com](mailto:columnreply2@gmail.com). (c) 2014 King Features Synd., Inc.*

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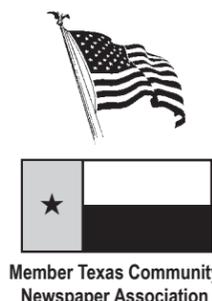
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## Finances By Jason Alderman

### Don't forfeit past tax refunds

Does this sound familiar? A few years back your yearly earnings were pretty low so you figured you wouldn't owe any income tax. Thus, when April 15 rolled around the following year you didn't bother filing a tax return, knowing you wouldn't be penalized.

Big mistake.

Even if your income fell below the threshold at which you'd owe anything, chances are taxes were deducted from your paycheck throughout the year. (Check your year-end W-2 form). If so, you probably left a sizeable tax refund on the table.

And you wouldn't be alone. The IRS estimates that each year close to a million people don't bother filing federal tax returns, thereby forfeiting around \$1 billion in refunds they were due — refunds that average several hundred dollars apiece.

Here's the good news: The IRS generally gives you a three-year window to go back and file a past year's tax return if you want to claim an unpaid refund. For example, to collect a refund for 2010 you have until April 15, 2014, to file a 2010 return. After that, the money becomes the property of the U.S. Treasury.

You can order prior year tax forms at [www.irs.gov](http://www.irs.gov) or by calling 800-TAX-FORM (800-829-3676). If you're missing any supplementary paperwork (e.g., W-2 or 1099 forms), you'll need to request copies from your employer, bank or other payer. If that doesn't work, file IRS Form 4506-T to request a free transcript showing information from these year-end documents.

Keep in mind that if you file to collect a refund on your 2010 taxes but have not also filed tax returns for 2011 and 2012, the IRS may hold onto the refund until you file those subsequent returns. Also, past refunds will be applied to any amounts you still owe to the IRS or your state tax agency, and may be used to offset

unpaid child support or past-due federal debts, such as student loans.

Another good reason to consider going back and filing a previous year's tax return: the Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC). Chances are, if the reason you didn't file a return was because you didn't earn enough to owe taxes, you may have been eligible for the EITC, a "refundable" tax credit for low- to moderate income working taxpayers. ("Refundable" means that if you owe less in tax than your eligible credit, you not only pay no tax but also get a refund for the difference.)

As an example, for tax year 2010, a married couple filing jointly with three or more qualifying children whose adjusted gross income was less than \$48,263 were eligible for an EITC of up to \$5,666. To find out how EITC works and whether you qualify, consult [IRS.gov](http://IRS.gov).

For the rest of us, April 15 looms as the deadline for filing our 2013 taxes. At the very least you should request a filing extension by then; otherwise the penalty on any taxes you owe increases dramatically.

Typically you'll have to pay an additional 5 percent of taxes owed for each full or partial month you're late, plus interest, up to a maximum penalty of 25 percent. However, if you file your return or request an extension on time, the penalty drops tenfold to 0.5 percent per month, plus interest.

Bottom line: If you skipped filing a tax return in the last three years, go back and crunch the numbers — you may be pleasantly surprised by a hefty refund.

*Jason Alderman directs Visa's financial education programs. To participate in a free, online Financial Literacy and Education Summit on April 2, 2014, go to [www.practicalmoneyskills.com/summit2014](http://www.practicalmoneyskills.com/summit2014).*



— Photo courtesy Liberty Foundation

**WAR TIME WORKHORSE — A North American P-51 will be in El Paso March 22 and 23.**

## Planes

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England. In July 1989 she crossed the Atlantic with another B-17 to participate in the filming of the movie. Since returning to the US N3703G has continued in the paint scheme of the Memphis Belle.

In 2008 the Liberty Foundation made history by accurately retracing the North Atlantic Ferry Route (NAFR). The route was designed to get US planes to Europe for WWII and made an arrival into England on July 4th. During the visit, the Memphis Belle performed a memorial flyover over the Madingley American Cemetery in honor of the 3812 American heroes from World War II buried there and for all of the American service men who lost their lives during the war. The amazing PBS documentary *Yanks are Back* of the journey is broadcasted nationally showing the beautiful, extremely remote scenery of the over 50 hours of flying and over 7,500 nautical air miles flown.

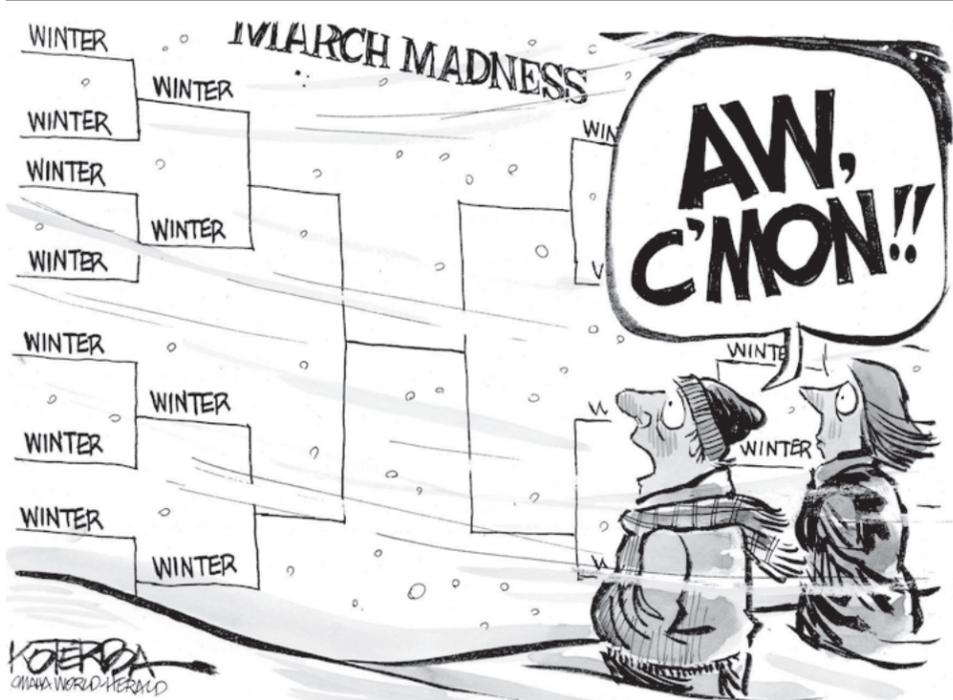
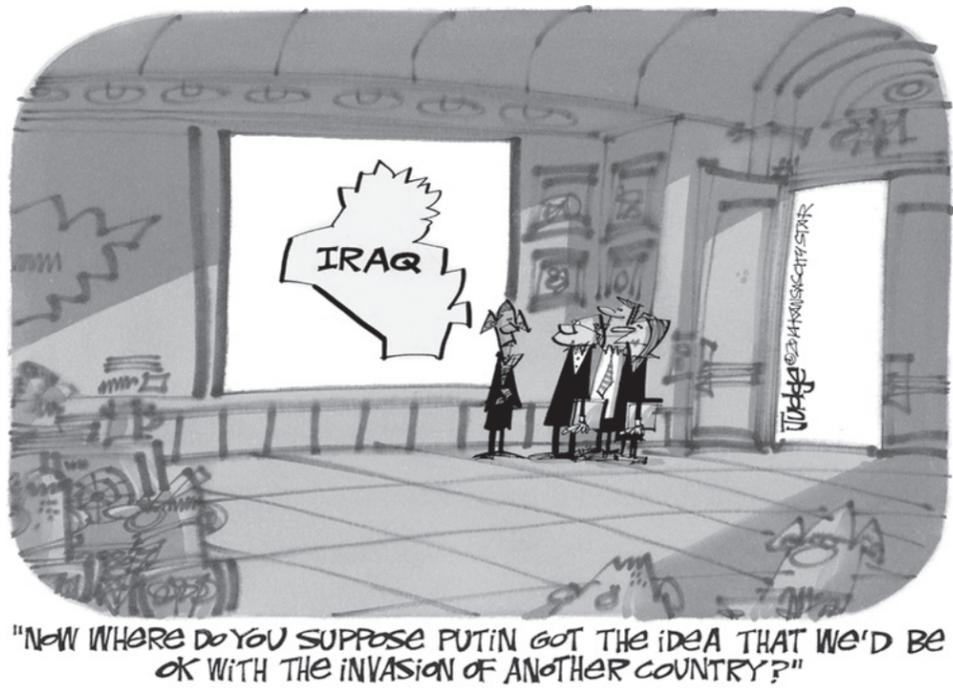
The North American P-51 Mustang was a long-range,

single-seat American fighter and fighter-bomber used throughout World War II, the Korean War and other conflicts. Mustang pilots downed over 4,900 enemy aircraft in World War II.

P-51s escorted bombers in raids over Germany in late 1943, saw service in the North African, Mediterranean and Italian theatres, and participated in limited engagements against the Japanese in the Pacific.

In early 1944, General James Doolittle told his pilots to stop escorting Allied bombers and instead confront the Luftwaffe whenever possible. Mustang groups were sent in ahead of the bombers and hunted German fighters while they formed up. The results were astounding. In just over one week the Luftwaffe lost almost 20 percent of its fighter pilots. As later noted by Doolittle, Adolf Galland said that "the day we... went from defensive to offensive, Germany lost the air war."

At the beginning of the Korean War, the Mustang was used by the United Nations as its primary fighter until jet fighters like the F-86 superseded it. The Mustang was a surprisingly durable presence in the jet age, remaining in service with some air forces into the early 1980s.



– Photo courtesy Al Borrego

**GET YOUR SHOPPING SHOES ON – The Mission Trail Art Market begins its sixth season in San Elizario this weekend.**

## Market opens in San Eli

By Al Borrego  
Special to the Courier

SAN ELIZARIO – The Mission Trail Art Market will open its sixth season in San Elizario. The premier Mission Valley art and craft market continues on the third Sunday of every month starting on Sunday, March 16, 2014 from 11:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

The market features professional artisans from across the region present an amazing selection of quality art and craft. Choose from delicate pottery, vibrant jewelry, timeless home accents, and seasonal decorations. There are paintings, sculptures and photography for the connoisseur, sweets and savory treats for the gourmet.

The event is pet friendly. Admission is free and there is plenty of parking.

Opening day will feature the Pistoleros De San Elizario – a reenactment troupe. They will perform to shows at 1:00 and 3:00 p.m. of the “Billy The Kid” breakout in front of the Old El Paso County Jail. Live music at the El Bandido will start at 2:00 p.m. with Los Allegres del Valle.

The San Elizario Art District boasts two restaurants, three museums, a self-guided walking tour of 19 historic sites, a series of historic sculptures, over 35 Art Studios and galleries, with over 100 artists on display in the district.

The Gaspar Enriquez “Mi Casa” Studio and Gallery will be open to visitors. Inquiries can be made at the Main Street Mercantile.

## New report profiles the likely victims of online fraud

*Texans may be at higher risk based on behavior and life experience*

By Kim Loop  
Special to the Courier

TEXAS – A new AARP study identifies an online victim profile based on 15 key behaviors and life experiences that increase a person’s vulnerability to online fraud. The report, “Caught in the Scammer’s Net,” surveyed more than 11,000 people nationally, including more than 900 in Texas. According to the survey, more than 2.3 million internet users in Texas may be at increased risk of being victimized based on this new profile.

The national study, which compared victims and non-victims, finds that it is the combination of online behaviors and life experiences that put a person at the greatest risk of being scammed.

Based on the national sample, victims were more likely to engage in online behaviors such as:

- Opening email from unknown sources – 27% of victims and 17% of non-victims said they had done so in the previous seven days;
- Clicking on pop-up ads – 26% of victims and 10% of non-victims said they had done so in the previous seven days; and
- Signing up for free trial offers – 18% of victims and 8% of non-victims had done so in the previous week.

But victims in the national sample were also found to have experienced 53% more

negative life events or stressors such as:

- Loss of a job (23% of victims, 10% of non-victims);
- Reports of often or sometimes feeling isolated (66% of victims, 42% of non-victims);
- Being concerned about debt (69% of victims, 57% of non-victims); and
- Experienced a negative change in financial status (44% of victims and 23% of non-victims report experience in the past two years).

“Clicking on a pop-up or signing up for a free trial offer, by itself, does not guarantee one will be scammed,” says Joe Sanchez, who helps coordinate the AARP Fraud Watch Network’s work in Texas. “But if such online engagement occurs during a vulnerable moment when you’re feeling lonely or have just lost your job, it can add up to the perfect opportunity for a scammer.”

When comparing the differences between victims of online fraud with non-victims, victims were found to be involved with an average of seven of the key risk factors. According to the survey, more than 2.3 million Texans have demonstrated at least seven key risk factors and therefore may be at high risk of victimization.

“Just as a weakened immune system lowers your resistance to disease, negative life experiences lower your resistance to fraud,” says Sanchez. “That’s when doing something risky online puts you right where the scammer wants you.”

The survey also showed that while the vast majority of online users in Texas (81 percent) say they are concerned about being scammed

## San Elizario ISD superintendent shares input on demographic changes with state education leaders

By Cynthia P. Marentes  
Special to the Courier

SAN ELIZARIO – San Elizario Independent School District (SEISD) Superintendent Sylvia Hopp was part of a panel titled *Education and the New Texas* along with UT System Chancellor Francisco Cigarroa, Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board Chairman Harold Hahn and TEA Commissioner Michael Williams at the Texas Tribune Festival *On the Road: A Symposium on Demographic Change*. The symposium was held at University of Texas at El Paso on February 27, 2014 and Hopp was the only superintendent in the region to be invited as a speaker.

The symposium featured different presenters discussing population trends and challenges for the state of Texas in relation to public policy issues such as healthcare and education. Evan Smith, Editor in Chief and CEO of The Texas Tribune, served as the moderator for the traveling symposium that is hosted by universities across the state.

Hopp spoke about the obstacles faced by many students in SEISD where a 99% Hispanic student population also includes a large proportion of English Language Learners (ELL). One strategy that SEISD has implemented to address the challenge of educating children is by establishing transition programs that emphasize support for students in 5th through 6th grades,

through middle school and then again as freshman at the high school.

“We have to think out of the box, we have to think creatively with the funding we have,” Hopp stated when describing the tactics and methods that the district uses to serve the needs of students.

Homework centers are also available at all SEISD campuses that students can access after school where they can have a safe area to receive assistance on class assignments. According to Hopp, in extreme circumstances some students have no supervision, electricity or even a secure roof over their heads at home when they leave school. That is just one example, Hopp argued, of how SEISD is in a unique position where it has to address the basic needs of students in addition to also educating them.

“Yes we’ve got the challenges, but we will meet them, we have to meet them, our students have to be successful and have to be able to compete,” Hopp stated.

Although SEISD encounters many challenges in supporting students in the community, Hopp added that none of those were an excuse for not being able to adequately educate children. Instead she stated that as a superintendent she relies on a foundation consisting of good teachers, good administrators, and a supportive community to ensure that all children in the district are provided a fulfilling and quality educational experience.



– Photo courtesy San Elizario ISD

**TELLING IT LIKE IT IS – Sylvia Hopp was a panel member at the Texas Tribune Festival On the Road: A Symposium on Demographic Change held at the University of Texas at El Paso on February 27.**

## Fraud

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over the internet, they were only able to correctly answer less than five of the questions in a simple online literacy test designed to test their knowledge about how to be safe online. For instance, 55 percent of respondents are unaware that a privacy policy does not always mean the website will not share information with other companies. More than 45 percent of respondents are unaware that banks do not send email to their customers asking them to click on links to verify personal information.

Other survey results included:

- Seven in ten Texans who access the internet – or as many 9.2 million people – received at least one online fraud offer in 2013.

- More than 90 percent of Texas internet users say they are concerned about providing personal information over the internet. However, nearly a third of respondents with personal email accounts say they have never changed their account password. Likewise, almost 30 percent say they never change their password for accounts that include sensitive information like online banking or bill payments.

Sanchez also noted that according to the Federal Trade Commission, reports of consumer fraud have increased by over 60 percent since 2008 and online scams doubled from just over 20 percent of all fraud in 2007 to nearly 40 percent of all fraud in 2011.

The AARP Fraud Watch Network connects people to experts, law enforcement and Texans to who are spotting fraud and sharing their experiences so others know what to watch out for. Available free of charge to AARP members and non-members alike, and people of any age, the Fraud Watch Network provides:

- Watchdog Alert emails that deliver breaking scam information;

- Prevention tips based on the latest information from experts;

- An interactive map with the latest law enforcement warnings from each state;

- A phone number people can call to talk to volunteers trained to help fraud victims; and

- Access to a network of people who are sharing their experiences with scams so they can help others protect themselves.

The GFK Group conducted the internet-based survey for AARP last November and December. The margin of error was 3.1 percent.

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# NFL scuttlebutt bumps other seasonal sports to one side

By Steve Escajeda  
Special to the Courier

The NCAA basketball year is about to enter its most exciting time of the season. The NBA is in full swing and teams are positioning themselves for the playoffs. The start of the Major League Baseball season is just around the corner.

And what is most of the sports world talking about – the NFL.

The National Football League season is still about six months away but evidently, fans just can't get enough of it.

All the talk has ranged from the upcoming draft, to players being let go, to potential rules changes, to players getting into trouble.

Whatever it is, the bottom line is that people are talking about football.

As far as the draft, so-called experts are falling all over themselves trying to predict which former college players are going where.

The Houston Texans have the first pick of the May 8 draft and prognosticators are going nuts trying to guess the magic pick.

Most of the talk surrounds around two players, Jadeveon Clowney and Johnny Manziel – the two most exciting players at their positions – that also carry around a lot of baggage.

Clowney, the South Carolina defensive end, has shown the kind of explosive speed and power that reminds one of Lawrence Taylor.

But Clowney had a mediocre season with just one sack in his last eight games.

Defenders of the defensive beast say he was double-teamed all the time. Others say he was very careful not to get injured before having a chance at his NFL pay day.

Whatever the reason, Clowney is being judged on potential. It didn't help that his coach Steve Spurrier told the world that his work ethic wasn't the best and that he wasn't always motivated to play.

Motivation to play has never been a problem for Manziel, who sometimes appears to be taking on the entire defense by himself – and winning.

In fact, his will to win and do whatever it takes to win is being seen as a problem by pro scouts – who worry about his longevity.

The smallish former Heisman Trophy-

winning Texas A&M quarterback is the biggest risk in the draft. The thought is that he'll either be big great or a total bust.

And being from Texas, many of the Houston Texans fans that know their team needs a solid quarterback after the season Matt Shaub had, are clamoring for Manziel.

But experts are also thinking aloud about the monstrous combination that Clowney and the NFL's best defensive player, J.J. Watt, would be on each end of the line rushing the passer.

As far as NFL players packing their bags and moving on, the Saints are parting ways with wide receiver Lance Moore and running back Darren Sproles; Sproles is still as elusive as they come and would be a great pick up for any team looking for a guy who can catch a pass out of the backfield.

The Bears are saying goodbye to Devon Hester, who can still return any kick for a touchdown.

The Broncos released Champ Bailey, the Eagles got rid of Jason Avant and the Lions gave Davone Bess the heave-ho.

The two biggest rules changes being talked about on the field include changing the extra

point and handing out penalties to players who utter the N-word.

The NFL over-thinkers believe that because the extra point is so automatic, it should be changed. The problem is that no one has come up with a great alternative.

About the N-word, the first problem would be identifying the culprit through the helmets and the dark protective lens most players are wearing now.

Another problem is what if a player calls another player a blankity-blanky-blank, and it doesn't start with the letter N?

Other NFL headlines include the disturbing antics of the recently retired Darren Sharper, who was arrested and basically charged with being a serial rapist.

Sharper is accused of raping seven women in four states.

Then there was the Ray Rice incident. The current Ravens running back was caught on video dragging his incoherent girlfriend out of an elevator and through a hotel hallway.

Only problem is that he made her that way after knocking her out.

Ah the NFL, good, bad or oddly strange, it's still the most popular sport around.

## A sporting view By Mark Vasto

### Keep it simple, stupid

Hey Los Angeles... you wanted the best? You got the best... the hottest football team in the world... KISS!

Ah yes, KISS. The band that wants to rock and roll all night and party every day, the band that set records for concert attendance and has more certified platinum and gold records than any artist in American music

history. The band that blows things up and spits blood and flies and shoots rockets from their guitars. The band that pours vials of their own blood into the red ink featured in their line of comic books, they of '70s lunchbox fame... Catman, The Demon, Space Ace and Starchild... they now own a professional sports franchise. And, in fact, it's the Los

Angeles area's first pro football team since the then Rotten Raiders left town.

I grew up in a 3-yards and a cloud of dust environment. Defense and the running game were the stuff of champions... if you wanted offense, "go be a Jets fan and see how far that'll get ya," we were told. If we were the families in the old Chex commercials, we wouldn't be bickering over the corn side or rice side... or even the milk. We were the bowl.

And maybe that's why Arena Football never really resonated

with us upon its unveiling in the late '80s. It appeared too flashy... short field, nets that kept the ball in play, no sidelines... it seemed too gimmicky. And frankly, the games didn't excite. The nets never really came into play, for instance. We were promised all sorts of new offensive variations, where a quarterback could conceivably heave the ball to the back of the end zone and have it catapult into his receiver's arms. It didn't happen in the first five minutes of the first game, so I changed the channel.

But in reality, it is a working-class game. Players go both ways – that is, offense and defense – and they are padded up for destruction. These guys hit. The games are populated by decidedly blue-collar type crowds, owing to the league's affordable

tickets and vending. In addition, the league garnered considerable cache when Kurt Warner went from bagging groceries to leading an AFL team to the championship before joining the St. Louis Rams and winning the Super Bowl. Now affiliated with the NFL, KISS is ready to take it to the next level.

Full disclosure: I was one of the first to buy season tickets (second row, midfield). It was cheaper than tickets for the free concert KISS plans to provide. Like KISS itself, it promises to be mindless, yet shrewdly planned, bombastic fun. What's not to like about that? Either way, it's worth a deuce.

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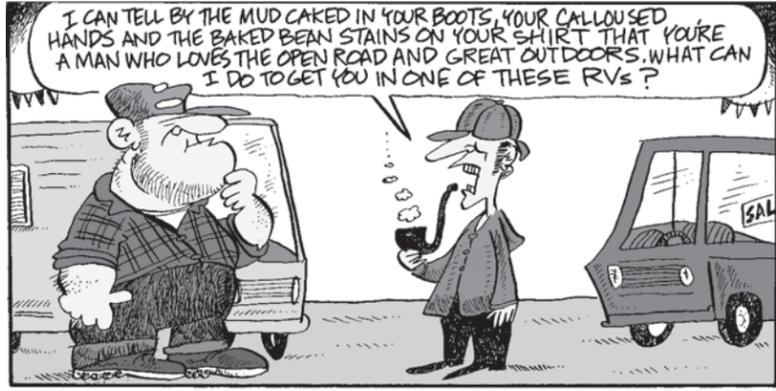
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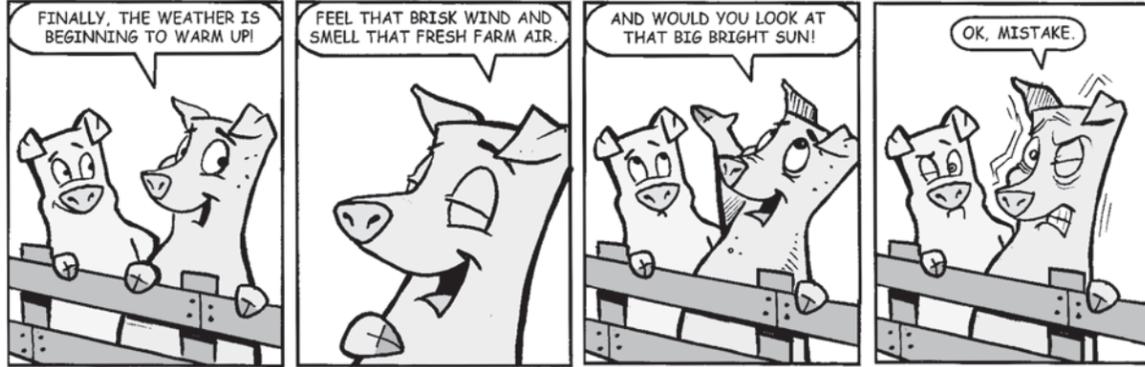
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# Comix

## OUT ON A LIMB By Gary Kopervas



## AMBER WAVES By Dave T. Phipps



## THE SPATS By Jeff Pickering



## R.F.D. By Mike Marland



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

DEAR DR. DONOHUE: Two of my children, a boy in the second grade and a girl in kindergarten, have been scratching their behinds for a week. I mentioned this to my neighbor, and she said they probably have pinworms. That made me sick to my stomach. How do I know for sure? If they have them, where did they come from? I have two other children. Should they, my husband and I also be treated? I am really upset. - A.D.

fixed to a tongue depressor or a similar object and pressed against the skin near the anus, traps eggs, which the doctor can see with a microscope. The tape is fixed to the depressor with the sticky side on the outside. The ends of the tape are folded over to adhere to the two sides of the depressor. Mebendazole and albendazole do a good job in getting rid of the worms. All family members should be treated.

Calm down. Pinworms are easily treated. They're harmless and don't indicate a lack of cleanliness in your home. They're found worldwide, and no stratum of society is immune to infection with them.

DEAR DR. DONOHUE: My doctor has me on a calcium tablet because I'm nearing the osteoporosis line. I'm 63 and never have taken any kind of medicine. I hate to break my record. Can't I get enough calcium from foods to reach my calcium goal? Let me know what foods, please. - B.A.

Transmission takes place when pinworm eggs find their way into another person's mouth. Scratching embeds eggs under the fingernails. The majority of infections take place when an adult or child with pinworm eggs under his or her nails or on his or her hands touches another, and that person then transfers them to the mouth. In the digestive tract, an adult pinworm emerges in a month to six weeks. Infected people perpetuate the cycle of infection in their own bodies by transmitting eggs to their mouths.

You can get enough calcium from foods, and it's as good a way, if not better, of getting that mineral than are tablets and pills.

The mature female pinworm travels down the digestive tract at night and deposits her eggs at or just outside the anus. A female lays more than 11,000 eggs. They're the cause of intense itching.

Eight ounces of low-fat yogurt has 413 mg; 8 ounces of low fat milk, 300 mg; 6 ounces of calcium-fortified orange juice, 378 mg; 3 ounces of canned sardines, 324 mg; 1.5 ounces of cheddar cheese, 306 mg; 1 cup of cottage cheese, 138 to 206 mg.

The diagnosis is made by finding the worm or its eggs. The best time to look is first thing in the morning, before the child has washed. A pinworm looks like a thin, white thread, about four-tenths of an inch (1 cm) long. Make the search with a flashlight and a magnifying glass. Scotch tape,

A woman of your age needs about 1,200 mg of calcium a day. Most bookstores have small books with the nutritional content of foods, and they aren't expensive.

Dr. Donohue regrets that he is unable to answer individual letters, but he will incorporate them in his column whenever possible. Readers may write him or request an order form of available health newsletters at P.O. Box 536475, Orlando, FL 32853-6475. (c) 2014 North America Synd., Inc. All Rights Reserved.

## Super Crossword

- FIRST LETTER BEFORE YOU ACROSS**
- 1 See a therapist, say
  - 8 Harvard's city
  - 17 Sleeping site
  - 20 Grave robber, e.g.
  - 21 Outfitted and equipped
  - 22 Summer, to Henri
  - 23 Activity of a ghost in a flat?
  - 25 Zenith competitor
  - 26 Seating tier
  - 27 Sci-fi space vehicles
  - 28 Crooner Orbison
  - 29 Ham-and- (average Joe)
  - 31 Bigoted title
  - 33 He played Mowgli in "Jungle Book"
  - 35 \_Packard
  - 37 Didn't just talk
  - 40 Develop a potbelly faster than?
  - 43 Somewhat
  - 45 \_Apple (Ocean Spray flavor)
  - 46 Daisy variety
  - 47 Rivaling actress
  - 48 Adams in intelligibility?
  - 50 Sets loose
  - 51 "Big Blue" co.
  - 54 Word of woe
  - 55 Honda model
  - 56 Varieties
  - 57 Take a pic of
  - 58 \_12 Conference
  - 59 Filmy strand
  - 60 Capital of Ukraine
  - 62 "Pride \_ before..."
  - 63 Why NASA requires continual funding?
  - 69 Torridly hot
  - 70 DJ part
  - 71 BBQ fare
  - 72 The girl
  - 74 Nickelodeon "explorer"
  - 75 Using base 8
  - 78 Poem of 17 syllables
  - 80 Bohr's study
  - 81 " \_ takers?"
  - 82 Disguise
  - 83 Cite baseball player Rusty for speeding?
  - 85 McCain mate
  - 86 Newscaster
  - 87 Bern's land, in French
  - 88 Doting too much on a goatish god?
  - 94 More clever
  - 95 Terrapins
  - 96 Becomes sickly
  - 97 Drink to
  - 99 Nebraska's largest city
  - 100 Always, to a sonneteer
  - 101 "Now, where \_?"
  - 102 Syllable tripled on a dance floor
  - 105 Quipping sort
  - 106 Oz creator's cry when he first realized what family he was born into?
  - 113 Prefix with system
  - 114 Hester Prynne of "The Scarlet Letter," e.g.
  - 115 "Laredo" co-star Brand
  - 116 Germany's \_ Spiegel
  - 117 Requirement
  - 118 Keats' "Ode on a \_ Urn"
- DOWN**
- 1 Bike "speed"
  - 2 Large fair
  - 3 Unfreeze
  - 4 "Ben- \_"
  - 5 Rescue squad
  - 6 Monkey's kin
  - 7 Factory-made home
  - 8 Lynxes, e.g.
  - 9 Herr's cry
  - 10 1988 buyer of Motown
  - 11 Whiskey type
  - 12 Get used up
  - 13 Bitty lead-in
  - 14 Soft & \_
  - 15 \_Xer
  - 16 With a side foremost
  - 17 Actress Candice
  - 18 "And so on and so on": Abbr.
  - 19 Scarcity
  - 24 E flat, e.g.
  - 30 Bonding stuff
  - 31 Hellenic B's
  - 32 Kitchen lure
  - 33 Discovered black gold
  - 34 Very little
  - 35 Put a spell on
  - 36 Olympics swords
  - 37 Songwriters' org.
  - 38 Task after printing out sheets
  - 39 Traitor's act
  - 41 Exotic berry in juices
  - 42 It gets tooted
  - 44 Prima \_ evidence
  - 48 "Yes, yes, Pedro!"
  - 49 League VIPs
  - 50 Ten halved
  - 51 Rapturous
  - 52 Cabana, e.g.
  - 53 Speed limit abbr.
  - 56 Square head scarfs
  - 57 Cain, to Adam
  - 59 Twisted, as humor
  - 61 Suppositions
  - 62 Film director Van Sant
  - 64 Momentous period
  - 65 Bismarck loc.
  - 66 TV's Estrada
  - 67 Analogous to
  - 68 Lies against
  - 69 Rx overseer
  - 73 Live coal
  - 75 Col. North
  - 76 Pennies, say
  - 77 Zesty flavor
  - 79 \_ part (role-play)
  - 80 At an angle
  - 82 Dirty Harry's last name
  - 83 At that time
  - 84 Figure (out)
  - 85 Essence
  - 86 Dickens or Darwin
  - 88 In storage
  - 89 Abrasive stone stuff
  - 90 Keynote speaker, e.g.
  - 91 Bird calls
  - 92 Jazz's state
  - 93 Snooping (around)
  - 98 One seeing the sights?
  - 100 Glamour or Vogue rival
  - 101 Cautious (of)
  - 102 Metropolis in Colombia
  - 103 Island dance
  - 104 "So right!"
  - 107 Lemon or lime drink
  - 108 Jean- \_ Picard
  - 109 Mystifying Mr. Geller
  - 110 Swift plane
  - 111 NYC's Park, for one
  - 112 Big name in ballpoints

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**MOORE TEXAS**

by Roger Todd Moore

You can't tuck your pants in your boots in Madisonville unless you own at least 2 cows...it's the law.



**Social Security Q&A** By Ray Vigil

**Q:** I know I am eligible to apply for disability benefits based on my earnings record. But how does Social Security decide whether I am disabled?

**A:** Overall, we use a five-step evaluation process to decide whether you are disabled. The process considers any current work activity you are doing. It also considers the severity of your medical condition and how it affects your ability to work. To be found disabled:

- You must be unable to do work you did before you became disabled and we must decide you cannot adjust to other work because of your medical condition; and
- Your disability must last, or be expected to last, for at least one year or to result in death.

Social Security pays only for total disability. We do not pay benefits for partial or short-term disability. For more information, read our publication, *Disability Benefits*, by visiting [www.socialsecurity.gov/pubs](http://www.socialsecurity.gov/pubs) and typing the title of the publication in the search box on the left side of the page.

**Q:** What are the limits on what I can own to be eligible for Supplemental Security Income (SSI)? Can I have money in the bank, a car, and a furnished house?

**A:** We count real estate, bank

accounts, cash, stocks, and bonds toward the resource limits on what you can own. You may be able to get SSI if your resources are worth no more than \$2,000. A couple may be able to get SSI if they have resources worth no more than \$3,000. Keep in mind that we usually don't count the house you live in, personal items such as furniture and clothing, or the car you drive. If you own valuable property you are trying to sell, you may be able to get SSI while trying to sell it. You can find out more about SSI by going to [www.socialsecurity.gov](http://www.socialsecurity.gov) and selecting the "SSI" tab at the top of the page.

**Q:** I heard there is a Social Security video available in American Sign Language. Where can I find it?

**A:** Yes, it's true, and you can find the video on our website. The video is called "Social Security, SSI and Medicare: What You Need to Know About These Vital Programs." The video is available in American Sign Language and it presents important information about our programs. You can watch the video now at [www.socialsecurity.gov/multimedia/video/asl](http://www.socialsecurity.gov/multimedia/video/asl). The video is a part of our larger collection of on-demand videos and webinars available at [www.socialsecurity.gov/webinars](http://www.socialsecurity.gov/webinars).

For more information on any of the questions listed above, visit our

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

**STRANGE BUT TRUE**

By Samantha Weaver

• It was President John F. Kennedy who made the following sage observation: "Too often we enjoy the comfort of opinion without the discomfort of thought."

• If you're planning a trip to Kentucky anytime soon, you'd better keep a close rein on your interactions with strangers. It seems that flirting there is illegal and could get you 30 days in jail.

• If you're like me, social situations can be a nightmare of trying – and usually failing – to remember the names of all your new acquaintances. The next time you find yourself struggling to name the person you're conversing with, you can always segue into this interesting tidbit: The inability to remember names is technically known as anomia.

• Those who study such things claim that more Jell-O is eaten in Utah than anywhere else in the world.

• W.H. Auden was already a celebrated poet when he left Great Britain for America in 1939. His admirers on the other side of the Atlantic, therefore, may have been surprised that when he arrived in the U.S. he moved into a run-down house in Brooklyn Heights with roommates ranging from novelist Carson McCullers to composer Benjamin Britten to stripper Gypsy Rose Lee.

• The state of Colorado is named (unsurprisingly) after the Colorado River. In Spanish the word means "reddish," a reference to the appearance of the water in some places.

• According to the U.S. Census Bureau, 21 percent of all people living in America speak a language other than English at home. While Spanish is the most frequently spoken after English, several Chinese languages, Korean, Tagalog, Vietnamese and German are each spoken in more than a million households across the country.

Thought for the Day: "Dogma is the sacrifice of wisdom to consistency."  
– Lewis Perelman

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**GO FIGURE!** by Linda Thistle

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

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DIFFICULTY: ★

★ Moderate ★★ Difficult  
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**Weekly SUDOKU**

by Linda Thistle

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

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ★

★ Moderate ★★ Challenging

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★★★ HOO BOY!

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**CryptoQuip**

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

Clue: R equals I

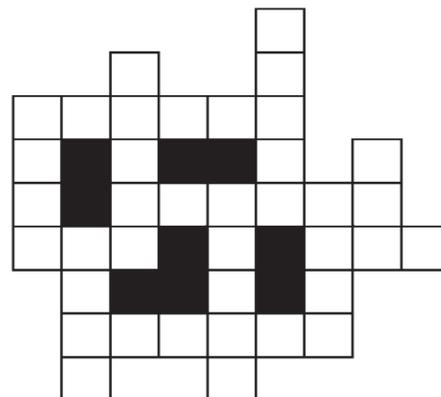
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- EYK
- GONIBO
- WYCRO
- BYAL
- ♥ YARPEL
- YEE
- ♥ EBNA
- KEPEO
- ♥ YAN
- GONALO
- ♥ GLEAB
- NAKI



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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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