



## NEWSBRIEFS

### Signings

Six Eastlake High School soccer student-athletes signed letters of intent to play at the collegiate level. The signings took place at Eastlake High School last Friday. The student-athletes are:

- Chris Navarro, who was named All-District two years in a row, signed with the University of Southwest in Hobbs, N.M. At Eastlake, Navarro was captain of the team and helped lead the Falcons to district, bi-district and area championships. The team also made it to the regional quarterfinals.
- Cesar Portillo, who played varsity for three years, also signed to the University of Southwest. Portillo was named All-District for three years and scored 10 goals in his senior year.
- Andrea Alvarez also signed with the University of Southwest in Hobbs. She was on Eastlake's varsity team for two years and was named an All-District player.
- Karla Parra, the leading goal scorer for the Lady Falcons, signed to attend Eastern New Mexico University in Portales, N.M. In her four years on the varsity team, Parra scored 120 goals and was team captain. She was named to the All-District team, the region player and the El Paso Times' 2015 Most Valuable Player.
- Ashley Rincon plans to attend University of Texas of the Permian Basin in Odessa. During her high school soccer career, she played on varsity for four years and was named All-District and All-State academic player.
- Jose Corrales signed with Pine Manor College in Boston. Corrales was named All-District, Eastlake's 2015 Most Valuable Player and Most Valuable Defensive Player.

— Christina Flores-Jones

### Voting demographics

The 2016 Presidential Election campaign cycle started early this time around and perhaps those of us most interested keeping tabs on candidates are the nation's older folk, reports the Association of Mature American Citizens. Seniors have always been keen on their voting rights, accounting for the lion's share of voter participation, particularly in recent federal elections. Individuals in their fifties and sixties have

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*If we saved civilization in two world wars, where is it hiding now?*

— Quips & Quotes

## UTEP housing project nears completion

By Alfredo Vasquez  
Special to the Courier

EL PASO COUNTY – An ambitious \$23 million student housing project is near completion and is scheduled to be ready when University of Texas at El Paso (UTEP) students start fall classes, a Hunt Building Company (HBC) official stated recently. HBC is the general contractor for the project.

“The new facility is part of UTEP's campus transformation plan that will help the university achieve its goal to become the first national research university with a Hispanic majority student demographic, which is important to the region's success,” University President Diana Natalicio



— Photo by Alfredo Vasquez

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**AMENITIES** – Construction continues on a new UTEP housing complex's auxiliary facility off of Sun Bowl Drive. The residence hall can be seen in the background to the left.

## Eagles receive award



— Photo courtesy Canutillo ISD

The Canutillo High School Football Team received the 2014 5A Army Strong Texas Football Team of the Year Award last Thursday. Eagles head coach, Scott Brooks, above with team members in the background, held up the trophy for the camera. Dave Campbell's Texas Football, a multi-media company that covers Texas football from high school to the NFL, manages the award.

— Shane Griffith

## Contractor reduces price to paint flag

By Shane Griffith  
Special to the Courier

CANUTILLO – The Canutillo Independent School District (CISD) has reduced the crowd-funding objective of “Operation Paint It Back” by 30 percent to \$35,000. This reduction is a result of a revision to the contract to repaint the flag mural on the façade of the new Congressman Silvestre and Caroline Reyes Elementary School located at 7440 Northern Pass Dr.

Venegas Engineering Management And Construction (VEMAC) is the contractor responsible for constructing CISD's newest elementary campus, which will open in August 2015 as a LEED Silver-certified energy-efficient school. Together with its painting subcontractor, Diversified Interiors, the companies reduced its proposal to \$32,302 resulting in a savings of \$6,079 or 15.8 percent. The contract revision will not impact the quality of materials or labor used for the proper painting of the mural. The revised campaign goal of \$35,000 will still allow CISD to cover the full contract amount without having to use taxpayer funds if the crowd funding campaign is 100 percent successful.

“We have been victorious in seeking the approval of painting the flag mural and now we need the help of Patriots within the community to finish the job,” said Jarred Taylor, a retired Air Force Staff Sergeant who served in Afghanistan and owner of Article 15 Clothing. “I couldn't be any

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Veterans Post

By Freddy Groves

Vet stranded outside ER

“No, we’re not going to come get you. You’re going to have to call 911, and you’ll have to pay for that.”

That’s what an emergency-room employee at a Department of Veterans Affairs hospital told an injured veteran who’d managed to get himself to the ER but needed assistance making it the last 10 feet into the building. He asked for someone to come out with a wheelchair.

The veteran had stepped down off a curb the wrong way, felt a snap followed by significant pain, but managed to drive himself to the hospital. With no other options after the person in the ER hung up on him, the veteran did call 911, which sent EMTs to help him that final 10 feet into the emergency room. The veteran’s biggest concern was that he’d have to pay for the 911 service, but the kind 911 operator assured him he wouldn’t.

At first, hospital personnel claimed it was policy at all hospitals to make sure someone is brought in by EMTs because of liability. Not true. Under a law called the Emergency Medical Treatment and Labor Act, anyone who gets within 250 yards of a hospital for treatment has to be seen. While the VA doesn’t specifically come under that law, Section 4.d of its Emergency Medicine Handbook says it will follow the EMTALA for those getting to the emergency room.

After press inquiries, the hospital changed its tune and said it didn’t do right by the veteran and that someone should have gone out to get him. Then the hospital’s chief of staff apologized. Lots of apologies all around. What I really want to know is whether that emergency-room employee was fired.

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Finances

By Jason Alderman

Planning a wedding on a budget

Should a dream wedding mean delaying a down payment on a home? That’s a tradeoff many couples make these days.

The Knot, a wedding planning and publishing company, recently released its Real Weddings Study (<http://www.xogroupinc.com/press-releases-home/2015-press-releases/2015-03-12-the-knot-2014-real-weddings-study.aspx>) of average wedding costs for 2014, announcing a national average price tag of \$31,213 (not including the honeymoon).

The average cost of a wedding is a good point of comparison against other major financial goals in a new marriage. Considering that the average price of a new home in America is now \$200,000, that wedding estimate would cover the majority of a 20 percent down payment (\$40,000). Despite getting married to my wife at family home 15 years ago, I still remember the sticker shock for all the wedding costs – a whopping \$10,000 for the entire event from tux, dress, flowers, food and honeymoon.

Here are a few suggestions to plan a wedding that won’t break the bank:

**Marry off-season.** The most popular wedding months are now June and October, with longtime leader June losing a bit of ground. The most popular day to get married is Saturday and nighttime is the most competitive time slot for receptions. Consider a January wedding when the post-holiday rush is over – cold weather wedding venues are generally empty and priced to move. Weekday weddings have the potential added bonus of guests drinking less on a work night and weekend brunch weddings can be served buffet-style with more reasonably priced menu choices.

**Find alternative venues.** Farms, barns, warehouses, art galleries and of course, family property can be cheaper venues for a wedding, but make sure such spaces are properly insured for alcohol, food or other party-related risks. Also, in many communities, party venues must be properly licensed and/or zoned to avoid fines or legal action.

**DIY if possible.** Couples with a flair for party planning, decorating and cooking might be able to slash costs planning and executing their own event with minimal dependence on hired or volunteer help. From flowers to photography, wedding cake to wedding planners, check for affordable options. If a venue allows couples to supply their own flowers and decorations, it is wise to comparison shop. Consider professional photographers or skilled amateurs who meet your tastes and budget.

**Use a gift registry to pay for the wedding.** Couples can set up online gift registries that allow guests to directly fund honeymoon trips or specific expenses associated with the wedding.


**Plan a destination wedding.** Resorts around the world and well-known domestic wedding/travel destinations like Las Vegas or Hawaii offer wedding packages that blend a ceremony and vacation getaway. Planning a winter wedding? Research options for a warmer climate or snowy destination at a ski resort.

**Finally, be flexible.** Some venues have cancellations and if a couple is willing to put themselves on a waiting list and move quickly if they get the call,

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Summer Meal Program 2015 / Programa de Servicio de Alimentos para el Verano 2015

Canutillo Independent School District is participating in the Summer Food Service Program. Meals will be provided to all children without charge and are the same for all children regardless of race, color, national origin, sex, age or disability, and there will be no discrimination in the course of the meal service. Meals will be provided at the bellow school sites, dates and times as follows:

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Canutillo Elementary School	651 Canutillo Ave.	June 10 - July 9 (Times/Horarias)*
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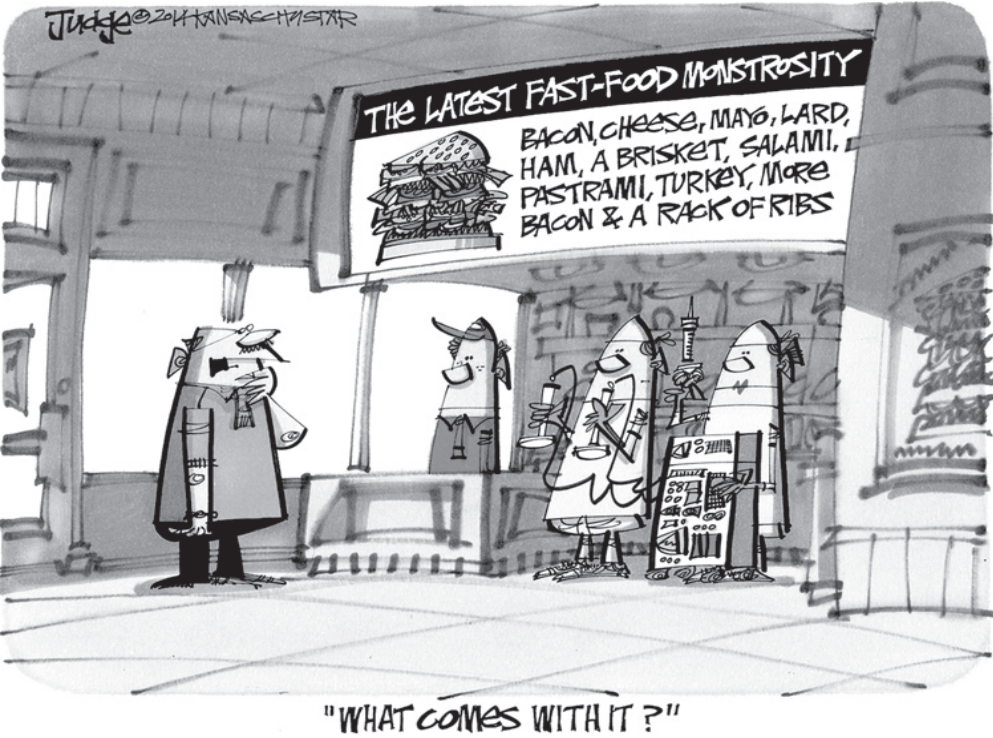
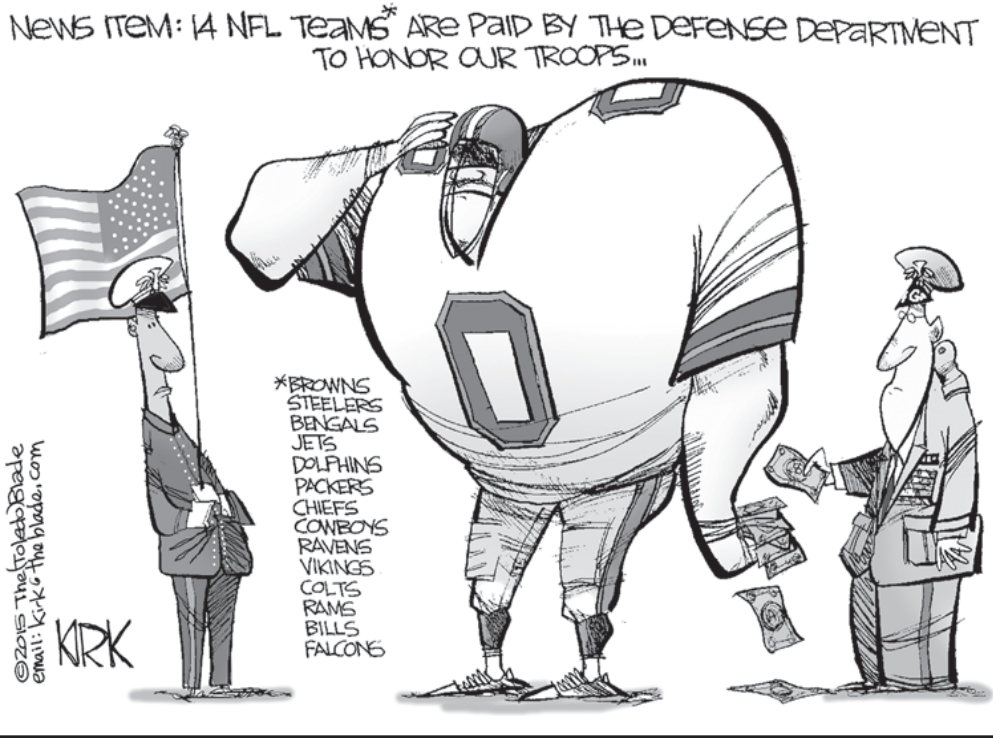
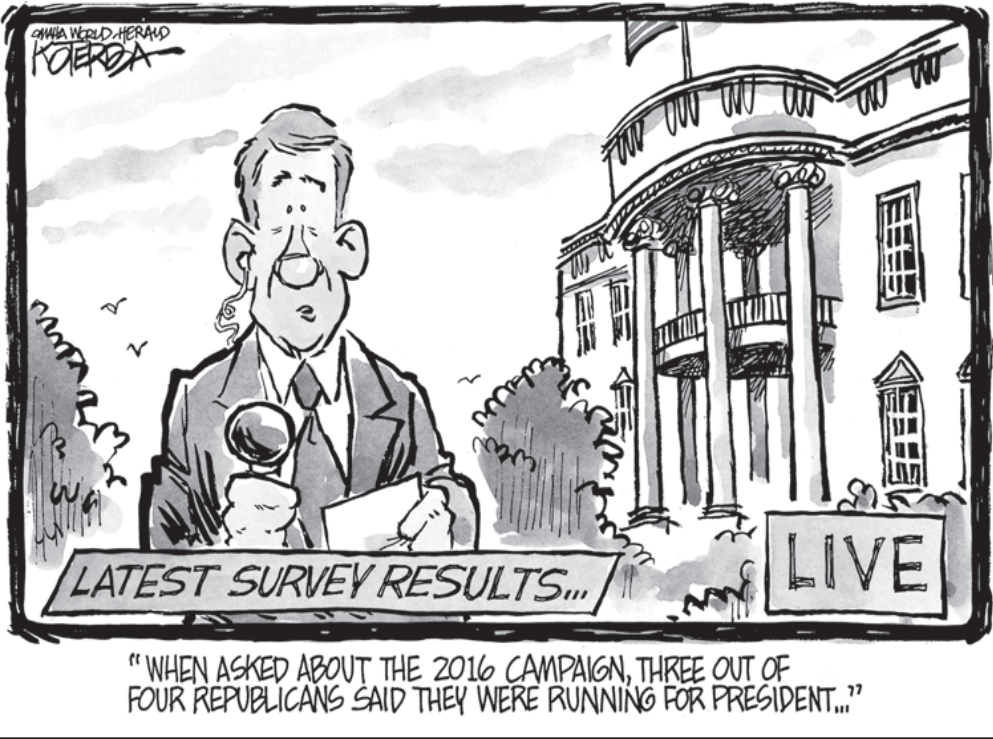
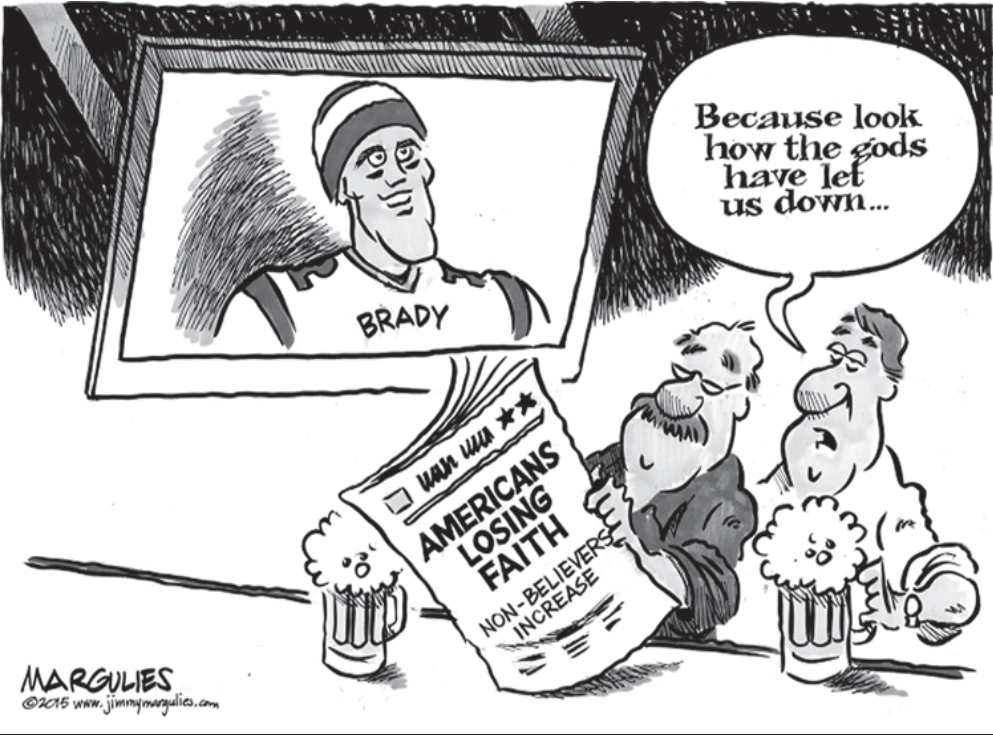
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# Law would repeal, replace ‘Obamacare’

By John Grimaldi  
Special to the Courier

The “repeal and replace” movement in Congress got a shot in the arm from Congressman Dr. Tom Price, chairman of the House Budget Committee, who has introduced the Empowering Patients First Act in the House as an alternative to Obamacare.

The Georgia Congressman’s proposed law is a “bold move that merits broad-based support,” according to Dan Weber, president of the Association of Mature American Citizens. “There’s no love lost for the Affordable Care Act. Even many of those who avidly backed Obamacare when it became law in 2010 have admitted its shortcomings as its many deficiencies have come to light over the past five years. The realization has set in that it can’t be fixed; it needs to be annulled. The affirmative approach that Dr. Price suggests is a rational substitute that puts doctors and patients in charge and takes politics out of the healthcare equation.”

The Price bill comes just weeks away from a much awaited Supreme Court decision is expected that has the potential of causing a collapse of the Affordable

Care Act. The Court will determine whether those enrolled in Obamacare through the Federal-run exchange are eligible for subsidies. If it strikes down the subsidies, the consensus is that it would deal a crippling blow to the healthcare law.

“Thus, the Empowering Patients First Act has made a timely debut,” Weber said. Unlike Obamacare, the proposed new law “seeks to put patients and doctors back in control of health decisions, while making coverage more affordable and expanding access to quality care in ways that Americans deserve. This bill accomplishes these vital objectives by allowing individuals to purchase insurance across state lines and using interstate competition to drive down health costs. Small businesses would also be permitted to band together across state lines to buy insurance for their families and employees at a lower cost. Moreover, this bill incentivizes Americans – including the uninsured - to purchase coverage by providing individuals with age adjusted tax credits to those who purchase health plans through the individual market. Additionally, it would reform medical

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consistently turned out in blocs that make up more than 50% of the ballots cast in key elections. Those over 65 years of age have accounted for nearly two thirds of the vote in some elections over recent years. There are a number of reasons that as people grow older the more focused they are on their political leadership, not the least of which is the desire to protect the government programs they paid for in their younger days. Issues dealing with things like Social Security and Medicare are critical to them.

– John Grimaldi

## Texas trees

The Arbor Day Foundation has a book that helps people identify trees in a simple, step-by-step process. The book, *What Tree Is That?*, is available for a \$5 donation to the nonprofit tree-planting organization. *What Tree Is That?* is a fun, easy-to-use tree identification guide that features hand-drawn botanical illustrations highlighting the distinctive characteristics of many tree species. It has beautiful, full-color illustrations are in precise detail and depict natural colors, shapes, and textures so users can make a positive species identification in just a few easy steps. The Arbor Day Foundation offers this book to help people identify trees in Texas and throughout the Eastern and Central regions of the United States. *What Tree Is That?* uses a unique step-by-step approach for identifying the species of each tree, explaining what to look for in the shape of the leaves, differences in the leaf stems and twig structures, and specific characteristics of fruits, flowers, buds, and bark. The pocket guide is also available as an online interactive version at [arborday.org](http://arborday.org). To obtain a tree identification

guide in full color, send your name, address, and \$5 for each guide to *What Tree Is That?*, Arbor Day Foundation, 100 Arbor Ave., Nebraska City, NE 68410. You can also order the book online at [arborday.org](http://arborday.org).

– Woodrow Nelson

## Wanted

A man holds up a Mission Valley business at gunpoint and the El Paso Police Department is asking for the public’s help in identifying this violent robber through the Crime Stoppers. On Saturday, May 16, 2015 just minutes before 10 p.m. a man walked into the Auto Zone located at 8717 Alameda. As soon as the man entered the store he had a handgun drawn and pointed at two of the employees of the store. The man demanded money from the business and continued to threaten the employees. The man managed to take an undisclosed amount of cash and fled the scene in a vehicle that was parked near the front of the business. Investigators believe that a second person was inside the vehicle. The man is described as an Hispanic male, approximately 5’8” in height with a medium to heavy build, weighing about 220 pounds. The man was wearing a dark shirt with horizontal stripe in the center of the shirt, blue jeans, and black tennis shoes with a white sole. The man used a dark tee shirt to cover part of his face. Anyone with information on the identity of this violent robber is asked to call Crime Stoppers of El Paso immediately at 566-8477 (TIPS), on-line at [www.crimestoppersofelpaso.org](http://www.crimestoppersofelpaso.org) or you can send a text message by entering the key word “CRIME1” (no space and include the quotation marks) plus your tip information, and text it to CRIMES (274637). You will remain anonymous, and if your tip leads to an arrest, you can qualify for a cash reward.

– Javier Sambrano



– Photo by Fernie Garcia

**DOLLARS FOR SCHOOL –** Eight Socorro ISD students earned scholarships to help offset college expenses. From left are Ruby Silva, Jonathan Prieto, Kimberly Hernandez, Zenait Lopez, Valeria Benavides, Hector Dominguez, Stephanie Quintero and Stephanie Nava.

# Socorro ISD students receive scholarships

By Jim Heiney  
*Special to the Courier*

El Paso Community College and Socorro High School held a ceremony last Wednesday to award EPCC Presidential, Barnes & Noble, and Hunt Foundation Scholarships to Socorro students.

Zeniat Lopez received the EPCC Presidential Scholarships. Lopez had a high school Grade Point Average (GPA) of 93 or above, academic excellence and demonstrated leadership qualities and/or community service. The award is for \$2,000 per year renewable for four semesters with a 3.0 GPA and full-time enrollment. This year EPCC awarded 12 Presidential Scholarships countywide.

Hector Dominguez, Kimberly Hernandez, Ruby Silva, Stephanie

Quintero and Valeria Benavides received the Barnes & Noble Scholarship. They had a high school GPA of 89 and above and demonstrated leadership qualities and/or community service. The award is for \$2,000 per year renewable for 4 semesters with a 3.0 GPA and full-time enrollment. This year EPCC awarded 15 Barnes & Noble Scholarships.

Stephanie Nava and Jonathan Prieto received the Hunt Foundation Scholarship. The students met College Readiness Standards. The award is \$1,000 per semester and is renewable up to four semesters, they must complete 24 credits per year, maintain a minimum GPA of 2.5 or better and be a resident of El Paso, Las Cruces, or Juarez.

Students must complete the EPCC Foundation Scholarship Application and submit their academic transcript by April 1 each school year.

## Flag

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more proud to be part of such an awesome campaign.”

The flag wall canvas features 50 stars and waves permanently imprinted into the concrete panels on a canvas that measures 313.5 feet wide by 26 feet tall for a total surface area of 6,150 square feet minus wall openings and building overlays. Thus far, Operation Paint It Back has raised \$4,415 from 25 donors in 16 days. With one week left to go, contributions to the Operation Paint It Back campaign are an excellent way to memorialize veterans and service members. As a special incentive, CISD will engrave the names of those who donate at least \$250 on a special plaque of recognition, install it next to the flag wall and unveil it to the public during the grand opening ceremony on August 13.

One hundred percent of Operation Paint It Back proceeds will be used toward the painting contract, and any additional funds will be placed in a special Reyes Elementary account to maintain the mural in the future. Donations can be submitted online to [www.gofundme.com/PaintItBack](http://www.gofundme.com/PaintItBack) while checks made payable to CISD and marked “Reyes Flag Mural” can be sent to CISD at P.O. Box 100, Canutillo, TX 79835.

## Law

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malpractice laws to reduce unnecessary costs for both doctors and patients.”

Weber said that it is a comprehensive solution. “The Empowering Patients First Act also looks to safeguard individuals with pre-existing conditions by bolstering state-based high risk pools.” And, he added, EPF addresses controversial moral issues. The proposal would prevent federal funding for abortions.

The AMAC chief said that “there’s a lot to like here.” Perhaps that is the reason the Price proposal encountered little criticism from “the usual suspects” when the bill was proposed.

## Classified Ads

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**Request for Proposals for Landscape Maintenance Services**

The Village of Vinton is seeking proposals for Landscape Maintenance Services. The work to be performed under the contract shall consist of providing all supervision, labor, supplies, equipment, and performing all landscape maintenance work required per the bid specifications. The full Request for Proposal can viewed at [www.vintontx.gov/office2.com](http://www.vintontx.gov/office2.com) under the “Opportunities” page. Proposals will be accepted at Vinton City Hall, 436 E. Vinton Rd., Vinton, Texas, 79821, until 3:00 pm on June 5, 2015.

The Village of

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Funds from the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs, Contract# 1002014 for Amy Young Barrier Removal Program.

AYUDA Inc, will accept seal bids for up to 30 residential rehabilitation for People with disabilities. Contractors can pick up a Bid Packet starting May 28, 2015 through June 4, 2015 from 9:00

a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Bid Packets can be picked up from and delivered to AYUDA Inc. 1325 Beverly Ann, San Elizario, TX 79849.

Submitted Bid Packets must have House Trust Fund Contract#1002014 Amy Young Barrier Removal Program written on the lower left hand side of the envelope. A public opening of the Bid Packets will take place on June 8, 2015 at 4:00 p.m.

at the office of AYUDA Inc. phone (915) 851-0272. The contractor must ensure that employees and applicants are not discriminated against because of their race, color, religion, sex, or national origin age sex or disability.

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of their race, color, religion, sex, national origin, age, sexual orientation, or disability. General Contractor must be licensed, bonded and insured with El Paso County and the City of El Paso, TX. General Contractor must also know the new current El Paso County Construction of Single Family Home Codes with a minimum of 3 years of experience.

AYUDA Inc. has a conflict of interest procedure in accordance with 24CFR 92356. AYUDA has a Bidders Protest Rights Procedure. AYUDA Inc. reserves the right to reject any bids or to waive any informality in the bidding.

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## STRANGE BUT TRUE

By Samantha Weaver

- It was back in the 19th century that American author and philosopher Henry David Thoreau made the following sage observation: “Men have become the tools of their tools.”
- Clinomania is an affliction that affects a large percentage of the American population. If you suffer from an overwhelming desire to stay in bed, you’re one of us.

- If you're like most parents, at one time or another you’ve been shocked by how quickly your kids outgrow things – especially shoes. What may be an annoyance in a developed country is a major problem in undeveloped areas of the world; Kenton Lee is working on changing that. As a volunteer in an orphanage in Kenya, he noticed that many children had the toes cut out of their shoes just so they could fit in their feet. After returning home, Lee developed an adjustable sandal that can grow with a child, increasing up to five sizes via a system of snaps. Although the shoe is only made available to nonprofits for those in need, domestic demand is increasing. If you’re a parent sick of buying seemingly endless pairs of new shoes, you’ll be glad to hear that Lee and his team are working on a commercial version.

- You might be surprised to learn that actor David Duchovny, best known for his role in “The X-Files,” was just a dissertation away from being awarded a doctorate in English literature.

- In 16th- and 17th-century Europe, it was considered fashionable to attend public dissections of human bodies. So-called anatomy days often included music, speeches and processions. Viewers could even pass around body parts for inspection, though taking the parts home was forbidden.

Thought for the Day: “You can get more with a kind word and a gun than you can from a kind word alone.”  
– Al Capone

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CryptoQuip Answer

When complimenting me on how much she liked my homemade syrup, she really poured it on thick.

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– Photo by Alfredo Vasquez

**STUDENT HOUSING – This \$23 million residence hall is taking shape at the UTEP. It’s part of UTEP’s transition from a primarily commuter school to one with more on-campus options.**

UTEP

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proclaimed during the project’s ground breaking ceremony held two year ago.

The 103,606-square-foot complex sits on a 6.2-acre site behind the Helen of Troy Softball Complex, off Sun Bowl Drive. The three-building complex is the first phase of what could become a 3,000-bed community with food service, recreation components, and other resources, university officials related.

Comprising the latest development are two four-story residential buildings that will have 83 units consisting of combinations of one-bedroom efficiencies and four-bedroom suites with four or six beds. Each will have a small kitchen, living area and bathroom. The buildings, which can sleep 352 students, will have elevators, lobbies, lounges, study rooms, and laundry facilities.

There also will be a single-story commons building that will have a computer lab, kitchen, a conference room, meeting hall and staff offices. Each building will use Bhutanese-style architecture.

“This complex will be state-

of-the-art with a robust wireless network. It will be a place where students will be proud to live. They will be spectacular inside and out,” UTEP Director of Residence Life Charlie Gibbens stated in a recent news report. He added that the complex will offer a safe and secure environment.

Another UTEP official, Associate Vice President for Facilities Services Greg McNicol, stated that the complex is an essential building block for UTEP’s strategic plan to increase the number of students who reside on campus, attract competitive doctoral students, and enhance student involvement in the UTEP community.

Thestrategicplanincludesmore than just student housing. UTEP has also extended library hours, installed more electrical outlets, improved sidewalk lighting and expanded bike lanes in recent years, school officials said. In addition, the university is giving its open spaces a makeover, making them more suitable for strolling and socializing. And, more housing requires more security and other services. So, police patrols and shuttle routes and hours will be expanded to include the new residence halls, officials explained.

UTEP officials are also

considering offering school’s first meal plan as more students move on or near campus. UTEP is adding a 24-hour student help line and hiring more employees to staff the new residence halls.

To add to the transformation, UTEP has open Centennial Plaza and completed other beautification projects across campus, adding walkways, grass, outlets, wi-fi access, small stages and amphitheaters – all part of the effort to draw students to campus.

UTEP’s two current residence halls, Miner Village and Miner Heights, have been at capacity every year for the past six years. Another 250 students are on a waitlist for rooms, officials said. Miner Village opened in 2001, and Miner Heights in 2010.

All of UTEP’s housing is apartment-style, with kitchens and common spaces like volleyball courts, pool tables and charcoal grills. The new, four-story halls near the softball complex will follow suit. The residence halls are all co-educational and provide students continuous housing for three, nine, and twelve months.

Despite the increase in campus housing, however, most UTEP students do not live on campus. UTEP’s total enrollment in

2014 was about 22,800 students and of those 14,400 students were enrolled full time at the university, still fewer than one percent will live on campus once the new housing opens, UTEP officials pointed out.

Dean of Students Catie McCorry-Andalis stated that university officials are not trying to turn UTEP into a residential campus. That is not their goal, she stated, rather they are focusing on enhancing student life.

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*Junta Pública para Examinar Programas de Fondos Federales*

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*El Distrito Escolar Independiente de Anthony llevará a cabo una junta pública para examinar los siguientes programas de AISD de fondos compensatorios estatales y federales:*

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*Título I, Parte A - Mejorando Programas Basicos;*
- Title II, Part A - Teacher / Principal Training and Recruiting;  
*Título II, Parte A - Entrenamiento y recultamiento de maestros y directores;*
- Title III, Part A - Limited English Proficiency;  
*Título III, Parte A - Servicios de educacion para estudiantes de segunda idiom;*
- IDEA, Part B - Formula & IDEA, Part B - Preschool;  
*IDEA, Part B - Formula & IDEA, Part B - Pre-Escolar;*
- Career & Technical Education - Basic Grant;  
*Educación de Carreras en Tecnologia - Apoyo Financiero Basico;*
- Evaluation of AISD Parental Involvement Policy;  
*Evaluación de la política de participación de los padres.*

The meeting will be held:

*La junta se llevará a cabo:*

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# The king of Cleveland pushes Cavs toward a title

By Steve Escajeda  
Special to the Courier

The NBA regular season was a little different this year with teams like the Miami Heat, Los Angeles Lakers, Indiana Pacers and Oklahoma City Thunder out of the playoffs, and the Atlanta Hawks, New Orleans Pelicans, Milwaukee Bucks and Toronto Raptors in.

In a way, it’s good to see some new blood in the playoffs but there’s also something to be said about traditional powers and familiarity.

But talk about unfamiliar – none of the last four teams standing in the playoffs have what you might call a championship pedigree.

The Cleveland Cavaliers have never won an NBA title.

The Atlanta Hawks last won a championship in 1957, but they weren’t even in Atlanta back then, they were the St. Louis Hawks.

The Golden State Warriors last won an NBA title in 1975 when Rick Barry was their offensive leader... go ask you dad.

The Houston Rockets are the only

team with fairly recent success, and that was 20 years ago. They won two straight championships in 1994 and 1995.

But it’s not only the new teams that were added to the list of best of the best, there was a new crop of players that were listed among the league’s best.

The top four players mentioned all season long in the MVP race were Golden State’s Stephen Curry, Houston’s James Harden, New Orleans’ Anthony Davis and Oklahoma City’s Russell Westbrook.

And all four had tremendous seasons and all four were worthy of the MVP, which Curry eventually won.

Another plus is that all four are very young and baring injury, will be among the top players in the league for another decade.

However, one undeniable truth is that though all four were certainly among the very best in the league, they are a far cry from the very best player in the world – LeBron James.

I guess sometimes “familiarity” can be overlooked. Like all the sayings that have to do with not missing something until it’s gone; it’s harder to appreciate something

when you know it’ll always be there.

When the Cavaliers resigned James in the off-season, everyone knew Cleveland would instantly be a championship contender. But for good measure they went off and signed Kevin Love as insurance.

But when Love went down with an injury early in the playoffs, the team’s chances were dealt a tough blow.

And then when point guard Kyrie Irving suffered a nagging knee injury, Cleveland was given almost no chance.

But the one constant on the Cleveland Cavaliers is James. And James has proven once again, even with Love and Irving out of the lineup, that he can literally single-handedly carry an entire team against the very best in the league.

Like Michael Jordan and Magic Johnson and Larry Bird before him, simply refuses to lose and does whatever he has to, to rise to the occasion.

Whether it’s an unstoppable drive to the basket, a long 3-point dagger, a defensive stop, a thunderous rally-the-crowd dunk, a pin-point pass to the open man or even a little coaching on the sideline, James is by-far the best player on the planet.

Which includes the NBA by the way.

And speaking of a pin-point pass to the open man, that what sets him even further apart from players like Kobe Bryant and Carmelo Anthony.

Further cementing James’ reputation as one of the best of all time, is the fact that in games two and three against Atlanta (the NBA East’s best team), the other four starters for the Cavs were Timofev Mosgov, Tristan Thompson, Iman Shumpert and Matthew Dellavedove.

Are you kidding me?

It’s difficult to spell their names, let alone recognize them or give them any chance of winning.

Yet, led by James, the Cavs won both games.

It’s still up in the air whether the Cavaliers will win their first championship this season, but I’ve got a feeling that James won’t be overlooked anymore.

The Curry’s, Harden’s, Davis’ and Westbrook’s of the world will certainly continue to build on their legacies. And there will be other contenders to the throne.

But make no mistake, there can only be one king – and that’s King James.

## A sporting view By Mark Vasto

# The sporting life

There comes a time in every RV owner’s life when the really cool, child-like idea of having a “home on wheels” turns into a very grown-up realization that they have a home on wheels. Every problem that a house can have

can happen in that motor home, but further away from civilized society and a zillion times more expensive to fix. Also, there comes a time when the romantic beck and call of the open road mutates into harpie-like screams

when you go to fill up the tanks – water, gas and propane.

And if that wasn’t enough to alter your perspective, the first time you empty your RV’s “black water” tank, you will have a renewed appreciation for the terms “indoor plumbing” and “municipal water and sewer.” I’m not going to go too deep into this situation, but if you’ve ever felt weird about letting somebody use the bathroom in your house, you probably don’t

want to think about letting them use the bathroom in your RV where, if you’re not hooked-up to a sewer pipe, you will in essence (no pun), have a souvenir of their visit to your bathroom stored in a tank underneath your bed for days, maybe weeks.


But I am not here to disparage the use or purchase of RVs in this space or make fun of RVers, for as Father Damian once said to the lepers of Molokai, I am now one of you. Many RVers know what they are doing and knew full well what they were getting into before they made their purchases. They did the research, maybe they rented an RV for

a bit, or drew upon youthful memories of camping or military experience. Then there are those who buy an RV during a manic phase, midlife crisis or for an application that the RV owner soon will find out he cannot use the RV for without incurring the wrath of the insurance industry.

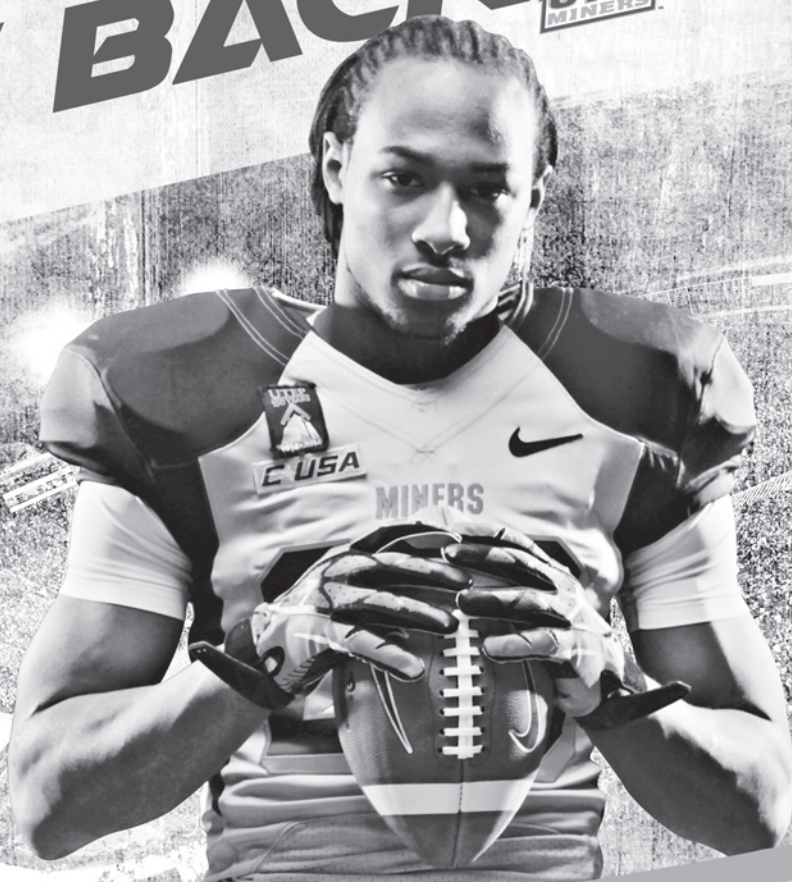
I pondered those things one morning, as I watched the sun rise over the wilderness pines, sipping my hose-water-flavored instant coffee, cursing the battery life on my iPad and handing out \$100 bills to the mechanic underneath my RV who was

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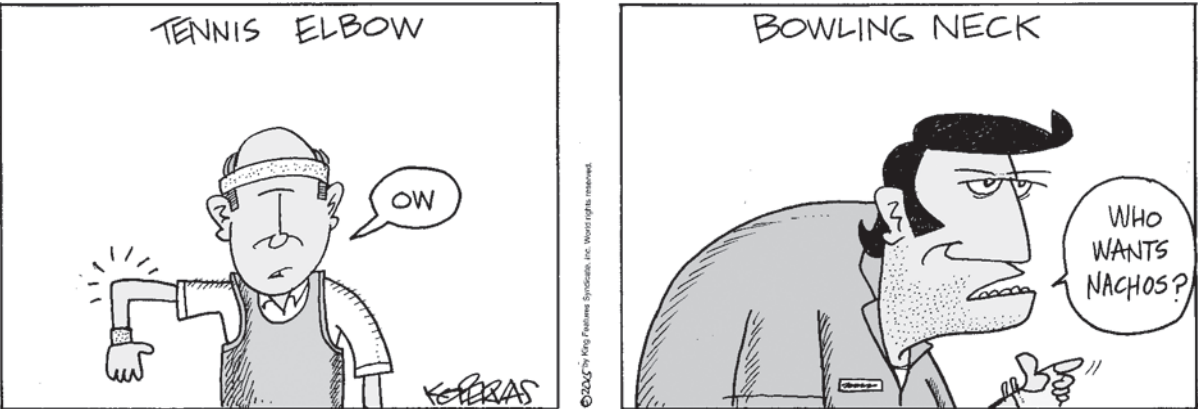
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R.F.D. By Mike Marland



DEAR DR. ROACH: I am an active 63-year-old female of normal weight. I exercise several times a week and am in seemingly good health. About a year ago I noticed that my eyebrows were disappearing, starting on the outer edges. They are now almost completely gone. During my annual physical in November, my general physician found that I have thyroid nodules. Three large ones were biopsied and proved negative. Blood work, including a TSH level, is normal. Both my GP and dermatologist feel certain that the nodules are not causing the eyebrow problem, because I don't have any other symptoms of thyroid disease, but they don't know what is causing the loss. – K.F.

Having a strong immune system is always a good idea. However, supplements, even those that say they are good for the immune system, have no proof that they prevent colds or shorten their duration. A healthy diet, exercise and good sleep are much better for your immune system than a supplement. Some readers insist that these products are effective for them, but the science so far has not proven it. Also, any drug, herb, vitamin or other supplement always has the potential for side effects. I would advise you to save your money.

The loss of eyebrows, superciliary madarosis, has many possible causes, but low thyroid is the first that most doctors think of. A TSH level is a reasonable screening test for thyroid disease, but if the suspicion is high, I check additional thyroid tests, such a thyroxine (T4), free T4 and T3. Occasionally TSH still can be in the very broad “normal” range for most people but be abnormal for that person. Other causes of eyebrow loss include autoimmune disease, inflammatory skin conditions and infection. Repeated plucking of the eyebrows can lead to permanent loss of the follicles. Allergies to cosmetics also can cause eyebrow and eyelash loss. Have you changed your makeup recently?

I contacted an expert at Michigan State University, who told me that the white mold is likely a type of trichoderma. Trichoderma are not usually dangerous to humans, although some people can have an allergic reaction to it. Still, moldy blueberries are likely to be old, not have as many nutrients and not taste so good. Eat berries right away, soon, and I feel it's a good idea to build up my immunity before I work in this new environment. I chose an over-the-counter support supplement, but I am coming down with a cold! I have found that I regularly react in this way to vitamins and supplements. Is this common? – D.F.

DEAR DR. ROACH: I often wonder if the white mold one sees on supermarket blueberries is at all dangerous to one's heath. I've eaten a few with such mold, but with no apparent effect. – A.W.

DEAR DR. ROACH: I'm a 42-year-old woman in good health. I am beginning a new job

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Super Crossword

FIRST-CLASS ATHLETES ACROSS

1 Shrimp \_

7 Dismay

13 Like pre-1917 Russia

20 Stomach ailments

21 Republic of China capital

22 Old roof sight

23 Inductee in the inaugural year of the... NASCAR Hall of Fame [2010]

25 Skin bubble

26 Jan of South Africa

27 Canon camera

28 Fiscal exec.

30 \_ throat

31 "As \_ Dying"

33 ... International Tennis Hall of Fame [1955]

37 One pelting

40 Bubbling on the stove

42 " \_ Gang"

43 ... World Figure Skating Hall of Fame [1976]

45 With 99-Down, Texas

50 Hearing pair

51 Moistureless

52 Bust \_ (laugh hard)

53 "Found it!"

54 Ending of enzymes

55 Groove of carpentry

57 ... National Baseball Hall of Fame [1936]

61 Reprieve

63 Stuck-up

65 Conundrum

66 ... Basketball Hall of Fame [1959] and College Football Hall of Fame [1951]

69 "Flashdance" director Lyne

72 One of Nod's two partners

73 Not legal

77 ... Pro Football Hall of Fame [1963]

79 Writer \_ Stanley Gardner

80 Less than bi-

81 Western treaty gp.

82 Hunky-\_

83 Maui, e.g.

85 Blue-ribbon

86 Pasture-raised

89 ... World Golf Hall of Fame [1974]

93 "What was \_ think?"

94 Compel obedience to

96 Shady alcoves

97 ... International Swimming Hall of Fame [1965]

101 " \_ girl!"

102 Full of activity

103 Med. republic

104 Darlin'

106 Relative by marriage

110 Digital data display

112 ... International Boxing Hall of Fame [1990]

117 Almondy, say

118 Lake in New York

119 Director May

120 Racing driver

121 With 122-Across, barriers of pickets

122 See 121-Across

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1 Lather

2 Quahog, e.g.

3 Rights org.

4 Encounters

5 Singer Elvis

6 "This \_ test"

7 \_ extra cost

8 Oom-\_ (tuba sounds)

9 Actress Zadora

10 Showery mo.

11 Guided

12 Chinese fruit

13 Fifer's drum

14 NBC TV inits.

15 Under debate

16 People taking breathers

17 The "I" of IV

18 Smile evilly

19 Infield covers

24 San Luis -

29 Scapegoats

32 Fido's noise

33 Sneak attack

34 "Son of," in Arab names

35 Wheel tooth

36 "Everyone experiences that, right?"

37 Trident

38 Pick on

39 Monsters

40 Flight prefix

41 "More than I needed to know" abbr.

44 Stows cargo

46 Suffix with venom

47 Zingy flavor

48 "Pardon me"

49 \_ avis

52 Singer Susan

55 "Joltin' Joe"

56 Expiated

57 Horn sounds

58 Be seeping

59 Viewpoint

60 1958 Leslie Caron film

62 Match (up)

63 With cunning

64 Tri- plus six

67 Those giving out prizes

68 Spent

69 Very eager

70 Beloved one

71 Parks of civil rights

74 Mario of New York

75 \_ workings

76 Cake levels

78 Soil stirrer

79 Fashion magazine

83 Memo intro

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85 Tirana native

87 Do nothing

88 Estrogen or testosterone

89 Locale of mil. jets

90 Reiner of film

91 Overly glib

92 Paper story

95 Not wide

97 Loft locales

98 Expend

99 See 45-Across

100 Quoter

101 Santa \_

104 Jekyll and \_

105 Muscat site

107 Not clerical

108 Hathaway of "Get Smart"

109 Heartaches

111 Maui strings

113 1969 Beatle bride

114 Corp. honcho

115 Youngster

116 Foul caller

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known airborne wedding ceremony .



### GO FIGURE!

by Linda Thistle

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

**DIFFICULTY: ★★**

★ Moderate   ★★ Difficult  
★★★ GO FIGURE!

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### Social Security Q&A

By Ray Vigil

*Q: Can I delay my retirement benefits and receive benefits as a spouse only? How does that work?*

*A: It depends on your age. If you are between full retirement age and age 70, and your spouse is receiving Social Security benefits, you should apply for retirement benefits and request that the payments be suspended. Then, you can choose to receive benefits on your spouse’s Social Security record. By doing so, you will earn delayed retirement credits up to age 70, as long as you do not collect your benefits on your own earnings record. Later, when you do begin receiving benefits on your own record, those payments could be higher than they would have been otherwise because you earned delayed retirement credits.*

*Security taxes. The credits are based on the amount of your earnings. In 2014, you receive one credit for each \$1,200 of earnings, up to the maximum of 4 credits per year. Each year, the amount of earnings needed for a credit goes up slightly as average earnings levels increase. Generally, a person needs 40 credits or 10 years to be eligible for retirement benefits. There are special rules for the self-employed. Read more about self-employment and Social Security in our online publication, If You Are Self Employed, available at [www.socialsecurity.gov/pubs](http://www.socialsecurity.gov/pubs). To learn the amount of earnings required for Social Security credits for prior years, see Quarter of Coverage at [www.socialsecurity.gov/OACT/COLA/QC.html](http://www.socialsecurity.gov/OACT/COLA/QC.html).*

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### Finances

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savings might be possible.

Before the planning a wedding, it’s wise to start with planning finances. A meeting with a qualified financial advisor might help put wedding costs in perspective with other major financial priorities.

**Bottom line:** Dream weddings don’t have to put a couple’s financial life on hold. Consider real financial priorities first and build a smart wedding budget from there.

Jason Alderman directs Visa’s financial education programs.

### Sports

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securing my water tank to the under carriage, something that is essential for driving but not covered under my warranty, “extended warranty” or insurance. It could have been worse, of course – it can always be worse – this could have happened a day’s hike out in a desolate location in the middle of bear country and not this one, which if I were to hike 75 yards straight through the line of trees in front of me, would take me to the backside of the Kissimmee Panda Express.

It was then and there that I decided to gather my thoughts and add them to the din of RV help sites that are scattered around the web. I’ll start with the three things you definitely must have in order to have an all-around great experience RVing, be it full-time or vacation only.

No. 1: A sense of humor; No. 2: Money. Lots of money; No. 3: Anticipation.

### Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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

**DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ★**

★ Moderate   ★★ Challenging  
★★★ HOO BOY!

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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: **G** equals **M**

KNDV WUGFSRGDVYRVI GD UV

NUK GBWN XND SRADZ GP

NUGDGJZD XPOBF, XND ODJSSP

FUBODZ RY UV YNRWA.

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### FEAR KNOT

By: rj johnson

CONQUER THE WHIRLED

ISB  
♥ NEANIS  
♥ NASTI  
♥ NOEC  
BANORC  
♥ INT  
♥ LIOS  
SOALS  
TCO  
♥ ULSBET  
SEBEO  
♥ NICO

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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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### Health

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before they can get moldy, and if you notice that they are moldy as soon as you get them home from the store, take them back.

Dr. Roach regrets that he is unable to answer individual letters, but will incorporate them in the column whenever possible. Readers may email questions to [ToYourGoodHealth@med.cornell.edu](mailto:ToYourGoodHealth@med.cornell.edu). To view and order health pamphlets, visit [www.rbmamall.com](http://www.rbmamall.com), or write to P.O. Box 536475, Orlando, FL 32853-6475. (c) 2015 North America Synd., Inc. All Rights Reserved.