



NEWSBRIEFS

Explosive treasure?

Early reports that a pair of treasure hunters has found the legendary Nazi gold train in a hidden tunnel somewhere in Poland were dismissed at first. But now government officials seem to think the story may be true. The Poles have laid claim to the haul, if and when it is found, acknowledging that the adventurers who say they know where it is would be entitled to a 10% reward. The story goes that as World War II was coming to an end, the Nazis sought to make a getaway with the gold and artifacts they stole over the years from the countries they invaded. It could be a record-breaking finder's fee if, as some say, the train is loaded down with some 300 tons of gold with a current value of nearly \$12.5 billion, says the Association of Mature American Citizens. But, a local official claims the cargo may not be gold, but munitions that, if disturbed, could result in an explosively dramatic end to the story.

— John Grimaldi

Tech savvy seniors

Technology maven Clara Tsao figures that nearly two-thirds of 65-plus seniors are connected by computers and smartphones and that the number is growing at a rate of six percent a year, reports the Association of Mature American Citizens. That's a good thing for the nations aging population. For one thing, most seniors, nearly 80% of them, live in parts of the country where having a car is essential and many of them don't get around much anymore because the older they get the less likely they are to drive themselves to doctor appointments and the such. So, online access to inexpensive call-a-ride services offers mobility. It also makes it easier to get food and medications delivered to their doors. Older Americans may have been slow to pick up on the advantages offered by 21st Century technology but they have come a long way in recent years. They're using their new found connectivity to do such things as accessing and tracking health and home care providers and keeping in touch with friends and family via social media.

— John Grimaldi

It is possible to learn things from an enemy we cannot learn from a friend.

— Quips & Quotes



— Photo by Alfredo Vasquez

PLENTY TO DO – Although a lot of work is still needed to finish the redesign of San Jacinto Plaza, above, City of El Paso officials said that it is nearing completion and could be open to the public in time for the year-end holiday season.

San Jacinto Plaza project nears completion

By Alfredo Vasquez
Special to the Courier

EL PASO – San Jacinto Plaza, Downtown El Paso's long-awaited centerpiece, should be ready by the time

Christmas holidays roll around, according to Monica Lombrana, Directory of Capital Improvements for the City of El Paso.

Lombrana told city council recently that a defective cable which will hang the huge canopy, as well as some change orders, were the culprits for the delay of

the project's completion.

The redesign of the popular *placita* in the heart of downtown, which is estimated to cost nearly \$6 million once all is completed, was planned to be done

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Canutillo ES receives eco-friendly copier

By Shane B. Griffith
Special to the Courier

CANUTILLO – Canutillo Elementary School was named one of the 250 schools across the country to win a free eco-friendly copy machine from Toshiba America Business Solutions. The Toshiba e-STUDIO 360LP and the e-STUDIO RD30 are the world's first eco-friendly system that allows users to recycle previously printed documents, and in turn cut down on toner and paper costs.

"This machine will allow my campus to reduce our carbon footprint, reduce waste, and save money on paper and toner," said Julie Melendez, Principal of Canutillo Elementary School. "At the same time, it is a valuable teaching tool for our students on how to be environmentally friendly. We are implementing new paper recovery strategies in our classrooms so that we can earn the biggest return as possible."

As part of its Sustainable School initiative that launched on Earth Day this year, Toshiba donated the e-STUDIO 360LP and e-STUDIO RD30 valued at \$16,000 to the first 250 schools that applied on a first-come, first-serve basis. Canutillo Elementary School is only one of two schools in the El Paso region to house the new eco-friendly printer set; Loma Terrace Elementary in the Ysleta Independent School District is the other.

The Toshiba e-STUDIO 360LP, the printing device, and the e-STUDIO RD30, the paper-reusing device, work together to use the same piece of paper up to five times. The machine uses a unique blue toner that is completely erased and sorted into one of two bins when fed into the RD30: one for paper in which the eco-friendly toner was removed, and the other for paper that does not have the special toner or was marked up but can still be recycled conventionally. Reusing paper up to five times not only results in significant financial savings, it also reduces



— Photo courtesy Canutillo ISD

OVER AND OVER – Julie Melendez, Principal of Canutillo Elementary School, operates the new Toshiba e-STUDIO 360LP copy machine. The machine uses an environmentally friendly toner that is erased when inserted into the adjacent e-STUDIO RD30 unit. This process allows the same piece of paper to be reused up to five times.

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– Photo by Alfredo Vasquez

CENTER PIECE – Workers are welding together the parts of the canopy that will be placed on large concrete pillars that will support the enormous steel-girder rooftop. Once the canopy is in place the “Los Lagartos” artwork will be installed, along with the remaining tables and chairs and reflective pool, officials stated.

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in two phases. The first phase of the project involved curb and gutter work and adding 10 feet of park area on all sides. City officials said that the first phase was completed in 2013 at a cost of about \$165,000.

Then, Basic IDIQ contractors were hired to work on the second portion of the project in February 2014. The renovation work was supposed to be finished by

February, then rescheduled to May, 2015. Nonetheless, after the contractor failed to meet the firm deadline in May for the project, the city began assessing \$1,000 daily in liquidated damages.

In her recent presentation to council members, Lombraña stated that the contractor was held up because workers could not proceed until they received a special replacement cable for the canopy that had to be ordered from Germany.

Despite the cable delay, the city official said that everything

else is done or is nearly finished. The completed items include the arroyos, sedimentary walls, pedestrian bridges, concrete columns, and some of the landscaping and relocation of the electrical panels. The café building and installation of brick pavers for the walking paths are almost complete.

As for the canopy, welders are currently soldering the pieces together, and the pillars to support the enormous steel-girder rooftop are ready. Once the canopy is in place the “Los Lagartos” artwork

will be installed, along with the remaining tables and chairs and reflective pool, officials stated.

As for the change orders, city council has approved six of them so far for the San Jacinto Plaza reconstruction. The latest change order was for \$110,000 so that the contractor could move electrical service equipment underground. City Engineer Irene D. Ramirez recommended the change order approval. She stated that the contractor moved the electrical infrastructure below ground to align the project with the city’s goal of promoting the visual

image of Downtown El Paso.

In the meantime, city representatives are asking for the public’s patience as the city works to complete the multi-million dollar San Jacinto project.

City Representative Cortney Niland asserted in a recent news report, “We’re going to get it done, but it’s going to be to the level of the expectations that absolutely El Pasoans deserve, because this is our crown jewel and it will be fabulous. It’s going to knock the socks off of Las Cruces, Van Horn, and everybody else. It’s going to be fantastic.”



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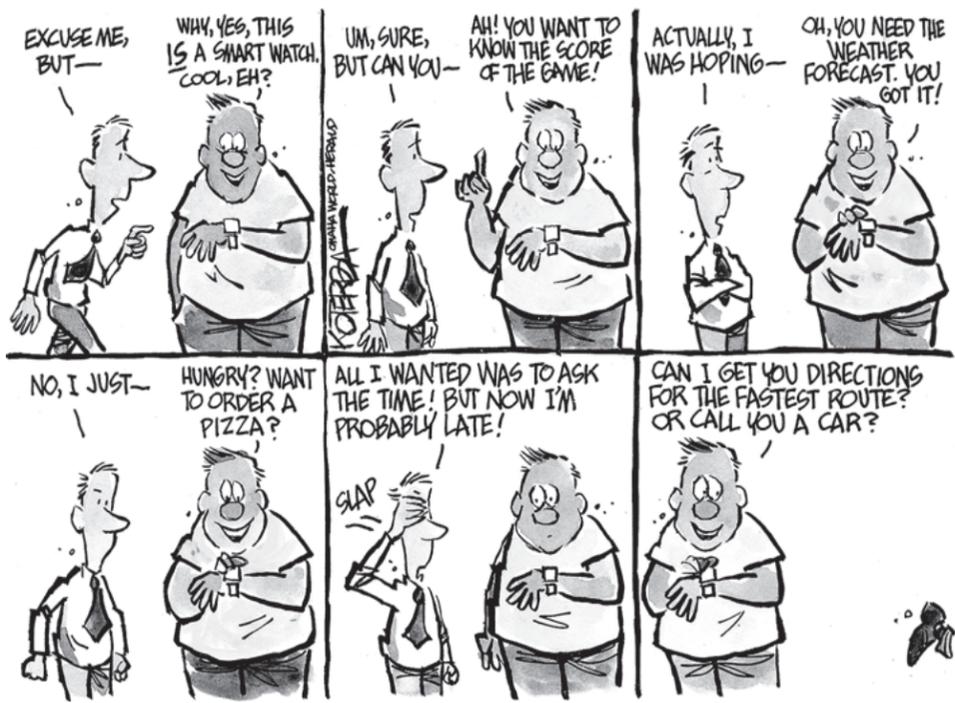
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BACK TO SCHOOL: CIVICS 101...



Finances By Jason Alderman

Are extended warranties worth the additional cost?

Are these costly add-ons worth the expense or simply a sucker bet intended to boost the seller's bottom line? It depends on whom you ask.

According to consumer watchdog organizations like the Federal Trade Commission and Consumer Reports, extended warranties and service contracts often don't make strong financial sense. However, some people find extended warranties reassuring, especially for large purchases with electronic components that can go awry and are expensive to repair or are easily broken.

Before you buy an extended warranty, do your research and consider these points:

- Does it overlap with the manufacturer's warranty? Don't pay twice for duplicate coverage.
- Many credit cards automatically extend the manufacturer's warranty for up to a year on purchases – for free.
- Before purchasing, check the company's track record with your state's Department of Insurance, the Better Business Bureau and independent reviewers like Angie's List.
- Service contracts might not cover specific product parts or repairs. If the terms don't list a part or function as specifically covered, assume it's not.
- Carefully review the contract for deductibles, limits on the number of allowable service calls, exclusions and clauses that allow the company to deny coverage – for example, if you don't follow their instructions for routine maintenance.
- Ask whether the retailer handles repairs itself. You may be required to mail the product to a repair center, so factor in shipping costs if they're not included.

New cars typically come with a basic factory warranty that covers most components for at least 3 years or 36,000 miles (sometimes more), as well as separate warranties for items

like the powertrain, corrosion and roadside assistance.

Before purchasing an extended car warranty from the dealer or a third-party vendor, consider:

- If you plan to sell the car before the basic warranty expires, an extended warranty probably doesn't make sense; however, if you'll likely keep the car for many years, it may.
 - Don't feel compelled to buy an extended warranty immediately. Policies can usually be purchased months or years later – although the cost will increase as the car ages.
 - If buying an extended warranty through the dealer, find out whether it's backed by the manufacturer (which means you can go to any dealership throughout the country) or by a third party, which could limit your repair options considerably.
 - Most carriers sell a variety of plans at varying costs, duration and mileage limits – everything from basic powertrain-only policies to comprehensive bumper-to-bumper coverage.
 - Ask whether the warranty can be transferred to a new owner – that'll boost resale value.
 - Extended warranties are also available for used cars. They're more risky to buy than new cars and thus may be better candidates. However, the older the car, the more expensive – and limited – the coverage likely will be.
- As an alternative, consider putting the same amount into a savings account. That way, if the product breaks, you'll have enough money on hand to replace it. If not, you'll have a nice chunk of change.

Bottom line: If it will make you sleep more soundly, consider extended warranties for your major purchases. Just do your homework first and realize that peace of mind may cost much more than any repair bills you ultimately need.

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Socorro ISD invites former students to return to school

By Christina Flores-Jones
Special to the Courier

EL PASO COUNTY – Some 300 Team SISD educators walked the district’s many neighborhoods on Sept. 19 to reach out to students who have left school and encourage them to return to school.

The second annual SISD Walk for Success, which included SISD Superintendent José Espinoza, board members, principals, and other staff members, was a districtwide effort to recover students who have left and help them re-enroll so that they can graduate from high school.

“It means a lot to a student that someone would care enough to show up at their door and encourage them to return to school,” Dr. Espinoza said. “We want them to come back home.”

Team SISD talked to numerous students who appreciated them coming to their homes and also connected with many parents who opened their doors to them.

“We contacted a lot of students and parents and we were able to leave them with great information on how to come back to school,” said Corey Craft, SISD School Compliance Officer.

Team SISD members were reaching out to 300 students in the walk event. Team members were divided in groups to visit neighborhoods in each high school feeder area in the district. They made every effort to talk to the students themselves or family members who may know where the students are, and explain to the students how to come back to school and the assistance that Team SISD will provide for them.

Victor Escalante, who dropped out his junior year, never expected

to find Superintendent Espinoza and Eastlake High School Principal Gilbert Martinez at his door to encourage him to return to school.

“I am shocked,” Escalante said. “Having their support and coming to my house really makes a difference. I never expected this.”

Their inspiring support made such a positive impact on the young man that he plans to show up at the high school Monday ready to start again.

“I know without school you

can’t get a better job,” said Escalante, who wants to be a diesel mechanic. “With school, you find better jobs and better opportunity. I need to finish my education.”

Martinez was delighted to connect with Escalante again and happy that he agreed to come back to school. Students need to know to keep working hard and that Team SISD is here to support them, he said.

“You have to come back up, you have to keep fighting, don’t ever give up,” Martinez said.

“We’re all here to help. It takes everybody to come together to help our students to be successful.”

Jennifer Chabre, a Paso del Norte School counselor, was able to talk to a young man who had returned to school last year, but then dropped out again.

“He left again to help his family,” she said. “He got emotional when he saw us because he wants to come back. We were able to help

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– Photo courtesy Socorro ISD

SECOND CHANCE – Victor Escalante, center, agreed to return to Eastlake High School to re-enroll in school after a visit from (left to right) Board President Angelica Rodriguez, Mission Ridge Elementary School Assistant Principal Myrna Lopez-Patti, Eastlake High School principal Gilbert Martinez, Superintendent Dr. José Espinoza, Board Trustees Paul Guerra and Cynthia Najera.

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To Discuss Fabens
Independent School District’s
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The Fabens Independent School District will hold a public hearing at 6:30 p.m., Wednesday, October 21, 2015 in the boardroom of the Fabens ISD Administration Building, 821 NE “G” Avenue, Fabens, Texas.

The purpose of this hearing is to discuss Fabens Independent School District’s rating on the state’s financial accountability system.

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**Notice of Public Hearing
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Tornillo Independent School District will hold a public meeting at 5:30 PM, Wednesday, October 21, 2015, in the boardroom of the Tornillo Administration Building, at 19200 Cobb Ave., Tornillo, Texas 79853.

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the system’s CO 2 emissions 57 percent, according to Toshiba.

Besides being able to recycle toner and sort the paper to be reused, the copy machine has additional features including the digitalization of the content printed on a page, a USB flash drive port for direct printing, a touch screen display and printing speeds of up to 30 pages per minute.

Andrea Cortez, CISD Public Information Intern, contributed to this story.

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SISD

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and guide him to return to school. We showed him how

he could do both: go to school and work and be successful in life.”

A precursor for the 2015 Walk for Success began on Aug. 29 as SISD counselors and school

and district staff conducted a call-out to reach out to students. As a result of the call-outs, nine students have re-enrolled in SISD schools.

The phone calls also helped identify and locate many other students who already have enrolled in schools in the area

or out-of-town. More than 500 phone calls were made during the call-out event.

Throughout the district’s Walk for Success initiative last year, Team SISD recovered 74 students. Five students who came back through 2014’s Walk for Success graduated last

school year.

“In my opinion, as long as we get one student back we were successful, but we are aiming to get all 300 students back to school,” Dr. Espinoza said. “No matter what has happened in their lives, we are not going to give up on them.”

HERE’S A TIP

By JoAnn Derson

- When making pastry, start with cold ingredients; when making cakes and cookies, the ingredients should be room temperature. If you stick with this rule, you’ll have lovely, flaky pastry and warm, fluffy cake!

- “Keep rolls or breads warm at the table with this OLD trick: Line your bread basket with foil, shiny side out. Drape a towel over that, and snug the bread inside.” – G.R. in Wisconsin

- Want to know the secret to great biscuits? Handle the dough gently. The more you mess with it, the tougher the biscuits. If you use a cutter, dip it in water for each press, and DON’T twist: You’ll create a seal on the edges that will hinder the biscuit from rising, making it denser.

- “Got a dome on your cake? Measure your ingredients well. Use a pan that is big enough. And if all else fails, use a thermometer to gauge whether your oven is too hot. These things more than any others will make a cake pop up in the center.” – E.A. in Mississippi

- Here’s a fun way to spend a weekend morning: Making pancakes or waffles! Make a double (or triple, or more) batch, and make several varieties – blueberries, chocolate chips, bananas, walnuts, strawberry, even pumpkin! Lay them out in layers and let cool. Stack separated with freezer paper in the freezer. They can be microwaved or toasted in minutes for an easy weekday breakfast.

- Self-rising flour or all-purpose? There’s actually a pretty easy way to tell which is which. Self-rising flour has baking soda added to it, which tastes salty. If you’re facing a canister of flour and the recipe calls for all-purpose, give it a taste. If it’s self-rising, omit any baking soda added to your recipe.

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STRANGE BUT TRUE

By Samantha Weaver

- It was beloved American actress Katharine Hepburn who made the following sage observation: “If you always do what interests you, at least one person is pleased.”

- Half of the Earth’s surface is covered by the Pacific Ocean.

- Need more evidence that portion sizes in America are getting larger? In the 1964 edition of the iconic “Joy of Cooking,” a recipe for chocolate chip cookies was said to yield 45 servings. When the cookbook’s 1997 edition was published, the same recipe was said to yield 36 servings.

- The original name of the city of Melbourne, Australia, was Batmania.

- In the original calculations made by NASA experts, a landing on the moon was thought to have only a 5 percent chance of success.

- In rural Wisconsin in 1921, two third-grade students in a one-room schoolhouse became sweethearts. At the end of the school year, Lorraine Beatty and Mac McKittrick lost touch with each other. This story would be unremarkable, except for what happened 87 years later. In 2009, their brothers, who had become friends, brought the couple back together again. Shortly thereafter, the couple married and moved in with each other in a retirement home.

- The 12th president of the United States, Zachary Taylor, let his horse graze on the White House lawn.

- The oldest government building in the country actually predates the nation: The Palace of the Governors in Santa Fe, N.M., was built in 1610.

Thought for the Day: “Youth is like having a big plate of candy. Sentimentalists think they want to be in the pure, simple state they were in before they ate the candy. They don’t. They just want the fun of eating it all over again.”

– F. Scott Fitzgerald

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NCAA turns young athletes into business

By Steve Escajeda
Special to the Courier

There's been a lot of talk lately about Donald Trump and the chances that he could actually become president.

There's no doubt that his popularity keeps growing, even after he says something controversial.

Polls have shown that one of the reasons Trump has resonated is because he's not a politician. He's a successful businessman who takes no prisoners, tells it like it is, is unapologetic and sticks to his guns.

You'll find all those qualities in business and none of them in politics.

How refreshing.

Trump is a brand that is known for success and innovation.

Another well-known American brand that has been around for decades is the NCAA.

The NCAA (a non-profit organization which generated nearly a billion dollars a year ago) has been the ruling body for college athletics for over a century.

Just going by those figures you'd think the NCAA was a well-oiled machine setting standards other entities couldn't wait to emulate.

Not so fast.

It's no surprise to anyone who follows college sports that the NCAA is the laughing stock of American mega-corporations.

Every business has to sell something. And to sell something a business needs to build whatever it sells. And to build whatever it sells a business needs raw materials.

In the case of the NCAA, the raw materials are student athletes.

Without the athletes the NCAA cannot have the Final Four Tournament in football, or the College Baseball World Series, or March Madness, or any number of national championship events or tournaments.

And all those events and tournaments, as well as all the games leading up to those events, are what the NCAA sells – and for a lot of money.

But as time has gone by, the NCAA works less and less like a business and more and more like government.

And wherever you find government, corruption is not far away.

From students, to professors, to coaches, to college boosters, to athletic directors, to college presidents and at times to actual politicians, everybody is always looking for ways to work the system.

It's simple, you hide something in your house and it's pretty easy to find. You hide something in a huge warehouse with thousands of boxes stacked one on top of the other - much more difficult.

In fact, so difficult you often say, "forget it," and eventually stop looking.

That's how big college athletics has become.

The only time anyone gets caught cheating the system is because a disgruntled member (who often didn't get theirs) turns the others in.

Aside from the blatant corruption, the NCAA is also known for its decision-making – which does not get good marks.

The organization makes money off the athletes, who receive pay in the form of getting thousands of dollars every semester that is used to pay their tuition.

Athletes also receive housing and food. But there are some who believe the

athletes should receive a paycheck in addition to the free school.

The trouble the NCAA has caused is their ruling that makes it very difficult for athletes to work outside of the school.

A scholarship athlete can earn \$2,000 in an academic year from outside work. That comes out to \$5.55 a day.

Things have gotten so bad that Northwestern University players fought to give college athletes the power to form a union.

That idea, which probably would have destroyed college athletics, was shot down in the courts.

But the frustration level has grown to that extent.

Then there is just the sheer stupidity in college sports, like in August coming

out of Virginia Tech, where defensive coordinator Bud Foster brought up the idea of fining players money for breaking rules.

The NCAA and its universities cringe at the idea of paying players but Foster, and a few others who have since spoken out, think fining a player is a viable option.

Which is the kind of thinking you'd expect from a politician.

There's no doubt that the idea of fining student athletes, whom the NCAA says are not employees in the first place, will quickly fade away.

But other than the college football playoff system, I can't remember the last time the NCAA had a good idea.

If Trump were here he'd tell them all, "you're fired."



"BUT WHAT'S WRONG WITH THE CURRENT SYSTEM?"

A sporting view By Mark Vasto

Havana daydreaming

Outside the window, overlooking the library of Middletown High School South, a daydreaming student in Ileanna Laurarri's Spanish class could capture a glimpse of the football field and the concession stands that form a neat ring around the perimeter. On most days, she would offer you some sort of rebuke, "mira!" but on this particular day she stopped and looked out the window, too, then told a story.

"One morning, the teacher in our class made all of the students line up against the wall and turn our backs. She then told us to pray to God to give us ice cream. So we prayed. Then she said turn around. And there was no ice cream. Some of us started to cry. I was 6 years old."

You know how a good story can quiet a room? The normally rowdy class was silent.

"Our teacher, she told us to turn around a second time, facing the wall. She then told us to ask Fidel Castro for ice cream. And we did. And when we turned around, there was an ice-cream

stand waiting for us."

With that, she looked at me, and said, "Now, when I ask you, how to ask me in Spanish 'where is the library,' are you going to remember?"

So, Yasiel Puig, when everyone was heckling you in the outfield that one afternoon in Kansas City, now you know the full story and reason as to why that one person eating an ice-cream cone in the bleachers, that guy who made you stop, turn around and look up in bewilderment, yelled out "Hey Yasiel! Donde esta la biblioteca?"

Cuba, if you haven't heard by now, is no longer a closed-off nation for America. We just ran up our flag there a couple weeks ago. To most Americans, when we think about Cuba, we think about Kennedy and the Bay of Pigs. The Cuban Missile Crisis. Very good cigars and rum. Airlifts. Gitmo. Little Elian.

For Cuban athletes and Cuban-Americans, thoughts of Havana dredge up far different feelings. For some, it meant risking your life and defecting in order to

play baseball in America. Think about the stress you would feel facing a Major League hitter or pitcher on your best day. Now think about it with the thought that your family left behind may be in severe trouble because of your decision.

There's a heartbreak there for many Cubans that is hard to understand. Their love of country is great, but they would have loved to participate in the 1984 and 1988 Olympic Games. They would have loved to have seen the late, great Teofilo Stevenson fight Muhammad Ali. It almost happened, but Stevenson turned the fight down, saying the millions of dollars offered him was not worth losing the love of the millions of Cubans in Havana.

Well, now there will be plenty of things off the field to settle between America, Cuba and Cuban Americans. But finally, at long last, it doesn't mean people will have to risk their lives in order to play a game, and everybody can have an obscenely overpriced ice-cream cone.

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DEAR DR. DONOHUE: I am 84 years old, and I have spinal stenosis, which is causing me pain. I would like to know more about it. Will you furnish more information? – T.P.

Spinal stenosis is a common back problem of older people. It's said that 20 percent of those older than 60 have it. The spinal cord is an offshoot of the brain, and it travels from the brain to the lower back. It's about the width of your little finger and is extremely delicate. That's why nature encased it in backbones – vertebrae. Running through the backbones is a tunnel, the spinal canal that serves to protect the cord.

Spinal stenosis is a narrowing of the tunnel. It happens mostly in the neck and lower-back regions. Thickened ligaments surrounding the spinal cord or arthritic changes of the backbones impinge on the spinal cord or the nerves that spring from it.

When the process occurs in the back, pain is felt there and often in the buttocks or thighs. The pain worsens if a person stands for too long. People can ease the pain by bending forward at the waist or by sitting down. Bending opens the tunnel to give the spinal cord some breathing room. The amount of bend that works is the amount of bend a person assumes when pushing a shopping cart.

Have you tried Tylenol (acetaminophen) for pain? It's safe when used as directed on the label. Nonsteroidal anti-inflammatory medicines such as ibuprofen (Advil) and naproxen

(Aleve) also are helpful. They can cause stomach upset and stomach bleeding, so follow directions given for their use. Hot packs or cold packs might work. Try both, and see if either gets the job done.

At night, lying on your side in bed with a pillow between your knees lessens pain. A program of physical therapy might help you turn the corner. Ask your doctor for a referral. And finally, the opinion of a back surgeon will let you know if any surgical technique can bring you relief.

DEAR DR. DONOHUE: I just received my grandmother's death certificate. It says: "Cause of death: uterine hemorrhage. Contributing cause: surgical shock." She died in 1931 at the young age of 33. What does all this mean? – J.F.

Hemorrhage is massive bleeding. She bled from her uterus either during an operation or from a tumor, a twisted fibroid or an infection. Surgical shock isn't a term used these days. Shock means that the bleeding was so great, her blood pressure dropped. Not enough blood could circulate to her organs, including her brain and heart. In those days, such a catastrophe almost always resulted in death.

I'm guessing at the meaning of surgical shock. I take it to mean that the bleeding occurred during surgery.

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Super Crossword

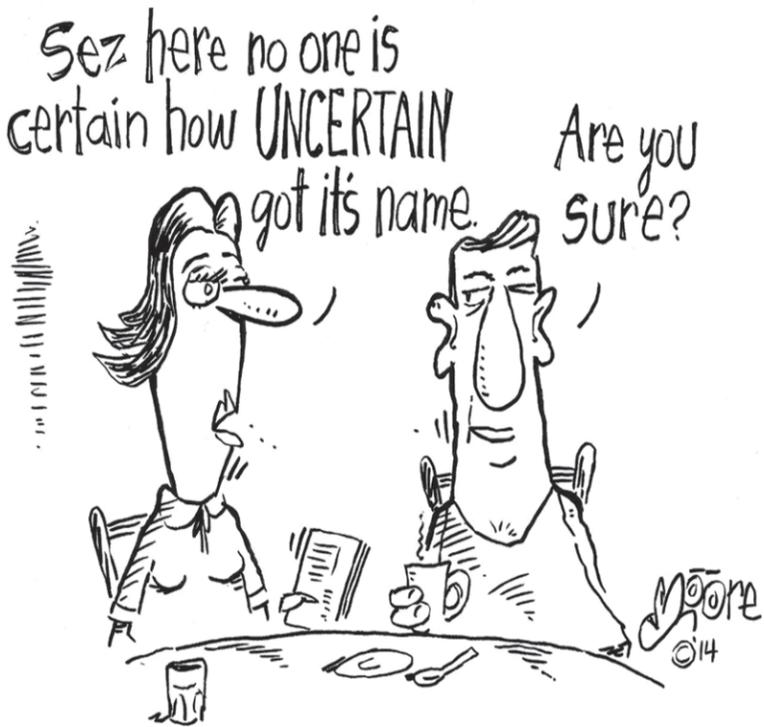
- NOTHING IN BETWEEN ACROSS**
- 1 Examine by touching, as for medical diagnosis
 - 8 Florida resort port
 - 13 Assemble again
 - 20 New York Indians
 - 21 Like a vine-covered wall
 - 22 Top celeb
 - 23 What an ivory tickler's hands are on
 - 25 Kind of onion
 - 26 _ Reader (bimonthly digest)
 - 27 Blokes
 - 28 Jolly Roger
 - 30 Bamboo-eating cutie
 - 34 Domination, in slang
 - 35 Hi_
 - 36 Gene-splicing need
 - 37 Army meal buddy
 - 43 Siren-sounding vehicle
 - 50 Politico Ross
 - 51 Shows at the Met
 - 52 Actor Mickey
 - 53 "Dallas" wife
 - 54 Flax fabric
 - 55 FedEx or fax
 - 56 World Cup
 - 59 Cookout pest
 - 60 Query
 - 62 In the past
 - 64 Actor Ethan
 - 65 With 40-Down, highway snooze site
 - 67 Orca
 - 71 Talks to a beat
 - 75 Port near Nazareth
 - 77 Connection
 - 78 "For" vote
 - 80 Prohibition
 - 81 Chaplin movie, e.g.
 - 86 Cato's 559
 - 88 _ Magli (shoe brand)
 - 90 Inflammation of the ear
 - 91 Stella _ (lager brand)
 - 93 Liquor lover
 - 94 _s razor ("keep it simple" maxim)
 - 95 Cryptogram alternative
 - 98 Synonym books
 - 100 Scale notes
 - 101 Charged bit
 - 102 Rouse
 - 104 Pet that looks like it's wearing a mask
 - 110 Often-twisted treat
 - 115 Author Rand
 - 116 City in Colombia
 - 117 Breakwater embankment
 - 118 Descriptive of 10 answers in this puzzle
 - 123 Vienna-born
 - 125 Longing person
 - 126 Marital state
 - 127 Campfire residue
 - 128 Professions
- DOWN**
- 1 High fly ball
 - 2 Baker of soul
 - 3 "Blue" singer
 - 4 Longed
 - 5 Kerfuffle
 - 6 "And we'll _ a cup o' kindness yet...": Burns
 - 7 WNW opposite
 - 8 Italian river
 - 9 Bard of _
 - 10 Hamm with a simple" maxim)
 - 11 Suspects' humiliating escorts
 - 12 Include as a bonus
 - 13 Devastating damage doer
 - 14 High classes
 - 15 _ one's time
 - 16 Flyboys' org.
 - 17 " _ never fly"
 - 18 Twin of Luke Skywalker
 - 19 Lag behind
 - 24 Sumac from Peru
 - 29 " _ Lama Ding Dong"
 - 31 Secret things
 - 32 They sting
 - 33 Psychic "gift"
 - 34 _ about (close to)
 - 36 Hard laborer
 - 38 Kindle
 - 39 Person in the club
 - 40 See 65-Across
 - 41 Parkway fee
 - 42 And the like: Abbr.
 - 43 Arctic
 - 44 Offer views
 - 45 Pre-Easter times
 - 46 State of rage
 - 47 "Right you _"
 - 48 Concerning musical pitch
 - 49 Corp. kingpin
 - 53 Fly-catching bird
 - 55 Light boat
 - 57 Third of a dance move
 - 58 Flower part made up of sepals
 - 61 Comedy bits
 - 63 Meal crumb
 - 66 Letters before iotas
 - 68 Chou En_
 - 69 Surviving wives
 - 70 Sun: Prefix
 - 72 Activity-filled
 - 73 Comic strip segment
 - 74 Sleep loudly
 - 76 Life principle
 - 79 Teem (with)
 - 81 Flue buildup
 - 82 Have a yen
 - 83 Pet pests
 - 84 China's _tzu
 - 85 Famous Amos rival
 - 87 Loc. of 75-Across
 - 89 Peri's role on "Frasier"
 - 92 Bygone ruler
 - 93 Fraternal lodge org.
 - 95 Some Louisianians
 - 96 Jeopardy
 - 97 Ten, in Dijon
 - 99 Letter-shaped fasteners
 - 103 Leg bone
 - 104 Small kids
 - 105 A, in Spain
 - 106 Earthy hue, to a Brit
 - 107 "Alfie" star Michael
 - 108 Adjust
 - 109 Theater rows
 - 110 Norwegian capital
 - 111 Bridle part
 - 112 Soothe
 - 113 Actor Wilson
 - 114 Oscar winner Blanchett
 - 115 Four roods
 - 119 Jacuzzi sigh
 - 120 TriBeCa site
 - 121 Narcs' agcy.
 - 122 Do battle

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MOORE TEXAS

by Roger Todd Moore

The folks of UNCERTAIN, TEXAS are absolutely uncertain about the origin of their town's name...really.



Social Security Q&A By Ray Vigil

Social Security Matters

Social Security recently launched a new blog in August, *Social Security Matters*. This is our location for engaging with you by answering questions and concerns in a more sharable and interactive way. This is where you'll see the latest Social Security news, like added features to my Social Security, helpful tips about retirement and other benefits, and much more.

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GO FIGURE! by Linda Thistle

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

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DIFFICULTY: ★

★ Moderate ★★ Difficult
★★★ GO FIGURE!

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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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MOMENTS IN TIME

The History Channel

On Oct. 18, 1767, Charles Mason and Jeremiah Dixon complete their survey of the boundary between the colonies of Pennsylvania and Maryland, as well as areas that would become Delaware and West Virginia. The Mason-Dixon line created the

boundary at a northern latitude of 39 degrees and 43 minutes.

On Oct. 21, 1797, the USS Constitution, a 44-gun U.S. Navy frigate built to fight Barbary pirates off the coast of Tripoli, is launched in Boston Harbor. During the War of 1812, the Constitution won its enduring nickname "Old Ironsides" after witnesses claimed that the British shots merely bounced off the Constitution's sides.

On Oct. 19, 1931, David Cornwell, later known as spy novelist John le Carre, is born in Poole, England. He published his first spy novel, "Call for the Dead," in 1961. The novel, like his second, "A Murder of Quality" (1962), featured spy George Smiley.

On Oct. 15, 1946, Herman Goering, commander in chief of the Luftwaffe and head of the Gestapo, dies by his own hand. He was found guilty at Nuremberg and committed suicide by swallowing a cyanide tablet he had hidden from his guards.

On Oct. 20, 1968, 21-year-old Oregonian Dick Fosbury wins gold medal and sets an Olympic record when he high-jumps 7 feet, 4 1/4 inches at the Mexico City Games. It was the international debut of Fosbury's unique jumping style, known as the "Fosbury Flop," which, according to one journalist, "looked like a guy falling off the back of a truck."

On Oct. 17, 1973, the Arab-dominated Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) announces a decision to cut oil exports to the United States. In December, a full oil embargo was imposed, prompting a serious energy crisis and gasoline rationing in the United States.

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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: M equals A

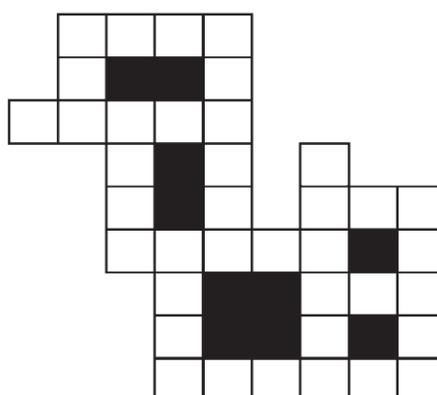
ZN M DXRVC GXRMIK M YWZL MK
GTMRV IMDZR, YCHTP UCH EXNXE
KC WZJ JVZTTJ MJ TZLMEPEU?

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- EET
- PESCIL
- ♥ YUTDS
- ♥ MUPL
- PESPET
- ♥ NSI
- ♥ ESIT
- LESLP
- DPA
- SYRIEM
- VEEEP
- ♥ ESKE



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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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