



NEWSBRIEFS

Socorro HS seeks Outstanding Ex

Socorro High School is celebrating its 50th anniversary this school year and is seeking applicants and nominations for the Outstanding Ex. The deadline for applications or nominations is 4:30 p.m. Aug. 5. The 50th Outstanding Ex, along with previous inductees, faculty and staff, will be recognized with special events throughout the week leading up to the football homecoming game on Aug. 28. Socorro High School the first high school in the District when it opened in the fall of 1965. During homecoming week, which will be Aug. 24-29, the school will celebrate alongside the Socorro community with a parade, day and night assemblies, and a dance. Socorro High School will face Horizon High School for the homecoming football game on Aug. 28. All past Outstanding Ex inductees, administrators, faculty and staff are encouraged to contact the school for their recognition and participation in this special homecoming year. Any Missionettes alumni that want to perform and participate also are invited. For more information or to nominate or apply for the Outstanding Ex, visit the Socorro High School web page through www.sisd.net, or contact the Student Activities Director, Ana Moncada at amonca04@sisd.net.

— Christina Flores-Jones

Sales tax holiday

Texas Comptroller Glenn Hegar reminds shoppers they can save money on certain items priced under \$100 during the state's annual sales tax holiday. This year, the sales tax holiday is scheduled for Friday, Saturday and Sunday, Aug. 7 - 9. The law exempts most clothing, footwear, school supplies and backpacks priced under \$100 from sales tax, which could save shoppers about \$8 on every \$100 they spend during the weekend. "As the father of three young children, I know back-to-school expenses can really put a strain on family budgets this time of year," Hegar said. "This is an opportunity for families to save some money and prepare for the start of the school year." Lists of apparel and school supplies that may be purchased tax-free can be found on the Comptroller's website at TexasTaxHoliday.org. This

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Sometimes a movie hero is the one that sits through it.

— Quips & Quotes



— Photo by Alfredo Vasquez

NEW HOME – The County Tax Assessor-Collector's Office is moving out of its 500 E. Overland Street location in downtown El Paso and relocating to the newly-remodeled Ascarate Annex facility, above, at 301 Manny Martinez (near the entrance to Ascarate Lake Park).

County tax assessor-collector's main office moving

By Alfredo Vasquez
Special to the Courier

EL PASO COUNTY – El Paso County's new Tax Assessor-Collector's Office employees are scheduled to move into their new home in August as renovation work to a refurbished facility that is located at the entrance to Ascarate Lake Park nears completion.

Final steps for the relocation process were taken recently when county commissioners court approved the purchase of new furniture for County Tax Assessor-Collector Ruben Gonzalez and his staff. Commissioners awarded a \$74,000 contract to Facilities Connection, Inc., to furnish the new Ascarate Annex, which was formerly a U.S. Army Reserve Center.

The \$1.3 million renovation project of

the 60-year-old Army Reserve building began in December 2013. The facility, which also will house the county's AgriLife Extension Service Office, was supposed to be finished in September 2014, then it was pushed back to March.

The renovation project took longer than expected because, according to county administrator Steve Norwood, "Any time you're doing a remodel, you are going to run into construction delays." He added that there were also some delays in ordering the furniture.

Nonetheless, Gonzalez and his staff are excited about the imminent move. "I'm looking forward to moving. Our employees are looking forward to moving. It's going to be a very nice facility," Gonzalez stated in a recent news report. He said that the public would be notified soon about a set date for the official move.

At least 40 county employees are relocating to the new site, where parking will be free not only to tax office employees but also to the public.

Gonzalez, a former regional manager for the Texas Department of Motor Vehicles, was named the new county tax assessor-collector in February. Gonzalez, a native El Pasoan, was appointed by commissioners' court to cover the unexpired term of Victor Flores, who had almost two years left in office but resigned in February because of health issues.

Gonzalez, who retired from the Texas Department of Motor Vehicles in 2011 after more than 38 years, has experience supervising vehicle, title and registration laws, and training and supporting tax assessor-collectors and their staffs. He stated that he assisted and trained tax assessor-collector offices in Brewster, Culberson, El Paso, Hudspeth, Jeff Davis and Presidio counties.

As tax assessor-collector for El Paso County, Gonzalez earns about \$93,200 a year and oversees 76 employees. Among his office's duties are issuing automotive license renewals, registrations, title transfers, collection of road and bridge fees, alcoholic beverage permits, and hotel-motel occupancy taxes.

Other duties include assessing and collecting of all taxes imposed on property within the county. Since 1986, however, the City of El Paso through an inter local governmental agreement, with the cooperation of the County Tax Assessor-Collector and approval of county commissioners and 29 other taxing entities, has been collecting property taxes throughout the county.

The county tax assessor collector department maintains four offices. In addition to the main office at the new Ascarate annex, it operates three branch offices including Ysleta, Northeast, and Fort Bliss; and it has ten full service contracted deputy agencies located throughout the county.

Barros named San Elizario ISD Athletics Director

By Cynthia P. Marentes
Special to the Courier



Maria Elena Barros

SAN ELIZARIO – As the San Elizario Independent School District embarks on several facilities projects to be financed by the 2014 bond election, including the construction of a fully equipped, state of the art field house, new Athletics Director Maria Elena Barros is coming on board at a critical time. Barros began her first day on the job on July 13.

Barros comes to San Elizario from Socorro ISD where she was the Assistant Athletics (AD) Director for the past 11 years. Previous to her administrative position she was also a high school Spanish and health teacher and track and cross-country coach for approximately 19 years. Having worked in a school district where population growth quickly expanded the number of campuses and students in the past few years, Barros brings a wealth of information and expertise as SEISD begins to break ground on bond projects and other facilities improvements.

"It's exciting to be part of the team bringing

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Finances By Nathaniel Sillin

Make sure your college freshman is money-smart

Does your college-bound freshman know how to handle money at school?

Campus life can test even the most disciplined young adults on money matters. In the final weeks before you help your student pack up for the dorm, it's a good time to pack in some money lessons as well.

Start with what college will cost. On average, the Class of 2015 graduated with a little over \$35,000 in student loan debt, according to Edvisors (<http://blogs.wsj.com/economics/2015/05/08/congratulations-class-of-2015-youre-the-most-indebted-ever-for-now/>). Depending on your financial situation and how you've planned for your child's college education, start with an overview of how your student's college costs will impact your finances now and after graduation.

If your child will be paying off personal or student loans once they graduate, discuss how that

reality should define financial choices throughout college. That doesn't mean saving every penny and having no fun at all, but such a talk should reinforce how handling money intelligently, setting priorities and getting a jump on savings can position your child for a much stronger financial start upon graduation.

Train them to budget. If your child hasn't learned budgeting skills (<http://www.practicalmoneyskills.com/budgeting>), it's time for a crash course. Budgeting is the first essential skill in personal finance. Teaching children to budget now gives them a head start on dealing with post-graduation debt or long-term goals like affording a home or car. Because teens often live their lives on smartphones, familiarize yourself with the growing range of budgeting apps (<http://www.usatoday.com/story/money/2015/04/27/budgeting-apps-affect-spending-habits/26190991/>) to keep their money management on course.

Talk through on-campus banking and credit needs. Many parents start their kids with custodial savings and checking accounts at their local bank when they are younger. If your bank has branches in the teen's college town, that relationship can easily continue. Responsible credit card use is also wise to start in college. Keep in mind that The Credit Card Accountability, Responsibility and Disclosure (or Credit CARD) Act of 2009 requires that anyone under 21 without independent income have a co-signer to qualify for a card. As such, you'll be able to keep track of your child's credit use. However, if they default, you'll be on the hook – so monitor your child's bank and credit relationships closely until you agree they're ready to manage them on their own.

Cover credit monitoring and identity theft. With smarter online thieves emerging every day, your child is at risk of identity theft from the minute he or she

is assigned a Social Security number. While most teens generally don't have a credit report until they start earning a paycheck at age 16, be on the lookout for fraudulent activity earlier (<http://www.consumer.ftc.gov/articles/0040-child-identity-theft>) and make sure they get in the habit of ordering the

three free credit reports (<https://www.annualcreditreport.com/index.action>) they are entitled to each year. Throughout college, consider sitting down with children so you can review their annual credit reports together.

Bottom line: There's plenty to

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Veterans Post By Freddy Groves

Coming soon: Veterans ID card

You'll soon be able to stop carrying a folded-up, faded copy of your DD-214 in your wallet in order to identify yourself as a veteran. The Veterans Identification Card Act of 2015 (H.R.91) has passed the House and Senate. Soon you'll be able to get a Veterans ID card, if you don't already have one from being signed up for health care or for having served for at least 20 years.

A card that clearly identifies you as a veteran will be helpful in a number of ways when you need to verify your veterans status: a reduced rate on your property taxes, veteran car tags and discounts in restaurants, travel, hotels and car rental, Amtrak, movie theaters, national parks and lots of retailers and services. (If you didn't know you can get so many discounts, dig around on the Internet.)

It won't, however, get you any veterans benefits you don't already have. And you might

have to pay a small fee to cover costs. (That's because it took years to get the legislation this far as there were a few naysayers who decried the cost of producing something they say you don't need.)

One big benefit of having the new ID card is that if your paper DD-214 is lost, it contains too much personal information – like your date of birth, place of birth, service number – and worse in this day and age, your Social Security number. Wanna-be phonies can make use of a lost DD-214 to create an authentic-looking paper copy, using your info and their name. The new cards will have your photo and name, as well as a number that is not your Social Security number.

Now the bill for the ID card goes to the president for his signature. Surely he'll sign it, right?

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Tornillo Independent School District Public Notice

Special Needs Programs at Tornillo ISD for 2015-2016 School Year

Tornillo Independent School District provides access to identification of children with suspected disabilities who reside within the district beginning on the third birthday through the child's twenty-first birthday. The student may be eligible for services, at no cost, under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA).

Services are available to all eligible children identified with a disability who may be experiencing difficulties in one or more of the following areas: Physical Disability, Deaf or Hard of Hearing, Visual Impairment, Deaf-Blind, Intellectual Disability, Emotional Disability, Learning Disability, Speech and/or Language Impairment, Autism, Other Health Impairment.

In compliance with the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974 and Public Law 94-142, parents and adult students have the right to inspect educational records. District policy FL provide for record access, confidentiality, and complaint procedures.

If you would like more information or know of a disabled child who is not receiving educational services, and who is residing within the Tornillo Independent School District please contact: Mr. Kelly Ball, Special Education Coordinator, Tornillo ISD, at (915) 765-3000.

Noticia Pública

Aviso de Programas de Necesidades Especiales en Tornillo ISD para el Año 2015-2016

El distrito escolar independiente de Tornillo provee acceso a la identificación de niños con incapacidades que viven dentro del distrito comenzando con el tercer cumpleaños hasta los 21 años de edad. El estudiante puede sere legible para servicios, sin costo alguno bajo el Acto de Individuales con Incapacidades (IDEA).

Estos servicios son disponibles para todos los niños identificados con una incapacidad y que esten experimentando dificultades en una o mas de las siguientes areas: Incapacidad fisica, sordo o duro de oido, impedimento visual, incapacidad intelectual o emocional, incapacidad para aprender, impedimento de habla o lenguaje, autismo o cualquier otro impedimento de salud.

Conforme al Acto de Confidencia y de Derechos Educativos de la Familia de 1974 y Ley Publica 94-142, padres y alumnos adultos tienen el derecho de ver los archivos educativos. La Póliza del Distrito FL y FL-E provee acceso a archivos, confidencialidad, y proceso de reclamación.

Si usted desea más información o sabe de un niño/niña incapacitado que vive en el distrito escolar de Tornillo que no esta recibiendo servicios educativos. Favor de comunicarse con: Mr. Kelly Ball, Cordinador de Educacion Especial, Tornillo ISD, (915) 765-3000.



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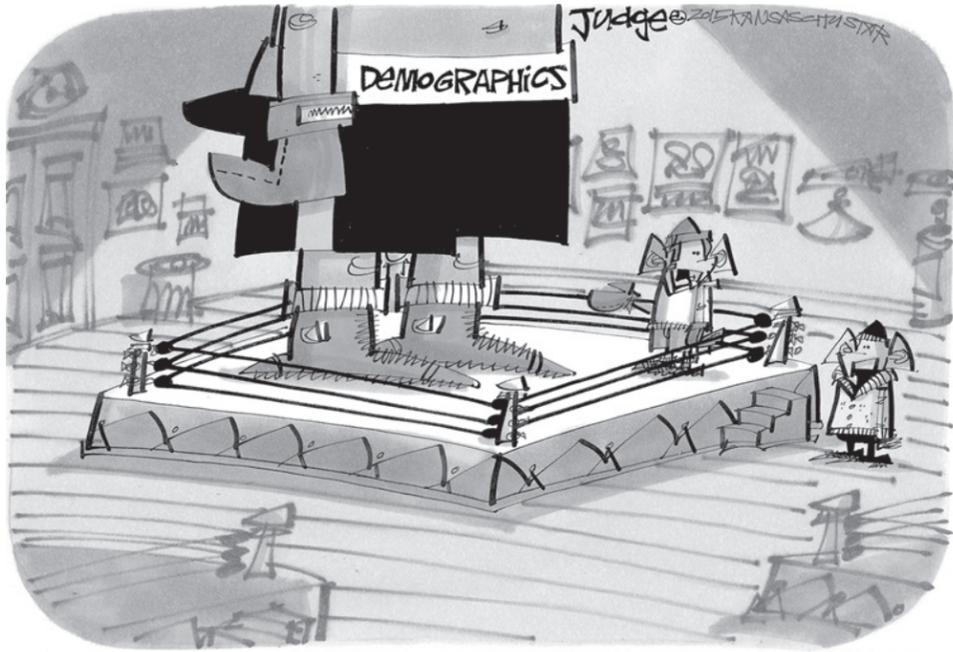
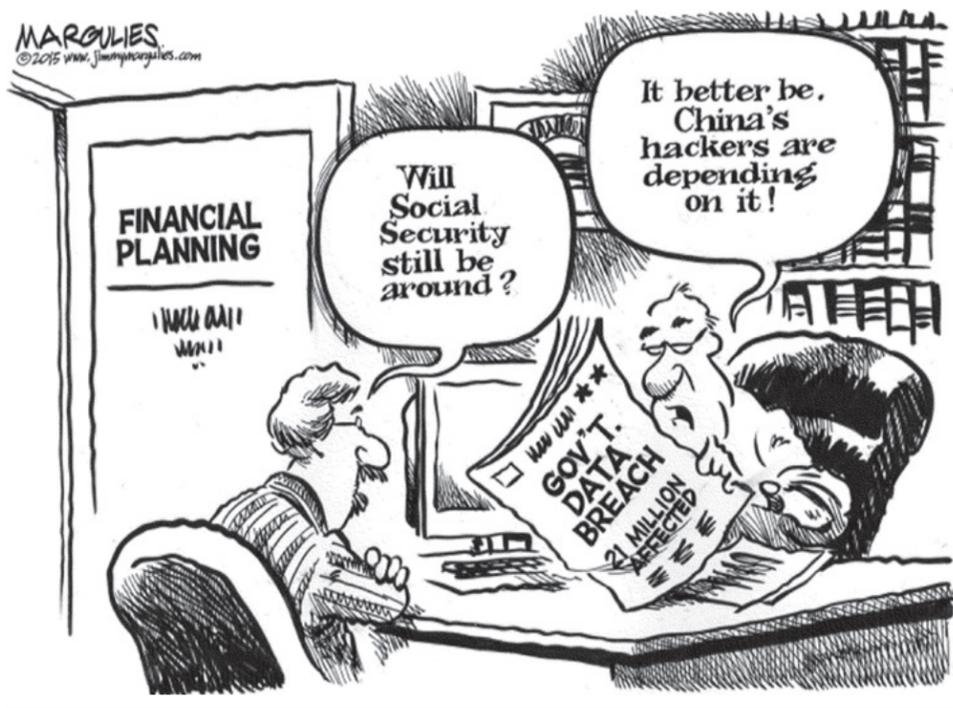


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"I THOUGHT YOU SAID MY OPPONENT WOULD BE HILLARY."



Steinhauser named principal of Bill Childress Elementary

By Shane B. Griffith
Special to the Courier



Dr. James Steinhauser

CANUTILLO – The Canutillo Independent School District (CISD) recently appointed experienced educator and administrator Dr. James Steinhauser to the key leadership position of Principal for Bill Childress Elementary School located in Vinton.

This marks a return for Dr. Steinhauser to CISD where he previously served as Executive Director of School Improvement from 2006-2008. More recently, Dr. Steinhauser has served in various capacities with the El Paso Independent School District as Director of Policy Support, Assistance Superintendent of Curriculum and Instruction, Assistant Superintendent of Research and Evaluation and Evaluator in Research, Evaluation, Planning and Accountability. He also served as an Assistant Director of Head Start for Region 19 and was a Teacher in Secondary Mathematics at Ysleta and Anthony ISD. He currently teaches graduate-level courses at the University of Texas at El Paso in the College of Education.

With nearly 23 years of educational experience, Dr. Steinhauser plans to do all he can to support the students, staff, parents and Vinton neighborhoods as the new leader of the Golden Eagles.

“We are excited to welcome back Dr. Steinhauser to the CISD family and have high expectations that he will lead Bill Childress Elementary to new heights,” said Dr. Pedro Galavíz, CISD Superintendent. “His extensive teaching and administrative experience, coupled with his commitment to engage with the community, will be invaluable assets to CISD and his campus community.”

Dr. Steinhauser earned a Bachelor of Science and Doctor of Philosophy in Curriculum and Instruction from New Mexico State University. His dissertation is entitled *Mathematics Achievement in Secondary Education: Team Teaching and Interdisciplinary Curriculum*. He is also one of the authors of a book published by Rowman and Littlefield in 2005 titled *How to Be Involved in Program Evaluation: What Every Administrator Needs to Know*. He has also authored numerous reports, presented at numerous regional, state and national conferences and performed consultant work for a variety of public school districts.

Proactive training for SISD teachers addresses critical issues

Mandatory workshop to cover ethics, student relationships, social media

By Christina Flores-Jones
Special to the Courier

EL PASO COUNTY – In order to maintain the highest ethical standards and professionalism with the use of social media and technological devices, the Socorro Independent School District (SISD) held mandatory training for all teachers this week at Eastlake High School.

The training provided educators with comprehensive information on laws and ethics and the high expectations on all educators to maintain the utmost professionalism, responsibility and transparency in their relationships with students and the use of social media and electronic devices.

SISD’s Department of Human Resources conducted the training for all teachers, principals, and assistant principals. The topics covered were: Inappropriate Teacher-Student Relationships,

Professional Standards Code of Ethics, and Social Media and the use of cell phone and other electronic devices.

“This training will reinforce the high expectations we have for all of our teachers in and out of the classroom,” said SISD Chief Human Resources Officer Rudy Campoya. “They are role models, key communicators, and respected members of Team SISD. We want to be clear that it is their duty to conduct themselves with professionalism at all times as public servants in education.”

The training is an excellent opportunity for all teachers, assistant principals and principals to learn and be well-informed of laws, standards and situations to be aware of in our fast-paced, technologically driven society. In addition to this training, all teachers and SISD employees are required to attend a Standards of Conduct Training at their campus or department this fall.

“I am proud of the highly qualified and effective faculty and staff that we have in Team SISD. We are committed to giving them the resources, policies and procedures necessary to effectively educate our students,” said SISD Superintendent of Schools José Espinoza.

Canutillo HS students compete at conference



From left are Joe Najar, Valeria Aguilar and Jackie Rodriguez. They traveled to the Chicago, IL with over 8,500 of America's best and brightest high school students to participate in the Future Business Leaders of America-Phi Beta Lambda (FBLA-PBL) National Leadership Conference. Students competed for more than \$175,000 in cash awards from June 29 to July 2. Najar placed 7th in the Microsoft Office 2013 Expert Excel competition. Aguilar and Rodriguez competed as a team placing 7th in Desktop Publishing. "It's amazing to witness what CHS students can accomplish with hard work and dedication. I'm proud to be part of the first group of FBLA students who are recognized at national level. Thanks to Career and Technical Education who makes this opportunity possible." said Norma A. Payan, Adviser.

- Shane B. Griffith

STRANGE BUT TRUE

By Samantha Weaver

- It was Henry Brooks Adams, American historian and descendant of two U.S. presidents, who made the following sage observation: "They know enough who know how to learn."

- In show business, a name can make or break you, and many aspiring stars have tried to make themselves more appealing by getting rid of the name they were born with. Take famed film noir actor Peter Lorre: He was born Laszlo Lowenstein. Beloved cowboy actor Roy Rogers was named Leonard Slye; Doris Day was originally Doris Kappelhoff; and Natasha Gurdin changed her name to Natalie Wood. And would Boris Karloff have been so well-known as a villain if he'd used his given name, William Henry Pratt?

- Edgar Rice Burroughs, the author of "Tarzan of the Apes" and its 25 sequels, never actually visited Africa.

- If you're of a certain age and facing up to wrinkles, you might be interested to learn that, according to the American Academy of Dermatology, one of the top causes of skin wrinkles is your habitual sleeping position. Rounding out the top five contributing factors are sun exposure, gravity, smoking and facial expressions.

- An anteater can grow to be 6 feet long, yet its mouth is only 1 inch wide.

- Reportedly, anyone caught in the jaws of a crocodile can release him- or herself instantly by pressing on the animal's eyeballs (though I cannot personally attest to the veracity of this claim).

- In a recent survey of nearly 1,500 American adults, only 36 percent of respondents could correctly name all three branches of the United States government. Even more disturbing, a full 35 percent couldn't name even one branch.

Thought for the Day: "It is better to have a permanent income than to be fascinating."

- Oscar Wilde

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2015-2016 School Meal Policy

The Tornillo Independent School District serves breakfast and lunch every school day. All children in the district will receive a reimbursable meal at no charge through the academic year of 2015- 2016. All children will receive a free breakfast and free lunch regardless of income. In the operation of the child feeding program, no child will be discriminated against because of race, color, religion, gender, disability, age or national origin. For information about your rights or grievance procedures, contact the Title IX Coordinator, Dr. Jeannie Meza-Chavez, Superintendent, and/or the Section 504 Coordinator at P.O. Box 170, 19200 Cobb Street, Tornillo, Texas, 79853, or call (915)765-3000.

Noticia Pública

Póliza de Comida del Año 2015-2016

El Distrito Escolar Independiente de Tornillo servirá desayuno y almuerzo cada día escolar. Todos los niños del distrito recibirán comida sin cobro durante el año escolar 2015-2016. Todo los niños recibirán un desayuno gratis y un almuerzo gratis a pesar de sus ingresos. En la operación del programa de comidas para niños, ningún niño será discriminado por su raza, color, religión, genero, incapacidad, edad u origen de nacionalidad. Para más información sobre sus derechos y procedimiento de agravios, puede ponerse en contacto con el coordinador de Titulo IX, Dr. Jeannie Meza-Chavez, Superintendente, y/o el coordinador de la Sección 504, P.O. Box 170, 19200 Cobb Street, Tornillo, Texas, 79853 o llame al (915) 765-3000.

Tornillo Independent School District Public Notice of Nondiscrimination

It is the policy of the Tornillo Independent School District to prohibit discrimination on the basis of race, color, national origin, gender or any person who has a disability in the admission or access to programs, delivery of services or employment.

The Tornillo Independent School District is fully committed to meeting its responsibilities as specified by Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended; Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972; prohibiting sex discrimination, the Age Discrimination Act 1975, as amended; Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act 1973 as amended; and the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA).

Inquiries concerning your rights may be referred to Dr. Jeannie Meza-Chavez, Superintendent, P.O. Box 170, Tornillo, TX 79853. Phone: (915) 765-3000. Fax: (915) 765-3099.

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No Discriminar en Tornillo ISD

Es la norma de conducta del distrito escolar de Tornillo de prohibir la discriminación a base de raza, color, origen de nacionalidad, sexo o cualquier persona que tenga una incapacidad en la admisión o el acceso a programas, entrega de servicios o empleo.

El distrito escolar de Tornillo esta comprometido a cumplir con las responsabilidades especificas por el Titulo VI del Acta de Derechos Civiles de 1964, como enmienda, el Titulo IX de la Enmienda de Educación de 1972, que prohíbe la discriminación sexual, la Acta de la Discriminación por edad de 1975 como enmienda, la Sección 504 del Acta de Rehabilitación de 1973, como enmienda, y el Acto de Americanos con Incapacidades.

Para mas información acerca de sus derechos favor de comunicarse con Dr. Jeannie Meza-Chavez, Superintendente, PO Box 170, Tornillo TX 79853. Teléfono: (915) 765-3000. Fax: (915) 765-3099.

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Briefs

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year, shoppers will save an estimated \$87 million in state and local sales taxes during the sales tax holiday. The tax holiday weekend has been an annual event since 1999.

— *Lauren Willis*

Clinic reopening

Project Vida will reopen clinical services on August 3, 2015, from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., on the grounds of La Clínica Guadalupana, 901 Ascension, in the Agua Dulce colonia near Horizon City. Festivities will include a Health Fair and screenings, workshops on enrolling for health insurance, a brinca-brinca and other activities for children, a giveaway of 150 food baskets from El Pasoans Fighting Hunger, and lunch provided by Clint Independent School District. Registration for primary health care services will be available for those needing sliding scale fees. Most insurance will be accepted including CHIP, Medicaid and Medicare. Originally established by the Sisters of Charity in 1995, La Clínica Guadalupana closed in 2010 due to the financial pressures of providing uncompensated care. Representatives of the Sisters and other community partners and officials will be on hand to celebrate Project Vida's resumption of health care services in the area. The Clínica Guadalupana building is still under renovation. However, funds provided by the U.S. Department of Health & Human Services/Health Resources & Services Administration (HRSA) to refurbish and reopen the clinic also allow Project Vida to provide primary health care services on site from the agency's Mobile Clinic until the building is ready to open.

— *Joyce Davidoff*

Record flight

It took Charles Lindbergh 33 and half hours to make his historic New York to Paris solo flight in 1927. Lucky Lindy's Spirit of St. Louis carried 425 gallons of fuel for the 3,500 mile journey. Switzerland's André Borschberg had no fuel aboard his plane, the Solar Impulse 2, when he took off on his record-breaking solo flight from Japan, landing 4,000 miles and nearly five

days later in Hawaii on July 3, reports the Association of Mature American Citizens. Borschberg's achievements: he broke the distance record for a solar-powered flight; he broke the endurance record, as well; and, of course, it was the longest solo flight by the pilot of any kind of airplane. But, his trip is not over. The aviation pioneer is out to break the round-the-world record. "This oceanic flight to Hawaii demonstrates that if technological solutions exist to fly a plane day and night without fuel, then there is potential for these same efficient technologies to be used in our daily lives, and to achieve energy savings to reduce CO2 emissions," Bertrand Piccard, Borschberg's partner and co-founder the company that built the aircraft.

— *John Grimaldi*

Wanted

Two men hold up a restaurant at gunpoint. The men fled the scene with an undisclosed amount of money and the El Paso Police Department is asking for your help in identifying them. At approximately 9:15 p.m., on Monday, July 13, 2015 two men entered the Fat Bun restaurant, located at 800 N. Yarbrough, through the rear door as employees were closing for the day. At least one of the men was armed with a handgun and ordered the employees to the floor. The men located the money for the business and fled the scene with an undisclosed amount. The men are described as males and have an average build. Both appear to be wearing a dark hooded jackets or sweatshirts, with a gray lining inside, blue denim jeans, blue baseball caps and used masks to cover their faces. The suspects fled the scene in a white 4-door car. Anyone with information on this robbery is asked to call Crime Stoppers of El Paso immediately at 566-8477 (TIPS), on-line at www.crimestoppersofelpaso.org or you can send a text message by entering the key word "CRIME1" (no space and include the quotation marks) plus your tip information, and text it to CRIMES (274637). You will remain anonymous, and if your tip leads to an arrest, you can qualify for a cash reward.

— *Javier Sambrano*

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Miners' open season with three straight away games

By Steve Escajeda
Special to the Courier

It may be very difficult to believe but the UTEP Miners are only a couple weeks away from opening their spring training camp in Ruidoso.

On Aug. 6, the Miners will officially start the 2015 season with the obvious goal being to improve on their 7-6 record of a year ago and get to another bowl game.

This year's road to a possible postseason game will be much tougher than it was last season.

First of all, the Miners open the 2015 campaign with three straight road games.

That's hardly a polite way of congratulating coach Sean Kugler for turning the program around.

Here's another (what should be unacceptable for a program that wants to change it's image) disappointing factor about this year's schedule – UTEP plays only five games at home while playing seven games on the road.

What happened there? I know that the first two games, at Arkansas and at Texas

Tech, will put some much-needed mullah in the UTEP coffers. But if the idea is to build a successful program, you can't put butts in the seats if the Sun Bowl isn't being used.

And I don't mean any disrespect but the first home game of the season is against Incarnate Word. Who thought that one up?

Everyone I talk to mocks the matchup and they make comments like, "what happened, was Montwood unavailable?"

The home opener is almost a month into the season and there's a good chance that El Pasoans are going to lose interest if the Miners struggle early.

Let's be honest, it's tough to get excited about a home opener in the fourth week of the season, let alone a home opener against Incarnate Word.

The timing of this scheduling mishap couldn't come at a worse time. Kugler turned a 2-10 squad into a bowl team in just one year.

He very clearly told everyone what kind of a team he was going to put on the field and the Miners' new tough guy persona was very evident last season.

And there's no reason to doubt that the

improvement is going to continue. It's just too bad that the fans here will have very few opportunities to enjoy them in person.

The only good thing is that, except for the NMSU game in Las Cruces, all UTEP road games will be televised.

As far the play on the field, the Miners should have one of the best running games in the country.

If there's one thing Kugler loves to do is run the football down the throats of his opponents, controlling the clock and keeping the other guy's quarterback off the field.

Star tailback Aaron Jones, who rushed for over 1,300 yards and scored 14 touchdowns last year, is back and as determined as ever.

The much-maligned UTEP defense was actually competitive last season, giving up 11 fewer points and 100 fewer yards than the year before.

The biggest question mark coming into 2015 involves the most important position on the field – the quarterback.

Unfortunately, none of the three front-running quarterbacks separated themselves from the others during spring

practice.

Garrett Simpson, Mark Leftwich and Ryan Metz will continue the battle in Ruidoso. If neither emerges it could be a really tough year for the Miners.

Of course the season will take on a whole different direction if the Miners were to go out and win one of their first two road games against Arkansas or Texas Tech. That would change things entirely and then fans would flock to that Incarnate Word matchup just to welcome their heroes home.

There's a big difference between 45,000 Sun Bowl fans and 25,000.

But respect is still lacking. ESPN ranks Arkansas #10 in the nation. Out of 128 teams they rank UTEP #111.

I'm sure coach Kugler loves that. He can pound that into his players until they're sick of hearing it and may go out on the field and do something about it.

Then it will be up to Bob Stull and the powers that be, to give the Miners the advantage when it comes to scheduling future games.

The program and the UTEP fans deserve better than this year's yawner of a home schedule.

A sporting view By Mark Vasto

Women athletes: More body than sport?

I suppose there will come a day when a woman's looks aren't factored into her sporting prowess, but I'm guessing that day will not be coming very soon.

The comments and conjecture engendered by Serena Williams at Wimbledon and the women's World Cup provided more than enough fodder for that thought.

With a broad brush, Serena was

alternately described as having a "manly physique," or, dressing like a "Disney princess" for the Champion's Ball. Many of the athletes on the field for the Cup were physically described in the usual terms – hot or not – by fans and announcers alike. Danica Patrick, we were told, spent July 4 in a bikini and a few days later was seen cursing out Dale Earnhardt Jr. for an on-track collision. His lament was not

so much that his brakes failed and he hit a driver, as much as it was his brakes failed and he hit HER, of all drivers, so now he would never hear the end of it – just like an episode of "The Honeymooners" or any other show that features a woman nagging a guy over something.

When Serena won Wimbledon, J.K. Rowling took to defending her body image. The top three stories on Google News the day after were about "appreciating" Serena, her body and her dress.

Not one story (and this column is guilty as charged, too) about 6-4, 6-4, game, set, match, Williams.

At the same time, a look at Serena's own Facebook biography describes her as, "an Athlete, an Icon... [that] embodies style, power, beauty and courage." When you go to Roger Federer's Facebook page, his bio states that he is a "A Swiss professional tennis player." It goes on to say that

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Barros

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improvements to San Elizario facilities. Athletics is always involved in developing bond projects and it's a good time to come in," Barros said.

Her first priority leading the athletics programs for SEISD, however, is to get to know all the coaches and meet with them to discuss needs and pending matters. Barros has already met several head coaches and has known others for years from coordinating cross country and track meets for Socorro. She is also already familiar with new head baseball coach Federico Contreras who was part of the coaching staff for the 2009 Socorro High School Baseball Team 5A State Champions.

Onalongerterm, Barros expects to conduct a facilities assessment throughout the District within six to nine months in collaboration with other administrators to determine and decide where the next round of improvements will be addressing the challenge

of maintaining participation numbers and travel costs since SEISD now competes with out of town schools such as Andrews under the University Interscholastic League's 2014-15 and 2015-16 realignment.

With her knowledge and qualifications, Barros is more than prepared to face her new duties and is already looking forward to the start of football season and every sport after that for the long haul.

"I think San Elizario is a great opportunity to grow. It's small but has done well in its division and I hope I can be part of many more years of success for the District," Barros said.

Barros received her bachelor's degree in education from Texas Tech University where she attended on an athletics scholarship running cross-country and track for the Red Raiders. She earned her master's degree in education administration from the University of Texas at El Paso in 2005. She comes from a large family of 11 children and is a Bel Air High School graduate. Barros has two grown children, Jeffery and Stephanie.

Comix

OUT ON A LIMB By Gary Kopervas



AMBER WAVES By Dave T. Phipps



THE SPATS By Jeff Pickering



R.F.D. By Mike Marland



Your good health By Keith Roach, M.D.

DEAR DR. ROACH: I am a 66-year-old white female, 5 feet, 5 inches tall (was 5 feet, 6 inches), weighing 170 pounds. Even though I use gym weight machines for upper and lower body three times a week, walk daily for two miles and spend 15 minutes on a motion trainer at the gym, I cannot stand up easily after gardening on my knees or getting on my knees on the floor. Is there anything I can do to regain the ability to get up off the floor/ground without a struggle? – S.C.

The bulging vein is still present, albeit less tender. Should I have this removed surgically, or will it eventually disappear? – S.D.

It sounds to me that despite your good exercise regimen, you may have weakness specifically in your thighs – what we call “proximal muscle weakness.” There is a very long list of medical illnesses that affect these muscles specifically (my textbook lists 28 different diagnoses), including common conditions such as low thyroid levels and vitamin D deficiency. I would recommend a visit to your doctor for a careful exam of your nerves and muscles to see if my suspicion is correct. Your doctor may suggest a trial of vitamin D.

If no medical cause is found, I would work specifically on strengthening the hip muscles, which extend the thighs. A trainer at the gym can show you those exercises.

DEAR DR ROACH: I am a 65-year-old man, and two weeks ago I developed a painful hemorrhoid almost overnight. I had never had hemorrhoids before. My primary-care doctor examined me and said I had a “thrombosed hemorrhoid.” It is not very large and in the past week, the pain has diminished, but

A hemorrhoid, a normal vascular structure, can develop a blood clot (“thrombosis”), and then can be exquisitely painful. Often, the clot is removed at the time of examination, giving immediate relief. In most cases, the clot will be reabsorbed within a few days. However, in very large hemorrhoids, occasionally surgery is necessary.

There is some suggestion that thrombosed hemorrhoids may indicate a higher risk for colorectal cancer. You should be sure that you have had a recent colonoscopy.

DEAR DR. ROACH: A few years ago, my granddaughter, who was raised in Costa Rica, got Dengue fever. I heard that if you get it a second time, it can be fatal. Is this justified? I am worried about her going back to Costa Rica for holidays. Is there a vaccination or specific treatment? – A.R.B.

Dengue fever is common, but people who live in areas with Dengue are at much higher risk than travelers. The worst complication of Dengue, called Dengue hemorrhagic fever, happens in people who previously have had an episode of Dengue, so the concern for your granddaughter is justified.

There is no commercially available vaccine for Dengue (yet), and no specific treatment. The most effective prevention for travelers is avoiding mosquitos by staying in well-screened

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Super Crossword

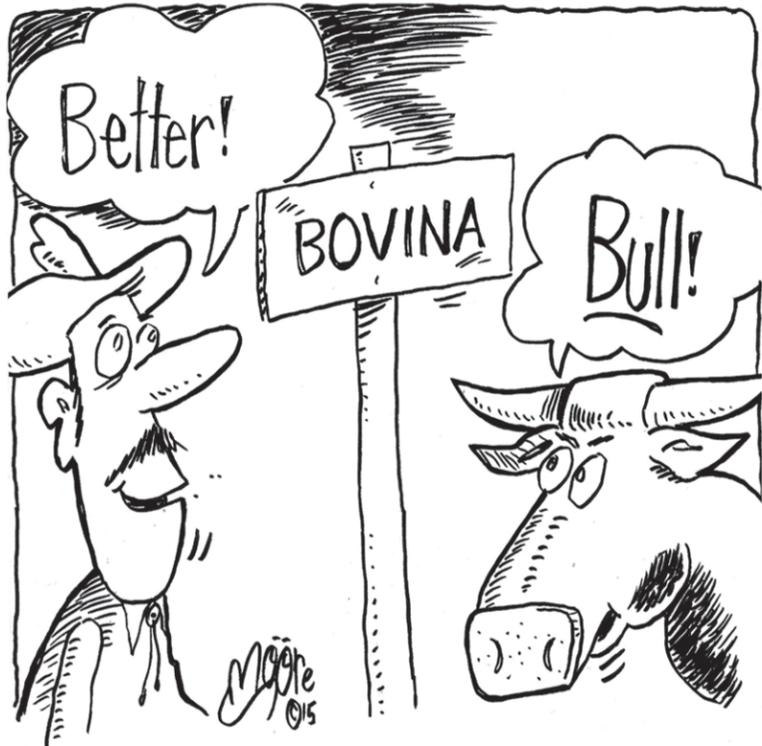
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 - 5 Witch trials town
 - 10 “Presto _!” (magician’s cry)
 - 16 Super Sunday stats
 - 19 Big skin-care brand
 - 21 Former veep Humphrey
 - 22 Sound from a boozier
 - 23 Start of a riddle
 - 25 That, in Chihuahua
 - 26 Methods of cell division
 - 27 Adult kitten
 - 28 It gets the graphite out
 - 30 Has life
 - 31 Riddle, part 2
 - 36 Writer _ Calvino
 - 38 “_ So Vain”
 - 39 RSVP encl.
 - 40 Roomy auto
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 - 47 Deborah of “Quo Vadis”
 - 48 Lacking depth, briefly
 - 49 Riddle, part 3
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 - 54 Toy brick brand
 - 55 Kid-friendly card game
- DOWN**
- 1 Japanese cartoon style
 - 2 Secure in position again
 - 3 Little Richard’s “_ Frutti”
 - 4 Character of a culture
 - 5 Most aching
 - 6 Years and years
 - 7 “Holiday” actor
 - 8 Austin-to-Boston dir.
 - 9 Traveler Polo
 - 10 Apt to gab
 - 11 Drone
 - 12 Actress Maryam d’_
 - 13 Reno’s st.
 - 14 Mourning people
 - 15 Cheri formerly of “Saturday Night Live”
 - 16 Constellation
 - 17 A drug might cure it
 - 18 Left a lasting mark on
 - 20 Napping, say
 - 24 Water, in Lille
- ACROSS**
- 29 Election loser, e.g.
 - 31 Texas siege setting
 - 32 Total flop
 - 33 Just dandy
 - 34 Actor’s signal
 - 35 Bursts in suddenly
 - 37 Rate _ (be perfect)
 - 40 Hollywood’s Mineo
 - 41 Salon boards
 - 42 Place-marking folds
 - 43 In a little bit
 - 45 Ill-gotten wealth
 - 46 Location
 - 50 A Disney princess
 - 51 Baglike part
 - 53 Roils up
 - 57 French for “father”
 - 58 “Ella” author
 - 60 “Absolutely”
 - 61 Bits of sparkly stuff
 - 62 Atypical
 - 64 Former New York senator Al D’_
 - 65 Trial promise
 - 66 Alphabet quintet
 - 67 Ryder Cup org.
 - 69 Illuminated by a flame
 - 70 Bartender’s “rocks”
 - 74 Bill Gates’ wife
 - 75 Tier
 - 76 Modest “As I see it,” to texters
 - 77 Rhythm
- DOWN**
- 79 Go-ahead signals
 - 82 Exerciser’s moisture
 - 83 Tax write-off
 - 85 _ Paulo
 - 87 Bumps that contain taste buds
 - 89 Author Morrison
 - 90 Arranges like a graphic designer
 - 91 Fly south, say
 - 92 Excitement
 - 93 Some roller coasters
 - 95 Costa _ Sol
 - 96 Top card
 - 101 Exertion
 - 103 Gradually narrows
 - 105 Some diving positions
 - 106 Sock-in-the-gut sound
 - 107 Back in style
 - 109 Super 8, e.g.
 - 110 Battery part
 - 111 “_Cop”
 - 112 Bad lighting?
 - 115 Suffix with prank or poll
 - 118 _-en-Provence, France
 - 119 Old boomer
 - 120 Tee-_
 - 121 Skirt line
 - 122 Bond girl player

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MOORE TEXAS

by Roger Todd Moore

Bovina Texas first was called BULL TOWN.



Social Security Q&A By Ray Vigil

Q: This summer, I'll turn 65 and, because of my financial situation, I thought I'd be eligible for Supplemental Security Income (SSI). But my neighbor told me I'd probably be turned down because I have a friend who said he might help support me. Is this true?

A: If your friend helps support you, it could have an effect on whether you get SSI and on the amount you would receive. If you have low income and few resources, you may be able to get SSI. However, if you are receiving support from your friend or from anyone else, we will consider that income when making a decision on your SSI eligibility and amount. Support includes any food or shelter you receive that is paid for by someone else. For more information, visit www.socialsecurity.gov/disabilityssi/ssi.html.

Q: I have a 24-year-old daughter who has been disabled by recurrent neuroblastoma since birth. Will she be eligible for benefits as my disabled child?

A: Yes. In general, an adult disabled before age 22 may be eligible for child's benefits if a parent is deceased or starts receiving retirement or disability benefits. We consider this a "child's" benefit because we pay it on the parent's Social Security earnings record. The "adult child"—including an adopted child or, in some cases, a stepchild, grandchild, or step grandchild—must be unmarried, age 18 or older, and have a disability that started before age 22. You can apply online at www.socialsecurity.gov/applyfordisability.

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

Finances

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do in the final weeks before your kids leave for college. Don't forget to reinforce important money lessons before they go.

Nathaniel Sillin directs Visa's financial education programs.

Sports

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many pundits consider him to be the greatest tennis player who ever lived, which for the Swiss, who may on occasion cop to making pretty decent chocolate and nice enough timepieces, is about as large a statement the country has ever made outside of one of their banks. Nowhere will you read that he is "handsome."

And not that there is anything wrong with that, either. With the exception of maybe Joe Namath and Andre Agassi, you'd be hard-pressed to find many male athletes talking about looks or fashion in their player bios anyway. Danica Patrick, Maria Sharapova and, yes, Serena, make no apologies for having traded a bit on their looks. But it was on their terms.

The sexes will never have an even playing field, and for another generation at least, men's athletics will outdraw female athletics and earn more at the gate. There may never be a truly "level" playing field in that regard. But in the meantime, here's hoping that the next time a woman leaves the starting line, steps up to the plate or walks out of a tunnel, the adult sport fans among us will notice more than what she is wearing but what kind of game she is bringing.

Mark Vasto is a veteran sportswriter who lives in Kansas City. (c) 2015 King Features Synd., Inc.

Health

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or air-conditioned buildings, wearing protective clothing and using effective mosquito repellent.

Dr. Roach regrets that he is unable to answer individual letters, but will incorporate them in the column whenever possible. Readers may email questions to ToYourGoodHealth@med.cornell.edu. To view and order health pamphlets, visit www.rbmamall.com; or write to Pamphlets, 628 Virginia Drive, Orlando, FL 32803. (c) 2015 North America Synd., Inc. All Rights Reserved.

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: J equals L

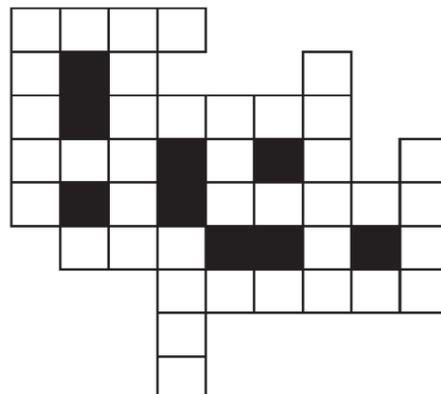
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- RETE
- DIBLER
- MOH
- ♥ARLI
- ♥TRIAS
- ♥ENT
- ♥RHEINE
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- ♥AMED



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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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